

Bobcats blow out Whirlwinds to even district mark Tuesday. See Sports, Page 8



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County may be close to deal

Castro County may be close to settling its redistricting lawsuit with the US Justice Dept. and other intervenors, according to court action filed last week in Washington, D.C.

The lawsuit, Castro County, Texas v. United States of America, was dismissed without prejudice for 30 days by the court last week after a joint motion. The motion indicated that there was "a substantial likelihood that this case can be settled without intervention by the court."

The motion means that Castro County, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), the US Justice Dept. and other parties in the redistricting action have until 4 p.m. on May 13 to reach a conclusion in the case or request to reopen the case. If no request is made, the case would be closed with prejudice; that means none of the parties could re-open the case.

"Each side just wants to see if we can settle this and we thought it would make sense to conserve judicial and financial obligations," said Virginia Daugherty, the county's lead attorney in the redistrcting

Daugherty said the court's action was "not real common."

"It was an unusual action because it keeps everyone's feet to the fire in an attempt to settle," Daugherty said. "The judge's docket doesn't appear as crowded, but if anyone is not satisfied or if we can't settle, all we have to do is call the court and we are back on the docket."

Daugherty said she couldn't comment on how close the county might be toward reaching an end to the three-plus-years of dispute over precinct lines.

"All I can say is that we are making a good faith attempt to resolve the case without litigating this to a final judgment," Daugherty said.

The flap started in 1991 after the county attempted to redraw precinct lines in accordance with information from the 1990 census. Several plans presented by Allison and Associates were rejected by the Justice Dept. and other parties.

After being unable to get an Allisondeveloped plan approved, the county turned to Daugherty and Associates of Amarillo. Virginia Daugherty's firm had also been unable to gain approval of a plan. She told the News in 1993 that Castro County's plan was the only one of 54 submitted by her firm that had been rejected.

On the table have been plans submitted by Daugherty and Associates 'based on census data; plans drawn up by MALDEF and presented by MALDEF attorney Judith Sanders-Castro; and plans from Daugherty and Associates that make minor changes in the MALDEF plans.

Virginia Daugherty and Bobbye Hill began working with the county in November 1992, receiving a \$5,000 retainer and \$550 for the cost of obtaining "fresh" 1990 census data. Since then, the county has paid over \$119,000 in bills to Daugherty and Associates over the realignment issue.

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The county is also paying a Washington lawfirm to represent the county in federal court in the nation's capital. Daugherty and Associates is not licensed to practice in D.C.

Approval of a redistricting plan could bring about the first legal election of county commissioners since 1990. A 1992 primary election based on a proposed plan was

thrown out in federal court in Amarillo. Court action then precluded the county from holding an election until formal approval of precinct realignment.

In the voided 1992 election, Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith was defeated by Newlon Rowland. Smith remained in office until resigning under pressure last fall. Rowland was appointed to fill Smith's post. Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson had no opposition in the 1992 election.

There had been some filings for the Pct. 2 and Pct. 4 posts that would normally have come up for election this year. Upon advice from Daugherty, those filings with county political party officials were rescinded until final redistricting action was taken.

Parties in the lawsuit have been busy over the past three months taking depositions and videotaping testimony for hearings that had been planned in Washington. Justice Dept. attorneys had been in the News office in February and March looking through newspapers "to try to determine the feelings of the community;" a lawyer told the News. The Justice Dept. bought over \$120 worth of back issues of the News, going back into the

Voter's Forum is set Monday

Candidates for Dimmitt City Council, Dimmitt School Board and Castro County Hospital District Board will have a chance to express their views and tell why they are seeking office during a voter's forum Monday night.

The forum will be held at Dimmitt City Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

The school, city and hospital election will be held May 7 and early voting is underway through May 3.

The forum is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Women Involved in Farm Economics.

The public is invited to attend.

Candidates for the hospital board are incumbents Stanley Schaeffer and Mildred Bradford, Teresa Lindsey, Bill Clark and Carl King.

Those running for Dimmitt School Board are incumbent John Nino, District 1; and incumbent Frank Welch and Avery Thrasher, District 5.

Dimmitt City Council hopefuls include incumbent Lloyd White and Roy Garza, District 1; incumbent Larry Gonzales and Boyd Moyers, District 2; incumbent Wayne Proffitt, District 3; and incumbent Roger Malone, District 4.



Odyssey of the Mind:

Passenger log Day One

Homer, that ancient Greek guy, wrote in his epic poem The Odyssey about the travels and trials of Ulysses and a bunch of other gods and goddesses. It's called Greek tragedy.

You want tragedy, try 13 hours on a 10 1/2 hour trip with 20 or so kids, 7 or so adults, and 600 or so bathroom

Forget the chariots or going down to the sea in ships. Take a bus with a ride as smooth as a trip down a scrubboard in an egg-shaped golf ball. The bus must have seven good tires, nicely feathered windshield wiper blades, a CB radio whose only sound is the kind of high-pitched squeal emitted by smoke alarms and dying pigs, and only one bus driver. (Great will be his reward in heaven.)

Toss gently with occasional breakdowns and 60 mph head-andcross-winds and there you have it--a real tragedy. We may not have seen any gods or goddesses, but anyone who crossed us could easily have met

Still, we arrived in San Antonio safe and sound. At least they said it was San Antonio. At 2:30 in the morning it was really too dark to tell.

All retired to their rooms and were lulled to sleep by the dulcimer tones of nearby passing trains, an infinite supply of 18 wheelers and a Winnebago from Wisconsin which I'm sure passed through our shower stall.

We slept and dreamed of gold medals, of seeing our young charges

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PACKING THEM IN-Kristi Leal, left, and Rey Garcia work in new potting soil before planting flowers in planter barrels in the mini-park on the

Courtesy photo

north side of the square in Dimmitt. The Dimmitt High School students are working on the park as part of an Photo by John Brooks FHA project.

City will try paving

How small is the world?

For Tandra Cromer of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and James "Tonto" Flores Jr. of the US Army, it was real small a few weeks ago, a few thousand miles west of Dimmitt.

World gets small

for Tonto, Cromer

Cromer was in Korea on a tour for the USO. She had completed her fourth season as a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader when she went on the USO tour, and has been one of "Barker's Beauties" recently on The Price Is Right. After making her appearance in the show, Cromer and other tour members mingled with the

Tonto searched out Cromer, not knowing the gap they were fixing to bridge.

"Tonto went up to Tandra and asked her if she was from Texas," said Sara Hill of Dimmitt (her connection will be clear in a moment). "She said yes, and asked Tonto if he was from Texas. Tonto said he was and she asked where in Texas.

"Tonto told her Dimmitt and Tandra got real excited."

classmate Scott Hill a few weeks ago. "They hugged and carried on for a long time talking about Dimmitt and Dallas and everything in between. It was special for Tonto and it was special for Tandra, too."



THE DIMMITT CONNECTION-Tonto Flores, left, Tandra's sister, Yvette, married Tonto's old a Dimmitt native serving in the US Army in Korea, shares a hug with Tandra Cromer of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders after Cromer performed as part of a USO tour. Cromer's sister, Yvette, is married to former Dimmitt resident Scott Hill.

Monday to try again to pave a portion of W. Etter from NW Ninth to NW Tenth in Dimmitt.

Commissioner Larry Gonzales said he was speaking for several persons who attended the meeting. The Mendoza family, he explained, wanted the street paved, and a church which borders on the street also is requesting the street be

before, but a property owner has management, said the city was fought the previous attempts to enlist woefully behind on its emergency all of the property owners on the management plans, and briefed the street in a paving project.

would go to the city to pay for the officers, improvements.

city officials will have to get with pave a single block may be very cooperation," Griffitt said.

commissioners agreed expensive, Mayor Wayne Collins explained.

> City manager Reeford Burrous told the council that attempts to crush cement stacking up at the landfill have been futile, with costs much higher than expected. Burrous said estimates range from \$10.50 to \$15 per ton for crushing.

Randy Griffitt, who serves as the The paving had been requested city's director of emergency council on needs for improvement. Council members told the family He said the city could be caught official recording station for the that they could go ahead and pave very short in communications in the street and put a lien against the case of a natural disaster like a house of the lone holdout. When the tornado, and explained that cityproperty sells, some of the proceeds employees, local police and sheriff's medical personnel, firefighters and others are required Before any paving can be done, to participate in drills each year.

"We have had some resistance to engineers and paving officials to see this in the past, and we want to be how much it might cost. Attempts to sure we have everyone's

1994 program sign-up deadline coming April 29

Farmers have just over a week to sign up for the 1994 farm program for wheat, feed grains and cotton.

The sign-up period for the 1994 program ends April 29 at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office in Dimmitt.

Scotty Abbott, county executive director for the ASCS, said producers won't be able to change their minds and enter the program after April 29, but can opt out if they sign up. Producers could withdraw and return any advance

To be eligible for price support loans and target price protection on this year's crops, farmers must meet acreage reduction requirements of 11% for upland cotton acres. Abbott said there are no acreage reduction plans for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, oats or barley.

Target prices protect farmers if market prices fall below established levels. Through the ASCS price support loan program, farmers can get interim operating capital and have time to wait for higher markets.

This year's farm program offers advance payments in cash and flexible planting options.

Recordings are made daily at 7 a.m. for the preceding 24 hours at KDHN, National Weather Service.

	Hi	Low	Pr
Thursday	83	44	
Friday	83	44	
Saturday	68	39	
Sunday	80	43	
Monday	85	45	
Tuesday	89	43	
Wednesday	83	50	
April precipitation		.22	
1994 precipitation		1.08	

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

the business meeting and leading the minutes and called the roll. Blanton and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Todd and Debbie Touchstone of farm-related problems. Fort Worth are the proud parents of Oleta Gollehon is the great- beautiful flower arrangement. grandmother. The great uncle and aunt are Jay Lee and Reba this little girl since most of the Hendrix Touchstones have boys!

Jim and Mary Jane Hartt of Marshall have been guests in the visit the Bradfords.

and ate lunch with Tricia's grandmother, Wanda Murdock. grandmother, Oleta Gollehon. They had been to Muleshoe visiting Scott's parents.

Allstate Correction Notice

In the Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 main news sections of this newspaper you may have received an Allstate discount ad of 20% on auto insurance was advertised. This discount is not available in Texas. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



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The votes you cast

primary are appreciated

thank you very much for

During the next few

months I will be eagerly

visiting individually

old friends, and new

points and asking for

your support in the

November general

election.

seeking your view

with county residents,

acquaintances. I will be

for me in the March

from the heart, and I

them.

Last week's winners: Jaime Gonzalez Florencia Castaneda Hospital Wednesday afternoon with Debbie McLauren, Elizabeth Huckabay, Ina

Hospital Auxiliaries. Reports were review of the book All My Meadows Mary Small. given by Florene Leinen, Ruby by Patricia Leimbach. This is a Wood and Steve Goode. Cindy Ellis story about the fortunes and Hardy, Mattie Seale, Gertie relate to some of the stories such as Waggoner, Lucille Drerup, Irene taking lunch to the men while they

Diane Townsend and Oleta a baby girl, Tara Luane, who was Gollehon were hostesses for the Angels, accompanied by Renise born April 6. Grandparents are Ann scoial hour and they served party and Weldon Rodgers of Paducah and sandwiches, chocolate cookies and Truman and Betty Touchstone, and coffee. The centerpeice was a birthday, and she had some balloons

Touchstone. They were all proud of Wanda Murdock and Mary Edna Ella Higdon. celebrated Wanda's at the Pizza Hut.

home of their daughter and family, week at the museum were John Blair brought them to Dimmitt to stay Susie and Jack Bradford and girls. and son Mike (Regene Reynolds They were on their way to South Blair's husband and son) from William and Rosetta Bellinghausen. Texas, but came out of their way to Bakersfield, Calif. Regene was in Their dad, David, drove out later to Lubbock with her mother, Willa take them back home to Ovilla. Mae Reynolds. Jordan and Canaan Scott and Tricia Touchstone Bellinghausen from Ovilla, Edna Campbell and little Conner of Reinart from Hereford and Alyson celebrated his birthday over the Lubbock were in Dimmitt on Sunday Smith of Amarillo came with her weekend, so his wife, Judy, invited

presented Broadway Babes and Hollywood Knights on April 9 at the and Kyle and Dana Minchew and The Dimmitt Book Club met on DHS cafeteria. The director is Shelby of Canyon were all there. Dwight Joiner and accompanist is Deanne Clark. They sang 42nd Street and There's No Business Like fun trip. She flew to Dallas and Show Business. The treble choir sang Naughty But Nice and Hard-Hearted Hannah. Joy Waller sang The Rose; Richard Perez sang When You Wish Upon A Star;

> Also Brandi Morgan sang So In Love; Linda Fuentes and Lupe Mendez did Bosom Buddies; Beth Teaschner sang Somewhere My Love; Charlton Walker sang Cruella De Vil; Julie Ellis sang Think of Me; Lupe Mendez performed On My Own: and Linda Fuentes vocalized Don't Cry For Me, Argentina.

> Dwight joined Tori Baker in Dreams to Dream and he sang All I Ask of You with Ellis. Baker sang Show Me, and the DHS Singers sang a medley for the finale.

> The lunchroom ladies, Billie Kirby, Janie Rodriguez, Sandra Bagwell, Charlene Howell, Virginia Nelson and Debra Robertson, served enchiladas, tossed salad, hot sauce and chips, ice cream and iced tea. The tables were decorated in silver stars and a Broadway Theater place

> Alma Kenmore was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a brown bag lunch and a day of bridge. Alma served doughnut holes for snacks and a delicious cherry delight cake for dessert. Susie Reeves won high score and Bobbie George won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Virginia Crider, Dude

Auxiliary met Wednesday morning Matthews presiding over the Rae Cates, Dugan Butler, Emily with Jackie McLeroy presiding over business meeting. Cindy Adams read Clingingsmith, Cleo Forson, Ferne Dickey, Louise Mears, Johnnie members in repeating the Prayer for Mildred Bradford gave a delightful Vannoy, Loranell Hamilton and

Ysleta Ball gave the devotional at gave an interesting and informative misfortunes of life as a farmer's Canterbury Villa on Thursday report on pre-natal care. Other wife in Ohio. Since there were morning. Her topic was "This is the members present were Ethel Fry, several women in the audience who first day of the rest of your life." Betty Freeman, Lois Waggoner, Bea were farmers' wives they could There is something all of us can do for the Lord; maybe we can't sing or play a musical instrument or were working in the field or helping teach a Sunday School class, but we them get a tractor started or other can smile and give others a helping

> Bill Newland sang Ten Thousand Blair. They sang Happy Birthday to Annie Hargrove since it was her on her table. Receiving belated birthday greetings were Ruby Sims, Mattie Seale, Madge Robb, Howard Sharp, Lometa Jordan and

birthday on April 11 by eating lunch Jordan and Canaan Bellinghausen spent a few days with their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Seth Out-of-town visitors over the past Murphey in Levelland. They then with their other grandparents,

Don Minchew of Hereford relatives for cake and ice cream. Eldon and Clotee Minchew of The Dimmitt High School Singers Dimmitt, Charles and Linda Minchew, Tate, Kirk and Brenda,

> Kate Beecher has returned from a visited with her daughter, Beth McLendon, then went to Jackson, Miss., to visit another daughter, Jo Prather and husband Dan. The highlight of her trip was attending the First Baptist Church in Jackson where Frank Pollard is the pastor. morning where the songs were concerning the Resurrection, including Christ is Risen, He is Lord, Because He Lives and Hallelujah Chorus.

Sunday evening the sanctuary choir and orchestra presented The Messiah and sang more Easter songs including I Know That My Redeemer Liveth and Worthy Is The Lamb That Was Slain.

Don and Paula Graham spent the weekend in Santa Fe, N.M.

Marie Winders went to San Antonio with her grandson, Tory and his family, for try-outs at a coaches' gathering.

Several Methodists have confessed to backing out of their garages without raising the garage door. Is this a Methodist malady?

Randy and Vickie Smithson will soon be moving to Albuquerque, N.M., where Randy will be working with Production Credit Association. All good wishes go with them in their new adventure.

Don and Verbie Nelson were in Houston over the weekend for a get-together with their children and granddaughters. Nathan and Karen Nelson hosted the reunion. David and Carol Nelson and Amanda came from Madison, Wis., and Connie Nelson-Daniel, Katherine and Anna were there from Atlanta, Ga. The reunion got off to a late start because of weather-delayed flights Friday night, but on Saturday and Sunday they enjoyed an outdoor arts festival, a big Tex-Mex dinner at On the Border, and viewing each other's home videos.

