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County takes action on jail problems

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has a few things to say about the Castro County Jail, and all of them mean more cost for the taxpayers.

The county has received notice that occupancy of cells must be reduced and the number of jailers must be increased by the deadline of June 9.

Also, something must be done sooner than that about the heating and air conditioning system in the jail.

The Castro County Commissioners held a called meeting Monday to talk with Paul Scarborough of Tulia, who is with the Jail Commission. Scarborough told the commissioners that the Jail Commission is willing to work with counties that show they are trying to work toward solving their jail problems.

He recommended starting a long-term program of public education about the jail needs in hopes of getting a bond election passed for construction of a new jail facility.

The commissioners unanimously approved a motion to immediately seek bids on the heating and air conditioning system for the jail; to authorize Sheriff CD Fitzgearld to contact architects familiar with jail standards about possible remodeling of the present jail; and to begin taking applications for additional jailers.

County Judge Irene Miller said that she had received a "guesstimate" of \$50,000 for the cost of installing heating and air conditioning for the jail.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige asked whether window-mounted units could do the job. Sheriff's Deputy Mitch McDonough said security is a problem with window units. He said he knew of another jail facility that used wall-mounted units without outside access.

Scarborough said the county would need to be careful where such units are mounted and make sure they have sufficient capacity to do the job. He suggested looking into

the cost of standard "heat-pump" units.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland said such units would save a lot of money.

The Castro County Jail houses prisoners on two levels. Scarborough said that current rules of the Jail Commission state that one jailer must be present on each floor of the jail at all times, as long as there are inmates housed on each floor. The jail already has frequent problems with overcrowding, so it would be impractical to try to keep all the prisoners on one floor or the other.

The county employs six jailers, one of whom is currently filling in part-time as a dispatcher. That leaves five jailers to cover three eight-hour shifts each day, with two needed on each shift. That allows no leeway for days off, sick leave, vacations or holidays.

The estimated \$23,993.75 annual expense per jailer (salary, benefits, and uniform allowance) translates into \$119,968.75 for five. That doesn't include any overtime pay. Scarborough said the county could possibly get by with having only nine jailers, but that 10 would make it easier to cover sick leave and vacations.

He said that advertising for jailers does not guarantee that a sufficient number of qualified persons will apply.

Training requirements for jailers recently doubled, requiring 80 hours of schooling. Jailers may be employed with a temporary jailer's license and then they must attend the first available training session. However, those with temporary licenses can't be turned loose on their own until they are fully licensed, Scarborough said.

The commissioners said that last year they authorized remodeling of the upstairs floor of the jail to convert the "dayroom" into a six-bed dormitory to ease the overcrowding situation and to place a jailer's station up there. However, Fitzgearld said he has never heard back from the architect who was consulted on the project.

Scarborough said the main prob-

lem with the jail here is having to monitor two floors. He said the number of jailers could be cut in half if the jail was all on one floor.

The jail has been approved to house 18 inmates. With the remodeling, that may be increased by six. The average population in the jail is 23. It has held as many as 36.

Fitzgearld said he would not ignore warrants, although he has known of some departments who do that to keep from having too many prisoners. If violations of the capacity continue, Scarborough said a "cap" could be put on the jail and excess prisoners would have to be "farmed out" to other jails in the area, with the county footing the bill for their placement—as high as \$40 per day per prisoner.

"If the federal courts come in and run your jail, they're not real sensitive to the cost involved," Scarborough said. "You can address it as mandated by the courts or you can do it on your own."

Scarborough gave the commissioners a list of contractors who have done jail construction or remodeling work in the past and are familiar with Jail Commission requirements. Fitzgearld said he would contact some of them.

"The problem will be finding someone who would want to do a job this size who can get on it right away," Scarborough said.

He noted that some flexibility may be allowed on meeting the June 9 deadline as long as the commissioners show that they have been working toward solutions of the problems.

As for building a new jail facility, Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales said he would not be comfortable with making that kind of decision. "The voters need to make that decision," he said.

Rowland said, "We need to do a cost comparison."

"There is a lot to look at. A lot more information is needed before we present it to the voters," Gonzales said.

Scarborough said that a 48-bed facility can cost from \$2 to \$3 million.

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By Don Nelson

Follow-up:

When Vicki Fretwell of Houston was still Vicki Cleveland of Dimmitt, she was a state-class hurdler and won a track scholarship to Oklahoma State. She was there from 1980 to '85.

There were two brothers from Yukon, Okla., on the OSU track team.

Sometimes on the team's bus trips, the younger brother would bring his guitar along and one of the coaches would bring his banjo, and they'd play and sing on the bus.

The older brother was a hurdler, and he and Vicki worked out together every day at the track.

The younger brother was a javelin thrower. He was quiet, low-key, with a good sense of humor, and had hair that hung almost to his shoulders.

They were the Brooks brothers. The older one was Kelly and the younger one was Garth.

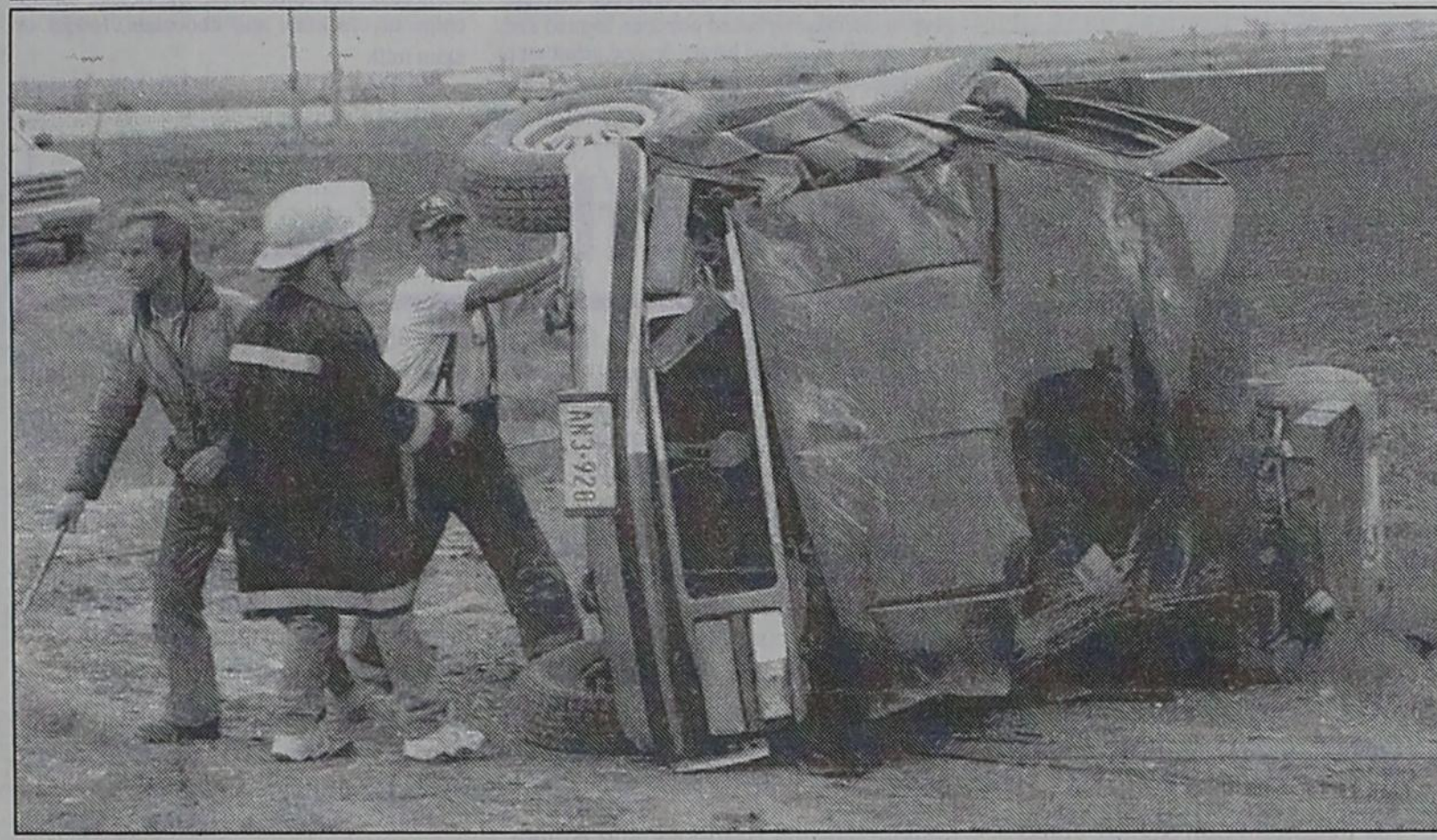
Yeah, that Garth.

"I really didn't have an opinion about his singing back then," Vicki says. "He was okay. He was a year behind me, and by the time he started singing in the bars and clubs around Stillwater, I had already graduated."

"I don't know what he majored in. I'm pretty sure it was marketing."

"We weren't like best buddies or anything. We just happened to know each other."

Still, when she tells her freshman and junior algebra students at Cy-Fair (Continued on Page 13)



HART ACCIDENT—Hart emergency medical service men work at the scene of a pickup rollover Thursday afternoon along a curve .3 of a mile south of Hart on FM 168. Officers said the driver, James Vaughan, 46 of Earth, was coming into Hart from

the south when he went off the road at the curve and overcorrected, causing his '92 GMC pickup to go into a hard turn and overturn 1 1/4 times. He was taken first to Plains Memorial Hospital, then airlifted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of injuries.

Photo by Don Nelson

Students volunteer to 'die' in drunk driving program

Someone in America is killed by a drunk driver every 15 minutes, according to statistics.

That message will be graphically presented to students at Dimmitt High School in special activities

today (Thursday) and Friday, through a program initiated by the Castro County/District Attorney's office and implemented with the help of numerous volunteers.

The object lesson will start at 9:30

a.m. today (Thursday) with a staged automobile "accident" in front of the high school. Students will be released from classes to observe the accident's aftermath. A "drunk driver" will be taken away by the Dimmitt Police Dept., an "injured victim" will be extracted from the wreckage by the jaws of life and taken away by ambulance, and a "dead victim" will be taken away by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. The Flight for Life helicopter from Lubbock also is scheduled to make an appearance.

After students return to their classes, the "Grim Reaper" (Dimmitt Police Officer Sal Rivera) will visit classrooms in the school. Every 15 minutes he will remove a student from classes. The "dead" students will be sequestered in the auditorium for the rest of the day, where they will write a note to their friends and families about how they felt at the time of their "death." The families of the pre-selected "deceased" have been asked to write their obituaries.

The notes and the obituaries will be read in a special assembly Friday at 10:30 a.m. Coffins will be displayed, along with photos of the "deceased." Dept. of Public Safety Troopers Ron Mann and Keith Smith will address the assembly and show a video of an actual chase scene in (Continued on Page 13)

Palo Duro Canyon outing turns into wild adventure for group

What started out as a short hike along Lighthouse Trail in Palo Duro Canyon Saturday afternoon turned into an all-night battle with Mother Nature for seven fourth grade boys and their chaperones.

On Saturday afternoon, Dan and Karen Gerber of Nazareth took their son, Clifford, and six of his classmates to Palo Duro Canyon for an outing to celebrate Clifford's 10th birthday.

At about 4:30 p.m. the group started hiking along the trail leading to Lighthouse Rock. They had planned to hike a little, then have a picnic and return home.

Most of the boys had never been to the canyon and were excited to see everything they could. That led the group to veer off the marked trail to climb a hill, and that's where their troubles began.

They climbed the hill and the boys enjoyed carving their names in the rocks and looking at everything far below them. Then they got ready to head back for their van.

The group walked and walked and walked some more, but couldn't find their way back to the trail.

Then the rain started. Then it began to hail. Then it grew dark. And still, the group couldn't locate the trail that would lead them back to their van.

They finally got back on the right path around 9 p.m., but it was too dark to continue the journey, so they were forced to spend the night in the Canyon, without blankets or food or heat, and temperatures plummeted to below freezing overnight.

"It was the most miserable night I've ever had," said Karen Gerber. "I've always wanted to see the sun rise and set in Palo Duro, but not like this."

"We tried to stay as close together as we could to keep warm. Two of the boys were in shorts, but most of us had on jeans and sweatshirts or light jackets."

At 6:40 a.m. Sunday the group started on their way again and made it back to their van at about 7:45. The van was just over two miles from the spot where they stopped for the night.

"I don't know how we got turned around," said Gerber. "We just got off the trail and couldn't find it back. The evening went by so fast. Before we knew it, it had gotten dark."

"We spent the night out in the open. It was very cold and we were wet on top of that. Those little boys were shivering and shaking all night. But at least we weren't hurt and we were all together."

"The parents of those boys had an unknown fear all night, not knowing where their kids were. I just thank the Lord that there was a happy ending to it," she said.

When the group didn't return home, the parents of the boys started getting worried and called the park superintendent to report the group missing. According to Gerber, the superintendent gave the parents a code that allowed them through the park's gates.

"They went into the park, but they couldn't find us or the van," said Gerber. "They drove home, taking different routes, thinking they'd find us along the way."

But the group wasn't found and the parents headed back to Palo Duro Sunday morning and were waiting when the group finally made it back to their van.

Gerber said that throughout the adventure, the fourth graders amazed her.

"They were really good. They didn't complain much about being cold or hungry or tired. We walked our legs off, but at 9 p.m. they were still full of energy."

"The boys developed their own support system out there. When one would start acting afraid, the others would tell him to just say a prayer and everything would be okay. There should be some proud parents—they've got some good young men. They really acted big. I think that whatever the Lord throws at them they'll be able to handle."

Gerber said she will probably go hiking in Palo Duro again, but she has some sound advice for those making the journey: "Stay on the marked trails. Even though that hill up ahead looks like it would be great to climb, just go straight up and straight down that hill, get back on that trail and get out of there before it gets dark."

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	74	32	
Friday	52	37	
Saturday	49	26	
Sunday	61	28	.06
Monday	69	30	
Tuesday	58	32	
Wednesday	67	36	

April Moisture 0.06
1998 Moisture 4.54

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



THE DIMMITT COMMUNITY BAND—Comprised of students and adults, the 75-member band performed Saturday afternoon in the Dimmitt High School auditorium, under the direction of Robin Stephens. Donations were solicited for the area chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants

wishes for terminally ill children. The event raised approximately \$1,000. A representative of the foundation was on hand at the concert and expressed appreciation for the help. A sparse audience gave the band a standing ovation after their final number.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Dimmitt Middle School recently honored these students for the month of March. They are (seated, from left) Thomas Brockman, Caitlin Buckley and Sally Stahl; and

(standing, from left) Mandi Ebeling, Casey Maurer, Christina Campos, Yvonne Sifuentez, and Ignacio Sifuentez. Not shown are Michael Guzman and Guadalupe Maldonado. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Letter

'Community band deserved more support'

Dear Editor:
I had the great opportunity to attend a wonderful band concert on Saturday. The "Dimmitt Community Band" was comprised of young and adult musicians. To say they were good doesn't begin to accurately describe them. They were awesome!
I highly commend Robin Stevens, the Dimmitt High School band director, who pulled this group of people together. Under his direction they

performed magnificently. I am just so sorry and disappointed for their sakes that so few people were in the audience. This band had put in two months of hard work to perform, and it definitely showed. I hear people complain so often of nothing going on, nothing to do, nothing to relieve their boredom. A wonderful event transpired Saturday afternoon in our very own high school auditorium and few took

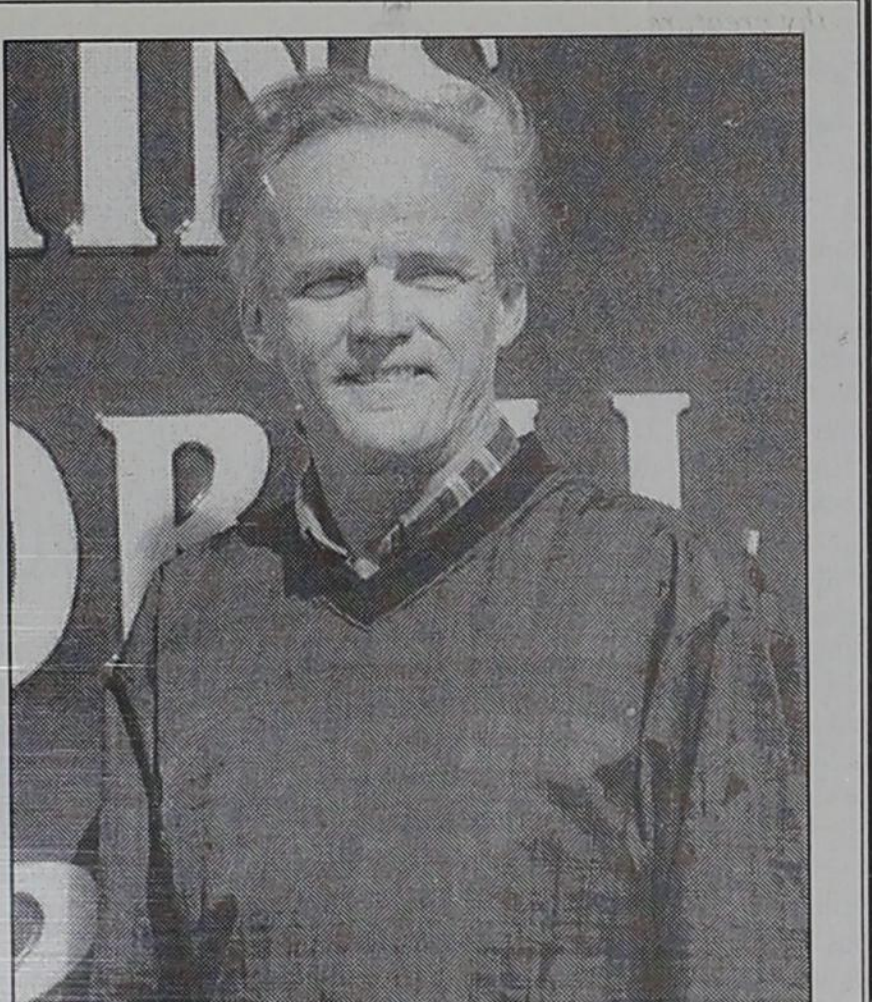
advantage of it. Not only was it entertaining, but it was given for a wonderful cause—the area chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which has fulfilled the dreams of so many children who were terminally ill. Thank you, everyone who was involved, for a wonderful performance. SUSAN COLEMAN

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DHS Band selling pecans

The Dimmitt High School Band is selling shelled pecans at \$4.50 per one-pound package. Ten cases of the nuts are available. "They freeze beautifully," said Sharon Kinser, a band booster spokesperson. To order pecans, call 647-3491 or 647-3105 or any band member.

Local Professionals Caring for Local People



Joe Villeneuve, C.R.N.A.

We're pleased to introduce Plains Memorial Hospital's new anesthetist, Joe Villeneuve. Joe started work here last week, succeeding longtime anesthetist Michelle Bailey, C.R.N.A., who has moved with her husband Arthur to the Midwest. Joe, 51, was born and raised in Massachusetts, and has worked the last eight years in South Carolina. His wife, Janice, who is a licensed radiological technician, and their three sons—Matthew, 20, Andrew, 17, and Mark, 11—will join him here after the school year is over. The local area "is pretty much what I expected," Joe said. "I was looking for a change in lifestyles. For the little amount of time I've been here, it has been very enjoyable. The people are friendly."

Joe received his R.N. degree from the Brockton (Mass.) Hospital School of Nursing, and his anesthesia training at the Quincy Hospital School of Anesthesia in Quincy, Mass. (The "C.R.N.A." after his name stands for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.) He served 14 years as an anesthetist at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, a division of the huge Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Then he moved to Florence, S.C., where he has served eight years as an obstetrical anesthetist in Carolina's Hospital System. We're glad to have Joe on our hospital staff here. He is well qualified and experienced to become one of our "local professionals caring for local people."

Castro County Hospital District
Plains Memorial Hospital • Medical Center of Dimmitt
Welch Home Place • Home Health Agency • Hospice Care

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

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 23 to May 1.

