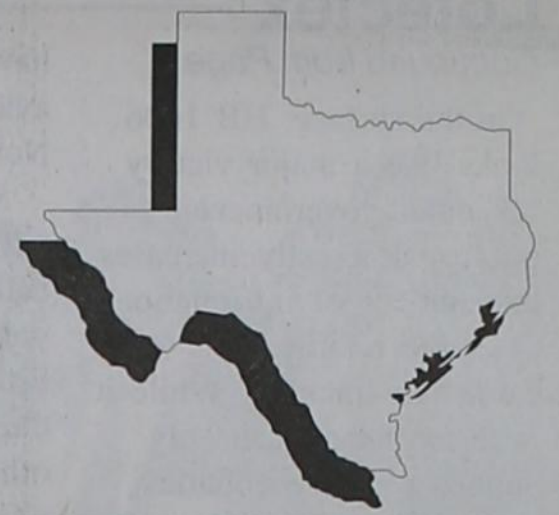


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Roxy hosts singing in Olton

The Roxy Theater Singers Showcase will have its preliminary competition July 26, starting at 6 p.m., with divisions for ages 2-11, 12-17, 18 and up. Each contestant will sing two songs of their own. They will be judged on vocals and interpretation. The top four in each division will advance to the finals, set for 2 p.m., Aug. 2, during the annual Sandhills Celebration.

Turkey shoot in Hale County

Hale County 4-H Shooting Sports is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot at the Trap Field, located at 1/4 mile west of Excel on County Road 50 and 1/4 mile south on turnrow, at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 27.

For more information, contact Pete Chambliss at 296-9277.

Breast cancer screening set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, in Dimmitt on Sept. 4.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hart Days set

Hart Days will be celebrated July 25 and 26. A carnival will be open from Thursday, July 24, through Saturday, July 26. The

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Council OKs cop for DISD

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt City Council voted 4-1 Monday night to allot one policeman for school duty only while school is in session. With Councilwoman Gloria Hernandez voting against the measure and Councilman Bob Murdock absent, the council gave the go-ahead so chief Ray Aleman can find someone to work for the

Delays ambulance action

DISD and then hire another officer to keep the Dimmitt PD up to strength.

The DISD will pay 75 percent of the cost for the school's office; he will work on the regular police force in the summer and during school vacations.

"We're willing to pay 75

percent of everything it takes to hire this person," Superintendent Les Miller said. "This officer will not just be a truant officer, but will work sports events on a flexible schedule."

At an earlier meeting, Miller said he believed the officer could pay most of his

or her salary by getting truants back in school. School districts are paid by the state on the basis of attendance, so the more students in school, the more money the district gets.

Hernandez had asked the council to wait until it gets further into the budget

process, but since school employees will report Aug. 1, a majority of the council felt that the time factor couldn't be ignored.

"I'm just curious why they don't have an assistant principal at the middle school and the assistant principal at the high school had extra duties," Hernandez said later. "If they had those people there, they wouldn't

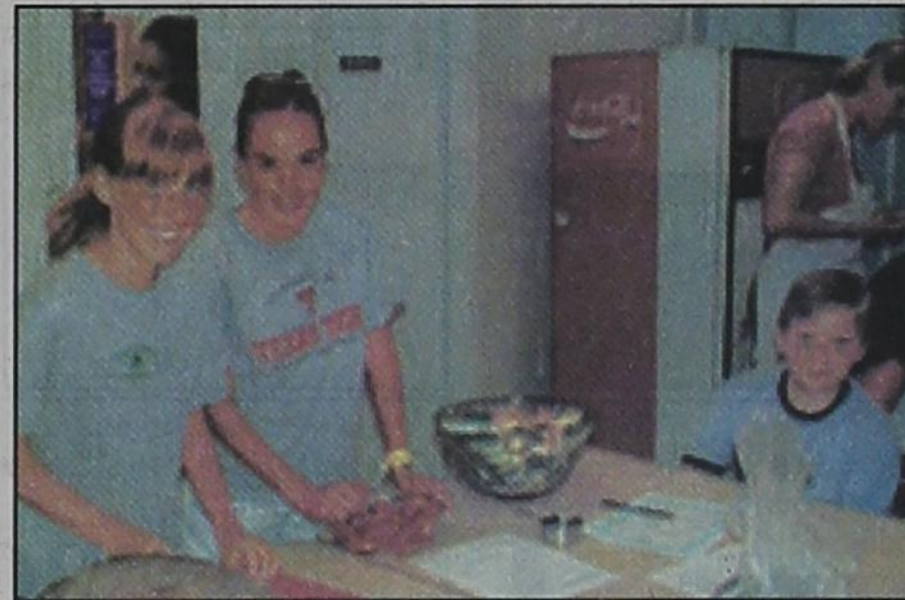
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4-H'ers cook up a storm

AT LEFT, KIDS participating in a Castro County 4-H Summer Foods Workshop mix ingredients for Striped Fruit Pops. Back row is Maggie Armstrong, Keila Schilling and Sarah Morris. Front row: Mellissa Welch, Carsyn O'Brien, Kelsey Schilling and Jill Miller. The 4-Hers spent the day mixing up various recipes, including bagel pizzas and fruity tossed salad. Then, of course, once the goodies were made, the group settled in the joy the "fruits" of their labor. This week the group will attend an etiquette seminar.



BELOW, STEPHANIE Castro and Elizabeth Hill get ready to blend ingredients for the fruit pops.



ABOVE, THE members of the 4-H prepare the Fruity Tossed Salad. From left are Alisha Womack, Anna Brockman and Caleb Penney. In the background is Kristy Mitchell.

Transfers the bane of DISD

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

As of this week, all the school districts in Castro County are in compliance with TEA guidelines, said Ron Rowell, who is with the TEA in Austin.

The questions arose after two Dimmitt families enrolled their children in Nazareth schools and listed their ethnicity as Native American.

"That is a family's prerogative," Rowell said.

"But it's serious business because whenever you lose a kid it's about \$5,000 a year that the school district loses."

Rowell said he knows that DISD has lost some students. "I can only assume that the parents have gotten doctors' reasons that we have given credit for," Rowell said. "As long as Nazareth or Hart stay under the guidelines for transfers, they can accept these kids.

"The parents rather have

their kids in a smaller school environment or have other numerous reasons."

Dimmitt superintendent Les Miller said the district will lose 12 students this year who are classified as Anglo. And he believes that some of those students who go to other schools will be out of compliance in those other schools and that funds will be withheld from those districts.

But his real message is that students can get the best

education in the state here in Dimmitt.

"I want to stress that Dimmitt ISD has a great school system," Miller said. "We are able to offer much more here than a lot of schools in the area. I want our kids to be able to go to school here. They're going to get the best education here."

Nazareth superintendent Marshall Harrison confirmed that two Dimmitt families

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Lotectex The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Many of our elected officials are whittling away at our freedoms in the name of Homeland Security. Those of us in the newspaper field are finding it increasingly difficult to get certain information relative to public meetings, medical records, etc.

The 78th Legislative session made the trip somewhat more uphill. Some of the bills passed into law made the records more difficult to obtain, while there were some victories in that we managed to maintain access to others.

Some of the good bills that passed:

HB 13 specified when arrest warrants and affidavits are available for release. These are available as soon as they are served. Without laws such as this, our police reports would be worthless in a short time.

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District OKs conduct code

The DISD School Board met in special session Monday and approved the Student Code of Conduct for the coming year.

"It's nothing new," said superintendent Les Miller. "But we wanted to make sure we included all the items the Legislature mandated."

In other business, the board considered changing the method of drug testing from taking urine samples to taking swabs from the inside of students' mouths.

"It's a quicker and less controversial method," Miller said. "We're still checking out prices. It may be a little more expensive, but not prohibitive."

Trustees approved the hiring of five new teaches, which completes the faculty

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Thursday.....	92	60	
Friday.....	92	62	
Saturday.....	96	61	
Sunday.....	96	61	
Monday.....	100	68	
Tuesday.....	98	46	

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July moisture .21
2003 moisture 12.49

Lotectex

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On the surface, HB 1606 looks like a major victory for open government because it greatly increases the amount of information available relative to campaign finance. While it is a step forward, it only applies to those counties with a population of 400,000 or more. This is 16 of 254 counties in Texas.

A good bill that failed was HB 419. This bill would have opened up complaint records for hospitals.

HB 783 would have required notice in the local newspaper and a public hearing before more than one residential unit could be acquired through condemnation. It failed.

HB 1641 would have made property owners associations subject to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. They weren't and still aren't subject to those limits.

I'm sure our local school board trustees have all completed required training, but I wonder how many across the state haven't completed the training. HB 2221 would

have made that information available for publication. Not available.

SB 1952 insures that you will not be able to see the audit working papers for your county auditor. Probably not an issue in our county, but could be in others.

Gov. Rick Perry is currently attempting to protect his working drafts on the state budget from release. When ordered to release those numbers, he released a budget with all zeros in it.

The governor will surely call a special session in January relative to school finance. Look for everything that is not currently taxed to become a target. Groceries and health care may be the only sacred cows.

Another message for our representatives: The rural areas of Texas are in serious need of help. It seems the Democrats versus the Republicans has been replaced with the rural versus the urban. We need a Pete Laney complete with cape to appear on the scene.

Protection of personal freedoms is an ongoing fight that will prove to be

perpetual. Someone like you and I will need to stay in the fight by maintaining contact with our elected representatives and having a long memory when election day rolls around. Remember who your friends are, who voted with rural Texas in mind. Educate yourself on the issues. And, for the sake of our freedom(s), vote every time there is an election.

Council

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need a school police officer."

