

Man is stabbed in assault

Arthur Lule, 19, of Coronado Road, Hereford, was seriously injured when he was stabbed by a 17-year-old male in an incident of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon around 12:50 a.m. last Thursday in the 400 block of West Jones.

Police reported that some youths were playing basketball, when a confrontation developed about some words that were said to a female who was present. Then the suspect was reported to have grabbed the female by the throat.

Lule tried to intervene and was stabbed with a pair of scissors in the left side of his chest by the suspect, according to police.

Police said the victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, and then flown out to a Lubbock hospital. He was released Monday.

The suspect remained at large on the felony charges as of Tuesday afternoon.

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By Don Nelson

I had the good fortune to meet Cliff Cooper Saturday at Hart. He had come all the way from his home in Hawaii for the school reunion and the Centennial Pavilion dedication.

Cliff grew up on a dryland farm at Hart. When his parents moved to Del Rio during the Dust Bowl days, he stayed to finish his schooling there.

As a boy of 17, he slept on a cot in Bird Cox's gas station and provided 24-hour service. He convinced Bird to enlarge the station and stock parts and farm supplies. That was the start of Cox Oil Co.

Cliff was a natural-born entrepreneur. After working his way through college, he got together with his boyhood buddy, Leroy Aven, to establish the Big T Pump Co. and make the revolutionary Wintroath pumps available to farmers here.

With that, Cliff fulfilled a boyhood vow that if he could ever help make life easier for the farm families here than it had been for his parents, he would do it.

Eventually, Cliff founded Cooper Development Corporation and got the scientists together who developed

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THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW—Taylor Bradley and Carly Gilbreath are among local youngsters practicing their number for the annual Castro County Follies production that will be held Aug. 12-13 at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. The signature song of the Broadway musical "Annie," the number will feature several children singing and demonstrating their hula hoop skills. Photo by Linda Maxwell

'Freezer Fund' started for local Panhandle Community Services

The local Panhandle Community Services office is hoping to get a new freezer after the First United Methodist Church Council set up a benefit fund for the organization this week at the First United Bank in Dimmitt.

"We just do not have enough space for our meat and frozen goods," said Jerry Pena, with Panhandle Community Services (PCS). "We really need more space."

Now, with the community's help, PCS' need could be fulfilled.

Donations may be made to the Panhandle Community Services Freezer Fund during business hours at the bank located at 201 N. Broadway.

The freezer that the church council hopes to purchase with the funds

costs \$3,628 with shipping charges. It is a three-door unit with dimensions of 78 in. by 29.5 in. by 79.25 in.

"That would be an ideal size for us," Pena said.

PCS serves elderly and disabled citizens throughout the county. It currently provides food for about 85 to 88 families each month.

All of the food is either donated or purchased with donated funds.

"People can donate either food items or money," Pena said.

He added that monetary donations are favored because the organization can buy greatly discounted food from the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo.

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Clothing, shoes to be exempt from sales tax this weekend

Castro County merchants are joining others around the state this weekend in exempting the sales tax from purchases of most clothing and shoes.

Texans will get a break from state and local taxes Friday through Sunday—the state's second annual tax holiday.

The Texas Legislature will exempt most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes on those days. That could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year; however, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes.

Highlights of the tax-break plan include the following:

- Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.
- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective

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Schools plan fall registration

School teachers and administrators across Castro County are preparing lesson plans and getting ready for the 2000-2001 school year, and one of the first things on the agenda is registering students.

Castro County school districts have scheduled registration. Hart students will sign up for school today (Thursday) and Friday. Dimmitt students will register on Friday and Nazareth students will select classes on Aug. 11.

Students in Dimmitt and Hart will report for classes on Aug. 10 while Nazareth students have little longer break—they won't start school until Aug. 14.

Hart

High school students in Hart will register for classes today (Thursday) while junior high students are expected to sign up on Friday.

Today's (Thursday) registration schedule begins with the seniors reporting from 8 to 10 a.m. The juniors are expected to sign up from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Sophomores will register from 1 to 3 p.m. and freshmen will report from 3 to 5 p.m.

On Friday, the seventh graders will register from 8 to 10 a.m., followed by the eighth graders from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Hart's first day of school is Aug. 10.

Dimmitt

High School

Dimmitt High School will register students on Friday beginning at 9 a.m.

The seniors will report from 9 to

9:45 a.m., followed by the juniors from 10 to 11 a.m. The sophomores are scheduled to register between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Registration will conclude after lunch with the freshmen reporting between 1 and 2 p.m.

On Friday, individual school pictures will be taken during registration, and students planning to purchase a package of pictures must bring their money when they register. Students also are asked to bring \$5 each for class dues.

School officials say the dress code will be enforced during registration.

DHS students will begin the 2000-2001 school year on Aug. 10. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m., and the tardy bell will ring at 8:15 a.m.

Middle School

Students at Dimmitt Middle School also will register on Friday in the DMS Library and the following schedule will be observed: fourth grade from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; fifth grade from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; sixth grade from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; seventh grade from 1 to 2 p.m.; and eighth grade from 2 to 3 p.m.

All Dimmitt Middle School students are required to register for the 2000-2001 school year, and new students to the school must bring all pertinent information (immunization record, transcript, etc) from their previous school.

Richardson Elementary

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt is not planning an advance registration. Instead, new students and those not already registered will sign up on the first day of school, which is Aug. 10.

Nazareth

Nazareth Independent School District will hold registration on Aug. 11 for students in the sixth through 12th grades.

The first group to register on Aug. 11 will be the senior class, expected to sign up between 8 and 9 a.m. The rest of the registration schedule includes juniors from 9 to 10 a.m., sophomores from 10 to 11 a.m., freshmen from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, eighth graders from 1:30 to 2 p.m., seventh graders from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and sixth graders from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

School pictures for students in these classes will be taken during registration, and Nazareth ISD will be mailing out pamphlets and order forms to parents prior to registration. Students are asked to return the order forms, with the appropriate money for the order, when they have their pictures made on Aug. 11.

The school's dress code will be in effect on registration day.

Nazareth will start the 2000-2001 school year on Aug. 14.

DISD board approves personnel changes

The Dimmitt school board approved one resignation and hired two teachers at a special called meeting Monday at noon.

Following an executive session to discuss the personnel, the board voted to accept the resignation of Bob Horton, who had been teaching in the alternative education program.

Those hired included Courtney Garrett, who will coach eighth grade girls athletics and elementary P.E.; and Stephanie Williams, who will teach special education at Dimmitt Middle School.



JOE PERCY AND SARAH HART, direct descendants of the original settlers of the city of Hart, were selected as "Honored Citizens" for the 2000 Hart Days celebration and they were featured in the

parade Saturday morning. A dedication of the new Centennial Pavilion, coronation of Miss Hart, a variety show and more were highlights of this year's Hart Days. Photo by Anne Acker

PUFF—a new ambulance!

State tobacco settlement money will pay for it

The Castro County Hospital District's next ambulance has a price tag of \$81,000, but the district will pay only \$7,750 for it.

That's because of the state tobacco settlement.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan explained the windfall to the hospital board at its July meeting last Thursday night.

With funds from the state's multi-billion-dollar settlement against the tobacco companies, the legislature last year created the Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Program with a \$50 million endowment.

The endowment is a permanent fund, and interest earned from it may be granted exclusively to public hospitals in Texas' rural counties for capital improvements.

In its first year, the endowment yielded \$2.2 million.

The CCHD submitted a proposal for the purchase of a new ambulance, and it was approved, along with nine other "large" proposals between \$50,000 and \$150,000 (out of 63 submitted statewide) and 22 "small" projects of less than \$50,000 (of 30 submitted).

The State Office of Rural Health

will pay the entire \$81,000 cost of the new ambulance, Sloan explained, but under the guidelines the local district must repay 25% of the amount over \$50,000—or \$7,750—within two years.

The board approved an \$800,000 lease arrangement with Fleet Bank to finance a multitude of ongoing projects.

Sloan explained that Fleet, a nationwide banking association, makes money available at 4.5% annual interest to non-profit government entities. The money is to be paid back over five years.

Sloan said that the \$800,000 will be used to pay for the new CAT scan machine at Plains Memorial Hospital and five years' maintenance on it,

purchase of the Hardee Clinic building, \$57,000 worth of necessary computer upgrades, and all the recent renovations at the hospital and at the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

"We're saving tens of thousands of dollars in interest over the life of the note," Sloan said—"somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000."

The district was to draw its first

\$300,000 Tuesday, then \$250,000 on Sept. 1 and \$140,000 on Oct. 1, then \$27,500 per year during years 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the lease term.

Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers was concerned that the interest compounding on the full amount was to start immediately.

"It seems strange that we're paying interest on money we haven't drawn yet," Ramaekers said.

"The interest rate favors us," Sloan answered.

"The interest rate may favor us, but the arrangement doesn't," Ramaekers commented.

In discussing the hospital tax rate, Associate Administrator Linda Rasor told the board that a 33.8¢ property tax rate would generate the same amount of revenue during the coming year (\$1,265,000) as the 33.6¢ rate yielded in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The difference lies in the appraised value of taxable property within the county-wide district.

News Publisher Don Nelson asked the board, "Since the district's revenue

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THE FAVORITE FLOAT selected by judges at this year's Hart Days parade was this "Travel Through the Century" creation by members of the Hart Church of Christ. Hart organizations, businesses and

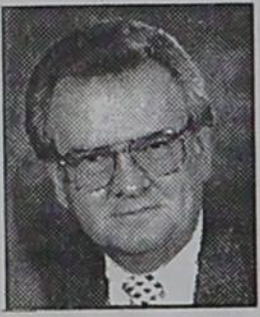
individuals turned out in force with entries in the annual parade, and this year's event celebrated Hart's 100th birthday. Photo by Anne Acker

Op-Ed

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You have the right to say 'no'



By RON TRUSLER
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

It can be hard to say "No" sometimes.

Most of us have agreed to do things that we really did not want to do. We feel like some bad person if we do say "No." We all know people who can really put the pressure on when they ask for help. They seem to know all the right buttons to push for some of us.

How to say "No" without feeling guilty is a worthy goal. Dr. Manuel Smith wrote about this subject a long time ago. I have included some of the things he lists that might be helpful to you. He calls it the "Bill of Assertive Rights."

1. You have the right to judge your own behavior, thoughts, and emotions and to take responsibility for their initiation and consequences

upon yourself.

2. You have the right to offer no reasons or excuses for justifying your behavior.

3. You have the right to judge if you are responsible for finding solutions to other people's problems.

4. You have the right to change your mind.

5. You have the right to make mistakes and be responsible for them.

6. You have the right to say, "I don't know."

7. You have the right to be independent of the goodwill of others.

8. You have the right to be illogical in making decisions.

9. You have the right to say, "I don't understand."

10. You have the right to say, "I don't care."

You have the right to say "no" without feeling guilty!

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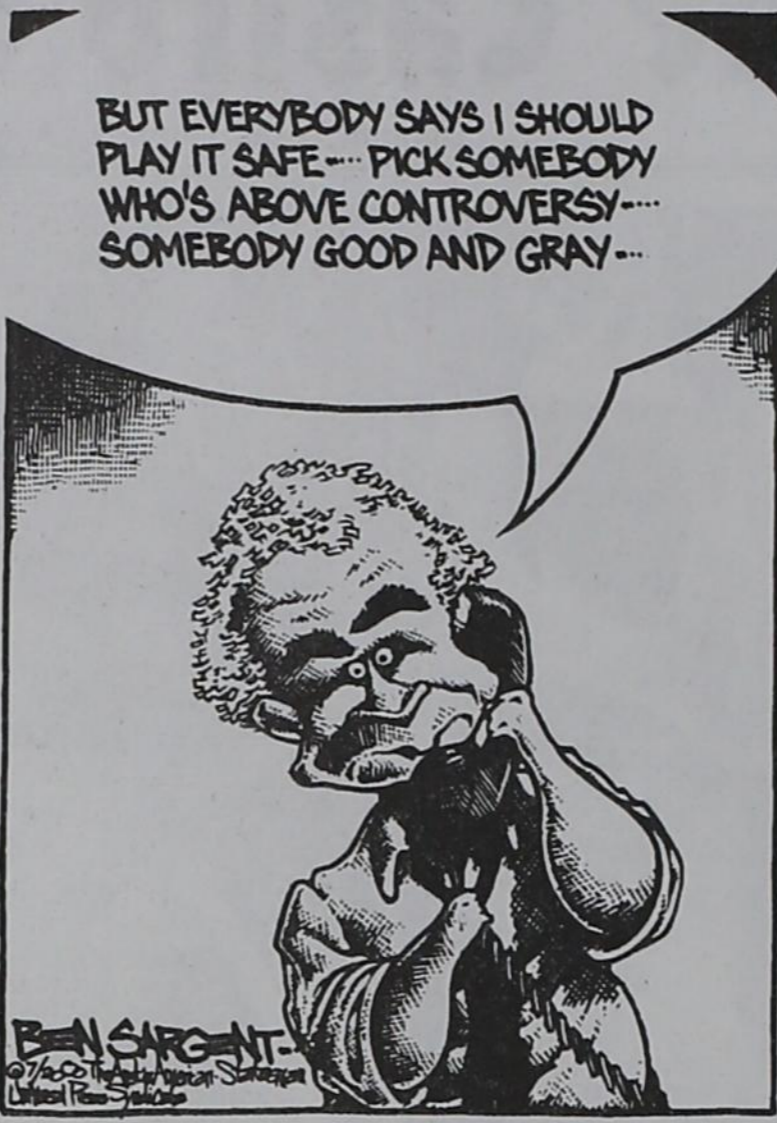
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SOCIAL SECURITY WITHOUT LIMITS

The Social Security earnings limit always struck me as one of the most ill-considered parts of the federal tax code. Government shouldn't be in the business of discouraging adults from working, regardless of what age they are.

Until last April, Social Security recipients age 65 to 69 lost \$1 in benefits for every \$3 they earned above the earnings limit, which in 1999 was \$9,600. Beneficiaries subject to that penalty were being assessed, in effect, a 33 1/3 percent marginal tax rate after having paid into the Social Security system all their lives.

This punished and discriminated against seniors who remain active and productive in the workforce. It gnawed away at the idea that individuals should be allowed to decide how to spend their retirement years without government interference.

This earnings limit was the survivor of a bygone era, a product of the Great Depression when unemployment stood at 25 percent. At that time there was a national consensus that an individual should retire completely after reaching a certain age, and make room for other, younger people badly in need of a job.

But in today's low-unemployment economy, it is important for those with experience and skill to stay in the workforce as long as possible. The continuing participation of older Americans is increasingly critical to the health of the U.S. economy. The 40 million-plus Americans age 60 and over represent a vast store of human capital. Economists estimate that removing the earnings limit could increase the labor supply by 5.3 percent by allowing individuals to continue working without tax penalties.

So in March of this year, Congress unanimously passed a bill eliminating the earnings penalty and it was signed into law the following month, directly affecting the hundreds of thousands of Social Security recipients who are working this year. The repeal is retroactive to January 1, so the 415,000 working seniors will get refunds for the money already deducted from their Social Security checks.

In addition to the basic issues of fairness and the desirability of maintaining a skilled workforce, the repeal will strengthen the retirement security of Americans by giving seniors the choice of working longer and saving more — an important consideration when more people are living longer than ever before. Breakthroughs in medicine and biotechnology mean future retirees will live even longer. Repealing the earnings limit will help to raise the standard of living for many, many seniors, as well as strengthen our overall economy.

This was a correction to the tax code we could afford to make. No recipients are receiving higher benefits than they would have otherwise. We have balanced the budget and begun to pay down the debt. We anticipate healthy surpluses. There was no reason not to make this adjustment in basic fairness. Getting rid of this tax on working seniors was the right thing to do.

