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By Don Nelson

If you can't find a US senatorial candidate to your liking on the special election ballot Saturday, then you probably can't make up your mind in a candy store, either.

There are 24 candidates. Two will survive for a runoff.

Ten of the candidates are Republicans (a little lack of unity there), five are Democrats, six are Independents, one's a Libertarian, one is running under the People's Party banner, and one is a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

The candidates making the most noise are Democratic appointee Bob Krueger, Republican Joe Barton, Republican State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison and Republican Jack Fields. Hutchison seems to be fading fast behind Barton and Fields after incurring the wrath of her party's right wing. Also, the state's Republicans realize that if Hutchison were to win, Gov. Richards would appoint a Democrat to take her place as state treasurer.

Barton, a wind-up conservative, has by far the funniest TV commercial. ("That's me on the Donahue show, takin' the heat and fightin' the liberals.") He pushes all the right P-buttons* and raises the dread specter of our military's finest "having to bunk with homosexuals."

I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see Barton make the runoff.

Me? I'm voting for Bob Krueger.

* Paranoia

If you think all Democrats are vat-dipped liberals, then tell me who said this:

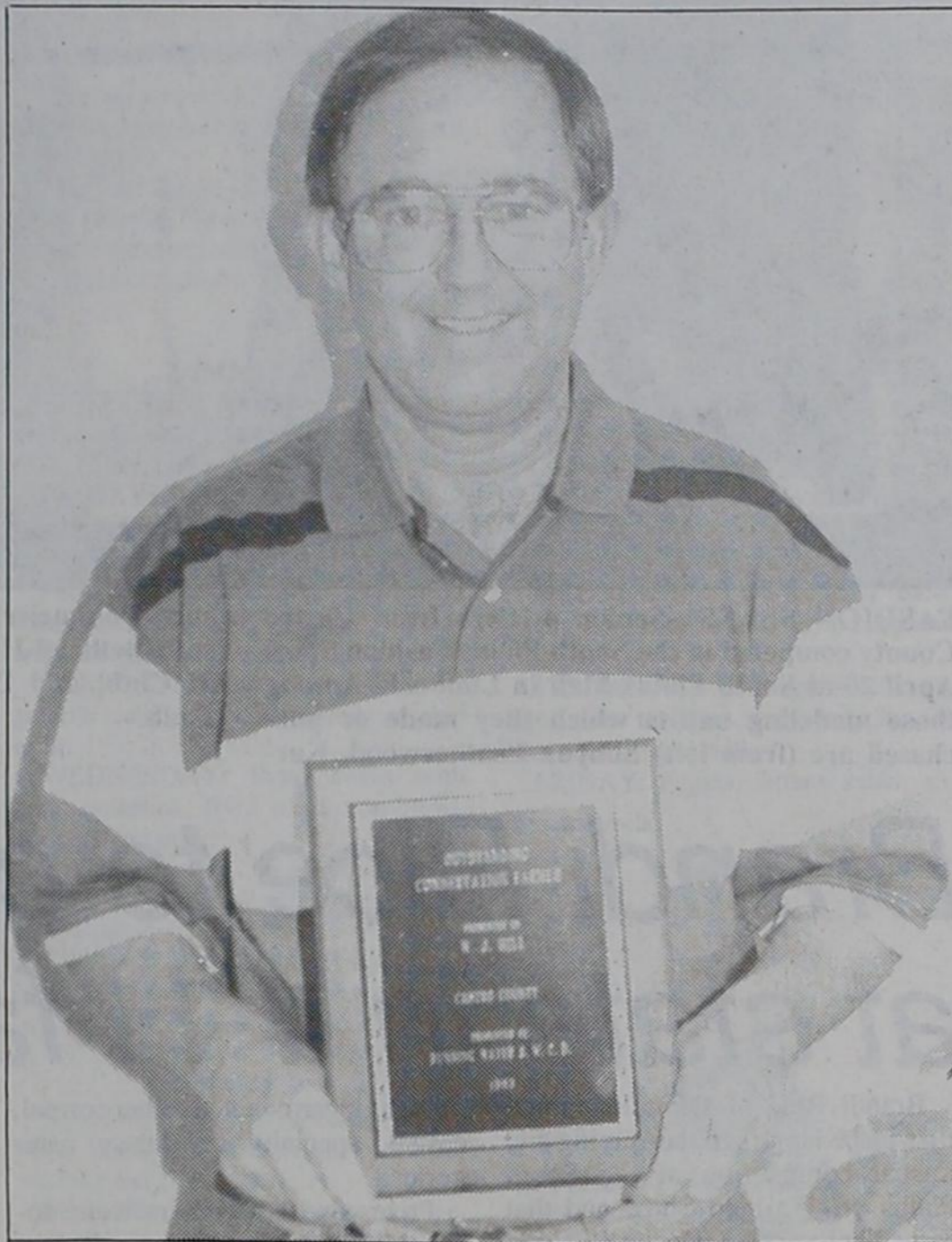
"I believe that personal responsibility is at the root of any kind of social structure, including the family. We have not done a good job in expecting people to exercise their rights responsibly and to be held accountable.

"There are cultural messages that undermine personal responsibility — widespread acceptance of what used to be considered inappropriate behavior, attitudes that allow people off the hook. . . .

"Without addressing this and providing incentives to alter behavior and require people to be more responsible, we're not going to get ahead of the curve on the serious problems — like disintegrating families, crime and drugs—that afflict us.

"It's easy to place the blame at the top, but it goes all the way down. People who see their neighborhoods

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CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR for 1992 is Dr. W.J. Hill of Dimmitt. He was recognized at the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet Saturday night, along with several other honor winners.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

Easter man killed in Sunday rollover

A 25-year-old Easter man was killed Sunday morning when his car skidded off the road, overturned and crashed into a utility pole 12.3 miles northwest of Dimmitt.

Humberto Robles Valdez, 25, a carpenter, was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Marshall Young at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Valdez reportedly died of massive internal injuries.

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Ron Morgan, who investigated, said Robles was driving south on County Road 509, about two miles northeast of Easter, when his 1985 Oldsmobile 98 went into a skid.

Morgan said the car evidently skidded off of the unpaved road into a bar ditch, then went airborne, rolled once in mid-air, hit the ground right-side up, then went airborne again and struck a new

Southwestern Public Service Co. utility pole.

The car was six feet off the ground when it hit the pole, Morgan said.

Valdez was thrown from the car, probably when it hit the utility pole, Morgan added.

J. E. Warrick of Frio came upon the fatal accident scene while checking his irrigation water, and reported the accident at 9:47 a.m. Morgan estimated that the accident occurred about 9:15.

Valdez's body was transported to Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt and the wrecked car was towed to Hereford Wrecking.

Morgan said the unpaved roadway where the fatal accident occurred was level and straight.

The investigation is continuing, pending blood-test results, Morgan said.

Is there a court case happening here or not?

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Harold Smith has filed a "first amended counterclaim" in the 64th District Court in Dimmitt.

At the Monday meeting of the commissioners' court, the counterclaim was on the agenda for discussion in executive session, but Smith's attorney was unable to attend.

The other commissioners tried to tell Smith that they have not "filed a suit" against him, but he persisted in calling their request for a declaratory judgement a "lawsuit" against him.

County Attorney Jerry Mathews told Smith that his (Smith's) attorney, Tom Boyd, understood that the declaratory judgement was not a lawsuit against Smith.

"If he understands that, then why did he file this counterclaim?" Smith asked.

"Because you kept on him about it," Mathews replied.

Smith said the counterclaim is against Castro County, the Commissioners' Court, County Auditor

Maretta Smithson and County Treasurer Oleta Raper.

He said the purpose of the counterclaim is to get the other commissioners to allow him to construct, repair and adequately maintain roads and highways in his precinct, and to get the road and bridge money allocated among the precincts according to the needs and conditions of the roads in each precinct.

The counterclaim asks that upon a final hearing that "a permanent injunction be issued enjoining the defendants from preventing Smith from expending budgeted funds that he is legally entitled to spend as commissioner; from preventing the use by him of the Local Technical Assistance Program recommendations; and preventing him from using property belonging to Castro County that he is legally entitled to use in the performance of his duties as commissioner."

In September, the commissioners' court, considering Smith a

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Big voter turnout expected Saturday

State and local elections are set for Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a big voter turnout is expected due to voter interest in the proposed constitutional amendments concerning school finance and the US Senatorial race.

Voting for the state election will be conducted at the following polling sites:

Precinct 1 at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Precinct 2 at the Driver's License Office in the courthouse.

Precinct 3 in the district courtroom in the courthouse.

Precinct 4 in the Adult Probation Office in the courthouse.

Precinct 6 at Flagg Fertilizer.

Precinct 7 at Frio Baptist Church, 4-1/2 miles north of Easter on FM 1055.

Precinct 8 at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Local elections set for Saturday will name members to boards and councils for the hospital district,

cities and school districts. The candidates and voting places are listed below.

Hospital

The Board of Trustees of Plains Memorial Hospital has three incumbents filing for reelection — James Welch, Garland Coleman, and Lucille Drerup.

In Dimmitt, voters may obtain ballots at the city hall; in Hart at the Golden Group Building; and in Nazareth at the High School home

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Wanted: Nazareth deputy

Ralph Brockman, Mayor of Nazareth, met with the Castro County Commissioners' Court Monday to talk about getting a resident deputy to live in Nazareth.

"All we have is a weekend city marshal," Brockman said, "and kids from surrounding towns seem to know that's all we have."

"It seems like we've had a lot of problems lately, and basically we need some help," he told the commissioners.

Brockman said the Nazareth City Council agreed to pay \$850 per month to the county for providing a resident deputy. He said that is what they are currently paying the weekend city marshal. He also said that Nazareth would be willing to sign over title to the city patrol car for the Sheriff's Office to use as is or use as a trade in on a newer model.

"We are also willing to look for some land or a house to furnish for living quarters," Brockman told the commissioners. "We are willing to

put in whatever we can to help."

"Are you suggesting we hire one more (deputy)?" Precinct 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson asked. "I can't get anything out of the ones we've got. Why can't we get one of them to move over there?"

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said it would make his department even more short handed to require a deputy to serve as a resident deputy for Nazareth, since most of the duties would come at night and on weekends, when his department is usually busiest anyway.

County Judge Polly Simpson said that the City of Hart has basically requested the same thing — that the county provide another resident deputy in Hart, with the city contributing what they had been paying the city marshal.

Robertson complained about the sheriff's failure to investigate a burglary at Robertson's storage barn in Dimmitt, which occurred several months ago and involved the theft of a saddle from the barn.

Fitzgearld said that incidents within the city limits are under the jurisdiction of the city police, and the county does not interfere.

The county offers back-up help for city officers, but only if requested by the city. Fitzgearld said the city still would have the authority to control an investigation.

Robertson said if the county has no authority in the city limits, then the same thing would be true in Nazareth and Hart and would make it useless to have a resident deputy.

Fitzgearld said the arrangement would work if there is a contract agreement between the city and county.

Simpson said the matter needs to be discussed at budget time. Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders said the commissioners need to consider Fitzgearld's recommendations on the matter.

"The trouble we're having over there, it's not going to get any better, and it's just going to take up more of their (Sheriff's Dept.) time," Brockman said.

Two long-distance firms bid for county business

At their Monday meeting the County Commissioners opened bids on a long distance telephone service, but postponed a decision until County Auditor Maretta Smithson could examine the bids and talk with department heads about their preferences.

Value Line bid the price of 17.9 cents per minute for the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 13.8 cents for 5 to 11 p.m. and 10.8 cents for evening, weekends and holidays. The company also offered a one-time savings of 50% off any selected month's billing. If a multi-year contract is signed, a 50% off month would be included for each contract year.

Hi Plains NTS of Plainview submitted a bid for 16.9 cents per

minute for days, 14.9 cents for 5 to 11 p.m., and 12.9 cents for evenings, weekends and holidays.

Representatives from both companies were present to answer questions. Both said that the installation of equipment would be at the company's expense, and both offered special residential service rates for county employees.

In another matter, a bid was opened for the work to be done on First Street in Hart. Appian Pavers of Hereford bid a total of \$45,605. Appian's was the only bid submitted.

Joe Gance of Johnson Controls, Heating and Cooling Repairs, talked with the commissioners about repairs to the courthouse heating and cooling system.

Gance said the system is still a good system, and others similar to it are still being installed by his company. However, he said some repairs and possible replacement of parts may be necessary to get the system working properly.

The commissioners agreed to set aside \$10,000 as a "not to exceed" amount, with the company consulting with the county before going over that amount.

Gance said the main problem with the system is that it is not delivering clean, dry air through the pneumatic tubes of the system. He said the air dryer had been removed from the main machinery in the basement, allowing moisture to get into the system. He said as far as he

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OPENING SOON—Alco Discount Store hopes to open its doors to the public in mid-May, according to Store Manager Dan Kinner. Company officials have renovated the former Wallace-Brown Motor Co. building on North Highway 385. Renovations

are complete, and Kinner says the staff has been hired. "We're laying out our merchandise now, and we've got about 80% of it here already. Things are coming along fine. We're just ready to be open.

Photo by Deana McLain

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	67	26	
Friday	89	43	
Saturday	86	48	
Sunday	83	40	
Monday	71	40	
Tuesday	77	44	
Wednesday	81	51	Tr.

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On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Dan and Oma Dee Heard spent a week recently at their place in Ruidoso, N.M. and with Dan's sister at Bonita, N.M.

They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 17 with about 400 people joining in the celebration. One of the bridesmaids, Mecca Aldridge, who now lives at Ruidoso, was there for the event. She owns the Canyon Cabins and teaches school at Capitan, N.M.

The Heards, Mecca and the Kenneth Dixons attended a special benefit and talent show at the Flying J Ranch, where the master of ceremonies announced that the Heard's were there with their bridesmaid.

Dan and his brother-in-law got in lots of trout fishing during the trip. One night they were all guests of Ellen and Harvey Tindell for a hamburger cookout and fishing in the Tindell's private pond. Oma Dee caught the big one—a 15-inch trout. Dan also did a little work around their place. They saw quite a few deer on the trip, too.

Dan and Oma Dee went to Amarillo Saturday night to attend a surprise "Over the Hill" birthday party for niece Kay Young of Sunray. It was held in the Estacado Estates Community Center and it was hosted by Kay's three daughters. There was lots of fun, food and fellowship.

People from Dallas, Littlefield, Canyon, Amarillo, Hereford, Friona, Hillsboro area and Dimmitt attended.

They had entertainers who performed skits with Kay, which was a surprise to the guest of honor. She got a lot of "well wishes," cards and gifts.

Others attending from Dimmitt were Roger and Geneva Malone, and Kenneth and Linda Frye.

A good time was had by everyone.

Billye Gwynn Davis visited recently in the home of Lance and Mary Davis of Lake O' The Pines, located near Jefferson. Lance is on assignment this year near Algiers, Algeria. He is employed with Halliburton Services International. He is the son of Billye Gwynn Davis.

Trent Price, son of Morris and Andrea Price of Lubbock, appeared in two of Lubbock Community Theater's Children's Theater productions including "Once Upon a Time," and "The Wild Rabbit Chase."

Trent had the lead role in "The Wild Rabbit Chase." He is the grandson of Billye Gwynn Davis.

Claudine Langford visited in Oklahoma with her mother, Alice Boggs of Marlow, and June Howard of Lindsay, Okla. The family was together at Edmond, Okla. in the home of Bob and Susan Howard.

Dr. Bob and Pat Brock of Palestine stopped in Dimmitt to visit with his mother, Mable Brock, and his sister, Mona Merritt and her husband, Glenn. They went on to Las Cruces, N.M. where they visited with their son and his family, Rebbly and Leslie Brock and children, Logan, Tanner and Cooper. After that they returned home, stopping in Dimmitt on the way.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock went to Abilene to watch their daughter, Debbie Smith, and her husband, Doug, play ball. Debbie

played in the first Triple Crown Tournament with the Amarillo Attitudes. Doug and Debbie played with R&R, a mixed team from Tulia. Patty Kern and Annette Hoelting, both of Nazareth, also played with the team.

They saw Benny Baker of Eastland, former pastor of Dimmitt's Church of Christ; Larry and Sue Rawls, Scott and Jenny Rawls and Jared Rawls, all of Hamlin, all former Dimmitt residents.

The Murdocks were babysitting their granddaughter, Alyson, in addition to enjoying the ballgame.

The Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met last Thursday morning with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting. Margaret Womack read the minutes from the last meeting and called the role. Each member responded with "What I Do To Prevent Crime."

Rita McDaniel was guest speaker and she gave an informative program on the school election.

Other members present were Diane Hatla, Oneida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Mary Edna Hendrix and Ann Pevehouse.

The Blairs from Spur were guests in the homes of their daughters, Renise Blair and Randy Morgan.

Angela Touchstone and boys, Ret and Sam of Arlington, were in Dimmitt last week visiting Angela's parents, Jimmy and Nancy Ross; Oleta Gollehon and other relatives.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for a fun day of bridge. Loranel Hamilton was the hostess and she served a delicious banana cake for dessert. The members brought along brown bag lunches.

Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Dugan Butler was second. Others playing were Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Edith Graef, Alma Kenmore, Susie Reeves, Elizabeth Huckabay, Ferne Dickey, Emily Clingsmith, Helen Braafladt and Neva Hickey.

The Extension Homemakers Council held its annual banquet last Thursday at K-Bob's in Dimmitt.

Ann Henderson gave the welcome and Oneida Hutto gave the invocation. Kathy Volant, District Extension Agent of Lubbock, introduced Dimmitt's new Extension agent, Marilyn Neal.

Edgar Dennis was the guest speaker and he was very entertaining. He recited cowboy poems and told stories. He was dressed in a colorful shirt, big hat and cowboy boots.

Margaret Womack gave the scholarship awards to Tisha Rice and Shad McDaniel. Door prizes of geraniums were given by the Hill and Dell Extension Club. The arrangements had served as table decorations.

The Castro County Extension Homemakers will sponsor a caregiving program at the Expo Building Saturday.

Dr. Mattison of Lubbock will speak at 10 a.m.

Health screenings will be available including those for cholesterol, high blood pressure and blood sugar. The program is open to the public.

The Extension Clubs sponsoring the event are Hill and Dell, with Robyn Gonzales as president; Sun-downers, with Faye Mohon as president; and Town and Country, with Ann Henderson as president. The Council officers are Faye Mohon, chairman; Ann Henderson, vice chairman; Ann Pevehouse, secretary; and Oleta Raper, treasurer.

The Extension staff includes Marilyn Neal, Home Economics Extension Agent; J.D. Ragland, Agricultural Extension Agent; Bryan Reynolds, assistant Agricultural Extension Agent; Carolyn Watts, Extension office secretary; and Carla Schilling, entomologist office secretary.

Capt. Brent Dennis of Jacksonville, Fla., grandson of Geneva Dennis of Dimmitt, was on a cross country flight, so he and his instructor flew into Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M. His instructor went to Ruidoso, N.M., but Brent came to Dimmitt.

All of his Dimmitt relatives met him in Clovis and were privileged enough to see his airplane, which can travel 1,500 miles per hour. Coby and Connie Gilbreath hosted a fiesta supper for the relatives on Saturday evening. Among those attending were Chauncey and Cailee Gilbreath; Danny and Debbie Underwood, Dennis and David; Edgar Dennis; Geneva Dennis and Decimae Dennis of Midland.

Brent and Decimae spent Saturday night with Geneva Dennis. They took Brent back to the air base and Edgar had planned to take a picture as the plane left, but he wasn't fast enough — the plane zoomed into the air before he knew what had happened.

Bill and Deanne Clark have just returned from a visit to Wilmette, Chicago where they visited with their children, Tonya and Kirk Brewer and children, Adam, Ian and Adrienne. Bill Clark called on American Maize and the Clarks did some shopping, saw an ice hockey game, and attended church.

NISD board supports propositions

The Nazareth Independent School District's board of trustees unanimously approved a resolution in support of Proposition 1, 2 and 3, which will appear on Saturday's ballot.

The board appointed a committee of teachers to select the recipient of the Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship for this year and approved the 1993-94 transfer students.

Final approval was granted for the Nazareth High School Swift Band to attend the Cavalcade of Music Band Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo. from May 7-9.

The group agreed to purchase a new mixer for the school lunchroom and approved a plan to re-vent the existing heating in the elementary school hallways.

In other action the board discussed and re-employed all auxiliary staff members, subject to assignment; and heard reports from Supt. N. Dean Johnson and Principal Don Wood.



FASHION SENSE—Senior 4-H'ers from Castro County competed in the South Plains Fashion Show April 20 at South Plains Mall in Lubbock. Among those modeling outfits which they made or purchased are (from left) Shayna Leatherwood, Kar-

men Pohlmeier and Brandi Rice, all of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club; Kodie Bagley of the Flagg 4-H Club; and Denia Durbin of the Nazareth 4-H Club.

Courtesy Photo

Brandi Rice to compete at state in 4-H fashion

Brandi Rice of Dimmitt earned first-place honors in the Buying and Casual competition at the South Plains 4-H Fashion Show and that earned her a trip to the state fashion show, which will be held in College Station the first week of June.

Several senior 4-H members from Castro County (those between the ages of 14 and 19) joined students from 20 other counties in competing at the show April 20 at South Plains Mall in Lubbock. Among those entering the competition were Shayna Leatherwood, Karmen Pohlmeier, Rice, Kodie Bagley and Denia Durbin.

Entries were presented in construction of garments or in buying of an outfit through comparison shopping. Entries were judged based on appearance, fit and quality.

Following the judging, a public style show or "Fashion Roundup" was presented with the 4-H'ers

modeling garments in either formal, casual, specialty or dressy categories.

Prizes for the winners were donated by Dillard's, Mervyn's, Robert Spence Modeling, Dunlaps, Bernina Sewing Studio, Rachael's Fine Fabrics, The Quilt Shop, Farmers Cooperative Compress, Plains Cooperative Compress, ABC Sewing Center, International Center for

Textile Research & Development, J&J Sheep and Parker Sheep. J.C. Penneys provided decorations and facilities for the show.

Other Castro County youths who fared well in the competition were Pohlmeier of Nazareth, who placed third in Construction and Dressy and won a Cotton Award; and Durbin of Nazareth, who received a Cotton Award.

We Salute Our Right to Vote

There are no less than eight separate elections Saturday. If you're a registered voter, you'll have either three or four elections to consider, depending on whether you're a city or rural resident.

