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Schedule set for Harvest Days activities

Plans and schedules are firm for 1994 Castro County Harvest Days, Aug. 10-13 in Dimmitt.

Everything kicks off with the Westland Amusements carnival northwest of the Castro County Expo Building on Aug. 10. A special Family Fun Night will be held Aug. 11, with \$7 per person bringing unlimited rides.

Fair and quilt entries are due Aug. 11, and a team roping will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

Events on Aug. 12 will include an arts and crafts show; quilt and fair exhibits; pet show; "Youth Sews" fashion event; a youth Star Search contest; an "Accessorize to Maximize" demonstration; a poker run and card challenge; and the first performance of the rodeo.

Saturday's events include the arts and crafts show, quilts and fair exhibits; the annual parade; early settlers reunion and Class of '44 reunion at the Senior Citizens Center; Dimmitt Car Show, swap meet, model car contest and antique tractor show, sponsored by DATA; food booths around the Expo area; outdoor games including pillow fights, a dunking board, horseshoe and washer pitching, water polo, volleyball and tug - of - war; open house at the Castro County Museum; cow patty bingo; kids games; guided tours of American Maize - Products; Top of Texas Cloggers; barbecue supper; square dancing; the second rodeo performance; and a street dance featuring Rowdy Ace.

Arts and crafts show

An arts and crafts show will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 12 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 13. Booths are still available for rent inside the Expo Building, in the quonset barns south of the Expo Building, and outside. Booth spaces are \$35 (more for extra large out-(Continued on Page 9)

By Don Nelson

The way technology has changed our concept of time and distance still amazes me.

My dad went from Artesia, N.M., to Rogers, Texas, on a covered wagon when he was 6 or 7 years old. During his lifetime, our nation has gone from the wagon age to the jet age to the space age, and 25 years ago he watched as we landed the first men on the moon.

Just over a century ago, it took our pioneers months to cross the continent westward in their wagon trains, and many died trying. When I was a boy, it still took several days by car or train, the main modes of transportation then.

On July 4, Verbie and I awoke on a cruise ship that was sailing southward toward Vancouver, British Columbia. We went to bed in our own home that night.

I hope I never stop appreciating the people who can make those things happen for us.

If you're interested, I'll show my Alaska slides for the first time at 9 o'clock Friday morning at Troy's

Sweet Shop, 116 W. Jones St. I shot almost 200 slides, but I've edited them down to about 30 minutes' worth. I've got glaciers, mountain ranges, town scenes, wildlife, whales, salmon fishing, scenic shots of the Alaskan and British Columbian coastlines, and (Continued on Page 10)

School meal prices are going up

School meals will still be one of the best deals around this fall, but the price for the deal will be up significantly in Dimmitt schools

School board members approved the increase in lunch prices at a special meeting Monday at the School Administration Building.

Charles Ketchum, new director of food services for the Dimmitt ISD, recommended the hikes in breakfast and lunch prices to try to offset losses in the food service program. Ketchum, in a report to the board, said the food service program lost \$96,527.26 in the 1993-94 school year.

DISD had \$106,612 in meal sales; \$348,876 from reimbursements; and \$25,000 in USDA commodities. Most of the reimbursements were for free or reducedprice lunches. Costs included \$250,000 for food and \$158,065 for

labor. There were "direct" costs of \$118,072.

Breakfast prices for students will go up 10 cents, from 60 cents to 70 cents, at all three schools. Adult breakfasts will increase from 60 cents to \$1.

The big jump will be in lunch prices. Elementary lunches will go up from \$1 to \$1.25; DMS lunches will increase from \$1.10 to \$1.50; and DHS lunches will increase from \$1.20 to \$1.75. Lunches for adult employees will go up from \$1.60 to \$2, and guests will be charged \$2.25 for lunch.

A la carte items will be allowed for sale in all cafeterias, and prices will be set by Ketchum for those items and snack bar foods after quotations for products are re-.ceived.

At Monday's meeting, board

School meal prices going up

Here are last year's ticket prices, compared with the new ticket prices for lunch and breakfast in Dimmitt schools.

Richardson Elementary: Last year: \$1. This year: \$1.25 Dimmitt Middle School:

Dimmitt High School: Last year: \$1.20. This year: \$1.75 this year, \$2.25.

Adult & staff prices: Last year, \$1.60; Last year: \$1.10. This year: \$1.50 this year, \$2. Guest price:

Breakfast

Last year: All meals, for students and adults, were 60 cents. This year: Student meals are 70 cents; adult

members also hired Reena Lynch as the new assistant girls basketball coach. Lynch, who scored more than a few points in Kenneth

Cleveland Gymnasium when she was leading the Morton Maidens in the early 1980s (including a state

championship), went on to star at

Texas Tech University.

Lynch will be coaching at Dimmitt Middle School and will be a varsity assistant.

breakfasts are \$1

Fisher promises he'll avoid hardball tactics

Democratic candidate Richard Fisher described Friday during a visit in Dimmitt how his family has risen from vagrancy in the 1930s to trying to vanquish the dream killers.

Fisher, who topped the Democratic primary in March and beat challenger Jim Mattox in a May runoff, spoke to over 50 supporters at the Texas Corn Growers Association office. He talked about his well-rounded background, including remembrances of his family's homelessness in the Great Depression. He can draw on that and his in-laws, he said; his fatherin-law is Jim Collins, former Republican Congressman from Dallas. His wife's family tree also includes Norman Thomas, founder of the Socialist Party in the US.

Fisher has faced Republican incumbent Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison before. Hutchison won the 26-person election in 1993 to replace Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who resigned his seat to become Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration.

"There were so many candidates in that election it looked like the bar scene in Star Wars," Fisher said. It was his first try for public office, and he earned an encouraging 8.1% of the vote.

Fisher made several references to "dream killers" during a 10-minute talk, and also came down on "politicians boring a hole in the height of democracy with mean-spirited politics."

"George Will was right," Fisher said. "Politics is a contact sport. It is violence punctuated by committee meetings."

He promised supporters he would not use hardball tactics but would work with President Clinton and other Democrats to help Texas.

"Right now we have two senators who can't be heard because they are not members of the majority party," Fisher said. "There is a Democratic majority in Washington and we need a Democrat in Washington. We need to have a voice reflected in the national dialogue, and right now we don't



FISHING FOR VOTES—Democratic US Senate candidate Richard Fisher (right) visits with Irene Miller (left) and Joyce Thomas (center) during a campaign stop Friday in Dimmitt. Fisher met with

about 60 area supporters during a stop at the Texas Corn Growers Association office in Dimmitt.

Photo by Don Nelson

Board debates value of ISS

board members were at odds Thursday over the Dimmitt Independent School District's use of inschool suspension (ISS).

Board members John Nino and Paul Garcia challenged George Rasor, principal of Dimmitt Middle School, and R.L. Stockstill, Dimmitt High School principal, over the implementation of the program.

The lively discussion came while the board was considering approval of student handbooks for the two schools and Richardson Elementary School. The handbooks were even-

School administrators and school tually approved as presented, but not before the virtues of ISS were debated.

> ISS is one of several tools used in discipline management at DMS and DHS. The program is operated at DMS because there is not space for adequate ISS facilities at DHS. Students receive their school "busy" work, study guides, and homework assignments while in an ISS classroom under the supervision of one or more adults. Usually the supervisor is an aide and not a

certified teacher.

"Many people consider ISS to be a joke," Garcia told Rasor and Stockstill. He said "students would be better served if they remain in a classroom."

"Do you mean if we have 21 kids in a classroom and 20 of them are there to learn and one is disruptive, we punish the teacher who is trying to teach and the kids who are trying to learn?" Rasor asked.

"Yes," Garcia said. "They are going to be in adverse situations all of their life and they might as well learn early."

Rasor and Stockstill explained that, usually, a child has committed several offenses before being placed in ISS.

"We try to be creative so we paddle them as often," Rasor said. "We also try to keep them out of ISS when we can." In many cases, students are referrred to afterschool detention. They remain after school for the detention program, and must be picked up by parents. Students who usually ride the bus home are denied busing when they are kept in after-school detention.

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Tarbet resigns Swiftettes post

Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet has resigned as girls' basketball coach to accept the head coach's position at McCallum High School in Austin.

Tarbet, who has been Nazareth's head girls' basketball, track and cross country coach for three years, said the McCallum job presented him with an opportunity to get into a bigger school--Class AAAA.

During his three years at Nazareth, Tarbet guided the Swiftettes to the regional semifinals in 1992 (18-14 season record), the state semifinals in 1993 (21-8) and regional finals in

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Gliders fall from sky over county

Wednesday.

They were all vintage, Amerials, and they were soaring along a prescribed course from Littlefield to Muleshoe to Olton to Levelland and back to Littlefield, taking aerial photos of specific turnpoints as they negotiated the course.

But over Castro County, things went sour for some of them.

"That big cloud bank came up out of the southeast and covered the sun," said Vernon Hutchinson of El Mirage, Calif., one of the 32 pilots

competing. "When those clouds blocked the sun's rays from reaching the ground, that stopped my 'lift,' and I

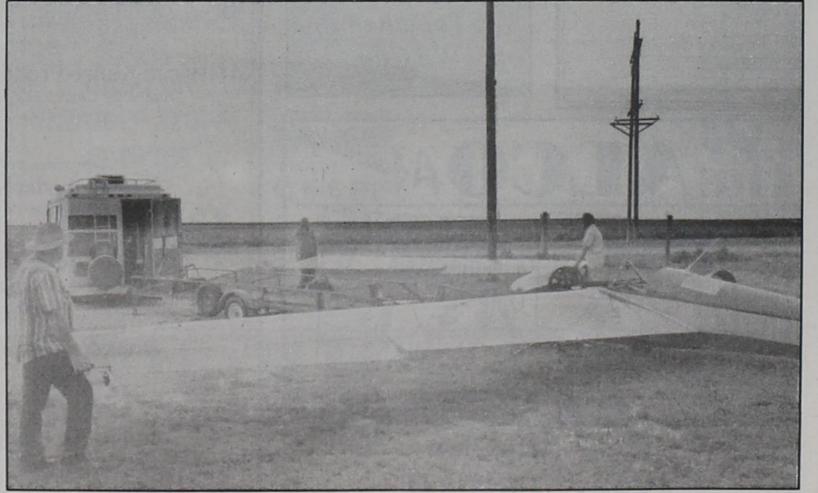
Sailplanes dropped out of the sky couldn't maintain my altitude," like tired cranes around here last Hutchinson explained. "That's why I had to set it down."

Hutchinson landed his yellowcan-made Schweizer 1-26 gliders. and-brown glider in a plowed field Their owners and pilots — all 200 yards from Curtis and Gwen members of the national 1-26 Asso- Snitker's home 14 miles southciation-had gathered at Littlefield southeast of Dimmitt. He picked for the annual 1-26 Glider Nation- his landing site because it was (1) fairly smooth and soft and (2) close to a paved road, FM 145, and a telephone.

> Snitker pulled the lightweight glider up to his front yard with his pickup and a rope, and Hutchinson called in to let his "crewman" know where he was.

It wasn't long before his crewman, Marvin Walker of Hesperia, Calif., showed up with his pickupcamper and a custom-made trailer.

Snitker helped as the two Californians took the long wings off the sailplane, locked them into side-(Continued on Page 10)



LIFTING AND LOADING—Curtis Snitker (left) holds up one wing of Vernon Hutchinson's glider while Hutchinson (center background) and crewman Marvin Walker load the other wing onto their trailer at Snitker's farm home south of Dimmitt. Hutchinson's sailplane was one of 32

competing in the 1-26 Nationals Soaring Competition out of Littlefield. All 32 participants were forced down late last Wednesday afternoon when a heavy cloud system blocked out the sun and took away their "loft." Photo by Don Nelson

WITH MARY EDNA HENDRIX.

The birthday group drove to Plainview to eat at Furr's Cafeteria to celebrate the birthdays of Agnes Schilling and Lawrence Green. Others enjoying this special occanice Green, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Edna Reinart, June Koelzer, Florene Leinen, and Clyde and Bobbie Damron.

Roy and Robin Gonzales and children, Valerie, Dana, Beau and Gillian spent three days in Arlington. Roy and Valerie went to a Rangers game and they all enjoyed a day at Six Flags.

A group of 13 4-H'ers from Castro County met in Plainview with Parmer County 4-H'ers to tour the clothing exhibit at the Llano Estacado Museum. They enjoyed a program on the Amanda paper doll series. After a picnic at the park they spent the afternoon painting neckties at the Ollie Liner Center.

Forty-five kids from Districts 1 and 2 attended the Texas 4-H Congress. Tawnee Matthews and Karmen Pohlmeier were the delegates from Castro County.

Aline Kirby and daughters, Mary Mays and Vada Wilcox, and grandchildren, Tiffany and Aaron Wilcox, went to Sulphur, Okla., for the Summers family reunion. They stayed with Aline's sister Ida Arms in Washington, Okla.

