### County pays \$92,135 more for redistricting

Just when you thought it was over, the county's redistricting has cost more money.

Commissioners agreed Monday to pay an outstanding bill for \$92,135.03 from Sidley and Austin, the Washington law firm which represented the county in its recent redistricting suit.

Sidley and Austin has billed Castro County for \$103,845.49, which has not been paid. Castro County had paid the firm \$40,000 of a \$131,821.14 bill back in July when the case was settled. The county had agreed to pay the remaining \$91,821.14 during Fiscal Year 1995, which began Oct. 1.

In agreeing to pay Sidley and Austin \$92,135, the county is just paying the rest of what it owed from the July bill, plus a few smaller charges which were made after that.

The county elected not to pay \$11,710.46 of Sidley and Austin's latest bill until talking with the firm.

"They told us there wouldn't be any additional charges," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders.

"That's right. I understood the charges would be locked in," agreed Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos. "They sure got enough out of us without this extra \$11,000."

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland asked, "Do we know for sure that this will be all the bills we'll get from them now?"

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said she wasn't sure this would be the last bill.

Commissioners had discussed paying the entire balance of \$103, 845.49, but only budgeted \$100,000

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#### By Don Nelson

It all depends on your vantage point:

Monday morning I was on the phone with Jennifer at an advertising agency in Minneapolis. When we had finished our business, I asked her what the weather was

like there. "It's co-wuld," she said in her soft northern accent. "We have five inches of snow on the ground. It was late coming, but it's here

(Minneapolis had a low of 8 and a high of 24 Monday.)

"We haven't had any snow yet," I told her. "It's supposed to go up to about 54 here this afternoon.'

Whereupon she uncorked a vulgarism that surprised me, saying in effect, "You didn't have to tell me that."

A few minutes later, I was on the phone with Lisa in Houston.

"What's your weather like?" I "It's very cold," she said. "It's 54

degrees outside!"

If I remember correctly, the most popular given names among my generation are John and Mary.

My sister and two of my cousins are named Mary, as were both of my grandmothers. But Mary isn't even on the Top Ten list anymore. Not in Texas, anyway.

John is still popular, but it has slipped to eighth place.

The two most popular names for new Texans now are Michael and Ashley.

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Burlington Northern pickup, then to the pavement. works to upgrade the local spur. Photo by John Brooks

ACCIDENT AT CROSSING INJURES MAN-Local Although he was released after treatment here, emergency workers tend to injuries sustained by L.E. Carter was hospitalized later that night in Amarillo Carter of Amarillo on Dec. 7 when a crossing signal for further treatment. The crossing has been blocked he was working on collapsed. He was flung from atop since the accident so the signal may be replaced, and the crossing signal onto a beam on the back of a for other rehabilitation work as Burlington Northern

# Schools buy building for DHS nursery

A nursery for the children of students in Dimmitt schools will probably be moved in the near future to a new building on SW Seventh after the Dimmitt school board voted to buy a modular building Monday.

Board members voted to buy the building from GE General in Fort Worth. The building, currently at American Maize-Products Co. in Dimmitt, will be moved to a site across from the two-story portion of Dimmitt Middle School.

The 34x24 building will likely be the new site for a nursery for youngsters. They are currently kept in the northwest part of Dimmitt High School. That creates problems for some students, teachers and administrators.

"We need to move that away from the high school," said Supt. Les Miller.

One teacher at the board meeting Monday said she perceived a problem with the infants and toddlers being at high school. She said all of the babies were cute, and that was part of the problem: She said some of them were so cute that some other students, she felt, wanted to have a cute baby of their

The nursery was started three years ago in an effort to help young mothers stay in school instead of dropping out to care for their little ones. There are currently seven infants and toddlers in the program, but there have been as many as 15. There could be more, and there was an unsubstantiated report at the meeting there could be 15 or more babies in the nursery next school

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# Christmas pageant to be staged Sunday, Monday in Nazareth

The story of Christ's life beginning with the "Annunciation" and continuing through the first 12 years of his life up to his return to the biblical town of Nazareth will be told through songs, narrations and acting in a Christmas pageant at Holy Family Church in Nazareth Sunday and Monday.

Christmas carols will be sung before both performances, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The pageant is slated to begin at 8 each night. Those planning to attend are asked to call 945-2534 and reserve a seat. Reservations are encouraged, but not necessary, say spokesmen for the event.

The pageant will be presented by Holy Family Church and everyone involved in the show's production is a member of Holy Family Church.

The Christmas pageant was started in 1972, culminating a dream of former Holy Family pastor, Father Stanley Crocchiola. The pageant was presented each year through 1982, then was discontinued until 1991, when a special re-enactment was presented as part of Castro County's Centennial celebration. That was the last time it was presented.

The first two pageants were organized and directed by the late Donna Birkenfeld, who died in an automobile accident in 1974. She composed two songs for the pageant which will be featured in this year's show.

Birkenfeld's daughter, Kirsten Verkamp, will portray Mary this year and Kirsten's husband, Harold, will be featured as Joseph. The innkeeper will be portrayed by Birkenfeld's husband, Leslie.

The choir will be directed by Sharon Brockman with Ralph Brockman and Patti Kern handling stage direction. Musicians are Mary Lynn Olvera and Winifred Wagner.



MADONNA AND CHILD-Holy Family Church in Nazareth will stage its Christmas pageant Sunday and Monday nights at 8 at the church. Kirsten Verkamp (right), shown with her son Daniel, will portray Mary in this year's pageant, the first since 1991. The pageant dates back to 1972, and the late Donna Birkenfeld, Verkamp's mother, organized and directed the first event. Photo by Anne Acker

## CofC board elects Myatt

Layne Myatt will be the next president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

He was elected by the new chamber board following the annual membership meeting last Wednesday noon at the Country Club.

Myatt, 36, is a Certified Public Accountant associated with Schaeffer, Sutton & Schaeffer, CPA, and is beginning his third year on the chamber board.

He will take office at the chamber's annual banquet Jan. 21, succeeding Reta Welch, who has held the top office two years.

The board also elected Ray Bain as vice-president and Gary Thompson as secretary for the coming year.

In balloting at the luncheon meeting last Wednesday, chamber members elected two new directors Sandra Clark and Carter Townsend-to succeed Welch and Eddie Matthews on the board. They also re-elected Thompson, Les Miller and Charles Axtell to second

three-year terms as directors. (Continued on Page 16)

# Easter company making 'Texas' sprinkler

For 40 years the Easter Farmers Gin did its thing, sitting idle much of the year while waiting for the cotton harvest of late fall.

Then, as now, the building would be bustling with activity. It was a unique double gin, rare in these parts and especially uncommon on the northern edge of cotton country.

The gin ran its last batch two years ago, but the building is

buzzing with work year-around now thanks to Raincat International.

Raincat had been building center pivot sprinklers in Grand Junction, Colo., since the early 1970s. They had sold several systems around here, and with the advent of a special loan program several years ago through the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the sprinkler business has

Texas.

Business wasn't so great around Grand Junction, and Raincat's owner began talking with dealers around here, looking for a potential buyer.

After about a year of work, Raincat is in Castro County, making sprinklers with a combination of know-how, high-tech and a few

boomed in the High Plains of Rube Goldberg ideas that make the

center pivot systems unique. What makes them extra-special is that Raincat's systems are the only center pivots made in Texas. The rest are from Kansas and Nebraska.

Seventeen folks work full-time for Raincat, plus a dealer network that is growing rapidly as the company pushes the Texas-made

sprinklers into a higher place in the

The company sells more than just

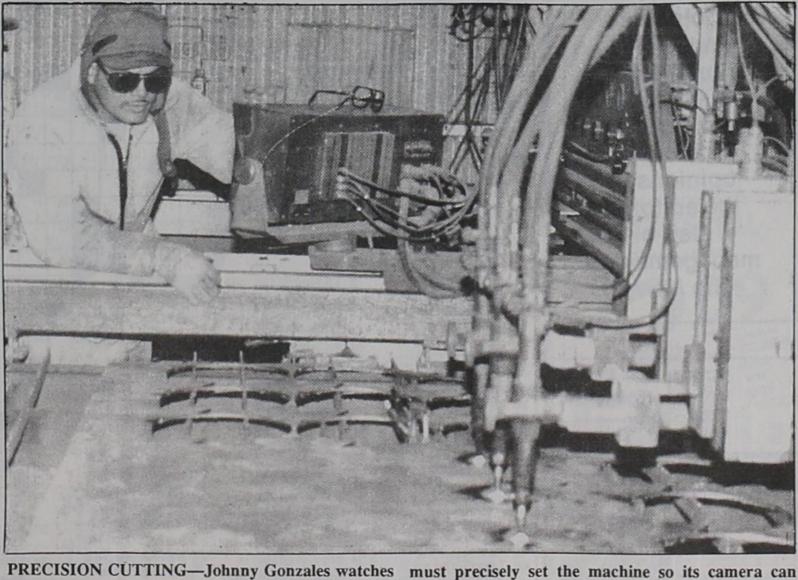
market.

"We have dealers all over the place," said Robert Nelson. "We

even have a dealer in Australia." Pivot systems that go "down

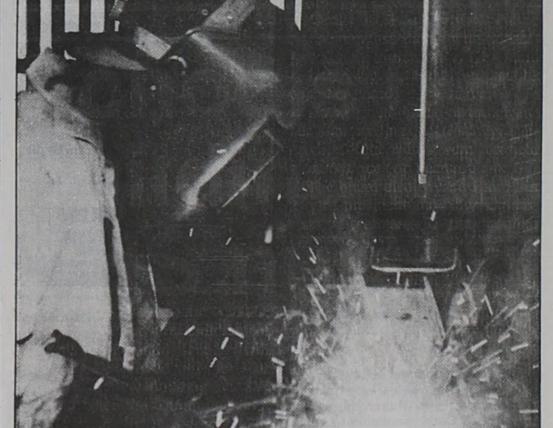
under" are shipped in containers and are shipped as center pivot

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in a sheet of steel at Raincat International. Gonzales minimum of waste.

a welding and cutting machine cut precision patterns follow meticulous patterns and cut the steel with a Photo by John Brooks



THE SPARKS FLY as a welder secures a piece on the main span for a sprinkler at Raincat International at Easter. Thanks to an innovative machine that moves pipe from a pile through the converted Easter Farmers Gin, welders never have to lift or move the pipe through the process. That cuts down on time and possible injury. Photo by John Brooks



## Welfare: From a Helping Hand to a Way of Life

his country's welfare system is no longer what it was supposed to be: temporary assistance to help families in need get back on their feet. Welfare has gone from being a helping hand to a way of life.

Created in 1935 to sustain the most desperate victims of the Great Depression, indigent widows and their children, the welfare system was vastly expanded beginning in 1965 as part of the War on Poverty. But despite the noble intentions, welfare in late 20th century America has spawned and continues to sustain some of the most distressing ills a society can encounter: illegitimacy, the disintegration of family life, disappearance of the work ethic. Indirectly, it encourages ever-rising levels of violence and juvenile crime

This is not to say that all welfare recipients are examples of the above, but they are all victims of a faulty system. Their neighborhoods have witnessed a breakdown of civil society, one that threatens not only those in the immediate vicinity, but the rest of our country as well.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, this nation has spent \$5 trillion (in 1992 dollars) fighting the War on Poverty over the past 30 years. Yet the poverty rate as a percentage of the total population is higher today than when the war was declared.

Today, we spend \$350 billion a year on 79 means-tested welfare programs — more than our country spends on defense. If the money spent on welfare were simply divided evenly and sent to those who live below the poverty level, each person would get \$8,900, or slightly less than \$35,000 a year for a family of four. This is more than the median household income in the United States.

So why are there apparently more people living in poverty than ever before? A partial explanation involves two disparate elements: accounting and bureaucratic self-interest: Only cash income is considered in measuring poverty. Thus the official number of poor people continues to climb even though spending on non-cash benefits such as medical care, food stamps and public housing multiplies.

At the same time, according to the center, "It is in the self-interest of the welfare-poverty industry to make sure that more money is spent on poverty programs without reducing the number of poor people."

The system is self-perpetuating. Those who administer it have no incentive to encourage welfare beneficiaries to move forward with their lives; dependency is presented to them as acceptable and inevitable. Individual responsibility is discounted.

This is neither beneficial nor benign. Our good intentions have led us and those in need of help — down a dead-end street. The way out will involve more than reforming the system. We have to identify ways to help the poor to help themselves.

# Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national

Write and tell us about it. (Castro County News, Box 67, Dimmitt,

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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phone (202)225-3706. Local office: P.O. Box 7926, Amarillo, 79101; phone 371-8844.

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20515; phone (202)225-4005. Local office: Federal Bldg., Suite 613, 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock,

79401; phone 763-1611.

#### **US SENATE** Phil Gramm (R-Texas):

Rm. 370 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510;

phone (202)224-2934.

Kay Bailey Hutchison(R-Texas):

Rm. 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-5922.

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# SO earns praise for quick action

Dear Editor:

On Dec. 7 while our signal crew was attempting to rewire our railroad signals at Highway 86, the signal mast base broke, causing serious injury to one of my men.

Within minutes, Sheriff Fitzgearld was on the scene and took control of the chaotic situation. Shortly afterward the EMS and fire rescue teams arrived in a very quick response time and did their jobs to the utmost efficiency.

When we arrived at the hospital, I again was impressed with the quality of your emergency room staff. Once again, Sheriff Fitzgearld was there to offer his help, which I feel was more of a humanitarian gesture than an official act.

It is comforting to know that when an emergency arises you have such efficient and professional personnel. The people of Dimmitt and Castro County can be proud. Thanks for your help.

SIGNAL DEPT. Burlington Northern Railroad Amarillo

# Letter Proud

Dear Editor:

A response to the editorial "Use 'radical right' rather than 'Christian right' to define beliefs," (Dec. 8).

I am proud to be called a "Christian right" person. Some reasons are stated below.

Pro-Choice is no choice for the unborn child, our most defenseless citizen. In our country, the right to life is not given to the new little person created by God, should the mother opt to have an abortion, which is neither legal nor safe—only decriminalized.

Those heterosexuals who are homosexuals with a treatable psychological identity problem should be able to serve in the military as they have for many, many years. Gays, who have a political and social agenda, should not.

All parents, regardless of race, religion, monetary income, etc., should be able to take vouchers and send their children to schools of their choice—whether it be public or private.

While I much prefer to be called "Christian right," if these beliefs make me a "radical right" person, then that's okay, too.

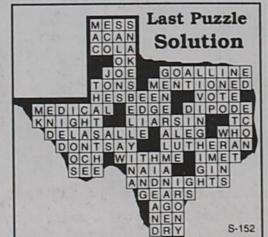
Another note: I find my views and beliefs more in accord with Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Oliver North than President Bill Clinton and the people who work for him.

> Columns and letters on these pages do not necessarily reflect the

MITZIE BROCKMAN

opinions of the editorial staff or management of

the News.







#### **HIGHLIGHTS** By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Out-of-state banks are draining capital from Texas and are not making enough small business loans in the state, says the Special House Committee on Small Business Access to Capital.

"The big boys seem to operate like sump pumps, taking boat and car and home improvement loans but not taking a chance on small businesses that create jobs and valuable services to the community," said committee chairman Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale.