The "spotlight" event is the special statewide election to choose a new US senator and vote on three proposed constitutional amendments relating to public education funding.

Twenty-four candidates are vying for the US Senate seat, so we're bound to have a runoff later between the top two vote-getters in Saturday's balloting.

The school funding propositions are drawing a tremendous amount of interest, and seem likely to prompt a big turnout throughout the state.

If you're going to vote in the statewide special election, please take the time to vote in our local elections also. They are important, too.

The only election open to all registered voters in Castro County is the Hospital Board election, in which three incumbents are candidates for re-election.

In the City of Dimmitt, six candidates are running for three at-large places on the City Council, and Mayor Wayne Collins is running unopposed for re-election.

In the City of Hart, voters are asked to choose between two candidates for mayor and three candidates for two City Commission posts.

In the City of Nazareth, one candidate is running for one available seat on the City Commission.

In the Dimmitt Independent School District, 12 candidates are running for seven available seats. Under the new single-member district system, the DISD is divided into seven voting precincts, and each voter will cast a ballot for only one candidate to represent his or her precinct.

In the Hart Independent School District, four candidates are running for two available seats.

And in the Nazareth Independent School District, there are three candidates for three places.

We salute those candidates who are willing to give their time, talents and energy to serve on these local governing boards.

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Last week's winners:
Jerry Matthews
Shelly Petty

Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sunday was a very special day in Holy Family Church as 51 students from the seventh, eighth and ninth grade received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman and Deacon Al Maurer. Teachers for these classes are Philomena Garza, Ralph Albracht, Linda Jo Ramaekers, Lucy Pohlmeier and Rose Ball.

Nazareth basketball fans honored their NCAA Champion, Noel Johnson, with her very own "night" at the school gym with a very large crowd attending. Noel's "Wonder Dogs," a team consisting of 24 ex-Nazareth players, challenged Joe King's "Dream Team," which includes several college players. It proved to be a good game with the Dream Team winning, 56-50. The most time consuming event was the free throw contest at halftime, with Sheryl Kleman and Mona Brockman trying to make just one free throw.

The Junior High district tennis meet was held Saturday at the Nazareth Courts with Spade, Cotton Center, Three Way, Lazbuddie, Happy and Nazareth competing. Nathan Hoelting and Barry Hoelting placed first and second, respectively, in boys' singles. K'Lynn Gerber won the girls' singles while Mindy Hoelting was second. In boys' doubles, Justin Bingham and Marcus Brockman placed first with Bryan Braddock and Malcom Jones finishing second. Tonya Wethington and Amy Pohlmeier won the girls' doubles with Kaci Wethington and Sarah Olvera placing second. Thanks to Coach Joel Waldo, the Nazareth players did very well.

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swift Band and its director, Roger Myers, that traveled to Pampa to compete in UIL contest. The band was awarded with its third sweepstakes trophy after receiving Division I ratings in concert and sight reading contests Saturday. To earn this trophy, they had to receive a Division I rating in contest, sight reading and marching contests.

Joe, Amy and Janet Schmucker, Mary Ann Schulte, Fritz and Julene Gerber, and Francis and Betty Wilhelm drove to Wichita Falls this weekend to attend the First Communion of Casey Schmucker and Danielle Wilhelm. Casey is the son of Gene and Michelle Schmucker and Danielle is the daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm. They all enjoyed dinner at the Gene Schmucker home.

Congratulations to Jeff and Debby Schmucker of Richardson on the birth of a son, Collin Jeffrey, April 21 at Presbyterian Hospital in Richardson. Grandparents are Don and Lou Ann Benkendorfer and Dan and Ethel Schmucker. Great-grandmother is Lucille Drerup.

Dan, Ethel and Marvin Schmucker drove to Richardson to spend the weekend with Jeff and Debby Schmucker and their new son, Collin. They also visited with Nancy Drerup and Arthur and Grace DeCardenas and family. On their way home they stopped in Wichita Falls to visit with Gene and Michelle Schmucker and family, and Neal and Colleen Wilhelm and family.

Congratulations to Bruce and Debra Huseman of Nazareth on the birth of a daughter, Kaile Nicole, April 21 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Wayne and Faye Mohon of Dimmitt and Alphonse and Patsy Huseman of Nazareth.

Jim, Nathan and Monty Hoelting

ing; and Julius Birkenfeld enjoyed fishing at Lake Mackinsie Sunday afternoon. Seven - year - old Monty proved to be the best fisherman, as he caught a four-pound largemouth bass.

Greg Hoelting came home Monday after spending time in High Plains Baptist Hospital at Amarillo where he had surgery on Friday. He is doing fine.

Andy and Mary Albracht of Reseda, Calif. spent a few days here visiting with relatives and in Amarillo with family members.

Velma Warren of Hereford, Margaret Womack of Dimmitt and Pet Birkenfeld and Thelma Wethington, all of Nazareth, drove to Rhineland this weekend to attend the Henry Birkenfeld family reunion.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from April 29 to May 7.

This is Texas School Breakfast Week (May 3-7) and parents are invited to eat breakfast with their children at the Dimmitt Schools. Breakfasts are 60 cents each.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, honey and milk.

FRIDAY: Little Charlie's pizza, whole kernel corn, zucchini sticks, ice cream and milk.

MONDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, carrot sticks, dill spears, potatoes with cheese sauce, orange and milk.

TUESDAY: Burritos, tater tots, vegetable salad, chocolate clusters and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pinto beans with ham, coleslaw, fried okra, cornbread, apricots and milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Barbecued chicken, creamed potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad, cookies and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas, salad, pinto beans, flour tortillas, pineapple pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Burritos, cheese wedge, corn, salad, chocolate chip muffins and milk.

MONDAY: Enchilada casserole, tortilla chips, corn, salad, pineapple pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza, salad, peaches, brownies and milk.

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, green

beans, whipped potatoes, sliced bread, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Frito pie, pinto beans, crackers, pickle spears, Rice Krispie bars and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chalupas, broccoli, peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, gelatin and milk.

MONDAY: Tacos, Ranch Style Beans, hot rolls, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY: Tater tot casserole, cauliflower, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ham, fried okra, green beans, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.

THURSDAY: Manager's choice, corn, tater tots, hot rolls, gelatin with fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas, lettuce salad, apples and milk.

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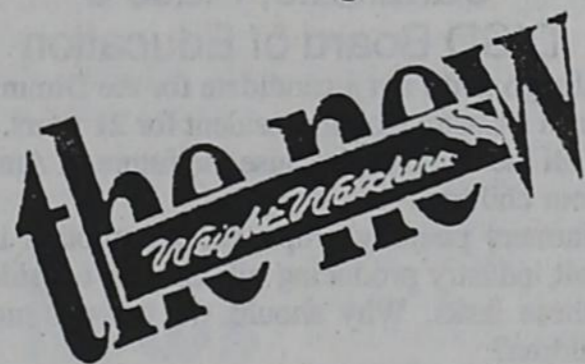


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Jennifer Welch selected for national honor band

Jennifer Welch, daughter of Greg and Sheryl Welch, Castro County residents, has been accepted as a member of the 1993 Spirit of America National Honor Band Performing Tour of Europe.

Welch will be an emissary to the people of Europe, representing the best of American youth, according to the selection committee. She was chosen on the basis of maturity, performance and the ability to represent a positive image of the young people of America.

The Spirit of America National Honor Band will tour and perform in Luxembourg, France, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Holland and Belgium. The band will perform at the world music contest in Holland. It also will perform for the diplomatic community as well as for thousands of people in Geneva, Switzerland on July 4 at a celebration hosted by the American Club of Geneva.

She will join other selected students from across the US, rehearse for five days in Atlanta, Ga., then fly to Europe for 16 days of touring and performing.

She is a member of the Springlake - Earth High School Band, which is directed by Steve Ballinger. She is a member of the Springlake-Earth cross country team which finished third at state this year. She

competes in the 800-meter and 3,200-meter runs in track. She belongs to the Future Homemakers of America and is its secretary. She is a member of the Earth First Baptist Church and is active in its youth group. She was a member of a group of youths who went to San Isidro, Mexico last summer to set up and teach a Vacation Bible School for the children there.

Welch will be raising a major portion of the expenses for the European tour herself, and anyone who would like to help sponsor her on the trip may contact her band director at 257-3339 or 257-3819. Donations also are being accepted at the First State Bank of Earth, P.O. Box 20, Earth 79031; First Bank of Mule-

shoe, P.O. Box 565, Muleshoe 79347.



Jennifer Welch

May serves top chili, Hauf's brisket is best

Don May of Amarillo served up the best chili and Harry Hauf of Dimmitt grilled the best brisket at Saturday's annual chili cook-off, which was held at the Dimmitt Airport.

Sixteen chili cooks competed in this year's contest, according to Marshall Young. Proceeds from the event will benefit projects of Panhandle Community Services, which helped sponsor this year's cook-off.

In the showmanship competition, Ding Dong Chili and Jerry Moore of Littlefield finished first while Ted Osenbaugh of Amarillo was second and Young finished third.

Results from the chili competition were: 1. May; 2. John (Buck) Fred of Bulah; 3. Donna Harman of Amarillo; 4. Renee Winfree of Amarillo; 5. Hank Warren of Dimmitt; 6. Secario Ramos of Clovis, N.M.; 7. Doug Lakey of Hobbs, N.M.; 8. Young; 9. Roy Kirkland of Cotton Center; 10. Boyd Moyers of Dimmitt.

In addition to Hauf, others placing in the brisket cook-off were Roy Kirkland of Cotton Center, second; and Young, third.

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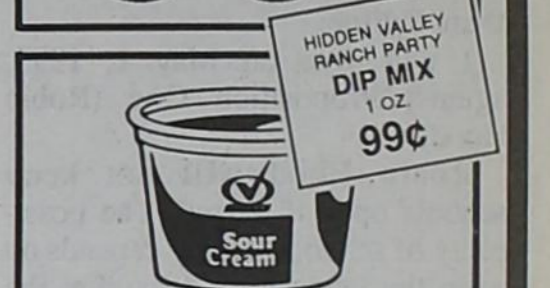
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Editorial

Vote 'for' all three

The three proposed constitutional amendments relating to public school funding deserve a "for" vote in Saturday's statewide election.

At a time when many of us seem to be on a binge of bashing all elected officials, we need to recognize that Propositions 1, 2 and 3 represent an honest effort by concerned legislators to correct the inherent inequities of the ad-valorem tax method of funding public education.

Children in property-poor school districts haven't had the same opportunity for a decent education as those who happen to live in property-rich districts. That isn't our opinion; it's the opinion of the courts, which have given the Texas Legislature until June 1 to come up with an equitable funding system or face the freezing of school funds, with all the consequences such a freeze implies.

The establishment of County Education Districts was an attempt to equalize funding without resorting to that curse of all curses, a state income tax. The courts said the CED system was basically fair, but it still wasn't constitutional.

Propositions 1, 2 and 3, if adopted Saturday, would become part of the Texas Constitution, would build upon a method which the courts already have ruled is fair, and presumably would help our state's poorer districts without devastating the richer ones.

Castro County's three school superintendents say our local school districts—being among the poorer ones in the state—would all benefit financially if the amendments pass. If you own property in Castro County and want only to "vote your pocketbook," then you will want to vote "for" all three. That isn't a justification or a rationalization; it's simply a fact.

Our three superintendents, after having studied the three propositions more closely than most of us, also have concluded that the adoption of Propositions 1 and 2 is "crucial" to our local schools, and the adoption of Proposition 3 is "desirable."

Organized groups both for and against the three propositions say there will be dire consequences if their particular views don't prevail:

"If the amendments fail, our schools will be closed and funds frozen, devastating our entire

public-education system."

"If the amendments pass, our school taxes will go up."

"If the amendments fail, we will see massive consolidation of school districts—for instance, Dimmitt could become part of the Amarillo Independent School District."

"If the amendments pass, we will lose local control. The state will set our local property tax rates."

"If the amendments pass, they would not significantly impair the richer school districts and would provide relief for the poorer districts."

"If the amendments pass, there is no guarantee that throwing more money at the schools will result in better schooling."

Some of these predictions are based on probability, some on mistrust of motives, some on need to protect turf, and some on paranoia. Some of the predictions, indeed, are an attempt by philosophical purists—including at least one member of the State Board of Education—to politicize the issue along conservative/liberal lines, which in our opinion is uncalled for in this case.

When all is said and done, it will be up to us, the voters, to decide whether the proposed school-funding amendments become law Saturday.

We should not just vote our pocketbooks. Our children are too important for that.

We should not vote out of fear prompted by threats. In the final analysis, all levels of government, from the school-board room to the legislature, are answerable to us for any cause-and-effect actions—not vice-versa.

We should, in this case, give our legislators and their educational and legal advisors due credit for making an honest effort to come up with an equitable and constitutional solution to an extremely complex problem.

These proposed amendments probably will not solve our state's school funding problems. More and different methods—or at least refinements—will surely follow in years to come.

But at least Propositions 1, 2 and 3 will provide us with the constitutional structure for equalizing educational opportunities for all our state's children, rich and poor alike. —dn

Amendment 2 will hurt Texas schools

By OLIVIA BESTEIRO
Texas State Teachers' Association

While debate focuses on Constitutional Amendment 1, another ballot issue, a nasty little amendment that could stop education dead in its tracks, is receiving less attention than it deserves. The unexamined amendment with the potential for harm is Amendment 2.

Amendment 2 is being explained

to voters by its proponents as requiring that all future mandates from the state to local school districts be fully funded by the state. In fact, the amendment does nothing of the sort. What it does do is exempt school districts from complying with future law that requires a single local dollar to implement.

In Texas, as in most states, the cost of school funding is shared by the state and the local school dis-

trict. Costs are never fully funded by the state. That's how the system works. So what Amendment 2 actually does is to relieve school districts from any obligation to comply with any future state mandates, thereby setting 1993 educational standards as Texas' standards forever.

Amendment 2 should be defeated at the polls for three very good reasons:

1. Passage of Amendment 2 will imperil education reform. This reason alone should command a NO vote. If the state is stripped of its power to instigate reform, how likely is it that meaningful reform will come from 1,000 school districts acting independently? You can find part of the answer to that in the history of the school board lobby which has opposed every significant improvement in education in the last decade.

Almost all state mandates are aimed at raising educational standards statewide to ensure that every child, no matter where he or she happens to attend public school, can receive a minimally adequate education. The state already provides school districts with nearly half the \$28 billion biennial cost of the public education system. Forcing the Legislature to fully fund every new requirement would mean that state taxpayers would have to foot the entire bill for school districts unwilling to make enough effort to meet minimum standards.

Setting minimum standards is an appropriate role for the state. There is a clear and unequivocal state interest in uniformity and quality of services.

2. Passage of Amendment 2 will create a whole new set of court cases. Amendment 2 is entirely unrelated to the current court case on the constitutionality of the state's system of school funding. It was thrown into the mix as the House struggled to get its two-thirds vote to attract a few hold-outs to the package. Its failure will in no way jeopardize the resolution to the school finance issue spelled out in Amendment 1.

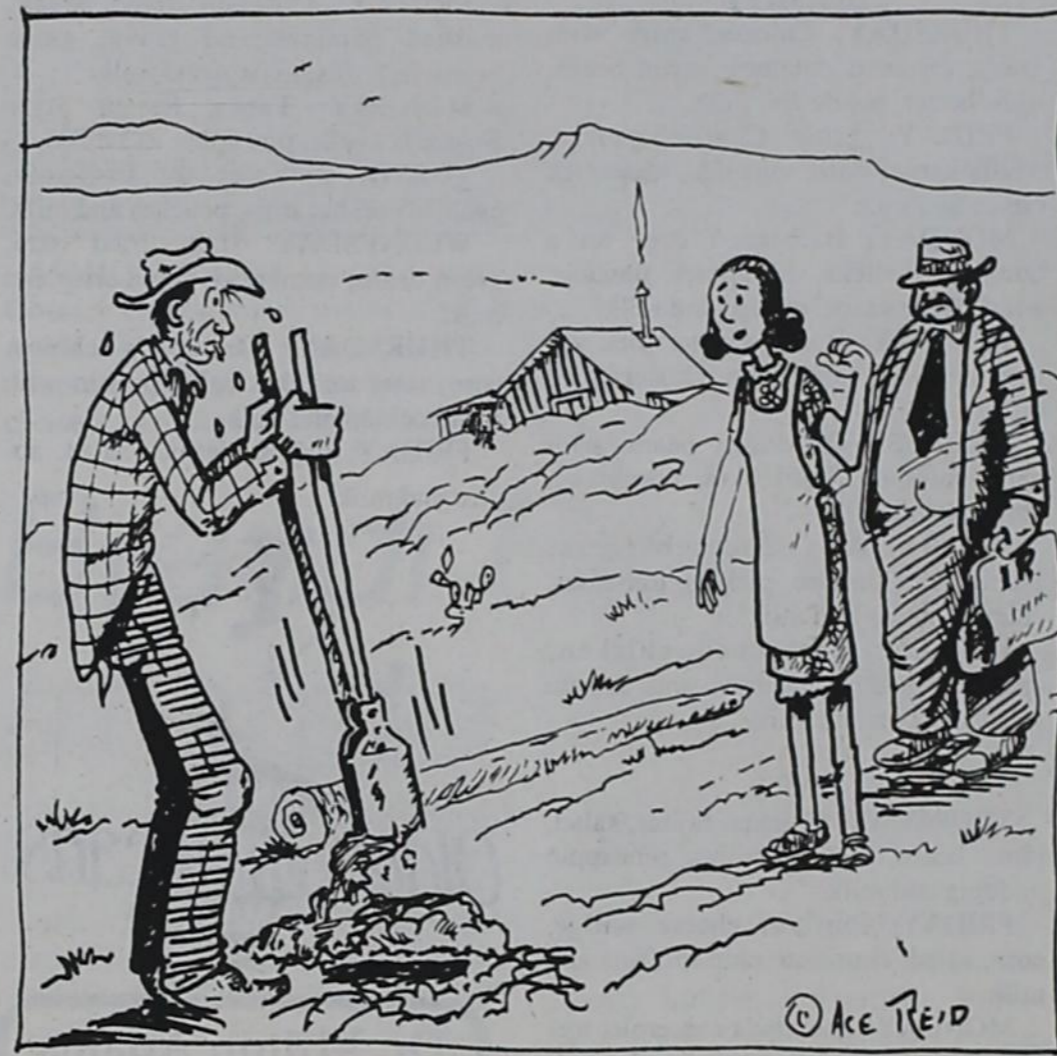
The passage of Amendment 2, however, will send folks scurrying back to the courtroom for at least two reasons. First, the amendment will create a new set of inequities among districts. Imagine the hodge-podge of standards that will exist in a few years if school districts are free to pick and choose those they wish to honor and those they wish to ignore. Second, the amendment is vague, leaving terms like "state educational mandate" and "fully funded" undefined. The amendment opens the door to endless arguments.

3. Passage of Amendment 2 will cost taxpayers money. This amendment will require another Austin bureaucracy to interpret and enforce the amendment. While it is difficult to estimate the cost, the cost for similar structures has been significant.

Amendments 1 and 3 deserve voter support. But Amendment 2 endangers the future of public education. It deserves to be defeated.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Jake, this income tax guy is goin' over our returns, he says they're suspiciously accurate!"

Letter

Vote against Proposition 1

Dear Editor:

I will vote on May 1, 1993, against Proposition One (Robin Hood).

Robin Hood will not keep schools open if passed. The possibility of schools closing depends on what the Legislature does after the election. The key to nullifying the court ordered closing on June 1, 1993, (a deadline resulting from the unconstitutionality of SB351 declared by the State Supreme Court after SB351 was enacted on April 11, 1991.) is a separate school finance bill which the Legislature must pass before June 1. The bill must be affordable and acceptable to the plaintiff school districts and their lawyers (poor school districts) as well as the State Supreme Court.

The strategy of the Legislature is to get the constitution of our state amended so they can set local property tax rates in the school districts of Texas. The wording of Proposition 1 is misleading but indicates "The Legislature may set the rate of the tax... to be imposed in a school district... by general law..."

Once this is done then the Legislature must pass a school finance package which according to the words in SB351 must be "adequate" and "fully funded." The plaintiff lawyers would then sue the state charging the package to be inequitable. The State Supreme Court would be forced to declare the finance package unconstitutional and again threaten school closures unless a newly set deadline to "fully fund" the schools (according to SB351) as approved by the voters in Proposition 1, is met.

The words "adequacy" and "full funding" were the key words in the January 30, 1976, ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court "that the new Public School Education Act of 1975 was unconstitutional because the Legislature had not "adequately" or "fully funded" it. The court gave the Legislature a new deadline of June 30, 1976, to find the money. On July 1, 1976,

the court cut off all state aid to school districts, effectively closing New Jersey public schools. On July 9, 1976, "eight days into the crisis, the New Jersey lawmakers resolved the problem with the state's first state income tax." New Jersey public schools reopened and worried politicians blamed the courts for the new state income tax. (Culbertson Journal, April 1993; Beaumont Enterprise, March 14, 1993; Philadelphia Inquirer, August 27, 1988)

I am voting against Proposition 1 on the May 1, 1993, ballot to prevent my Legislators from gaining power of local school district property taxes which properly belong to local school boards. I am voting against Proposition 1 to prevent the need to enact a "court ordered" state income tax to "adequately fully fund" public schools in Texas. After May 1, 1993, the Legislature has the time to enact alternative legislation to nullify the court imposed deadline of June 1, 1993. Let us not give them the opportunity to blame our Texas Supreme Court for a new state income tax.

SCOTT NELSON
Friona, Texas

Letter

'Vote against 1 and 3'

Dear Editor:

In the final days before the May 1 voting, we would like to inform your readers that 'enabling legislation' for amendments 1 and 3 has not been finalized, and we encourage everyone to vote against both amendments. Representative Libby Linebarger did lay out a bill, CSHB 609, with a hearing date of April 28.

"Those who wanted to see enabling legislation prior to voting are not likely to be able to do so," it was reported in *Legislative* on April 16. "They say all printouts will look bad because the state will only put \$650 million in new money into public education—far short of the \$1 billion needed to fund enrollment growth."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said, "Texans were more concerned with safety and prisons than with education." He was referring to the spending increases for locking up criminals.

