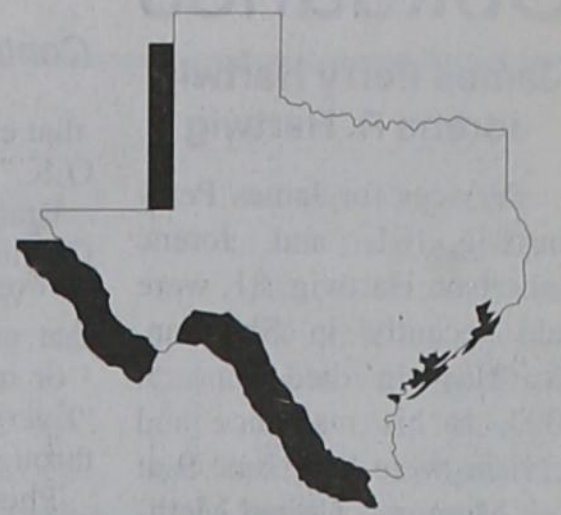


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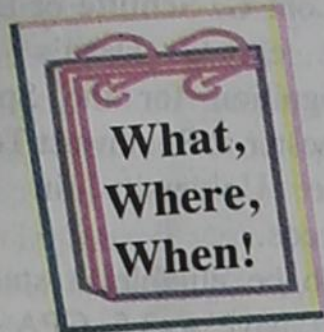
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Castro County Calendar



Hart Days set

Hart Days will be celebrated July 25 and 26. A carnival will be open from Thursday, July 24, through Saturday, July 26. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Those with antique cars and tractors or other interested parties are invited to participate in the parade. For information about the parade, contact coordinator Rachell Wall at 938-2640 or 647-8369.

Other events of Hart Days include: Friday, a Dog Style show at 4 p.m.; Mexican Dinner at the school cafeteria, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; homemade ice cream contest in conjunction with the dinner; and the Miss Hart contest at 7 p.m. at the Centennial Pavilion.

After the parade on Saturday, there will be a Variety Show at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion and a street dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Vendors wishing to have a booth at the arts and crafts show may contact Neoma Williams at 938-2640.

Heart squares still available

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer. The money goes to benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off.

To buy a heart for \$5, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Ina Cleavinger at 647-5352.

Comancheros De Vega and DQ Kids Fest in Vega

A community-wide garage sale and consignment auction is set for Vega on Saturday, July 19.

The garage sale runs

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Commissioners mull 4-H request

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Castro County Commissioners on Monday heard a plea to leave about \$8,000 in their budget to hire a part-time helper for 4-H. Due to state budget constraints, the 4-H coordinator in Castro County, Suzanne Gibbs position was lost. The commissioners had used that \$8,000 in past years to help pay the salary for that position.

Greg Odom, who was speaking for the 4-H Parent Leader group said that a

part-time person, while unable to travel, could do a lot of necessary work, like the newsletter. "We're talking about someone who could come in and do some of this paperwork," Odom said. "I'm hear to voice the concern from the parents meeting."

"What I'd like for you to think about is leaving that \$8,000 available in case we find someone."

Judge Bill Sava told Odom that the commissioners had pledged to try and come up

with a budget that would not call for a tax increase. "We're to the point where we have no surplus," Sava said. "Would you be for a tax increase in order to fund this part-time job?"

Odom said, "I think it would be better to raise taxes. I'm on the school board and that's what we're working on now - our budget. I just hate to see us set back and lose a program because someone doesn't want to raise taxes."

Sava said he was "defi-

nately not in favor of increasing any our budget items."

"If we do not trim on every corner we can, we can't go into the new year without raising taxes."

Odom, who said he was there to "get the ball rolling" with his request, added, "If it takes a tax increase to take care of the kids in the county, then that's O.K. with me."

The county's final budget will be finalized the first week in September.

In another matter, commissioners declined to change their mind about the kind of beverages supplied to county employees. The bill for coffee, tea, spiced cider and cappuccino has been running the county more than \$300 a month. When commissioners saw that budget items several weeks ago, they agreed that the county would revert to coffee only. A typed petition with 21 names was given to commissioners complaining about

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Nazareth German Fest



IT WAS SRO Saturday at the 31st German Festival in Nazareth. Above, crowds enjoy a hearty meal. At left, Leola Ramaekers, Rita Kern and Delores Sherman sell sausage. Below, Krackerjack perform left to right: Jefferson Francis, Diane Bowerman, Shawn Lancaseter, Eddie Lancaster and Monte Trull perform Saturday night.



DISD trustees hear about grant proposal

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Dimmitt trustees heard about a proposal that might bring as much as \$250,000 into the district for a reading program at the elementary school.

Principal Clint Seward told board members that a grant for a Reading First program has been submitted to the government. The least amount, if awarded would be \$170,000; the most \$250,000.

"The program would pay for a reading co-ordinator

and a reading coach," Seward said. "We feel like we have a real good chance of getting it."

All the children at the elementary level, except pre-K would be included in the program and could last as many as six year. "It would be based on the progress that you make with the kids," Seward said.

In other action, the board agreed to spend \$16,100 on a new floor for the P.E. facility at Richardson Elementary. The new flooring

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Deadline extended for Castro County pictorial

It's not too late to get your photos in for the pictorial of Castro County, Chris Bradford, owner/publisher of the Castro County News, has announced.

"The deadline was July 15, but we talked to the publisher of the book and they have graciously extended the deadline to Aug. 15," Bradford said. "We want to give everyone a chance to get their photos included in this book. We're hoping the community really gets behind this project."

"We need family photos,

school photos, photos of buildings and homes that are no longer standing."

They may be brought by the Castro County News offices between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

"The real story of Castro County is all around us," Bradford said. "People have the history in their homes - in scrapbooks, photo albums and family trunks."

"We hope everyone would make the effort to find those pictures, along with any them. We understand that

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Grand jury will hear evidence in fatal crash

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

A grand jury will consider charges against a Plainview man in the death of a man resulting from a two-vehicle accident south of town on Wednesday, according to DPS Trooper Keith Smith.

Jason Odell McDonald, 19, of Lubbock was pronounced dead at the scene by County Judge William Sava shortly after the 1:50 p.m. accident.

According to Smith, the vehicles collided at the intersection of County Roads 623 and 523.

McDonald, who was headed north, driving a 4-wheeler, on CR 523 apparently didn't see Jack Raymond Auburg, 66, of Lubbock, who was headed east on CR 623, due to overgrown weeds in the ditches, Smith said. Auburg was taken by ambulance to Castro County Hospital District,

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INVESTIGATORS EXAMINE THE scene of a deadly two-car accident that occurred July 10 south of Dimmitt at the intersection of County Roads 623 and 523.

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Obituaries

James Perry Hartwig Jorene R. Hartwig

Services for James Perry Hartwig, 81, and Jorene Robertson Hartwig, 81, were held recently in Sherman. Mr. Hartwig died June 5, 2003, at his residence and services were held June 9 at Key Memorial United Methodist Church with the Revs. Gaither Day and Allen Snider.

Mrs. Hartwig died June 10, 2003, at Wilson N. Jones Medical Center.

Services were held June 12 at Key Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Allen Snider officiating.

Burial was at West Hill Cemetery.

Castro County residents will remember the Hartwig, who were harvesters in this area for a number of years in the 1980s.

While here, they attended First United Methodist Church.

The couple had two children, David Alan and Martha Jo.

Memorials may be made to Key Memorial United Methodist Church, 901 E. Houston, Sherman, TX., 75090.

Pictorial

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that everyone in each photo may not be identified, but that's O.K."

Bradford is asking for photos from the early days of Castro Country through the middle of the 20th Century.

"We're looking for photos that show people and places that will get people talking about how things have changed - or maybe how they've remained he said," Bradford said. "Every family has a story and we want to tell that story through pictures."

Photos will be returned immediately; they will be scanned while the owners wait, so there's no chance of loss. If possible, Bradford, said, he'd like to have some information about the area the photo was taken and who the people are, at least maybe the family name.

"These don't have to be complete or specific, but the reader needs to have some information," Bradford said. "Don't let a few unknown names keep you from submitting a great photo."

"I would hate for a project like this to fail just because interesting pictures were left unshared, kept in photo albums where only a few people would have access to them."

The book is planned for release by Christmas 2003

Commissioners

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the elimination of everything except coffee.

"We voted several meetings ago to have coffee only," Commissioner Bay Baldrige said. "If they need other drinks, they can bring those drinks themselves."

The beverage bill for June was \$347.25, meaning that the county would be paying in excess of \$3,600 a year for employee beverages without the cutback.

Also, the commissioners unanimously agreed to hire Frank Mendoza Jr. to run a monitoring system on the county computers. The cost is projected to be about \$400 a year.

The court also approved the Republican election judges for the upcoming election; the commissioners will meet in a special session Friday to approve the Democratic election judges.

And, the commissioners OK'd an agreement with Omni Base that would put the names of people who had outstanding warrants on the DPS data base. That means that anyone with an outstanding warrant could not renew their driver's license in Texas or surrounding states until the warrant is satisfied. It will cost the county nothing to get on the data base; the company will charge a fee per person that is apprehended and that fee will come from the fines imposed.

Dean's List

Mandy Hoelting of Nazareth was named to the President's Honor Roll at Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan., for the Spring Semester. Students who complete at least 15 credit hours in courses and maintain a grade point average of 4.0 are eligible.

Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring Semester.

To be eligible, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA and complete 12 credit hours.

Lori G. Schulte of Dimmitt earned Dean's List recognition for the Spring Semester at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

To be eligible, a student must have a 3.5 GPA and take at least 12 credit hours.

Naz News

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Madison McDaniel; Kyle, Ryan, Haley and Lane Birkenfeld; Randi Lindsey; Jerrod and Jake Shaw; Kean Lilley; Treva Ramsey; Kayla McCoy; Paige Nelson; and Paige Newton.

The L.E. H.A. 4-H Horse Club competition was held again on July 12 in Lamb County at the Earth Arena. Joining these same 22 kids this time were Brett and Brenna Braddock.

Also attending this show were Kim, Imogene and Tommy Drerup. Tagan Brock, 9-day-old son of Brian and Tracy Ramsey, also made his first horse show, along with his brother, Tyler, and sister, Treva Ramsey.

The family of Philip and Dora Pohlmeier held its family reunion at Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo on Saturday, July 12.

Those attending were Rita Pohlmeier of Waikoloa, Hawaii; Germaine and John Witt and family of Henderson, Nev.; Robert Pohlmeier and Teri Hamlin and Ralph, Emaline and Melissa Pohlmeier of Yukon, Okla.; Greg, Linda and Wade Pohlmeier, Teresa, Gary and Erika Rider and Frank and Sharon Pohlmeier of Amarillo; Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier of Tulia; and Beth and Gerald Harder of Dimmitt.