Last week the 10-member committee recommended that the Legislature "opt out" of a new federal interstate branch-banking law, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The committee's report said Texas' five largest banks - NationsBank, Bank One, Texas Commerce Bank, First Interstate Bank and Bank of America - make only one-third of the small business loans and eight percent of agricultural loans while having more than half of the dollar amount of the loan assets in the state.

A federal interstate branchbanking law takes effect on June 1, 1997, unless state lawmakers block

If the law takes effect as scheduled, Texas bank charters could be converted to branches of out-of-state banks that would not have local boards of directors that traditionally have been more local business loans.

**Higher Education Proposals** State Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, has filed a bill proposing that college athletes who turn professional should reimburse univer-

Under McCall's proposal, athletes who sign professional contracts for \$250,000 or more would be required to reimburse their alma maters.

sities for their athletic scholarships.

McCall's proposal didn't sit well with men's basketball coach Tom Penders of the University of Texas at Austin. "It's ridiculous. They work their tails off every day and have to put in hours and hours in the classroom. I don't think they owe the university if they are fortunate enough to go on and play professionally," Penders said.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, filed two bills that would require students enrolled in public colleges and universities to pass a course that focuses on two or more cultures or the North American Free Trade Agreement; and a third bill that requires editorial boards and student publication staffs to reflect Texas' racial and ethnic populations.

#### Make Parents Accountable

State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, has filed a bill proposing ways for victims to contact the parents of juvenile perpetrators to seek payment for damages to property and medical bills.

Under his proposal, court officials would be allowed to disclose the name and address of the parents or guardian of a juvenile offender who has committed a crime resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Gutierrez said society must make parents more accountable for the conduct of their children if gang and discipline problems are to be remedied.

#### Treasurer Wants No Treasury Texas Treasurer Martha White-

head and state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, announced the filing of

willing to approve applications for a proposed constitutional amend-ment to abolish the state Treasury Department.

> "Texas taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for waste and duplication in Austin," Whitehead explained. "There's no reason for them to suffer the burden of an entire state agency when we can move or privatize the necessary functions the Treasury performs."

During her election campaign, Whitehead said abolishing her agency would save taxpayers about \$8 million a year. Ellis' proposal would merge the Treasury with the comptroller's office.

Bentsen Resigns Treasury Post Lloyd Bentsen announced on Dec. 6 his resignation as secretary of the U.S. Treasury. He will

continue in office until Dec. 22. Bentsen, 73, ends a long and distinguished public career, having served as a U.S. representative from 1948-54, a U.S. senator from 1971-93, and a member of the Clinton Cabinet from 1993 to the present.

The elder statesman said he has no plans to retire and will return to private business in Texas.

#### Rabago Is Washington Bound

Public Utilities Commissioner Karl Rabago has already begun the switch from Austin to Washington, D.C., where he is settling in as deputy assistant secretary for utility technologies in the U.S. Department of Energy.

Rabago's resignation from the PUC takes effect at the end of December. He will oversee the development and promotion of energy conservation and efficiency and the use of alternative energy.

Although his resignation opened the door for replacement appointee Sarah Goodfriend, her status as a Democrat and a lesbian may cast a shadow on her chances of confirmation by the state Senate. Other Highlights

#### Robert A. Floyd, veteran

lobbyist for truckers, has been chosen to head a newly formed association to campaign for Las Vegas-style gambling in Texas.

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**TEXAS** 

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# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sunday afternoon, four generations of Mary Dove's family met in to attend "The Amarillo Nutcracker." Attending were Mary; two of her daughters, Barbara Thompson of Hartley and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt; granddaughters, Pam Waddell of Amarillo and Amanda Annen of Dimmitt; and two great-granddaughters, Sharlea Waddell of Amarillo and Whitney Thompson of Hartley.

They all met in Amarillo after Sunday School for lunch with iots of visiting, then on to the ballet. Mary, Debbie and Amanda have enjoyed attending together for three years. This year was even better with the other family members going, too.

The whole bunch would like to stay "Hi" to Ty, Kelly, Brandon and Jason at Angelo State University. They all read the Castro County News while waiting in the lunch line on Fridays. We hope you all have a great Christmas break.

Sundowners Club met on Thursday night in the home of Faye Mohon for their annual Christmas party and meal. Chicken enchiladas, potato casserole, lime Jell-o salad, angel food cake and punch were served. A game was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Donald Schilling and Charles Richard celebrated their birthdays by going to Hereford to eat at the Sirloin Stockade with their group of friends. Their wives, Agnes Schilling and Rena Richard, went along as well. Others were Edna Reinart, Florene Leinen, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Leander and Clara Reinart, Bobbie and Clyde Damron, and Andy and Oleda Schumacher.

Nine junior high youth from First United Methodist Church went to Plainview for bowling sponsored by Bill Sanders and Charles McLean. After they returned to Dimmitt the youngsters and sponsors went to the Pizza Hut.

met in the home of Gary and Linda Langford for fellowship and snacks. They played "Going to Bethlehem" and had an Advent devotional.

The Town and Country Extension Club met in the home of Edith Graef for their Christmas luncheon and party on Friday. A delicious meal of salads, ham, vegetables, homemade bread, pumpkin roll and coffee was enjoyed by members Oneida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Claudine Langford, Wannie Stevens, Ann Henderson, Mary Edna Hendrix and Graef. They exchanged Christmas gifts after lunch.

Glenda Sims, Trudy Upthegrove, Cuca Ortega, Jacque Sava, Jennifer Elliott, Jan Via, Jane Irons, Diane Snitker and Lidia Simmons were hostesses for a Content Mastery Teachers breakfast for 65 other teachers. They served beans, sausages, breakfast burritos, muffins, cookies, doughnut holes, party mix, chips, dips, nachos, hot spiced tea and coffee.

T.D. and Phoebe Claborn and their son, Billy Joe Claborn, and granddaughter, Vicki and her son, Billy of Amarillo, and Mark and



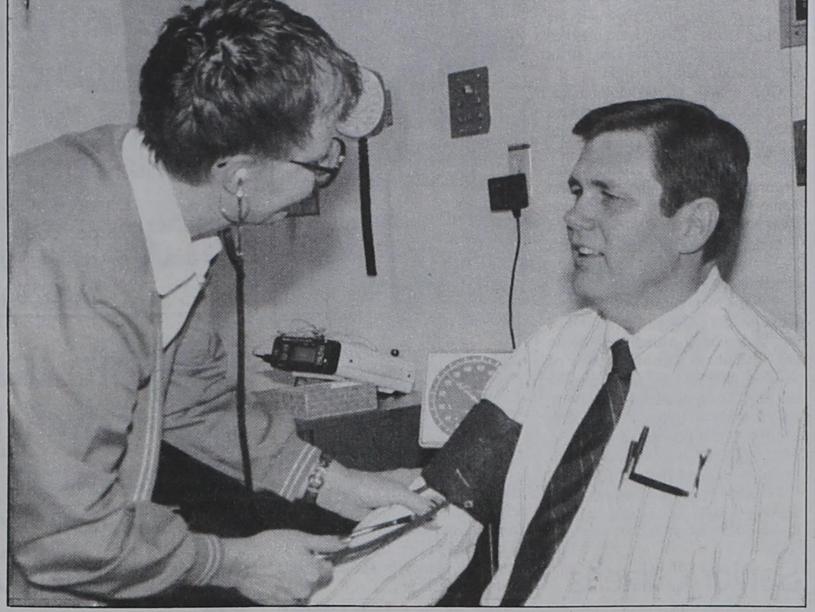
### FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the Castro County News office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winner: Sylvia Medrano



throughout the day to serve as

hostesses. The serving table was

decorated in red and green with a

string of gold bells around the table.

The Dimmitt High School singers

presented "Christmas Memories" at

the Methodist Church on Sunday

afternoon. Dwight Joiner is the

director and Cindy Reynolds was

Choir members are Tori Baker,

Julie Ellis, Melissa Gil, Dora

Ramirez, Tara Vasquez, Beth

Teaschner, Joanne Arguijo, Connie

Garcia, Becky Herrera, Cynthia

Navarro, Cindy Oltivero, Leticia

Ramirez, Josie Silva, Sabrina Stubbs, Joy Waller, Linda Fuentes,

Christina Granado, Sharlamar

Jackson, Claudia Medrano, Lupe

They sang several of the old

familiar Christmas songs and some

new ones including Christmas

Lullaby, The First Noel, O Holy

Night, Camel Kneel Softly and Little

Neva Hickey was hostess to the

Thursday Bridge club and she

served a Christmas dinner with

other members bringing covered

dishes. Alma Kenmore won high

score and Dugan Butler won second

high with Ina Rae Cates low score.

Others playing were Johnnie

Vannoy, Dude McLauren, Susic

Reeves, Loranell Hamilton, Edith

Graef, Virginia Crider, Bernice Hill,

Ferne Dickey, Emily Clingingsmith,

Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson,

Bobbie George, Mary Small, Retta

Cluck, Gladys Benson and Wanda

Kay. Other guests were Neva's

sisters, Johnnie Morrison and Era

Heckerson of Quitaque; and Bettye

Butler, Jo Hickey and Jackie

Oleta Gollehon met her daughter

and son-in-law, Kathy and Johnny

Poer, in Amarillo over the weekend

to help celebrate the second

Thank you for

shopping Dimmitt!

Mendez and Linda Trigo.

Jesus in the Hay.

the accompanist.

DONNA GERBER (left), a nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital, checks Johnny Robertson's blood pressure during the hospital's open house last Thursday morning. More than 60 people took advantage of the event to have their blood pressure

checked and toured the newly-remodeled emergency room, operating room, labor and delivery areas and physical therapy operations. Refreshments were served to those touring the facilities.

Photo by Anne Acker

Shari Tickner and sons, Chris and Danny, all of Amarillo, gathered for Thanksgiving day.

Those spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Oleada Hance were David and Saundra Honea of Plano, Van and Shari Mason, Ashley and Allison of Dumas, Lisa Casada and Chris and Crystal of Dumas. Paul and Opal Wilson of Clovis, N.M. came by on Thanksgiving Day.

Dawn Goolsby and Shirley Schacher were hostesses for an after-school Christmas party in Four Scnior High MYF members Dawn's home. They served pick-up foods, vegetables and dips, and cookies to several teachers. Those who enjoyed the food and fellowship were Debbie Harris, Judith Hauf, Ruth Cochran, Waurayne Hughes, Jacque Sava, Judy Stewart, Martha Dannevik, Billye Gwynn Davis, Ruby Teaschner, Maurine Foskey and Sara Hunter.

> Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week include Harold and Jeri Bradley of West Fork, Ark. They came with Al and Anna D. Gibbs and Harold's mother, Dixie Bradley. Fay Martin visited from Clovis, N.M., and Herman and Joann Duran Wise of Harlingen stopped by on their way back from their honeymoon in Colorado. They were in a snowstorm in Raton and had to spend the night there. They left from here for San Antonio for the Christmas parade. Joann lived in this area several years ago; in fact, she was born in the old hospital in 1961.

> The Plains Memorial Hospital held open house on Thursday. The tour included operating rooms, emergency room, labor and delivery areas, physical therapy operations and patient rooms. Refreshments of cookies and red fruit punch were served in the Ettic McDermitt Conference Room. The Hospital Auxiliary members and hospital staff furnished the cookies and the members auxiliary

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

McLeroy.

Monday's the big day, She collects social security pay!

> She's been "nearly 60" for many a year, And now the day is finally here!

Birthday Happy Birthday, Нарру **Dorothy!** 

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Нарру Вільбау Нарру Вільбау

birthday of her great-grandson, Marshall Rankin. Kathy's son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Jeana Rankin, were also there.

Oleta also had six guests in her home for the pheasant hunt. It was the regular group of Benny Gollehon's friends from Houston and her nephew Rusty Bowling of Plano. They gave Oleta a calendar for book lovers.

The Republican women held their Christmas party at the home of Patsy Franks in Hart on Monday

The 15 members attending were served stuffed potatoes and salad, and each brought a Christmas sweet treat. Officers were installed by outgoing president, Franks, who presented each officer with the tools of her office.

New officers include Cindy Rohrbach, president; Cyndy Reynolds, vice president; Mary Lou Schmucker, secretary; and Marguerite Cole, treasurer. Small elephant gifts were presented to outgoing officers.

The Pro-Family Forum had a potluck meal for their Christmas party in the Hart school cafeteria last Thursday night. Fifteen members and guests attended and enjoyed a white elephant game before discussing the delivery of gifts to the Lubbock State School for the Lilly Men's Dorm. Tonya Linskyi was a guest of the Pete Stewarts.

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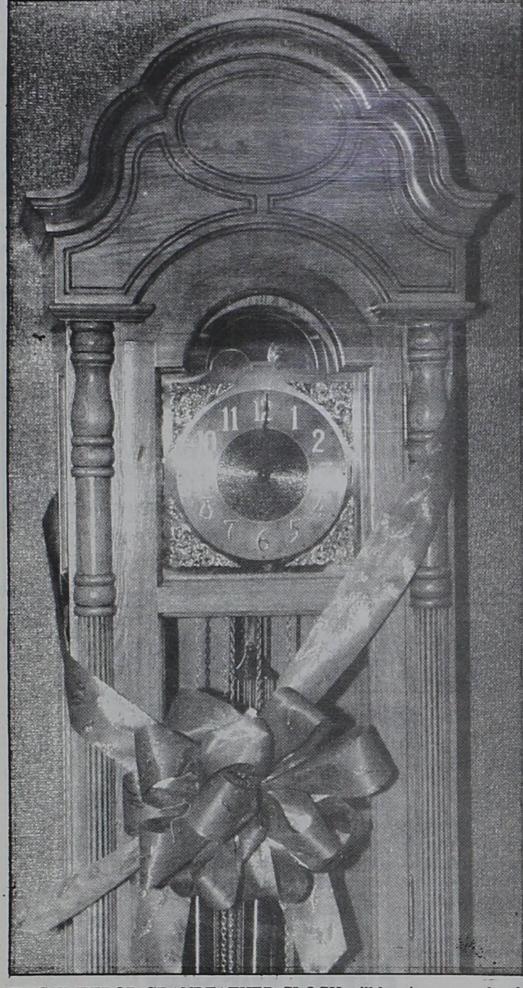












THIS EMPEROR GRANDFATHER CLOCK will be given away by the DATA Club in Dimmitt on Friday. Tickets are still available, for \$1 each, from any DATA Club member or at First United Bank. Proceeds will benefit DATA scholarships. Photo by John Brooks

Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!





#### Kirbys honored at Dec. 10 shower

Jayden Elizabeth Kirby and her mother, Denise Kirby, were honored with a baby shower on Dec. 10 in the home of Danice Wright.

Guests were served almond tea, nuts, mints and a variety of cookies including pink footprint cookies, nut cookies with pink booties on top and sandies. The table was decorated with a pink, blue and white hand-crocheted baby blanket with a musical baby doll holding a bouquet of balloons. An assortment of baby items surrounded the centerpiece.