Consolidation—Proposition 1 with its cap on state spending will force poor districts to consolidate on their own. If the CED rate is 86 cents (projected), funding per-pupil is lowered, and it will force local taxes to increase to make up the difference (with an automatic 6 cent rollback election proposed by CSHB 609). An already poor district will find its taxpayers largely overtaxed. Just to keep the school

door open, they will only be able to finance education—no funded co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities (such as football, basketball, etc.). Added to their burden will be a "district report card" as outlined in CSHB 609, holding a school district accountable, based on test scores, to be able to receive

any state aid. Persons in poor districts will decide to consolidate on their own to seek tax relief.

In our opinion, passage of Proposition 1 brings with it a more feasible consolidation threat than not passing the amendment.

DEANNE CLARK
RITA McDANIEL

(Editor's Note: The *News* received the following candidate's statement too late to be included with the other candidates' statements on last week's Op-Ed pages.)

Gracie Abrego Candidate, Place 3 DISD Board of Education

I am Gracie Abrego and I am a candidate for the Dimmitt School Board, Place 3. I have been a Castro County resident for 21 years.

I stand behind all the children, because the future of America depends on the education of our children.

Think about farmers planting crops, the automotive industry building vehicles, or the oil industry producing oil. Careful consideration is always put into doing these tasks. Why should we not put more emphasis on educating our children?

I have the ability and desire to be a good representative of DISD. When at some point the need arises, I will not hesitate to consult anyone in the district who has a different approach that may solve a given dilemma.

We are a community and getting good ideas and suggestions from parents and children will make a better community and a good school board.

Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated.

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Letter

Thank you from ACS

Dear Don:

On behalf of the Castro County Unit of the American Cancer Society, I want to thank you for the clarification you gave in your 1:1 column last week about the American Cancer Society and those imitating the name and fund-raising schedules.

We have attempted to meet the needs of persons who have contacted us, and Castro County people have responded with generosity and kindness to all calls for volunteers and funds.

We can help because Castro County has made it possible.

Our Cancer Crusade will be in May this year. See you then.

BETTYE WALLACE,
Chairman, Patient Services

Op-Ed II

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De-mythifying the May 1 vote

By LIBBY LINEBARGER
State Representative

Before voters go to the polls on May 1, they deserve to know the truth about what Proposition 1—the school finance amendment—will and will not do. They certainly haven't heard much of that in the debate over the amendment in the last few weeks, and I want to sort through fact and fiction now.

Myth 1: Property taxes will increase if Proposition 1 passes. The truth is that property taxes will increase in 931 school districts across Texas if Proposition 1 FAILS! If voters reject this proposal, then \$350 million the schools are currently receiving through county education districts (CEDs) is lost. It will take districts, on average, a six-cent property tax hike to recover those lost funds. In the state's poorest districts, tax increases of more than 20 cents—and up to more than 90 cents—will not be uncommon.

Myth 2: Let's just find \$400

million from somewhere else. People who make this argument miss the point entirely. The issue is not how much money we get from recapture—but who we get it from.

The reason we have to take some funds from the state's wealthiest districts is because the Texas Supreme Court has told us three times that it isn't fair for taxpayers in those districts to be paying \$100 a year in taxes on an \$80,000 home while everybody else pays, on average, \$1,016 a year on the same home.

For nearly half a century this group of 100 or so districts have enjoyed historically low tax rates—in the teens or even single digits—while the rest of us have been paying well over \$1—this year the average is about \$1.27. They tend to enjoy much lower rates while, because of enormous business or industrial wealth, they generate tremendously higher levels of revenue.

The Supreme Court put an end to that practice and said that all

property must be brought into the system and taxed uniformly, so it wouldn't matter if we could get the \$400 million in maximum recapture the constitutional amendment allows, unless we got it from these districts.

Myth 3: Local school districts will lose control over their tax rates. This is absolutely untrue. The amendment allows the Texas Legislature to require a minimum tax effort that all school districts must meet. That tax can be as high as \$1 but it doesn't have to be. (In my proposal, that rate is 86 cents; in Senator Bill Ratliff's proposal, that rate is 90 cents.) Anything school districts levy on top of the minimum rate is theirs to control.

Opponents who make this argument seem to forget that the state has established a local "share" since 1949. That's all the minimum required tax rate is—the local district's share of the total cost of educating students. Nothing in Proposition 1 changes that, and, in fact,

for the first time, sets a limit on what the Legislature says that local share can be (\$1). That assures local school districts they will always have absolute control over a significant portion of the allowable tax rate.

Myth 4: The judge won't shut off the funds. People who believe this haven't been in Scott McCown's courtroom. He has no choice. The last time we missed the deadline he gave us an extension; he even offered up his own plan. The Texas Supreme Court issued a blistering attack on both those actions in its last decision. They informed McCown that he had no alternatives. He must enforce their order to cut off funds if the Legislature has not developed a constitutional school finance plan by June

1. McCown takes those orders seriously and made it clear on Jan. 11 that he will do precisely what he has been directed by the Supreme Court to do—shut off state funds.

Myth 5: Schools won't close if Proposition 1 fails. Many schools will be forced to close simply because they will be broke, especially if they have few operating funds in reserve or are unable to borrow sufficient funds to continue to operate through the summer.

If Proposition 1 fails, schools still might close because I believe we have only one option left, and that is school district consolidation. Schools may not close for a lack of funds if Proposition 1 fails, but they may close because they have been merged out of existence.

These aren't all of the myths surrounding the May 1 vote, but they represent the highlights. All Texas voters want to know is the truth so that they can make a reasoned and informed choice when they go to the polls. The truth is that if Proposition 1 passes, we will be able to make significant progress in this long-running battle over public school funding.

The goal we all have is to get on with a discussion of what our education system needs to be about—what our students need to learn, etc. We can't do that until we are finally off this merry-go-round of school finance litigation. And we can't do that until we draft a constitutional plan.

Your vote on May 1 will take us a giant step forward in that process.

'Robin Hood tax plan is costly, misguided effort'

By BOONE PICKENS

The children of Texas deserve a quality education, and the taxpayers deserve a fair shake. Those are two of the reasons I'm opposing the school-finance amendment which is on the May 1 ballot.

But there is a third reason I'm against the so-called "Robin Hood" amendment to the Texas Constitution. As a businessman, I don't think this proposal is good fiscal policy. What's more, this amendment does not address the real problem in our schools—declining standards.

The state is on the brink of creating a statewide property tax and redistributing local property taxes. Yet the Legislature is asking taxpayers to vote for the "Robin Hood" tax plan without knowing its true cost, or their share of the burden. Advocates of this measure should release a detailed financial-impact statement before the May 1 election, but I'm convinced that being forced to outline the real costs of this proposal is their greatest fear.

It's foolish to start a business without a complete cost analysis. Maybe if taxpayers knew just how much this plan would cost, then there would be a revolt on May 1. The plan is expected to raise and redistribute new taxes, but on whom and by how much remains a guarded secret.

Property taxes are skyrocketing even without Robin Hood. In 1987, the average property tax rate in Texas was almost 85 cents per \$100 valuation. By 1991, it was up

to \$1.27 per \$100 valuation. Total school taxes reached \$8.6 billion in 1992—a 13% increase over 1991, which was preceded by a 14.5% increase in 1991 over 1990. They're expected to go higher.

Spending for education in Texas has gone up as well over the past few years. Consider:

*From 1987 to 1991, average spending per student in Texas went from \$3,834 to almost \$5,000.

*Since 1979, spending per student has increased 127% while school enrollment in Texas has risen only 33%.

*Total spending on education in Texas—which includes local, state and federal money—was more than \$17 billion in 1991-92, or 203% higher than the 1979-80 biennium.

With spending and taxes on education rising dramatically in recent years, you would expect that Texas schoolchildren would be getting a better education.

Of 65 studies that examined whether increasing per-pupil expenditures improved student performance, three-fourths found *no improvement*.

The educators cannot argue that Texas schools have been deprived or that taxes have not kept pace with increasing demands on the system. More importantly, they would be hard-pressed to justify a new round of spending and taxes if the criteria were performance-based.

It is ironic that the San Antonio-area Edgewood Independent School District—which brought the lawsuit which now brings the state

to the brink of a statewide property tax—has more revenue per pupil (\$5,196) than Dallas ISD (\$4,524), which will likely be hit by the Robin Hood tax plan. Edgewood exceeds the statewide average revenue per pupil by 15%, with 74% of its funds coming from the state, according to the Texas Education Agency. The agency also shows state funds accounting for only 7% of Dallas ISD revenues in 1991-92. Districts such as the Dallas ISD will be "punished" just because they rely less on state funding and are more self-sufficient.

The essence of the Robin Hood tax plan is the politics of envy of the highest order. It has no bearing on the quality of education.

The fight comes down to this: a play for power and more money. Period. There is no effort to ensure that new tax dollars raised would be spent on students, books or even more teachers, which should be the focus of any reform effort. The advocates of the Robin Hood tax plan have no sound basis for changing the entire system of education finance, so they have resorted to scare tactics—such as using the threat of school closures—to try to browbeat voters into approving the plan.

Our schools won't close any more than prisons would close in a similar circumstance. State District Judge Scott McCown of Austin said that this question doesn't require a constitutional amendment. It can be resolved by statute.

The people of Texas shouldn't be bullied into pouring more money into a system that doesn't fulfill its basic function of preparing young Texans to be functionally and culturally literate in our information-based society. The taxpayers of Texas must demand accountability of the education system. We should start by:

*Slashing overhead and being more cost-conscious.

*Strengthening local control and local financing.

*Instituting a "report card" for schools—the result of which would deprive schools of funds if they consistently rank below minimum standards.

The Robin Hood tax plan must be stopped on May 1. There is no evidence that increased, or "equalized," funding will make our schools better. And there's no reason to believe that the educators will be successful even after soaking the taxpayers for billions more.

By MONTIE HASIE
State Board of Education

Attention taxpayers! As I am sure you are aware, on May 1, 1993, voters in the State of Texas will vote on three Constitutional amendments. It is very important that you know the ramifications of your vote on these issues. Many people have asked me how I will vote. In this article, I will tell you how I will vote and why. But you must decide on your own.

Proposition 1 — Legalizes the County Education Districts (CEDs) and allows the Legislature as well as local school districts to set a minimum tax rate and a top on ad valorem taxes

I will vote against.

Without enabling legislation I cannot support this amendment. The proposed legislation I have seen would raise significantly local taxes across the state (estimate at least a 10 percent increase). Why has no new legislation been passed up to this point? Certainly there was plenty of time from January to now. I believe if the actual effects of enabling legislation were available to the voters, this proposition would have NO chance. We are being asked to have faith. In this case, I do not have the "faith of a mustard seed."

In addition, one of the proposed bills designated 37 school districts across the state to share their wealth statewide. Twenty-five of those were in West Texas. Four counties in the state have 40 percent of the property wealth - Tarrant, Dallas, Travis, and Harris. None of these four counties were included among the 37. I have to ask myself, "Would this be fair?" Too, in the future this amendment would open the door to huge property tax increases.

Who has the majority of votes in the Legislature? Do you want Dallas, Houston and San Antonio setting property taxes in your community?

Clearly Proposition No. 1 would destroy local control and convert local property taxes into state property taxes.

Lastly, this is a local control issue. Do we want to turn the taxing authority on local property over to the Legislature? Would you like the State Legislature to set your property taxes? Again, I will vote against Proposition 1.

Proposition 2 — Exempts a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state education mandates.

I will vote for.

All local taxpayers have been hurt by the Legislature passing laws and requiring local school boards to pay for them with local taxes. However, I do wonder if this would be very beneficial if Proposition 1 passes because the Legislature then could—in effect—set local property taxes. Regardless, all taxpayers and school employees in particular must vote for this amendment in my opinion.

Proposition 3 — Authorizes the issuance of \$750 million in state bonds to assist in partially funding facilities for poor school districts.

I will vote against. (I recently have modified my thinking on this).

This is a tough call. As a part of the legal battle, facilities must be addressed. This is a nominal approach. If it would satisfy the court, it might be the cheapest way. However, it would create a \$750 million bond program but, unlike any other bond program, the debtors would not necessarily have to pay back the bondholders. State taxpayers then would be left holding the bag. As a fiscal Conservative, I cannot condone this approach.

We have been threatened with school closing, state income tax and consolidation. There is a "full court press" to get Proposition 1 passed. Even some of our Conservative legislators capitulated.

How do I feel about the chances of passage of the three propositions? I believe if the voters understand Proposition 1, it will definitely fail. Proposition 2 should probably pass easily. Proposition 3 is a tossup. Regardless, I implore you to vote. This may be one of the most important elections in a long time. Again in my opinion, this is a chance to prevent your local property taxes from going up significantly.

TASB supports Proposition 2

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) announced recently its intention to work for passage of Proposition 2 of the proposed constitutional amendments that will be listed on the ballot for the May 1 special election.

Proposition 2 is regarding funding future state mandates to ease the long-standing tax burden on local property taxpayers.

TASB President Charles Lowry of Mount Vernon ISD said the association supports all three school funding propositions on the May 1 ballot, but is especially concerned about passage of Proposition 2, which prohibits the Legislature from requiring school districts to comply with a new state mandate unless lawmakers help fund it.

"For years, school boards across Texas have been forced to increase local property taxes in a scramble to find money to pay for new and continuing state-mandated programs," Lowry said. "Proposition 2 will help ensure that the Legislature stops passing the buck to local property taxpayers and starts passing the bucks along with the programs they require. If the mandate is worth doing, it's worth paying for," Lowry said.

Proposition 2 affects only future state mandates, those enacted by the Legislature after Dec. 31. Current state requirements, such as the 22:1 class size limit in early elementary grades and the teacher salary schedule, aren't affected by the amendment. Constitutional and federal requirements, such as those concerning special education and environmental hazards like asbestos, also aren't affected by this proposal.

"TASB supports positive education reforms that improve our public schools and benefit our school children, but the state must take the lead in helping to pay for the programs it requires," Lowry said.

According to the Association, passage of Proposition 2 will require the state to help pay its fair share of funding for Texas public

schools, moving the state a step closer to adequately funding the state's public education system and encouraging lawmakers to link policy and funding decisions.

"The underfunding of state educational mandates has contributed to the school finance equity crisis we currently face since property poor schools have had less of an ability to comply with state mandates than property wealthy schools," Lowry said. "By helping to pay for the programs it mandates through an equalized school funding program, the state will not only improve the adequacy of funding for our public schools, it'll improve the equity of the school finance system as well."

In a recent cost analysis performed at the request of Governor Ann Richards, TASB learned that Texas school districts spent a minimum of \$1.5 billion in 1991-92 to comply with only eight of the hundreds of state requirements imposed on them, such as the 22:1 class size limit and the teacher career ladder.

In its latest report on state mandates titled, *Legislative and Regulatory Mandates Imposed on Texas Public School Districts*, the association recorded 210 areas in which state or federal laws create specific requirements for local school districts.

"Many of these requirements are totally unrelated to curriculum, classroom instruction, or basic health and safety requirements, and most are left under-funded," Lowry said. "TASB believes the Texas Legislature has a constitutional obligation to adequately fund our public schools."

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit organization representing local school districts in Texas. Its membership includes 1,055 school districts (including three county school boards), 60 tax appraisal districts, 43 junior colleges, 57 cooperatives, 68 county education districts, and the 20 education service centers.

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People

Double-ring ceremony unites Nelson, Morgan

A formal, double-ring ceremony in Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church Saturday morning joined in marriage Lisa Gayle Nelson and Edward Bruce Morgan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nelson of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Morgan of Heidelberg, Miss.

Dr. Mike Goodwin of Festus, Mo., cousin of the bride, officiated at the nuptial service.

The altar table was decorated with a large multi-colored spring arrangement of lilies, dogwood, magnolias and roses sitting atop a gold lame cloth. Two spiral candelabras flanked the altar and each was entwined with English ivy and babies' breath. Large brass candlesticks entwined with greenery sat atop the piano and organ. English ivy and babies' breath decorated the altar rail.

The table in the foyer was covered with gold lame. It held the bride's book and an arrangement of bright spring flowers on a mirrored placemat adorned with pearls and a crystal candleholder.

Katy Nelson, sister-in-law of the bride, registered guests.

Marie Winders of Dimmitt served as organist. Jennifer Finch of Arlington, Va., sang *The Wedding Song* as the couple's mothers were seated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal wedding gown which had been her mother's. The full-length gown of ivory silk peau de soie featured a chapel-length train. Alencon lace appliques enhanced the bodice, skirt and train. The off-the-shoulder lace collar extended into full-length sleeves which came to points over her wrists. The back buttoned all the way down to a large bow below the waist.

Her silk illusion veil was chapel-length and attached to a silk bow trimmed in lace and pearls.

She carried a cascade bouquet of ivory and white orchids, lilies and Stephanotis.

She wore a pearl necklace which was a gift from the groom; and pearl earrings which had belonged to her grandmother, Harriett Goodwin. "Something blue" was a garter, which had been worn by her mother.

Laura Nelson of College Station, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Leslie Nelson of Dimmitt, sister of the bride; Stephanie Waldo of Nazareth, Marnee Gamble of Lubbock and Michele Provence of Abilene, friends of the bride.

They wore black file taffeta street-length dresses designed with a vee-shaped scalloped neckline in the back. Pearl earrings and bracelets which were gifts from the bride, completed the attendants' attire.

They carried long-stemmed arm bouquets of multi-colored spring flowers.

Flower girl was Katie Barnett, cousin of the groom. She carried a basket with peach petals.

Hendrix Morgan of Heidelberg, father of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Mike Morgan of East Alton, Ill. and Rodney Morgan of Birmingham, Ala., brothers of the groom; Joseph Grimly of Gautier, Miss., friend of the groom; and Bob Barnett of Heidelberg, cousin of the groom.



MRS. EDWARD BRUCE MORGAN
... nee Lisa Gayle Nelson

Ring bearer was Daniel Seale, nephew of the groom.

Guests were seated by Scott Nelson of Friona, brother of the bride, and Ben Benton of Portland.

Following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception. The hall was decorated with bright spring flowers and brass and crystal pieces.

The bride's table was covered in white with a gold lame drape in scallops around the edge of the cloth. Her four-tiered ivory wedding cake was topped with three bells and flowers and the top piece had been used on the bride's parents' wedding cake. Her parents' cake server also was used, along with the couple's own engraved server.

A spring flower bouquet including orchids, purple pansies and iris served as the centerpiece and it rested on a mirrored placemat with crystal candlesticks. Crystal serving pieces completed the table decor.

Susan Morgan and Lisa Morgan, the groom's sisters-in-law, served from the bride's table.

The groom's table was covered with purple and white cloths with purple violet nosegay scallops.

The table held a towering centerpiece of bright violets, orchids, iris and needlepoint ivy. It held a special crystal candlestick which belonged to the groom's grandmother. The couple lit the candle together as a unity candle.

Katy Nelson, sister-in-law of the bride, served fruit and cheese, finger sandwiches and mint tea from brass appointments.

Brass candleholders and English

ivy were in the windows. The church sanctuary and reception hall were decorated by Mary Cluck, Valeria Davis, Bobbie Bruegel, Tami Cluck, Susie Cluck, Dorothy Gilbreath, Mona Merritt, Linda Merritt, and Karen Sheffy were members of the house party.

A going-away party was held for the couple at the home of the bride's parents following the reception. It was hosted by the bride's aunts, uncles, close friends and Scott and Katy Nelson.

For her traveling attire, the bride wore a blue and white nautical knit sweater and stirrup pants.

After a wedding trip to the Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple will be home Saturday in Abilene.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders from McMurry College in 1990 and earned her master's degree from Abilene Christian University in 1991. She is employed by West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene as a speech-language pathologist.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Heidelberg Academy. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University, having graduated in 1990. He is employed by Schlumberger Well Services in Abilene.

Wedding shower honors Killough

A wedding shower honoring Mrs. Scott (Alisa) Killough was held Saturday in the home of Cheryl Pybus.

Guests were greeted by the honoree, Mrs. James Killough and Mrs. LaVerne Rudd.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

Out-of-town and special guests were the groom's great-aunt, Lucille Killough of Lubbock; Kristi and Faye Killough of Dimmitt; Phillis Edds of Big Spring; Faye Gresset of Odessa; Della Hogue of Big Spring and Sharon Travis of Petersburg.

Bridal shower fetes Robinson

Vicki Robinson, bride-elect of Randy Smithson, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Barbara Bain.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Bain and were presented to the honoree and her mother, Jo Robinson, and the prospective groom's mother, Mary Lou Smithson.

A miniature bride and groom figurine was nestled beside a brass candelabra and served as the centerpiece on the serving table. Quiche, fresh fruit, punch and coffee were served to 68 guests. Crystal and brass appointments completed the table decor.

Special guests from the bride-to-be's family were her grandmother, Mrs. Clint Robinson of Kress; her aunts, Mrs. Lou Beville of Lubbock, Mrs. Ernestine Sitton of Slaton and Mrs. Helen Mitchell of Hart; Mrs. Luther Robinson of Tulia; and Mrs. Ricky Mitchell of Hart. Special guests from the prospective groom's family included his grandmother, Mrs. E.C. Hofman of Shamrock; his aunts, Mrs. Fred Hofman of Shamrock, Mrs. Robert Matthews of Plainview, and Janice Shelton and Maretta Smithson, both of Dimmitt; and Robin Matthews of Lubbock.

Thirty-four ladies assisted Mrs. Bain with hostess duties.



MR. AND MRS. TODD TOUCHSTONE are home in Fort Worth after their recent wedding. She is the former Debbie Adams, daughter of Pat Driver of Lubbock and Dell Driver of Key Largo, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Touchstone of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Rogers of Paducah; and the grandson of Oleta Gollehon of Dimmitt. The couple exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. I.A. Worsham on Jan. 23 at the Island Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. A dinner party was held honoring the couple in the Stardust Hotel at Las Vegas after the ceremony. *Courtesy Photo*

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MR. AND MRS. WESLEY TRAVIS O'BRIEN
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Canyon is home for newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Travis O'Brien are home in Canyon after enjoying a wedding trip to the Caribbean aboard a Princes Cruise Liner.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony on April 14 at St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.

The bride is the former Camille Denise Summers, daughter of Gerald and Patty Summers of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Bill and Lynn O'Brien of Lamesa.

The bride wore a full-length white satin gown designed with a sweetheart neckline. Each off-the-shoulder sleeve was embedded with three rolled silk roses. The sleeves were formed from layers of ruffles. The fitted bodice was adorned with beads, sequins and pearls. A cascade of ruffles formed the full skirt. A long, line of delicate, covered buttons led to a bow and pink rolled silk roses on the back of the gown. She wore white satin shoes decorated with pearls and beads.

