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## Hospital district launches 'master plan'

After adopting a 1999-2000 budget last Thursday night, the hospital board voted to put its "master plan" in motion, a move which Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan said "will insure the viability of (the hospital) for the next 15 or 20 years."

The initial phase of the master plan is to install a state-of-the-art Computerized Tomography (cat-scan) machine at the hospital.

The cat-scan will need its own building, and the master plan calls for housing an addition onto the central part of the hospital (Halsell Street side) and incorporating part of the administrative area into that addition. To make room for the cat-scan

facilities, the hospital's therapy departments will be moved out of the hospital and into the west end of the Medical Center of Dimmitt, where a doughnut shop was once located. Then the administrative offices that the cat-scan addition displaces will be moved to the southeast wing where the therapy departments are now set up.

Kelly Wood Company of Amarillo was the lowest of five bidders on the renovation required at the clinic and the hospital for the cat-scan project. The Wood Company's bid was for \$251,000, and also included the lowest number of anticipated working days (100). Other bids ranged up to

\$353,000 and 240 working days.

To insure that the project proceeds on schedule and doesn't jeopardize the hospital district's cash position, the board—after a lot of discussion—authorized the administration to borrow up to \$800,000 at the favorable rate (one-half of prime) available to tax-supported institutions.

"I'm going to try to fund as much as we can out of cash," Sloan said, "but at the point where we would jeopardize ourselves by letting our cash position get too low, we will go ahead and use that line of credit."

The new budget anticipates a net income of \$850,304 for the hospital district in fiscal year 2000, including

\$1.2 million in property-tax revenue and \$250,000 in federal Disproportionate Share funding.

Sloan estimated that the cat-scan project "will probably fund most of the rest of the master plan," which calls for expanding the size, facilities and services of the hospital during the next decade.

"We're doing 20 to 30 cat-scans a month now (via a mobile unit that is brought in when needed), and we're paying about \$700 to \$800 a scan, and we're making very little on them," Sloan explained.

"But when we get this machine we're probably going to double that

number," he said. "That's what everybody in the field tells us."

"So if we do 40 to 50 scans a month, it's going to yield a lot of income. We'll draw customers from most of the neighboring towns for this service, because this will be the state-of-the-art machine in this area."

He added, "Borrowing money doesn't sound good, but what they're borrowing it for is an excellent investment."

"This board just took a bold step to insure the viability of this place for the next 15 or 20 years."

Along with the "master plan" commitment, the board also approved the

purchase of an IBM RS/6000 F-50 "one-way processor" at a cost of \$57,500, to increase the memory and processing capacity of all the district's departments, which are networked.

The upgrade was proposed by Dairyland, the company that developed and installed the district's computerized operations system.

The new 2000-2001 budget adopted last Thursday night anticipates a whopping \$14,097,911 in total operating revenue and \$250,000 in non-operating revenue.

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Dr. Robert Froehner of Dallas, who grew up here, has just discovered a meteorite that fell to earth near Dimmitt.

Actually, he discovered it on the World Wide Web.

It's being pictured there, and fragments of it are being sold for about \$4 per gram (\$1,800 per pound). There have been two eBay auctions within the past month that featured pieces of the Dimmitt meteorite, Robert reported.

The "rock" was originally picked up in a field near here about 1942, and apparently is fairly famous among meteorite collectors.

"When I was growing up in Dimmitt, I never really knew much about this interesting piece of history, although I can vaguely remember references to it," Robert said.

I'm trying to find out exactly when and where the meteorite was found. I have a slight inkling, but haven't had time to contact the people who I think may know something about it.

I've scanned all the issues in our 1942 bound volume, but could spot no story of a meteorite being found.

So I'm still trying to track it back to its landing place.

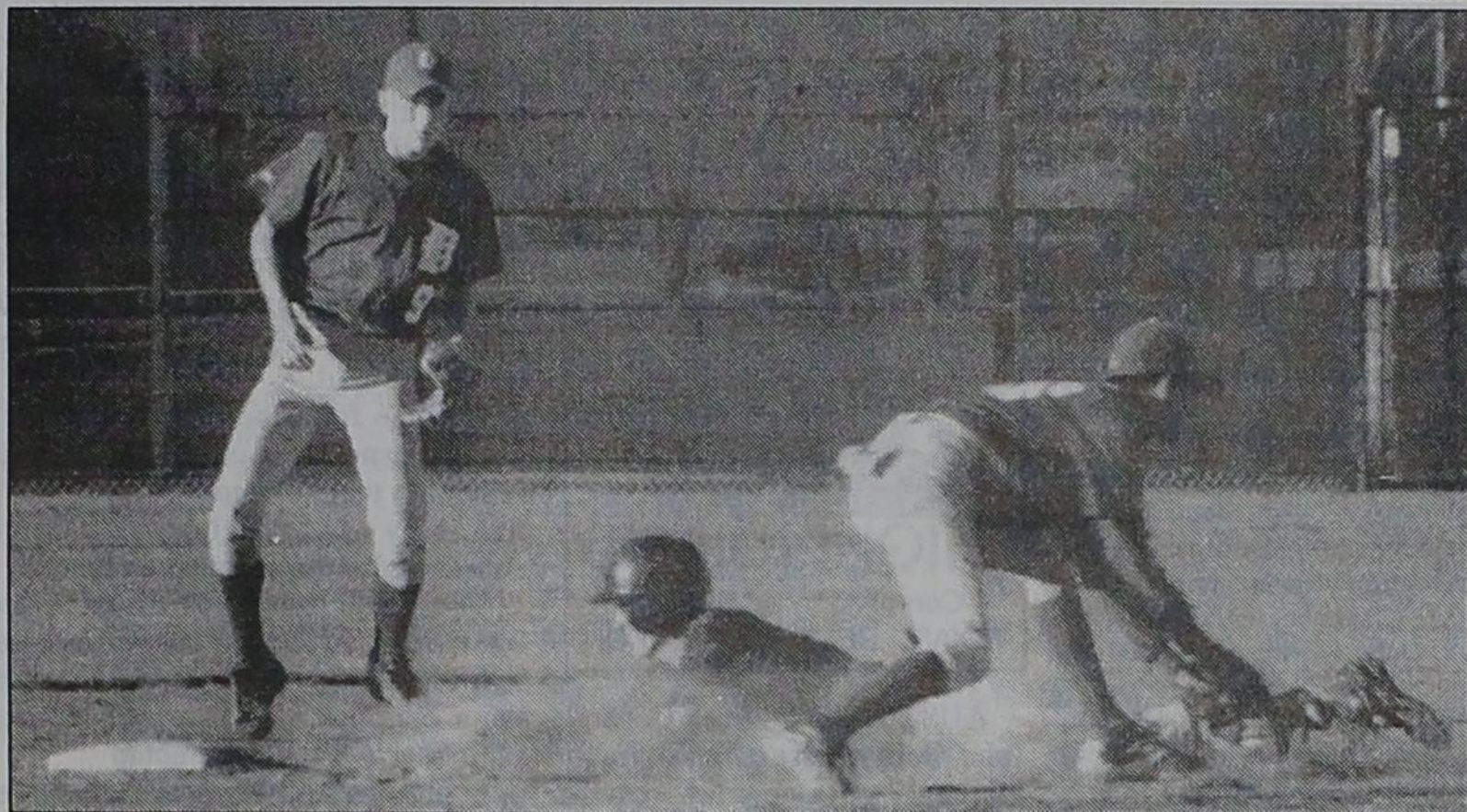
If you know anything about the meteorite, I would appreciate your letting me know.

Meanwhile, here are some websites that Robert sent along, where you can "discover" our meteorite for yourself while it's still hot. He thought it would be especially good as a project for some of our school kids:

<http://www.minresco.com/meteor/meteor7.htm>

[http://www.planetbray.com/web\\_sale\\_items/Dimmitt.html](http://www.planetbray.com/web_sale_items/Dimmitt.html)

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**SAFE? SAFE???**—Dimmitt shortstop Sammy Prieto goes for the tag at second base in the sixth inning of the Bobcats' game against the Tulia Hornets here Tuesday. The referee ruled the Tulia runner safe. In

background is Dimmitt second baseman Brent Josselet. The game was close throughout, with Tulia winning it, 6-5, leaving the Bobcats with an 0-2 mark in District 1-AAA play.

Photo by Don Nelson

## County will buy new road grader

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners voted to allow Precinct 3 to purchase a road grader.

The only bid received was from West Texas Cat for \$145,099 for a new 140H, allowing \$101,000 trade on the county's old 140G, leaving a purchase price of \$44,099 and a guaranteed repurchase price of \$109,000. The new machine carries a five-year, 5,000-hour full warranty.

A spokesman for the company said the trade-in would cover the down payment and the purchase could be paid out in four years, with the first payment coming due in one year. The payments would be somewhere around \$12,000 each year, with a 5.9% interest rate.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to renew a grant and a

grant resolution for a victim assistance coordinator for the county. The grant provides \$2,514 in matching funds toward the salary of Delbert Morris, who serves as the coordinator.

The commissioners also agreed to modify an agreement with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force to cover a new employee.

Commissioners gave permission for Rhoads Memorial Library to use money from the Hazel Merritt fund to purchase a new dishwasher and refrigerator for the library meeting

room kitchen, as recommended by the library board.

Librarian Marie Howell told the commissioners that the old appliances are in bad shape and she felt new ones could be purchased at about \$300 for a dishwasher and \$700 for a refrigerator. She said it would be cost effective to replace the refrigerator, especially, since it had been running almost constantly. She also noted that the dishwasher would only run on one cycle now.

Commissioners approved allowing Maria Rios, secretary for County Judge Irene Miller, to serve as the system administrator for the county's computers and agreed to pay for training for her.

The commissioners tabled any action on estimates that were received on building two metal buildings from CIB Builders. A 40x50 building finished out for the 4-H center was estimated at \$94,614, and another building, 40x120, was estimated at \$217,219.

Gary Waddell told the commissioners that he would honor the prices through October, the start of the new fiscal year.



Daylight Savings Time is slated to begin Sunday morning, so don't forget to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour so you'll be on time for all your activities on Sunday.

## Spring rains welcome sight to county farmers

A long dry spell was snapped last week when much-needed rain soaked into the county's parched soil.

The low pressure system moved into the area early last Wednesday morning and slowly drifted across the Texas Panhandle, dropping good rain and some small hail in many areas. The system stayed in the area through last Thursday morning.

Rainfall reports ranged between 1.5 to 2.5 inches around the county, with KDHN Radio, the National Weather Service Observer in Dimmitt, recording 2.04 inches. Areas around Nazareth and Hart received around 2.5 inches, according to reports.

The moisture came just in time as farmers were beginning to wonder if there would be enough soil moisture available when they got ready to plant their crops.

"This rain was wonderful," said Castro County Extension Agent Pammy Millican. "It really helped the folks who were trying to get ready to plant corn and cotton. It helped them get ahead on their pre-watering."

The rain also was a blessing to many winter wheat farmers who have been nurturing a crop with little help from Mother Nature.

The moisture we received last week allowed farmers to save some

money on irrigation. They'll save by not having to put that two inches of moisture on with their sprinklers," Millican said.

While irrigated wheat could thrive with the additional moisture, the rains may have come a little too late to help dryland wheat farms.

"The dryland wheat had been drying up around the county. The rain will at least allow farmers to get some grazing out of their crop. If we were to get another good rain, they might even make a little something out of it," Millican said.

### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	38	1.03
Friday	57	39	
Saturday	70	39	
Sunday	72	42	
Monday	78	37	
Tuesday	72	38	
Wednesday	74	39	

March Moisture ..... 2.53  
2000 Moisture ..... 2.60

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



**RELAY FOR LIFE RALLY**—On March 22 over 90 people met to hear an explanation of the Relay for Life event, the signature fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. Addressing the crowd are Bill Sava and Gwen Bryant, chairman of the Castro County chapter of the ACS. The chapter plans to hold a relay

June 23-24, with an opening event to honor cancer survivors, a luminaria lighting to honor survivors, as well as to memorialize those who have died, and a Victory Lap to conclude the overnight effort. Chairmen of the event are Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite. See story, Page 7.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Steve Steffey dies in apartment blaze

A cigarette which wasn't properly extinguished is being blamed for the Friday morning fire which claimed the life of former Castro County resident, Steve Steffey.

Steffey, 22, was pulled from his Willow Glen Apartment by Amarillo firefighters just before 8 a.m. Friday. He had apparently fallen asleep without making sure his cigarette was completely extinguished, and the smoldering stick ignited the blaze.

A neighbor passing by early Friday morning said he noticed smoking coming from Steffey's apartment and looked through the window. He said it looked like the couch was on fire.

According to reports issued by fire investigators, a cigarette started the blaze, which caused \$35,000 damage. The fire damage was restricted to Steffey's apartment as firefighters were able to control the blaze in about 20 minutes.

Funeral services for Steffey were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Burial followed at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Steffey, son of Barbara Petty of Hart Canyon and Mack Steffey of Hart, graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996.

## Early voting starts Monday

Early voting will start Monday in the April 11 run-off elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties in Castro County. Ballots may be cast April 3-7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

In the Democratic run-off, local voters will decide on the nomination for the office of Castro County/District Attorney, and the nomination

for US Senator. CA/DA front runners were James Horton and Jack Edwards. The top senate candidates were Gene Kelly and Charles Gandy.

Republican voters will be asked to clarify their choice of nominees in three court of criminal appeals races. For Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, top runners are Sharon

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## Parties set conventions for Saturday

The Castro County Democratic and Republican Parties have set County Conventions for Saturday in Dimmitt and all voters are urged to attend.

The Democrats will meet at 2 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse, according to County Chairman Don Newman.

"We will be making plans for the state convention," Newman said. "Also, we will select delegates and alternates to represent us at the state convention. We also may endorse someone to represent us at the national convention."

Republican County Chairman Emma Jean King said her party's convention will be held at 7 p.m. at the City Hall meeting room in Dimmitt.

"All Republicans are invited," King said. "We will be making resolutions and selecting delegates and alternates for the state convention, set for June 15-17 in Houston."



More about

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http://www.concentric.net/~Farmerm/assorted1.htm

http://meteorites.simplenet.com/~Dimmitt.htm

Although the bidding has ended at

the eBay auctions, you can look over the auction results, see pictures and get some information at this website:

http://pages.ebay.com/search/items/search\_item.html

(When you get to that web page,

enter item number 281654866. Also, you can enter 274454130 for another good photo of it.)

And if all this arouses your curiosity about meteorites in general, Robert sent along these two websites:

http://www.meteoritemarket.com/Learn.htm

http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view-MM/szm1.html

We got a nice Christmas letter (a poem, actually) this week from Colorado, along with a picture.

There's an explanation for it. It came from Greg and Becky Sava of Colorado Springs. (She was Becky Schacher of Lazbuddie before she got lucky.)

Greg is a captain in the Air Force, and was stationed in Alaska most of last year while Becky was back in Wyoming with Sarah until they moved back to Texas for the birth of Anna Marie in September before Greg finished his Alaska duty in December just before they all went to Hawaii at New Year's before moving to Colorado Springs for his new assignment and...

In this day and age, sometimes you just have to get your Christmas letters written and mailed when you can, not necessarily when it happens to be Christmas.

More about Hospital...

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figures are \$4,793,290 in "contractual allowances"—discounts allowed to health management organizations and other insurance programs—and a \$60,000 adjustment to the non-operating revenue, leaving a projected net revenue of \$9,494,621.

Direct expenses are expected to total \$5.96 million, and indirect expenses are expected to be \$3.15 million.

With an anticipated \$987,000 in bad debts factored in with these expense figures, total expenses are expected to be \$10,094,317.

These figures would leave a net deficit of \$599,696, but with tax revenue of \$1.2 million and Dispro Funds of \$250,000 added back, the total net income projected in the budget is \$850,304.

The new budget will go into effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year May 1.

Presenting the profit-and-loss statement to the board, Sloan reported that the year-to-date revenue was \$10,778,482 as of Feb. 29, which was \$969,261 more than anticipated in this year's budget.

For the year to date, Sloan said, the hospital district has realized a net profit of \$361,691.

In other action, the hospital board: —Cancelled this year's board election since the only candidates for the two available seats are the incumbents, Dr. W. J. Hill and Mark Welch.

—Decided to hold the line on wages and salaries and not grant any increases for the time being, in light of the cost of the expansion and improvement projects.

—Voted to allow the district's lower-income employees to exchange up to 40 hours of paid time off for cash to coincide with the "Sales Tax Holiday" before school starts in the fall and/or the pre-Christmas sales season.

—Voted to purchase Dr. Gary R. Hardee's building at the end of the lease, as per contract, with half of the rent payments to that point to apply on the purchase price. The building is now being used by the Home Health Agency, Hospice Care, the Welch Home Place, and for special meetings and events.

The normal resting pulse rate for humans is about equal to the external temperatures they find most comfortable measured in degrees F—68 to 72.

You should keep at least one car length between your car and the car ahead for every ten miles per hour of speed.

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County netters claim tourney championships

Castro County tennis players captured the girls' and boys' singles championship and the girls' doubles title Friday at the Nazareth Invitational tennis tournament.

Hart's Christopher George beat another Hart netter, Jeff Bennett, in the finals of the boys' singles tournament, 6-2, 6-4, to win that title. Another Hart netter, Timmy Barnes, finished fourth in boys' singles.

Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte of Nazareth claimed the girls' doubles crown in the tourney.

Nazareth claimed the third and fourth places in girls' doubles, with

Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman beating Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman for the third-place honor.

Shawna Gerber of Nazareth captured the girls' singles title while Hart's Angelica Perales finished third and Jenna Braddock of Nazareth finished fourth.

Dimmitt's Rachel Harman, Julie and Jill Merritt, and Gabriel Garcia and Mark Casares also competed in the tourney, but results were unavailable from coaches at press time.

Sorghum growers elect officers to national board

Leo Bindel, a sorghum producer from Sabetha, Kan., was elected to lead National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) as national president during the group's winter board meeting, held in conjunction with the 2000 Sorghum Industry Conference held recently in Corpus Christi.

Bindel, who previously served as vice president for legislation, has served on the board of directors for six years. Rounding out the officer team are Dale Artho of Wildorado, who was re-elected as vice president for domestic market development; Dale Spurgin of Allen, who was elected to another term as vice president for foreign market development; Ken Rose of Keyes, Okla., who was re-elected as vice president of research; Bill Kubecka of Palacios, vice-president of legislation; James Vorderstrasse of

Hebron, Neb., secretary-treasurer; and Ken Tevis of Hughesville, Mo., past president.