Out-of-town guests were greatgrandmother Odelia Schulte of Nazareth; Cindy Allred and Colette and Tamber Lermon, all of Wildorado; Chris and Bonnie Hartley, Carmen Flood and Betty Koelzer, all of Hereford; and Kim and Jon David Bruegel of Lubbock. Also attending were grandmothers Beth Schulte and Belinda Kirby.

Twenty hostesses presented the honorees with a Graco Alante Stroller.

## Senior Citizens plan gathering

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens are planning a covered dish dinner Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the center. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish.

After the meal, a variety of games will be played.

### Breast cancer screening set here Monday

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital Monday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital of Am-

Total cost of the screening is \$70 and funding is available for those who qualify.

To schedule an appointment, call Women's clinic at the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE or 1-359-4673.

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme with cranberry sauce; choices of seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy or candied sweet potatoes; tossed salad with dressing or fruit fantasy ambrosia; hot cheese rolls or old fashioned combread; and \*milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili or hoagie submarine sandwich; baked beans, tater tots or broccoli, cheese and rice; tossed salad with dressing, \*assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; cookie; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

DEC. 17-JAN. 2: Christmas break.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.

THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes (elementary) or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk. FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary)

or burritos, pickles, peaches, Rice Krispie bars and milk. MONDAY: Turkey nuggets (elementary) or turkey steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli

and cheese, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary)

or sloppy Joe's, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit and milk. WEDNESDAY: Frito pie (elementary) or burrito, pinto beans, pickles, crackers, cookies and milk.

DEC. 22-JAN. 2: Christmas break. (Hart school menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH THURSDAY: Tacos, com, rolls, peaches

FRIDAY: Sandwiches, tater tots, apples DEC. 17-JAN. 2: Christmas break.

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### Kourtney Robertson Robertson is offered modeling contract

Kourtney Robertson, daughter of Jeff and Karen Robertson of Dimmitt, has been contacted about a contract offer from Michelle Pommier Agency in Miami, Fla., a modeling agency.

The offer was made to Robertson through her mother agency, Diane Dick International Modeling and Talent Agency. The offer was made after her outstanding performance in the fashion and runway competitions at the I.M.T.A. New York convention.

Michelle Pommier is a top agency in the Miami market, which has many Japanese and German clients. The agency is credited with the discovery and development of super model Nikki Taylor.

Beau Morales, a modeling scout for Michelle Pommier, saw Robertson in New York. He fell in love with her face in a photograph that Ron Contarsy, Vogue photographer had done of her. She shot with Contarsy again in September for a follow up that Michelle Pommier had requested.

Contarsy has shot some of the top models in the world and has eight Vogue covers to his credit.

Robertson plans on continuing her education as she pursues her modeling career locally with the Diane Dick Agency and will look at traveling to Miami in the future.

#### Petty honored at recent shower

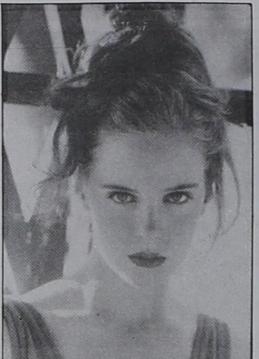
Kristi Petty, bride-elect of Brad Sadler, was honored at a shower Nov. 19 in the home of Jan Baca. Guests were served spiced tea,

coffee and cheesecake with a choice of toppings by Amber Langford, Tiffany Braafladt and Stacy Wilson.

Guests included Doris Petty, mother of the bride-elect; Mary Nell Malone and Tommie Sue Nisbett, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Karen Sadler, mother of the prospective groom; and Donna Freedman, sister of the prospective groom; and Sherry Storie, Stacy Tilb and Carla Davis, all from Lubbock, friends of the bride.

Hostesses presented Petty with bedding and cash.

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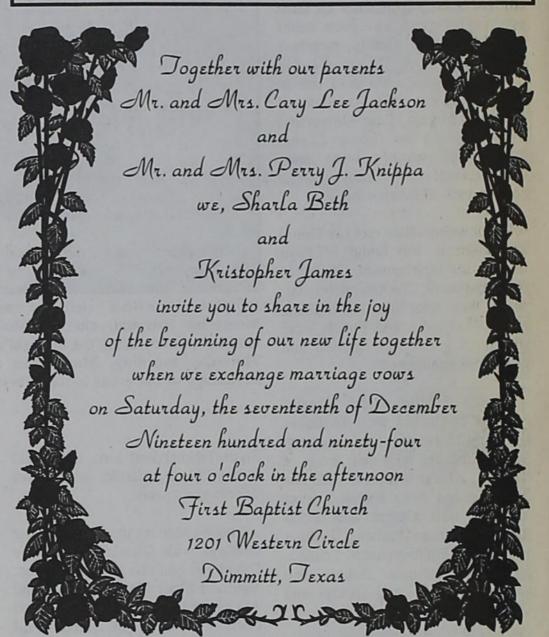


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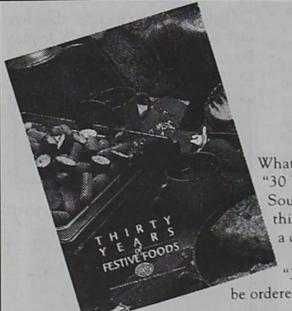
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be the title of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11 a.m. Joan Craig will play a flute solo.

Ministerial Alliance

Gerald Aalbers will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 1:1-12 and John 1:1-14 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Sunday school classes will meet First Baptist Church in Hart.

All contributions to the Christmas "Why Christmas is Merry" will baskets must be in by Monday. Volunteers are asked to fill the baskets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and to distribute the baskets on Wednesday afternoon.



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# Sunnyside

Center Coordinator Stella Devers Wayne Collins.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—Ralph Lambright (right) is honored at the Panhandle Community Services annual recognition banquet held last Thursday in Dimmitt. Lambright gave over 102 hours of

volunteer work for the organization. Making the presentation is Susie

Ralph Lambright was named said that if the average 21 hours of

Volunteer of the Year for 1994 at volunteer work performed by the

Dinner of the Castro County office for, the total cost would have been

102 hours of volunteer service for entertainment was provided by

cates of appreciation following the the guitar. Guest speaker for the

PCS annual dinner

honors volunteers

Flores (left), secretary-receptionist for PCS.

the annual Volunteer Appreciation

of Panhandle Community Services.

the organization. Also, other volun-

teers were presented with certifi-

meal.

Lambright was honored for his

Thursday afternoon after a month. were Verba and Ezell, Larry and Not the kind of vacation I would have chosen. I feel pretty good now. Joan Durbin of Nazareth spent Thursday night, Friday and Saturday, and Andrea Hinojosa spent Saturday night with me since the doctor didn't want me to be by myself for a week or so. Several have said they missed the Sunnyside News so I'll try again and see what happens.

Rev. Anthony Sisemore was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Plainview after having stomach cramps since Thursday night. He was sent to University Hospital in Lubbock where he underwent an appendectomy Friday afternoon. Several from the church visited with him. He was dismissed Monday morning. Dr. Floyd Bradly of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday morning.

Glenn Wilson is still recovering from major surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Monday. He is still having some trouble standing. LaWanda Wilson has been Clovis, N.M., over the weekend. He is very ill.

Ezell and Verba Sadler entertained in their home Saturday night with chips, dips and music by

I was dismissed from the hospital a Hereford group. Those present Sharon Sadler, Laura, Matt and Kristen Hurtado, Big Matt Powell, Johnny B. and Shorty Lilley and Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler.

52 local volunteers had been paid

Door prizes were awarded, and

Tommy Stewart, who sang several

songs, accompanying himself on

evening was Dimmitt Mayor

Photo by Linda Maxwell

From Hereford were Ruth King, Jack and Helen Nunley, Dale and Betty Henson, Ralph and Jane Packard, and L.D. and Thama Combs. Not all played music, but are in the Hereford Lapidary Club. Dale and Jack play guitars, and Jack also plays the dulcimer and the xylophone; L.D. plays lead guitar; Verba plays mandolin; and Ezell plays the fiddle. Two fiddle players were missing.

Emma Jean King attended the ROW Christmas party and installation service for the new officers Monday in Hart.

Jimmy and JoAnn King of Hobbs, N.M., and a friend came Friday to hunt pheasants with Billie King over the weekend.

Lincoln and Lance King stayed with their grandparents, Emma and Billie King, over the weekend while Marshall and Kay King went to with her brother, Elgin Brooks, in Abilene for the Amherst state football championship game. Amherst won, 30-20. Kay is a teacher at Amherst.

> Bess Bills is expecting to start chemotherapy again this week.

Sugar Town

is still growing

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Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, "You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. Arise, go to Paddanaram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your descendants with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings which God gave to Abraham!" Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and he went to Paddanaram to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. Genesis 28:1-5

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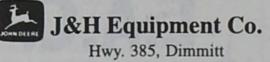
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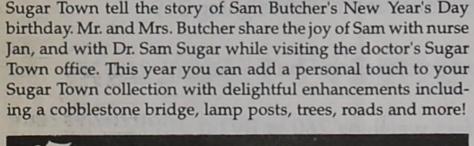
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By DON TAYLOR

#### 15 business truths

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"You're pretty close," said the investor after listening to what the cub reporter had written. "Your story is correct except that it wasn't me, it was my brother; it wasn't cattle futures, it was hog bellies; it wasn't a million dollars, it was only five hundred thousand; and he didn't make it, he lost

I know how that young reporter must have felt about that time. Sometimes it is hard to find the whole truth. That is why I've worked on this column for several months. When you advertise truth in the headline, you better make certain it is the truth.

I think you'll recognize the wisdom in the thoughts that follow. Common sense is the founation of these business truisms and they have already withstood the test of time. Some are original but I've also borrowed from the best.

- · You cannot stockpile customer goodwill. Goodwill starts from scratch every morning when the sun comes
- · The smartest business owner in the world doesn't know everything. The dumbest one does know something. If you put them together, both have an opportunity to learn.
- The world will eventually tip its hat to the man or woman whose number one priority is to improve their business.
- · You can neither borrow nor spend your way to prosperity. (This applies to governments as well as businesses.)
- · Money carries no guarantee of happiness. The business owner who has amassed a fortune of five million dollars is not five times as happy as

the owner with only one million. Money is only a method of keeping score in business. In and of itself it does not guarantee happiness.

- · Business owners who focus mostly on themselves aren't helping their businesses. However, owners who focus their attention on their business, always help themselves.
- · Quality is always preceded by persistence—even in the dictionary.
- · Don't expect a thank you. Work for the satisfaction of achieving. Work for the joy of serving. Work for the thril of discovery. Then if someone does say thank you, your day will be made and your expectations exceeded.
- · When you can define a problem, you've gone a long way toward finding a solution. (Unless you're happy just defining problems.)
- · Some business people are just lucky. When you talk to successful business owners some will admit it. The really honest ones will tell you the harder they worked, the luckier they got.
- · Honesty and integrity are business

fundamentals. A business owner's character should always sell for full retail. Possessing character above reproach is the only sure-fire success system with a guaranteed long-term retirement program.

· We are quick to judge harshly those in business who try, but fail. The country would be stronger if we criticized only those who fail to try.

· There is a difference in business between being successful and being happy. Success is working hard enough to get exactly what you want. Being happy is liking what you get.

 Great business opportunities still exist. They are often disguised as work, hidden in responsibilities, look like interruptions and camouflaged as problems.

· To know that you do not know is a great beginning step toward knowing.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to Don Taylor in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

# TDA pesticide license deadlines drawing near

Many licenses allowing the use of restricted pesticides are scheduled to expire and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture recently mailed letters to pesticide applicators outlining training requirements and expiration cial applicators face a Feb. 28 lideadlines.

"Training and licensing are necessary to ensure that agricultural chemicals are applied safely by farmers and ranchers, aerial applicators and others who must use pesticides," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Perry said four categories of applicators licensed by TDA to use restricted and state-limited-use pesticides received the mail-out. They

\*Temporary certified applicators days. which fall into a special category that will be eliminated on Dec. 31 when certificates expire. To keep buying and using restricted and state-limited-use pesticides, these

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gets results

applicator license. Local county extension agents will train applicants and TDA will test them.

\* Commercial and non-commercense expiration date. Renewal requires five hours of continuing education units each calendar year. Commercial applicators must have a current insurance certificate to receive a new license. Applicators who want to add a new application category to their license should contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Agricultural Chemicals Office, 409/845-3849, to order study materials. TDA regional offices have regularly scheduled test

Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. Applicators who fail to meet these requirements will lose their licenses. Requirements can be met within a year after expiration, but a late fee will be assessed.

\* Private applicators certified before Jan. 10, 1989, have until Dec. 31, 1995, to renew their certificates.

applicators must obtain a private They must obtain 15 CEUs or take a Texas Agricultural Extension Scrvice private applicator training course, pass a TDA test and purchase a license.

Pesticide applicators with questions about license renewals are asked to call 1-800-TELL-TDA for more information.

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From time to time, we will send these forms in the mail to those of you who deal with us by phone and/or mail. Please complete the form and return it to us in the postage-paid envelope.

We have a tradition of excellence here in the Plainview Social Security Office and we are all committed to improving our service on a continual basis. Thanks for your help by providing us with the feedback we need to do this.

# Cotton Talks

Seasonal upswings in the volume of cotton marketed pushed October marketings up from September's 825,000 bales to 2.5 million bales. The average price received by growers for October was 65.7 cents per pound.

### Irrigation show planned Jan. 5

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 5 at the Amarillo Civic Center, and it will include several topics of interest to local producers.

The influence of this year's hot, dry weather on performance and yield of corn hybrids, economics of acreages of early corn, sorghum and full season corn, a grower's experiences with ridge till farming, irrigation system efficiency and management to offset reduced well supplies and the effective, safe use of chemigation will be among the topics discussed at the meeting. Also included will be a panel discussion of drip irrigation for row crops and

Two continuing education units will be offered to those attending.

Leon New, the conference coordinator, said the 1995 event has been moved from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center so the trade show can be expanded. More irrigation equipment will be displayed to compliment the conference's discussion topics.

A \$5 registration fee will be charged, and that fee includes a catered lunch, which will be served to those attending.

Through October preliminary marketing and price figures indicate a total 1994 upland cotton deficiency payment of 7.71 cents per pound. Subtracting the 6.45 cent advance payment most growers received at program sign-up leaves a projected final payment rate of only 1.26 cents per pound.

Marketings historically increase during October, November and December, and October's increase is not out of line for this time of year. Plains Cotton Growers officials note, however, that recent upturns in the prices received for cotton could affect 1994 deficiency payments before the year's end.

"The potential is there for producers to receive no final deficiency payment or for them to receive a minimal payment at best," said Donald Johnson, PCG's executive vice president. "What we do not have a good handle on is whether or not producers may have to pay back part of their advance

### Nominations being taken for citizen honors

Nominations are being accepted for the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year, Teacher of the Year and Citizen Through the Year awards, which will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet.

The banquet will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 1995. Deadline for

nominations is Jan. 13, 1995. Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce

office in Dimmitt.

Nobody knows for sure what will happen; however, increased cotton prices across the board make the possibility of paying back part of the 1994 advance payment something producers need to be thinking about.

Deficiency payments are calculated as the lesser of the difference between the target price and either the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan rate or the average price received by growers weighted by total marketings for the preceding calendar year.