4-H'ers plan county roundup

The Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held May 2 at the courthouse in Dimmit and all 4-H'ers who plan to have a Method Demonstration at District Roundup must present their work at the County Roundup.

A covered dish supper will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. and presentations will follow the meal.

to bring a covered dish. If you are unable to attend the County Roundup, you must contact one of the county agents to make arrangements to have your Method Demonstration recorded for presenta-

District Roundup will be held May 14 at Levelland Junior High School.

Hart gets

The City of Hart has been They attended church Easter awarded a grant in the amount of \$246,540, which will be used for sewer improvements.

raise the financing.

city budgeted \$15,000 for the

The grant application was coorment Program.

The city now will seek bids from engineers who will oversee the project and will hold a special meeting with prospective engineers

All families attending are asked

grant for improvement

To be eligible for the award, the city must be willing to pick up \$24,656 of the total cost for improvements and it has two years to

At last week's city meeting, the project in its 1994-95 budget.

dinated by Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Hart was one of several cities sharing a portion of a total regional allocation of \$1,610,755. The grant is federally funded and administered through the Texas Community Develop-

on May 17.

By Teeny Bowden

Gale and Verna Sadler are home on furlough from Tanzania, and they spent the week in Dallas visiting with Cindy and Bob Clatt and their four children.

Gale and Verna will spend a week or more with Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler and will be in charge of the Sunday morning services this week. They will tell about their work in Tanzania.

A Mexican food dinner will be served and everyone is invited to come, and is asked to bring either a dessert or another dish that complements Mexican food.

On Sunday night, the Wayland Hand Bell Choir will be in charge of the evening service, which will begin at 6.

Sharon Sadler and Stacy Norman left Monday Morning for Fort Worth and will spend a few days attending a carpet cleaning seminar. Norma Conard accompanied

them since they will be staying with Juanelle and Chad Winsor and children of Fort Worth. Gay and David Sadler went to Hereford Sunday to visit with her

mother, Ruth King. David put up a

yard light for Ruth. Verba and Ezell Sadler returned home Saturday afternoon from the lake near Breckenridge after preparing the site for the Loudder

reunion. The Sadlers had a guest while at

the lake, Diane Bender, a Baggett cousin from Washington Grove, Md., who was working on the genealogy of that line.



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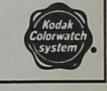


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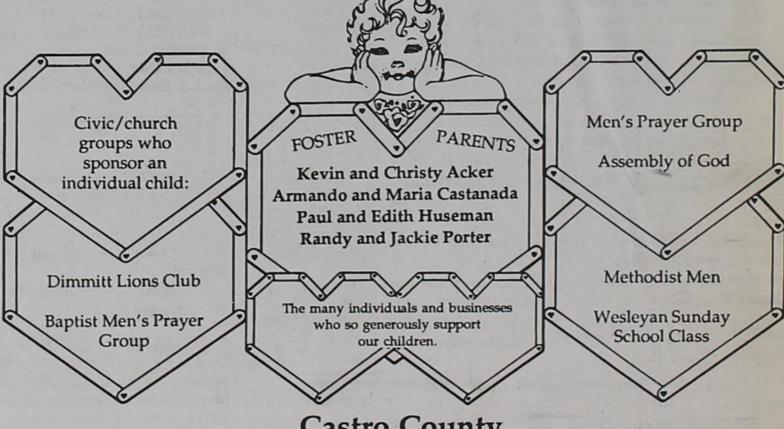




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Castro County 4-H'ers who are interested in attending either a leadership or electric camp this summer must fill out a registration form at the Extension office by April 29.

The Leadership Lab will be held June 14-16 at South Plains College in Levelland and cost for the camp is \$50 per 4-H'er. Part of the cost will be paid by the Parent-Leader Association. This camp is for 4-H'ers between the ages of 11 and

The Electric Camp will be held June 27 through July 1 at Camp Scott Able in Cloudcroft, N.M. This camp has a \$60 registration fee and part of that will be paid by the Parent-Leader Association, Students between the ages of 14 and 19 are eligible to attend this camp.

The Extension office also has applications for anyone who wishes to serve as a staff member at the Leadership Lab. Staff members must be between 15 and 19 years old and applications are due to Martha Couch by May 10. Cost to be a leader is \$50 and the Parent-Leader Association will help with payments.

The County Camp will be held July 4 throgh 6 at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood and cost is \$46 with the Parent-Leader Association paying for part of the expense. A camp application form is available at the Extension office and must be returned by April 29.

Among the activities planned at the County Camp are archery, swimming, canoeing, dancing, riflery, crafts and games.

The Extension office also has information on the Spectra and Prime Time Camps and anyone interested is invited to stop by the Extension office.

LEPA video is available

A new video on the money-andwater-saving aspects of LEPA irrigation has been completed by Texas Tech University.

The video was funded by several groups including Texas Corn Producers Board.

The video focuses on how important water is for the region, and how center pivots have helped increase production on the Texas High Plains.

"LEPA--Saving Water for Future Producers," presents the various aspects of low energy precision application (LEPA) center pivots for producers to consider to be more informed consumers. The 30-minute video incorporates interviews with 18 producers and experts from the region talking about their experiences with LEPA.

Instead of spraying water high in the air, LEPA systems deliver water directly to plants. LEPA nozzles are lower to the ground, have drops spaced closer together, and have much lower operating pressure so that they save on operating costs.

LEPA is an irrigation and tillage management system designed to eliminate nearly all evaporation losses. The video shows a properly designed and managed system incorporating all the technology is 98% efficient. Producers have a slightly higher initial investment but realize substantial savings in operating costs and use far less water with LEPA systems.

Tapes can be borrowed from Extension agents, ground water conservation district, Soil Conservation Service offices, irrigation dealers or area commodity groups. They can also be ordered for \$10 from Texas Tech University, Video Services, Box 42022, Lubbock 79409.

GED classes offered here

Adult education classes for persons wishing to prepare for the GED tests are being offered at Dimmitt High

Classes meet every Monday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will meet in Room 18, and enrollment is open every Monday night.

Persons wishing to learn to read, write and speak English may attend classes on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

All classes are free and are sponsored by the Dimmitt Independent School District and the Region 16 and Amy Melendez. Education Service Center.



ed Man of the Year in Hart. They received their was Myrt Loman.

HART HONOREES--Nelson Dotson, left, was named awards Friday from the Hart Golden Group at a Teacher of the Year and Duane Clevenger was select- banquet. Named as woman of the year at the banquet Photo by Neoma Williams

Loman, Dotson, Clevenger honored

Myrt Loman, Duane Clevenger and Nelson Dotson were honored as Hart's moved to Hart in 1942. She has been woman, man and teacher of the year active in First Baptist Church and faithful member of the Church of Saturday by the Hart Golden Group.

Loman, 92, received her plaque at it to the banquet.

Loman grew up in McKinney and several clubs.

She served many years as a reporter her home Saturday after the banquet for the Castro County News, Hart at the Golden Group building. Beat and other newspapers. Loman Although still as active as possible, still serves as a local reporter, telling she is homebound and couldn't make townspeople about a family's tragedy or other news.

Clevenger, 38, has lived almost all of his life in Hart. A farmer and Christ, he was honored for being "kind, compassionate and generous."

"He is seldom idle, and has a wonderful sense of humor," said the letter nominating Clevenger. "He is always ready to be helpful in any way that he can.'

Dotson, band director for the Hart schools, was honored for his enthusiasm, active work with students and in the community and his dedication to teaching. Dotson is a graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Seminary. He is also serving as music director at First Baptist Church of Hart, and is a member of Brass and Ivory, Plainview Symphony and the Dotson Four with his three sons.

"Most of all he is the best darn trumpet player in all West Texas," said his nomination letter.

NHS dairy judges qualify for state

The Nazareth FFA Dairy Judg- dy Wilhelm, who finished 98th, contest after placing fifth among area teams and 11th out of 80 teams at the 1994 FFA Dairy Judging Contest Saturday at Texas Tech University.

will advance to state.

Lynette Kleman led the team by Jones also competed. placing 13th out of the 290 conteplace. Others members were Cassi-

ing Team earned a trip to the state and Shawn Pohlmeier, who placed 129th.

The Livestock Judging Team also competed in the livestock judging portion of the contest and finished 88th out of 107 teams.

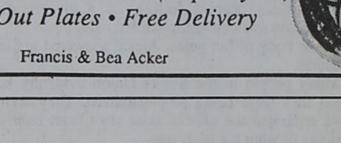
Jaret Schulte led the way with a Only seven teams from the area 141st-place finish out of 391 participants. Tara Johnson and Malcom

The Dairy Judging Team also stants participating. Scott Braddock competed in a contest at West also placed well by earning 40th Texas A&M University earlier this month and finished third.

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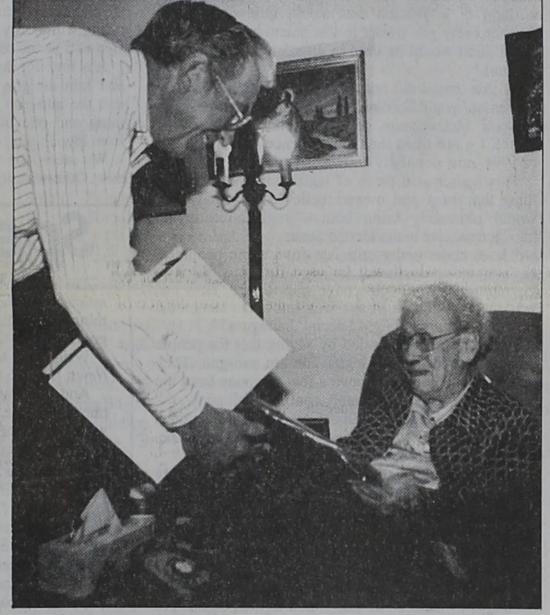
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LOMAN IS HONORED--Myrt Loman, seated, was named Woman of the Year by the Hart Golden Group at a banquet Saturday at the Golden Group Building. Presenting Loman with her award is Don Vaughan, a former Golden Group president. Photo by Neoma Williams

Third graders earn awards

Richardson Elementary School's third graders have been recognized for achievements during the fifth six weeks of school.

Winners in the big spelling bee were Jill Merritt and Jenna Steinle. Those recognized were:

NUTT'S & SEPEDA'S ROOM

and Juan Delgado. SPELLING: Daniel Prieto, Cynthia Melendez, Abraham Salinas, Priscilla Rodriguez and Cesar Ruiz.

HARDEST WORKERS: Juan

Delgado, Ruiz, Esqueda, Erica Lucio, Guadalupe Maldonado. HONOR ROLL: Salinas and

Delgado.

AXTELL'S ROOM HARDEST WORKER: Joe

Birdwell. SPELLING: Olivia Ontiveros, Birdwell, Raul Ontiveros, Jaci Bishop, Ashley Irons, Ezekiel Sanchez, Isaac Velasquez and Na-

talie Jimenez. CITIZENSHIP: Jimenez, Bishop, Irons and Birdwell.

HONOR ROLL: Jimenez, Bishop, Irons and Birdwell.

BAIN'S ROOM HONOR ROLL: Caitlin Buckley and Jill Merritt. HARDEST WORKERS: Roxie

Saenz and Rubin Aguero. CITIZENSHIP: Leticia Rodriguez, Sarah Sanchez, Jill Merritt

SPELLING: Reyna Aguero,

Merritt, Jenna Steinle, Rose Anne Rivera, Jody Stovall and April

KOCH'S ROOM

CITIZENSHIP: Elizabeth Cartwright, Priscilla Dones, Christina Garcia, Courtney Norman, Dalton CITIZENSHIP: Amelia Esqueda Fisher, Cecilia Mendoza and Holly

> HONOR ROLL: Fisher, Cartwright, Garcia, Courtney Norman. HARDEST WORKERS: Garcia and Harold Casas.

> SPELLING: Freddy Flores, Garcia, L.J. Soler, Fisher and Casas.

MERRITT'S ROOM HONOR ROLL: Valerie Marti-

SPELLING: Gina Gonsalez, Casey Jones, Martinez and Nancy

HARDEST WORKERS: Amber Bell, Chelsea Lowance and Ricky Ramirez.

CITIZENSHIP: Martinez, Oscar Melendez and Quiroz.

GLIDEWELL'S ROOM

HONOR ROLL: Brandon Webb, Melissa Rueda, Ramey Rice, Zac Morris, Chance Cox, Jessica Chavarria.

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By Don Nelson

When I first met Alexei Linskyi, I thought, "This is a feature story I want to write."

I don't get to do much story-writing anymore, but I wanted to do this one. Here was this well-educated, eloquent man who was raised in the Soviet Union at the same time I was growing up in America, and both of us had spent more than half our lives in the shadow of the Cold War.

We Americans were taught/encouraged/required to hate/fear the Soviets and communism because they were dedicated to taking over the world. If the dreaded nuclear war occurred, it would be the Soviets who would strike first.

Were the people of the Soviet Union taught the same thing about us?

That's the main thing I wanted to know from Alexei.

But he beat me to it.

Several weeks ago Alexei spoke to the Republican Organization for Women. Dorothy Hopson was so intrigued with his comments that she asked if he would write them down so she could include them in the story about the meeting.

What he wrote for her was a complete story in itself -not about everyday life in the former Soviet Union, but about his deepest feelings as a citizen of the Ukraine and as a convert to Christianity.

In the body of his notes, Alexei answered my main question.

Many people in the Soviet Union evidently knew when they were being propagandized. They seem to have separated the official state slant from their own feelings of what the truth was.

With Dorothy's approval, we treated Alexei's handwritten comments as a separate story and shot a gowith picture.

You'll find it on Page 6.

It was a year ago Tuesday that the Branch Davidian compound near Waco burned to the ground while under assault by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The anniversary spurred a lot of comment on the talk shows.

As its guests Monday night, "Texas USA" had a couple of law enforcement officers who were familiar with the Mount Carmel debacle.

One of them-I think he was an FBI agent-said that David Koresh and his Branch Davidians were not a unique group. He said the FBI had previously compiled a list of 50 or more isolated cult groups in Texas alone, and that many of these have armed themselves against Armageddon. The Branch Davidians weren't even considered the most dangerous, he said—they were second, third or fourth on the list.

The FBI expects fireworks from some of these cult groups in the year 2000, he said, because that will be the millenium.

Spooky.

What are the most critical issues affecting the health, safety, productivity and well-being of our people?

Or the stewardship of our environment and our natural resources?

Or our county's economic competitiveness, viability and stability?

Or the development of life skills and leadership qualities in our youth and adults?

These are tough topics. About 40 people got together at the Expo Building Monday night to tackle

They're members of the County Extension Program Council, headed by Suanne Bagley. They come from all walks of life in and around Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

And their answers will be used to formulate the Extension Service's Long Range Plan for the next three years.

The Extension Service relies heavily on this input from local people.

Those at Monday night's session got an overview from Suanne, Extension Agents J. D. Ragland, Marilyn Neal and Andy Williams, Hart High School Counselor Shirley Barnes, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

Then they broke into four study groups to try to define the issues and set priorities.

Here are some odds and ends of information that came out during the overview session:

—23% of the families that are in the WIC program in our county include mothers 17 and younger. (Marilyn Neal)

—A crisis is in store for the Social Security program. The percentage of elderly people in our society is increasing, but there's a declining number of

young people to support the program. (Shirley Barnes) —50% of the marriages in our county this year will end in divorce—most within five years of marriage, and most with children involved. (Marilyn Neal)

-Despite a general assumption to the contrary, the educational development of minority groups is on the rise. (Shirley Barnes)

—4-H enrollment in Castro County increased 263% from 1991 through 1993. (J. D. Ragland)

—Our economic challenge is not just to try for new businesses and industries, but also to keep the ones we have. Our best ones get courted by other cities and other states. (Delores Heller)

-The number of households headed by young mothers is increasing here, but jobs for these young mothers aren't. (Marilyn Neal)

—By the end of this year, the local Extension Service will have addressed every concern expressed in the 1991-93 Long Range Plan. (J. D. Ragland)

The new Long Range Plan will be compiled and published soon. It should be interesting, realistic and

It's good to see a tax-supported agency that listens to the people it serves, and uses their input in setting its goals.

Self-explanatory headline in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, reprinted in the American Journalism Re-

"Allan Odell, 90, Has Died; It Was Burma Shave Jingles He Supplied."

