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A bigger, better Harvests Days starts Thursday

Not only will Harvest Days be bigger than in recent years, but the quality will be improved, said Brenda Bruton, Chairman of the Castro County Fair Association.

"We have activities for everyone in the family," she said. "For the younger kids, we have the Pet Show and Tractor Pull on Thursday. We also have a Pie Contest and a Lean Beef Contest. Both youth and adults will compete in that

More programs, more entertainment set this year

one." One of the new programs this year is being brought by the Dimmitt Dirt Daubers. It's set for 6 p.m., Saturday if the weather permits.

"The Dirt Daubers will give a demonstration with their model airplanes," Bruton said. "In addition to the band for Saturday night,

we've got a band from Lubbock that will play after the Fiddlers Contest on Saturday."

The Fiddlers Contest starts at 1:45 p.m.

Eva Mullins, the Executive Director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, said this year space is now at a minimum.

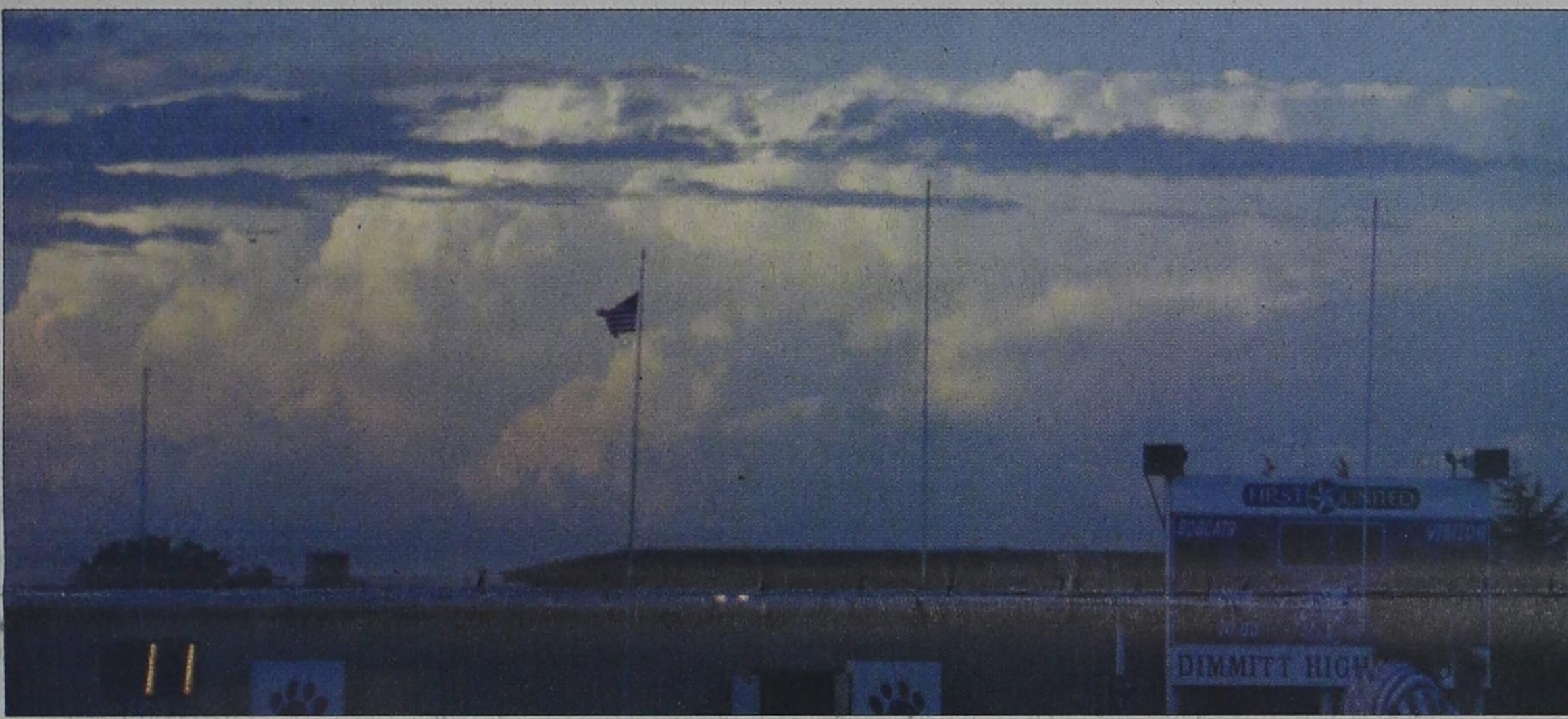
"Already, all the spaces inside

the Expo have been rented out and we've had to put some people in the Quonset hut," she said. "And we're still having people come by to rent out spaces. Also, the outside spaces are almost full."

Another added feature this year is having an announcer, Karron Smith, who will announce each float as it passes by TW's, Mullins

said. "I think the whole weekend is going to be a great success," she said. "We're a little concerned about the weather, but in case of rain, the street dance will be moved to the Expo Center."

"We've had a lot of people entering the contests, so we're excited about that. I think we're going to have a great turnout. The community has really come together this year."



Beware of I.D. theft

Dimmitt police are asking the public to beware of the dangers of identity theft, according to officer Sal Rivera.

"If someone calls you on the phone asking for your personal information, question them as to why they need the information," Rivera said. "Also tell them you are going to check them out before you give them any kind of information."

"But do not give out any information under any circumstances. If you think it is a scam and they are trying to get your personal information or financial information, contact the local police department."

There are several types of identity crimes, including: identify theft, mail thefts, credit card/debit card abuse, check fraud/counterfeit

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Coming and going ...

The fans at Friday's Bobcats-New Deal game the first hint of the cold front that moved in later that night. The front lingered and dropped more than 2 inches of rain through Sunday night. Added to the 1.4 inches we got in August, farmers and ranchers are hoping this a trend of things to come. At right, Monday morning the front moved out of Dimmitt, heading south where other sun-baked land needed it, too.



Rhodes Memorial Library offers homework help

Children and teens in Castro County never have to be stumped by a tough homework assignment again. Students from the fourth grade to 12th grade and college introduction level can simply visit Rhoads Memorial Library or the library's Web site from their home PC to get immediate, free, help from qualified tutors. Rhoads Memorial Library now offers Live Homework Help, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English via the Internet. Spanish-speaking tutors are available in math and science. In the 2005/06 school year, about one million students completed Live

What you need

Patrons can access Live Homework Help from your library, their home or wherever they can use a computer to access your Public Library's web page. It is simple and convenient. To reach an English-speaking tutor between the hours of 1:00 pm and 11:00 pm, every day patrons can visit your library's web site and click the link to Live Homework Help. Spanish-speaking tutors in Science and Math are available from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday.