In other business, the council deferred action on whether the city will help the Castro County Hospital District pay for capital expenditures - specifically new ambulances. CCHD executive director Linda Razor had asked both the city and county to come up with \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year to help pay for new ambulances that will be needed in the near future. On a motion by Paul Wayland, the council tabled the matter until the members get further along in the budget for the coming year.

The Council also tabled action renewing its contract with Classic Cable.

"As a rule Classic Cable has been an unsatisfactory provider of service to the city," said Mayor Wayne Collins.

"I'd think we'd need to hold a public hearing before we do anything.

"I think we need to evaluate what we can do before we enter into a long-term contract."

The public hearing will be Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m., at the next regular council meeting.

Also, the council unanimously accepted at Homeland Security grant for \$22,927, which requires no matching funds.

Transfers

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had registered their children in Nazareth as Native Americans.

"We aren't allowed to make inquiries or ask for proof of ethnicity," Harrison said. As for compliance, "I invite anybody at anytime to come by our office and we'll be glad to show them information relating to transfers and how parents have coded their children from this year and last year relating to exemptions of any kind and relating to funding laws.

"Anything in our office is open records. That's why it's pretty calm over here because everything is open."

At present, there are no students from Hart that are coded as Native American in the NISD, Harrison said.

Harrison said the only students coded with exemptions are seven students who are the children of employees. Under state law, children of employees of a district may attend school there no matter where they live.

"Nazareth isn't going to do anything to hurt the district and if we were to lose any funds (and we lost none last year, or any year prior to that) - if there was a possibility that any funds would be withheld, the state has told us they would call and allow us to explain."

District

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for the coming year, Miller said. Those hired include: Valarie Gonzales, sixth-grade English; Sylvia DeLeon, fifth-grade math; Melissa Johnson, sixth-grade math; Sarah Schwertner, fifth-grade science; and Denee Adams to be assistant girls basketball coach and to coach volleyball and softball.

The board also met for a budget session. The budget must be finalized by the end of August, since the school operates on it starting Sept. 1. "The numbers are too preliminary now to tell exactly what it's going to be," Miller said.

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parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Those with antique cars and tractors or other interested parties are invited to participate in the parade. For information about the parade, contact coordinator Rachell Wall at 938-2640 or 647-8369.

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

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

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

\$2 bag sale at Rose Garden

The Rose Garden, the resale shop which helps buy medicine for Hospice patients is having a \$2 bag sale through Friday. Fill up a bag with designated items and pay only \$2.

In addition, the shop has just gotten in some \$100 dresses from a store and they're selling them for 75 percent off. The store is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Heart squares still available

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer. The money goes to benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off. To buy a heart for \$5, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Ina Cleavinger at 647-5352.

Event will mark the 50th anniversary of Korean War Armistice

The general public is invited to attend an event marking the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, in Big Spring, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 27.

Special patches and pins will be handed out to 20 residents of the home who are Korean War veterans. Some residents will be available for interviews and refreshments will be served.

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home has 160 beds in large private and semi-private rooms. The home offers a wide

array of health care services, a comprehensive rehabilitation program, special diets, recreational activities, social services, a library and a certified, secured Alzheimer's unit with its own secure outdoor courtyard.

As of May 2003, the home has 60 certified Alzheimer's care beds.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and state home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call (800)252-VETS, or visit the Texas Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

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Dr. Brigance

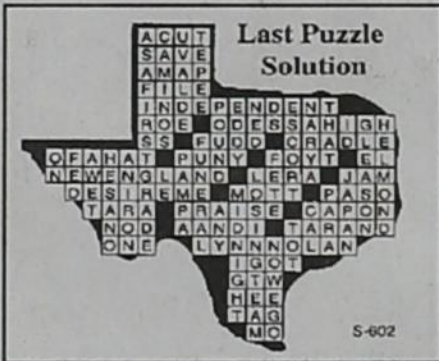
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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ pipe cinch" (certain)

5 TXism: "got time on my hands"

6 film made in TX: "___ Zapata"

7 TX Penal Code makes ___ offense to drive intoxicated

8 TXism: "couldn't find neither hide ___ hair of him"

9 many cowboys chew it

16 Galveston has largest Mardi ___ celebration in TX

18 TXism: "nervous as a frog ___ pan"

21 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)

22 1883 TX phone company: ___ Telegraph and Telephone

23 Pope ___ XIII established the diocese of Dallas

24 Toyota truck

30 TXism: "mad as a rained-___"

34 this Clint starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Space Cowboys" (init.)

35 farmer, e.g.

36 bad golf shot

37 loading areas in TX coastal cities

39 Marshall's "Starr Historical Park"

43 TX "ragtime" Joplin

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ high off the hog"

2 VIP at the Denton Record-Chronicle in Johnson Co. off I-35

4 TX sausage maker and singer James

9 TX electronics co.

10 Gatesville has ___ last drive-in theaters in TX

11 honky tonks

12 TXism: "pitched ___" (tantrum)

13 systems of beliefs

14 Astro Mike Scott won '86 ___ Young Award

15 TXism: "black gold"

17 rock found in Palo Duro Canyon

19 TXism: "Satan's ___" (barbed wire)

20 book "Texas ___ War"

24 past Rangers GM Grieve (init.)

25 TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"

26 TX Sissy's ___ Miner's Daughter"

27 Jerry Jones to the Cowboys

28 TXism: "a ___" (a lot)

29 label of soundtrack for "Happy TX"

31 wagon track

32 TXism: "a horse ___ different color"

33 Houston NBA team

38 TXism: "___ dogs" (fair food)

40 TXism: "got the morals ___ alley cat"

41 ___ King Cole

42 disappear

48 wander

50 steak order

51 noted TCU coach "Dutch" Meyer (init.)

56 TXism: "seein' eye ___" (agreeing)

57 from a loom?

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Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

A welcome reception for Father John Joseph Kodankandath was held Saturday evening after mass and again on Sunday morning. We hope he will enjoy caring for our parish family.

A large group from Nazareth or connected to Nazareth enjoyed a seven-day Penhaus Cruise to Alaska. Those going from Nazareth were Hubert and Joan Backus; Charley and Bev Hill and Alvin and Dorothy Kleman. Out of town travelers were Dorothy's two sisters, Leona (Venhaus) Fangman of Dumas, Rita (Venhaus) Stevens of Lubbock and their brother, Leonard and Becky Venhaus of Tyler; Gene and Susie Gerber and Molly (Lupton) Maddox of Dallas; Fritz and Connie Backus, Denis and Delores Gerber and Larry and Eileen (Lupton) Alley of Hereford; Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus of Friona; Eileen Gerber of Ruidosa, N.M.; Nelita Collins of Farmington, N.M., her son, Mike and Lisa Warren and several of their friends.

Everyone enjoyed touring Vancouver for a day before heading for Alaska. The ship docked in Skogway, Wrangler, Juneau and Ketchikan. They enjoyed seeing Sawyer and Mendenhall glaciers, the salmon bakes, sea planing, dog sledding, kayaking and whale watching and the White Pass scenic narrow-gauge mountain railroad that served the mad rush to the Klondike in 1898. It was a beautiful three-hour ride.

Along with several excursions, all the good friends, shows, wonderful food and other entertainment on the ship, the scenery was always especially beautiful.

While Denis and Delores can really do the "twist" - Denis is NOT a good likeness of Elvis and Fritz can NOT hula hoop worth a flip!

A big thanks to Nelita for organizing this great trip and

inviting us. We all know we will never be this pampered and spoiled again.

Congratulations to Scott and Dawn Brockman of Norman, Okla., on the birth of a girl, Ainsley, July 17, 2003, at Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City. She weighed 7½ pounds.

Grandparents are Dale and Mona Brockman and Bill and Linda Reitan; great-grandparents are Carl and Mary Kleman.

Tagan Brock Ramsey, son of Bryan and Tracy Ramsey and brother of Treva and Tyler, was baptized July 18, 2003, in Holy Family Catholic Church with Father John Kodankandath officiating and Deacon Jerome Brockman assisting. Tagan's godparents are Kim and Tammy Drerup.

Other family members attending the ceremony were Joe and Imogene Drerup, Dwight and Anita Ramsey, Kayla and Brendan Miller and Torrey and Shelby Fuston.

The L.E.H.A. Horse Show was held July 19 in Hereford at Spicer Gripp Memorial Arena. This was the last horse show of 2003. All of the counties participated: Castro, Parmer, Lamb and, of course, Deaf Smith. Castro County participants were: Alisha Womack; Treva Ramsey; Madison McDaniel; Kean Lilley; Taylor Bradley; Jake Ebeling; Melissa Welch; Paige Preston; Chance and Kelsey Schilling; Logan and Payton Robb; Kyle, Ryan, Haley and Lane Birkenfeld; and Randi, Lindsey, Jake and Jarrod Shaw.

Randi and Lindsey Shaw will be participating in District in Abilene, July 20-25.

Prayers are asked for Amy Schmucker, Carol Birkenfeld, Joe Woetovech, Sam Albracht, David

Nobile, Floyd Birkenfeld, Norma Schacher, Michael Schacher, Alice Palazzini, Kenneth Lange, Joe Schmucker, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Katy Ivey, Genevieve Nobile and Carl Kleman, who is a patient at Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

Many relatives and friends attended the very impressive ceremony as Matthew McLain and Sara Schulte were married at 8:30 p.m., July 11, at the Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. They were married by Pastor Rusty Gray from Tulia Christian Fellowship Church in Tulia. The wedding was followed by a reception and dance at the beautiful gardens.

They traveled to Florida for their honeymoon.

An excited group of 22 left early Saturday morning for a seven-day Alaskan cruise. They flew to Seattle, where they boarded a bus for Vancouver, when they then boarded their ship, "Island Princess" for her maiden voyage down the inside passage. What a beautiful new ship! The group took many excursions as the ship docked at Juneau, Ketchikan and Skogway. Then, on up the coast past the fiords, ice glaciers and Prince William Sound, where the ship docked at Seward. The group was taken by bus to Anchorage, where they left Saturday to return home Sunday noon.