The board of directors is made up of sorghum producers from six states. These representatives are elected by their state associations, with board representation based on the number of members from each state. States with sorghum checkoff programs that provide financial support to NGSP also have representation on the board, although checkoff representatives do not vote on legislative issues.

NGSP is the national organization for US sorghum producers and it works to improve the profitability of grain sorghum production through legislation and regulatory compensation, research, education and the promotion of US grain sorghum.

Amarillo Symphony to feature world premiere of Roundings

The Amarillo Symphony will perform the seventh and final subscription concert in the 1999-2000 season (75th anniversary season) at the Civic Center Auditorium on April 8 at 8 p.m.

The concert features the world premiere of Samuel Jones' Roundings: Musings and Meditations on Texas New Deal Murals, Mozart's Overture to the Opera Lucio Silla and Edouard Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra.

Single tickets are priced at \$22, \$17 and \$12. General Admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the Civic Center only on the evening of the performance. The entire audience is invited to a reception following the performance in the Civic Center Grand Plaza.

"A sparkling overture by Mozart and a famous violin concerto with Spanish flair open our final concert," said James Setapen, Music Director and Conductor. "The second half is devoted to the first complete performance of Roundings."

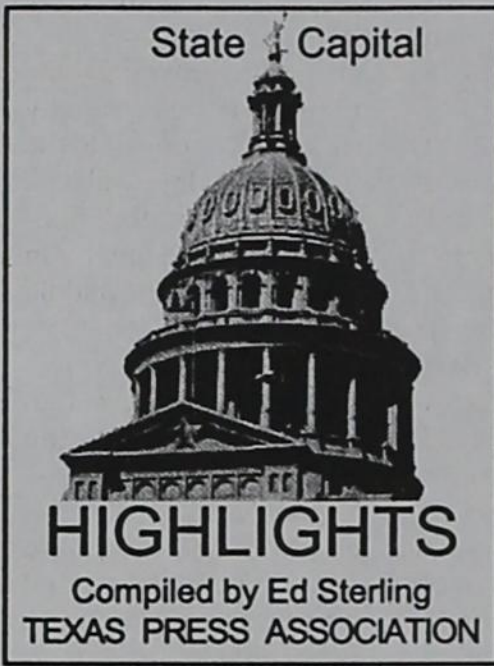
"The world premiere of Roundings is one of the highlights of the 75th anniversary season celebrations," said Jack Fishman, Executive Director. "KACV-TV will produce a documentary about the project that will first air in August 2000 and a

CD of the composition also will be released internationally by Naxos of America in August 2000."

"Roundings was commissioned by the Amarillo Symphony to celebrate its 75th anniversary season in a most unusual way, that is, serially, with the excitement of the work's premiere spread throughout the entire season," said composer Samuel Jones. (Movements 2-6 have premiered separately on six previous concerts this season — April 8 is the world premiere of the entire 7-movement work.)

"Roundings is based in Texas history, and more specifically, in the living history of the Amarillo area. It takes its point of departure from the public murals created during the Depression era under the auspices of President Roosevelt's New Deal, murals commissioned as a means not only of bringing employment to unemployed artists but also of raising the spirits of the people. Amarillo was the impetus for one of the largest and most important competitions for the creation of these works, which resulted here in the set of six murals by Julius Woeltz painted on the walls of the old Post Office, now the US Federal Courthouse."

Remaining non-subscription concerts in the season include the Palo Duro Canyon Pops on May 12-13.



AUSTIN — Attorney General John Cornyn issued an opinion March 17 on a new law requiring candidates for statewide and legislative offices to file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Under the law, each candidate will file a list of their campaign donors' names, addresses and amounts of political donations, and the Ethics Commission will post those filings on the Internet in beginning in July.

Cornyn said the street address or post office box of each donor will be deleted before being made available electronically.

The deleted information will be available to the public on paper only at the Ethics Commission offices in Austin.

Dewhurst Halts Pipeline Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said last week he will not sign easements required for a company to operate a 50-year-old gasoline pipeline that crosses eight counties and six riverbeds.

In rejecting Longhorn Pipeline Partners' request for easements, Dewhurst said he is not convinced the U.S. Department of Transportation has done a

thorough enough job of investigating the health and safety ramifications of shipping jet fuel and gasoline through neighborhoods and schoolyards.

"I saw with my own eyes how close this pipeline comes to schools, churches and homes," Dewhurst said.

"I come from the oil and gas industry and I can say without hesitation that not enough objective study has been done to secure the safety of this pipeline."

The pipeline crosses Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Fayette, Kimble, Reeves, Waller and Ward counties.

Tobacco Law Unaffected In a ruling last week, the U.S. Supreme Court nullified Food and Drug Administration regulations that prohibit tobacco sales to anyone under 18, require photo identification of all tobacco purchasers under age 27 and restrict vending machine cigarette sales to adults-only locations.

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer said the ruling does not apply to Texas law governing the sale of tobacco to minors. He said, however, the Texas Department of Health had received instructions from FDA to stop conducting FDA-sponsored retailer compliance checks, or stings.

The department received \$277,000 from FDA this year to conduct inspections of retail outlets throughout the state to determine if stores were complying with the regulations.

Charter Schools Studied A study by the University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Houston and the Texas Center for Educational Research shows more than half of the teachers

in independent charter schools in Texas are not state-certified.

The study focused on 89 of the 168 state-approved charter schools in operation during the 1998-99 school year in Texas. Those schools had a total enrollment of 17,616.

Other findings: ■ Charter schools have larger classes than public schools and a higher proportion of minority students.

■ Students enrolled at charter schools like them better than public schools and believe they get more attention from their teachers.

■ Charter school teachers in Texas have an average six years of experience or about half that of public school teachers.

■ Charter school teachers are paid an average \$7,500 a year less than public school teachers.

Other Highlights ■ A new law that takes effect April 1 will allow Texans to buy many over-the-counter medications and some health products tax-free. Included are allergy medicines, analgesics, antacids, anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products, antiperspirants, cold remedies, condoms, cough suppressants, laxatives, contact lens products, sunburn prevention products, wound-care dressings and supplies and hemorrhoid products.

■ Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas resigned last week. Miers, 54, was appointed to a six-year term on the commission by Gov. George W. Bush in May 1995. The governor named Commissioner Thomas Clowe of Waco to succeed her as presiding officer and appointed Dallas lawyer Betsy Whitaker as the third member of the commission.

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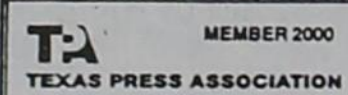


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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword grid and clues.



# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Pamela Nutt Kelsey and her three sons spent last week in Dimmitt with Pamela's mother, Dorothy Nutt. The Kelsey boys literally stop traffic, they are so handsome. They all weigh right at 15 pounds. They have such cute personalities.

Speaking of cute personalities, Shelly Petty and Grant came up to help with the triplets and that Grant is a little man. He is 3 years old going on 33. He got to ride a horse and his uncles, Steve and Gary, let him "cowboy" with them.

Kevin and Shelly Petty live in Seagraves where Kevin is vice president and loan officer of the bank. Shelly is employed by the school where she is a computer instructor.

Charlie Nutt, daughter of Gary and Connie Nutt, had ear surgery in Plainview last week. She had a time when she wasn't doing as well as she would have liked. She is doing better now.

Bailey and Stormy Nutt are playing Little Dribblers. They have those Lollipop coaches. Shauna Nutt plays in Major League and her coach is Kenny Ebeling.

Ronnie and June Parker were in Dimmitt recently. They came to check on their house. It's always good to see them.

Dude McLaurin and Syd Lynn took Hank Lynn to Tennessee over spring break. They went to visit Syd's niece, Ja Lue and her husband, Shane Bridwell. They live in Columbia, Tenn., about 60 miles from Nashville, Tenn.

They took in the sights and tours. Of interest to Hank was Buford Pusser's house museum. If one doesn't recall, Mr. Pusser was a law enforcer and he had to fight moonshiners.

Some of the homes they toured were the Governor's Mansion, the owner of the Dollar General Stores and all of the Taco Bells. There were

## UIL Literary

### DHS qualifies four students in regional events

Four Dimmitt High School students have qualified to participate in the regional UIL Literary Competition by placing in the top three places at the district contest held Friday at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The DHS computer science team won first in team standings. Team members are Ironica Traylor, Van Jeter, Dee Sloan and Larissa Fuentes. They will advance to regional.

In individual scoring, Traylor took second and Jeter was fourth.

In other events, Kylie Webb took fourth place in spelling and vocabulary and Sadra Daniels took fifth in ready writing.

Regional will be April 15 in Odessa.

more homes they saw, but I missed catching all they mentioned.

The new football team, the Tennessee Titans, who were the Houston Oilers, have a new stadium in Nashville, Tenn. This also was part of the tour.

The tour guides told them that the main source of income was the Southern Baptist Convention literature and sheet music. Their economy is suffering from the split of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cleo Forson called me with news from the Thursday Senior Citizens Bridge Club. High scorer was Susie Reeves and second high was Opha Burks. The high winds and the threat of rain and snow forced the cancellation of the game a week earlier.

A lovely shower was held Saturday morning for Carrie Bradley and Chad Rogers. A lot of gifts were received from the many friends and relatives attending the shower.

Some of the young married girls and young mothers present for the shower were Hallee and Hunter, Alicia and Cagan, Leigh and Riley, Julia Baca and Michelle Baca of Vega, Carla Bradley and Raynee, Kristi Sadler and Mackenzie, Carla Wooten, Tawnee, Amber, Jaci and Summer, and Cinnamon Bradley.

## Blood drive set April 17

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Dimmitt High School Student Council will host a blood drive Monday, April 17, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the DHS band hall.

"There was such an overwhelming response last year to the Student Council's blood drive, the Blood Center has agreed to send more staff members to serve our needs," said Connie Dickerson, Student Council sponsor. "Because more staff people will be available, the wait should be shorter this year."

Donors must be 17 years old and bring a driver's license and social security number with them.

"We realize that everyone has a hectic schedule this time of the year," Dickerson said. "Your time is greatly valued. Every unit of blood collected has the possibility of helping as many as three individuals."

"Last year at this blood drive, 52 pints were donated. Our goal this year is 65. We appreciate everyone who will come to help us meet our goal," Dickerson said. "There will be a contest at the high school between the girls and guys to see which group gives the most blood. Maybe your business or your church group would like to challenge another local business or church group would like to challenge another local business or church group to see which will give the most blood."

For more information, call Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 1-800-658-6178 or the high school at 647-3105.

W.J. and Sara Hill had a fine spring break and covered lots of miles. They went to see Andy Hill in College Station; Scott and Yvette Hill in Houston; and Barry and Vanessa Hill in Galveston.

In College Station, they went house hunting for Andy.

In Houston, Sara and Yvette went to a cooking school at Sur La Table. Grady Spears of Alpine demonstrated how to do "cowboy cooking" like they do in his restaurants. It was really informative and fun, especially because the people in the demonstration got to eat what he prepared.

Now Sara knows how to cook like Grady, but so far W.J. hasn't tasted any of those great dishes.

Sara says she is thinking about cooking something wonderful.

While Sara and Yvette were in the cooking school, W.J. and Scott played golf at Cypress Wood Golf Course.

In Galveston, W.J. and Sara, Barry and Vanessa toured some beautiful and historic hotels and ate seafood on the waterfront.

Over the weekend, W.J. and Sara went to Memphis, Tenn., to watch the Lady Raiders come from a 17-0 deficit to beat the Notre Dame Lady Fighting Irish.

In Memphis, they stayed at the very old and very famous Peabody Hotel, where the ducks come into the lobby at 11 a.m. each day, walk on the red carpet and get into the fountain in the lobby. People come by in droves to see the little ducks waddle down the red carpet.

Memphis is a pretty city where everywhere you go you see something about Elvis. They are restoring many of the old buildings for business and loft apartments.

All weekend W.J. and Sara were amazed at how very nice and friendly everyone was. You can't beat southern hospitality.

It was really a nice trip—especially since the Lady Raiders won.

Some of the people from the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ who were at Canterbury Villa for a regular Sunday morning worship service were Steve Buckley and Gary Webb. Joining them were Vicky and Chelsea Buckley, who came to worship with Vicky's great-aunt, Bess Cain.

The Quint Waggoner family were there to join Quint's grandparents, Euless and Hazel Waggoner. Robert and Rose Woolbright came in to complete the praise leaders.

Staff members Janie Quintero and Dorothy Traylor helped gather up Bailey Edleman, Beral Hance, Helen Backus and Lillie Mays.

Viola Castle, mother of Dorothy Jackson; Adell Clark, Cindy Ellis's grandmother; and Opal Nelson, mother of Erlene Myatt and Dan Nelson, joined the congregation.

As you enter the lobby at Canterbury Villa, Ella Higdon is always waiting to greet the visitors with a big smile and a hug, if you'd like one. In the rotunda were Emily

Ramey, Teeny Bowden and Wilda Hawkins making their way to church.

I stopped by to visit Virginia Crider and prayed with her as she began her day. Virginia is recuperating from not one but two falls plus surgeries. Virginia's sweet neighbors on Oak Street try to see that she doesn't get too lonesome.

If it's not your usual custom to visit these people who've made Canterbury Villa their home, then change your custom and go to see some of your old friends.

Deroy Cates would like to see some of his old hunting buddies from the days when they hunted on Sammy Baugh's ranch.

Debra Robertson, activities director, expressed her thanks to all of the churches who take the time to conduct church services at Canterbury Villa. It not only helps the residents, but the staff members who would not otherwise be able to attend worship services.

Elizabeth Huckabay celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. As we entered the parlor of her home, it looked like a flower garden. It was virtually filled with fresh bouquets and birthday cards from well wishers from all over.

Her daughter, Harriet Goodwin; and her son, Bill Stevenson, were there to greet guests and escorted them back to Elizabeth's room where she warmly received the visitors who came.

Elizabeth is one of the special and gracious ladies of the community, like people of her era. There were beautiful cards and flowers adorning her room, just like there were in other areas of the home.

We're looking forward to being there for her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Bill and Winona Bunch have returned from a visit with her brother and sisters as Los Iresno in south Texas. One of her brothers lives at Indian Lake near Los Indios and they enjoyed the warm climate, lovely scenery and seeing family members.

Soon after returning from south Texas, the Bunches drove to Ruidoso, N.M., to visit their son, David, who has recently retired from GTE. He built a home in the New

Mexico mountain resort area. He also retired from Continental Phone Company prior to its sale to GTE.

Tod and Carla Bradley are planning a trip to Key Largo, Fla., to visit Carla's best friend from Dimmitt High School days, Jaquita Hughes Jones. Jaquita's mother, Patti, has moved back to Dimmitt recently. She bought Colleen Milsap's house on Etter Street.

We're expecting Carla to give us a detailed account of this fun trip to Key Largo upon their return.

Shelly Smith, her daughter Brandy, and her mother, Kyrene, drove to Dallas to welcome her niece, Madison Grace Gentry. Madison conveniently made her debut onto the planet while they were visiting her parents, Scott and Shelli Gentry.

Madison's grandfather, Bob Anthony; and her cousins, Keisha and Macy Smith, drove down later to join in the good times.

The group celebrated Madison's birth date, Bob's birthday and St. Patrick's day all on the same day.

## Hereford Community Concerts sets finale

The season finale for the Hereford Community Concerts Association will be held April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium, featuring Robert Trentham with a concert of Civil War era music.

"In the tradition of variety and concert artists of the mid-19th century, Robert Trentham presents the songs that inspired and comforted a divided nation," according to promotional information from the Concert Association. "Coupled with speeches and social commentary from the 1860's, the program offers contemporary audiences a glimpse into the past."

He has performed with theater and opera companies throughout the US, as well as having performed at the finest American concert halls, including The Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall.

Familiar tunes—such as *Dixie's Land*; *Steal Away*; *Just Before the Battle, Mother*; *Goover Peas*; and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*—are backed by piano and brought together with the honest and heartfelt words of statesmen, journalists, soldiers and citizens of the day. The program was inspired by the lives of Trentham's ancestors who fought on both sides of the Civil War, and he has dedicated it to their memory.

Those attending the concert performance in Hereford are reminded to park on the west side of the audi-



Robert Trentham

torium, due to continuing construction.

Also, the association has started its membership drive for the 2000-2001 season, with a slate of four performances in addition to the Amarillo Little Theatre touring production. Memberships in the Hereford Association are also honored at Community Concert events in Plainview, Borger and Pampa.

The memberships cost \$25 per person, \$60 for families, a single-parent family is \$35, and \$15 for students. The membership fee allows attendance at all of the performances for the entire season.

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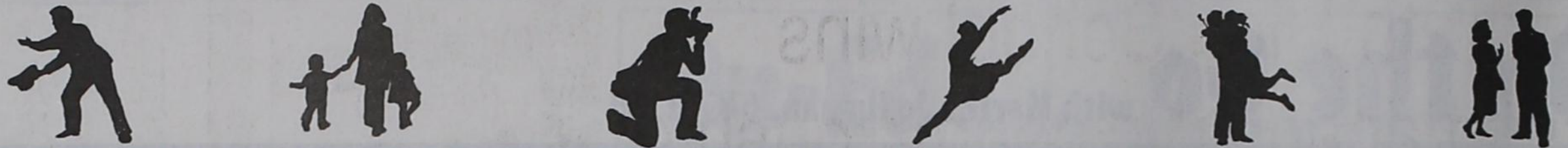
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# People



## RES second graders win awards

Second graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School received awards recently for the third nine-week grading period. Students were honored for perfect attendance, top spellers, math whiz, reading improvement, hardest workers, and penmanship.

Those honored are listed below by classroom.

### Thames

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Quincy Duran, Cody Essary, Edgar Meza, Jerry Ochoa.

**TOP SPELLER:** Clarissa Acevedo, Duran, Essary, Dustin Gilbreath, Adriana Marquez, Valerie Martinez, Meza, Yareli Olmos, Joshua Williams.

