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City firm about gunsmoke, divided on cigarette smoke

Which is worse—gunsmoke or cigarette smoke?

City councilmembers and employees agreed Monday night that they definitely don't want to give anyone the opportunity to create gunsmoke.

"I think it would be a good idea" to ban concealed handguns in city buildings and parks, Police Chief Ray Aleman said.

He added that the number of local residents applying for concealed-carry permits seems to be small so far.

"I would prefer to get hit than shot," Don Sheffy commented.

"I'm more concerned with the city parks than with the buildings," City Manager Reeford Burrous said.

The council ordered City Attorney Jack Edwards to draw up an ordinance banning concealed weapons from all city buildings, city parks and the airport.

But when it comes to cigarette smoke, the jury is still out. Ten persons showed up to protest a no-smoking proposal.

"There's a great deal of precedent in cities across the country" for a no-smoking policy in city buildings, Mayor Wayne Collins said. He cited a recent court case in which the spouse of a deceased city employee was awarded a large settlement after claiming that second-hand smoke on the job contributed to the death.

Councilmember Carole Dyer noted that smoking is banned in all federal buildings, and that federal employees are allowed to go outside for two "smoke breaks" per day.

Also, it was noted that the courthouse is a posted smoke-free facility, although there seem to be designated smoking areas.

Karen Hudson, secretary-dispatcher in the Public Works Dept.,

told the council, "There's just one smoker among 18 of us in our department," and added, "We all give that one smoker a hard time." She presented a petition signed by 14 DPW employees requesting a no-smoking policy in that department.

Nerves were cited as a big factor in the police and fire departments.

"In the past, we've had no-smoking signs in the police department," Aleman told the council, "but we feel a no-smoking policy

Sheffy resigns; Malone elected mayor pro tem

Don Sheffy resigned from the city council at Monday night's meeting so he could take the post of assistant city manager.

Councilmembers elected Roger Malone to succeed Sheffy as mayor pro tem.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the City of Dimmitt for the last 10 years, and I've enjoyed working with the city council during this time," Sheffy said. "I look forward to working with the council in the future as the assistant city manager."

Mayor Wayne Collins commended Sheffy for his 10 years' service on the city governing board.

Sheffy was hired last month to train under City Manager Reeford Burrous, with the understanding that Sheffy will become the city manager when Burrous retires at mid-year.

As mayor pro tem, Malone—who is now the senior member of the council, with almost five years' service—will perform all the duties of mayor anytime Collins is absent or indisposed.

would affect the atmosphere and morale. We've found that it calms the nerves of people who are brought in for questioning when we allow them to smoke."

In the fire department, "about half the guys smoke," fireman Richard West said. "It helps a lot of the guys calm their nerves after fighting a fire, and they don't want to have to go outside to do it."

West added, "I feel that if someone doesn't want smoking in their office, they should just post a sign."

All of Dimmitt's firefighters—smokers and non-smokers alike—are volunteers.

"I've had input from both sides of the issue in the fire department," Fire Chief Randy Griffith said. He proposed that the city establish designated smoking areas, as the American Maize-Products Co. does.

"At the plant, smoking is restricted to designated areas which are well ventilated, where second-hand smoke won't pose a problem," Griffith said.

Burrous told the council, "I don't smoke and it doesn't bother me one way or another, but I get a lot more work out of my office staff when they can smoke where they're working instead of taking breaks to go out and smoke."

Betty McClure, a non-smoker who works in the city office, requested that a ventilation system be installed in the city hall. She said she felt that second-hand smoke or dust contributed to her recent bout of pneumonia.

"This is an information meeting tonight, to enable us to make the best decision for all concerned," Mayor Wayne Collins explained. He added that a decision on the proposed no-smoking policy as well as a ventilation system "will probably be made at our next meeting."

Program helps students stay in college

"Anything you can do to make things less stressful for students, the more likely they are to finish their education," said Dana Cobb.

She should know. After her current enrollment, she only has five semesters to go to get her bachelor's degree in nursing.

She also is a participant in the Families in Training (FIT) program administered through Panhandle Community Services. The program provides financial support for people who have families and who are trying to complete a college education.

Program funds are provided for paying rent (not house payments), utilities, and medical expenses or other unexpected expenses that families often face. Cobb said she occasionally has legal expenses, and those are eligible, too. Eligibility is based on income.

Cobb and her two children had been staying with her parents after

she began divorce proceedings two and a half years ago.

"My parents have been really great and very supportive," Cobb said. "But it makes it so much easier now that I have my own home."

"The kids have their own rooms, we have a nice back yard. It makes all the difference in the world to not have to be dependent on other people," Cobb said. "I can spread my books out all over the table and leave them there or study late at night and not bother anyone else."

Stella Devers, PCS Center Coordinator in Dimmitt, said that Cobb is typical of the participants in the Families in Training program.

"They are very enthusiastic and they are people who really want to make a better life," Devers said, "and they know there's no other way for them to do that."

Of the current four participants in the program through the Dimmitt

PCS office, none of them have less than two children.

"They're all doing very well," Devers said. She added that a former participant recently completed his education, graduating from the police academy in Lubbock, and has already found employment.

Three out of the four current participants live in Castro County. The fourth applied here, but moved to be closer to school.

"Dana is a self-motivated young lady, and that's why I believe she will be such a success," Devers said. "There have been a lot of brick walls she has come up against, but she has broken them down and kept on trucking."

Cobb said she had been trying to apply to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for rental assistance at the time she

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NEW LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR—Misty Medrano (right) of Dimmitt proudly shows off her new son, Jesse Medrano III, who was born at 8:23 a.m. on Jan. 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The infant was the first baby born at the hospital in 1996. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. He has a big sister, Tiffany, who is 2. His father is Jesse Medrano Jr. Grandparents are Rosa Anes of Dimmitt, Jesse Medrano Sr. of Dimmitt and Violet Briones of Hereford. Photo by Anne Acker

Dimmitt man arraigned for assault

Michael Gonzales, 22, of Dimmitt is being held on \$10,000 bond on second degree felony charges of aggravated assault. He was arraigned Monday night.

Gonzales was arrested for allegedly assaulting Raymond Castillo Ramirez, 42, of Hart, by cutting him with a knife. The incident was reported to police around 2:29 a.m. Sunday at the Azteca Complex.

Dimmitt Police reported that Ramirez had lacerations on his left eyebrow and left cheek and also had a swollen left arm.

Ramirez reportedly told police that Gonzales just attacked him with

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Medical fund set for wreck victim, family

A medical fund has been established for Tami Herriage, 26, of HCR 1, Dimmitt, who was injured in a one-vehicle roll-over Jan. 3 around noon.

According to Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Eddie Aguilar, Herriage had been driving south on US 385 about 8.4 miles south of Dimmitt when the 1993 Ford Explorer went off the west side of the roadway and she over-corrected, causing the vehicle to roll two and a half times. It came to rest on its top and Herriage was thrown out.

Her daughter, Samantha, 15 months, escaped with only bruises. She was removed from the vehicle by passersby, who reportedly had to cut a seat belt strap to free her from her infant seat.

Herriage was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital with back injuries. She was air lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she reportedly underwent a lengthy surgery Monday.

Herriage is the wife of James Herriage and the daughter of Arden and Nancy Fields. She teaches at Hart Elementary School.

Those wishing to donate to the Tami Herriage Medical Fund may send donations to the First United Bank of Earth, attention Charlene Riley, P.O. Box 9, Earth, 79031.

DISD to seek bids on improvements

The engineering firm of Grimes & Associates has been authorized to release drawings and call for bids on an improvement project for Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School that could reach estimated costs of over \$700,000.

DISD Business Administrator Johnny Hill said the budget will have to be amended to cover the expenditures, but that fund balances are available to cover it.

Expenditures would include heating and air conditioning at both campuses, as well as a major roofing job at DMS. Window replacement at both campuses also will be figured in as a part of the plan to cut environmental control costs.

Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates told the Dimmitt School Board Monday night that he will draw the bid specifications to allow for several options that can be added or subtracted so that the board can tailor the project to fit the funds available.

The window treatments suggested would be similar to those used at Richardson Elementary in a similar upgrade project. However, the windows on the front of the two-story portion of Dimmitt Middle School would keep their current shape and general appearance, but would be replaced with aluminum-framed dark-tinted glass. It also was discussed to seek an option for opaque glass on the top portions of the windows to cut down on the solar heating effect in the rooms facing east.

The board agreed that the front of the two-story building should stay the same for historical reasons, but they told Grimes that windows on the back of the building could receive the same economical treatment as windows on other parts of the building.

Also, board members told Grimes they felt it was more important for the DHS cafeteria to be air conditioned rather than the band hall. The cafeteria is used more than one period and by more students, while the band hall is used only one class period per day.

The board also gave approval for use of mostly roof-top air conditioning units at DHS, so that wall-mount units would not have to be installed in the courtyard area.

Grimes suggested use of radiant heaters in several areas of the schools as an inexpensive source of efficient heating for large areas. He suggested them for entry areas at DMS, as well as in the old gym and auditorium. He also suggested them for the DHS gym.

Other suggestions included shutting everything off of the boiler system on the east side of the high school and eliminating use of the oldest boiler system at DMS.

Grimes gave a rough estimate of

\$737,000, with the various options allowing some leeway for the board as they examine the bids. The drawings will be released Jan. 25, with a pre-bid meeting on Feb. 1. Bids will be opened Feb. 8 and presented to the board on Feb. 12.

In other business, the board voted to renew the contract of DISD Supt. Les Miller through June 30, 1999.

Bids were accepted from three suppliers for the spring semester. The contract for bread products was awarded to Rainbo Bread; for dairy products, to Plains Dairy; and for staple products, to Ben E. Keith.

The board heard a report on the TAAS exit level exam that showed eight seniors still need to pass the exam before they can graduate. However, Curriculum Director

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Watts enters race for county treasurer

Carolyn Watts has announced her intention to run for county treasurer in the March 12 Democratic primary election.

"During a conversation with our late county treasurer Oleta Raper, an idea was planted in my mind," Watts said. "She mentioned that she would like to serve one more four-year term as county treasurer, then retire. The residents of Castro County chose to allow her this privilege, but our timing is not what counts."

"Castro County is my home and I would like to serve my fellow county residents by serving as the county treasurer. I would appreciate your support and your vote in the March 12 Democratic primary. I will serve to the best of my ability," Watts said.

Watts has worked as a substitute teacher in the Dimmitt and Nazareth Independent School Districts. She was a relief secretary at the First Baptist Church and was intern accounts receivable clerk for the City of Dimmitt. She worked two loan seasons at Production Credit Association.

Watts worked as a bookkeeper for DeBruyn Vegetable Shed. She has worked for the County Extension Service as its secretary for five years. She also serves as treasurer for Watts Farm Inc.