Enjoying the trip were Jimmie Schulte, Alvina Gerber, Lawrence Schmucker and Kenneth Heard from Nazareth; Richard and Patsy Entriken of Hart; Bernie and Lou Wethington, Jim Bob Barnes and daughter, Millasa, Wilton and Shirley Whitehead and Evelyn Rosse, all of Tulia; Ormalene Artho of Vega; Bernice Allen of Canyon; Jack and Diane Mayfield of Silverton; Estelle and Dan Burger and Lelena Dayton of Plainview; Evelyn Hill of Lubbock; and Esther Braddock of McKinney.



AWARDS PRESENTED: Front row, left to right: Jerry D. Harris, chair, Texas FSA State Committee; John T. Fuston, State Executive Director, Texas FSA; Kelly Lindsey, President, Texas Association of FSA County Office Employees (TASCOE).

Texas FSA employees recognized for outstanding service to agriculture

By MELISSA MUEGGE
Texas FSA Summer Intern
COLLEGE STATION - The state's leading agricultural commodity groups have presented Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees with an award recognizing the agency for timely and efficient implementation of 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act programs.

"We want to recognize Texas FSA employees for their commitment to delivering new federal farm programs to our producers," said David Gibson, Executive Director for the Texas Corn Producers Board. "We feel FSA has an active State Committee and we also recognize the key leadership role of John Fuston, [State Executive Director for Texas FSA]. Most of all, we want all employees from the county to the state level to know that we appreciate their efforts."

According to Dale Artho, a board member of the Texas Grain Sorghum Association, the award presentation was a joint effort by Texas Cotton Producers, Inc., Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Grain Sorghum Association and Texas Wheat Producers Association, to recognize Texas FSA employees for insuring all eligible producers across the state

are able to maximize their farm program benefits.

To date, the collective efforts of FSA's 870 County Office employees has resulted in delivery of \$899 million in federal farm program benefits to Texas farmers and ranchers since the Farm Bill legislation passed in May of 2002.

FSA's Fuston said, "Over the years FSA has become a stronger service organization because of the valued relationships developed among the commodity groups." Fuston added he hopes the relationships enhance the effectiveness of the agency in the future.

According to Gibson and other commodity representatives, Texas FSA employees have consistently provided quality service to the state's producers despite a decreased work force and increased work load generated by the Farm Bill.

Texas FSA's accomplishments are significant because the new farm legislation requires producers to make business decisions that will financially impact their operations for the next six years.

In the first phase of farm bill implementation, Texas FSA successfully processed 119,459 farms during the six-month Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) sign-up which ended in April of this year. The new DCP provisions allowed producers to update their bases and yields for the first time since 1985 - providing an opportunity for farm program payments to reflect improvements in farming practices and advancements in related technology.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time we've presented an award of this type, but the new Farm Bill is more complicated than the previous, and Texas FSA is to be commended for the efficient and professional manner in which they deliver farm programs to the state's producers," said Artho.

Texas FSA received this honor in Richardson on June 28, 2003 at the annual convention of the Texas Association of FSA County Office Employees (TASCOE).

For more information on FSA programs, visit our national Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbra 647-4266

The Hispanic Voice was very sick this week. She was not able to get out much this week to gather news. She had a severe case of sinusitis and thought she was going to kick the bucket. You know how bad that can be? Right now I can barely talk and can barely swallow and that's a problem because I really like to eat & talk.

A 50th Wedding Anniversary is being planned for Victor and Emelda Saenz of Dimmitt. Their children and grandchildren are busy planning this for July 26. The church services are at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Catholic Church, reception follows and later it will end with a dance at the Expo Center. Hey, I'm real curious to know just how many children there are? Hopefully by the next issue, I will get a response from some family member, and then we'll all know.

Belle Lumbra was baptized on Sunday July 20

at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock with Father Eugene J. Driscoll officiating. Belle was well behaved in church and was taken out to dinner at the County Line and after that she talked to the peacocks and to the ducks. A very funny sight, let me tell you.

Prayers are asked for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Alyssa Monreal, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar.

Call me, write me, email me if you have any news you would like for me to

print. There is no charge. (someone asked me if it costs to put something in the Hispanic column) I would gladly come by and get your news. All you have to do is call me. OK?

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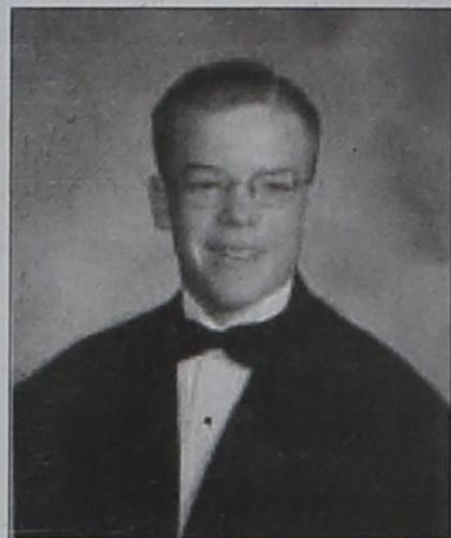
Birkenfeld awarded \$10,000 scholarship

Craig Birkenfeld, son of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld, received a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship at the state FFA Convention.

The scholarship is based on FFA involvement throughout high school, as well as achievement and involvement in other activities.

He graduated valedictorian from Nazareth High School this year and was involved in many activities during his high school years, including president and vice-president of the FFA, student council, National Honor Society and his class.

He qualified for state in cross country for two years,



Craig Birkenfeld

cross examination debate for three years, and dairy judging one year.

He was the drum major of the band his senior year. Craig will be attending Texas A&M University and majoring in agricultural engineering.



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Saenz

Saenz to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Saenz will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 2 p.m., July 26, at Immaculate Conception Church.

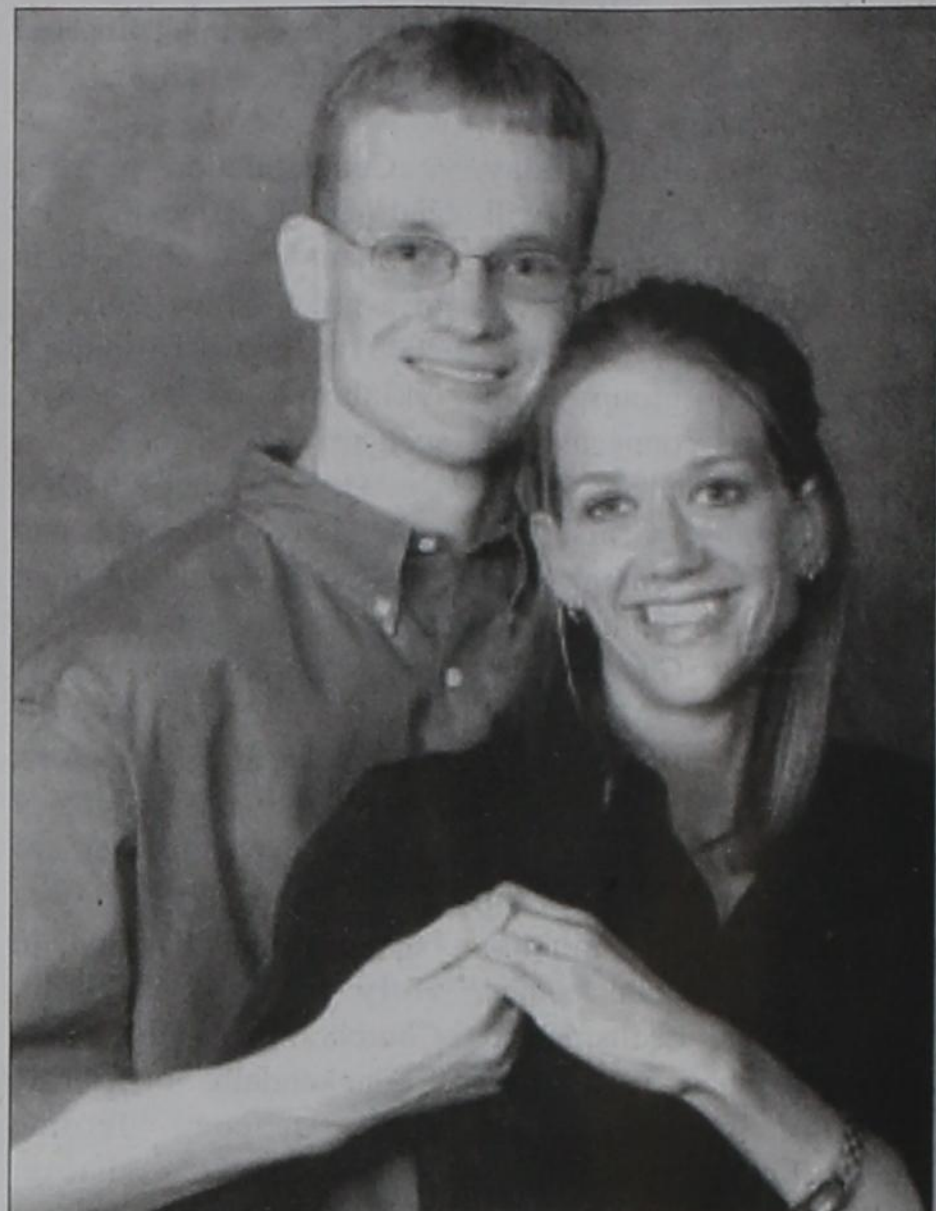
Victor Saenz and Imelda Reyes were married July 27, 1953, in Hereford and have lived in Dimmitt since 1955.