**MATH WHIZ:** Acevedo, Duran, Essary, Brigitte Flores, Gilbreath, Briana Lopez, Marquez, Martinez, Meza, Olmos, Alexandra Wilkens.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Acevedo, Flores, Gilbreath, Travis Harris, Marquez, Martinez, Wilkens.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Terence Hernandez, Victor Lopez, Olmos, Wilkens.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Essary, Flores, Gilbreath, Briana Lopez, Marquez, Martinez.

### Gilliland

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Raquel Barrios, Jessica Behrends, Jeffrey Bishop, Stormie Bossert, Anthony Fernandez, Eric Fuentes, Shambrica Sherman.

**TOP SPELLER:** Behrends, Bishop, Fernandez, Amanda Jackson, Monique Marmolejo, Irashema Medrano, Sid Sheffy.

**MATH WHIZ:** Sinfo Arguijo, Behrends, Bishop, Fuentes, Jackson, Marmolejo, Sheffy.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Arguijo, Bossert, Fernandez, Sherman, Fuentes, Medrano, Max Sifuentez.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Arguijo, Barrios, Bishop, Fuentes.

**PENMANSHIP:** Amy Saenz, Fernandez, Fuentes.

### Howell

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Travis Tanner, Ivonne Alvarado, Ricardo Barrios, Callee Gilbreath, Elizabeth Jackson.

**TOP SPELLER:** Nicolas Aguilar, Alvarado, Barrios, Gabriel Calderon, Gilbreath, Reagan Hunter, Jackson, Jonathan Mireles, Caleb Penney, Fabian Reyna, Selena Saenz.

**MATH WHIZ:** Aguilar, Alvarado, Calderon, Gilbreath, Hunter, Mireles, Penney.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Aguilar, Alvarado, Barrios, Gilbreath, Hunter, Isabel Garcia, Penney, Lyssa Ramirez, Virginia Reyes, Saenz, Robert Melendez, Kayla Lively.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Gilbreath, Jackson, Saenz.

**PENMANSHIP:** Reyna, Mireles.

### Luna

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Anna Diaz, Rigoberto Lopez, Yannin Marquez, Jacqueline Ramirez, Ricardo Velasquez.

**TOP SPELLER:** Diana Arredondo, Laura Chavez, Diaz, Melissa Escamilla, Elizabeth Gallardo, Marquez, Jennifer Olivas, Tracy Silva.

**MATH WHIZ:** Arredondo, Diaz, Escamilla, Gallardo, Marquez, Olivas, Ramirez, Velasquez.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Claudia Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Ramirez.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Claudia Gallardo, Marquez, Ramirez.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Arredondo, Diaz, Jose Flores, Lopez, Marquez, Olivas, Silva, Velasquez.

### Mann

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Beau Bradley, Tyler Gilliland, David Oltivero, Nicole Sanchez, Kella Schilling, Miguel Zepeda.

**TOP SPELLER:** Bradley, Eric Herrera, Kasandra Lopez, Jill Miller, Kimberly Ruiz, Zepeda, Ruby Corrales.

**MATH WHIZ:** Bradley, Brennan Cluck, Herrera, Lopez, Cruz Maldonado, Miller, Oltivero, Schilling, Zepeda.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Cluck, Lopez, Melissa Molina, Oltivero, Ruiz, Daniel Esquivel.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Bradley, Maldonado, Oltivero.

**PENMANSHIP:** Ricky Castillo, Brenda Salas.

### Venhaus

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Joshua Alvarez, Marissa Martinez, Christopher Stanley, John Wait.

**TOP SPELLER:** Andre Aleman, Gus Arguijo, Martinez, Angelica Nicolas, Tito Rodriguez, Stanley, Amy Torres, Wait.

**MATH WHIZ:** Aleman, Alvarez, Arguijo, Martinez, Nicolas, Armando Salas, Torres.

**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Arguijo, Martinez, Nicolas, Stanley, Thomas Rivera.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Aleman, Nicolas.

**PENMANSHIP:** Melany Gonzales, Salas.

## Third graders earn awards

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School were honored for having perfect attendance, being good citizens and hard workers and for making the honor roll during the most recent nine-week grading period.

Those receiving nine-week awards were:

### AXTELL'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Ethan Wales, Franklin Castro, Alyssa Saenz, Laura Rodriguez, Joshua Hill and Kellie Martinez.

**Hardest Workers:** Keshia Smith, Johnathan Davis, Sam Hazel, Laura Rodriguez, Kellie Martinez, Joshua Hill, Frankie Castro and Ethan Wales.

**Citizenship:** Ethan Wales.  
**Honor Roll:** Kellie Martinez, Joshua Hill, Ethan Wales, Keshia Smith, Laura Rodriguez, Jonathan Davis and Sam Hazel.

### JOHNSON'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Paul Acker, Jeremy Barrera, Robert Barrios, Holly Bryan, Linda Calderon, Andrew Larra and Alex Lopez.

**Hardest Workers:** Paul Acker, Jeremy Barrera and Cornelio Salinas.  
**Citizenship:** Paul Acker, Kimberly Martinez and Cornelio Salinas.  
**Honor Roll:** Paul Acker.

### KOCH'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Michael Martin, Fabiola Gomez, John David Gonzales, Bailey Nutt, Kathleen Martinez and Chris Fuentes.

**Hardest Worker:** Oralia Rodriguez, Bailey Nutt, Brooke Parker, Ally Ontiveros, John David Gonzales, Kathleen Martinez and Fabiola Gomez.

**Citizenship:** Bailey Nutt.  
**Honor Roll:** Bailey Nutt and Brooke Parker.

### MERRITT'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Jeffery Addison, Mayra Aguilar, Lindsey Cates, Chase Hatla, Chance Schilling, Jazzylyn Sepeda, Isaac Trevino, Hanna Wise and Mark Sheffy.

**Hardest Workers:** Mayra Aguilar, Chase Hatla and Chance Schilling.

**Citizenship:** Hanna Wise.  
**Honor Roll:** Mayra Aguilar, Lindsey Cates, Chase Hatla, Noe Puento, Chance Schilling, Jazzylyn Sepeda, Isaac Trevino and Hanna Wise.

### STEINLE'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Sally Arce, Stephanie Castro, Jessica Dennis, Anthony Jackson, Carolyn Jenkins, Stephanie Mendoza, Erica Rivera, Isidro Rodriguez, Shawn Ryan, Nati Sias, Dustin Venhaus and Matthew Sheffy.

**Hardest Workers:** Martin Lopez and Matthew Sheffy.

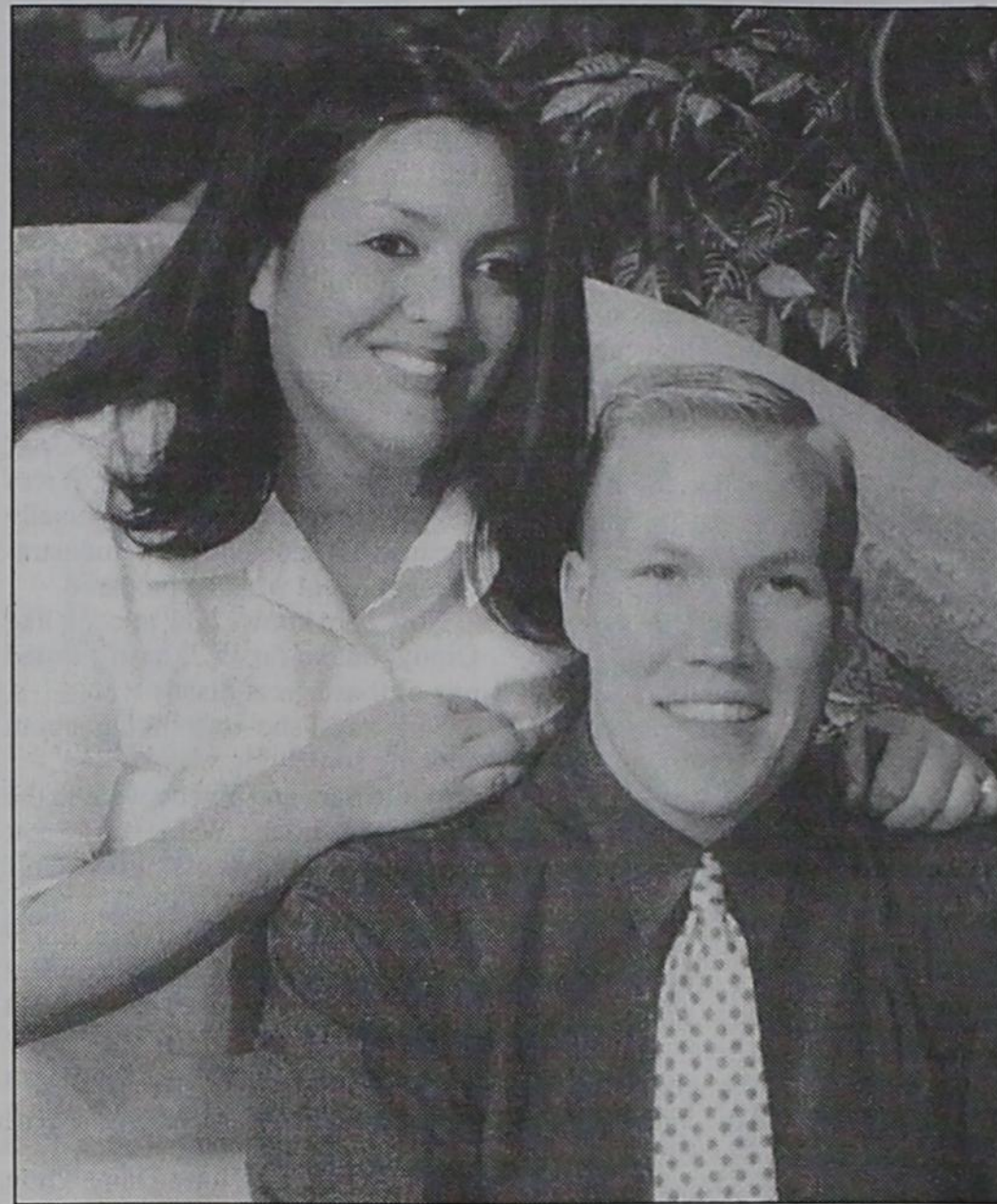
**Citizenship:** Elizabeth Hill, Yvonne Lopez, Stephanie Mendoza and Isaac Sifuentez.

**Honor Roll:** Stephanie Castro, Elizabeth Hill, Anthony Jackson and Shawn Ryan.

### STANTON'S ROOM

**Perfect Attendance:** Joel Cardona, Fernando Mendoza, Armando Prieto, Domingo Rodriguez, Jesus Sanchez, Rubi Sanchez and Selina Sanchez.

**Hardest Workers:** Rogelio Hernandez, Joshua Correa and Angela Vasquez.  
**Citizenship:** Selina Sanchez, Deysi Arredondo, Joel Cardona, Fernando Mendoza, Antonio Molina and Rubi Sanchez.  
**Honor Roll:** Deysi Arredondo.



Aimee Autumn Reiner and Terrell Ray Pohlmeier

## Reiner and Pohlmeier to wed

Rory and Esther Reiner of Yukon, Okla., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Aimee Autumn Reiner to Terrell Ray Pohlmeier, son of Ralph and Emaline Pohlmeier of Yukon.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Virgil and Irene Burrows of Edmond, Okla., and Mary de la O of California. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Arnold and Catherine Huseman and Philip and Dora Pohlmeier, all of Nazareth. His great-grandmother is Helen Backus of Nazareth.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows July 29 at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Yukon.

Miss Reiner is a 1997 graduate of Yukon High School and she is currently enrolled at Oklahoma State University, where she is working on a degree in family relations and child development.

Pohlmeier graduated from Yukon High School in 1997. He also is attending Oklahoma State University, majoring in business administration.

## Ogallala Quilters' Festival

# Meal reservations due Friday

You can learn some of the finer points of quilting from some of the best seamstresses in the business when the Ogallala Quilters hold their third annual festival in Dimmitt on April 6-8.

One of the highlights of the annual show for visitors is viewing the amazing creations of quilters from around the area, but the quilt show is just a small part of this year's festival.

Two special meals are planned during the festival and the deadline for ordering meal tickets is Friday.

"Intergalactic Night" will be held April 6, starting at 7 p.m. and will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. An "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be featured.

"Fantastic Friday" on April 7 at 7 p.m. will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate, along with a lecture

and trunk show, and a miniature quilt auction.

For more information or for registration forms, call Ogallala Quilters' Society member Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

Several classes have been planned to interest everyone from the novices to the most experienced quilters.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, leading three classes during the festival.

Christopherson has been quilting since 1979 and has had her work published in several books. Teaching fine hand work in the areas of applique, hand piecing and hand quilting, her classes on design and color are inspirational and hold the interest of hand and machine artists alike. She taught on the staff of the Jinny

## Dr. Aaron Odom earns defense program award

Dr. Aaron L. Odom, son of Jesse and Pam Odom of Dimmitt has been honored with the US Dept. of Energy's (DOE) Defense Programs Early Career Scientist and Engineer Award.

As a winner of this award, Dr. Odom may also be selected to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, which will be awarded April 12 in Washington, D.C. He will be present for the ceremony.

The selection of award winners is based upon the candidates' contributions to the Dept. of Energy's national security mission.

Dr. Odom was honored for "discovery of uranium-dinitrogen complexes and theoretical studies aimed at understanding their electronic structure and bonding, thus pioneering the way to a more detailed, molecular-level understanding of the chemical and physical behavior of actinides, elements that are of critical importance to the Defense Program's mission.

Dr. Odom is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University. In February 1998 he was awarded his PhD in inorganic chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology of Cambridge, Mass. He is currently an assistant professor at Michigan State University.

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At the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, Christopherson will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on April 7; and that afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class. All day on April 8 will be devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique," with a class fee of \$50.

Morning classes on April 7 will include "Beginning Needle Turn Applique," a combined project-technique class taught by Nell Smith; "Machine Quilting," lead by Emily Nipp; "Redwork in Quilting," guided by Jane Cappadonna; and "Designing a Vertical Set Quilt," which will include information from Sharon Newman about setting bar style or "strippy" quilts.

Afternoon sessions on April 7 will feature "Bear Paw Miniatures," explained by Yvonna Hays; "Paper Foundations," taught by Sally Hatfield; "Crazy Cabins," lead by instructor Jean Dean; and "Improving Hand Quilting Stitches," taught by Nell Smith.

Saturday's class schedule will cover the following topics: "Easter Basket Pillow," by Karen Rolan; 21" Century Bull's Eye," by Suzanne Garman; "Designing Circular Blocks on a Square Grid," by Jackie Reis; "Felt on Applique," by Laurreta Dash; "Crazy Quilts," by Jane Cappadonna; "Dimensional Flowers," by Nancy Richburg; and "Basic Hand Piecing" by Sally Hatfield.

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# Nazareth High School wins district academic championship

Nazareth High School will send 10 individuals in 19 events and four teams to the Region 1-A UIL academic meet after they placed in the District 4-A meet last week at Amarillo College.

NHS racked up 369 points to win the district title, well ahead of second-place Booker, which tallied 244 points.

Nazareth's Calculator Applications team, Computer Science team, Math team and Number Sense team each advanced after winning the district title.

Mark Birkenfeld and Blake Birkenfeld were swamped at the district meet, and each will be snowed under at regional as well. Both qualified in five individual events and as a member of three teams to lead Nazareth to the district team title.

Mark Birkenfeld finished first in Calculator Applications; second in Mathematics, Number Sense and News Writing; third in Editorial Writing; and was on the first-place teams in Calculator Applications, Mathematics and Number Sense.

Blake Birkenfeld finished first in Headline Writing, Number Sense, Computer Science; was second in Calculator Applications; finished third in News Writing; and was a member of the first-place teams in Calculator Applications, Computer Science and Number Sense.

Joining the Birkenfelds on the Calculator Applications team at regional will be Ky Wilcox, who finished fifth in the event at district.

Other members of the winning Computer Science team in addition to Blake Birkenfeld are Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt, who finished second and third, respectively, in the

individual competition at district.

The Mathematics team features Mark Birkenfeld, Shane Kleman and Robb, who were second, third and fourth, respectively; among individuals in the Mathematics contest.

The Birkenfelds' top two finishes in Number Sense boosted the Nazareth team to its district title and they are joined on that team by Carson Gerber.

Jill Schulte advanced to the regional meet after winning the Editorial Writing contest at district.

Melanie Book earned a trip to regional with a first-place finish in Literary Criticism. The NHS Literary Criticism team featuring Book, Lindsie M. Gerber and Shawna Gerber, finished second behind Wheeler, just missing out on a trip to regional.

Eric Schilling was second in Spelling and Vocabulary to qualify for the regional meet and he led his team to a second-place finish, one spot shy of a regional berth. Team members include Schilling, Jaclyn Birkenfeld and Karen Birkenfeld.

Karen Wilhelm qualified for regional in Persuasive Speaking and Poetry Interpretation after finishing third and second, respectively, at district.

Teri Ramaekers earned a spot in the regional meet with a third-place finish in Poetry Interpretation.

Lindsey K. Gerber will advance to regional after placing second in Feature Writing at district.

Here's a complete list of Nazareth students who placed at district.

### DISTRICT 4-A ACADEMIC MEET

Team Totals: 1. Nazareth 369, 2. Booker 244, 3. Gruver 225, 4. Wheeler

111, 5. Vega 74, 6. Shamrock 54, 8. Memphis 47, 9. Claude 45, 10. Valley 33.

**Accounting:** 5. Mindi Ethridge.  
**Calculator Applications:** 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Blake Birkenfeld, 5. Ky Wilcox.

**Calculator Applications Team:** 1. Nazareth (Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox).

**Computer Applications:** 5. Jason Birkenfeld.

**Computer Science:** 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Jase Merritt.

**Computer Science Team:** 1. Nazareth (Blake Birkenfeld, Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt).

**Current Issues & Events:** 6. Mindi Ethridge.

**Literary Criticism:** 1. Melanie Book.

**Literary Criticism Team:** 2. Nazareth (Melanie Book, Lindsie M. Gerber and Shawna Gerber).

**Mathematics:** 2. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Shane Kleman, 4. Trinity Robb.

**Mathematics Team:** 1. Nazareth (Mark Birkenfeld, Shane Kleman and Trinity Robb).

**Number Sense:** 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Mark Birkenfeld.

**Number Sense Team:** 1. Nazareth (Blake Birkenfeld, Mark Birkenfeld and Carson Gerber).

**Ready Writing:** 4. Trinity Robb.

**Spelling & Vocabulary:** 2. Eric Schilling.

**Spelling & Vocabulary Team:** 1. Nazareth (Jaclyn Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld and Eric Schilling).