Watts says she has 12 hours of computer and accounting training from Amarillo College and has attended several computer classes, e-mail training sessions and has attended an exceptional assistant seminar.

Watts and her family have lived in Castro County since 1961. She is actively involved in community



Carolyn Watts

activities as was co-chairman of the Castro County Bicentennial Celebration. She is a member of the Young Homemakers and has served in local offices and on area committees.

She worked with a Blue Bird/Camp Fire group for five years and was on the county committee. She was a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for several years and is still listed as an inactive member. She helped coach Little Dribbler and girls' softball teams.

She is active in the Ladies Golf Association and has served on the Country Club board in the past. She worked for Acteens one year and is in her second year working with a Bible Drill Class. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.



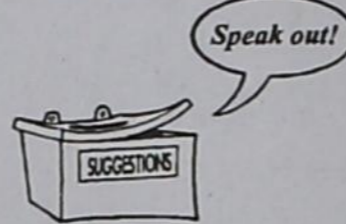
A PLACE OF OUR OWN—Dana Cobb spreads out her books and study materials on the dining table at her home she is able to rent through the assistance of the Families in Training program, which is adminis-

tered through the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt. 'Helping' her study are her children, Christopher, 5, and Celena, 7.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Op-Ed

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Unfinished Business

It has been said that a problem well stated is a problem half solved. Well, the problem of deficit spending has been defined... and for the first time in 40 years we're seriously starting to solve it.

We accomplished much in 1995, but we still have so far to go to fulfill our commitments to the American people.

We know what needs to be done. What follows is a list of the issues Congress will need to concentrate on during the new year.

- Number 1 - We must follow through on achieving a balanced budget. Although the President has finally agreed with Congress on the commitment to a balanced budget within seven years, there remains a daunting number of details to be agreed upon, involving fundamental differences of approach and principle. Welfare, Medicaid and Medicare reform hang in the balance.

If you wonder why you're earning more - but your quality of life isn't better - it is because the cost of government is rising at a greater rate than your salary and

it is taking more from you in taxes, fees and higher prices for everything you buy. Ending government profligacy will produce economic growth for the next century, and end the unfair imposition of a burdensome debt on the backs of our children and grandchildren. These issues are the most vital to our country's future.

- We must continue to lay the groundwork for reforming the federal tax system. Be it through a flat tax, value-added tax or any of the several proposals that have been put forth, our tax structure is unsatisfactory. It punishes hard work and productivity — and stifles economic growth. It must be fixed in a way that allows Americans to keep more of what they've earned.

- Around the world, we will be watching the events about to unfold in Bosnia very closely. Congress and the executive branch should work together to articulate a set of principles to guide global U.S. defensive strategy. We must not continue to go from one foreign policy crisis to the next without a plan of action. Our national security and the safety of our troops are at stake.

- Congress must continue the march toward regulatory reform it started last year. Although some of the most egregious examples of regulatory overkill have been slowed or stopped, this is still costing Americans billions of dollars annually, destroying hundred of thousands of U.S. jobs and crippling our productivity in the international marketplace.

The critical period for reforms has arrived: When we move from promises to reality. As we scale back government in a responsible manner, we intend to continue to enact measures that encourage America herself to grow - so "the land of opportunity" will be the continuing description of the U.S.A.

The work we undertake in 1996 must be predicated on the principle that America's greatness is based on its people, not on its bureaucracy.

THE SPEAKER'S DAY

SETS THE AGENDA FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY...

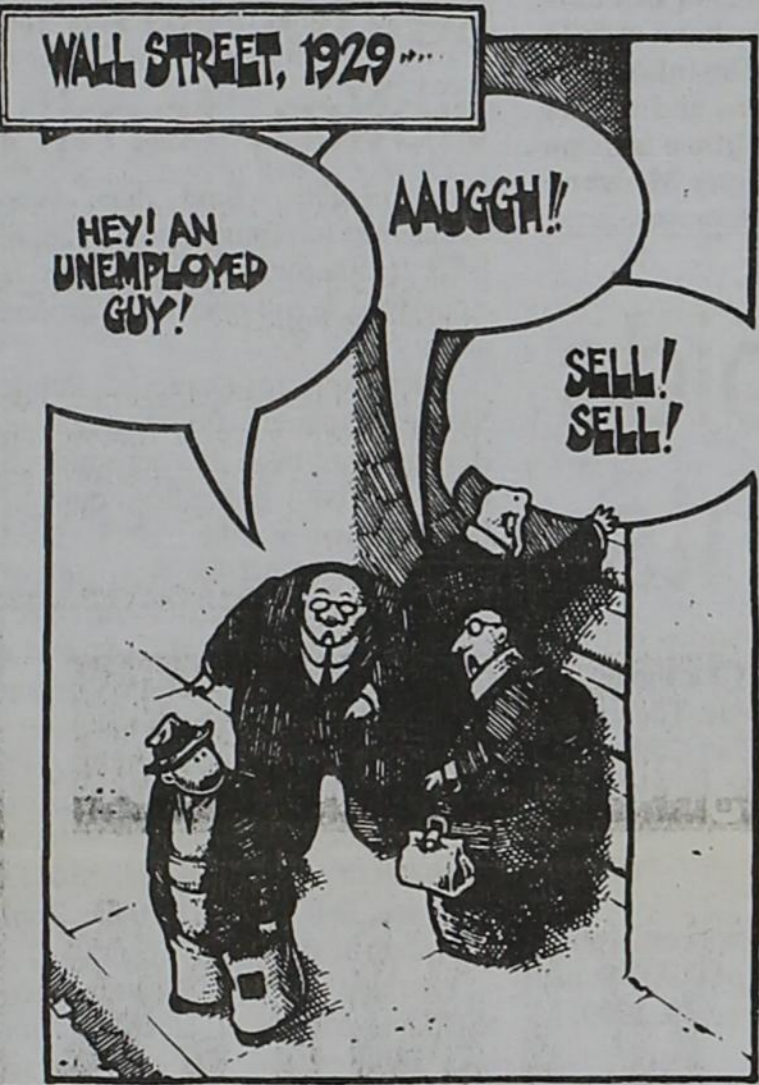
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NOW, TIME FOR A HEARTY BREAKFAST...



Letter

Compromise is necessary

Dear Editor: Our diverse society requires that our legislative leaders not only be willing to compromise, but that they seek compromise in order to pass necessary legislation for the Government to function. Our Constitution, that protects our rights and provides the basis for the Government to function, is a document forged by leaders who knew that compromise was essential if a governing document was going to result from the deliberations in Philadelphia.

Unfortunately we have elected men and women to Congress who don't understand that compromise is required. They apparently believe that closing the government down is a good idea.

The result of their uncompromising position is that hundreds of thousands of families have had their lives disrupted. About a half million Federal employees have been forced

to work for three weeks without any salary or with partial salary. Even more have been laid off. Result: over a million disgruntled employees when they do eventually return to work.

Now there is talk of closing Federal courts, closing feeding programs for the elderly, a delay, if not a halt in Medicare payments. Farmers cannot make plans for the 1996 crop year because they don't know what the rules will be--this is particularly critical across South Texas where the planting season is only weeks away.

Has any benefit resulted from the closure of the government? I can't think of anything good resulting from it--except we have learned the kind of leaders we have in Congress. We need to remember that in November and retire Phil Gramm, Mac Thornberry and Larry Combest. Their lack of leadership and failure to govern in a responsible way should be apparent to the voters.

DON NEWMAN

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 government? Write and tell us about it. (Castro County News, P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call some of them as well. (Contact us for a more complete listing.)

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John Montford, 28th District: Austin phone (512)463-0128.

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Pete Laney, 85th District: Speaker of the House. Austin phone (512)463-0604.

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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Chairmen of both the Republican and Democratic parties of Texas agree on one thing for certain: election year 1996 is going to be pivotal in the war for partisan control of government on the state and national levels.

Bill White, chairman of the state Democratic Party, told the *Houston Chronicle* he believes Newt Gingrich could lose his post as speaker of the U.S. House if Texans vote for Democrats in a number of contested races.

Due to attrition there will be seven open Congressional seats on the ballot, and 27 of Texas' 30 congressional districts will have partisan contests. But, White said, if Democratic officeholders hold their 18-12 edge over the Republicans, it could assure the margin needed to tilt the balance away from the GOP in the U.S. House, and weaken Gingrich's chance of holding the speakership.

GOP Eyeing Laney's Seat

Tom Pauken, the Republican chairman, said his party's aim is to vote out Democrat Pete Laney as Speaker of the Texas House. The

GOP needs eight to 10 more seats in the 150-member House to get the needed conservative votes to unseat Laney.

Pauken said that in Laney's home district, Springlake rancher Hollis Cain will make a "very good candidate" for the GOP to run against the speaker, who has held his seat since 1973.

Pauken, however, acknowledged that Laney — who has made his mark as a consensus-builder governed by conservative principles — would be hard to beat at home, and White said the Hale Center farmer is not likely to lose his reelection bid.

Republican strategy also will focus on the state Senate, where Democrats hold a 17-14 seat edge. Pauken figures the GOP needs two more seats to strip some of Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's power.

Last legislative session, however, Bullock presided over the Senate with support from both sides of the aisle, while working toward common goals with Gov. George W. Bush on a number of hot-button issues, such as the education bill, tort reform and concealed handgun legislation.

Recipe for Couch Potatohood

If you think the Texas variety of couch potato is any different from the Maine or Idaho varieties, think again.

A survey of households conducted in 1994 by the Texas Department of Health revealed four traits that most sedentary Texans share: 1) They're older than 65; 2) They have less than a high school education; 3) They have an annual income less than \$15,000; and 4) They have no health insurance.

These traits are about the same in Americans from sea to shining

sea. But change is possible and recommended.

Dr. Philip Huang of the Texas Department of Health warns against planting junk food and zoning out to the tube.

"A sedentary lifestyle is one of the major causes, along with smoking and improper nutrition, of heart disease, the leading cause of death in Texas," he said.

Lower WC Rates Demanded

The Texas Department of Insurance has told 17 insurance groups representing 74 companies to lower their workers' compensation rates, justify them or face state hearings aimed at forcing them lower.

"Our patience has worn thin, and we're carrying out the responsibility the Legislature gave us to challenge excessive rates," Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer warned.

The department said that workers' compensation insurance losses were between 52 percent and 57 percent lower than they would have been without reforms enacted by the Legislature in 1989.

Employers can compare the rates of different insurers by calling the department at 1-800-599-7467 for free copies of the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Rate Guide.