They have six daughters, three sons, 33 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Their daughters are Diana Compean, Fidela Everett, Rosa Azua, Anita Gauna, Connie Montelongo and Linda Bonilla. Their sons are Victor, Manuel and Julian Saenz.

Wells named IAAP Director

Patsy Birkenfeld Wells CPS, has been elected as the Director of The Amarillo Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). Utility Engineering employs Wells. She graduated from Nazareth High School.

Wells chairs the Publicity / Media Committee, CPS / CAP Committee and serves on the Administrative Professionals Week Committee for the chapter. Wells has been an active member for six years.



Jayme Mary Schmucker & Casey James Hoelting

Schmucker - Hoelting

Jim and Bobbie Schmucker of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jayme Mary Schmucker to Casey James Hoelting, son of Tom and Raelene Hoelting, of Nazareth.

The couple plan to marry Sept. 20 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Nazareth High school and she graduated from Dental Assistant Training School in Lubbock in 2001. She's a dental assistant for Dr. Jennifer Hoppe, a pediatric dentist in Cedar Park, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Nazareth High School and he graduated in 2001 from Texas Tech University with a degree in business administration/finance. He's employed with Ford Motor Credit in Austin.

Texas Tech has new Dean of Education

LUBBOCK — Sheryl Santos, Ph.D., became the new dean of Texas Tech University's College of Education, effective July 1.

Gerald Skoog, Ed.D., former dean of the college, retired from his position June 30.

"As the new dean, I want to bring to the College of Education a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm, tempered with the wisdom of experience, to prepare the next generation of leaders for public education," Santos said.

In her new position, Santos said she hopes to continue to enhance undergraduate and graduate programs offered through the College of Education.

Additionally, Santos said she wants to increase collaborative efforts with local public schools and other Texas Tech academic units. While serving as dean, Santos said she intends on

further promoting diversity within the college and seeking more external funding.

For five years, Santos served as a professor and dean of the School of Education at California State University Bakersfield.

Prior to that position, Santos was an associate professor of bilingual/multicultural education in the College of Education at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. From 1993 to 1996, Santos served as the division director of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction at Arizona State University.

Over the years, Santos has been active in her community.

In 1997, she was the founding president of the Arizona Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education.

Additionally, she chaired the Education Committee of the Arizona-Mexico Commission in the Office of the Governor from 1991 to 1993 and in 1997.

She is a former Fulbright scholar and American Council on Education fellow as well as a member of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.

"By working together, through the mechanisms of shared governance and academic freedom, the College of Education can ensure that we are grounded in the best traditions of academia, yet responsive to today's local and global realities," Santos said.

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CHURCH NEWS



Playing with fire

This past Fourth of July was great. Some friends and I popped a lot of fireworks. We set off artillery shells and many other kinds of fireworks. During the middle of all the fun, I was going to shoot off an artillery shell. I grabbed hold of the fuse a little too close to the top and burned my fingers really bad. It was very painful and looked very bad as well. It still has not healed.

The thing about fire is that it looks like fun. I think everyone likes to play with

fire. They like to see how big of one they can make or to see its destructive power, but when you play with fire, you will get burned. The New Testament mentions fire more than 70 times, most of which talk about how painful it will be for those who disobey God. When we read about Hell, fire is mentioned. *Revelation 21:8 ... "And they shall have their place in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone."*

When you play with fire,

Are you spending 'their' money?

By JIM DAVIDSON

Every once in a while when I am out on the road I get behind a big motor home that has a bumper sticker with the words, "We are spending our kid's inheritance." To this I say, more power to them. For people of means however, it's good to leave a 'nest egg' for their kids and grandkids, especially if they understand what it took to get that 'nest egg' in the first place. Just don't over do it because it could ruin them. Personally, I hope my Mother and stepfather spend every penny they have because they earned it and deserve to spend it.

When it comes to spending other people's money I have some thoughts to share in a different realm that may be helpful, especially for young people just starting out and who may not have learned how to manage their finances. If this does not apply to you I hope you will share it with someone who may benefit from it. A while back I was counseling a young man in the area of personal finances and he laid out all of his expenses and income so we could get a clear picture of his current situation.

When we totaled up all of his monthly obligations they came to almost exactly what he was earning each month. This meant without overtime there was no extra money for unexpected expenses, savings and more importantly, no money to contribute to his church.

In today's economy most people are fortunate to have a job, much less having to depend on overtime for a portion of their living expenses. For people like this, here is a real pitfall that drives them into debt and a harsh sentence on their future that is most often self-

imposed.

The real pitfall is getting a big weekly paycheck and the feeling of power that comes with it. The temptation is to spend part of it on non-essentials and trying to pay their bills with what is left over. This is a trap that many young people fall into when they don't pay their house payment, utilities, insurance, car payment, principle on their credit cards and other monthly obligations. This means that when they are not paying people they "owe" first, they are spending "THEIR" money. In reality, this money belongs to someone else.

Many times people who are robbing Peter to pay Paul turn to Payday Lenders to get by another week. When I say Payday Lenders I'm talking about all those check cashing companies that are set up for short term loans at high interest rates and who drag many people deeper and deeper into debt.

Gospel program set for Sunday at First Assembly of God, Dimmitt

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Robert Leitz

you will be burned.

Many times we think that we can play with sin and no one will find out what we are doing. Many people think that they can hide from their sins. In *Numbers 32:23 ... "ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out."* Playing with sin is like playing with fire; you will get burned. One way or another it will burn you. So why play with fire, why play with sin? Is it worth losing your reputation, integrity, family, health, life, job or soul over? You can bet that *"your sin will find you out."*

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

Walking with the Lord

By the Rev. Doris Huckert
Jesus said to His obedient followers, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age," Matthew 28:20. Jesus is our ever-present help, our refuge and our strength, but he will not intrude in our lives against our desires.

Amos 3:3 asked, "Do two walk together unless they agreed?" Jesus wants to walk with us, but we must want to walk with Him. A requirement to walking with Jesus is that our walk of life be in agreement as He walked.

In Psalm 101 King David prays and uses the pledge "I will" nine times and "I shall" five times.

These commitments are to be made if we are to walk in fellowship with Him.

Verse 1, David said, "I will sing of mercy and justice (judgment)."

He promised to have continual praise coming from his lips. It's easy to sing praises when times are good, but how difficult when in times of judgment and darkness.

Verse 2, David pledges, "I will walk within my house

with a perfect heart." In our pressure-filled world and stressful lives, we sometimes tend to release these pressures on our families. If we do not behave as a Christian in our home, our out-of-the-home witness is of no avail.

Verse 3, David said, "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes." What are you reading, watching on TV and the computer, feeding into your mind? We are called to be Holy, for He is Holy. David said to the Lord, "I will turn aside from those who are faithless, I will not follow their lead." He was not going to let the spirit of the world get a hold of him, (the way we dress, the pleasures we choose, the way we talk and the standards we adopt).

Verse 4, David said, "A self-willed (forward) heart shall depart from me." Also, He said, "I will not know (as a bosom friend) a wicked person." He disassociated himself with those who have a haughty look (arrogant and snobbish people) and proud hearts (filled with self, egotists).

I'm sure David said as the hymn writer, "All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live."

How is your walk with Jesus? Can you say, "He leadeth me!"

The Rev. Doris Huckert is chaplain of Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab and Hospice Chaplain of Castro County Hospital District.

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Cotton Report

Despite weekly export sales, as reported by USDA, that exceeded industry estimates, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange closed lower for the third consecutive day on Thursday and at their lowest point in seven sessions.

As expected, export figures were healthy in USDA's weekly report.

Some market observers expected a good week of solid export shipments in light of the recent high Step 2 payment, but thought sales might be slim.

Part of their reasoning was the transition between the old and new crop year and a lack of demand on the cash market in response to current higher prices.

The week's export sales were considerably higher than the previous week, but shipments decreased.

However, the current marketing year will draw to a close at the end of July, and the latest export figures have traders saying USDA's 11.5 million bale export target for the year will be met.

For the week ended July 10, USDA reported net upland exports reached 230,000 bales.

The figure was 7 percent below the previous week and four percent lower than the four-week average.

Net upland sales of 116,300 bales were 64 percent higher than the previous week and an 80 percent increase from the four-week average.

Meanwhile, net sales of 11,300 bales were made for delivery in the 2003-04 marketing year.

In other news, market observers kept an eye on Hurricane

Claudette which made landfall along the Texas coast on Tuesday. With Texas, the top-producing cotton state, having been battered by bad weather already this year, traders expressed some concern about Claudette and its possible impact on the cotton crop.

Market anxieties were alleviated when it appeared the storm would miss the bulk of the Texas cotton crop. Claudette struck the Texas Upper Coastal Bend and moved inland north of Corpus Christi. Gusty winds and heavy rains of as much as three inches per hour were reported in some areas and caused flash flooding. However, most of the Coastal Bend remained dry, and some rainfall would have been welcomed to help boost crop development. Elsewhere in the state, hot and dry weather prevailed on the High and Rolling Plains with above-average temperatures recorded. Hence, cumulative heat units are rising and boosting plant growth.

Meanwhile, seasonable conditions prevailed in the Far West; however, California's San Joaquin Valley cotton crop is in various stages of growth making water and pest management difficult. Hot, humid weather continued in the Memphis Territory this week increasing water demand. In fact, many farmers have begun irrigating to ease heat stress and to reduce boll shed. Some non-irrigated stands already have blooms at the top due to shallow root systems, and light boll shed has been reported. Therefore, a general rain is needed soon to prevent premature "cutout" and excessive shedding.