For the 1994 crop the upland cotton target price is 72.9 cents per pound and the loan rate is 50 cents per pound. So far in 1994 the weighted average price received by growers is 65 cents per pound.

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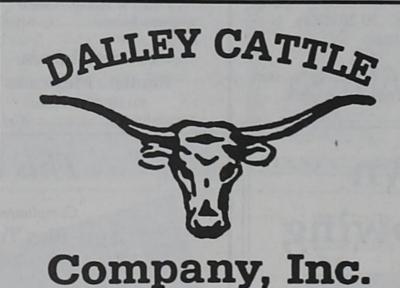
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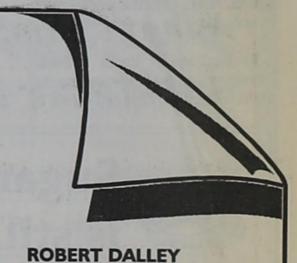
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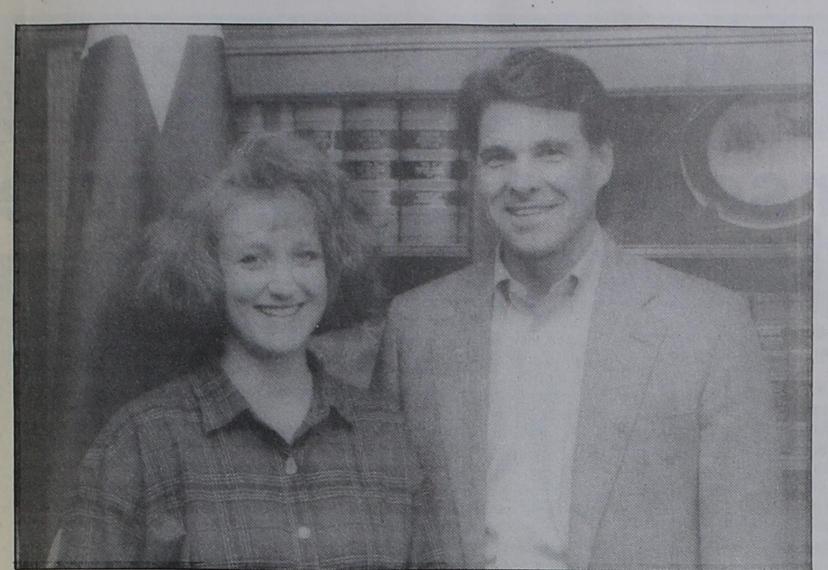
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### Gleghorn working with TDA program

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Gleghorn, a senior majoring in agricultural development at Texas A&M University in College Station, is working with the agency's Communications Division in Austin.

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"My internship with TDA has been the best way to conclude my college education," said Gleghorn. "I now have practical job experience, which will help me in my pursuit of a career in agricultural communications."

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#### More about

# Texas sprinklers...

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systems although they are not completely assembled.

"We have to do it that way, or the duty would eat us alive," Nelson said. "If we have a nonmetric bolt in there, the duty on that one bolt might be as high as \$6."

From the time a dealer places an order, it's usually no more than three weeks before a center pivot is ready to be installed anywhere in the US.

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"You have to kind of guess a little on what farmers might want," Sheffy said. "But every one of them is different, it seems. They want different kinds of spacings between nozzles, they want different span sizes or tire sizes, all kinds of differences."

Welders, craftsmen machinists work their magic in the made dealer. Support for to total old gin building. They take raw

pivot systems. ideas by Ray, there's very little pipe comes off a truck and onto a piece of pipe at a time goes into the gin. There, welders go to work giving water to crops.

workers use machines to fabricate used through the center pivot to other parts.

Johnny Gonzales, a Dimmitt welding machine that follows a pattern, cutting special patterns in 4x8 sheets of flat steel. It's akin to

cutting cookies or biscuits out of dough, and the better job he does, the less waste there is.

"When I get everything lined up just right, there is very little waste," Gonzales said. "It took a little practice, but I've got it down pretty good now."

Gonzales grabs a steel plate which he has just cut. He tests it on a pipe, and it fits very snugly.

"There is no way anyone could get it that close by hand," Gonzales said. "I'm a pretty good welder, but your hand shakes enough that you couldn't do this."

The minimal waste goes into the steel scrap heap, where it waits for a truck so it can be recycled.

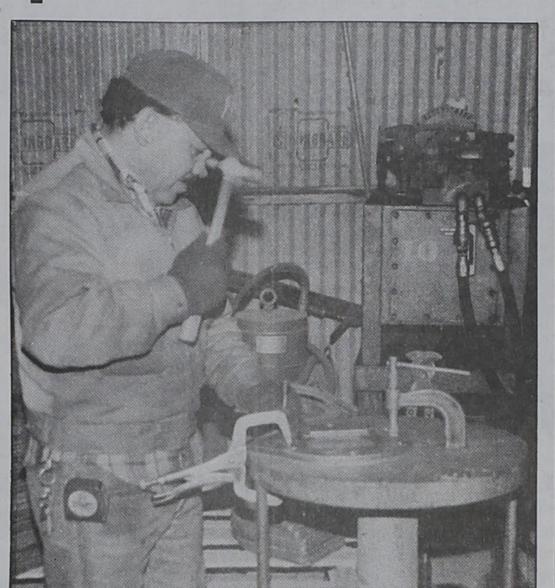
Other workers make other parts of the sprinklers, using machines and their own special skills. Once everything is cut and welded just so, it is all shipped off to a Fort Worth company to be galvanized.

"We could do it here, but it's cheaper to send it all down there and let them do it," Sheffy said.

Once it's through in Fort Worth, and it all gets sent back to Easter or to

Just as each farmer has a different steel and turn it into precision-made idea about spacing and size, there are differences in the length of line Thanks to a couple of ingenious coming from the sprinkler's spans to the nozzles. Everyone has a lifting of any of the steel. The large different idea about nozzle types, too; Sheffy has a big bag of well pile conveyor system, where one over 50 different kinds of nozzles. Some shoot water horizontally, some vertically, some create a cutting and welding on the pipe bubble, some simulate heavy rain, which will eventually lead life- and there are many, many more. There are also special nozzles for In another part of the gin, "chemigation," where chemicals are control weeds or insects.

Sheffy and Nelson said Raincat native, operates a unique high-tech plans to be innovative with its sprinklers, including computerized control panels and monitors that would allow a farmer to follow



FRANKIE GARCIA hammers home a die as part of the fabrication process at Raincat International at Easter. Photo by John Brooks

linkup. He could do it over a or from a phone in his vehicle, Nelson said. Sheffy said.

"There are unlimited possibilities," Sheffy said.

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# Sports





# Bobcats rebound for second at Seminole

Dimmitt almost put the first dent Seminole Tournament.

round, then survived a scare against four points the rest of the way. the Odessa High JV, 60-56.

could make up the difference.

lead over the Indians, but Seminole second-high on the team. shut the Bobcats out over the last took a 13-8 lead at quarter's end.

Dimmitt came back to take a rebounds. brief lead in the period, but a late Seminole run gave the Indians a 28field but didn't go to the line. In point victory.

The Bobcats fell behind by a in a perfect record for the Seminole dozen points in the third during Indians, but fell short in a 57-51 their cold spell, but were just down loss in Saturday's finals of the by three, 44-41, after three periods. Seminole had another early jump on Dimmitt (5-7) defeated Midland the 'Cats in the fourth quarter, but Greenwood, 54-48, in the first Dimmitt couldn't get closer than

The game marked the return of Seminole, 13-0 after Saturday's Derrick Thomas, who had been on win, took advantage of a third the sidelines all season with a quarter dry spell by the Bobcats. broken wrist fractured in the Dimmitt made seven trips down the Muleshoe football game on Oct. 28. floor without scoring, and never Thomas played about half the game and missed all six shots he tried, The Bobcats had an early 8-2 but had eight credits to tie for

Justin Newman, who had to battle five minutes of the first quarter and Seminole's 6-10 post man Chris Cherry, had 17 points and 10

Thursday, the Bobcats missed 22 halftime lead. Dimmitt shot 50% seven-straight scoring opportunities in the first half, 10-of-20, from the again, but came away with a six-

fact, Seminole shot 10 free throws The Bobcats rolled to an early 8before the Bobcats went to the 2 lead as Greenwood had eight stripe. For the game, the Indians turnovers in the first four minutes. were 14-of-22, 64%, while Dimmitt The Ranger stormed back to go up was 1-for-5, 20%, from the free 11-10, but Dimmitt was up 14-11 at the end of the period.

Things went back-and-forth in the second quarter, but Dimmitt led 30-28 at halftime. The teams were tied at 22, but Dimmitt came back to lead by as many as five in the quarter before settling for the twopoint lead at intermission.

The Bobcats got on a roll in the third period and led by as many as six points (38-32 on a Newman layup). Dimmitt was up 43-37, but two turnovers near the end of the quarter made it a 44-41 game at the end of three.

Dimmitt went on a quick spurt early in the fourth, with a great play by Fernando Ontiveros giving the Bobcats a 50-41 edge with 5:41 to play. Greenwood chipped at the lead and got back within two, 50-48, with 3:35 to play on a basket after a 10-second violation by the Bobcats.

Neither team scored for the next 2:53 until the Bobcats forced a turnover with 42 seconds left. Joe Larra hit the front end of a one-andone with 21 seconds left to give Dimmitt a three-point lead. Newman scored with a second left on a snowbird layup and hit a free throw for the final margin. Newman again led Dimmitt with 17 points, while Joey Martinez added 12, all on threes.

Brandon Smith pulled Friday's game out of the fire, hitting two free throws and a layup in the last 30 seconds to give Dimmitt a fourpoint win over the Odessa junior varsity Bronchos.

Dimmitt never put the Bronchos away during the game, and Odessa led 42-40 at the end of the third

The teams were tied at 56 in the fouled. He made both ends of the crucial one-and-one (he had missed the front end of a one-and-one earlier), then stole the ball a few seconds later and made a layup (his only field goal of the game).

The Bobcats fell into some old habits during the game. Dimmitt was outrebounded by the Bronchos,

Newman led Dimmitt with 16 points, while Larra added 10.



at the Seminole Tournament. At left are Dimmitt's Omar Rascon (31) and Greenwood's Bucky Smith. The Bobcats won, 54-48. Photo by John Brooks

(right) outfight Midland Greenwood's Josh Jones (15) for a rebound during the second quarter Thursday in the first round of the Seminole McCaslin) and two lettermen (6-4 Tournament. The Bobcats, who had been having a bad run on the boards, outrebounded the Rangers 36-26 and took a 54-48 victory in the first round game.

### Top-ranked games slated over weekend

Three of the state's top-ranked teams will be on the floor at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium at Dimmitt Middle School when Tulia comes calling Friday evening and Nazareth visits on Saturday.

The Hornets, former district foes of the Bobbies and Bobcats, will be here Friday for games at 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m. The Hornets were hit hard by graduation with just one starter (6-2 forward Jason post Tim Marshall and 6-1 forward Lane Dyer) back from last year's 16-12 team.

The Hornets will have more height than the Bobcats with five players 6-1 or better, but that didn't bother the Bobcats last year in a sweep of the Hornets.

The Tulia girls bring back Tami Altman, an all-district guard last year, and wing Sabrina Hawthorne. Kara Culwell, a 5-8 wing, is back from a part-time role last year.

Saturday night should be a Castro County barn burner, with three topranked teams on the floor.

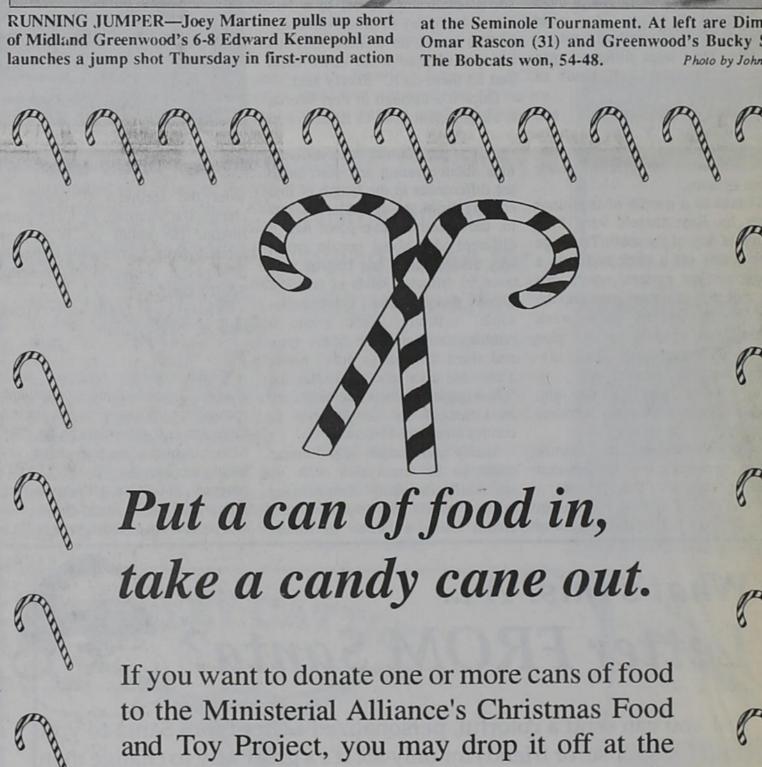
In the 6:30 game, the Swiftettes, No. 3 in Class A, will face the Bobbies, No. 9 in Class AAA. At 8 p.m., the unranked Bobcats will face the Swifts, No. 2 in Class A behind Brock.

The Bobcats (6-7) are unranked but have won two of their last three games. They are expected to improve with the addition of Derrick Thomas, who is back after suffering a broken wrist near the end of the football season. Thomas played for the first time in last Saturday's finals in the Seminole Tournament. He missed all six shots he attempted, but he had eight credits.

Saturday's games start at 3:30 p.m. with the JV girls at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The JV boys play at 5 p.m., with the varsity girls and boys to follow.

# NOT LETTIN' GO-Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) and Chad Ellis Photo by John Brooks





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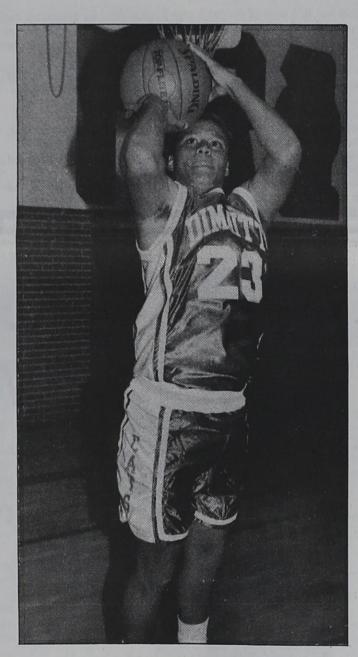


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# Slaton edges Swifts for third in 16-team Abernathy Tourney

clawed their way through the Abernathy Tournament, winning their first two games, but losing the next two to finish fourth in the 16-team extravaganza.

Crane and Springlake-Earth before bowing to Abernathy and Slaton.