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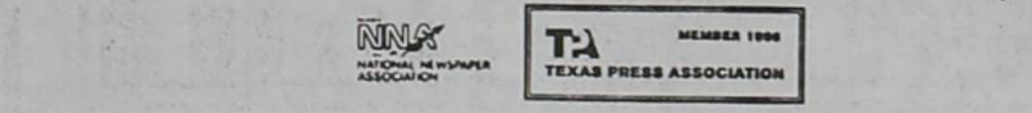
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ACROSS

- TX weed: point ____
- record Jewish faith caught with ____ and reel off Galveston in '37
- hay or cotton bundle
- TX Lovett song: "____ No Lady"
- emergency service (abbr.)
- final Civil War battle fought at this TX ranch
- Cedar Hill H.S. class
- TX Renaissance Festival in Magnolia has ____ minstrels
- how Texans pronounce "earn"
- TXism: "stands on ____ own two feet"
- Texans call it a spear
- type of Texas pecan found in Callahan Co.
- "Don't ____ with Texas"
- TXism: "____ than a well rope"
- "____ good bum!"
- TXism: "so dry the Baptists ____ sprinkling"
- TX "Tarzan" Ely
- TX Medal of Honor winner Audie (init.)
- gate is ____ to corral
- TXism: "feeling his ____ (frisky)"
- he sang TX Willie's "Hello Walls" (init.)
- Bush was his V.P.
- TXism: "____ as a fiddle"
- UT singing club
- TX Dr. Pepper rival
- Muenster hosts ____ fest
- TXism: "____ it with kid gloves (gently)"
- to Abilene from Lubbock
- TXism: "____ to do that" (intend)
- TX fashion: western ____
- TXism: "attracted ____ to light"
- El Paso's Shoemaker won the Kentucky ____
- this Isaac was "Barbed-wire King" (init.)
- Charlie Pride record label
- TX Jimmy Dean's "Big ____ John"

DOWN

- TX science students experiment in these
- TX Mickey Gilley song: "A Headache Tomorrow ____ ache Tonight"
- on hwy. 283, S.E. of Abilene
- part of "Petro-plex"
- "no ____ no play"
- TXism: "hunting with ____ empty gun"
- Dallas film star Darnell (init.)
- Texas cantaloupes
- Texan MacKeel was a hostage here
- small bell ring
- how often Texans pay taxes (3 wds.)
- Dallas' Grand Prix is one (2 wds.)
- Decatur is the seat of this county
- disease producer
- TXism: "skeddadle out of ____"
- this Ben was Austin marshal in 1880 (init.)
- "Cougars" college
- Houston actress: Meredith Mac ____
- Kenedy FM radio goes in 33-across
- was partnered with TX Lehrer on PBS
- Canton's ____ market
- Oiler '94 Pro Bowl punter Montgomery
- he phoned home
- Cynthia Parker was taken in Indian
- TX Monkee Nesmith
- TX mostly female college in Denton
- TXism: "draw ____ on it" (aim)
- TXism: "missed it ____ a country mile"
- TXism: "two-bit ____"
- Texas is in United States ____
- TXism: "draw ____ on it" (aim)
- TXism: "missed it ____ a country mile"
- SMU's Berry who was an NFL All-Pro (init.)

People



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of January 15-19.

DIMMITT

MONDAY: Choices of *Italian spaghetti with ground beef, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili; or green enchilada casserole; peas, *broccoli with cheese sauce or whole new potatoes; tossed salad with dressing, carrot-raisin salad or *apple slices with cinnamon; hot rolls, flour tortillas or *garlic bread; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili and cheese, *pizza supreme or chili Fritos with picante sauce; *savory green beans, pasta salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or *fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, cornbread or flour tortilla; apple, orange or cantaloupe; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of meat loaf with creole sauce, *roast turkey or fruit and cheese plate; *mashed potatoes with gravy, *southern collard greens or candied sweet potatoes; tossed salad with dressing, macaroni salad or cucumber and tomato salad; *hot rolls, cornmeal rolls or cowboy bread; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger on a roll, chicken filet on a roll or Chinese plate; *French fries, pork fried rice or Chinese style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad or coleslaw; cornbread, saltine crackers or hot wheat rolls; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, pigs in a blanket or pimento cheese sandwich; *potato rounds, baked potatoes or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot rolls, cornmeal twist bread or saltine crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

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

HART

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles,



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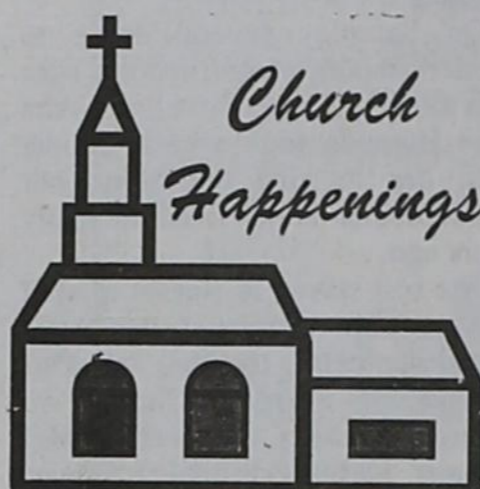
It's a boy for Becky and Greg Cook of Pittsburg. Their son, Mason Barrett Cook, was born Jan. 1 at Titus County Hospital in Mount Pleasant. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and he was 19-1/4 inches long. He has a big sister, Macy Ann Cook, 4-1/2. Grandparents include Martie Benton of Dimmitt, and Ronnie and Glenda Cook of Pittsburg. Great-grandparents are Lena Benton of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt; Margie Cook of Pittsburg and Imogene Barrett of Newsom.

Sheila and Paul Nicholson of Glen Rose are the parents of a baby boy, Heath Ross, who was born at 12:51 p.m. Jan. 2. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has a big sister, Gabrielle, 5; and a brother, Dylan, 3. Grandparents are Charlotte and Bob Middleton of Vega and Beth Nicholson of Temple. Great-grandparents are Virginia and Charles Steele of Bovina.

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FRIDAY: Spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, peaches and milk.



First Christian Church

Bro. Jim Hardwick will be bringing the Sunday morning message, and the Sunday evening series on prayer will continue.

Jan. 17, the Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. will cover the sixth lesson in the study book on I Peter.

The Women's Council will meet Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.



Daneen L. Durst and Jose Luis Velasquez

March wedding planned

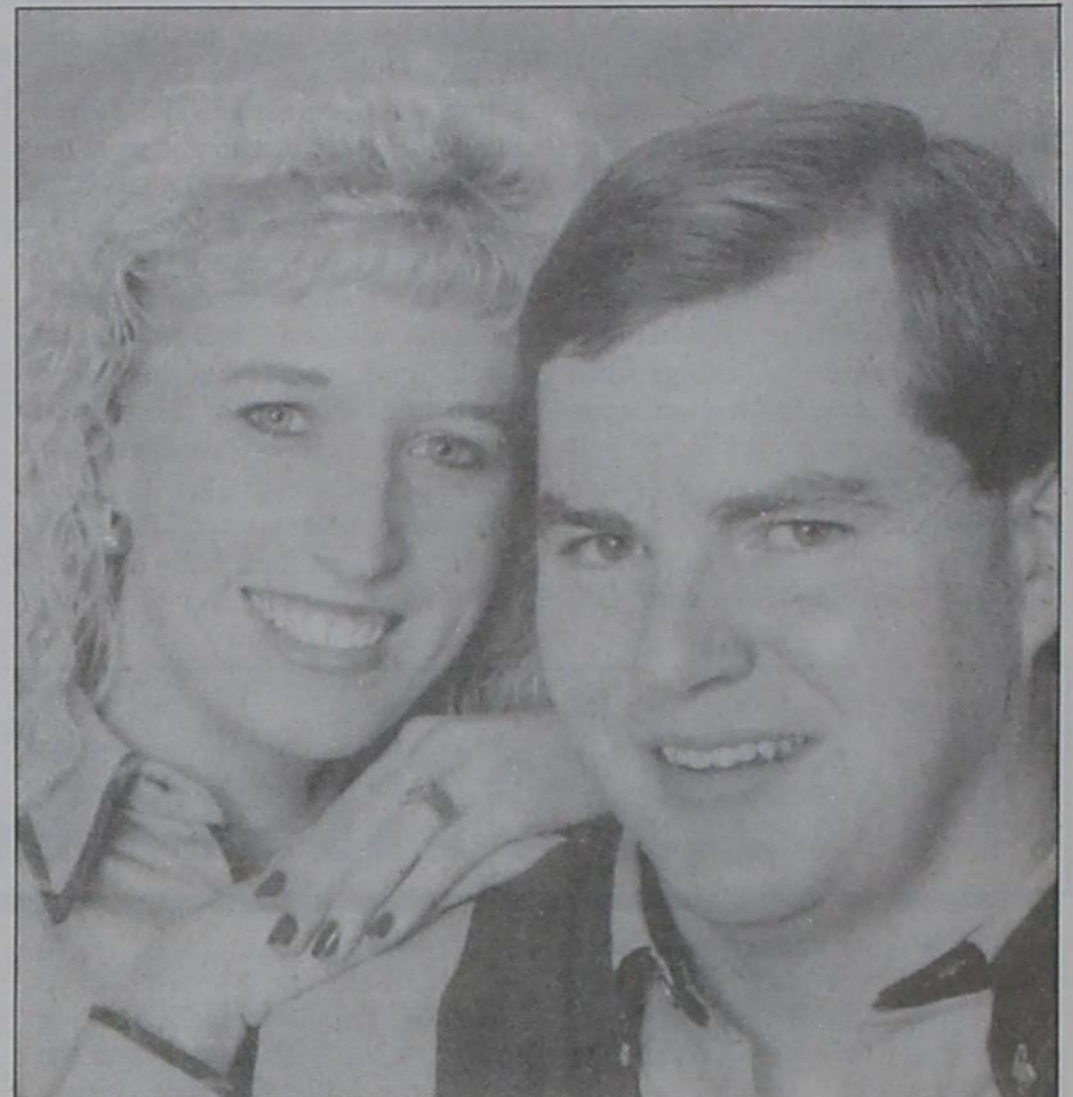
Randy and Boneen Durst of Panhandle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Daneen L. Durst, to Jose Luis Velasquez, son of Miguel and Sabrina Velasquez of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on March 9 at Panhandle United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Panhandle High School. She is a junior at West Texas A&M University, majoring in elementary education. She works at Sam's Wholesale Warehouse Club in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1988. He graduated from WTAMU in 1994 with a degree in secondary education and history. He is employed by the Amarillo Independent School District as a sixth grade teacher at Sam Houston Middle School.

After the wedding, the couple will live in Canyon.



Darlene Heck and Randy Miller

Heck and Miller to wed

Charles Heck of Dalhart and Ann Heck of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Darlene, to Randy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Darrouzett.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Feb. 17 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is employed as an early childhood teacher at Perryton Independent School District.

The prospective groom graduated from Darrouzett High School in 1990. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed by an irrigation shop and he farms.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Darrouzett.