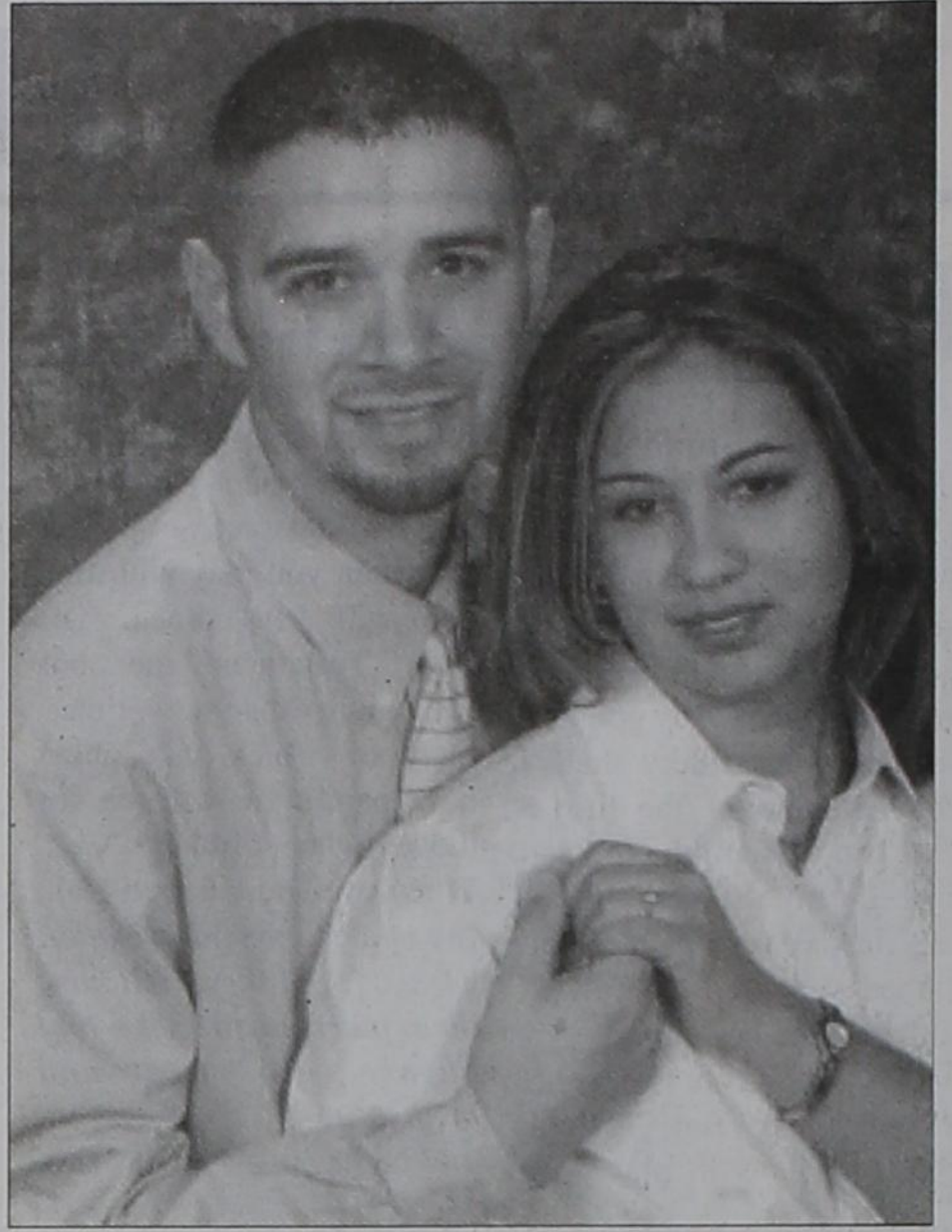
Overall, U.S. cotton crop conditions improved as of July 13, according to USDA. The department's data showed 53 percent of the U.S. crop was in good to excellent condition while 16 percent of the crop was in poor to very poor condition.

The crop remains behind schedule with squaring progress at only 71 percent compared to 84 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 84 percent.

Additionally, boll setting was at 28 percent compared with 38 percent the previous year and the five-year average of 39 percent.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers decreased in the five trading days ending July 17 as 5,069 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 9,641 bales changed hands.

Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 49.78 to 51.65 cents per pound versus the previous week's 50.21 to 51.75 cents per pound range.



Mano Greg Valderaz & Linda Trigo

Trigo-Valderaz

Alejandro and Erlinda Trigo of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Trigo, to Mano Greg Valderaz, son of Guadalupe and Rose Valderaz of Odessa.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is completing her degree in biology at West Texas A&M University.

She will then pursue a masters degree in physical therapy at Texas Women's University in Houston.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Odessa Permian High School.

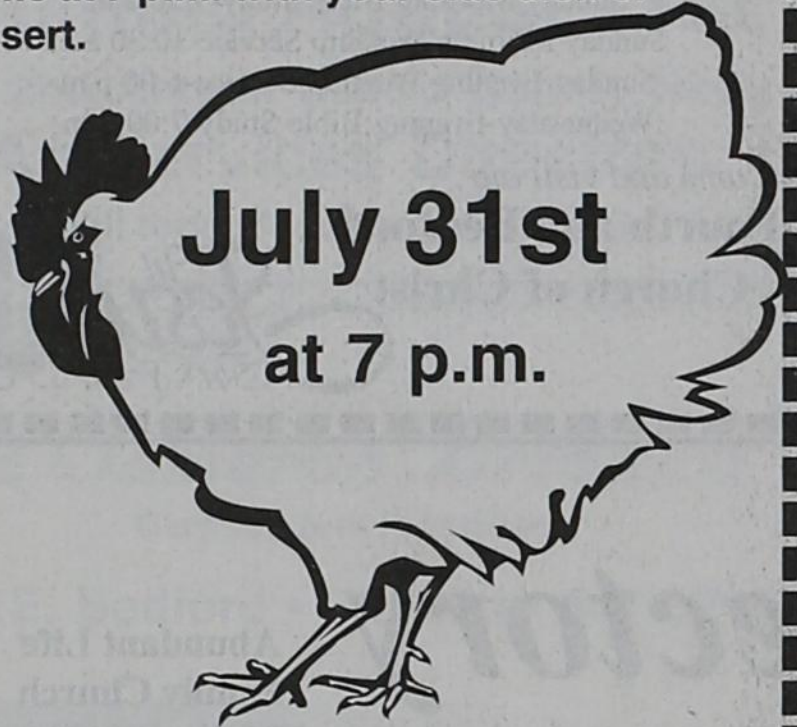
He earned a bachelors degree in biology from the University of Texas Permian Basin and is now attending the College of Optometry at the University of Houston.

The wedding is set for Aug. 16 at Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt with a reception and dance following at the Castro County Expo Building.

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Dear Looking: Most major airlines still do offer some senior fares but I'm afraid that the friendly skies have become a little grumpy lately. Don't look for that to change any time soon!!! With the traumatizing affects of Sept. 11, combined with a sluggish economy, the airline industry had to tighten their belts a notch or two which resulted in less discounts and more restrictions for seniors.

Savvy Note: Age has its rewards - but not like it use to!!!

Savvy Comparison: Due to declining business, last summer (2002) the airline industry as a whole cut back or eliminated airfare discount programs for senior citizens. In comparison, before the cutbacks, savvy seniors age 62 or older (for most major airlines) qualified for some great airfare discounts. Now, many airlines have raised the qualifying age to 65 and older with smaller discounts and more restrictions. Also, in the good 'ol days, senior discount coupon booklets were available for purchase to seniors 62 and older. Today, they don't exist! Savvy Incentive: The airline industry insists that older Americans can still find bargain ticket prices because all airfares are discounted. Current Senior Airline Discounts: Keep in mind that discount offers change, so be sure to call the airlines to learn more about their specific offers.

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July 14	600 bl. SW 2 nd St.	Assault - A
July 15	500 bl. SW 6 th St.	Harassment
July 15	1500 bl. Western Circle Dr.	Criminal Mischief - C
July 15	1500 bl. Western Circle Dr.	High school gym vandalized
July 16	700 bl. W. Cleveland St.	Tires slashed on vehicle
July 16	500 bl. W. Bedford St.	Theft - C
July 18	700 bl. E. Bedford St.	Burglary of a building
July 19	100 bl. W. Belsher St.	Suspect was making improvised bomb
July 19	600 bl. NW 5 th St.	Disorderly conduct
July 19	600 bl. E. Dulin St.	Public intoxication
July 20	200 bl. NW 5 th St.	Assault - A
July 20	900 bl. E. Jones St.	Vehicle damaged fence
July 20	700 bl. Pine St.	Violation of protective order
July 21	400 bl. N. Broadway St.	Indecency with a child
July 21	900 bl. E. Jones St.	Burglary of a habitation

Sheriff's Report

July 15-21

July 15	33-year-old Dimmitt male; theft by check
July 18	27-year-old Dimmitt male; two warrants, speeding, FTA
July 18	32-year-old Muleshoe male; warrant, DWI, 3 rd or more
July 18	28-year-old Amarillo male; warrant, tampering or fabricating with physical evidence
July 19	25-year-old Dimmitt male; warrant, burglary of a building
July 19	26-year-old Dimmitt male; disorderly conduct, vulgar language
July 19	51-year-old Dimmitt male, public intoxication
July 20	20-year-old Hart male; DWI, first
July 21	34-year-old Dimmitt female; warrant, theft by check

On July 15, sheriff's deputies investigated a report of theft, between \$1,500 and \$20,000, 7-miles southeast of Dimmitt on Hwy. 194. Taken were an air compressor valued at \$5,500 and a 90-pound jackhammer, valued at \$800.

On July 19, sheriff's deputies investigated a report of criminal mischief, three slashed tires at Coronado Acres.

District Court

The case of the State of Texas versus Santos Perez III was heard in 242nd District Court by Judge Ed Self. A plea of guilty was entered to the charge of aggravated assault, which occurred Oct. 18, 2002. The defendant was sentenced to eight years probation, a \$1,000 fine, \$248 in court costs and \$50 for the Castro County Crime Line.

