

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Edith Graef celebrated her 80th birthday on March 19 with an afternoon tea hosted by her daughters, Reta Welch and Charlene Phillips of Clovis. Assisting with hostesses duties were her granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law.

Her great-granddaughters, Kelsey Welch of Dimmitt and Chelsea Phillips of Amarillo welcomed guests and presided at the guest book. Lindsey Welch of Dimmitt and Callie Phillips of Plainview assisted at the serving table.

Relatives and friends came from Des Moines, Iowa, Clovis, Roswell, N.M., Littlefield, Plainview, Levelland, Tahoka, Amarillo, Hart, Wichita Falls, Hale Center and Dimmitt.

Six of Edith's grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter joined the celebration.

Following the tea, the celebration continued with a fiesta supper and birthday cake for 38 family members.

A group of Dimmitt students and their sponsors left on March 12 and returned on March 16. They flew to Dallas and on to Washington, D.C. National Airport. They toured the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, saw the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, went to the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Washington Monument. They also saw the Vietnam Memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, New Nurses Statue, Ford Theatre, Peterson House, Old Post Office, Planet Hollywood and Hard Rock Cafe.

They toured the Smithsonian Museum, Air and Space, American History, Natural Science and National Gallery of Art. They toured the capitol with an aide from Bill Sarpalius' office. (While there they met Stan, Jackie and Rala Byrnes.)

They went to the Supreme Court Building and the White House, then on to Union Station and rode the AmTrak to New York City. They ate at Chinatown and Little Italy. The group toured the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Rockefeller Plaza, Fifth Avenue, Wall Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, Tiffany's Time Square, FAO Schwartz, Radio City Music Hall and saw where David Letterman was filmed. They saw Phantom of the Opera on Broadway and ate at the Hard Rock Cafe in New York City.

The group reported having a wonderful time and Beth Buckley, who was one of the sponsors, said the group was wonderful and she will have a lot of great memories. Other sponsors were Susie Bradford, Libby Cleveland and Beth's husband, Darrell.

Students attending were Jacy Buckley, Amber Matthews, Laura Bradford, Amy Ethridge, Kimberly Proffitt, Holly Wise, Dustan Buckley, Chad Ellis, Nathan Killough, Andy Hill, Will Shannon, Stuart



OH, PLEASE LET ME BINGO—Tammy Black (right) grimaces when her number doesn't come up. Other players are (from left) Ethel Schmucker and Krystal Johnson. The bingo game was one of the features of Saturday's Casino Night sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sutton, Chad Rogers and Jason Wooten.

I usually attend the Community Concerts to relax, but the Tennessee Waltz group that performed in Plainview on Monday night was so active I worked almost as hard as they did. It was a fun performance and they had energy-plus! There were four boys and four girls and five other members in the orchestra. In their opening act they sang such songs as "Company Comin," "T" for Texas" and "Daddy Sang Bass."

They had a gospel section where they performed "Precious Memories," "Closer Walk With Thee" and other familiar hymns. There was a western section featuring songs such as "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds" and "I Want to Be a Cowboy Sweetheart." A train medley of "Orange Blossom Special" and "Wreck of the Old 97" also was featured.

The Golden Stars Medley featured a salute to Roy Acuff, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Hank Williams and other country music stars. "Rod Brasfield and Minnie Pearl" started the second half with their comedy routine, and an Appalachian Clog Dance featured other members of the group. They sang a love medley including "I Still Believe in You" and a hits medley of today's hottest stars such as Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Randy Travis, Clint Black and Reba McEntire. In the finale they sang "God Bless the USA."

Dugan Butler was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Dugan served a "dump cake" for dessert. Oleda Schumacher won high score and Louise Mears was second. Others playing were Susie Reeves, Helen Braafladt, Loranell Hamilton, Edith Graef, Alma Kenmore, Ferné Dickey, Dude McLauren, Johnnie Vannoy, Bernice Hill,

Neva Hickey, Cleo Forson, Ina Rae Cates and Emily Clingsmith.

Gainelle Minnick directed the handbell choir at the First United Methodist Church and sang while Jeni Wright sang in sign language.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson of Amarillo and Doug's parents, Les and Opal Smith of Sabetha, Kan. They were in town visiting Bobby and Wanda Murdock. Sgt. Brad Murdock of Clovis joined them for dinner that evening.

Regene Blair of Bakersfield stopped by the museum while in Dimmitt. She was moving her mother, Willa Mae Reynolds, to the Lubbock Health Care Center.

Andy Ortiz of Denver came with his grandmother, Betty Freeman. He enjoyed the goldfish and watching a wasp that was in the fish tank.

Rose Acker invited several to her home for a lasagna dinner including Ed Freeman, Johnny Robertson, Guillermo Morales, Dr. Bill Murphy and his friend, Alex, who is teaching him to speak in Russian, Father Neal Dee and Bill Thornton. Rose served lasagna, eggplant parmesan, green salad and Jell-O salad with whipped cream for dessert. They all had fun visiting, eating and telling jokes.

The Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met last Thursday morning with Rose Acker presiding over the business meeting. Rosetta Bellinghausen read the

minutes and called the roll. Margaret Womack gave a report and Rita McDaniel came by to report on some future meetings. Rose Acker was in charge of the program and she assisted each one in making earrings. Betty Freeman was hostess for the social hour and she served a delicious ham and broccoli quiche and a frozen fruit salad pie. Other members present were Oneida Hutto and Mary Edna Hendrix. Betty Freeman's grandson, Andy Ortiz of Denver, came to eat lunch with the group.

The Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale in the lobby of Plains Memorial Hospital on Friday morning.

The Master Singers of Abilene, directed by Dalton Stewart, gave a concert at First Baptist Church Sunday evening. They also sang with the local choir on Sunday morning and gave a concert at the Baptist church in Hart on Saturday evening.

Nikki Kenley, daughter of Paul and Barbara Kenley, sings with the group. Nikki was a soloist on the songs "Revival in the Land" and "No Place to Lay My Head." Some other familiar songs were "Get All Excited," "When He Was On the Cross, I was On His Mind," and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Others singing were Tim Earles, Galen Engel, Sharla Milliorn, Sharon Pillion, Marsha Stewart, Terry Stewart, Susan Toland, William Toland, Jody Wasson and Karen Wasson. The group returned to Abilene Sunday night but the direc-

tor stayed to direct the Dimmitt First Baptist Church's choir during the spring revival.

Reb Brock of Las Cruces, N.M. visited his grandmother, Mabel Brock, one day last week. Reb is a teacher and football coach in the schools there.

Mrs. Ruby Wilson of Ropesville visited her daughter, Dorothy Nutt, and her son, Hershel Wilson at Sunnyside, and also visited with Mabel Brock.

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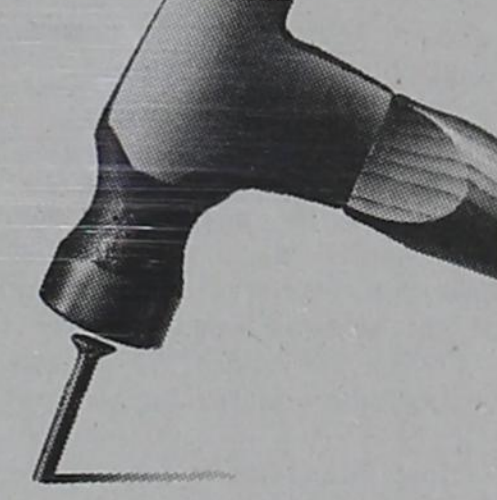
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Other Investments	\$	\$
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 54,263.50	\$ 54,263.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 56,743.28	\$ 56,743.28
LIABILITIES		
Principal in Trust (To Page 1, 6(a))	\$ 56,701.00	\$ 56,701.00
Undisbursed Income	\$ 42.28	\$ 42.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 56,743.28	\$ 56,743.28

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement of condition of perpetual and irrevocable funds in trust is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Persons interested in the program should contact their physician or Plains Memorial Hospital at 647-2191.

NAFTA suit explained at ACGA meeting

US Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. (D-OH) brought his message of returning government to the people to the second annual convention of the American Corn Growers Association, March 18-19 in Kansas City.

Rep. Traficant received his largest applause when he said he and other Congressmen are preparing a law suit against NAFTA on the grounds that it is unconstitutional. ACGA vigorously opposed NAFTA. After Traficant's speech, the body adopted a resolution applauding Rep. Traficant's move.

The Ohio representative said NAFTA, GATT and other agreements are attempts to circumvent the US Constitution. He said NAFTA should be voted on like a treaty, requiring a two-thirds vote in favor by the Senate. "We shouldn't even have been debating NAFTA in the house," he said. "NAFTA is a continuation of the deterioration of the Congress and an attempt to move more and more power into the Executive Branch."