Sherry Schaeffer gave the devotional at Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning, and her subject was "Missions." Her daughters attend a Christian camp in Missouri that was built by men over 60 years of age (one was 80). This was their mission. Age does not matter for our mission in life. Each one of us can pray and prayer does make a difference.

Bill Newland sang Tell It To sion were Donald Schilling, Ver- Jesus, and others singing were Irene Carpenter, Bobbie Baldridge, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix, pianist. Irene told about her grandchildren, Kimbra and Whitney Autrey, visiting from Rocky Ford, Colo. They were scared during the rain storm on Wednesday night so they had a prayer to comfort them.

> S.R. and Oneida Hutto are enjoying their grandkids, S.R. and Rodney Hutto from Victoria.

> Ina Rae Cates was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served a delicious coffee cake for dessert. Helen Braafladt won high score and Loranell Hamilton won second high score. Others playing were Cleo Forson, Bobbie George, Emily Clingingsmith, Edith Graef, Louise Mears, Elizabeth Huckabay, Susie Reeves, Virginia Crider, Dude McLauren, Retta Cluck, Neva Hickey and Mary Small.

Out - of - town visitors at the museum last week were Pam, Jeff and Brianna Smith, Lorene Sessum and Leora Stayton, all of Amarillo; Betty and Connie Smith from Vega; Arnie Artho of Hereford; Cam Valdez of Muleshoe; Pricilla Garcia of Odessa; Kimbra and Whitney Autry (they are James and Joyce Autry's granddaughters and Irene Carpenter brought them to the museum; they had made cookies and brought some to the museum, so Rosetta made punch and we had a party); Art Price of Shamrock;

and Mort and Judy Price from Lindsey, Calif.

Maxine Myers spent an enjoyable three weeks with her aunt, Martha Lou McKee in Childress. Part of the time it was over 100 degrees so they didn't get out to go very much.

Members of the Extension Homemakers clubs attended a called meeting Friday to discuss plans for some future meetings, including the state meeting in Lubbock. Members attending were Oneida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Margaret Womack, Robin Gonzales, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mary Edna Hendrix and County Extension Agent - Home Economics Marilyn Neal. The group sang Happy Birthday to Marilyn and she served a delicious strawberry cake that Carolyn Watts had made for her.

A lovely bridal shower for Michelle Toudouze, bride-elect of Chad Smithson, was held in the pretty home of Connie Morris on Saturday. Maretta Smithson, Michelle and her mother, and Connie greeted guests. Amy Beck served sausage balls, jelly-filled cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee. It was good to see Vicki, Amy and Karla Smithson, former Dimmitt residents. I visited with Chad's grandmother, Mozelle Odom, for awhile.

The Extension calendars are ready and if you have ordered one please pick it up at the Extension office in the courthouse basement, at Margaret Womack's or go by the museum in the afternoon.

I drove to Tulia for the big birthday celebration Saturday for Swisher County. Since the weather was pretty a record crowd attended. The meal was a barbecue dinner and some organizations were selling homemade ice cream. I visited with three of my former classmates: Bayard Sadler, Ruby Grace Moody and Ray Caraway. A band from Amarillo furnished the music.

After much visiting I went with my sister, Lynna Cloer, and her classmates to the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall where they held their 65th class reunion with 10 classmates and several guests attending. One came from North Carolina. My sister's. son, Kelley Cloer, was there from Ottawa, Canada.

Ioma Stokes, Sue and Ouincy Hawkins, Jeremy and Justin have had company the past couple of weeks.

Jim and Bobbie Stokes of Reno. Nev.; James, Alison and Toby Stokes from Mesa, Ariz.; and Lee and Apryl Stokes of Albuquerque, N.M., were here. They all went to O'Donnell to the Stokes Reunion and visited the museum.

July 3, Ronny and Brooke Stokes of Opelika, Okla., visited. Besides all the eating and visiting they went to Amarillo, the museum in Canyon and to see Texas. They went to see Vaudine and Mary Page at Lubbock, then to Amarillo to pick up Lee and Apryl. They all went to Nazareth to hear the music. On July 3, the boys went to Hereford to play golf, then all went home Sunday night and Monday morning.

Dr. Beth Vaughan Wrobel and

Vicki Vaughan James were here for a short visit with Charles and Betty Vaughan and Mike and Sherri Wilkerson. Beth is an assistant dean for academic programs at a college of nursing in Little Rock, Ark. Vicki has a private practice in family and teen counseling in Lan-

They had a great time making the shops and drinking iced tea and soft drinks. They brought many gifts of I love you and a very special surprise for their sister Sherri. Needless to say they thought Megan was just wonderful.

Many stories of old and childhood experiences were exchanged in the back yard while they enjoyed a cookout by Mike and Charles. They missed brother David Vaughan and his family.

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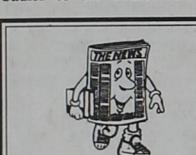
Francis & Bea Acker



.15 inch of rain was received Tuesday night and .40 inch of rain Wednesday night.

Willie Mae Sadler had an accident this week and sprained her arm.

Gerald Elkins read a letter they had received from Gale and Verna Sadler to the church before the



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We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

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Last week's winners: Dale West Bessie Strickland

song service Sunday morning. The Sadlers had some delays on the way back to Tanzania, in London and other airports, but got there O.K. They have already returned home, and are glad to be back.

Several visitors were at the Sunday morning church services. The visitors attending were: Sue Jones, who is visiting Flossie Jones; Elaira and Richirdo Reyes of Muleshoe and children of Onesima and Teresa Reyes; Jazz and Alex Turnello of El Paso with their grandmother, La Wanda Wilson; and Mrs. Jewell Milliken of Wolfforth, with James and Joan Norrell.

Larry and Sharon Sadler, Stacy Norman and boys, Tex and Norma Conard of Dimmitt, and Juanelle Windsor of Fort Worth attended the Conard reunion in Amarillo last Saturday.

Billie and Emma Jean King visited with Francis and Mary King in Amarillo Friday and attended some garage sales. The King Day Family Reunion was held recently at their place and at Marshall and Kaye King's houses. Two of the grandchildren stayed a week after the reunion and Emma Jean took them home last week.

Emma Jean King was one of five women from Castro County who attended the Republican Convention recently.

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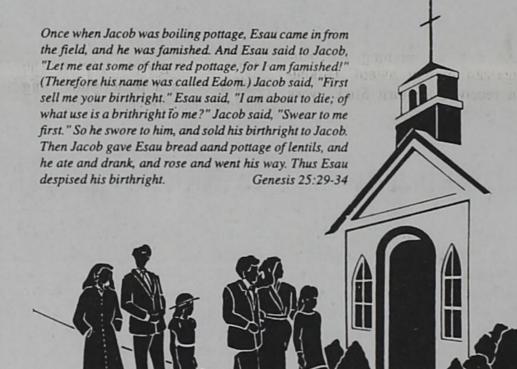
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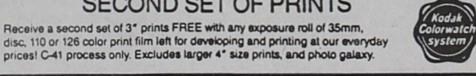
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Summer Leagues

July 11th games Katrina Acker 14, Tiffany Wilcox 8.

Chisum 19, Misti Ball 10. S-Kara Culwell 20, Katie Daniel 10. Spurs 54, Lakers 50. S - Amy Matthews 19, Melinda Schmucker 16.

Bulls 78, Rockets 44. B - Kim Thomas 24, Chisum 21. R - Amy Pohlmeler 10, Emily Roberson 8.

Magic 59, Rockets 58. M-Thomas 24, Wilcox 12. R-Dimas 16, Halley

Bradley 15. Lakers 65, Knicks 49. L - Halley Bradley 16, Carrie Bradley 14. K-

Langford 15, Culwell 8.

Bullets 70, Spurs 69. B - A'llyn Garza 14, Langford 12. S-Schmucker 26, Thomas 14.

Bulls	9	2	
Bullets	8	3	
Lakers	7	4	
Spurs	6	5	
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L-Carrie Bradley 18, Dolores Dimas

July 12 games

Ethridge 17, Ball 10. Bulls 51, Suns 49. B-Thomas 15, Carle Wethington 13. S — Amber

Bulls	9	2
Bullets	8	2
Lakers	7	4
Spurs	6	5
Magic	5	6
Suns	4	7
Knicks	4	7
Rockets	1	10

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Canine heartworm disease is a condition that affects many dogs every year. Dirofilaria Immitis is the mosquito-borne parasite that causes this disease. This parasite inhabits the right ventricle and pulmonary artery (chambers of the heart) of dogs. This condition has also been known to affect cats occasionally, and has also been reported in horses and some marine animals. However, the dog is the most important host.

Birkenfeld is honored for work as mascot

Melinda Birkenfeld of Nazareth was recently awarded All-American mascot by the National Cheerleaders Association at a camp in Athens July 12-15.

She has been the South Plains College mascot, "Terrible Tex," for two years.

She received the award for displaying superior qualities in all aspects of being a mascot including leadership, personality and technique.

As well as winning the All-American mascot award, Birkenfeld received a Spirit Stick every

Adult heartworms are long, slender worms ranging from 12 to 30 centimeters in length. If these worms are not removed or prevented, permanent heart or lung damage, and even death, can result.

As a mosquito feeds, infective larvae escape from its mouth into a drop of hemolymph, a nutrient fluid in blood. The larvae later enters the bite wound. They then migrate from the site of infection until they reach the heart. Mosqitoes can pass the infection from one dog to an-

Symptoms include a chronic cough or difficult and labored breathing, a sudden onset of anorexia, or collapse.

These parasites can be diagnosed through a variety of procedures, including radiography, angiography and simple blood testing, and pathology. Treatments include surgery, chemotherapy, and other drugs that can be obtained through a veterinarian.

Early prevention of heartworms is very important and simple. It should be given at monthly intervals during the time of year when mosquitoes are most active, mainly March through November. The initial dose must be given within a month after the first exposure to mosquitoes, and the final dose within a month after the last exposure. One form of this prevention is a small chewable tablet that is beefflavored and resembles dog food, so it can be given with food to ensure the dog does take it. The medication is a prescription drug and can be obtained from your veterinarian.

Southwest Outdoors BY MEL PHILLIPS

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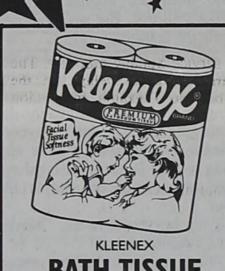
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Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

Avis Smith sent me a clipping from the Bakersfield, Calif. newspaper which was both shocking and amusing.

Amusing, in that government (of course, we're under the watch of the liberal camp now while this is happening, so don't go blaming this on "12 years of conservatism" or anything) will stop at nothing to show how ridiculous its rules can be.

Shocking, in that what they are doing in California could be happening here if we don't take action NOW. What happened, in a condensed version, is this:

Some farmers were using effluent (sewer water) and recycling it to irrigate some land. We do the same thing here. That water is pumped onto some land near the wastewater treatment plant northeast of town. The crops, neither here nor near Bakersfield, are for food. More than anything else, it's to keep the land from eroding completely away.

That land in California has been plowed. Unfortunately, when the operators plowed they may have killed up to three different endangered species of kangaroo rats and other rodents.

That's ridiculous enough, but we're not through.

Not only are the operators, and the owners, going to be fined, but the government has confiscated the implements used in the illegal "taking." The government now owns a tractor and a plow, the implements of destruction that apparently sent up to three mice (blind or not, we don't know) to mouse heaven.

The government even has their little carcasses. The mice carcasses, that is. The government take so far: Three mice carcasses, a tractor, a plow, and the city of

Ya see, the liberal do-gooders who dreamt up this

mess have put Bakersfield up to its neck in, uh, effluent. Bakersfield has no place to dump its sewer water, and there's more than enough. If the do-gooders continue to hold the needs of the rodents higher than the needs of not just the farmers but the city of Bakersfield, it's gonna be tough sledding, or something.

Rules are tough in California, but they're tough

I'm sure California has a similar agency to our Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. It's acronym is TNRCC, and its pet name is "train wreck." That's as in "train wreck waiting to happen."

Train wreck sounded like a good idea, again proposed by some liberal do-gooders, this time in Austin. Let us combine two or three or a dozen of these state agencies into one agency.

They did.

Did jobs get cut?

No. In fact, there have been thousands of new jobs added and created since TNRCC was started.

Have costs been cut?

No. Not only have state costs gone up since the train wreck began, but costs are also higher for city and county governments, water districts, and all sorts of private businesses.

For some reason, TNRCC wants to go to work on water systems, especially those around here. That doesn't make sense; the water here has to go through very little purification or filtration. I would challenge any person working for TNRCC to come up here and do what I have done hundreds of times: get a big ol' cup, find a running irrigation well, and dip out a big, cold drink of water.

I'll bet you a train wreck they won't do it.