Accessing Live Homework Help from the Public Libraries of the Texas Panhandle on an individual computer requires very little setup. Here are the minimum requirements:

- Minimum Software Requirements
- Operating Systems: Windows XP Home, Windows XP Professional or Windows 2000

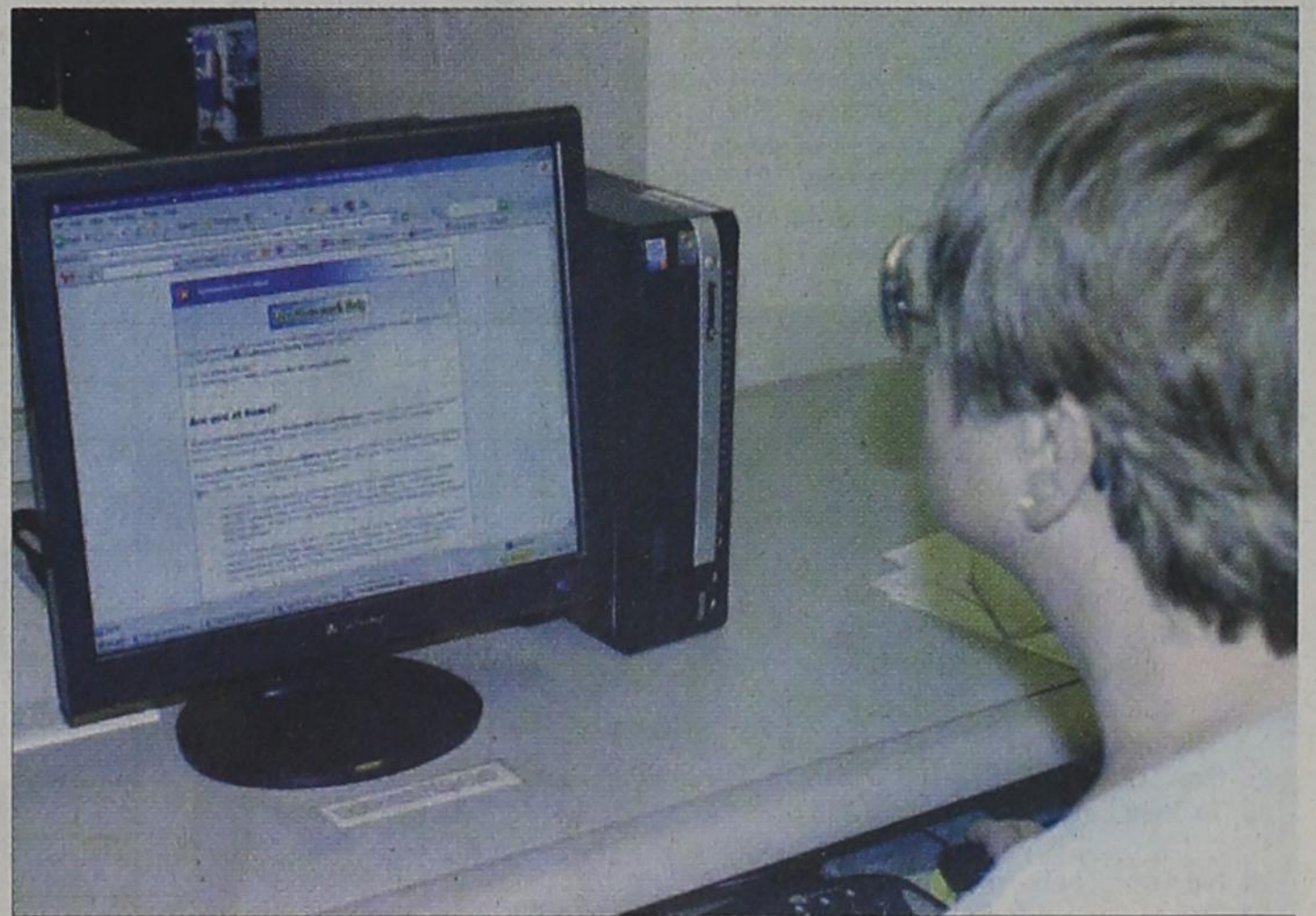
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Homework Help sessions.

"We had one school student who heard about the program from his mother," Head Librarian Marie Pow-

ers said. "He came in and got help with his trigonometry homework and was able to complete it. This

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Rhoads Memorial head librarian Marie Powers shows how easy it is to get online at the homework help site. Students can access the site from home or they may use the library, she said.

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Harvest Days Kicks off Thursday,
 Sept. 7 with activities
 for kids of all ages - both the
 Pet Show and Tractor Pull
 are Thursday afternoon at the Expo
 Center. For complete information, see
 this week's special section or call the
 Chamber at 647-2524. Both events
 are free to the public and participants.

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FORUM

Ruling on 'low performing' bad for students, schools, too

BY DIGGER ELAM

The Federal Government has promised to parents that if their student's school district gets "low performing" for 2 years straight, their student or students may transfer to another district.

Last year over two million students were eligible to petition to transfer to another school, but only 19 per cent of students in low performing schools actually transferred. That rules is bad because most students do not want leave their school, friends, and athletics.

Most parents have not been told by most districts the other side of the coin. A parent may choose to obtain a transfer or keep their student or students in the same school in which the parent can request a tutor.

Students who need help can get a tutor for the courses they did not pass. This plan sounds like a great mechanism to help students but the plan has flaws just like the transfer rule.

The tutor must be certified in the course they are tutoring. These tutors must come from a state certified list. Where can principals find these tutors? That is the problem-they don't exist.

The Federal Governments bold promise to provide transfers or tutors to students in low performing schools is a big "bust." No going to happen or will happen!

NCLB sounds like a great idea to President George W. Bush and Director of Education Margaret Spellings. NCLB can have every student reading on grade level by the year 2012. If you believe this, I want to sell you some real estate in the Mojave Desert near Death Valley.



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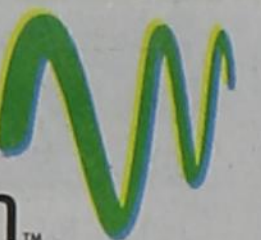
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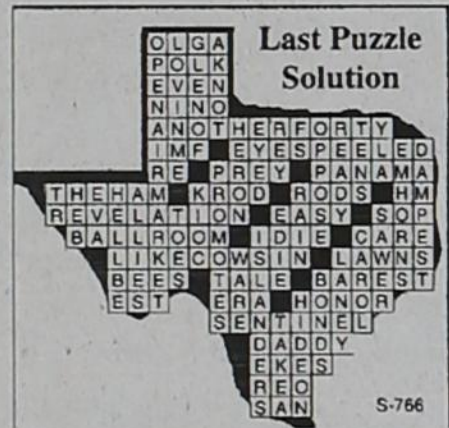
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "stone city" (grave)
- 5 vera
- 6 flat-topped elevation
- 7 this Harris was in "Nixon" with TX Powers Boothe
- 8 "Austin City Limits" network
- 9 TXism: "___ in his chips" (died)
- 15 East TX swamp
- 16 "Texas Old Route 66 Museum" has a