Water a breeding spot for fire ants

By MELISSA PANTANO

The imported red fire ant is a hassle for many Texans. People who live near bodies of water, however, may face a bigger problem than an occasional infestation.

Fire ants need water to survive, but using pesticides around these areas poses dangers of water contamination. However, taking simple precautions when using insecticides around ponds, creeks and other water sources can reduce potential harm to fish and other aquatic organisms, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Extension Service promotes the two-step method for fire ant control. First use a broadcast bait throughout the entire lawn once in the fall and again in the spring. Then, follow up with individual mound treatments in high-traffic areas such as playgrounds and walkways.

Fire ant bait products contain extremely low amounts of chemicals and can be applied near, but not directly to, water. To scatter broadcast bait safely, use a hand-held spreader while keeping your back towards the water. This reduces the likelihood that you will broadcast material directly into the water.

When treating individual mounds near water, be careful in deciding which product to use. Use products containing acephate, which are low in toxicity to marine life.

Be careful when disposing of unused chemicals and containers. When rinsing equipment, use the rinse water to treat additional mounds. Never pour the rinse water down a household drain or toilet.

For more information about controlling fire ants around the home, please visit the Web site at <http://fireants.tamu.edu>.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week reminded Texans that the second annual sales tax holiday is Aug. 4-6.

Rylander urged families to take advantage of this well-deserved tax break.

"I am happy to announce that I was able to expand the holiday to include layaway items this year," she said.

Eligible clothes and shoes placed in layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend may be taken out at a later date tax-free.

"This will allow hard-working Texas families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break," she said.

During the sales tax holiday, most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 is exempt from state and local sales taxes. Though the holiday is timed to help families outfit their children to go back to school, the tax break isn't limited to children's wear.

The tax exemption applies to school uniforms, work uniforms, pajamas, robes and slippers, socks, underwear, and jackets and sweaters, but it does not apply to acces-

sories, jewelry and watches, or items that are carried, such as wallets, hand-bags, briefcases and backpacks.

Rylander said she will recommend to the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January, that the sales tax holiday be extended for a longer period of time and cover more items, such as backpacks and fabric, buttons and zippers.

During the first sales tax holiday last year, Texas families spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothing and shoes, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. This year, the savings are expected to add up to \$37 million.

This year, local communities had a chance to opt out of the sales tax holiday, if they notified the comptroller's office by March 31. Only one taxing jurisdiction, the city of Sunset Valley, south of Austin, opted out.

Retailers and shoppers who have questions about the sales tax holiday may contact the comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555.

It Still Pays to Shop Around

If Texans would just take a few minutes to compare auto insurance rates, company by company, they could save a lot of money.

In a recent survey that included 6,171 Texas residents, Progressive Auto Insurance found that respondents could have paid up to \$558 less every six months for coverage from a provider other than their present provider.

The Texas data was among that collected from some 90,000 consumers across the nation who called Progressive or visited the company's web site between Jan. 1 and June 30 and received a "premium variance" rate comparison for Progressive and three other

leading insurers.

"It's simply amazing what people will do to save a few cents here or there, but they won't even consider the savings on automobile insurance," said Willy Graves, president of Progressive County Mutual of Texas.

Water Quality Standards Set

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission last week adopted updated standards for surface water in Texas.

The standards are intended to protect drinking water supplies, aquatic life, recreation and other uses.

"Taken on the whole, these updated standards are stronger and more protective of Texas waters," said TNRCC Chairman Robert J. Huston.

However, Huston added, "Where unrealistic standards for specific waters were previously presumed, we've adopted changes which are based on what good science tells us."

Other Highlights

• The Texas Department of Health has launched efforts to detect and monitor the West Nile virus, which can be transmitted by mosquito species likely to feed on birds migrating from the northeastern United States through the Gulf Coast. Mild infections of mosquito-borne encephalitis may occur with only a headache. More severe infections may include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and tremors.

• Texas Parks and Wildlife will conduct a series of public meetings in August to gather input on proposed changes to its white-tailed deer Trap, Transport and Transplant permit program. The agency is expected to make a final decision Aug. 31 in Austin.

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1 Hereford is 'town without a tooth'.

5 This Astaire danced with TX Ginger.

6 TX actors goal.

7 TXism: "___ to" (intend).

8 Texan who wrote "This Ole House".

18 Darby of "True Grit".

19 TXism: "gets up with the chickens" (2 wds).

21 old Oilers slogan: "Luv ___ Blue".

22 transactions at a TX horse track.

23 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a ___ of wits" (dumb).

24 ___ the Republic Museum.

29 TXism: "he's got a short ___" (temper).

30 in Grayson Co. on 5.

31 this TX Shelley was Olive Oyl (init.).

32 Martina Navratilova & TX Judy Nelson's agreement for living arrangement.

34 ex-Ranger "Amazing Emu" pitcher Jim.

35 Curly & Larry's pal.

36 TXism: "she could charm ___ of a tree".

37 Young of Houston-made "Witness to the Execution".

38 TXism: "tee ninety".

39 New Guinea ___ turtle was bred at TX zoo.

DOWN

1 TXism: "movin' to ___ (dance fast)".

2 "Dream Team" beat this country for '92 gold medal.

3 TX-produced gas swelling malady.

4 Lubbock's Air Force Base.

10 this TX Sharon was Manson victim.

11 there's 40 of 'em in a work week (abbr.).

12 Rangers leag.

13 TXism: "never in all ___ days".

14 manly strength.

15 TX low fat Heritage ___ Beef.

16 Phil Gramm's time in Washington (abbr.).

17 book about 32-across: "Love Match: ___ Navratilova".

20 TXism for liquor.

22 TXism: "a fly in the ___ milk" (problem).

24 TX Rangers used this Colt's pistol (init.).

25 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle".

26 founder of TX Belo company (init.).

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33 TXism: "___ the mark".

34 punished by pirates.

35 Irish QB in A&M's '93 Cotton Bowl loss.

37 TXism for "miser".

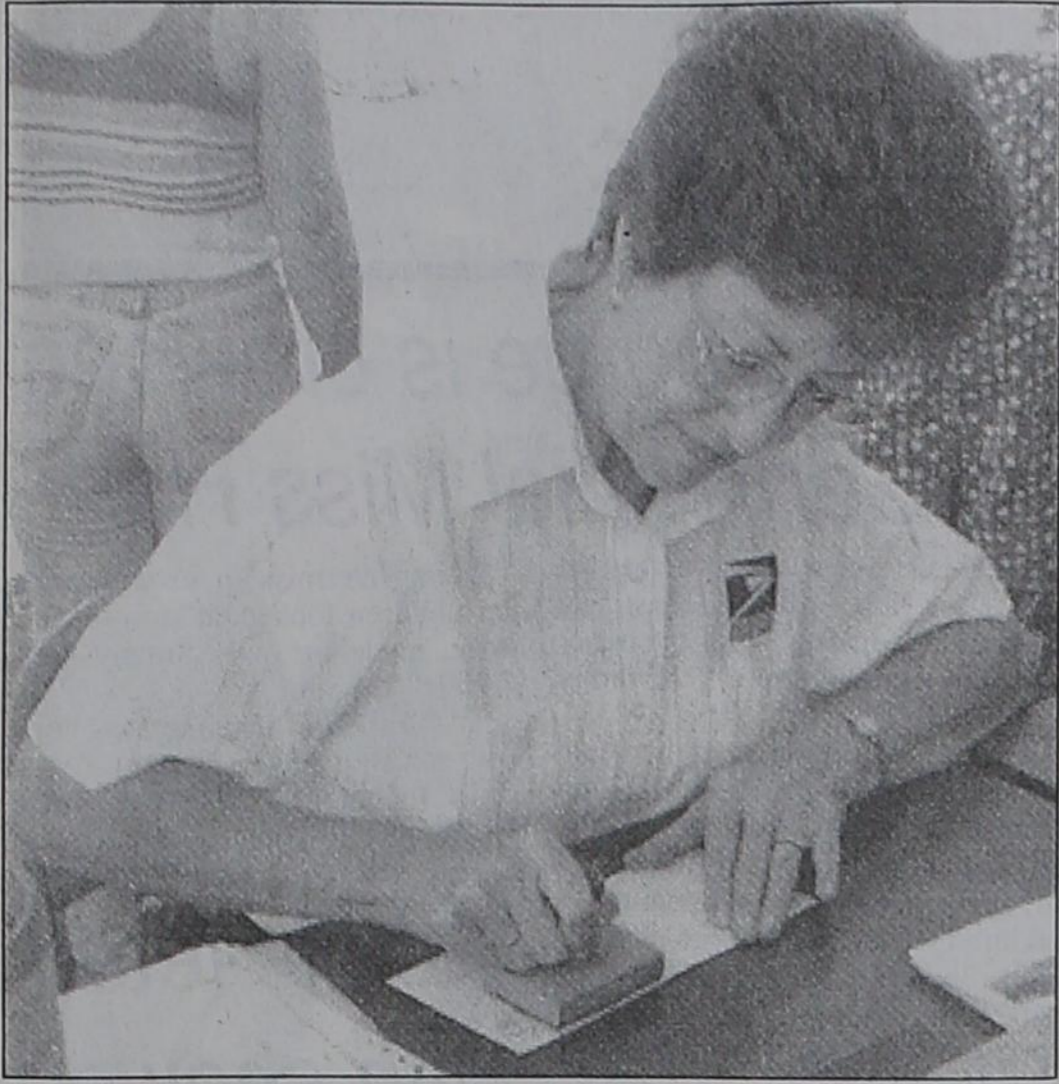
38 TXism: "that ___ the cake!".

40 Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.).

41 "house" south of the border.

44 TX Didrickson's nickname came from this "Babe" written exams at TX universities.

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579



HART POSTMASTER TOMMIE McCORMICK stamps the special cancellation issued to Hart that was used Saturday during the annual Hart Days celebration. The special cancellation was authorized by the US Postal Service in honor of Hart's 100th birthday celebration.

Photo by Anne Acker

Shot clinic will be held

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct an immunization clinic today (Thursday) from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

If your child needs a varicella shot, please call the Tulia TDH office at 995-3638 the morning of Aug. 3 so that the staff can bring the vaccine.

The varicella vaccine has to be kept frozen until it is ready to use. If the vaccine is thawed out and not used within 48 hours it will be lost.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay. Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicaid. Those who are should bring their card to the clinic.

Game night is set Friday

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Matt and Alicia Bradley chose for their vacation site the tropical island of Cozumel, Mexico. This is a small island near the southeastern tip of Mexico—not far from Cancun.

They snorkled in the Caribbean and Matt did some scuba diving. They enjoyed visiting the Maya ruins and other historical places of interest. The food was good and the scenery was superb.

Grandparents Ray and A'llan Bradley entertained 2-year-old Kagan while his parents were vacationing in Cozumel. They drove Kagan over to see his uncle and aunt, Chad and Carrie Baca at their ranch home near Ranchville, N.M.

Tamara Robertson, daughter of Rodney and Debra Robertson, played AAU basketball for the West Texas Lady Bulls in Lubbock. This team qualified for the finals in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the team finished fifth in the nationals.

Tamara will be a senior at Dimmitt High School for 2000-2001. She plans to play post and wing for the Bobbies.

Laura Bradford Quiroz, daughter of Jack and Susie Bradford, has just graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Her rating is now Air First Class. She is stationed in Wichita Falls at Sheppard Air Base.

Laura was home for a few hours and she picked out selections for her wedding shower. She also attended the bridal shower for Jennifer Vick, bride-elect of Tyson Adams.

Carolyn Jones enjoyed a trip to San Angelo, Austin and San Antonio with her children, Robert and Becky Jones and their children, Allison and Abigail of Friona.

They joined Carolyn's daughter and granddaughter, Tina and Frances of Amelia Island, Fla. They ate on the river walk, spent a day at Sea

World and did all of the fun things families do in San Antonio.

The Jones family stopped by Burnett to see Betty, Lonnie and Zack Boothe on their way home.

The Gary Wise family including Gary, Ronda, Heather, Hanna, and Hayli spent their vacation in Orlando, Fla., at Disney World.

Ronda reports that of all the good times they had, the Rock and Roller coaster was their favorite thing.

Elder and Mrs. A.R. McNeal have been pastoring the Rose of Sharon Church for 22 years. The members invited family and friends from other towns and the surrounding area to come and celebrate the special occasion.

"Pastor McNeal has been coming to Dimmitt from Lubbock faithfully for all these years and we wanted to show him our love and appreciation," said Ola Fay Sherman, church member.

Over one hundred people came for lunch and the program. Lon Thomas of Amarillo was the guest speaker and several choirs from different churches performed.

Those hosting the event were Ola Fay Sherman, Ruthie Thomas, Dorothy Traylor, and Lisa and Leo Brown.

Gwen Bryant was the birthday girl at a Mexican luncheon recently.

Merle Arthur, Doris Flynt, Polly Simpson, George and Carolyn Sides, Karon Smith and Dorothy Hopson celebrated with Gwen. They all laughed at the funny birthday cards Gwen received and recalled the drawbacks of "old age."

Doris Lust was to be one of the honorees, but she was on an

Penney wins scholarship

Michael Penney of Dimmitt is one of 10 Panhandle-area students who will receive the Alvin A. and Hattie Mae Bush Accounting Scholarship.

The scholarship fund was established in 1978 by the late A.A. and Hattie Mae Bush, longtime residents of Amarillo.

Bush, an accountant and entrepreneur, enjoyed giving a helping hand to young people. Mr. and Mrs. Bush limited this scholarship to accounting majors attending Amarillo College, Texas Tech University or West Texas A&M University. The recipient also must be a resident of one of the 26 northern-most counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Penney, who graduated from Dimmitt High School in May as salutatorian, is planning to attend West Texas A&M University this fall.

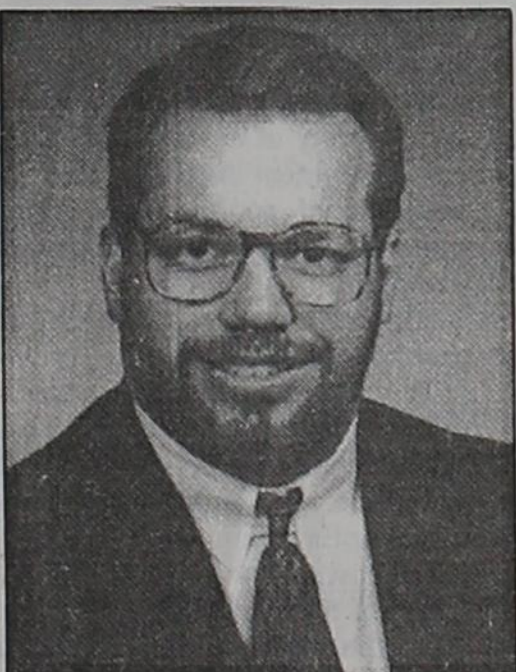
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SNOW CONE BREAK—These five youngsters enjoy a refreshing snow cone during the Hart Days parade Saturday morning. They include (from left) Jill Huseman, Fharren Gresham, Kaile Huseman, Taylor Gresham and Shelby Gresham. The annual parade

featured a large number of floats, antique cars and tractors, bicycles, horses and more. It was held as part of the annual Hart Days celebration and each float was designed around the theme of Hart's 100th birthday, which is this year. Photo by Anne Acker

A specialist for ENT+



Dr. Russell J. Legreid II is a valuable member of the medical staff here. Not only is he a specialist in ENT (ears, nose and throat); he also specializes in the treatment of head and neck injuries. He is at the Medical Center of Dimmitt the first and third Friday morning of each month, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Debbie Galindo at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, 647-2194.



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unplanned trip to Plano to be with her son, Rex, while he was undergoing treatment for his back.

On Monday the crew at Cerestar hosted a retirement party for Gwen. She has been secretary of the human resources department for 22 years. It was a short retirement. She's starting immediately at Goodpasture.