DIMMITT
Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.
MONDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato salad, fresh watermelon and milk.
TUESDAY: Poor boy steak, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger on a roll, potato rounds, tossed salad with dressing and milk.
THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish burger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chipped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; muffins, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
MONDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or taco pie; potato salad, Creole green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or orange wedges; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of poor boy steak, chef's salad or Monterey casserole; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fresh watermelon or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of salmon patties, cheeseburger on a roll or chicken taco with hot sauce; savory peas, potato rounds or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, Waldorf fruit salad, taco condiment salad or pea salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, scalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing

HART
Elementary School
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce; toast, salad, pickles, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, tomato, lettuce and pickles; peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza or hamburger basket; corn on the cob, salad, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

Junior High and High School
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, ice cream, banana pudding, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or taco salad; salad, refried beans, fresh fruit, peaches, devil's food cake with glaze, and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced pickles, potato wedge, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles; peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce and white toast; salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Mass in Holy Family Church Saturday evening was very special for nine second grade students who received the sacrament of confirmation and made their first holy communion during mass. Retired Bishop Leroy Mathiesen of Amarillo presided at the mass, and he was assisted by Father Jerry Stein, pastor, and Deacons Al Maurer and Jerome Brockman.

The candidates were Brittany Birkenfeld, Kyle Hoelting, Tessie Huseman, Karis Kleman, Brittany Hampton, Allyson Hochstein, Taylor Schulte, Joshua Braddock and Brandi Kern. Their CCD teachers are Jeanie Birkenfeld and Dianne Wilhelm. The bishop was wonderful with the young candidates, asking them simple questions that put them at ease. He gave them many ideas to think about and remember on their special day.

A large crowd of senior citizens enjoyed fellowship, dinner and the evening at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center. A lively game of "Crazy Bridge" was enjoyed by everyone, then they played a couple of hours of solo.

Those present enjoyed meeting special guest, Joe Villeneuve, a new Nazareth resident who is employed at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Prayers are asked for Dwayne Huseman, who is a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He is doing better and has been moved to a private room, No. 626. The doctors are still doing more tests.

Saturday was a day to be remembered for seven little 10-year-old boys. Dan and Karen Gerber celebrated their son, Clifford Gerber's 10th birthday by taking the boys to Palo Duro Canyon for the day. After eating a snack at 4:30 p.m.,

they all went on another hike, but got caught in a rain shower and hail storm and they ended up losing their trail. They were forced to spend the night huddled together, but found their way back down in the morning.

They were greeted by a group of anxious parents. Dan and Karen said they are really proud of these tough little boys.

Toughing it out for the night were Clifford Gerber, Dusty Braddock, Jake Hoelting, Skyler Birkenfeld, Nathan Huseman, Alan Gerber, Charlie Rundell, Dan and Karen Gerber and the boys' parents here at home.

Pet Birkenfeld and Lucille Drerup attended a 90th birthday party for Pet's cousin, Josephine Feelings of Tulia, on Sunday afternoon. The party was held at the reception room of the Catholic Church.

Good luck to our regional track qualifiers including Bo Hunter in the discus, Stanton Wethington in the 110 hurdles, and Lindsey K. Gerber in the mile and two mile runs.

Congratulations also to those who qualified for regional in tennis: Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber and Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker in girls' doubles; Shawna Gerber in girls' singles; and Billy Don Cannon and Barry Hoelting in boys' doubles.

Congratulations to Bryan and Tracy Ramsey of Canyon who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Tyler Kade, born April 17 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He has a big sister, Treva. Grandparents are Joe and Imogene Drerup of Nazareth and Dwight and Anita Ramsey of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Lucille Drerup, Martha Huseman, Marie Ramsey and Olene Edwards.

Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 "house" below the southern border
- 5 civil rights group
- 6 Marcus nickname
- 7 shade of color
- 8 "gut whiskey"
- 9 TXism: "wouldn't fleas" (harmless dog)
- 16 TXism: "you can bet the farm"
- 18 TXism: "pulled the his eyes"
- 20 TX chili: ___ beans
- 21 TXism: "___ of breathing room" (spacious)
- 22 wagon wheel track
- 24 old TX RR: Rockdale, ___ & Southern
- 30 Tex-Mex green dip
- 34 TXism: "all hat and ___ cattle" (phony)
- 35 hit by TX Henley's Eagles: "After The Thrill"
- 36 Bridge City's Salt-water ___ Festival
- 37 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand ___" (scary)
- 39 unique feature of TX Stadium (4 wds.)
- 43 Loving Co. has only one ___ road
- 44 "The TX Wheelers" was set in this town
- 45 this TX Wilma won 3 gold medals in '60 Olympics (init.)
- 46 Staubach could hurl the "Hail ___" pass
- 47 TXism: "hit a ___ (ran into obstacle)
- 48 TXism: "write slow 'cause ___ can't read fast"
- 50 plants found in Enchanted Rock State Natural Area
- 53 Waco born: ___ Pepper
- 54 Winters h.s. class
- 55 posts letters
- 56 swappers
- 59 TX series for TX actress Gehringer: "Evening ___"
- 60 TX Ginger starred in this Gershwin's "Girl Crazy"
- 61 cotton ___
- 62 TXism: "___ a hankerin' for" (wanted it)

DOWN

- 1 Dimmitt's county
- 2 The Ballpark in Arlington puts fans closer to the ___
- 3 leaning; sloping
- 4 uncle's "better half"
- 9 to Austin from Waco
- 10 Houston played in '90 Coca-___
- 11 The Jersey Lily was Judge Roy Bean's saloon & court ___
- 12 TX town or low female voice
- 13 TXism: "attracted like a pig ___"
- 14 to Texans, it's 105
- 15 LBJ's female beagle
- 17 TXism: "wouldn't ___ with a ten-foot pole"
- 19 mascot for UT-San Antonio: Road ___
- 23 TX cold remedy: hot ___
- 24 south of border "yes"
- 25 Dallas cosmetician Mary Kay ___
- 26 Houston-based Stop ___ stores
- 27 exhibits at Texas Dollhouse Museum ___
- 28 "... Texas, ___ indivisible"
- 29 in Colorado Co. just off I-10
- 31 TXism: "it's so dry the Baptists ___ less"
- 32 TXism: "pole ___" (skunk)
- 33 TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
- 38 Roy Roger's Dale from Uvalde
- 40 X-mas egg drink
- 41 Davy's state (abbr.)
- 42 TXism: "___ ready" (prepared)
- 49 TXism: "plumb weak north of the ___" (stupid)
- 51 TXism: "I couldn't ___ less" (unconcerned)
- 52 book: "LBJ and ___ Times"
- 57 TXism: "riding ___ horse" (arrogant)
- 58 daughter of TX Gene Tierney

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Deacons' Ladies Night Banquet at First Baptist Church was held Friday evening in the fellowship hall at the church. Wayne Mohon gave the invocation, and the dinner was served by the deacons.

The meal of tossed salad, roast beef, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake was catered by Francis and Bea Acker of The Pancake House. The tables were pretty with angels in a bed of iridescent selsior on pink net. Votive candles were burning brightly around the angels.

Don Graham gave the welcome and each deacon introduced his guests. The entertainment was provided by Wayland Hazel. He sang *No Tears in Heaven*, *He Touched Me*, *Jesus is Coming Soon*, *How Great Thou Art*, and *In the Garden*. Wayland is the new music director at FBC. The benediction was by Jerry Annen.

A big thanks to the deacons who hosted this special event! And to the deacons' wives who decorated the tables, made the programs and helped in many ways. They gave each lady an angel pin.

E.M. and Betty Jones welcomed the guests on Sunday morning at First Baptist Church. Shelly Smith conducted the children's message on the subject of food. We give our bodies nourishment every day and we need to give ourselves spiritual nourishment, too.

The Youth Ensemble sang *Was It a Morning Like This?* Keith Parks brought the morning message. He is Global Missions Coordinator for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Atlanta, Ga.

Saturday afternoon, the Dimmitt Community Band presented "To Have the Wish I Wish Tonight." This was a benefit concert for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Robin Stephens directed this 75-member band of local talent. Bill Sava was the master of ceremonies. Some of the songs were *March of the Irish Guard*, *Joyance*, *By Lock and Mountain*, *In Praise of Gentle Pioneers*, *Evening Prayer*, and *Lord of the Dance*. Vocal soloists were Sharlamar Jackson, who sang *Go the Distance*; and Ed Garvin, who sang *Standing Outside the Fire*.

About \$1,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes for terminally ill children.

The Pybus Christian School held their Spring program on Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. Bro. Howard Rhodes welcomed the guests, and Cheryl Pybus introduced the children. Shawn Sheffy, a teacher, helped with the program, too.

Songs the children sang included *I Am a Promise*, *God is so Good*, *You Are My Sunshine*, *Little Caterpillar*, and *Little Black Box*. Some of their favorite songs were *Jimmy Crack Corn*, *Did You Ever Go a' Fishing?*, *Poor Little Bug on the Wall*, *You're a Grand Ole Flag*, *It's Love, It's Love*, and *What a Mighty God We Serve*.

The closing prayer was by Mrs. Pybus and the children. A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the program.

Our sympathy to the family of Dovie Wood, who was the sister of

Rayphard and Howard Smithson.

Edith Graef was hostess to the Thursday Bridge club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served a chicken casserole, corn, gelatin salad, and banana pudding. Lorann Hamilton won high score, and Susie Reeves won second. Others playing were Louise Mears, Dude McLaurin, Opha Burks, Cleo Forson, and Emily Clingingsmith.

Matthew Warren of Shamrock, grandson of Patsy Entekin of Hart, won third place in UIL music memory. Congratulations, Matthew!

Ann Henderson presided over the business meeting and led in the creed and prayer at the Town and Country Extension Club meeting on Friday morning at the Senior Citizens Center. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered the roll call with the amount of trash they had each week.

Ann showed a slide program, "Emergency Action," a lifesaving first aid video for the whole family. She also read a poem about a person who did all right until he got out of bed, and then he needed a lot of help. She also read "The Jelly Bean Prayer."

Mattie Seale served fresh fruit, cheese, chips, crackers, oatmeal bars and coffee to Ann, Betty, Edith Graef, Mary Cos, Patsy Entekin, Oneida Hutto, Fern Jones, Irene Blanton, and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Dan and Oma Dee Heard of Graham and Edna Reinart of Hereford, who brought the favors that she had made for the trays at Plains Memorial Hospital. She makes different ones for each month and especially for the special holidays. She has made some cute ones.

The Dimmitt school librarians, Diann Leatherwood, Ruth Cochran and Jean Morris, attended the 85th annual conference of the Texas Library Associates in San Antonio April 1-4. Ruth and Diann attended the opening night party at the San Antonio Museum of Art, which is housed in the former Lone Star Brewery. They enjoyed the Egyptian exhibits and exhibits of Oriental objects, among others.

On Thursday and Friday of the conference, they attended two workshops on the accelerated reader program and visited the exhibit area where they bought materials for their libraries.

They attended both general sessions and really enjoyed hearing CBS News anchor Dan Rather, who spoke about the effect reading had on him as he grew up in Houston.

Ruth and Diann had a great time wailing on the Riverwalk, dining in several of the restaurants on the river, and chopping in River Center Mall. They also visited the Alamo and took the Yanaguana River Cruise on the river. Both agreed that it was a wonderful convention.

Maxine Myers and Ruth Cochran attended the Carey All-School Reunion on April 11, which was held in the Childress City Auditorium, which is in the Fair Park in Childress. The Red River Boys entertained by singing good gospel music. Over 200 people enjoyed visiting during the afternoon and seeing the program on Saturday night.

Maxine's aunt, Martha Low McKee, who is 85, was a member of the 1930 graduating class of Carey High School. One of her teachers, Sylva Brown, who has written one book and is working on another book, was there. She is past 90 years old.

Fred and Paula Davidson's friends honored them with a going away party. They met at Leal's in Plainview for Mexican food and much visiting. Friends came from Pampa, Hart, Kress, Dimmitt and Plainview.

Betty Durham had a breakfast for her friend, Modene Sorrenson of Lubbock. Jo Hamilton and Delores Griffith were among the guests.

Vernon O-Kelly of Pampa gave a blessing for the new home of Bill and Deanne Clark in Lubbock. There were about 30 friends there, including Kaye Stevens and Donna Underwood of Dimmitt.

Kaye Stevens and Donna Underwood drove to Amarillo after the widows' banquet on Friday night and went to the Olive Garden for cheese cake.

Lucille Drerup, Mattie Seale and Mary Edna Hendrix attended the funeral for Irene Urbanczyk Dziuk in Hereford on Monday morning. Mrs. Dziuk was the sister of Edna Reinart. Bill Sava was one of the nine men who sang. While there, they visited with Amy McSpadden Gililand, a former Dimmitt resident. After the funeral they went to the Hereford Senior Citizens for lunch and ate at the same table with Cecil and Ella Oglesby, former Dimmitt residents. They sent greetings to their Dimmitt friends.

The Birthday Club met at the Sirloin Stockade to celebrate the birthday of Bobbie Damron. Those attending were Clyde Damron, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Florene Leinen, and Charles and Rena Richard.

The Hereford Community Concert Association will be having a program Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium. Dimmitt's Dwight Joiner has a part in the production of *Smoke on the*

Mountain, presented by the Amarillo Little Theatre's touring company.

On Saturday, April 18, Don, Karen and Carrie Sheffy and Polly Bell hosted the Lonnie Bell family in the Sheffy home.

Lunch was served to everyone and a time of visitation was enjoyed.

Those attending were Lonnie and Annette Bell; Mike Bell and Vi McDonald, and Zachary and Michael Bell and Charo McDonald; Rick and Deanna Bell and Caleb, Kacie and Desiree Bell; Jimmy and Lori Huseman and David, Samantha and Chealcie Huseman.

Other guests were Amy Beck and Tim Elliott. Jeff Bell and his family were unable to come.

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Texas Health Enterprises adopts 'Dorothy System'

As a result of a lawsuit, Texas Health Enterprises, Inc., has agreed to install "the Dorothy System" company-wide.

The system requires each of the 109 nursing homes operated by THE to notify the corporate headquarters concerning any employee who has been fired for neglect or abuse. The name and Social Security number of the fired employee is then entered into a central registry kept at the corporate headquarters in Denton.

Purpose of the registry is to keep the fired employees from applying for work at other nursing homes in the company.

Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt is one of the nursing homes owned by THE, the largest nursing home company in Texas.

According to a news release about the case, the Dorothy System is an innovative and effective means to prevent abusers from moving from one facility to another within a single ownership system.

The Dorothy System is named after Dorothy Hulsey Cooper, a paralyzed nursing home resident at a Texas Health Enterprises, Inc. facility in Midland, who was raped in 1993 by Johnny Clyde Gordon, a nurse's aide at the facility. Gordon had previously been fired by THE for repeatedly abusing a resident at another company facility less than 20 miles away from the one in Midland.

After a jury delivered a \$2.75 million verdict against THE, the plaintiffs agreed to forego the punitive damages portion of the trial if THE would agree to install the "Dorothy System."

Additionally, THE agreed to pay damages of \$4.65 million to the victim's estate. Cooper lived one year following the discovery of the assault on her.

"This is the first step in requiring nursing home companies to police

their own hiring practices," said lead plaintiff attorney David Marks. "It is our hope that the Dorothy System will stimulate federal and state governments to take steps necessary to implement this kind of system nationwide."

ROW enjoys styles, lunch

A spring style show was held last Wednesday at The Village Shop for the Republican Organization for Women.

Narrator Kathy Hill introduced each model and commented on their attire, including the type of material from which the outfit was fashioned, the style, occasion to be worn, the designer, etc.

Models included Mary Lou Schmucker, Kay Stevens, Doris Flynt, Paula Davidson, Kathy Hill, Valeria Davis and Gayle Bruegel.

Designs were by Girlfriends, Hairston Roberson for Ropa, Orvis, Robert Scott, David Brooks, Barbara Gerwitz, Peter Popovitch, Bonnie Boynton and Karlie.

After the show, President Doris Flynt presented Davis with a gift of appreciation from ROW.

Deanne Clark joined us and announced that the Republican Convention will be held in June in Fort Worth.

The group enjoyed a luncheon in addition to the style show.

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People



VISITING THE GOVERNOR—Teachers from Dimmitt were in Austin last month for a workshop. They were able to schedule a visit with Gov. George Bush, who spoke briefly about his efforts in the area of education. Shown are (front, from left) Elaine

Steinle, Cathy Thames, Janice Stanton, Gov. Bush, Diane Sanders, Shirley Schacher, Dawn Goolsby, and Virginia Weaver; and (back, from left) Becky Ramos, Amy Feaster, Robyn Martin, Debbie Harris, Doug Setliff, and George Rasor.

Courtesy Photo

Kara Josselet honored with bridal shower

Kara Josselet, bride-elect of Justin Gleghorn, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Barbara Bain in Dimmitt.

The 41 hostesses assisting with the shower presented the honoree with a television.

Special guests included the bride-elect's grandmother, Inez Mobley of Haskell, and her sister, Renae Josselet of Irving.

Guests were served muffins, cinnamon rolls, apricot tarts and a fruit tray.

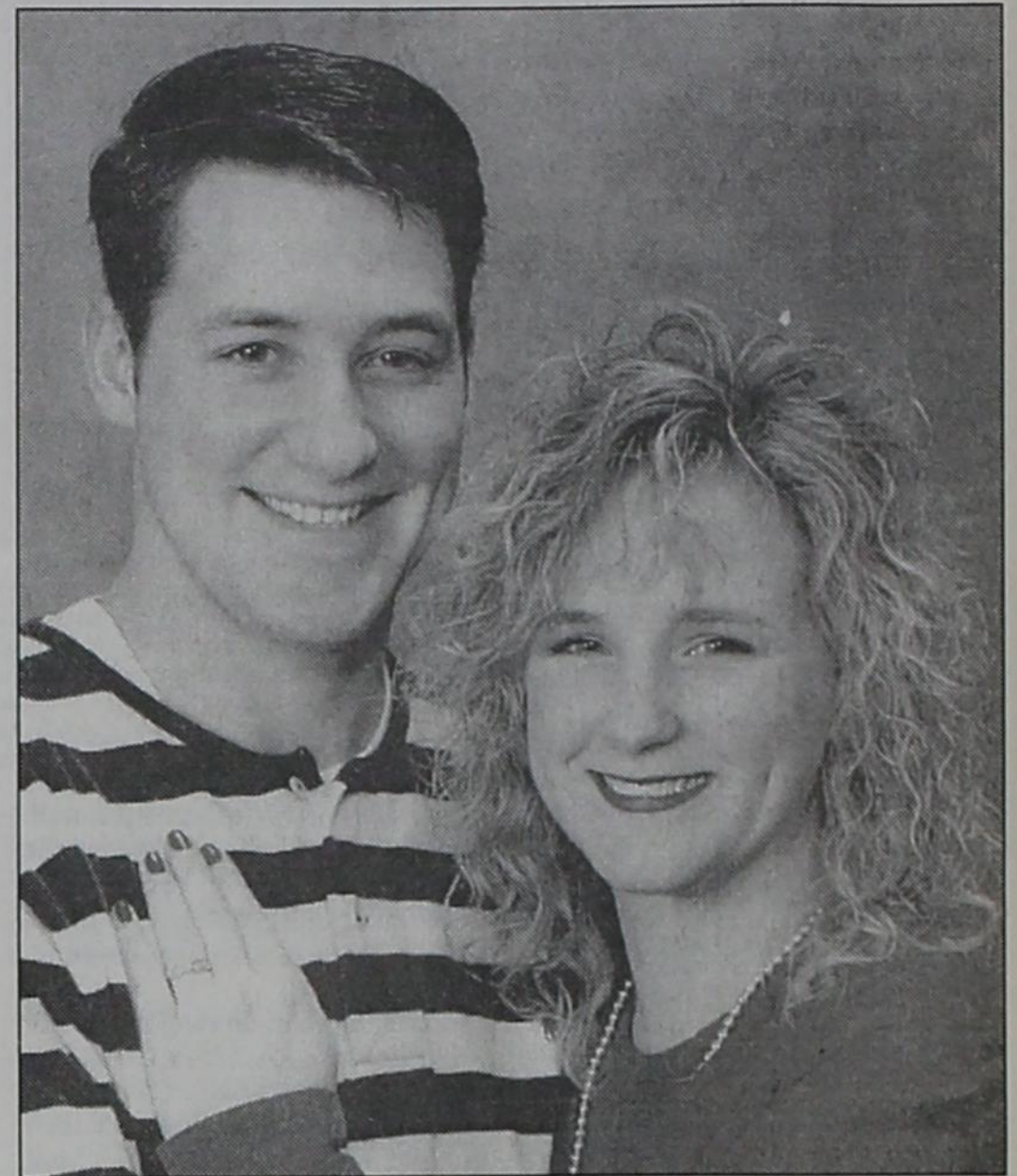
Bridal shower fetes Ethridge

A bridal shower honoring Amy Ethridge, bride-elect of Brandon Risley, was held Saturday at the home of Linda Langford in Dimmitt.