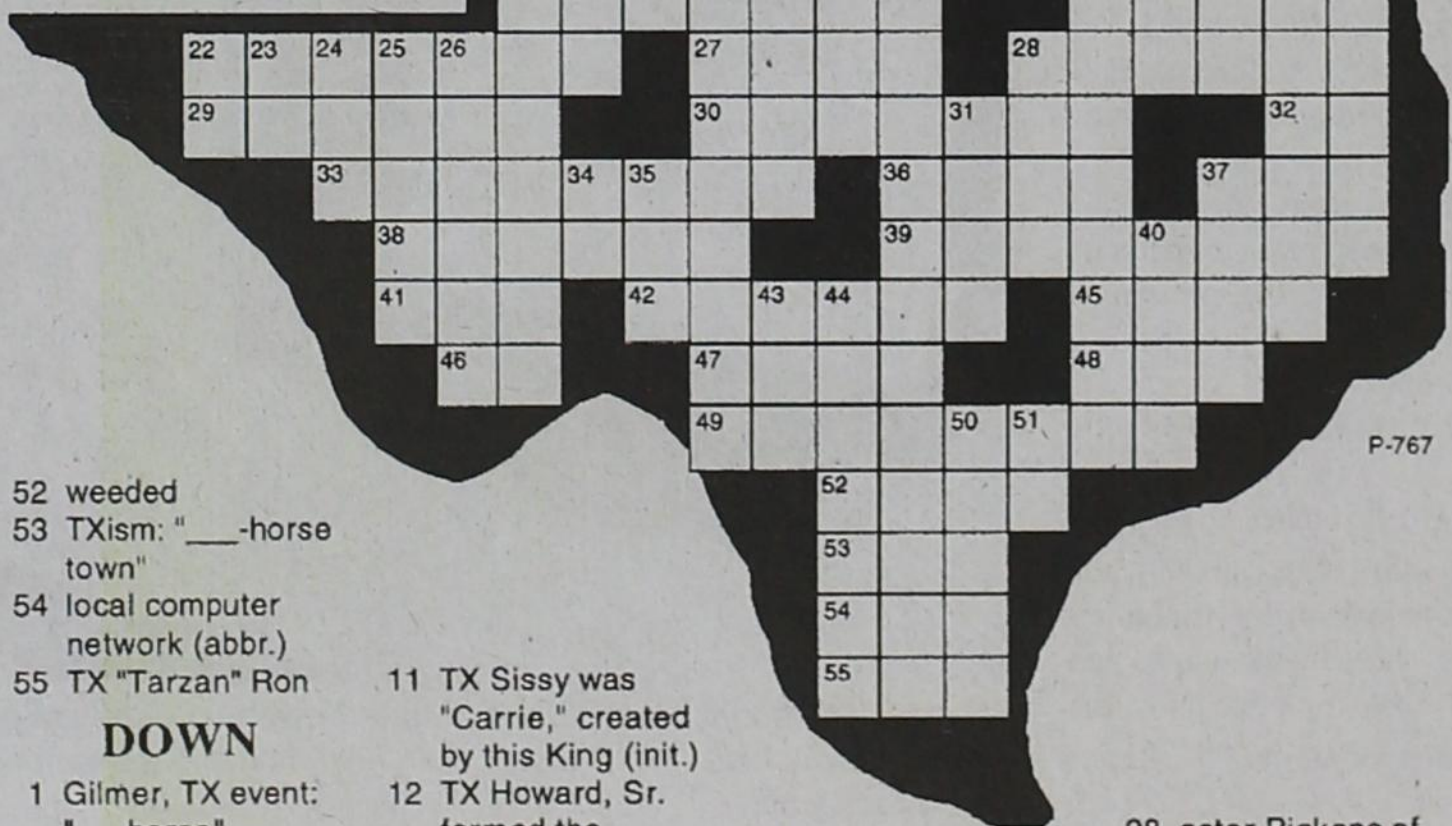
- 42 TXism: "been ridden hard ___ up wet"
- 45 TX Nolan threw more strike ___ than anybody
- 46 actress in TX-based "Giant" (init.)
- 47 stolen goods
- 48 TXism: "___ as dirt"
- 49 Giants All-Pro QB from TX

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- "greasy spoon" cafe
- 19 TX atheist O'Hair
- 21 TXism: "___ with the chickens" (rise early)
- 22 TXism: "as ___ outhouse on a cold morning"
- 27 film: "Star ___"
- 28 TX Lyle Lovett's "___ Lady"
- 29 type of ulcer
- 30 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in ___ of wits"
- 32 Astro league (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "___ it if you blink" (small town)
- 36 actress Meredith of "The Son of Davy Crockett"
- 37 Korean car
- 38 pitcher Phil "Knucksie"
- 39 he was Stony in "Riders of the Rio Grande"
- 41 TX Perot's early Navy rank (abbr.)

- 52 weeded
- 53 TXism: "___-horse town"
- 54 local computer network (abbr.)
- 55 TX "Tarzan" Ron

DOWN

- 1 Gilmer, TX event: "___ boree"
- 2 stout beer
- 3 in Falls Co. on 77
- 4 TXism: "he was around when the ___ sick"
- 8 Cowboys strategy: "game ___"
- 9 "Texas v. Johnson" said flag burning was ___ speech
- 10 summer appliance in TX (abbr.)

- 11 TX Sissy was "Carrie," created by this King (init.)
- 12 TX Howard, Sr. formed the "___ Company"
- 13 fencing sword
- 14 connect the ___
- 15 Rockwall is TX's ___ county
- 16 TX "Belle Starr" was ___
- 17 Sunday comics
- 18 TXism: "odder than ___ bear in Texas"
- 20 science classes

- 22 singer Sinatra (init.)
- 23 TXism: "tall hog ___ the trough" (VIP)
- 24 TXism: "get your ducks in a ___"
- 25 TXism: "you're dancing in ___ field"
- 26 Grand ____, TX

- 28 actor Pickens of "Down Laredo Way"
- 31 horse gait
- 34 Keaton in film "The Paper" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)
- 35 personal ret. acct.
- 37 Temple FM
- 40 Christmas season
- 43 Dennis Quaid film with Meg Ryan
- 44 road pit
- 50 "___ weeny"
- 51 Cowboy or Texan objective (abbr.)

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	81	54		
Wednesday	86	56		
Thursday	88	56		
Friday	84	69	1.07	
Saturday	62	53	.18	
Sunday	60	55	1.07	
Monday	72	55	.01	

September Rainfall 3.33
2006 Rainfall 10.58
2006 Snow 1.00

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

"It Starts at Home" was the theme for this year's Labor Day Parish Fund Raising Picnic held on Sunday, Sept. 3. We have prayed for rain so long and that is what we had all day! The parade, children's outdoor games and horse races all had to be canceled - but it was still a great day!

A record crowd of people from everywhere enjoyed a wonderful roast beef dinner, adult and children's bingo, a raffle with a \$350 top prize, an auction of donated items and a cattle auction. The big awning built onto our hall was put to great use this year! Hamburgers and chips for supper and then a "Texas Hold'em" card game with Blake Boyett of Austin the big winner! He is a high school senior this year and said "this is college money."

Mary Gerber was honored on her 96th birthday with a brunch by her family at the Home Merc on Saturday morning. A large portion of her grandchildren attended.

Football fans enjoyed watching our Swifts football team play in the Amarillo Kickoff Classic at Dick Bivins Stadium Saturday at noon. They played Sunray and won, 28 to 14.

I enjoyed a few family extras this weekend. Harold Gerber came for his class reunion on Saturday, Rick and Robbie Gerber came from Austin to see her Dad, W.J. Albracht in Hereford. Rick enjoyed the Labor Day picnic here in Nazareth, also Bryan Charanza from Little Elm, Traci (Hill) Scholl and children from Henrietta and Todd and Misty Hill and children from Lubbock.

I hope next week I will have writeups about the reunions held here this weekend.

Congratulations to Tony and Jill LeGrow of Lindale, on the birth of a son, John Hudson, Aug. 24, 2006 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. Grandparents are Ruth and Muriel LeGrow of Linden, and J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier of Nazareth and Jim and Georgia McCormick of Amarillo.

What's the Law?

Front yards are not for walking dogs

Q. Do people have the right to walk their dogs on my front yard? My neighbor said the city has an easement and I can do nothing to stop him.

A. Your yard is private property, and that means no one has the right to trespass, even if it is to just walk a dog. The city may have an easement but that is for the city's use, not your neighbors. I suggest you let the dog walker know that you would appreciate it if he would stay off of your property. And while we are talking about dogs, consider the next question.

Q. Can my apartment fine me for not picking up after my dog? I just got an invoice for a \$25 fine.

A. An apartment may do whatever you agreed to in the lease, and no more. If the lease says that you will be fined for such behavior, or that you are subject to the rules and regulations of the complex that provide for a fine, you may be fined. On the other hand, if the lease says nothing, I don't see any way that the apartment would have the authority to "fine" its tenants. Of course, as I mention above, you do not have the right to allow your dog to use private property and you could be in violation of other provisions in your lease if you did not pick up after the dog and cause disruption to other tenants.

Q. I'm in the process of getting a divorce. My wife just filed bankruptcy. Will this affect my credit?

A. Your wife's bankruptcy will affect your credit to the extent you have any joint accounts that are not

paid in full. If you are married, you probably have some joint accounts that you will need to pay if you do not want negative information on your report. In many cases, when one spouse files bankruptcy the other should as well. I strongly recommend you discuss this with the attorney handling your divorce. If he or she is not familiar with bankruptcy, you should consult a bankruptcy specialist.

Q. I had an accident caused by a 16-year-old. The parents' insurance won't pay because she was not a covered driver. What can I do?