Also attending were Terrell and Aimee Pohlmeier of Tulsa, Okla.; Sabrina and Cody Lovell of Terrell; Kara Bock and children of New Braunfels; Sonia Rider of Lewisville; Scott Richardson of Roanoke; Karmen and Tim Thompson of Kyle; Kalina and Russell Hill and Kevin and Trena Rider and girls of Dumas; Dan Gerecke,

Denise and Dennis and children and Brent Rider, all of Lubbock; Bryce Pohlmeier of College Station; Kaci Schulte and Chance McDaniel of Midland; Royce and Cindy Schulte and children of Wildorado; Brad and Kimla Pohlmeier and family; Curt and Jennifer Pohlmeier and children; Billy, Tana and Brian May, all of Amarillo; and Shawn and Jill Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

Special guests were Dorothy and Leroy Pohlmeier, Viola and Virgil Pohlmeier and John Birkenfeld. Viola Birkenfeld is recuperating from a recent stroke at BSA Hospital in Amarillo and was unable to attend. Myrtle White, Jane Roberts and Della Venhaus of Amarillo, also came by to visit.

Grandchildren who were not able to attend were Shari May, of Carrollton; Nadine (Schulte) and Galin Latham of Beaumont; Travis Bock of New Braunfels; and Lori Schulte of San Marcos.

Fatal

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where he was treated and released, Smith said.

McDonald was working in the area for a crop consultant and Auburg was a check runner.

Smith detailed the procedure for driving on "uncontrolled" roads like these two.

"Everyone needs to stop and then yield the right-of-way to the driver on the right," he said.

Auburg was driving a 2002 Ford Taurus 4-door; McDonald was driving a Honda ATV.

"When the Honda hit the car, the driver was ejected and his helmet was found some 200-feet from the site of the impact," Smith said.

He said the driver of the ATV was "doing all the right things."

"I don't think he was even going the speed limit and he had his helmet on," Smith said. "But when an ATV hits a car, the ATV doesn't fare well."


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"Meibomianitis" is an irritation along the upper and lower eyelids caused by a build-up of oils in the glands. Symptoms include itching, burning, tearing or crusting. If left untreated, meibomianitis can lead to a gradual deterioration of the eyelid margin and the tear film that protects the eyes. It may also cause dry eye conditions or painful sties.

Gently massaging closed eyelids with a warm face cloth will open these glands and eliminate excess oil. Careful cleansing of the lid edges with cotton-tip applicators and tepid water or baby shampoo will usually minimize the symptoms as well. An eye-care specialist may also prescribe an antibiotic ointment.

Some people are more prone to getting meibomianitis than others. To delay a recurrence, massage eyelid margins for five minutes in the morning when waking up and at night before going to bed. If you are having difficulty eliminating this condition, discuss treatments with your vision professional.



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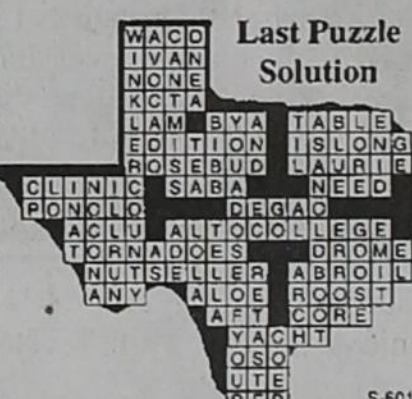
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1 TXism: "above the rest"

5 TX grocer: Pay-N-_____

6 TXism: "hard as folding _____ in a windstorm"

7 rank and _____

8 TX Perot ran as one in '92

16 famous TX case: _____ v. Wade

17 crosstown rival of Odessa Permian

21 position of Ranger "A-Rod" (abbr.)

22 Looney Tunes Elmer _____

23 San Augustine: "The _____ of Texas"

24 TXism: "at the drop _____"

29 TXism for "little"

30 Houston racer A.J.

31 Campo or Paso

32 location of Houston Texans opponent Patriots

34 this Thomas was 1st TX female in U.S. Congress

35 traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas

36 romance film by TX Greer Garson

37 Elm _____, TX

38 El _____, TX

39 "Gone With The Wind" plantation

40 TXism: "the Lord and pass the ammunition!"

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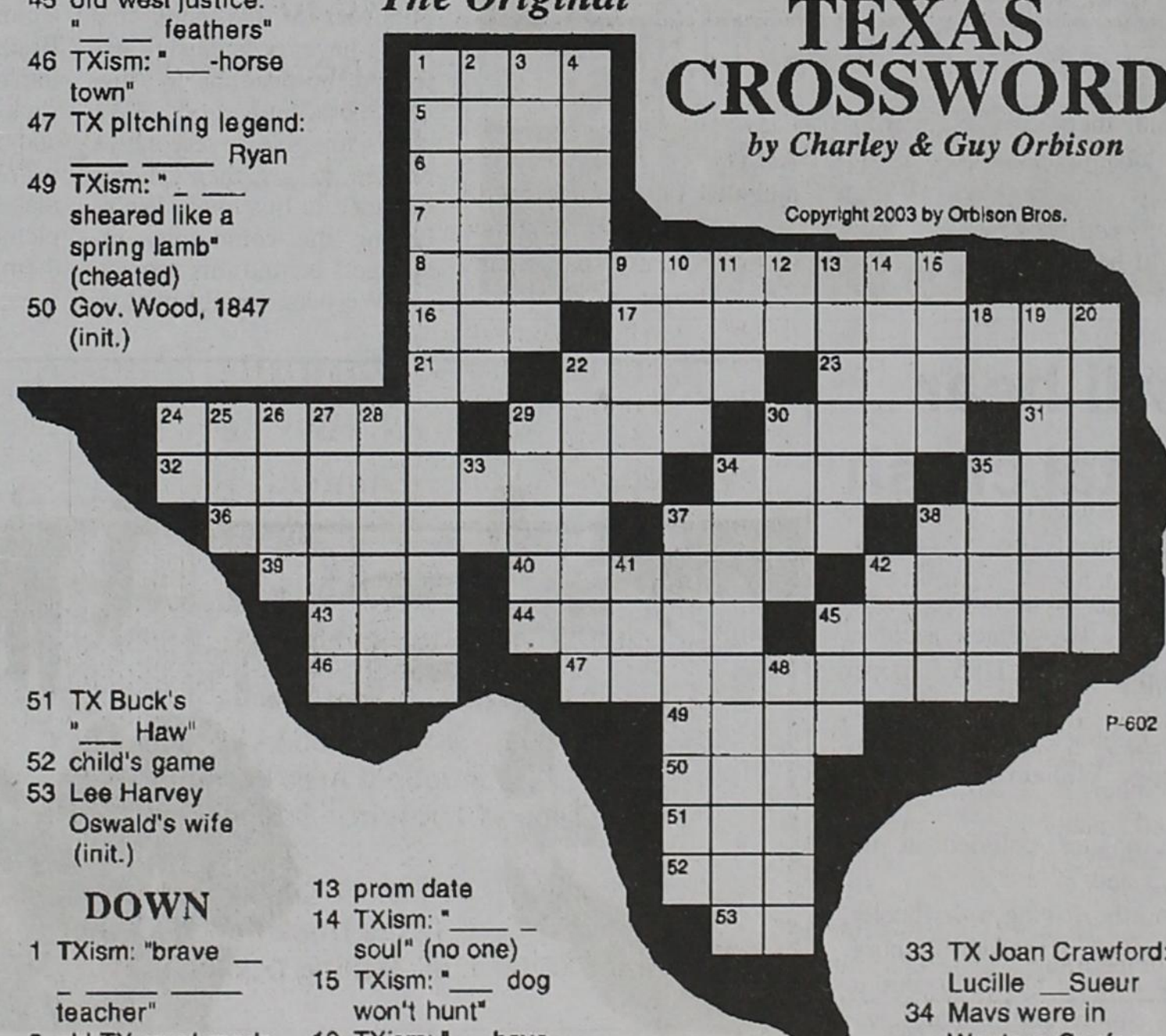
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50 Gov. Wood, 1847 (init.)

51 TX Buck's "_____ Haw"

52 child's game

53 Lee Harvey Oswald's wife (init.)



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1 TXism: "brave _____ teacher"

2 old TX royal roads: "_____ reales"

3 Dale Evans town

4 early Indian dwelling

9 TXism: "_____ the pavement" (walk)

10 Austin's "Deep _____" was TX first swimming pool

11 TX-based western: "_____ Blessing"

12 this Smith was Cowboys LB ('93-'96) (init.)

13 prom date

14 TXism: "_____ soul" (no one)

15 TXism: "_____ dog won't hunt"

18 TXism: "_____ have to get better to die" (sick)

19 Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II"

20 TX "Soap" actress Katherine

22 TXism: "he'll be late to his own _____"

24 TX Coleman film: "_____ Golden Pond"

25 TX Guadalupe is a spring-_____ river

26 TXism: "does _____ dog stink?" (yes)

27 "_____ good bum"

28 TXism: "could talk the legs off _____ stove"

29 panhandle town

30 Laredo's "Borderfest" is a 3-day _____

33 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille _____ Sueur

34 Mavs were in Western Conference finals in '03 (2 wds.)

35 TXns fought against this country in WW

37 TXism: "burn the _____ oil"

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41 TX Toomay's "On _____ Given Sunday"

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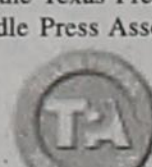

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

Keenon Doss has had a very busy summer. Kenny and Renee surprised him after graduation with a trip to Florida.

They flew to Orlando and spent several days at Universal Studios and Adventure Island.

They then drove down to Key Largo to visit with Keenon's Aunt Jaquita and Uncle Steve. The first day Steven and Jaquita took the family to the home of Jimmy Johnson, the former Dallas Cowboys' coach. Jaquita and Steve go lobster hunting and deep-sea fishing with Jimmy. Jimmy took them through his home and showed different pictures he has had taken with various sports celebrities and stars. Even though Keenon was not impressed with meeting Jimmy Johnson, Kenny however was very impressed and enjoyed his visit with him. The next several days they spent deep sea fishing, parasailing and playing in the ocean. Keenon was home for only a short time when he and Nanny Patti drove to Odessa to see his new nephew, Hunter Cole Ivy, born June 30. While Renee was busy taking care of Kristin and the new baby, Keenon and Nanny decided to take a trip to Red River,

where they are now.

Genie Walker's son-in-law, William Lee Kendall, a psychology major at West Texas A&M is on the Dean's List from the spring semester with a 3.62 grade point average. He is the husband of Julia. Congratulations, William Lee!

Cheryle Pybus celebrated a July birthday. She and Doug were going out to dinner in Jerry and Delores Heller's back yard. The Rotary Club had its annual summer cookout there.