Letter

County can elect 'minority'

minority won. According to the Justice Dept., MALDEF and others, noble battle to end racial

minority population. officers and we could be assured of then that has been met in Castro win regardless of your skin color. having racial balance. If any school County. Joyce thomas winning the even hinted that classes were being primary is additional proof of this. showing that once again.

For years minorities have fought a districts.

divided on the basis of race, Justice, Just look at the Hart and Nazareth Quick, somebody recount the MALDEF and every other civil school boards and the Hart City votes for County Clerk! A mistake rights groups would scream for Council. All have Hispanics serving has obviously been made. A heads to start rolling, and rightly so. on them without any segregated

There can be no question that a a minority cannot win unless that segregation. Now some want to go minority can be elected in Castro candidate is running in a district back to this segregation in the name County. Sure, there are those of all which has been racially segregated of equality. No, segregation was skin colors who will always favor so as to have 68% or higher wrong then and it's still wrong someone of their own race, but the today. The end does not justify the largest part look at the individual I often wonder what would happen means. It is WRONG anytime a candidate's qualifications, not race. if this racial segregation was applied decision is based on race, whether All Justice is doing is stirring up a to our schools. Just put most of the it's which students to send to which lot of hate and mistrust. If anyone whites in one class, most of the class, who to hire for a job or how runs for an office in Castro County, Hispanics in another and so on. This to draw voting lines. Anyway, if and in the minds of the voters you way each class could elect class equal opportunity is the objective, have the best qualifications, you can

Thank you Joyce Thomas for

JERRY MILLER

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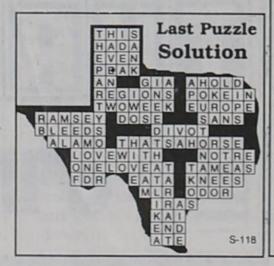


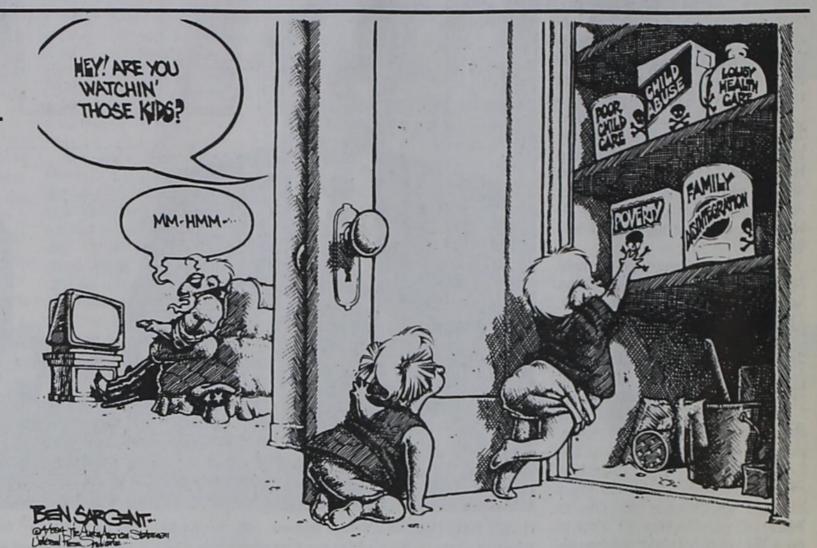
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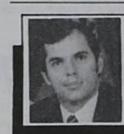
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CUPID, the counterpart of the Greek god Eros and the equivalent of Amor in Latin poetry, was the ancient Roman god of love in all its varieties. According to myth, Cupid was born to Mercury, the winged messenger of the gods, and Venus, the goddess of love. He usually appeared as a winged infant carrying a bow and a quiver of arrows, whose wounds inspired love or passion in his every victim.







A View From the Hill

By Congressman BILL SARPALIUS

Proposed Senate bill calls for handgun registration

When I joined the many other members of the US House of Representatives earlier this year in opposing the so-called "Brady Bill" for handgun purchases, I told my colleagues that this was only the beginning of a flood of legislation that would ultimately try to register every gun owner in this country, and then that registration would be used in an attempt to confiscate

At that time, I did not realize how soon my gloomy prediction would become legislation. Now comes Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, who introduced on March 1 a bill titled the Gun Violence Prevention Act of 1994, now popularly known as Brady II.

This nonsensical piece of legislation would do the thing that most gun owners believed the Brady Bill would ultimately bring bout - registration of all handgun owners in the United States.

I have come under criticism from some people in my congressional district for my ardent opposition to gun control laws. People have said to me, "How can you oppose a ban on assault weapons and a ban on the so-called 'Saturday Night Special' handguns?"

I have always responded by saying that the people who are proposing this legislation are anti-gun. They don't want to simply remove a few weapons from the public, they want to ultimately confiscate all guns.

To me, nothing better illustrates the true intentions of people like Sarah Brady and Handgun Control, Inc. than the bill Sen. Metzenbaum has sponsored.

Like most legislation, the bill is titled innocently enough as the Gun Violence Prevention Act of 1994. But that is where the innocence ends. You only have to get to Title I of the bill to start getting concerned. That title is labeled, "Handgun Licensing and Regis-

This bill would require handgun purchasers to have a valid state handgun license which would be issued to those who passed a background check and a firearms safety course. It would provide a whole new set of regulations and screening procedures for gun dealers and require the sellers of used guns to register any transfer with the state police. Additionally, it would limit handgun purchases to one per month, per licensed purchaser.

Naturally, when one applies for a state handgun license, he or she would have to list other weapons that they own. Then all of a sudden we have a master

list that lets the government know where every weapon is and who owns it.

That is the thing that gun owners fear the most. If the anti-gun people ever become the majority-and they are using the dramatic rise in violent crimes to swing a majority to their way of thinking—the next step will be the confiscation of all weapons.

It is time for the average thinking citizen to wake up and join the gun owners of this country in realizing that the anti-gun people in this country are after one thing and one thing only—the confiscation of guns from law-abiding citizens.

We must stop this movement and we must stop it now. Otherwise it will be too late.

Speak out!

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

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

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

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carried on the shoulders of other OM'ers as an entire coliseum of chanted Dimmitt," and marveled at greatness of our children.

Passenger log Day Two:

Today we discovered the most painful aspect of the journey--the "wake-up call." Herds of zombie-like creatures milled through the breakfast line blindly grabbing donuts and cereal without even fighting over the Apple Jacks or the jelly rolls.

We checked the props and discovered that, other than being as fosteld as we were, they had arrived virtually unharmed. Of course, there was practice (In OM, there is always practice).

Then it was time to board the bus again. I seriously considered lying in front of the tires instead, but that would have been the coward's way out. We headed downtown to the Alamo to absorb some history and place with water and trees (the green

That night the kids got "duded up" to go to the social and an amazing phenomenon occurred. By day, our students thought we tag-along adults were as necessary as an umbrella in

the desert while we strolled through with the endless agonizing amenities downtown San Antonio. By night, as before they finally announced the they faced the hundreds of other results. One speaker referred to the OM'ers, they took on a "deer in the fact that this was the largest state OM headlights" stare and clustered around familiar faces.

Eventually things warmed up and and crossed their fingers. some of the high school boys even giving up their day jobs.

greatness. Tomorrow is the big day. Passenger log Day Three:

Oh joy, another wake-up call. Everyone was too excited to sleep

about whatever can go wrong will go wrong...The day was overcast and sprinkling, but the sky was no more gray than the faces of the Structures team who know that humidity can mean the difference between competing and not competing.

explore the unfamiliar beauty of a Props broke before performances. The spontaneous problems composed by aliens.

hard workers. And the Structures surface sound asleep. We arrived in team managed an earned 935 lbs. Dimmitt a mere 10 1/2 hours later and There was hope.

competition in the world and hundreds of OM'ers swallowed hard

The Dimmitt Structures team sang onstage. I don't think they'll be walked away with a second place trophy, though at that moment they More sleep, more dreams of would have preferred a trip to Iowa and the world meet.

> The other teams walked away with long faces.

I don't think they realized then that the truest victory, the greatest gain of this competition is not the gold You know that Murphy's law thing medals, but 'the solving of the problem. When will they know that they have won by thinking it through, by spending hours teaching their minds to move faster and take new paths? Perhaps when they're my age, probably sooner. They are all so very bright.

Props broke after perfomances. Passenger log Day Four:

Same bus ride without the wind were (Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus). The student bodies were Still, we had paint and glue and draped across any relatively level were greeted by flat bare land, wind Then came the awards program and cold. It was SO good to be home!



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DHS LITERARY MEET QUALIFIERS-Dimmitt High School will send nine students in 13 events to the Region 1-3A meet this weekend at Odessa. Representing DHS are, (seated, from left) Terri Beth Teaschner, literary criticism, current events and informative speaking; Sara Goldsmith, informative speaking; Robert Moss, informative speaking; Carrie Sheffy, editorial writing and headline writing; Justin

Roberts, current events and informative speaking; Stacy McDaniel, science; J.D. Gonzales, persuasive speaking; Tracy Grand, newswriting; and Jeramy Hall, literary criticism. Accompanying them will be teachers (standing, from left) Lisa Fixsen, Debbie Wood, R.L. Duke and Francis Purcell.

Photo by John Brooks

DHS, NHS to send students to regional Dimmitt individuals competing Dimmitt and Nazareth students are Braddock; Karmen Pohlmeier in

hoping to spell, write, speak and calculate their way to Austin this week when they compete in regional academic meets.

Nazareth High School will send 13 individuals and a team to the Region 1 - A meet in Levelland Friday after they placed among the top three in various contests at the district UIL academic meet.

Six Dimmitt High School students and one team will compete in the Region 1-AAA meet this weekend in Odessa.

Events and Issues and Literary Criticism; the team of Teaschner, Jeramy Hall and Sarah Goldsmith in Literary Criticism; J.D. Gonzales in Persuasive Speaking; Robert Moss in Informative Speaking; and Carrie Sheffy in Headline Writing. Regional qualifiers from Na-

in regional will be Stacy McDaniel

in Science and Computer Science;

Terri Beth Teaschner in Current

zareth are the Current Issues and Events team of Ryan Hoelting, Gaylon Schilling and Heather Number Sense.

both Editorial Writing and News Writing; Lynette Kleman in Prose Interpretation, Amber Irlbeck in Feature Writing; Kelly Jones in Headline Writing; Sarah Olvera in Editorial Writing; Heather Braddock in Feature Writing; Robin Schulte in News Writing; Sabrina Acker in Literary Criticism; Scott Brockman in News Writing; Mary Ellen Ramaekers in Ready Writing; Ryan Hoelting in Current Issues and Events; and Nathan Hoelting in

Obituaries

Maynard Boykin

Maynard B. Boykin, 62, of Amarillo, died April 13.

Services were Friday at Memorial Memories with the Rev. Robert Field, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery of Amarillo.

Mr. Boykin was born in Paducah and moved to Amarillo from Borger in 1954. He married Pat R. Gentry in 1956 at Clovis, N.M. He was a veteran of the US Army and was a letter carrier for the US Postal Service for 23 1/2 years, retiring in 1980. He was a Methodist and a No. 54.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Karen Robertson of Dimmitt, Sharon Cook of Midland and Becky Duncan of West Virginia; two brothers, Wayne Boykin of Abilene and Charles Boykin of Amarillo; two sisters, Evelyn Parks of Silver City, N.M., and Maurene Hamilton of San Jose, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Beck Bridges

Beck Bridges, 86, of Dimmitt, died Monday.

Services were Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, and the Rev. Glen Smith, retired pastor of First Baptist Church of Sundown, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Bridges was born Sept. 27, 1907, in Pendergrass, Ga. She moved to Castro County in 1931. She married Howard Bridges in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 24, 1932. He died August 10, 1987.

She was a Baptist since 1933 and was church pianist at Sunnyside Baptist Church for 28 years. She taught the young people's Sunday School class and was active in B.Y.P.U. She was instrumental in getting the Sunnyside community involved in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest in 1952; the community won first place in the

She was a resident of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt for 14 years, where she was the pianist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Ann Bridges, in sponsoring the event.

Survivors include a daughter-inlaw, Evelyn Bridges of Ruidoso, N.M.; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 s. Jefferson, Amarillo 79101.

Stanley Pallbearers were Schaeffer, Roger Haberer, Zay Gilbreath, Fred Lilley, Eddie Hereford, and Charles Byrd of Clo-Haydon, Ray Joe Riley, Joe Percy Hart and Troy Kirby.

L.V. Cole

L.V. Cole, 72, of Amarillo, died Sunday in Los Animas, Colo.

Services were Tuesday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Amarillo. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

> Mr. Cole was born in Hamilton and moved to Amarillo in 1976 from Dimmitt. He married Lois Vickers in 1942 at Ropes. He retired from farming in 1974. He was a member of Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lee V. Cole Jr., of Littleton, Colo.; three daughers, Jo Ann Currin and member of American Legion Post Sherry Jones, both of Amarillo, and Barbara Waiksnis of Sunrise, Fla.; a brother, Irwin Cole of Petersburg; a sister, Alma Bagley of Longview; and eight grandchildren.

Thornton Monroe

Thornton J. Monroe, 35, of Amarillo, died April 12.

Services were Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with the Rev. Peter Jaramillo, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo; Msgr. Harold Waldow, chaplain at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo; and the Rev. Neal Dee, pastor of Holy Family Church, officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Monroe was born in Hereford and lived in Amarillo for 17 years. He married Alvina Birkenfeld in 1979 at Nazareth. He was a carpenter for Wiley Hicks Construction Co. for 10 years. He was a truck driver for Canyon Creek tenkirk for "Low Net of the Field" Feeders for the past five years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jessica Monroe, of the home; a son, Bronc Monroe, of the home: his father, Jim Monroe of Vernon; his mother, Cecilia Monroe of Amarillo; and two brothers, Tom Timberlake of Hereford and Paul Timberlake of Lubbock.

The family requests memorials to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo or to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas, 77030.

Booster Club to meet Monday

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the Dimmitt High School Cafeteria to make plans for the Dream Team benefit basketball game, which will be played here April 28.

All members are urged to attend.

Lady golfers hold playday

Mozell Hall won "Low Putt" honors and tied with Audrey Shotlast week as the High Plains Ladies Golf Association held its first playday of the season at the Tulia Country Club.

Dimmitt ladies battling the 25-35-mile per hour wind gusts at last Wednesday's playday were Hall, Shottenkirk, Jerri Horton, Cyndy Reynolds, Jo Beth Mays, Treena Matthews and Jerri Cook.

Hall and Shottenkirk's scores of 71 tied for "Low Net of the Field" honors and Hall's 27 putts was lowest among the women.

Dimmitt earned three "traveling trophy points."

Dimmitt sets Dream **Team contest**

Some of the finest--and almost finest--basketball talent in Dimmitt will face the "Dream Team" on April 28 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Advance tickets are available at Thrasher Auto Sales or from Dimmitt Booster Club officers. Advance tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students; prices at the door are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds will be used for booster club programs including the upcoming athletic banquet.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with games between the first- and second-place teams in the Dimmitt Kids Inc. basketball leagues. After those games, the local stars will face the "Dream Team."

The program will also feature program giveaways and three-point, free-throw and half-court shooting

The "Dream Team" is made up of past high school and college stars. It is coached by Joe King, formerly of Dimmitt, and includes former Nazareth stars Leona Gerber Wilhelm and Gail Birkenfeld Hooks

The Dimmitt team will be coached by Thrasher and Roy "Toy" Thomas. Team members include John David "White Men Can't Jump" King, Wilcox, Quiet" McLean, Darrell "Pinerider" "Birdlegs" Buckley, Beth "Pass Me the Ball" Buckley, Kendra "Don't Bother Me, I'm Shooting" Chisum, Jim "Windex" Bradford, Jerry "Bet I Can Make It From Back Here" Matthews, Phil "Which Way Is Up?" Lemons, Nita "Hot Tub" Krob, Neila "Ouit Yelling In My Ear, Richard" Malcom, Todd "Look, No Hands" Braafladt and Becky "That's Your Man" Schroeder.



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Your friends at the News Office

Nazareth exes to play benefit game against 'Dream Team

A group of Nazareth exes led by Texas Tech starting guard Noel Johnson, will take on the Dream Team, an area-wide all-star exes basketball team, Sunday at the Nazareth gym.