**Informative Speaking:** 5. Jase Merritt, 6. Carson Gerber.

**Persuasive Speaking:** 3. Karen Wilhelm.

**Poetry Interpretation:** 2. Karen Wilhelm, 3. Teri Ramaekers.

**News Writing:** 2. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Blake Birkenfeld, 6. Jill Schulte.

**Feature Writing:** 2. Lindsey K. Gerber, 4. Mandy Hoelting.

**Editorial Writing:** 1. Jill Schulte, 3. Mark Birkenfeld, 5. Craig Birkenfeld.

**Headline Writing:** 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 6. Whitney Hoelting.



Airman Cruz Cardenas Jr.

## Cardenas completes basic training

Air Force Airman Cruz Cardenas Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Cardenas's wife, Vianey, is the daughter of Luis P. and Ramona Luna of Dimmitt.

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## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Doyle Fuller Jr. and Maria Godinez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Michalee Jo Fuller, who was born March 19 at 5:56 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The baby weighed 9 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. She has two older siblings, including 2-year-old Ariana Dione Gauna and 14-month-old Leah Rae Gauna. Paternal grandparents are Maria Fuller of Dimmitt and Doyle Fuller Sr. of Colorado. Maternal grandparents are Ubaldo Godinez of Hereford and Sara Godinez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Socorro Cardona of Dimmitt and Jessie Lee Fuller of Hereford.

### OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a girl for Rex and Michelle Acker of Canyon. Their daughter, Camille Audrey, was born at 2:35 p.m. last Thursday, March 23, at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 20.5 inches long. She has a big sister, Michayla, who is 3. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Charlotte Middleton of Vega. Maternal grandparents are David Schulte and Mary Ann Schulte of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Virginia and Charles Steele of Bovina, Odella and Clarence Schulte of Nazareth and Joe and Amy Schmucker of Nazareth.

## HHS one-act play selected to advance

Hart High School's one-act play, *Tom Jones*, was one of two plays selected to advance to the district contest last week at a zone contest.

Winners in the zone competition earn the right to advance to the district level in UIL play competition.

Several members of the cast were honored with all-star cast nominations including Nikki Burress, John Mark Bennett and Timmy Barnes. Mallory King and Melanie Davis each earned honorable mention all-star cast honors.

The play is directed by Vivian Bennett.

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# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



## Patterson gets award from TPMA

Johnna Patterson of Dimmitt has received the 1999 Excellence in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Award from the Texas Pest Management Association (TPMA).

Patterson was selected for the award from among the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) IPM agents with zero to six years of service. She serves producers in Castro and Lamb counties.

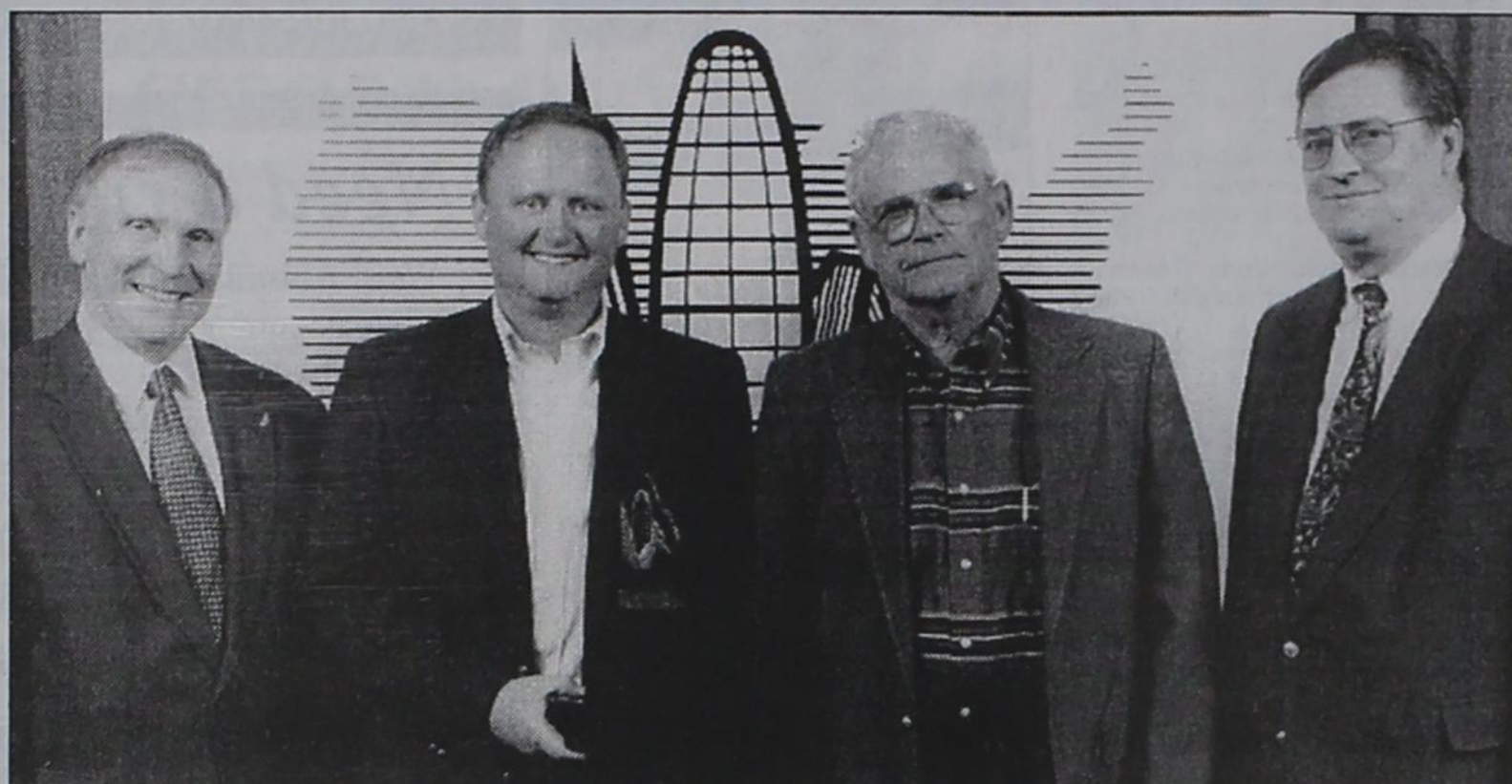
Greg Cronholm of Plainview was honored with the award for agents with seven or more years of work. He serves Hale and Swisher counties.

"This is the third year in a row that these prestigious service awards have been won by South Plains IPM agents. We are very proud of the work Johnna and Greg are doing for producers and agribusinesses in their respective counties," said Jett Major, South Plains District Extension director for agriculture. "We also are extremely proud of all of our South Plains IPM agents and their high level of professionalism. Their dedication and technical expertise ultimately benefits all residents of our region and the state."

The excellence awards are sponsored by TPMA and include a \$1,000 cash stipend and a plaque for each honoree.

The Texas IPM program is a cooperative effort between Texas A&M University and the grower-managed TPMA. It is designed to help crop producers across the state adopt cultural pest control methods that are safe, efficient, technically sound and environmentally friendly.

Patterson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural biology from New Mexico State University. She began her career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Frio and Atascosa Counties in 1996. She began her work in corn, cotton and grain sorghum on the South Plains in 1998.



**LOCAL FARMERS** Donny Carpenter (second from left) and Don Carpenter (third from left), both of Dimmitt, were recently recognized as winners in the 1999 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the

**National Corn Growers Association.** The award was presented by NCGA Chairman Roger Pine (left) and Lee Klein (right) president-elect of NCGA, during the annual Commodity Classic in Orlando, Fla.

*Courtesy Photo*

## Carpenter wins in NCGA national corn yield contest

Donny Carpenter of Dimmitt placed second in the nation in the Ridge-Till Irrigated class of the 1999 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

Carpenter's winning yield was 269.2805 bushels per acre and he raised the hybrid Pioneer 33R88.

Three placings are named within each of nine classes, and 15 states were represented among the 27 national winners.

Carpenter was presented his award on March 6 at the 2000 Commodity Classic in Orlando, Fla., the combined convention and trade show of the NCGA and the American Soybean Association.

Carpenter was one of 487 state winners named out of a total of 3,049 entrants from 44 states. The winners produced an average yield of 206.5 bushels per acre, which was up two bushels per acre from last year's

average winning yield, and 12.2 bushels higher than the 194.2-bushel average for all contest entrants. Top

## RAIN elects new officers

The Rural Assistance and Innovation Network (RAIN) discussed a new business venture and approved two loan applications at its February business meeting in Hereford.

Nazareth native, Father Darryl Birkenfeld, spoke about the Promised Land Network and how RAIN was started.

The group elected new officers, including Henry Reid, chairman; Mike Schueler, treasurer; and McLinda Greene, secretary, vice chairperson was to be elected at the group's March meeting, which was Tuesday.

yield in the contest was 393.7 bushels per acre, produced by a grower in Manchester, Iowa.

"Our growers have once again overcome adversity to produce outstanding yields," said NCGA President Lynn Jensen of Lake Preston, S.D. "The growers who obtained these yields have demonstrated their true skills and knowledge when it comes to production agriculture."

Jensen noted that many of the growers produced these remarkable yields despite huge weather obstacles—late planting in some areas due to spring rains and severe drought in other areas late in the growing season.

The goal of the National Corn Yield Contest is to provide farmers with information that can help improve their methods of production to increase profitability, while addressing environmental concerns. Contest participants also improve their operations by getting a unique opportunity to compare their own proven corn production capabilities with other farmers in their state and across the country.

## Extension Service offers to screen local water wells

The Castro County Extension Service will sponsor a water well screening for area residents on April 13 at the Extension office in the courthouse basement.

Those interested in having their water sampled should contact the Extension Service for instructions on how to sample their private wells and to secure a water sampling bag. All samples must be in the Extension Service office by 5 p.m. on April 13.

The cost of the screening is \$3 per sample and you should contact the Castro County Extension Office by calling 647-4115 to receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking your well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Castro County Extension Office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.

The well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water, and to determine if contamination from fecal coliform and nitrate exists.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces will have microorganisms present that can cause a number of water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 milligrams per liter can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body.

Nitrate is converted to nitrite, which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin; therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than six months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

## Pesticide, waste collection planned April 7 in Hereford

A free agricultural waste and pesticide collection program will be held in Hereford next Thursday, April 7.

The collection will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, and anyone who applies for the production of agricultural products in Texas is eligible to participate.

The collection is free. There are no fees and no signature is required from any participant. Participants will be asked to answer a few survey questions concerning the types of chemicals they brought in to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

The following will be accepted at the designated collection center: insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, nematicides, bactericides, growth regulators, harvest aid chemicals, pesticides used on livestock, all formulations of herbicides excluding those containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, and unknown substances (label containers as "unknown").

The following will not be accepted at the collection on April 7: explosive materials, pesticides (herbicides) containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, unrinsed or improperly rinsed empty pesticide containers, fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures, pesticides or wood preservatives containing Pentachlorophenol, compressed gas cylinders, out-of-state waste, waste pesticides from chemical manufacturers or laboratory waste from government entities (except school districts—schools may bring lab waste to this collection).

A recycling service for empty, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers will be offered on the same job site as the waste pesticide collection service.

Only clean, properly rinsed plastic

containers will be accepted for recycling.

Containers should be triple or high-pressure rinsed and rendered unusable by puncturing. All empty plastic containers brought to this collection will be visually inspected by collection site representatives.

Rejected containers will not be accepted for handling and disposal at the waste pesticide collections. You are responsible for properly disposing of these "rejected" containers.

## Quad-County Job Fair set

The Texas Dept. of Human Services is planning a Quad-County Job Fair for May 10 at the Hereford Community Center, according to Belle Braddock, employee of the TDHS office in Dimmitt.

The four counties that will be covered by the fair include Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer. Area employers are encouraged to have a booth at the fair to display what their companies have to offer and to sign up prospective employees.

"We also are seeking sponsors and providers of door prizes and 'goodie bag' items," Braddock said. "A meeting for all those interested in helping plan the fair is set for April 6 at noon at the K-Bob's in Hereford."

There is no fee to employers who participate in the job fair, and a lunch will be provided for their representatives at the fair.

Anyone interested in the job fair or wanting more information may call Braddock at 647-4181, ext. 24, or Nora Pesina at 363-8612 in Hereford.

## A Whole New World

60th Annual Membership Meeting



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Business Meeting - 7:15 p.m.

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## Thomas is DMS Student of Week

Dustin Thomas, son of Jimmy and Julia Thomas, has been named student of the week for the Dimmitt Middle School fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring.

Dustin was born March 18, 1990, in Lubbock. Playing baseball is something he does well, and he wants to grow up to be a pro baseball player.

His favorite things include nachos, the book *Stuart Little*, and dogs; and his favorite thing about DMS is getting to go to the store on Fridays. He wishes he were better at math.

Someone he admires and respects is his preacher, Jeff Addison.

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# Producers should decide soon to keep or abandon dryland wheat

With two strikes against dryland wheat, namely the severe drought coupled with greenbug damage, current conditions for the crop have many Texas Panhandle farmers looking at their options.

The promise of a successful crop is all but a memory in many fields, but taking steps now to estimate potential yield will help farmers who are faced with some hard choices.

"Making the decision to abandon a crop is seldom an easy one," said Brent Bean of Amarillo, Texas Agri-

cultural Extension Service Agonomist.

Bean said recent rains could help turn around even the poorest looking stands of dryland wheat, but if the drought returns, things don't look promising.

Right now, abandoning marginal dryland wheat with the hope of getting enough moisture this spring to plant a summer crop may be the best option for summer producers.

"Every day the wheat remains in the field, the more moisture it uses to

grow," Bean said. "This resource could be saved for a potential summer crop."

The process begins by estimating wheat yield potential. This can be done by estimating the number of viable tillers and making some assumptions or guesses about the number of seed per head and potential seed size.

"The further along the wheat crop is toward maturity, the more accurate the yield estimate will be," said the agronomist, who starts any projections with a drill row spacing measurement because growers use different standards.

For example, in fields with six-inch drill row spacing, the number of tillers should be counted per two feet of linear row, with spacing at eight inches, use 1.5 feet; 10 inches requires 1.2 feet and 12 inches uses one foot.

This will give the length of drill row that equals one square foot for the different spacings, Bean said.

Deciding which tillers to count isn't easy. For example, in small wheat, the grower should count only tillers with three or more viable leaves. If the wheat has reached the second joint stage, only tillers with

five or more leaves should be counted. Average the counts from several places in the field to improve accuracy of the estimate.

gives an estimate of 20.4 bushels per acre.

"These calculations provide a rough estimate of yield," Bean said. "Actual yield can vary considerably depending on seed numbers per head and seed weight and size, with all three being largely determined by spring rains."

## Swisher Electric will hold its annual meeting today

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 60th annual membership meeting is slated today (Thursday) at Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia.

Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and guests will be served a catered buffet supper. The business meeting will follow at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Theme for this year's meeting is "A Whole New World." In their annual report to members, the cooperative's management explains that on the dawn of a new millennium, several significant events occurred including legislation restructuring of the electric utility industry in Texas, which was passed in 1999; a new power plant for cooperative members came on-line; the co-op initiated its own web page; and the Touchstone Energy brand was unveiled to coop

members at the 1999 meeting.

The report goes on to describe the importance of "branding" as the utility industry begins to compete for customers, with a web presence being an important tool in the efforts. All of this represents "a brand new world" for Swisher Electric and other electric utilities.

Two director positions will be voted on by members during the March 30 meeting. Incumbent director Guinn Fitzgearld will be opposed by R.D. Reynolds for the Position One Seat; while incumbent Gene Latham will be challenged by Jack Hill. Candidates for both positions were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January.

Drawings for door prizes will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Relay for Life names chairmen

Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite have been named co-chairmen for the Castro County Relay for Life event, slated for June 23-24.

The Relay for Life Rally held March 22 attracted a crowd of more than 90.

"We're thrilled to death with the interest that has been shown," said Gwen Bryant, chairman of the Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Andrea Rushing, Dist. 3 Representative of the ACS and Stacy Reams of Plainview, an ACS volunteer, spoke to the crowd about the Relay for Life.

A signature event of the ACS, the Relay for Life is more than just a fund raiser.

"It brings together families and friends to celebrate those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have not," an ACS spokesperson said.

Relay for Life is a team event in which walkers or runners compete against each other to raise the most money and to travel the most miles. Teams will consist of 10-15 people representing various business, civic groups, social organizations, church groups and families.

Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$50 before the event, and there is a registration fee of \$10 per person per team to assure commitment. The fee includes a tee shirt for each participant.

Those interested in organizing a team are asked to contact Buckley or Wilhite. Also, they may call any director of the Castro County Chapter of the ACS, or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524. Information packets are available to help team leaders organize their team

and fund raising efforts.

Incentive prizes are offered for those raising more than the minimum \$50, and all of the money raised will go to the ACS for live-saving research, education and patient service programs.

Relay organizers hope to hold the event at the Dimmitt High School track.

"At least one member of each team is on the track at all times," the spokesperson said. "While the relay is in progress, a community party atmosphere is created in tent city with entertainment, food, games and camaraderie."

Cancer survivors will kick off the Relay for Life with a "Survivor Lap" after sundown the first day of the event and luminarias will be lit in memory of those who have lost their battle with cancer and in honor of survivors.

Individuals may purchase a luminaria for \$5. Each person who is remembered with a luminaria will be named, then a moment of silence and special music will conclude the ceremony. Teams must continue to have a representative on the track each hour during the night.

The Relay for Life will end the next day with a closing ceremony and final Victory Lap for all participants.

"Relay for Life provides many opportunities for the public to learn more about cancer," a spokesperson said. "Cancer survivors are there to remind everyone that cancer is not always a death sentence. Their testimonies also provide a way for the public to become aware of the strength and courage shown by cancer patients."

## Over-the-counter medicines will be exempt from sales tax

Texas consumers will no longer pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions and ointments kept in the home medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries.

The tax break is slated to begin Saturday, according to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. It is expected to save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local taxes during its first full year in 2001.

"Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long overdue," said Rylander. "Prescription drugs have been tax exempt since the state sales tax was enacted in 1961. Paying sales tax on non-prescription medicine is a bitter pill to swallow."