A. First, assuming you have uninsured motorist coverage, your insurance probably covers this claim and you should speak with your agent. If the damage is small and you do not want to report it, however, you can file a claim against the driver in small claims court. If you win and she doesn't pay, she can lose her driver's license.

Many people believe that if someone does not have insurance, that person has no liability when they cause an accident. Insurance companies pay for damage for which the insured is responsible. Insurance coverage does not affect liability. The person who causes an accident is liable for damage caused. If there is no insurance they still may be sued.

Q. I got a letter from a debt collector about a debt my bank had written off. They said they will sue if I don't pay. How can they sue on a debt

Hola, como estan amigos? Hello, how are you friends. It's gettin' kind of chilly out there.

I've had to pull my sweaters out of the closet already.

It's a nice break from the heat though. Well, all is good with our little family. Little Jozavy is doing great.

He decided he was big enough to drink from a bottle. La botella esta mas grande que el. pero se la acabo.

Of course, the bottle was bigger than him, but he finished it all. Thanks to God and everyone's prayers he is in good health and continues to improve daily. Please continue to pray for him and all the other babies in the NICU at BSA.

Happy bithday to Gavin Flores. Gavin will be turning a big 10 years old on Sept. 7. Everyone wishes him a great day. I wish his Mom Marcella good luck, she's got a teenager in her hands!

Josh and I would like to thank Debbie, Desiree, Clarissa and Nicole Sanchez and Miranda Mireles for

that has been erased?

A. The fact that the bank "wrote off" the debt does not mean you no longer owe the money. In many cases, writing-off the debt means that the bank has decided to stop its own collection efforts and has assigned the matter to another company, such as a debt collector. The debt collector is the one who now has the legal right to enforce the debt. If the money is not paid, the debt collector has the right to sue. To see what might happen if they do sue, look at the debt collection section on my website. Then, speak with the debt collector and see if you can work out a payment plan.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

dropping by to visit us in Amarillo last week. They took a girls day out, which is kind of scary and headed to Amarillo for the day. It was nice of them to drop by and catch up on all the gossip.

I encourage everyone to get involved in this years Harvest Days events. Bake a cake, make a dress or take

a picture, and enter it in the photo contest. I read Eva Mullins article about making Dimmitt a better place to live in, lets help her do it. I hate that I may not be able to attend this year, but I am going to try and plan to get my son involved in the future. Don't just stand by and enjoy the show, be part of the show.

Porque no, me mandaron noticias esta semana. Why did you all not send me any info this week? It's hard to write a column without any news. Send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com or 346-3882.

I hope to hear from ya'll soon. Hasta luego.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920737

APPLICATION. GLEN BYRON SALYER, P.O. Box 135, Friona, Texas 79035 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 5,800 total head, of which 4,000 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on March 30, 2006. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the east side of Ranch Road 1057, approximately 0.5 mile south of the intersection of Ranch Road 2397 and Ranch Road 1057, in Castro County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing at the Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-786-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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We have selections for the following Baby Showers:

Amy Matthews Hargrove and baby girl
September 16, 2006; and

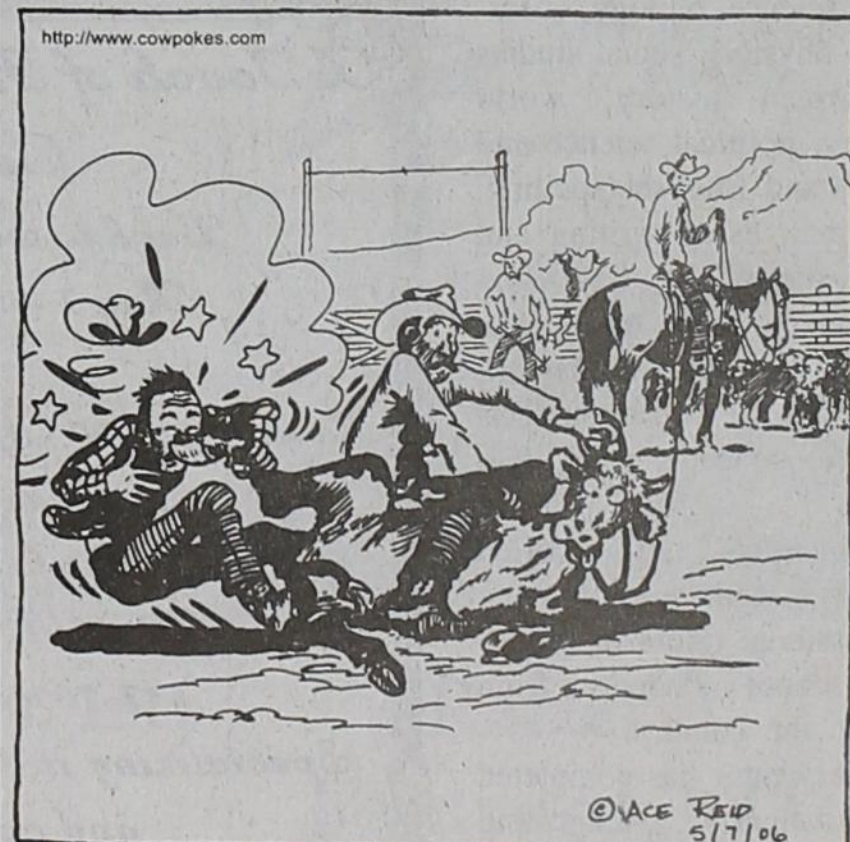
Heather Griffitt and baby girl,
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Community Calendar

Signups for soccer and flag football
Castro County Kids Inc. will have a second and final sign up for Soccer and Flag Football on Thurs., Sept. 7, from 5 until 7 p.m. in the Richardson Elementary Cafeteria. The fee is \$30 payable at time of sign ups unless other arrangements have been made.

L.I.F.T. Leadership Training
Every person practices leadership in some form: either at home, at work, or in the community. Improving your leadership skills can be personally enjoyable, as well as highly valuable for our communities. Leaders Involved in Formation & Training (L.I.F.T.) is a community leadership training program shared by citizens in Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth. The training, beginning its second year, is conducted by Fr. Ken Keller, Darryl Birkenfeld, and Joann Starr as a strategic response to a priority need in Castro County. Last year, 32 citizens from our County began attending 9 evening sessions that alternated between the three communities.

HOMework

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program can really help students if they will take advantage of it."

There is no cost for using the service.

The service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from the library or their home computer during the hours of 1 to 11 p.m.

There they will receive homework help from a live tutor via the Internet. Live Homework is easy to use. Children and teens simply to go the library's Web site, click on the Live Homework Help link and then enter their grade level and the subject they need help in.

In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-on-one help in math (elementary, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus); science (elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science and more) and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing and book reports).

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features.

All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors or graduate school students from across the country.

Every tutor has completed a third-party background check and a comprehensive training program.

Anyone participating in L.I.F.T. will learn about their leadership personalities, as well group dynamics, conducting effective meetings, knowledge about the region, strategic planning, coping with conflict and change, and visioning for the future & achieving community consensus.

The first L.I.F.T. training session will be on Monday, September 11th at the Hart Golden Group Building, from 7-9pm.

Anyone interested in registering for L.I.F.T. should attend this session. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, or just have questions, contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529.

L.I.F.T. sessions are also scheduled for the following

evenings: September 18th, October 2nd, 16th, and 30th, as well as January 8th and 22nd, plus February 5th and March 20th in 2007.

Those who completed last year's Level I L.I.F.T. training will be contacted about beginning Level II L.I.F.T. in mid-October. These participants also have the opportunity to attend Level I L.I.F.T. sessions that they missed last year.

Garcia fund established

A medical fund has been established at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Dimmitt Branch, for Paola Garcia.