She carried a garden bouquet of pink roses, white daisies, greenery and babies' breath.

A single strand of pearls with a pearl drop accent, and matching earrings and headpiece completed her attire.

Following the wedding, the couple enjoyed a reception in Magen's Bay Hotel, which overlooks the bay at St. Thomas.

The bride's heart-shaped cake with raspberry filling was decorated with pink and purple ribbons and flowers.

After the wedding, which was catered by Touches of Romance of St. Thomas, the couple returned to the Princess Cruise Liner where they were greeted by the ship's crew and friends. They were seated at the captain's table and were toasted with champagne. They enjoyed a chocolate rum cake and were serenaded by the ship's musicians, with a featured performance of a "Happy Honeymoon" selection.

The couple left from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for their Caribbean Cruise. Their trip to the Caribbean included stops at St. Thomas, San Juan, St. Martin and Princess Cays.

After the wedding, the couple returned to Fort Lauderdale and stayed overnight at West Palm Beach, Fla. before returning to Amarillo, where they were greeted by family and friends. They were honored with a reception at the Summers' home the following evening.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a 1988 graduate of South Plains College and has attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She is employed at *The Cut Salon and Boutique*.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Klondike High School. He graduated from West Texas State University in 1992 with a degree in animal science.

Caregiving program to address health needs

A program on caregiving will be offered at the Expo Building in Dimmitt Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Castro County Extension Home Economics Council, the program will be geared toward individuals who provide care for another person, regardless of age.

Dr. Myron Mattison will speak on caregiving, then will direct a question and answer session from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Mattison is associate professor at Texas Tech University's School of Medicine. He is a specialist in internal and geriatric medicine. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he did his residency at Duke University in North Carolina. He has practiced medicine in Lubbock for more than 40 years.

A representative from Hospice of the Plains will speak from 11:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

Videos on Life Line, the "Living Will" and organ donors will be shown continuously from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Regardless of age and income, the following services are available to local residents: Meals on Wheels, Home Health, Panhandle Transit and 9-1-1.

Those attending Saturday's program may sign up for 9-1-1, Life Line or to donate organs.

The program is expected to address several questions including the following:

- ◆ As a caregiver, do you need assistance with physical care, cleaning the home, transportation and where to go for support?

- ◆ What services are available for the elderly and temporarily disabled?

- ◆ Where does a person (caregiver) acquire medical equipment, assistance in filing insurance and Medicare forms, transportation to and from doctor offices, etc?

- ◆ What is a living will, Social Security's QMB program or Association of American Retired Persons (AARP)?

Information will be available on several subjects, including the following:

9-1-1: 9-1-1 is an emergency hotline operated through the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. Communications Capt. Jerry Jansa can be reached at 647-3311.

Life Line: Life Line gives elderly or disabled individuals a direct call for help through a transmission directly to the hospital. For information about this program, contact Ruby Wood or Claudine Langford, members of Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Medical Insurance Filing: Linda Rasor does medical insurance filing for private insurance and Medicare supplements and she can be reached at 647-3587.

Greenbelt Home Health Care: Provides home cleaning, care and other services. Contact Charlene Stark of Tulia for more information.

Living Will: Cindy Ellis at Plains Memorial Hospital can give information about Living Will, which is a written or oral instruction to physicians to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal condition.

Meals on Wheels: Daily noon meals are delivered to individuals, and the meals are prepared to follow a person's dietary needs. Joe Josset is chairman of the project and he can be reached at 647-4151.

Panhandle Transit: This service is provided through Panhandle Community Services and it provides public transportation for individuals in need.

Plains Memorial Hospital's Home Health Agency: Patti Kern organizes this program of local home health care provided to ill and temporarily disabled persons.

Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt: Provides nursing home care.

American Cancer Society: This is a voluntary organization in which donations are used for educating the public, providing equipment, transportation and for research.

Information also will be available on Dept. of Human Resources, Women Infants and Children, Senior Citizens and Youth Exchange with Seniors projects.



Michael Huseman and Shelly Albracht

May wedding planned

Ralph and Evelyn Albracht of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelly Dawn, to Michael Joseph Huseman, son of Louis and Virginia Huseman of Nazareth.

The couple will exchange vows at 3 p.m. on May 29 at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Nazareth High School. She is a sophomore psychology major at West Texas State University in Canyon.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Nazareth High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural finance. He is employed by First National Bank of Amarillo.

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

Lamb County EH sets exchange day

Extension Homemakers in Lamb County will host an "Exchange Day" on Monday.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Olton Agricultural Center, with the last program concluding around 2:30 p.m.

"Exchange Day is designed to educate about the programs and activities sponsored through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service," said Angela Bohannon, Lamb County Extension Agent. "It also is a public relations effort to welcome interested persons to join an Extension Homemakers' Club. Membership provides many opportunities which include adult and youth scholarships, sponsorship of the District 2 4-H Food Show and other county events, a special program emphasis on issues facing young families, and fellowship with others."

Registration will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. with the opening program, "Fast Foods for Fast Times" by Kay Davis, a Southwestern Public Service marketing representative, slated to begin at 9:30.

Ordie Gentry and Alma Faye Carter, Lamb County Extension Homemakers, will discuss "Recreation Activities" from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. "Early Detection of Breast Cancer" will be the topic of a speech by Diane Lowell, director of Dimensions at United Methodist Church, from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Exhibits will be open to the public and door prizes will be awarded from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. The Lamb County Extension

Homemakers will hold a fine arts demonstration from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

A China doll tour will be offered in the home of Ordie Gentry at 2 p.m.

In addition, Kay Davis will present a second program at 7 p.m.

A covered dish luncheon will be provided by the Olton Extension Homemakers. Non-members attending the day's activities will be luncheon guests of the Extension Homemakers.

"We invite anyone interested in an educational, yet fun day to attend," said Bohannon.



Joseph Don Gifford and JoDawn Wardell

Engagement is announced

JoDawn Wardell and Joseph Don Gifford will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. on July 31 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Bettye Butler of Dimmitt and J. Wardell of Dallas. She is the granddaughter of Neva Hickey of Dimmitt. The prospective groom is the son of Dixie Russell and Gary Gifford, both of Amarillo.

Miss Wardell is a 1985 graduate of Enid High School in Enid, Okla. She is a senior marketing major at West Texas State University in Canyon. She currently is employed by Dillard's.

Gifford is a 1986 graduate of Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. He is attending West Texas State University and will graduate in May 1994 with a degree in secondary education. He is employed by the Canyon Independent School District and Amarillo Town Club.

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



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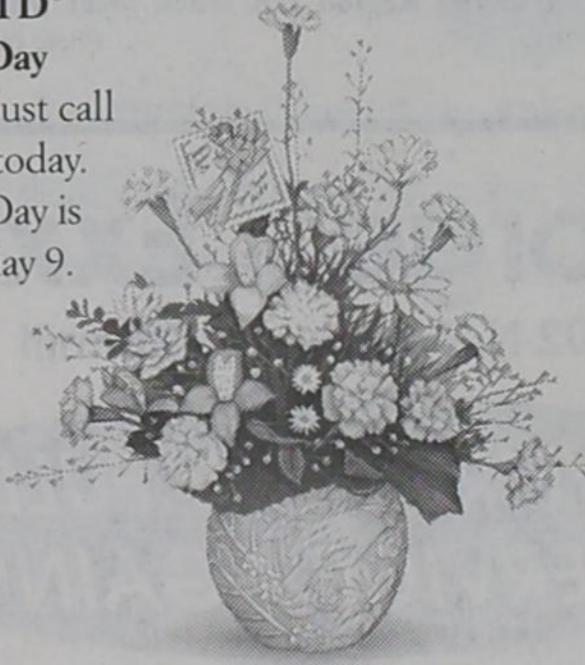
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Sports

County athletes are ready for regional competition

The Region 1-A tennis tournament will be loaded with Castro County netters this year, including 12 from Nazareth and seven from Hart.

Those 19 headline a host of county athletes who will be competing at regional track, tennis and golf tournaments this weekend.

Dimmitt qualified seven tennis players and two track stars for regional. In addition to its tennis qualifiers, Nazareth will send five runners to the track meet. Hart had an individual golfer competing Tuesday and Wednesday; and six track competitors will be participating at regional.

Here's a rundown of who will be competing at regional.

Region 1-A Tennis

GIRLS' SINGLES: Nazareth's Karmen Pohlmeier (District 7-A champion) and Melinda Schmucker (7-A runner-up).

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Hart's April Bennett and Shea Bennett (district champions), and Kim Grossman and Kristi Davis (district runners-up); and Nazareth's Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin (District 7-A champs), and Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte (7-A runners-up).

BOYS' SINGLES: Nazareth's Adrian Farris (District 7-A champ and defending regional champion) and Ryan Hoelting (7-A runner-up); and Hart's Raynea Garcia (district champ).

BOYS' DOUBLES: Hart's Jason Aven and Jeremy Hawkins (district champs); and Nazareth's Scott Brockman and Alston Farris (7-A champions) and Jaret Schulte and Robby Schmucker (7-A runners-up).

Region 1-AAA Tennis

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Dimmitt's Nikki Kenley and Tara Grand (District 2-AAA runners-up).

BOYS' SINGLES: Art Ortega of Dimmitt (District 2-AAA runner-up).

BOYS' DOUBLES: Dimmitt's Matt Sims and Tye Annen (2-AAA champs) and Chad Sandoval and Jeremy Langford (district runners-up).

Region 1-A Golf

BOYS' TOURNEY: Bryan Welps of Hart competed as a singles player after placing second overall at the District 1-A meet.

REGION 1-A Track

GIRLS' MEET: Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker, Sabrina Acker, Courtney Hoelting and its mile relay team including Schmucker, Tara Johnson, Allyn Garza and Kelly Jones; and Hart's Frances Dozal, Shea Bennett and Brandi Key each will compete in the Region 1-A girls' track meet this week.

Schmucker will compete in the 400-meter dash after winning district with a time of 61.87. The mile-relay team from Nazareth placed second at district with a time of 4:35.51. Acker threw the discus 81-10 to claim second place in district. Hoelting placed third at district, but will compete at regional after the second-place finisher withdrew because of a conflicting event.

Dozal will compete in both the discus and shot. Key qualified with a second-place finish in the 400 and Bennett will run the 100- and 300-meter hurdles after winning both races at district.

BOYS' MEET: Hart qualified Harvey Robledo, Bryan Welps and Israel Garcia for regional while Nick Johnson of Nazareth will compete in the long jump and discus.

Welps paced the team at district, winning the shot put and placing second in the discus. He will compete in both events this weekend at regional.

Robledo was second in the 800-meter run at district and Garcia placed second in the shot put.

Region 1-AAA Track

GIRLS' MEET: Dimmitt's Rochelle Harman will run in the 3,200-meters and mile run and Kim Thomas will participate in the 400- and 100-meter dashes at the Region 1-AAA meet. Harman won both of her events at the District 2-AAA meet while Thomas won the 400 and was second in the 100.



NICK JOHNSON of Nazareth will compete in the long jump and discus at the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this week. He qualified for regional with a second-place finish in the discus and by winning the long jump at district.

Photo by Anne Acker



LEAPING TO REGIONAL—Hart's Shea Bennett will compete in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this week, after winning both events at district.

Photo by Deana McLain



DIMMITT'S KIM THOMAS (left) and Rochelle Harman earned return trips to the Region 1-AAA track meet with top finishes at regional. Thomas won the 400-meter dash and placed second in the 100 to qualify; while Harman won both 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs.

Photo by Anne Acker

More regional qualifier pictures on Page 9



TWO-EVENT QUALIFIER—Bryan Welps of Hart will throw the discus and shot put at the Region 1-A track meet this weekend in Levelland.

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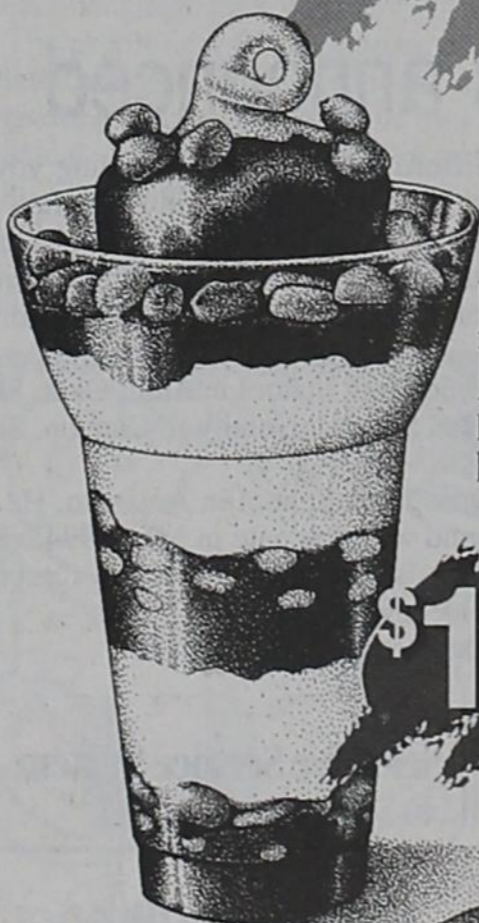
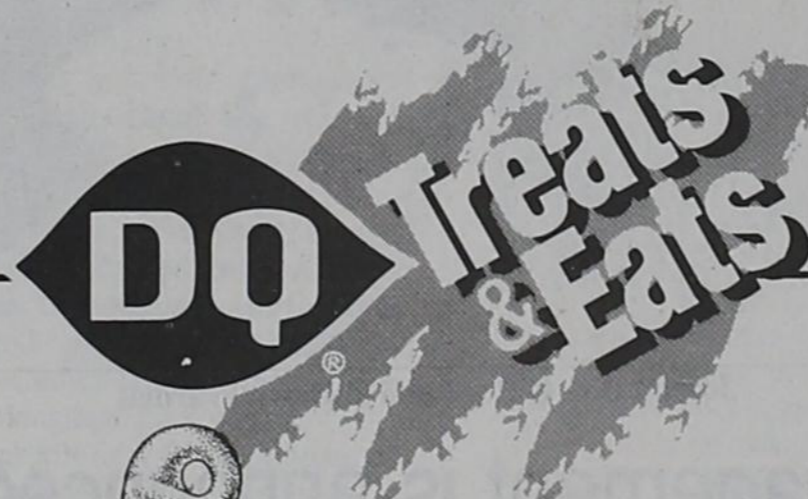
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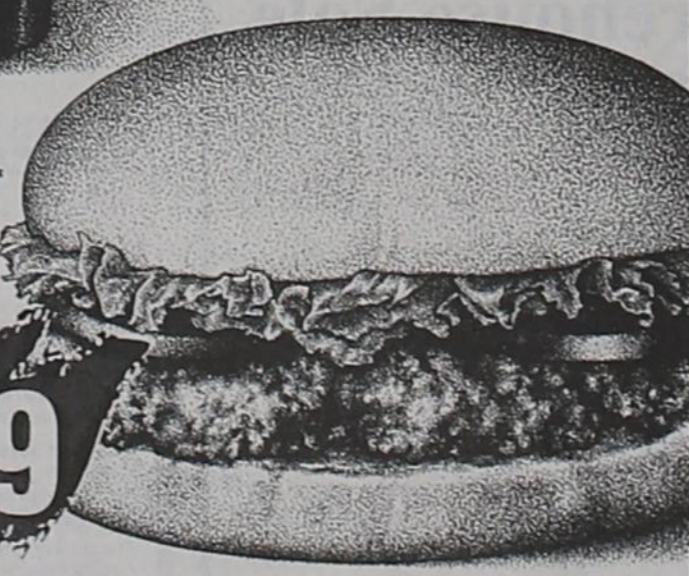


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REGIONAL TRACK QUALIFIERS from Nazareth include (from left) Sabrina Acker in the discus; Courtney Hoelting in the 800-meter run; and the mile relay team including Kelly Jones, Allyn Garza and

Tara Johnson. Not pictured is Melinda Schmucker, who qualified in the 400-meter dash and is a member of the mile relay team. They will compete in the Region 1-A track meet this weekend in Levelland.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

To the Voters of Place 5,
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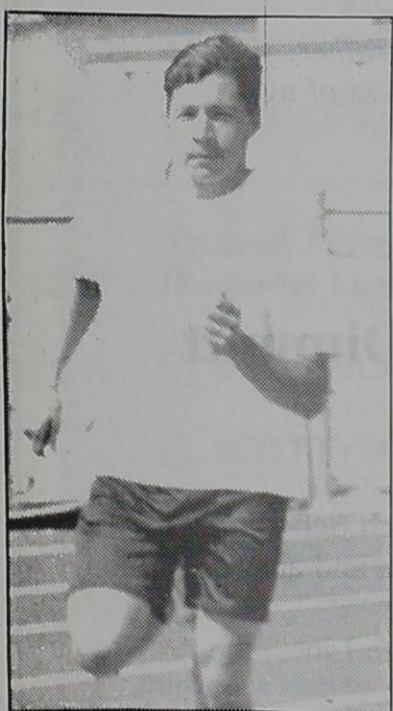
FRANCES DOZAL
... In shot and discus

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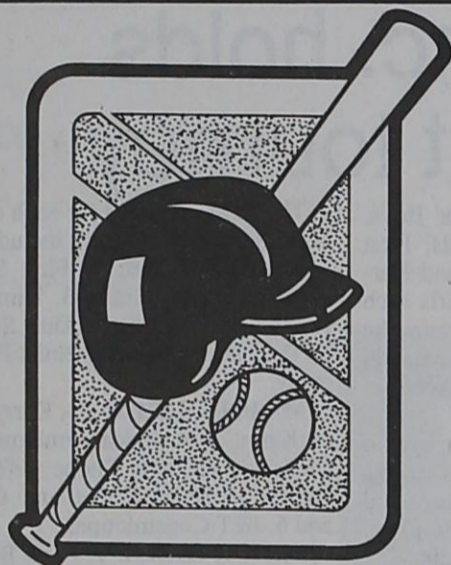
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... 800-meter qualifier

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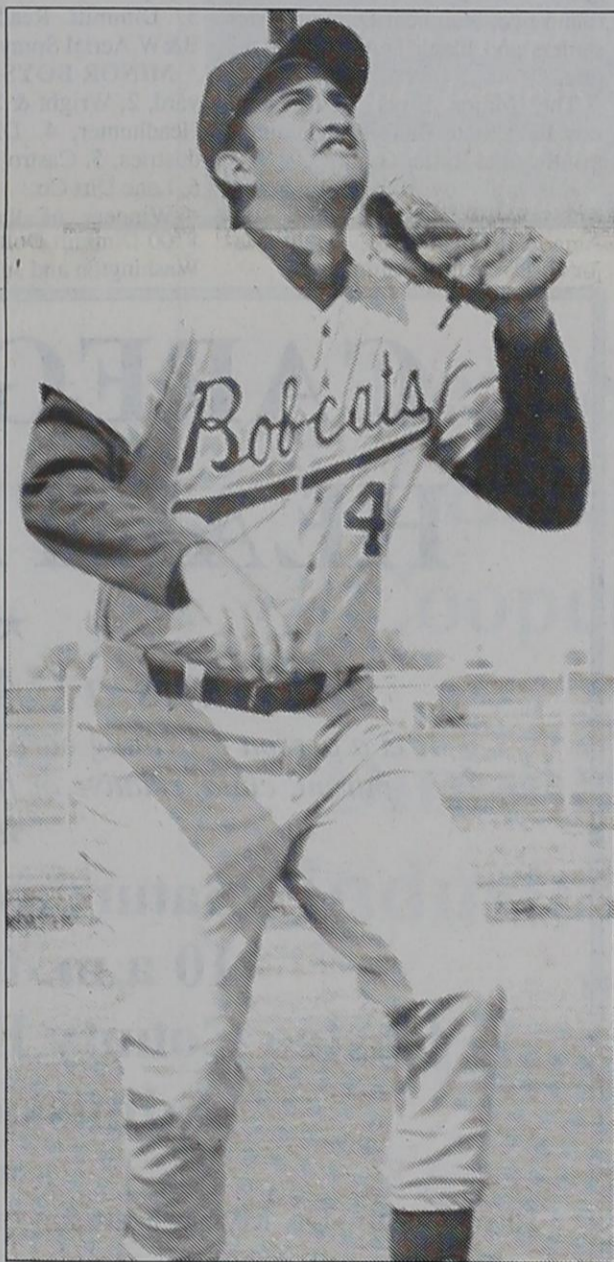


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County-wide Kids, Inc. tourney set

A county-wide Kids, Inc. basketball tournament will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) through Saturday at the Dimmitt Middle and High School gyms.