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ANTHONY'S

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

The 75th Anniversary planning committee of the church met with Teeny Bowden Friday afternoon. Those present were Gerald Elkins, Lillian Carson, Verba Sadler and LaWanda Wilson.

The history has been finished. A tribute to the 28 pastors was prepared and discussed, with some changes made.

The day's events were planned. It will start at 10 a.m. with the worship service so dinner can be served promptly at noon. The afternoon program will start at 2 p.m.

We need addresses now of former members from any of you who read this so we can send out advance notices and then send a reminder in June. If any former members living nearby want to help with the dinner, your help would be welcome. We will serve a covered dish luncheon and the church will furnish the meat, tea and coffee.

Tami Herriage was seriously injured in a one-car rollover Jan. 3 just north of Mrs. Clark's house. Tami had reached down to pick up something from the floor of her vehicle and when she looked up she was about to hit a culvert sign. She overcorrected and the vehicle overturned.

Her 15-month-old daughter, Samantha, was riding in her safety seat and was left suspended upside-down. Some of Jackie Clark's workers saw the wreck and responded. They had to cut the seat belt to get the baby out. She was bruised and frightened, but otherwise okay. Tami was thrown out of the car and has a back injury and was to have surgery in Lubbock Monday. She was airlifted to Lubbock from Dimmitt following the wreck. Tami is the daughter of Arden and Nancy Fields

of Sunnyside. They live where Lynn and Sharon Cox used to live. Samantha is staying with Quint and Patti Waggoner and children. Tami teaches school at Hart.

Dec. 29, a trace of snow was received along with .20-inch of rain. No more moisture has been received except heavy dews two different mornings. The temperature was 14 degrees on Jan. 3 and Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Bob and Cindy Clatt and children of Richardson arrived Saturday evening to spend New Years' Day with Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler. They were visitors in the Sunday morning worship service. Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock joined them Sunday afternoon.

DISD board head is named to PCJA board

Debbie Annen, president of the Dimmitt School Board, has been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Property/Casualty Joint Account (PCJA) board of trustees and she will serve on the PCJA board through December 1998.

Annen has been on the Dimmitt School Board for three years. She serves on the Drug Awareness Advisory Council for Dimmitt Independent School District and has done extensive volunteer work in the Partners in Education program.

Annen is president of the Panhandle Area Association of School Boards and is a member of the TASB Legislative Council. She is executive secretary for West Wind Financial, a commodity brokerage firm.

Rev. Brent Childers of Amarillo filled the pulpit Sunday. Their two youngest children came with them. Brent and Leslie sang a special with the guitar. The oldest boy stayed in Amarillo for the youth group activities at Northwest Baptist Church.

Gerald Elkins brought his mother, Van Elkins, home from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Saturday and spent New Year's Day with her. His sister came to help out for a while. She didn't come for the surgery as I had reported at that time.

Emma Jean and Billy King had as their guests before Christmas their children, Jimmy and Jo Ann King of Hobbs, N.M. for two days. Christmas Day they had Betty and Bob Sutton, Brian and Brett of El Paso and Marshall and Kaye King, Lance and Lincoln of Earth.

The Saturday before Christmas, Robert and Frances Duke had an early Christmas for Larry and Lori Duke, Ashlee and Alyssa of Lubbock, and they had dinner. Lori's mother, Frances Rinehart of Addison, and Lori's brothers, Rick Rinehart and his wife, Mary, and daughter, Jennifer of Seguin, and Bill Rinehart and his wife, Irene, and three sons, David, Robert and John, of Gonzales, came for a late lunch.

On Christmas Eve after the Methodist Church candlelight service, Robert and Frances Duke went to Canyon and spent the night with Sandra Duke and had their Christmas tree with her on Christmas and then went to Lubbock to spend the rest of the day with Larry and Lori and girls and their guests.

Sunday was a full day for the church with Sunday School and then guests Bob and Ginie Ayres and a friend, Lu Ann Jones of the Dallas area. They are musical evangelists and had charge of the song service. They are friends of Brent and Leslie Childers. Brent preached and there was dinner at the church. After that, they held the regular business meeting which is usually held on Sunday nights. Other guests in the service were Heather La Vigne of Amarillo, who was with the Childers family, and Vanessa Carrasco of Hart. Rob played the guitar and both he and Ginie sang, both with and without accompaniment tapes. They sing Southern Gospel and country music.

Tex and Norma Conard also were visitors in the morning services, Sunday School and the worship service. In the conference after dinner, the church called Rev. Brent Childers of Amarillo as a bi-vocational pastor. He will give his answer next Sunday.



Harvest Family Church welcomes Reid as pastor

The Harvest Family Church, located at 500 S. Hwy. 385, has named Gary Reid as its new pastor.

Reid and his wife, Sheri, have three children including 6-year-old Tiffany, 4-year-old Whitney and 2-1/2-year-old Skyley. The family hopes to relocate to the Dimmitt area as soon as possible.

"The people of the church and the community have been very gracious to us and we look forward to many years of ministry here," said Reid.

The Reids are both graduates of the Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla., where they studied to become ministers under Rev. Kenneth Hagin, founder and president of Rhema. He graduated in 1988 and she graduated in 1990.

Gary Reid was raised as a Southern Baptist preacher's son and he says he "has a real heart to see people accept Jesus Christ as their saviour as well as establish a foundation of God's word in their lives."

"Our goal is to reach the lost in Dimmitt and surrounding communities," Reid said.

He says his goal is "to preach and teach the power of God's word with love and compassion, inspiring believers to move in that force of love and faith. I believe this will open life changing circumstances to help people grow and mature spiritually to become more like Jesus Our Lord."

Chamber of Commerce banquet is planned

Nominations are due Jan. 19 for recipients of Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year awards, which are announced annually at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office.

The banquet will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building. Entertainment will be provided by "The Great Rodini," Rod Davis of Lubbock, who presents a comedy and magic act.

Paul Kenley will serve as master of ceremonies. A door prize of two Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental US will be given away, but the winner must be present.

Tickets are \$15 each for adults and \$10 for students age 18 and under. The tickets may be purchased in advance at the Chamber office, Tots and Teens, Sheffy's Western &

Casual Wear, and The Village Shop. The meal will be a steak supper catered by the Methodist Men.

City attorney is a taxpayer, too!

Add Dimmitt's city attorney to the list of irate taxpayers.

When City Manager Reeford Burrous proposed a hike in water deposits at Monday night's City Council meeting, he got a quick protest from City Attorney Jack Edwards, who was sitting right next to him.

Noting that the city had lost \$1,346.54 over and above forfeited water deposits last year, Burrous recommended hiking the deposit from \$25 to \$50.

Burrous said the minimum monthly charge for residential water, sewer service and trash collection is \$21, and that when someone lets a bill go past due and then moves, the current \$25 deposit isn't enough to cover the bill.

Director of Administration Jo Hamilton estimated that the city has 20 to 30 such "turnovers" per month.

But when Burrous made his \$50 recommendation, Edwards sounded off.

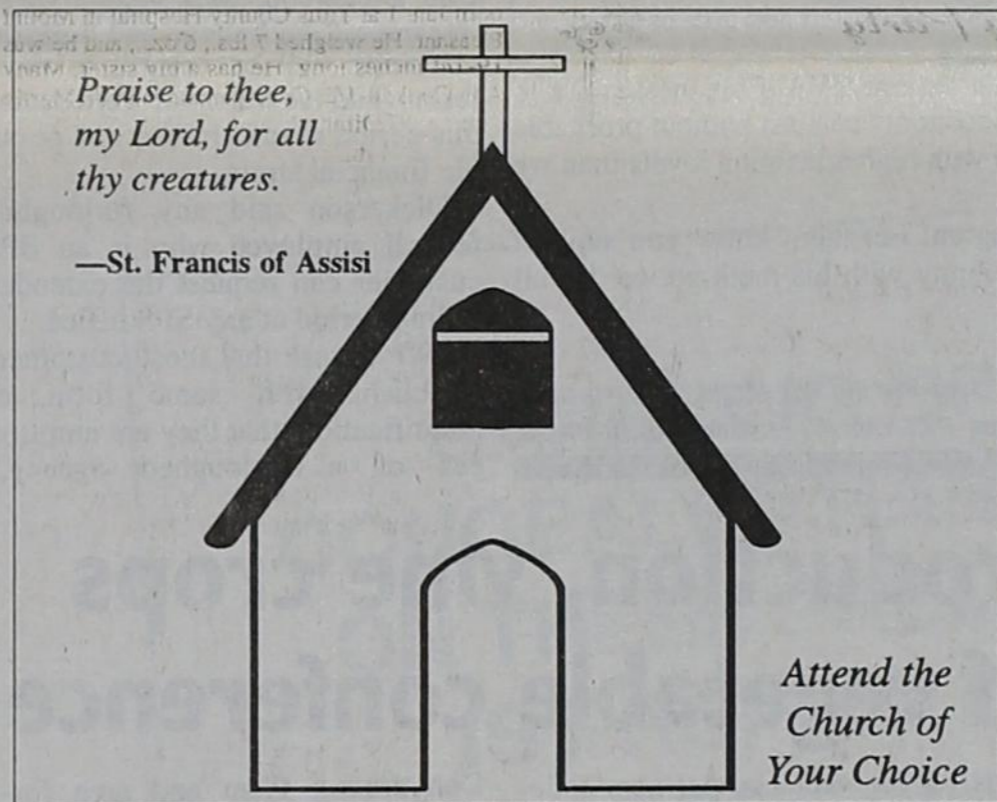
"You're hollering about losing \$1,300, but you've got a deposit fund of \$40,000 that you're drawing interest on," Edwards said. "Are you saying you don't draw enough interest to cover the losses?"

He added, "I've got two kids in college, and it seems like all I do is make deposits."

The council didn't bring it up for a vote.

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Two apples plus one apple . . .

When I was introduced to math in the first grade, my teacher often used apples to simplify the learning process. Mrs. Irvin would take two apples and ask the class how many apples she was holding. "Two," we would answer with enthusiasm. All except Johnny. Johnny might answer "one" or "three" because math just wasn't Johnny's strong subject.

Later, Mrs. Irvin taught us about addition and subtraction. To help us understand, she held up two apples, then added another. "Two apples plus one apple is how many apples?" she asked. "Three, the class would respond. Except Johnny. Johnny might guess four, five or two apples. No, Johnny didn't need glasses. He just wasn't very good at math.

Soon we had to add and subtract in the same problem. Mrs. Irvin would call a student to the front of the room to help her. "I'm going to give Carol two apples," Mrs. Irvin said as she handed Carol two apples. "Now, I'm going to give Carol two more apples. How many apples does she have?" The big challenge came when Mrs. Irvin asked for one apple back. Johnny was confused.

Remember, Carol started with two apples, then two more were added. Then Mrs. Irvin took one back. When she asked if Carol had more apples (three) than when she started (two), everyone said yes except Johnny. He reasoned that since Mrs. Irvin had taken away one apple, Carol couldn't have more apples than when she started.