Learn English

English classes offered The First Assembly of God Church, 300 S.E. 2nd

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and given me the courage to hang in there while taking chemotherapy. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the Benefit Dance. To all the musical groups who donated their time and to all the people who helped with donations. May God Bless you and keep you. Thank you again,

Pat Flores

The Castro County Reunion Dinner will be held September 9 at the Senior Citizens Center at 218 W Jones Street. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and a pot luck meal will be had at 12:00 Noon. So plan to come and visit old friends and new and eat with us.

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For more information, call 647-5662.

AFS student homes needed If you're interested in hosting a student from a foreign country who will attend school in Dimmitt, please call Vicki Buckley at 647-2472.

Pybus Christian School & Daycare

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Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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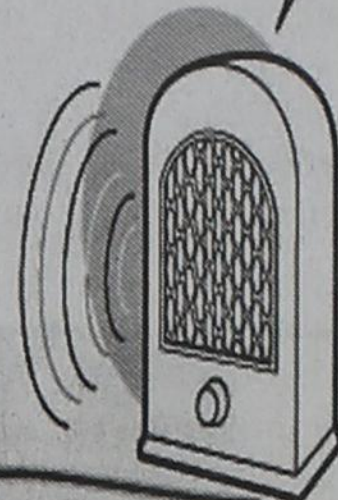
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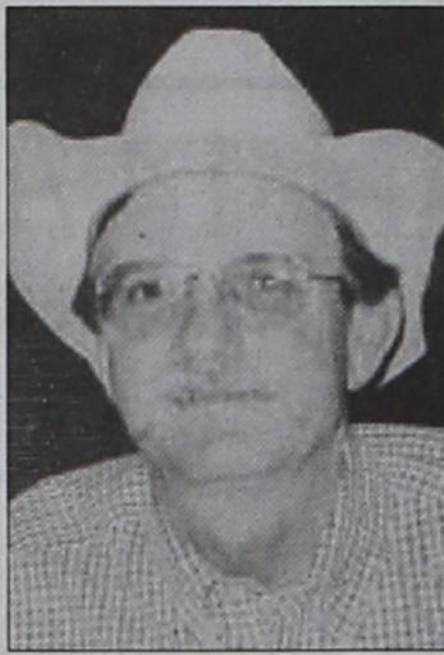
Obituaries

R. Graham Sheffy

R. Graham Sheffy, 56, passed away Sept. 3, 2006 in College Station. He was born May 6, 1950 in Dimmitt.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was on the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Sheffy; son and daughter-in-law, Gabe and Kim Sheffy; daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and Jeff Spaw; mother, Dorothy Sheffy; sisters and brother-in-law, Beth Wallace, Ginia and Kevin Malone, nine grandchildren; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Albert and Frances Lytle; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Barbara Lytle, Jerry and Judianne Lytle; and numerous nieces



R. Graham Sheffy

and nephews.

Funeral service were Wednesday at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station.

Burial was at College Station Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Boys Ranch in Amarillo, 611 West 10th Ave., Amarillo, TX. 79101.

Jesus A. Garcia

Services for Jesus A. Garcia, 78, were Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Eddie Gonzalez of Israel Baptist Church, Abilene, officiating. Burial was at Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories.

Mr. Garcia died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at a local nursing center.

He was born March 30, 1938, to Maria Dolores (Arridando) and Juan Garcia in Bermuda, Texas. He married Aniceta Morales. He was employed by the City of Mathis as a city worker.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Survivors include his children, Maria Dolores Cortez and husband, Pete, of Dublin, Ramiro Garcia and wife, Connie of Killeen, Mariana G. McClain and husband, Robert of Jacksonville, Fla., Lucy Garcia of Mineral Wells, Esmeralda Hernandez and husband, Abel of El Paso, Manuel Garcia of Corpus Christi and Lt. Isaias Garcia and wife, Chrissy of Guan, Northern Marianis; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Bobcats fall to New Deal

Will meet Farwell this week

The Dimmitt Bobcats fell to No. 3 state-ranked New Deal, 40-0 on Friday night.

But the score isn't indicative of what the game was like, as the Bobcats' defense stayed with New Deal most of the night.

New Deal scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, but then didn't get back across the goal line until the third period, when they scored 16 points. In the fourth quarter, New Deal had 10 points to seal the shutout.

Bobcat Coach Joe Cabezuela said he saw a lot of good things in Friday's game.

"Overall, I feel like we played well," he said. "The defense did a good job in the first half, but they stayed on the field a lot more than I would have liked."

For many of the players, Friday was their first taste of varsity play, but Cabezuela said they're learning fast.

"We were in a position to do things right," he said.

The brightest spot in the game, he said, was the play by the defense.

"Overall, the defense did a good job of trying to keep New Deal corralled, as best they could," he said.

This week the Bobcats travel to Farwell for a 7:30 p.m. matchup.

"I think it will be a good game," Cabezuela said. "There are some things we have to work on, but if we can go out and execute the game play, we'll be alright."

After Friday's game against New Deal, he said the team was a little down.

"It hurt them a little bit," he said. "But I thought we did a good job, it just didn't come out the way we wanted."

"This week, I think we just need to go out and execute. We'll continue to get better as we go along."

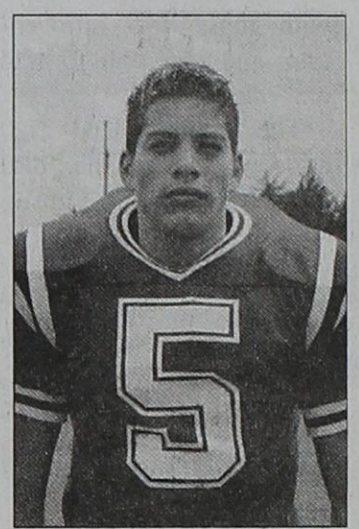
AT RIGHT, QUARTERBACK Landon Prosch rolls out while Scott Martinez, No. 30, gives him some protection. Below, the Bobcats' defense swarms on a New Deal ball carrier.



THE 2006 DIMMITT BOBCATS come on the field for their first game of the season against New Deal.



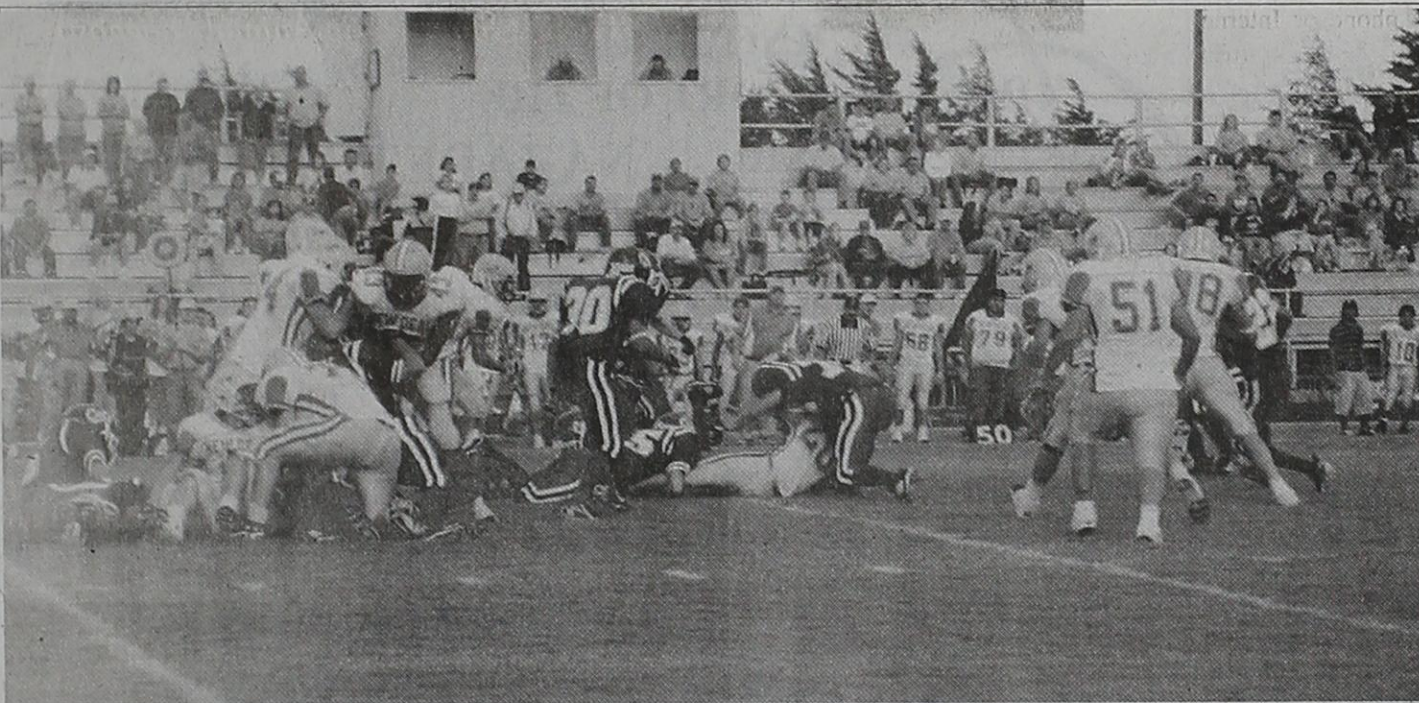
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Sept. 8	Farwell	7:30 AW
Sept. 15	Olton	7:30 AW
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Swifts stop Sunray, 28-14