Here's a rundown of the first-round games:

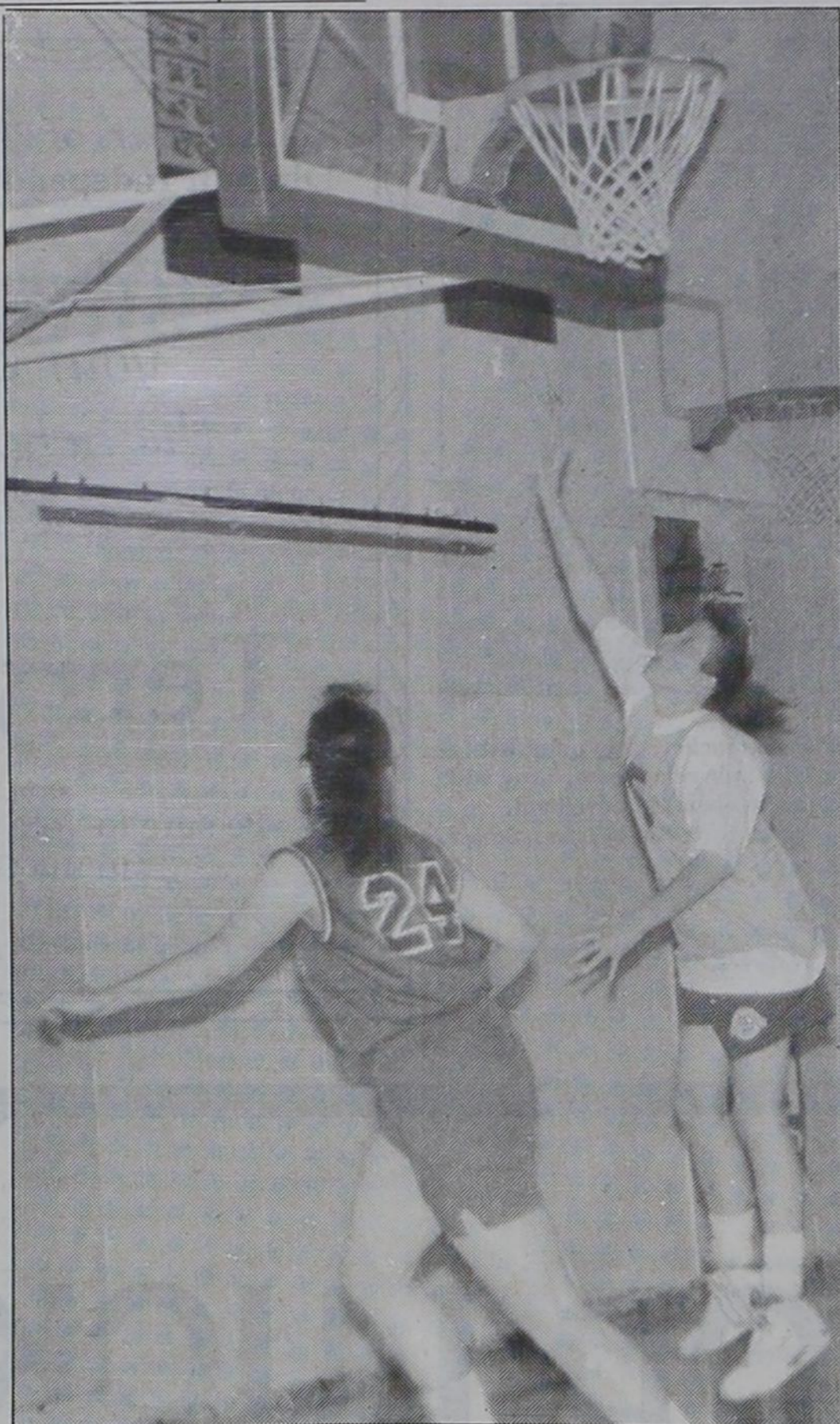
MINOR BOYS
at Middle School
TODAY: Dimmitt #2 vs. Dimmitt #3 at 6 p.m.; Nazareth vs. Dimmitt #1, 8 p.m.

MINOR GIRLS
at Middle School
TODAY: Dimmitt #2 vs. Dimmitt #3 at 5 p.m.; Nazareth vs. Dimmitt #1, 7 p.m.

MAJOR BOYS
at High School
TODAY: Dimmitt #1 vs. Hart, 6 p.m.; Nazareth vs. Dimmitt #2, 8 p.m.

MAJOR GIRLS
at High School
TODAY: Dimmitt #1 vs. Hart, 5 p.m.; Nazareth vs. Dimmitt #2, 7 p.m.

The championship games will be played Saturday, with the Minor Girls' game set for 7 p.m. and the Minor Boys' game tipping off at 8 p.m., both at Dimmitt Middle School. Dimmitt High School will be the location for the championships in the Major Girls' and Major Boys' divisions, with the girls' game slated for 7 p.m. and the boys' game scheduled for 8 p.m.



SMOOTH MOVES—Noel "Iceman" Johnson (right) scores on a fastbreak play during a benefit basketball game last Thursday in Nazareth. Johnson, a starting point guard for the national champion Texas Tech Lady Raiders, was honored by her hometown prior to the game between *Noel's Wonder Dogs* and *Joe King's Dream Team*, which includes several area college standouts. Johnson's team featured many former Nazareth all-stars and basketball players, and they gave the Dream Team a good battle, but lost the game, 50-56. At halftime of the game, a three-point shooting contest was held and a half-court shot contest was held at the end of the third quarter. A free-throw contest was held at the end of the first stanza. Prior to the game, Johnson was saluted and an autographed picture of her was auctioned off.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Ken Cleveland is inducted into TABC's Hall of Fame

Dimmitt Coach Kenneth Cleveland reached another milestone in his career April 17 when he was inducted into the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' (TABC) Hall of Fame.

Cleveland was one of seven coaches honored with induction into the hall of honor at TABC's spring clinic in San Antonio.

"My whole family was there and that was really special to me," Cleveland said. "And several of my ex-players who are now basketball coaches also were present."

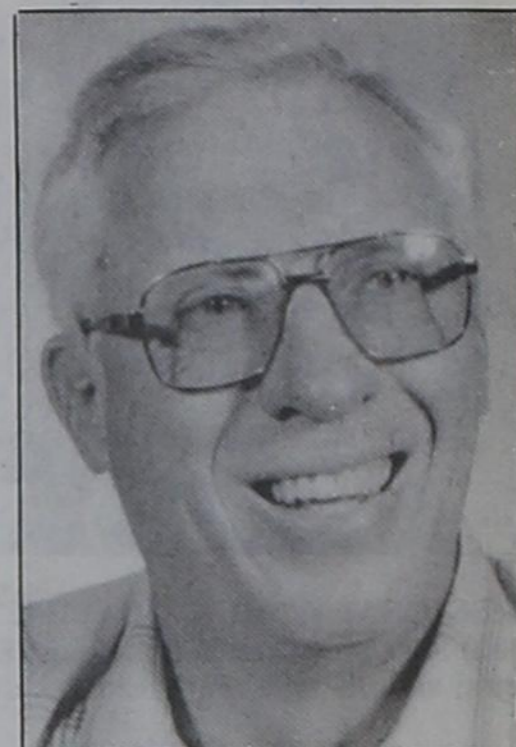
Cleveland has been the head boys' coach at Dimmitt for 32 years. He has won 27 district titles, including the last 18 in a row, and has had 29 seasons in which he has won 20 games or more. He has taken 10 teams to the Final Four and has won three state titles. His only other coaching assignment has been at Sonora, where he worked for three years.

Cleveland is currently ranked ninth on the list of the 10 most

victorious boys' high school basketball coaches in the nation, joining coaches from Louisiana, New Mexico, Tennessee, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Georgia and Mississippi as well as a few from Texas.

Cleveland grew up in Coleman and was an all-stater in 1951. He attended the University of Texas in Austin and was a three-year starter on its basketball team, serving as co-captain and earning all-Southwest Conference guard honors.

Cleveland was chosen by TABC to coach the North All-Stars in the annual North-South All-Star Game in 1976. He was named the Class AAA Texas Basketball Coach of the Year in 1983. In 1988, he was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Balfour Hall of Fame. Through the years, he has earned Coach of the Year honors at the district and regional levels and in the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.



Ken Cleveland

Michael Smith hired as Hart superintendent

Hart Supt. Phil Barefield has resigned his position to become the new superintendent at Claude.

The Hart Board of Education has hired Michael Smith, presently the Dimmitt Middle School principal, as its new superintendent and he will officially assume his duties at Hart on July 1. His annual salary will be \$49,000, according to a story published in the April 23 issue of *The Hart Beat*.

Barefield served five years as Hart's superintendent, but says the move to Clarendon, which is a AA school, "is a great opportunity."

34-year-old Smith is a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School and he holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He received his master's degree and his superintendent's certificate from Sul Ross University.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have a 19-month-old son. She is a secondary teacher at Dimmitt.

Kids, Inc. holds Dimmitt tourney

Bar G Feedyard's Minor Boys, Farm Bureau's Minor Girls, First State Bank's Major Boys and Karryalls by Karen's Major Girls each captured first-place honors in the Kids, Inc. basketball tournament, which was held this weekend in Dimmitt.

Bar G Feedyard drew a bye in the first round, then beat teams sponsored by Headhunter and Wright and Sons Produce to claim the Minor Boys' championship.

In the Minor Girls' division, Farm Bureau also drew a first-round bye, then beat Dimmitt Consumers and Flagg Fertilizer for the title.

The Major Boys' tournament saw First State Bank beat Dimmitt Printing and Easter Grain.

Karryall's by Karen eliminated Lindsey's Property Shoppe and American Fructose to win the Major Girls' championship.

The final standings for each division after the tournament include:

MAJOR BOYS: 1. First State Bank, 2. Easter Grain, 3. Dimmitt Printing, 4. Thrasher's Auto Sales, 5. The Place, and 6. Coleman Pharmacy.

MAJOR GIRLS: 1. Karryalls by Karen, 2. American Fructose, 3. Lindsey's Property Shoppe, 4. S&S Cattle, 5. Seale Florist and Gifts and 6. J&T Construction.

MINOR GIRLS: 1. Farm Bureau, 2. Flagg Fertilizer, 3. Dimmitt Equipment, 4. Dimmitt Consumers, 5. Dimmitt Ready Mix and 6. B&W Aerial Spray.

MINOR BOYS: 1. Bar G Feedyard, 2. Wright & Sons Produce, 3. Headhunter, 4. Dimmitt Agri Industries, 5. Castro Oil and Gas and 6. Lane Dirt Co.

Winners of the drawings for \$100 Dimmitt Dollars were Patricia Washington and Juana Hernandez.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Rev. John Hazle Jr. and his wife, Ginger, have been taking Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training on Monday and Thursday nights in Happy. They took their class finals last Thursday. If they passed the test, they will take their state finals in Amarillo.

Janet Morgan of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt played the piano for us during the morning services. She was accompanied by her daughters, April and Christy.

Verba and Ezell Sadler hosted the Loudder reunion over the weekend. Alton and Betty Loudder were the only local relatives who attended. Doug Loudder was fishing at Stamford Lake and he may have gone down for a time on Sunday, but Judy didn't think he had attended.

Cindy Clatt and children, Tyler and Rachel of Richardson, spent the weekend with Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler. She said she had a letter from Verna and Gale Sadler. Verna was telling about a dignitary from a foreign country who came to them for help in how to get to another country in East Africa.

Verna has to feed and house him while arrangements are made about transportation. This is one of the more frustrating duties the couple has. They are the only missionaries in the sea port capitol city of Dar es Saalam. Anyone who needs help, naturally goes to the missionaries. Verna also talked about the few times they have phone service. But she adds that the good they do outweighs the frustrating experiences.

Emma Jean King, Sharon Sadler and Teeny Bowden worked at the Prisoner of War chapel Saturday along with Dale Winders, Madge Robb and Clara Vick. Robert Duke and Dale Winders have done a lot of work on the roof along with Edmund Hunter and Norman Nelson.

Emma Jean King, Teeny Bowden and Norman Nelson went to the chapel Thursday to clean up the inside, and they didn't think to pick up the key, so they scraped off the outside and just visited.

We have finally received the Medallion with its interpretive plate after many days of trying to find it. According to information received, it left the foundry three different times.

Ray Joe Riley was a pallbearer at the funeral of Ann Ethington in Dimmitt on April 17. She was buried in Patognia, Ariz.

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11:45 to 12—Hospice of the Plains, Representative
12 to 4—Videos will be shown continuously on "Life Line", the "Living Will", and Organ donors

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DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MAY 1, 1993 (1 DE MAYO DE 1993)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

VOTE FOR ONE
(VOTE POR UNO)

Trustee, Place 1
(Regente, Lugar 1)

JOHN NINO

Trustee, Place 2
(Regente, Lugar 2)

EARL BEHRENDIS

RICK WRIGHT

Trustee, Place 3
(Regente, Lugar 3)

KAREN HUTSON

GRACIE ABREGO

Trustee, Place 4
(Regente, Lugar 4)

PAUL GARCIA

Trustee, Place 5
(Regente, Lugar 5)

FRANK WELCH

TERRY HILL

Trustee, Place 6
(Regente, Lugar 6)

DAVID SCHAEFFER

DEBBIE ANNEN

Trustee, Place 7
(Regente, Lugar 7)

STEVE BUCKLEY

SCOTTY ABBOTT

GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT,
(DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE CASTRO)

MAY 1, 1993 (1 de mayo de 1993)

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(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

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Directors - Vote for none, one, two or three
(Directores - Vote por ninguno, uno, dos o tres)

LUCILLE DRERUP

JAMES WELCH

GARLAND COLEMAN

_____ (Write-in / Voto Escrito)

_____ (Write-in / Voto Escrito)

_____ (Write-in / Voto Escrito)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
(CIUDAD DE DIMMITT, TEXAS)

MAY 1, 1993 (FECHA 1, DE MAYO, 1993)

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(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

MAYOR
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(ALCALDE)
(VOTE POR NINGUN O UN)

WAYNE COLLINS

CITY COUNCILMEN, AT-LARGE
VOTE FOR NONE, ONE, TWO, OR THREE
(TRES POSICIONES CONCEJALES
PARA LA CIUDAD COMPLETA)
(VOTE POR NINGUN, UN, DOS, O TRES)

DON SHEFFY

S. M. (SAM) BURKE

AVERY L. THRASHER

MALCOLM REYNOLDS

JOHNNY ETHRIDGE

CAROLE DYER

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

May 1, 1993
Fecha 1, de Mayo, 1993

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CITY OF HART

Mayor — Vote for one
Mayor — Vote por uno

ISMAEL CARRASCO

TONY LEIBEL

Aldermen — Vote for two
Concejales — Vote por dos

RODOLFO GONZALES JR.

DOYLE K. DAVIS

WELDON JONES

Hart Independent School District
School Trustee Election
La Eleccion Para El Sindico de La Escuela

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

MAY 1, 1993
FECHA 1, DE MAYO, 1993

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**Dimmitt
Ready Mix**

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**First State Bank
of Dimmitt**

★
Goodpasture, Inc.

★
Anonymous

BALLOT
FOR CITY COMMISSIONER
CITY OF NAZARETH

May 1, 1993

Instruction Note: Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing a "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

FOR COMMISSIONER

(Vote for 1)

Carl Dean Kleman

BALLOT
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 1, 1993

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(Vote for 3)

J. C. Pohlmeier

Carroll Gerber

Henry Ramaekers

Technology students to compete at state

With 30 projects, 42 Dimmitt High School Technology students qualified for further competition after winning at regional technology contests held this month.

Written and other competitions were held April 7 at South Plains College in Levelland, and the South Plains Regional Technology Students show was held Saturday at the South Plains Mall in Lubbock.

DHS winners are listed below: The Chapter Conducting Team of Denicia Barrios, Lorena Silva, Sonia Cardona, Susie Ramirez, Marta Arredondo and Alma Moctezuma placed first.

The Club Project of the restoration of a 1928 American La France fire truck won a first.

In Research and Design (CO₂ cars), Danny Ramirez won first; and a first place went to Abel Vargas in Power-Transportation Systems for his 350 Chevrolet engine.

A first place went to Sonia Ol-

ivera for her safety illustration, and Crystal Rodriguez won second, with Moctezuma third.

The written tests competition included contests in several areas of knowledge, including:

POWER-TRANSPORTATION: Lupe Vasquez, first; Arredondo, second; Greg Lay, third; Cardona, fourth; D. Ramirez, fifth; David Rodriguez, sixth; and Geraldo Barrios, seventh.

CONSTRUCTION: Vasquez, first; Arredondo, second.

ENERGY: Chris Paxton, second; D. Ramirez, third; Petra Vidal, fourth; Ruth Torres, fifth; and Silva, seventh.

CONSTRUCTION GRAPHICS: Joe Juarez, sixth; Oltivera, seventh.

COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS: Roy Salazar, third; Juarez, fourth.

Also, Jeremy Hall took second in Electricity-Electronics Systems; D. Barrios won third in Manufacturing

Systems; and Jennifer Vick won fifth in Computer Applications; all in written tests.

The contests for Graphic Solutions included:

POWER-TRANSPORTATION: Santiago Gonzales, first; Silva, third; D. Rodriguez, fourth; and Lay, fifth.

ENERGY SYSTEMS: Paxton, third; D. Ramirez, fourth; and Vidal, fifth.

Also, Jennifer Vick won first in Computer Applications; Stephen Villanueva won fourth in Production Systems; Oltivera won fifth in Construction Graphics; Salazar won fifth in Communication Graphics; and Torres won seventh in Technology Systems; all in graphic solutions.

Salazar won fifth place in Graphic Design.

In the show for Manufacturing Systems (Wood I), placings went to:

FIRST: S. Ramirez, bed.
SECOND: Cardona, secretary desk; and Albert Charles, bookcase.

THIRD: Carlota Castillo, night stand; Sally Castillo, entertainment center; Vick, bed; Michael Glidewell, coffee table.

FOURTH: Sammy Ramirez, cabinet; Rey Garcia, TV cabinet; Juan Balderrama, TV cabinet.

FIFTH: Scott Heck, gun cabinet; Frank Ibarra, table and benches; Rachel Rivera, night stand.

SIXTH: Adam Mondragon, pair of night stands; David Herrera, curio cabinet; Pete Patterson, gun cabinet.

In the Production Systems (Wood II) show, placings went to:

FIRST: Amy Chambless, bed; Torres, bed.

SECOND: Claudia Dominguez, secretary desk; Silva, curio cabinet; Ventura Ibarra, corner china cabinet.

FOURTH: D. Barrios, entertainment center.

FIFTH: C. Rodriguez, cedar chest; Kyle Joiner, coffee table; Juan Hernandez, china cabinet.

SIXTH: Arredondo, night stand; Chris Hutson, dresser.

In the Manufacturing Systems (Metals I) show, Paxton won first for his trailer, Steve Hoggard won second with an engine hoist, and D. Barrios won third with a trailer.

The State Technology Students contest will be held in Waco May 7-8.

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Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

This Sunday will be "Wills Emphasis Sunday."

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"Shepherding and Parenting" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service.

The Book of James will be studied at the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Bud Corless will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Psalm 31 Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Dimmitt.

Next Thursday, May 6, will be a "National Day of Prayer." The Ministerial Alliance will be in charge of an observance which will be held at the gazebo from 12 noon to 12:20 p.m. The public is invited to come to the gazebo during this time to pray for our city, county, state, nation and world.

Immaculate Conception

There will be a class for the Cursillistas today (Thursday) at 8

p.m. in "Maria's Room" at the church.

Participants for the youth rally should meet in front of the church at 7:15 a.m. Saturday.

Father Choong will be in Amarillo for the youth rally and to attend the 40th anniversary celebration at St. Joseph's Church, so the 5:30 p.m. mass and confessions on Saturday have been cancelled.

Sunday is the 30th World Day of Prayer for Vocations and all parishioners are asked to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

A series of four workshops on marriage and family counseling will be offered at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo.

The first two workshops were held in April and the final two will be held May 5 and May 12.

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Hart
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Johnny Robertson.....647-4106

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Norbert Choong.....647-4219

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301 NE 7th, Dimmitt
Antonio Rocha.....647-4373

And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. He that is eight days old among you shall be circumcised; every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house, or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, both he that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money, shall be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."
Genesis 17:9-14



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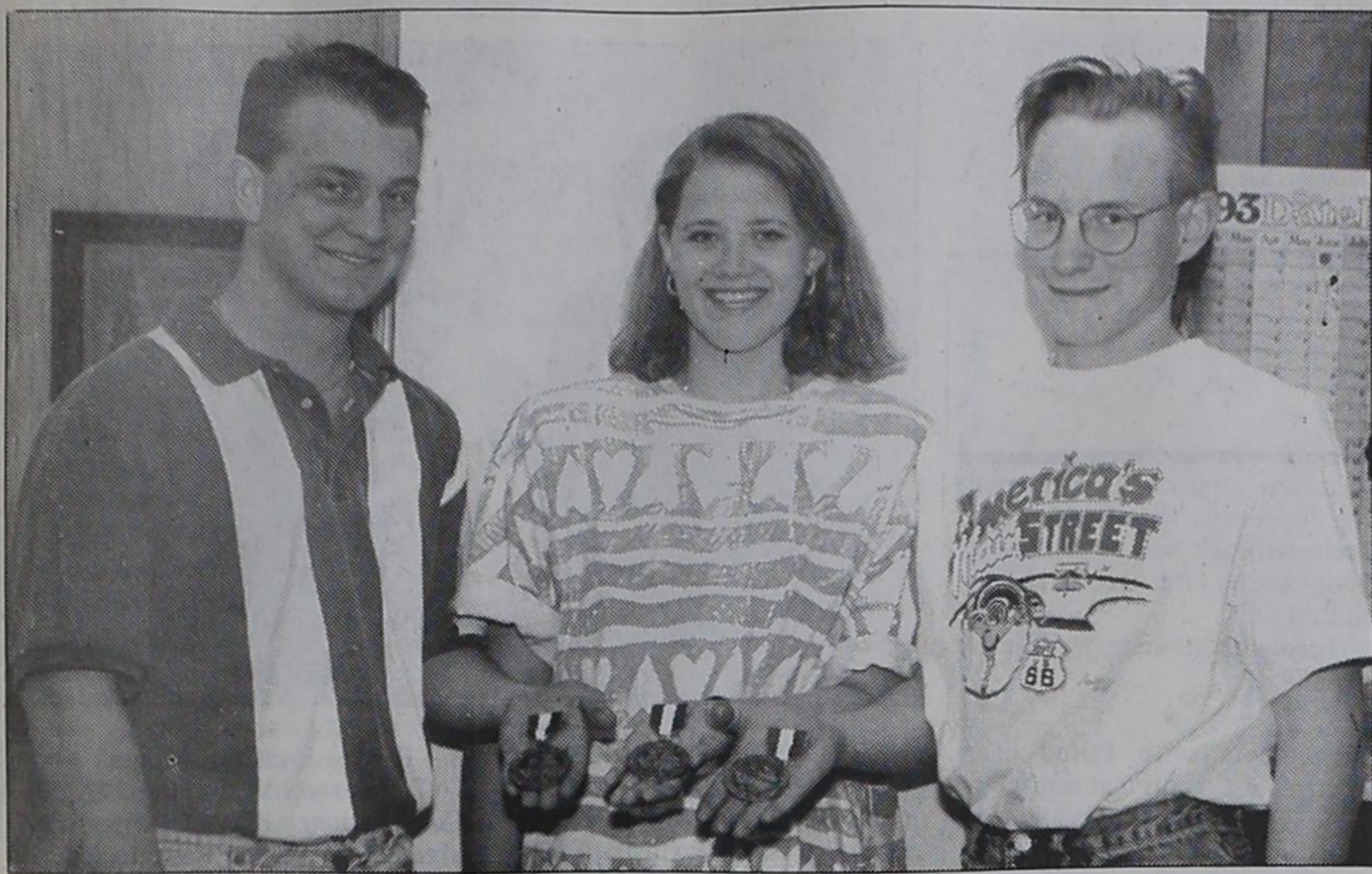
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THIRD AT REGIONAL—Dimmitt High School's computer science team including (from left) Heath Acker, Nikki Kenley and Stacy McDaniel, placed third at the Region 1-AAA UIL academic meet last week. In other events, first through third places

usually advance to regional, but in Computer Science, only the first-place team will go on. The team is coached by Joe Haase and Becky Book, and it is only the second year Dimmitt has entered the contest.