Edgar and Leta Dennis have returned from their first trip to Bishop, Calif., for the Bishop Mule Days. They traveled with Ron and Jackie Tucker from Grand Saline; Bob and Verna Sigmon from Iraan; and Sonny and Mary Burkett from Mineola. They met in Santa Rosa, N.M., and took the group by Blue Hole, a natural spring and very popular scuba diving place. Other stops on the way to Bishop included a few nights in Las Vegas, Nev. It's always fun to take first timers there but they soon discovered that they couldn't see it all in just a couple of days, so they headed on to

Bishop for the 34th annual Mule Days celebration. Edgar has wanted to attend this event for several years and it was everything he expected.

They have every kind of event you can imagine from halter and pleasure classes to English riding and jumping to timed events including barrel racing, log skidding, team roping and many, many more. And then the "just for fun contests" like ginger ale class party and musical tires (Leta's favorite). Edgar's favorites were packing scramble and team packing. The packing scramble really separates the men from the boys and the women from the girls, the horses from the mules, saddles and packs from horses and whole strings from their packers. The unsaddled stock is turned loose to roam and the packers and swamper stand aside as the animals celebrate their unexpected freedom. The whistle blows, pandemonium reigns and the first one loaded, saddled, mounted and yanking the string across the finish line is champ. Also impressive was seeing two 20-mule hitches in the same arena.

After the Bishops, the Burketts and Sigmons

headed home, the Dennis and Tuckers did a lot of sightseeing. Yosemite Park opened one pass on June 6 and so they were able to see the beautiful waterfalls and sequoias in the park. At Lake Tahoe, they visited the Ponderosa, where Bonanza was filmed and from there headed over to the coast and north into Oregon. In Oregon, they saw Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States and the seventh-deepest in the world. They couldn't drive all the way around it because there was still seven-feet of snow on the road.

They were pulling their trailers, so they just decided each evening which direction they would head the next day and took their chances on finding a camping spot that afternoon along the way that they could drag up mutual acquaintances with. Everywhere they went, people were really friendly and because they had Dimmitt, Texas, on their trailer, several people stopped by to meet them and see if they knew somebody from here (which, of course, they did.)

Their route home included stops in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fruita, Colo., where they visited Emma Lou Hastings and her son Max,

formerly from Dimmitt. The Hastings were neighbors of the Dennis for many years and they enjoyed reminiscing about those times.

Leaving there, their destination was Lake City, Colo., but they missed the turn to the campground and found themselves on Slumgullion Pass. This is a very steep pass and after climbing it, there was no way they were going back down it, so they just headed on to South Fork and found a great campground there, where they unloaded their scooters and rode up into the mountains, picnicking at a lake and racing back, trying to beat the rain.

They said it was a fun trip, but one of the best things that happened while they were gone was all the nice rain, giving them a green yard and pasture to return home to.

July 5 was the 21st annual King family reunion, held at the home of Billie and Emma Jean at Sunnyside.

Out-of-town guests were Mike and Georgia King from Canyon, their son and family, Michael and Tracy and their three children, Kramer, Kennedy and Klair of Gruver.

Pat Devin of Austin flew

in for the day. Dianne Leddy, her daughter Teresa and husband, Terry Hillard, and their children, Madison and Landon were here from Bentonville, Ark. They are the family of the late Mary and Francis King.

The children of Billie and Emma Jean are sons: Marshall and Kay King and their sons, Lance and Lincoln of Littlefield and Lubbock; Jimmy and Jo Ann King of Hobbs, N.M.; daughters: Betty and Bobby Sutton, their children Brandy Gill and her three girls, Aubrey, Kendra and Leilonie; Brett and Josh Mays and daughter Lillie, all of El Paso, and their son, Brian Sutton and girlfriend Melissa Ecker of Grand Forks, N.D.; Margret and James Francoeur with their children, Britni and Alec of Hobbs, N.M.

The gang enjoyed playing horse shoes, catch, swimming and some indulged in two-mile runs early in the mornings. All enjoyed each other and recalling years past and looking to next year. The family's reunion have always been great - some with many together, sometimes with fewer, but the idea is to bring parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and children closer.

Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Maraya D'Ann Corrales was born July 3, 2003 at 10:27 p.m. in Hereford. Her parents are Mechelle Leinen and Israel Corrales Jr. The proud grandparents are Anna and Timo Valdez of Dimmitt; Patty and Don Leinen also of Dimmitt; and Emma and Israel Corrales Sr. The great-grandparents are Eloisa and Walter (D) Leal; Manuela and Julio (D) Corrales; John Leinen (D) Felipa and Santiago (D) Favela and Maria Teresa Valdez. Gosh, Anna, thats a lot of parents!

I hope I got it right. Congratulations Anna and Timo, and especially Mechelle and Israel Jr.

I received an e-mail from Ernie Reyes an ex-DHS graduate in 1977 and his brother Ramiro, graduated in 1975. (Gosh, that was many moons ago) but anyway he wrote to say that they really enjoyed performing at Nazareth's Suds & Sounds. They were there to play at 6 p.m. The group name is 3 Kings.

Band and members are: none other than Ernie Reyes, lead guitar; Ramiro Reyes, bass; and David Cardenas, drums. The type of music they play is classic rock and country. Ernie, I was told that when you played the Stars Spangled Banner that it was a big hit and everyone went kindacrazy over it. Very good! Sounds like ya'll did a good job. Ernie has lived in Amarillo for the last 20 years but still keeps in touch with Dimmitt and enjoys reading the Castro

County News. Ernie, Thank you and keep reading.

Belle Lumbrera had a very nice visit with her friend Rocio Rodriguez last Sunday. Belle was having so much fun with Rocio that we hope we didn't keep her from working. You see, Rocio is the daughter of Tony and Lupe Rodriguez and the grand daughter of Floyd Lopez and owners of El Sombrero Restaurant and Belle has taken a liking to Rocio and hangs on to her.

Rocio, thank you for being her little friend. We love you too.

Prayers are asked for

Alyssa Monreal, Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Marcelo Aguilar, Julia Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

Holy Family Parish wishes Father John Hickey all the very best as he transfers from our parish to Panhandle. We are grateful for all he has done for us during the one year he has been with us.

A farewell reception and dinner were held Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall with a multitude of people attending. Tom Hoelting was the emcee for the program, along with Keith Birkenfeld, which made the evening quite enjoyable. Other speakers were Deacon Al Maurer, Msgr. Stortz of Happy and Msgr. Erpen of Tulia.

Welcome to Father John Joseph Kodankandath, originally from India. He transferred from Panhandle to Nazareth.

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Brityn Paige, infant daughter of Ky and Nichole Kirby of Lubbock was baptized Sunday at Holy Family Church with Deacon Al Maurer officiating. Her godparents are Marla and Shawn Gales of Canyon. They later celebrated with a family dinner at the home of Derwin and Vera Huseman and Brityn's grandparents. During the afternoon, they visited with great-grandmother Helen Backus at Canterbury Nursing Home in Dimmitt, where they had a five-generation picture made.

Val and Laura Steffens

and their two children of Alabama have moved back here and bought a home between Nazareth and Tulia. Val has retired from the Air Force after 23 years. He is employed at the W.B. Equipment Co. in Dimmitt. They invited everyone to come visit.

Angela Fulkerson and daughter Katherine of Houston are here visiting Angela's mother, Gladys Fortenberry. Angela teaches music to third- and fourth-grade students in Houston. Also visited with Gladys is her brother, Richard Steffens and daughter Tiffany of Phoenix, Ariz.

L.E.H.A. 4-H Horse Club competition was held in

Parmer County at the Bovina Arena on June 28. This included Lamb, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties. Castro County participants were: Logan and Payton Robb; Alisha Womack; Alexis Sager; Jake Ebeling; Chance and Kelsey Schilling; Melissa Watts;

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PEOPLE



BEFORE AND AFTER: Above, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Parker on their wedding day Aug. 7, 1953 and below, today.



Parkers celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Parker of Weatherford, formerly of Dimmitt, will celebrate 50 years of marriage July 27 with a reception for friends and family. The reception, hosted by their four children and 10 grandchildren, will be from 2-4 p.m. at the South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford.

Ronnie Parker and June Small married Aug. 7, 1953, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Ronnie preached 10 years for churches of Christ in Abilene, Whitharral and Post, Texas, and in Copenhagen, Denmark. Their four children, Dawn Sutherland, Cliff Parker, Nita Whitt, and Brenda Schrader were born during these years.

The family moved to Dimmitt in 1965. Ronnie preached for the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ until 1974 when he established the Ronnie Parker Insurance Agency. June taught English and Spanish 27 years in Dimmitt and Nazareth. They moved to Weatherford in 1997. June taught Spanish in Tison Junior High and is now a substitute teacher. Ronnie continues to operate the Ronnie Parker Insurance Agency. They are members of the South Main Church of Christ.

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**Heather Arnold and Kevin Smithson
Arnold-Smithson**

Teddy and Vicki Smithson of Lamesa would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Kevin, to Heather Arnold, daughter of Morris and Sheila Arnold of Round Rock.

Heather is the grand-daughter of Tommy and Mary Lou Applewhite of Cotton Center and T.A. and Imogene Davis of Slaton and the late Bennie Arnold.

Kevin is the grandson of Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson of Dimmitt and Gene and Willie Lampp of Sulphur Springs. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Round Rock High School.

She is currently attending Angelo State University in pursuit of a degree in marketing and education.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Klondike High School.

He graduated from Angelo State University in 2001 with a degree in applied physics.

He is employed as an engineer with Goodyear Tire at the San Angelo Proving Grounds.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 23, at Paul Ann Baptist Church in San Angelo.



Mr. and Mrs. Conrado Saucedo Jr.

Saucedos to renew vows

Conrado and Stephanie Saucedo Jr. will renew their vows at 3 p.m., Aug. 2, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Expo Building in Dimmitt, with a dance following from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The couple has been married for four years and live in Lubbock. The groom is employed by Lubbock National Bank and the bride is employed by Dr. Jim Axe, D.D.S.

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**Mrs. Max Moore
nee Tiffany Sanders
Moore-Sanders**

Tiffany Sanders and Max Moore exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at First Baptist Church with Dean Wiseman of Dimmitt Church of Christ officiating. The bride is the daughter of Don and Nita Sanders and the granddaughter of Betty Sanders of Hart and Bob and Kathaleen Parks of New Deal. The groom is the son of Don and Paralyn Moore of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white royal satin two-piece strapless gown. The snug corset bodice was accented with a hand-beaded wave design highlighted by Swarovski rhinestones. The basque waist, edged with a companion design, accented the bouffant pleated skirt which featured scattered rhinestones. The wave motif was repeated at the hem, which flowed into a cathedral train. Her shoulder length illusion veil was secured by a Swarovski rhinestone tiara in the wave motif.

She carried a bouquet in shades of purple, consisting of freesia, phlox, asters, carnations, pixies and accented with loops and strands of bear grass and secured into an antique silver grip holder.