Guests enjoyed a fruit plate and sausage balls.

The honoree received a lawn mower from the 30 hostesses.

Special guests attending the shower were the honoree's grandmothers, Mrs. Faye Ethridge of Dimmitt and Mrs. Chris Crawford of Hart.



Brent Gunnels and Margie Coomer

June wedding planned

Judy Coomer of Amarillo announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Margie Coomer, to Brent Gunnels, son of Jackie and Brenda Gunnels of Tulia.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 27 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tulia High School and Amarillo College. She is employed by High Plains Dermatology Center in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Tulia High School and is attending West Texas A&M University, where he is majoring in criminal justice. He is employed by the Canyon Independent School District.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple plans to live in Amarillo.



The Bookshelf

By Cindy Pottorff, Rhoads Memorial Librarian

This spring, the library has plenty of new books to choose from. Some are from our regular budget and some are from generous donors like Book Club or people who have given memorial donations. Here is a sample of some of the new books we've received.

Texas, My Texas by James Ward Lee came to us through a memorial donation. It is Mr. Lee's pithy take on Texas. His chapter on meat begins, "Let's put aside foolishness for a chapter and talk about something real: Meat. I mean real food for real people. . . ." Take a good ole red-necked bite out of this book.

Doing some investing in that record-setting, nerve-racking stock

market? Maybe you'd like to sample *Every Investor's Guide to High-Tech Stocks & Mutual Funds* by Michael Murphy, editor of the *California Technology Stock Letter*.

What do you think of biological weapons? *The Cobra Event* by Richard Preston is, thankfully, fiction. Preston wrote *The Hot Zone*, a former best seller about the Ebola virus, and he knows what he's talking about.

All families have problems. Belva Plain's novel, *Homecoming*, is about how one family comes to grips with their problems and go on to reconcile.

As many of you have noticed, the library's new heating and air conditioning system is installed. It's doing a great job. Thanks for your patience while we were having the work done.

Book Club will have its spring luncheon at the Hereford Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on May 2. Anyone interested in attending or those who wish to have more information about the event should contact Cindy Pottorff, Susie Bradford or Ina Cleavinger. Reservations must be made by Wednesday.

Coming in future columns—plans for the summer and new gardening books at the library.



Dee Sloan

Sloan earns USAA award

Dee Sloan of Dimmitt has been named a United States Achievement Academy award winner in science.

Sloan, who attends Dimmitt High School, was nominated for the award by Cinnamon Bradley, a teacher at the school.

Sloan's name and biography will appear in the USAA's official yearbook, published nationally.

Winners are selected upon recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Sloan is the daughter of Joe and Maria Sloan of Dimmitt.

George attends Wayland weekend

Candice George of Dimmitt was one of several students who took part in "Big Weekend" activities at Wayland Baptist University recently.

The spring college preview event, sponsored by Wayland's Student Foundation and Admissions Office, provided 335 students with an opportunity to find out what the Wayland experience is all about. Several students participated in departmental tryouts.

The weekend's featured attraction was a concert by Third Day, the 1997 New Artist of the Year Dove Award nominee.

More than 1,500 people attended the Conspiracy tour concert, with special guests Grammatrain and Silage, and showcased the three up-and-coming contemporary music groups.

Activities that followed the concert included a late night breakfast and "Midnight Madness," which included basketball, volleyball, bowling and movies.

Parents and students gained knowledge through information sessions about financial aid, admissions and academics.

Mock academic classes and opportunities to visit with financial aid and admission counselors were offered to students in the afternoon.

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Hereford Community Concerts to host 'Smoke on the Mountain'

The Hereford Community Concert Association will have a "bonus" presentation to conclude the 1997-98 season on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium.

The performance of the Amarillo Little Theatre touring production of *Smoke on the Mountain* will be open to concert association members and non-members.

Those who are not currently members of the Community Concert Association may purchase tickets in advance for \$7 per person, or \$8 at the door.

Dwight Joiner of Dimmitt is included in the cast of the energetic, light-hearted portrayal of a family of singers as they entertain the congregation of a Baptist church in North Carolina in 1938.

The show is a celebration of Appalachian gospel and bluegrass music by "The Sanders Family Singers," as they provide an evening of song and testimony for the church congregation. Joiner plays the part of a member of the Sanders family.

Those who wish to purchase tickets in advance may contact Jack or Doris Flynt at 647-3473 or Betty

Freeman at 647-3214.

Also, the Concert Association is selling memberships for the 1998-99 concert season. Memberships are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and \$50 for a family. Performances slated for the new season will include The Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble of Europe, The Side Street Strutters Jazz Band, and soprano Mary Burt, who will give a concert and also conduct a master voice class.

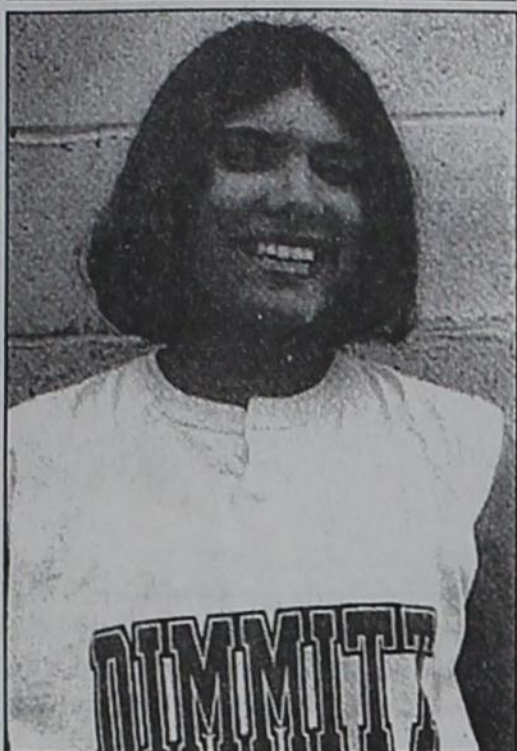
For more information, call 364-3486 or 364-5584.

Hayli Wise participates in music festival

Hayli Wise of Dimmitt performed four piano solo selections and earned a "Superior" rating on all selections at a recent Patorale Music Festival at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Wise, a fourth grader at Dimmitt Middle School, played two hymns and two contemporary pieces. She received two certificates of participation and two blue ribbons.

Wise, daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise of Dimmitt, is a second-year piano student studying under Susan Shaw of Hereford.



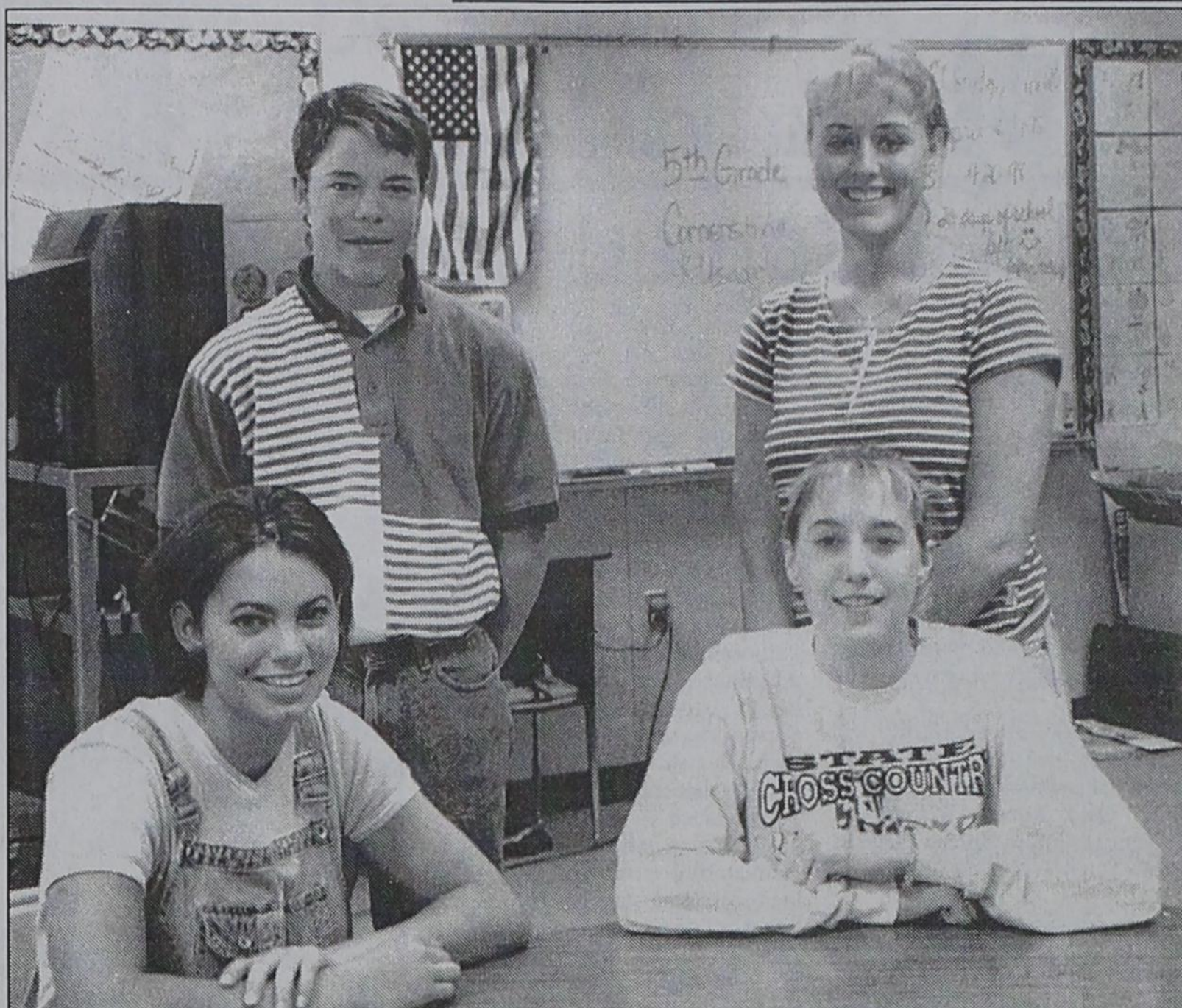
MONICA ORTIZ of Dimmitt will compete in Ready Writing at the Region 1-AAA UIL Literary meet in Odessa after placing in the event at district. Photo by Anne Acker

Dollar is honored

Billy Dollar, son of Bryce and Judy Dollar, has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Billy Dollar was born Oct. 6, 1987, in Amarillo. He lists his favorite food as sirloin steak; book as *Howliday Inn*, and animal as cusscuss or ferrett.

He enjoys playing sports and hopes to be a pro athlete when he grows up. He says he does well in math and wishes he were better at ironing. He enjoys Dimmitt Middle School because he can read a large variety of books. He admires his cousin.



LITERARY QUALIFIERS—These four Nazareth students qualified for the Region 1-A UIL Literary meet with either first, second or third place finishes in their respective events at district. They are (front row, from left) Amy Pohlmeier, who qualified in the

chemistry portion of the Science competition; Sara Birkenfeld, who will compete in News Writing; (back row, from left) Mark Birkenfeld, who will participate in Calculator Applications and Number Sense; and Vanessa Wilhelm, who qualified in Headline Writing.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

4-H'ers set beef raffle

Tickets are still available for the 4-H beef raffle being held to raise money for the construction of a meeting/educational building at the 4-H center north of town.

A whole beef has been donated by Dimmitt Feed Yard, and the processing was donated by Earth Locker. Individuals can buy two chances to win a half beef for a donation of only \$1.

"Tickets may be obtained from any 4-H member or the Extension office, or call 647-2106 or 647-2520 and we will bring you some tickets," said Nacola Furr, 4-H parent leader. She said organizers hope to be able to have the tickets sold and hold the drawing before the end of the month.

A local farmer-businessman has offered \$20,000 in matching funds if 4-H'ers are able to raise an additional \$20,000 for the building project. So far, over \$2,000 has been raised.

The "4-H'ers for Hire" project is continuing, with local citizens welcome to hire 4-H members to perform chores and then pay their wages to the 4-H building fund.

To schedule a time for work to be done by a 4-H member, call the Extension Office at 647-4115; or Earl Behrends at 647-4324 (work) or 276-5872 (home).

In addition, the 4-H has set up a trailer on the parking lot near Dimmitt Thriftway to collect aluminum cans. Other fund-raising activities will be scheduled at later dates.



ON TO REGIONAL—Hart students (from left) Efrain Salazar, Stacey Bennett, Rachel Wall and Wyndi Law will compete at the Region 1-AA UIL Literary Meet in Abilene this week after they placed at district recently. Salazar earned a trip with a third-place finish in Science. Bennett will compete in

Prose Interpretation after placing third at district. Wall won Editorial Writing and was third in Headline Writing to earn her trip to regional and Law qualified with a second-place finish in Computer applications. Photo by Neoma Williams

Dimmitt's Pancake House doubles seating capacity

The Pancake House in Dimmitt is completing an expansion project this week that will almost double its seating and serving capacity.

The expansion takes in the space formerly occupied by Bryant's Sales & Service, just north of the original Pancake House dining room in the Jess Wright Shopping Center.

A double opening in the north wall of the main dining room provides access to the new area, which also includes a business office.

Bryant's has moved into office space next door north in the Wright center.

The expansion added more than 50 seats to the restaurant's seating capacity. The main dining room seats 44 and a small meeting room seats eight.

Bea Acker, who owns the restaurant with her husband Francis, said the expansion was necessary to accommodate the demand.

"We pretty well filled it up Sunday at lunchtime," she said.

The Pancake House serves break-

fast every day and lunch six days a week. It is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily except Saturday, when its hours are 6 to 11 a.m.

DHS prom is set Saturday

The Dimmitt High School junior-senior prom will be held Saturday at the Expo Building and the public is invited to view the decorations from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the event.

Students will participate in a prom parade from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the public is invited to watch the parade.

Parents of all juniors and seniors were asked to meet at the Expo Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. to set up tables and chairs for the prom.

DHS Athletic Banquet set

The annual Dimmitt Athletic Banquet will be held May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at First United Bank or at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch.

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Golden Spread Cooperative breaks ground for new plant

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., opened a new chapter in its history on April 2 when it broke ground for Mustang Station, a \$145 million electric generating plant near Denver City.

The first phase of the 486-megawatt plant will produce some 285 megawatts and is expected to be in service in the spring of 1999. The second phase addition will begin production in January 2000. Mustang Station will be fueled by natural gas and will eventually require about 20 employees.

"This state-of-the-art facility will equip us to meet the needs of our member-consumers for years to come," said Robert W. Bryant, president of Golden Spread Electric. "It truly is a power plant for the 21st century."

The primary customers for Mustang Station will be the 100,000 member-customers served by the 11 Golden Spread member cooperatives in the South Plains and Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, including those serving Castro County residents.

Golden Spread's subsidiary, GS Electric Generating Cooperative, will purchase a 50% interest in Mustang Station when the generating units are completed. Denver City Energy Associates is the plant developer and

will own 50% upon completion. Denver City Energy Associates is an equal partnership formed by Quixx Corporation of Amarillo, an affiliate of Southwestern Public Service Co., and LS Power, an independent power producer based in New Jersey.

Golden Spread, organized in 1984, is one of the first generation and transmission cooperatives to move from formation to generation without the assistance of federal financing. Although eligible to seek federally guaranteed financing through the Rural Utilities Service, Golden Spread chose to arrange financing with Denver-based CoBank, and Societe Generale, a bank based in Paris, France.

At a time when electric utility restructuring is moving forward at the federal and state levels, with the Texas Legislature expected to consider restructuring during the 1999 legislation session, Golden Spread is adopting innovative approaches to power supply. Its new power supply portfolio and member sales agreements are designed to lower costs for consumers and enhance the competitive position of the electric cooperative and its members.

Mustang Station is critical to Golden Spread's future success as a competitive electric supplier in the marketplace.

"Golden Spread embarked on this path to lower cost power many years ago, well before widespread industry restructuring was seriously contemplated by policy makers," said Bryant. "For Golden Spread, the commitment to lower costs and innovation is not new—it is how Golden Spread conducts 'business as usual.'"



GROUND IS BROKEN by the board of directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, representatives of bankers CoBank and Societe Generale, and by Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer and Denver City City

Manager Stan David for the \$145 million Mustang Station being constructed near Denver City. The new plant will provide power to several area cooperatives, including those serving Castro County. Courtesy Photo

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Gilbreath, Whitaker nominated for TCPB seats

Voting will end May 1 in a biennial director election sponsored by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Two producers have been nominated as unopposed candidates for two expiring director posts in the TCPB Voting Region 1, which includes Castro and Lamb counties. The candidates are Coby Gilbreath of Dimmitt and Steve Whitaker of Hart.

TCPB is conducting its biennial election in four of its eight voting regions where current members' terms are expiring.

Producers who raise corn or who have raised corn in at least one production period three years prior to May 1 may vote in the election. You also may vote if you own a farm and your tenant or sharecropper pays the half-cent per bushel corn checkoff.

Directors also are being elected by producers in Voting Region 2, which includes Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer Counties; Voting Region 6, which includes more than 115 counties in western, central and eastern parts of the state; and Voting Region 8, which includes 24 counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and South Texas area.

Voting ballots are available from the Texas Corn Producers Board office at 218 E. Bedford in Dimmitt at grain elevators and at county Extension offices within the voting regions.

"The election is being held under

the guidelines of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law," said Jerry Don Glover, TCPB executive director. "We encourage Texas corn producers within the regions to take part in this important election."

Gilbreath and Whitaker were nominated to replace longtime directors Lois Wales of Dimmitt and Doug Higgins of Hart, both of whom decided not to run.

Gilbreath has farmed near Dimmitt for 15 years. He and his family grow corn, cotton, native grass and run

cattle on 3,500 acres. He serves on or has served on various ag-related boards and organizations including the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District, Castro County Extension Agriculture Committee, Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association, American Sugarbeet Growers Association and Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (TALL).

Whitaker farms about 1,600 acres near Hart. He has farmed since 1984 and grows corn, cotton, grain

sorghum, wheat and runs cattle. He also served in the TALL program, is president of Hart Producers Co-op and serves on the Castro County Extension Agriculture Committee.

TCPB is a research and promotion program for corn funded by a uniform corn checkoff collected on a refund basis from corn producers in every county of Texas. For more information about the election, contact TCPB at 647-4224 or (800) 647-CORN.

EPA denies exemption for use of propazine on sorghum

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the denial of Section 18 exemptions for the use of propazine on grain sorghum in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The herbicide is an important production tool for sorghum growers. It has been used under Section 18 exemptions for the last five years while the product is undergoing the re-registration process. The agriculture departments from three states had again formally requested the exemptions on behalf of producers in their states for this year.

"The possible risk for cancer posed by the product was the reason EPA officials gave for denying the Section 18 exemptions," said Tim Lust, director of marketing and research for the National Grain Sorghum Producers. "They concluded that the aggregate cancer risk from the use of propazine exceeds the level which they say represents a reasonable certainty that no harm will occur."

"However, we believe that EPA is using a very poor science by not using the latest data and exposure assessments in reaching this conclusion, and we don't agree with it," said Lust. "For that reason, we are in the process of documenting the information that EPA officials use to make their decision."

EPA officials, citing standards of the new Food Quality Protection Act, have denied farmers the use of many safe and effective agriculture

pesticides. "US producers are in jeopardy of losing many valuable pesticides which they rely upon to produce the safest, most abundant supply of food in the world," said Lust.

"Our legislators on Capitol Hill were very helpful in trying to push through the exemptions for propazine by encouraging EPA officials to base their decision on a careful evaluation of the scientific data. But it seems the only long-term solution is for lawmakers to legislate change in the way EPA evaluates

pesticides. "We remain committed to keeping the safe compounds that producers must have to continue to produce food for the world."