Photo by Anne Acker

Bagley, Wales attend state WIFE meeting

Members of Texas' Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) attended a meeting in Austin earlier this month, and during the trip the group visited with members of the legislature about agricultural and water issues, especially those concerning the Edwards Aquifer.

Dimmitt WIFE members Pat Bagley and Lois Wales attended the meeting.

"It is of great concern that the precedent set for the use of water from the Edwards Aquifer will affect the Ogallala Aquifer," said Wales.

The importance of ethanol and concerns about the Pantex plant in Amarillo also were discussed, Wales said.

The group toured the chambers of Speaker of the House Pete Laney; and visited with Sen. John Montford and members of the House and Senate Natural Resource Committee.

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SBA disaster loan deadline is set May 11

Businesses in Castro County have until May 11 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA's economic injury disaster loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from excessive rain, hail, wind and flash flooding which occurred May 1 through June 30, 1992. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Businesses in the following counties may apply for the loans: Andrews, Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Castro, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Ganes, Garza, Hale, Howard, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Motley, Randall, Swisher and Terry.

According to Walter Fronstin, district director of SBA's Lubbock office, applications and further information can be obtained by calling the Area 3 Disaster Office of SBA, toll-free at 1-800-366-6303; or TDD at 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses suffered as a result of the adverse weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the adverse weather are not eligible.

County 4-H'ers earn top prize money at Houston

Eight Castro County 4-H'ers brought home \$64,247 in prize money from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which was held in March.

Justin Gleghorn was the biggest prize winner, earning \$50,000 for his Grand Champion steer. He also made history when his steer was the first Grand Champion in the show's history to win the Carcass Contest, which paid an additional \$2,000.

Other 4-H'ers who brought money back to Castro County were Justin Sutton, Carol Summers, B.J. Hill, Carla Petty, Chad Rogers, Mark Mitchell and Wesley Wright.

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Castro County (Condado de Castro)

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No. 1

- FOR (A Favor De)
 AGAINST (En Contra De)

"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts". ("Enmienda constitucional que permita una redistribucion limitada de contribuciones al valor para escuelas, que autorice a la legislatura o a los distritos locales para establecer una tasa tributaria minima en los distritos educativos de los condados, y que fije un limite maximo a la tasa tributaria al valor recaudable por los distritos educativos de los condados").

No. 2

- FOR (A Favor De)
 AGAINST (En Contra De)

"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates". ("Enmienda constitucional que exima a un distrito escolar de la obligacion de cumplir con mandatos educativos del estado sin provision de fondos").

No. 3

- FOR (A Favor De)
 AGAINST (En Contra De)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund". ("Enmienda constitucional que autorice la emision de 750 millones de dolares en bonos con garantia del estado o titulos estatales de corto plazo destinados a ayudar a distritos escolares en su financiamiento parcial de instalaciones educativas, que autorice al estado para condonar el pago de prestamos extendidos a distritos escolares para el financiamiento parcial de tales instalaciones, y que abrogue la autorizacion para emitir 750 millones de dolares en titulos estatales de corto plazo garantizados por el fondo escolar permanente").



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By SCOTTY M. ABBOTT
ASCS County Director

Friday is the final date farm operators may sign up to participate in the 1993 farm program.

May 14 will be the final date for



Glenn Boozar

Glenn Boozar is promoted

Glenn Boozar has been promoted to factory personnel manager at Holly Sugar Corp.'s beet sugar factory in Hereford.

Boozar is a Dimmitt native and is the son of Merle Boozar of Hereford and the late H.M. Boozar. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Boozar joined Holly Sugar in 1980 and has held positions as a welder and a sugar boiler. His background also includes an assignment with the Farm Bureau as an insurance adjuster and experience in Anchorage on the Alaska Pipeline. Before joining Holly, he managed Boozar Produce in Hereford.

Boozar and his wife, Tilli, live in Hereford and they have one son Douglas, who is employed with Conoco in Ponca City, Okla.

landowners to sign the contract to participate in the 1993 farm program.

The final planting dates for Castro County are May 15 for corn, May 31 for cotton and June 30 for rain sorghum.

If any of these crops fail prior to the final planting date, the acreage may be replanted through the final planting date if producer wants payment or history credit for the crop.

The final date to report crop acreages which have been seeded to a small grain such as wheat, barley, oats, rye or triticale, regardless of use, is May 17. This includes small grains intended for harvest; small grains as cover crops on Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) and Conservation Use (CU), including volunteer stands; and small grain covers to be hayed, grazed, shredded or left standing.

May 17 also is the last day farmers may report zero acreages of wheat, barley or oats if they have a crop acreage base for the crop and no acres on the farm.

The last day to file and pay for measurement service for small grain acreages intended for grain; or small grain covers used as ACR or CU which will be used for haying, grazing or shredding is May 17.

Aerial or ground measurement rates will be charged. Aerial rates will be \$20 or less for farms requesting measurement service on less than 26 acres; and three cents for each additional acre. Ground rates will be \$20 for the first plot and \$10 for each additional plot.

Small grains reported after May 17 will be considered "late-filed," which means that if any acreage of a small grain which was to be used for ACR or CU is not reported by May 17, it will be considered grain for program purposes. Small grain acreages that are to be used as ACR or CU must be reported by May 17 and must be substantially destroyed

by this date. This includes grazed out or wind-rowed acreages.

A producer may file a request to leave small grains standing and not considered as a crop if it is not substantially destroyed by the disposition date of May 17. Once the small grain left standing request is filed, the acreage may not be hayed or grazed. There is a \$10 fee per farm for this request.

Producers are encouraged to make an accurate report of acreages. All crops reported for 1993 which are eligible for program benefits are subject to acreage discrepancy tolerances, including crops used for history preservation, including all program crops of ACR, CU for Pay, CU for History, flex acreage, oilseeds as CU for Pay or flex, and soybeans.

Tolerances are computed as the larger of one acre or 5% of the reported acreage, not to exceed 10 acres. Acreage reports in excess of the allowable tolerances are subject to the affected crop being ineligible for program benefits unless a good faith determination is made. If this happens, a penalty will be assessed.

Tolerances are applicable for program crops when the measured acreage is more or less than the reported acreage; ACR and CU for Pay when the measured acreage is less than the reported; CU for History and flex when the measured acreage is less than the smaller of reported acreage or allocated acreage as history credit (P&CP).

Acreage reported as ACR or set-aside cannot be reclaimed after the final reporting date. If the farm has only small grains, the final reporting date will be May 17. If the farm has feed grains or cotton, the final reporting date will be July 15.

ACR and CU for Pay acreages may not be hayed or grazed from June 1 through Oct. 31.

Crops which are eligible to be planted on ACR and CU for Pay acreages including the 8% of maximum payment acreage are small grains disposed of before reaching the hard dough stage; forage sorghums and sweet sorghums such as haygrazer, sudan, red top cane, etc.; and home gardens limited to two acres.

Producers whose projected deficiency payments are in excess of the \$50,000 limit may request that a portion of these acres be released back to them.

The released acres may be devo-



ted to any crop except a program crop or peanuts. The acreage which is released back will be credited as history to the crop that earned the reduced ACR.

These requests must be filed by July 15.

Producers with failed crop acreage must report that acreage on Form ASCS-574 (Application for Disaster Credit) and ASCS officials must visit the farm before the acreage may be grazed, plowed, etc.

1992 crop corn and grain sorghum may be placed in the Farmer Owned Reserve.

The crops must be placed in a Commodity Credit Corporation non-recourse regular loan to be eligible. Regular 1992 corn and grain sorghum loans must be disbursed by Friday for the crop to be eligible for the reserve.

Producers must file an intention to participate in the Farmer-Owned Reserve by Friday. For more information, contact the ASCS office.

May 31 is the last day to request a loan for corn, grain sorghum, cotton or soybeans; and to request a loan deficiency payment for cotton.

1992 corn producers who suffered losses resulting from reduced quality caused by damaging weather or related conditions may be eligible for disaster payments.

Producers whose corn is Graded No. 4 or 5, or Sample Grade, may apply for disaster benefits, with the deadline for applications being Wednesday.

Producers who suffered a loss of 65% or more will be required to purchase multi-peril crop insurance.

Farm program sign-up to end

Friday is the sign-up deadline for producers who wish to participate in the 1993 Price Support and Production Adjustment Programs, better known as the 1993 farm program.

Producers also must file forms for Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Certification (Form AD-1026); and Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility (Form CCC-502) by the end of the program sign-up period.

All owners' signatures must be on the contract for a producer to participate in the 1993 farm program and these must be in the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office by May 14 for a farm to be enrolled in the program, said Scotty Abbott, ASCS county executive director.



NEW OFFICERS — The West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association named officers recently for the 1993-94 term. (From left) Cochran County Commissioner Billy D. Carter was named president; Castro County Judge Polly Simpson was selected as first vice president; and Pecos County Commissioner Neal Sconiers was named second vice president. Those from Castro County who attended the association's annual meeting last month were Simpson and Castro County Commissioner Jeff Robertson, and his wife, Karen.

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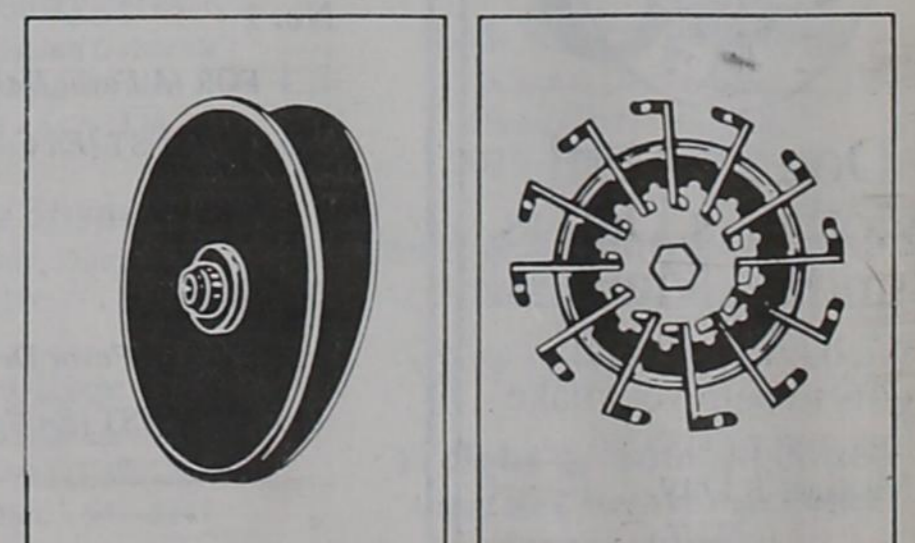
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Insects of interest

Pine tip moths can damage young trees

The pine tip moth can be a serious pest to young pine trees which have been planted by homeowners on the High Plains, and now is one of the few times those homeowners can effectively fight back.

The larvae of this moth bore into the growing tips of pine trees, causing them to turn brown, according to J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension agent for agriculture. Severely infested trees develop a bushy appearance over time.

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

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

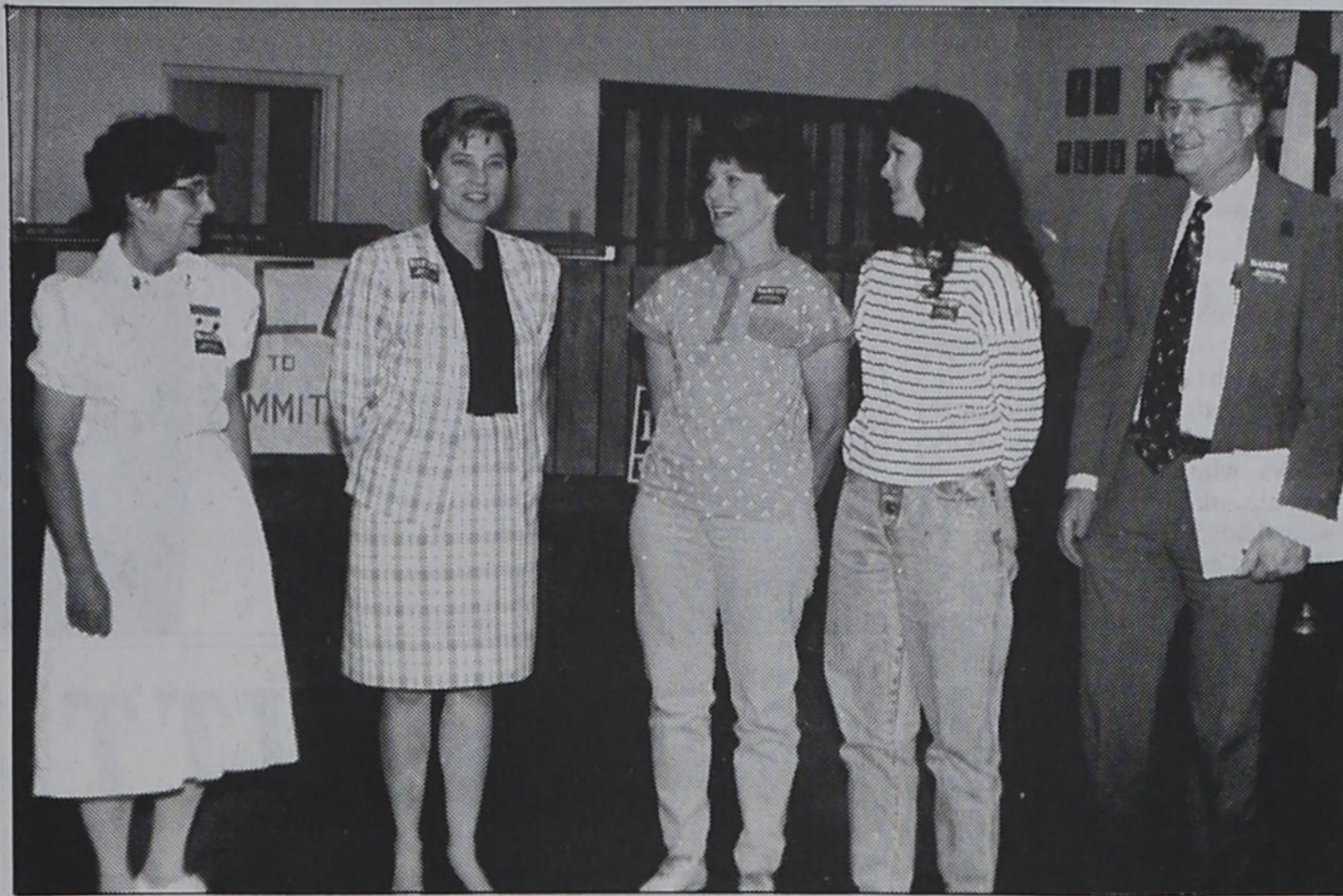
Properly timed application of an insecticide is the best way to reduce pine tip moth populations and damage, said Ragland.

"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," Ragland said.

To properly time these applications, pheromone 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.

Foliar-applied insecticides recommended for homeowners include Orthene, Dursban and Dimethoate. Adding a small amount of liquid soap or surfactant to the spray solution will improve control because it helps the insecticide adhere to the treated trees, said Ragland.

"Always read and follow label instructions when applying insecticide," he added.



BARTON CAMPAIGN — Janet Barton (second from left), wife of US Senatorial candidate Joe Barton, visits in Dimmitt with (from left) Mitzie Brockman, chairman of Barton's local campaign;

Lauren Busby, Pansy Byers and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. Mrs. Barton was campaigning in Dimmitt Monday afternoon. Photo by Deanne Clark

Wife of US Senate hopeful visits

Janet Barton, wife of US Senatorial candidate Joe Barton, was in Dimmitt Monday on a final campaign swing before Saturday's election.

Mrs. Barton's visit to Dimmitt was part of a Barton Caravan across the South Plains. It began in Lubbock and hit six cities, including Levelland, Littlefield, Plainview, Muleshoe, Dimmitt and Amarillo.

About a dozen Castro County residents attended the reception for Mrs. Barton and the campaign caravan. Lubbock supporters accompanied the caravan and greeted local supporters on behalf of the Barton Campaign.

Mrs. Barton spoke about the as-

sets of having her husband as their US Senator.

"He's the most conservative candidate of the three Republican front-runners and is one of the few Pro-Life candidates," said Deanne Clark, county Republican chairman. "Con. Barton was not involved in the 'bounced check' scandal, the post office scandal or the savings and loan scandal that have swept Congress."

"Joe Barton is the conservative in this election," said Mrs. Barton. "He probably gets his conservatism because he comes from a small town and because he continues to live in a small town while he serves in Congress."

Barton has staked a strong stand against tax increases, according to his supporters. They say he has been asked to vote for a tax increase 67 times, and he has voted against each proposed increase.

He is author of the Barton Tax Limitation Balanced Budget Amendment which he says would balance the budget by cutting spending rather than raising taxes.

NHS trio advances to state

Jill Pohlmeier, Scott Brockman and Nicole Kleman, all of Nazareth, will compete in the Class A state academic meet May 7 in Austin after placing among the top three in their respective contests at regional.

Pohlmeier won the News Writing Contest, Brockman was second in Editorial Writing and Kleman placed third in Feature Writing.

Two other Nazareth students just missed earning a trip to state, placing fourth in their events—Kim Dobmeier in News Writing and Karmen Pohlmeier in Editorial Writing. Dimmitt's Nikki Kenley placed fourth in Literary Criticism to claim an alternate spot in the Class AAA meet.

Dimmitt's Computer Science team, which includes Heath Acker, Nikki Kenley and Stacy McDaniel placed third overall, but only the first-place team earned a trip to state.

Other students placing at regional were Nazareth's Karmen Pohlmeier, sixth in News Writing and Sabrina Acker, fifth in Literary Criticism; and Dimmitt's Terri Beth Teaschner, fifth in Current Issues and Events, and David West, fifth in Editorial Writing.

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Diana Lumbra is convicted by Kansas jury

Former Castro County resident Diana Lumbra has been found guilty of first-degree murder in the 1990 suffocation death of her four-year-old son, Jose Antonio Lumbra.

Lumbra had previously been convicted for her son's death, but a Kansas Supreme Court overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial in the case.

The guilty verdict in the second trial was handed down by a Barton County, Kansas jury Friday after six hours of deliberation. Lumbra will be sentenced on May 27.

Lumbra has been accused of killing seven children, including six of her own, including two in Dimmitt and others in Lubbock and Parmer Counties.

She pleaded no contest in 1991 to the death of her two-month-old son, Jose Lionel Garza, in 1978; and in Parmer County to killing a two-year-old daughter, Melinda Ann Garza, in 1982. She was sentenced to life in prison for each incident, with the sentences to be served concurrently with the first Kansas life sentence. In return for Lumbra's "no contest" plea, the state agreed not to prosecute for the deaths of two other daughters and a cousin's child.

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LEGAL TITLE OF BANK: The First State Bank of Dimmitt
STATE BANK NO: 2896-34
FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO: 11 13 10294

CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE		
				DATE	TIME	PERIOD
Dimmitt	Castro	Texas	79027-0929	March 31, 1993		

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands			
	Bill	Mil	Thou	
1 Cash and balances due from depository institutions:				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		6,781		1.a.
b. Interest-bearing balances		-0-		1.b.
2 Securities		64,682		2.
3 Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:		13,700		3.a.
a. Federal funds sold		-0-		3.b.
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell		-0-		
4 Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	39,708			4.a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	1,507			4.b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-			4.c.
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a. minus 4.b. and 4.c.)	38,201			4.d.
5 Assets held in trading accounts		-0-		5.
6 Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		1,228		6.
7 Other real estate owned		728		7.
8 Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		-0-		8.
9 Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		-0-		9.
10 Intangible assets		66		10.
11 Other assets		2,263		11.
12 a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		127,649		12.a.
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)				12.b.
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a. and 12.b.)				12.c.
LIABILITIES				
13 Deposits:				
a. In domestic offices:				
(1) Noninterest-bearing	22,477			13.a.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing	95,143			13.a.(2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs				13.b.
(1) Noninterest-bearing				13.b.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing				13.b.(2)
14 Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:				
a. Federal funds purchased		-0-		14.a.
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-		14.b.
15 Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		-0-		15.
16 Other borrowed money		-0-		16.
17 Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		-0-		17.
18 Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		-0-		18.
19 Subordinated notes and debentures		-0-		19.
20 Other liabilities		481		20.
21 Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		118,099		21.
22 Limited - life preferred stock and related surplus		-0-		22.
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23 Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)				23.
24 Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized 150,000; b. Outstanding 150,000)		1,500		24.
25 Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock):		3,300		25.
a. Undivided profits and capital reserves		4,750		26.a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities		-0-		26.b.
27 Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				27.
28 a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		9,550		28.a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)				28.b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28.a. & 28.b.)				28.c.
29 Total liabilities, limited - life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28.c.)		127,649		29.

MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:

1 a. Standby letters of credit, Total

1 b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report.

I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Tony Gorman

DATE SIGNED: 4-28-93

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Tony Gorman, Vice President & Cashier

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We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: Stanley G. Gorman, James A. Clark

State of Texas, County of Castro, APRIL 23, 1993

Signature Notary Public: James A. Clark

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Chapel unveiling planned for May 8

A dedication ceremony is set for May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Prisoner of War Chapel in northern Castro County.

The chapel, dating from World War II, has received Texas Historic Landmark Distinction through the efforts of the Castro County Historical Commission, and a medallion and interpretive plate will be unveiled at the ceremony.

A group of 44 Italians is expected to attend the ceremony. The chapel was built by Italian POWs housed at the Hereford POW Camp, which was located just inside Castro County. The prisoners

built the chapel in memory of five comrades who died while imprisoned at the camp.

One of the Italian visitors at the ceremony will be one of the former POWs who helped construct the chapel, Adriano Angerilli. Several who had been prisoners at the Hereford camp and some who were prisoners at other camps will be among the guests, along with family members or friends of former prisoners.

The Italians are expected to arrive in Amarillo May 7. They will attend the unveiling ceremony at the chapel, then travel on to Dimmitt for a community-wide barbecue at the First United Methodist Church.