Traficant said that he was not interested in popularity, but in stating his mind and representing the people who elected him. He called for a new tax code, citing the attempted BTU tax as an example of just how much the current system has gotten out of control.

He repeated his support for oxygenated fuels and ethanol, and said he would continue to work to ensure that the current EPA proposal that 30% of oxygenated fuels must come from renewable sources such as corn, becomes law.

Also at the convention, the group adopted a broad range of resolutions dealing with grain, loan rates, supply-demand balance, reorganization, exports, world trade, new products and ethanol.

The resolutions include: Farm programs and farm income--ACGA calls on USDA to continue to raise loan rates on corn and implement effective supply management controls. ACGA calls for extension of the 1990 farm program with the Secretary of Agriculture using his discretion to raise farm income through higher loan rates and supply-demand balance.

Supply-demand balance--ACGA supports programs designed to provide effective supply-demand balance and commodity loan rates above the cost of production.

Clean air and reformulation gasoline (RFG)--ACGA supports RFG as the best way to lower ozone pollution, and calls for the EPA to penalize states that do not join the RFG program.

Oxygenation standards--ACGA supports the current proposed rule calling for ethanol's inclusion into the RFG program.

International grain reserve--ACGA supports the concept of an international grain reserve to prevent worldwide grain shortages in times of national or international emergencies, but only if the reserve is isolated from the market so it won't cause lower prices.

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DO YOU WANT A HIT? — Dudley Wooten (standing, right), dealer, asks Mike Odom (seated left), as Greg Odom (seated, center) and Bob Anthony (standing, left) observe the action around

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○ Memos from
○ **Marilyn**
○ By Marilyn Neal
○ CEA-Home Economics



More than 150 representatives from the Texas Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE) from 20 counties in District 2 will meet in Crosbyton on April 7, according to Sylvia Steen, TAFCE District Director of Plainview.

Local TAFCE delegates from Castro County who will be attending the Crosbyton meeting are Rosa Acker, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mary Edna Hendrix, Margaret Womack, Oneida Hutto and Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Home Economist.

TAFCE is a volunteer organization that supports strengthening and enriching families through educational programs, leadership development and community service.

Some of the special programs sponsored by Castro County TAFCE are the fall health fair, Castro County Fair and awarding scholarships to county youths.

During 1993, it is estimated that TAFCE members across the state returned more than \$4 million in volunteer time and money to their local communities. TAFCE cooperates with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to provide pro-

grams and leadership training that improves the quality of life for all Texas citizens. Currently there are more than 11,750 members across Texas.

Featured speakers for the district meeting will be Kila Lackey of Avoca, TAFCE state secretary; Satori Kobayashi, a Japanese Exchange student living in Hale Center; and Patty Marstrand, Barbara Harris and Bobbie Pennington, all of Rachael's Fine Fabrics, who will present a workshop on "Pfaff Elaborations."

The district's "Woman of the Year" award will be presented during the meeting.

An exhibit of cultural arts entered by TAFCE members will be judged and awards will be given in several categories. Entering cultural arts from Castro County will be Rosa Acker of Dimmitt.

Part of the district meeting will be devoted to additional planning for the state TAFCE annual meeting which will be held in Lubbock Sept. 13 to 15. More than 1,000 TAFCE members will be attending the meeting, which will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

Dud Winders of Lazbuddie died last Wednesday after a long bout with cancer. He is a former resident of the Sunnyside Community and was a pupil at Sunnyside School.

The Winders family were pioneers in the settling of the Herring land in the west and north part of the community and school district.

Ezell and Verba Sadler, Lee and Louise Bradley, Sharon Sadler and probably others from the community attended funeral services Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church at Lazbuddie.

15 of an inch of moisture was received from rain on Saturday and a very wet snow on Sunday. Temperatures were 20 degrees Monday morning and held at that mark until about 8:15 a.m.

Verba and Ezell Sadler went to Melrose to visit with a friend, Wendell Widner in the hospital. Widner had colon surgery last Thursday.

Gale and Verba Sadler of Tanzania plan to come home for a short vacation soon.

Billie and Emma Jean King had Britny Williams of Hobbs, N.M. as well as their three grandchildren

from El Paso visiting until last Thursday. Emma Jean took them to Hobbs last Thursday.

They spent some time in Lubbock one day, but for the most part they stayed at home and visited. One night Marshall and Kaye King, Lance and Lincoln of Earth had supper with Billie and Emma Jean.

Emma Jean King attended the Republican Convention for Castro County Saturday night in Dimmitt.

Mary and Francis King of Amarillo have a new great-grandbaby, Michael Kramer King, who was born Saturday night to Michael and Tracie King of Canyon. The father is the son of Michael Irving King, the son of Mary and Francis King.

County students graduate at TSTC

Two Castro County students earned completion certificates after the winter quarter at Texas State Technical College-Amarillo.

Raul Gonzalez and Joe Longoria of Hart received certificates from the Auto Body Repair Program.

Two named to TSTC roll

Two Dimmitt students were named to the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll for the winter quarter at Texas State Technical College-Amarillo.

Daniel Ramirez and Adam Quiroz were honored for having a 3.5 or greater grade point average.

Boys Ranch plans program

The story of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, a nationally-known home for troubled youth near Amarillo, is being presented to television audiences in Texas during April.

Locally, the 30-minute program will appear April 12 at 9 p.m. on KVII-TV (Ch. 7) and April 17 at 12:30 p.m. on KFDD-TV (Ch. 10). At the end of the program viewers will be invited to call Boys Ranch if they know of a youngster in need of help.

From the first moment of a boy's arrest to his final triumph of receiving a Boys Ranch High School diploma, the feature describes the numerous opportunities enjoyed by more than 500 boys and girls within the Ranch's three campuses. Several touching testimonials are presented by young residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Girlstown, U.S.A. and Cal Farley's Family Program.

Especially uplifting is the voice of Cal Farley as he spoke about his dream of helping troubled youngsters and how the Ranch began from practically nothing. The 30-minute

program also includes former residents who recall growing up at the Ranch. Today, they lead productive lives in meaningful careers, often with families of their own, using the skills and values they acquired as children.

The feature, *A Shirttail to Hang Onto*, is especially appropriate as communities everywhere seek answers to the growing rate of juvenile delinquency. The program addresses the Ranch's approach to child care and the philosophies of providing firm, fair and consistent guidance.

Presently, Boys Ranch and its affiliates provide homes and educations to youths representing 22 states. They range in age from four to about 18 years, and typically come from broken homes. Many were delinquent from school with serious behavioral problems and, in some cases, in trouble with authorities. Their goal is graduation from high school and many are able to attend college assisted by Boys Ranch scholarships or loans.

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Op-Ed

opinions, editorials, letters, features

Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

It's almost April Fools Day, so here we go again.

I'm getting married in the morning, spruced up and looking in my prime...
—Music from *Kiss Me Kate*, a Broadway musical of some renown that some choir teacher made us sing during those awkward adolescent years.

Boy, I never thought I'd be doing this again.
I am getting married in the morning.
I always swore I'd never get married. Then I got married, and that's when I really did start swearing. After all that was over, I swore I'd never do that again.

Well, Friday morning there'll be a Mrs. Brooks.
I couldn't be happier. Really. Serious as a lost diamond-and-ruby engagement ring. Maybe you've seen the ad for the ring in the paper. Maybe you've seen the ring somewhere. I hope our ring is bringing someone contentment. If their finger falls off due to the dishonesty of others, that's not my fault.

Anyway, back to our Mrs. Brooks. Her name is Karen, and she's from Amarillo via Oklahoma, Louisiana and Montana. She has been working for TCA Cable in Amarillo as a customer service representative, and doesn't have a job here yet. Several of you have said you wish she could open a cable office here. We'll see.

She's a sweetie. She puts up with my incessant teasing, and knows that I don't like to be teased so she doesn't—much. She puts up with my moods, and loves me despite seeing me at my very worst. In fact, she met me at my very worst and loves me anyway. Several of you have asked about where we met, and I'll just say in Amarillo several years ago and leave it at that.

She has three wonderful daughters. Wait. She has three daughters who are often wonderful. Sometimes. They're teenagers, although the oldest is married and has a one-year-old son.

No one ever told me about the absolute joy of being a grandparent. Over three days last week I had an opportunity to help spoil Anthony; then we sent him on his way to Oklahoma City, where his mom and dad have to deal with what we've done to their son in Texas. There'll be a chance for more spoilage come the end of April, and I can hardly wait.

For instance, we introduced Anthony to the world of chips and hot sauce at a Mexican food restaurant in Amarillo the other night. Karen said Anthony had eaten hot sauce before, but didn't know if he had tried any chips because he hadn't had teeth until just a couple of months ago. He loves chips and hot sauce; he especially loved the chips. He dipped them in his Coke, in Karen's ash tray and in the carpet on the floor.