Nazareth, which played without starting post Gaylon Schilling in the tournament, had problems getting started against Crane (AAA), but once they did, the nets were kept

The first quarter ended with Nazareth on top, 16-14, and at halftime the Swifts were still ahead-barely. Nazareth outscored Crane 12-8 in the second stanza for a 28-22 halftime advantage.

They blew open the game in the second half, though, scoring 21 points in the third stanza and 25 in the fourth while holding Crane to 15 and 11, respectively, and won the game by a handy 74-48 margin.

Coby Schacher came in off the

bench to give the Swifts 20 points

while Colby Pohlmeier added 14 and Scott Brockman and Alston Farris tossed in 13 apiece. Friday's championship quarterfinal pitted the Swifts against a Class

AA team, Springlake-Earth, coached by former Nazareth assistant Jey Penquite.

The Wolverines were red hot in the opening quarter, but the Swift defense cooled things off and Nazareth coasted to a 20-point win, 63-

Springlake-Earth held an 18-11 lead after the first quarter, but only managed six points against the Swifts' defense in the second stanza. Meanwhile, the Swift shooters got hot and sank 22 points in the second period for a 33-24 halftime lead. After three quarters it was 44-37, but the Swifts poured it on in the final eight minutes, outscoring Springlake 19-6 for the win.

Brockman was Nazareth's leading scorer against Springlake-Earth, finishing with 16 points. Pohlmeier, Schacher and Jaret Schulte had 10 each.

The Swifts' problems in the tournament started Friday when they took on Abernathy, which had beaten Nazareth last Tuesday in a regular season game.

They fell behind 14-8 after the first period and never could get on track, losing to the host team, 63-

The Swifts were cold in the first quarter, missing their first six shots before Robby Schmucker scored with 4:40 left. Farris added a threepointer a minute later, but Abernathy was pounding away behind Cory Forbes and B.J. Petillo, who had 20 and 19 points, respectively, in the game.

The Antelopes worked the ball well, using cross-court passes to open up the outside game, and Forbes took advantage. He hit three treys in the game and Petillo added another one.

Nazareth managed to stay close

Nazareth's boys scraped and in the first half, and used a basket sinking six of those. by Casey Hoelting, and two by Pohlmeier to trim the deficit to 29-25 at halftime.

Schulte canning a basket to make it The Swifts managed to beat a two-point game, but Nazareth went ice cold after that and didn't score another point until midway through the quarter.

Abernathy didn't have any problems rattling the nets, though. Justin Barton, Petillo, Matt Riley, and Forbes all scored after Schulte to go up 38-27, then Petillo sank his three pointer with 4:28 left in the quarter and the Antelopes were pumped with a 41-27 lead. They didn't let up for the rest of the quarter, and finished it with a 52-37 lead.

The Swifts couldn't gain any advantage in the final period and dropped to the third-place game while Abernathy advanced to the championship, where the Antelopes eventually lost to Hereford.

For the game, the Swifts shot a meager 36% while Abernathy sank 49% of their attempts from the field and 87.5% of their charity tries.

Nazareth had a big bright spot in its game with Slaton Saturday, but it wasn't enough to topple the Ti-

Slaton held off a fourth-quarter run by the Swifts to hang onto a 63-59 win and the third-place trophy Saturday.

Pohlmeier was Nazareth's bright spot. He finished with 29 points, and only 14 of those were field goals. The senior post was almost fifth overall. perfect from the free-throw line, hitting 15-of-16 attempts for an impressive 93.75%. His lone miss was midway through the second quarter. After that he hit 14 in a

Swifts' first eight points. Brockman added a three-pointer with 2:08 left top, 11-6.

Slaton came right back with a basket by Chad Crouch and a threepointer by Rudy Rubio and the game was tied at the end of the

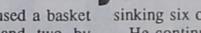
Slaton took over after that, and ond quarter.

Farris sank Nazareth's lone field goal in the quarter (the Swifts were 1-of-10) and Pohlmeier and Schulte each sank two free throws.

Slaton had no problems scoring, with Bradley Clemons, who was leading scorer, tossing in seven of his team's 15 points.

The Tigers had balanced scoring throughout the game, and in the third quarter, Crouch, Chris Hammons, Charles Thomas, Chad Jones, Clemons and Rubio all swished the nets at least once. Slaton sank two treys, too.

Nazareth couldn't do anything but step to the free throw line. The Swifts did manage to make four field goals, but it was the free shots that kept the Swifts in the game. Nazareth was 8-of-8 from the field in the third quarter, with Pohlmeier



He continued to hit in the fourth quarter and sparked Nazareth's comeback drive. The Swifts out-The third quarter opened with scored Slaton 26-16 in the fourth quarter, with Pohlmeier tallying 10 of those points. Two of his free throws with 3:01 left narrowed Slaton's lead to 55-50, but Clemons converted a three-point play to put his team back up by eight with 1:43

Schacher hit two free throws, Pohlmeier scored a field goal, then Brockman added two free throws to pull Nazareth within six points, 61-55, with 30 seconds left.

Schacher scored with 13 seconds left, then the Swifts stole the inbounds pass and Schacher scored again with four seconds left and it was a two-point game, 61-59. Nazareth had to stop the clock, and threw the ball out-of-bounds, which earned the Swifts a technical foul, but the clock was stopped with 2.1 seconds left. Clemons made one of the two free throws, then was fouled on the ensuing inbounds pass and sank another one to give the Tigers their four-point win.



NAZARETH'S COLBY POHLMEIER (32) scores, despite being covered by several Slaton defenders Saturday in the third-place game at the Abernathy Invitational. Pohlmeier finished with 29 points to lead all scorers, picking up 15 of those points in a

near-perfect effort from the free throw line (he was 15-of-16 from the line). Slaton edged the Swifts, 63-59 to claim the third-place trophy. Tigers defending on the play include Oskar Soliz (30), Nate Moses (32), Matt Tucker (40) and Bradley Clemons (20).

# Swiftettes stumble in quarterfinals

The Nazareth Swiftettes lost just one game in the Abernathy Invitational, and that caused them to have to settle for a fifth-place finish in the 16team event.

Littlefield edged the Swiftettes in Friday morning's championship quarterfinal game and the Lady Cats went on to advance to the championship game where they lost to Lubbock Cooper.

The Swiftettes also bounced back to win two more games and finished

Nazareth's victims were Stanton, 57-53, in last Thursday's opening round; Tulia, 48-47, in a thriller Friday afternoon; and Hereford, 49-40, on Saturday morning.

Nazareth was in control of the game with Stanton from the beginning, but did have a scare in the third quarter when Stanton managed to cut Pohlmeier scored seven of the Nazareth's 27-21 halftime lead to a basket, 45-43. Nazareth held off the Stanton comeback, though, and managed to pull out a 57-53 victory.

Three Swifts reached the double-figure plateau with Kelley Boyd scoring in the first and Nazareth was on 21, Melinda Schmucker finishing with 18 and Jill Ramaekers adding 11.

Then came Littlefield.

Nazareth was the better team Friday morning for at least one quarter, unfortunately it was the first quarter and things fell apart after that.

The Swiftettes had a 16-7 lead after the first eight minutes, but scored just 20 points over the next three quarters.

Littlefield picked up its scoring pace and added 13 points in the second outscored Nazareth 15-6 in the sec- stanza to make it 23-20, Nazareth, at halftime.

The Swiftettes' backbreaker came in the third quarter, when Nazareth managed just four points to Littlefield's 11 and lost the lead.

The Swiftettes couldn't recover after that and Littlefield extended its advantage to 42-36 by the game's end.

Schmucker finished with 12 for the Swiftettes.

The Nazareth-Littlefield game was played at 9 a.m. Friday morning and the Swiftettes only had a few hours to rest up for their next game, which was against Tulia at 3 p.m.

The break was enough, but the two games almost caught up with Nazareth near the end of the Tulia game. The Swiftettes had suffered a narrow loss to Tulia earlier this season, but

avenged that loss Friday afternoon. Schmucker was the game's leading scorer with 24 points.

The final score was a nail-biter, 48-47, but Nazareth had the game under control at one point.

The Swiftettes were on top by two after the first quarter, 15-13, but Tulia won the second-quarter battle, 9-8, and it was a one-point game at halftime.

The third quarter saw Nazareth pull away for an eight-point advantage, 40-32, but the Swiftettes started to drag while Tulia, which was playing its first game of the day, got its second wind. The Lady Homets outscored Nazareth 15-8 down the stretch, but their comeback run fell a little short and Nazareth cherished its one-point win.

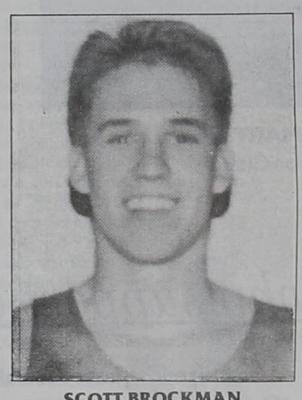
Saturday's fifth-place game was another close one for Nazareth, but the (Continued on Page 11)



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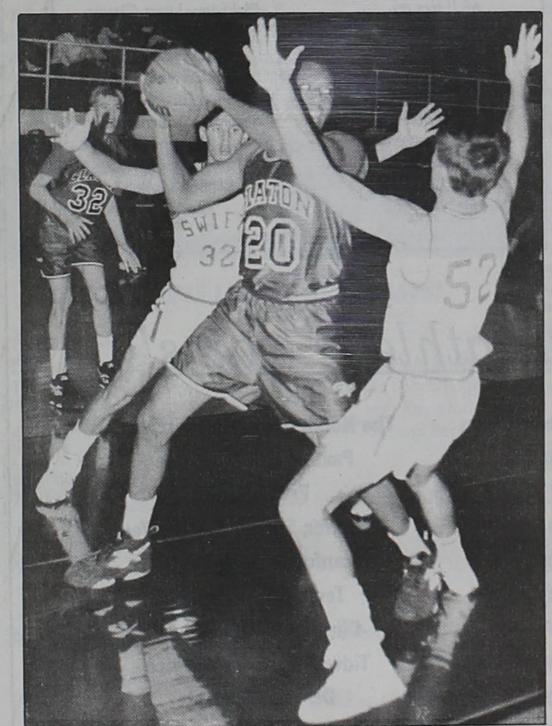
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SANDWICHED! Slaton's Bradley Clemons gets trapped between Nazareth defenders Colby Pohlmeier (32) and Jaret Schulte (52) and is forced to pass the ball outside during action Saturday in the thirdplace game at the Abernathy Invitational. Clemens was Slaton's leading scorer with 19 points as the Tigers edged the Swifts, 63-59. Nazareth was led by Pohlmeier's 29 points.

# Hart girls come back to wallop Wolverines

"Nip and tuck" is a cliché that's been used more than a few times in this newspaper to describe various sporting events through the years.

It's a too-easy way of saying a game was close for a long time, and was maybe back-and-forth (seesawed is another favorite).

The Hart and Springlake-Earth girls' game was just that for most of three quarters before Hart nipped the Wolverines in the fourth quarter and tucked them away with a 65-42 win Tuesday for the lead in District 3-2A.

Another cliché: Don't let the final score fool you. It doesn't describe how close the game was for most of three quarters, and doesn't begin to describe how thoroughly the Lady 'Horns doused the Wolverines in the fourth period.

"We didn't lead by more than two anytime in the first half, but I don't think they did either," said Hart coach Rachelle Wilcox after the game. "Jodi Card had a great game and kept us in early, and Sandra Lopez had the best game she's had for us all year."

Guard Amy Hood, a returning alldistrict player from 1993-94, led S-

E early with 10 points in the first half but Hart shut her out in the second half as the Lady 'Horns outscored the Wolverines 39-15 (22-4 in the fourth period).

Hart had to overcome a slow start by Shea Bennett, who had just two points in the first quarter after connecting on just one of five shots, and Traci Knox, who had several rebounds but no points until the fourth quarter when she had eight.

S-E led 11-10 at the end of the first quarter and 27-26 at halftime. The game went back-and-forth until Hart began its run late in the third quarter for a 43-38 advantage after three periods.

Hart then jumped on S-E like a fly on a pecan pie. Bennett had eight points in the fourth period, as did Knox, to help Hart cruise to the

"We put together a great second

half and we haven't really done that all year," Wilcox said. "It really felt like a two-point game even in the fourth quarter, but our defense never let up on them and we finally started making some of our shots there in the fourth quarter. It was a great offensive quarter for us, but that's because we worked hard."

The game paid big dividends in the standings for Hart, giving the Lady 'Horns a win over one of their toughest district foes. The next big district test for the Hart girls will be Jan. 6 at Abernathy.

Hart took an early 5-0 lead in the boys' game, but S-E came back to lead by as many as 34 points late in the third quarter before settling for a 79-63 win at Hart.

S-E got over its sluggish start in a hurry, with four three's in the first period. Isaac Sandoval ended the period with a three from the lefthand quarter to give the Wolverines a 27-12 lead at the end of one.

S-E went up by as many as 26 points in the second quarter as the Wolverines maintained a hot hand and took a 48-27 lead at halftime.

Hart got back to within 19 before the Wolverines got hot again, nailing back-to-back treys late in the third for a 71-37 advantage for the biggest lead of the game.

Coach Jay Penquite told his Wolverines to shoot nothing but layups late in the game, and S-E

Friday

Littlefield 42, Swiftettes 36

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had just six points in the final eight minutes. Hart scored 20 in the period to make the score look

J.R. Lee, who canned two dunks in the game, was high man in the game with 25 points, but he was the only Longhorn in double figures. S-

E had five with 10 or more, including Brian Hulett with 16, Trent Parish with 15, Ryan Moudy (Continued on Page 12)



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Dec. 5 9th Bobcats 72, Muleshoe 46 D-Charley Sanders 17, Casey Smith 12, Stuart Sutton 12, Zac Matthews 10. Seminole Tournament

Thursday Bobcats 54, Greenwood 48 17 13 7— 48 14 16 14 10— 54 D—Justin Newman 12-1-25; Joe Larra 2-1-6; Joey Martinez 2-0-5; Fernando Ontiveros 3-0-6; Chad Ellis 4-0-8; Brandon Smith 1-1-4; Omar Rascon 0-0-0; Zach Bell 0-0-0; Ramiro Gauna 0-0-0. Totals: 24-3-54. FGs: 24/51, 47%. FTs: 3/7, 43%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 36, Greenwood 26. Credits: Dimmitt 46 (Larra 12, Martinez 10).

Bobcats 60, Odessa JV 56

11 16 14- 56 20- 60 D-Justin Newman 5-6-16; Joe Larra 4-0-10; Joey Martinez 2-0-5; Fernando Ontiveros 3-1-8; Chad Ellis 2-2-6; Zach Bell 1-0-2; Brandon Smith 1-2-4; Dustan Buckley 1-0-2; Omar Rascon 0-1-1; Ramiro Gauna 2-2-6. Total: 21-14-60. FGs: 21/47, 45%. FTs: 14/23, 61%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 27, Odessa 35. Credits: Dimmitt 43 (Smith 8, Gauna, Rascon and Larra 7).