The Nazareth Swifts scored in every quarter on Saturday, as they downed Sunray, 28-14.

However, in the final period as Sunray looked like it might score a tying touchdown, the Swifts had two interceptions, one from Cameron Cluck and the other from Brady Schulte, that dashed the other team's hopes.

Coach Ricky Peacock said his team had opportunities early in the game to put Sunray away, but didn't take advantage.

Then Sunray scored touchdowns in the third and fourth quarter and the momentum started to turn.

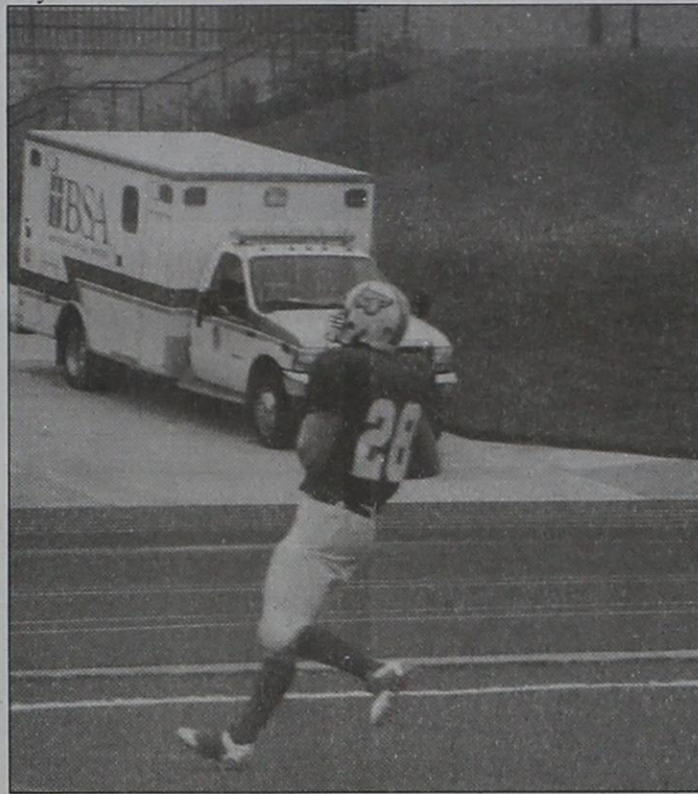
"But then we got it back with those two interceptions and were able to hold on," he said.

The Swifts led 21-0 midway through the third quarter before Sunray scored. Schulte had 114 yards rushing and completed 3 of 15 passes for 102 yards.

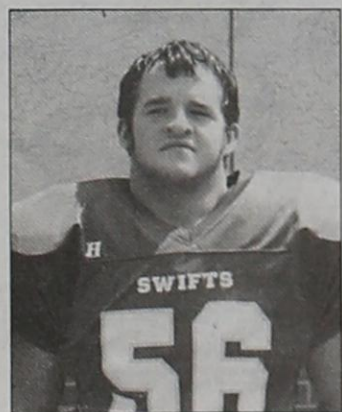
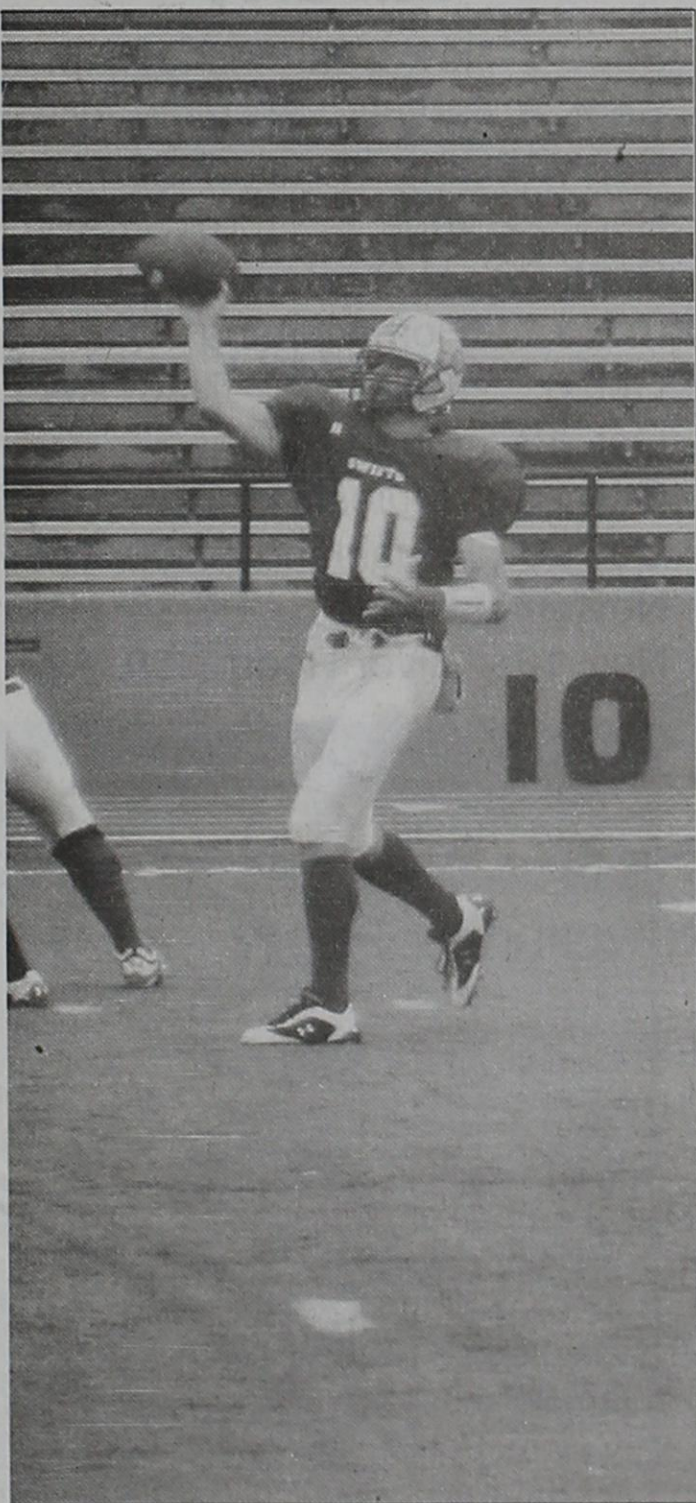
Talking about the close call, Peacock said, "We have a lot of seniors on this team and we basically

challenged ourselves to step up and make a play after Sunray made it 21-14."