Children and Social Security

BY MARY J. SHANES
Social Security Manager,
Plainview

The other day, I was wrapping up a speech to a group of senior citizens when an older gentleman asked me a question. Actually, it was part question and part commentary. Here's what he asked and said: "When did Social Security start paying all these benefits to little kids? I was in the Social Security office the other day, and the waiting room had far more children than it did senior citizens. I think that's what's wrong with Social Security. If we stopped paying benefits to all these kids and took the program back to the way it was in the beginning - something only for seniors - then Social Security would have no problems!" Actually, I've heard similar questions and comments many times before, so I was ready with some answers. First, I explained that the majority of those children he saw in the waiting room probably were not there to apply for benefits. A parent or parents had brought them in to get a new or replacement Social Security card. Children need Social Security numbers for a variety of reasons. The most important is so that the parents can claim the child as an exemption on their tax return. Because we have worked out agreements with most hospitals and bureaus of vital statistics in the country, many parents are able to apply for a baby's Social Security number shortly after birth while mom is still in the hospital. Others complete the process by phone and mail by calling (800) 772-1213. But

some parents either have to, or choose to, get a Social Security number for their child in person at a local Social Security office. They can speed up the process by downloading the application form and instructions at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html>>. Second, I explained that some children do qualify for Social Security benefits and that this is nothing new. Social Security has paid benefits to the minor children of retired and deceased workers since 1940 and to the minor children of disabled workers since 1958. Those benefits generally continue until the child reaches age 18 (or 19 if still in high school). If the child is disabled, those benefits can even continue into his or her adult years. Finally, I

explained that some of those children he saw in the waiting room might have been there to apply for Supplemental Security Income disability benefits. Children with disabilities whose parents have limited means might qualify for monthly benefits under this needs-based program that is run by the Social Security Administration. And I also stressed that SSI payments are financed by general tax revenues, not by Social Security taxes. So there are a variety of reasons you might find a child in a Social Security office waiting room. To learn more about Social Security numbers and children, read our publication, Social Security Numbers for Children at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10023.html <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10023.html>>.

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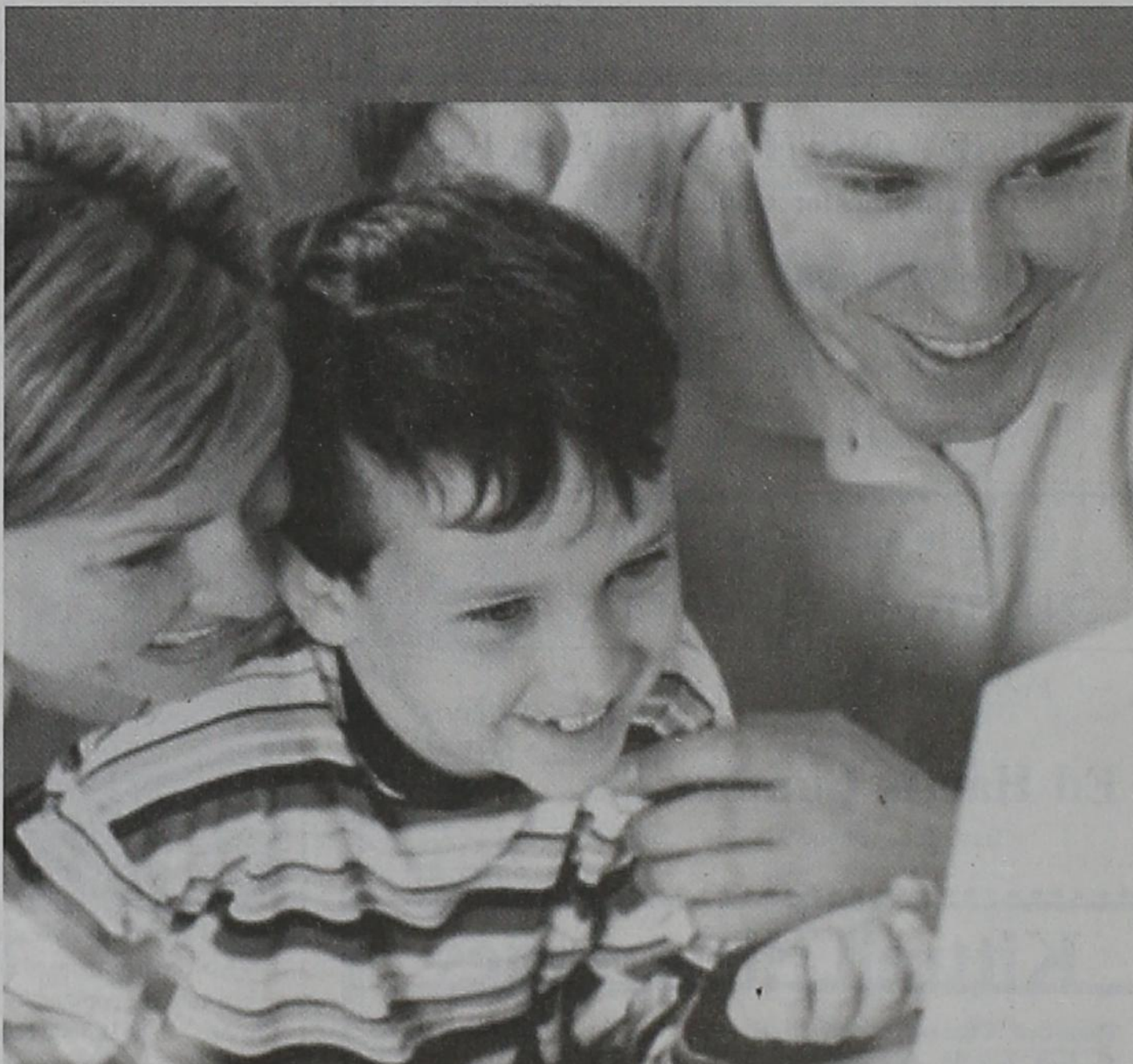


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Grand jury no bills driver in fatal crash

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Castro County Grand Jury met Monday and returned indictments on eight individuals.

In addition, the Grand Jury heard evidence dealing with the fatal wreck between a Plainview man and a Lubbock man.

The wreck occurred south of town on Thursday, July 10.

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

According to DPS Trooper Keith Smith, the vehicles collided at the intersection of County Roads 623 and 517.

McDonald, who was headed north, driving a 4-wheeler, on CR 523 apparently didn't see Jack Raymond Auburg, 66, of Lubbock, who was headed east on CR 623. Auburg was taken by ambulance to Castro County Hospital District, where he was treated and released, Smith said.

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



THIS WAS THE scene two weeks ago after a car and 4-wheeler collided at the intersection of a county road.

runner.

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

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

District Attorney James Horton said the grand jury decided to no bill Auburg - in other words, he will not face any charges in the case.

"The Grand Jury had a choice of negligent homicide, failure to yield right of way or to no-bill and they no-billed," Horton said. "I think they just considered it an accident."

Those indicted by the grand jury include the following:

Paul Lawrence Fetcenko, Plainview; three counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Luis Gonzales, Dimmitt; criminal mischief and organized crime.

Mark Galan, Dimmitt; organized crime.

Juan Roy Gonzales, Dimmitt; organized crime.

Ricardo Trevino, Hereford, theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

Cheryl Dowdy Rachal, Amarillo; forgery of a financial instrument.

Lenton Jenkins, Amarillo; theft of service.

Araam Jimenez, Hereford; possession of a controlled substance.

Spam, Spam and more Spam

No, I'm not talking about that wonderful military luncheon meat that derived its name from the words SPICED HAM. I'm talking about the flood of unsolicited e-mail that fills most people's mailbox. Where does it all come from and how do you get rid of it?

If you've ever signed up for or downloaded anything from the Internet, chances are you had to provide your e-mail address. And chances are your e-mail address was sold to several Internet based businesses who now use it to send you countless advertisements. If you have an Internet based e-mail address such as MSN, AOL or Yahoo! then you probably get even more SPAM because they regularly sell their e-mail lists.

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Yahoo address and use that address when registering for anything that requires an e-mail address. Give your real address only to people you want to exchange e-mail with. If you are already getting lots of options to help prevent or stop some of it. First, NEVER reply to any unsolicited e-mail, not even to have them remove you from their list. When you do, they have confirmed that your e-mail address is real and they add you to their "special" list.

Secondly, most e-mail programs have a "filter" option which allows you to redirect certain e-mail messages straight to the trash if they contain certain words or come from certain addresses. Filters take a while to set up, but can greatly reduce the amount of garbage that actually makes it to your inbox. In Outlook Express you simply click on Tools, Message Rules and Mail and then simply create your filtering rules.

If you tried all of these options and you're still getting tons of junk e-mail, then it is time to change your e-mail address. Most internet service providers will gladly give you a new e-mail address if you request one. This will immediately stop all the spam, but you need to be careful about who you give your new e-mail address to or else the process will start all over again.

What's the Law?

Q. If a guardian is appointed for an incapacitated person, what is the authority of a second person holding a durable power of attorney. Is

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In The Spotlight

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

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

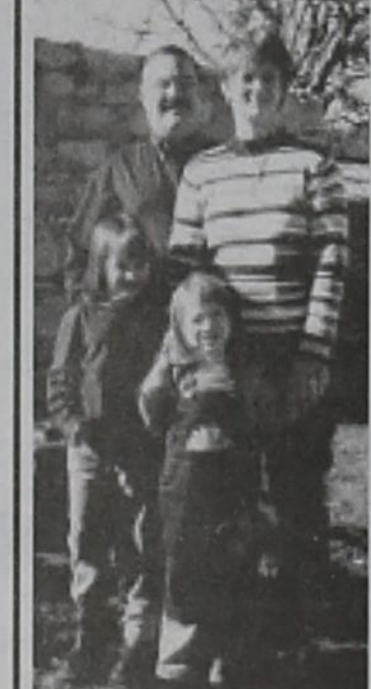
In return, it is important for the people of Dimmitt, Nazareth and Hart to do the same in supporting our local businesses. This section of "In The Spotlight" is developed to do just that, to be an advocate for our local businesses and support the interests of our citizens.