Seminole 57, Bobcats 51

D-Justin Newman 8-1-17; Joe Larra 3-0-7; Joey Martinez 4-0-12; Fernando Ontiveros 4-0-9; Chad Ellis 2-0-4; Brandon Smith 1-0-2; Omar Rascon 0-0-0; Zach Bell 0-0-0; Derrick Thomas 0-0-0; Dustan Buckley 0-0-0; Ramiro Gauna 0-0-0. Total: 22-1-51. FGs: 22/50, 44%. FTs: 1/5, 20%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 34, Seminole 30. Credits: Dimmitt 48 (Larra 14, Thomas 8, Martinez 8).

Newman and Joe Larra were named to Schulte 10.

Abernathy Invitational Thursday Swiftettes 57, Stanton 53 13 22 10- 53 N- 10 17 18 12- 57 N-Kelley Boyd 21, Melinda Schmucker 18, Jill Ramaekers 11.

Swifts 74, Crane 48 8 15 11- 48 N- 16 12 21 25— 74 N-Coby Schacher 20, Colby Pohlmeier 14, Scott Brockman 13, Alston

# County teams hold onto state rankings

Castro County basketball fans can be assured they are watching some of the best teams in the state, according to the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Top 20 polls.

Four of the county's six varsity basketball teams are listed in the rankings, with the Nazareth Swifts (6-3) coming in second among Class A boys' teams, the Nazareth Swiftettes (10-3) earning a No. 3 ranking among Class A girls; the Dimmitt Bobbies (7-7) claiming the No. 9 spot in Class AAA girls; and Hart Lady Horns (6-6) holding on with a No. 20 spot in the Class AA girls' poll.

The Swifts, state finalists a year ago, are the top-ranked Region 1-A team listed in the Class A boys' poll with Shamrock next at No. 20. The top-ranked team in the state is Brock, with defending state champ, Lipan, coming in at third. Moulton is fourth and Laneville is fifth.

The Class A girls' poll, however, is loaded with Region 1-A talent. The defending state champion, Sudan, is ranked No. 1, with the Swiftettes holding down the No. 3 mark. Meadow is fourth, Whitharral is fifth and Whiteface is seventh.

Happy, which had been ranked third in the pre-season poll, dropped out of the top 20. Alvord moved into the No. 2 spot between Sudan and

Region 1 teams also make a good showing in the Class AAA girls' poll. Dimmitt girls hold down the No. 9 spot with Bowie snaring the No. 2 spot. Slaton is No. 8, Abilene Wylic is 11th, Lubbock Cooper is

the current top two, Panhandle, which is No. 1, and Abernathy, which is No. 2. The Lady Horns also will have to best Abernathy in district play. Other ranked Region 1-AA teams are Jim Ned, No. 9; Stanton, No. 12, and Gruver, No.

AAA is well-represented with Graham at No. 2 and Seminole at No. 3. Shallowater, which is in Dimmitt's district, is ranked No. 7. Brownfield holds down the No. 15 spot, Childress is No. 16 and Iowa Park is No. 17. The top-ranked team in the state is Madisonville.

17th and Friona is 20th. The Hart girls will have to contend with several good girls teams in Class AA this season, including

In Class AAA boys, Region 1-

## More about

# Swiftettes

Swiftettes pulled together when it counted. Schmucker repeated her 24point performance against Hereford Saturday to lead the Swiftettes.

Neither team's offense accomplished much in the first eight minutes and

the scoreboard reflected a six-point stalemate. Nazareth opened up its attack in the second quarter, though, and went on

top 23-16 at halftime. The third quarter received a stamp of approval from Hereford fans as their Lady Whitefaces gained four points on the Swiftettes to start a

It didn't last long, though.

The Swiftettes took their 33-30 advantage after the third quarter and S-E-27 21 25 6-79 turned it into a 49-40 win, limiting Hereford to 10 points down the stretch H- 12 15 16 20-63 while scoring 16 themselves.

Nazareth's tournament efforts improved its season record to 10-3. Those three losses are to Class AAAA power Canyon, which is ranked second in the state; and AAA teams Tulia and Littlefield.

N-Melinda Schmucker 12. Swiftettes 48, Tulia 47 10 15-N-Melinda Schmucker 24. Swifts 63, Springlake-Earth 43 N-Scott Brockman 16, Colby (Bobcats finish second. Justin Pohlmeier 10, Coby Schacher 10, Jaret

Abernathy 63, Swifts 48 A- 14 15 23 11- 63 N-Scott Brockman 11, Colby Pohlmeier 11.

Saturday Fifth Place Swiftettes 49, Hereford 40 17 10 16— N-Melinda Schmucker 24. Third Place Slaton 63, Swifts 59 15 21 16-

26-6 N-Colby Pohlmeier 29, Schacher 14. (Swifts finish fourth.)

JV Bobcats 63, Nazareth 40 D-Kalem Thomas 23, Albert Ewing 16, Jason Nino 10. Friday JV Bobcats 74, Boys Ranch 58 D-Conrado Saucedo 21, Brad Beck

**Tulia JV Tournament** Thursday

16, Jason Nino 12. Saturday Championship JV Bobcats 68, Tulia 64 (OT) D-Kalem Thomas 22, Albert Ewing

14, Jason Nino 11, Conrado Saucedo 10.

**Hereford Tournament** Borger 51, 9th Bobbles 28 D-Jana Nelson 8. Muleshoe 45, 9th Bobbles 31 D—Laura Bradford 10. Dimmitt 48, Pampa 41 D-Jana Nelson 16. Friday

Bobbies 56, Plainview 52 17 10 9 20- 56 16 3 18 15— 52 D-Kim Thomas 20, Kara Josselet 19. Lady 'Horns 56, Meadow 55 H- 21 12 9 14- 56 18-M— 13 13 11 H-Shea Bennett 24.

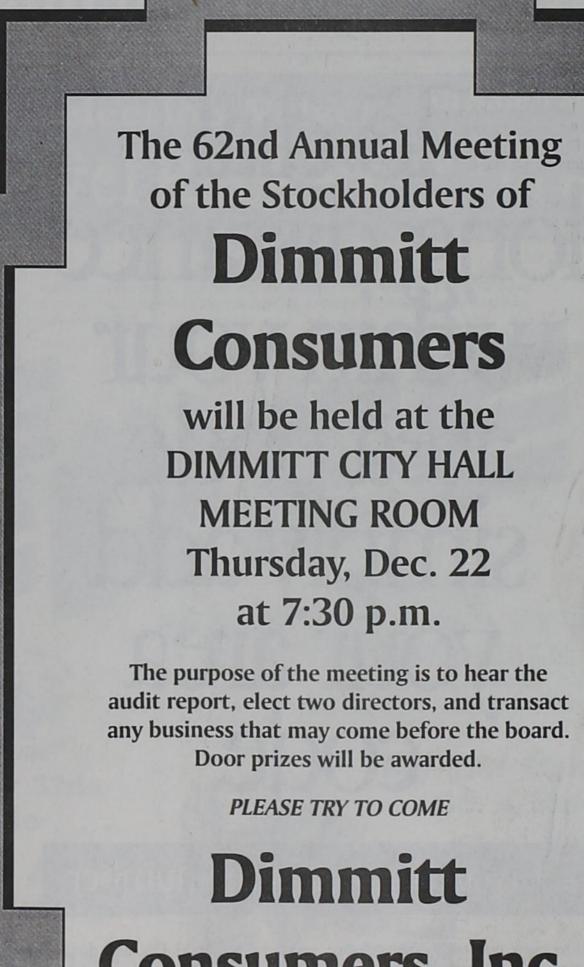
Meadow 78, Longhorns 66 20- 66 10 20 M— 23 22 13 H-J.R. Lee 24.

7th Bobcats won consolation in the Valleyview Tournament. 8th Bobcats won second in the Valleyview Tournament. 8th Bobbies won second at Hereford Tournament.

Shallowater 57, 9th Bobbies 35 D-Jana Nelson 13, Laura Bradford 11. Shallowater 35, 7th Bobbies 17 8th Bobbies 36, Shallowater 27 7th Bobcats 42, Shallowater 19 Shallowater 44, 8th Bobcats 27

Tuesday Lady 'Horns 65, Springlake-Earth 42 S-E- 11 16 11 4- 42 H- 10 16 17 22-65 H— 10 H-Shea Bennett 8-4-20; Sheila Aalbers 1-2-4; Sandra Lopez 3-3-10; Tiffany Bradford 0-0-0; Traci Knox 3-2-8; Jodi Card 7-0-14; Kim Grossman 0-0-0; Trinette Finch 1-0-2; Danna Wilhelm 0-0-0; Brandi Key 3-1-7. Totals: 26-12-65. Springlake-Earth 79, 'Horns 63

H-Erasmo Castillo 1-0-2; Joe Longoria 0-2-2; John Welps 3-0-6; Mano Valderaz 1-5-7; Alan Valderaz 1-0-3; Jeremy Card 2-2-6; Brandon Irons 0-0-0; J.R. Lee 11-3-25; Dusty Ortiz 4-1-9; Raynea Garcia 2-1-5. Totals: 24-14-63.



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# Horns

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and Roy Mejia with 11 each and John Anderson with 10.

The Hart teams will face New Deal on Friday there, then host Lazbuddie on Monday.

After Christmas, the girls are in the Littlefield tournament while the go to the Sundown Tournament.

### Six Swifts named to academic AD

Six Nazareth Swifts have been named to the District 2-A Academic All-District team.

They include Justin Bingham, Scott Brockman, Alston Farris, Nathan Hoelting, Colby Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

Others earning mention to the honor team were Andy Espinoza of Bovina; Zach Davis, Jeff Gunter and Thomas Justiss, all of Claude; Chase Hardage, Chanse Stephens and Jason Taylor, all of Farwell; Brent Artho and Damian Artho, both of Vega; and Brandon Vick of Happy.

### Lady golfers name Mays as president

Jo Beth Mays was installed as president of the Dimmitt Women's Golf Association during the group's annual Christmas party last Thursday.

The event was held at the Country Club of Dimmitt with past president Carolyn Watts presiding.

Other officers installed were Cyndy Reynolds, vice president; Kellie Proffitt, secretary-treasurer;

and Jan Glenn, reporter. The association attempts to promote interest in golf among women in Castro County and other areas, and works to provide an incentive for developing good golfing and creating a social atmosphere for

Business meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

enjoyment of golf.

In addition to election of officers, the club enjoyed a Christmas dinner and exchanging gifts.

### More about Schools...

(Continued from Page 1)

The total cost for the building, including moving costs and site preparation, will be less than \$18,000. The building itself will cost about \$8,000.

Moving the nursery would free up some space for the school's GED program. The current nursery is 15x45.

"That's not well suited for a classroom, but would be fine for a one-to-one program like our GED program," said DHS Principal R.L. day. Stockstill.

The GED program may be undergoing some changes after the board approved changing the current work-study program to Multiple Occupation Coop Training.

The move would allow students currently enrolled in the Homemaking and Vocational Agriculture work-study programs to be counted for a full day of school, generating more income for the school district. Those students would continue to work in the community part of the day and go to school part of the day.

Other students would be allowed to work toward a GED by attending school throughout the day, and would also be offered a job with the school district while they are making progress toward their

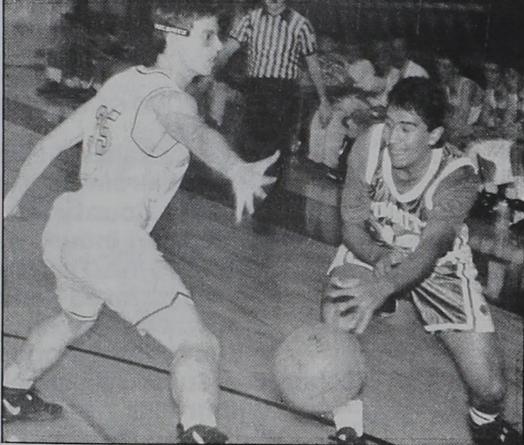
GED. Once students earn their GED they would no longer be in the program, and if they do not make satisfactory progress they could also be dropped from the program.

The jobs would generally be menial work in maintenance or food service, Miller explained. The money to pay the students would come from the extra money the school district would earn for the students being enrolled for a full

Miller said the program would be another step to help students who have dropped out or are on the verge of dropping out. Youngsters enrolling in the class are not eligible unless there is no chance they will graduate along with their age-group peers.

The board also learned Richardson Elementary School has received a grant from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program that will allow RES students to obtain up to five books to take home for their own use; added Justin Shultz, Joan Craig and Jennifer Harmonson to the substitute teacher list; and adopted a policy update.

After an executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Janice Garcia, special education teacher at Dimmitt High School.



BOUNCING AROUND—Dimmitt's Fernando Ontiveros (right) bounces a pass past Midland Greenwood's James Settles during second quarter action Thursday at the Seminole Tournament. Ontiveros picked up an assist on this play, one of eight for the game, as the Bobcats won, 54-48.

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#### 24-Card of Thanks

#### CARD OF THANKS

To each person who has called, sent cards, prayed and came by during my ongoing illness, may I say so gratefully and compassionately, "Thank you." I truly appreciate you. Please, please continue to pray, not only for me but my family, too. God bless each one of you.

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#### 25-Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone 806/353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone 512/239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Eric S. Chasteen, TNRCC Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the INHUU Amarillo Hegional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on Dec. 15 and

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056 (d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone

Before a permit can be issued for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Hart Independent School District is accepting bids for a 1995 two-wheel drive pickup. Bids will be opened in the office of the Superintendent Jan. 5, 1995, at 3 p.m. Bid specifications are available by calling 806/938-2143 or fax 806/938-2610 or writing Hart ISD, P.O. Box 490, Hart,

MICHAEL T. SMITH Superintendent

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#### **OPTOMETRIST**

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# Nazareth WITH VIRGIE GERBER, 945-2669

The Lions Club hosted their annual pheasant hunt again this weekend with a great turnout of hunters.

### Police Calls

Dimmitt police are close to wrapping up a case of aggravated sexual assault in southwest Dimmitt and are planning to file charges against two youngsters this week.

The incident was alleged to have occured on Sept. 29 and was reported on Oct. 5. The victim and two suspects are juveniles, said Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney, but one of the juveniles may be charged as an adult.

Police have charged a 20-year-old Dimmitt man with indecency with a child on a case that was alleged to have happened on Nov. 22. The victim was 14, police said. Police turned the case over to District Attorney Jerry Matthews, who worked with police to get a warrant for the man's arrest.

The suspect was jailed, but posted bond and was released from custody.

Police are also investigating unlawful carrying of weapons in the 600 block of W. Etter; public intoxication in the 1100 block of W. Bedford and 600 block of W. Etter; phone harassment in the 1000 block of W. Stinson; theft of gas and cigarettes from a convenience store; terroristic threat in the 100 block of W. Belsher; a minor in possession of a 12-pack of beer; theft of a hood ornament in the 700 block of Pine; driving while intoxicated; and reckless driving.

Castro County sheriff's deputies helped officials from Cannon Air Force Base with disposing of a weapon a county man found. The man told authorities he did not own a grenade launcher and three rounds of ammo found in his home with the launcher.

Deputies have recovered two of three firearms stolen from a home near Nazareth. One weapon was pawned in Lubbock, another in Hereford. A third weapon, a Remington rifle with a Bushnell scope, has not been located, but the rifle has no serial number.