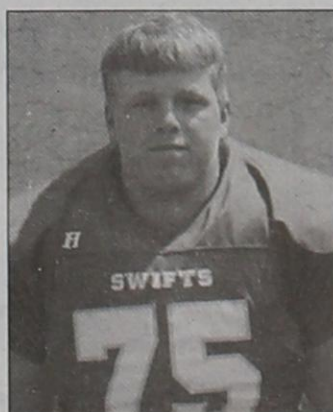
Schulte accounted for two of the Swifts scores with runs of 15 and 2 yards. Tucker Waggoner scored the other touchdowns with 8 and 20-yard runs. Schulte, who was named an All-State Punter last year, kicked the PATs on Saturday and was 4 of 4.



Top: A Nazareth Swifts tucks the ball away as he runs upfield. Bottom right: Tucker Waggoner throws a block so No. 33, Chase Black, can get loose with the ball. Bottom: Quarterback Dustin Schulte, No. 10, throws a ball downfield on Saturday. And above, Tucker Waggoner, No. 28, goes into the endzone without being touched during Saturday's game.



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Vega **	H	9/15	7:30
Memphis	A	9/22	7:30
Anton	A	9/29	7:30
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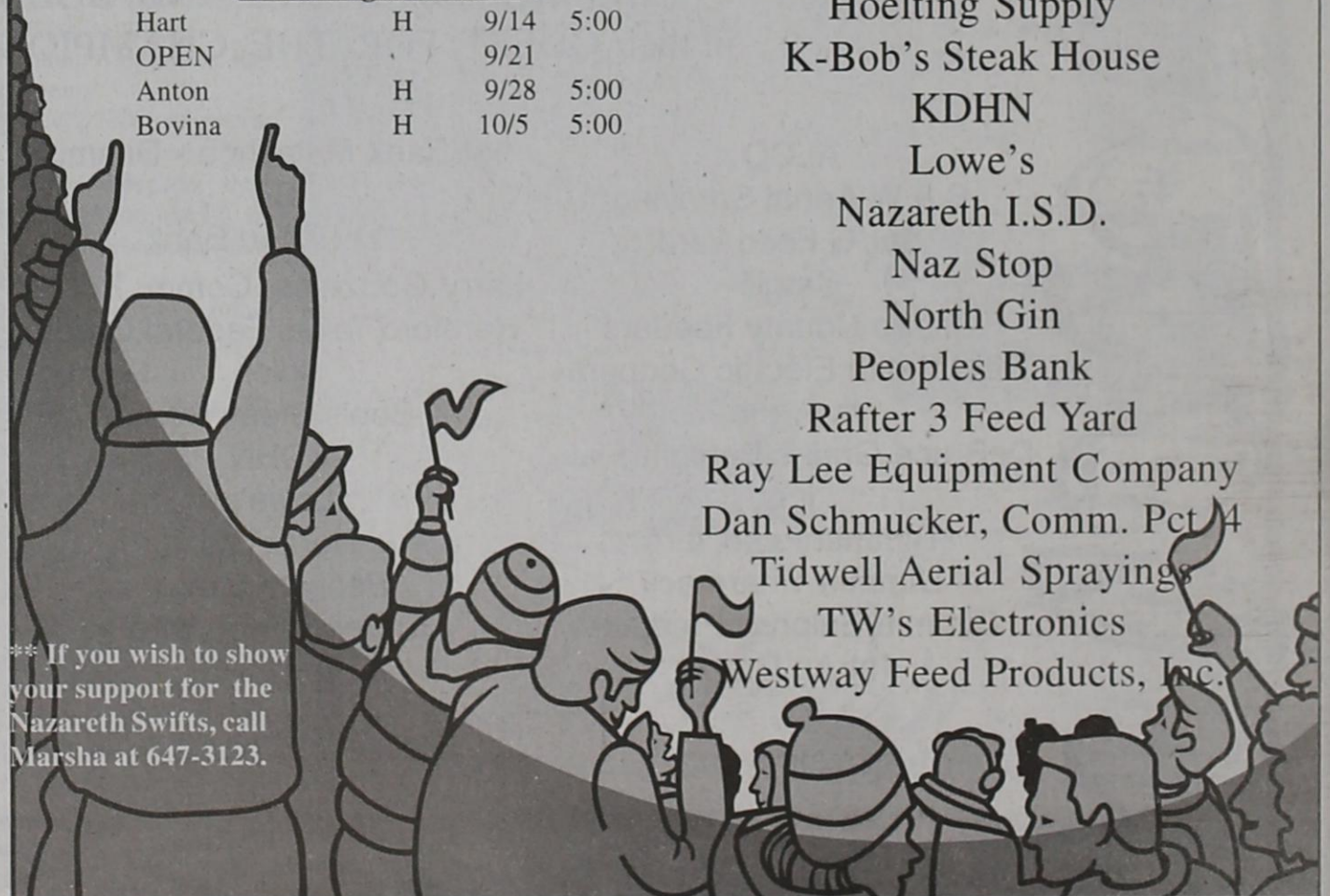
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REDUCED! BRICK HOME- approx. 2,800 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living with fireplace, kitchen, sunroom, utility, garage, two car garage, three car garage, storage building. 24 X 40 building. Located in country with 1.8 acres.

2000 sq. ft.-3 bedroom, 2 bath, office, den with fireplace, kitchen, dining, utility, storage buildings, storm cellar, 30' X 40' shop. 1.8 acres.

BRICK HOME-3/2 living with wood burning fireplace, kitchen, sun room, fence, storage building and storm shelter, two car carport.

NICE-3/1 living, kitchen, utility, single garage. Two lots.

REDUCED-3/2 living, kitchen, utility, storage building, cellar, fenced yard. Nice. \$32,000

BEAUTIFUL HOME-3/2.75/2, den, living, kitchen with new appliances, utility, storage building, basement, circle drive. \$110,000

INVESTMENT PROPERTY-Mobile home trailer park-27 lots. Own 8 mobile homes and leases 9 spaces. Owner financing available. \$120,000

EDGE OF TOWN-six acres with city water, brick home, 3/2 living room, kitchen, utility, game room, basement. Nice metal horse shed with stalls, several more barns, shop building with large door. Property all fenced. \$95,000

NICE-3/1 Brick Home with Central H.A. Fenced Yard. Good Location. \$45,000

LAND:
Two lots- great location to build home. Sunset Circle. 449 acres of farm land with three good irrigation wells. House with large barn

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Real Estate Homes & Land

We have buyers with their loans approved. We need your listings!
FARMS
640 Acres-South of Dimmitt, great water.
480 Acres-East of Hart-great water.

Make offer-4/2.75/2-One of the nicest homes in Dimmitt, too many extras to list. Call today for details.
\$185,000-NEW-SW Dimmitt, Corner lot-4/2.5/2-Large house with large basement with home theater, lots of nice fireplace.

\$125,000-4/3/2-Large home, corner lot, fireplace, flagstone floor, sprinkler system. Seller helps with closing.

\$80,000 3/2/1-Nice house on corner lot, Large shop, close to High School, fireplace, great location.

\$69,900-Great home-lots of new paint and carpet, fireplace, corner lot, nice shop, close to schools.

\$65,000-NEW-3/2/2-Country living, city utilities, fireplace, isolated master bedroom

MAKE OFFER-3,100 sq ft home/store on 14 acres, includes large quonset barn, compressors, tools, tractor, farm equipment, livestock barns and many more treasures.

Lots of potential. Owner financing available.

NEW-\$58,000-3/2/1-Extremely nice well kept home close to schools, large sunroom.

\$55,000-NEW-3/1/2-carport-Completely remodeled home, close to schools, won't last long

\$53,000-3/2/1-nice well-kept home with extra lot to park your truck or build a shop.

\$45,000-3/1/0 Two homes for the price of one

In Contract, large corner lot. Rented unit rents for \$400.