Any grandson of mine, of course, will be exposed to baseball any chance he gets. His dad, thank goodness, is of the same mind. He has already taken Anthony out in the yard and shown him how much fun it can be to hit a round ball with a round bat. If it had been his mom, he would have been worried with catching and throwing. Women often don't understand that almost anyone can catch a ball and throw a ball. Men and boys, young boys, understand you get chosen for the team every time if you can hit it out of the yard. Anyone can play first base, but not anyone can hit leadoff or cleanup. He has a plastic bat and ball at home, and he's got a Nerf bat and ball here. He can play with them as much as he wants when he visits, and as long as he's playing ball he can stay up as late as he wants. Paw-paw John will be happy to pitch and catch for him while he hones his stroke.

But I'm not marrying Karen for a grandson or for three lovely daughters. I'm marrying her because I love her very deeply, more than I've ever loved anyone else; she loves me, too. Nothing would make me happier than to linger around and make life better for everyone with Karen at my side, and to be happy for 50 or so years. I know that may not be likely, starting so close to 40 and all, but we might as well give it a shot.

I need to warn you that Karen already has some ideas in mind as we make our home in Dimmitt. We're going to do something about the abominable state of our parks, and she has pledged to help do something to give our kids an alternative to drinkin' and dopin' and doin' whatever they are doing. This ain't no Teen Center deal, and the kids are going to be actively involved. I've known Karen long enough to know that once she gets her mind set, she won't take no, maybe or I'll get back to you for an answer. Kids, and parents, watch out.

She's good at setting things straight, including yours truly. She's good at soothing. She's great at listening; not just hearing, but listening. She's like me in that she hasn't always been surrounded by great listeners. She's good at asking how I feel about things, because I haven't been asked that much in my life, and neither had she. She knows about my ups, and she really does know about my downs.

She also laughs at my stupid jokes and stunts. She makes GREAT banana pudding; ask Don Nelson. I think I'll keep her forever.

...Just get me to the church, get me to the church for Pete's sake get me to the church on time!
—Tail end of the refrain. Also my sentiments.



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The number of overall crimes in Texas is down 6.8 percent, according to Department of Public Safety figures announced by Gov. Ann Richards last week.

Those crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Richards said the lower crime rate can be attributed to the increase in state prison beds since she took office and to her efforts to toughen standards for early parole.

Under Richards, the number of prison beds has grown from 54,000 to 80,000. In addition, over 36,000 more prison beds are under construction and another 30,000 have been approved.

Richards said the statistics show Texas is doing a better job of fighting crime, but Deborah Burston-Wade, a spokeswoman for George W. Bush, Richards' GOP opponent in the November election, said "crime is becoming more violent, more random and the criminals are getting younger than when the governor took office."

A February poll by the *Dallas Morning News* indicated crime was the top concern of Texans.

Tougher Gun Laws Sought
The state Roundtable on School Safety and Violence is recommending tougher penalties for selling or giving handguns to minors as part of a legislative proposal on reducing crime and violence in schools.

Addressing the Texas Parent Teachers Association, roundtable chairman Ron McMichael, who is superintendent of the Longview school district, said the number of handguns and other weapons being brought to schools is a serious problem.

Citing figures from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, he said the number of referrals for violent offenses by juveniles rose 260 percent from 1985 to 1992.

The roundtable is working on a number of proposals to recommend to the Texas Legislature in 1995, including:

- Establishment of alternative education programs for students who are expelled from school.
- Establishment of a data base on criminal activities in schools; and
- Establishment of violence-prevention training programs for school officials and teachers.

Meyer Knocks Endorsement
Texas GOP chairman Fred Meyer repudiated the endorsement of Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group, and accused Tom Pauken, who is challenging him for re-election, of setting up the endorsement.

The group endorsed Meyer because he had promised to "support" it if members could obtain the votes needed to expunge anti-homosexual verbiage from the state GOP platform, said Log Cabin's state president, Paul von Wupperfeld.

Pauken denied he had anything to do with the group's endorsement.

Meyer said he supports a Republican platform that opposes homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Sex Bias in Texas Courts
A report on the judicial system commissioned by the Texas Supreme Court shows that female lawyers and litigants often aren't taken as seriously as males in Texas courts.

Women suffer gender bias in cases of domestic violence, divorce, sexual assault and sexual harassment, the report said, and males don't fare as well in child support and custody cases and tend to get tougher sentences than women for

the same crimes.
The report has comments from lawyers and judges, rape crisis center directors, and includes recommendations asking courts and lawyers to adopt codes of conduct barring gender bias and to establish required gender bias education programs for judges and lawyers.

Traffic Deaths Down in '93
The number of traffic deaths in Texas was lower in 1993 than any year since 1965, Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox reported.

A total of 3,037 people died in traffic accidents last year — 20 fewer than in 1992 — and a drop of 1,664 from the 20-year peak of 4,701 deaths in 1981.

Last year's toll equals only 1.8 deaths per 100 million miles driven, the lowest in Texas history.

Alcohol was a contributing factor in about 40 percent of the deaths, while 60 percent of those killed were not wearing seatbelts, according to the DPS report.

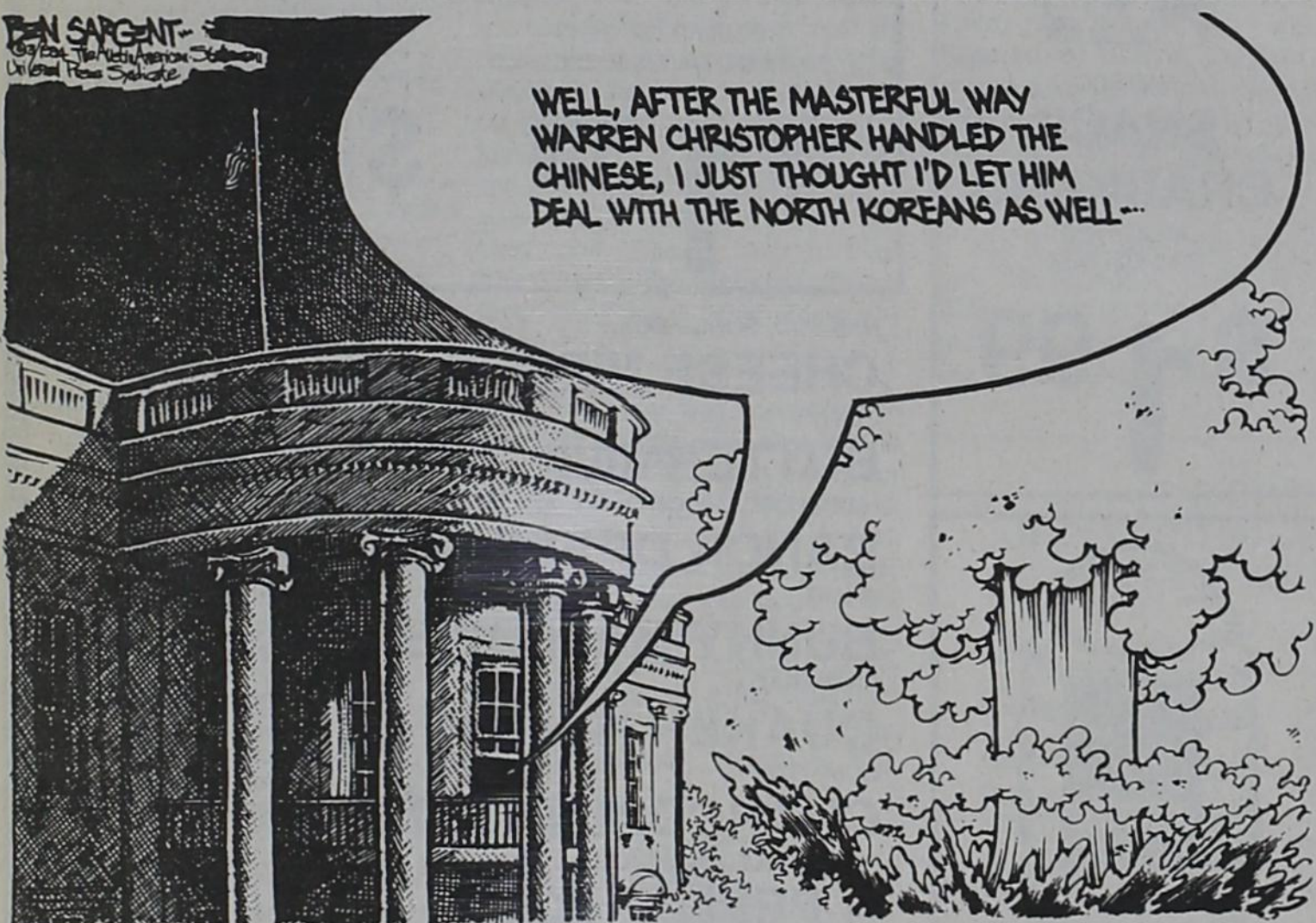
Drug Charges Prompt Audit
The University of Texas at Austin has ordered an audit of campus operations that buy, store and dispense chemicals, following charges that a drug ring manufactured illegal methamphetamines with school bought supplies.