"The tax burden on working Texas families is too high," Rylander said. "This new tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines is a way to ease the tax burden and help new families stretch their budgets a little farther."

To be tax exempt, a product must be a drug or medicine (an article or substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or suffering). The drug or medicine must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code (NDC) number issued pursuant to US Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Approximately 10,000 products manufactured by about 800 companies qualify for the sales tax exemption. The following are examples of product categories that will be exempt from the sales tax. The list does not include all tax-exempt drugs and medicines, but is intended for use as a guideline:

- ✓ Allergy treatment products
- ✓ Analgesics
- ✓ Antacids
- ✓ Anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products
- ✓ Anti-microbial products

- ✓ Antiperspirants
- ✓ Anti-rheumatic products
- ✓ Anti-vomiting products and vomiting inducements
- ✓ Blood fortifiers (hematinics)
- ✓ Bronchodilator and anti-asthmatic products
- ✓ Cold remedies
- ✓ Cough suppressants
- ✓ Dandruff products
- ✓ Dental products (medicated)
- ✓ Ear care products
- ✓ Eye care and contact lens products

- ✓ Hemorrhoid products
- ✓ Laxatives
- ✓ Prophylactics
- ✓ Sedatives and sleep aids
- ✓ Stimulants
- ✓ Sunburn prevention and treatment products
- ✓ Vitamins and minerals
- ✓ Wound care dressings and supplies

"Any product that has a NDC number, meets the definition of a drug or medicine, or prevents disease must be tax exempt," said Rylander. "It's a matter of interpretation, it's a matter of the law."

The sales tax exemption does not apply to medical equipment, appliances and devices such as thermometers, heating pads, toothbrushes and dental floss; however, the legislature voted specifically to apply the new sales tax exemption to blood glucose monitoring strips. Previous law exempts orthopedic braces, such as neck and back braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids and their batteries, hypodermic needles and syringes from the sales tax. That will not change.

For more information about the sales tax exemption on over-the-counter medicine is available on the Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94\\_155.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94_155.html) or by calling 1-800-252-5555.

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# Sports



## DHS golfers chase 1-AAA foes in tourney

Dimmitt golfers will have to make up a few strokes to earn a trip to regional, but they're ready for the challenge.

The Bobcats and Bobbies played their first round of the District 1-AAA tournament Monday at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course in Canyon.

The Bobcats' A team finished with 438 strokes while its B team tallied 507. Leading the boys' district battle is Perryton's B team with a score of 342. Second-place honors go to Perryton's A team and Dalhart, each with 337.

For the Bobbies, the A team finished with 521 while the B team shot 547. Perryton led the district race after one round with a 400. Tulia was second with 431 and Dalhart was third with 450.

Leading the way for the Bobcats was A-team member James Jackson, who shot a 96 over the first 18 holes. His teammates and their respective first-round scores were Van Jeter, 102; Jeremy Bishop, 119; Matthew Sandoval, 121; and Taylor Matthews, 138.

The Bobcats' B team includes Jason Harris, who fired a 117; Patrick Hunter, 129; Ryan Hays, 130; Colby Williams, 131; and Brandon Burks, who was disqualified.

Dimmitt individuals were Dalton Fisher, who shot a 142; and Jody Stovall, who was disqualified.

For the girls, Kylie Webb led the way on the A team with a first-round score of 121. Other team members and their respective finishes were Holly Lane, 129; Jenna Steinle, 134; Sadra Daniels, 137; and Morgan Hazel, 138.

Members of the Dimmitt B team were Charley Nutt, 131; Rae Odom, 136; Lyndee Behrends, 138; and Jaci Bishop, 142.

*Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.*  
-Francis Bacon

*Nothing happens to anybody, which he is not fitted by nature to hear.*  
-Marcus Aurelius Antoninus



**HART'S ANGELICA PERALES** is right on the heels of a Vega hurdler and is able to qualify for the finals and finish fifth in the 110-meter event at the Hart Longhorn Relays Saturday. Track teams from across the area converged on Hart over the weekend for the annual meet.

## Dimmitt track teams enjoy good finishes at area meets

Dimmitt athletes earned several medals at the Roughneck Relays in Sundown and at the San Angelo Relays.

Dimmitt's Justin Sutton captured the gold medal in the pole vault at San Angelo, clearing 15-6 in the event.

He was joined the San Angelo meet by Dimmitt's Randy Porter, who earned second place in the 400 with a time of 49.66, and fourth place in the 200, crossing the line in 23.78.

At the Sundown meet, Ivan Flores of Dimmitt had a very productive day, winning the 800-meter run in 2:07.89. He also placed second in the 1,600 meters, breaking the tape in 5:09.75. Flores finished fourth in the 400, posting a time of 54.36.

Other Bobcats placing in Sundown were Aaron Saenz, who was fourth in the 800 (2:12.67) and 1,600 (5:18.87); and Julian Velo, who threw the shot 40-2 3/4 for a fifth-place finish.

The Dimmitt Bobbies enjoyed success at Sundown as well, and coach Tim Gilliland said "the girls

competed well in every event they were entered. The continue to make great progress."

Medaling for the Bobbies were Jade Vick, who was second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 51.82; and Casandra Casas, who was third in the triple jump with an effort of 31-1 3/4.

The girls' 1,600-meter, 800-meter and 400-meter relay teams all earned medals. The mile relay team including Ashley Irons, Sadra Daniels, Casandra Casas and Cherie Norman finished second after posting a time of 4:27.91. The other two relays were third, with the 800-meter team of Morgan Hazel, Jami Middleton, Norman and Casas posting a time of 1:56.7; and the 400-meter relay including Vick, Casas, Middleton and Norman, clocked at 53.5.

Others placing for the Bobbies were Michelle Pedroza, fifth in the shot put (27-10) and discus (84-6); Jessica Salinas, sixth in the discus (83-1); Middleton, sixth in the long jump (13-9 1/2) and high jump (4-6); Ashley Irons, fifth in the triple jump (29-9); and Crystal Nino, fifth in the high jump (4-6).

## Hale Center boys, Muleshoe girls claim Hart Longhorn Relays titles

Hale Center tallied 128 points to win the boys' team championship at the Hart Longhorn Relays Saturday while the Muleshoe girls won their division with 134 points.

Hart's boys gave the Owls a run for their money, tallying 90 points to finish second among the teams. The Nazareth Swifts tied for sixth overall with 48 team points.

In the girls' division, Nazareth was eighth overall with 38 points while the Lady Horns finished 11<sup>th</sup> with 12 1/2.

### Boys

Hale Center's boys got first place finishes in the high jump, triple jump, long jump, 3,200-meter run, 800-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 1,600-meter run and 1,600-meter relay as they cruised to the team title.

Hart's big point getter was Jeremiah Velasquez, who placed in four events. He won the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.81; was second in the triple jump with a leap of 41-4 3/4; finished third in the long jump with a jump of 20-7 1/4; and was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.49.

Other Longhorns placing in the meet were Dan Eric Castillo, who won the shot with a throw of 46-0; and was fourth in the discus (126-3 1/2); Leon Minjaurez, sixth in the discus, 118-9 1/2; Isaias Garcia, fourth in the 1,600 and 3,200 with times of 5:20.79 and 11:30.57; Gabe Carrasco and Marcial Mendoza, fifth and sixth in the 800 with times of 2:16.57 and 2:16.86, respectively; Joel DeLaFuente, fourth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.33 and third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 45.14; Keith Finch, sixth, 400-meter dash, 57.38; and Joey Pantoja, third, 1,600, 5:16.75.

Hart's 1,600-meter relay was third in 3:46.68; while the 400-meter relay was sixth in 46.98.

Nazareth's Bo Hunter easily outdistanced the field in the discus, heaving the disc almost 32 feet farther than the second-place finisher. Hunter's throw of 159-0 earned him the gold medal. He also took the silver in the shot put with a throw of 44-1.

In the 3,200-meter run, Nazareth placed two runners among the top six—Trinity Robb was fifth in 11:35.56 and Blake Birkenfeld was sixth in 11:37.58.

The Swifts' 400-meter relay team was less than a second behind the winning team, but their time of 45.79 was only good enough for third.

Ky Wilcox of Nazareth finished second in the 100 with a time of 11.29 and the Swifts' Kade Wilcox finished third in the 400-meter dash, posting a time of 53.23.

### Girls

No one came close to Muleshoe in the girls' division. The Lady Mules dominated the meet, scoring 134 points compared with second-place Friona's 57.

Muleshoe took top honors in the high jump, 800 relay, 400-meter dash and 1,600-meter relay and had several runners place throughout the lineup in other events.

Nazareth's Danette Ramaekers enjoyed success in several events, taking the gold medals in the 3,200-

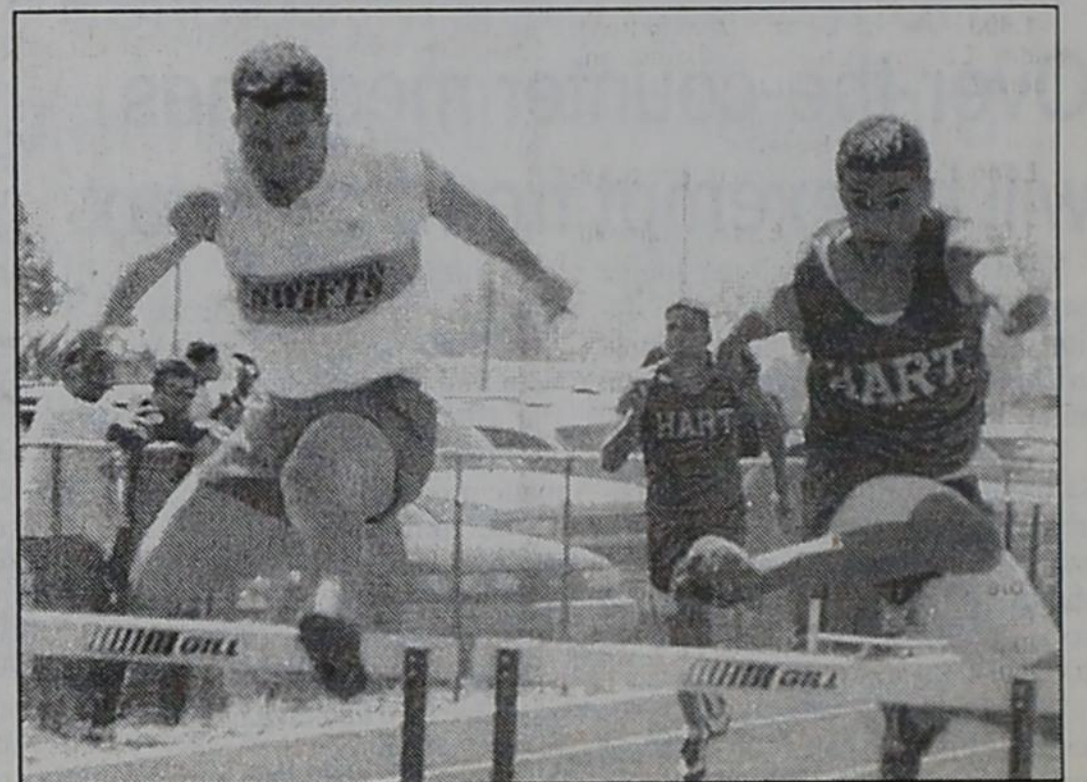
meter run and 800-meter dash. She lapped almost the entire field enroute to the championship in the 3,200, posting a time of 12:30.04, far ahead of the second-place time of 13:52.88 posted by Preston of Friona. In the 800, Ramaekers edged Davis of Hale Center for the gold with a time of 2:36.60.

Teri Ramaekers was sixth in the mile with a time of 6:39.17.

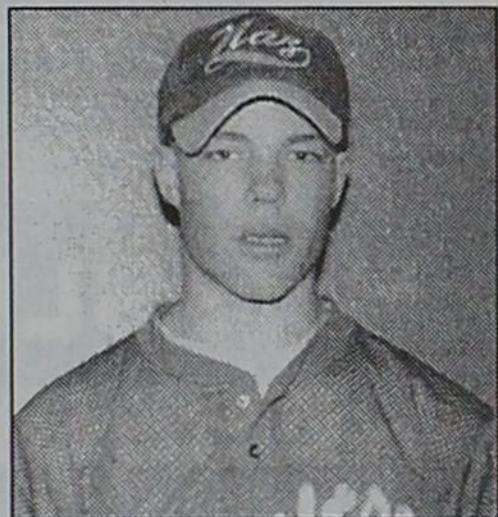
Nazareth's Black sisters also fared well Saturday. Wendy Black won the long jump with an effort of 15-11 1/8 and was fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 32-9. Marsha Black placed sixth in the triple jump (31-3 1/4). Marsha Black also was fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:42.34.

Hart's Lady Horns were led by Kelly George and Angelica Perales, who tied for sixth-place honors in the high jump after clearing 4-6. Perales also finished fifth in the 110 hurdles, posting a time of 17.77. George placed second in the 1,600 with a time of 6:15.26.

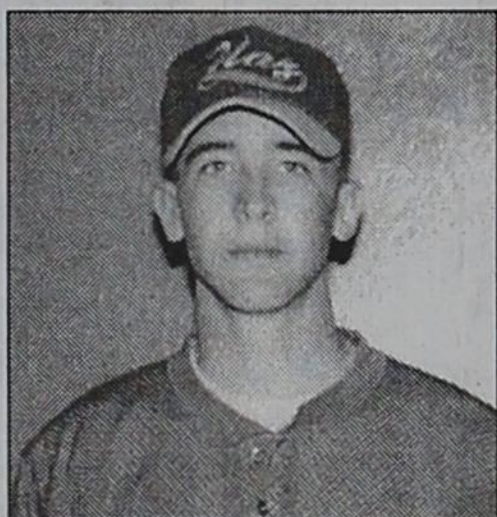
Hart's Garcia was fifth in the 200-meter dash, recording a time of 28.91 in the race.



**JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ OF HART** (right) and **Matty McLain** of Nazareth battle in the hurdles Saturday at the Hart Longhorn Relays. Velasquez won the 110-meter hurdles and was second in the 300 hurdles at the meet. He placed in several other events as well.



**MARK BIRKENFELD**  
Jr. Second Baseman



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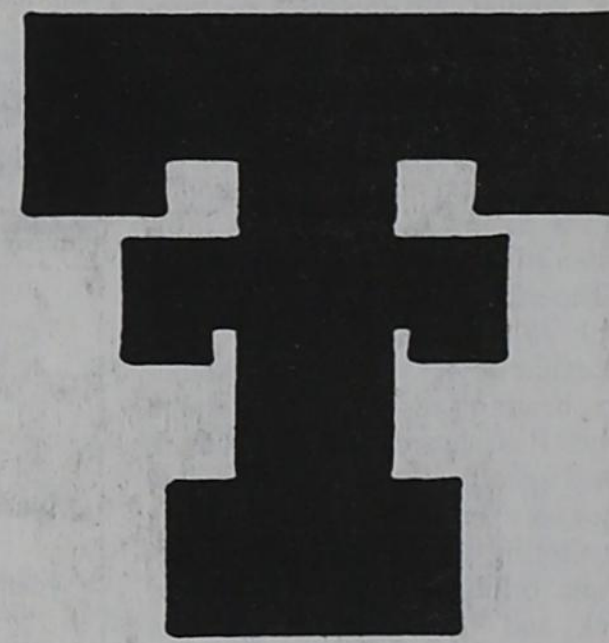
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**ROUGHNECK RELAYS at Sundown Boys**

**Team Totals:** 1. Tahoka 121, 2. Sundown 93, 3. Littlefield 72, 4. Plains 55, 5. Morton 48, 6. Olton 37, 7. (tie) Dimmitt and Brownfield 32, 9. Cooper 24, 10. Trinity Christian 22.  
**800:** 1. Ivan Flores of Dimmitt, 2:07.89; 4. Aaron Saenz of Dimmitt, 2:12.67.  
**1,600:** 2. Ivan Flores, 5:09.75; 4. Aaron Saenz, 5:18.87.  
**400:** 4. Ivan Flores, 54.36.  
**Shot Put:** 5. Julian Velo of Dimmitt, 40-2 3/4.

**Girls**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Sundown 134, 2. Whiteface 83, 3. Idalou 71, 4. Brownfield 61, 5. Tahoka 60, 6. Dimmitt 55, 7. Cooper 51, 8. Littlefield 38, 9. Morton 12, 10. Plains 11, 11. Trinity Christian 0.  
**Shot Put:** 5. Michelle Pedroza, Dimmitt, 27-10.  
**Discus:** 5. Michelle Pedroza, Dimmitt, 84-6; 5. Jessica Salinas, Dimmitt, 83-1.  
**Long Jump:** 6. Jami Middleton, Dimmitt, 13-9 1/2.  
**Triple Jump:** 3. Casandra Casas, Dimmitt, 31-1 3/4; 5. Ashley Irons, Dimmitt, 29-9.  
**High Jump:** 5. Crystal Nino, Dimmitt, 4-6; 6. Jami Middleton, Dimmitt, 4-6.  
**400 Relay:** 3. Dimmitt (Jade Vick, Casandra Casas, Jami Middleton, Cherie Norman) 53.56.  
**800 Relay:** 3. Dimmitt (Morgan Hazel, Jami Middleton, Cherie Norman, Casandra Casas) 1:56.07.  
**300 Hurdles:** 2. Jade Vick, Dimmitt, 51.82.  
**1,600 Relay:** 2. Dimmitt (Ashley Irons, Sadra Daniels, Casandra Casas and Cherie Norman) 4:27.91.

**JV Boys**  
**Long Jump:** 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 19-4 1/2.  
**1,600:** 3. Ruben Casas, Dimmitt, 5:33.74.  
**Triple Jump:** 4. L.J. Soler, 37-6 1/2.  
**400 Relay:** 4. Dimmitt (L.J. Soler, Brandon Furr, Jaime Rios and Steven Paz).  
**200:** 5. Steven Paz, Dimmitt, 3:20.0; 6. Gus Correa, Dimmitt.  
**100:** 6. Jaime Rios, Dimmitt.

**SAN ANGELO RELAYS Boys**  
**Pole Vault:** 1. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt, 15-6.  
**400:** 2. Randy Porter, Dimmitt, 49.66.  
**200:** 4. Randy Porter, 23.78.