Lust said that National Grain Sorghum Producers will continue to evaluate the options and monitor the propazine situation, but said that producers who are impacted by EPA's decision, whether financially or by having to change management practices, should let their congressional leader know about it.

DPS phases in six-year licenses

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Dept. of Public Safety extends license expiration dates.

Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license offices. "Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas.

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal li-

censes will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification cards will be valid for six years.

Driver license fees will remain \$4 per year, but totals will vary during the transition period based on expiration date. Licensees will pay \$16 for four years, \$20 for five years and \$24 for six years.

This new driver license program implements house Bill 1200, which was passed during last year's legislative session. DPS simultaneously is implementing several other new driver license laws. Changes include: ♦ DPS-issued identification cards will cost \$15 for six years. However, citizens age 60 or older will be able to pay \$5 for identification cards that will be valid indefinitely.

♦ The fee structure will change for licensed motorcycle operators. Previously, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses with "Class M" motorcycle operator certification.

Now, new "Class M" applicants will be charged \$15 in addition to the regular automobile driver license fee. Those renewing licenses with "Class M" certification will pay \$8 in addition to the standard fee. The motorcycle licensing fees are designated for the Motorcycle Education Fund, which provides motorcycle safety information and operator training statewide.

♦ When renewing or applying for new driver licenses and identification cards, applicants will be given the opportunity to donate \$1 to benefit blindness education, screening and treatment.



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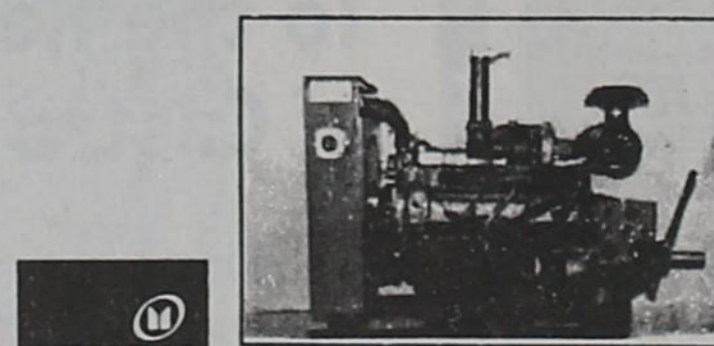
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Conservation Service to recognize award winners

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District will honor Doug Higgins, Harold Hyman, Dan Nelson, Cindy Seward, Jeff Smith and Terri Louder during its annual awards banquet on Tuesday.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Cost for the steak dinner with all the trimmings will be \$7 per person. E.M. Jones will cater the event.

Higgins of Hart will be honored in the category of "Outstanding Cooperator for Water Quality Management Plan."

Hyman was named "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" for the progress he has made in applying conservation practices on his farm.

Nelson was selected as "Outstanding Conservation Business Professional."

The "Outstanding Conservation

Teacher" honor will be awarded to Seward because of her dedication and interest in the education of her students.

Smith was named "Outstanding Absentee Conservation Farmer."

Louder will be honored as "Outstanding Conservation Homemaker."

In addition to these winners, the district's essay and poster contest winners will be recognized.

Each year the district sponsors these contests for school children in the county. Programs are presented at each school and students in grades one through six are invited to design a poster depicting conservation practices. Students in the seventh through 12th grades are eligible to enter the essay contest.

Winners in this year's poster contest are Sarah Silva, first; Matthew Birkenfeld, second; and Christopher Velasquez, third.

Essay winners include Sara Birkenfeld, first; and Rachel Wall, second.

Essay winners will receive Savings Bonds and poster winners will receive trophies.

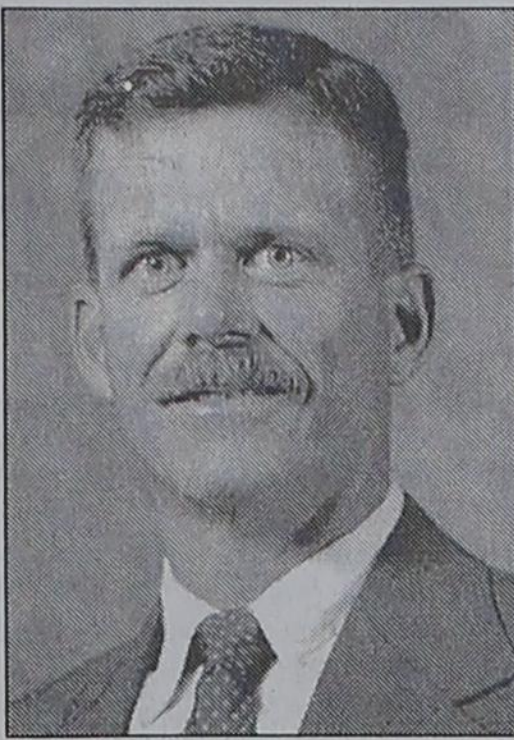
In addition to the award presentations, the district has lined up two special speakers.

Ken Carver with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock will give a short talk on the current water district activities and what services the district provides. He will also field questions from producers.

Bob Birkenfeld, chairman of the local district board, will discuss local programs, the continued existence of districts and future state funding for local districts.

Mike White, new three-county team leader for NRCS, will give a short program on his new service team, which includes field office personnel from Dimmitt, Friona and Hereford. Hereford is the main headquarters for the team.

"This new approach should allow the Dimmitt and Friona field office personnel to spend more time working with producers in the field and not as much on administrative activities," said a spokesperson for NRCS. "Due to a shortage of funding, this appears to be the only way NRCS can keep local personnel to provide services to local producers. In the future, local districts may be asked to provide office space."



PHIL LEMONS of Dimmitt is one of 19 people named to Novartis Seeds' 1997 Honorary Sales Council. Lemons is a field service manager. He earned the honor by exceeding company sales goals for corn, soybeans and alfalfa. He was recognized by the company during its Honorary Sales Council meeting and awards ceremony in Williamsburg, N.C. in March.

Castro, Deaf Smith Extensions working on goat and poultry show

Plans are being made for a pastured goat and poultry show in Castro and Deaf Smith counties and the program will be presented by local county agents.

A special meeting about the program will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the San Jose Community Center in Hereford. The public is invited to attend the meeting to learn more about the proposed program from Castro County Extension Agent Benny Martinez and Deaf Smith County Extension Agent Alan Petranella.

Organizing the show will be El Hormiguero Community Organization in conjunction with county agents in Deaf Smith and Castro counties.

The alternate show is being planned for late August or mid September and it will offer 4-H'ers a chance to participate in a livestock show governed under different criteria than the traditional fat stock shows.

The show will be open to all 4-H'ers in Castro and Deaf Smith counties.

Martinez and Petranella will offer several introduction meetings in both counties during mid-May, and will give training in small livestock management during the rest of the month.

By June 1, 4-H'ers planning to participate in the goat category will

have an opportunity to select from a pool of goats of equal quality, age and low cost. Youngsters will be required to keep normal 4-H records on the goats, plus a journal on animal husbandry skills learned and practiced.

Youth who choose to raise pastured poultry for their project will also receive training and assistance in purchasing low-cost poultry chicks for meat or egg production.

Those participating in late-summer shows will be required to keep a bookkeeping record and husbandry journal evaluation, and will be interviewed during the show in addition to normal animal judging. Point totals will be divided equally between the three categories.

Lydia Villanueva, lead organizer for El Hormiguero project said she

sees a pastured livestock show offering great possibilities for the Hispanic small farm families she serves.

"We hope this alternate show will encourage more Hispanic youth who normally do not have the financial resources or skills to participate in the traditional fat stock show to get involved with livestock production."

Participating county agents also see potential for opening up the 4-H program for more youth.

"The 4-H programs offer so much leadership training and skill development to both urban and rural youth who are looking for something challenging to do, and animal projects are a great way for kids to learn responsibility and experience the satisfying rewards that come from raising farm animals," said Martinez.

Pet Adoptathon set for May 2-3

The Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society has set its second annual Pet Adoptathon for May 2-3.

Pets may be adopted from the Humane Society shelter at 3501 S. Osage in Amarillo. The shelter will have extended hours for those two days, as well—11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Last May's Pet Adoptathon was a tremendous success," said Jan Fielding, executive director of the society. The event resulted in 64 adoptions last year.

The society has served all 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle for over 40 years. This will be the second time the agency has joined the nationwide Adoptathon event.

"We have two major goals," Fielding said about the Adoptathon event. "We want to find loving homes for as many of our dogs and cats as possible, and we want people to come out and see what the Humane Society is all about."

Plenty of fun activities for children and adults are planned for the Adoptathon. The Amarillo Dilla and Rowdy the Rattler will make celebrity appearances to meet the fans. Also, there will be search and rescue demonstrations by the Amarillo Police Dept.'s K-9 Unit.

Free popcorn, soft drinks and balloons will add to the festivities, along with live music.

Presbyterians to host Blair












Renise Blair will present a special musical program and history of church hymns through the ages Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.


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Farm Credit reports strong performance

Year-end 1997 financial results reflect another strong performance for the Tenth Farm Credit District, according to figures released today by the Austin-based agricultural lender.

The district comprises the Farm Credit Bank of Texas; 26 Federal Land Bank Associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 16 Production Credit Associations in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

Loan volume grew by \$163 million during the year, ending 1997 at \$4 billion. The 4.2% loan volume growth continued the positive trend experienced in 1996, when the district's loan volume increased by 3.1%

"The district succeeded in closing more new loans in 1997 than in any previous year in its history," said Arnold R. Henson, chief executive officer of Farm Credit Bank of Texas.

In addition, approximately \$23 million in dividends and patronage distributions was returned to borrowers during the year.

"We were pleased to distribute earnings to borrowers, reducing their effective cost of borrowing," Henson said. "Returning earnings is one of the distinct financial benefits of doing business the cooperative way."

Credit quality remained high at 96.6% acceptable loan volume in 1997 compared with 96.4% acceptable loan volume in 1996. Member equity in the district grew to \$930.3 million at year-end, representing an increase of \$51.8 million over the previous year.

District net income at Dec. 31, 1997, was \$85.9 million, compared to income of \$83.1 million a year earlier. The increase in net income was the result of the increased level of new business in the district.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$1.267 billion for the year ended Dec. 31, 1997, compared with combined net income of \$1.201 billion for the prior year.

4-H plans fire safety class for Monday

Stanley Maurer will conduct a basic fire safety class for county 4-H'ers on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

The class was originally scheduled for April 20, but was postponed a week.



PAULA STILES DAVIDSON (right) accepts a plaque from Castro County Farm Bureau President Chris Cogburn last week during a farewell reception held in her honor. Davidson is leaving her post as agency manager of the county office to accept a position with Wilbarger/Forard Counties of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Photo by Anne Acker

Exemptions announced for late blight in potatoes

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry recently announced that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of Tattoo C Fungicide (propamocarb hydrochloride), Acrobat MZ Fungicide (dimethomorph) and/or curzate M-8 fungicide (cymoxanil) to control late blight in potatoes.

The unregistered products that may be used are: Acrobat MZ, a.i. 9% dimethomorph and 60% mancozeb, manufactured by American Cyanamid Co.; Curzate M-8, a.i. 8% cymoxanil and 64% mancozeb, manufactured by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.; and Tattoo C, a.i. 30.5% propamocarb hydrochloride and 30.5% chlorothalonil, manufactured by AgrEvo USA Co.

The specific exemption expires Oct. 31. Applicators must follow all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the label and supplemental labeling as well as the following restrictions:

- ◆ Curzate M-8 may be applied by chemigation, ground or air at a maximum rate of 1.5 pounds product (0.12 lb. cymoxanil) a maximum of seven times per season. A 14-day post harvest interval will be observed. If the maximum applications of Curzate M-8 are made per season,

a maximum of 6.7 pounds mancozeb will be used.

◆ Acrobat MZ may be applied by chemigation, ground or air at a rate of 2.25 pounds product (0.2 pounds dimethomorph) a maximum of five times per season. A 14-day post harvest interval will be observed. If the maximum applications of Acrobat MZ are made per season, a maximum of 6.75 lb. Of mancozeb will be used.

◆ Tattoo C may be applied by chemigation, ground or air at a maximum rate of 2.3 pints product (0.9 lb. propamocarb) per acre. A maximum of 11.5 pints product (4.5 lb. propamocarb) may be applied per acre per season. A 14-day post harvest interval will be observed. If the maximum applications of Tattoo C are made per season, a maximum of 4.5 lb. chlorothalonil will be used.

◆ A maximum of 20,000 acres may be treated.

◆ No applications of these products in connection with this authorization may be made after Oct. 31.

◆ Only certified applicators, licensed applicators or persons under the direct supervision of a licensed applicator may apply these pesticides under this specific exemption.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512)463-7407.

Plains Cotton Cooperative to buy Mission Valley Textiles

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) has signed a letter of intent to purchase Mission Valley Textiles, Inc., a diversified textile manufacturer in New Braunfels.

The acquisition will expand the cooperative's current denim textile manufacturing capability to include yarn-dyed woven fabrics.

Cotton cooperative members in West Texas first entered textile manufacturing in 1975 with construction of the American Cotton Growers' denim mill at Littlefield. Access to textile manufacturing was expanded to all cooperative members in Texas and Oklahoma in 1987 when American Cotton Growers was consolidated with PCCA, a farmer-owned cotton marketing cooperative founded in 1953 with headquarters in Lubbock.

"The denim business has been and continues to be a phenomenal success for our members," said PCCA Textile Division Chief Operation Officer Darryl Lindsey. "It is an extension of PCCA's original cotton marketing responsibilities, and it has added significant value to the cotton marketed for our members, which is in keeping with our mission statement."

"Our denim operation's success has led many of our members to suggest PCCA build another textile mill," said Lindsey. "But the reality is that building another plant from the ground up would require a

tremendous financial commitment. Acquiring an existing facility such as Mission Valley is much more attractive."

A thorough review of Mission Valley Textile's operations, facilities and customer base indicated the acquisition could be beneficial for PCCA.

Mission Valley Textile was founded in 1921 as Planter and Merchants and later was renamed Mission Valley. The plant steadily expanded to include more than 500,000 square feet of manufacturing area and became a division of WestPoint Pepperell in 1972. In June 1993, Mission Valley Textiles, Inc., was formed through a leveraged buy-out led by a Dallas-based investment partnership, Lewis Partners, and certain members of the mill's management.

Mission Valley Textile is a vertically-integrated manufacturer of yarn-dyed woven fabrics currently serving more than 3,000 customers. The company produces hundreds of varied fabrications, from three to 12 ounces, primarily of 100% cotton. These fabrics include dollies, chambrays, indigo fancies, seersucker, uniform fabrics, and many novelty fabrics for all apparel markets. Wrinkle-free fabrics for men's and women's apparel, upholstery and home furnishings, and textiles for home sewing and the craft trade also are included in the product mix. Mission Valley Textile is not a major manufacturer of denim and denim-related products.

This diversity enables Mission Valley Textile to sell to a broad range of customers, from major designer brands and specialty stores to private labels and department store chains both domestically and internationally. Manufacturing, warehousing, creative textile facilities and a mill outlet store are located in New Braunfels. Sales, marketing and design offices are headquartered in New York City.

Patrons' equity in PCCA currently totals more than \$100 million with only \$12.5 million in term debt. Acquisition of Mission Valley Textile will result in total employment of approximately 1,300 for the cooperative and total annual gross sales approaching \$1 billion.

"PCCA's exceptional financial record places it in an excellent position to expand its operations by acquiring Mission Valley," said PCCA President and Chief Executive Officer Van May.

Combined net margins from all divisions of PCCA during the past five fiscal years have totaled \$142.9 million, and cash distributed to its members in the form of dividends, stock retirements and revolveover of per-unit capital retains has totaled \$152.7 million.

"Mission Valley Textiles will fit very well with PCCA's overall operations and it will help further our efforts to make and return more money to the farmer-members of this cooperative."

Cotton Talks

some good news from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) earlier this month when the agency announced that carbofuran, marketed as Furadan 4F, has been granted a Section 18 specific exemption under guidelines contained in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Growers using Furadan will be limited to a maximum of two applications (.5 lb. a.i.) per acre under the specific exemption.

According to the EPA decision, a total of 1.8 million acres of Texas cotton could be treated with Furadan to control runaway aphid populations.

PCG officials have noted that it will be very important for growers, crop consultants and applicators to remember that Furadan is the product of last resort and whenever possible, and time is not a critical factor, that alternative control mechanisms should be tried first.

As with all Section 18 labels granted by EPA, this year's Furadan label includes a host of reporting and application requirements. Most of these requirements will fall on the shoulders of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the certified applicators hired by cotton producers to apply the product.

Furadan will be available under this emergency exemption when there are documented aphid control failures by currently registered alternative products attributable to resistance. In the absence of documentation showing resistance, producers will be allowed to use the product when alternate aphicides fail (less than 80% control) and aphid populations have again reached the recommended treatment level of 50 aphids per leaf.

Certified pesticide applicators will be required to apply or directly supervise the application of Furadan utilizing all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions as noted on the product label. In addition, fields treated with Furadan must be posted with signs, as required by EPA's Worker Protection Standards.

The biggest potential problem for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains is the limitation of treatments to only 1.8 million acres of cotton in the state. Heavy aphid infestations occurring in other growing regions before problems develop on the Texas High Plains could restrict the number of acres able to be treated late in the season.

Growers worried about notification requirements passed during the last session of the Texas Legislature shouldn't worry. At this time, normal farming operations carried out on private property are exempt from notification requirements under the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act.

Intended to provide underground facility owners with a chance to protect their buried cables and pipelines, the law in question provides a simple method of modifying underground facility owners.

Excavators operating at a depth greater than 16 inches are required to notify underground facility owners of upcoming excavation activities no more than 14 days in advance or less than 48 hours in advance of digging operations. An agriculture exemption does exist that says an exempted person may not be held liable for damage to an underground facility.

Excavators who are required to notify or volunteer to notify about work to be done on private property associated with an agricultural operation can call the Texas Excavation Safety System at 1-800-344-8377.

4-H schedules clean-up day at livestock center

County 4-H'ers have scheduled a clean-up day at the 4-H Center on Saturday.

4-H'ers are asked to show up at the center at 9 a.m. to help clean out livestock pens and also to clean other areas around the facility. Also on the agenda will be painting of the fences.

"All 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring brooms, shovels, hoes, rakes and some work gloves," said County Extension Agent Rebel Royall.

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By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

The computer: Terrific tool or employee pacifier?

I know that as I write about any business topic I'm at risk of slaughtering someone's sacred cow. So today as I cast a spotlight on computers, I know I'll get some mail. I would get e-mail, but a cyber car ran over and knocked down my e-mail box.

For some time I've questioned whether or not the computer is helping America's small business owners become more productive. I know more and more businesses use computers, and many couldn't bear to part with their micro information managers. However, it is fair to ask, "Is the computer making us more productive or is it simply a business pacifier?"

Let's start by defining productivity. Productivity is a measure of the output per unit used in the measurement. For example, output of goods or services per worker hour, or units produced per day, per plan, etc. To become more productive, you must do more with your present resources, or do the same as you're doing now with fewer resources.

Many people confuse activity with productivity. Computers are tremendous activity generators. We can and do consume hundreds of hours each year at the keyboard or mouse. You can discover billions of bits of information out there on the information highway. Each day we can learn new things and explore new web sites. The computer helps us do more things, but are those things keeping us busy or making us more productive?

For example, are our customers more satisfied with our products or services? Are we earning more profit? Is our business growing at a faster rate than the economy? Are we truly accomplishing more work with fewer assets?

Sorry, but no

I'm sorry, but the answer is no. According to Lester C. Thurow, professor of economics and former dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management, productivity growth is actually slowing compared to pre-computer decades.

In a recent USA Today column Thurow wrote, "If one studies productivity statistics where technical changes are officially measured, the past 10 years have been the worst in American history. Productivity has grown at .8% per year—just one-fourth the rate of the 1960s."

Thurow goes on to make other points that argue against the computers-are-making-us-more-productive theory. For example, in the last two decades, life expectancy in America has increased by 4%. During the same period, health care costs skyrocketed by more than 500%.

Private industry now hires nearly one million security guards. We are using computers in most major plants and buildings to increase security. Is this investment cutting crime rates?