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Todd and Robin Pebsworth both are licensed insurance agents in Texas. Brooke Insurance here in Dimmitt, is independently owned and operated by the Pebsworths. Todd has been a resident of Hart since 1989. They currently are members of the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ, where Todd serves as deacon of Education. He has taken an active roll in Hart serving as Alderman for two terms. He is a member of the Hart Lions club and served as the Lion Boss in 1994-1995. Robin serves as secretary on the Rhoads Memorial Library board. Todd and Robin actively lead a Girl Scout troop here in Dimmitt, which both of their daughters, Shadarah 7 and Natalie 6, are members. They were both recognized in May by the National Organization of Girl Scouts with awards of "Outstanding Volunteers" for the work they did in getting the community's help with the renovations of the Scout hut.

In April of 2000, Todd bought the business from his partner and was financially assisted by Brooke Credit Corporation. Brooke Insurance is a Franchise Agency. Originating in Kansas, Brooke Insurance is now successfully in 16 states. The company has recently opened itself up for public trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Being a franchise agent with Brooke has opened more markets and services for the people of Castro County. Brooke Insurance is able to provide coverage for your Auto, Home, Life, Health, and Commercial insurance needs. They can also assist you with Farm/Ranch coverage as well. Brooke Insurance is also capable of providing coverage for local Dairy Farmers to insure their Dairy operations. Todd and Robin feel blessed by God that they are a part of this wonderful community.

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FATHER JOHN KODANKANDATH stands outside Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, where he took over on Monday.

Holy Family has new priest

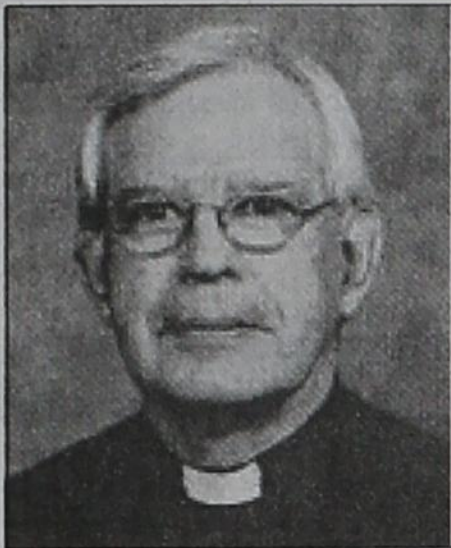
By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Father John Kodankandath has recently taken over as pastor at Nazareth's Holy Family Catholic Church, moving here from Panhandle.

Father John Hickey is now at the Panhandle church.

Father Kodankandath is from the southern part of India, one of the states situated between the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea. He came to the states Nov. 7, 2000, but was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 18, 1972 and is a member of the Carmelite order in India.

"Our order has about 2,500 registered members," he said. "In India, we have enough priests. We had foreign missionaries who



Father John Hickey

came to our continent. Now we feel obliged to help others."

Which is how Father Kodankandath and two other priests came to the Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, serving churches in Groom, Clarendon, Nazareth and Happy.

He said he has really been helped by the two deacons in

Nazareth, Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer.

Father John Hickey was ordained May 25, 1996 at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo. He served as associated pastor at Holy Family following his ordination until 1997, then served as parochial administrator at St. Martin de Porres until July, 2002, when he returned as parochial administrator of Holy Family in Nazareth, St. John's in Hart and Holy Name of Jesus in Happy until Monday when he went to his new position in Panhandle. While in this area, he was a member of the pastoral team at Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt and did prison ministry at Tulia.

Extension office reports Starane OK'd by Ag Dept.

Texas Cooperative Extension reports that the Texas Department of Agriculture has approved a crisis exemption for Dow Agro's 'Starane' herbicide (active ingredient fluroxypyr) for us in controlling kochia and other broadleaf weeds in grain sorghum. The exemption expires July 31, 2003.

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weeds.

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Texas Cooperative Extension research has also noted fair control of pigweed.

For further information on the Section 18 for Starane, contact your chemical dealer, Texas Department of Agriculture or your local county Extension office.

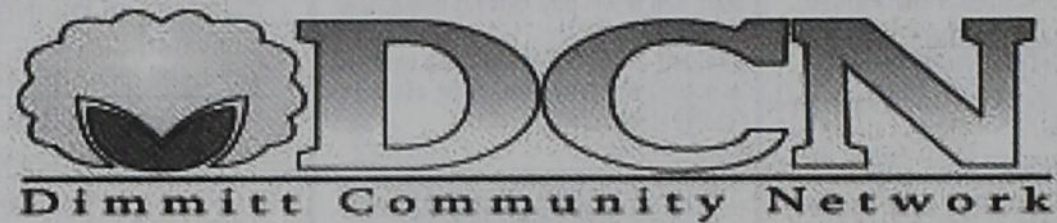
No more forgotten wars

BY JERRY PATTERSON
Texas Land Commissioner

Fifty years ago this week, America agreed to an unsteady peace on the Korean peninsula after three years of bloody fighting. On July 27th, 1953 the United States, North Korea and China signed an armistice which stopped the war. Today, the 38th parallel divides North from South, and the intervening demilitarized zone is still a boundary between freedom and tyranny. Some will say the war in Korea was a "police action" led by the United Nations. Others may say we failed to achieve a victory because three years of fighting ended in a stalemate, with Korea remaining a divided country to this day. The fact remains, however, were it not for U.S. military intervention, the entire Korean peninsula would have been overrun. The prosperous, democratic Republic of Korea that emerged after the war is one of our strongest economic and diplomatic partners in the area. Over 100,000 Americans were wounded in Korea, and 36,000 Americans, including more than 1,700 from Texas, were killed in action, yet

popular culture has dubbed this conflict the "forgotten war." Rest assured, thousands of Korean War veterans living today have not forgotten the war. They live with their memories of the war, and possibly their wounds. And they see a new generation of American men and women fighting on foreign soil to bring freedom to a threatened population. The parallels with today's conflict in Iraq are subtle but important. Both conflicts were initiated by Presidential mandate under a U.N. resolution without an official declaration of war. In both conflicts, the definition of victory was debated. Both conflicts involved a multinational force, with the United States military clearly shouldering much of the burden and taking most of the casualties. If the U.S. had not intervened, communist North Korea would have overrun the entire peninsula. North Korea is now threatening the world, yet imagine if they had been unchecked at the 38th parallel in 1953. Imagine the threat to the United States that would be posed today by unified Korea under the mad dictator Kim Chong-il. Similarly, 50

years from now, hindsight may prove U.S. military intervention prevented an even larger threat to the world by ending Saddam Hussein's reign in Iraq. Regardless of political or diplomatic squabbling, the men and women of the United States military carried out their duties with honor and courage. This year's lightning-fast advance of U.S. and coalition forces into Iraq, and the liberation of Baghdad will be similarly remembered. Yet, for half a century, men and women who served in Korea and lived to tell about it, have had to endure a perception that their service was of less importance than the veterans of World War II. Popular culture venerates actions at places like Normandy and Midway - and rightly so. But who remembers a hit movie about Osan, Inchon, or the Chosin Reservoir? In 50 years, will Americans remember the courage of U.S. troops at Basrah, Umm Qasr, or An Nasiriyah? In each battle, American troops died in the cause of freedom. We have an obligation to do all we can not only for the veterans of "the greatest generation" but for every generation.



July Computer Classes

Complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library and sign up for classes. There is no charge for classes through August. A small charge will be made for materials. Classes will be limited. Sign up early. This opportunity for technology learning is made available by a TIF grant, the City of Dimmitt, and DISD. Don't miss out! Classes will be held in the Dimmitt City Hall (CH) "Technology Center" and the Senior Citizens Center (SrC) "Learning Center."

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Dimmitt Community Network Class Schedule

Date	Class	Time	Location
July 21, 28	Digital Camera Part I	5-7 P.M.	SrC
22, 29	Microsoft Excel	9-11 A.M.	SrC
22, 29	Microsoft Word	5-7 P.M.	CH
23, 24	Kids' Camp 3	9-11 A.M.	CH
23, 30	Internet	5-7 P.M.	CH
24, 31	Beginning Computers	5-7 P.M.	SrC
26	Beginning Computers	1-3 P.M.	CH
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Beginning Computers	1-3 P.M.	CH
4, 18	Microsoft Publisher	6-9 P.M.	SrC
5, 12, 19, 26	Computer Animation	6-9 P.M.	SrC
5, 12, 19, 26	Forensic Science	6-9 P.M.	CH
6, 13	Web Design	6-9 P.M.	CH
7, 14, 21, 28	Robotics	6-9 P.M.	CH
11	GED Preparation	7-9 P.M.	CH
20, 27	Job Skills	5-7 P.M.	CH
21, 28	Make-It & Take-It	6-9 P.M.	SrC

Instructor

Tammy McLain with student Joyce Davis during one of the Dimmitt Community Network's classes.



If you have questions please contact Rhodes Memorial Library (647-3532, Tues.-Sat.).

Thank you,
Melissa Goolsby, Educational Coordinator
Tammy McLain, Educational Coordinator

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Local Correspondent

The Castro County News is seeking a correspondent:

On The Go correspondent. This person will gather news from Castro County residents relative to travel, parties, visits, clubs, etc.