**HART LONGHORN RELAYS Boys**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Hale Center 128, 2. Hart 90, 3. Lockney 84, 4. Muleshoe 75, 5. Vega 48, 6. Nazareth 48, 7. Kress 42, 8. Crosbyton 20, 9. Sudan 17.  
**Shot Put:** 1. Dan Erica Castillo, Hart, 46-0; 2. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 44-1.  
**Triple Jump:** 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 41-4 3/4.  
**Long Jump:** 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, 20-7 1/4.  
**Discus:** 1. Bo Hunter, 159-0; 4. Dan Eric Castillo, 126-3 1/2; 6. Minjarrez, Hart, 118-9 1/2.  
**3,200:** 4. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:30.57; 5. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 11:35.56; 6. Blake Birkenfeld, Nazareth, 11:37.58.  
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**110 Hurdles:** 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, 15.81; 4. Joel DeLaFuente, Hart, 17.33.  
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**400:** 3. Kade Wilcox, Nazareth, 53.23; 6. Keith Finch, Hart, 57.38.  
**300 Hurdles:** 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, 42.49; 3. Joel DeLaFuente, 45.14.  
**1,600:** 3. Joey Pantoja, Hart, 5:16.75; 4. Isaias Garcia, 5:20.79; 6. Thomas Chia, Hart, 5:28.26.  
**1,600 Relay:** 3. Hart, 3:46.68.

**Girls**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Muleshoe 134, 2. Friona 57, 3. Crosbyton 54, 4. (Tie) Hale Center, Sudan and Lockney 42, 7. Olton 40, 8. Nazareth 38, 9. Vega 27 1/4, 10. Springlake-Earth 22, 11. Hart 12 1/2, 12. Kress 12, 13. Bovina 10 1/4, 14. Valley 2, 15. Happy 0, 16. Dimmitt 0.  
**Triple Jump:** 5. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 32-9; 6. Marsha Black, Nazareth, 31-3 1/4.  
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**1,600:** 2. Kelly George, Hart, 6:15.26; 6. Teri Ramaekers, Nazareth, 6:39.17.  
**200:** 5. Garcia, Hart, 28.91.



**NAZARETH'S DARYL POHLMER rounds third on his way to scoring in the second inning of a non-district game between the Swifts and Tulia JV Friday at Nazareth. The Swifts jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the second before Tulia battled back and threatened to tie the game in the seventh. Nazareth was able to hold off the Hornets to claim a 10-9 win.**

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Bobcats finish a run short in seventh inning rally Tuesday

Dimmitt's seventh inning rally died Tuesday with a trio of fly balls that Tulia was able to put away, and the Hornets claimed a slim 6-5 District 1-AAA win at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

The game was a close one from the first pitch.

Tulia picked up two runs in the first inning but the Bobcats got one of those back in the bottom of the first.

Bobby Hill rounded third and was waved home by Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz after Tanner Griffitt slapped a shot that was good for a double.

Dimmitt, behind the pitching of Wesley Harkins, shut down Tulia in the second and third innings, and the Bobcats were able to take a 3-2 lead in the second.

Harkins tied the game when he scored on an Inng double by B.J. Hill. Hill scored on an Omar Torres double to right field, giving Dimmitt its 3-2 advantage. Tulia was able to convert a double play when Josselet flied out and the Hornets picked off Torres at third.

After a scoreless third inning, Tulia was able to get back on track in the fourth and picked up one run to knot the game at 3; then the Hornets defense denied the Bobcats in the bottom half of the inning to keep it a stalemate.

Dimmitt had its chances in the

fourth, though. The Bobcats advanced Michael Penney to third base on a single by Harkins, but Penney was caught with his foot off the bag and Tulia tagged him to end the scoring threat.

The Bobcats returned the favor in the top of the fifth, then took the lead when they went on the offensive.

Brent Josselet scored on a fielder's error with two on and two out to give Dimmitt its 4-3 lead before Tulia escaped the fifth.

The Hornets were able to regain the lead in the top of the sixth, 5-4, but the Bobcats shut down Tulia's hopes for any more runs when Dimmitt's Bobby Hill tagged Tulia's Chris Thomas at third base on a throw from catcher B.J. Hill after a passed ball.

The Bobcats weren't able to regain the lost runs in the bottom of the sixth, then gave up a solo run in the seventh, allowing Tulia to take a 6-4 lead.

Tulia's lead-off hitter doubled off of Harkins, and that prompted Quiroz to replace him on the mound with Griffitt.

The first three Hornet batters reached before Tulia had an out, and the first of those scored.

Tulia attempted to score one more runner, but a long throw from shortstop Sammy Prieto to B.J. Hill at home resulted in a tag-out.

While the next Hornet batter was

up, B.J. Hill pegged a runner trying to go from second to third for the third out.

The Bobcats moved into rally mode as they started the bottom of the seventh.

Josselet started things off with a hit to right field, then he beat the throw to score a double off the shot.

Prieto and Bobby Hill each flied out, but Dimmitt got new life when Griffitt singled to score Josselet from second, trimming the Tulia lead to a run.

Jeremy Furr took over as a pinch runner for Griffitt as Johnathan Stevens stepped to the plate, but Stevens flied out to end the inning and game.

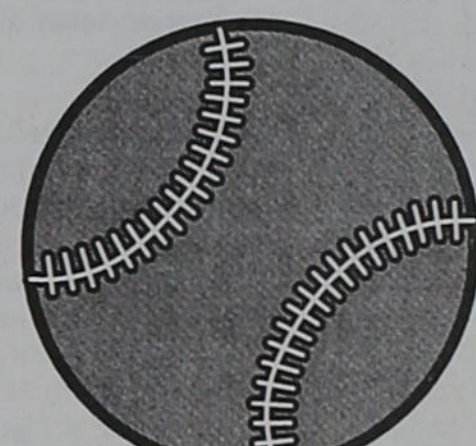
Harkins suffered the loss for Dimmitt while Tulia's Efrain Cortez got the win.

Dimmitt's five runs came off of eight hits and five Tulia errors; while the Hornets scored their six runs on 10 hits and four Bobcat errors.

Dimmitt dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-2 in district with the loss Tuesday.



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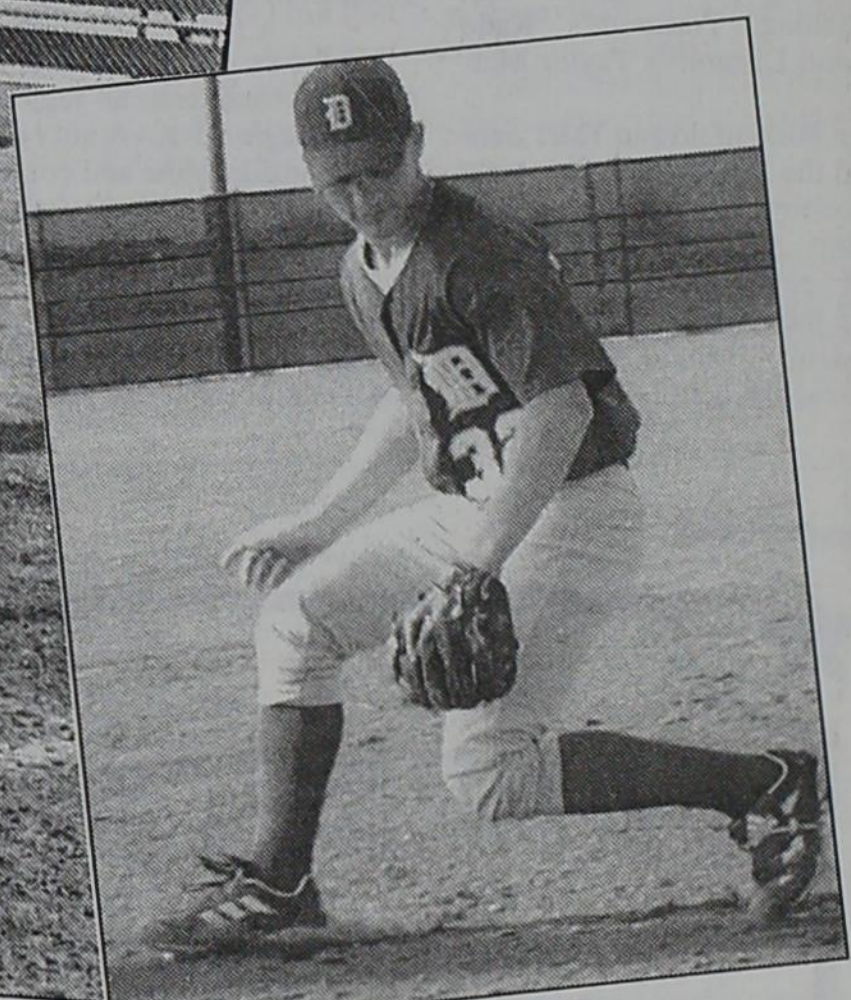
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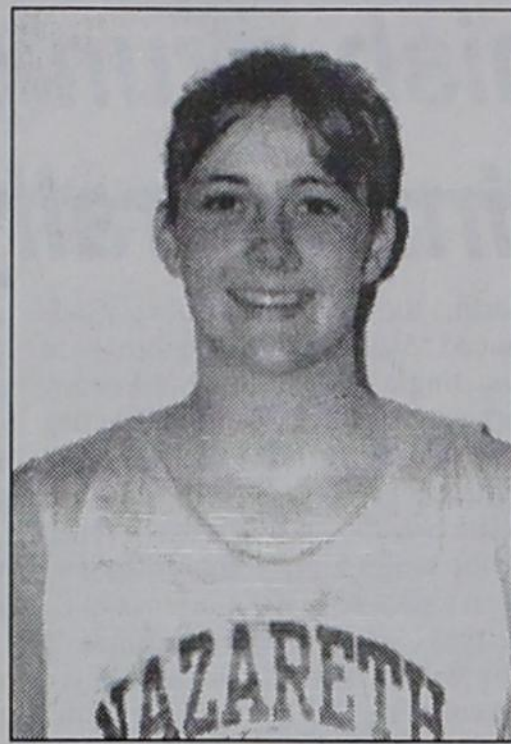
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**Birkenfeld, Gerber, Thiel named all-state**

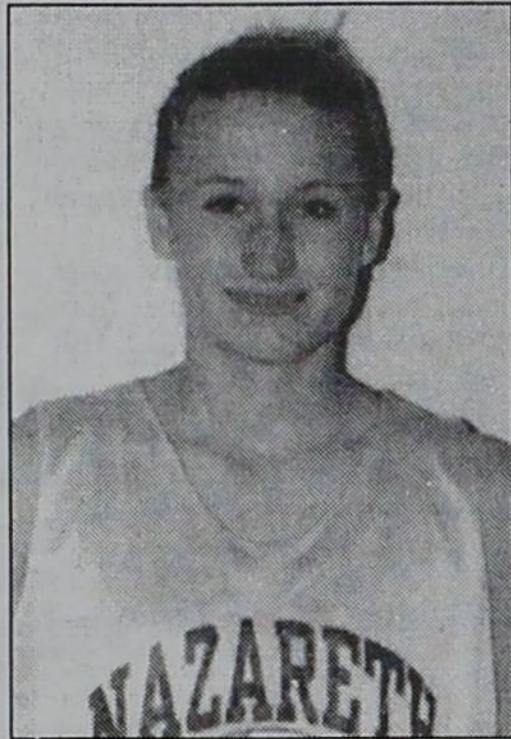
# Cassie Birkenfeld is state's Player of Year

Nazareth's Cassie Birkenfeld was named the Class A Player of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC)

Birkenfeld and teammate Shawna Gerber earned first-team all-state honors while Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel was named second-team all-state in the recently released poll.

Birkenfeld, a 5-8 senior guard, averaged 13.2 points, 5.5 rebounds, 5.9 assists and 1.9 steals for the Class A State Champion Nazareth Swiftettes this season. She also was named to the all-state tournament team and was first-team all-district. Birkenfeld was selected to play in the TABC and Texas Girls Coaches Association all-star teams. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University next season.

Gerber, 5-8 junior guard, also was named to the all-state tournament team in addition to being named the Class A Tournament Most Valuable Player. She also was first-team all-district. Gerber led Nazareth in scoring with 14.8 points per game and averaged 4.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 3.4 steals.



**STEPHANIE THIEL**  
... Second-team TABC all-state

Thiel contributed 14.1 points per game for the Swiftettes this season. She added 6.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.1 steals as she earned the Offensive MVP honors in her district.

# Six earn all-region honors from TABC

The Nazareth all-state trio of Cassie Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber and Stephanie Thiel also earned all-region honors from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) along with teammate Whitney Hoelting, Nazareth's Kade Wilcox and Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews.

Gerber, Birkenfeld and Thiel were named to the Region 1-A first team while Hoelting, a 6-0 post averaging 13.2 points, 5.5 boards and 1.6 assists and steals, copped second-team honors in the girls' poll.

Wilcox, a 5-10 guard, earned first-team all-region honors among Re-

gion 1-A boys. The sharp-shooting guard who was his district's Offensive MVP, led his team in scoring with an 18 point per game average and was the Swifts' leading threat from three-point range.

Matthews, a 6-1 senior post, earned second-team all-region honors for Region 1-AAA after anchoring the inside game and controlling the boards for the Bobcats, who advanced to the regional quarterfinals before bowing out of the playoff race. Matthews averaged 11.3 points, 7.8 rebounds, 2.3 assists and a pair of steals per game.

# Swift defense holds off Tulia JV rally in seventh

After building a 9-1 lead over Tulia JV in the second inning Friday night, the Nazareth Swifts turned cold at the plate and allowed the Hornets back into the game.

The Swifts escaped with a 10-9 win in the game, but not before Tulia loaded the bases in the top of the seventh inning. The seventh-inning threat ended when Nazareth's Eric Schilling—who moved from pitcher to first base in the fifth inning—snagged a John Garza ground ball hit between first and second and threw the runner out at first for the third out.

Nazareth scored its 10 runs on seven hits and 11 Tulia errors. The Hornets picked up 16 hits in the game.

Winning pitcher was Schilling, who struck out five hitters in his four innings on the mound. Suffering the loss for the Hornets was E. Adams.

Both teams got lead-off singles in the first inning, and each of those hits resulted in a run for a 1-1 score after the first inning.

Nazareth allowed two base runners in the second, but Tulia couldn't take advantage of an error and walk and had to settle for a goose egg in the inning.

The Swifts had no problems crossing the plate in the bottom half of the inning.

# Local athletes selected to play in all-star tourney

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held April 6-8 at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo and several county seniors are among those who will be participating in the event.

Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews and Daniel Flores and Nazareth's Sara Schulte have been selected to compete with players from across the area in the all-star event.

Teams from the North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers and players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle as well as from Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties and the counties of Eastern New Mexico which border Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. on April 6, 6 and 8 p.m. on April 7 and 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. on April 8.

A three-point shooting and slam dunk competition also will be held during the tournament. Any senior boy or girl, regardless of whether or not they have been selected for the all-star games, is eligible for these competitions. Those interested in one of the contests should send an entry to Brent Sherrod, PO Box 19395, Amarillo 79109, or call him at 352-7348.

For more information about the all-star event, call James Allen at 378-8216.

After Mark Birkenfeld reached on an error to lead off the inning, a left field double by Evan Huseman scored Birkenfeld to give Nazareth a 2-1 lead and the Swifts would never trail again.

Nazareth batted around as three hitters stepped to the plate twice in the inning. The Swifts picked up three hits and took advantage of seven Hornet errors to boost the run tally to 9 before Chase Schulte struck out to end the inning. Scoring for Nazareth in the inning were Mark Birkenfeld (twice), Huseman, Schulte, Daryl Pohlmeier, Blake Birkenfeld, Justin Kleman and Michael Korman.

Tulia was able to trim Nazareth's 9-1 lead to 9-3 in the third inning.

After Josh Garza was retired on an infield pop-up, Adams reached on an error. He scored when B. Frosto nailed a shot to right field that was good for three bases. Frosto scored on a John Garza double to right field, but Garza was stranded on second when Schilling struck out the next two Tulia batters.

The Swifts got a lead-off single by Tyler Ehly to start the bottom of the third, then Schilling and Pohlmeier each reached on errors to load the bases. Blake Birkenfeld knocked in Ehly on a fielder's choice, but the Swifts would strand two after that and had to settle for a 10-3 lead.

Tulia added a pair of runs in the fourth inning to pull within five, then Adams retired the side in the bottom of the fourth to keep the Hornets within striking distance.

Hornet hitters picked up three singles and a double off of relief pitcher Ehly in the fifth, but could only get two runs for their effort.

T. Cruz scored teammates B. Marcias and R.J. Cruz on a hit to left-centerfield, but Huseman hit shortstop Adam Acker with the relay throw, then Acker pegged T. Cruz at third when the runner tried to stretch the double into a triple.

Adams was able to hold Nazareth at bay in the fifth and sixth innings, and Tulia picked up another run in the sixth to make it 10-8. The Hornets were threatening to cut the gap by more, but Huseman turned a double play, catching a R.J. Cruz hit, then doubling up B. Marcias, who left early from second base.

Ehly pitched to one batter in the seventh before he was replaced by Blake Birkenfeld. Birkenfeld sent T. Cruz to the bench after catching his infield pop-up, then struck out J. Bentley before giving up back-to-back singles and a walk to load the bases and score one runner to make it a one-point game.

Schilling's play ended the Tulia comeback bid and preserved the 10-9 Swift win.

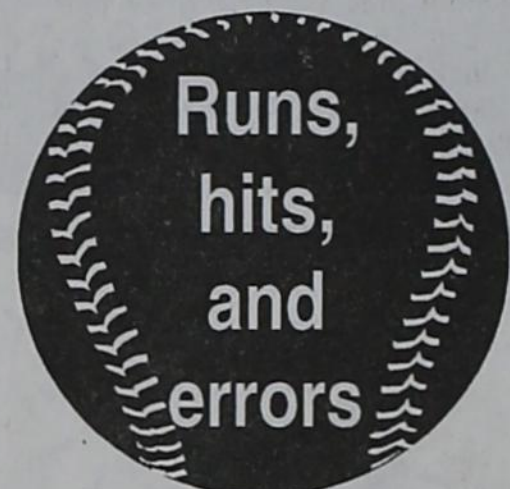
# Two Bobcats earn mention to All-South Plains

Daniel Flores and Keevin Sanders, both of Dimmitt, earned honorable mention on the 1999-2000 *Lubbock Avalanche Journal's* Class AAA All-South Plains team.