I can add a few of my own productivity paradoxes here. We have more attorneys working today than ever before. Most law offices are networked internally with computers. Has our legal system grown more productive?

Government spending at all levels is up. Nearly all city, county, state and federal offices have a computer. Are we really getting a better quality of life? Our federal government spends billions in the last few years upgrading computer systems. Is your tax rate lower? Like Thurow, I'm a little skeptical about the high-tech productivity boom.

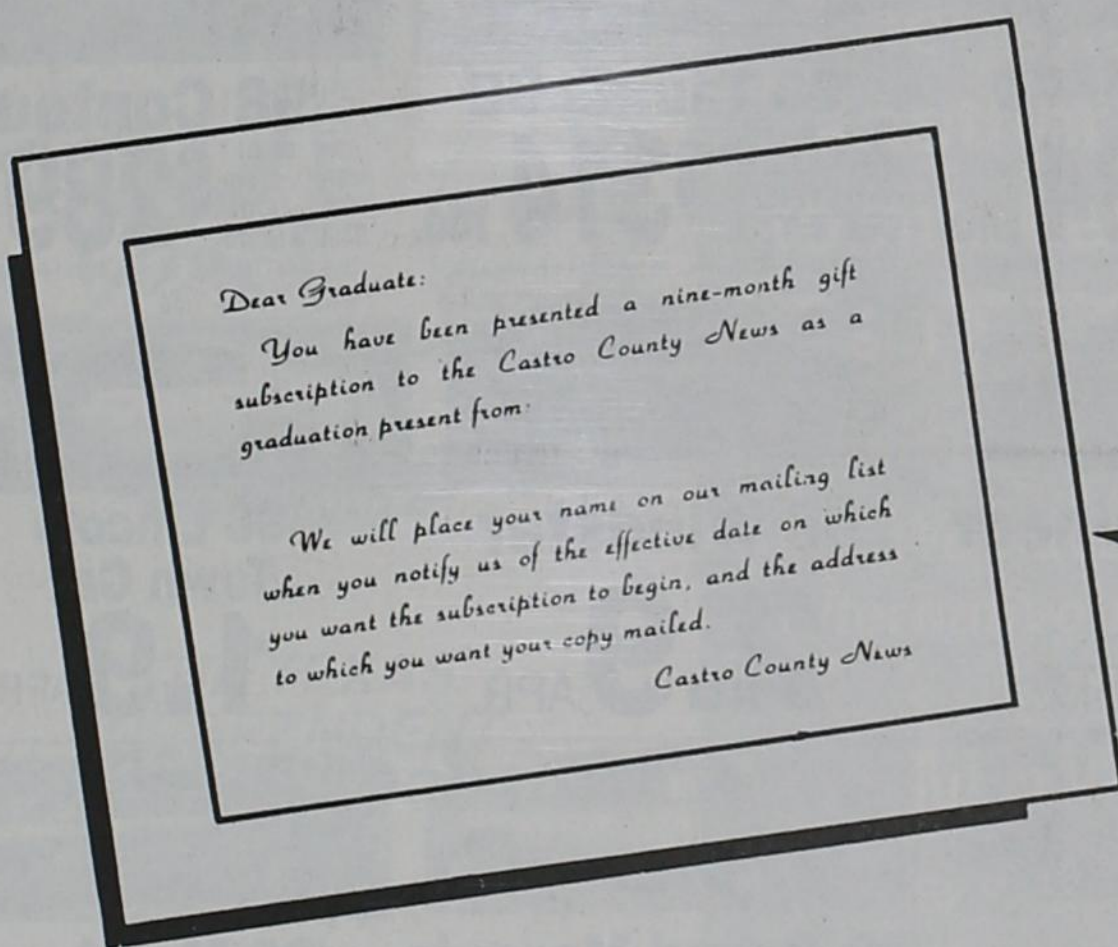
Without question, computers are changing our lives; however, it seems to me that those who are reaping the benefits are those same companies who loudly proclaim the virtues of their own hardware, software, peripherals and services. Many of their claims, when measured with hard data, just don't add up. The computer revolution has not brought us a productivity panacea; however, if you're pacified, I'm glad.

As for my part, I think I'll enjoy a quick game of computer Solitaire. Maybe I'll get an idea for a productive column.

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

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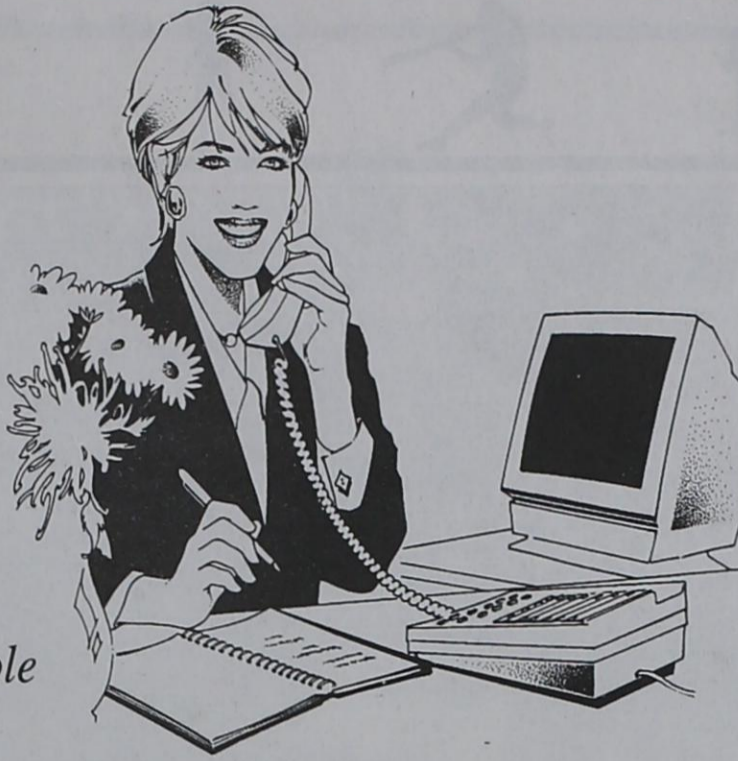
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Sports



Lady Horns claim district track crown

Hart claimed the District 3-AA girls' track title in convincing fashion last week, posting 162 points and qualifying several for the Region 1-AA meet next week in Abilene.

The Lady Horns claimed first places in the shot put, 100 hurdles, 400 relay and 800 relay and finished second in the long jump, triple jump, 3,200, 800, 100, 300 hurdles and 200 enroute to the title.

Those earning trips to regional after finishing first in district are Nykki Lee in the shot put; the 400 Relay team including Charbra Lee, Geneva Finch, Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez; Charbra Lee in the 100 hurdles; and the 800 relay team of Finch, Charbra Lee, Rodriguez and Angelica Perales.

Also qualifying for regional with second-place district finishes are Rodriguez in the long jump and 100; Lisa Rincon in the 3,200; Isela Minjarez in the 800; Amanda Ethridge in the 300 hurdles and Finch in the 200.

Nykkie Lee's throw of 30-6 3/4 won the shot put, then she hurled the discus 96-7, and that was good enough for third.

The 400 relay team posted a winning time of 51.40, edging out second-place Lockney.

Charbra Lee outdistanced the field in the 100 hurdles with a winning time of 16.26, 7.5 seconds faster than her closest competitor.

The Lady Horns' 800 relay team had no problems winning with a time of 1:54.39, although Olton pushed Hart at the finish line.

Rodriguez jumped 16-0 in the long jump to finish second and ran the 100 in 13.10, also good for a silver medal.

In the triple jump, Charbra Lee

edged Rodriguez for the silver, with a jump measured at 32-10. Rodriguez' jump was 32-6, good enough for third.

Rincon posted a time of 13:25.27 in the 3,200 for second while Minjarez was second in the 800 with a time of 2:35.20.

Amanda Ethridge ran the 300 hurdles in 55.44 to earn second place and a trip to regional, and Finch ran 28.45 in the 200 for second.

Perales posted a time of 17.52 in the 100 hurdles to finish third.

Horns qualify five for Region 1-AA track meet

Five Hart Longhorns will make the trip to Abilene next week for the Region 1-AA track meet.

Qualifying for the meet with first or second place finishes at district last week are Lucas Anzaldua in the shot put, Gerard Dozal in the discus, T.R. George in the vault, Eric Montemayor in the 3,200 and 1,600, and Lupe DeLaFuente in the 110 hurdles.

Anzaldua won the shot put with a throw of 45-5 3/4 and Dozal took the gold in the discus with a throw of 125-10.

George finished second with a vault clearing 10-3. Montemayor was second in the 3,200 with a time of 10:49.48, and in the mile with a time of 4:52.70. DeLaFuente's time of 15.75 in the 110 hurdles was good enough for second.



HART'S AMANDA ETHRIDGE qualified for regional in the 300-meter hurdles after placing second in the event at the District 3-AA meet. Ethridge ran the race in 55:44 to earn a trip to the Region 1-AA meet, which will be held next week in Abilene. Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobcats win third straight district title

The Dimmitt Bobcats defended their district track title last Thursday, compiling 143 points to win the 1-AA crown.

Tulia was the closest team to the Bobcats, and the Hornets finished with 124 points. Sanford-Fritch was third with 87.

Dimmitt athletes claimed the gold in the vault, 800, 1,600 sprint relay and 1,600 relay to boost their team total.

Justin Sutton cleared 13-6 to win the vault.

D.J. Fleeks won the 800 with a time of 2:01.47 while teammate Ivan Flores was third in 2:03.20, just missing a trip to regional.

Distance specialist Israel Martinez won the mile with an impressive time of 4:46.93, and he was second in the 3,200 with a time of 10:39.44.

The mile relay team, featuring D.J. Fleeks, Casey Smith, John Paul Ramos and Zack Matthews posted a winning time of 3:27.29.

The 400 relay won with a time of 43.12 and those running legs were Casey Smith, Jerry Thomas, Stuart Sutton and Zack Matthews.

Also qualifying for regional were Charley Sanders, who was second in the discus with a throw of 54-2 1/2; and Zack Matthews, who finished second in the 200 with a time of 22.6. Finishing just behind Matthews in the 200 was Jerry Thomas, who

posted a time of 23.19 for third place.

Matthews finished third in the triple jump after leaping 41-5 1/2.

Bobbies qualify trio for regional

Dimmitt's Shawna Kenworthy and Amy Matthews earned trips to the Region 1-AA track meet after they finished second in the 800 and 400, respectively, at district, then they joined with teammates Jacy Buckley and Carol Summers to finish second in the mile relay last Thursday.

The mile relay team, Kenworthy and Matthews will compete in the regional track meet, slated May 1-2 in Odessa.

The mile relay team posted a time of 4:11.89, finishing behind Sanford-Fritch, which was clocked at 4:10.40. At the Bobcat Relays on April 9, the Bobbies had broken a meet record by winning the mile relay with a time of 4:07.52.

Kenworthy was second in the 800 after finishing the race in 2:25.82. Matthews' second-place time in the 400 was 1:02.31.

Buckley just missed qualifying in the triple jump, finishing third in the event with an effort of 32-2 1/4.

Hereford/Dimmitt Red Raider Day set

The annual Hereford/Dimmitt Red Raider Day has been set for Wednesday (April 29), with the Red Raider Cup Scramble set at Pitman Municipal Golf Course in Hereford, followed by a social hour and dinner at the Hereford Country Club.

A fee of \$45 will cover green fee, cart rental and dinner. Non-golfers are invited to the social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 at a cost of \$15.

Entries may be made by telephone to the golf shop at 806-363-7139, or mailed to Dave Hopper, Box 150, Hereford 79045. Deadline for golf

entries is April 27. Name and handicap is needed.

Athletic Director Gerald Myers, football coach Spike Dykes, and basketball coach James Dickey will lead a group of coaches and Red Raider Club members coming from Tech.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. on April 29, and the golf scramble starts at 1:30 p.m. Dave Hopper is the local Red Raider Club chairman. John Sherrod and Rick Roden are golf chairmen. Cal Mitts is in charge of promotions, and Mack Steffey and Speedy Nieman are directors.

Controversial call paves way for 10-9 Sanford-Fritch win

Crunch time came in the top of the seventh inning Saturday afternoon at Fritch.

Dimmitt's Bobcats had a two-run lead and the bases loaded, with two outs. B. J. Hill was on third, pinch-running for Benny Navarro. Derek Buckley was on second, and Zack Matthews was at first after his second intentional walk.

The Sanford-Fritch Eagles called in their top pitcher, Carr, to face Rusty Wooten.

On a 2-0 count, Wooten rapped Carr's third pitch and sent the ball bouncing off of the fence for a solid double. All three runners scored, giving the Bobcats a 12-7 lead.

But wait. After the play, the plate umpire called time out and ordered the three runs taken off of the scoreboard, ruling that the lead runner, Hill, had not touched home plate.

Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster was not pleased with the call, and indicated as much to the umpire, who finally suggested that the Dimmitt coach would do well to view the rest of the game from inside the visitors' dugout.

"I'm sure B. J. touched the plate," Feaster said. "All he had to do was walk home from third. He was up from the JV, but he's been playing a

long time and he knew what he was doing.

"He said he touched the plate, and I'm gonna believe him because I've known him a lot longer than I've known that umpire.

"It was a horrible call." Then the Eagles scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to turn the game around, erase Dimmitt's 9-7 lead and take a 10-9 win.

"Our kids had been playing so hard for seven innings, and were on a real high," Feaster said. "That team had beaten us 13-3 in the first game, and our kids were out there busting their tails, and we were whipping them.

"And then to have that happen to us. Our kids never overcame it."

He added, "Losing the ball game didn't bother me nearly as much as having to get on the bus and see those kids' faces afterward. You survive losses; that's part of the game. But for something like that to happen to those kids was just terrible."

Dimmitt's batters pounded the S-F pitchers for 16 hits (vs. only four in their first meeting), and on defense the Bobcats committed only two errors, vs. three for the Eagles.

Michael Pedroza started on the mound for Dimmitt and was relieved by Matthews in the fourth. Matthews absorbed the loss. S-F used three pitchers, with Carr getting the win.

The loss left the Bobcats with a 7-10 season record, 2-6 in district, while the Eagles improved to 8-7, 5-3.

Three from Naz earn trips to regional track

Bo Hunter, Stanton Wethington and Lindsey Gerber will compete in the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland May 1 and 2 after placing at the District 1-A meet Friday.

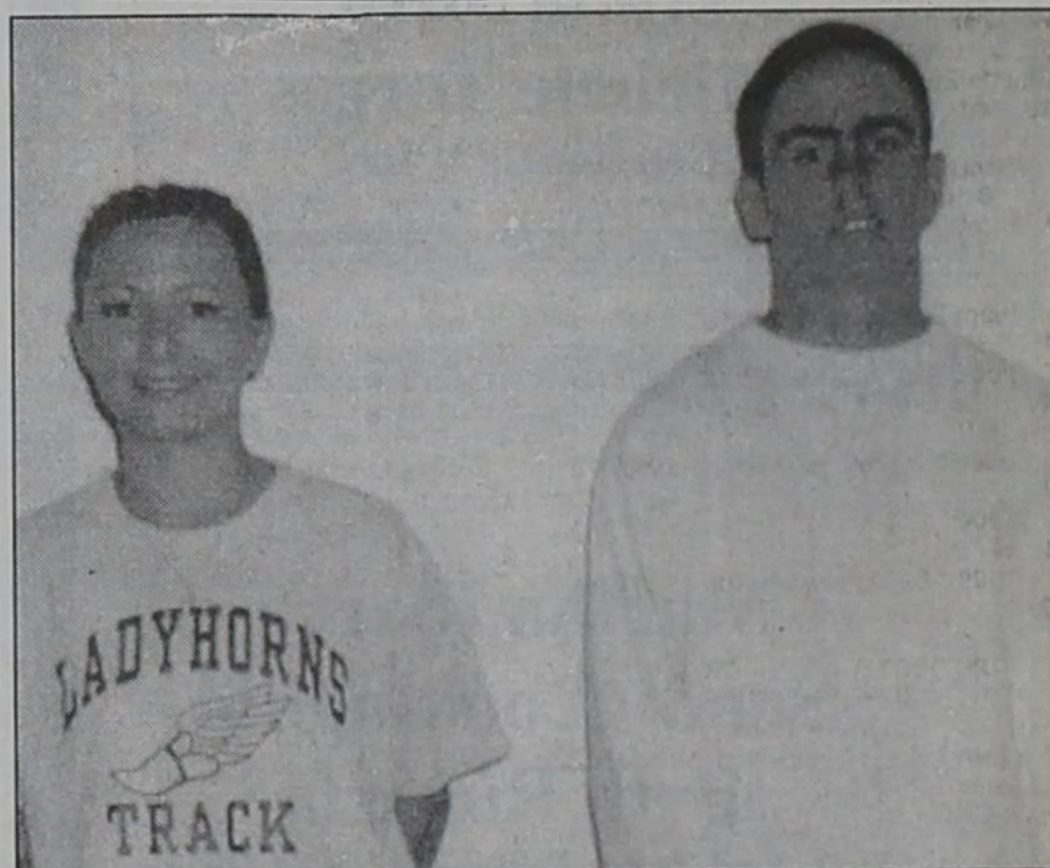
The district meet was held at Randall High School. The Swiftettes were sixth in the girls' meet with 45 points while the Swifts finished eighth overall with 20.

Hunter won the discus with a throw of 136-9 to earn a trip to regional.

Gerber posted top times in both distance races, winning the 3,200, posting a time of 12:44 to bet the field by 30 seconds. Her time of 5:47 in the mile was eight seconds faster than the second-place runner, Cristie Pabb of Farwell.

Wethington earned a trip to regional in the 110 hurdles, finishing second in 15.82.

Melanie Book of Nazareth just missed a trip to regional in the discus, finishing third with a throw of 75-3.



HART'S NIKKI BURRESS (LEFT) AND JARED AVEN qualified for the Region 1-AA golf tournament after they finished among the top five individuals at the District 3-AA meet recently. The regional tournament is slated for Monday and Tuesday in Baird. Photo by Hart Beat

Horns are third Jared Aven, Nikki Burress medal in golf

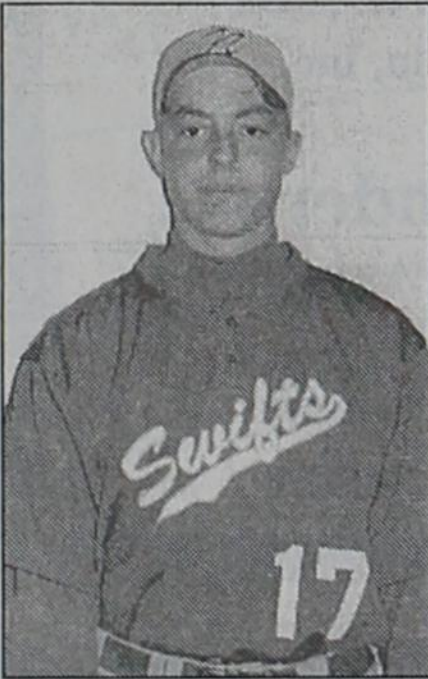
Jared Aven of Hart shot a 163 over 36 holes in the District 3-AA tournament at the Dimmitt Country Club to finish second overall and boost his team to a third-place finish while Nikki Burress tied for first overall in the girls' tournament. Both will compete in the Region 1-AA golf meet Monday and Tuesday in Baird.

Aven just missed taking the individual gold, which was won by Matt Evans of Highland Park with a 158.

The Longhorn team finished with 816 strokes, which was good enough for third. Highland Park won the team title with 713 while Bovina was second with 722.

Other Hart golfers competing and their two-round totals were Dustin Dyer, 210; Justin Hawkins, 219; and T.R. George, 223.

Joining Burress on the girls' team were Wyndi Law, Ashley Law, Tiffany Sanders and Rachel Wall.



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Gerber and Matthews to play in TABC all-star game May 8

Dimmitt's Amber Matthews and Nazareth's K'Lynn Gerber have been selected to play in the Texas Association of Basketball Association all-star game, slated for May 8 at 4 p.m. in San Antonio.

The TABC/Optimist All-Star games will be played at the Blossom Athletic Complex in San Antonio. The all-star games will be held in conjunction with the annual TABC clinic.