Years passed and Mrs. Irvin retired. All of my classmates have good jobs and are productive citizens. All except Johnny. Johnny is a US Congressman. Oh sure, he has a great job, but he still struggles with his math.

When more is less

Some members of Johnny's political party are claiming that members of the other party are slashing needed benefits for the poor and elderly. However their math isn't very good.

Actually, spending is up. That's right, every proposed budget includes additional spending. There are no cuts, only slight reductions in the rate of growth. Welfare, Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid will all receive more money next year.

Don't be fooled. The Federal government will spend more money in 1996 than it spent in 1995. School children won't go hungry, welfare recipients won't lose their benefits and senior citizens will still receive superior health care.

You must understand how the budget process works to know that cuts aren't reductions. The budget is a plan—a proposal for future spending. Let's assume we're spending \$1 billion (one apple) this fiscal year. All agencies ask for more money next year and the budget (not actual spending, just the proposal) grows to \$2 billion (two apples). Congress reduces the agencies' requests to \$1.5 billion (one apple plus half of another). Was spending cut? Will programs suffer? No!

A heart of concern

I do not write this column out of hate, spite or political bias. Rather, I write from a concerned heart.

We have a great country. God has blessed us. However, we must take control of government spending if we are to maintain our quality of life. Not through revolution or overthrow, but through our constitutionally mandated process. We must elect men and women who understand and accept fiscal and social responsibility.

We must slow the rate of growth at the federal level if businesses are to grow and be profitable. No free enterprise economy can last without profitable businesses. No country has ever survived with higher taxation levels than we now have.

Write your representatives in Washington. Let them know you support slowing the rate of growth. Let's help Johnny with his math so we can all enjoy a slice of apple pie.

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

Llano Estacado Conference set for Wednesday in Olton

The concerns of cotton growers in Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties will be addressed at the Llano Estacado Cotton Conference set for Wednesday at the Olton Ag Pavilion, US Highway 70 at Avenue D, Olton, beginning at 8 a.m.

Other regional conferences also are planned so that cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1996 growing season by gaining valuable information. The sessions will begin Monday, continuing through Jan. 25, with a sixth set for Feb. 20. Starting time is 8 a.m. each day.

Each conference will provide continuing education units which growers need to comply with state environmental regulations. Registration fees include meals and advance registration is desired. Growers may register with their county extension office.

National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations,

national and international policy and marketing strategies.

Opening the series Monday will be the Southern Mesa Cotton conference at the Dawson County Annex building, 609 North First St., Lamesa. It will focus upon concerns for growers in Dawson, Borden, Garza, Scurry, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell and Howard counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Tuesday and Wednesday at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on US Highway 62. It will address needs of growers in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Swisher and Briscoe counties.

The West Plains Cotton Conference will be Jan. 18 in the Women's building at the Hockley County Fairgrounds in Levelland. It will especially target cotton production in Cochran and Hockley counties.

The Hub City Cotton conference will be Jan. 24-25 in the Lubbock Civic Center. While focusing on Lubbock County production, it also will address concerns across the South Plains.

The sixth program, the Sandy Land Cotton Conference, will be

Feb. 20 in Seminole. It will address the needs of growers in Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Producers from throughout the region are welcome at any of the conferences, noted Dr. Bob Robinson. Extension Service district director. However, space is limited and producers should register early with the appropriate county extension agent.

The six conferences are a result of the highly successful Caprock Cotton Conference presented in Crosbyton each January for several years by the Extension Service. Last year three conferences were held, in Floydada, Lamesa and Olton.

"The Caprock Cotton Conference, and the additional conferences this year, are a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers," Robinson said.

Robinson said the series of conferences was devised to allow more growers to take part and to fully address specific concerns in different growing regions of the South Plains. All focus on three statewide Extension Service issues: economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and communities; water quality and conservation; and environment and natural resources.

Co-sponsoring the conferences with the Extension Service are American Cyanamid, Ciba Geigy Corp., Delta & Pine Land Co., Gustafson, Inc., Monsanto, Payne Irrigation, Rhone-Poulenc, Wilbur Ellis and Zeneca.



Bob Gleason

Gleason retires from Swisher REC

Bob Gleason has retired after 33 years with Swisher Electric Cooperative, and a retirement reception will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday at the cooperative office in Tulsa.

Gleason has worked in the rural electrification field for 46 years. He began his career in his home town of Council Grove, Kan. He worked summers for Flint Hills Electric Cooperative and eventually started working full-time with a contractor hired by the co-op. He went to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative in El Dorado, Kan., and worked as a construction crew chief for 10 years. On June 16, 1962, he started working as manager of electric operations for Swisher Electric.

Swisher Electric Cooperative members and friends and relatives of Gleason are invited to the reception.

SPS to extend due date of federal employee bills

Furloughed federal employees will receive one break in their monthly budgets thanks to Southwestern Public Service Co., which announced last week that it will extend for up to 30 days the due date on its electric bills owed by the federal employees.

"The date the bill is due to be paid will be extended up to 30 days for furloughed federal employees," said Bob Dickerson, SPS secretary and treasurer. "We believe and hope the extension will be helpful to those furloughed federal employees during this period of uncertainty and possible financial strain.

Dickerson said any furloughed federal employee who is an SPS customer can request the extended billing period at any SPS office.

"We do ask that those customers establish, with some form of identification, that they are employees of a furloughed agency,"

Dickerson said. "We'll work with each affected customer on an individual basis to establish the actual length of the due date extension for that customer."

If the partial federal government shutdown continues for a longer period than generally anticipated, and the 30-day due-date extension seems insufficient, SPS later will consider other means to assist furloughed federal employees, Dickerson added.

Diversified production, vine crops to be focus of vegetable conference

An integrated pest management workshop for melons and vine crops will be featured at the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford on Tuesday.

Theme of this year's conference is "Integrated Management of Diversified Vegetable Crops." The conference is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

The program has been approved by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for five continuing education units for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators. Applicators are required to obtain five CEUs of training each year to retain certification. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

"Well over 10,000 acres of vine crops are grown on the Texas High Plains," said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist at Lubbock who has coordinated the conference since 1971.

"We will present the current pest management technology for melons and other vine crops, with information from entomologists, plant pathologists and horticulturists," he said.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Josiah (Jody) Worthington, research horticulturist with the Experiment Station at Stephenville.

"Producers have grown more than 50,000 pounds of marketable melons an acre using Worthington's methods," Roberts said.

Among the topics to be covered at the conference are pesticide laws and regulations, the potential for Jerusalem artichoke, control of weeds in melons and vine crops, water requirements and irrigation schedul-

ing for vegetable crops, nematode controls for potatoes, pepper stand enhancement, market potential, health maintenance and insect control of melons, cucumbers and pumpkins, and the use of biological controls.

Reports also will be heard on the valuable support of area vegetable growers for the Breedlove Food

Dehydration Plant and area food banks.

The conference includes meetings of the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council and its Potato Research Committee. Some 25 exhibits and educational displays will be presented by agribusiness professionals serving the vegetable industry.