The All-South Plains team includes Mikey Marshall of Tulia, D' Hudson of Shallowater, Dustin Hill of Shallowater, Bret Clements of Muleshoe and Eric Sheets of Seminole.



**DISCUS CHAMP**—Nazareth's Bo Hunter claimed the gold medal in the discus at the Hart Longhorn Relays Friday afternoon with a throw of 159-0. He also finished second in the shot with a throw of 44-1.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell



**FRIDAY**

Swifts 10, Tulia JV 9

Tulia JV	102	221	1	9	16	11
Nazareth	420	071	14	9	4	

E. Adams and R.J. Cruz for Tulia. Eric Schilling, Tyler Ehly (5), Blake Birkenfeld (7) and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth. WP: Schilling (1-1). LP: Adams. Save: Birkenfeld. 2B: Josh Garza, Adams, John Garza, B. Marcias and T. Cruz for Tulia; Evan Huseman for Nazareth. 3B: B. Frosto of Tulia. Record: Nazareth 2-1.

**SATURDAY**

Bobcats 1, Perryton 11

Dimmitt	000	010	1	1	4
Perryton	202	151	11	12	0

Tanner Griffitt, Sammy Prieto (5) and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt; Cody Merrell, Bret Page and Cody Creswell for Perryton. WP: Merrell. LP: Griffitt. 2B: Creswell, Kuyler Dear (2) for Perryton. 3B: Brett Hoffman for Perryton.

**MONDAY**

Swifts 5, Cotton Center 17

Nazareth	002	03	5	3	4
Cotton Center	543	5x	17	17	2

Nick Bermea, Blake Birkenfeld (2) and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Johnathan Land, Mark Rodriguez (5) and Nichols for Cotton Center. WP: Land. LP: Bermea. 2B: Land (3), McFerrin (2) and Matt Rodriguez for Cotton Center. HR: Eric Schilling and Pohlmeier for Nazareth. Record: Nazareth 2-2.

**TUESDAY**

Bobcats 5, Tulia 6

Tulia	200	102	1	6	10	5
Dimmitt	120	010	1	5	8	4

Cortez and Criswell for Tulia; Wesley Harkins, Tanner Griffitt (7) and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt. WP: Cortez. LP: Harkins. 2B: Chavez for Tulia; Griffitt, Hill and Torres for Dimmitt. Record: Dimmitt 2-10, 0-2.

# Wethington breaks 100 in district golf

Stanton Wethington of Nazareth shot a 99 Monday to lead his team in the first round of the District 4-A golf tournament at Borger Country Club.

Wethington and the Swifts finished with 467 strokes on the day in the 13-team tourney. Joining him on the team were Aaron Kern, who finished with 111; Cameron McLain, 124; Ky Wilcox, 133; and Adam Schulte, 144. Individual golfers from Nazareth who competed Monday were Luke Price, who shot a 120; and Ross Schulte, who recorded a 134.

Leading the district race after the first 18 holes were Wheeler and Shamrock, who each finished the first round with 322 strokes. Memphis was second with 332.

In the girls' meet, Cassie Birkenfeld finished with 111 over the first 18 holes to lead the Swiftettes, who tallied 487 strokes in the opening round.

Birkenfeld was joined on the team by Jaci Birkenfeld, who fired a 121; Mindi Ethridge, who shot a 126; Karen Wilhelm, 129; and Susan Kern, 130.

Nazareth's Melanie Book and Rose Wilhelm competed as individuals and they shot 121 and 126, respectively.

The Swiftettes trail district leader Booker (384) by 103 strokes headed into the second round. Currently in second is Shamrock, which posted a 393; while Memphis is in third with 396.

The second round of the district 4-A meet will be played Monday.

# Bobcats drop 1-AAA opener with Perryton

Dimmitt's bats were cold as hitters struggled to connect with Perryton hurler Cody Merrell Saturday in a District 1-AAA opener at Perryton.

Merrell and his reliever, Bret Page, combined to pitch a one-hitter to lead the Rangers to an 11-1 district win over the Bobcats.

The Rangers exploded with 12 hits and picked up 11 runs in six innings Saturday.

Merrell got the win for the Rangers while Tanner Griffitt suffered the loss for Dimmitt.

Perryton struck for two runs in the first inning, then added another pair in the third to take a 4-0 lead.

The Rangers extended that advantage to 5-0 before Dimmitt scratched in the fifth inning with its lone run.

Perryton got that run back plus some in the bottom of the fifth, getting five runs to take a 10-1 lead.

The Rangers added one run in the bottom of the sixth to claim the win.

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**FOR**

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# A welcome addition



## Please join us in welcoming Mark Wishard, our new Chief Financial Officer

The Castro County Hospital District is proud to welcome Mark Wishard as the new Chief Financial Officer. A native of Roswell, Mark comes to us from Greenwood, Miss., where he was the CFO of a 250-bed acute-care hospital. His wife, Jan, is a native of Lamesa, and they have two grown children. A professional accountant, Mark earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and a master's degree from the University of Tulsa. The Wishards are member of the Church of Christ.

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# Board postpones calendar decision

The Dimmitt School Board looked at a proposed calendar for the 2000-2001 school year, and decided to postpone adoption of it until board members can reflect on it further.

The board met Monday night. Board member David Schaeffer expressed dismay that the proposed calendar calls for classes to start Aug. 10. He asked whether adjustments could be made that would allow a later starting date.

Board member John Nino asked for time to think about the calendar before voting on it.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the matter could be put on the agenda for the April 10 meeting.

In approving all other contracts, the board members voted on employees by campus. Schaeffer abstained from voting on those from Richardson Elementary School, Bain abstained from voting on those from Dimmitt Middle School, and Odom abstained from voting on those from Dimmitt High School, all due to conflict of interest considerations.

In other business, the board:

—Authorized purchase over a two-year period of \$53,000-worth of software for use at RES. The school had looked at other software, but found it unsuitable for the lower grades.

—Gave approval for adding a course for ninth graders who qualify as "at risk" of dropping out. The course is Personal Academic Achievement.

—Heard a presentation on the Relay for Life event planned by the Castro County chapter of the American Cancer Society. A decision on allowing the use of the high school track for the event will be made at a later meeting of the board.

—Heard a "vote of thanks" from Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church. He told the board they were courageous in adopting the prom admission policy that includes the use of a breathalyzer.

"I believe the bulk of our parents will support you (in the decision)," Dickerson said.

Following an executive session, the board voted to accept resignations from five employees and voted to extend the contracts of all other professional employees.

Those submitting resignations were Jimmy Whiddon, Dimmitt High School history teacher and coach; Melissa Clark, head start teacher; Chandra Davis, sixth grade reading; Reyes Garza, seventh grade health, P.E. and coach; and David Rivera, eighth grade health, P.E. and coach.

The votes to accept the resignations were unanimous except in the case of Garza. Board members John Nino and Chevo Lumbra voted against accepting his resignation, while board members Barbara Bain, Paul Garcia, Greg Odom, David Schaeffer and Rick Wright were in favor.



**NAZARETH PITCHER ERIC SCHILLING winds up and gets ready to strike out a Tulia JV batter Friday when the two teams met in a game at the Nazareth Community Center. Schilling got the win for the Swifts, who held off a late Tulia rally to claim a 10-9 win.** Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Swiftettes dominate all-South Plains team

Cassie Birkenfeld of Nazareth was named the Class A Player of the Year, Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett nabbed Coach of the Year honors and Stephanie Thiel was named to the all-South Plains honor team, announced Wednesday morning by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*. Birkenfeld, a 5-8 senior guard who

has signed to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University next season, averaged 14.1 points, 6.1 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game for the Swiftettes, who captured the school's 14<sup>th</sup> state championship this season.

Birkenfeld also was named the TABC Class A Player of the Year, TABC first-team all-state and first-team all-region; first-team all-district and was named to the all-state tournament team.

Thiel, a 5-9 sophomore guard popped 78 three-pointers for Nazareth and made 48.1% of her attempts from long range. She averaged 14.2 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game. She was a second-team all-state and first-team all-regions selection as well as being named the offensive most valuable player of her district.

Garrett, in his first year as Nazareth head coach, guided the Swiftettes to the state tournament and its national record 14<sup>th</sup> state title.

Earning honorable mention all-South Plains honors were Nazareth's Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting.

# Five are indicted

Five men were indicted Tuesday by the 64th Dist. Court Grand Jury. Antonio Solis III, 20, of Hart, was indicted for robbery.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was the charge against Erik Delgado Cortez, 19, of Hereford.

James Hayden Rosenberry, 23, of Dimmitt, was charged with burglary of a habitation.

Indecency with a child was the charge against Victor Hugh Perez, 35, of Dallas.

Ricardo Melendez Ramirez, 25, of Dimmitt, was charged with DWI, third offense.

# Voters may register for May 6 elections

Eligible persons who are not registered voters may still register to vote by April 6 in order to cast ballots in the May 6 elections for city and school board positions.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who had filed as of Monday (the deadline for write-in candidates) are listed below.

Early voting will be held April 19 through May 2.

## Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt—City council members whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard, Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4.

All incumbents have filed for re-election.

DISD—Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

## Hart

City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entekin, and Horace E. "Tom" McLain.

Entekin and McLain have filed, along with Bill Rich.

HIISD—Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Others filing are Harold Bob Bennett, Vivian Finch, Roy Gonzales, Laura Hart, Manuel Minjares III, Arthur Guzman, and Julie McLain.

## Nazareth

City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the end of their terms.

Both have filed for re-election.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker, Jimmy Hoelting, and Mike Huseman.

## Hospital

Trustees of the Castro County Hospital District canceled the election, since incumbents Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill were unopposed in their re-election bid.

# Police Calls

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was injured in an incident of aggravated assault Sunday at 1:38 a.m. in the 200 block of Northeast Fifth. Police said a fight at a residence escalated and a suspect struck the victim in the head with a metal rod. The victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he received stitches for a laceration on the left side of his head. The incident is still under investigation.

A case of Class C simple assault was reported to police last Thursday at 2:45 p.m. at Dimmitt High School. A 15-year-old female victim was assaulted by a 17-year-old suspect, also a female, in front of the school. The suspect was jailed at 5:35 p.m. the same day.

March 22, an 18-year-old male student at DHS made a terroristic threat against a female teacher in class at the school after she had told him to get busy on an assignment. He was jailed Tuesday morning on misdemeanor charges.

Friday afternoon a 22-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a warrant for criminal trespass.

Police reported that a suspect evaded arrest and detention by getting out of a vehicle and running away in an incident early Saturday morning in the 200 block of West Halsell.

March 21, a suspect was stopped on south US 385 and was found to be driving with license suspended.

Friday night, a suspect was charged with disorderly conduct for

urinating in public in the 400 block of Southwest Fifth.

Some suspects were charged with failure to identify Monday at 11:07 a.m. when they were stopped in the 1500 block of Western Circle Drive. They refused to give their proper names or date of birth.

Police had a report of a runaway Sunday morning.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week included:

—Friday at 1:12 a.m. a 30-year-old Earth man was jailed for DWI, second offense.

—Saturday at 12:09 a.m., some suspects at South Lake Park Road were charged with being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage; at 12:39 a.m., a suspect was charged with DWI, second offense, after he was observed speeding on south US 385; and at 4:06 a.m., some suspects were arrested in the 200 block of West Halsell for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

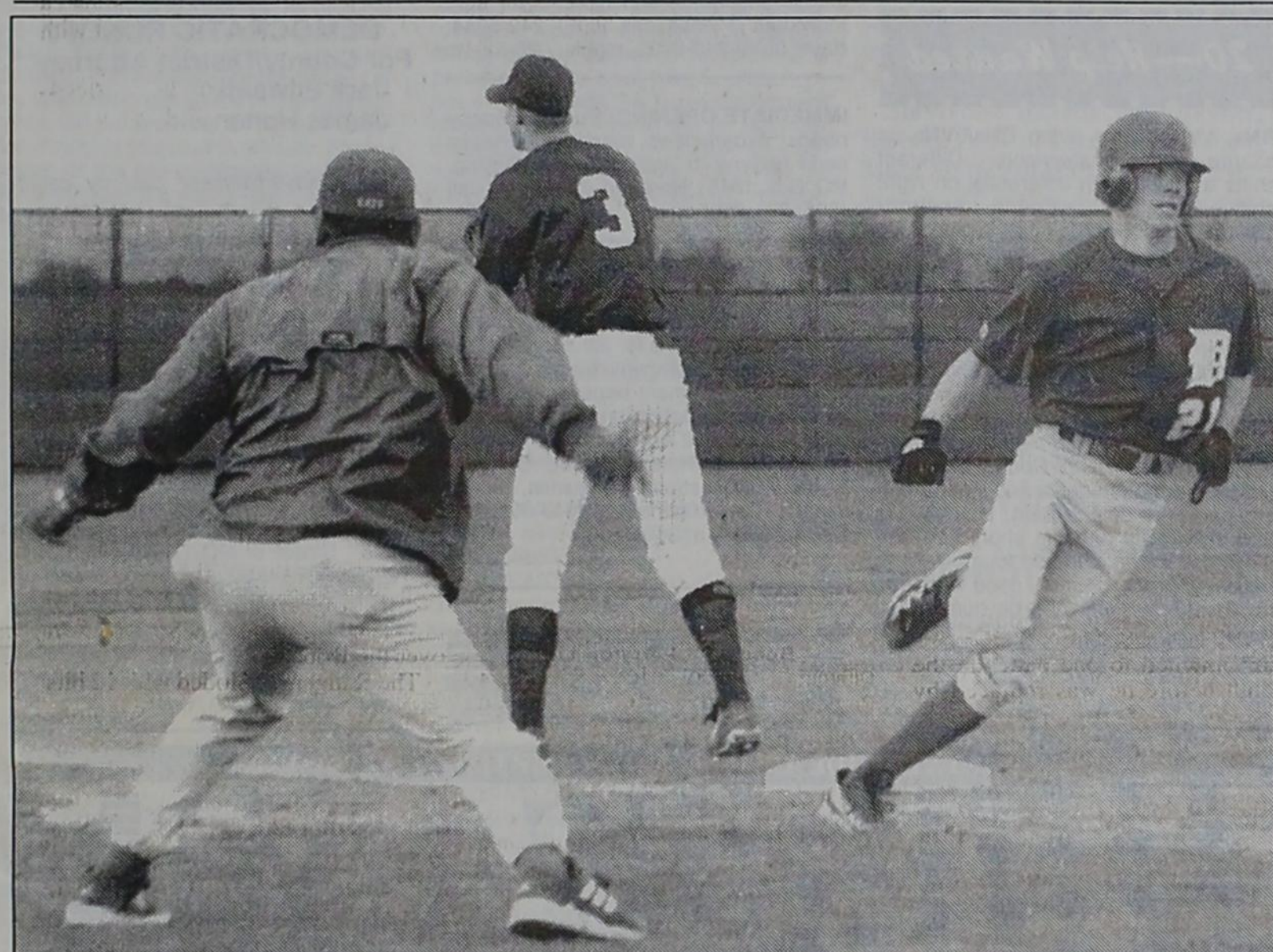
Jailed on warrants or probation matters were:

—March 22, a Dimmitt man, 51, on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of DWI, third or more offense.

—Last Thursday, a 48-year-old Austin man for criminal non-support.

## Jail Count

There were nine prisoners in the jail as of Tuesday morning, and three had been "farmed out" all week, at a cost of \$114 per day or \$798 for the week.



**HOMEWARD BOUND—Dimmitt's B. J. Hill is waved home by Coach Jesus Quiroz as he rounds third base in the second inning with Dimmitt's third run against Tulia Tuesday at George Howell Park.**

**This run, which came on a double by Omar Torres, gave the Bobcats a 3-2 lead over the Hornets. The Bobcats led much of the game, but Tulia struck for three runs in the final two innings to take a 6-5 win.** Photo by Don Nelson

# Sperrys testify before House Subcommittee on importance of voluntary blood donations

Craig and Jennifer Sperry of Canyon know they owe their son, Kirkland's life to a generous blood donor and they, traveled to Washington, D.C., recently to speak on behalf of the blood donor program before the House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Shortly after birth, Kirkland, who is the grandson of Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth, was diagnosed with a cardiac condition and a seizure disorder. At the age of two months, Kirkland also developed respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). This virus attacked Kirkland's respiratory tracts and his bone marrow, which produces the body's blood cells.

Kirkland needed an immediate blood transfusion, but there wasn't time to collect even the single pint of blood he needed from his mother who shares his blood type. Fortunately, an earlier donation from an unknown volunteer blood donor gave Kirkland another chance at life.

The Sperry family participated in the "Pints for Half-Pints: Giving Kids Another Chance" program, sponsored by America's Blood Centers, of which Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is a member. The Sperry family traveled to Orlando, Fla., as part of the program and things mushroomed from there.

The "Pints for Half-Pints" event proved to be a good time for all, including Kirkland, whose picture was taken with his father and Shamu, SeaWorld Orlando's friendly killer whale, for the next day's issue of the *Orlando Sentinel*. But this was just the beginning of Kirkland's east coast tour.

As Kirkland and his parents were

making friends with the other families at the "Pints for Half-Pints" launch, the US House Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations was preparing its third and final hearing on the safety and availability of the US blood supply.

When the Subcommittee staff heard of Kirkland's story, they asked if the family would come to Washington to testify at the hearing.

Nazareth native Jennifer Sperry, touched the hearts of the congressmen on the Subcommittee as she told the story of her small son's battle for survival and the single pint of donated blood that saved his life.

"Most people don't think their life will ever depend on someone else's blood, but if you need even one unit, you realize that it is the most generous gift anyone can give."

She noted that she had quickly volunteered her own blood, but the doctors said that would take too long. They needed the blood immediately.

"Fortunately, the right blood was available, and Kirkland is alive today. All it took was 30 minutes for someone to donate blood. That person saved our son's life and didn't even know it. For that we are eternally grateful," Jennifer Sperry said.

The Sperrys challenged anyone who has not donated blood to look into Kirkland's eyes and deny the difference one donation can make.

The Sperrys' message came through loud and clear to members of Congress and all who attended the hearing—blood donations are urgently needed.