Both will play in the Class AAA, AA and A division, but will be on opposite teams.

Gerber's team includes Mindy Brown of Godley, Christie Derzapf of Henrietta, Aarika Florus of Barbers Hill, Mandi Floyd of Sands, Yolanda Grant of Flatonia, Katie Holley of Van Alstyne, Shalandria Johnson of New Boston, Erin Nobile of Nocona and J.J. Riehl of Dripping Springs.

Matthews' team includes Rayna Berry of Edgewood, Melissa Crider of Ponder, Jennifer King of Stratford, Betsy Pemberton of Hawkins, Natoshia Robertson of Hamilton, Selena Scott of St. Michael's Academy, Amber Tarr of Ozona, April Walker of Spur and Amber Ward of Comanche.

Heller, Bishop and Byrnes team to win Cornett Tourney

Jerry Heller, Mickey Bishop and Stan Byrnes, all of Dimmitt, edged Lanny Savage, Shawn Savage and Shane Savage of Plainview to win the Don Cornett Tournament this weekend at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Heller, Bishop and Byrnes finished with 61 over the first 18, then knocked a stroke off of that the second day to finish with 121 overall.

Finishing third in the Championship Flight were Mike Whitworth, Scott Marshall and Brad Wyatt of Lubbock, who finished with a two-round total of 122.

Winners in the First Flight were Chris Watson, Buttons Bozeman and Chris Mahaney of Tulia with 128.

Tied for top honors in the second flight were the teams of Gerald Griego, John Leal and Pat Cordova of Clovis, N.M., and Cliff and Jerri Lou Cook and Clay Davis of Dimmitt. Each team finished with 132 after 36 holes.

Sammy Gonzales, Doug Spradling and Frank Torres of Muleshoe won the Third Flight with 134 and the Dimmitt Cornetts—Tad, Cindy and Mike—took first-place honors in the Fourth Flight with 140.

Here are complete results from the weekend tourney:

DON CORNETT TOURNEY
Championship Flight: 1. Jerry Heller, Mickey Bishop and Stan Byrnes, Dimmitt, 61-60—121; 2. Lanny, Shawn and Shane Savage, 61-60—121; 3. Mike Whitworth, Scott Marshall, Brady Wyatt, Lubbock, 60-62—122.

First Flight: 1. Chris Watson, Buttons Bozeman and Chris Mahaney, Tulia, 66-62—128; 2. Jim Webb, Chris Webb, Bobby Dudley, Clovis, N.M., 66-64—130; 3. Alan Steinle, Chaun Gunstream and Phil Lemons, Dimmitt, 67-64—131.

Second Flight: 1. (Tie) Gerald Griego, John Leal and Pat Cordova of Clovis, N.M., and Cliff and Jerri Lou Cook and Clay Davis of Dimmitt, 68-64—132; 3. (Tie) Chip and Phil Thrasher and Mark Brown of Dimmitt, 68-66—134, Nicki and Mitzi Watts and Kim McPherson of Wellington, 69-65—134, and Cary Jackson, Scott Sheffy and Jim Sandoval of Dimmitt, 69-65—134.

Third Flight: 1. Sammy Gonzales, Doug Spradling and Frank Torres of Muleshoe, 70-64—134; 2. Mike Zaccardo, Steve Williams and Jim Long of Amarillo, 69-65—135; 3. Pat George, Carolyn Baker and Jane Allison of Plainview, 70-66—136.

Fourth Flight: 1. Tad, Cindy and Mike Cornett of Dimmitt, 73-67—140; 2. Bill and Bettye Durham and Jo Beth Mays of Dimmitt, 74-68—142, and John Lantz, Henry Ramaekers; 3. (Tie) Max Newman of Dimmitt, 73-73—146 and Lance Loudder, Travis Hampton and Harold Love of Dimmitt, 76-70—146.

Battin' Bobcats!

Good Luck, Bobcats!

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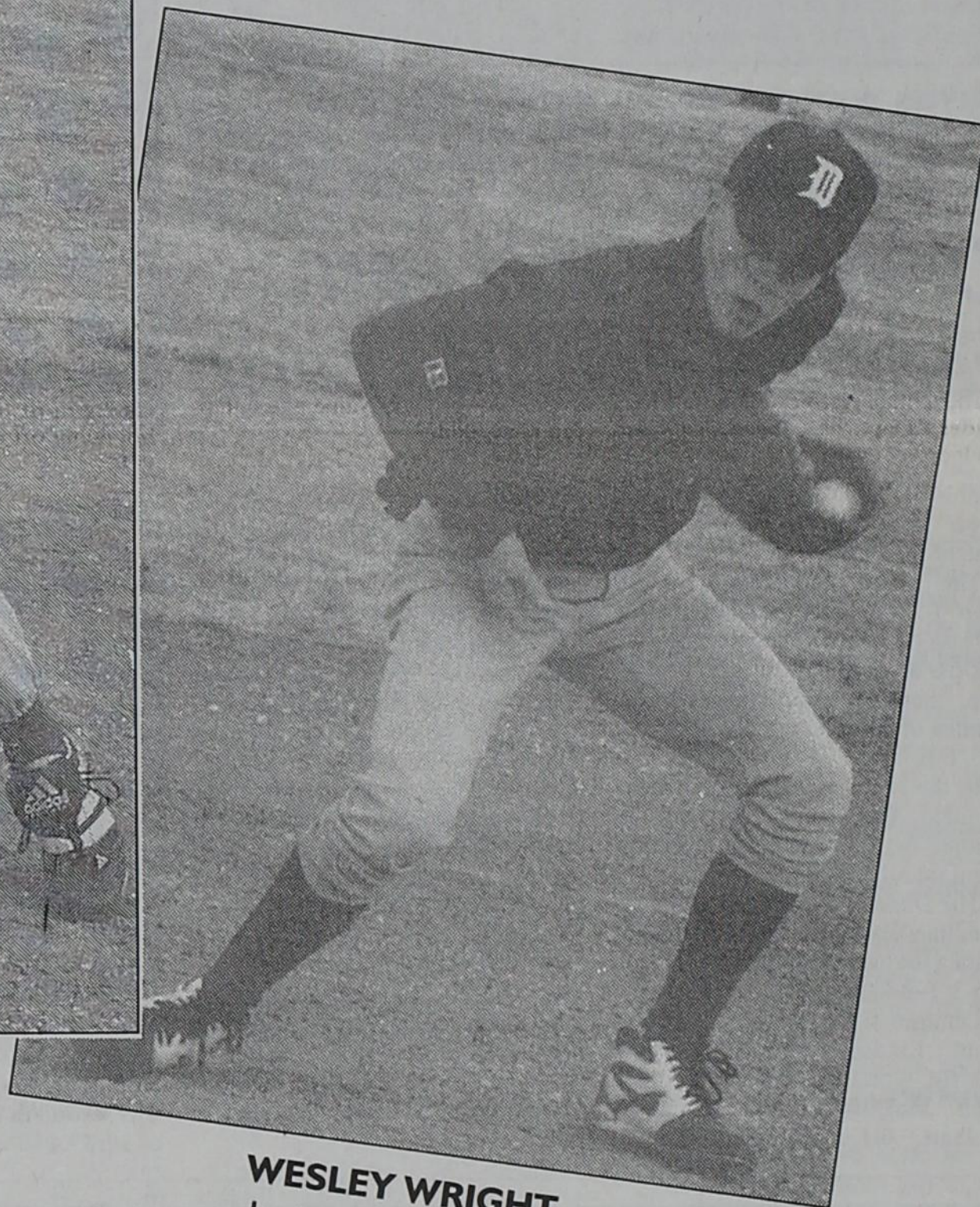
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SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. San Jacinto Academy, There, 11 a.m.



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WESLEY WRIGHT
 Junior, Second Base

Track Results

DISTRICT 1-A TRACK MEET at Randall High School

Boys
Team Totals: 1. Gruver 169, 2. Wheeler 105, 3. Farwell 86, 4. Shamrock 55, 5. (Tie) Booker and Lazbuddie 28, 7. Claude 26, 8. Nazareth 20, 9. Happy 16, 10. Vega 7.

Discus: 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 136-9.
110 Hurdles: 2. Stanton Wethington, Nazareth, 15.82.

Girls
Team Totals: 1. Farwell 130, 2. Gruver 103, 3. Shamrock 86, 4. Vega 63-1/2, 5. Claude 57-1/2, 6. Nazareth 45, 7. Wheeler 42, 8. Booker 24, 8. Happy 21.

Discus: 3. Melanie Book, Nazareth, 75-3.
3,200: 1. Lindsey Gerber, Nazareth, 12:44.

1,600: 1. Lindsey Gerber, Nazareth, 5:47.

DISTRICT 3-AA TRACK MEET at Highland Park

Varsity Boys
Team Totals: 1. Highland Park 142, 2. Lockney 116, 3. Olton 112, 4. Hart 88, 5. Hale Center 57, 6. Bovina 34.

Shot put: 1. Lucas Anzaldua, Hart, 45-5 3/4.

Discus: 1. Gerard Dozal, Hart, 125-10.
Vault: 2. T.R. George, Hart, 10-3.

3,200: 2. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 10:49.48.

110 Hurdles: 2. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 15.75.
1,600: 2. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 4:52.70.

Varsity Girls

Team Totals: 1. Hart 162, 2. Lockney 124, 3. Highland Park 105, 4. Olton 96, 5. Hale Center 54, 6. Bovina 26.

Shot put: 1. Nykki Lee, Hart, 30-6 3/4.
Discus: 3. Nykki Lee, Hart, 96-7.

Long Jump: 2. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 16-0.

Triple Jump: 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 32-10; 3. Ysa Rodriguez, 32-6.

3,200: 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:25.57.

400 Relay: 1. Hart (Charbra Lee, Geneva Finch, Veronica Gonzales, Ysa Rodriguez), 51.40.

800: 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:35.20.
100 Hurdles: 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 16.26; 3. Angelica Peralez, Hart, 17.52.

100: 2. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 13:10.

800 Relay: 1. Hart (Geneva Finch, Charbra Lee, Ysa Rodriguez, Angelica Perales), 1:54.39.

300 Hurdles: 2. Amanda Ethridge, Hart, 55.64.

200: 2. Geneva Finch, Hart, 28.45.

DISTRICT 1-AAA MEET at Randall High School

Boys
Team Totals: 1. Dimmitt 143, 2. Tulia 124, 3. Sanford-Fritch 87, 4. Friona 67, 5. River Road 48, 6. (Tie) Muleshoe and Dalhart 36, 8. Perryton 11.

Shot put: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 54-2 1/2.

Triple Jump: 3. Zack Matthews, Dimmitt, 41-5 1/2.

Vault: 1. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt, 13-6.

3,200: 2. Israel Martinez, Dimmitt, 10:39.44.

800: 1. D.J. Fleeks, Dimmitt, 2:01.47; 3. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 2:03.20.

200: 2. Zack Matthews, Dimmitt, 22.6; 3. Jerry Thomas, Dimmitt, 23.19.

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1,600 Relay: 1. Dimmitt, (D.J. Fleeks, Casey Smith, John Paul Ramos and Zack Matthews), 3:27.29.

Girls

Team Totals: 1. Sanford-Fritch 144, 2. Friona 97, 3. River Road 79, 4. Dalhart 77, 5. Dimmitt 75, 6. Perryton 58, 7. Muleshoe 42, 8. Tulia 17.

Triple Jump: 3. Jacy Buckley, Dimmitt, 32-2 1/4.

800: 2. Shawna Kenworthy, Dimmitt, 2:25.82.

400: 2. Amy Matthews, Dimmitt, 1:02.31.

1,600 Relay: 2. Dimmitt, 4:11.89.

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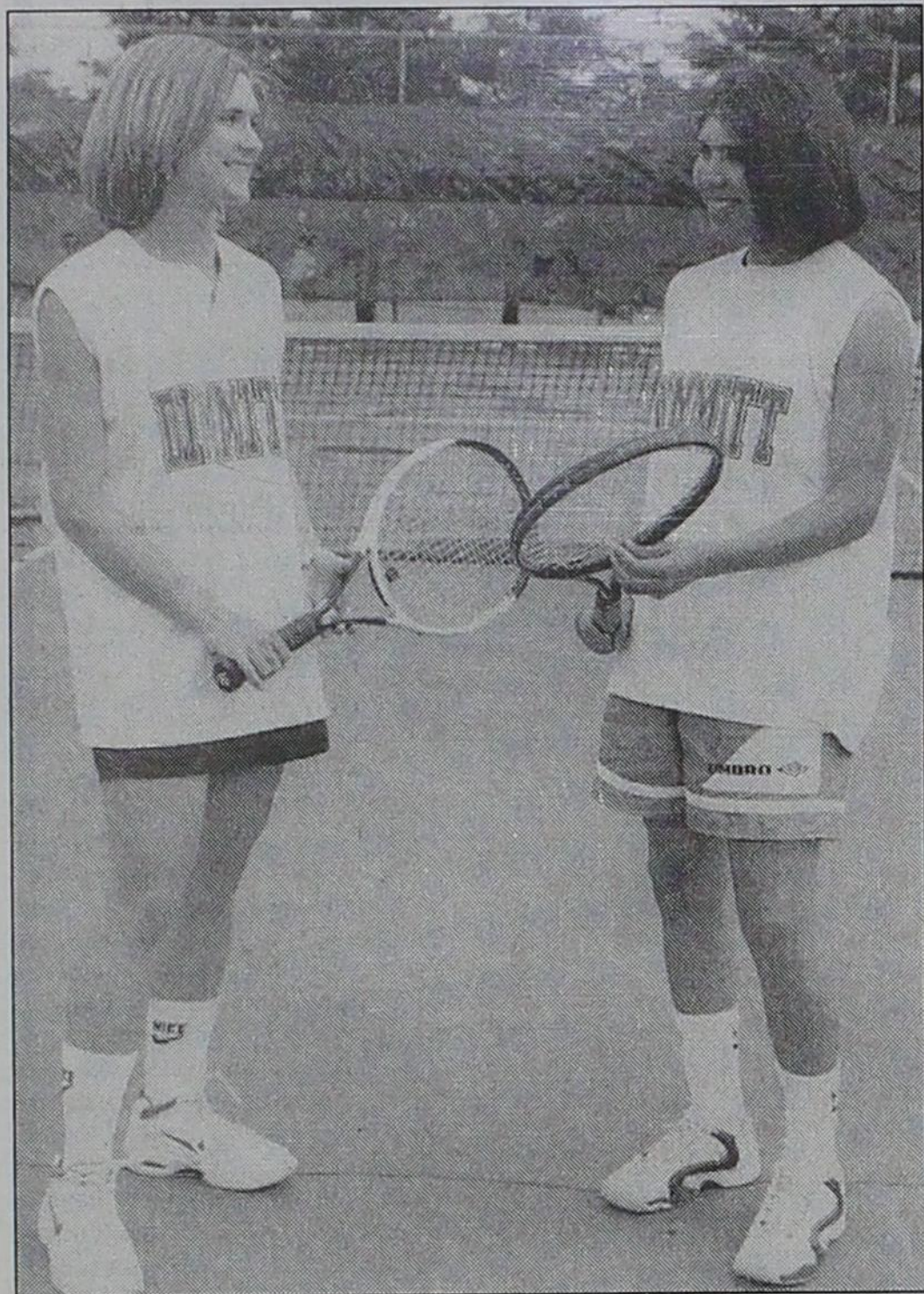
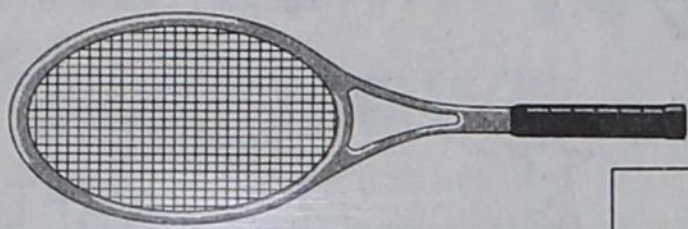
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to all those who worked and cooked for our concession stand at the Bobcat Relays. You made it a success!

**Dimmitt Athletic
 Booster Club**

Regional bound

Dimmitt ● Hart ● Nazareth



KRISTIN DOSS AND MONICA ORTIZ of Dimmitt will represent District 1-AAA as the No. 1 seed in girls singles at the regional tennis tournament in Odessa next week. The pair won the district championship to earn the trip to regional.

Photo by Anne Acker

Doss and Ortiz earn regional doubles berth

Kristin Doss and Monica Ortiz captured the District 1-AAA girls' doubles crown last Wednesday, never dropping a set in three matches.

The pair will compete in the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament in Odessa on April 29 and 30.

Doss and Ortiz drew a first-round bye, then wholoped Gidden and Ramos of Tulia in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-0.

In the semifinals, Doss and Ortiz handled Wyly and Santellana of Friona, 6-1, 6-3, and that propelled them into the finals.

The Dimmitt duo had no problems handling Blackburn and Campbell of Friona for the championship, posting a 6-3, 6-0 victory.

Dimmitt's other girls' doubles team, Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt, won their first round match with McDonald and White of Dalhart, 6-1, 6-3, then handled

Cleavinger and Wood of Muleshoe in a hard-fought, split-set decision, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

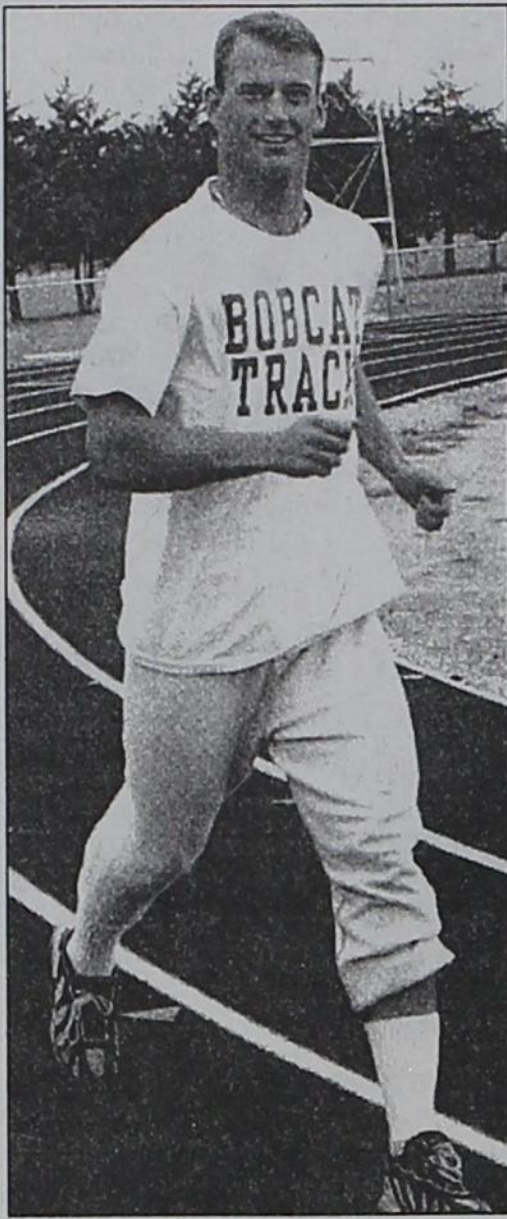
But Merritt and Welch struggled in the semifinals, losing to Blackburn and Campbell in another split-set marathon, 6-3, 4-6, 1-6.

They dropped to the third-place match against Wyly and Santellana, losing that matchup, 3-6, 0-6.

In girls' singles, Dimmitt's Kaci Schulte beat Kassi Miller of Tulia, 6-3, 6-3, in the first round before losing to Melanie Symons of Perryton, 0-6, 3-6, in the quarterfinals. Rachel Harman faced Hall in the first round, losing 3-6, 4-6.

Dimmitt's Josh Flores was declared a first-round winner by default over Garrett Hancock of Dalhart, then he lost in the quarterfinals to Dustin Noe of Perryton, 1-6, 2-6.

Raymond Powers of Dimmitt lost to Brad Foster of Perryton in the first round, 0-6, 3-6.



ZACK MATTHEWS will run the 200-meters at the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa. He finished second in the event at district.