Rachel Wall of Hart was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kelsey Sanders of San Marcos, the bride's cousin; Libby Brockman of Hereford; and Mandi Moore of Canyon, the groom's sister. Flower girls were Kaitlyn Holland of Plainview and Hattie Moore of LaGrange, the groom's cousin. Aidan Moore of Nazareth, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer. Monty Moore of Nazareth, the groom's brother, was best man. Groomsmen were Cody Gruhlkey of Kress; and Brian Simpson and Tait Crow, both of Dimmitt. Ushers were Gavin Moore of Claude; Matt Moore of Sunray; and Steve Moore of LaGrange. Musical selections were provided by Brenda Campbell and Kyle Johnson. Johnson played "Canon in D" as bridal attendants entered the church. Gavin Moore, Matt Moore and Steve Moore sang "I Get Carried Away," as the couple lit the unity candle.

Heather Gruhlkey of Kress was seated at the registration table, which was decorated with the matching shawl from the bride's wedding gown and scattered with crystal hearts. An antiqued silver heart-shaped pen and pedestal set was used for guests' registration.

For something old, the bride carried a handkerchief belonging to her paternal grandfather, the late Dean Sanders. For something new, the bride wore her wedding gown. For something borrowed, the bride wore a necklace of Swarovski rhinestones in the wave design on her bridal gown that belonged to Heather Gruhlkey, friend of the bride. For something blue, the bride wore a traditional garter.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the fellowship hall. Attendants at the bride's table were Apryll Van Pelt of Tulia and Katie Rymal of Midland. The bride's table was decorated with a white cloth with a pleated skirt and the bouquets of the honor attendants and crystal hearts. The strawberry-flavored cake was fashioned in a three-tier gift-box shape with rolled fondant icing. The cake was decorated with purple satin ribbon and white icing curls. Punch was served from a Candle Wycke style punch bowl that was a donated gift to the church by Clarice Reed. The punch bowl was a family heirloom previously owned by Clarice's aunt. The groom's table was covered with a matching white cloth and pleated skirt with scroll design antique style candle sticks and marbled purple candles. The two-layer petal-shaped chocolate cake was decorated with fresh kiwi, strawberries and raspberries. Coffee was served from a brass samovar. Attendants at the groom's table were Heidi Moore of Sunray and Jody Simpson of Dimmitt. As a special feature, the piano in the fellowship hall was covered with a satin cloth and displayed pictures of the bride and groom in earlier years. As a tribute to her grandfather, Dean Sanders, the bride displayed his gray felt cowboys hat and a picture.

The couple will live in Kress. The bride is a graduate of Hart High School and is enrolled at West Texas A&M University in the nursing program. She is employed by Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Texas Tech University. He is engaged in farming.



CHURCH NEWS



A national cry for character

JIM DAVIDSON

The famous American lawyer and statesman Henry Clay once said, "Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character." Unless you have been under a rock for the past 30 to 40 years you know that as a nation, we have suffered greatly because of the lack of character on the part of far too many of our citizens. You can not think of any area in our society, including the economy, all levels of government, the church, the home and our most prized institutions of learning, and not find glaring examples of where more and more human beings are failing the character test. This has become so widespread and pervasive that it has almost become a national crisis.

As many of our leaders have recognized this need, the United States Department Of Education has provided over \$25 million dollars in Federal Character Education grants to establish programs to provide Character Education programs for students in every state in the nation. I might add there is considerable debate as to whether this money is being spent in the right way. Many schools develop the programs at the elementary level when Dary Matera, a former reporter for the Miami News who has written ten books on this subject, says it should be focused at the high school level.

He points to Columbine and other high schools where tragedies have occurred as the basis for his

thinking. Sometimes the need is seen by students themselves and they take matters into their own hands to do something about it. Such was the case at Mundelein High in Illinois. After a gross scene at an annual Homecoming football game and the crowning of the queen dissolved into a raucous cat fight, involving gallons of chocolate pudding, members of the junior class decided it was time to do something about the lack of character by other students in the school. And do something about it, they did!! They now have a far reaching story about a return to the concept of young people wanting to exhibit traits of dignity, class and personal character.

In my case, I don't have to look far to find a wonderful example of where a whole county of people are involved in developing character in the lives of their young people. One of the best places to live in our state is the progressive, fast growing, city of Monticello, Arkansas located in the Southeast part of the state. I went to college there a couple of years, back in the mid-fifties, so I will have to give you a disclaimer on the front end. But I can tell you this for sure, these people have it together.

Several years ago when the combined schools of Monticello and Drew Central decided to implement a character education program they decided to involve the

whole community. It began with a first year kick-off at the town square with bands, students, parents, school officials, business people and a liaison from the governor's office in attendance. Later, every school campus did activities. For the first three years they instituted a "Word Of The Week" and the local newspaper provided space for people in the county to write an article about this word. The radio station taped spots, local businesses placed the word on their marquees and churches put it in their bulletins. Here are just a few of the words which will give you the idea, Responsibility, Cooperation, Politeness, Kindness, Generosity and Joy. Two years ago they decided they wanted Character Education to become the culture of their schools and the community rather than just an event each week. Assistant Superintendent Barbara Brown spearheaded this effort and with the help of an advisory board they chose nine Character Education Guiding Principles that school personnel, parents, business people and community leaders agreed to live by. Character is caring. (Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

Putting God in a box

When many people have things go wrong in their lives, whom do they call on? Many times people keep God in a box until something goes wrong, or they need Him. When they do decide to let Him out, they blame Him for all the wrong that was done to them. They ask Him why He would ever allow something bad to happen to them. Many people begin to pray during situations that are rough and hard to handle.

I do not know how many times I have done those very things that were mentioned. I think as human beings, we question God on why things happen that are bad, because we know He has the power to stop them, but does not.

When we pray, we pray for something to happen, we want our prayer to be effective. In James 5:16 "...the effective prayer of a righteous man avails much." The question, then, that remains is, are we righteous? Are we living and allowing God to be a part of our lives?

Many people may think that you cannot put God in a

box, but on the contrary, when we do not allow Him to be a part of our lives we do put Him in a box.

Putting God in a box means we shut Him out of our lives. Putting God in a box means we are telling God that we do not want Him in our lives. The very Creator of This world wants nothing more than to spend every moment with you. He loves you and cares about you enough that He sent His Son to die for you (John 3:16) so you may have a relationship with Him. We need not put God in a box, but allow Him to take control of our lives.

By living your life in a way that tells Him, by your actions, that you want and need Him, will allow God to answer your prayers and help you through the hard times.



Robert Leitz

It is not God who has forsaken you, but you who has forsaken God. Why put God in a box, and only let Him out when times are tough? Allow Him to work through you and for you in life to help create the best life possible.

Robert Leitz is Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ.

Sunday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
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 Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sale maps may be picked up at Gregg's Venture Foods on the east side of the Oldham County Courthouse on U.S. Hwy. 385.

As part of the festivities, Dairy Queen is hosting its 2nd Annual Kids Fest with free games for children of all ages from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Courthouse Square.

The consignment auction with Folkers Auction Service begins at 2 p.m. at the Oldham County Barn at 305 Coke Street.

In addition T&T Woods will be having its grand opening and I-40 Flea Market will be holding its monthly sales in Wildorado (between Vega and Amarillo).

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Clark celebrates her 95th birthday

At 95 years of age, you have a lot of history. Mrs. Gertrude Clark is an extended care patient at Plains Memorial Hospital. She turned 95 on July 2.

According to Mrs. Clark, she was born July 2, 1908, in her grandfather's house in Memphis, Texas. Her parents lived in a community called Buck Creek. She grew up in Quail, Texas, and lived there about 25 years, just a short distance from the school house. Her family often boarded the teachers because it was so close. When she had finished all the grades in that little school house, she and her sister went to Clarendon College and lived in the dormitory to finish school. She was there about two years. She met Jack Clark back in Quail and at 16 she and Jack got married. Because, according to her, there was another girl that liked Jack and she did not want her to get him. So, they found a preacher and got

married. They spent their honeymoon in Amarillo. On returning home from the honeymoon, she said that her mother was "conveniently gone to Wichita Falls to see her daughter." So they spent a little time by themselves before she returned.

They returned to Jack's home to farming and mechanics. He had a shop that he worked in when there was business.

He would hire out the farm work, then when there wasn't any machine work, he would farm again. They never had any trouble finding help because everyone was looking for work then. Her son Jackie was born 15 years after they married. When he was small, they moved to Petersburg, Texas. They would have stayed, but the owner needed the land for family members, so they had to move. That's how they ended up in the



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Mrs. Gertrude Clark, center, recently celebrated her 95th birthday, surrounded by friends and family. Pictured are, left to right, her son, Jackie Clark of Dimmitt; granddaughter, Jerri Ka Hadley of Canyon; great-grandson Matthew Hadley of Canyon; and daughter-in-law, Sandra Clark, also of Dimmitt.

Dimmitt area. Jackie finished high school here. Then he married Sandra and they have a daughter and son-in-law, Jerri Ka and Mickey Hadley of Canyon. Mrs. Clark loves her granddaughter very much. But her face lights up when she talks about the great-grandsons, Michael and

Matthew. When asked how she feels about being 95, she said, "I can't believe I have lived this long. No one in my family has lived this long. I sure have lived a long time." When asked about living in the hospital, she said she would like to be home, she likes her home and doing things. But she

likes the hospital, too. She said she is enjoying getting to do nothing just as much as she had liked doing something. She is a friend to all the other extended care patients and checks on them regularly. She takes part in activities and is appreciated and loved by everyone that works at the hospital.

Grilling tips for summer

"Firing up the backyard grill for the summer is a Texas tradition," said Railroad Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. Carrillo noted that propane grills have overtaken charcoal in popularity, with 61 percent of American backyard cooks choosing propane grills over charcoal. "Propane grills have the added advantage of helping clean up our air," Carrillo said. "By reducing emissions of carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds, propane helps reduce the need for ozone action days in our cities." Here is Carrillo's Top Ten list of propane gas grill and cylinder safety tips. A complete list of safety tips for all propane uses can be viewed or downloaded by clicking on "Propane/LP-Gas" and selecting "Propane Safety Tips" at the Railroad Commission's web site, www.rrc.state.tx.us or by calling 800-64-CLEAR. Victor Carrillo's Top Ten Gas Grilling Safety Tips:

1. Previously used grills should be checked for problems such as worn hoses and proper air adjustment. Worn or defective parts should be replaced. Maintenance should be done according to manufacturer's instructions. Similarly, new grill owners should follow the manufacturer's assembly instructions and familiarize themselves with proper grill operation and safety instructions.
2. Do not use a propane gas cylinder if it shows signs of external damage, such as dents, gouges, bulges, fire damage, corrosion, leakage or excessive rust. During grilling, the cylinder must be secured to the grill in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. After grilling, the propane gas cylinder must not be stored within an enclosure.
3. Always open the grill hood before lighting, and light according to manufacturer's instructions. 4. Always grill in a well-ventilated area. Do not grill indoors or close to the side of a house or structure.
5. Use foil or a drip pan to catch juices and help avoid grease fires.
6. To avoid food sticking, preheat grill for 5 to 10 minutes. Do not turn food until half done, or lightly coat food with olive oil or other vegetable spray.
7. To turn the cylinder valve on or off, remember "Righty, Tightly.....Lefty, Loosely."
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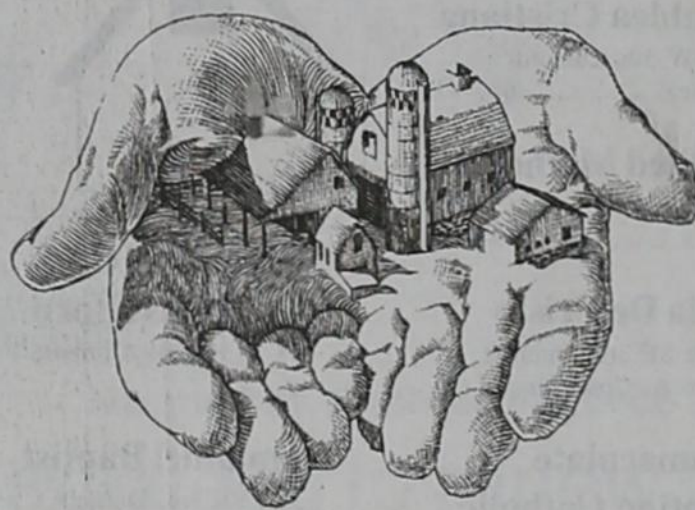
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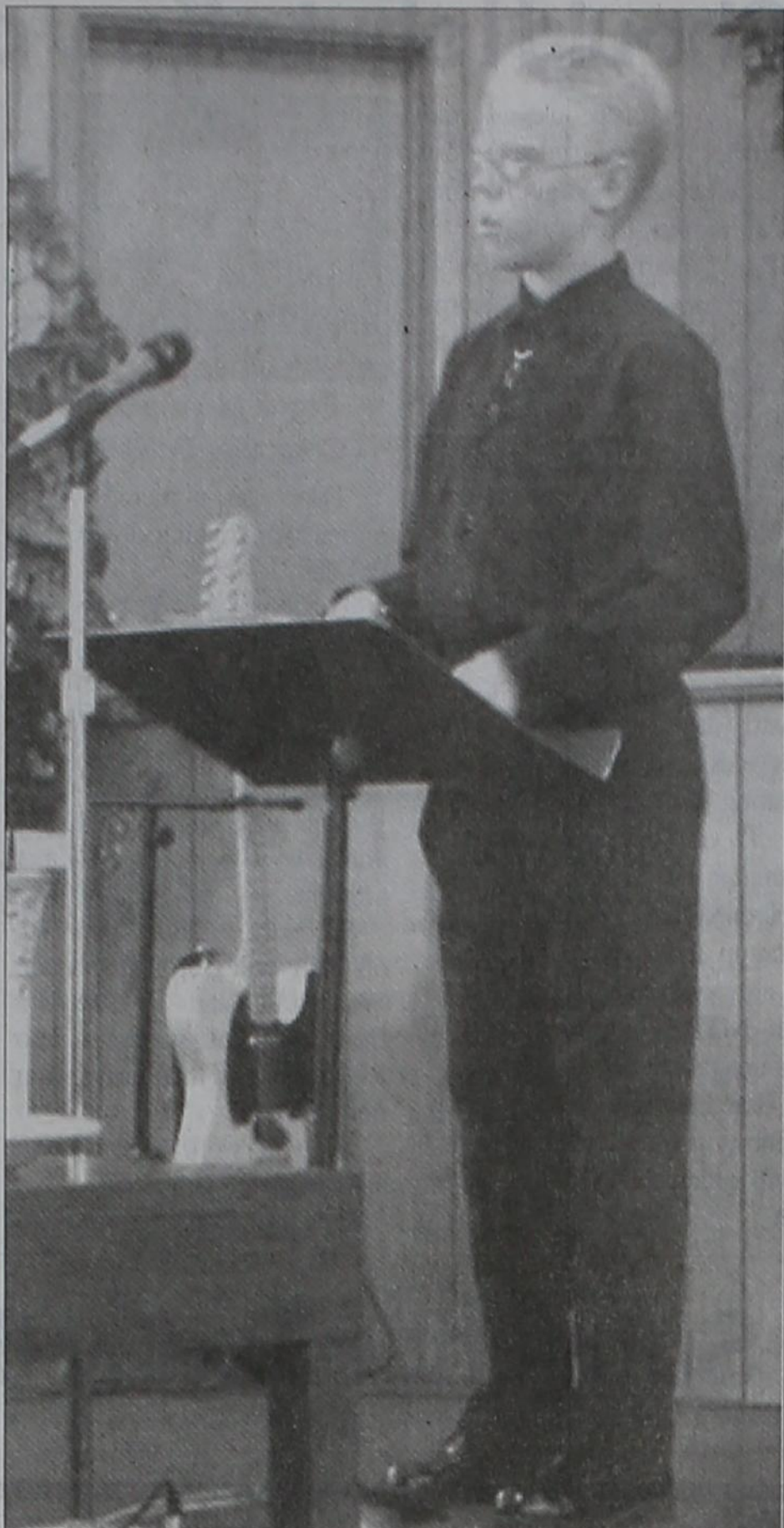
Addison preaches his first sermon

Jeffery Addison, 13, preached his first sermon on Sunday, July 13, during the morning services of Lee Street Baptist Church.

He is the son of Jeff and Christina Addison. His sermon was "Super Heroes of the Bible."

Many friends and family attended, including grandparents, Bill and Vicky Murphy of Houston and Roy and Sherron Addison of Anson. His great-grandfather, Donald Whitaker of Anson, also attended.

Jeffery left for a mission trip to Russia on July 15 and will be returning July 30. He will be preaching, singing and giving his Christian testimony at several orphanages in Kurgan, Siberia and Russia. He will be traveling with his grandfather Bill Murphy, along with the Tom Popelka Ministries, which is located in Temple.



Jeffery Addison

Castro County EEA meets

Castro County EEA met with six members present, including Patsy Entekin, Pauline Hoyler, Claudine Langford, Kristy Mitchell, Jackie Edwards and Bessie Strickland, who served a nice chef's salad and lemon sherbert as hostess.

The county fair was discussed and the group en-

courages residents to be prepared to enter the different categories of the show. Watch the paper for a list.

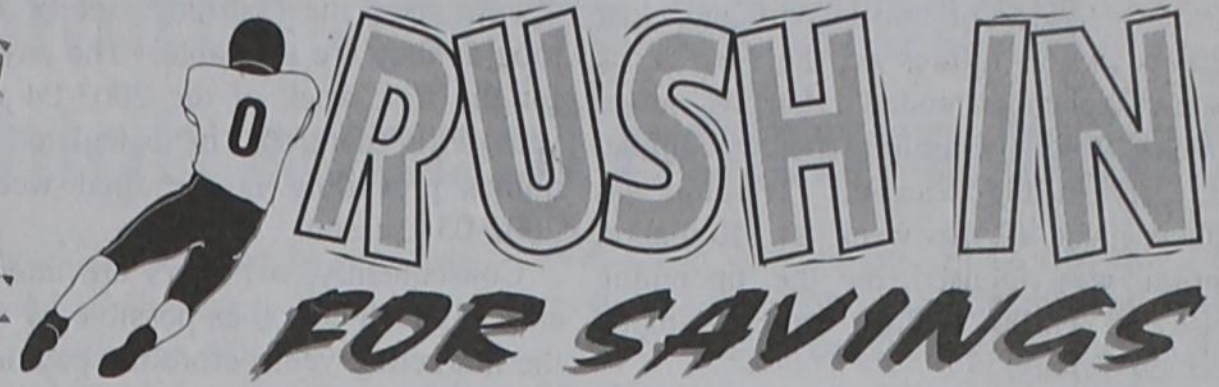
Six members are planning to attend the Texas Extension Education Association Convention at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, on Sept. 16-18.

The last time the group

met it toured a cheese factory near Clovis and had lunch in Clovis.

It was very informative.

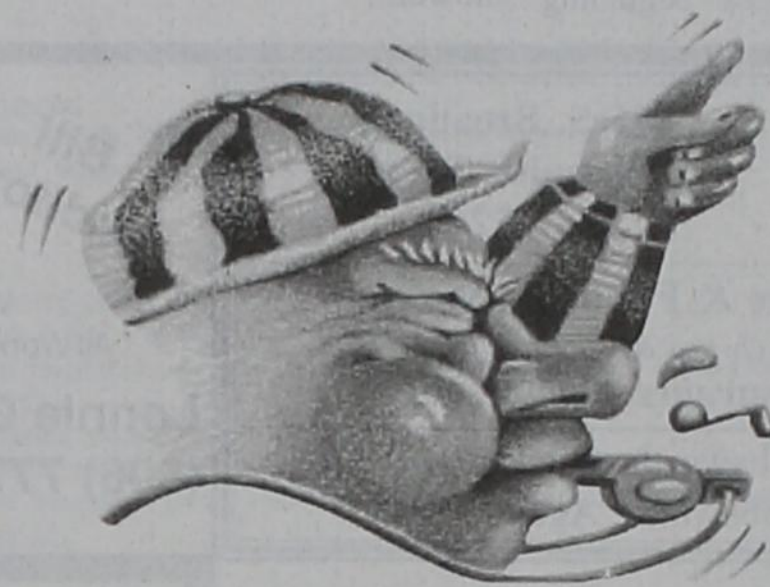
The group also toured the home of the plant owners, which is furnished with furniture from their European homeland. They were served refreshments by the host and hostess.