May 9 the group will attend the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Umbarger, followed by a reception. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Lunch will be served at the farm of Harvey Artho at Wildorado. Then the Italians will tour the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Amarillo and meet with members of the American Ex-POWs Panhandle Chapter.

"The VA Hospital has volunteered to provide a bus for some of the American Ex-POWs to be able to attend the dedication ceremony," said Clara Vick of the County Historical Commission.

Vick said the Italians plan to bring documents and artifacts for display in the POW Archive Room at the Castro County Historical Museum. She said the museum is also trying to prepare a display depicting what a typical POW barracks area might have looked like.

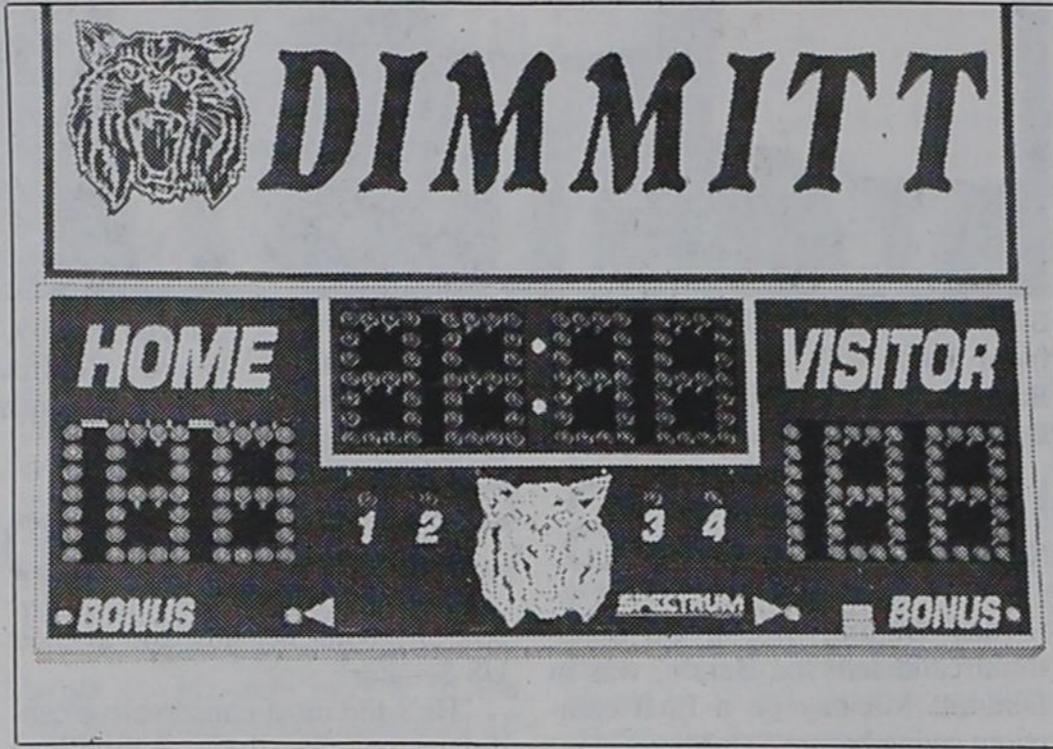
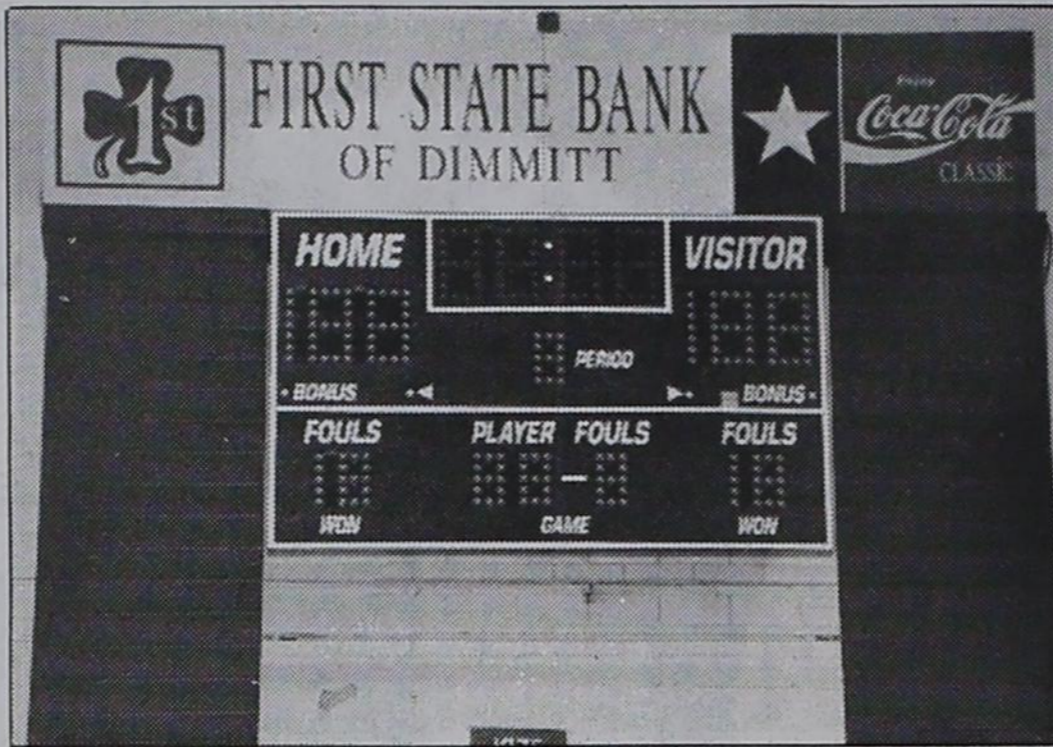
Vick said Gov. Ann Richards has sent her regrets about not being able to attend the ceremony, but no word has been received from President Bill Clinton, yet.

A representative from the Fort Reno Cemetery in Oklahoma may be able to attend. The cemetery is where the remains of the five Italians who died at the camp are now buried.



KRISTI JO RAMAEKERS, daughter of Henry and Linda Ramaekers of Nazareth, is proud of her autographed Texas Tech Lady Raider national champion t-shirt, which she purchased last Thursday. Nazareth honored Nazareth graduate Noel Johnson, who is a starting point guard for the Lady Raiders, and its Booster Club hosted a benefit basketball game. The t-shirts were autographed by Johnson.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld



UPDATED TIMEPIECES—These two new scoreboards have been installed in the Dimmitt Middle School gym, thanks to the generosity of Dimmitt's First State Bank and Coca Cola Bottling company of Plainview. The bank picked up most of the tab for the purchase of the new score clocks, according to Dimmitt Coach Ken Cleveland. The clock pictured on top features the time and score as well as fouls and other information. It also includes spaces to put the players' names on each side. The clock pictured at the bottom features the school's mascot and is a small version, with the time and score displayed.

Photo by Anne Acker

Help needed to welcome Italians

Does your business have "freebies" imprinted with "Dimmitt, Texas"?

"They're crazy about anything that says Texas or Dimmitt on it," Clara Vick said about the Italian visitors who will be coming to the Texas Panhandle next week. "Give-aways like ink pens, note pads, key rings, or just any little thing as a keepsake would be so very much appreciated," Vick said. "It would be wonderful if some businesses wanted to give imprinted caps, too."

Vick, a member of the Castro County Historical Commission, is helping organize a barbecue dinner for the 44 Italians who will be in Dimmitt May 8 following the dedication ceremonies for a special medallion at the POW Chapel in the north part of the county.

"At the barbecue, we would like to give the visitors some keepsakes, and if any clubs or organizations would like to make a presentation, we would be glad to give everyone a chance to do so," Vick said. "Also, if we could get a 'real Texas cowboy' to come out in full regalia, maybe even with a horse, it would add to the Texas experience for our guests."

Vick said that the Italians are excited about their visit to Dimmitt. "We hope to have a really good turn-out for the dedication ceremony at 2 p.m., although we realize some won't be able to make it, because of work and so forth," Vick said, "but we really want to encourage residents from the whole county to come out to welcome the Italians' buses as they come into Dimmitt and to join us at the barbecue at the First United Methodist Church."

Tickets for the meal are priced at \$5 per plate, and any proceeds left over will be used for the upkeep of the POW Chapel and archive room at the Castro County Historical Museum.

Vick said the meat for the meal is being supplied by the Historical Commission, and will be prepared by Marshall Young. The Nazareth Catholic Daughters have said they will fix some beans, and Joy Nolan of Michigan, Vick's sister, has volunteered to bake cobblers for dessert. The Dimmitt Lions Club has offered to supply potato salad and bread.

Volunteers are needed to provide paper plates and napkins, and plastic cups and eating utensils, according to Vick. She said the commission would also like for businesses and individuals to display green, white and red bunting—the colors of the Italian flag.

For more information about the visit or to volunteer to help, call Vick at 647-3154 or the museum at

647-2611. Vick said that Hereford residents are being invited to participate in the festivities, as well, and to help welcome the Italians.

Masons plan open house for Saturday

Castro Masonic Lodge will hold its annual Open House Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lodge Hall at the corner of Northwest Third and Etter Streets in Dimmitt.

The public is cordially invited to attend and view the lodge room and its unusual furniture and equipment, much of which looks similar to the items used when Masonry first came to Texas in the early 1830's. Bill Henderson, the Master of the Lodge, said that refreshments will be served.

Castro Masonic Lodge was founded in 1903, and has been in its present location since 1944. The lodge has a membership of 84.

Many local area leaders have been members of Castro Masonic Lodge over the years. Some of the best known include Edwin "Goose" Ramey, Perry Estes, and Raymond Wilson, according to Henderson.

"Today, Freemasonry works very hard to help people of all races and persuasions, and the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals, the Burns Institutes, the Knight Tem-

plar Eye Foundation, Texas' Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at Dallas, the Scottish Rite Learning Centers for dyslexic children, the many scholarships, and the Grotto's dental care for the handicapped all contribute to a better life for everybody," Henderson said.

"It is hoped that all citizens of this area will join in this exchange of goodwill and friendship, to the end that all citizens will be more aware of our Fraternity, and of the many ways we serve the community," Henderson concluded.

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Obituaries

Richard Quintero

Services for Richard Quintero Sr., 45, of Lubbock, brother of Cruz Quintero of Hart, were held last Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lubbock with Rev. Michael O'Carroll, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Quintero died April 20 at his residence after an illness.

He was born in Olton and married Adalia Cervantes in 1978 in Lubbock. He moved to Lubbock from Cotton Center in 1978. He was a truck driver for Commercial Concrete.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Richard Quintero Jr., Thomas Quintero and Henry Quintero, all of Waxahachie; four stepsons, Oscar Gonzales, Victor Alvarez III, Richard Alvarez and Rene Alvarez, all of Austin; two daughters, Brenda Alaniz of Weslaco and Tammy Martinez of Plainview; four stepdaughters, Esmeralda Jimenez and Sylvia Martinez, both of Austin, and Cindie Flores and Idalia Rojas, both of Lubbock; four brothers, Oscar Quintero of Hereford, Bobby Quintero of Hale Center, Cruz Quintero of Hart and Ramond Quintero of New Mexico; three sisters, Carmen Lopez of Earth, Tommie Crowder of Dallas and Janie Garcia of Hale Center; 34 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Albert Valdez

A prayer service for Albert Valdez, 25, of Dimmitt, was held Monday night at Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Valdez died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident three miles northeast of Easter.

He was born in Amherst and had lived in Dimmitt most of his life.

He was a Catholic. He married Carolina Valdez in 1984.

Survivors include five daughters, Stephanie Valdez, Sandra Valdez, Samantha Valdez, Stacie Valdez and Heather Valdez, all of Lubbock; his mother, Gloria Robles of Easter; his father, Rodrigo Robles of Odessa; his grandmother, Amalia Valdez of Durango, Mexico; and three sisters, Gloria Rios and Dulce Maria Solis, both of Kansas City, and Janie Robles of Easter.

Pallbearers were Ricardo Puente, Tony Puente, Javier Diaz, Raul Nava, Rookie Rodriguez and Hector Sanchez.

SCS banquet honors conservation winners

Dr. W.J. Hill was named Conservation Farmer of the Year for 1992 at the annual awards banquet of the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District held Saturday night at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Other conservation honorees were also named, and plaques and other awards were presented at the banquet. The meal was a steak dinner prepared by E.M. Jones and Walt Hansen and others.

Entertainment was provided by Cowboy Poets Robert Wilhite and Edgar Dennis. RWSWCD Board member Coby Gilbreath, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet, also read some of his poetry writings.

Hill was honored as Conservation Farmer because of the extensive conservation work he has performed on his farmland, many times working with the SCS to achieve optimum results.

Conservation Teacher of the Year for 1992 is Jerry Mathis, a vocation teacher at Hart High School. He was commended for his continuing efforts to train his students in conservation methods and helping them see the importance of preserving our resources for the future.

Arlene Miller was named Conservation Homemaker of the Year for 1992. She is the wife of Jerry Miller and they farm about two sections near Hart. She helps her husband with the farming and has been an active participant in the windbreak tree program.

Conservation Business Professional and Individual of the Year was Flagg Fertilizer, which is owned and operated by Fred and Helen Kuntz and their son, Ricky. They were portrayed as leaders in the field of drip and LEPA irrigation systems, which they use in maintaining their commercial tree business. They have also been strong leaders in the windbreak tree program.

Robert Baker, a biology professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was named Absentee Wildlife Conservationist of the Year for the extensive work he has done on a section of land he owns south of Dimmitt. He seeded the land and even planted a food plot to help sustain wildlife. He has worked closely with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. in managing the land to the best advantage for the wildlife.

Honored as the Outstanding Conservation Absentee Rancher of the Year was the late A. "Gill" Adams. He was described as "a true cowboy-cattlemen who raised his stock from the ground up."

Also honored were the winners of the poster and essay contests for the district. Poster winners are Sage Anhen, first, Cathy Birkenfeld, second, Gerardo Dozal, third, and Matthew Wright, honorable mention.

Essay winners are Lee Ann Wilkerson, first, Dusty Hunsaker, second, B.J. Kern, third, and Jessica Kern, honorable mention.

Police Calls

A Dimmitt man told police Friday night that his 17-year-old son was intoxicated and had stabbed him. The victim had been taken to Plains Memorial Hospital. Acting on a description of the vehicle the suspect was driving, officers stopped the suspect on East Halsell and charged him with DWI.

A 16-year-old Dimmitt youth allegedly confessed to several recent burglaries.

An informant told police that the suspect and some other subjects reportedly had attempted to sell him some handguns, and the suspect allegedly had some silver dollars with him. Police stopped the youth for questioning and found a \$2-bill in his wallet. The \$2-bill and the coins matched the description of some money that had been taken from the home of Margaret Bland of Dimmitt in a burglary reported Sunday evening.

Upon questioning, the youth allegedly confessed to burglarizing five residences and attempting to enter two others. Some cash was taken from the home of Sylvia Stubblefield on Northwest Sixth on April 19. Small amounts of cash were taken from the home of Boyd Moyers on Northwest Seventh

Monday morning and the home of Milas Cline on Northwest Third Monday afternoon. Window screens were damaged at the home of Robert Murillo on East Halsell Monday evening.

A routine traffic stop resulted in the apprehension of a 49-year-old Brownsville man, who was held on a warrant out of Cameron County on charges of failure to appear and theft by check.

Israella Castenada of Dimmitt told police that someone took some items valued at \$79 from her wallet, which she had left in her vehicle April 17.

A Dimmitt woman, 24, was arrested for theft over \$20 and less than \$200 when she was caught allegedly trying to shoplift \$27.35-worth of items from the Perry Bros. Store in Dimmitt the morning of April 21. Reportedly the items were found in her purse after the shoplifting alarm was activated.

Ollie Atkins of Bovina reported that tires were slashed on his pickup early Monday. Wanda Ward of Tulia reported that her tires were slashed at about the same time.

Three incidents of vandalism were reported that involved eggings. Bill Conyers reported damage to a pickup and house the evening of April 21. Toby Wimberly reported damage to two vehicles early last Thursday. Carter Townsend reported damage to a pickup the same morning.

A purse was found Sunday around 7 p.m. in the lake bottom on FM 3215 on the south edge of Dimmitt. The purse was identified as belonging to Sheryl Clayton of Springlake.

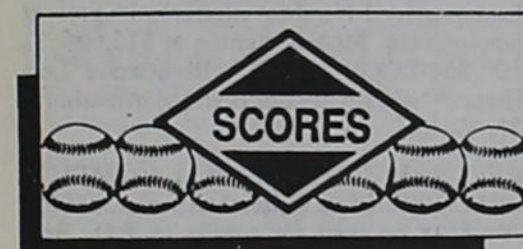
A Texas Highway Patrol trooper stopped a Dimmitt man, 32, for public intoxication Saturday afternoon.

Sharlamar Jackson, 12, of Dimmitt reportedly was struck by a pickup driven by Justin Thomas, 20, of Hereford the afternoon of April 20. Jackson had been riding her bicycle on West Belcher. Thomas said he did not see her because of the sun being in his eyes. Jackson reportedly was treated for a cut on the knee and the right hand.

Brake failure caused a car driven by Sally Barrera of Dimmitt to strike a brick wall at Canterbury

Villa Nursing Home Sunday afternoon. Damage to the building was estimated at \$3,500. Damage to the vehicle was rated light.

Tina Louise Frazier, 13, of Dimmitt was ticketed for no driver's license last Thursday afternoon when the car she was driving backed out of a driveway on Northwest Second and struck a parked vehicle belonging to Trudy Lynn Gerber. Also damaged was a wooden fence. Both vehicles had moderate damage.



SATURDAY

Bobcats 9, Floydada 13

Dimmitt 202 005 0 — 9 9 3
Floydada 235 300 x — 13 13 6

WINNING PITCHER: Ochoa of Floydada (5-8)

LOSING PITCHER: Jacinto Quiroz of Dimmitt (5-8)

DOUBLES: Emilio Nino and Ruiz of Dimmitt; B. Gilliland of Floydada.

TRIPLES: Joe Juarez and Quiroz of Dimmitt; Sanchez of Floydada.

HOME RUNS: Juarez of Dimmitt.

Records: Dimmitt 5-11, 0-4; Floydada 7-12, 1-3.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 1, Tulia 9

Tulia 301 040 1 — 9 12 0
Dimmitt 000 100 0 — 1 5 2

WINNING PITCHER: Saldana of Tulia (4-2)

LOSING PITCHER: Ontiveros of Dimmitt.

DOUBLES: Ben Barrera of Dimmitt.

HOME RUN: Rains and Garcia of Tulia.

Records: Dimmitt 5-12, 0-5; Tulia 14-6, 5-0.

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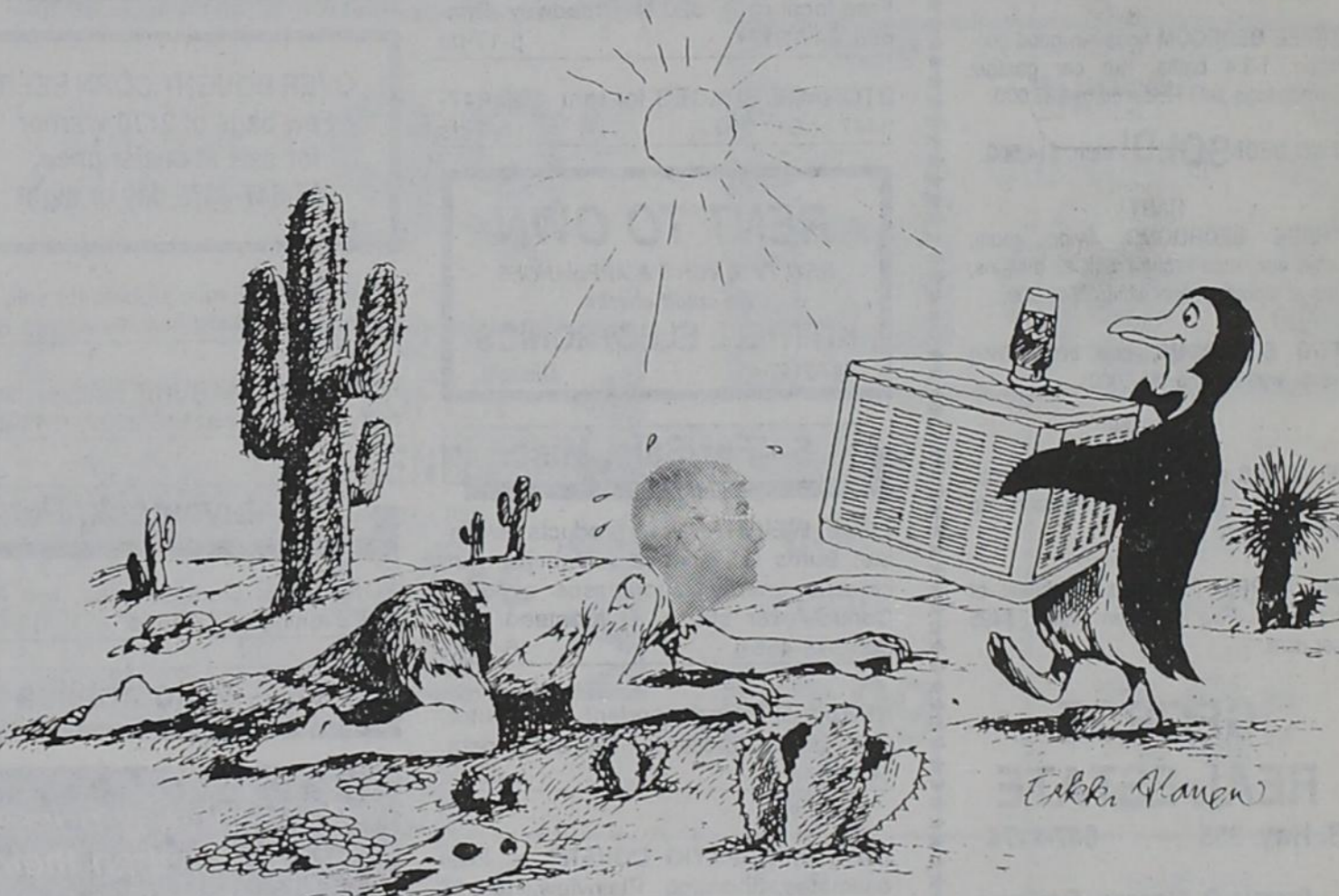
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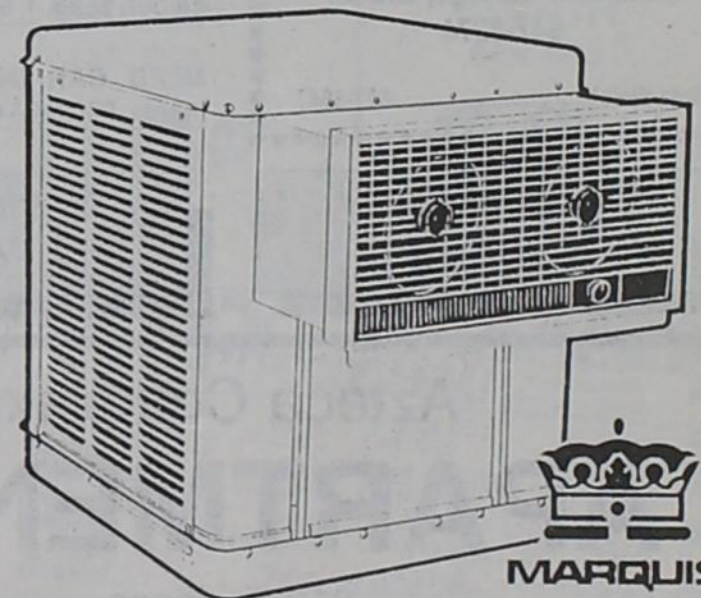
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3—Real Estate, For Rent

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APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for a Secretary in the Business office at the Hart Independent School District. Duties may include any and all aspects of a School District Business Office. Computer and accounting related experience preferred. Position needs to be filled immediately. Please complete application at Hart ISD Business Office, 710 2nd St., Hart, Texas 79043. Deadline for application will be May 5, 1993. For more information please contact Nelda at 806-938-2143. 20-3-1tc

21—Wanted, Misc.