\$40,000-2/2/0-Great home that has been well-kept. Soft water. Corner lots, trees, storage building, ETC..

DUPLEX-\$50,000-close to school.

Commercial:
\$80,000-Price reduced! Mobile Home Park with large shop includes five permanent mobile home lots and two mobile homes, all rented. 18 overnight spaces. Lots of depreciation and income.

Hart, Texas
\$50,000-Four bedroom home in good location large lot. Call Norma today.

Lots-good locations. \$2000 to \$5000.

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Cute 2/2 in great neighborhood. Large bedrooms, living room, den, storage building, fenced yard, ceiling fans. Heat pump and central air, utility room.
\$48,000 Johnny 647-8504.

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Real Estate for Rent

Dimmitt Senior Citizens Apartments
622 N.W. 5th St.
One and two bedroom apartments for rent.



For more information, call 806-647-2638
TDD 1-800-735-2989
Rhonda Powers, Manager

Services

CUSTOM PLOWING Hamey-field cultivator, disk-Call Todd Hatla at 647-5183 office or 647-7999 mobile.

CUSTOM PLOWING, silage packing, wheat sowing, cotton harvesting. Call Doyle at 647-6207.
20-4tc-25

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Real Estate

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New Listing: Well located, outstanding home 3/2 air & heat beautiful backyard \$185,000. Shown by appt. only.

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On Pine St. 4/2, Owner would like to move. \$82,500.

Home on Cleveland 3/3, new cabinet, new carpet. Take a look. \$80,000.

Newly Remodeled Home. New Storm Cellar, extra nice, priced to sell \$50,000.
160 acres S of Hart in good water
160 acres SE of Dimmitt. 2 yr old sprinkler in good water.
160 acres NE of Dimmitt. \$300 an acre.

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14-tfc-45

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17-tfc-20

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Employment

LVNs and MED Aides needed. Contact Jamie Pruitt for more information or apply in person at Park View HealthCare, Muleshoe. 806-272-7578 36-tfc-20

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Minsa IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPT. Some previous welding experience preferred.
Apply in person at **Worksource** 201 S Main St-Muleshoe or at **Minsa**

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Apply in person at **Worksource** 201 S Main St-Muleshoe or at **Minsa**

Feed Truck Driver needed - Apply in person 4 mi. West of Hart on FM 145 No phone calls please. Castro County Feeders.

DOUBLE "C" TARPING needs PT help covering silage for local dairies - \$8/hr. Call 806-223-7582.
21-tfc

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Big Whirl Pool Bathtub. 27 x 42 x 20. 403 NW 6th Street. 240-0519. \$500.

COMMERCIAL YEARLING BULLS - Char. & Red Angus cross \$1200 ea. call 806-627-4213



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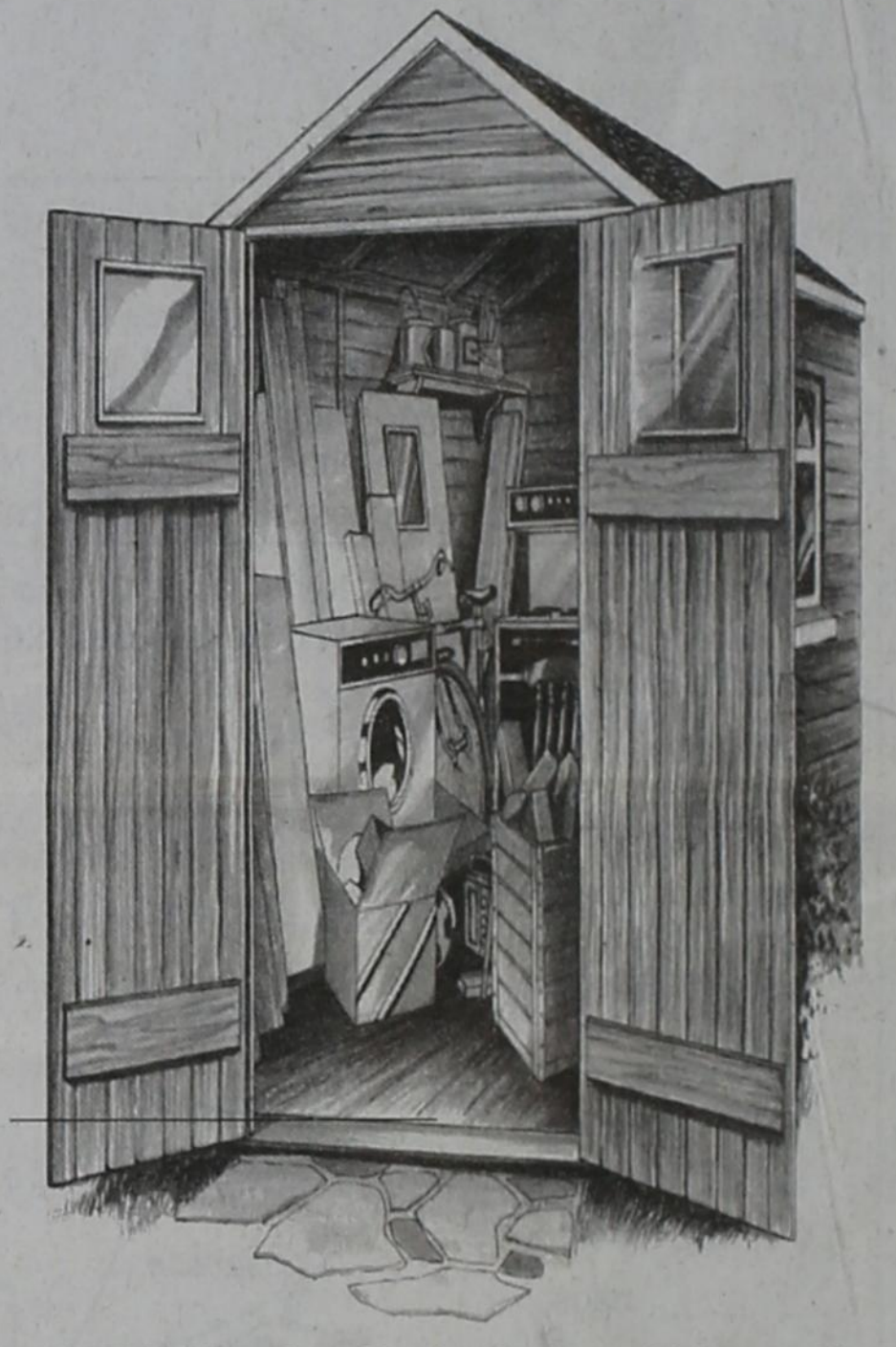
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647-3123 and ask for Marsha



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HISTORIC BEAUTY- two story brick home, beautifully landscaped, large fenced backyard with deck, gazebo, private patio, and mature trees. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, powder room, charming living room with fireplace, kitchen looking onto backyard, dining room, office, finished basement, utility basement, large utility room and double car garage (electric), security system, View Pics on our website. Must see!

600 MAPLE-DIMMITT-Lovely 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath brick home, nicely landscaped, corner lot, double car garage, central heat/air, fireplace, new flooring, interior paint, and appliances, workshop, many amenities. Let's Look!

CASTRO COUNTY 1/4's - Two nice 1/4's, pivots, wells, and one 1/4 with nice brick home.

CASTRO/SWISHER COUNTIES - 856 acres, 3 pivots, good water, **CASTRO COUNTY, TX. CRP -** 331 acres +/- North of Nazareth on Hwy 168 and/or 146 acres +/- West of Nazareth on Hwy 86.

609 NW 6th - Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, carport, finished out cellar, fenced yard.

1009 FRONT-Spacious 5 bdrm, 3 bath brick home, double car garage, central heat/air, storage building, nicely landscaped, edge of town.

IN YOUR BACKYARD-five sections, hwy. frontage plus county roads, wells & pivot sprinklers. PERMITS IN PROCESS!
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