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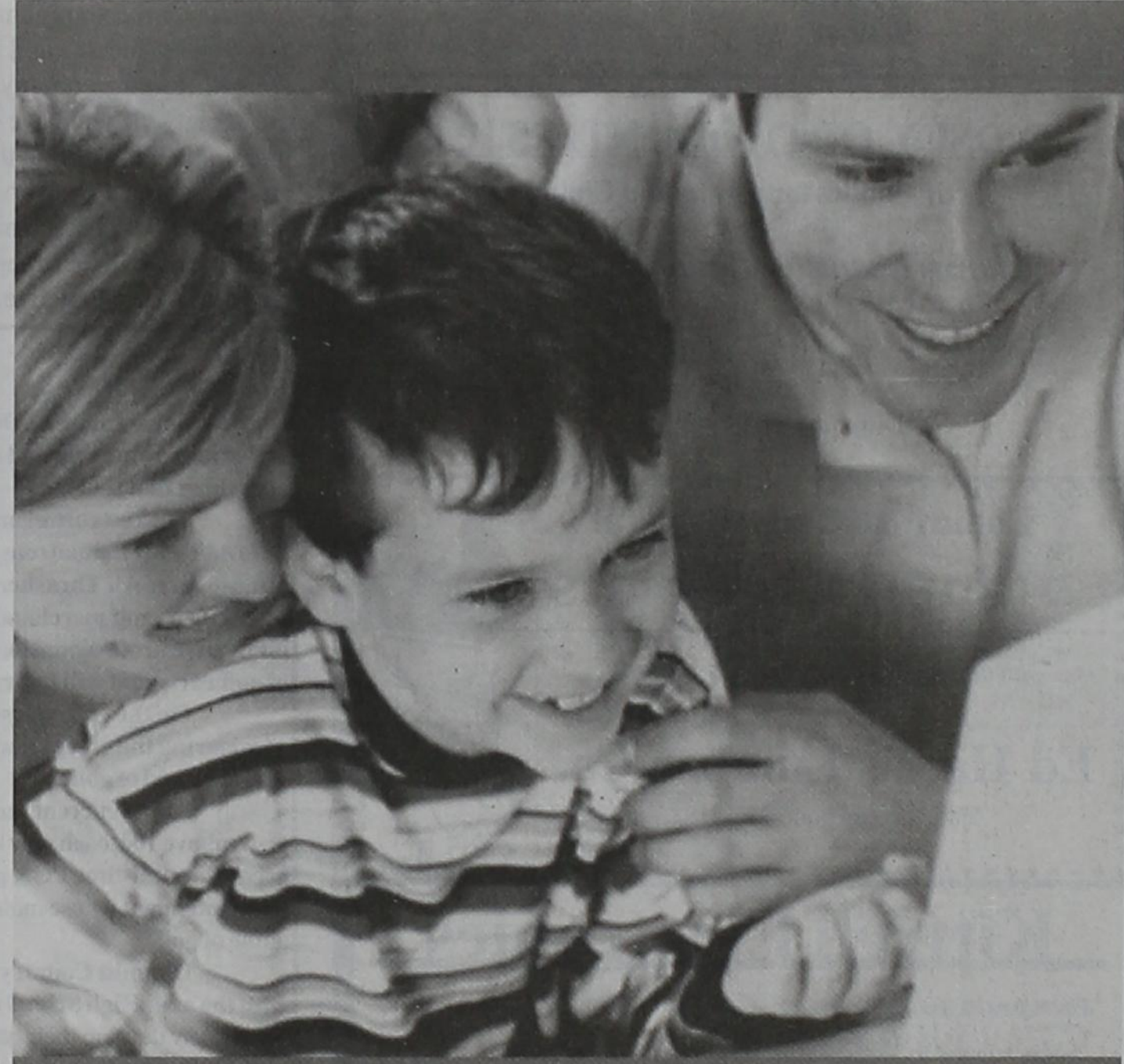
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Cotton futures drop

After a week of trading with no clear direction, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange ended sharply lower Thursday despite claiming a new contract high early in the session. Trading was subdued most of the week as all market attention was focused on the upcoming release of USDA's July supply/demand report on Friday.

In its monthly report, USDA trimmed its estimate of 2003-04 U.S. cotton production to 16.6 million bales from its June figure of 17.2 million. The number was in the upper end of observers' pre-report estimates that ranged between 16.55 and 16.61 million bales. Additionally, the estimate for U.S. ending stocks was sliced to 3.9 million bales compared to 4.5 million forecast last month. The department trimmed its forecast for world ending stocks in 2003-04 to 32.96 million bales from 33.14 million, cut world output to 94.84 million from 95.50 million and increased its estimate of global cotton consumption to 99.14 million from 99.0 million bales.

In other news, traders said U.S. combined upland cotton sales in USDA's weekly export sales report fell within expectations. USDA reported combined old crop and new crop U.S. upland cotton sales totaled 76,700 bales in the week ended July 3. For the same week, export shipments reached a robust 278,400 bales.

With the approach of the new marketing year, questions have arisen with regard to which set of Cotlook quotations (current or forward) will be used to determine the Step 2 payment rate for the week beginning

Friday, Aug. 1. Since the payment rate is made against actual shipments, USDA always uses the "current" set of quotes as long as they are available. The payment rate for the first week of the 2003-04 marketing year will, therefore, be calculated with the quotes prevailing in the final week of the 2002-03 season.

Consequently, exporters are attempting to ship as much cotton as possible by the end of the marketing year before the payment drops. Upland exports in each of the most recent four weeks have averaged 242,700 bales which may be near peak capacity considering the competition from the Defense Department for ships and containers to support military operations in Iraq.

Despite a bullish supply/demand report and supportive export sales figures from USDA, the weather element still is weighing on the market. Weather across the Cotton Belt is said to be almost ideal, and the condition of the cotton crop has been improving in places such as Texas and California, traders said.

USDA, as of July 6, reported a small improvement in the progress of the U.S. cotton crop. The improvement was mainly in the good to excellent category with 51 percent of the crop in this condition while only 19 percent of the crop remains in a poor to very poor state. Meanwhile, the growing season is winding down in the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley areas of Texas, and sunny, warm weather is needed to allow late bolls to fully mature. Most dryland fields and some of the older, irrigated stands are ready to harvest, and although recent rainfall has hindered outside activities, a few farmers have been applying defoliants between the showers.

Should I shut off my computer?

A lot of people ask me whether it is best to leave their PC and monitor on all the time or to turn it off every day.

The "myth" that you should never turn off your PC stems from very outdated information. 10-15 years ago, hard drives had a relatively short life span.

A MTBF (mean time between failure) of 20,000 hours was pretty common.

This meant that the first predicted failure would occur after only 2-3 years. Back then hard drives were big bulky devices and would often fail during startup.

If you kept your machine running all the time, this lessened the possibility for a startup failure.

However, today's drives have an MTBF of about 500,000 hours (about 57 years).

Based on that, it is safe to say that most of today's hard drives will outlast the usefulness of the PC.



Frank Mendoza Jr.
Computer Solutions

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Secondly, shutting your PC off daily will help it run better. When a PC starts up it reads a fresh copy of windows into RAM which it then uses to run on.

As you work your system resources get depleted.

Also, any time an application

crashes, your Windows becomes more unstable. After several days of nonstop operation your windows may become very unstable. Shutting down daily forces your PC to reload a fresh copy of windows and will improve its stability and performance.

For a more detailed explanation of system resources you can go to www.csdimmitt.com and click on LINK OF THE WEEK.

Lastly, shutting your PC down reduces the risk of an internet attack.

If you have "always on" internet, your PC is more vulnerable than with dial-up internet.

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This week in Spotlight we take a look at a local business and promote its success as a business in benefitting the people of our community. It is all too important in a small town for the citizens to support its local businesses in order for the community to thrive. The support between businesses and the people they benefit strengthens our economy and builds relationships within our society. If you have ever been shopping or exploring in small towns that thrive on these relationships, I am sure you have observed just how charming these places can be. These small towns flourish because the people who live there support their community and are proud of where they live.

Dimmitt is reflective of the people that choose to live here. We are a small town filled with the kindest of people, where everyone knows everyone, and possess endless potential. The many social organizations that exist here help promote the relationships that keep Dimmitt such a place and do their part in supporting the people of Dimmitt and surrounding towns.

In return, it is important for the people of Dimmitt, Nazareth and Hart to do the same in supporting our local businesses.

This section of "In The Spotlight" is developed to do just that, to be an advocate for our local businesses and support the interests of our citizens.

Dimmitt Country Club

Since June 5th, Dimmitt Country Club has been under new ownership and management. But that's not the only thing that is new.

The restaurant and bar area is under total renovation to offer patrons a new and more comfortable atmosphere. Ali Thrasher in the pro shop is constantly updating its golf merchandise to offer golfers new and innovative professional logo items. Watch for the new fleet of golf carts that will be arriving soon as well.

On the golf course, Chip Thrasher is constantly manicuring the greens and keeping fairways fit for even the most avid of golfers.

As the current number of members continues to grow above 100, each new and existing member will have access to a full-time PGA golf professional and golf course superintendent whose main purpose is to "promote the game of golf."

Dimmitt Country Club is hoping to work closely with the area High School teams to help young players adequately develop their games.

As a valuable asset to Castro County, the Dimmitt Country Club is off to a great new beginning. Sign up this summer and see how rewarding a good game of golf can be! Or take your kids to the pool and enjoy a day sunbathing in their fenced-off, private pool area.

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Dimmitt's Jansa selected for high school honors band

Todd Jansa of Dimmitt is attending West Texas A&M University band camp, which will run through July 25.

He has been selected to play in the high school honors band.

Jansa is a euphonium player and has successfully competed at the regional, area and state levels.

In February at the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Symphonic Band in San Antonio, he was selected as

first chair euphonium. Most recently, he received a Division I (excellent) rating at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest in San Marcos.

On Saturday, July 19, he will play with the High School Honors Band at 8:45 p.m. at the Northern Recital Hall.

And on Friday, July 25, the Honors Band will play at 1:15, also at the Northern Recital Hall. He will also be part of the Brass Choir Concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, at NRH.



MORE TAXPAYER MONEY down the drain. These roofing materials were dumped at the intersection of two county roads north of Dimmitt recently, which means that county road crews, paid with taxpayer money, will have to be diverted from mowing and road repair to gather up and haul away this debris. Anyone spotting people illegally dumping, whether on state highways or county roads should call the appropriate authorities.

NISD trustees get TAKS results; authorize issuance of bonds

The Nazareth School Board meet July 9 with Superintendent Marshall Harrison reporting on the results of the TAKS.

The results were as follows:

Third grade: reading, 100 percent, six commended; math, 100 percent, six commended

Fourth grade: reading, 80 percent reading, one commended, three failed; writing, 86.7 percent, four commended, two failed; math, 93.4 percent, three commended, one failed.

Fifth grade: reading, 100 percent, six commended; math, 100 percent, six commended; science, 100 percent, two commended.

Sixth grade: reading, 93.75 percent, seven commended, one failed; math, 100 percent, seven commended.

Seventh grade: reading, 100 percent, three commended; math, 100 percent, three commended; writing, 100 percent, nine commended.

Eighth grade: reading, 100 percent, 15 commended;

math, 100 percent, eight commended; social studies, 100 percent, six commended.

Ninth grade: reading, 100 percent, two commended; math, 100 percent, four commended.

10th grade: English language arts, 100 percent, four commended; math, 91 percent, one commended, two failed; social studies, 100 percent, eight commended; science, 91 percent, three commended, two failed.

11th Exit Level: English language arts, 92 percent, one failed; math, 92 percent, one commended, one failed;

social studies, 100 percent, one commended; science, 83.4 percent, two failed.

In other action, the board:

* Unanimously approved hiring the Underwood, Berry, Stein and Johnson Law Firm as the school's attorney.

* Unanimously approved the order authorizing the issuance of school bonds.

* Unanimously agreed to hire Brown, Graham and Company to conduct the Nazareth I.S.D. financial audit for the 2002-2003 school year.

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Computer Potpourri

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Job Skills

Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows and Microsoft Word.

Learn to create a resume, cover letter, thank you/follow up letter.