Tip-off is slated for 5 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Admission to the game is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and proceeds will go to benefit the son, John Bridges, in 1990, and a Nazareth Booster Club, which is

The Dream Team features two Nazareth exes — Gail Birkenfeld Hooks and Leona Gerber Wilhelm - as well as Nikkey Allen of Amarillo, Rhonda Ratcliff of Canyon, Kristi Hargrove of Sudan, Lee Ann Wesley of Amarillo, Teresa Tinner of Tulia, Starla Johnson of Claude, Lisa Watson of Amarillo, Sheryl Estes of Plainview, Vanessa Wells of Amarillo, Stacey High of

The Dream Team is coached by

Joe King, former Nazareth teacher, coach and administrator.

Wilhelm serves as a co-captain of the team.

In addition to the game, the Nazareth Boosters are hoping to organize a warm - up six - on - six game between NHS exes before tip-off in the Dream game.

A concession stand will be opened and the club will be selling t-shirts highlighting the Nazareth Swifts' finish as state finalists this

This will be the second annual appearance of the Dream Team in Nazareth. Last year the Dream Team beat the Nazareth exes, 66-62, in a close game, and Johnson was Nazareth's leading scorer with 32 points.

The Dream Team is 2-0 on the season and counts a narrow 72-71 win over Kandall Boosters among its victories.

People

Ukrainian shares thoughts

By ALEXEI LINSKYI

dreaming about America, the beautiful country, the country of full at schools and colleges. democracy and freedom.

Here I am. I am staying in Dimmitt, in a very small, pretty town where people are very kind, open and friendly.

My name is Alexei Linskyi and I am from Ukraine.

planet, but I am Ukraine and Ukraine is not America, though most of my people are very close to Americans, being kind and honest and real friends.

I am living in Duepropetrovsk, the third biggest city of Ukraine, industrial manufactural heavy machine center of the country with the population nearly two million people.

I've come to America on a private visit to help my friend, Bill Murphy, to study Russian. I came church was a prohibited place. to Dimmitt at the end of January and am staying till the end of May.

To learn foreign languages is a hard job-to learn Russian is even harder. But we-me and Bill-are not doing bad and I hope he'll for home in May.

I would love to live in America because now I know what society the people can build. Americans have done a great job of building the society they are living in, the society full of democracy and freedom.

I know you are facing a lot of problems like crime and violence in America, but believe me, in your society, everyone has a chance-a chance to get a job, chance to get an education, chance to do something important or great for your people. Your country is very important and you must care about your society, fight for the country you are living in, otherwise you'll have the society that my country, Ukraine, has been having for more than 70 years. That's the society of false justice and socialism, where "everything belongs to people" and that means nobody has anything as his own like a house, job, even a life; the society of "free education and free medicine; the society of future mankind — the

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> I am lucky to be a professor of the university and I can help my son, who is nearly 15 years old, to get a real education and the right knowledge of the world.

I am very happy that the Soviet Union, the stronghold of Commu-I am not an alien from another nism, has collapsed. Now my country has more chances to build a new society, but it is a hard job and we need time for it because they (communist leaders) have taught us for more than 70 years to follow the idea of Communism.

> And honestly, they have done this job perfectly well because during all those times, we believed in Communism, KGB, and Lenin's and Stalin's ideas. For more than 70 years my people have been living apart from Christ because

Now the times have partly changed and my country is returning to Christ, turning with its face to God. It is very important because the way for our salvation lies only through our returning again to God, know Russian better when I leave and not with Communism or Socialism.

> To be a Communist means not believing in Christ. I am not a Communist, and will never be. More than two weeks ago, I became a Christian here in Dimmitt, in America, and I am proud of it because now I have a lot of friends, brothers and sisters who want to help my country to find its way back to Christ.

People like Bill Murphy, who is doing evangelization, not only in his country, but of the whole world and Ukraine, too.

Thank you, Bill. You and people like you are doing a great job for my country. God bless you!

In three months time, more than 200 missionaries from America will go to the Ukraine to help people there to find the way for their salvation, the way back to

I revere those people because they are helping not only my people but the whole world to come back to Christ. It is very important, especially now when a lot of people already lost their way to Christ when our politicians want us, the people of the world, to live separately, and not like brothers and sisters. It is a very hard job to evangelize people, but I am sure that job can be done successfully because both here in America and in Ukraine we have people who care and believe in Christ.

My family is Christian, too, and I am dreaming about the possibility of my son coming to America to get a real education-not "false," "free," "pro-Communist" education, but education that helps him to live in Christ. I would love him to enter one of the Christian Colleges here in America because I want him to become a professional missionary —more of that it is he who wants to become one. I know it is very difficult because I haven't enough means for him to come and study in America, but I hope my friends or somebody can help him. It is the only way for him to do something for his country by getting a real education, here in America, and



INTERNATIONAL HANDSHAKE ... Dr. Bill Murphy (left) with friend, Alexi Linskyi of Ukraine Photo by Anne Acker

then go back to Ukraine and evangelize people there.

We are still living in partly pro-Communist society. We need time to break the backbone of this monster completely and forever and to build a new society. That's why all my dreams and hopes are with the people like my son. It is him—his generation — who can create the God bless you, all Americans.

One more thing that I would like to mention is don't believe your politicians when they say that Ukranians and Russians are enemies to the people of America. We are not. We are your friends. We always have been, believe me, even when there were the times of Cold War and Iron Curtain.

I would love you to come to society that looks like America. Ukraine and meet my people and see that we are real friends to you.

CPS plans poster, essay contests

and coloring contests for county youngsters sponsored by Castro County Child Protective Services.

The contests are part of Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in April. The contest's theme is "Do not abuse us - it hurts inside," which was developed by an elementary student from Lockney.

The contest includes a coloring contest for preschool, kindergarten and first grade students, and essays from students in the second and third grades, and fourth through sixth grades. Prizes will be awarded;

April 30 is the deadline for essay goods have been donated by local businesses.

> Coloring contest entires must draw a picture relating to the theme; essays must be based on the theme.

Students entering either contest should include their name, age, grade level, school and address on entries. Entries may be delivered to Glen Waldo at the Nazareth schools, Gracie Killough at the Dimmitt schools, Toni Waldo at the Hart schools, or taken to Donna Stump at the Texas Dept. of Human Services. Entries may also be mailed to Mrs. Waldo at P.O. Box 363, Hart 79043.





What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from April

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Soft beef tacos with cheese, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Crispy fish, macaroni and cheese, green peas, combread, wacky cake and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, butter, peaches and milk. TUESDAY: Corn dogs, carrot sticks, corn on the cob, apple cobbler and

milk. WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes,

fresh orange and milk. THURSDAY: Bean chalupas, shredded lettuce, hominy, fruit and milk. FRIDAY: Pizza, whole kernel corn,

HART

fried okra, fruit salad, and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tostados, pineapple pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Chili cheese and crispy cubed potato pie, pinto beans, combread, rice krispie bars and milk.

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, cookie and milk. TUESDAY: Turkey steaks or turkey

nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler and milk. WEDNESDAY: Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, tortillas, pineapple

THURSDAY: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, Jell-O with fruit and milk. FRIDAY: No school!

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Tater tot casserole, corn, sopapillas and honey, pears and

FRIDAY: Chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, Jell-O and milk. MONDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Frito pie, carrots, combread, applesauce and milk. WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun,

com, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, pork and beans, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, green beans, peaches and milk.

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Craig Sperry and Jennifer Brockman

June vows planned

Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Craig Ray Sperry, son of Jean Sperry of Memphis and Floyd Sperry of Borger.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. on June 11 in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Nazareth High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a specialization in mathematics from West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as a library assistant for the Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

The prospective groom graduated from Memphis High School in 1988. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from WTAMU. He currently is employed as paint department manager for Builders Square.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Canyon.

CPS raises \$843 from fundraiser

\$843.86 during its annual Mexican fiesta fundraiser in March and the money will be used to provide for children taken into the custody of Castro County.

The board also received a donation of \$500 from the Dimmitt Lions Club and a portion of that money will be used to purchase a headstone for the mother of a group of eight children who are currently under the county's care. The children have been saving their own money with the goal of purchasing the headstone for some time now.

The board is sponsoring a coloring and essay contest along the theme of "Don't Abuse Me-It Makes Me Hurt Inside," and entries are due April 30. Entries may be delivered to Glen Waldo at Nazareth Elementary School, Toni Waldo at Hart Elementary School or Gracie Killough at Dimmitt ISD.

At its April meeting, the CPS board elected officers for the 1994-95 year and Joan Aalbers was

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Child Protective Services raised chosen as president. Kathy Welch will be secretary-treasurer.

> The board also accepted resignations of Randy Smithson and Jane Gerber, both active members for several years. Anyone who is interested in serving on the board should contact Joan Aalbers at 938-

> Members present at the April meeting were Toni Waldo, Christine Acker, Kathy Welch, Bill Gardner, Donna Stump, Frances Duke, Randy Smithson, Clara Patton, Connie Wilhelm, Joe Josselet and Edith Huseman.

Church Happenings

Ministerial Alliance

Lillith Ardhuerumly will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 8:1-9:21 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Hart.

Presbyterian Church

Presbyterians are responsible for the worship service at Canterbury Villa Sunday morning at 9.

Sunday school classes will meet

"Paying Tribute" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service.

The mid-week Bible study will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the



Nazareth

Ray and Mattie Swirczynski, all of

Nazareth, and Vic Brockman of

Midland drove to New Blaine,

Ark., where they enjoyed visiting

with Sister Jane Frances Brockman

and other sisters who work with

Wilhelm, Leonard and Jimmie

Schulte and Ernie and Florene

Sunday was a very special day in

Holy Family Church as nine chil-

dren received their first Holy Com-

munion during mass with Rev.

Neal Dee officiating, assisted by

Deacon Jerome Brokman and Dea-

con Al Maurer. The parents and

children came to the front of church

in profession while the children's

baptismal sponsors formed a half

circle around the baptismal font.

Father Neal's homily was very

meaningful and he gave each child

a small brown paper bag which

held "love tokens" which they will

redeem as they perform a good

deed for someone. Each bag was

Thanks to all who helped with

the ministry during mass, including

the Faithful Friends Choir and their

director, Bernita Hoelting and her

assistant, Beverly Hill; and to the

first communicants' instructors,

Jeanie Birkenfeld and Dianne Wil-

Those making their first commu-

sealed with a red heart sticker.

in Fort Smith.

Brockman.

Ernie and Florene Brockman and nion were Brett Hoelting, Brock Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Nathan Olvera, Kimberly Brockman, Monty Hoelting, Sarah Ellison, Darlene Morales and Rebecca

All enjoyed a special family

her. They also visited with the gathering as we did at the home of sisters at St. Scholastica's Convent Monty Hoelting with his parents, Jim and Sandee Hoelting; his bap-Mattie and Ray Swirczynski tismal sponsors Traci Hill of Wichwere pleasantly surprised Sunday ita Falls and Cory Hoelting (Wade afternoon when Mattie's nieces Hoelting by proxy) of Lubbock; his brought in a pot luck supper to grandparents, Sylvia Hoelting of Plainview and Virgie Gerber; Charhonor Mattie on her 80th birthday on the 24th. Those attending were ley and Beverly Hill, Donna and John and Norma Schacher, Hank Bryan Charanza and Dan and Kaand Evelyn Rossi, Jerry and Nellie

Olvera.

ren Gerber and family. Brett Hoelting and his cousin, Andrew Brockman, were honored at Brett's home by their parents, Keith and Karleen Hoelting and Dale and Mona Brockman and their families.

Father Neal Dee returned last Tuesday from an after-Easter visit with his mother, Nedra Dee, in Hartford City, Ind. Her parish of St. John the Evangelist is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Father Neal was proud to preside at a weekend mass in his mother's church along with other priests who had family links to the parish. He informed the parishioners he would do it again in 100 years.

He enjoyed a very relaxing vacation before coming back to busy Holy Family Church.

Our sympathy to the family of Thornton Monroe, 35, of Amarillo. Funeral mass was celebrated Friday in Holy Family Church with Rev. Peter Jaramillo, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo, and Father Neal Dee, pastor of Holy Family Church, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery at Nazareth.

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Survivors include his wife, Alvina (Birkenfeld) Monroe, a daughter, Jessica Monroe of the home; and a son, Bronc Monroe of the

A bridal shower honoring Stephanie Brockman, bride-elect of Phil Behrens, was enjoyed Saturday afternoon at the home of Teresa Birkenfeld. The party was hosted by friends and family.

Ronnie and Jo Braddock of North Dakota were here on business this weekend and they visited their mother, Margaret Braddock, and others. Jo's mother, Velma Slavik, is a resident in a nursing home close to Ronnie and Jo and she is doing fine.

Bertha Klein is still a patient at

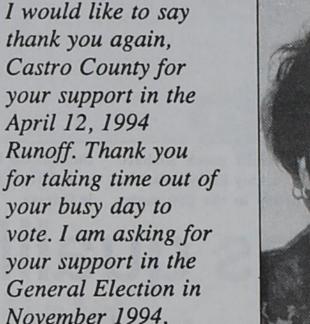
Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Lucy Leinen, a patient in Plainview's Methodist Hospital, should be home sometime this week. She is progressing well.

Bob Schulte is home to recuperate after having back surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

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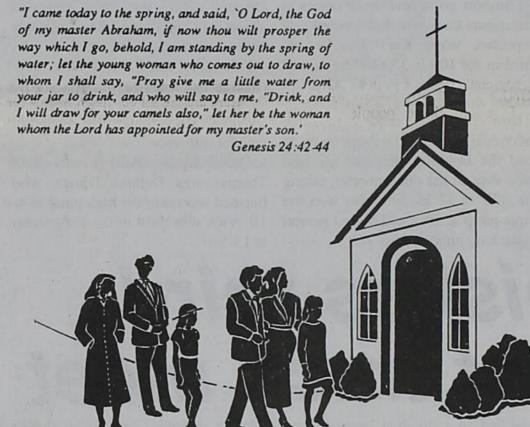
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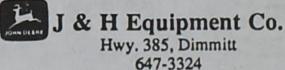
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FASTER AMY, FASTER-Dimmitt coach Richard Wood, right, hollers out times to Amy Ethridge as she completes her first lap Saturday in the 800 meter

finals at the District 2-3A meet at Muleshoe. Ethridge won the race to qualify for the regional meet next week Photo by John Brooks

Bobbies qualify in 9 events at district meet

short, needing someone a little fast the mile at 4:48.58. Saturday at the District 2-3A track meet at Benny Douglass Stadium at 144-123, of their first district title the exchanges were made, and was in Muleshoe.

Muleshoe's girls used their overall "We were as competitive as we can baton. Dimmitt qualified its 400 and 1600 hurdles." relay teams, plus five individuals in seven events, to the regional meet.

junior varsity boys division, easily third in the 100 in 13.60. She missed runners in three events.

Joey Flores ran his own pace and the 800. Flores won the half-mile in lead the Bobbies. She ran her best 2:00.70.

Friday over two miles in 10:31. He in the long jump at 16 3 1/2.

Richard Wood got caught a little came back Saturday to take second in ... In the sprint relay, Thomas took the

team depth to take the team title in the be, and that's a credit to our girls," In the 1600 relay, the Bobbies girls meet, despite qualifying only said Wood. "We just couldn't match didn't have to do much catching up as three girls in five events to the Region them for depth, and we just couldn't the team of Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer 1-3A Meet in Odessa in two weeks. stay with them in the sprints and the Vick, Amy Ethridge and Thomas was

the sprints than Wood or anyone else ahead of Tulia and three seconds Meanwhile, the Bobcats won the expected, when Kara Josselet ran better than third-place Littlefield. second; that's just over a yard.

let a faster runner burn himself out in individual events and in both relays to the half-mile race. time ever in the open quarter, taking Thomas was Dolores Dimas, who Jerome Larra took an easy win in the 400 in 57.56. She also won the the varsity 3,200, outpacing the field triple jump at 36-4 and placed second 10. Vick was third in the long jump

stick for her anchor leg in fourth The Bobbies fell 21 points short, place. She was in third by the time all second just 20 yards after taking the

never worse than a close third. Dimmitt got a few more points in Dimmitt's 4:07 was over a second

outpacing the field, and qualified two a regional berth by just .17 of a leading wire-to-wire for the gold medal. She was six seconds--over half Kim Thomas qualified in three a football field--better than second in a one-out walk, then Zeke Nino hit

finished second in the high jump at 4-

How does a baseball coach like Bobby Feaster help his old sore Does he see a chirpractor? No. A little Ben Gay or Aspercreme? No. Doan's Pills? No. Heating pad? No way.