On our way to Colorado Springs with friends, Stacy and Edith Davis, we stopped to visit Serena (Mrs. Elzie) Teague. She was a longtime Dimmitt resident who moved to Walsenburg, Colo., a few years ago so she could live near her daughter, LaNell Mapes.

Serena lives alone just a couple of blocks east of the old Pueblo highway. She looked lovely as usual and is looking forward to a big birthday at her daughter's country home near Walsenburg this week. She had

already received several birthday cards when we were there. Serena will be 98 years young!

V.C. and Dorothy Hopson's trip to Colorado Springs was mostly a time of reminiscing with friends, the Stacy Davises of Jacksonville.

V.C. and Dorothy and their three children lived in Colorado Springs in the 1950s. The Davis family, also native Texans, moved there shortly after the Hopsons did. They attended the same church, their children got along well together and the four adults played a lot of "42."

Several times during the past 42 years that the Hopsons have lived in Dimmitt, Edith and Stacy have driven from Jacksonville to the Hopson home. The Hopsons have joined the Davises for a vacation and reunion with friends in the Colorado Springs area.

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Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
David Reyes Jr. and Jessica Herrera are the parents of a baby boy, Marcus Angel Reyes, who was born July 18 at 11:50 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 21 inches long when he was born. He has two older siblings, 5-year-old Ysenia and 4-year-old John David. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Isabell Perez of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are David Sr. and Dolores Reyes of Dimmitt.

OUT OF TOWN
Randy and Darlene Miller are the parents of a baby girl, Kylie Nicole, born July 22 at 2:12 a.m. at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19½ inches long. She has a big brother, Brady, 3. Grandparents are Ernie and Luella Miller of Darrouzett, Ann Heck of Nazareth and Charles Heck of Dalhart. Great-grandmothers are Esther Miller of Darrouzett and Lottie Koch of Lipscomb.



WENONAH AND ROY BARRINGER
... To celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.

Barringers will be honored for 50th wedding anniversary

Roy and Wenonah Barringer of Wellington, formerly of Dimmitt, will be honored with a reception commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Westview Christian Church in Amarillo, 6810 Hillside.

The reception is being hosted by the children of the couple. They have three sons and five grandchildren. Their sons are Randall Barringer of Albuquerque, N.M., and his wife, Beth; Jeff Barringer of Carl Junction, Mo., and his wife, Debbie; and Lt. Commander Greg Barringer of the US Navy, currently stationed in Norfolk, Va.

On Aug. 19, 1950, Roy E.

Barringer married Wenonah Weber in the South Louisville Christian Church in Louisville, Ken.

Roy is a Christian Church minister and was serving the Batavia Church of Christ in Batavia, Ohio, at that time. The couple subsequently moved to Albuquerque, N.M., then Los Alamos, N.M.

They came to Dimmitt in January of 1971 and stayed through December of 1983, when they moved to Hereford. Roy has been supply preaching since then, and he is currently serving the Wellington Christian Church in Wellington.

Wenonah was a substitute teacher during her years in Dimmitt and also worked for the C.R. Anthony Co. She was a volunteer for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Hereford after moving there, and served as the office manager for the hall the last four years it was in Hereford.

Kellie George is crowned as Centennial Miss Hart

Kellie George was crowned as the new Miss Hart on July 25, besting a field of 10 contestants for the honor during Hart's 100th birthday celebration.

George was sponsored by Hale County State Bank's Hart Banking Center. She was crowned by the reigning Miss Hart, Nikki Burress.

Judges named two runners-up in addition to naming George as Miss Hart. Second runner-up in the pageant was Rachel Wall, who was sponsored by *The Hart Beat* and Company Store. First runner-up was Maegan Farris, who was sponsored by the Bennett brothers.

LaCretia Robinson was named Miss Congeniality, an honor voted on by the contestants prior to the pageant.

Other contestants in the pageant, which was part of the annual Hart Days celebration, were Melanie Davis, Jessica Guerrero, Dahnne Castillo, Stacy Finch, Isidora Anzaldua and Crystal Diego.

Jerry Kittrell served as master of ceremonies during the pageant and he introduced the judges—Earl Long, Billie Uptergrove and Deanne Clark.

The Miss Hart contestants modeled sportswear and formal wear before the judges and a large crowd attending the pageant at the new Centennial Pavilion in Hart.

During intermission, several younger children took their turn on the stage, modeling in a "Simply Irresistible" program.

Trish Elliott of Dimmitt sang several songs to entertain the crowd while the judges made their final selection.

Vick is feted with shower

Jennifer Vick, bride-elect of Tyson Adams, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Susie Bradford.

The serving table was covered with a linen cloth bordered with crocheted lace. A mixed bouquet of summer flowers served as the centerpiece. The table was accented with pewter serving pieces.

Guests enjoyed fruit breads, sausage squares, chocolate-covered strawberries and fruit punch served on crystal appointments.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Bradford with the shower presented the honoree with a coffee table and pewter tray.

Special guests attending the shower were Janie Vick of Dimmitt, mother of the honoree; Cindy Adams of Dimmitt, mother of the prospective groom; the bride-elect's sister, Jade Vick of Dimmitt; her grandmother, Clara Vick of Dimmitt; her cousin, June Norman of Dimmitt; and great-aunts Ruth Jackson and Karen Sheffy, both of Dimmitt.

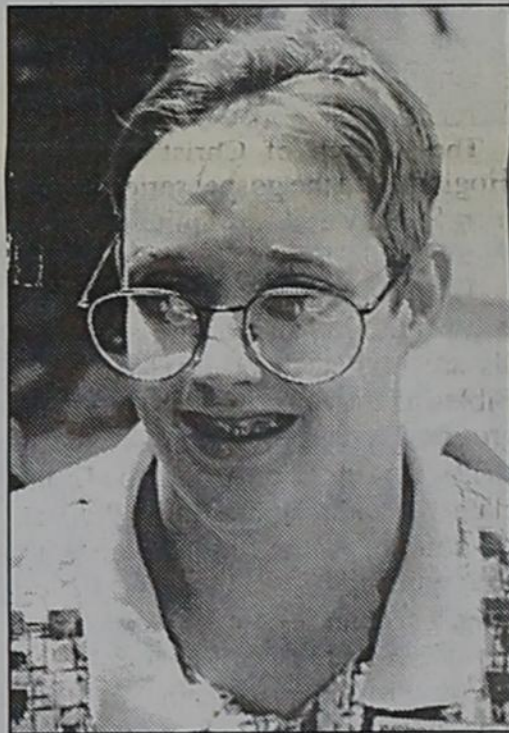
Out-of-town guests included Sue Caddell of Amarillo and Sara Cole of Austin.

Follies will feature skits, music, more

Several skits, musical numbers and comedy routines are being rehearsed for this year's Follies, which will be held Aug. 12 and 13 in Dimmitt.

The annual show is sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

This year's theme is "Let's Go to the Movies." The show will feature standard motion picture scenes with a new twist.



Patricia Acker

Acker attends Lions Club's summer camp

Patricia Acker of Nazareth attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer, and she enjoyed a wide variety of activities.

Each summer parents begin searching for summertime activities for their children, but those choices are often limited for parents whose children have disabilities.

The Lions Clubs of Texas have helped those children by sponsoring special camps just for children with disabilities.

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All activities are adapted so that each child can succeed.

The camp is a non-profit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Acker was sponsored by Kevin A. Acker of the Nazareth Lions Club.

For more information or to obtain an application for the camp, contact the Lions Club in your area or Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville 78029-0247; V/TDD (830) 896-8500; fax (830) 896-3666.

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Fitzgearld elected to state-wide office

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld has been elected as one of the state directors of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He was elected to the position at the state convention of the association, held July 23-26 in Lubbock. He will serve with fellow directors D'Wayne Jernigan of Del Rio (Val Verde County), Ted Montgomery of Dumas (Moore County), Gerald T. Yezak of Franklin (Robertson County), and J.R. (Bob) Holder of NewBraunfels (Comal County), in addition to association president Joe

Hataway of Perryton (Ochiltree County). "We ended up with really good representation for the Panhandle on the board of directors this time," Fitzgearld said. He said those elected this time will serve a one-year term. He said he was named to the membership and museum/history committees of the organization. Fitzgearld said that his department was honored for having 100% of its employees participating as members of the SAT. He said he

received a certificate of recognition for the department. He also noted that the late Jack Cartwright, former Castro County Sheriff, was among the association members named who had died during the past year, and a proclamation was read honoring him. The association arranges for training sessions for law enforcement personnel throughout the state, with association members receiving a discount most times on registration fees. Fitzgearld said the association also gives scholarships for children of peace officers and for other stu-

dents pursuing a degree in the area of criminal justice. Law enforcement personnel may join for \$25 yearly dues, while anyone else may join as an individual associate member for \$20 per year. There are also associate business memberships. Members receive a subscription to *The Texas Lawman* magazine, which is published quarterly, and they may qualify for other benefits, including insurance, credit card and credit union privileges. For more information, contact Fitzgearld at 647-3311



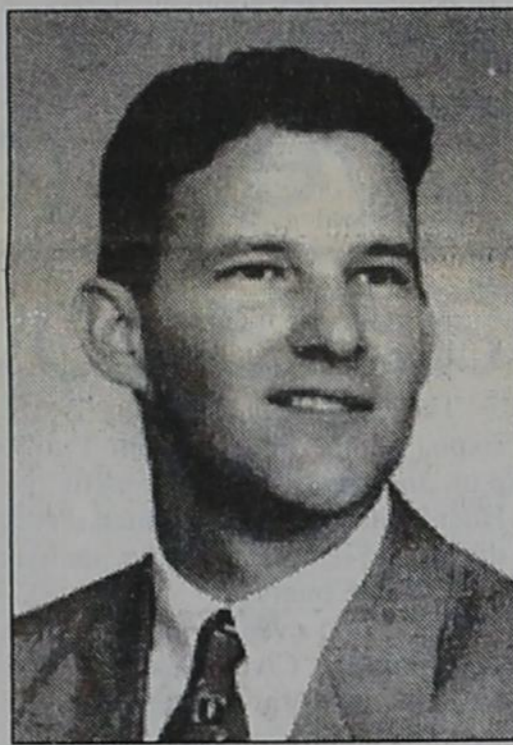
Chad Ewing and Jennifer R. Bright

Bright, Ewing plan wedding

Gareld E. Bright and Gwen Bright of Dumas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer R. Bright, to Chad Ewing, son of Edward Ewing and Sharon R. Ewing of Dimmitt. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 at Country Club (The Branding Iron) in Dumas. The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Dumas High School. She is a sophomore nutrition major pursuing a certified dietary manager's degree at the University of North Dakota. She is currently employed as a production supervisor at Golden Plains Community Hospital of Borger. The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended the Amarillo Fire Academy and graduated with his firefighter certification. He is employed by CleanCare of Amarillo and is an active volunteer firefighter for Potter County Fire and Rescue. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

Hogland to be featured during Church of Christ gospel meeting

Brett W. Hogland of Lubbock, a gospel preacher serving the Auburn Church of Christ in Lubbock, will be a special guest during a four-day gospel meeting at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt. The Church of Christ will host Hogland and the gospel series beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday. The public is invited to attend any or all of the gatherings, and individuals are invited to bring along their Bibles as they take part in the study groups. The first in the series will be Bible classes Sunday morning at 9:30 at the church. A morning worship service will follow at 10:15. That evening, a second session will be held at 6 p.m. Evening classes are being planned Monday through Wednesday, with each slated to begin at 7:30. Hogland and his wife, Jennifer, were married in 1995 and they have a 2-year-old son, Taylor. They are expecting another child in October. Hogland grew up on a farm near Tuttle, Okla. After he graduated from school there he attended Oklahoma State University. He worked in the construction industry, then in the aircraft industry before he began preaching. In 1993 he resigned from his secular career and devoted his life to preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He did not receive a formal education in theology, but was taught the scriptures and prepared to preach from his childhood by his parents and other teachers in the church where he grew up.



Brett Hogland

Hogland says he has grown to have a deep appreciation for "the simplicity that is in Christ" and sees a growing desire among people to return to simple and pure Christianity. He has preached in gospel meetings and lectureships in Georgia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Washington. "I spent my childhood in an atmosphere of love and spiritual training, but during my years at college I lived in complete rebellion to my parents and God," Hogland said. "I feel a deep kinship to the 'prodigal son' of the Bible. I hold a lifelong debt of gratitude for God's wonderful grace and love. I want to spend the rest of my life sharing 'the word of His grace' with others."

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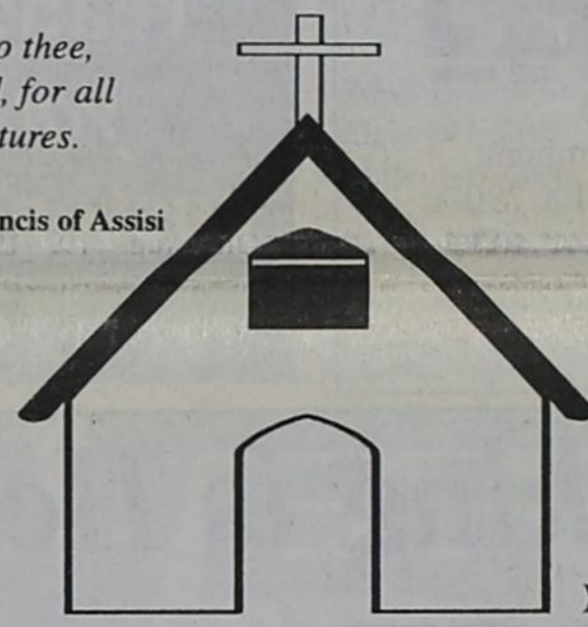
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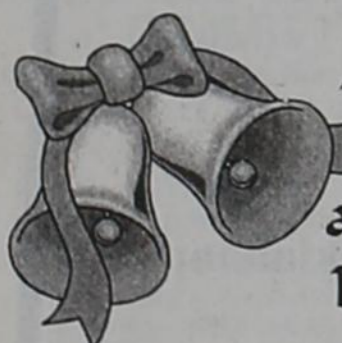
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LDP discrepancies evident as corn harvest progresses

As Texas corn farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Gulf Coast finish corn harvest, Panhandle and Blacklands producers are gearing up for harvest season. Since harvest began, variations in the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) have become evident.

"There are discrepancies throughout the state," said David Gibson, executive director for the state corn checkoff board. "The Loan Deficiency Payment in conjunction with cash bids are leaving producers well short of the posted county loan rates. The safety net aimed at protecting

farmers from low prices is not working."

The Texas Corn Producers Board office in Lubbock has fielded questions and concerns from across the state. A major problem, and one that cannot be explained, is why the posted county price is higher than the actual cash bids in most counties. So far, the Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) has found this true in all areas where harvest is underway.

Another problem is that many areas do not have federally licensed facilities to accommodate the harvested corn, which producers may

want to put into the loan. In most cases, the continued low price of grain has farmers holding it until the price goes up, leaving little or no storage for newly harvested grain to be placed in the loan.

Texas Corn Producers Board represents over 19,000 Texas corn farmers and is responsible for administering the one-half cent per bushel corn check-off. TCPB is restricted from participating in legislative activity.

"It is up to each farmer in Texas to take action," said Joe Reed, chairman of TCPB and a Swisher County farmer. "Call your legislators, call every farm organization you can. If we don't say or do anything about this, we can expect the same problems next year."



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ceremony are (from left) KDHN personnel Anita Velasquez, Gwen Gilmore, and station owner Wayne Collins; and USNWS and NOAA personnel from Lubbock, including Data Acquisition Program Manager Johnny Wallace, Meteorologist-in-charge Rusty Billingsley, and Hydro-Meteorological Technician Jerry English.
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Texas corn farmer joins national board

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) has elected a new slate of corn grower leaders for the organization as it represents corn farmers on key agricultural issues. Elections were held July 21 at NCGA's Corn Congress in Washington, D. C. The directors will officially assume office on October 1, the beginning of NCGA's 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Dee Vaughan, a farmer from Dumas and Secretary-Treasurer of Texas Corn Growers Board, was one of the five new directors elected to the NCGA board.