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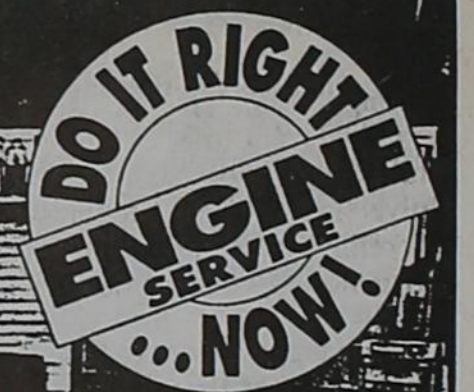
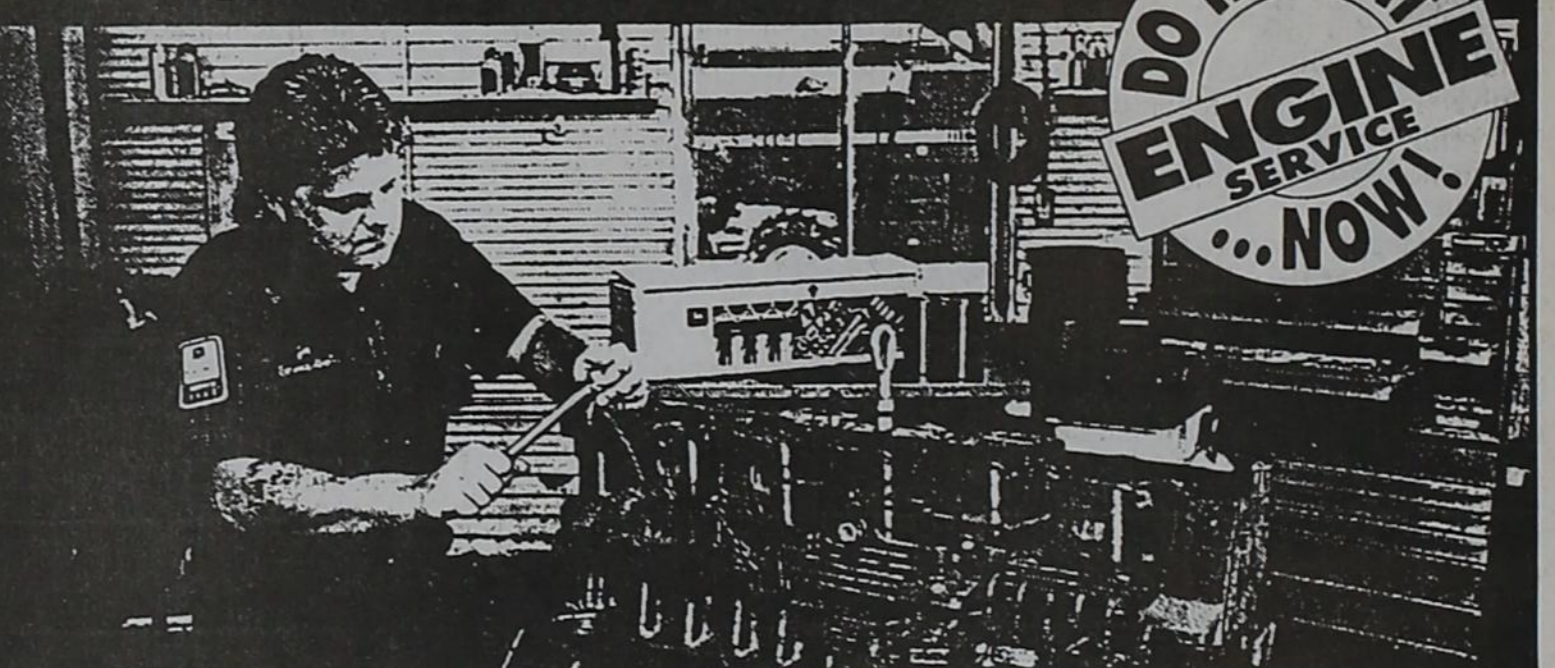
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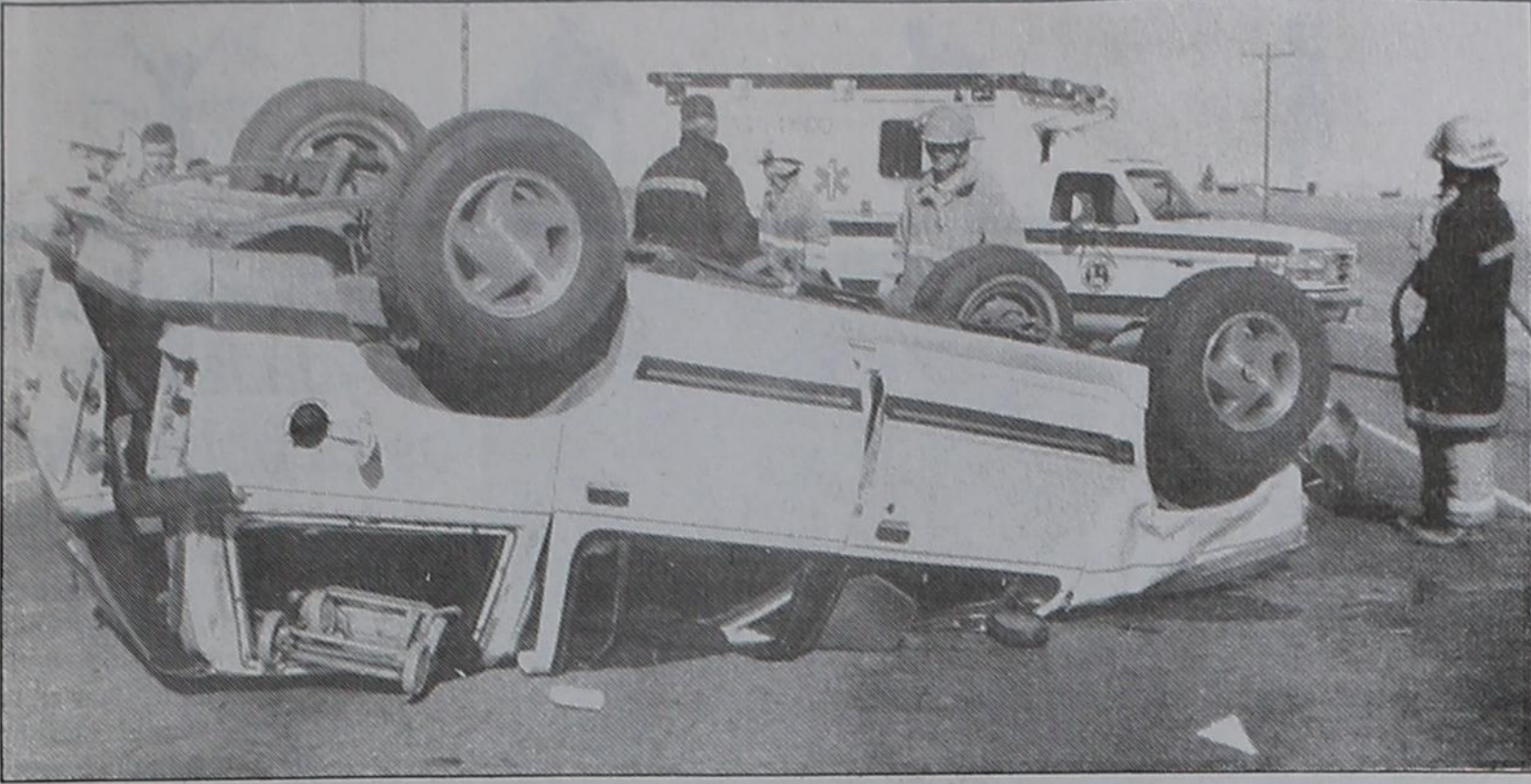
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out. Her 15-month-old daughter, Samantha, escaped with only bruises. Herriage was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance and was air lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she underwent surgery Monday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Consumers say farmers are most credible food information source

Farmers are considered by consumers to be the most credible source of reliable information about the foods Americans eat while food labels are the second most credible source, according to results of the second annual American Food Consumer Survey.

A significant majority of those surveyed said that more education about how American foods are produced is needed in the nation's public school curriculum, and that this education should begin at the grade school level.

The food information sources considered as "most credible" by the survey's respondents included farmers (26%), food labels (19%), family and friends (14%), food industry (10%), educators (9%), government agencies (9%), grocers or supermarkets (6%), news media (4%) and advertising (3%).

Consumers in the survey indicated by an overwhelming 92% that more education about how foods are produced should be incorporated into the nation's public school classrooms, while 81% of these said such instruction should begin in grade school. The food industry was considered the most reliable source for instructional materials and information by 38% of respondents, versus 31% for educators and 25% for scientists.

The survey asked more than 3,500 consumers from across the country about their attitudes, practices and sources of knowledge concerning their food supply. One of the largest annual surveys in the food industry, it was conducted during August and September by the nation's top 4-H and FFA youth leaders making up the American Agribusiness

Ambassadors. The survey found consumers predicting that more detailed information about the foods they eat will become available to them in the future. More than half of the respondents said they expect more consumer food educational programs to emerge in the future, and that farmers and the food industry are the most responsible sources of information for educating consumers about how their foods are produced.

The survey also found that: ♦74% of the people surveyed believe that farmers should use high yield farming technology to feed our growing population.

♦63% of those surveyed feel that the food they consume is safe.

♦The greatest concerns among respondents about our food supply are in the areas of water contamination, bacterial contamination and pesticide use.

The second annual survey was conducted as a visitor intercept questionnaire at state fairs and major festivals in 20 states across the country. The American Agribusiness Ambassadors conducted the survey as a nationwide research project.

Ag forum to examine farm bill, state issues

A progress report on the 1995 federal farm bill and discussion of critical agricultural issues at the state level will share the spotlight during the Texas Agricultural Forum in Waco on Wednesday.

The forum will be held in conjunction with the annual Blackland Income Growth (BIG) Conference at the Waco Convention Center.

Producers, agricultural commodity and business leaders and government officials will take part in the forum, which will begin at 8:15 a.m. Anyone interested in the state's food and fiber production system is invited to attend. The \$25 registration fee, payable at the door, includes lunch.

Keynote speakers will be Keith Collins, chief economist with the US Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.; US Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stanford; Woody Anderson, chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and Larry Soward, Texas deputy commissioner of agriculture.

The luncheon speaker for BIG and the forum will be Marcus Hill, president of Agricultural Workers Mutual Insurance Co., who will present the principles of "success."

"The Agricultural Forum Steering Committee has put together a very timely and informative program," said Dr. Ed Smith, coordinator of the meeting. Smith is the Distinguished Roy B. Davis Professor of Agricultural Cooperation at Texas A&M University and is an economist and marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and forum steering committee chairman will open the forum at 9 a.m.

The morning session will focus on the federal farm bill yet to be enacted. Collins and Stenholm will address the status and impacts of this legislation. A panel of producers and agribusiness leaders will express their reactions and offer their views on local impacts. Panelists will be

John Baker, grain producer and member of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission; Scott Felton, rancher and banker; Charles Lindsey, dairyman and BIG chairman; and Craig Shook, president of Texas Cotton Producers.

The afternoon session will be devoted to state issues. Anderson will present an update on the boll weevil eradication program. Soward will discuss issues important to the state's agriculture.

Conference to focus on grazing rangeland and CRP acreage

Grazing rangeland and CRP acreage will be discussed at the seventh annual Southern Plains Conference, "Recovering the Art of Grazing," on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The meeting will open with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the North Meeting Hall of the Civic Center.

Speakers will include Nazareth native Alan Birkenfeld, a farmer and bank loan officer, who will take part in a panel discussion.

Registration is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$5 for students, and that fee includes refreshments and a noon meal. Tickets for a Friday concert will be \$10 per person and tickets are limited to 125 people. Pre-registration and concert tickets may be purchased by mail at Southwestern Plains Conference, 223 Greenwood, Hereford 79045. For more information call Virginia Artho at (806) 364-5429.

Jay O'Brien, past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and manager of three ranches is among the speakers scheduled to address the convention.

J. Michael Harter, a teacher at Austin Middle School in Amarillo, will provide a geologic history of our region's grasslands.

Dr. David Murrah, director of the Southwest Collection and Associate Director of Libraries for Special Collections at Texas Tech University will discuss the role of drought in grazing.

Peggy Sechrist, rancher and executive director of Holistic Resource Management of Texas, Inc., will be the keynote speaker, and she will present an approach for increasing

grazing profits through improving the natural resource base.

Sechrist formerly helped direct the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's office of Sustainable Agriculture.

Panelists include Dr. Ron Thomason, professor of plant science in the Division of Agriculture at West Texas A&M University, who will address the scientific approach to controlled grazing. Sally Youngblood, rancher and co-owner of the Rocking H Ranch near Lefors will discuss healthy calves and weaning weights as affected by grazing practices.

Birkenfeld will present a plan for paddock grazing systems for small acreages. Jenny Pluhar, range management consultant from Canyon and co-author of *Texas Range Plants* will discuss pasture management for CRP acreage.

Performing for the conference and for a concert Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall Theatre in the Amarillo Art Center will be award-winning cowboy poets and singing artists Buck Ramsey and Andy Wilkinson, both recipients of the National Heritage Foundation Award. A special collection for the High Plains Food Bank will be taken at the concert and conference. Items to be collected are non-perishable food, toiletry, paper and baby items.

Approximately 35 exhibit booths will feature topics relating to grazing, sustainable agriculture, regional culture, photography and art. Demonstrations include spur-making by Wayne Dollar of Hereford.

Bottom line course set

South Plains College is offering Bottom Line Farming classes in Dimmitt. The classes are designed to help area farmers learn more about borrowing.

Classes will meet from 3 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22-26.