Contact Chris Bradford at 647-3-123 or you may e-mail a response to cbradford@castrocountynews.com

King's Manor Methodist Home of Hereford is accepting applications for Certified Nurse Aides and Licensed Nurses. Apply in person at 400 Ranger Dr. 16-2tc-23

King's Manor Methodist Home of Hereford is seeking week-end R.N. Share with a friend. Time and days negotiable. Inquire at 400 Ranger Dr. 8:00-5:00 M-F. 16-2tc-27

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board will receive any or all sealed bids for:

A. Secure long-term residential detention and boot camp services.
B. Secure short-term detention services in a boot camp setting.
C. Electronic monitoring services.

Bids will be received until 5 p.m. August 20, 2003. The bids will be presented to the Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board at its regular meeting scheduled August 27, 2003 to be held at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. At this time, the sealed bids will be opened and awarded.

Requirements may be obtained from Dena Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulia, Texas 79088. The Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Probation Department.

Dena Berry
Director, Juvenile Probations
17-2tc-138

Misc for Sale

Conklin Products for sale. Contact Robert Duke at 806-647-5517.

BOAT AND MOTOR for sale-120 HP Johnson-17 ft Fiberglass Invader Tri-Hull 647-4388 7-tfc-20

2002 Chevrolet Tahoe LS-Red-Neutral leather interior.-47,000 miles-\$22,500 firm. Call 806-647-2991 after 6 p.m. or leave a message. 1-tfc-20

FOR SALE-1984 Chevy Pickup and 1985 Ford Thunderbird. \$800 each or \$1,200 for both. 647-5304 13-4tc

GARAGE SALE-NAZARETH-House between school and Hwy 86 on St Mary's St. July 18-19. Follow signs to house. Several years of accumulation. Call 647-8338 for information. 15-4tc-20

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Employment

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2003. At 6:00 p.m. in the Public Works Office 905 W. Bedford, to discuss and consider a variance of section 14-21 of the City Code for Guadalupe Acevedo who is planning to construct a carport located at 218 N.W. 11th.

Which will be located within the 5ft. interior property line and the front property line "No Construction Zone" as established by 14-21 of the City Code. Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Department of Public Works 905 E. Bedford between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by article 1011g of the Vernon's Civil Statutes.

Saul Arce
Building Inspector
City of Dimmitt 17-1tc-161

LEGAL NOTICE

The Nazareth Independent School District of Nazareth, TX will receive bids until 5:00 p.m., Monday August 11, 2003 in the office of Superintendent of Schools Nazareth I.S.D.

Bids for the following:
1- Four Door School Pickup

Pickup specifications of the above may be secured from the Superintendent of Nazareth I.S.D., 101 South First Avenue, P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, TX 79063, between the hours of 8:00-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Bids may be mailed, returned in person, or faxed to the following:
Nazareth I.S.D.
Office of Superintendent
101 South First Avenue
P.O. Box 189
Nazareth, TX 79063
806-945-2231
806-945-2431 (Fax)

Bids should be clearly marked "Bid for School Pickup".

The Nazareth I.S.D. Board of Trustees will review bids on August 13, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

The Nazareth Independent School District will reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities. 17-2tc-141

LEGAL NOTICE

The Nazareth Independent School District of Nazareth, TX will accept Request for Proposals until 5:00 p.m., Monday August 11, 2003 in the office of Superintendent of Schools Nazareth I.S.D. for the following:

- Property Insurance
- Computer Systems Insurance
- Crime Insurance
- General Liability Insurance
- Educators' Legal Liability Insurance
- Automobile Liability Insurance

Specifications of the above may be secured from the Superintendent of Nazareth I.S.D., 101 South First Avenue, P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, TX 79063, between the hours of 8:00-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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Proposal should be clearly marked "Proposal for Insurance".

The Nazareth I.S.D. Board of Trustees will review proposals on August 13, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

The Nazareth Independent School District will reserve the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive technicalities. 17-2tc-152



THIS PHOTO of the 1938 Dimmitt football team, brought in by Kent Birdwell, for the Pictorial, is the kind of photos needed to make the community come alive in the book, set for publication before Christmas of 2003.

Living trusts not for everyone

BY GREG ABBOTT
Attorney General of Texas

Our office has heard reports about unethical sales of living trusts. Some victims have paid as much as \$1,800 for a living trust on the advice of door-to-door sales persons. Too often, the sale is made without regard for whether a living trust really is in the client's best interests. The fact is, for a majority of seniors, a living trust is NOT preferable to a will and a durable power of attorney. A living trust is a legal document that usually is created for the purpose of allowing another person to assist you in managing your assets while you are alive, and for distributing your assets after you are gone. A living trust is different from a "living will" (now called a "directive to physicians and family or surrogates"), which expresses your health care wishes about being kept alive or not if you are seriously injured or terminally ill. A living trust involves three parties: the grantor, the trustee and the beneficiary. As grantor, you transfer ownership and control of your money, property, and other assets to the trust, which is managed by the trustee for the benefit of the beneficiary. You can serve as the grantor, trustee and the beneficiary of the trust. You can also name another person or an institution such as your bank to serve as the trustee for you. This option is typically used when you are facing a debilitating or terminal illness that may impair your judgment. If you are currently serving as your own trustee, the successor trustee will distribute the remainder of the trust after your death. The distribution of your assets after your death will be governed by the directions you provide in the trust document. Some sales people often lead victims to believe that probate proceedings are overly lengthy and costly, and a living trust should be used in order to avoid probate. In fact, the probate process in Texas is one of the least expensive and simplest in the United States. Also, remember that a living trust is not the only way to avoid probate. "A living trust will reduce death taxes on your estate" is a frequently used, misleading statement. Most Texans will not face estate taxes. If your estate is subject to taxes, you can use a will to accomplish the same tax savings as a trust, usually at a much lower cost. Living trusts are not appropriate for the majority of seniors. In fact, for some people, the

expense of creating, administering, maintaining and funding a living trust can outweigh the benefit of having a living trust. In deciding if a living trust is right for you, be sure not to succumb to high-pressure sales tactics. Be wary of phrases like "once in a lifetime," "act now," and "don't let this pass you by." Whether a living trust is an appropriate estate planning tool depends on your personal financial situation, health condition and goals. For example, living trusts are often appropriate for someone who is facing a serious incapacity like Alzheimer's. You should discuss the benefits and drawbacks with accountants, attorneys and financial planners who

are experienced in this area and whom you trust before taking any action. You should also be cautious about allowing a living trust salesperson to see your assets and your net worth because the salesperson may use this knowledge to sell you inappropriate investments. If you are subsequently contacted by a salesperson offering annuity products, you should be aware that there are several types of annuities, many of which are not appropriate for seniors as a tool for financial planning. You can find more information on living trusts and other forms of advance planning on the Senior Texans Section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Don't forget pictures for C.C. history book

Castro County present and former residents are urged to get their old pictures in for inclusion in the pictorial, set to be published in the fall, according to Castro County News Owner/Publisher Chris Bradford.

"It's not too late to get your photos in," Bradford said. "We got the publisher to extend the deadline to Aug. 15, so I'm urging everyone to bring those old photos by the paper office."

"We want to give everyone a chance to get their photos included in this book. We're hoping the community really gets behind this project."

Bradford said that family photos, school photos, photos of buildings and homes that are no longer standing are all needed to make the publication complete.

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

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

"We hope everyone would make the effort to find those pictures, along with any information that helps explain them. We understand that everyone in each photo may not be identified, but that's O.K."

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

And the winner is

WHAT A RIDE: Arielle Correa, 8, daughter of Misty Correa of Dimmitt, sits in front of the go-cart she won at a drawing at Sonic as part of the chain's 50th birthday. Behind the go-cart are Alicia Saucedo, Bryan Sanchez, Marcella Martinez (manager), Phillip Perez, Marisol Marmolejo, Ashlynn Otto, Jessica Marmolejo and Fabian Perez. At left, Martinez shows Arielle and her mother how to install the battery of the car. Arielle said she was surprised when she won the drawing and plans to play with her baby cousins with it. Whether she'll give younger sister, Arian, 7, any wheel time is still undecided.

Arielle was brought to Sonic and registered with her grandmother Carolina Correa, also of Dimmitt. Her grandfather is Chindo Correa of Dimmitt.

Martinez said the celebration is still on-going with the peel-a-present labels that come with purchases. Prizes include a Ford Mustang convertible, a year of gasoline and lots of food giveaways.



AT RIGHT Marcella Martinez shows Arielle Correa, 8, and her mother, Misty Correa of Dimmitt, how to install the battery in the go-cart she won at the drawing held by Sonic Drive-In for its 50th birthday celebration.



Legal Notices

No. PR-2592

IN THE ESTATE OF § **IN THE COUNTY COURT**
ROSE MARY WILHELM, § **OF**
DECEASED § **CASTRO COUNTY,**
 § **TEXAS**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROSE MARY WILHELM, Deceased, were issued on July 21, 2003, in Cause No. PR-2592, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: ROSE MARY WILHELM.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **ROSE MARY WILHELM**
 2855 Hwy 86
 Nazareth, Texas 79045

DATED the 21st day of July, 2003.

DEAN LEONARD WILHELM
 Independent Executor of the Estate of
 ROSE MARY WILHELM, Deceased

17-11c-

Legal Notices

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTEREST TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 55567L001

APPLICATION Lance Jones Construction, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Permit No. 55567L001, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located approximately 11 miles south of Summerfield, on the east side of Highway 1057, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 16, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Rhoades Memorial Library, 103 Southwest 2nd Street, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emission of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioner for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Lance Jones Construction, Inc., 419 West Commercial, Portales, New Mexico, 88130 or by calling Mr. Brad Wieck, P.E., Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123.

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