An investigation by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration is focusing on the university's chemistry and biochemistry department after two store room workers and a third man were arrested on drug-related charges earlier this month.

The DEA has alleged the drug ring supplied the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang and others.

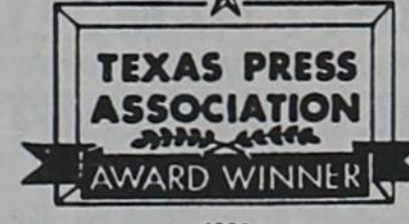
Ellis to Chair Committee
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has appointed Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, to chair the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Ellis, 39, is the first black to chair a standing Texas Senate committee. Ellis succeeds Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, who will succeed retiring Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, as chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee.



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Nazareth students qualify for regional academic meet

Nazareth High School will send 13 individuals and a team to regional after they placed among the top three in various contests at the district UIL academic meet Monday and Tuesday in Lazbuddie. Nazareth competed against Lazbuddie, Happy, Whitharall, Amherst, Spade, Cotton Center and Three Way, and finished third overall behind Lazbuddie (first) and Happy (second).

The Current Issues and Events team of Ryan Hoelting, Gaylon Schilling and Heather Braddock finished first in district.

Other first-place finishes were posted by Karmen Pohlmeier in

both Editorial Writing and News Writing, Lynette Kleman in Prose Interpretation, Amber Irlbeck in Feature Writing, and Kelly Jones in Headline Writing.

Nazareth earned second-place finishes from Sarah Olvera in Editorial Writing, Heather Braddock in Feature Writing, and Robin Schulte in News Writing.

Students placing third were Sabrina Acker in Literary Criticism, Scott Brockman in News Writing, Mary Ellen Ramaekers in Ready Writing, Ryan Hoelting in Current Issues and Events, and Nathan Hoelting in Number Sense.

Each of these students will com-

pete at regional, which will be in Levelland on April 22.

Other individuals placing at the district meet were Brockman, who finished sixth in Editorial Writing and Calculator Applications; Irlbeck, who was fourth in Ready Writing; Pohlmeier, who was fifth in keyboarding; and Colby Pohlmeier, who finished fourth in Headline Writing.

Nazareth's One-Act Play presented "Where the Lilies Bloom" for district recently, but did not place; however, cast member Lynette Kleman earned all-star cast honors.

More about 1:1

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"to be there and see history unfolding in front of our eyes..."

So how does a gal from a Texas farm town end up in a high ceremony in an Anglican cathedral in Sheffield?

Ten years ago, after Connie and Larry graduated from seminary, they served a year's mission in Leeds, Yorkshire. They worked mainly with three Methodist churches, but also with an Anglican and an Episcopal church through a team ministry arrangement.

That's where they met Peter and Doe Craig-Wild. Peter is an Anglican priest, and his wife Doe was at that time a deaconess. Doe had gone through seminary alongside Peter, with no hope of ever becoming a priest herself, but with a desire to serve.

They had some great times together in that working-class city just south of the Scottish border, and developed a lifetime friendship.

After Connie and Larry returned to the States, Peter was reassigned from Leeds to Sheffield. Doe has been serving the last eight years in St. John the Baptist Parish Church in Chapelton, a suburb of Sheffield.

About seven years ago the church instituted an order of Deacon, a lay order open to both men

and women, and Doe became a deacon.

When the hierarchy of the Church of England decided it would accept women priests, it was the people of Doe's parish who encouraged her to go for it.

"They told her they already looked at her as one of their ministers, and the ordination of women was not an issue in that church," Connie said. "They were very supportive of her."

After Doe had satisfied all the requirements and the ordination service was set, she contacted Connie and Larry in Atlanta.

"Please try to come," she said. "And bring your robes."

Connie and Larry never need much encouragement to hop back to England anyway. They booked their flights and drafted Larry's parents as babysitters.

"It was like we had never been apart," Connie said. "We laughed, and oh, did we have fun—the best fun."

(These guys aren't blue-noses or stiff-necks. And neither are most other priests and ministers, when you get to know them. They see more of the seamier side of life, as well as the good side, than most of us. They're less condemning than the rest of us. They know how to accept, and forgive, and how to have fun and get high on life without the help of booze or chemi-

cals.)

"It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since we served there," Connie said.

Doe was one of nine women priests ordained at the service in Sheffield. It was only the fourth service of its kind in England; the first women were ordained the previous Saturday in Bristol. Connie says that more than a thousand women will be ordained over the next few months.

"I think that Larry and I didn't appreciate the full significance of what we were seeing at first, because we're so used to working with women ministers," Connie said. "But the ordination ceremony was the first time women had ever served the Eucharist in an Anglican church. And many of the people, taking Eucharist for the first time from a woman, came away from the altar with tears in their eyes. It was just incredible.

"The following Sunday night, Doe presided over her first Eucharist in her own congregation," Connie said. "Larry and I participated in that service, too."

In the four centuries since the English Reformation, a woman could be a queen or a prime minister, but not a priest.

Until now.

Obituaries

Marguerite Bennett

Marguerite Alla Bennett, 88, of Hart, died Tuesday in Hale Center. Services will be today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Hart with the Rev. Lillith Ardhuermumly, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home in Plainview.

Mrs. Bennett was born Dec. 2, 1905, in Troy. She married Ray Bennett on June 16, 1923 in Temple. He died on May 7, 1964. She moved to Floydada in 1924, to Castro County in 1937 and to Hart in 1947.

She was a charter member of the Hart Good Neighbor Club and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hart, where she was a member of United Methodist Women. She enjoyed crafts, and she and her husband were active in the Plainview Sheriff's Posse in the 1950s and 1960s.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Byron, in 1987, and two grandchildren, Dennis and Susie McLain, in 1966.

Survivors include two sons, Edd Bennett and Bob Bennett, both of Hart; a daughter, Marguerite McLain of Hart; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial be made to the Hart Cemetery Association, c/o Hale County State Bank, Hart 79043, or to the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. Truck Fund, attention Virginia Reed, c/o Hart City Hall.



Kami Porsch

Kami Denae Porsch, infant daughter of Willie and Brenda Porsch of Slaton, died March 23.

Services were Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Slaton with the Rev. Neely Landrum, pastor, and the Rev. George Price, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Littlefield, officiating. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery by Englund's Funeral Home.

Kami was born April 30, 1993 in Lubbock.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Jake Porsch and Landon Porsch, both of the home; her paternal grandparents, Louie and Susie Porsch of Toline; her paternal grandparents, Don and Shirley Cornett of Dimmitt and Roy Dale Underwood of Slaton; and her maternal great-grandparents, Oner and Elsie Cornett of Silverton.

The family requests memorials to Red Wagon Memorial Fund, 1935 Motor St., Dallas 75235.

Edna Mae Smith

Edna Mae Smith, 86, of Amarillo, died Monday.

Services were Wednesday in First Baptist Church in Amarillo with Dr. Ben Loring Jr., pastor, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Dimmitt and lived in Lubbock most of her life before moving to Amarillo in 1981. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Texas Tech University. She taught music in Idalou, Sudan and Lubbock. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and the 1941 Needle Club. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley B. Smith; two daughters, Wanda Smith Lewis of Dumas and Diana Marlene Stafford of Amarillo; a sister, Myra B. Watkins of Arlington; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Panhandle Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 2200 W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo 79106; or a favorite charity.

THE USE OF mustard seeds as a spice has been known from the earliest recorded times and is described in Indian and Sumerian texts dating back to 3000 B.C. Mustard seeds are mentioned frequently in Greek and Roman writings and in the Bible. In the New Testament, the tiny mustard seed is a symbol of faith.

More about

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knowledge. All the money that has been transferred has been Disproportionate Share funds.

WELCH: I forget how much we got last year, but we got 600-and-something thousand in one one-year period.

Correction

A report in last week's issue concerning Grand Jury action on a sexual assault case has been challenged by the previous Grand Jury foreman.

The story stated that a sexual assault case against Warren McDonald "had reportedly been heard and passed on at least three occasions by the Grand Jury which met during the second half of 1993."

Rayphard Smithson, who was the foreman of that Grand Jury, said the Grand Jury considered the charge only once, "and we diligently studied it," and passed on it at the request of County Attorney Jerry Matthews.

DR. HARDEE: Of course, that counts the high percentage of Medicaid patients that are taken care of in this hospital district.

That made a tremendous difference, didn't it, to the hospital district here? That came about after the hospital tax rate increased, too, didn't it? We weren't getting that money at the time.