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22—Notices

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24—Card Of Thanks

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MAUZEE YOUTS
24-3-1tc

24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Mead Pittman would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to those who expressed sympathy during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. We especially want to thank Rev. Paul Kenley and the residents of Dimmitt for being there when we needed them. Your prayers, cards, flowers, food and generous support mean more than words can ever express. May God continue to bless each and every one.

MRS. JOHNNY PITTMAN
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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to personally thank the kind and generous people of the community for your cards, flowers, food and gifts. Especially thanks for the thoughts, prayers and sincere love given during my recent illness. You are all very special people and show your sincere feelings by your help to my entire family. My love and thoughts will be with you always.
LISA MIXSON & FAMILY
24-3-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

To all of Kerry's loyal customers and friends, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your many years of love and support.

We as his family would like to thank you for all your acts of kindness and words of comfort. Thank you for the food, flowers, cards and donations to the Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship Trust in memory of Kerry. May the Lord continue to bless you and yours.

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: HVAC renovation of various campuses.

All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., CDT, Monday, May 10, 1993, at the Superintendent's office, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas; or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Bob Barrett, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, May 3, 1993, at 3 p.m., CDT. All interested parties must be in attendance and should meet at the superintendent's office.

Plans and specifications will be available on Wednesday, April 28, 1993, and may be acquired from Grimes & Associates, Consulting Engineers, Route 1, Box 559, Wolforth, Texas 79382; 806-863-2462.

A \$100-per-set deposit will be required and will be refunded if plans and specifications are returned by 5 p.m. CDT, May 21, 1993.

The school board of the Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive all formalities that are in the best interests of the school district.

15-2-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court will accept bids until 10 o'clock a.m. on May 10, 1993, for one (1) 1979 Ford pickup in Precinct 2. The pickup may be seen at the Courthouse Parking Lot. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON JR.
Castro County Judge
25-3-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals for Engineering and Agricultural Services for constructing and equipping a 4,500-square-foot building to be used for food processing. The proposals should be in City Hall by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 1993.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals received.

MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS
City of Dimmitt
25-3-2tc

NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS ON CITY OF DIMMITT DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given as provided in Sec. 105.012 "Local Government Code" (V.T.C.S.) that the City of Dimmitt at its regular meeting on May 17, 1993, will receive bids from banking institutions in the City of Dimmitt that may desire to be selected as the depository of the City of Dimmitt funds. Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on May 17, 1993. Bidders should indicate specifically the method and frequency of calculation of interest rates payable on accounts and investments during the term of the contract. The bid must detail all proposed costs for printed checks and deposit slips, service charges, stop payment charges and any other contemplated charges. Bidders are notified that most city funds are in the form of trust accounts with service charges prohibited. Release of government securities during the term of the contract will be transacted as formal agenda items in regular meetings of the City Council. Successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with the City of Dimmitt and approved by the City Council within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract. All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application together with a certified check for \$10,000 to guarantee that if accepted as city depository it will execute the required bond. The City of Dimmitt reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS
City of Dimmitt, Mayor
25-3-2tc

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative Inc. (the "Utility") intends to decrease rates for electric utility service effective July 6, 1993, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending December 31, 1992, the decrease requested is \$740,000 or 4.465% of actual test year revenues. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

The Utility proposes to change all rates for Farm and Home, Residential Space Heating, Irrigation, Commercial, Large Power, Industrial, Cotton Gin and Lighting, including demand, energy, minimum and other charges. The proposed changes are expected to affect the classes as follows: for the 4,416 customers in the farm and home class, the proposed decrease will be \$109,357 or a negative 4.53% change in revenues; for the 147 customers in the residential space heating class, the proposed decrease will be \$7,793 or a negative 3.39% change in revenues; for the 4,060 customers in the irrigation class, the proposed decrease will be \$376,215 or a negative 4.15% change in revenues; for the 774 customers in the commercial class, the proposed decrease will be \$54,019 or a negative 6.17% change in revenues; for the 111 customers in the large power class, the proposed decrease will be \$81,413 or a negative 8.11% change in revenues; for the 26 customers in the industrial class, the proposed decrease will be \$95,907 or a negative 3.74% change in revenues; for the 6 customers in the cotton gin class, there will be no change in revenues; and for the 2,888 customers in the lighting class, the proposed decrease will be \$15,296 or a negative 6.11% change in revenues.

The Utility also intends to change its service rules and regulations, including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees and discontinuance of service.

Information concerning the proposed rate changes, including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules is available at the General Office of the Utility, located at Highway 60 at Whittier Street, Hereford, Texas 79045-0753. Inquiries should be directed to Mike Veazey.

The Utility is required to give notice of the percentage change in base revenues which is negative 12.087%. The percentage decrease in base revenues is not an indication of how much your bill will change. Rather, it is a measure of the decrease in revenues that will be experienced by the Utility for its own operations, excluding payment of the cost of power purchased by the Utility from its wholesale power suppliers.

On or about May 7, 1993, the Utility will file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a Statement of Intent to Change Rates, specifying in detail each proposed change. Requests to intervene must be filed no later than 45 days after the application filing date; Thus, the Utility anticipates the deadline for intervening and objecting to the rate changes will be June 21, 1993. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, tele-typewriter for the deaf.

15-1-4tc



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Shad McDaniel and Tisha Rice, both seniors in Dimmitt High School, accept this year's County Extension Council Scholarships at the council's annual banquet

last Thursday night. Presenting the scholarship certificates is Margaret Womack. The scholarships are valued at \$300 each. McDaniel plans to attend Texas A&M and Rice will attend Texas Tech.

Photo by Don Nelson

Extension Homemakers present scholarships to Rice, McDaniel

Tisha Rice and Shad McDaniel were presented scholarships by the Extension Homemakers Council at the group's annual banquet last Thursday.

The banquet was held at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Dimmitt and Ann Henderson welcomed guests. Oneida Hutto offered the invocation and Castro County's new Extension agent, Marilyn Neal, was introduced by Kathy Volanty.

After a short program on cowboy poetry and stories by Edgar Dennis, Margaret Womack presented the scholarships.

Rice, daughter of Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt, has participated in four 4-H projects and each has made a large impression on her. The projects include Housing, Clothing, Food and Nutrition and Family Life. Rice has completed Method Demonstrations in Housing the past two years and her Housing record book has competed at state for the past two years.

A 1991 Gold Star recipient, Rice has served as vice-president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club and currently holds that office. She has been a member of the County and District 4-H Councils. Rice plans to study early childhood at Texas Tech University after graduation.

McDaniel has been a member of the Flagg 4-H Club for nine years. He has participated in Swine, Shooting Sports, Public Speaking

through Livestock Judging, Electricity and Petroleum Power projects. He has served his club as vice president, reporter, council delegate and in other ways. He was a Gold Star winner in 1992 and represented the county at the 1992 Texas 4-H Congress.

The son of Stanley and Rita McDaniel, he plans to major in agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University.

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NHS band wins third sweepstakes

The Swift Band from Nazareth High School has claimed its third sweepstakes award.

The 45-member Nazareth band, which is two-thirds junior high students, earned Division I ratings in concert and sight reading competitions last Thursday in Pampa. Combined with an earlier Division I rating in marching competition, the band claimed the sweepstakes crown, which is the highest award a band can receive in high school competition.

At last Thursday's contest, Nazareth performed *March From the Great Escape, Irish Interlude and Fanfare, Ode and Festival*, and director Roger Myers said each piece is a 2-A piece, which means the music played was rated at a higher level than required from Class A schools.

Comments from judges of the concert competition include:

G.T. Gilligan of Kermit: "A great Class A band. Superior job. I like your sound, balance and blend. You play very musically."

J.W. King of Plainview: "I enjoyed your selections. Parts were well prepared. You have a good band and several good players."

Howard Gallantly of East Texas: "Overall, things were done well. Well prepared."

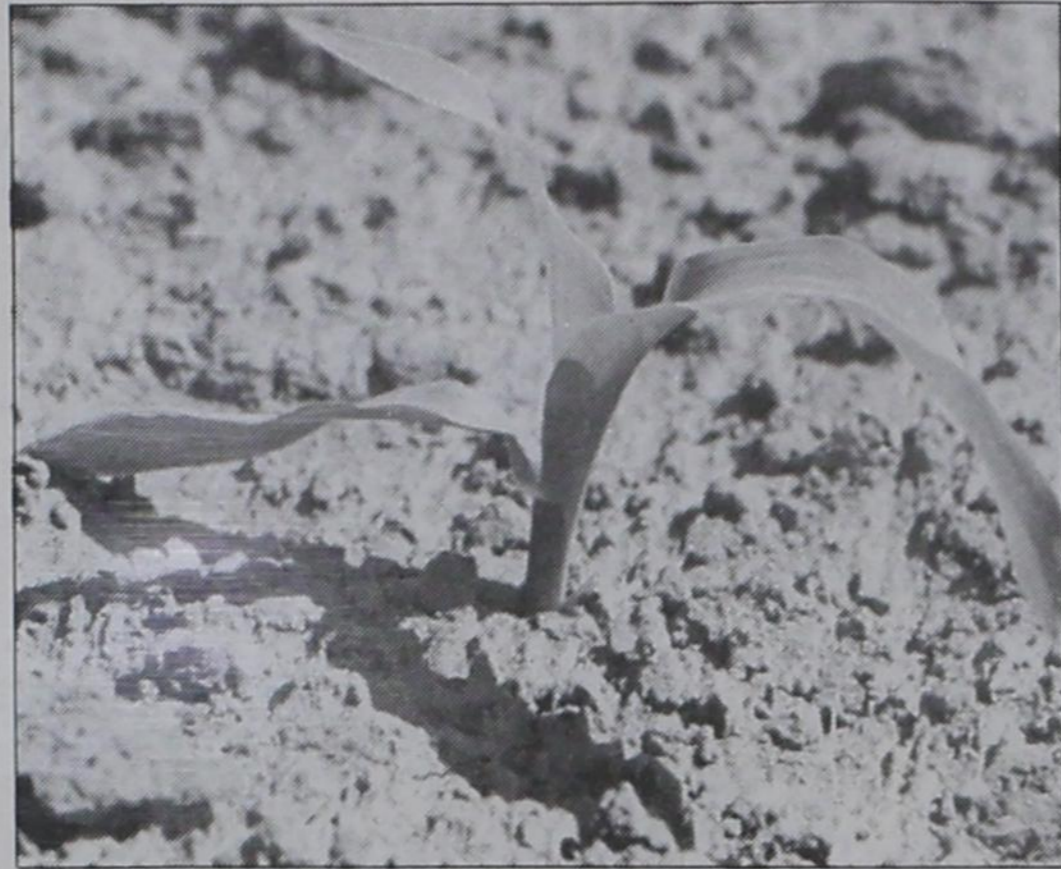
The Swift Band was the last Class A band to compete in sight reading competition, according to Myers. In the sight reading competition, the judges' comments included:

Willis Giddens: "This is the best band I've heard today."

Anthony Gibson of Lubbock: "Overall, a very nice sound. Great job."

George Riddell of Whiteface: "Some very good sounds from this band."

The Nazareth Band will be competing in the Cavalcade of Music in Colorado Springs, Colo. May 7-9.



THIRSTING FOR RAIN—Corn is beginning to sprout throughout the county, but it would like a drink from Mother Nature. Up to now, the month of April has been unseasonably dry, and farmers around the area are hoping relief will come soon. Forecasters are predicting showers for the rest of the week. Photo by Deana McLain

Eight indictments are handed down

The Grand Jury of the 64th District Court returned eight indictments against seven people in its April 20 session.

Max Pauda Martinez Sr., 42, of Dimmitt was indicted on two separate counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer in connection with an incident April 18. He is accused of causing injury to Dimmitt Police Officers Victor Burrows and Rita Ramos. Martinez allegedly grabbed Burrows by the throat and made threatening remarks, and grabbed Ramos by her hair and struck her in the face with his fists. The indictment states that the two were peace officers in discharge of their duties and Martinez was aware of that. Martinez is out on \$7,500 bond on each charge.

Jose Saldana "David" Gil, 49, of Dimmitt was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. In a March 22 incident, Gil allegedly used "a knife in a manner of use and intended use which was capable of causing death and serious bodily injury and did cause injury to Rogelio Salinas Jr." by stabbing him in the right abdomen and cutting him on his left rib cage. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was also the charge listed on the indictment against Steven Ramirez, 19, of Hart in connection with an April 18 incident in Hart. Ramirez allegedly cut Rene Ramirez on his right hand with a knife. Bond was set at \$7,500.

David Michael Cable, 27, of Dimmitt was indicted for burglary of a building. It is alleged that on April 1 he entered a building owned by Van Hopson without consent and when it was not opened to the public, and committed the theft of a .22 revolver and 100 shells. His bond was set at \$7,500.

Burglary of a habitation charges were listed in the indictment against Gerald O. Allen. He allegedly entered the home of Patsy Finch of Hart on April 16 and took her VCR. Bond was set at \$7,500.

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go to drug dealers, who see 14-year-old murderers, they have to take responsibility too. They have to demand better behavior, starting with their own children. . . .

"I am a conservative. I would characterize the way I was raised and the way I still am as being conservative in the true sense of that word — not in the kind of radical, ideological, destructive way that term is often used. I was raised to be self-reliant and to be responsible but to know that I was part of a larger community to which I also have responsibilities."

If you guessed Hillary Rodham Clinton, you're right. During an interview with *Dots on Rader* for the April 11 *Parade* magazine.

Don't forget to vote early and often Saturday.

In addition to the statewide special election on the US Senate race and the three proposed school-funding amendments, there are seven local elections, all at different polling sites.

Please take the time.

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Long-distance bids . . .

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could tell only one thermostat in the entire courthouse was working properly and that was the one in the County Attorney's office.

Gance said that there are some large four-inch valves and actuators that govern the system, and a big part of the expense of the project will depend on whether the valves can be repaired or have to be replaced. He also said that some vanes on the rooftop condenser need to be repaired.

He said his estimate was based on nearly all replacement costs, but he hopes that much of the work can be done by repairing the present equipment. He said a lot of what is needed will not be known until a technician actually gets into the system. He said the work should be underway soon.

Gary Thurman, Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, met with the commissioners to discuss the Hazardous Communications Act. He said that all employers, including local governments, are required to keep a listing of all hazardous substances in a workplace, along with specification sheets on each substance, including its chemical make-up and what to do in case of accidental exposure to it.

Thurman said he would hold a training session for departmental heads and for county employees to satisfy state regulations.

In other business, the commissioners:

—Gave approval for Pct. 2 to go out for bids to sell a 1979 Ford half-ton pickup.

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economics class room.

Dimmitt

CITY: Wayne Collins has filed for reelection. Seeking to fill three at-large council positions are incumbents Don Sheffy and Malcolm Reynolds, along with Avery Thrasher, Carole Dyer, Johnny Ethridge, and S.M. (Sam) Burke.

Voting will take place at the city hall.

DISD: John Nino (incumbent) has filed for Place 1, and Paul Garcia (incumbent) has filed for Place 4. In Place 2, Rick Wright (incumbent) and Earl Behrends are listed. Candidates in Place 3 are Karen Hutson and Gracie Abrego. In Place 5, Terry Hill and Frank Welch have filed. David Schaeffer (incumbent) has filed in Place 6, and so has Debbie Annen. In Place 7, candidates are Scotty Abbott and Steve Buckley.

Voting for all seven places will be held at the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium.

Hart

Balloting for hospital, school and city elections will be held at the Golden Group Building.

CITY: Candidates for mayor are Tony Leibel and Ismael Carrasco. Doyle K. Davis, Weldon Jones and Rudolfo Gonzales Jr. have filed for the two alderman positions, along with write-in candidate David Carrasco Jr.

HISD: Vying for two seats on the school board are Danny Rodriguez (incumbent), Danny Carson, Lester Aven and Roger Velasquez.

Nazareth

Polling site for the hospital, city and school elections will be the home economics room at Nazareth High School.

CITY: Carl Dean Kleman has filed for the office of councilman.

NISD: Three school board positions are sought by Henry Ramaekers (incumbent), J.C. Pohlmeier (incumbent), and Carroll Gerber.

—Heard a report from Texas Dept. of Health representative Joan Aalbers about the local office opening in conjunction with South Plains Health Providers.

Smith had requested approval for paying the cost of hauling caliche or other road improvement material to county roads. Smith said he had people buying caliche but they needed help with the cost of hauling it.

After questioning, Smith admitted that he was selling caliche out of a non-approved pit on his land and applying it to county roads. He also said he was using county equipment to haul it and load it.

"So put me in jail," Smith said. County Judge Polly Simpson said she would look into a Smith request to use county equipment to help make improvements to base-

ball fields in the City of Hart.

"I'll find out if they really want it done first," Simpson said.

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Court case . . .

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lameduck because of the March 1992 elections, gave notice that all purchases made by Smith must be approved by the court in accordance with state law. Then when the March election was declared null and void, the court sought a declaratory judgement — a legal opinion—on how to resolve the situation.

The declaratory judgment request was dropped in December.

Judge casts deciding vote

Pct. 4 to purchase new motor grader

A vote on accepting bids for a new motor grader broke down into an argument over budget considerations at the Monday meeting of the Castro County Commissioners' Court.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos had advertised for bids for a new motor grader and had budgeted sufficient funds to pay for the machine.

Guggemos made the motion to purchase the motor grader for his precinct from West Texas Caterpillar, which submitted the low bid. Precinct 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson seconded the motion. Precinct 1 Commissioner Harold Smith and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dale Winders voted against. County Judge Polly Simpson broke the tie in favor of the purchase, since it had already been budgeted.

The winning bid was over \$5,000 lower than the other bidder, Yellowhouse Machinery.

In discussion of the bid, Winders complained that one precinct should not be buying new equipment when another precinct barely has enough funds to operate.

"The money has been divided up wrong for 10 years now," Winders said, "and I think it's time we change it."

Winders said that if he is legal and honest and doing a good job, then he should have more money. He said that he felt the county shouldn't be buying new equipment for a precinct that has a lot newer equipment than Pct. 2 has and that doesn't have the hard work to do that he has.

"There's a set amount of expenditures in each precinct every month," County Auditor Maretta Smithson said, adding that Precinct

2 is not getting enough money to meet his budget.

Simpson said the way the money is divided will change when the new precinct lines are approved by the US Justice Dept. and added that budget time would be the proper time to discuss the matter.

"You don't think I ought to buy one (motor grader)?" Guggemos asked Winders.

"No, I don't think you ought to buy one," Winders answered.

"It's my money," Guggemos said.

"No, it's not your money," Winders countered. "That's the trouble. You get that way. It's not your money, it's county money. I think the money needs to be split up."

"You've thought that since the first day you got in," Guggemos replied.

Simpson told Winders she thought the other commissioners were generous with Winders by allocating him some from each of their precinct funds to pay off his lease-purchase contract on two motor graders for his precinct.

Robertson said that he and Guggemos had offered to each buy a motor grader for Winders when he took over the lease-purchase, with the money to be repaid to each of their precinct funds, but Winders had refused to talk about such an arrangement.

"I think we wasted money on that lease-purchase agreement," Simpson said.

"I don't think so," Winders said. Robertson said he had offered a loan to be repaid with interest so that his precinct would not lose any interest income.

"I think that is precinct money," Robertson said.

Dimmitt, Hart bands fare well

The Bobcat Band from Dimmitt High School competed in concert and sight reading contests this week, earning a Division I and Division II ratings, respectively; while the Hart Longhorn Band claimed a Division I rating in sight reading and a II in concert.

Thirty-one members of the Dimmitt Band performed in the Class AAA contest, which was held April 20 at Boys Ranch. For its concert selections, the Dimmitt Band performed *Raging Thunder, Variations and Blue Ridge Saga*.

Dimmitt Band Director Michael Johnson said the three concert judges each gave Dimmitt a Division I rating.

For sightreading, the Class AAA bands performed *Rustic Overture*, and Johnson said it was an average piece with three movements—fast, slow and fast. He was given eight minutes to discuss the piece with the students before they played it for the judges.

"The kids did well," Johnson said.

The Dimmitt band will hold its spring concert on May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. It will hold its annual band banquet on May 22 at 6 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Hart earned its Division I rating in sight reading, but had to settle for a Division II in concert. Earlier this year the Hart Band received a Division II rating in marching competition.

For its concert selections, the Hart Band played *Winchester March, From an 18th Century Album* and *Blue Ridge Saga*.

Bryan Welps on state pace in golf meet

Hart's Bryan Welps is in second-place after first-day play in the Region 1-A golf tournament at Sundown.

Welps fired a 74 Tuesday in the first round of the tournament and the second round was being played Wednesday.

Welps was three shots behind the tournament leader, John Miller of Shamrock.

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