Bobcats air out

An ice pack and traction. Not! How about a 15-5 win over Floydada at George Howell Park on

It felt real good real early for the Bobcats as they pounded out 11 hits in the first three innings while rolling up an 8-0 lead. Floydada broke up Dan Matthews' no-hitter in the fourth and cut the margin to 9-5. Dimmitt scored six times in the bottom of the fifth to stop the game because of the 10-run rule. Dagon Newton's triple just out of the right fielder's reach plated the final run of

"We needed this one real bad," said Feaster, whose team is 10-11 on the season and 2-2 in district. The Bobcats finish the first half of the double round-robin Saturday at Tulia in a 1 p.m. start, then host Littlefield at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

"All we have to do is win out," Feaster said, "and we're definitely in the playoffs. That's not as ridiculous as some people might think. We are 2-2 right now and we probably should be 4-0. We could be 4-0."

Freddy Ruiz knocked his third homer of the year deep over the fence in left in the first inning, plating Joe Juarez and Phil Thrasher and giving the Bobcats a 3-0 lead.

Dimmitt broke the game open in the second when Jason Wooten walked and Zeke Nino singled. Juarez doubled them home, then Ethridge easily won the 800, for his first home run of the year, giving Dimmitt a 7-0 lead after two. In the third, Dagon Newton drew

the first of his two doubles to the Qualifying in field events with fence in left, giving Dimmitt the 8-0

fourth, but the Bobcats got one of the runs back in the bottom half of the inning. Dimmitt chased Floydada starter Gabriel Delafuente when Emilio Nino opened the inning with a double to center. Dewayne Espinoza singled him home to give Dimmitt a 9-3 lead.

'Winds Tuesday Floydada scored two more times and threatened to score more before Matthews settled down in the fifth. In the bottom of the frame, there was no settling as the Bobcats batted around, scored six times, and sent the Whirlwinds packing.

Nino doubled, and Juarez singled him home to put the Bobcats up by five. Walks to Thrasher and Emilio Nino loaded the bases, but Ruiz got "Boy, that felt good," Feaster the last three of his six RBIs with a double. Gerald Barrios singled him home, then Newton's triple brought Barrios all the way around to give the Bobcats the 10-run win.

Matthews got his third win of the year, giving up just six hits. All five Floydada runs were earned, as were 13 of the 15 Dimmitt runs. The Bobcats pounded out 19 hits.

Dimmitt came back from a four-run deficit to tie the score, then let Muleshoe off the hook with a ball misplayed into a three-rbi triple as the Mules downed the Bobcats, 11-4, Saturday at Muleshoe.

The Bobcats spotted Muleshoe three first-inning runs and a lone run in the second before coming back with two runs in both the third and fourth innings to knot the score. Muleshoe came up with a lone run in the fourth to take the lead for good.

Muleshoe loaded the bases in the on the athletic field and a neverfifth. Muleshoe's Toscano, winning pitcher, helped his own cause with a triple just over the head of a rebounds a game this year. She had Dimmitt outfielder.

Baseball Muleshoe 11, Bobcats 4 at Muleshoe

Dimmitt 0022000-4 7 3 Muleshoe 3 1 0 1 3 3 x - 11 12 1 Jason Nino, Dan Mattews (6) and Gerald Barrios; Toscano, Gana (5) and Thrasher hit a high pop that carried McClanahan. WP--toscano (6-1). LP-just over the left-center field fence Nino (5-3). 2B-Dimmitt: Freddy Rulz, Zeke Nino; Muleshoe: Embry, McClanahan 2. 3B-Aguirre, Muleshoe: Records: Toscano. Dimmitt 9-10, 1-2; Muleshoe 15-5, 3-0.

Tuesday Bobcats 15, Floydada 5 at Dimmitt

Floydada 0 0 0 3 2 - 5 Floydada scored three times in the Dimmitt 3 4 1 1 6 - 15 19 2 Gabriel Delafuente, Angel Aleman (4) and Brandon Gilliland; Dan Matthews and Gerald Barrios. WP-Matthews (3-7). LP-Delafuente. 2B-Floydada: Mercado 2; Dimmitt: Juarez, E. Nino, Ruiz, Z. Nino. 3B- News. Dimmitt: Newton. HR-Floydada: Rodriguez; Dimmitt: Ruiz (3), Thrasher (1). Records: Floydada 0-4; Dimmitt 2-2, 10-11.



Noel Johnson

Johnson wins pair of **Tech honors**

Former Nazareth star Noel Johnson was named the Most Valuable Player for the 1993-94 Texas Tech Lady Raiders and won the first Jeannine McHaney Award at the annual Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball banquet Monday.

Johnson, a junior, was named MVP in voting by team members.

The McHaney Award was voted on by coaches in the women's department. It will go annually to the female athlete who displays Dimmitt got two outs before excellence in the classroom, courage the ending commitment to excellence.

Noel averaged 12 points and 4.6 66 steals and 109 assists. She committed only 32 fouls while playing 1,056 minutes--that's an average of just over one per game. She also had 47 turnovers (only one every 22 1/2 minutes) and has started in the last 67 games for

She has 306 assists to rank fifth on the all-time list at Tech and is sixth in career steals with 180. She is also second in career 3-point field goals made and set the single-season record of 96 this season.

Correction

The winning team of Tyson Adams and Chris Perez in junior varsity boys tennis was omitted from last week's report about the Dimmitt High School tennis team in the

Adams and Perez won the junior varsity boys doubles championship. The News regrets the omission.

NHS finishes third at district track meet

discus but came back to win the long with the 800 and 1600 meter relays. jump and earn a berth in the regional at Springlake-Earth High School.

Johnson had qualified for regional the previous two years in the discus, but threw third Saturday. His 132-11 was six feet short of second place. He came back in the long jump to edge Tory Roberts of Three Way by six inches to go to regional.

Meanwhile, three

Joining Johnson at regional will be meet at Saturday's district track meet Billy Scroggins in the high jump and Brad Keel in the 800. Scroggins was second in the high jump at 6-2, while Keel won the 800 in 2:08.01, two seconds ahead of Jeremy Jones of ahead of the field in 4:24.56 Lazbuddie.

Swiftettes squad of Angela Fortenberry, Tracy 2:28.75.

Nick Johnson was upset in the qualified in individual events along Maurer, Margie Durbin and Rhonda Maurer. The 800 relay team of the Maurers, Denia Durbin and A'llyn Garza was second in 2:03.52, while the 1600 relay team of Misti Ball, Rhonda Maurer, Denia Durbin and Melinda Schmucker was 15 seconds

Schmucker won the 400 by five seconds over Christina Jones of In the girls division, the Swiftettes Amherst. Ball won the 800 by 22 almost qualified all three relay teams, seconds over Yolanda Cisneros of with a bronze for the sprint relay Cotton Center; Ball's half-mile was



AAU QUALIFIERS - This basketball team, coached by Dimmitt's Steve Buckley, recently won second place in the 14-and-under AAU Qualifying Tournament in Clovis, N.M. Team members are (standing, from left) Billy Don Cannon of Hart, B.

McNutt, Coach Buckley, J. Williams and Zak Matthews of Dimmitt; and (kneeling, from left) A. King, Brandon Irons of Hart; J. Scott and Derek Buckley of Dimmitt. The team beat opponents from El Paso, Tucumcari and Seminole. Courtesy Photo

Track **District 2-3A Meet** at Muleshoe Varsity boys

Team totals: 1. Tulia 182; 2. Friona 124 1/2; 3. Muleshoe 100; 4. Littlefield 64; 5. Dimmitt 58; 6. Floydada 29.

Discus: 3. Tait Crow, 148-5. 3200: 1. Jerome Larra, 10:31.27; 3. Rodriguez, 11:13.79. 800: 1. Joey Flores, 2:00.70.

1600: 2. Larra, 4:48.58.

Varsity girls Team totals: 1. Muleshoe 144; 2. Dimmitt 123; 3. Tulia 107; 4. Friona Gerber; 4. Amy Pohlmeier. 95; 5. Littlefield 83; 6. Floydada 29. High Jump: 2. Dolores Dimas, 4-10. Garza. Long Jump: 2. Klm Thomas, 16-3

1/2; 3. Jennifer Vick, 15-5 1/2. Triple Jump: 1. Thomas, 36-4. 3200: 1. Rochelle Harman, 12:38.95. Birkenfeld. 400 relay: 2. Dimmitt, 51.00. 800: 1. Amy Ethridge, 2:25.29 100: 3. Kara Josselet, 13.60. 400: 1. Thomas 57.56

1600 relay: 1. Dimmitt 4:07.80 **District 7-1A Meet** at Springlake-Earth High School

1600: 2. Harman, 5:46.77

Varsity boys Team totals: 1. Lazbuddie 163; 2. Happy 116; 3. Nazareth 85; 4. Amherst 74; 5. Whitharral 42; 6. Gerber. Spade 26: 7. Three Way 21: 8. Cotton Center 17.

Discus: 3. Nick Johnson, 132-11. High jump: 2. Billy Scroggins, 6-2. Long jump: 1. Johnson, 20-9 1/4. 800: 1. Brad Keel, 2:08.01. 200: 3. Billy Scroggins, 23.80.

Varsity girls Team totals: 1. Whitharral 154; 2. Lazbuddie 118; 3. Nazareth 89; 4. Cotton Center 71; 5. Happy 40; 6. Spade 30; 7. Amherst 25; 8. Three Huckert. Way 6.

Long Jump: 3. Misti Ball. Triple jump: 6. Ball. 3200: 4. Margie Durbin.

400 relay: 3. Nazareth (Angela Fortenberry, Tracy Maurer, Margie Durbin and Rhonda Maurer), 63.37.

800: 1. Ball, 2:28.75. 800 relay: 2. Nazareth (Denia Durbin, Tracy Maurer, Rhonda Maurer and A'llyn Garza), 2:03.52. 400: 1. Melinda Schmucker, 61.33.

1600: 1. Denia Durbin, 6:18.03. 1600 relay: 1. Nazareth (Misti Ball, Rhonda Maurer, Denia Durbin and Melinda Schmucker), 4:24.56.

Team totals: 1. Nazreth, 196. High Jump: 2. Kira Ball; 3. K'Lynn Triple jump: 2. Pohlmeler; 4. Becca

Junior high girls

Discus: 1. Gerber: 2. Lori Maurer. Shot: 1. Gerber; 2. Maurer. 2400: 3. Celina Braddock' 4. Sara

400 relay: 1. (Kaci Wethington, Hoelting, Garza, Trina Lynsey Johnson).

800: 4. Ann Wilhelm; 5. Celina Braddock. 100 hurdles: 4. Gerber.

100: 5. Wethington. 800 relay: 2. Johnson, Hoelting, Pohlmeier, Wethington. 400: 1. Pohlmeler: 4. Garza.

300 hurdles: 1. Wethington: 4. 200: 2. Hoelting; 3. Wethington. 1600: 1. Sara Birkenfeld; 5. Laura

Birkenfeld. 1600 relay: 1. Uohnson, Ball, Pohlmeier, Wethington).

Junior high boys Team totals: 1. Nazareth, 162. High Jump: 1. Jayson Burnam; 5.

Darren Huckert. Long jump: 1. Burnam. Triple Jump: 1. Burnam; 3.

Discus: 6. Derrick Schacher. 2400: 5. Matthew Olvera. 400 relay: 1. Uason Maurer, Burnam, Matthew Kern, Jerad

800: 1. Huckert; 4. Josh Merritt; 6. Barry Hoelting. 110 hurdles: 1. Burnam.

100: 4. Maurer; 5. Kern. 400: 1. Birkenfeld: 5. Merritt. 300 hurdles: 1. Maurer. 200: 2. Schacher; 5.

Brockman. 1. Huckert; 3. 1600: Ramaekers.

1600 relay: 1. (Schacher, Kern, Huckert, Birkenfeld). District 1-1A Meet

at White Deer Varsity boys

Team totals: 1. Sudan 192 1/2; 2. White Deer 103; 3. Hart 68; 4. Booker 58 1/2; 5. Bovina 35; 6. Shamrock 33; 7. Vega 31; 8. Claude 20; 9. Farwell 13; 10. Kress 4. Shot: 1. Isreal Garcia, 54-5 (new

district record); 4. Manuel Minjarez, Discus: 4. Garcia, 126-8.

Triple Jump: 5. Jeremy Card; 6. John Welps. 3200: 5. Mario Guzman, 11:24.

400 relay: 2. Hart Uason Aven, Jeremy Card, Clint Emery and Harvey Robledo), 45.06

800: 4. Harvey Robledo, 2:12. 110 hurdles: 1. J.R. Lee, 15.36; 5. John Welps, 16.19.

100: 2. Jason Aven, 11.30; 3. Jeremy Card, 11.44.

Varsity girls Team totals: 1. Sudan 93; 2. Hart 90; 3. Booker 85; 4. Shamrock 73; 5.

White Deer 72; 6. Claude 60; 7. Bovina 45; 8. Vega 28; 9. Farwell 25; 10. Kress 18. Discus: 3. Dozal, 86-5. Shot: 3. Dozal, 31-1.

400 relay: 3. Hart 53.24. 800: 1. Robledo, 2:37.65; 3. Gonzales, 2:47.59.

100 hurdles: 1. Bennett, 2:37.65; 3 Card. 16.84.

200: 2. Garcia, 27.54. 1600: 3. Robledo, 5:53.56.





Good Luck, Bobcats



Varsity Bobcats vs. Tulia

Saturday, There, 1 p.m.



JV Bobcats vs. Tulia JV Saturday, There, 4 p.m.

JV Bobcats vs. Friona JV

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Varsity Bobcats vs. Littlefield

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By DON TAYLOR

A college lesson

In 1988, I returned to college to finish my education. There are several lessons that stayed with me from those college days. Perhaps none made a more lasting impression than this one from a speech

Mark Kissee and I were in that class together at Wayland Baptist University. Mark gave a speech based on a 10-word poem that says: "Use it up, wear it out, make do, do without." He had just returned from Africa and used the poem to illustrate how missionaries handle the hardships that they encounter and how they make so little go so far. Recently, as I reviewed my notes on his speech, it occurred to me that there might be a lesson here for small businesses.

Use it up, wear it out

A few months ago, I visited the offices of a very healthy, well-managed business. The owner has made a good deal of money over the years and is a very strong and generous community supporter. Because of his success, I

expected to visit a new, modern, state-ofthe-art office.

What I found was a clean, efficient, well-lighted older office with tile floors, sturdy but well-used furniture and minimal frills. Except for the computer system, every major item in the office had been around for 20 years or more. The owner pointed out that the business's original filing cabinets were still in service.

I have thought about this firm a number of times since my visit. The owner is using his assets very wisely. He is maximizing the return on his investment by "using it up and wearing it

There is significant waste in small business, in corporate America and especially in government. What would America's financial condition be today if we had historically adopted a policy of "use it up and wear it out?"

Make do, do without

I have watched many entrepreneurs make do with what they have and can

afford. It makes good business sense. Their businesses are healthier and they are more able to withstand downturns in the economy. They drive well-maintained older cars, look for bargains and are not obsessed with the latest toys.

Making do with what you have is often a very good way to conserve capital for more important expenditures and necessary items. For example, most of the furniture in our office was either donated or purchased second-hand. We achieve a respectable and professional image at minimal cost. We also conserved some of our budget in order to provide better services to our clients.

Learning to do without is often an attribute of a very successful business. Long ago, I learned not to judge entrepreneurs' success by the cars they drive or the business images they project. Sometimes, new BMWs and state-of-theart office furniture merely indicate tremendous debt leverage, not high profits and good management.

A good rule to follow: If an item

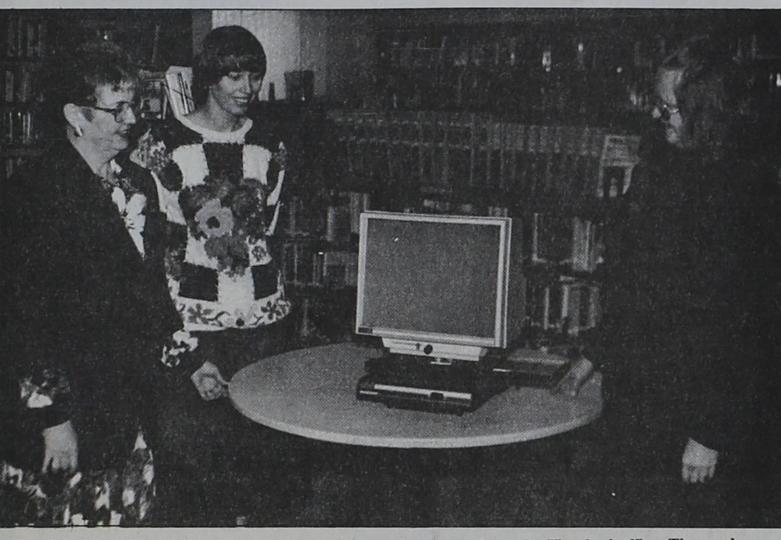
doesn't produce profit or eliminate cost, do without it. I still survive without a car phone, a CD player and a camcorder. There are times when it is slightly inconvenient, but inconvenience should not be confused with need. Inconvenience is not a valid consideration in the cost justification process.