Dee and Terri Vaughan farm in the Texas Panhandle, raising corn, seed sorghum, commercial sorghum, soybeans, wheat and seed sunflowers. They use center pivot irrigation and are adopting precision farming techniques.

Dee has served in several leadership roles including being elected to Texas Corn Producers Board, a 15 member board with the responsibility of administering the one-half cent per bushel corn check-off. He is also involved in the Lone Star Corn

Growers Association, serves as a member of the NCGA Public Policy Action Team, has served on the Precision Agriculture Advisory Committee and the Texas Panhandle Agricultural Research Advisory Board. He is a member of the agricultural committee of the Dumas Economic Development Corporation.

"To have a Texas farmer elected to the National Corn Growers Association board can only be positive for the producers of our state," said Neal Burnett, a corn farmer and director on Texas Corn Producers Board.

"Texas farmers should strive to be represented in as many national organizations as possible."

Event to benefit area food bank

The First Annual Wedding/Travel Expo, set for Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Amarillo, will benefit the High Plains Food Bank, which serves the entire Texas Panhandle, including Castro County.

The Expo event will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza, and will showcase vendors of wedding and travel services.

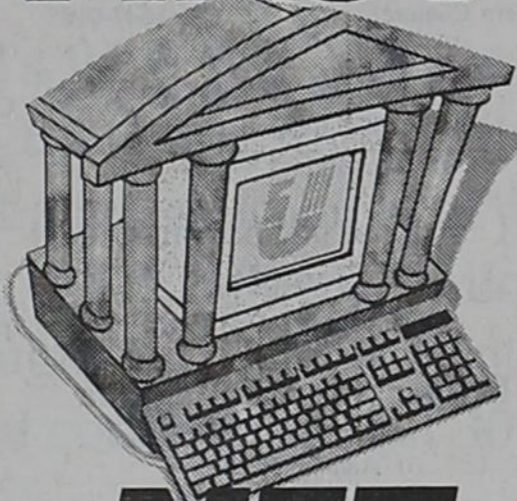
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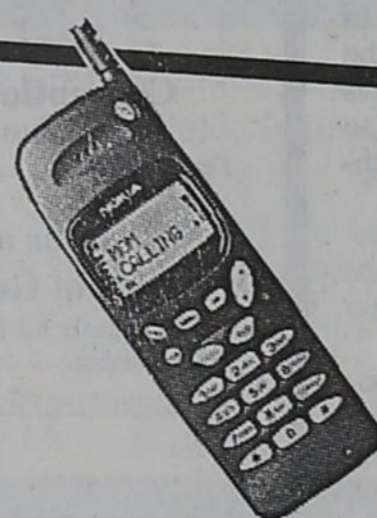
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Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

On the Texas High Plains, nothing is ever easy or predictable. This year is proving just how quickly things can change as producers struggle to meet the tremendous demands of a rapidly maturing cotton crop.

With area cotton blooming and setting fruit, the last thing any producer needs is too much stress, either from a lack of moisture or from too many insects. Unfortunately that appears to be the situation that is developing over much of the area.

From a moisture standpoint, just about all the moisture received in June has been depleted. Irrigation producers have been cranking up wells for the past few weeks in an effort to keep the crop moving ahead. Dryland crops are showing signs of moisture stress and will need another infusion of moisture to continue development.

With a healthy, well-formed crop

reaching the peak bloom period of late-July and early-August in good condition, predictions of potential yields are hard to pin down.

Lush cotton is its own worst enemy when the opposition includes boll weevils, beet armyworms, boll worms and aphids, and that makes yield predictions even harder to estimate.

With looming insect pressures of stratospheric proportions, the fate of the 2000 High Plains cotton crop is far from certain. Reports from fields have been far from promising as insect populations continue an upward spiral.

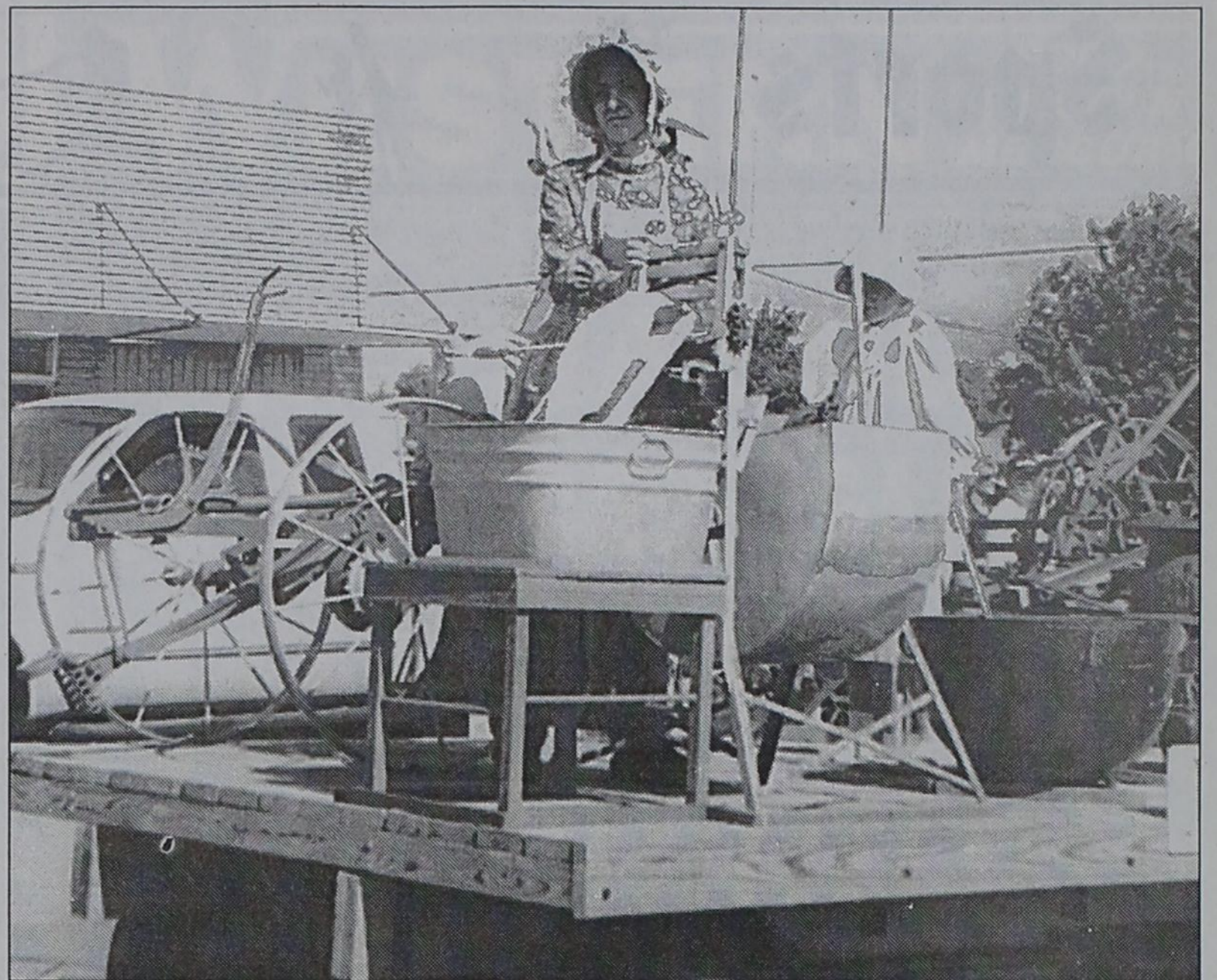
Boll weevil numbers are escalating this week as the first generation of Year 2000 emerges from where overwintered weevils laid eggs a few short weeks ago. Populations are building rapidly in non-active eradication zones, although some isolated areas in active zones also are

seeing treatable populations as well. Only time will tell how the High Plains fares through the critical stretch of the growing season. Growers are advised to be especially vigilant and take seriously the threat that these insects pose.

Members of Plains Cotton Growers' board of directors elected the organization's 2000-2001 nominating committee on July 12.

The committee is composed of four members elected from the PCG board plus the organization's most recent past presidents.

The 2000-2001 nominating committee members are Kevin Riley, Van Gaskins, Wesley Butcher and Kent Nix; and past presidents Don Langston, Jackie Burris and Frank B. Jones Jr.



SECOND PLACE FLOAT at the Hart Days Parade in Hart Saturday was this one by the T.R. and Cora Davis family and descendents. The float had three sections (the back of a pickup and two trailers), with this section depicting the way of life of the earlier

family members. The parade was one of the larger parades the town has had, and turn-out for the event was boosted due to the centennial activities and the all-school reunion. The centennial pavilion was dedicated, also.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS of the Castro Masonic Lodge are (back row, from left) Senior Deacon Jay Lindley, Junior Deacon Harry Jones and Senior Steward Jim Baker; (middle row, from left) outgoing Worshipful Master and new tiler Stanley Dyer of Hart, Master of Ceremonies Marshall M. Langford, Chaplain Rev. Ed Freeman, Treasurer Doyle Wasson, Secretary Boyce Carter, and Junior Steward Charles Vaughan; and (front row, from left) Senior Warden Johnny Vick, Worshipful Master

Nelson W. (Bill) Stephenson, and Junior Warden Richard Berquist. The installation team (not shown) who conducted the recent ceremony at the Castro Masonic Lodge building included Doug Crouch, current Worshipful Master of the Hereford Masonic Lodge; Fred Ruland, past officer and member of the Hereford Lodge; and Cliff Jones, District Grand Lodge and Education Officer, who led the installation team. Free masonry is the world's largest fraternity of men.

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DHS Class of '90 planning reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1990 is making plans for its 10-year reunion for Sept. 15-16.

Organizers of the event are still trying to contact class members, and have failed to locate Imelda Perez.

Those wanting more information or having information on where to contact class members may call Jennifer Howell at 647-0718, Tila Rodriguez at 647-3232, Diane Reynolds at 806-763-3801 or Mary Jane Lumbrera at 806-797-9681.

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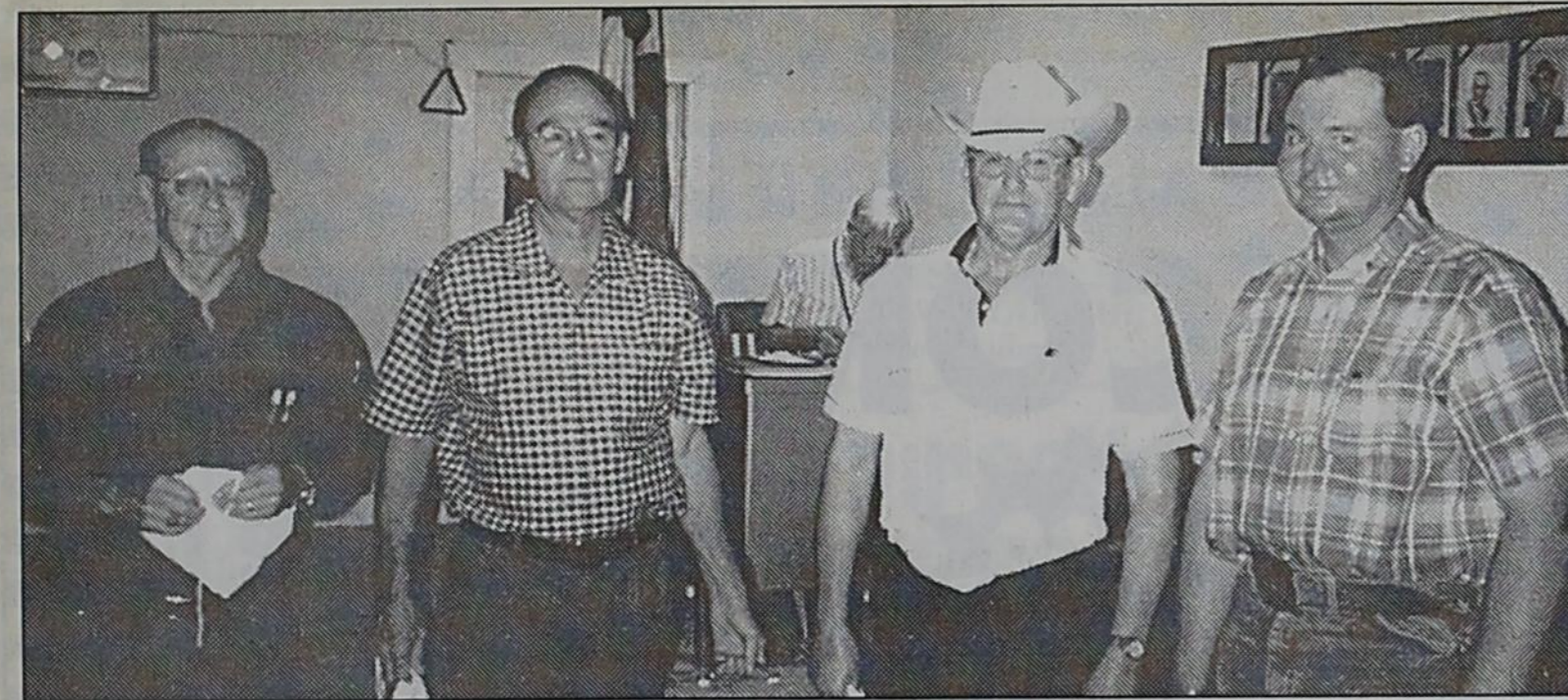
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THE INSTALLATION TEAM—At a recent installation of officers at the Castro County Masonic Lodge, the following served as members of the installation team: (from left) Doug Crouch, current Worshipful Master of Hereford Masonic Lodge;

Fred Ruland, past officer and member of the Hereford Lodge; and Cliff Jones, District Grand Lodge and Education Officer who served as the leader of the installation team. Also pictured is Jay Lindley, a past master of the Castro Masonic Lodge.