"As we have learned, the US blood supply is fragile," said Subcommittee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI). "This Subcommittee will continue to moni-

tor the situation, keep the blood supply on our radar screen and to support voluntary blood donation."

"The blood supply is like an insurance policy—you don't think about it until you need it," added Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley (R-Virginia).

US Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas) introduced the Sperry family to the Subcommittee members and thanked them for agreeing to give their testimony.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was reprinted, in part, from a recent issue of ABC Blood News, a newsletter published by America's Blood Centers.)

## More about Early voting . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Keller and Tom Price; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, between Charles Holcomb and Guy Williams; and Place 2 between Jim Wallace and Barbara Hervey.

Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary may not vote in the Democratic run-off, and those who voted in the Democratic Primary may not vote in the Republican run-off. Registered voters who did not vote in the primaries may still vote in the run-off of their choice. In addition, any voter who may have signed a candidate petition for a candidate may only vote in the run-off of the party in which that candidate filed.

Tuesday is the last day for the early voting clerk to receive application for ballots by mail for the run-off elections.

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**22—Notices**

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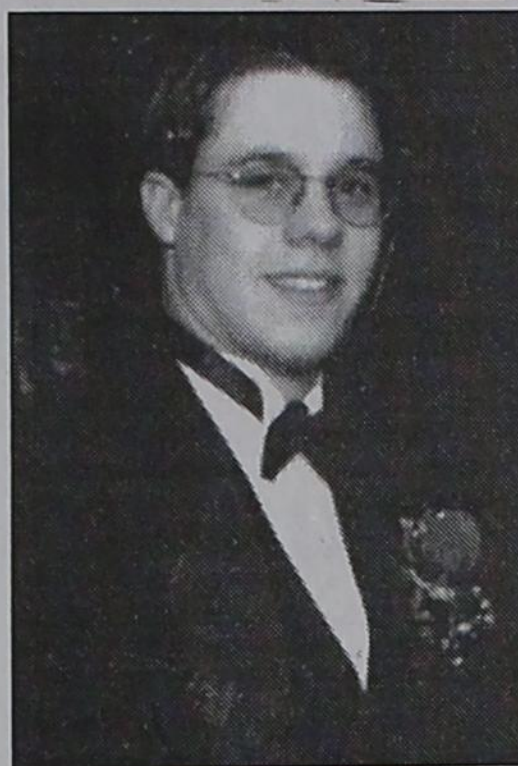
This is to inform the public that First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, and First National Bank, Sudan, Texas, filed an application on or about March 23, 2000, to merge (the "FDIC Application") with the surviving institution to be First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Any person wishing to comment on the FDIC application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director (DOS) of the FDIC at its regional office, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201, no later than April 28, 2000. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

On or about March 23, 2000, First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, and First

National Bank, Sudan, Texas, also filed an application (the "TDB Application") regarding the proposed merger with the Texas Department of Banking. Any person wishing to comment on the TDB Application, either for or against, may file written comments with the Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294, on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this publication. Such comments will be made a part of the record before and considered by the banking commissioner. Any person wishing to formally protest and oppose (describe type of application in general terms) and participate in the application process may do so by filing a written notice of protest with the Texas Department of Banking on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the date of this publication accompanied by a protest filing fee of \$2,500. The protest fee may be reduced or waived by the banking commissioner upon a showing of substantial hardship.

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Obituary



Steve Steffey

Funeral services for Steve Wayne Steffey, 22, of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Steffey died at 7:45 a.m. Friday in a fire at his home in Amarillo. He was born Feb. 17, 1978, in Plainview. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and was presently a junior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He was employed by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Canyon.

Survivors include his mother, Barbara Petty of Canyon; his father, Mack Steffey of Hart; a sister, Leslie Steffey of Canyon; and his grandparents, Faye Steffey of Lubbock and Lloyd and Louise Lust of Littlefield. The family requests memorials be to High Plains Epilepsy Association, 806 Bryan St., Amarillo 79106; or to a favorite charity.

First graders win awards

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt announced award winners in the first grade for the third nine-week grading period. Awards were given for citizenship, perfect attendance, most improved, writing, and homework.

Students are listed below by classroom.

Shannon

CITIZENSHIP: Karina Casas, Jonathan Gamez, Devin Hernandez, Ashley Howell, Phylissa Kinser, Juan Martinez, Roman Ovalle, Araceli Rios, Emily Rodriguez, Amanda Lopez.

ATTENDANCE: Jose Aguero, Stephanie Reyes.

MOST IMPROVED: Kris Cline, Kolby Perez, Martinez, Rodriguez.

HOMEWORK: Howell, Cline, Rodriguez, Kinser, Aguero, Casas, Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Reyes, Caleb Williams.

WRITING: Martinez, Casas, Aguero, Rodriguez, Elizabeth Preston, Erik Mendoza, Hernandez, Howell, Perez, Rios, Williams, Cline.

Matthews

CITIZENSHIP: Karina Abrego, Brianda Aguero, Bruce Aldridge, Jonathon Casas, Bethany Garza, Shyliegh Harris, Miguel Lule, Mari Peña, Angel Ramirez, Salvador Ramirez, Ruben Rodriguez, Steven Sustaíta, Carle Thomas, Jerry Velasquez, Matthew Vigil.

ATTENDANCE: Aldridge, Harris, Jacob Martin, Rodriguez, Velasquez.

MOST IMPROVED: Ramirez, Thomas.

HOMEWORK: Abrego, Casas, Garza, Harris, Peña, Ramirez, Velasquez.

WRITING: Abrego, Aguero, Aldridge, Casas, Garza, Harris, Sustaíta, Thomas, Velasquez, Vigil.

Padilla

CITIZENSHIP: Erasmo Meraz, Gracie Ortega, Gary Gil, Javier Vargas, Jessica Martinez, Ayerim Chuca, Estefani Olivas, Maribel Alanis, Gustavo Ruiz.

ATTENDANCE: Albert Martinez, Jessica Martinez, Meraz, Ruiz, Vargas.

MOST IMPROVED: Vargas, Ortega, Meraz.

HOMEWORK: Vargas, Jessica Martinez, Meraz, Olivas, Javier Ayala.

WRITING: Alanis, Ayala, Jessica Martinez, Olivas, Vargas, Ortega, Meraz.

Wagoner

CITIZENSHIP: Joseph Barrios, Tori Hinojosa, Shea Myatt, Rudy Martinez, Corina Mendoza, Megan Wilkerson, Danielle Prieto.

ATTENDANCE: Anthony Wall, Daniella Oliveira.

MOST IMPROVED: Ricky Gonzales.

HOMEWORK: Myatt, Wilker-son, Prieto, Michael Shea, Hinojosa, Barrios, Wall, Anthony Cisneros.

WRITING: Wall, Hinojosa.

Villareal

CITIZENSHIP: Jacob Davis, Marissa Flores, Tanner George, Nikki Lara, Josue Quiroz, Diego Rivera, Geena Steffens, Sydney Vigil, Catlin Watts.

ATTENDANCE: Charlene Calderon, Johnny Marmolejo, Xavier Sherman, Vigil, Watts.

MOST IMPROVED: Calderon, Flores, Sherman, Vigil.

HOMEWORK: Alonso ByGoytia, Davi, George, Ruben Martinez, Quroz, Rivera, Sherman, Steffens, Vigil, Watts, Flores, Lara.

WRITING: Flores, Lara, Steffens, Vigil.

Kelth

CITIZENSHIP: Natasha Aguilar, Desirée Lopez, Liset Soto, Nikki Ward.

ATTENDANCE: Rodrigo Grado, Sergio Ibarra.

MOST IMPROVED: Danielle Sandoval, Erik Reyna.

HOMEWORK: Kimberly Dove, Alex Esquivel, Desirée Ewing, Grado, Ibarra, Lopez, Abby Oltivero, Soto, David Velez.

WRITING: Aguilar, Jeremy Davis, Dove, Esquivel, Grado, Cody Harris, Ibarra, Lopez, Ernesto Ortiz.

Roberson

CITIZENSHIP: Jeffery Almanza, Wendy Bradford, Teonna Chavers, Makenzie Cornett, Larissa Corral, Rae Lynn Dominguez, Elida Favela, Annabel Garcia, Eric Gil, Melissa Gomez, Alex Herrera, Angel Juarez, Christopher Saucedo, David Underwood, Mercedes Villanueva, Sam Wales.

ATTENDANCE: Almanza, Chavers, Corral, Juarez, Underwood, Villanueva, Wales.

MOST IMPROVED: Dominguez.

HOMEWORK: Bradford, Cornett, Corral, Favela, Herrera, Underwood, Villanueva, Wales.

WRITING: Melissa Gomez, Cornett, Underwood.

DMS names award winners

Dimmitt Middle School recently named award winners for the third nine-week grading period. Awards were given for A Honor Roll, A-B Honor Roll, and in subject areas for students in seventh and eighth grades.

Honor winners are listed below by grade level.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Laraine Aguero, Erin Black, Tyler Cornett, Anthony Enriquez, Chauncey Gilbreath, Shaira Gonzalez, Kaden Griffith, Ross Myatt, Eric Odom, Chris Pompa, Michael Rasor, Lana Reinart, Houston Sutton, Cassidy Watts.

A-B Honor Roll

Molly Bradford, Kimberly Buffman, Klay Clearman, Michael Cline, Martin Garcia, Cynthia Gomez, Marcus Herrera, Gabriel Martinez, Landon Porsch, Anna Reyes, Vanessa Reyes, Ruble Sanchez, Kamryn Steffens, Kalan Steinle, Dustin Thomas.

FIFTH GRADE

A-Honor Roll

Anna Brockman, Maria Flores, Maria Hernandez, Jessie Lara, Joshua Norman, Rye Patton, Brandy Smith, Edward Wait, Kyle Whiddon, Daniela Zepeda.

A-B Honor Roll

Jerry Acovedo, Jessica Arguijo, Kim Back, Chelsea Buckley, Randi Cates, Arica Cisneros, Brittany Heard, Nancy Martinez, Thelma Medrano, Judith Meraz, Bryce Parker, Carmen Peña, Candis Rodriguez, Gladys Ruiz, Blanca Salas, Micaela Salinas, Clarissa Sanchez, Dana

Sandoval, Kashondra Sherman, Edith Velasquez, Michael Wagoner.

SIXTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Kathy Amador, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, Sandra Favela, Casey Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Darcy Maurer, Ashlee Nino, Nancy Vargas, Brittany Williams, Hayli Wise.

A-B Honor Roll

Isaac Aguilar, Marissa Allison, Cindy Alvarado, Garrett Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Jorge Cenicerros, Luis Dominguez, Stephanie Enriquez, Faviola Favela, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Emilio Mendoza, Pedro Mirelez, Jennifer Montes, Samantha Neri, Jessica Ortega, Nicholas Ortiz, Sabrena Patlan, Marcus Perez, Maria Quintana, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Brenda Silva, Kendra Smith, Blanca Torres, Bridgette Velasquez, Esther Velasquez, Pedro Velez, Maria Villalba, Tyler Wagoner, Brittany Williams, Shenea Wright.

SEVENTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Shelley Burk, Carlos Cruz, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Layne Penney, Alejandra Velasquez, Salud Zepeda.

A-B Honor Roll

Kayla Acker, Lillana Aguilar, Vicente Alvarez, Robin Beames, Jared Bell, Corrie Black, Raynee Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Marissa Demster, Lori Garza, Lesley Hinojosa, Matthew Larra, Meggie Lemons, Kristin McClure, ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Jeremy Norman, Chrystina Ramos, Kelley Reyes, Nallely Reyes,

Charley Saenz, Stuart Sheffy, Fellisha Starling.

Subject Honors

Layne Penney, English, science, and computer; Maribel Montiel, English and band; Elias Zepeda, history and pre-algebra; Viktorya Navarro, Math 87 and band; Alejandra Velasquez, reading; Raul Melendez and Jared Bell, industrial arts; Matthew Ruiz, mechanics; Shelly Burk and Kayla Acker, health; Fellisha Starling, food production; Teresa Quesada, homemaking; Robin Beames, band; Nicole Heard, choir.

EIGHTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Erica Abrego, Sheena Ehly, Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa, Angelica Lara, Oneida Ortega.

A-B Honor Roll

Veronica Aguero, Christina Campos, Caleb Dickerson, Nicky Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Alicia Heard, Amy Laurent, James Lindsey, Ethan Martin, Rey Medrano, Tyler Myatt, Justina Navarro, Jake Porsch, Marcela Salinas, Kamil Sanders, Matthew Sanders, Shantell Self, Sarah Silva, Jhirvon Starling.

Subject Honors

Marcella Salinas and Samuel Cavazos, English; Sheena Ehly, history, Algebra I, reading, and Spanish; Oneida Ortega, history and Spanish; Veronica Aguero, pre-algebra; Todd Jansa and Matthew Sanders, reading; Stephanie Hazel, reading and band; Erica Abrego, reading and science; Ethan Martin, mechanics; Rey Medrano, Spanish; Christina Campos, food production; Kendra Martinez and Ashlyn Otto, homemaking; Justina Navarro, band; Delia Arredondo, choir.

What's Cooking  
In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 30 through April 7.

DIMMITT

Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Blueberry loaf, banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, grape juice and milk.

MONDAY: Granola bar, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Donut stick, pear and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, orange wedge and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.

FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.

MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, bean chalupa or chicken tetrazzini; Spanish rice, Mexipinto beans or southern collard greens; taco condiment salad, tossed salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, cantaloupe, tossed salad or okra gumbo; cantaloupe, tossed salad or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchilada or barbecued hot links on a bun; French fries, vegetable medley or Mexipinto beans; fruited gelatin, taco condiment salad or tossed salad; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choices of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of beef and bean burrito with chili, country fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or french fries; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham cracker and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, variety

of cereal, graham cracker, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal and milk.

TUESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice; graham crackers, pancake and chicken breakfast stick and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, Pizza Hot Pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, barbecued rib sandwich with chips or pork chop; mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, rolls, gelatin dessert, fruit cocktail, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips or oven-fried chicken; mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, peaches, fresh fruit, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, cheese pizza of chalupas; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Tuna casserole or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, apple crisp and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, Rice Krispie treat and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, lettuce, potato cube, pinto beans, apple, cookies and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pears, orange cake and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Fish and hushuppies or cheese pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.

One can always trust to time. Insert a wedge of time and nearly everything straightens itself out.

-Norman Douglas

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

Cotton marketing workshops will focus on pricing strategies

Cotton producers can learn how pricing strategies affect profitability and get help in developing pricing strategies tailored to fit their own operation at two cotton marketing workshops slated in April.

The workshops are set on April 11 in Littlefield and on April 12 at the Swisher County Extension meeting room in Tulia.

"We can't control prices, but we can control how all or part of our crop is priced and when to take a price," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "Producers who know how to evaluate pricing alternatives can formulate pricing strategies that will help them maximize profits."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives and developing pricing strategies. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market, so we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options."

Workshop speakers include Smith and Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M Extension economist and cotton

marketing specialists. The two will cover the following topics:

- ✓ Developing a marketing plan.
- ✓ Estimating production costs.
- ✓ Break-even prices.
- ✓ Localizing the futures market with basis.
- ✓ Introduction to options.
- ✓ Marketing alternatives.
- ✓ Developing a marketing plan.
- ✓ Current pricing strategies.
- ✓ Cotton market situation and outlook.
- ✓ Marketing clubs.

Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$30 per person, payable at the door. The fee includes a noon meal and an extensive set of materials, according to Smith. Spouses are invited to attend, and couples may register for \$30 if they share a set of course materials.

Producers can register for the workshop by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101; Swisher County Extension Agent Michael Clawson, 995-3726; or Lamb County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron, (806) 385-4222.

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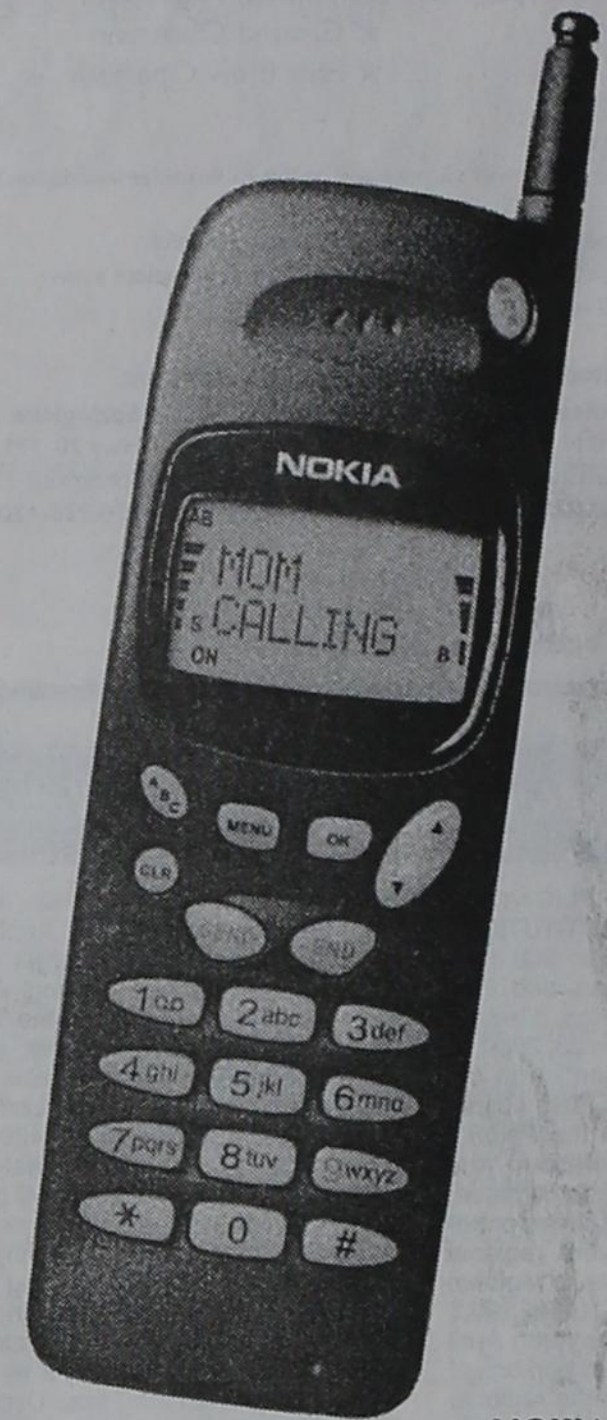
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