Environmental factors

The "use it up, wear it out, make do, do without" philosophy is also very good for our environment. It can be considered the highest form of recycling. Restoring your office furniture and driving the company car or truck another year conserve many natural resources, as well as business capital.

Some businesses may suffer as we move away from a "throw-away" business philosophy. However, when we consider the bigger picture of truly making the world a better place for all of its inhabitants, conservation makes sense.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo 79105



Pottorff, center, and assistant librarian Marie Howell, one of four presented last week to Rhoads Memorial right, look over a microfiche reader presented by Library by Allstate. Betty Jones of Dimmitt, an agent for Allstate

LIBRARY RECEIVES READERS-Librarian Cindy Insurance from the Hereford office. The reader was Photo by John Brooks

Sharp announces new diesel permits

once again allow agricultural producers to have diesel delivered to their farms which may in turn be used in their personal vehicles.

"Working with Texas agricultural gas station. groups and fuel suppliers, the comptroller's office has now developed a new procedure which we think will solve the problem, without unduly burdening small farmers," said Comptroller John Sharp.

Farmers will be invited, in letters this week, to apply for a Diesel Fuel Bonded User Permit. The permit usually is reserved for businesses using more than 10,000 gallons of diesel per month, and has required the posting of a \$10,000 bond. Quarterly reports have also been required.

"We're going to waive the bond and require only one report per year from farmers and ranchers who switch from the Prepaid User Permit to the Bonded User Permit. Farmers and ranchers may also be entitled to a partial refund on their Prepaid User Permit," said Sharp.

Producers had been using the same diesel to run personal vehicles as they had been using in farm equipment for many years. Farmers paid an annual fee of \$46.50 to \$145.50 per vehicle to obtain a Diesel Tax Prepaid User Permit.

personal cars and pickup trucks. The fee substituted for the motor fuels

last Oct. 1, caused problem...because they are no longer allowed to burn high-sulfur diesel their farms." fuel in highway vehicles," Sharp under a Prepaid User Permit if they install a separate storage tank on their property for low-sulfur diesel. Farmers who cannot install a

A plan has been developed by the The permit allowed farmers to use separate tank must purchase low-State Comptroller's Office that will tax-exempt diesel designated for off- sulfur diesel for their highway road agricultural equipment in their vehicles at a gas station, and they must pay tax on the fuel.

> "A lot of Texas farmers and tax they would otherwise pay at a ranchers were understandably upset because they paid for a permit, and "An EPA rule which took effect now they're being taxed again. But a without a state permit, they cannot have tax exempt diesel delivered to

Sharp's announcement was priased Wal-Mart and friends. said. "They can continue operating by agriculture and oil groups. Questions about the new permits for more profit. may be answered by calling the comptroller's office toll-free at 1- tegies. 800-252-1383.

Pintos now eligible for crop insurance

other area counties have met the requirements of the Federal Crop crop insurance.

find it difficult to obtain loans, so loans so they have been caught in a we are pleased that the FCIC has type of 'Catch 22' situation." worked with our producers in these counties who wished to qualify for crop insurance," said Ag in January to discuss the counties' Commissioner Rick Perry.

Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hartley, Lubbock, Ochiltree, Oldham, Moore and Swisher.

"These farmers have found new markets for pinto beans, and they

Farmers in Castro County and 10 want to diversify to meet this growing demand," Perry said. "However, many banks will not Insurance Corporation to qualify for make loans to them unless they have crop insurance, and they can't "Without crop insurance, farmers expand their production without

Perry met with FCIC Manager Ken Ackerman in Washington, D.C. eligibility. Many farmers in these counties are part of the United Bean Other qualifying counties include Marketing Co-op of Plainview. The co-op is affiliated with Beantime Foods Inc., a plant that produces bean products such as bean flakes and a bean and sausage microwaveable stew.

Small business 'survival' seminar to be given here

Small business owners and managers seeking new ways to improve profits and hints on how to survive against "big box" merchants should plan to attend a seminar next Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. in strategies. Dimmitt.

Registrations for the seminar are due by Monday and may be made by contacting the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Registration fee is \$5 per person for Chamber members and \$15 per person for non-members of the Chamber.

The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Chamber and Panhandle Small Business Development Center.

Don Taylor will be directing the workshop. He is executive director of West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center and is a successful small business owner. He is a 25-year veteran of small business wars. He serves as a consultant and analyst to small business. Taylor writes a nationally syndicated business column, "Minding Your Own Business," which is published in the Amarillo Sunday News - Globe and in 54 other newspapers, including the Castro County News. Readership is estimated at more than one million.

The first session will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and will be entitled "Inward Focus." After a 15minute break, the group will reconvene for the next session, "Outward Focus," until 5 p.m.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include:

♦ What you need to learn about

♦ How to refocus your business

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SPRUCING UP THE PLACE-Dimmitt High School students (from left) Luisa Silva, Adreanna Rodriguez and Sonya Arguijo plant new flowers in barrels in the

mini-park on the north side of the square in Dimmitt. The students are fixing up the planter barrels as part of an FHA project. Photo by John Brooks

Worker regulations are explained

In 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency revised the Worker Protection Standard, which governs pesticides used in the production of agricultural plants on farms and in forests, and most of the provisions were due to take effect on April 15.

However, in April, legislation was enacted which delays imple-

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mentation of some of those revised tion work in 1994 and excludes standards until Jan. 1, 1995, ac- crop advisors from worker proteccording to Castro County Extension

The new law provides more time for the agricultural community to learn about the Worker Protection Standard and to prepare for implementation of the regulations.

The following guide summarizes the major worker protection standard provisions, especially those required in 1994, and describes how you can get more information.

In summary, most of the requirements appear on the labels of the pesticides used on the agricultural establishments where employees work. There are two types of worker protection standard provisions that appear on the label; those that are fully spelled out, and those that are referred to but not thoroughly described on the lable.

During 1994, you must comply with worker protection standards spelled out on the label. These include the label requirements for personal protective equipment, the restricted - entry interval and the requirement for "double notification" if this requirement is on the

You do not need to comply with the "referenced" requirements until Jan. 1, 1995. These requirements include pesticide safety training for agricultural workers and handlers, decontamination sites, notification of workers about pesticide applications, display of information about pesticide applications, emergency assistance and display of a safety

The legislation also provides optional personal protective equipment requirements for some irriga-

tion standard coverage until Jan. 1,

Insects of Interest

The pine tip moth can be a serious pest of young pine trees planted by homeowners on the South Plains.

Now is one of the few times homeowners can effectively fight back, according to Andy Williams, Castro County Extension Agent-Pest Management.

The larvae of this moth bore into the growing tips of pine trees, causing them to turn brown. Severely infested trees develop a bushy appearance over time.

The tip moth passes the winter as a pupa within the injured terminals and twigs of the tree. Moths emerge in March and April and begin the first of several generations which will occur during the

Female moths lay eggs on the needles and stems. After hatching, the young larvae bore into the tip and begin feeding. After several weeks of feeding and constructing a tunnel in the tip of the stem, the larvae pupate. The adult moths then emerge from the pupal cases, and a new cycle or generation begins.

Properly timed application of an insecticide is the best way to reduce pine tip moth populations and da-

mage, the Extension agent said. "Since this pest spends most of its life cycle protected inside the pine tip, foliar sprays are most effective when the young larvae are just hatching from the egg," he

Plains Cotton Growers at PCG's

Langston of Lubbock was named

ginners and other cotton industry

meeting before the election. The

deputy chief for programs of the

Soil Conservation Service; Norma

Trolinder, plant physiologist at the

USDA-ARS Plant Stress Lab in Lubbock; Bill Lovelady of Tornillo,

chairman of the National Cotton

Producer

Committee; and Steve Verett of Lubbock, executive director of the

Texas Food and Fiber Commission. "I am very pleased with the caliber of the speaker we were able

to bring to this year's meeting," said

Donald Johnson, PCG executive vice

president. "One of the really

exciting things about this year's

Steering

Lubbock.

Council

secretary-treasurer.

To properly time these applications, phermone traps are used to detect the presence of adult moths and determine when eggs are being laid by the first cycle of moths. Traps being monitored on the South Plains this spring indicate that now is the time to spray trees for this pest.

Frank B. Jones Jr. was elected address some of the issues that are president for 1994-95 by the board foremost on the minds of cotton of directors of the Lubbock-based producers from our area.

Cotton Talks

37th annual meeting April 8 at heard today are playing an important Jackie Burris of Wellman was going in regard to environmental elected vice president and Don legislation and basic research."

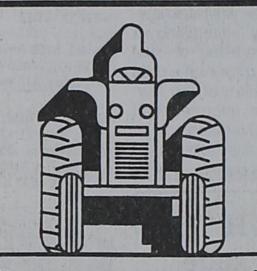
At the meeting, Margheim discussed a variety of topics, About 200 cotton producers, including a brief discussion on the research. continuation of the Conservation officials attended PCG's morning Reserve Program (CRP) and the upcoming deadline for implementing meeting featured Gary Margheim, conservation programs on highly erodable land.

> Trolinder addressed a number of issues including the status of current

Dawson County cotton producer program was that we were able to cotton research and future prospects for genetically-enhanced cotton in Texas.

> Lovelady discussed "Individuals like the ones we producers can expect as work begins on the 1995 Farm bill and role in determining where we are reauthorization of other laws that will impact cotton producers. Verett described the scope and purpose of the TFFC and the role his agency will play in future cotton-oriented

> > Other highlights of the meeting were reports from Johnson, PCG Boll Weevil Control Program Coordinator Roger Haldenby, and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah.



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22—Notices

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A very special heartfelt thanks to all that helped me in my time of need. Thanks to James and Rodney Killough, the EMS crew of Donna Newton, Danny Rice and Chas Humphries; officers Santos Perez and Ray Aleman for your prompt actions and quick response to the emergency call. Dr. Patel, the nurses and staff at Plains Memorial Hospital were wonderful and took such good care of me. I can never give them enough praise. Everyone that visited, telephoned, sent cards and said prayers for my recovery is greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thanks Beverly, for coming to check on me and getting help quickly.

JERRY DURHAM 24-2-1tp

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION To the voters of Castro County,

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 7, 1994, for voting in the General election to elect two members to the Board of Directors of Castro County Hospital District.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES: Hart Golden Group Building, Nazareth High School Home Economics Room, Dimmitt City Hall Meeting Room.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. beginning on April 18, 1994, and ending on May 3, 1994.

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: No other

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Angie Sandoval, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 29, 1994

Issued this the 13th day of April, 1994. JAMES WELCH

by STEVE GOODE **Presiding Officer** 25-2-1tc

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL A los votantes registrados del Condado De Castro, Tejas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las p.m. el 7 de mayo de 1994 para votar en la Eleccion para dos miembros de la mesa directiva del distrito del hospital del condado de Castro..

Direccion(es) de las casillas electorales: Hart Golden Group Building, Nazareth High School Home Economics Room, Dimmitt City Hall Meeting Room.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, entre las 7 de la manana y las 5:30 de la tarde empezando el 18 de abril, 1994 y terminando el 3 de mayo

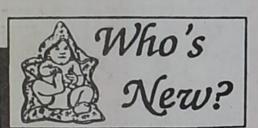
La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera: Ningun otras locaciones.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Angie Sandoval, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Los solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 29 de abril, 1994.

Emitada este dia 13 de abril, 1994.

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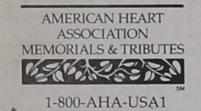


Plains Memorial

It's a boy for Daren and Julie Dever of Hart. Their son was born at 10:35 a.m. on April 6 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He has been named Pecos Shay. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Carl and Sue Dever of Portales, N.M. Maternal grandparents are Donald Ray and Connie McQueen of Rotan. Great-grandparents are Lucille McNabb, Uva Dever, Mildred McQueen and Buddy and Wanda

Mario and Elidia Dozal of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Karina Alejandra Dozal, who entered the world on April 3 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. She has two big sisters, Maggie, 12, and Monica, 5. Paternal grandparents are Maria and Luz Dozal of Oklahoma City, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Lucia and Frank Mendoza of Dimmitt.

Brandon and Valerie Cox of Lazbuddie are the parents of a baby boy, Dallas Lynn, who was born at 10:59 a.m. on April 8. He weighed 6 lbs., 8-1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long. He has two older sisters, Leslee, 7, and Shelby, 2. Grandparents are Lynn and Sharon Cox of Lazbuddie. Great-grandparents are M.B. and Lucille Odom of Dimmitt and Inez Cox of Hereford and the late K.H. Cox.



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Nazareth honor students named

Nazareth Independent School District has announced its honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of

Students qualifying for the "A" honor roll include:

FIRST GRADE: Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Garrett Kleman, Keli Schulte, Tyson Schulte, Edward Wilhelm and Jason Wilhelm.

SECOND GRADE: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Nicole Francis, Tanya Herring and Brett Hoelting.

THIRD GRADE: Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld, Kristi Ramaekers, Eric Schilling and Shelby Wilhelm.

FOURTH GRADE: Blake Birkenfeld, Leslie Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox.

FIFTH GRADE: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsie M. Gerber and Holly Myers.

SIXTH GRADE: Lisa McLaurin, Jill Schulte, Sara Schulte and Karen Wilhelm. SEVENTH GRADE: Mitchell

Brockman, Stephanie Gerber, Alyssa Irlbeck, Susan Jones and Jessica Kem. EIGHTH GRADE: Sara Birken-

feld, Darren Huckert, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington. FRESHMEN: Justin Bingham,

Margie Durbin and B.J. Kern. SOPHOMORES: Jaimye Bingham and Robin Schulte.

JUNIORS: Scott Brockman, Amber Irlbeck, Colby Pohlmeier, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

SENIORS: Sabrina Acker, Kristin Brockman, Kandal Derrick, Lena Durbin, Lynette Kleman and Mary Ellen Ramaekers.

Students qualifying for the "B" honor roll are:

Ben Birdwell, Melina Braddock, Farris, Richard Herring, Jon John-Michael Horn, Kelcee Kleman, Terin Ross, Sierra Wilcox and Shay Wilhelm.

SECOND GRADE: Andrew

Brockman, Sarah Ellison, Adam Hunter, Rebecca Olvera, Trey Robb and Lindsey Wood.

THIRD GRADE: Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Rey Bermea, Wendy Black, Jenna Braddock, Tyler Ehly, Erica Gerber, Koty Huseman, Ben Irlbeck, Shane Kleman, Laci Mc-Laurin, Justin Myers, Kalissia Robertson, Chase Schulte, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte and Rose Wilhelm.

FOURTH GRADE: Jason Birkenfeld, Shana Huseman, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Elizabeth Olvera, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers, Kyla Schacher and Jennifer Wilhelm.

FIFTH GRADE: Sage Annen, Buddy Birdwell, Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Shawna Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Erin Jones, Mark Lange, Matty McLain and Brooke Moyers.

SIXTH GRADE: Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Mindi Ethridge, Cameron McLain, Dawn Ramaekers and Judy Schacher.

SEVENTH GRADE: Laura Birkenfeld, Mandy Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Jessica McGilvray, Heather Schilling, Tiffany Schmucker, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.

EIGHTH GRADE: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Becca Garza, Candie George, Barry Hoelting, Trina Johnson, Joy Long and Kourtney Robertson.

FRESHMEN: Bryan Braddock, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Angela Fortenberry, Nick Gerber, Nathan Hoelting, Sarah Olvera, Jill Ramaekers and James Wilhite.

SOPHOMORES: Quentin Dobmeier, Allyn Garza, Casey Hoelting, Courtney Hoelting, Kelly Jones, Melinda Schmucker and Carie Wethington.

JUNIORS: Ron Backus, Bryan FIRST GRADE: Jeremy Acker, Charanza, Denia Durbin, Alston son and Rhonda Maurer.

SENIORS: Dominic Fortin, Joey Hacker, Morgan Heck, Nick Johnson and Brad Keel.