Punitive damages law needs legislative reform

By RALPH WAYNE

Consider the following scenario. You own a small business, say a sporting goods store. One day you sell some protective headgear to a customer who is interested in learning how to box. You have been selling this headgear in your store for years. The headgear container bears a warning label that says boxing can be a dangerous sport, and that a head or brain injury is possible even when wearing the headgear. The customer buys the headgear and goes away.

One month later a man shows up at your store. He hands you a package of legal documents. It is a lawsuit. You are being sued by the customer who bought the headgear. He claims that the warning was inadequate, that the inadequate warning caused him to suffer a head injury while boxing, and that you, the owner of the store, must pay for his medical expenses, lost earnings, pain and suffering, loss of consortium with his wife, and loss of companionship with his chil-

He also claims that you acted in a grossly negligent fashion in selling him the headgear, that you knew or should have known that it was defective and would cause injury, and that you should be forced to pay him a million dollars in punitive damages.

can, and does.

You contact your insurance company. They advise you to try to settle the lawsuit as quickly as possible. You ask why-you did nothing wrong, you have been selling the headgear for years with no problems, and there is absolutely no basis for this lawsuit, especially that claim for punitive damages. The insurance company replies, "That's all true. But we should still settle the lawsuit."

You call your lawyer and explain the whole thing. Your lawyer listens politely and tells you the same thing the insurance company did. You get angry — isn't anybody listening? You haven't done anything wrong! Doesn't the legal system protect innocent people like

Your lawyer answers, "Maybe,

but I wouldn't risk it." What are you talking about?

What's this "maybe" business? "It's a little hard to explain," continues your lawyer. "You see, if you decide to go to court and fight this lawsuit, there is a chancehowever small — that you might wind up being liable for a lot more than your insurance will pay. If this happens, you will have to sell you

What? This is America! How can somebody do this?

Your lawyer goes on to explain that there is this probelm of punitive damages. The problem is, he says, that the injury in this case is really tragic. The jury is likely to be sympathetic and want to do something for the claimant and his family. They will see that you have Can this actually happen? It sure deep pockets. This will make the jury feel better about giving the claimant a punitive damages award, even if there is no justification for

> Surely, you cry, that wouldn't stand up on appeal! What court is

going to let a person be punished if he didn't do anything to deserve it?

Well, apologizes your lawyer, the law says that if there is enough evidence favorable to the claimant that the jury can base its decision on, it really doesn't matter how much evidence is favorable to you. There's not much an appeals court can do, even if the award is wrong.

But that's outrageous, you scream. Are you saying that somebody can be forced to pay what amounts to a criminal fine just because he has a successful busi-

"I wouldn't go exactly that far," says your lawyer. "But in a nutshell, it could happen. That's why you had better try to settle the

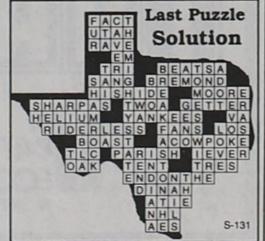
You hang up the phone in disbelief. You have spent a lifetime building up your business. Now it might be swept away-all because somebody got hurt and you happened to be in the neighborhood.

What do you do? Swallow your pride and pay up? Or fight and risk everything? Even if you settle, you might lose your insurance or have to pay three times more for it. That'll cost you big bucks and you might have to lay off three or four employees. It goes without saying that you'll have to stop carrying that headgear, which will cost you several thousand dollars in revenue. Just paying your lawyer will cost you a year's profits.

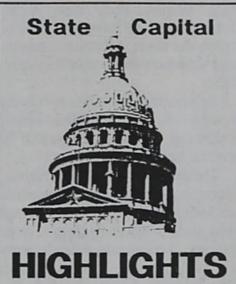
What would you do? Welcome to Texas tort law. Specifically, welcome to the law of punitive damages, where guilt and innocence isn't as important as how much insurance and net worth you

Conversations not unlike this one take place every day in Texas. Businesses are under siege. Millions of dollars are extorted from them every year, often in cases in which there is a legitimate injury and compensation is entirely appropriate—but punitive damages are 20 Drabek won the not.

It's time to put a stop to this. Faith in the fairness of our judicial system is at stake. Punitive damages reform cannot happen too soon. Let's hope the legislature puts reform at the top of its agenda in 34 Hereford's Ely who 1995.







By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, in a television interview last week, criticized the Texas Insurance Commission's fining of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. \$1.2 million for deceptive sales practices, but he later told The Associated Press he believed the case against the insurance company was handled fairly.

Gov. Ann Richards campaign reacted to Bush's statements, accusing Bush of "an outrageous conflict of interest" for criticizing the fine while serving as a paid board member of Tom Brown Inc., a Midland oil and gas company in which Met Life owns stock.

Bush said he did not know Met Life owned stock in the company, but according to the Richards campaign, Met Life has owned between 6.5 and 9.9 percent of Tom Brown Inc. since Bush has served on its board.

According to Securities and Exchange Commission documents, Bush earns \$12,000 a year from Tom Brown Inc.

The insurance commission ordered Met Life to make refunds totaling \$1.2 million to 76,000 policyholders in Texas.

Prison Medical Report Ordered U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has ordered officials to give him a report on the condition of medical facilities in the Texas Criminal Justice System.

In his order, the Tyler-based judge said he had received more

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than 400 letters and legal pleadings in the past three months from prisoners who allege they have had problems with health care in the

"Although at this point these complaints are only allegations that have not been investigated, the unusual number of complaints troubles the court," Justice wrote.

Audit Rips Tire Shredders

Five tire-shredding plants have overbilled the state \$2.1 million, according to a preliminary audit by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Twenty-one plants in Texas process old tires for recycling under a state program funded by the \$2 per new tire fee paid by consumers. Almost \$300 million in new tire fees is collected annually.

The five plants have until early August to reimburse the state or explain the discrepancies. Susan Potts, a lawyer for the Texas State Tire Recyclers Association, said she believes the company records will show the five plants do not owe money to the state.

More Felons to Get Probation

A new law goes into effect Sept. 1 that lowers penalties for dozens of property and drug offenses and doubles the amount of time most violent offenders will have to spend in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

State District Judge Larry Gist of Beaumont told the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, "It's going to be a tough year, but everyone I've talked to is committed to making this work."

According to a report in the Houston Chronicle, people convicted of a felony will have to be given probation, unless they use a weapon or have a prior aggravated offense. In that case, they will be sent to prison.

The new law's sponsor, state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said the worst obstacle for an exconvict is to find employment. He said that state agencies should set an example for private businesses by hiring ex-convicts who have been rehabilitated.

Dropout Rates Decline

The Texas public school dropout rate is half what it was six years ago, Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno said last week.

Meno said the state dropout rate for seventh through 12th grades has fallen from 34 percent in the 1987-88 school year to 18 percent in the 1993 school year.

Meno attributed the improvement to legislation that reformed indifferent attitudes toward students who leave school before graduating.

Meno denied that recent announcements of good news about public schools were linked to Gov. Ann Richards re-election campaign. "I have enough work to do to just be commissioner, let alone get involved in politics," he said.

Alternative Schools Proposed Meanwhile, Meno offered suggestions for how the state Legislature should rewrite the education

code to place "at-risk" students in

alternative schools rather than face Unless the Legislature pays for

the alternative schools, local school districts would have to foot the bill to keep violent or disruptive students in school but out of regular classrooms. Lawmakers will consider Meno's

plan, which met the approval of state teachers' groups, in the 1995 legislative session.

Officials for Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Federation of Teachers, however, called Meno's proposal inadequate for an across the board 5 percent raise in teachers' minimum pay, which could affect only 2,000 teachers

Ex-senator Released on Bond

Former state Sen. Tati Santiesteban, an El Paso lawyer, was arrested last week after sheriff's deputies said they found about 2 ounces of marijuana in his briefcase during a routine search conducted as he entered the jail. Santiesteban, who was released after posting a \$1,500 bond, said he doesn't know how the marijuana got into his briefcase.

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Breast cancer screening slated

and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will again conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to

Breast cancer affects one in 9 women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and oneto-one instruction in breast selfexamination by a registered nurse

The Women's Center of the Don specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

> The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

> The total cost of the screening is \$70. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800 - 377 - HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.



The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the Center on Sunday. The meal was catered by the Legion Auxiliary. We were happy to have members Artie Huseman Amarillo, return here for our dinner. Other welcome guests were Vic Brockman and Nora Barnett of Midland and Shirley Schacher of Dimmitt.

The Art and Loretta Kleman Springs with an abundance of flowfamily reunion was held Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall with 90 members from Tulia, Dimmitt, Canyon, Amarillo, Pampa, New Mexico, Kansas, Iowa and Nazareth attending. The afternoon started with a pot luck dinner, craft auction, door prizes, games, a visit to the cemetery, horse shoe pitching and a lot of B.S.! We all decided a lot of family members suffer from C.R.S. - Pray for us!

Many relatives and friends attended the Saturday wedding of John Kleman and Jennifer Norcross at Holy Family Church with Father Neal Dee officiating. Reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark., spent several days here last week visiting family members and attended an Albracht reunion in Hereford.

Employees of Terra Fertilizer in Dimmitt and their families enjoyed several days at Greenbelt Lake near Clarendon this weekend. They enjoyed boating, skiing, tubing, fishing and lots of good food.

Greg and Tinie Hoelting and LaDawn and Taylor Schulte have returned from Colorado Springs where they attended the 30th anniversary party for Leroy and Colette Hoelting. Others attending were Mitzie and Cyrilla Brockman, Susie Conrad, Rosemary Ramaekers and her daughter, Marvin and

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Carol Hoelting and family, Denis and Judy Hoelting and family of Colorado and many of Colette's cousins and aunts. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed Colette's and Lynn Ehly, who now live in big surprise for Leroy which was the appearance of one of his college buddies. They had not seen each other in 25 years. Everyone also enjoyed Leroy giving them a downtown tour of beautiful Colorado

> ers everywhere. Leonard Gerber is a patient in High Plains Baptist Hospital where he had surgery for a hip replacement. He is doing well and should be home soon to recuperate.

> Matthew Kern is home to recuperate after having surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital to remove a bone tumor on his head.

> Tricia Rose was honored on her 40th birthday with a fun night out in Amarillo with her husband, Jerry, Gerber family members and Jim and Bobbie Schmucker.

> Prayers are asked for Rosemary Schmucker of Hereford who is a stroke patient in the Critical Care Unit at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Denny and Pill Heiman, Jo Ann Bowan and Evelyn Hill enjoyed the weekend in Ruidoso at the horse races and the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Evelyn visited with family in Nazareth and Dimmitt before returning to Lubbock.

Congratulations to Lester and Karen Backus on the birth of a boy, Blake Yule, on July 15 at Northwest Texas Hospital. He has one older brother, Brandon. Grandparents are Hubert and Joan Backus and Bonnie Yule. Great - grandparents are Helen Backus and Louise Braddock of Nazareth, Geneva Yule of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lois Stillman of Amarillo.

The Texas Dept. of Health will be holding a Wellness screening on July 26, at the Senior Citizens Center in Nazareth from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Services offered will include blood pressures, cholesterol screen, blood sugar test, health risk profiles. A nutritionist will be present to answer any dietary questions.

There will be a \$4 charge for these services, and they will be open to the public. Please call, 647-2404, for an appointment.

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Dewberrys make home in Houston

Julie Hottel, formerly of Dimmitt, and John Dewberry of Houston, were married in Houston on June 11.

The ceremony and reception were held at the University Club in Houston.

The bride is a 1971 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is the daughter of Charles and Estella Hottel who lived in Dimmitt until 1984. Charles was the Couny Agent for Castro County and Estella was a home economics teacher for the Dimmitt School system for more than 20 years. She is the catering director at the University Club.

The groom is senior vice-president with Gibbs & Soell Public Relations. The Dewberrys have made their home in Kingwood, a suburb of

Ibarra participating in WT intern program

Noemi Ibarra of Dimmitt, a senior criminal justice major at West Texas A&M University, has been working this summer in an internship program at WT.

Ibarra is serving her internship with US Customs Service in Ama-

Class of '39 plans reunion

The Dimmitt class of 1939 will celebrate their 55th reunion during Harvest Days Aug. 12 and 13.

On Aug. 12, the class will meet at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt at 7:30 for dinner (Dutch treat). Aug. 13, they will meet at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Building to visit, watch the parade and have

Organizers ask that class members make every effort to attend the reunion.

For more information contact J.R. and Mary Jo Brown at 647-3250, Dorothy (Graham) Sheffy at 647-2576, or Garnett Holland at 647-5544.