WELCH: Yes, that is correct. We weren't getting that money at the time.

SCHAEFFER: I think this is just

the third year that we've been receiving it. But that's something that could be cut out at any time.

WELCH: These funds have enabled us to do some things that we might not have done otherwise.

SCHAEFFER: Theoretically, we like to use these funds for something other than day-to-day operations.

(Editor's Note: The News's Q&A series on the hospital district's new rural health clinics program will continue in future issues as space allows.)

Eva Caballero

Eva Caballero, 40, of Dimmitt, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Foskey Funeral Home.

She was born in Vernon on Oct. 5, 1953, and moved to Dimmitt from Edinburg in 1954. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Casey Caballero of Dimmitt; her father, Federico Caballero of Dimmitt; two brothers, Joe Caballero and Valentin Caballero, both of Dimmitt; and a sister, Olga Caballero of Dimmitt.

Emily Clayton

Emily Clayton, 79, of Lubbock, died Tuesday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Earth Church of Christ with Denny Sneed officiating. Burial will be in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clayton was born Nov. 7, 1914, in Daisy, Okla. She married Fred Clayton on Jan. 5, 1929 in Earth. He died in 1983. She was a homemaker and a longtime Earth resident before moving to Lubbock in 1992. She was a member of Earth Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Lowrey, in 1982.

Survivors include two sons, Norman Clayton of Lubbock and Boyd Clayton of Abilene; a daughter, Bonnie Davis of Dimmitt; a sister, Pat Phillips of Littlefield; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Dud Winders

Dud Winders, 66, of Lazbuddie, died March 23.

Services were Friday at First Baptist Church in Lazbuddie with the Rev. Curtis Wood and the Rev. Gary Wilcox officiating. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Winders was born Oct. 20, 1927 in Castro County. He married Evelyn McLeod on Oct. 23, 1954 in Clovis, N.M. He had lived in the Lazbuddie area all of his life, and was a farmer and rancher. He was a charter member of the Earth Roping Club and was a veteran of the US Air Force in the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Mike Winders of Lazbuddie, Kent Winders of Elida, N.M., and Kerry Winders of Dodd; three brothers, Leon Winders of Clayton, N.M., Lewis Winders of Gilroy, Calif., and Dale Winders of Dimmitt; five sisters, Cleacy Layman of Lubbock, Pauline Simmons of Amarillo, Madge Kennedy of Bryan, Jo Brinkerhoff of Denver, Colo., and Gene Faulkner of Lubbock; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo or to Gideons International.

WHILE GONDOLAS are the best-known form of transportation on the waterways of Venice, Italy, they have long been outnumbered by other vessels and today there are fewer than 400 left. The canals are filled with a variety of motor-powered boats, including water buses, private motor-launch taxis, garbage barges and ambulance launches.

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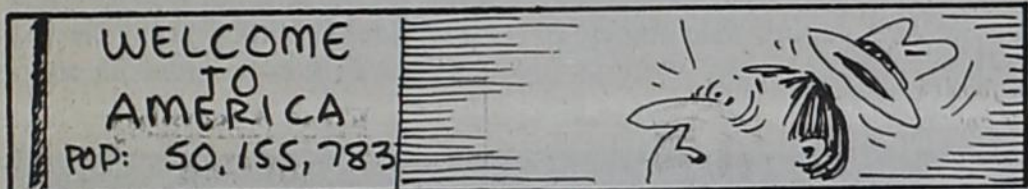
People



Benjamin Robert Benton and Stacey Marie Sayers

Benton, Sayers to wed

Stacey Marie Sayers and Benjamin Robert Benton will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 6 at the Wesbury Baptist Church in Houston. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sandy and Bob Sayers of Houston, formerly of Garland. The prospective groom is the son of Martie Benton of Dimmitt and the late Robert Benton. Sayers is a 1990 graduate of North Garland High School and will graduate from Texas A&M University in December with a degree in elementary education. Benton graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1986 and holds a degree in agronomy from Texas A&M University. He is currently employed as farm and ranch manager for Rosewell Cattle Co. in North East Texas.



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at

Tots and Teens

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OM teams qualify for state

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt will compete in the state OM contest in San Antonio April 8 and 9 after placing first in the regional meet in Canyon. Dimmitt teams advancing to state will be the DHS "Classics" team, and DMS "Structures" and "OM Believable Music" teams. The Dimmitt High School "Classics" team including sophomores Addison Foskey, Jimmy Bryan and Joel Townsend; junior Monica De La Cruz; and seniors J.D. Gonzales and Carlo Ontiveros presented the long-term problem *The Iliad* and earned a first-place award at regional. Gonzales and Ontiveros each received a Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in composing original music for their long-term solution and presentation. The Dimmitt Middle School

"Structures" team of seventh graders Jason Hall and Kurt Webb; and eighth graders Jeremy Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Hank Morgan and Jared Townsend also earned a regional first-place award and Ranatra Fusca award. Webb earned an individual Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in the spontaneous competition. The team's structure held 680 pounds without crushing. Members of the Dimmitt Middle School's *OM Believable Music* team are sixth graders Christie Bryan, Lacy Louder and Julie Merritt; seventh grader Emily Robertson; and eighth graders Tracy Damron and Kaci Schulte. This team also finished first at regional and received Outstanding Omer Certificates for demonstrating outstanding qualities in the spirit and philosophy of the OM program in addition to their first-place honors.

Chamber plans spring luncheon

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will hold a spring luncheon on Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, and Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt will perform for entertainment. Cost for the luncheon is \$5 for chamber members and \$6 for non-chamber members. Reservations are due by Monday at the Chamber office in Dimmitt. Lunch will be served by Loranel Hamilton's bridge club and proceeds will benefit the Senior Citizens Center. In addition to performances by OM teams, other things planned for the meeting are business announcements and a run-down of upcoming events. Anyone interested in letting the public know about changes their business has undergone recently, or anyone wishing to highlight an upcoming club or organization event should notify Delores Heller at the Chamber office, 647-2524. A door prize of \$25 Dimmitt Dollars will be presented to a Chamber member, but you must be present to win. For more information, contact Heller.

Ryan Hays recognized

Ryan Hays has been recognized as Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School. Hays is the son of Kim and Norman Hays and he was born in Hereford on Jan. 6. His favorite book is *The Cybil Wars*. He enjoys hamburgers and his favorite animal is a cheetah. He thinks Matthew is "cool." He likes "being able to talk more in the cafeteria" and says he "plays all kinds of sports well." He hopes to be a fighter pilot.



Robin Rogers and Jeff Rucker

Rogers and Rucker to wed

Bill and Margie Rogers of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robin, to Jeff Rucker, son of Terry Rucker of Lubbock and Sue Rucker of Austin. The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. April 30 in Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. A reception will follow at the Lakeridge Country Club. The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Pine Tree High School in Longview. She holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Texas Tech University. She is employed as an interior designer with the Baker Company of Lubbock. The prospective groom graduated from Denver City High School in 1985. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts and sciences degree in international trade. He is presently employed as a systems administrator at Industrial Molding Corp. in Lubbock. After the wedding the couple plans to reside in Lubbock.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from March 31 to April 8.

DIMMITT
 THURSDAY: Ham sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce, pickles, tomato, ice cream cups and milk.
 FRIDAY: No School!
 MONDAY: No School!
 TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, pork and beans, lemon pudding and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, honey and milk.
 THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, golden hominy, lettuce and tomato salad, crackers, fruit and milk.
 FRIDAY: Combo sandwich, potato chips, pork and beans, dill spears, cookies and milk.

HART
 THURSDAY: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, apple crisp and milk.
 FRIDAY: Nachos, pinto beans, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.
 MONDAY: No School!

NAZARETH
 THURSDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, corn, Easter cake and milk.
 FRIDAY: No School!
 MONDAY: No School!
 TUESDAY: Mexican casserole, sopapillas and honey, tossed salad, peaches and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, cookies and milk.
 THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, tater tots, pineapple and milk.
 FRIDAY: Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O, hot rolls and milk.