Photo by Don Nelson



ISRAEL MARTINEZ of Dimmitt will run the mile and two mile races at the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa next week. Martinez won the 1,600 meters at district with a time of 4:46.93 and was second in the 3,200 with a time of 10:39.44. Photo by Carter Townsend



THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES dominated their opponents in the district tennis tournament and these five netters earned the right to compete in the Region 1-A meet. They are (from left) Jayme Schmucker and

Tiffany Schmucker, who finished second in doubles; K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier, who won the doubles title; and Shawna Gerber, who won the girls' singles title.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Seven Nazareth netters advance to regional meet

Three Nazareth doubles teams and a singles player are headed to regional.

Seniors Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber beat fellow Swiftettes Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker for the District 1-A doubles title last week and both will compete in the Region 1-A meet in Levelland next week.

In boys' doubles, Billy Don Cannon and Barry Hoelting breezed through the district tournament, never losing a set enroute to the district championship and regional berth.

Shawna Gerber earned a trip to regional in her first year after beating Jody Miller of Booker in the finals.

Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber opened the tournament with a first-round bye, then blanked Nicole Kilpatrick and Chelcie Beger of Shamrock, 6-0, 6-0. The Swiftette duo continued to roll in the semifinals, shutting out Booker's top seed, Lisa Longhufer and Jenny Frame, 6-0, 6-0.

In the other half of the bracket, the Schmucker twins also drew a first-round bye, then beat Kellie Gilbert and Kim Garcia of Shamrock, 6-1, 6-0. The Schmuckers knocked off Jill Odom and Janae Watley in the semis, 6-3, 6-1, to set up the title match with Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber.

The Schmucker sisters gave Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber their toughest match of the tournament, but the seniors won it, 6-4, 6-2.

Shawna Gerber beat Sarah Herring of Claude in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-1, then beat Jolly to earn a spot in the finals against Miller. Shawna Gerber won the district title with a 6-2, 6-1 decision over Miller.



DISTRICT 1-A BOYS' DOUBLES CHAMPS Billy Don Cannon and Barry Hoelting of Nazareth

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Hoelting and Cannon blew past Daniel Lowe and Ty Owens of Shamrock in the quarterfinals, then beat Julio Tudon and Randlett Payne of Booker, 6-3, 6-1, in the semifinals. The Swift pair had an easy time in the championship, posting a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Travis Woodard and Jordan McGee of Booker.

Matthew Kern advanced to the semifinals in boys' singles before he was beaten by eventual district runner-up, Craig Bass of Wheeler. Kern beat Clayton Henson of

Gruver, 6-1, 6-2, in the quarters, before falling to Bass in the semis, 2-6, 2-6. Kern then knocked off Matt Hampton of Wheeler, 6-4, 6-2, to finish third.

Whitney McLain finished fourth in girls singles, losing to Angela Jolly of Wheeler in the third-place match.

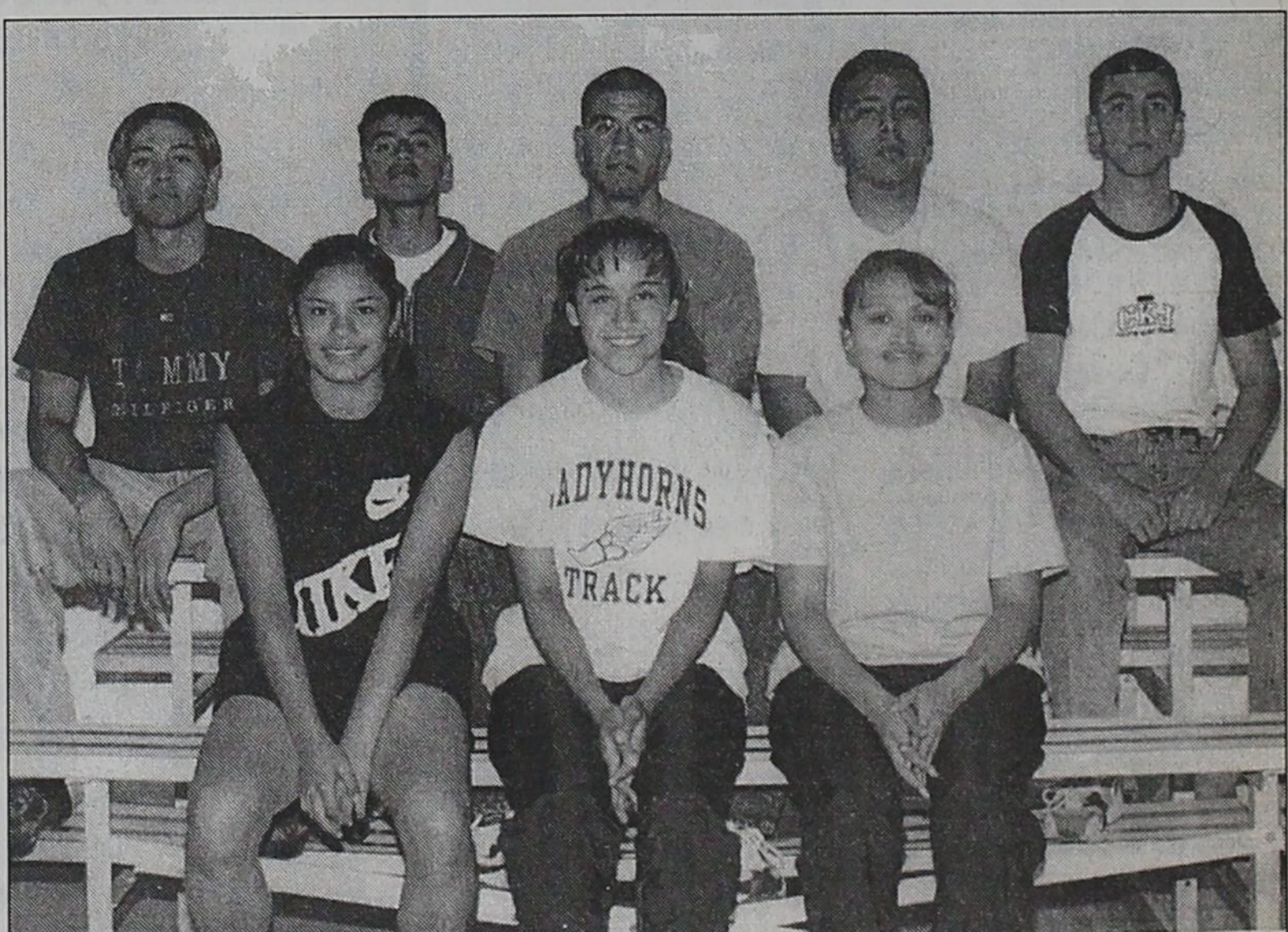
McLain beat Kyla May of Vega in the first round, 6-1, 6-0, then topped Evan Lair of Happy before she fell to Miller in the semifinals. McLain took Jolly to split sets in the third-place match, winning the first set 6-3, but Jolly came back to take the next two, 7-6, 6-4.



THE DIMMITT BOBBIES' MILE RELAY team, including (from left) Carol Summers, Shawna Kenworthy, Amy Matthews and Jacy Buckley, will be

competing in the Region 1-AAA track meet next week in Odessa. The Bobbies finished second in the mile relay at district.

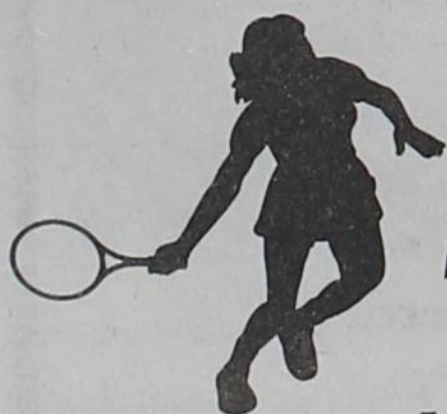
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HART REGIONAL TENNIS qualifiers include (front row, from left) Veronica Gonzales, Ysa Rodriguez and Raquel Garcia; and (back row, from left) Moses

Reyna, Jeremiah Velasquez, Lupe DeLaFuente, Rodolfo Gonzales and Christopher George. Not pictured is regional qualifier Jared Aven.

Photo by Anne Acker



Tennis



Track



Golf

More pictures of regional qualifiers will appear in next week's issue of the News.

Friona tops Cats, 21-11

Friona's long bats made it a long day for the Bobcats Tuesday, overpowering the locals for a 21-11 district win at George Howell Park.

The Chieftain batters struck for four home runs, including two by Jesus Mata, a grand slam in the third by Cecil Cooper, and a three-run blast over the center field fence in the seventh by Jeff Hamilton — the longest one of the day.

Derek Buckley, who pitched five innings, hit a two-run homer for the Bobcats in the fourth.

The game had a big finish with a 13-run seventh inning.

Leading by 14-5 going into the final frame, the Chieftains struck for seven runs—five of them before there were any outs, with Hamilton's three-run homer the highlight.

Sergio Pedroza relieved Buckley on the mound and fanned three of the next five batters while giving up two run-scoring doubles.

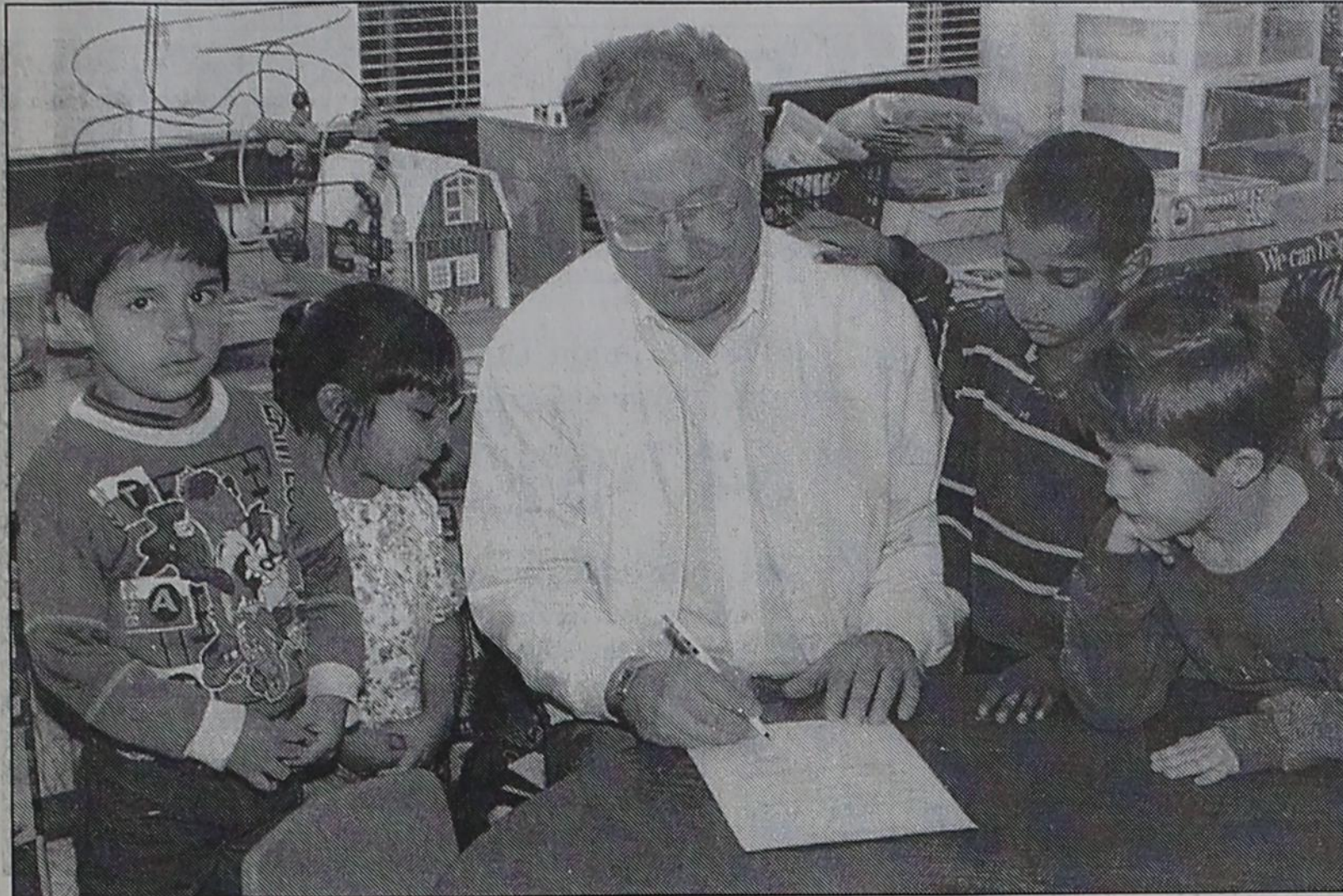
In the bottom of the seventh the Bobcats put on an offensive show of their own with a six-run rally off of three walks and six singles.

Courtney Joplin lofted a 1-2 pitch over second base for the first single to load the bases. It was her first hit of the year.

Also singing during the rally were Navarro, Sammy Prieto, Zack Thomas, Rusty Wooten and Michael Pedroza.



THE SCIENCE TEAM from Hart High School will compete in the Region 1-AA UIL Literary meet this weekend after placing second at district. Only the first-place team qualified for regional, but the winner of Hart's district meet is unable to attend the regional meet, so Hart will represent District 3-AA. Team members are (from left) Eric Montemayor, Efrain Salazar, Lupe DeLaFuente and Angel Pantoja. Photo by Hart Beat



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD is celebrated this week, April 20-24. On Monday, Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins signed a proclamation. Looking on are members of the Head Start classes from Richardson Elementary School, (from left) Jerry Velasquez, Amanda Lopez, Micheal Kirven and Geena Steffens.

Theme for the week is "The Early Years Are Learning Years... Make Them Count," and serves as a reminder that early childhood lays the foundation for all later learning and can shape whether children succeed in school and later life. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton Center downs Swifts, 4-0, to take half-game lead in district

Cotton Center's ace pitcher Z. Land rang up 15 Swift batters Monday night, and gave up just three hits as the Elks downed Nazareth, 4-0, in a big District 1-A game at Cotton Center.

Nazareth pitcher Shane Ethridge allowed just three hits, too, but a couple of errors allowed Cotton Center to pick up the runs it needed to win.

The win improved Cotton Center's district mark to 4-0 and lifted the Elks into first place while the Swifts are a half game back with a 4-1 mark.

For three innings the game was a pitchers' duel. Cotton Center finally broke the stalemate when Land scored in the bottom of the fourth, then the Elks added two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth to claim the 4-0 win.

Land struck out Nazareth's first three batters to open the game, then Ethridge went to work. The Elk's lead-off hitter grounded out to short, then Ethridge struck out the next two batters.

Ethridge got the first hit of the game with a lead-off single in the second, but Land struck out Jerad Birkenfeld, Stacey Schulte and Dustin Ramaekers, in order, to strand the runner at first.

The Elks got their first base runner with one down in the second when Ethridge walked McFerrin. The runner stole second, but he stopped there, as Ethridge struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

Matt Olvera picked up a single to

open the third inning, then made it to third, taking advantage of an error on the Land, but Nazareth couldn't bring him home. Land retired the next three batters to hold Olvera at third.

Ethridge walked Rodriguez, the lead-off hitter in the fourth, then Rodriguez stole second. Land singled and Rodriguez rounded second and was sent home by coaches, but he was tagged at the plate after Birkenfeld fielded the hit. Nazareth was able to peg Rodriguez before he reached the plate to keep the game scoreless.

Land advanced to second on a wild pitch, then his little brother, J. Land, walked. Another wild pitch scored Z. Land and the Elks still had a runner on with one out.

Ethridge ended the inning by striking out McFerrin and Saenz, but the Elks were on top, 1-0, in the fourth.

After Olvera struck out to open the fifth, Nazareth's next two batters, Bo

Hunter and Jason Maurer each made contact, but the Elk infield was able to handle the job, throwing both out at first.

Gonzales got a lead-off single to start the fifth for Cotton Center, then Rodriguez got on after a passed ball. A hit by Wallace was fielded by Brockman, who attempted to throw out Gonzales who was headed home, but the run was safe and Cotton Center went up 2-0. The Elks would score one more run in the inning before the Swifts got out of the inning.

Land struck out Kit Schulte and Brockman in the sixth, then Ethridge flied out to right and Nazareth was still scoreless.

The Elks added one in the sixth when Saenz reached on an error, then advanced around thanks to a grounder and passed ball.

The Swifts had three base runners on in the seventh, but couldn't score and the Elks took the win.

Police Calls

A 26-year-old Plainview man was jailed April 14 on warrants charging him with aggravated assault/deadly weapon and aggravated sexual assault.

A Hart man, 23, was jailed April 15 for violation of probation stemming from burglary of a habitation.

April 14 at 10:35 p.m., a 38-year-old Earth man was jailed for DWI, second offense. He also refused the breath test.

DWI, first offense, was the charge listed against a 38-year-old Hart man who was jailed at 11:57 p.m. Sunday.

An incident of driving under the influence was investigated by Dimmitt Police around 12:12 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of West Bedford. Four beers were taken as evidence. A minor was charged with being in possession of alcoholic beverages in the same incident.

A 41-year-old Clovis man was jailed Sunday night on a warrant for bond forfeiture and possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

David Rodriguez of Dimmitt told police Sunday night that someone broke out the right back passenger window of a 1993 Ford Escort while it was in the 600 block of Southwest Fifth.

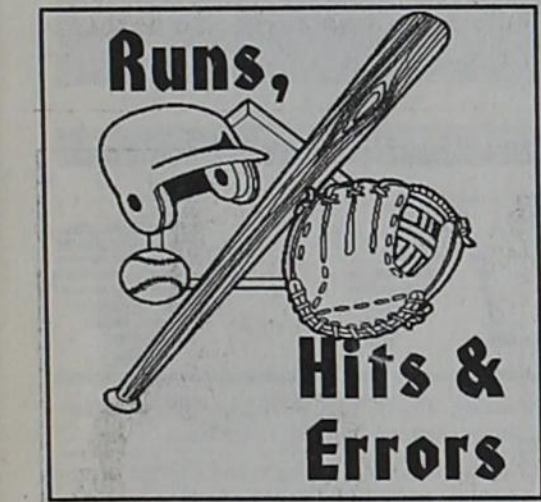
Police were called to Dimmitt Middle School Friday at 10:04 a.m. because of suspects who were fighting.

Three one-vehicle accidents were reported in the county last Thursday. At 1:40 p.m., a 1992 GMC pickup driven by James Vaughan, 46, of Earth was heading north on FM 168 about .3 miles south of Hart. The vehicle entered a curve then drove off the road onto the west shoulder. The driver over corrected, crossed both lanes of traffic and entered the east bar ditch, where the pickup

overturned 1¼ times. Vaughan was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital. The damage rating for his vehicle was listed at 10L&T3. He was ticketed for failure to control speed.

At 8:55 p.m., a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Gerald Kern, 42, of Nazareth, struck a black cow in the east lane of SH 86 about 2.7 miles east of Dimmitt. Kern had been heading east. He was not injured. Damage to his vehicle was rated at 12-FL3.