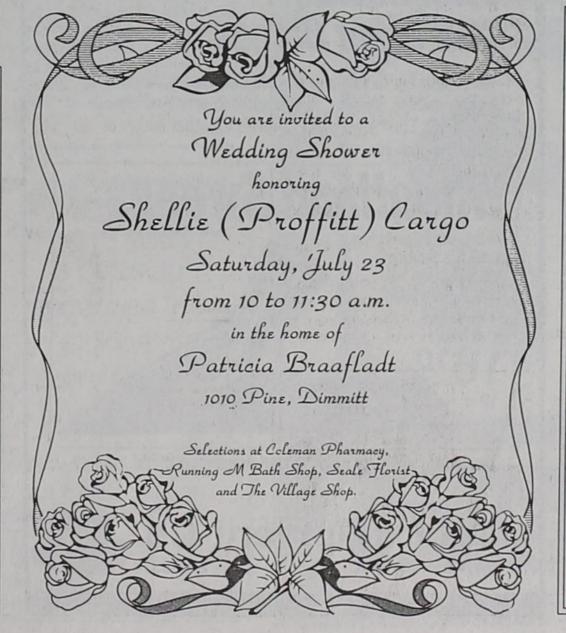
Ibarra is one of 21 students working in the internship program. The students, majoring primarily in criminal justice, are working in local, county, state and national offices.

"This internship provides students with the opportunity for real life expereince," said Susan Coleman, coordinator of the intern program and WT instructor of political science. "These students will do everything from inspecting airplanes for US Customs to performing case work with probation offi-

According to Coleman, the students will receive six semester hours for their work.

"Through the internships the students will be able to meet professionals in their field," Coleman said. "An opportunity like this frequently serves as a basis for employment."

The program began at WT in 1974. It began as a result of the Law Enforcement Assistant Act passed by Congress in response to the riots of the 1960s.



Shower honors Michelle Toudouze

Michelle Toudouze, bride-elect sins of the prospective groom. of Chad Smithson, was honored with a bridal shower July 16 in the home of Connie Morris.

Guests were greeted by the bride-elect, and her mother, Mrs. sweet rolls, sausage balls, fruit Kathryn Toudouze of San Antonio, Mrs. Maretta Smithson, mother of the prospective groom, and Mrs. over a burgundy cloth. The center Morris.

Out of town guests were Kathleen Toudouze of San Antonio, sister of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Vicki Smithson and her daughters, Amy and Carla, of Klondike, cou-

Bride-elect is honored with shower

A wedding shower honoring Jill Nelson, bride-elect of Keith Rushing, was held July 9 in the home of Mrs. Maxine Tidwell.

Receiving guests were the honoree, her mother, Sandra Nelson, and Mrs. Tidwell.

Special guests present were the bride's sister, Jan Nelson of Amarillo, and the grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Gail Nelson of Dimmitt and Bertha Thompson of Lubbock.

Out of town guests attending were Lyndell Sinclair of Dallas, aunt of the bride; Karen Griffin of Granbury, the bride's cousin; Syble Hames and Agnes Byrd of Lubbock; Kristi Reynosa and Tina Albracht of Amarillo; and Dorothy Shannon of Hereford.

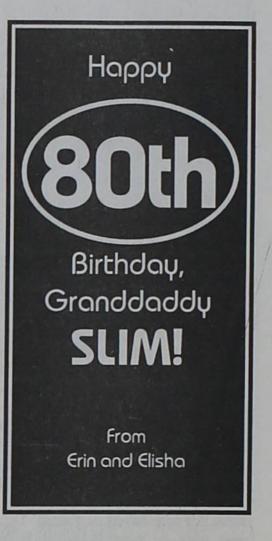
Jan Nelson served the guests refreshments of mini muffins, ham rolls, nuts, fruit punch and coffee. Twenty-six hostesses assisted.

Special guest was Mozelle Odom, grandmother of the prospective groom.

Guests were served miniature punch and coffee. The serving table was covered by a lace tablecloth piece was a large burgundy candle in a hurricane lamp surrounded by burgundy flowers on a mirrored

Refreshments were served by two of the prospective groom's cousins, Amy Beck and Amy Smithson.

Twenty-nine hostesses presented the couple with a vacuum cleaner.



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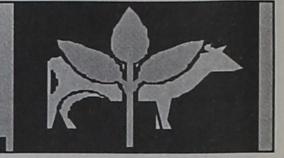
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Saddling a nightmare (Last of two parts)

Government growth and the everincreasing avalanche of regulations and regulatory agencies is the single biggest threat to the health of our economy. Last week, we cited some government regulations that would not pass a stupidity test. We also provided examples of how industries are overrun with bureaucratic rules written and enforced by unnecessary agencies.

We pointed out how the additional rules and regulations provided job security for government employees. Nearly every new government job is nonproductive. Though many government workers are diligent, and work long hours, we should never confuse activity with productivity.

Let me illustrate this concept with a true story from my farm days. Once we had a cow that was barren. The cow worked as hard as the other cows eating grass, digesting it and producing a proper amount of waste. (I hope you're following the analogy here.) The cost of care and feeding continued, but no calf was born. Without hope of profit or added value, the farm could not support the cow. So, we ate it.

Over regulation

Good examples of pervasive government regulations are found in the areas of protecting our environment and increasing the safety of workers. Both are worthy objectives. No small business owner I know wants to foul the air or see his or her employees injured. However, the rules written to ensure employees' safety contain some pretty stupid aspects.

For example, companies are required to provide "Material Safety Data Sheets" (MSDS) on all hazardous materials used in the business. These lists include harmful substances such as acids and poisonous materials. However, they also include some pretty silly things.

I have a copy of a four-page form one company uses to meet federal requirements for hazardous materials. The form I have is for sand—crystalline silica. You probably never suspected that when

you're walking barefoot on the beach enjoying the cool ocean breeze that you're exposing your feet to a "hazardous material" covered by government regulation.

Sand is pretty safe. It has no boiling point, does not evaporate, is not soluble in water and is not toxic. It is stable and compatible with all other materials, is not flammable and won't explode. So what is the hazard? From what I can tell, you shouldn't eat large quantities or suck it up your nose.

What else does government protect us from? Dishwashing soap. Yes, it's on the list. You should not put Joy liquid detergent in your eyes according to the Procter and Gamble's MSDS. It may cause stinging, tearing, itching and redness. The company also recommends against ingestion. That's right, drinking Joy may cause "transient gastrointestinal irritation. (The upside is you'll have really clean bowels.)

Reining in the nightmare

How do we slow the growth of bureaucracy and stop the nightmare?

Four easy steps.

First, become informed. Learn about specific laws that have a negative impact on your business.

Second, join organizations like your local Chamber of Commerce or the National Federation of Independent Business and get active in the process. Many silly rules and regulations are swept through Congress because no one cares enough to stop them.

Third, write to your elected officials. Be specific about the laws that need revision. Most want to help, but they need our direction. Let them know you've had enough. It won't hurt to let them know you're registered to vote.

Fourth, be an informed voter and vote. Get the voting records of your elected officials. If they have a history of "going along to get along," help them get along. Get a long vacation, that is.

We can still run the government. But to do so we must move from passive to active mode.

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

ASCS News

Emergency Haying and Grazing - CRP Acres

Castro County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres. The intent of emergency having and grazing of CRP acreage is to alleviate a livestock feed emergency when the growth and yield of 1994 hay and pasture have been reduced substantially because of a natural disaster.

Producers may hay or graze CRP acreage from the date they are approved until Sept. 30. The cost to hay or graze the CRP acreage will be 25% of the annual rental payment per acre hayed or grazed. This cost may be paid in advance or withheld from their annual rental payment.

CRP producers who own or lease livestock and have suffered a 40% loss of normal production of hay and pasture may use hay harvested and grazing from CRP acreage. CRP producers may sell harvested hay or rent or lease standing CRP acreage to a livestock producer who has suffered a 40% loss of normal production of hay and pasture.

Producers may either hay or graze CRP acreage, but not both. Before any haying or grazing

occurs, the participant must: 1. File an application on Form CCC-653 to determine a 40% loss of hay and pasture if the participant owns or leases the livestock and will use the feed from the CRP

2. Agree to sell harvested hay, or rent or lease standing CRP acreage only to an approved livestock producer who had completed Form CCC-653 and has suffered a 40% loss of hay and pasture.

3. Agree to re-establish at their own expense any failures of approved cover resulting from haying or grazing.

4. Agree to leave at least 25% of each field or contiguous fields unhayed or ungrazed for wildlife cov-

5. Agree to a 25% reduction in annual rental payment for the acreage hayed or grazed.

Producers must also report the acreage to be hayed or grazed as well as the 25% not haved or grazed. These acreages must also be identified on a photocopy of the farm.

Producers who intend to graze \$3 per each bin receipt over one.

the CRP cannot stock the acreage in excess of SCS's Forage Inventory and Annual Grazing Plan.

The acreage to be haved may only be haved one time. The hay must be baled by Sept. 30. Hay must be removed from the CRP acreage by Dec. 31.

Participants are required to sign a register, meet all requirements, and be approved before any having or grazing can occur.

On or before Oct. 14, participating producers must report to this office the acreage hayed and the tons of hay harvested and/or the number of livestock grazed and the acres grazed.

For more information, please contact this office.

Measurement Service

Producers who are unsure of their acreages are recommended to request that measurement service be performed. When measurement service is requested and paid for, we will measure the acreage for you and guarantee it. You will then have five working days to come in and agree or disagree to the acreage measured. We will let you know how many acres to destroy if we find that you have overplanted.

1995 Wheat Program Provisions of the 1995 wheat program are:

 Zero acreage reduction requirement.

— Target Price of \$4 per bushel. — No paid land diverson.

Other provisions will be announced as they become available.

Loan Interest Rate — July The interest rate for loans disbursed in July is 5.25%.

1994 Loan Rates

1994 loan rates for Castro Coun-

Wheat — \$2.59 per bushel. Barley — \$1.74 per bushel. Oats — \$1.02 per bushel. Rye — \$1.52 per bushel.

New Loan Service Fees

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Warehouse Stored - \$45 per loan and \$3 per warehouse receipt over one

Loan service fees for cotton will be provided at a later date.

Tree Assistance Program

Nursery trees are now eligible for some disaster assistance through the Tree Assistance Program. Please contact this office for further details.

CRP Maintenance

It is the sole responsibility of the CRP participant to maintain their CRP acreage, which includes weed control for the life of the contract. Failure to control weeds will result in penalties.

Llano Estacado Farm Tour The Texas Agricultural Exten-

sion Service and County Agricultural Committees will be sponsoring the Llano Estacado Farm Tour on Friday, July 29. This year's tour will involve four area counties -Castro, Lamb, Bailey, and Parmer.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria in Lazbuddie. Program topics will include Corn Disease Management, Chemigation Safety, and Worker Protection Standards.

Lunch will be sponsored by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

On site tour stops will begin at 1 p.m. and school buses will be available for provided transportation. Tour participants will have an opportunity to receive 4.5 CEU credits for private applicators and also chances at door prizes.

Regional farm tour scheduled July 29

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and County Agricultural Committees will be sponsoring the Llano Estacado Farm Tour on July 29. This year's tour will involve four area counties-Castro, Lamb, Bailey, and Parmer.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Lazbuddie School Cafeteria in Lazbuddie. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided during registration. Program topics and presentations will feature "Corn Disease Management" by Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Agronomist, College Station; "Chemigation Safety" by Dr. Rose Mary Seymour, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Lubbock; and James Esty, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, of Littlefield, who will discuss "Worker Protection Standards."

Tour stops will include corn and milo silage production in Parmer County, herbicide control in corn in Castro County, cotton earliness in Lamb County and cotton varieties in Bailey County.

Following the morning presentations, lunch and an agricultural awards program will take place. Awards will include special recognition to area county producers and cooperators for their interest in result demonstration work.

Lunch will be sponsored by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

On site tour stops will begin at 1 p.m. Four stops have been scheduled. School buses will be available for provided transportation.

Tour participants will have an opportunity to receive 4.5 CEU credits for private applicators and also have a chance to win door

This is the first year the Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties have combined in a tour such as this one. Tour organizers are anticipating the tour to be held annually and to develop into our area's major agricultural event of the year.

This event is open to the public.

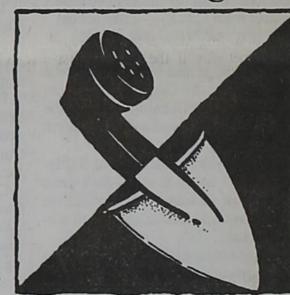
Meal tickets will be presented during the registration.

County Extension Agents are requesting that those planning to attend, call the Extension Office to register. Registration deadline is 5 p.m., July 20. Numbers to call are Castro, 647-4115; Lamb, 385-4004; Bailey, 272-4584; and Parmer, 481-

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SPRUCING UP THE PLACE—Members of the Flagg 4-H Club spent Thursday morning helping spruce up around the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Apartments. They helped take weeds out of flower

beds and did other odd jobs. Pictured are (from left) Tawnee Matthews, Mary Bradley, Carrie Bradley and Carol Summers. Photo by John Brooks

Insects of interest

AREA ENTOMOLOGIST

General conditions

the past week. This rainfall can Corn is well into tassel and some stage. Cotton is beginning to bloom across the area with very little insect problems. Sorghum is developing well with overall light insect trogen. problems.