Deputies are also investigating

Proceeds of a steak dinner and raffle held Saturday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall will be used by the Nazareth Museum Association to restore the old band hall. Many pheasant hunters and Nazareth parishioners enjoyed a delicious meal. Anyone interested in volunteering their time and talent can contact City Hall or any member of the Museum Committee.

A large crowd enjoyed the Christmas Band Concert held Sunday afternoon in the school cafeteria. It featured the fifth grade band, sixth grade band and the Swift Band. Band Director Roger Myers was presented with a Swift Band jacket.

Meta Stork had some very unexpected company at Plains Memorial Hospital Saturday. Vicki (Stork) Love and her husband, Jim of Lamesa, met Vicki's brother, Dwain Stork of Houston at the Lubbock Airport and drove to Dimmitt to see their grandmother. She was pleasantly surprised. Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier of Tulia also visited with Meta on Saturday.

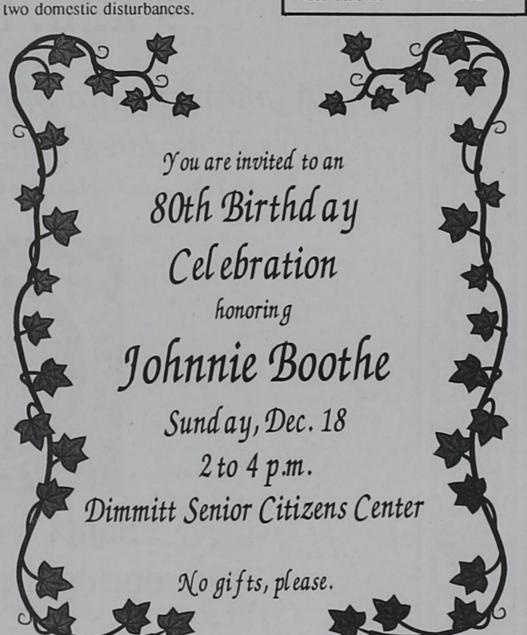
Lucille Drerup spent several days in Lubbock with the John Gary children. Their mother, Carol, was back in the hospital with complications from a surgery she had in November. She is slowly improving.

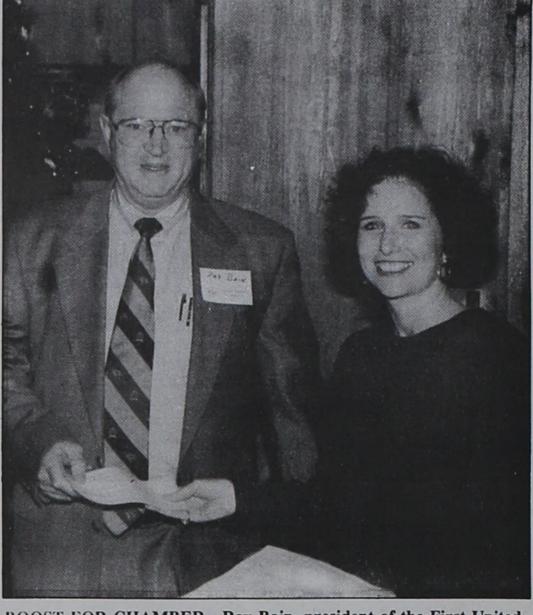
Thanks to the 4-H members who brought plates of Christmas goodies to the Senior Citizens and others on Sunday afternoon.

Prayers are asked for Carol Birkenfeld, who is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. They are doing tests and he does seem to be feeling better.

Prayers also are asked for Joyce Schlabs, who is having surgery for sinus and nose problems.







BOOST FOR CHAMBER-Ray Bain, president of the First United Bank, presents a check for \$1,200 to Delores Heller, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, during the chamber's annual membership meeting last Wednesday at the Country Club. The check represented a "matching fund" pledge by the bank during the chamber's recent membership appeal. Heller reported that nine new members have joined and seven others have increased Photo by Don Nelson their annual dues during the last six weeks.

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# **Pybus Christian** and Preschool

have several openings for the January Spring Semester for school and daycare: 9-months to 18-months, 18-months to 2-year-olds, and 3-year-olds to 4-year-olds.

#### **OPEN DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Daycare will be provided during the Christmas break, Dec. 19 through Jan. 3 from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 per day or \$6 per half day with lunch and snacks provided.

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT**

The preschool will be open again this year for New Year's Eve night from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The cost is \$12 per child or \$10 per child if you have two or more children with supper and snacks provided.

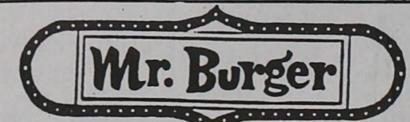
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That's according to the Texas Dept. of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics, which files all birth certi-

Following Michael on the boys' Top Ten list are Christopher, Jose, Joshua, David, Matthew, Daniel, John, Jacob and Jonathan.

The most frequent girls' names, behind Ashley, are Jessica, Sarah, Taylor, Samantha, Stephanie, Brit-

## More about County...

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for attorney's fees this year, planning to pay the outstanding bill to Sidley and Austin out of this bud-

they would be able to find the extra \$11,000, County Judge Polly Simpson called the Washington firm and spoke with a secretary who advised the county should pay the \$92,135, then talk with representatives of the firm (who were out of pocket Monday) about the questions on the balance.

After more discussion, Simpson entertained a motion for the county to pay the \$92,135.03, but no one would step forward.

Simpson finally made the motion and Winders seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners opened bids on the old constable's car, and awarded it to the only bidder, Walker Auto Sales of Hereford.

tany, Amanda, Victoria and Emily. The TDH also compiles a Top Ten list among the three largest ethnic groups in the state.

Most popular names being chosen by Hispanic parents are Jose, Juan, Luis, Jesus, Carlos, Miguel, Jorge, Alejandro, Ricardo and Eduardo for boys; and Victoria, Maria, Laura, Erica, Sara, Alexandria, Angel, Gabriela, Alejandra and Briana for girls.

Among African - American parents, the most popular names are Christopher, Michael, Brandon, Joshua, James, Jordan, Xavier, Robert, Jonathan and Marcus for boys; and Jasmine, Ashley, Brittany, Taylor, Alexis, Amber, Chelsea, Jessica, Courtney and Brianna for girls.

Among Euro-American parents, the favorites are Michael, Christo-But after discussion about where pher, Joshua, Matthew, David, Daniel, Jacob, John, Jonathan and Justin for boys; and Ashley, Jessica, Sarah, Samantha, Stephanie, Amanda, Taylor, Emily, Elizabeth luncheon meeting. and Brittany for girls.

> Most of the boys' names are fine monikers that go back through the ages-many of them to biblical times-and are probably "family

> But a few of the girls' names that are currently popular will take some "getting used to." I don't think I know any Ashleys or Britta-

On behalf of all newspaper people everywhere, I have just one favor to ask of prospective parents:

Please, please don't give your kid a name that doesn't spell the way it sounds!

# More about Chamber ...

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Myatt noted that the chamber faces a budget deficit for the second year in a row, and said, "That's one of the issues I'll be addressing" as president.

However, Welch reported that nine new members have joined the chamber and seven members have voluntarily increased their dues during the past six weeks, generating a revenue gain of \$1,800 from dues. Also, the First United Bank presented the chamber with a check for \$1,200 to match the voluntary dues increases.

Executive Director Delores Heller noted that three new businesses have started here recently—Raincat International, Westway Trading Corp. and The Fabric House.

Heller also commended Merle Norman Studio and Snider Insurance Agency on their recent expansions, and the Castro County Community Clinics on their move to new administrative offices down-

Sixty members attended the



MORE EGGS, COMING UP! - Dimmitt Kiwanians refill the scrambled-egg bin during their annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast Saturday

morning at the Expo Building. The Kiwanians served eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee to approximately 150 hunters.

Photo by Don Nelson

# Obituaries

#### Juanita Bruegel

Juanita Bruegel, 76, of Dimmitt, died Wednesday.

Services are pending.

Mrs. Bruegel was born in 1918 in Portales, N.M. She moved to Castro County with her family in 1925.

April 1932. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Bruegel was very active in many organizations in Dimmitt and Castro County. She was a former member of the Castro County Hospital District board of trustees. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Fred Bruegel Jr. and Carl Bruegel, both of Dimmitt, and Mike Bruegel of Amarillo; a daughter, Sandra Baker of Dimmitt; several brothers and sisters; 12 grandchildren; and Ballard, associate pastor of First several great-grandchildren.

#### **Lucille Pate**

Lucille Scheller Pate, 62, of Muleshoe, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday in Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Dale Berry officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Pate was born Nov. 5, 1932 in Muleshoe. She married Barney Scheller on Sept. 17, 1949; he died on March 12, 1989. She married Dean Pate on Dec. 22, 1993 in Clovis, N.M. She moved to the Muleshoe area in 1975 and was a member of the Muleshoe Senior Citizens and Trinity Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Aaron Scheller of Muleshoe and Scott Scheller of Graham; a daughter, Jaton Black of Amarillo; two brothers, Alvis Burge of Lubbock and Gabe Burge of Plainview; five sisters, Freddie Patterson of Earth, Hazel Shoemaker of House, N.M., Frances Eagle and Alma Smith, both of Roswell, N.M., and Jewell Carter of Indiahoma, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Plains, 4416 Olton Road, Plainview, TX 79072.

### Maria Luisa Perez

Maria Luisa Perez, 63, of Rio Grande City, died Nov. 23 in McAllen.

Services were Nov. 28 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in La Puerta. Burial followed in La Puerta Cemetery by Sanchez Funeral

Home of Rio Grande City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leandro Perez, on June

Survivors include four sons, Julio Medrano of San Antonio, Gonzalo Bazan of La Casita, Ricardo Perez of Spring and Roel Perez of Los Saenz; a daughter, Elizabeth Beliz of Rio Grande City; a brother, She married Fred Bruegel Sr. in Santiago Escobar of Seagoville; four sisters, Julia Aguilar and Juana Hernandez, both of Dimmitt, Genoveva Leal of Edinburg and Santos Reyna of Chicago, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren.

#### Lynn Strickel

Lynn Strickel, 77, of Lubbock, died Saturday.

Graveside serveices were held Monday in City of Lubbock Cemetery with the Rev. John Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Strickel was born March 27, 1917 in Dimmitt. He graduated from Lubbock High School and served in the US Army in World War II. He worked as a technician and exterminator for Felix Franklin Exterminating. He was a Baptist and a member of the Downtown Bible Class.

Survivors include a sister, Lucille Parker of Lubbock.

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## Area's cotton out of field in time for Christmas

By JOE BRYANT

A&M Journalist

LUBBOCK — Cotton growers on the Texas South Plains, an area that annually produces about half the



LEPA on display at Capital Valmont Irrigation, a Nebraska-based company that pioneered center pivot farming, set up a rig on the Washington Mall to celebrate its 40th anniversary this year.

state's cotton and 20-25 percent of the nation's crop, are rapidly winding up an unusual season with a more usual scenario: Good newsbad news. For many, the emphasis is on the good news: Mills are paying top prices for the lint, as high as 65 to 75 cents a pound.

Despite a long, dry sum-mer with rainfall well below normal, which devastated 1 million of the 3 million cotton acres in the 25-county area, the fields which survived are yielding an estimated 2.7 to 2.8 million bales, said Kater Hake, cotton agronomist the Texas here with Agricultural Extension Service. Last year the 25 counties produced 3.45 million bales on 3.1 million acres which were harvested.

Quality of last year's crop was very high and this year's quality is equally as good, Hake said.

"But the price from the mill is about 10 cents a

See COTTON, Page 3



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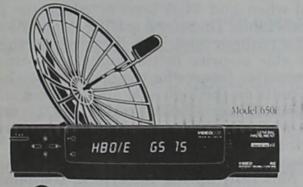
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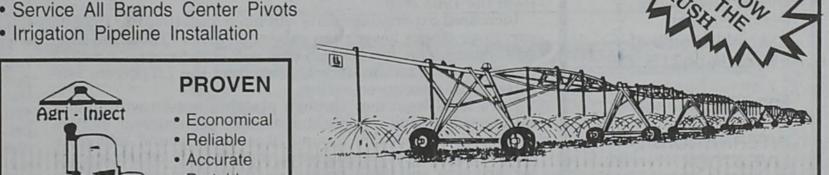
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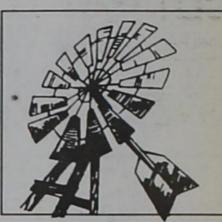
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# Reporter gives first hand account of 'killer' bee attack

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas

(AP) — Working on a story about mountain lions, reporter Vivienne Heines scanned the thick brush, wary that a lioness might attack to protect her cubs.

The attack came suddenly but with tiny stingers instead of claws and roaring teeth.

Heines wrote a first-person account about being swarmed by suspected Africanized bees, commonly called "killer bees," in Thursday editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The attack occurred
Wednesday while Heines and
Caller-Times photographer
George Gongora were trailing
three mountain lions on the
Dobie-Welder ranch, between
Freer and Cotulla.

One of their guides, Louis Harveson, a graduate student at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, was stung at least 50 times. "I'd rather be mauled by a lion," he quipped.

Michael Tewes of A&M-Kingsville's Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and wildlife tracker Frank Smith of New Mexico also were on the

"Accompanied by Smith's five lion-tracking Walker hounds, we drove down dirt roads dotted with cow chips, trying to pick up the lions' radio signals on our transmitter," Heines wrote. "We eventually set out on foot for a creekbed and stand of thorny mesquite where the lions were waiting. One eager hound,

Freckles, was chosen to go on the search."

Harveson warned: "She (the lioness) could be really upset when we walk in there. Stay with the group. Do not run. Do not yell, under any circumstances. Keep your voices low."

Freckles located two 2-monthold cubs, and Harveson let Heines hold one while he refastened a radio collar used to track them.

"The cub, about the size of an adult housecat, hissed fiercely as Harveson maneuvered carefully around the cub's sharp teeth and claws. But the other cub was in a tree filled with bees, and our arrival sparked an attack," Heines

Gongora, who was attacked by

bees several months ago while on assignment, shouted for the others to run. Getting stung 15 times didn't stop him from snapping off pictures of the hasty retreat.

"When I asked what to do
with the cub, Harveson told me to
take her with me," Heines wrote.
"But after being stung twice by
bees — and it's hard to fight off
bees while holding a lion cub in
your arms — I asked him again if
I needed to bring the cub and he
told me to release her."

Tewes said later that the cubs probably were not attacked because they are small enough to hide in the grass.

Smith was stung 10 times. Freckles was warmed and was taken in shock to a veterinarian. Smith expected the dog to survive

Gongora and Harveson were treated and released from Frio Hospital in Pearsall, about an hour and a half from the site of the attack.

"I'm just real glad no one was allergic because it took too long to get to the hospital," Heines said Thursday by telephone.

Since January, 65 Texans have been involved in attacks from Africanized bees, better known as "killer bees" because they are more aggressive in defending their nests than European honey-

The bees first showed up in Texas from Mexico in 1990.

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Dec. 16

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## Confused? Double-speed CD said to be a best buy

By DON WITTEKIND

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Q. Is there any real advantage to a triple-speed as opposed to a doublespeed CD-ROM drive? Or should I wait until prices fall for the quadruple-speed drives?