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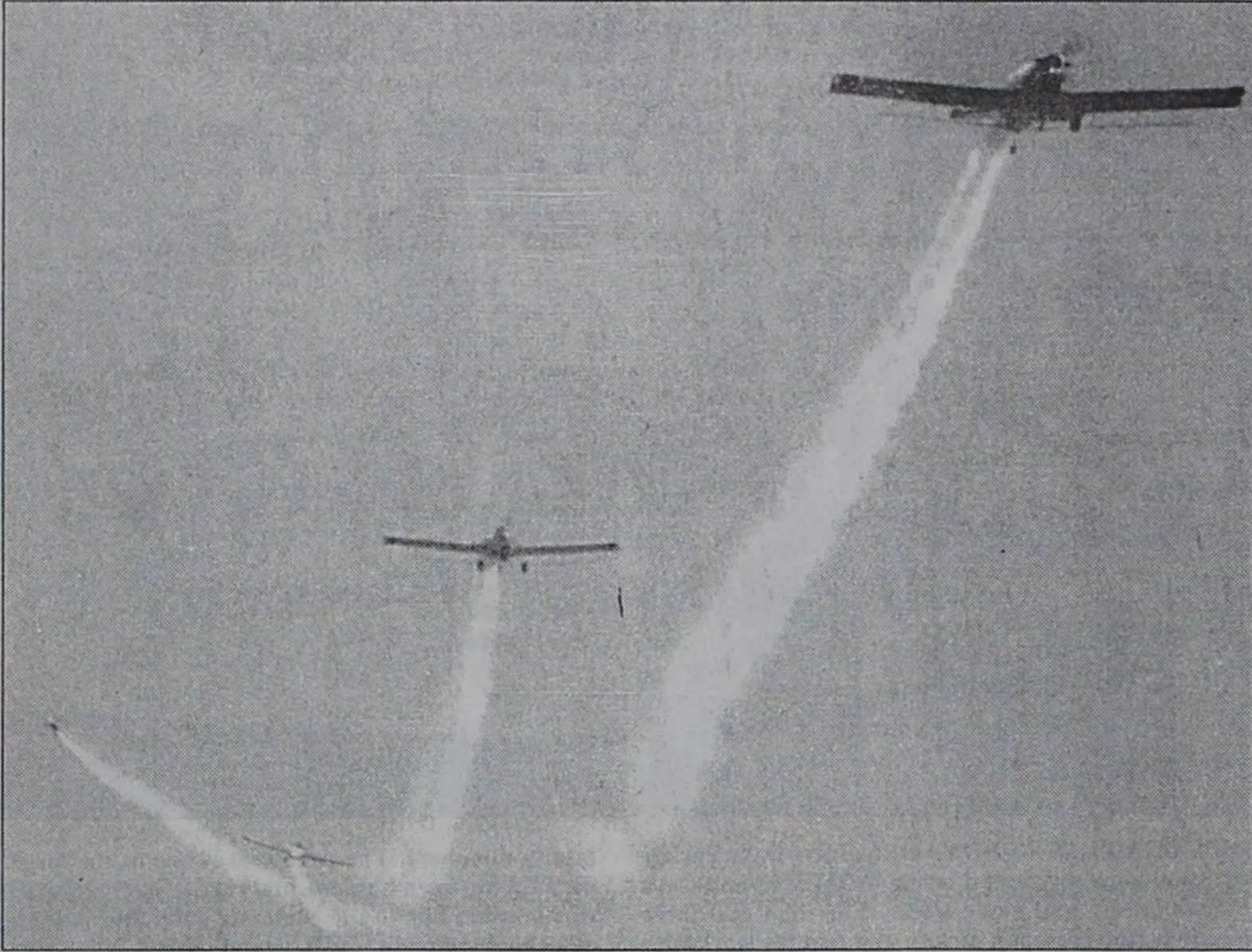
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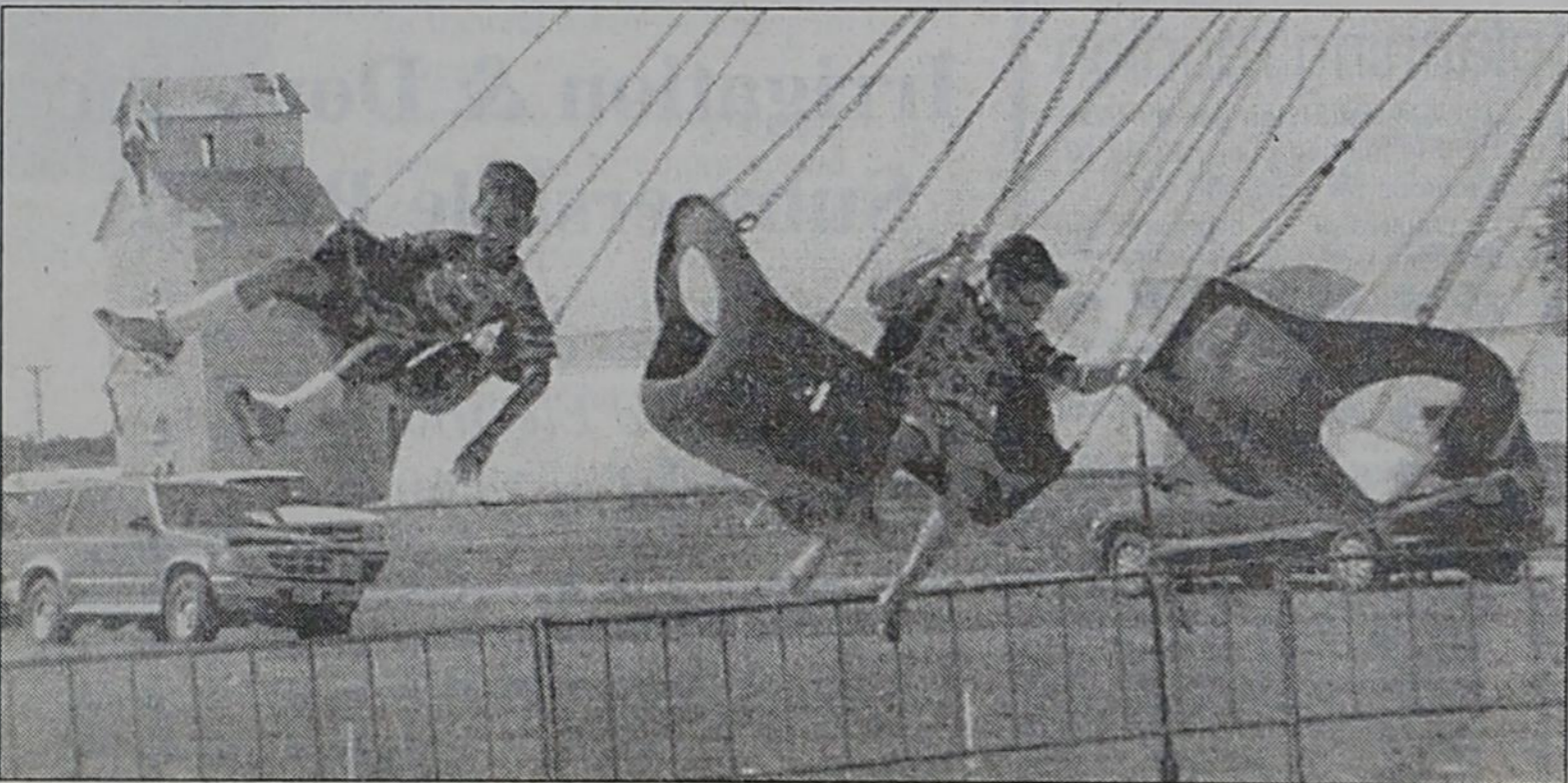
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Sports



SALUTING HART ON ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY

... A squadron of planes perform a flyover down the main street of Hart just prior to the Hart Days parade
Photo by Jenna Acker



JUST A SWINGIN'—Christopher Rodriguez, 7, (left), son of Harvey and Donna Perez of Hart, and Braden Nelson, 8, son of Brian and Toni Nelson of Hart, enjoy the swing ride at the carnival set up for Hart Days Saturday.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

County football teams to begin practices Monday

Summer is almost over and that means football coaches and players around the county are getting ready for those grueling two-a-day practices.

All three county teams will begin workouts Monday, with Dimmitt getting an early "Midnight Madness" jumpstart.

Dimmitt

The Bobcats will get an early start this year with practices starting at 12:01 a.m. Following the "Midnight Madness" practice, players will practice at 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before starting school on Thursday.

According to Coach Wade Wilson,

Lady golfers enjoy scramble

Jo Beth Bates, Vicky Kleman and Jerrie Horton teamed to win a golf scramble on July 25 during the Ladies' Golf Association's regular monthly meeting and round of golf.

The trio finished with a score of 30 over the nine holes and "each throw" made it a better shot.

Winners from the play days held in July were Audrey Shottenkirk, Mozelle Lilley, Karen Kiel, Donna Charanza and Carolyn Watts.

A business meeting followed, and among the items discussed was income from the Dimmitt Darlins' Tournament and profit from the Doc Render Tournament.

Dimmitt will host the High Plains Play Day on Aug. 9 at 9 a.m. Those interested in attending should call Sheryl Brown at 647-2006.

Winners from the Hereford High Plains Play Day in July were Audrey Shottenkirk and Cyndy Reynolds, who won low net in their flight; Trenea Matthews, who won low gross and putts in her flight; and Jerrie Horton, who had low putts in her flight. Eight members attended and enjoyed a great day of golfing.

Dimmitt's first real test will come in a scrimmage against Sanford-Fritch tentatively set for either Aug. 24 or 25. This will be followed by another scrimmage with Abernathy on either Aug. 31 or Sept. 1.

The Bobcats' first game will be at Springlake-Earth on Sept. 8.

Hart

Hart players will start their season at 7 a.m. when they are issued equipment. They will practice until 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday workouts will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a few breaks throughout the session. School and regular workouts will begin Thursday.

Hart coach Todd Bryant said that the Longhorns will scrimmage Smyer Aug. 19th at Hart and at Sudan on Aug. 24th. Hart's first game will be a home game against Meadow on Sept. 1.

Nazareth

Pigskin practices will commence at 7:30 a.m. according to Coach Rick

Price. The evening practices will be held at 6 p.m. The Swifts will have two-a-day workouts all week long since Nazareth does not start classes until Aug. 14.

Nazareth will only play one scrimmage this year, and that is tentatively set at Anton on Aug. 25. The next week will be the first week of the regular season for the Swifts, who will get an early start on the year at home against San Jacinto Christian on Sept. 1.

'Meet the Bobcats' burger cookout planned Monday

Fans of Dimmitt High School football can meet the 2000 Bobcats and coaching staff and enjoy a hamburger supper on Monday at Bobcat Stadium.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

New Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson and his assistant coaching staff will be introduced along with members of this year's team.

The event is sponsored by the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club.

More about Freezer fund ...

(Continued from Page 1)

"For example, if you brought me \$15 worth of canned goods," Pena explained, "I would only get so much food. But if you just give me \$15, I can get a lot more because of the low prices the (High Plains) food bank offers organizations like us."

In addition to more freezer space, PCS also needs more meat products and canned goods.

"The meat is always hard to find," Pena said, "and we are starting to run out of canned goods because the last canned food drives were held by the (county) schools in December."

To make a donation to PCS, just stop by the office at 108 SW 2nd St. in Dimmitt.

Athletic physicals will be offered Saturday morning

Boys and girls in junior high and high school who plan to participate in an athletic activity during the coming year can obtain their physical at a substantially-reduced rate from Medical Center of Dimmitt on Saturday morning.

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Descendants of the Frank Hochstein Jr. family gathered in Nazareth for a family reunion on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Families of William Hochstein Sr., Brigitta (Hochstein) Dobmeier, Josephine (Hochstein) Stevens and Edmund Hochstein were present to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Approximately 175 members representing the families came from Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, North Carolina, Minnesota, Wyoming and Texas.

They enjoyed a meal together Friday evening. On Saturday they had a baseball game for the kids and a horseshoe tournament, bocce ball, an auction, card playing, lots of good eating and a dance.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday all attended mass at Holy Family Catholic Church, then returned to the hall for the dance.

On Sunday morning, all gathered at the American Legion Hall in Nazareth for a brunch before all said their goodbyes and left for home or further vacationing.

The family of Art and Loretta Kleman held their annual reunion Sunday with 105 family members attending from Burnet, Amarillo, Canyon, Abernathy, Tulia, Dimmitt, Groom, Kress, Pampa, Clovis, N.M., Des Moines, Iowa., and Nazareth.

A hamburger lunch was served at noon, then everyone enjoyed a craft auction, a visit to Holy Family Cemetery, a tour of the new Nazareth beautification park, horseshoes, washer throwing and lots of visiting.

The marriage of Terrell and Aimee Pohlmeier of Yukon, Okla., was enjoyed by many friends and relatives this past weekend at St. John's Catholic Church.

Attending were grandparents Arnold and Catherine Huseman, the families of Cecil Braddock, Derwin Huseman, Dale Acker, Virgil Huseman and Craig Huseman, all of Nazareth; the Bernie Huseman family of Hereford; the Bryan Huseman family of Littlefield; the Ken Fischbacher family of Amarillo; the Gary Rider family of Claude; Jason Huseman, Marcus Brockman, Hubert and Joan Backus, Francis and Connie Backus, Elmer and Florene Schulte, and Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier; Rita Pohlmeier of Chicago, Ill.; Bob Pohlmeier of Yukon; Gerald and Beth Harder of Dimmitt; the Brad Pohlmeier family and the Kirt Pohlmeier family.

Keith, Karleen, Mandy, Brett and Kyle Hoelting enjoyed a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo. They enjoyed whitewater rafting and many other sites as well.

Kevin, Traci, Anni and Ethan Scholl of Henrietta and Charley and Bev Hill enjoyed several days recently in Creed and Lake City, Colo.

Quint, Tucker and Tyler Waggoner of Dimmitt, Jason Wilhelm, Garrett Kleman and Dan and Clifford Gerber recently enjoyed a backpacking trip to Red River, N.M. They proved to themselves that they could climb Wheeler Peak. It was a great trip.

Father Peter Otto, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, recently returned from a cruise to Malpelo Island aboard the dive/sport fishing boat, *The Inzan Tiger*, sailing from the port of Gulfito, Costa Rica.

Malpelo Island, the remains of an ancient volcano, lies in the Eastern Pacific off the coast of Columbia. The island serves as a communications/weather site for the Colombian military.

The waters around the island are a natural preserve, protected from commercial fishing. It is an ideal location for big animal action scuba diving.

Malpelo is home to thousands of sharks, mostly hammerheads and silbies, as well as white tip reef, Galapagos, tiger ragged-tooth and whale sharks.

There are also large schools of snapper, jacks, pompano, needlefish, creole and tuna, some up to 500 pounds. Other varieties of fish found there include angels, butterfly, wahoo, marlin, coronet, trumpet, trigger, sailfish, bass, scorpion, stone fish, manta rays, eagle rays, goatfish

and many others.

Hundreds of moray eels swim freely in daylight and fearlessly examine visiting divers. Dolphins and various species of whales routinely visit the island as well.

Father Otto spent several days touring rain forests, volcanoes, butterfly farms and coffee plantations in Costa Rica.

Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and their families hosted an evening of visiting for Jim and Jean Bell of Granbury.

Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier of Tulia, Florene Leinen of Dimmitt, and Denny and Dolores Heiman were present.

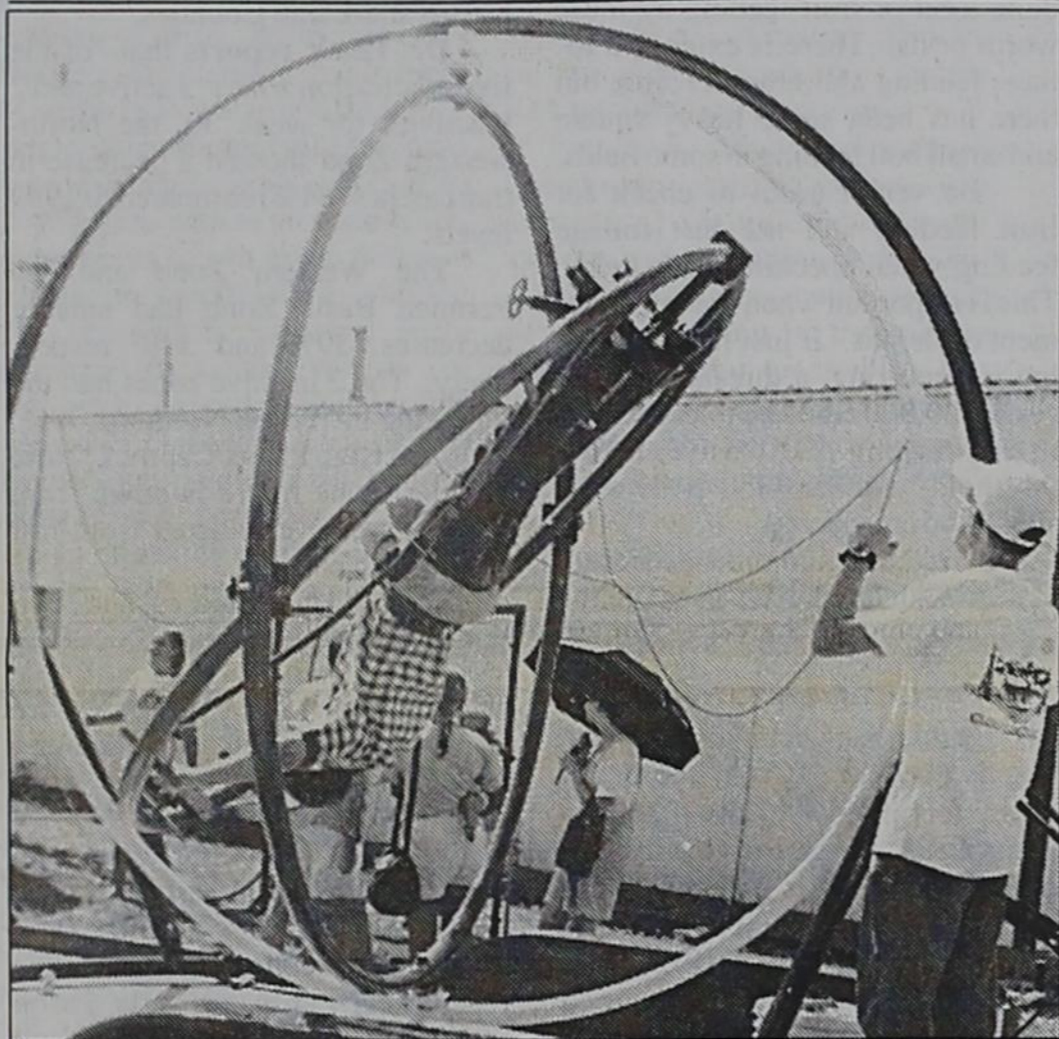
Virgie Gerber was sorry to miss the visit, but she was in Colorado.