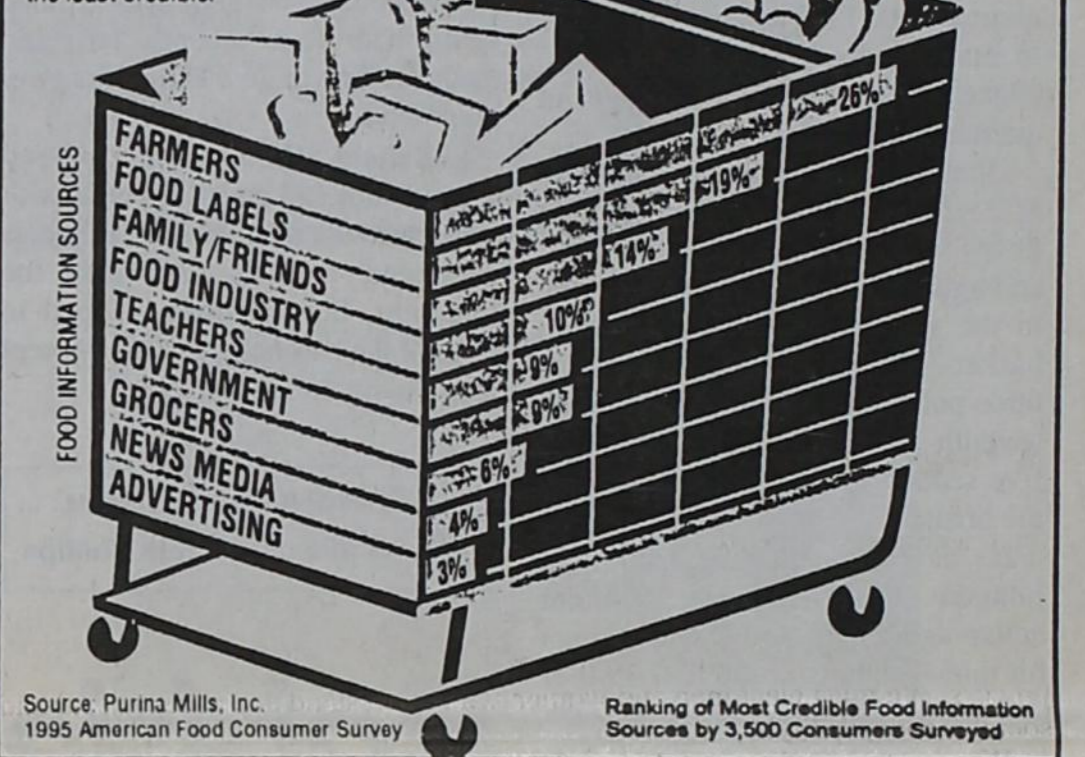
Interested persons may register at the Rural Economic and Community Development office in Dimmitt or call the office at 647-5141. Cost is \$350 per person and the instructor will be John Norwood.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited. The course includes 36 classroom hours and covers such topics as goal setting and priority management, interpretation and use of financial statements, strategic planning, operational planning and other practical aspects of farm management.

The curriculum was developed by Ron Presley, SPC assistant professor of agribusiness, in conjunction with the Texas A&M Extension service and Texas Rural Communities because of a Farmers' Home Administration mandate requiring that all FHA direct and guaranteed borrowers complete and pass educational courses involving agricultural finance and agricultural production.

MOST CREDIBLE FOOD INFORMATION SOURCES

A recent nationwide consumer survey found that farmers and food labels were considered the most credible sources of reliable information about the foods Americans eat, while advertising and the news media were the least credible.



Dimmitt is Magical because... of the people. —Phillip York

First aid, CPR classes planned

The Panhandle-Plains chapter of the American Red Cross will hold instructor classes in first aid and CPR Saturday and Sunday in Plainview.

The classes will be held at the YMCA in Plainview, with the Saturday class being planned from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the Sunday class scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m.

Cost of the class is \$35 and that fee includes instructor books.

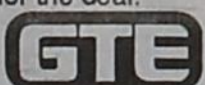
Anyone interested in registering for the class should call the Red Cross office in Plainview at (806) 293-1205; or the chapter in Hereford at (806) 364-3761.

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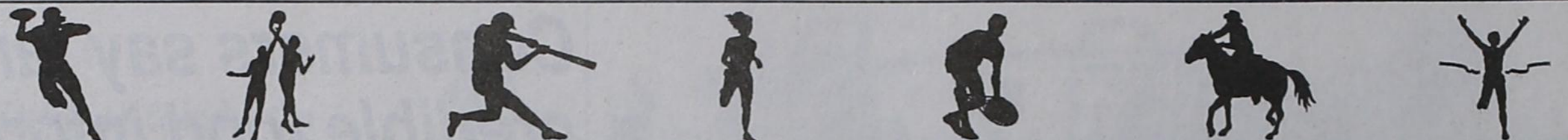
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Sports



Bobcats (finally) defeat Wildcats

After spotting Littlefield a 10-point lead twice in the third quarter, the Dimmitt Bobcats surged back to take a 64-62 win Tuesday night at Littlefield.

Littlefield used a barrage of seven treys in the first half and another two early in the second half to help build big leads twice in the game, but Dimmitt came back to tie, then eventually win the game in the fourth period.

The win was the first in four years at Littlefield for the Bobcats, and avenged a particularly ugly loss to the 'Cats last season.

The games were almost the same: last year, as this year, the Wildcats hit a bunch of treys. In fact, Cody Favor was the top sharpshooter for Littlefield on both occasions, but last year he performed his deadly outside work from the bench in the fourth quarter. This time he did it from the start.

Tuesday, Littlefield made its first four shots, three of them treys as the Wildcats jumped to an 11-6 lead. Dimmitt came back to take the lead with 2:01 to go in the first on a Brandon Smith trey at 13-11.

Favor hit his second trey of the quarter with 1:05 to go in the period to retake the lead at 14-13. Littlefield edged to a 19-16 advantage at quarter's end.

Dimmitt came back to take the lead at 23-22 on a Justin Newman free throw with 5:16 to play in the half, and again at 26-25 with 4:31 to play in the second on an Omar Rascon basket. The Bobcats eased out to a three-point lead, but Littlefield hit its seventh trey of the half in the last five seconds to tie the score at 32 at the break.

In the third quarter, Littlefield jumped out to an early 10-point advantage. Favor and David Abeyta hit three-pointers in the first 1:30 of the second half, and Brian Mosley came off the bench for three inside buckets to boost the Wildcats to a 44-34 lead.

Dimmitt came back, with two buckets each by Larra and Chad Ellis to cut it back to a two-point game, but the Bobcats had three-straight turnovers that were cashed in for Wildcats baskets. Quicker than a wink, Littlefield was up 50-40, then 50-42 at quarter's end.

Then came the comeback.

The turnaround came as much on defense as on offense. The Bobcats did have to make up an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but forced five Wildcat turnovers and allowed only four Littlefield baskets.

Meanwhile, Dimmitt made 10 baskets and two of six free throws to take the win.

Newman, double-teamed often, took advantage of foul trouble on Littlefield's inside people to lead the charge. Newman had three baskets in the quarter and hit two key free throws to help lead Dimmitt.

Smith hit his second basket of the fourth quarter with 5:20 left to tie the score at 53, then Ellis gave Dimmitt the lead with a basket with 4:58 to go at 55-53.

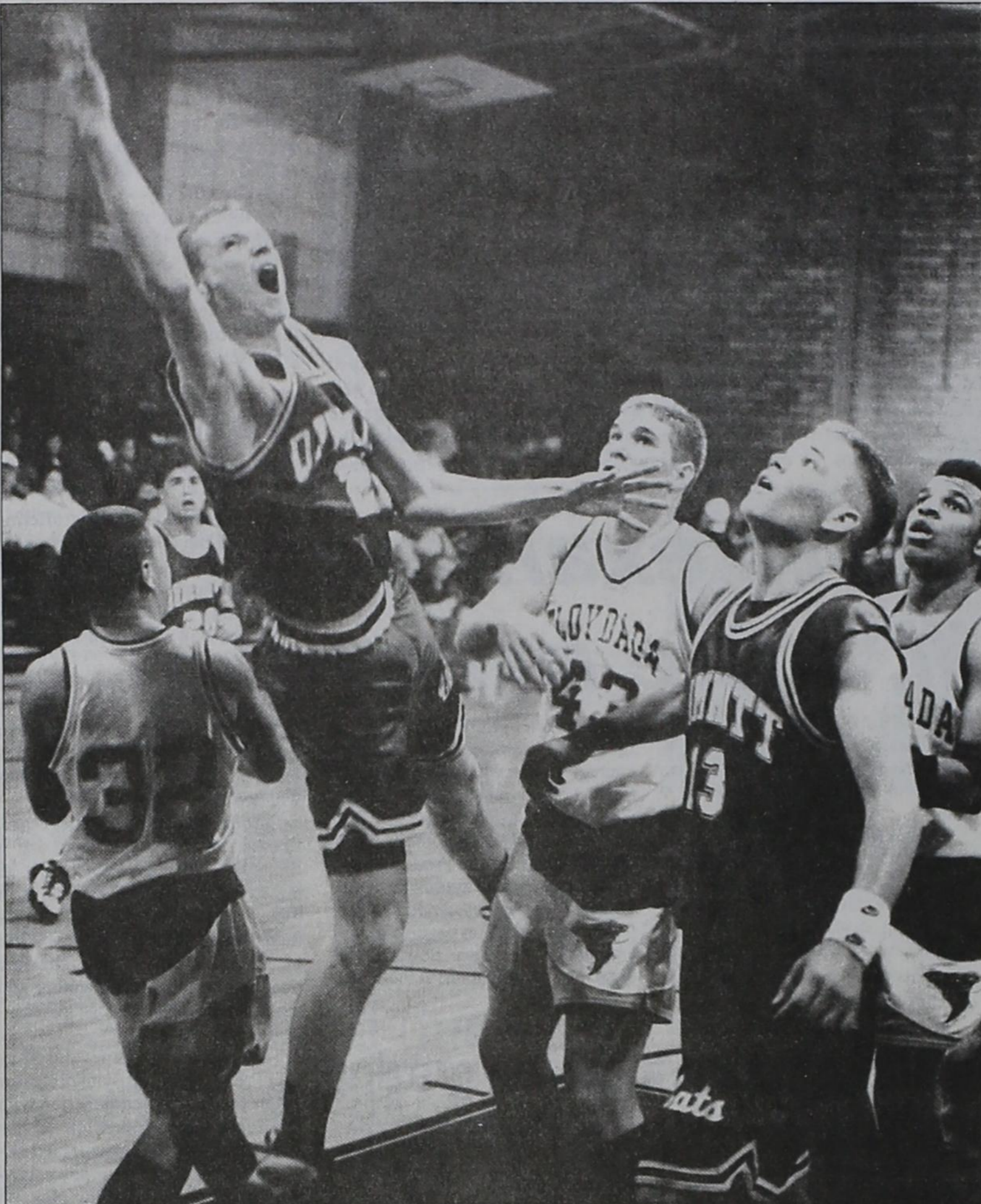
Littlefield came back to take the lead twice more, the last time at 60-59. Newman came back to give Dimmitt the lead for good in the last minute with a tough put-back at 61-60, then scored again to give Dimmitt a 63-62 lead.

Littlefield worked the ball into the forecourt with just over 10 seconds to play, but tough defense by Larra and Nino out front forced the turnover. The Bobcats worked the ball into the forecourt, where Newman was intentionally fouled with five seconds left.