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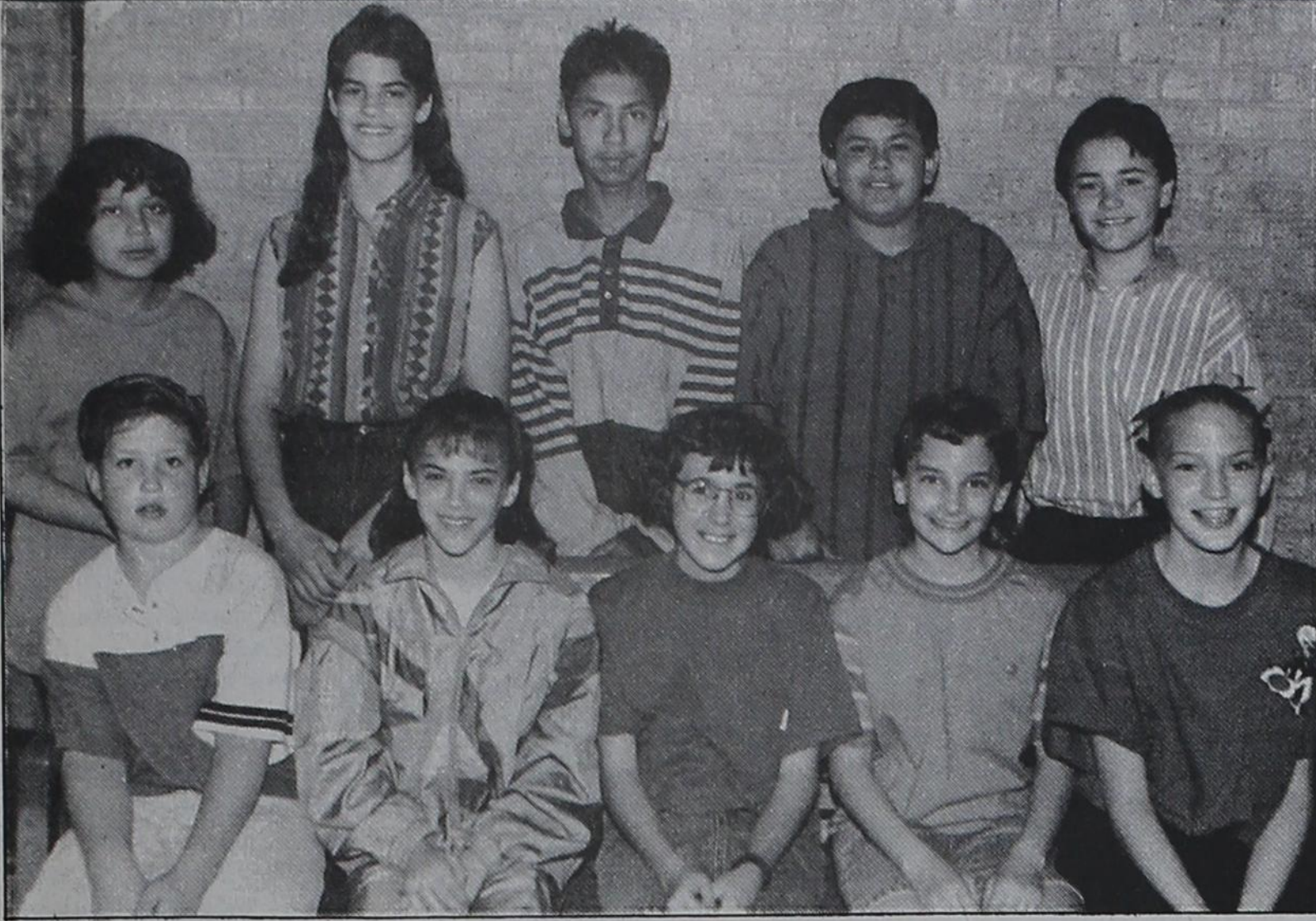
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You are invited to a
 Bridal Shower
 honoring
Jan Robb
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 Saturday, April 2
 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 in the home of
Connie Gilbreath
 1 mile west of Dimmitt on SH 86

Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Hays Company,
 Lockhart Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop,
 Seale Florist and The Village Shop.

You are invited to a
 Baby Shower
 honoring
Malcolm and Kalen
 twin sons of
Levi and Diane
Reynolds
 Saturday, April 2
 2:30 to 4 p.m.
 at
First United Methodist Church
Lamar Fellowship Hall

Selections at Anthony's and Tots and Teens.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for March at Dimmitt Middle School are (seated, from left) fourth grader Jake Loudder, seventh grader Miranda Turner, fifth grader Rachel Harman, fifth grader Kylie Webb and sixth grader Carol Sum-

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

The Maundy Thursday communion service will be held at 7 tonight (Thursday). Renise Blair will be the soloist and Pastor Edward D. Freeman will speak on "Spring Practice."

Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. The Silent Witness, a mime group from Muleshoe, will perform during the service. Pastor Freeman's sermon during this service will be "Your Nails."

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Easter will be celebrated Sunday. Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"The Real and Risen Presence" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's Easter morning sermon at 11.

Ministerial Alliance

Ron Redding will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 6:1-17 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Lee Street Baptist Church in Amarillo.

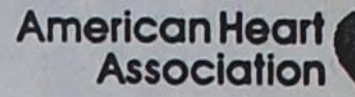
Sunrise service planned Sunday

An Easter sunrise service will be held Sunday at 7:15 a.m. just north of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The service will be held at a vacant lot at Second and Stinson. The Rev. Ron Redding, pastor, said chairs will not be provided. The service will last about 15 minutes and is open to the public.

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By Ullrle Gerber, 945-2669

Funeral services were held for Alvin Stoddard, 94, at St. Alice Catholic Church in Plainview with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating.

Attending the funeral from Nazareth were his friends, Jim Hoelting and family, Cince Schulte, Rodger and Edna Schilling, Tom Hoelting and Sylvia Hoelting.

Lucille Drerup has returned from a busy few days in Dallas visiting her two daughters, Nancy Drerup and Grace DeCardenas, her husband, Arthur, and grandchildren, along with grandchildren Douglas Ball and Jeff Schmucker and several cousins from Otowa, Ohio who were visiting in Dallas.

Kenneth Kleman is doing well after having back surgery at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

After a week's treatment in Plainview's Methodist Hospital, Lucy Leinen is back in intensive care after having emergency surgery. We hope she will do better and be able to come home soon.

Congratulations to Joe and Angie Hochstein on the birth of a girl, Michelle Elizabeth, on March 25 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in

Amarillo. She has a big sister, Alyson, and an older brother, Anthony. Grandparents are James and Alice Hund of Hereford and May Hochstein of Nazareth.

A bridal shower honoring Natalie Gerber of Houston, bride-elect of Ralph Grosser of Houston, was held Saturday at the home of Patsy Patton in Odessa. Enjoying the shower from Nazareth were relatives Joan Backus, Dorothy Schulte, Marilyn Wilson, Bev Hill, Tricia and Andi Rose, Virgie Gerber, Whitney Hoelting and Shawna Gerber.

Seven DHS youths headed to regional UIL

Several Dimmitt High School students will advance to the Region 1-AAA University Interscholastic League's (UIL) academic meet after placing among the top three in district competition.

Dimmitt received first-place efforts from Stacy McDaniel in Computer Science, Terri Beth Teaschner in Current Events and Issues and Literary Criticism and from the team of Teaschner, Jeremy Hall and Sarah Goldsmith in Literary Criticism.

Others advancing to regional are J.D. Gonzales, who finished second in Persuasive Speaking; Robert Moss, second in Informative Speaking; Carrie Sheffy, second in Headline Writing; and McDaniel, third in Science.

Those earning fourth-place finishes are alternates for the regional meet and they include Sheffy in Editorial Writing, Hall in Literary Criticism, Tracy Grand in News Writing, Adriana Lopez in Accounting and Justin Roberts in Current Events and Issues.

Other Dimmitt students placing in the meet were Jimmy Bryan, fifth in Prose Reading; Angelica Garcia, sixth in Keyboarding; Jimmy Ivey, sixth in Editorial Writing; Amy Langford, sixth in Poetry Interpretation; and J'Amy Stewart, sixth in Spelling and Vocabulary.

Commodities will be distributed April 20

Panhandle Community Services will host a commodity distribution, April 20 at 10 a.m. at the Castro County Expo Building.

Eligible persons will receive butter, peanut butter, canned beef, raisins and rice.

Clarification

The Norma Smith listed in the indictments in last week's News is not the Norma Smith who lives on Sunset Circle.

The News regrets the misunderstanding.

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When the camels had done drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels and said, "Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?" She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." She added, "We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in." The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord, and said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." Genesis 24:22-27



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I would appreciate your vote in the RUN-OFF. Early voting is April 4 through April 8 and ELECTION DAY is April 12, 1994.