Everyone enjoyed hamburgers, homemade ice cream and cake. They also celebrated Leroy's birthday. Also attending were Dale Leinen, his wife and son of Oklahoma City.

Gilbert and Dolly Schulte are very thankful to be back home after surviving a pickup accident as they were on their way to Nebraska for a Schulte reunion.

They were very fortunate to have a fireman and his wife stop to help them.

Prayers are asked for Ernie and Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Paul Venhaus, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman, Virgil Brockman, Edith Huseman, Dianne Huseman, Patricia Kern, Floyd Schulte, Elias Bernea, Kevin Acker, Dorothy McQuilliams, Cyrilla Robb and John Womack.



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THE CLASS OF 1950 of Hart High School held its golden anniversary reunion Friday evening at the Dimmitt home of Dorothy and Herb Mayfield, with all of the living members present from a class of 12. Seated, from left, are Lloyd Davis of Amarillo, Don Newman of Dimmitt and Tony Smitherman of McLean. Standing, from left, are C. W. Seago of Las

Cruces, N.M., Jo Armstrong Culp of Wildorado, Doris Shive Frazier of Dimmitt, Dorothy McLain Mayfield of Dimmitt, Patsy Bauman Entekin of Hart and Barbara Felder Godfrey of Plainview. The group enjoyed a backyard dinner and visiting at the Mayfields' home Friday, then attended the centennial Hart Days celebration Saturday. Photo by Don Nelson

WTRT implements extended area service calling for area customers

A new chapter in the history of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's (WTRT) service to Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties is about to open.

As of Wednesday, members of all WTRT exchanges will be able to call one another without incurring long distance charges.

Customers who dial a one or zero plus the area code in order to call exchanges in the WTRT system will hear a recorded message reminding them that it's no longer necessary to dial one or zero and the area code prior to dialing WTRT exchange numbers.

Cooperative members have awaited Extended Area Service (EAS) for years. Many members have had to pay long-distance fees in order to dial-up a neighbor who lived only a short distance away—but on another telephone exchange.

Economic factors, rules governing telecommunications, and advances in technology have finally made it possible for WTRT to offer EAS.

"Local calling between all exchanges brings the WTRT membership in Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Bailey counties closer together as neighbors," said Thomas A. Hyer, WTRT manager. "It's a great exercise of the cooperative spirit and a money-saver for our members."

Beginning Wednesday, EAS will be available to WTRT members as follows:

- ◆ From the Dawn exchange to Frio, Hub, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Summerfield, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Frio exchange to Dawn, Hub, Milo Center, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Hub exchange to Dawn, Frio, Milo Center, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Summerfield, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Milo Center exchange to Frio, Hub, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Summerfield and Tharp.

- ◆ From the Oklahoma Lane exchange to Dawn, Frio, Hub, Milo

Center, Parmer, Summerfield, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Parmer exchange to Dawn, Frio, Hub, Milo Center, Oklahoma Lane, Summerfield, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Summerfield exchange to Dawn, Hub, Milo Center, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Tharp and Westway.

- ◆ From the Tharp exchange to Dawn, Frio, Hub, Milo Center, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Summerfield and Westway.

- ◆ From the Westway exchange to Dawn, Frio, Hub, Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Summerfield and Tharp.

The cooperative had to obtain the approval of the Public Utility Commission in order to offer EAS. A legal notice process was required prior to its going into effect. Members were notified that EAS would result in no annual revenue increase and that EAS would represent 0% of total regulated interstate gross annual revenues.

Cotton, other crops stressed by lack of significant rainfall

By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM

With very little rain being reported across the two-county area this past week, many cotton fields are really showing stress. Some fields are starting to cut out, and a few have already done so.

Beet armyworms and now bollworms are plaguing cotton in both counties. Aphids are also starting to increase.

Corn is progressing right along, but corn borers have moved into many fields at high numbers. Heat has been pretty fierce this week and heat units are rapidly building right along with water demand.

INSECTS AND DISEASES

Cotton: Most IPM Program fields in Castro County range from five to eight NAWF and fruit retention still ranges from 84% to 94%.

This is still very good, but moisture stress could cause fruit shed if water demands are not met. Only three fields reported beet armyworm's (BAW) in Castro County this week, but these fields had high populations.

BAW numbers ranged from 40,950/acre to 336,324/acre. These fields were located in the Flag and Dodd areas. Bollworm counts range from 4,887 to 10,800 in the few fields that were infested, but egg lay remains fairly low with 1,396 to 7,800/acre. Beneficial insect populations remain moderate to high in most fields.

At this point, we are seeing quite-a-bit of fruit feeding by these worm pests. There is extensive foliage feeding and bract feeding, but there has been some heavy square and small boll feeding in some fields.

Be very careful to check for fruit feeding and not just foliage feeding when checking your fields. This is important when making treatment decisions. If just foliage feeding is occurring, a threshold in excess of 20,000 could be tolerated, but if fruit feeding is extensive, then a threshold similar to bollworms should be considered.

For a list of recommended insecticides which may be used in the battle, contact the County Extension office.

◆ **Lygus/western tarnished plant bug** numbers range from 3 to 11 per 3 row feet in 66% of the IPM Program fields in Castro County this past week. This is still below our threshold at this time, but considerably higher than in past weeks. Only one field in Lamb County reported Lygus pressure, at 3 per 3 row feet.

Loopers continue to be reported in most IPM Program fields, but we are not worried about these foliage feeders.

Make sure that you correctly identify looper eggs and not call them bollworm eggs. I have had quite a few calls this week about identifying looper eggs, so I thought I would repeat the ways to ID loopers and their eggs.

Like bollworms, they lay their eggs singly and usually on the upper surfaces of leaves. Unlike bollworms, loopers tend to lay their eggs much lower on the plant, often on leaves dragging the ground. Their eggs are also a little different.

Looper eggs are wider than they are tall, looking much like a pincushion.

Bollworm eggs stand taller than they are wide and their ribbing is much more pronounced than that of a looper egg. Looper caterpillars "loop" because they are "missing" a pair of abdominal legs. Beets and bollworms have all 4 pairs of abdominal legs.

Cotton aphids are being reported in 66% of Castro County and 92% of Lamb County IPM Program fields. Although this is a high percentage of fields, and definitely an increase, numbers are still below two or fewer per leaf.

Reproduction continues with more young aphids appearing. Producers should try to minimize insecticide applications, avoid excessive nitrogen use and use selective insecticides when spraying for other pests. (**cotton aphid and damage**).

The Texas Department of Agriculture approved a section 18 for the use of Furadan 4F for aphid control. Pay close attention to the label and the section 18 information. **Post all fields that are treated and observe the worker re-entry intervals.**

Don't forget that there are other aphid control materials at your disposal including Bidrin, Lannate and Provado. Lorsban and Curacron are also listed in our guides but usually provide less control than the previously mentioned three. Furadan is often chosen because of its lower price and more consistent high level of control.

Boll weevil activity in IPM Program fields has yet to be seen in Castro and Lamb Counties.

Dr. Leser reports that "of the five eradication zones (3 active and 2 inactive), for week 30, the Northwestern Zone showed a decrease in trap catches (84%) compared to 1999 levels.

The Western Zone and the Permian Basin Zone had smaller decreases, 39% and 34% respectively. The 2 inactive zones had the following increases: Northern, 79%; Southern High Plains/Caprock, 76%. This last zone figure is down from 338% increase calculated from last week's trap catches.

The level of decreases in the two active southern eradication zones is less than I would have liked to see but considering the numbers we are observing in inactive eradication zones compared to last year, **these are huge reductions!**

Why are we seeing weevils in eradication fields this early? Because of the late freeze last year, the mild winter, the extended emergence this year, the early crop, and early season conditions favoring high weevil survival; first summer generation boll weevil numbers are much higher than we have ever seen before, and much earlier too.

Even though accumulative trap catches in most counties are falling below those observed in 1999, this is mostly a reflection of the emerging winter population and does not yet reflect the full impact of the summer generations. This too will change.

What is most disturbing are the high trap catches of first summer generation boll weevils in fields that are well into blooming and have yet to cut out. As many as 10 per trap per day have been caught on the Experiment Station.

Normally, we would expect boll weevils to pass by the traps, feed on the squares and bolls in the fields soon after emergence from infested squares.

They would then produce pheromone, making the field even more attractive than the trap to further weevil captures. What this tells me is two things: 1) There are a lot of adult weevils flying around out there. 2) There are many fields in the general area that are cutting out early, encouraging weevils to seek food elsewhere.

Remember that once boll weevils colonize a field they rarely leave in any numbers until the food supply becomes limiting or later in the year (mid August) when inter-field movement usually occurs.

The big question that is or will be on everyone's mind is why are we seeing economically damaging boll weevil infestations in fields in July when we put on one or more overwintered boll weevil applications earlier?

Doesn't the data indicate that properly timed overwintered boll weevil applications delay the appearance of damaging infestations until later in August? Yes, but—with an extended emergence, an early squaring crop and a very high survival rate of weevil grubs in squares; all bets are off.

CORN

Most IPM Program fields are in the soft dough stage.

Southwestern corn borer activity has increased in the past week. Infestations range from 4% to 14% in Lamb County with eggs and small larvae. Castro County infestations range from 0 to 72% with eggs and small larvae.

Quite a few fields have been treated this past week for SWCB. Producers need to aggressively scout their fields from now on out for eggs and small larvae to make sure southwestern corn borers do not get the upper hand.

Corn earworm are starting to move out of area corn fields and into cotton. Make sure you are watching those cotton fields that are adjacent to your corn fields for egg lay and larvae.

Banks grass mites are building slowly. Infestations remain light (@ 5% leaf area damage) at this time, but more fields reported light infestations over the week before. Especially watch those fields that have been sprayed for SWCB. Beneficial insects are numerous at this time.

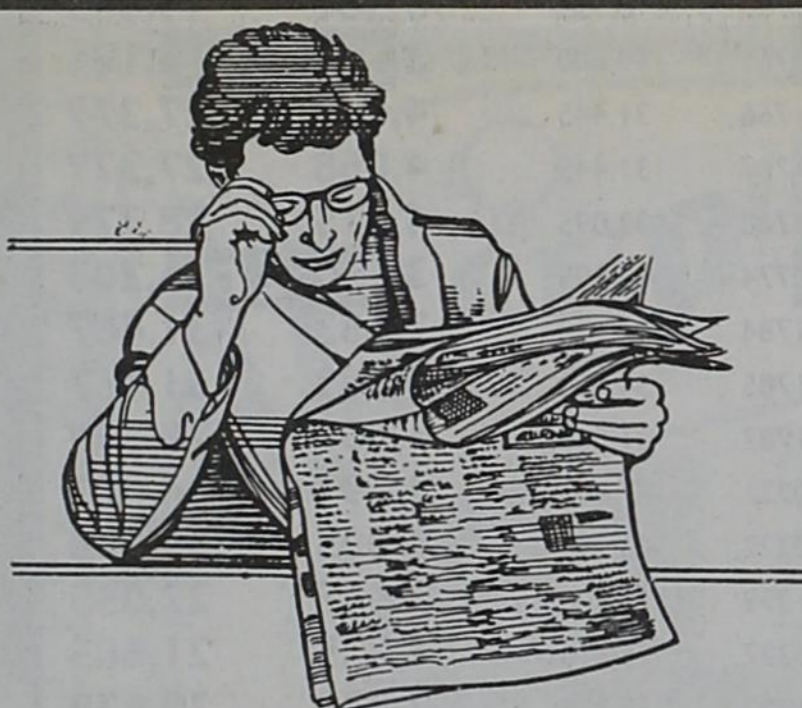
These "good guys" will be very beneficial in keeping mites in check. Southwestern Corn Borer trap counts remain VERY VERY high this past week. We have seen a corresponding increase in egg and larval activity.

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Revenue has increased from \$3 million to about \$13 million in recent years, why has there been no decrease in the tax rate?"

"The revenue is up to \$14 million," Sloan said, "but we're still in the red."

"That revenue figure is misleading, though," Ramaekers added, "because 42% comes off of that in the way of Medicare and HMO discounts, bad debts and so forth. The revenue number is inflated. You can count only the net when it comes to having the money to pay expenses."

"The Balanced Budget Act cut us by a million last year and will cost us another million this coming year," Sloan added.

In other action, the board:
—Approved the medical staff's recommendation of provisional status for Dr. Teresa Brothers to serve as a psychiatrist in the Welch Home Place geriatric psychiatric ward.

—Approved the destruction of outdated medical records and X-rays according to federal guidelines, as approved by the medical staff.

—Approved a new four-year contract with Dr. D. S. Patel.

More about

Sales tax . . .

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wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt; however, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the tax exemption.

◆ Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year I am able to make one administrative change," said State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax. This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt because kiddos need them for school," Rylander said. "I also would like the sales tax holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the sales tax holiday last a couple of weeks instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The sales tax holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the sales tax holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Exemption issued for Confirm 2F on pastures

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use tebufenozide (Confirm 2F Agricultural Insecticide) to control fall armyworms on pastures in Texas.

This exemption replaces a crisis exemption issued on June 23 and will expire Oct. 31.

Confirm 2F, manufactured by Rohm & Haas Co., may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice.

Other restrictions include:
◆ Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators, or by persons under the control of a certified applicator.



DESCENDANTS OF THE T.W. HART family made this float for the annual Hart Days Parade, which had a larger than usual turn-out this year, since it is the town's centennial year. Hart family descendants Joe Percy and Sarah Hart were the "Honored Citizens" for the parade. Photo by Jenna Acker

Rain sensors for automatic landscape sprinkler systems help conserve water

Ample June rains were a welcome sight to many residents across the High Plains, bringing relief to crops, lawns and overworked air conditioner thermostats.

Some commercial and residential sprinkler system owners also saved money by using efficiency devices that maximize the "free" water received from Mother Nature.

Rain sensors help business owners and homeowners better manage their water resources by interrupting operation of their automatic lawn sprinkler systems when it is raining. This saves both water and money.

A user-friendly and self-contained device, the sensor is mounted in an exposed area, such as an open fence, and can be set to recognize different amounts of precipitation, varying from one-eighth to one inch, according to Louis Warren of Watermaster Irrigation Supply, Inc. in Lubbock. Once the device detects the specified amount of rain, it interrupts the sprinkler system's cycle by breaking contact with the common wire that runs from the system's control box to the sprinkler heads.