A. I'm bound to have some people disagree on this one, but I'd say that unless you're doing some sort of high-end work, a double-speed drive is your best buy.

Double speed is the current standard, which means it will run all of today's software. Triple- and quadruple-speed drives are considered state of the art,

which generally means you pay a lot of money for them. So if you're a high-end user and time is money, you might benefit from the extra speed these drives offer

Anyone else should buy a double-speed drive now and upgrade when it becomes obsolete. It will save you money now and

in the long run.

A couple of columns ago I suggested two cousins communicate electronically using the e-mail and chat functions of local computer bulletin boards. That discussion brought responses similar to this one:

Q. Your response to the writer about

her daughter and nephew communicating through their PC and Mac left me puzzled. If they both invested in communications programs with chat modes, why can't one call the other and have an on-line chat without being on a BBS?

A. I suggested the kids connect to a local BBS because the writer wanted two things: e-mail and direct chat. A BBS is a simple solution to both issues — not to mention a fine introduction to telecommunications.

However, if you do want to set up a

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# Seasonal price weakness held at bay

The more than 10 cents per pound market rally in October and November was driven by unreported export sales activity at the time.

Poor cotton crops in Pakistan and India and several other exporting countries apparently allowed U.S. shippers to book an increased amount of export commitments.

With user certificates near the maximum of 2.5 cents and the AWP headed for over 65 cents (the level where certs are discontinued) exporters decided to report a sizable amount of intended 1994/95 U.S. exports before losing the certs on December 1.

The unusual and early export sales this fall offset the traditional seasonal price weakness. Price increased despite a bumper U.S. crop. Foreign exporting countries were slow in recognizing their crop shortfall. The bad foreign crop left the U.S. with the opportunity to substantially expand exports from the 1994 crop.

Increased export shipments will likely pull the U.S. 1994/95 carryover stocks lower than expected earlier. Thus, the final ARP decision for the 1995/96 crop will now focus on a zero to 5 percent ARP for January 1, down from the 7.5 percent tentative ARP announced earlier.

Price level from now through planting season will greatly influence U.S. and world cotton acreage for next year. If 1995 cotton can be priced for around 70 cents per pound, and grain and soybean prices remain weak, then the U.S. cotton acreage for next year will likely be 14.5 to 15.0 million acres, up from 14.1 million in 1994/95. The crop will probably fall in the

range of 18 to 21 million bales.

That would be close to this year's crop. Domestic demand will likely hold above 11 million. However, exports may decline a million or so bales to some 6.7 million or less, as foreign acreage will likely increase in response to higher prices. As a result, a large crop would build stocks substantially and weaken prices.

With all the uncertainty of weather, farm policy and GATT implications, producers and their lenders need to prepare a "risk management" program. Such a plan includes crop insurance and price insurance along with possible diversification of enterprises and integration of business activities.

Price insurance based on a marketing plan can be developed using forward contracts, minimum price contracts, put options, futures contracts and combinations of these strate-

### COTTON MARKET LIPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

gies. The potential for decreasing farm program benefits and fewer or no government held stocks suggests greater farm price changes than in the past. Farm prices tend to go up steadily when supported by decreasing supplies but crash quickly in the face of increasing supplies.

The cotton market has been strong for a year. How long the rally lasts and when and what level at which the price will peak is not predictable. Therefore, getting the highest price of the year is not a realistic goal. But, by watching the market, you should be able to price in the highest one-third of the price range. December futures for the last 10 years have averaged about 72 cents on the high side and 52 cents on the low, a 20 cent per pound range. Based on that long-term average, pricing cotton when December is above 66 cents would be within the high one-third range.

The spring seasonal rally may occur in early 1995 because of the 10 cent plus rally during the typical seasonal harvest price low in November. Export sales commitments from the 1994 crop as of November 24 were already 7,061,400 upland and 199,900 Pima bales.

Meanwhile, export shipments totaled about 1,620,000 upland bales. Thus, the market is being driven mainly by sales that are expected to be shipped. With total exports for the season now expected at 7.5 to 8.0 million bales for all cotton, sufficient sales for the entire season's shipments will likely be made by Christmas.

(Dr. Carl Anderson, A&M Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist, is an authority on t he nation's cotton mar-

kets.)

### COTTON

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pound higher than last year," the agronomist said. "Last year, most growers' top receipt was about 60 cents."

Although many South Plains growers are receiving top price for their cotton this year, there is another side to the coin, says Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and agricultural economist with the Extension Service at Lubbock.

"This may be our highest gross return on our cotton, but we haven't had a more expensive crop to produce, either, Smith said. The long summer drought wiped out much of the dryland crop and meant high irrigation costs for farmers who could water their fields.

Many area growers sell their cotton through the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) pool, which pays

seasonal average price. "These growers may not be getting the season's highest price, but today's market is improving their seasonal average," Smith said.

He noted that, year in and year out, growers in the pool feel they benefit from it. Some growers entered cash contracts earlier in the season which, while bringing a good return, won't equal the current price.

"Many of our growers are in the denim option, which means they sell their lint to the PCCA plant denim Littlefield and share in the plant's profits," Smith noted. While the current market price may be higher than the price received through the denim option, over the years growers have benefitted from the option, Smith said. He said probably 15 to 20 percent of the area's cotton is in the denim option this year.

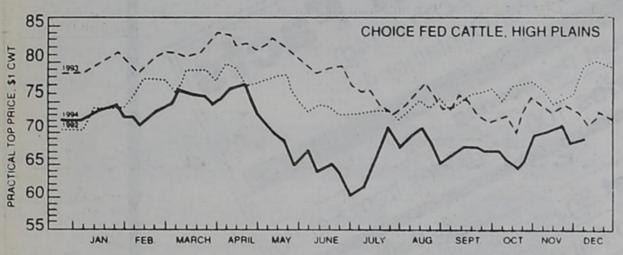
Hake said the high

price mills are paying for South Plains cotton, despite a record U.S. crop, "reflects the strong mill demand for West Texas cotton that has been built by two backto back years of excellent quality." He said it means there is a strong foreign and domestic demand for U.S. cotton and optimism about future consumer purchase of cotton goods.

The quality of the South Plains cotton "is virtually identical to last year's record quality. Hake said. "Discounts for low quality this year are very, very slim." He said the reputation established by last year's crop is one reason mills are pursuing this year's South Plains crop.

"Even at the current high price, it still is a bargain (for the mills) because of its spinability," Hake said.

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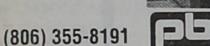
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My ole friend, Preacher Fike, loves to tell the great story about the preacher who made an investment in a large piece of ranch real estate which he hoped to enjoy during retirement.

While he was still active in the preachin' business, he would take one day off every week and go out to the ranch to work.

It turned out to be quite a chore.

That ole place looked like a twentyyear holdover from the soil bank with acres of weeds, gopher holes, and rundown buildins' teeterin' between upright and drop-dead.

The preacher attacked the problems with a vengeance. He'd crank up the tractor and plow through the weeds. He'd spend some time repairin' the house, barn and other out-buildins'. He mixed cement, cut lumber, worked on the plumbin' and replaced broken windows.

Every now and then the preacher would stop workin', stretch to his full height, wipe the sweat from his face with an old bandana from the right hip pocket of his overalls and gaze upon the task before him. Sometimes, when confronted with the hopelessness of it he'd conclude, "I must be crazy!"

What kept him goin' was that every time he worked hard to complete a task he could see the progress for himself. He would swell with the pride of accomplishment.

After many months, things began to shape up. His hard work was payin' off. He turned that run-down ole ranch into a showplace.

His labor completed, the preacher received a visit from a neighbor who lived just down the road.



Illustrations by Chris Johnson

Farmer Brown didn't say much as he sized up both the revitalized property and the muscular tanned preacher who had worked so hard on the project.

Well, preacher, it looks like you and God have really done some work here." Brown complimented Farmer approvingly.

The sun-tanned preacher reached for the bandana in his hip pocket and he wiped the beads of sweat from his leathered brow. He answered, "It's interestin' that you should say that Mr. Brown. But, in all honesty. I've got to tell you - you should seen this place when God had it all to himself!"

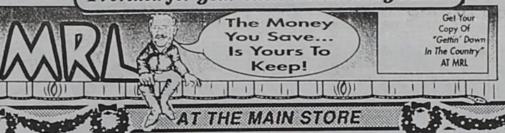
Preacher Fike always apologizes for re-tellin' such an old story. I reckon though, he needn't apologize.

The moral is worth the re-tellin'. There are no shortcuts.

If I've learned anything from books and quite a bit of livin' in this ole world, it's that people don't achieve much in life accidentally and they sure as thunder don't stumble into it while they are amusin' themselves!

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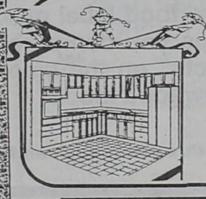
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# Replacing computer mouse with even better mice

By L.R. SHANNON

c. 1994 N.Y. Times News

Mice are virtually essential for PCs running Microsoft Windows, and they are absolutely essential Macintoshes, but they do wear out. Even if you are meticulous about keeping them clean internally, and not all of us are, they eventually grow creaky with age, like the rest of us.

The simplest way to replace a mouse is to buy the same kind again, probably the shapely Microsoft mouse for a PC or Apple's smooth mouse for a Mac. But there are alternatives.

1981, Since Kensington Microware Ltd. of San Mateo, Calif., has been making trackballs, power protection products, cables to lock a computer to a desk, carrying cases and other accessories. The Kensington Thinking Mouse, the company's first model, is a notably slick performer with a movements to move the tapered shape and four buttons that can be pressed to activate the usual mouse tasks; use whichever one or two of the four buttons you find easiest to reach.

The shape, four buttons and rubberized material make the mouse comfortable. The software that comes with it, which you do not have to use, makes it "thinking."

The Thinking Mouse control panel, which goes into the Windows Main section, leads to several custom screens. Custom Acceleration screen lets you simultaneously set both how slow and how fast the mouse moves the cursor. When you are, say, drawing on the screen, you might want the cursor to respond to slight mouse movements with minuscule movements. screen When you are getting from one end of a big display to the other, you might want rapid mouse

cursor equally swiftly.

The buttons can be programmed, too. One click can bring up a menu for a program you use a lot, a second click can perform a task you often do in that program. Different mouse programs can be set up for different applications so that pressing a given button in the word processor does one thing while pressing it in the spreadsheet does anoth-

In Windows itself, rather than in an application running under Windows, a single click can substitute for the double click that starts a program (some people find the double click difficult to do consistently); a lock button can substitute for holding a mouse button down as you move an icon; if you play around with the mouse and software for a while you will think of other repetitive or cumbersome jobs to automate. In case you have been working or playing too hard at the computer, an optional feature will pop up a note that says it is time to take a break.

The Kensington Thinking Mouse and its software could be habitforming, causing a problem if you have to use another computer without it or if the mouse runs away or dies.

The version I used was the PC and PS/2 one, which sells for around \$90. There is also an ADB version for the Macintosh, for \$100, and a Bus version, for PC's with a free ISA-compatible expansion slot, for \$120.

Let It Fly

Cognoscenti of woodpulp aeronautical devices know that they come in at least five categories: darts, gliders, SST's jets, Starships. (Computer users with on-line thesauruses know phrase at the beginning of the previous sentence contains the sorts of syncome up with.) The aptly named Kittvhawk Software Corp. of Tucson, Ariz., offers The Greatest Paper Airplanes, 25 designs in all five categories. They can be called up on the screen on a computer running Windows 3.1 or higher and printed out for folding and flying.

Aside from plans for the Manta Ray, Marlin, Sea Gulf and others, there are three-dimensional animations, sound effects and information on the history and principles of flight, as well as a history of paper and lessons in folding it. There are also on-screen examples of

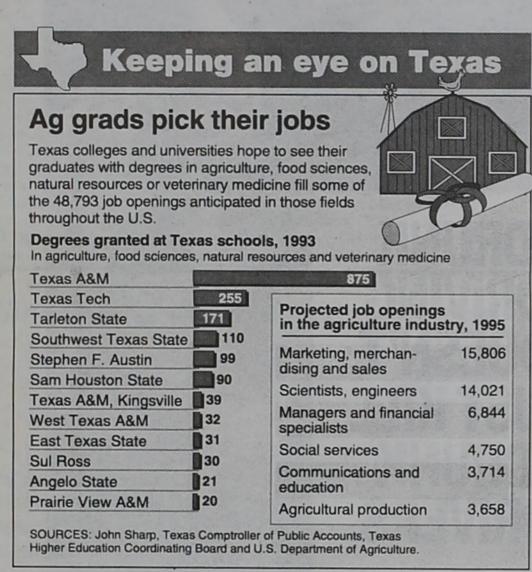
onyms the program can how to fold the airplanes, not always easy with such contraptions as the Leopard and Cheetah.

> Forget about the serious stuff, though. You can print out and fold a Bottlenose at home and then bring it into the office. You do not have to tell anyone that your computer taught you how.

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direct chat, that's a topic than the baud rate, worth discussing.

In theory, you can set up a direct-chat session using just about any two communication grams by having one dial and the other answer. In reality, getting the proper settings on both programs can be a bit tough.

Here are some guidelines for getting hooked

rirst, you have to decide what settings you will use, and they have to be the same on both machines. These settings are baud rate, parity, data bits and stop bits - all of which should be accessible in your modem program's settings option. For chat, I suggest 2,400 baud, no parity, 8 data

of federal intervention.

cussion on the matter.

Colorado River.

said Friday.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Planners

are studying a proposal that would

pipe in water from two rivers in order

to slash the city's dependence on the

Edwards aquifer and end the specter

acre-feet of water from the Guadalupe

River and possibly that much from the

The proposal is under review,

spokesmen for the Guadalupe-Blanco

and Lower Colorado river authorities

al committee that's trying to solve the

area's water problems welcomed dis-

Panelists on a nine-member region-

"It's great," said Luana Buckner,

Medina County Underground Water

The plan would mean taking 75,000

which varies, these are pretty much standard settings.

Other settings to watch are local echo (on) and terminal emulation (VT100).

Now it's time to hook up. If one of the machines has an autoanswer mode, set it and have other machine dial in. If neither machine has auto-answer, one machine should dial, and, when the phone rings, the other person must type in ATA (computer talk for "please answer the phone") and hit the enter or return key. You are now in chat mode and can begin typ-

Note: If you see two of each letter you are typing, that means your bits and 1 stop bit. Other modem is echoing what

Pipe to link San Antonio, two rivers

manager.

you type back to you. If this happens, just turn off the local echo.

You'll probably end up playing with carriage return and text wrap functions, which will vary by computer, but this should get you up and talking.

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Constitution.).

Conservation District general manag-

er. "It's the best I've heard in a long

time. It means (San Antonio) can get

150,000 acre-feet of water from some-

tion," added Rick Ilgner, Edwards

Underground Water District general

"It's great to see a spirit of coopera-

Currently, San Antonio uses about

No exact cost for the plan has been

tabulated, said Bill West, Guadalupe-

Blanco general manager, but he said

the cost to San Antonio "would be com-

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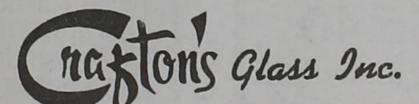
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