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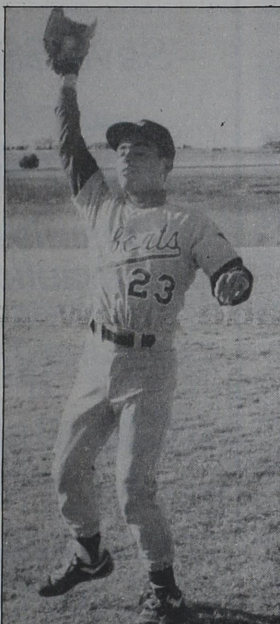
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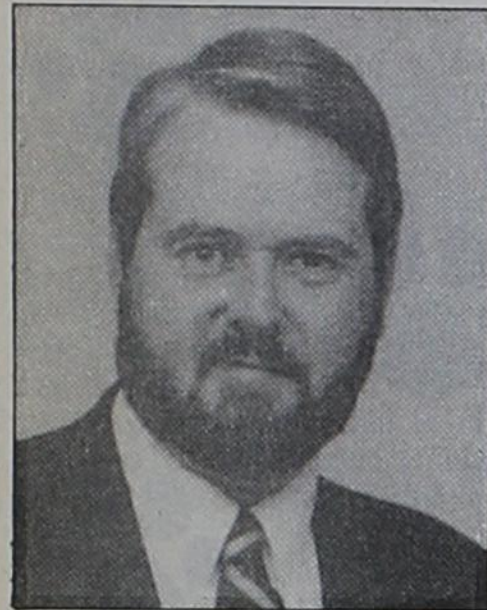
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Know yourself

Not everyone is cut out to be an entrepreneur. For a person considering starting a business, one of the toughest questions is "Do I really have what it takes?" Frequently, we are asked about common personal characteristics that separate the winners from the also-rans.

A lot of research has been done on this subject. However, the complexity of human personality and the hundreds of external factors that affect entrepreneurial success make it difficult to draw accurate conclusions.

Successful entrepreneurs can come from backgrounds of poverty or wealth, popularity or social rejection, broken homes or close family ties. They can be old or young, regular folks or real oddballs. Before starting a business, they may have been retired or unemployed, and ventured off in a direction entirely different from previous careers or experience.

Common success factors

One of the most common success traits of entrepreneurs is the intense desire to succeed. They want to win. They work long, hard hours and maintain a high level of energy throughout the long days. They start early and are self-starters. They are doers, not talkers. Even when they worked for someone else, they had a reputation of getting the job done.

This intensity is woven through every activity. They live and breathe their businesses. They are overachievers and are reluctant to accept defeat. Perseverance is another word often used in describing the typical entrepreneur.

Another common success trait seems to be restlessness. Entrepreneurs are frequently bored with repetitive tasks. They constantly seek new challenges. They love competition and seek activities that stimulate personal growth and development.

The easily bored entrepreneur should not be confused with the person who never finishes what he or she starts. The restless entrepreneur usually finishes a task but will not

be happy doing it again and again.

Good communicators

Communication is a factor that weighs heavily in the success factor scale. There is no substitute for the ability to express ideas and opinions well. This is true in the political and corporate world, as well as in the small business arena. Strong communication skills also include the ability to think and listen. Many entrepreneurs become successful after listening to their customers. They utilize customer input to modify business practices. These modifications to operating procedures bring business owners closer to the customer and place them in a better position to satisfy needs and wants.

In addition, most successful business people have a strong self-image. They feel good about who they are. They like other people and tend to get along well with a variety of friends. They tend to be independent but truly adaptable. They are often characterized as enthusiastic and optimistic. Even when things are tough, they believe that tomorrow will be a better day.

While possession of these characteristics is no guarantee of success, it can serve as an indicator. Any person considering the entrepreneurial challenge should carefully examine himself or herself. An honest evaluation of your personality, attitude and motivation will guide you in the appropriate business direction.

We have profiled a number of these traits in a "just for fun" business personality test that we use in our start-up seminars at the Small Business Development Center. We call it the "Entrepreneurial Success Quotient Test."

We ask participants to answer 25 questions pertaining to the areas of personality, attitude, skills and experience. When the answers are tabulated, the would-be entrepreneur has some idea of the correlation of their personality to that of successful entrepreneurs.

If you would like a copy of this quiz, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Success Quiz, c/o Don Taylor, PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

TPWD, Dan Heard team to establish shelterbelt

Dan Heard of Dimmitt is one of seven area landowners who have teamed up with Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in an effort to enhance wildlife habitat and to provide opportunity for the demonstration of wildlife habitat enhancement practices.

A shelterbelt will be installed on the Heard farm, 10 miles west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, then two miles south on FM 1524 (east side of road) through the Texas Private Lands Initiative. The shelterbelt site in Castro County is adjacent to a dirt road one-half mile east (south side of dirt road).

TPWD has received the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's largest grant ever awarded to help private landowners enhance wild-

life through voluntary partnerships. Wildlife habitat enhancement projects are being cost-shared 50-50 by the landowner and the foundation, while TPWD provides technical assistance and program coordination.

TPWD has identified 16 different types of projects which will enhance habitat on private lands, including establishments of shelterbelts and wetland conservation.

The shelterbelts will be installed in Lubbock, Castro, Randall, Donley, Gray and Hansford counties. These plantings will benefit pheasants, quail and songbirds and consist of four to six rows of conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs. Rocky Mountain juniper, Eastern red cedar, locust, bois d'arc, chittam-

wood, mulberry, skunkbush sumac, fourwing saltbush, American plum and sand plum are used to design customized plantings for interested landowners. Fencing is required, along with advance site preparation of "planting beds."

With mechanical site prep, tree planting and fabric-laying, plus supplemental water two to three times during the growing season, landowners are enjoying 95% survival and good growth rates, according to Gene Miller, technical guidance biologist.

"We are looking for more cooperators and need to begin planting now for installation of shelterbelts in the spring of 1995," Miller said.

Cost to the landowner for the minimum-sized belt (1/4 mile x 4 rows) is approximately \$3,000.

Wetland projects cost-shared under this program involve playa lakes in the High Plains and riparian wetlands (bogs, wet meadows, etc. associated with creek and river bottoms) in the Rolling Plains. According to Jim Ray, regional waterfowl biologist for TPWD, the area is dotted with more than 19,000 playa and saline lakes, as well as many miles of creek and river bottoms and their associated riparian wetlands.

"These wetlands, wet or dry, are oases of wildlife habitat in our intensive agriculture," said Ray. "Wet playas provide obvious benefits of available water for migratory birds and other wildlife in an arid region. When dry, and when vegetation is protected, playas provide food and cover for wildlife. Students involved in a Texas Tech University study a few years back flushed more than 400 pheasants from a single playa. Playa lakes surrounded by grass and large and

small grains provide fantastic pheasant habitat."

High Plains wetland projects conducted under the private lands initiative involve playa lakes surrounded by a highly diverse grass and legume mixture and a four-strand barbed wire fence.

"We can cost-share with the landowner on establishing the grass and legumes and on fencing costs," Ray said. "We will not cost-share projects involving dirtwork in playa basins. On riparian areas we will cost-share on fencing costs of four-strand barbed wire fences intended to reduce grazing in and around wetlands."

Ray added that TPWD is looking for more cooperators at this time.

Agreements involving both shelterbelt establishment and wetland conservation are for 10 years and require landowners to maintain improvements.

"We hope that the landowner will be so impressed with what he's seen during the 10-year agreement that he will continue to manage the site for permanent wildlife benefits."

Under terms of the agreement, the landowner agrees to allow pre-arranged demonstrations for other landowners at the project site. According to Ray and Miller, there is nothing like showing landowners proven techniques and letting another landowner help "pass the word."

TPWD biologists are currently making contacts with a number of landowners who are interested in participating in the private lands initiative. For more information on the program, contact Ray or Miller at Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Suite 25, Amarillo, 79109 or call 1-353-0486 or 1-353-3141.

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Wales honored

Lois Wales of Dimmitt received the Heroes of American Agriculture Award at the annual American Corn Growers Convention, March 18-19 in Kansas City, Mo.

Wales, who is a member of the ACGA Foundation, was honored for her work in many areas, including nuclear waste issues, WIFE, ethanol, Texas Corn and American Corn.

She was also elected to the ACGA board of directors at the meeting. Wales is one of two women on the board. Others on the board from Castro County are Carl King, chairman, and Doug Higgins of Hart. The 15-member group includes directors from Texas, Alabama, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Illinois.

Other awards were presented to: --Mark Ritchie, who received the Carl L. King Award for his leadership to obtain a fair trade policy that would benefit American producers and for his opposition to GATT and NAFTA.

ACG Foundation announced the establishment of the John Edward Ford Fellowship to educate young farmers in legislative and public affairs. The program was established in memory of the contributions of the late John Ford, director of congressional affairs for ACGA for several years before his death last year.

Additional information may be obtained by writing the American Corn Growers Association, PO Box 22994, Lincoln, NE 68542-2994.

Smith named to PRF board

David Smith of Hart has been appointed to the Produce Recovery Fund Board by Gov. Ann Richards.

Smith is president of Smith Potato Co. He is a lifelong Hart resident and a graduate of Hart High School.

Smith, 46, is a member of the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association and the Texas Corn Growers Association.

Smith's appointment will extend through Jan. 31, 1999.

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\$95 million more going to 0/92 corn, milo growers

Corn and grain sorghum producers who used the 0/92 provisions of the 1993 commodity acreage reduction program (ARP) will receive about \$95 million in additional deficiency payments.