"The more up-to-date sprinkler controllers have a circuit and the sensor will interrupt the common wire in the circuit," Warren said.

Harvey McLarty with M&M Sprinklers in Lubbock said the sensors contain a bypass switch in case a operator desires to resume the sprinkler's programmed cycle.

"If someone wanted to apply fertilizer to their yard after a rain and then water it in, they could just trigger the bypass switch and the system would resume its normal irrigation cycle," McLarty said.

Rain sensors are relatively inexpensive, considering the potential savings possible by avoiding water waste from unnecessary watering.

According to McLarty, a sensor can be professionally installed for less than \$120, including labor, and the bypass switch that costs about \$25. Rain sensors may be purchased for about \$31 at home improvement centers and can be easily installed by home owners.

While most sensors are still being incorporated into large commercial projects, they are becoming more popular in residential systems as irrigators become more aware of the need to conserve water. Some metropolitan areas in Texas, such as Austin, require sprinkler system operators to install the sensors, McLarty said.

"The trend seems to be going in that direction. People are becoming

more aware about over-watering with an automatic sprinkler system because of drought conditions in other areas," he said.

McLarty has installed about 50 of the devices in Lubbock during the last year.

It is important to remember that repeated overwatering of lawns and landscapes can cause damage to area streets and cost taxpayers money.

According to the City of Lubbock Street Department, water running off landscapes, sidewalks and driveways can get under asphalt street surfaces and eat away the road base.

The base material eventually deteriorates and the asphalt collapses to create a pothole. The cost to repair pothole damage ranges from \$150 to \$300, including labor and equipment. If a large portion of the roadway must be replaced due to water damage, businesses may face the inconvenience of detours and/or construction equipment in front of their location.

Freeze sensors are also available for automated sprinkler systems. Similar to rain sensors, freeze sen-

sors gauge the temperature to prevent sprinkler systems from operating during freezing weather. When the outside temperature lowers to 3 degrees Celsius (37 degrees Fahrenheit), the sprinkler system is interrupted through its common wire. The sensors, which can be incorporated into one device with the rains sensor or purchased separately, are installed similarly to rain sensors.

Freeze sensors are most commonly used in apartment complexes where watering is frequent and you have a lot of people," Warren said.

Warren said the average cost for a freeze sensor is about \$29.

Freeze sensors can prevent physical and personal damage that can occur as irrigation water freezes on sidewalks and streets.

Installing rain and freeze sensors are excellent ways for businesses and homeowners to save on their utility bills with a relatively small initial cost, not only do the devices save money, but they help conserve essential water resources needed to sustain life.

'Let's go to the movies' theme for 2000 Follies

The Follies will return to Dimmitt Aug. 12 and 13 and this year's numerous skits, solo acts and musical numbers will be arranged around the theme, "Let's go to the movies."

"The acts will include a fresh serving of comedy from the "Carol Burnett Show," featuring parodies of the movies and some really talented entertainers in specialty numbers," said Bill Sava, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

This year all tickets will be \$5, but

there's a new twist—if you buy your tickets in advance, they will be good for both performances.

"So, technically, the old \$3 ticket is \$2.50 since you can use it twice," Sava said.

Children 5 and under will still be admitted for free to the Sunday afternoon performance.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Sava at the Chamber office in Dimmitt.

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Obituaries

Betty Boothe

Betty Hastings Boothe, 72, of Burnett, a native of Dimmitt, died Aug. 1 at 1:20 p.m. at her home in Burnett. Funeral services are pending.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Dimmitt at Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home of Burnett, with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Mrs. Boothe was born on Sept. 29, 1927, in Dimmitt to Joe and Janie Hastings. She married Lon Boothe on Dec. 23, 1946, in Dimmitt. They owned and operated a farm at Flagg for 24 years. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt while they lived in Castro County. She moved to Burnett in 1978.

She was preceded in death by her husband and their daughter, Janie Mae, in 1970.

She is survived by a son, Lonnie Joe Boothe of Burnett; a grandson whom she raised, Zackary Boothe of Burnett; two brothers, Joe Hastings of Midland and Odus Hastings of Grand Junction, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Gantt of Picketts, S.C.; and an aunt, Millicent Davis of Dimmitt.

The family suggests memorials to the Burnett Hospice, Box 219, Burnett, TX 78611.

Fannie Ada Murphy Chandler

Services for Fannie Ada Murphy Chandler, 92, of Big Spring, sister of Dr. Bill Murphy of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at Myers and Smith Chapel with Ralph Anderson and Rodney Tedford officiating. Burial followed in Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chandler died last Wednesday, July 26, at Mountainview Lodge Nursing Home following a long illness.

She was born May 21, 1908, in Mitchell County. She had lived in Big Spring for more than 60 years. She was a member of the 11th and Birdwell Church of Christ.

She had been the house manager of Lyric and State Steaters and later was a cashier at the Jet Drive-In. She also had worked at Wacker's and Lewis Variety Stores.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fannie Phillips Murphy and William Murphy; two sisters, Vivilene Duke and Elfreda Edwards; and five brothers, Frank Murphy, Andrew Murphy, Verdie Murphy, Harwood Murphy and John Murphy.

Survivors include four brothers, Dr. Bill Murphy of Dimmitt, Ray Murphy of Amarillo, Roy Murphy of Lubbock and Fawayne Murphy of Astoria, N.Y.; 22 nieces and nephews; and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

Mardell Roberson

Mardell Roberson, 77, of Rochester, mother of Bill Roberson of Dimmitt, died July 25 at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, July 27, at First Baptist Church in Rochester with the Revs. Truett Kuenstler and Troy Culpepper, and Rod Townsend officiating. Burial followed in the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Roberson was born July 15, 1923, in Rule. She married Richard "Dickie" Roberson in 1944. He died on Dec. 18, 1983.

She graduated from Rochester high school in 1941. She was a housewife and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rochester.

Survivors include a son, Bill Roberson of Dimmitt; a daughter, Janis Gist of Abilene; three brothers, Sammy B. White of Knox City, Floyd White of Fort Worth and Lloyd White of Littlefield; and two granddaughters.

Porfirio Yzaguirre

Services for Porfirio Yzaguirre, 60, of Portales, N.M., the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Monday at the Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Portales by Deacon Daniel Chavez. Burial followed in Mission Garden of Memories with military rites rendered by Cannon Air Force Base Honor Guard. Arrangements were by Muffley Funeral Home.

Mr. Yzaguirre died July 28 in Lubbock.

He was born in Edinburg. He moved to Clovis in 1984 and to Portales this year. He was a farm laborer for Cramer Produce and harvested potatoes.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Clovis, the American Legion Post No. 25 and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He married Martha Villalobos in 1977 at San Benito.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Manuel Yzaguirre of Clovis and Rick Yzaguirre of Indiana; seven daughters, Rosie Fox of Joliet, Ill., Norma Yzaguirre of California, Cindy Morales, Thelma Arredondo and Grace Soto, all of Clovis and Maryville Chavez and Esperanza Yzaguirre, both of Portales; two brothers, Romero Montemayor of Brenham and Sylvester Yzaguirre of Clovis; three sisters, Amanda Cantu of Dimmitt, Maria Andrade of Joliet and Juanita Rodriguez of Hereford; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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20—Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR A FINANCIAL COUNSELOR: Performs collection job duties involved in administering self-pay patient accounts and those duties related to collecting payments for delinquent accounts. Job qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Experience: One year office experience and previous collection experience preferred. Contact the personnel department at Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd, 806-364-2141, Ext. 3125. 20-17-1tc

CATTLE CLERK needed for medium-sized feed yard. need to be personable and have 10-key skills. Great benefits and vacation. Must be dependable. Please mail resume and references to PO Box 730, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-17-1tc

TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER MANAGER: Local non-profit agency seeks executive director with proven management experience. If you have a successful fund raising record, understanding of financial management, computer skills, human resources experience and community relations skills, you should consider applying. The chapter manager works under the direction of an all volunteer board and accomplishes work through a cadre of service volunteers, as well as a small paid staff, to provide a variety of community services. Programs range from disaster relief to emergency communications to CPR and first aid. The ideal candidate will be effective at leading an effort to increase the organization's profile, community awareness and funding level. Interested individuals should send a current resume with salary requirements to Roger Fields, Chairman Tri-County Chapter, P.O. Box 1371, Hereford, TX 79045 by Aug. 20, 2000. Equal Opportunity Employer 20-17-2tc

GENERAL YARD PERSON needed for feed yard. Benefits and vacation. Please mail resume and references to PO Box 730, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-17-1tc

BUSINESS IS BOOMING—Now hiring friendly, dependable people. Apply in person at Dimmitt Dairy Queen. Starting salary up to \$6. 20-17-2tc

THE CASTRO/SWISHER COUNTY Juvenile Probation Department is now accepting applications for the position of juvenile probation officer for Castro County. Qualifications include:

1. Be of good moral character.
 2. Have acquired a bachelor's degree conferred by a college or a university accrediting organization recognized by the coordinating board, Texas College and University System; and
 3. Have either one year of graduate study in criminology, corrections, counseling, law, social work, psychology, sociology or other field of instruction approved by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; or one year of experience in full-time case work, counseling, community or group work in a social service, corrections, or juvenile agency that deals with offenders or disadvantaged persons and that is determined by the commission to provide the kind of experience needed to meet this requirement; or
 4. Be presently certified as a juvenile probation officer.
- For an application and a complete list of the job description, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at 310 W. Broadway, Tulla, Texas, or the Castro County Treasurer's Office located on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse.
- Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department is an equal opportunity employer.
- Applications will be accepted until Sept. 29, 2000. 20-18-2tc

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22—Notices

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6—For Sale, Misc.

23—Lost & Found

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ollene Williams would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were so good to us during mother's illness and death. Thanks to all of you who visited, brought food, sent the many, many cards, remembered us in your prayers, sent flowers and sent memorials. Mother was such a vital part of Dimmitt for so many years and will be missed by this community as well as us. Most of all, we will miss her sense of humor and her laughter. We are blessed that Dimmitt has been home to all of us at one time or another and that Dimmitt is such a great place with such good people. God bless each of you.

KAYE STEVENS
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23—Lost & Found

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place.

DOUGLAS HERMAN SCHILLING, President
WAYNE NIEL CHRISTIAN, Vice President
KELLIE JO BRADLEY, Secretary
25-17-2tc

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION HEARINGS

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., on August 7, 2000, and at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on August 21, 2000 hold hearings pertaining to the annexation of the following described property:

A tract of land out of Section 16, Block M-10-A, Castro County, Texas, being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron rod set in the South right-of-way line of Jefferson Street for the Northeast corner of a .918-acre tract of land heretofore conveyed to Don O. Cornett and wife, Glenna Cornett by Warranty Deed recorded in Vol. 181, pg. 185, Deed Records, Castro County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all legal purposes; said inch iron rod being the Northwest corner of this tract and the true beginning point thereof;

THENCE South 00 deg. 01 min. West at 200 feet a 1/2 inch iron rod being the Southeast corner of the Cornett tract, continuing parallel to the West boundary line of Section 16, Block M-10-A to a 3/8 in. rebar stake in a cornfield set for the Southeast corner of a tract of land conveyed to Ben Scott and wife Molly Scott, by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 139, page 139 of the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas;

THENCE South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West at 200.00 feet to a 1/2 in. rebar stake set in the West line of Section 16, Block M-10-A for the Southwest corner of the Scott tract;

THENCE South 00 deg. 01 min. 00 sec. West along the West boundary line of said Section 16 to a point 500 feet South of the mid-point of the West boundary line of Section 16;

THENCE North 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. East 220.00 feet to a point for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE North 00 deg. 01 min. 00 sec. East parallel to the West boundary line of said Section 16 to a 1/2 in. rebar stake set for the Southeast corner of the High Plains Addition, Unit 1;

THENCE South 89 deg. 59 min. East 20 feet along the South line of Jefferson Street to the place of beginning.

Any citizens who are in support or opposition to the annexation of the above described property are invited to be at the annexation hearings. The plan for providing and maintaining city services to the property shall be discussed at these hearings.

DON SHEFFY
City Secretary
25-17-2tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Hospital District will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act and the Act that established the district.

Application can be requested from Elena Mendoza at the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Elena Mendoza for assistance.

Castro County Hospital District will use rules and procedures found in Castro County Hospital District Indigent Health Care Program Handbook. In summary, these are the rules:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition, and resources is required, if possible.
3. Net income cannot exceed Federal Poverty Guidelines.
4. Liquid resources, assets cannot exceed \$2,000.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Castro County Hospital District.
6. Applicants must provide all requested information and documentation requested or applicants will be denied.
7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

25-18-1tc

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Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman, 38, told police that she was sexually assaulted by a 22-year-old suspect at the suspect's house in Dimmitt around 2:30 a.m. July 22. The incident is still under investigation.

Sexual contact/indecency with a child was the charge listed against a 17-year-old Dimmitt man in an incident reported to police at 4:15 p.m. July 25. The victim was a 14-year-old female, and the incident occurred at the Azteca Complex. Investigation is continuing.

A 28-year-old Castro County woman told deputies the night of July 26 that her husband had assaulted her, causing bodily injury to her. The suspect was jailed early last Thursday on charges of assault causes bodily injury/family member, in addition to being wanted on a warrant for Class B misdemeanor charges of theft by check.

Roy Rivera, 19, of Dimmitt, told police that a 16-year-old suspect threatened him with a knife in an incident at 8:20 p.m. on July 26. Police said the incident involved pushing and shoving until the knife was produced.

Michael Reyes of Dimmitt told police July 25 that a suspect made a terroristic threat against him, threatening to kill him.

Two unrelated incidents of criminal trespass were reported to police on Monday. At 8:47 a.m. a suspect entered a residence at the Azteca Complex after being warned to stay away. At 1:30 p.m., a suspect who had been warned to stay away entered a residence on Northeast Sixth Street.

Maria Mireles of Friona told police early Saturday that someone took a large amount of money out of her purse while she was at the Azteca Complex.

A 49-year-old Hereford man was jailed last Thursday on charges of theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

A minor was charged with possession of tobacco at the city swimming pool the afternoon of July 26.

Police had a report of a runaway the night of July 26.

Jailed during the past week on alcohol-related charges were:

—Saturday night, a 27-year-old Earth man on charges of DWI, third or more offense, a felony; driving with license suspended, Class B misdemeanor; and no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no safety belt.

—Sunday, a 20-year-old Hawley man for DWI, no safety belt, and failure to maintain financial responsibility; and a 54-year-old Earth man, DWI, second offense.

—Early Monday, a Las Cruces, N.M., man, 45, for public intoxication.

Jailed during the past week on warrants, probation violations or court matters were:

—July 26, a Friona man, 56, on a warrant for violation of probation, stemming from charges of DWI, second offense.

—Last Thursday afternoon, a man was served with a warrant on charges of assault/bodily injury.

—Sunday, an Amarillo man, 41, on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, stemming from charges of DWI, first offense.

—Monday, an Olton man, 59, on a warrant from the 64th District Court on charges of forgery of a financial instrument.

Jail Count

There were 18 in jail as of Tuesday morning. Three were farmed out for the week, at an estimated cost of \$38 per day for each of them. However, it costs \$23 per day to keep prisoners in the Castro County Jail, so the difference in expense per day equals \$15 per prisoner. The extra cost of farming out three prisoners would be \$45 per day or \$315 for the week.



ALL RIGHT! A TOOTSIE ROLL!—Erika Castillo nabs a chocolate treat and other candy thrown by those riding on floats and in cars during the annual Hart Days parade Saturday morning. Each float entered in the parade was decorated along the theme "Travel Through the Century," in honor of Hart's 100th birthday, which is this year. Photo by Anne Acker

25—Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be holding a Public Hearing on Aug. 7, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dimmitt City Hall Council Chambers at Dimmitt City Hall for planning a drought contingency plan. All interested persons are asked to attend. This is to meet TNRC requirements for a drought plan. 25-18-1tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board, Dimmitt, Texas, will receive sealed bids for:

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

Bids will be received until 5 p.m. Aug. 31, 2000. The bids will be presented to the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board at its regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027, at 6 p.m. on Aug. 22, 2000. At this time, the sealed bids will be opened and awarded.