Learn tips for applying and interviewing for a job.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Dimmitt Independent School District will receive proposals for the purchase of maintenance and janitorial supplies until 3 p.m., August 8, 2003. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling Vicki Eaton, Business Manager at (806) 647-3101 or requested by mail at 608 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027. One copy of the proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to attention of Vicki Eaton. The envelope or package containing the proposal should be clearly marked "RESPONSE TO MAINTENANCE AND JANITORIAL SUPPLY BID". The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and waive formalities and technicalities.
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We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 14th day of July, 2003 and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$1,831,195.49.

First United Bank - Dimmitt, Texas

GENERAL FUND	Working fund balance	Certificates of deposit
PRECINCT #1	\$ 116,165.143.38	
PRECINCT #2	\$ 144,108.89	
PRECINCT #3	\$ 120,163.83	
PRECINCT #4	\$ 122,171.17	
	\$ 279,608.22	

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 14th day of July, 2003.

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Garage Sale

Garage Sale Nazareth
 House between School and Highway 86 on St. Mary Street.
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 Follow signs to house.
 Several years accumulation.
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Goat volunteer training set for August

WEATHERFORD – 4-H leaders statewide have an opportunity to broaden their skills and learn more about goats at an August 15-17 master goat volunteer training, courtesy of Texas Cooperative Extension.

4-H is the youth development and leadership component of the Texas Cooperative Extension, part of the Texas A&M University System's Agriculture Program.

The training is designed to update volunteers with the latest advanced technical methods and subject matter knowledge pertinent to goats and goat

projects.

"These volunteers will in turn teach 4-H goat project members and other volunteers in their home county. In doing so, they support 4-H members and provide learning opportunities for clubs, 4-Hers, parents and other volunteers," said Galen Chandler, Texas Cooperative Extension district agriculture director for the Rolling Plains.

The first day of the training will cover topics such as: the value of 4-H projects; master volunteers; 4-H goat projects; and how to host effective club meetings and activities.

The second day will feature topics such as: facilities and environment; project visitation checklists; sheep and goat method demonstrations; record keeping and record books; overview of the goat industry; scholarships and other opportunities; as well as the internet and other curriculum resources.

The third day of training will focus on goat-specific topics, such as: basic genetics; selection for breeding; feeding and nutrition; basic health considerations; carcass evaluation and meat grading; and preparing for shows and

showmanship.

This statewide training is open to any 4-H volunteer/leader in Texas, but each participant must be approved by their local county Extension agent through several agreement forms. Participation is limited to 60 persons, Chandler noted.

Participation costs \$100 per person before July 25th, and \$125 per person thereafter, according to Kalico Karr, Extension 4-H and youth specialist for the Rolling Plains. The registration fee includes course materials, presenter costs, four meals and breaks – but not lodging. Checks for registration should be payable to: District 3 4-H Council Fund; at PO Box 2159, Vernon, TX 76385.

The headquarters hotel for this event is the La Quinta inn (817-594-4481).

For more information on this statewide training opportunity contact Chandler or Karr at (940) 552-9941; Kyle Miller, Clay County Extension agent, at (940) 538-5042; or your local county Extension office.

For more information on Texas 4-H, including its history and opportunities for volunteers, visit the Web site at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

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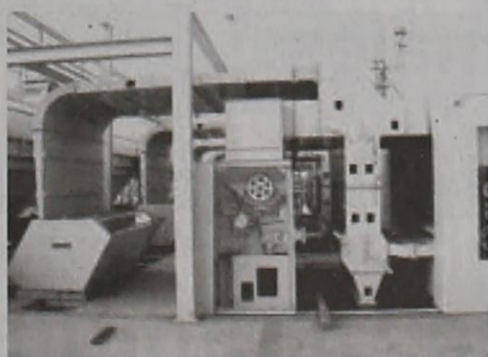
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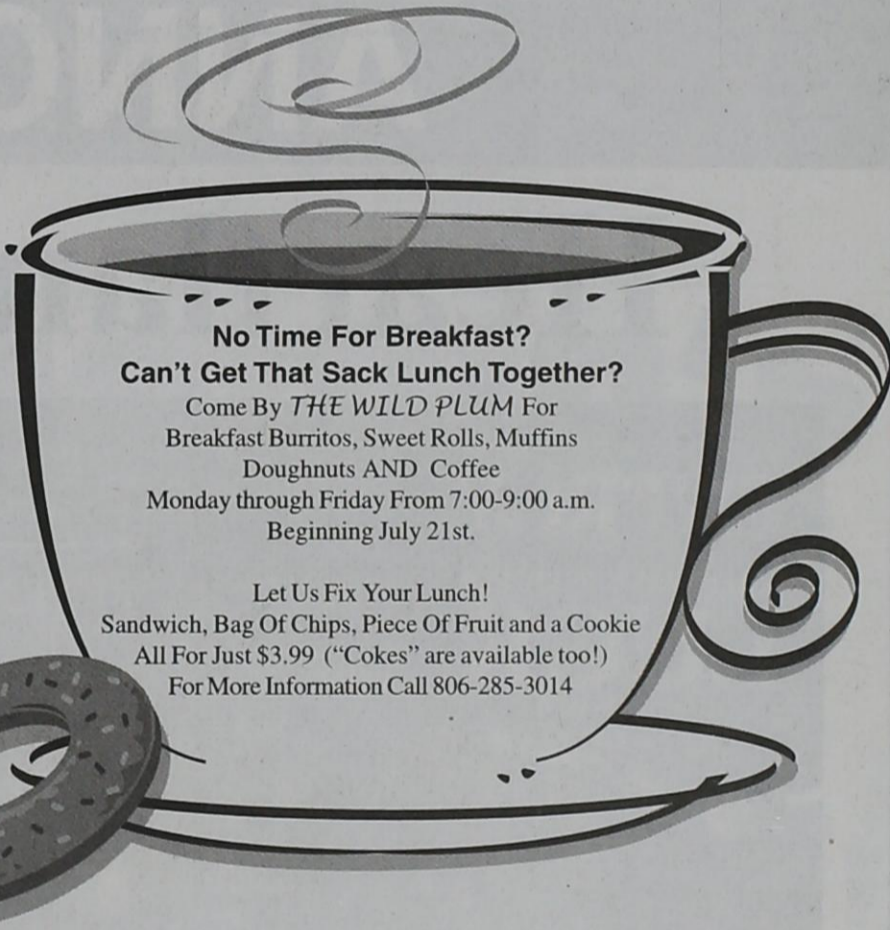
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July 8	600 bl. NW 5 th	Warrant
July 9	400 bl. NW 6 th	TABC miscellaneous
July 10	200 bl. NW 12 th	Burglary of a vehicle
July 10	100 bl. E. Bedford	Warrant
July 10	200 bl. NW 6 th	Burglary of a vehicle
July 11	500 bl. W. Bedford	Probation violation
July 11	200 bl. NW 3 rd	Criminal mischief
July 11	600 bl. SW 6 th	Assault
July 11	300 bl. SW 10 th	Theft
July 12	400 bl. N. Broadway	Theft
July 13	600 bl. NW 3 rd	Domestic disturbance
July 13	600 bl. NW 6 th	Criminal mischief
July 13	200 bl. NW 10 th	Assault
July 13	1000 bl. W. Allen	Failed to maintain financial responsibility
July 14	300 bl. SW 5 th	Runaway
July 14	600 bl. SE 2 nd	Assault

Sheriff's Report July 9 through July 14

July 9	33-year-old Hart male, arrested for consumption of alcohol after hours
July 10	32-year-old Hereford female, theft by check
July 12	31-year-old Tulia male, criminal non-support
July 12	32-year-old Amarillo male, possession of marijuana, no safety belt, display fictitious registration
July 12	24-year-old Olton male, public intoxication
July 12	18-year-old Olton male, public intoxication
July 12	20-year-old Dimmitt male, PI, minor in possession
July 12	18-year-old Olton male, DWI
July 12	21-year-old Borger male, DWI
July 13	42-year-old Dimmitt male, warrant for theft by check
July 13	48-year-old Plainview male, DWI
July 13	24-year-old Dimmitt male, assault causing bodily injury, four warrants, including no driver's license, unregistered motor vehicle, speeding, engaged in organized criminal activity
July 13	19-year-old Lubbock female, public intoxication
July 13	19-year-old Olney female, minor in consumption
July 13	18-year-old Lubbock male, public intoxication
July 13	20-year-old Olney male, DUI/minor
July 13	40-year-old Hereford male, DWI
July 13	22-year-old Canyon male, DWI
July 13	22-year-old Dimmitt male, warrant, theft by check
July 14	54-year-old Dimmitt male, assault causing bodily injury, family member

On June 28, a theft of a Lennox refrigerated window unit air conditioner was reported to the Sheriff's Department. Value was estimated at \$600; the theft took place on FM 1524.

Beef cattle short course set for Aug. 4-6

COLLEGE STATION -- What cattle breed types are best? What type of bull should producers breed their cows to? What type of calf brings the most money? Two nationally-known animal scientists, Dr. Bill Turner and Dr. Larry Cundiff, will answer these questions at the 49th annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The short course is Aug. 4-6 at the Texas A&M University Center and Rudder Tower in College Station.

"Each year at the short course, producers want to know what breeds work best for their cattle operation," said Dr. Larry Boleman, associate head for the department of animal science at Texas A&M.

"This year we will give producers in-depth training on breeds, genetics and selection at this special session of the short course."

On Aug. 5, Cundiff, research leader in genetics at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb., will be the keynote speaker at the second general session, "Genetics, Breed Types and

Breeding Programs for Profitable Beef Production."

Turner, professor emeritus at Texas A&M, will discuss, "Connecting the Cow Herd to the Carcass: Balancing Production, Environment and the Market Place."

Boleman said Cundiff's and Turner's sessions would answer many questions beef producers have concerning breeding programs and profitability.

"These are exciting but critical times for beef production," Boleman said. "All producers are going to have to be better informed and totally accountable. That is why the Texas A&M beef cattle short course is one of the most important programs on management and issues that beef producers will ever attend."

The short course also will feature the popular "Cattlemen's College," where participants can choose workshops and topics from approximately 15 different subjects.

Also, general sessions will include information on country of origin labeling and beef quality assurance training.

Registration costs \$110 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the proceedings, trade show admittance, tickets to the prime rib dinner, and three additional meals and refreshments.

Participants may register online at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu> or contact Boleman's office at (979) 845-6931.

Position Available

The Castro County Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for one temporary position of Program Technician thru August 1, 2003. Applicants must have good math and clerical skills.