Cotton

Irrigated cotton is beginning to bloom across Castro and Lamb counties with very little insect pressure at this time. Fleahopper numbers still remain low. Once the cotton reaches matchhead - size squares it can withstand more fleahopper pressure. Fleahoppers are most damaging to pinhead - size squares. The late planted fields still need to be monitored for fleahoppers, especially if the field is just beginning to square.

The nutritional demands of the developing crop change dramatically during the period of 5-6 weeks between square and peak bloom. During early squaring, nutrient requirements are low and soil fertility is generally adequate. Excessive nitrogen during this period can stimulate luxurious growth that is attractive to cotton bollworms and may lead to rank growth. Application of phosphorus and potassium during this period should be based on soil or tissue testing.

During the early weeks of bloom, nitrogen fertility may become limiting. To adequately assess crop nitrogen status, some form of plant monitoring is required. Plant mapping that tracks the crop's nodes above white flower (NAWF), coupled with petiole nitrate-nitrogen testing, can match nitrogen applications to crop demand. Additional nitrogen applications should be based on some objective, realistic measure of yield expectations. For example, research conducted in the High Plains has led to guidelines for applying additional nitrogen per increment of additional mid-season rainfall (5 lbs.N to 1 inch of water). Automatically applying nitrogen (N), without considering whether it is needed, can delay maturity and increase problems with insect pests, boll rot and harvest preparation.

Some producer recommendations provided by Dr. Kater Hake, Extension cotton agronomist, at this time include: 1) Keep irrigation moving rapidy, seven-day cycle in sprinklers and if possible also alternate furrow irrigation. A frequent

Jamboree set

The Plainview Musical Jamboree will be held this Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Center, South on Hwy. 87 in Plainview.

Admission to the show is free, but donations are encouraged, with proceeds going to the area Girl Scout service unit.

A door prize of \$25 will be given at the conclusion of the show.

Entertainment will be provided by Michelle Todd of Plainview, Crystal Collection of Lubbock, Panhandle Country Sounds of Dumas, Tommy Stewart of Dimmitt, The Perrymans of Lubbock, and Shanna VanWinkle Sides of Lubbock.

irrigation cycle will minimize water Scattered rainfall was received deficit stress-induced boll shed; 2) across Castro and Lamb counties Avoid cultivating pivot irrigated fields during bloom. Roots are very only help the overall situation. shallow and do not adequately regrow during the bloom period; 3) has matured to the brown silk Check the depth of moisture to anticipate when the field may enter stress. Us this to guide any additional expenditures for Pix and ni-

Corn

Most of the area corn is in the silking stage across Castro and Lamb counties. Spider mite numbers are on the increase, especially edges along highways, county roads, next to harvested wheat or near pasture land. Several fields in the Pest Management Program are near economic threshold, but deciding to treat is based on the upcoming second generation corn borers.

Most of the spider mites are Banks grass mites, which I distinguished last week. To decide whether or not Banks grass mite should be controlled, the per acre control cost (miticide plus application costs) and the expected value of the crop (yield x value) should be estimated. A two-step sampling process is necessary.

The field can be quickly checked to determine the percent of the plant infested by mites. This is accomplished by dividing the number of mite-infested green leaves (a leaf is infested if a mite colony of any size is on the leaf) by the number of green leaves per plant. If the plant equals or exceeds the percentage of infested leaves needed to cause yield loss, then determine the percentage of the leaf area on the plant that is damaged by mite feeding. Mite damage is any light-colored (chlorotic) areas on the plant that result from mite

feeding. Remember to look at all leaves on the plant to estimate how much of the total leaf area is damaged by mite feeding. Do not base your damage estimate on infested leaves only or the damage rating will be over-estimated. Dead leaf equals 100% damage for that leaf. Now, calculate the average percentage of the leaf area damaged. If both the percentage of the leaves infested and the percentage of the leaf area damaged equal or exceed the values for your crop, its time to spray.

Mated European corn borer females will soon be returning to tasseled corn to lay eggs. Most of

the egg masses will be laid on the underside of the leaves nearest to and including the ear leaf. Eggs are white and a black dot (the head of the young larvae) can be seen just before hatching. Eggs will hatch in three to five days. After hatching, about 75% of the small larvae move to the leaf axis and the remaining 25% to the ear sheath and collar tissue. If an average of 10 to 20 hatched and unhatched egg masses can be found per 100 plants, an insecticide application is justified.

Second generation Southwestern corn borer trap counts are climbing; therefore, we need to check for SWCB egg masses and small larvae. If we can hold off spraying spider mites until we notice some corn borer larvae or eggs we can get more bang for the buck from one spray application.

Second generation eggs are laid after tasseling has occurred. About three-fourths of these eggs are laid on the upper surfaces of the middle seven leaves. Eggs are laid singly or in masses of two to three or more. Eggs overlap fish scales or shingles. Freshly-laid eggs are creamy white. One day later, three red bands appear across each egg. Insecticides should be applied when 20% to 25% of the plants are infested with eggs or newlyhatched larvae.

Corn earworm trap counts are again on the increase. Remember, control of corn earworms is difficult since egg laying is extended through the silking period and continues after the completion of pol-

Sorghum

A few greenbugs can now be found in some of the earlier-planted sorghum. Greenbugs are aphids that suck plant juices and inject toxins into small grain plants. These aphids are pale green about 1/16 inch long, with characteristic dark green stripes on the back. Overall infestations remain light at this time around Castro and Lamb

On June 30, EPA granted a Section 18 specific exemption to allow the use of Asana XL to control sorghum midge in selected areas of Texas. In our area, this product can be used after Aug. 1 only in hybrid seed production fields to control economic infestations of midge. It cannot be used in commercial

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TCPB provides \$120,000 for statewide work projects

by the Texas Corn Producers

TCPB announced the funded projects in the summer edition of The Kernel, the official TCPB newsletter which is being mailed to corn producers statewide. TCPB is funded by a half-cent-per-bushel checkoff administered by TCPB and overseen by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Through our statewide corn checkoff program, TCPB is able to work directly with researchers from the Texas A&M University System as well as private consultants to find the best methods of controlling and preventing corn disease and insect problems," said TCPB Chairman Gerald Donaldson of Boling.

The funded programs include:

-\$10,000 to fund studies of a new corn virus which struck Panhandle-area sweet corn last year. The virus has also bothered wheat and the project is also being funded by the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Research is being done by the Extension Service in Amarillo.

-\$15,000 to fund screening of commercial corn varieties to examine their vulnerability to aflatoxin fungus. Research is being done by Texas A&M.

- \$13,600 to study the emergence and movement of spider mites on the High Plains between wheat, corn and CRP land and to develop a better understanding of predators which feed on mites. The research is by Dr. F.E. Gilstrap, Texas A&M entomologist in College Station, and Dr. Bob Glodt, private consultant in Plainview.

— \$13,500 for studies to compare dryland corn and sorghum production profitability in the Panhandle area.

-\$9,000 for food corn quality evaluation studies by Dr. Lloyd Rooney of Texas A&M in College Station.

-\$8,200 to fund High Plains research into development of mite resistant hybrids, as well as additional studies to determine the best control methods using EPA - approved pesticides and predators.

-\$7,500 for pest managment research demonstration aides in Castro, Lamb, Bailey, Parmer, Swisher and Lamb counties. The program is by county and area Extension agents.

-\$5,000 for continued research to improve the visual identification of aflatoxin.

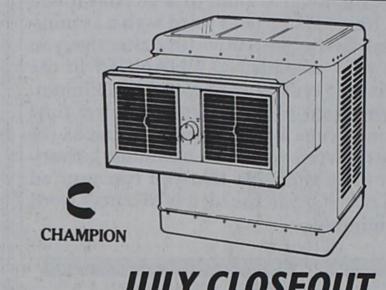
- \$4,000 for a phosphorous fertilizer usage study in different tillage programs.

-\$3,500 to complete a study aimed at arming farmers with information on the best times to use plant banding for mite control.

- \$3,975 to evaluate the

More than \$120,000 worth of effectiveness of using reduced rates projects have been funded this year of granular insecticide for Mexican Corn Earworm control in central

- \$3,000 to help establish a computerized water use predicting network for High Plains corn pro-



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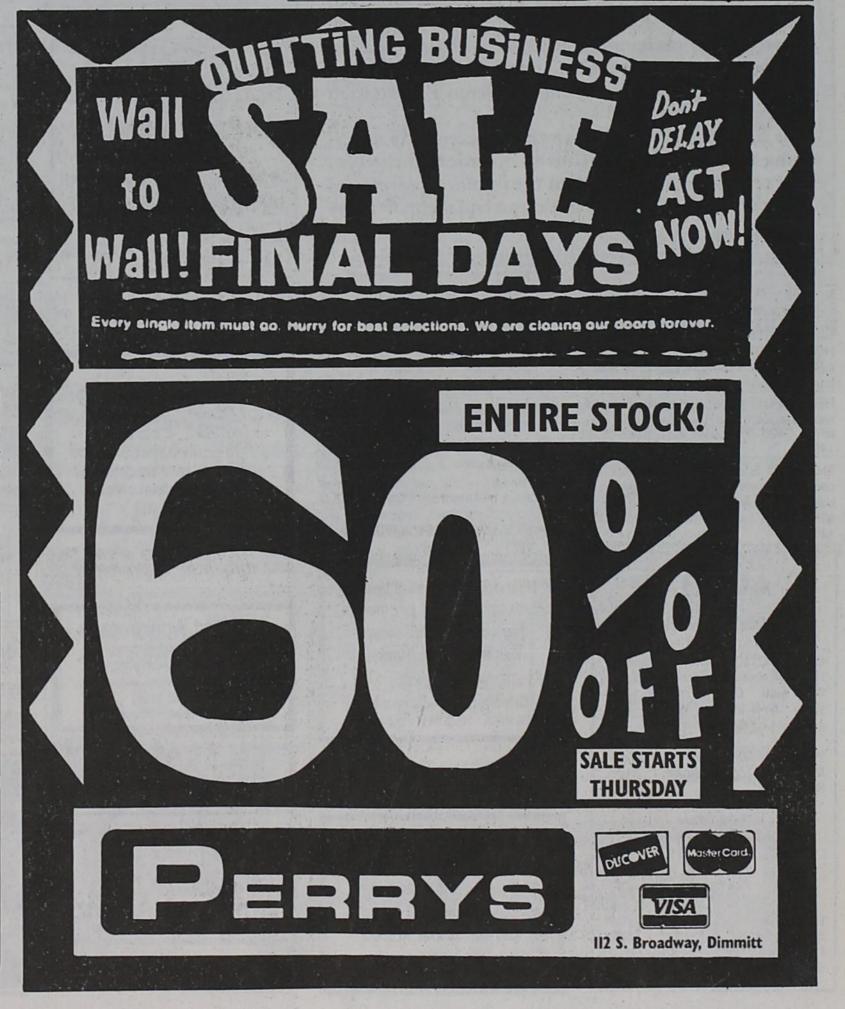
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WAREHOUSE WORKER NEEDED for Dimmitt based distribution company. Must be experienced in traffic managment, product handling, and warehouse coordination. Send salary requirements and resume to Warehouse, Box 818, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 20-14-2tc

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21-Wanted, Misc.

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22--Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131.

22-40-tfc

23--Lost & Found

LOST: 2 kittens, 1 white, 1 yellow and white. Lost Sunday afternoon. Any information,647-4166.

24--Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one of you who was so gracious and sent cards, food and flowers while I was recuperating from surgery. As everyone says, there is no place like Dimmitt.

> Love you, Oleta Schumacher 24-15-1tc

25--Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF CASTRO**

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 6th day of JULY, 1994, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1994, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFI-CIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIM-MITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-

CAUSE No. 92-06-A6496 CASTRO COUNTY VS. MEDRANO, JESSE.

All of Lot Seven (7) and the South 12.5 feet of Lot Eight (8), Block One Hundred Forty-One (141), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

CAUSE No. 92-10-A6558 CASTRO COUNTY VS. GARCIA, LOUIS MORIN. All of Lot Number Nine (9) and the South Half (S/2) of the West Half (W/2) of the East-West alley, all located in Block Number One Hundred and Fiftythree (153), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

CAUSE No. 91-05-B6319 CASTRO COUNTY VS. ROBLEDO, EUSEBIO.

All of lot Number One(1) in Block Number Fifty-one (51), Original Town of Dimmitt, in Castro County, Texas. CAUSE No. 91-10-A6224 CASTRO

COUNTY VS. ARGUIJO, ROBERT All of Lot Nine (9), in Block One Hundred Three (103), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of JULY, 1994 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest at 10%, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of the CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDE-PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAS-TRO COUNTY AND CASTRO COUNTY **EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT** INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.