Newman missed both free throws, but the Bobcats maintained possession. Newman was fouled again with four seconds left, and made the first to give Dimmitt a two-point lead.

Littlefield rebounded the missed second shot and called timeout with three seconds to play. The Wildcats attempted a long pass into the forecourt, but Newman stepped in front of the baseball pass to intercept it and hang on for the win.

Dimmitt is magical because... of friends. --Sue Phillips



'GERONIMO!'—Dimmitt post Justin Newman is fouled and thrown off balance as he puts up a shot in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' District 2-AAA opener at Floydada Friday night. He sank one of two free throws to hike the Bobcats' lead to 62-43 with 3:22 remaining. Following Newman's shot in right foreground is teammate Chad Ellis (13). The Bobcats went on to defeat the Whirlwinds, 67-43, as Newman finished with 15 points and Ellis with 20. Photo by Don Nelson

Matthews blocks Floydada rally as Bobbies win

Amber Matthews literally blocked a Floydada comeback Friday in a 55-48 win by the Bobbies at Floydada.

Matthews, a six-foot sophomore, blocked two shots in consecutive possessions in the third quarter, another later in the period, and then two down the stretch in the fourth to turn back a huge Floydada rally.

Dimmitt had run up a 23-point lead in the third quarter, only to see Floydada charge back to within four, 52-48, in the last minute.

Dimmitt's defense allowed it to roll up the big early lead, but lack of ballhandling in the fourth quarter and a let-down on defense let the Lady 'Winds back in the game. Dimmitt had just six turnovers in the first three quarters, but turned it over six times in the last eight minutes.

The seven-point final margin belied Dimmitt's dominance in the middle quarters. The Bobbies outscored Floydada 32-10 over a 15 minute period to go up by as much as 40-17 with two minutes to go in the third quarter.

Floydada had a brief run in the lead early in the game before the Bobbies found the range three minutes into the game. Matthews scored the team's first two points on two free throws with 5:26 to go in the first, then Kara Josselet made the team's first basket with 4:03 to go in the first to tie the score at four.

Jacy Buckley put Dimmitt in the lead for good with a basket with 1:25 to go in the first, 8-7. Amy Ethridge then got a nice feed and a pick by Buckley to score with two seconds left in the period for a 10-7 lead.

In the second quarter, Emily Roberson hit back-to-back baskets to start a Dimmitt run that fed a 23-14 lead at halftime.

In the third, Matthews had three baskets to go along with her three blocks to fuel Dimmitt to its big lead. Dimmitt jumped from nine ahead at the break to a 17-3 run. In fact, after Victoria Cummings connected on a three-point play, Dimmitt ran off the next 14 points.

The run was fed largely by the Dimmitt press, which earned turnovers on five straight Floydada possessions.

Then Floydada starting coming back, turning the tables by forcing two Dimmitt turnovers in the last minute of the third period. That helped start the Lady 'Winds on the way back to almost steal the district win from the Bobbies.

Sophomore guard Amanda Green bolstered Floydada's chances with three big baskets and a free throw to cut a big chunk from the lead. Senior guard Lacy Golightly hit a trey, her only basket of the contest, to make it 50-44 with 1:44 to play.

The teams traded baskets and free throws, before a walking call on Dimmitt with 1:04 to play. Floydada took advantage of the turnover to rack up a basket by Victoria Cummings (the game's high scorer with 15 points) to make it a four-point game with 55 seconds left.

Floydada chose the wrong person to foul, though, sending Carrie Bradley to the stripe for two shots with 41 seconds to go. Bradley made both shots to give Dimmitt a six-point lead. Matthews then made the first of two shots with 32 seconds to play for the final margin.

Bradley led Dimmitt with 13 points.

Bobbies battered at Littlefield

Buddy, can ya spare a crutch?

The Dimmitt Bobbies looked like that picture of the American patriots during the American Revolution. Remember the one where one has a flag, one a fife and one a drum. They look like they have been through the gates of hell, or worse.

That was a lot like what the Dimmitt Bobbies went through Tuesday in a tough 44-42 loss at Littlefield.

Dimmitt played most of the game without its two seniors, three-year starters Amy Ethridge and Kara Josselet. They hurt their ankles in the

first half.

Sophomore Jacy Buckley hurt her knee in the third quarter, and Shawna Kenworthy played the last seconds in tears and pain after getting hammered on a play.

Through it all, Dimmitt held the lead until late in the game, but was fortunate to have five healthy players to take the floor.

"Our girls have nothing to hang their heads about," said Dimmitt coach Jan Newland after the game. "They gave it everything they had. They were getting killed out there and stuck it out."

Dimmitt led much of the first quarter and was up by four, 13-9, after the first eight minutes.

Ethridge left the game just 24 seconds into the second quarter when she twisted an ankle. She hobbled off the court and into the training room. She got taped up and came back to try to go late in the half, but couldn't make a go of it.

Littlefield took advantage of Ethridge's absence and foul trouble for Buckley and Emily Roberson to go up 19-16 midway through the second quarter. Josselet tied it with a trey with 3:20 to go in the half, but was out of the game for good a few seconds later after getting hammered on a rebound.

Neither team scored a basket after Josselet's trey, but Marty Carr hit one of two free throws with 1:02 left in the half to give Littlefield a 20-19 lead at the break.

In the third, Trissi Walden scored Littlefield's only six points as Dimmitt started extending its lead. Buckley scored with 6:50 left in the third to put Dimmitt up 21-20 before Walden hit back-to-back baskets to put Littlefield up 24-23.

Kenworthy hit a basket with 4:44 to go in the third for a 25-24 lead, then Amber Matthews hit a couple free throws to boost the lead to three. Another Matthews basket and a Carrie Bradley hoop gave Dimmitt a 29-26 lead after three periods. Buckley left the game with 3:50 to go in the third with a left knee injury. Her status, and that of the other injured players, was up in the air Wednesday morning at press time, but Newland was optimistic they would be ready for top-10 ranked Muleshoe on Friday in the home district opener.

Dimmitt traded baskets with the Lady Cats early in the fourth, then

DYF will meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Ag Shop and all members are urged to attend.

Entry cards for the Castro County Livestock Show must be turned in on or before Jan. 29.



BATTLING IN THE PAINT — Dimmitt's Jacy Buckley completes a steal that was initiated by Carrie Bradley (on floor at right) in Floydada's frontcourt during the Bobbies' District 2-AAA opener Friday night at Floydada. In right background is point guard Kara Josselet (13). The Bobbies built a 24-point lead in the third quarter, then won the game by a 55-48 count. Photo by Don Nelson

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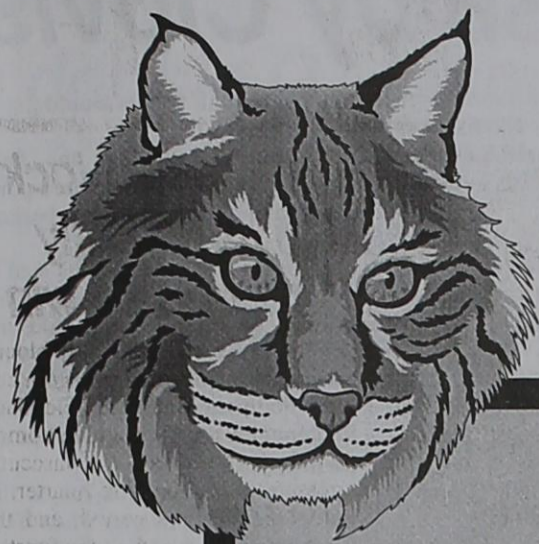
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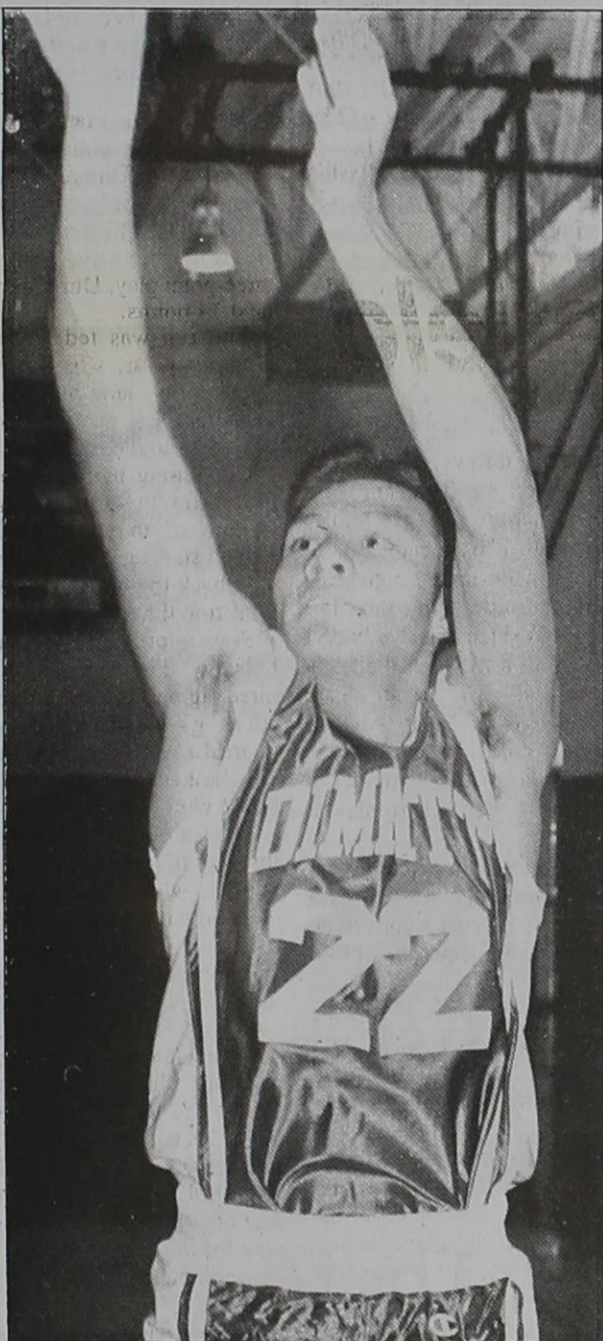
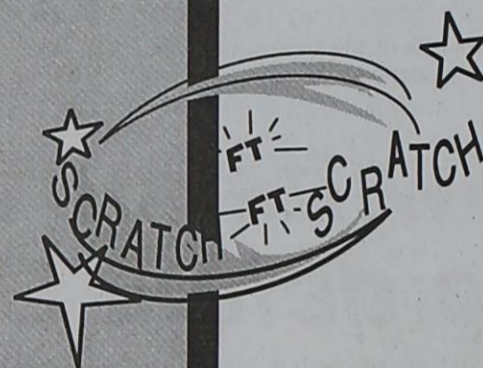


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Bobcats

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