Democrats vote on resolutions

Castro County Democrats voted on seven resolutions and elected voting delegates to the state convention during their annual convention Saturday night in Dimmitt City

Approximately 20 people attended the convention.

Three voting delegates including Don Newman, Lois Wales and Carl King; and two alternates, Colleen Newman and Ruth Bennett, were elected to the state convention in Fort Worth June 3-4. Carole Dyer will attend the convention as county chairman and Harold Bob Bennett of Hart will also be there as a

state executive committeeman.

County Democrats also voted on the following resolutions, which will be submitted to the state con-

♦ Opposing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT);

♦ Opposing the use of Pantex for additional nuclear waste dump-

♦ Supporting higher loan rates for farmers;

♦ Supporting farmers' present

use of agricultural chemicals; ♦ Expressing concern over the

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hand raised in Boy Scout sign) recites the Boy Scout oath as part of the Honor Court inducting him into the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony was held Sunday afternoon at the Expo building. Also participating in the ceremony are (from left) Larry Garcia, a member of Justin's Honor Guard:

dad; and Beth Roberts, Justin's mom. Behind Justin to the left is his brother, Joshua, who also was a member of the Honor Guard. In the background is Andrew Teaschner, another scout involved in the ceremony. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Roberts makes Eagle rank

Justin Roberts of Troop 266 in community service project. A Boy Sunday at the Castro County Expo badges to attain the Eagle rank. Building in Dimmitt.

Beth Roberts of Dimmitt.

hydrants in the city for his fifth grade.

Dimmitt attained the rank of Eagle Scout must complete a community Scout at a Court of Honor on service project plus earn merit Voice of the Eagle. Gary Hunter,

Roberts is the son of Jackie and Tenderfoot, Second Class, First about Justin, his background and Class, Star and Life ranks. Justin accomplishments. Roberts planned and supervised joined Cub Scouts in second grade the painting of curbs at all fire and advanced to Boy Scouts in the Eagle pins and his mother put his

At the Eagle Court of Honor, Rick Graves of Plainview was the assistant Scoutmaster, gave the He has progressed through the Eagle Challenge. Katie Ivey talked

> Justin presented his parents with Eagle neckerchief on him.



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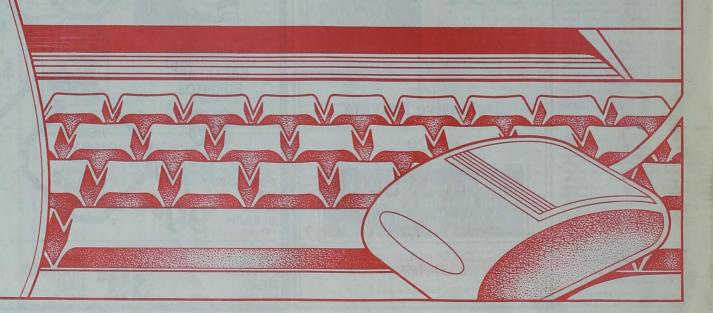
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Michigan troopers in standoff with flock of angry turkeys

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. (AP) - A gang of turkeys went for state troopers after causing a fender bender, forcing police to use pepper spray to break them up.

Two cars were forced to stop Friday to avoid the flock that was blocking a road near Iron Mountain in the state's Upper Peninsula. A third car ran into the rear of one of the stopped cars, state police said.

As Trooper Daryl Middleton spoke with a driver about the accident, five or six of the birds were "yelping, clucking and gobbling at him as they moved towards him in an intimidating manner," state police said in a news release.

IT GOT WORSE when Trooper Larry Gasperich started directing traffic around the cars. The birds converged on him, then became even more agitated when Gasperich swatted them with his hat.

That was when he whipped out his Macelike pepper spray and let loose.

"The suspects fled the scene on foot, running down the hill and into a wooded area.



Preplant watering

Gordon Zeigler/AgReview

Faced with a soil profile lacking in moisture at the beginning of the new crop year, many farmers are beginning to replenish the water by turning on center pivots or row watering their fields.

Land bank sees positive impact of last year's crops

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Witer

One local ag lender, Caprock-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, reports many positive developments in the economy related to last

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More good news comes in an end of year analysis by the FLBA's president, Mike Howell.

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Howell said that favorable activity has resulted in an increase in capital of the association from \$6.36 to \$6.5 million. Total income for the year was \$419,600. With expenssome money," he said. es of \$246,000, the net income for the year totalled \$173,600.

Two land bank directors were re-elected to their terms Saturday. Place I will be served by Dean Turner, 54, a graduate of Flomot High School who has

been engated in farming and ranching in Matador and Flomot since 1969. He serves on the board of the Rolling Plains PCA and is a former committeeman for the Motley County ASCS office.

Place II will be served again by Ronnie Hopper, 47, who has been engaged in farming in Floyd and Hale Counties for his entire career. He attende dPetersburg School and graduated from Texas Tech University with a

degree in agronomy. He is a producer delegate to the National Cotton Council and a producer representative of the Plains Cotton Growers.

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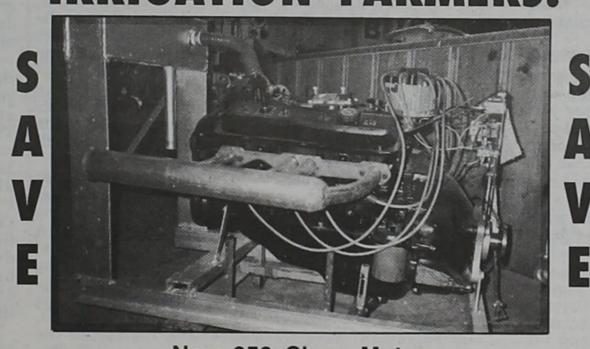
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AgReview



Many came to Texas on 'orphan train

By SARAH WESTBROOK The Odessa American

ODESSA — An old rag doll with eyes sewn on but no mouth is more than a keepsake for Odessan George Meason — it's a part of his heritage.

The doll symbolizes a faceless generation of former Orphan Train riders.

Meason was one of 150,000 children who were orphans during the immigration boom which began during the late 1800s in New York City. Through the Children's Aid Society of New York, the children were sent on trains to live with farming families in the country's West and Midwest. The society was created by Charles Loring Brace.

In 1916, Meason was less than 2 years old when he and his siblings were taken from their parents in Brooklyn, N.Y. He said he doesn't know why they were taken or much about his real par-

After living in several foster homes, Meason was taken into the custody of the society at age 5. He and his siblings were sent to the Brace Farm School in New York for training in farming. Then Meason, his brother, Julius, and his three sisters rode a train to Whitewright, Texas.

Many children lost their identities through the process, Meason said. "When they put you on that train, they put Jewish boys in Catholic churches, they put Catholic kids in Protestant churches and mixed it up," he

"I didn't know for years I was German. People told me I was French," Meason said.

He was taken in by a preacher and his wife in Whitewright. One of his sisters also was raised in Whitewright. Another sister grew up in Bailey, Texas, and he said he's not sure where the other sister was raised. Julius was sent to live with a family near Sulfur

"When we got off the train there in Whitewright and they started to put my brother, Julius, back on the train, we were clutching each other and wouldn't let go," Meason said. "They finally yanked him away from me and we were both crying, and I was saying, 'Don't take him, don't take him.'

After living in several towns, Meason's foster family moved to the Oak Cliff section of Dallas when he was a teen-ager. It was then that Meason found some information about his brother.

"There was a family that lived

in the house right next door to us. I was out mowing the yard," Meason said. "The lady just kept staring and looking at me. About a day or two later, she asked me if I had a brother, and my mother said yes. And she said, 'Does he live outside of Sulphur Springs on a farm?' and my mother said yes. And she said, 'Is his name Julius?' and (my mother) said yes," Meason recalls. "And she said she had lived right across from him."

Fifteen years after they were separated, Meason went to visit his brother.

Meason and his family later moved to rural Arkansas. After Meason completed high school, he was informed by his parents that he would join the Civilian Conservation Corps. The corps was a work camp established in 1933 as a part of the New Deal to help unemployed citizens.

"They said, 'Well, you're gonna go to the three 'C' camp in the morning, bright and early. You're going to Fayetteville and you're gonna be shipped out.'

"I said, 'Didn't I have a choice to say anything?' And they said, 'No."

While in the CCC, Meason worked in forestry and farming programs.

Life at home became difficult for Meason. "I hardly ever went home because every time it was 'You got any money?' I don't know where they thought I was gonna get a lot of money. After 18 months, Meason was discharged from the corps.

Meason and his wife, Audie, came to Odessa in the late 1930s from Bailey, Texas, looking for work.

He said he was asked once if he liked his foster parents. "I said, 'They gave me a home when I was just a kid. But when you're a kid and you're growing out from under people who don't have any children ... you get to be a burden and an expense to them, and they realize that they made a mistake," Meason said.

Although Meason had an unsteady relationship with the parents who raised him, he and his wife took care of them in their later years until they died.

"The hardest part of it was the way that they were using me. It got back to the same old grind," he said.

Four years ago, Meason saw his brother for the last time and relived the time they were separated as children. "The last time I saw Julius alive, we had been to a meeting up in Arkansas. When I

left there, it was in reverse," Meason said.

"Julius was holding onto me, trying to keep me from coming home. We had our crying sessions that time just as we did the last time when we were pulled apart. And I never got to see my brother alive after that."

Meason's sisters — Elizabeth, Carolyn and Anna — are still alive.

He said about 300 to 500 Orphan Train riders are still alive. They attend annual meetings for the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America in eight states. Meason and his wife will attend a meeting this weekend in Waxahachie.

"We were never in the history books," he said. "They took (the orphans) out to the farming areas so that the farmer could put them to work just like the white man did with the slave. Some of them were taken because (they were loved), but there was more of them that were white slaves more than they were being loved by the people that took them."

Several years passed before Meason told his wife about his upbringing, in part because the orphans were never encouraged to share their experiences.

News

May 28

FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS - Day of celebrating and fun, plus a parade including antique tractors.

June 11

ARMSTRONG FARM TRACTOR PLAYDAY Paul and Jackie Armstrong of Amarillo will host their annual tractor show on their farm 3 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145, then three miles south. A slow race, parade and plowing contest will be held.

July 9

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Haunt of 'Dr. Pepper' fades into history

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RURAL RETREAT, Va. — In a brick pharmacy in this hollow of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a former Confederate surgeon named Dr. Charles T. Pepper dispensed patent medicines in what was then fast becoming the "Cabbage Capital of the World."

At least that's how the people of this hamlet saw it. Local legend says that Dr. Pepper also spent time mixing mountain herbs, roots and seltzer into a fizzy brew, which his assistant

later mass-produced. The assistant, Wade Morrison, moved to Texas and went on to fame and fortune as the creator of a best-selling American soft drink. Dr. Pepper went on to fame, but no fortune, as the brew's namesake.

And the pharmacy?

Despite its brush with greatness, it never became a tourist draw. Instead, while electronic cash registers and computerized gas pumps small-town infested America, Rural Retreat Drug Store remained for more than 100 years an oasis where clerks read mail to unschooled neighbors, remembered birthdays and filled prescriptions on credit until a customer's Social Security check arrived.

Friday night, the pharmacy's rusty screen door screeched shut for the last time. The owners drawled "uncle," yielding to superstores and mail order cata-

big business, you're not in business," said W. Baynard Barton 3d, Rural Retreat's last pharmacist.

The nearest competitor is a dozen miles away. But the 995 residents of Rural Retreat will miss more than the convenience of a drugstore that was a gentle stroll away from Econ-owash, the laundromat that doubles as a public library.

Sixty-nine-year-old Nettie Sage, for example, can't make out the labels on her medicines. So the folks at the drugstore put her pills in different-colored bottles.

Mrs. Sage says that over the years all she's had to do was call up and say she was "out of the blue ones," and the druggist would know she needed her "easin' pills," as she calls painkillers.

Walter Wynn, a retired farmer known to everyone as Chubeye, has routinely brought in his mail, proudly presenting it to the pharmamanager, Shirley Hawthorne.

"Got somethin' here to read Shirl," he'd say. And she would leave her post to give him the latest news from his older brother in Maryland.

The pharmacy's owners, the Counts family of Wytheville, about 11 miles north of here, say they were selling just 55 prescriptions a day and figured they needed 80 to stay afloat.

"Nowadays, if you're not Barton, the pharmacist.

going the way of spittoons and scratch cooking.

After staying stable through the 1980s, the number of independent pharmacies nationwide dropped from 40,000 to about 39,000 in the last two years, according to the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Todd T. Dankmyer, the spokesman, group's attributed the decline to the restrictions that insurance companies have imposed on the pharmacies that policyholders can use; to drug manufacturers' price breaks for large vendors, and to the growing popularity of mailorder drugs.

"The insurance companies cherry-pick their pharmacies, and the small towns lose," Dankmyer said.A packing box in the back of the Rural Retreat Drug Store brims with mugs painted with the names Earl, Cecil, Kermit, Emil, Ernest and the rest of the gang that used to sip coffee around the pot-bellied stove, whittling and swapping lies.

"No rules, just so they didn't talk ugly when there were women in here," recalled Rebecca Heldreth, whose father, Johnny Frye, owned the store for more than 40 years.

Frye turned the plank-

"This place hasn't paid its floored shop at the corner of bills in some time," said Main Street and Railroad Avenue into what is known But then many a down- in these parts as a "jot 'em home pharmacy seems to be down store": if an item was on a customer's shopping list, he probably stocked it.

Frye, who was also the town's Greyhound Bus agent, worked in the store for at least 11 hours every weekday, except for the times he took off to sing at a customer's funeral.

"He called all the children 'George,' whether they were boys or girls," said his granddaughter, Dianne H. Jonas, who used to help out after school.

Mrs. Heldreth, who owns the building, figures that a general store opened on the ground floor around 1835. The town boomed when the railroad came through in 1856. James A. Ball, the historian for Pepper/Seven-Up Companies Inc., the Dallas firm that produces the soft drink, said Dr. Pepper bought the store around 1872 and turned it into a thriving pharmacy.

Friday, Josie Gordon, a retired garment maker who grew up on a nearby farm, watched as workers removed the store's counters. At age 71, she fears that she will outlive not only the drug store but also her hometown.

"If Williams Superette closes," she said, "we'll bury Rural Retreat and not put no flowers on it."

US has new apple varieities

By MARGARET SCHERF Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Ag Department scientists are releasing three new Golden Delicious dwarf apple trees that will be bred for future commercial varieties.

size for home gardentrees require more crossbreeding for fruit flavor and other desirable characteristics," said Miklos Faust of the Agricultural Research Service Vegetable Laboratory Beltsville, Md.

He said dwarf trees' advantages include easier pruning, spraying and harvesting. They also are more productive because the extra carbohydrates normally expended on vegetative into making the fruit.

And because of fewer branches, sunlight, which is responsible for photosynthesis, more readily penetrates a dwarf tree than a normal size tree.

"These are genetic dwarfs, meaning that the dwarfing occurs in requirements for field the tops of the trees offices. rather than in the roots as is normally the case with dwarf trees," Faust said. "Their compact size comes from the short distance and Vermont. between nodes.'

places along a tree and represent current branch from which and potential USDA

leaves grow. The distance between nodes is called internodes.

The three new releases, which as yet have no names, have the following characteristics:

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WASHINGTON (AP) Agriculture growth goes instead Department field offices of the future are being examined at focus group studies in eight states through this

The aim is to provide the department information about improving customer service and determining technology

The focus groups are meeting in California, Kentucky, Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas

Four focus groups are The nodes are the formed at each location

customers, agriculture support groups and department employees.

WASHINGTON (AP) - There were 5.56 billion eggs produced in the United States during February, up 2 percent from the number produced in the same month of 1993.

Laying hens totaled 289 million on March 1, compared with 282 million a year earlier.

The rate of lay per day averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from last year's 69.4 eggs per 100 lay-

Woman beat cancer, but lost to shark

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A woman authorities believe was killed by a great white shark had recently won her battle against leukemia, her friends and co-workers say.

Friends identified the mutilated body of a 25year-old woman found floating off a popular surfing spot as that of Michelle Von Emster of Ocean Beach.

"What happened is really a shame because she had a lot of tough-going in her life," said Denise Knox, owner of the stationery and office supply store where Von Emster worked as a clerk. "What she told us was that she had been in remission the past two years from leukemia."