C.D. FITZGEARLD Sheriff Castro County Texas By Jerry Jansa Deputy 25-14-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Hart Independent School District will accept sealed bids to puchase one (1) 1995 model school bus. The bids shall be in the Hart School District's business office, P.O. Box 490, Hart, Texas 79043. No later than August 1. 1994 at 2 p.m. Bid envelopes must be marked on lower left hand corner (School Bus Bid).

Specifications can be obtained from Mr. Mike Smith, superintendent at the school business office.

The bids will be presented to the school board at their regular meeting on August 8, 1994, at 7 p.m. Hart Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the best interest of the School District. 25-14-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court will accept bids for Group, Comprehensive, Major Medical Insurance on August

Bid packets with needed information may be picked up at the office of Auditor, Maretta Smithson.

Bids will be opened on August 22, 1994 at 10 a.m. by County Commissioners Court. Bidders should be present to answer any questions.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR. Castro County Judge 25-15-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Country Club of Dimmitt/a Private Club Inc. has made application with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a Private Club registration Permit to be located .9 miles west of Hwy 385N on FM 2392, to be located P.O. Box 817, City of Dimmitt, County of Castro and operate under the name Country Club of Dimmitt/a Private Club Inc. Corporate officers being: Betty A. McClure, president, Doug Proffitt, vice - president and Sheryl Clayton Secretary/Treasurer.

25-14-2tc

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More about

Harvest Days

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side spaces) and may be reserved by calling 647-2524 or going by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford.

Persons renting booths will receive \$5 of their registration fee back upon clean up of their booth area. Persons renting booths will be furnished a 30" by 8' table and two chairs. Electrical outlets are limited, and extension cords are not provided.

Food booths must be approved by the fair committee.

Harvest Days parade

The parade will be at 10 a.m. on Aug. 13. Members of the Dimmitt Lions Club will be setting up the parade beginning at 9 a.m. on parade day. Entry deadline is noon Aug. 11 for everything except bicycles; bikes don't have to be preregistered.

Divisions will be provided for

floats and vehicles. Antquee, hot rod, classic and low-rider vehicles will participate in the parade and the DATA car show later in the

Entry may be made at the cham-

Quilt show

Dimmitt's Friendship Quilters Guild will sponsor the Quilt Show.

The winner of this year's donation quilt, "Star in Heaven," will be drawn during Harvest Days.

Car and tractor show

Dimmitt Alumni of Technical Arts (DATA) Club will hold its fourth annual car and tractor show and swap meet Aug. 13, and its annual poker run and card challenge on Aug. 12.

Registration for the poker run, which measures a team's ability to follow directions and find specific locations, is \$5 and may be made to DATA, c/o Tammy Heard, 719 Cleveland, Dimmitt. Registration for a swap meet booth, and car, model car and tractor entries may also be made by calling Heard at 647-4592. Registration forms are also available at the chamber of-

Tug-of-war

The annual tug-of-war will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. Six t-shirts and a team plaque will be given to the first-place team.

The team should consist of no more than 1,300 total pounds, with weigh-in 15 minutes prior to pull time. A team coach is allowed, but the team will be disqualified if the coach gets within the pulling area or touches the rope or any pulling contestant during the pull.

Registration forms, including a release that must be signed by all participants, are available at the chamber office, fire station and W&W Communications.

Annual rodeo

The fifth annual Harvest Days Rodeo will be held Aug. 12-13, sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club. The rodeo will be produced by Blackwell Rodeo Co. and is TCRA approved.

Entries will be open Aug. 2-3 from 6 to 10 p.m. at 647-4780.

There will be eight competition events plus some local events. A county team roping will also be held Aug. 11.



The show has been held since 1987 and featured 55 quilts by county residents and guild members last year. Quilts will be displayed at the Expo Building, and a knowledgeable quilter from the region will judge the quilts. Awards will be given in several categories, with special awards going to best of show, judge's award and people's

DHS slates registration for Aug. 9

Registration for the 1994 - 95 school year will be held Aug. 9 at Dimmitt High School.

Registration will take place in the DHS cafeteria. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. for freshmen; 11 a.m. for sophomores; 1 p.m. for seniors; and 2 p.m. for juniors.

Ortiz honored by Duke Univ. talent program

Monica Ortiz, daughter of Sal and Chole Ortiz of Dimmitt, has been honored with a certificate of distinction by the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Certificates were presented at a ceremony at Texas Christian University. Although unable to attend, Monica received her certificate by

Monica participated in the 14th annual talent search conducted by TIP at Duke University and earned special recognition for an outstanding performance on the American College Testing (ACT) program assessment.

Monica received statewide recognition for scoring high in the talent search for high mathematical and verbal talent.

Hart Elementary sets registration for Aug. 9-11, 15

Hart Elementary School will hold registration Aug. 9-11 and Aug. 15 at the school.

Parents should go to the elementary school between 9 a.m. and noon to register children. Parents enrolling new students will need a birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record and records from previous schools for new students.

The registration schedule is Aug. 9, students with last names beginning with A through G; Aug. 10, last names beginning with H through Q; Aug. 11, last names beginning with R through Z, and Head Start registration; and Aug. 15, make-up day for people not able to register Aug. 9-11.

Hart plans **Head Start** sign-up day

Registration for the Head Start program will be held Aug. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hart Elementary School.

Participation in the program for four-year-olds is based on financial need. Due to changes in federal guidelines, applications must be taken and students will be accepted based on severity of need. Students with disabilities will be given first priority. Enrollment in the Head Start program will be limited to 20

Persons planning to apply for the Head Start program should take shot records, Social Security card, proof of income, birth certificate and verification of public assistance. All of the information must be rpesented before the application can be accepted.

Together . We Can

"Ode to the Wild, Wild West" is the theme for the annual Hart Days celebration, July 29-30 in Hart.

A carnival will begin Wednesday and will run through July 30.

Events on July 29 will include various food booths; bingo by the Hart Fire Dept.; a pet show coordinated by Ginia Malone; and the Dudes and Dolls Contest at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Elementary Gym.

July 30 events include the parade at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Hart Lions Club; Zealot Club ice cream sales; 4-H mini-fair in the bank community room; Lions Club horseshoe tournament; WITH Association ice cream sales, and a duck race at 12:30 p.m.; children's tractor pull at 1 p.m.; and assorted food booths.

Parade entries may be made with Jarrel Sewell at 938-2178 (days) or 647-5645 (evenings) or Kelly Jones at 647-5220.

More about

Sailplanes.

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stanchions on the trailer, then dollied the fuselage into place between the wings.

Then, after a handshake, the two at ground level.

Meanwhile, other glider teams were doing the same thing all over Before he left Littlefield, Walker plan to live in Round Rock. learned that all 32 gliders in the competition were down and that none were able to complete their said the Nazareth School Board run the first day.

Soaring Club, the national competi- and offered a business teacher's tion continued a week, through yesterday (Wednesday).

American sailplane builder. The Independent School District. earlier models were built of wood all metal.

weighs 400 lbs.

No American company builds gliders anymore, but there's still a dedicated brotherhood of pilots who pamper and fly the sturdy 1-26s, which can stay aloft for hours, as long as there's a slight thermal updraft.

Hutchinson — who is tall and ruddy, and wears a wide-brimmed straw hat while piloting his glider —is 70 years old. His crewman, Walker, is 75.

"Middle-aged guys stay pretty busy, so most of the hobbyists you see are either kids or old guys like us," Hutchinson quipped. "There are a couple of teams in the competition from the Air Force Academy. Those boys are doing pretty good,

Hutchinson didn't seem worried about who would win the competition. Like a marathon runner, he just wanted to be there and be in on

More about

Board

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"Kids mess up one time, they did something, and they have gone to ISS," Nino said.

"I don't agree," Stockstill said. "They don't go to ISS for one thing unless it is a major offense. If a student is disrespectful or destroys property, or if a kid stands up in class and calls a teacher a (name), the kid will go to the office and probably will go straight to ISS."

"There are times when a student will try to bargain with you," Rasor said. "It all depends on the circumstances and the student's history."

Nino said he knew of at least one student who was sent to ISS because he was caught chewing gum.

"If you look on their discipline form and it says they were sent to ISS for chewing gum, it looks bad," Rasor said. "But it might have been they were caught chewing gum and got classroom detention. Next time they got one swat. The third time they got two swats. The fourth time they go to ISS. The swats didn't correct the behavior."

"Or, it might have been the student chewed gum first period, chewed gum second period, chewed gum third period and chewed gum fourth period," Stockstill said. "Then it's just a power struggle and something has to be done."

In other business at Thursday's

meeting, the board:

-Awarded bread bids to B&S Distributing for Rainbo products, and milk bids to Plains Dairy.

More about Tarbet...

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1994 (28-7).

Tarbet said he and his wife, Cindy, had looked at several different jobs before receiving the McCallum

"This came as a surprise to us," Tarbet said. "We had visited with McCallum's athletic director, Pat Honeycutt, at a coach's school. He called me last Tuesday (July 12) about this job. We went to Austin and interviewed last Wednesday and were hired last Thursday."

According to Tarbet, McCallum school has a reputation for having a high academic quality, rather than athletics, but the girls' basketball team has won district the last two years. The team was unable to get past the bi-district round, however, losing this year to Waco Midway.

Tarbet will only be responsible for the basketball program in grades 9-12. He won't be coaching cross country or track.

He taught several different science classes in Nazareth, and said he will have only one science subject to teach at McCallum, adding that his "workload will be easier" since he will only coach basketball and has just one subject to prepare for.

Tarbet said Cindy also has accepted a science teaching position at McCallum.

After visiting McCallum's campus, men headed back toward Littlefield Tarbet and his wife "liked what we saw" of the school. He added that the job offers a "significant pay raise." The Tarbets are planning to leave Castro, Bailey and Lamb Counties. for Austin today (Thursday) and

Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson voted Tuesday night to hire Johnny Hosted by Littlefield's Caprock Hampton as the new girls' coach, position to his wife, Sharon, but the Hamptons accepting the positions is The 1-26 gliders were all made contingent upon their release from by the Schweizer Co., the only teaching contracts with the Sudan

Hampton, a Dimmitt native who and canvas, and later models were played on the Bobcats' 1975 state championship team, was an assistant Hutchinson said his glider boys' coach at Nazareth for several years before taking the head coach's job in 1986. Under his guidance, the Swifts won the Class A state basketball championship that year. After leaving Nazareth, Hampton coached at Merkel and has spent the last five years coaching at Sudan, advancing to the regional finals this year before losing to eventual state finalist, Nazareth.

His wife, Sharon, the former Sharon Gerber, is a two-time allstate basketball player from Nazareth and was a member of teams which captured state titles in 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.

The board also voted to hire Darren Hefley as a science teacher, Cathy Lane as assistant girls' coach and English teacher, and Teresa Birkenfeld as a special education

For the past two years, Hefley has taught science in Shamrock. If he accepts the position in Nazareth, he will teach all composite science classes on the junior high and high school levels.

Lane and Birkenfeld have both signed contracts with Nazareth.

Lane graduated from Hereford High School and earned her degree from Texas Women's University. She coached and taught at Bridgeport for five years.

Obituary

Nettie Herron

Nettie Ella Herron, 82, of Tecumseh, Okla., died July 11, 1994.

Services were July 14 at Cooper Funeral Chapel in Tecumseh with the Rev. Jerry Robinson officiating. Burial was at Brown Cemetery.

Mrs. Herron was born Sept. 30, 1911, in Pushmataha County, Okla. She was raised in eastern Oklahoma. She married James L. Herron at Lawton, Okla., on June 14, 1938. He died Nov. 30, 1969. She was also preceded in death by four sisters and a grandson. She had lived in Tecumseh since 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of the Free Holiness Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruby Gowdy of Dimmitt and Edna West of Shawnee, Okla.; six sons, Roy Barnes of Healdton, Okla., Loyd Barnes of Martinburg, W.V., Phillip Herron of Killeen, Lewis Herron of Ratcliff City, Okla., Earl Herron of Maud, Okla., and Eueil Herron of Midwest City, Okla.; two sisters, Mildred Sperry of Kemp and Ruby Simmons of Beulahville, N.C.: two brothers, Bill Rayfield of County Line, Okla., and Geroge Rayfield of Shawnee, Okla.; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

More about

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the magnificent Misty Fjord.

By coincidence, Troy's Sweet Shop is having its first anniversary celebration this week and next. Owner Larry Ritter wanted to book an interesting, exotic program by a seasoned traveler, but he couldn't find one.

I imagine I'll be showing my slides later, here and there. I'm available for club meetings, store openings and cockfights.

When the O. J. Simpson case first broke, I thought to myself, "It won't be long until people are blaming the media for overkill."

In such a bizaare, blockbuster case involving a nationally known celebrity, it was inevitable.

Yes, there has been overkill. Yes, I tell myself that I'm getting as tired of it as everyone else. And yes, I follow every new development-just like you do.

Rural health meetings set

Two town hall meetings to discuss rural health clinics will be held Saturday in Dimmitt and Hart.