Requirements may be obtained from Dena Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulla, Texas 79088.

The Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department.

DENA BERRY, Director
Juvenile Probation
25-18-2tc

Dual Magnum use approved

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption to use metolachlor, formulated as Dual Magnum, on spinach to control weeds.

The specific exemption expires June 28, 2001.

Dual Magnum Herbicide, manufactured by Novartis Crop Protection, Inc., may be used following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the label as well as the following restrictions.

- ♦ Applications should be made only by certified applicators, licensed applicators or persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. All applicators must have a copy of the

EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.

- ♦ A maximum of 10,300 acres of spinach grown for processing and 3,500 acres of fresh market spinach may be treated in 31 Texas counties, including Castro, Hale, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer counties.
- ♦ The following rate in the High Plains growing region (including Bailey, Castro, Hale, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer counties) will be applied: one pre-emergence application at a rate of 0.64 lbs. a. i. (0.67 pts. of product) per acre under furrow irrigation conditions.
- ♦ Applicators should follow the groundwater advisory on the Section 3 label.

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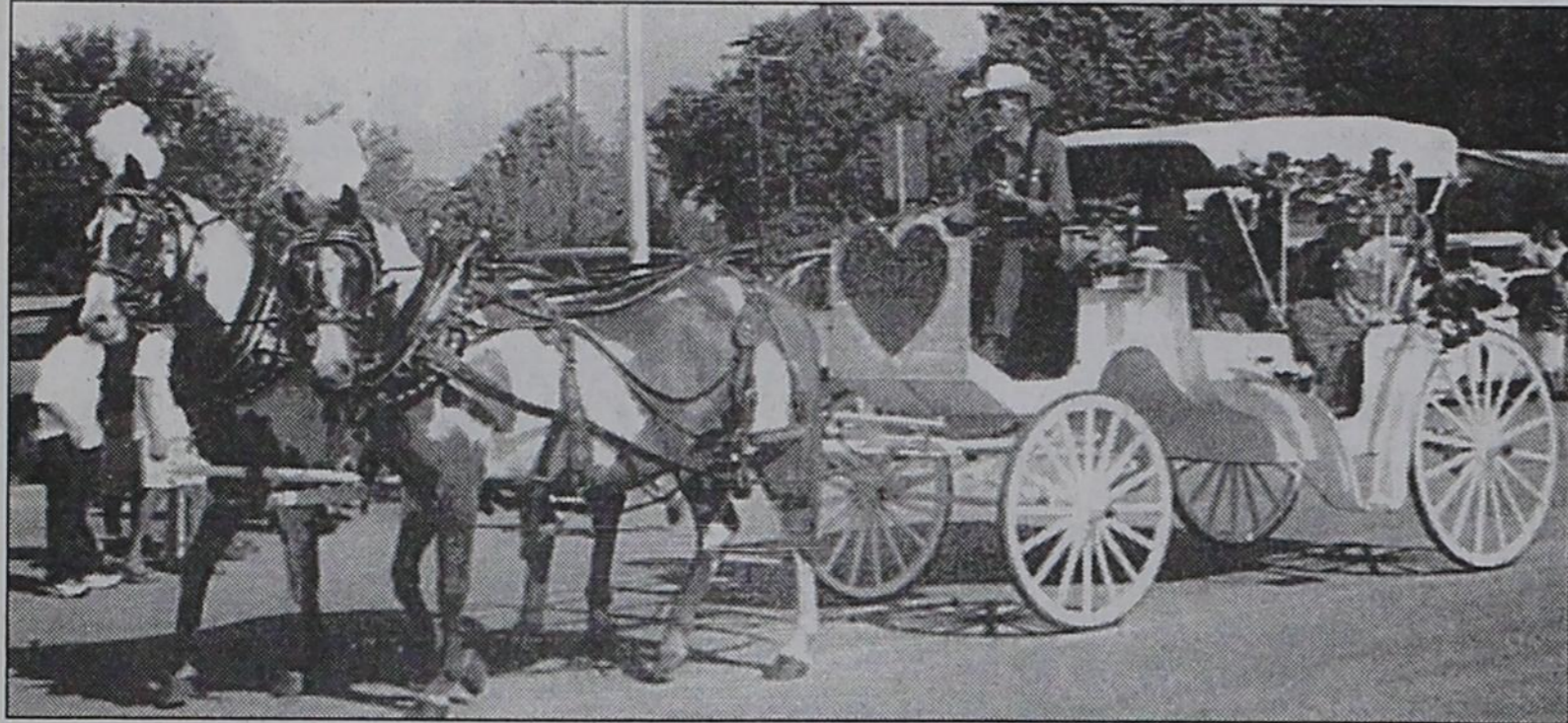
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TRAVEL THROUGH THE CENTURY TO THIRD PLACE... ON A HORSE AND BUGGY
... The Zealot Club utilized an ancient form of transportation for their float in the Hart Days parade
Photo by Anne Acker

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the Navy's first Vanguard rocket and later put the US's first satellite into orbit.

As his career soared, Cliff worked with such scientists as Dr. Werner von Braun, the father of the space program, and walked with presidents, generals and admirals.

He was elected president of the US Junior Chamber of Commerce and was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in America.

I first saw Cliff back in the early 1960s when I was a member of the Arizona Jaycees and he was a speaker at one of our state conventions. I was totally surprised when he referred in his speech to his hometown and I realized that he and I were from the same county. (I don't think I had the opportunity to introduce myself to him then.)

In 1992 Cliff wrote *The Runt Pig Principle*, a book that is both an autobiography and a volume of advice on problem-solving.

Cliff and his wife, Louisa, are openly friendly, outgoing and down-to-earth. The most successful people usually are.

The Coopers attended the Centennial bash with J. R. and Mary Jo Brown. Cliff and J. R. were boyhood friends here and later college roommates at UT.

Cliff was a major contributor to the Centennial Pavilion project. As Mayor Marguerite McLain said, she

didn't call him for a donation; he called her.

I've kept our barn swallows' mud nest on our front porch intact for years so they wouldn't have to do a complete rebuild every spring.

I clean up after them.

I've always stepped gingerly around the porch when the little hen was nesting since she's so skittish.

I even put Junior back into the nest the other day.

You'd think I'd be entitled to a little respect.

But no.

There are currently six adult members of this swallow family working fulltime to feed the four in the nest. (Those little suckers really grow fast and take wing early. This is the second hatch this summer.)

It isn't hard at all to tell which one of the six is the mother.

As soon as I get within 30 feet of my own porch, here she comes, diving like a jet straffer out of a figure-8 flight pattern and getting off a high-pitched screech just as she zooms past my head. The other day another one of the adults joined her in the attack.

Sometimes I play a game with her, feinting like a boxer as she swoops toward me. I think it just makes her madder.

You know that any bird that can spot and gobble a mosquito while in

full flight is a precision aviator. So I'm sure that Mama Swallow knows exactly where she is in relation to her bigger and more bunglesome target all the time she's dive-bombing me.

The closest she's come so far is about six inches.

It will get your attention.

"I had a linguistics professor who said that it's man's ability to use language that makes him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there's one other thing that separates us from the other animals. We aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners."
—Jeff Stilson

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

Extension office plans annual golf tournament

South Plains 4-H will host a one-day golf tournament at the Plainview Country Club on August 21. The Bob Benson Memorial EXCELL 4-H Golf Tournament is open to play golf.

The format for the tournament will be a four-person scramble. The entry fee is \$50 per person (\$200 per team). Individuals are welcome. Entries are due Aug. 15th. The entry fee covers the green fee, cart rental, mulligans, lunch and beverages.

Trophies will be awarded first through fourth place teams. The tournament will include individual prizes for closest to the pin, shortest drive used and door prizes.

The field is limited to 96 golfers (24 teams). Lunch, a hamburger, hot dogs, chips and a soda, will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Those interested can sign up at the Castro County Extension Office or can call Pete Peterson at the Plainview Country Club at (806) 296-6148.

The golf tournament supports two important South Plains 4-H Scholarships, the Bob Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship and the 4-H Excell Scholarship.

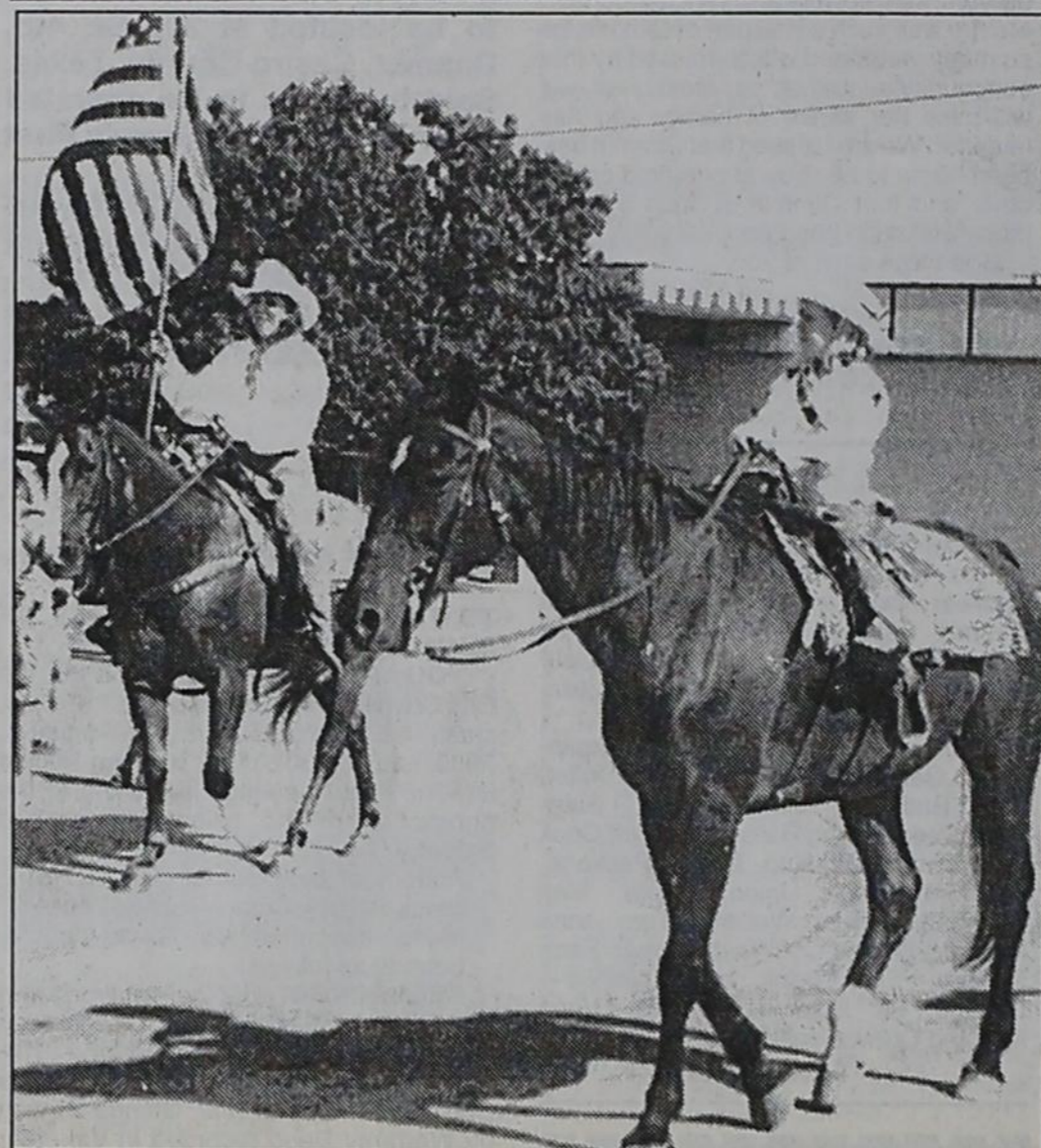
Bob Benson was a longtime county agent on the South Plains in Hale County who helped establish the first 4-H EXCELL scholarship golf tournament fund raiser in 1998. Bob lost his battle with cancer in August of 1999, and a memorial educational scholarship was developed in his name for South Plains 4-H members. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used to fund this scholarship.

The other half of the proceeds will be used to offset travel expenses for South Plains 4-H members who have qualified for National 4-H activities and for the EXCELL (Experience Citizenship, Examples of Lifetime Leadership) scholarship.

For more information, call the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.



STANDING AT ATTENTION—Madison McDaniel, 3, the daughter of Dawn and Todd McDaniel of Pattison, salutes while the Star Spangled Banner is being played during the Hart Days Parade Saturday morning. Madison is the granddaughter of Cindy Lee of Hart. Photo by Linda Maxwell



HOCKLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE
... Riders young and old rode in the Hart Days Parade Saturday.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

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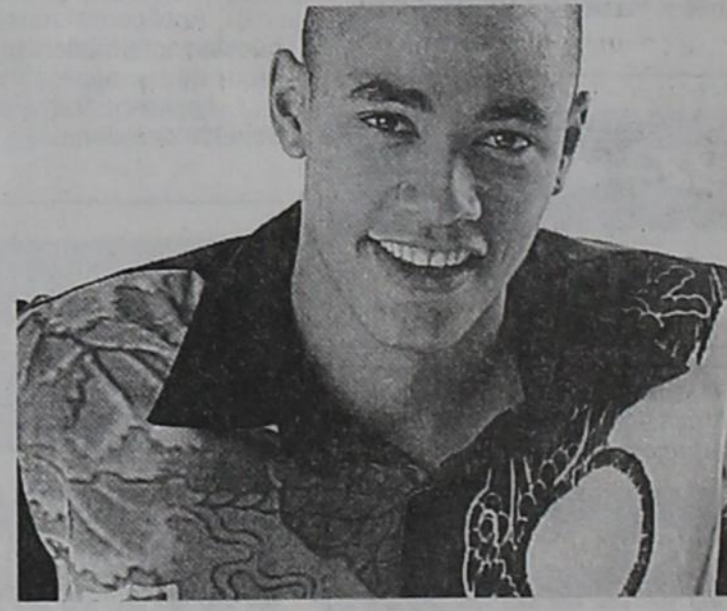
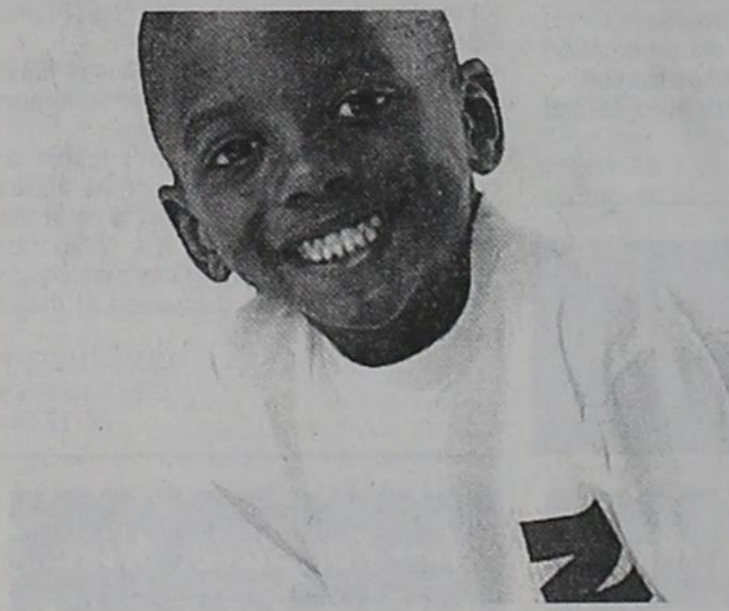
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