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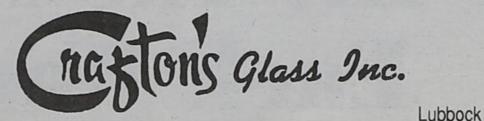
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Onions to be sweet, plentiful this year

By ELLIOTT MINOR

Associated Press Writer

VIDALIA, Ga. (AP) — Farmers are preparing to harvest Georgia's largest crop of sweettasting Vidalia onions.

In Vidalia, the southeast Georgia town of 11,000 that gave the famous onions their name, convenience stores are already selling onions that ripened early. By the end of the month, farmers will be shipping onions all over the United States.

The crop has been spared from the usual perils - freezing temperatures, high winds and diseases — and the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service rates it as 100 percent good. Growers planted a record 10,768 acres this year, up 2,468 acres from last year.

Growers Vidalias are the sweetest onions in the world because of the low-sulfur soil in the growing area. By state law, onions can be labeled as

Vidalias only if they the harvest moves into come from a designated full swing. A blade 13 counties and portions of seven others.

Vidalias are Georgia's official state vegetable. All 235 growers and packers have to be registered with the state Department Agriculture.

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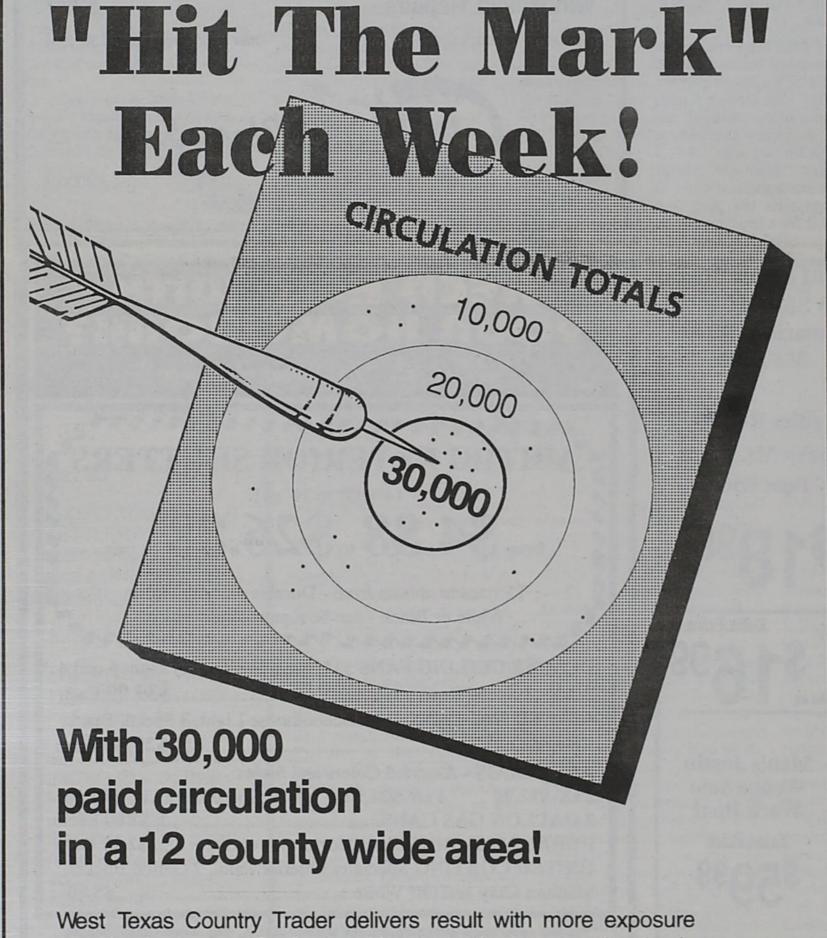
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The company said the system, which it is calling the Document Services Platform, will be available to others in the field, including competitors.

"In the past, the systems have been closed, and they have not taken off," Colin O'Brien, a Xerox vice president, said. "This system is open, so our competitors can connect as well. This is the way the whole computer world is going."

The effort to substitute digital documents for printing plates is an attack on the offset printing industry, for which Xerox estimates the worldwide market is \$93 billion a year.

Instead of simply copying a page at a time, new machines developed by Xerox and others can receive data files describing

many pages over telephone lines, then print, collate and bind documents the size of books at speeds of up to 135 pages a minute.

One of the early targets is the market for textbooks, which often contain material not needed for a particular course. With access to a data base containing multiple texts and a Xerox-type printer on hand, college bookstores could customize texts and print just enough for the students enrolled in the course.

"The warehouse goes away," O'Brien said. With the ability to print locally, bookstores would not have to stock extra books. McGraw-Hill Inc. has had such a system since 1989 for its texts, but Xerox officials said it had not been adopted by other publishers because it was proprietary.

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Lead risk now seen in well water

By JOHN H. CUSHMAN

c. N.Y. Times

WASHINGTON The Environmental Protection Agency Monday advised hundreds of thousands of people who drink from private wells to switch temporarily to bottled water and to test for possible lead contamination from pumps installed in the past

Citing new experimental data, the agency recommended that millions of other households with older pumps should also have the tests done while continuing to use well water.

The agency said the pumps in question, which are submerged in the wells and contain components made of lead alloys, were more likely to cause pollution when they were new.

Scientists lawyers working for the environmental groups whose research prompted the government's action said that most of the 450,000 submersible pumps sold last year contained lead. They said that 30 million people might drink water from wells equipped with submersible pumps made of lead alloys.

Consuming even very small amounts of lead can cause irreversible brain damage, intellectual and developmental problems, and other ailments, especially in fetuses or young children. Lead poisoning is widely regarded as the most serious environmental problem facing children in this country.

Two environmental and the California Attorney General filed lawsuits Monday in a state court against four major manufacturers of submersible pumps with parts cast from leadbased brass and bronze, after detailed laboratory tests found that very high levels of lead can leach from the pumps into water, especially in the first month or so of use. The federal agency's warning was based on these tests.

The laboratory found

lead contamination coming from these four pump models: the F.E. Myers Co.'s Predator II; Aermotor Pumps Inc.'s model LR5857; Goulds Pumps Inc.'s model 10EJ054, and Sta-Rite Industries' Signature

Other companies also make pumps containing lead, and most suppliers make some lead-free models. Two companies that were sued Monday, Goulds Pump and Sta-Rite, both announced that they would stop selling lead-based pumps in California and would provide alternative products in California soon.

The environmental groups urged all pump manufacturers to recall all their lead-based products nationwide, and urged Congress to address the problem in the Safe Drinking Water Act, which is scheduled to be debated this week in the Senate.

People who do not know if their water supplies are affected should probably have their water tested if they do not pay water bills to a public water system, the groups advised. Public water systems are already tested by law.

The lawsuit, seeking a ban on new sales of the pumps and a refund of the purchase price so that the pumps can be replaced by lead-free brands, was filed under California's strict law governing toxic pollution, and would not directly affect residents of other states.

The environmental groups said that leadfree stainless steel pumps were safe and were readily available. The Federal agency said its advice did not apply to households using pumps that were known to be lead-free.

"I don't want to put the children of this country at risk," said the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Carol M. Browner, explaining the unusually quick response to a study conducted outside the agency.

"One out of six children in this country are at risk of lead exposure, from a variety of sources," she said. "This is preventable. It doesn't have to happen."

Among the most common sources of lead exposure are old paint and lead plumbing, but there are many other possible sources, and even tiny amounts of lead in the water can cause damage when combined with other sources.

Recent medical research has found no known safe level for lead exposure.

The environmental agency considers 15 parts per billion of lead in water to violate health standards in public water supplies. Water drawn directly from the pumps that were tested contained lead concentrations at levels of hundreds or even thousands of parts per billion. The tests did not measure the concentration of lead in water running out of taps in households equipped with the pumps.

At the concentrations found in the laboratory tests, a child drinking several glasses of water a day for a month could easily accumulate dangerous levels of lead in the blood and body tissues.

Contaminated water from a pump would be diluted in a well or a storage tank, but it is impossible to say exactly how much dilution would occur. The researchers suggested that even after dilution in a typical well, the lead levels might still exceed 15 parts per billion.

That would depend on how and when the water is run, the researchers said. But their study found that the pumps were "likely to contribute a significant amount of lead to the water supply of a home served by a well."

The laboratory study was conducted by the University of North Carolina's environmenlaboratory

Asheville.

The laboratory previously detected high levels of lead in water drawn from wells, but it had always assumed that this was because relatively acidic untreated water from wells was drawing the lead out of solder and other sources of lead in residential plumbing.

The North Carolina study was the first known publication of results from controlled laboratory tests examining how lead leaches from submersible water pumps.

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Fiber optic network spreads cross the Midwest

By MARTIN ROSENBERG

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OMAHA, Neb. — US West crews, furrowing through Omaha's back yards, week(APRIL 11) began installing delicate glass fiber that in a few months will pulsate with video and retail offerings.

More than 2,500 residential customers soon will be able to order movies on demand, shop, play interactive games and do much more. By the end of the summer, 60,000 homes will be able to plug in.

It's hardly a picture of a short-circuited information highway.

Yes, a few gigantic deals between telephone and cable indusgiants have crashed recently. But US West and Time Warner Inc. are proceeding to build the country's first multimedia networks that eventually will reach Kansas City.

With little fanfare, rewiring of America has begun.

"When the Industrial Revolution was taking place, no one knew it was taking place on the first day," said Richard D. McCormick, US West chairman, during a recent interview in Denver, where the company is based.

Soon, US West will take the information revolution to other cities in its 14-state network, installing systems in Denver, Minneapolis, Portland and Boise.

Starting next year, US West plans to add 500,000 homes a year through the rest of the decade.

Ultimately, Kansas City will benefit, since Time Warner is halfowner of American Cablevision, the city's largest cable operator.

"We'll be in some cities faster than others," said Tom Pardun, president of US West's Multimedia Group and formerly with Sprint Corp.

But whatever the pace, US West seems well out front in deploying multimedia networks. How did it get there?

"Their strategy is well articulated and well thought out," said Howard Anderson, president of the Yankee Group in Boston. "They are not like the old regional Bell operating companies."

US West has been preparing for the new multimedia age for years, developing strategies to capitalize on new technologies.

the United In Kingdom, US West and another Denver Telecompany,

Communications Inc., plan to build a system of phone and video services for 3.3 million homes through 24 franchises. TCI is the largest cable company in the United States.

US West has long courted executive talent from outside the staid, regulated telephone world to better prepare for change. Of the top 44 officials directly under McCormick, almost half came from outside the phone industry. Some have connections with Kansas City, either by birth or through career moves.

Today, strategic planners are in daily touch with a wide variety of companies including Sprint that are playing a role in developing new information services.

"No one can do it alone," Pardun said. "We'll do it with many dozens of companies as we evolve this thing."

In charge of coordinating the company's evolving strategy is Charles M. Lillis, a native of Kansas City, Kan., who each month has contact with 30 to 40 companies.

"Nearly every telephone company, most cable companies, some entertainment companies and most software companies are basically all talking to each other," said Lillis, executive vice president and chief plan-

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ning officer.

Companies are searching out potential business alliances or acquisitions.

network, US West like other regulated phone companies — is eager to win more regulatory freedoms.

But US West has decided not to hold up its network investment, totaling \$750 million over the next two years, until those freedoms are realized.

"In our case, we haven't put it to regulators as a quid pro quo," McCormick said.
"The marketplace is going to develop before all regulatory structures are set to handle

In contrast, Southwestern Bell has struggled for years in Missouri and Kansas to convince regulators and legislators it must have regulatory freedom before it will fully invest in new technologies.

That raises the question: Is US West gambling by erecting an expensive multimedia network before its appeal with consumers has been proven, and before regulators have loosened restrictions on phone companies?

For example, as of today, US West cannot supply any of the programming that it will carry over its network.

The risk is not as large as many suspect, US West answers.

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To be successful, said multimedia network operators do not have to get consumers to spend vastly more on While building its entertainment, news, education or shopping. The new networks only have to change consumer habits and "redivide the pie" of current spending, US

> "There will a lot of replacement of dollars people already spend through other means,"

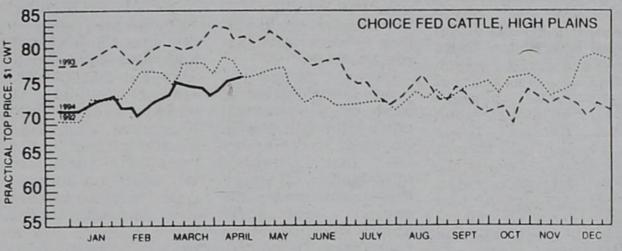
West executives said.

James Osterhoff, US West executive vice president and chief financial officer. "We don't have to rely on people spending a whole lot more than before."

Retailers' catalog sales, for instance, are about \$50 billion a year. If catalogs are no longer printed but instead available over interactive networks, network operators such as US West could

tap 4 to 5 percent of sales or \$2 billion a

Likewise, consumers will not necessarily spend billions more on video rentals. They simply will stop visiting the local video store and instead order their preferred movie with a signal sent over US West lines to a movie studio or video provider.



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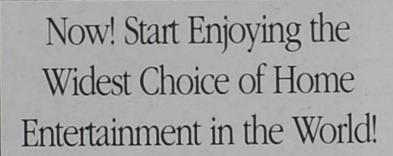
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Supreme Court to consider ban on gun toting near U.S. schools

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WASHINGTON — In a case with implications for an array of federal gun control measures, the Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether Congress has the constitutional authority to ban the possession of guns near school build-

The case is an appeal by the Clinton administration from a federal appellate court ruling that invalidated the Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990, which makes it a federal crime to possess firearms within 1,000 feet of a school.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in New Orleans, ruled that Congress had failed to specify that it had the power to enact the law as part of its authority to regulate interstate commerce.

The appellate court also suggested more broadly that because the law intruded into realms of traditional state control over education and gun ownership, it might be unconstitutional even if its sponsors had included language invoking Congressional authority over interstate commerce.

The Supreme Court has given such a broad interpretation to the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce that it is highly unusual for a federal law to be struck down on commerce clause grounds.

The law at issue in this case, United States v. Lopez, No. 93-1260, is unusual, however.

Unlike other federal laws that regulate firearms transactions at the point of sale by licensing dealers or, as in the case of the new Brady law, by imposing a five-day waiting period on purchases, the Gun Free School Zones Act makes the offense one of simple posses-

In his opinion declaring the law unconstitutional, Judge William Garwood of the 5th Circuit gave this description of the statute's scope:

"The Gun Free School Zones Act extends to criminalize any person's carrying of any unloaded shotgun, in an unlocked pickup truck gun rack, while driving on a county road that at one turn happens to come within 950 feet of the boundary of the grounds of a one-room church kindergarten located on the other side of a river, even during the summer when the kindergarten is not in session."

The federal courts are split over the law's constitutionality; most recently, a federal appellate court panel in San Francisco upheld

By LINDA GREENHOUSE it. There are a growing number of contradictory district court rulings

> In response to the 5th Circuit ruling, the Senate has passed an amended version of the law, stating explicitly that gun possession near school buildings affects interstate commerce. A similar amendment is awaiting action in the House. But under the 5th Circuit's analysis, it is not clear whether the amendment would suffice to make the law constitutional.

Other measures pending in Congress as part of the overall crime bill might also be found deficient under Circuit's 5th approach, although those measures include explicit statements about the interstate commerce rationale. The proposals include a ban on ownership of assault weapons and on gun ownership by chil-

The Brady law, which took effect on March 1, does not include an interstate commerce statement but it appears to be safe from constitutional challenge even under the appellate court's approach.

The law was enacted as an amendment to an earlier federal law, the Gun Control Act of which does include such a statement, and which the 5th Circuit cited with approval in its opinion striking down the 1990

Regulation firearms sales, as opposed to simple possession, has generally been regarded by the courts as having a direct link to interstate commerce.

The appellate court decision overturned the conviction of a man who, as a high school senior in San Antonio, Texas, had carried a

concealed pistol and five .38-caliber cartridges into the school, intending to use the gun in a gang war. School officials found the gun because of an anonymous tip.

The student, Alfonso Lopez Jr., was convicted of violating the Gun Free School Zones Act and sentenced to six months in prison. The U.S. District Court had earlier rejected his constitutional challenge to the law.

The Senate sponsor of the law, Sen. Herb Kohl, said Monday that more than 200,000 children bring guns to school every day. "Congress tried to do something about it, and I'm hopeful the Court will insure our authority to legislate in this area," said Kohl, D-Wis.

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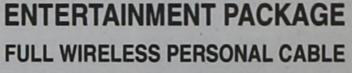
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