The meetings are sponsored by the Castro County Hospital District. They will feature Melissa Kemp, formerly with the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, as guest speaker. She is a rural healthcare advocate.

The meetings will be held at 10 a.m. at Dimmitt City Hall and at 2 p.m. at the bank in Hart. The meetings are open to all interested persons.

The murder case and its coverage are producing many "sidebars," and we can learn a lot from them if we pay attention.

For instance:

Few if any of us realized that this "nice guy," this sports icon whom we saw regularly on TV and in the movies, was a spouse abuser. Many of us didn't know the prevalence or the characteristics of spousal abuse before this case broke. We didn't realize that the statistics on spousal abuse have been cooked, that there are actually more complaints of abuse filed by husbands than by

During the trial, we're going to get a good civics lesson in the nuts-

Brown Bag Concert set

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to bring their lunch to the Courthouse gazebo this Friday to listen to performers entertain the crowd from noon until 1 p.m.

Entertainers including Max Ellison, Suzan Coleman, and Bill Sava among others will be performing at

the concert.

and-bolts working of criminal law and the rules of evidence. The courtroom drama is going to be played out by some of the top players in the legal profession.

And I hope many people get a clearer definition of the "media"what each communications medium is and isn't.

Many people make a distinction between "the public" and "the media." In my mind, the legitimate news media are the public. Legitimate journalists represent you and me when they're on the job. They ask the questions that they think their fellow citizens want answered.

The tabloid shows—Hard Copy, Current Affair, Inside Edition, American Journal and other such programs-are not the legitimate media. They are not network programs; they are syndicated shows produced by commercial production companies. They pay for "exclusive" interviews and stories and sell their programs to individual stations.

Legitimate news organizations newspapers, newsmagazines, TV networks - don't pay for information or interviews. A person who trades information for money is likely to embellish the facts to

get a higher price, and the program that pays is likely to distort the facts to get a higher rating.

Two witnesses in the Simpson case already have sold out to the tabloid shows. As a result, the prosecution probably won't call them to testify. They've compromised their credibility.

The TV networks are beginning to blur the line between legitimate and tabloid journalism with some of their "newsmagazine" programs and talk shows, which sometime go for sensationalism and ratings, and feature people promoting a point of view. These shows make it difficult for the viewer to determine which program is of which type. But to my knowledge, these network shows still haven't paid for any information.

To get provable information on the Simpson case, I find myself going back to newspapers. I'm reasonably sure the stories come from legitimate sources, that those sources have been checked out through standard professional means, and that the information was not bought.

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By BOB BATZ

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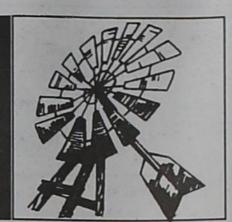
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Locales try building own 'Cash cow of Ozarks'

By LANE BEAUCHAMP

Kansas City Star

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

— Sprouting from the sandy soils of South Carolina and the tobacco fields of Tennessee, two fast-growing vacation hotspots boldly position themselves to challenge Branson, the cash cow of the Ozarks.

With promises of dozens of new music theaters, leaders in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Pigeon Forge, Tenn., hope to duplicate the phenomenal success of southwest Missouri's tourism attraction.

And much of the money to pay for these grand efforts comes straight from the Ozark hills.

The names Hammons and Herschend, familiar to southwest Missourians for their hotels and theme parks, will sign the checks on millions of dollars worth of copycat projects.

"There's going to be competition regardless," said Pete Herschend, who coowns Branson's Silver Dollar City theme park and whose family's finances fuel much of the boom in Pigeon Forge. "The question is, do you want to be in control of the competition or let somebody else do it? ... You don't want all your eggs in one basket."

The Herschend family owns three of the largest tourist attractions in Pigeon Forge and plans to build even more. Last year they spent more than \$10 million on their Tennessee pro-

Some 300 miles away in Myrtle Beach, Missouri millionaire John Q. Hammons, who lives in Springfield, is laying out the bucks in the nation's most ambitious attempt to copy Branson's blueprint for prosperity.

"I'm producing a top-quality entertainment package," said Hammons, who promises 12 South Carolina theaters, the first set to open next spring. "Myrtle Beach already has the ocean and golf courses and great roads. This will com-

plete the picture."

The competition comes at a critical time for Branson. The building-safety controversy there still hangs unresolved. Traffic congestion is as bad as ever and it will be years before the proposed Ozark Mountain Highroad is completed to relieve the problem.

And the number of visitors, which for years had shown healthy increases from season to season, had a slight drop this spring over spring 1993.

"It will come down to, 'How well are we planted in the mind of the customer?" Herschend said. "It's the customer who decides, and

they'll do it with their wal-

Myrtle Beach makes up only a portion of the fastgrowing tourist area known as the Grand Strand, a 60mile stretch of development that sits roughly halfway between New York and Miami.

First settled by the Spanish, the region later became home to plantations producing rice, cotton and lumber. Myrtle Beach, named for the wax myrtle shrubs that thrived in the region, is more than twice as large as any of 11 Grand Strand cities. It began to prosper as a weekend getaway 50 years ago.

It was a little place called the Carolina Opry that kick-started the music business in Myrtle Beach. The folks around Myrtle Beach call the Opry's founder, Calvin Gilmore, the father of the area's theater scene.

Gilmore, who once delivered mail at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, dreamed of building a theater before Branson ever boomed. In the early 1980s, he had set his sights on a place at Lake of the Ozarks, where he was selling real estate.

But on a hunch, Gilmore checked on Myrtle Beach, a town he remembered fondly from his college summers. A building was available there, and Gilmore took the

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Mexico accused of tomato dumping

By MIKE WILLIAMS

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MIAMI — The 6-month-old North American Free Trade Agreement has turned South Florida tomato growers' balance sheets bloody as a flood of cheap Mexican tomatoes this winter devastated Florida's secondlargest crop, they claim.

"NAFTA kicked in Jan. 1, and our tomato market went completely apart in no time," said John Thomas, 73, whose family has raised vegetables in Palm Beach County for 35 years. "Prices were down to money-losing levels by Jan. 15. They took our winter crop completely away from us."

Angry farmers, who supply most of the nation's domestically grown

winter vegetables, have appealed to Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford, who in turn has complained to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

Espy has promised to investigate charges that Mexican farmers dumped tomatoes on the U.S. market. He said he would set up a meeting between Florida growers and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

Kantor is overseeing NAFTA, which Florida farmers strongly opposed last year until administration officials promised it would include provisions to protect them against cheap Mexican imports.

But those provisions are too cumbersome and costly, Crawford argued in a recent meeting with Espy. Filing a formal action could cost farmers \$300,000 and take years to reach a resolution, he said.

Mexico has denied that Mexicans dumped tomatoes on the U.S. market, and a U.S. Department of Agriculture official who tracks tomatoes said he doubts that Mexican imports were a big cause of last winter's low tomato prices.

Differences in weather, the availability of trucks for shipping and other factors probably had a greater impact, said Gary Lucier, a vegetable specialist with the federal agency.

Florida officials, however, claim Mexican imports surged 25 percent

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Cattle cash receipts in '93 hit an all time record

1993 Texas livestock cash receipts rebounded to an all time record

As goes the beef cattle business, so goes the contribution the Texas livestock sector makes to the overall Texas economy. Cash receipts from the Texas cattle calf sector increased \$702 million over those received in 1992, boosting Texas cash receipts received from livestock, wool and mohair to an all time record of \$6.526 billion in 1993. Also recording higher cash receipts in 1993 was the Texas hog industry. Unfortunately for the Texas sheep and goat producers, that is as far as the good news went.



Cash receipts from sheep and lambs, wool and mohair were all down.

Nevertheless, 1993
Texas livestock cash receipts exceeded the 1991 record of \$6.3 billion by just over 200 million. It is estimated that the Texas livstock sector had a total economic boost to the state's economy of near-

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Dr. Ernie Davis

ly \$20.4 billion. Given current 1994 livestock markets, especially those for cattle and sheep, the 1993 livestock cash receipt record is not in jeop-

Texas Cash Receipts From Cattle and Calves Cash receipts for cattle and calves received

by Texas farmers and

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1993 totaled
\$6.353 billion, a
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Texas' cattle and calves and marketings were higher in 1993. The number of head

The number of head marketed as well as the total pounds marketed in Texas both increased by 10 percent over 1992. 1993 cattle and calf prices gained in strength over 1992 prices. Cattle prices increased 3 percent, fro

\$73.70 cwt. in 1992 to \$75.60 cwt. in 1993. Texas calf prices experienced a significant price increase of 11 percent. Texas calf prices averaged \$95.20 cwt. in 1993, up from an aver-

age of \$85.80 cwt. received in 1992.

(Dr. Ernie Davis, Livestock Marketing Specialist with Texas A&M is a cattle market expert.)

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Consumer foods gaining importance among exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer foods are becoming more important among U.S. agricultural exports and probably will exceed bulk commodities in export value before the year 2000, the Agriculture Department says.

"Over the last six years, consumer foods accounted for all of the more than \$7 billion in growth in total U.S. agricultural exports," says a report in the July issue of AgExporter magazine by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

"By all indications, U.S. gains so far may be only a taste of what is yet to come," the report said. "Trade projections suggest that before the year 2000 consumer foods are likely to exceed bulk commodities in export value, becoming the leading category of U.S. agricultural exports for the

Twelve general product categories accounted for nearly 90 percent of the total value of U.S. consumer food exports in 1993. The 12 categories are: red meats, poultry meat, dairy products, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, wine and beer, tree nuts, breakfast cereals, snack foods and pet foods.

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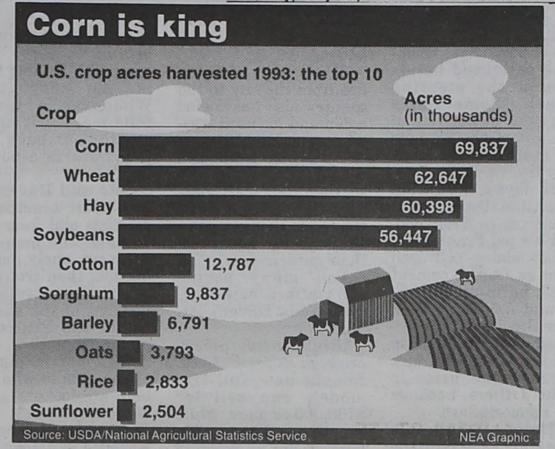
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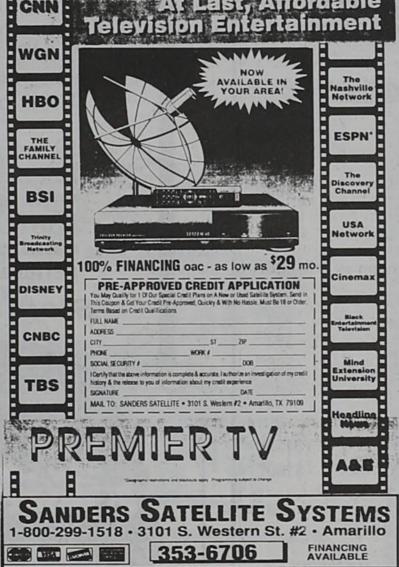
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Davenport says, wrapping calloused hands around the steering wheel. "Some fellas can't get either one of 'em out of their heads no matter how hard they try."

Six days a week, rain or shine, Davenport, who lives in Trotwood, and his pal Frank Cole, of Lewisburg, sell used tractors from a cement block building at U.S. 40 and Arlington Road near Brookville.

Some buyers snap up the old farm machines because the price is right. Others, because the memories are.

"There's definitely a nostalgia factor in the used-tractor business," says Cole, who grew up on a 640-acre farm in Kentucky and drove his first tractor - a steelwheeled Ferguson when he was 5 years

"A guy's passing our place with his son or daughter, see, and he spots a Ford or a Deere a-sittin' on the lot. 'Oh, look,' he says to the kid, 'there's a tractor just like the one your granddaddy used to have' and before you know it,

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he's out of the car, kicking tires and pulling levers.'

The exodus of families from the city to the country also has fueled a demand for used tractors, says Cole, 62.

"First, they build a house on five acres or so, then they start looking around for a small tractor so they can mow their yards and plow their gardens."

And many people can't afford new tractors, adds Davenport,

"Right now, prices are high as a cat's back. Bought new, full-size models can sell for \$100,000 or more, while small - 27- to 60horsepower — tractors cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. Most of our used tractors are in the \$2,000 to \$3,500 price range," he said.

Sales of small-size tractors this year are up 30 percent over last year, says Ed Cranmer, manager of Lebanon Farm Implements Inc., near Lebanon.

"Most of the people looking for compact machines are homeowners who own a few acres and have a need for a tractor," he adds.

At any given time, there are at least a half-dozen used tractors basking in the sun at C&D Tractor Sales.