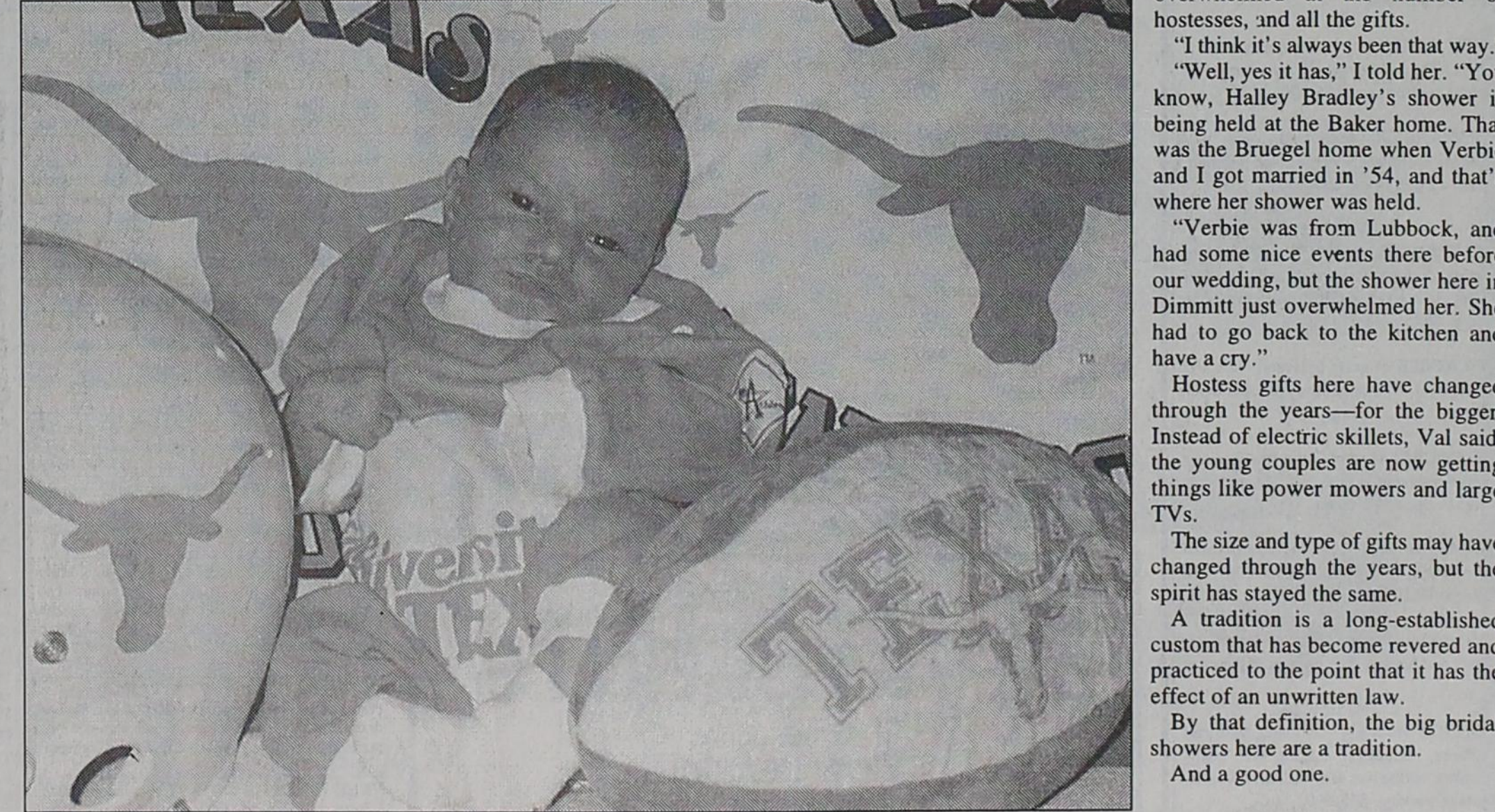
At 9:10 p.m., Jesus Mejia, 21, of Hart was driving north on FM 168 about .9 miles south of Nazareth. His 1990 Chevrolet pickup struck a cow in the north bound lane of the roadway. Mejia was not injured. Damage to his vehicle was rated 12 FL-1.



THURSDAY		
Swifts 5, Hereford JV 9		
Nazareth	200	210 0 5 3 3
Hereford	024	003 x 9 5 3
Pitchers: Brockman, Bo Hunter (6) and Matt Olvera of Nazareth; Lacey and Pictsek of Hereford. WP: Lacey. LP: Brockman. 2B: Davis of Hereford. Records: Nazareth 5-2, 4-0.		
SATURDAY		
Bobcats 9, Sanford-Fritch 10		
Dimmitt	024	030 0 9 10 2
Sanford-Fritch	100	213 3 10 8 3
Pitchers: Pedroza, Zack Matthews (4) and Rusty Wooten. Shapley, Wolfe (3), Carr (7) and Holland, Skaggs (5). WP: Carr. LP: Matthews. 2B: Matthews and Wooten for Dimmitt; Shapley, Walker and Downs for Sanford-Fritch. HR: Cortez of Tullia. Records: Dimmitt 7-10, 2-6; Sanford-Fritch 8-7, 5-3.		
MONDAY		
Swifts 0, Cotton Center 4		
Nazareth	000	000 0 0 3 3
Cotton Center	000	121 x 4 3 3
Pitchers: Ethridge and Mitchell Brockman of Nazareth; Z. Land and J. Land. WP: Z. Land. LP: Ethridge. Records: Nazareth 5-3, 4-1; Cotton Center 5-3, 4-0.		
TUESDAY		
Bobcats 11, Friona 21		
Friona	144	131 7 21 19 7
Dimmitt	010	310 6 11 13 4
Pitchers: Daniels (6), Mata (7) and Hamilton. Benny Navarro, Derek Buckley (3) and Sergio Pedroza. WP: Juarez. LP: Navarro (2-1). 2B: Pena 2, Mata and Ellis of Friona; Sammy Prieto and Beau Hill. HR: Mata 2, Hamilton and Cooper of Friona; Derek Buckley of Dimmitt. Records: Dimmitt 7-11, 2-7; Friona 11-8, 5-4.		

On an American one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield" and a spider hidden in the front upper right-hand corner.

The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.



New Lady Longhorn

You should see this picture in full burnt-orange-and-white color. This is Sarah Rose Sava of Cheyenne, Wyo., who was born March 28 to Greg and Becky Sava. Although Sarah's dad, who was raised in Dimmitt, is a graduate of the Air Force Academy, he has always been a big Texas Longhorns fan. And the

orange-and-white theme of Sarah's room is okay with her mom, who graduated from Lazbuddie High School, which has the same mascot and school colors as UT. (The News doesn't usually print baby pictures, but the publisher decided this photo met all the requirements for publication.)

Courtesy Photo

More about

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High School that she knows Garth Brooks, they think their teacher is pretty cool.

One of her students went to the press conference at which Garth announced plans for his five-night concert series in Houston. She asked him, "Do you know Vicki Fretwell? Vicki Cleveland?"

"Yes, I do," he said. "Tell Vicki hi."

It was that same student who stood in line forever (ah, the perseverance and patience of the young!) to get tickets to Garth's concert—including some for Vicki's family.

"I never would have had the time to stand in line that long," Vicki said. "If she hadn't done it, we wouldn't have been able to go."

Vicki went to two of the Houston concerts—Thursday's and Saturday's—the night before and the night after my son Nathan and I attended.

Was she as impressed with her former teammate's showmanship as I was?

"Our whole family is big on sports," she says, "so we've been to the Summit a lot to see the Rockets and the other teams play there, and to see other kinds of sports events."

"But there has never been such energy in that Summit as there was when Garth was performing!"

"He realizes that he's a lucky guy, and he continues to be a nice guy like I knew in college. He's not conceited about it or anything."

So how good an athlete was Garth? "Well, he wasn't that great, but neither was I," Vicki says. "We just had a good time."

"I placed third indoors and sixth outdoors my sophomore year. That was my best year."

"The Big 8—the Big 12 now—was really a tough conference. I was out of my league, but I got a good college education out of it. I did the best I could. It was an experience I wouldn't trade for anything."

Don't ever ask her to trade you her Garth Brooks tickets, either.

"No town anywhere does as much for its young people as Dimmitt does," Valeria Davis remarked Saturday morning.

Val owns The Village Shop, and had been delivering a ton or so of gifts for five bridal showers that were being held that day.

She knows whereof she speaks. She was a young bride here herself, in 1966.

"At my shower, the hostesses got me the ultimate hostess gift of that time — a Corning Ware electric skillet," she said. "I was just overwhelmed at the number of hostesses, and all the gifts."

"I think it's always been that way." "Well, yes it has," I told her. "You know, Halley Bradley's shower is being held at the Baker home. That was the Bruegel home when Verbie and I got married in '54, and that's where her shower was held."

"Verbie was from Lubbock, and had some nice events there before our wedding, but the shower here in Dimmitt just overwhelmed her. She had to go back to the kitchen and have a cry."

Hostess gifts here have changed through the years—for the bigger. Instead of electric skillets, Val said, the young couples are now getting things like power mowers and large TVs.

The size and type of gifts may have changed through the years, but the spirit has stayed the same.

A tradition is a long-established custom that has become revered and practiced to the point that it has the effect of an unwritten law.

By that definition, the big bridal showers here are a tradition.

And a good one.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

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22—Notices

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: 1998 Improvements for Dimmitt ISD, (Richardson Elementary Kitchen Roof). All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., local time, May 5, 1998, at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to: Las Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Plans and specifications are available and may be acquired from: Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, PO Box 65, Wolfthorh, Texas 79382; (806) 863-2462. A pre-bid conference will be held at 3 p.m., local time, April 28, 1998. All interested parties should meet at the southeast parking area of Richardsor Elementary, Dimmitt, Texas. The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities. 25-2-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids on heating and air conditioning for the County Jail. Bid specifications can be picked up in the County Judges Office Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, TX 79027, on or before May 8, 1998. Bids will be opened May 11, 1998 at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities. IRENE MILLER Castro County Judge 25-3-2tc

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25—Legal Notices

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NO. PR 2286

THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH HOELTING, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH HOELTING, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of ELIZABETH HOELTING, Deceased, were issued to CLYDE HOELTING on the 6th day of April, 1998, in Cause No. PR 2286 in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, styled "THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH HOELTING, DECEASED". All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following address: CLYDE HOELTING, 7827 Bent Tree, Amarillo, Texas 79121.
25-3-11c

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. 2287

THE ESTATE OF
LaRUE GLENN, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
LaRUE GLENN, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LaRUE GLENN, were issued on the 20th day of April, 1998, in Cause No. 2287, in the proceedings of the Estate of LaRUE GLENN, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to ALICE GLENN, 106 NW 4th, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to send the same to me, at the above address within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.
ALICE GLENN
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
LaRUE GLENN, Deceased
25-3-11c

**Third quarter
sales improve**

Gross sales for all industries in Castro County during the third quarter of 1997 were up 66.7%, but retail sales were off 29.2%.

Retail gross sales during the period totaled \$9,360,565, down from the 1996 third-quarter total of \$13,217,504. Use tax purchases amounted to \$25,740, and \$3,818,272 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

The number of retail outlets reporting also was down, from 93 in 1996 to 88 in 1997.

Overall, sales in Castro County totaled \$37,603,752 during the period, up 66.7% from the \$22,555,126 reported for the third quarter in 1996.

Of that \$37,603,752, \$60,370 were use tax purchases and \$4,994,172 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

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Obituaries

Arno Cox

Arno Cox, 80, of Plainview, former Hart resident, died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Plainview.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at the First United Methodist Church in Hart with Rev. Max Brownin, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Plainview, officiating.

Burial will follow in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Cox was born Dec. 27, 1917, in Jenkins, N.M. He married Irene Jackson on Dec. 9, 1939, in Clovis, N.M. She died Nov. 3, 1993.

He attended Hart schools. He helped build the Shasta Dam in California. He moved to Amarillo and worked at Pantex. He moved to Hobbs, N.M. in 1947, and worked in the oil fields before becoming a partner and vice president of Clarke Oil Servicing. He was a member of Ambucks.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Bowden of Plainview; two sisters, Demmie McLain of Manteca, Calif., and Francis Hieght of Broadview, N.M.; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Irene Dziuk

Funeral services for Irene Urbanczyk Dziuk, 87, of Hereford, were held Monday morning in St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Hereford with Msgr. Orville Blum, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. A Christian mothers' rosary was held Sunday at 4 p.m. and rosary services were Sunday at 7 p.m. in Rose Chapel.

Mrs. Dziuk died April 17.

She was born July 14, 1910, in Rhineland. She married Edward Dziuk Sr. on Sept. 8, 1931, at White Deer. They moved to Deaf Smith County in 1939 from Panhandle. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by three sons, William Dziuk in 1939, Robert Dziuk in 1974, and Jimmy Dziuk in 1987; and a brother, Conrad Urbanczyk, and a sister, Rosalie Stengel.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Ed Dziuk Jr., Al Dziuk and David Dziuk, all of Hereford; a daughter, Ann Rose Stephens of Suquamish, Wash.; four sisters, Theresa Kotara of White Deer, Edna Reinart and Leona Mazurek, both of Hereford, and Ethel Stengel of Amarillo; a brother, Tony Urbanczyk of Hereford; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony's School in Hereford.

John W. Graham

Services for John W. Graham, 84, of Frazeyburg, Ohio, former Castro County resident, were held Tuesday at Vensil-Orr Funeral Home in Frazeyburg with Philip W. Sanders and Rev. Roger Nichols, officiating. Burial followed in Frazeyburg Cemetery.

Mr. Graham died at 1:58 p.m. Saturday at Genesis Morrison House Hospice in Zanesville, Ohio. He suffered a fall in January at his farm in Texas and never recovered.

Mr. Graham was born May 13, 1913, in Pike Township of Coshocton County, Ohio. He graduated from Frazeyburg High School in 1932. He married Ruth Romine on Oct. 13, 1932. He was a lifelong farmer, having farms in Ohio, Texas and New Mexico. He had lived in Castro County for 18 years, from 1962 to 1980.

He was a member of the Frazeyburg Presbyterian Church,

Frazeyburg Lodge #490 F&AM, Nashport Grange #1893, the Texas Cattlemen's Association and National Cattlemen's Association. He was past-director of Muskingum County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William T. And Lola (Laughlin) Graham; two sisters, Elizabeth Shaw and Ruth Anderson; a grandson, Tommy Mozena; and a granddaughter, Julie Ann Graham.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wayne Graham and Gerald Graham, both of Frazeyburg; three daughters, Naomi Crown of Amarillo, Lois Fox of El Paso and Mildred Mozena of Adamsville, Ohio; a sister, Margaret Sabatino of Newart, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Genesis Morrison House Hospice, 800 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Dorothy Hutchinson

Services for Dorothy N. Hutchinson, 80, of Amarillo, sister of Mary Nell Malone of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon at Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel in Amarillo with Tom Lane, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial followed in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Memphis and she was a longtime resident of Denver. She retired from Denver General Hospital, where she had worked as a clerk. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 123, in Denver.

She married Jack Hutchinson in 1944, in Memphis. He died in 1987.

She had been a resident of Amarillo for 10 years. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include four sisters, Mary Nell Malone of Dimmitt, Joyce Rice of Miami, and Peggy Hartman and Judith Uhrich, both of Amarillo; and three brothers, M.L. Evans of Dallas, Cleve Evans of Abilene and Marion Messer of Amarillo.

Stefan De'Angelo Medrano

Graveside services for Stefan De'Angelo Medrano, infant son of Michelle Medrano of Clovis, N.M., were held Wednesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Rusty Gray, pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship Church, officiating.

The infant died at 4:29 a.m. Tuesday at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born Friday in Lubbock.

Survivors include his mother; a sister, Jasmine Medrano of Clovis; and his grandparents, Frank Medrano of Dimmitt and Yolanda Medrano of Clovis, N.M.

Dovie Wood

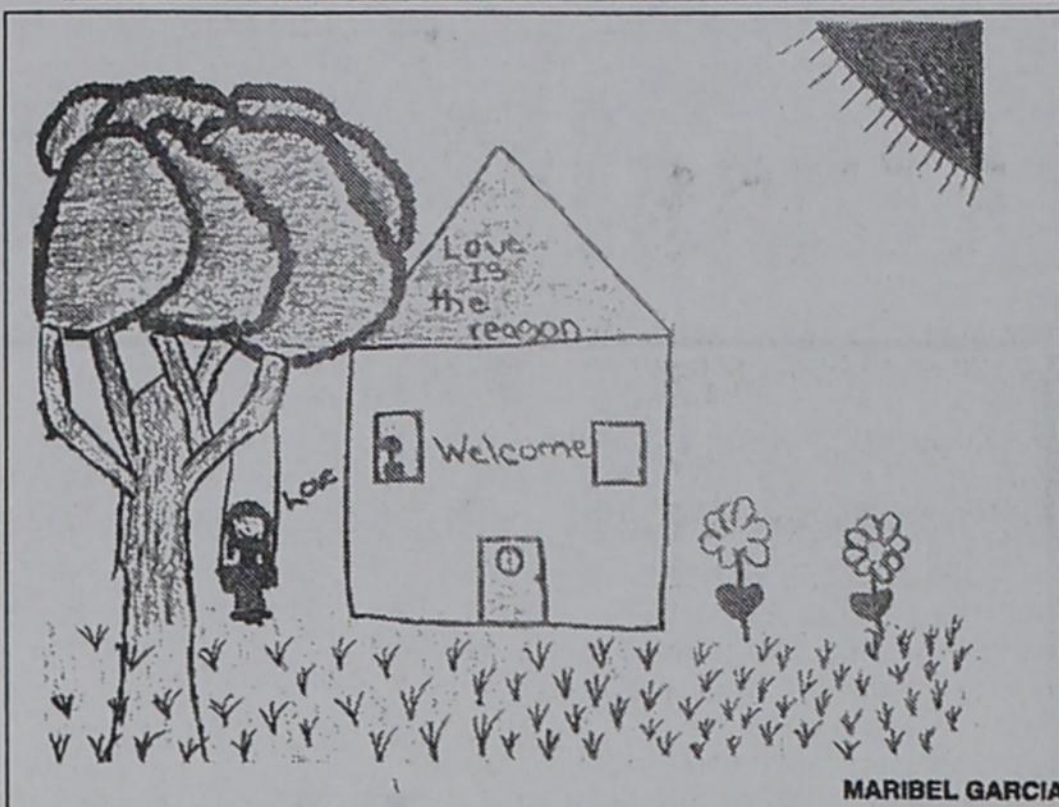
Dovie Smithson Wood, 58, of Ponte Verde, Fla., sister of Rayphard and Howard Smithson, both of Dimmitt, died April 12 from complications following surgery.

Mrs. Wood was born June 16, 1939, to Ben and Maudie Smithson, formerly of Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1957.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Wood of Ponte Verde; a daughter, Debbie McGuire of Naples, Fla.; a son, Steve McGuire of Reston, Va.; two sisters, Mauriene Mathews of Plainview and Wilda Neuman of Greenville; six brothers, L.E. Smithson of Temple, Rayphard Smithson of Dimmitt, Howard Smithson of Dimmitt, Wayne Smithson of Clearfield, Utah, Clinton Smithson of Garland and Donald Smithson of Trenton; and a granddaughter, Julie McGuire of Reston, Va.

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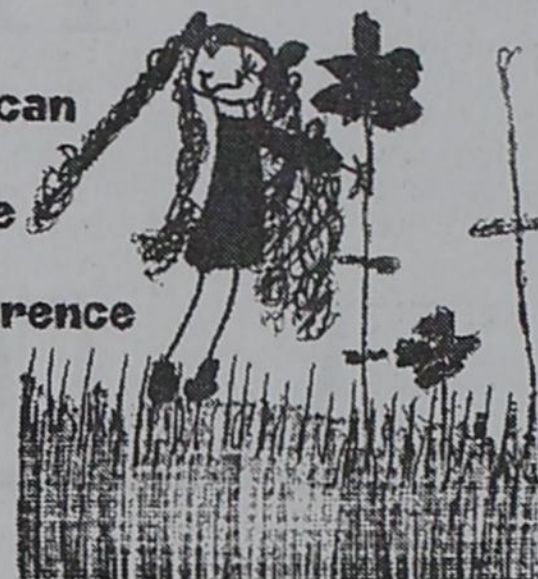
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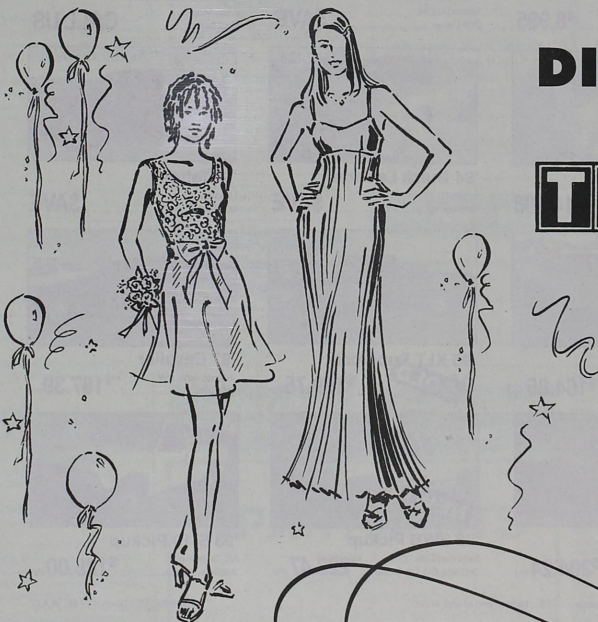
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