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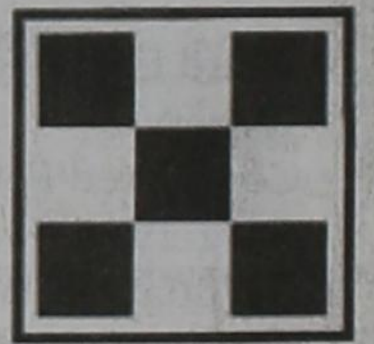
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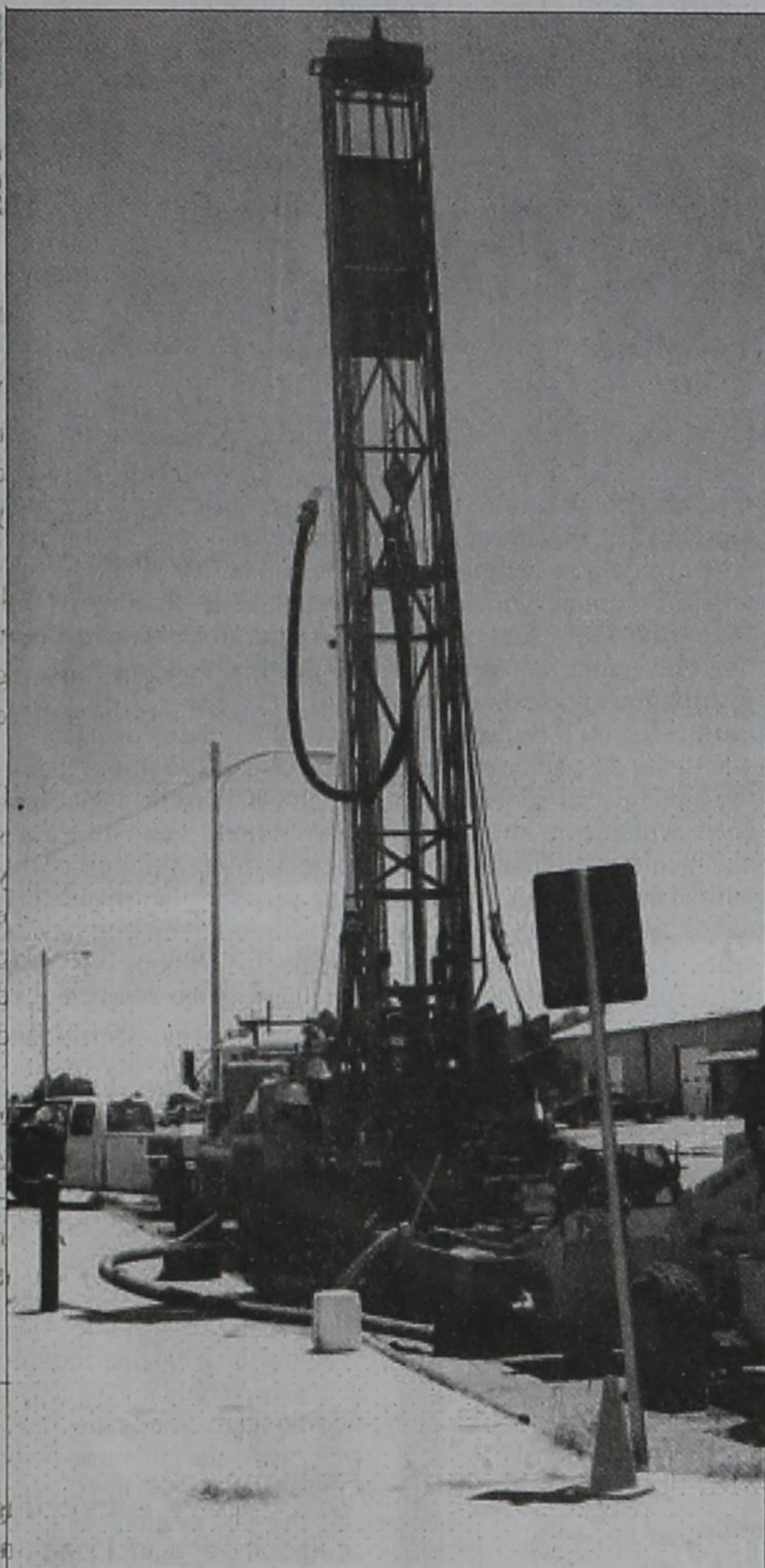


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GOING DOWN: The first of three monitoring wells is drilled outside Rhoads Public Library. Now, the rig has moved over beside K-Bob's and a third well will be dug behind Malone's Donut Shop. The purpose of the wells is to check for leaking petroleum storage tanks underground, according to David Boes, who is heading up the environmental investigation. "These wells are for monitoring purposes," Boes said. "When we finish, it'll look like manhole covers." The dirt from the well shafts will be tested and then taken to a landfill to be disposed of, he said. The investigation is under the auspices of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

High Plains vegetable and weed control field day set

LUBBOCK – Persons who are interested in vegetable production and weed control options for vegetable crops should mark July 30 on their calendar. That's the date for the 1st Annual High Plains Vegetable and Weed Control Field Day at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research & Extension Center. The center is just north of the Lubbock International Airport off of Interstate Highway 27: take exit 11 off of I-27 and drive east approximately one-half mile. "We will discuss general weed control practices for vegetable growers, and new

herbicides which may be labeled for vegetable crops," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist.

"The walking tour will include the statewide watermelon variety trial, and fungicide research for powdery mildew control in pumpkins and cantaloupes." Those who attend can qualify for two general Continuing Education Units (CEU's) approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The field day will begin at 9 a.m. and includes lunch. Those who plan to attend should RSVP by contacting Wendy Durrett (806-746-6101) by July 23. For more information on the High Plains Vegetable and Weed Control Field Day, call Wallace at the Lubbock Center, at (806) 746-6101, or 746-4052.

Three injured in wreck

A two-vehicle accident Monday sent three females to the hospital with minor injuries, according to police reports.

A white 1993 Camaro driven by Ashlynn Lee Otto, 18, of Dimmitt was headed east on West Bedford in the outside lane and about to make a right

turn, when a 1994 Peterbilt truck driven by Kim Joseph Drerup of Nazareth hit the Camaro from behind, the report said.

Drerup was ticketed for failure to control his speed, the report said. Otto, along with her passengers, Lisa Sears, 17, and Ashley Sears, 14, both of Dimmitt, were taken to Castro County Hospital District, where they were treated and later released, the report said.

Damage to the truck was minor, while damage to the Camaro was classified as light, the report said.

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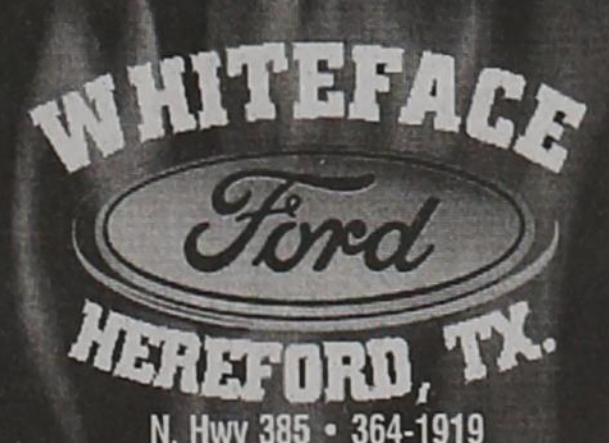
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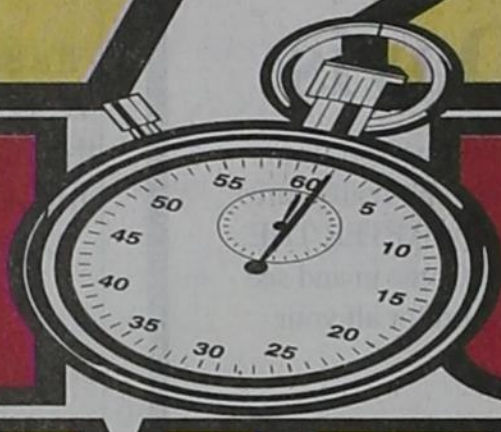
YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION ~ WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

Dear Savvy Senior
 Could you please settle a disagreement between me and my husband? When do we have to start taking money out of our IRA account? My husband says you have to be 72 and I think it's 70. Which is right? Also, can you tell us how much of our IRA we have to withdraw each year, and what is the penalty if we don't? Thanks for settling this IRA Argument. Yours Truly Mrs. Right
 Dear Mrs. Right, I'm afraid you're both wrong, but

if it's any consolation, you're closer!!! The magic age is 70 ½ when you're required to take a minimum withdrawal from your IRA. And, if you don't take your required IRA distribution or take one that is too small, you'll be taxed at a whopping 50-percent rate on the amount that should have been withdrawn but didn't, and then you still have to take out the correct amount of the distribution and pay tax on it too. Don't mess with the IRS. Why 70½??? I don't know!!! But here's how it works: If you turn 70 this year in 2003

and your birthday is between January and June, that means you will be 70 ½ this year and must take a distribution for this year. However if you turn 70 this year and your birthday is between July and December, then you are 70 ½ next year in 2004 and that is when you must take your first distribution. Got it? Wait, there is more! If this is the first year for your mandatory distribution, then you have a choice of taking it this calendar year or waiting as late as April 1 of 2004. If you wait to take this year's distribution next year then you will need to take the 2004 distribution next year in addition to this year's (this April 1 option applies only to the first distribution year). Savvy Advice: It's best to take the 2003 distribution this year and the 2004 distribution next year. It only makes sense to wait and double up next year if your income will be substantially fall next year and the tax savings will be worth it. You should consult with your tax advisor about this option. How much do I have to withdraw??? Good question!!! The formula for figuring this out starts by taking the Dec. 31 value of your IRA and dividing it by a factor from Uncle Sam's Life Expectancy Table or the Minimum Distribution Incidental Benefit Table. Here's a basic example: Let's say that your Traditional IRA account was worth \$100,000 on Dec. 31, 2001 and your life expectancy is 10 years. You should have withdrawn \$10,000 from your Traditional IRA account in 2002. (The \$100,000 IRA divided by your 10-year life expectancy equals \$10,000.) Your minimum withdrawal will change every year, as your account balance and your life expectancy change. Consult with your IRA custodian for a detailed breakdown. Savvy Exception: If your spouse is 10 years younger, the actual joint life expectancy can be used, which will make the minimum distribution smaller. Also note that you aren't required to make withdrawals from your Roth IRA. If you have more than one IRA or IRA's at different custodians each one should figure the minimum amount and you can take your choice of which one or one's you withdraw from. You don't have to take a little from each IRA. The government only cares that you take out the correct amount, and you can take it anytime during the year. Savvy Securities: If you own securities in your IRA, most custodians at brokerage firms will allow you to take out shares equal to the amount of the minimum distribution instead of selling the security and taking out cash. If you have your custodian withhold taxes from the distribution, then cash must be taken for that portion, but if you elect no tax withholding, then you can move your whole distribution in securities. This is called a "like kind" distribution. Call your IRA custodian and ask them for the details. Savvy Resources: Internal Revenue Service (IRS): Read IRS Publication 590: Individual Retirement Arrangements. You can order the publication by calling 1-800-829-3676 or you can read it online at www.irs.gov. AARP Financial Planning Page: Savvy resource page on retirement income www.aarp.org/financial. Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070 or visit www.savvysenior.org.

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