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gotten in barns and chicken houses in the Miami Valley, Cole says. "But finding them is no easy task. Whenever a farmer tells me, 'I got an old tractor out back,' my heart starts a-pound-

ing."
Cole and Davenport buy their tractors at auctions and from individuals. The men tune them up, apply paint if needed, then trot them out to the graveled lot in front of the shop to tickle the fancies of passing motorists.

"At least 75 percent of the people who stop here are lookers ... and rememberers," says Davenport, his words wrapped in smoke from the cigarette that seems to perpetually dangle from his lips.

"We get a mix, actually. People who want a tractor to work for them; those who just want a conversation piece. There's something about a tractor that catches your eye, you know, especially if you're an old farmer."

Davenport and Cole gladly dispense free advice to prospective buyers.

"We tell them to take it for a drive and check all the gears, to make sure they aren't grinding. They should also check to see if the tractor is smoking, a sure-fire indication it's using oil. It's nice if the tires are in good shape, too," Davenport says.

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used tractors will continue to rise.

"In 1970, you could pick up a used Ford tractor for \$600 to \$800. If you're lucky enough to find a used Ford today, it'll cost you \$2,000 or more," he

When somebody asks Cole to name his favorite tractor, he pats the seat of the one he's tinkering with.

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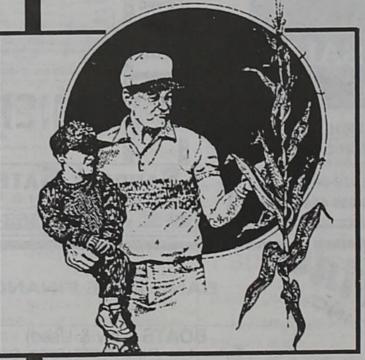
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Tractors become unlikely heroes to younger generation

By BOB BATZ

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There was a time when trading cards mostly paid tribute to athletes who carried big batting averages, dunked basketballs and scored touchdowns.

But there's a new become unlikely heroes kind of card on the horizon that salutes tractors for their plowing and planting.

The glossy, four-color cards are produced by The Ertl Co. Inc., which has been manufacturing realistic farm toys at its plant in Dyersville, Iowa, since

"Tractors

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have

to an entire generation of youngsters," said a spokesman for Ertl. "They buy tractor models, tractor T-shirts, even tractor videos. So it's time for the ultimate honor - tractor

The cards bear photos of 150 tractors, including those made by Deere, Case and Ford New Holland. Some of the tractors pictured are classics. Others are modern-day machines.

Each card has two pictures — one of a real tractor; the other of an Ertl 1/64-scale die-cast replica — plus detailed information about both.

The cards, which will be sold at hobby shops, farm implement dealerships and several major fall. department stores, including Wal Mart, will come in 12-packs (Suggested retail price \$1.19) and 27-packs (\$2.29).

Eva Boone, one of the owners of Boone's Nursery near New Lebanon, Ohio, said the cards should be available to retailers in the

"They could be pretty popular, too, because we carry a full line of John Deere novelties, including coffee mugs, money clips, ball caps, T-shirts, belt buckles and toys, and they sell well, especially at Christmas time," she

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plunge.

Gilmore's Carolina Opry opened in May 1986. Three years later, he opened a second theater. In 1992, he moved the Opry to its current home, a \$6 million mansionlike theater with crystal chandeliers and velvet curtains. He transformed the Opry's original building into a third theater endeavor.

"It just took off," the Missouri native said. "We're in the best place we could possibly be."

Steve Gatlin, one of country-music Gatlin singing Brothers, agrees. After two attempts to build a theater in Branson, the brothers turned to Myrtle Beach.

"Branson has OK weather and a real strong name for country music," Gatlin said.
"But I believe it has reached a real saturation point. And this place is on the verge of an explosion."

The Gatlin Brothers Theatre, which is set to open in mid-August, will be the first bigname showplace in the

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\$150 million Waccamaw Harbour project, a 200-acre development featuring 14 theaters and restaurants, hotels and stores.

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Hammons, who gained his wealth owning and managing hotels nationwide, teamed with Burroughs & Chapin Co., the largest landowner in Horry County, which is home to Myrtle Beach.

"There will be all kinds of entertainment there," Hammons promised, sidestepping

questions about the deals he's working on now to fill four of the theaters.

did Hammons announce this month that the project's showplace, the 2,700-seat Carolina Palace, will star unknown illusionist Arch Von Weston and an act featuring

rare tigers. Hammons has paid Von Weston to train and keep his act a

"It'll be quite an

event," Hammons said. Hammons, whose operations are based in Springfield, said he briefly considered building a Branson theater. Instead, he chose Myrtle Beach.

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last winter while shipments of Florida tomatoes to other states dropped 12 percent despite an increase in acreage.

And worried farmers say another winter like 1994 could drive them out of business.

"I think the future of the Florida tomato industry is at risk,' said Gary Smiegel, business manager for Mecca Farms, another large Palm Beach County vegetable grower. "All we ever asked for is a level playing field, but the Mexicans have been dumping tomatoes below their

South Florida farmers generally need to receive \$6 to \$7 per 25pound box of tomatoes in order to meet costs and make a profit, several farmers said.

Mexican imports began hitting the market in January and peaked in February and March, the prime season for Florida winter tomatoes. Some farmers reported seeing shipments of Mexican tomatoes showing up at wholesale outlets on consignment, meaning the Mexican growers would take any price offered.

Wholesale tomato prices slipped to \$5 to

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\$6 a box, then fell as low as \$3 to \$4 a box during the winter season, Thomas said.

"Anytime prices went up just a bit, there would be a new surge of Mexican tomatoes," he said.

Thomas, whose family farms 9,000 acres of tomatoes and other vegetables and employs 1,000 workers, said he would plant again this winter, but not thereafter if federal officials don't end the alleged Mexican dumping.

"We would have to look at going to Mexico with our production,"

he said. "Our 1,000 people would have to be relocated. They buy cars and refrigerators like everybody else, and the economy would feel the loss."

The problems have affected only those who grow winter tomatoes, mostly around Tampa, Palm Beach and South Dade County. North Florida tomato farmers, who harvest in summer, have not been hurt. Most of Mexico is too hot in summer to produce tomatoes.

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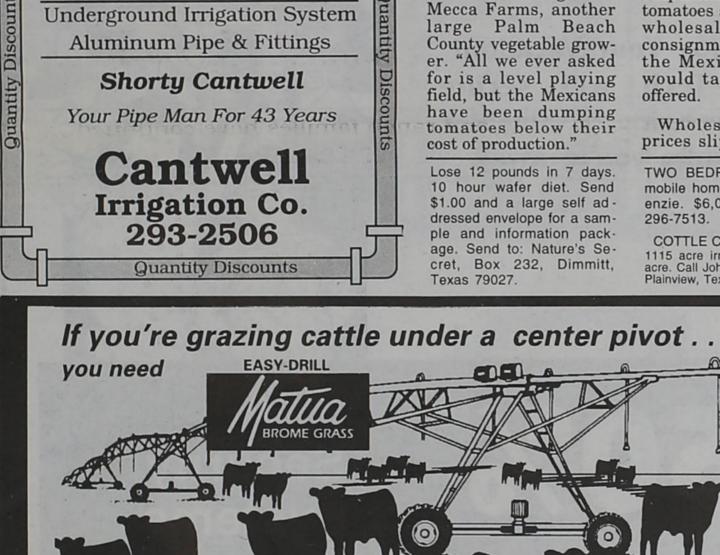
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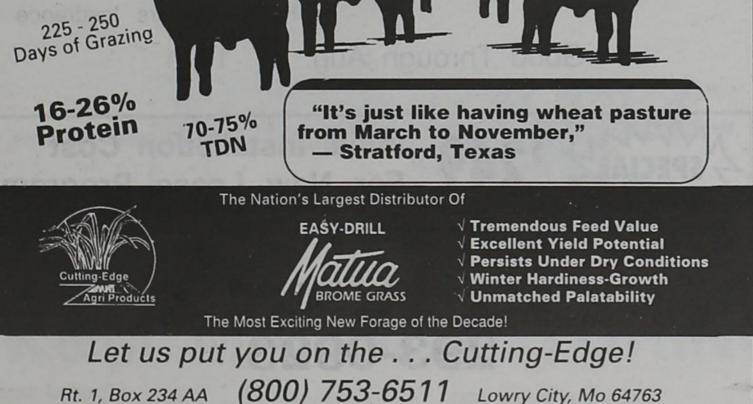
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Red meat production still rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Red-meat production is continuing to exceed expectations but per capita beef consumption remains flat, the Agriculture Department

Beef production this summer is expected to rise 2 percent to 3 percent from a year earlier and this spring's level, said a recent report by USDA's Economic Research Service on the livestock, dairy and poultry situation and outlook.

Although supplies are up, it said, per capita beef consumption this spring was still three pounds below the level reached in 1986 when fed-cattle prices averaged in the \$50s to low \$60s per 100 pounds.

"Consumer acceptance of larger quantities of beef, given already large supplies of competing meats, will be further tested this summer," the report said. "Lower prices are also likely to make U.S. beef increasingly attractive to the export market."

prices Fed-cattle already have adjusted to the larger supplies, it said, with weekly prices \$77 per hundredweight lower \$60s in mid-June.

Boxed-beef prices have also dropped sharply, but retail prices through May changed very little, it said.

"The farm-to-retail spread was record wide in May, and given even lower live cattle and boxed-beef prices in June, should result in declining retail prices over the next few months," the report

"Beef supplies are expected to remain near

going from highs near present levels through midsummer, and with in early April to the increased industry promotional activities, lower wholesale prices are likely to be passed through to consumers."

> Fed-cattle prices are likely to remain below \$70 through midsummer, but may rise to the low \$70s by late summer as supplies decline seasonally, the report said.

"Lower feedlot placements this spring through early summer are expected to result in a seasonal summer-tofall production decline of about 5 percent," it said.

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Oilseed production up

WASHINGTON (AP) — World oilseed production is projected at 225.5 million tons in 1993-94, down nearly 1 million tons from last year's record level, according to the Agriculture Department.

The estimate of U.S. production for the marketing year remained at about 57.8 million tons, 16 percent below last year, said the Foreign Agriculture Service report, "Oilseeds: World Markets and Trade."

Foreign production was projected at a record 167.9 million tons, up 6 percent from 1992-93.

"World oilseed crush is up 1.4 million tons this month, with most of the increase attributed to soybeans," the report said.

Other changes included a reduction in Eastern European soybean use and reduced soybean imports of about 300,000 tons. Also, dry weather in Europe and Asia, lower olive oil production in Italy and reduced palm oil production decreased Malaysia forecast world yields of vegetable oil production by 154,000 tons in June.

World soybean production was projected at

115.6 million tons, up 2 million tons from the projection made during the previous month. China's 1993 soybean crop topped a record 1.3 million tons and Brazil's 1994 crop estimate was raised 100,000 tons to reflect better-thananticipated yields nationwide.

The world soybean export forecast was lowered to 27.8 million tons. "A weak demand for U.S. soybeans resulted 272,000-ton a decrease in the U.S. export forecast," the report said.

"The current forecast for global soybean imports reflects further reductions in (European Union) imports. Weak crushing margins and competitively priced soybean meal from South America have dampened EU soybean demand."

Other countries for which import estimates were reduced this month were Israel, South Africa and China.

The global soybean crush forecast was up slightly from last year's estimate. The report cited increased crush in United States, Brazil and China as a contributing factor in this month's 1.3 percent rise in the world crush estimate.

Worldwide consumption of soybean meal for 1993-94 rose to 77.9 tons because of higher crush in the United States and China.

World soybean meal imports dropped to 28.1 million tons. "Lowered soybean meal imports Poland, for down 150,000 tons to 450,000 tons, reflect reduced domestic livestock numbers," stemming from an 18 percent decline in hog numbers due to a 1992 drought, the report

U.S. soybean price prospects fell to a season-average of \$241.5 per metric ton.

"Soybean oil prices, in their 11th consecutive month of above-normal levels, registered a below-normal increase to only 0.8 percent above its 10-year average for (May)," the report said.

"U.S. soybean plantings could fall a bit short of the 61.1 million acres indicated by March intentions, because the soybean-corn price ratio was below normal and generally favorable weather allowed U.S. 1994 crop producers to plant earlier than normal," it added.



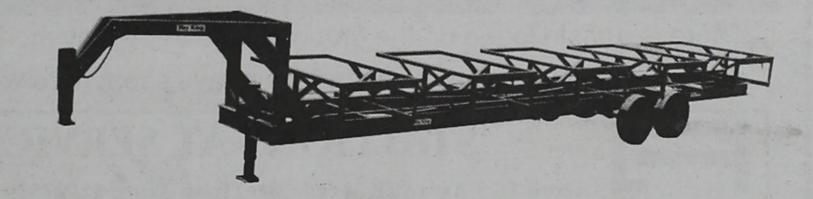
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