Participants in the 1993 corn and grain sorghum program who used the 0/92 provisions are guaranteed a minimum payment rate of 72 cents per bushel for corn and 70 cents per bushel for grain sorghum, which were the estimated final deficiency payment rates for these crops for 1993.

Producers enrolled in the regular acreage reduction program were able to request an advance payment equal to 50% of the estimated final deficiency payment. Since the advance deficiency payment rate of 36 cents per bushel for corn and 35 cents per bushel for grain sorghum exceeds the five-month rate for final regular deficiency payments by eight cents per bushel for corn and 10 cents per bushel for milo, these producers are not due any additional payments.

"A reduced corn crop due to flooding in the Midwest and drought in the Southeast has resulted in higher market prices," said Grant Buntrock, executive vice president of the Commodity Credit Corp. of the US Dept. of Agriculture. "Therefore, the final deficiency payment rates are lower than earlier projections."

The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, requires ARP participants who did not participate under the 0/92 provisions to repay the difference between the amount of the advance deficiency payment received and the amount of the final deficiency payable, which is eight cents per bushel for corn and 10 cents per bushel for grain sorghum.

This repayment is not due until Oct. 1, and USDA has announced an option for installment payments. Buntrock said Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy has instructed USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to take all possible steps to make producers aware of their options in making repayment.

"ASCS county offices and ASC county committees will work with producers," Buntrock said. "Refunds may be made before the due date, in full or in part. Producers may also choose to have overpayments deducted from proceeds due them from any other program, including price support benefits. To help ease the burden of repayment for those producers with financial hardships, there is also the option to pay on an installment basis."

Regular deficiency payments are made under the 1993 corn and grain sorghum programs when the national weighted average market prices received by producers during the first five months of the marketing year (September 1993 through January 1994) are below established target price levels. Deficiency payment rates are calculated as the difference between the target price for the commodity and the higher of the five-month average market price for the basic price support rate.

A further calculation is required after the end of the marketing year before a final determination is made on the amount of overpayment. The necessary price data for making the calculation will be available on Sept. 30. However, based on current supply/demand estimates and price projections, the final deficiency payment rate is not expected to change.

Calculation of 5-month Deficiency Payment Rates

	Corn	Sorghum
Target price	\$2.75	\$2.61
Basic loan rate	\$1.99	\$1.89
5-month market price	\$2.47	\$2.36
5-month deficiency payment rate	\$0.28	\$0.25
Advance deficiency payment rate	\$0.36	\$0.35
Net 5-month deficiency payment rate	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overpayment that must be repaid	\$0.08	\$0.10

Cotton option workshop set

Cotton producers can evaluate alternative pricing strategies at an intermediate futures and options workshop April 6 at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"Strategies for Pricing Your Cotton" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center, just east of I-27 on FM 1294 at the Shallowater exit. Registration is \$30 and may be made by calling Lubbock County Agent

Stanley Young at 767-1190. The course is limited to 40 participants.

The one-day course will help move the more aggressive cotton marketers to a higher level of market sophistication. The course is designed for producers who possess a basic understanding of futures and options and are ready to learn some advanced combination pricing alternatives. Several specific pricing strategies will be discussed in depth.

Speakers from different segments of the cotton industry will address a variety of topics chosen to help the cotton producers sort through the available marketing alternatives. The speakers will also address their "favorite" pricing strategies.

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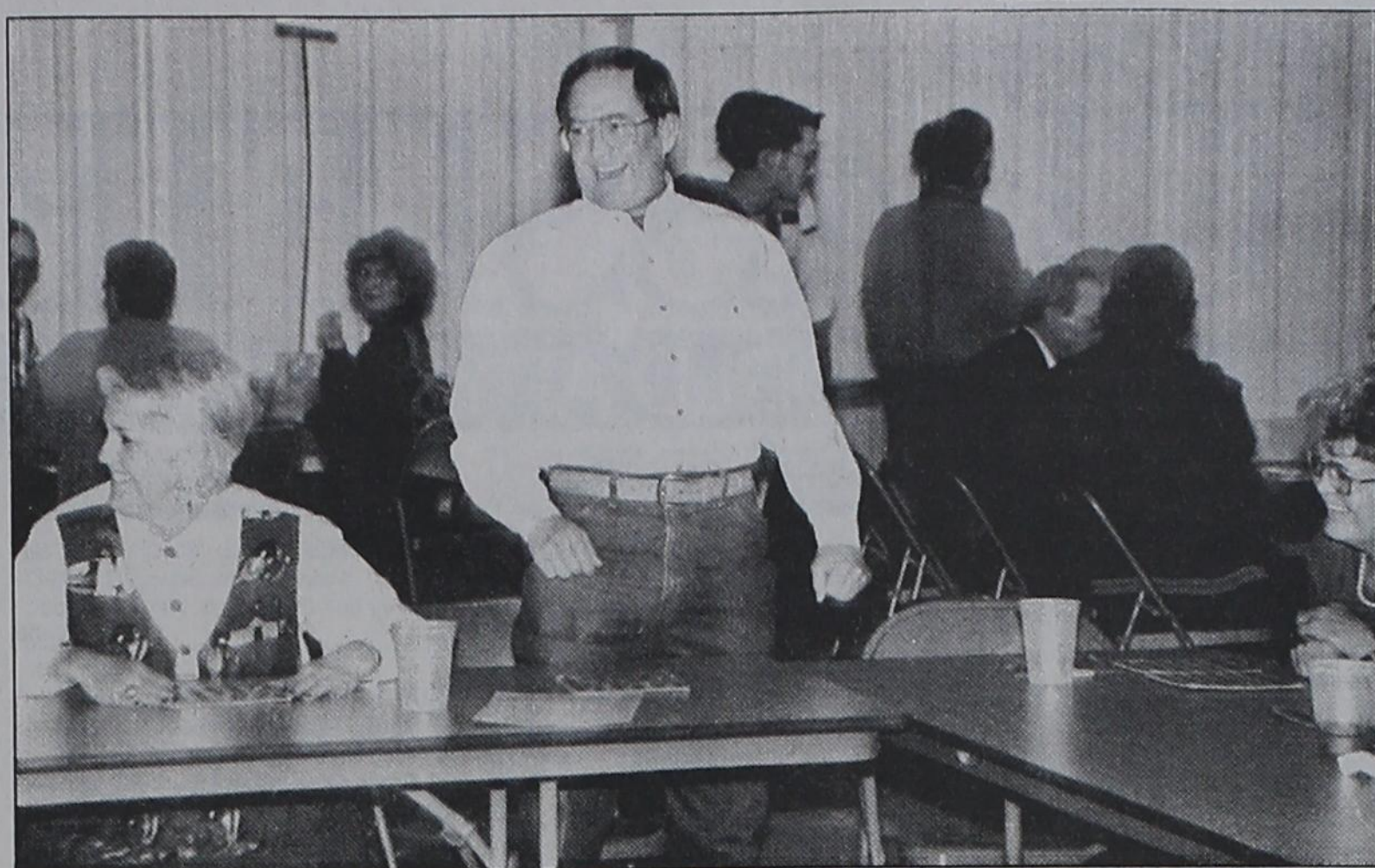
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SOMEONE ELSE HAD A BINGO?--Dr. W.J. Hill asks about who won during a bingo game at the annual Casino Night, Saturday at the Castro County

Expo Building. Also pictured at left is Kay Gfeller. The Casino Night was a fundraiser for the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Abernathy earns honor

Dr. John R. Abernathy, the resident director of research for the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, has been named a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America.

Abernathy was honored for significant contributions to the society and to weed science. The Fellow award, the highest presented by the society, was made at its recent St. Louis meeting.

A professor of weed science with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Abernathy is a member of the graduate faculties of both Texas A&M and Texas Tech universities. He has been active in weed science research and administration on the Texas High Plains for the past 21 years.

Abernathy, 49, became the 10th resident director of the Lubbock center in 1984. In this capacity, he directs 90 fulltime Experiment Station employees and a \$3 million annual research budget.

He has been active in the Weed Science Society of America since 1968, serving on many committees and all offices. He served five years on the executive board of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and on the boards of the Southern Weed Science Society, the International Sorghum Millet CRSP (Intorsmil) and West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute.

He chairs the Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit Leadership Council and serves on the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Program statewide Think Tank Committee.

Cotton Talks

The enforcement date set for the Environmental Protection Agency's new Worker Protection Standards (WPS) has been postponed, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers.

PCG officials learned late last week that a bill was passed by Congress

delaying full implementation of new WPS regulations until January. The legislation is now waiting for President Clinton's signature.

"Regulations governing EPA's new WPS were scheduled to be implemented beginning April 21,"

said Donald Johnson, PCG executive vice president. "The action taken by Congress moves this date back and will definitely give producers an opportunity to obtain any training and additional information they need to try and comply with these regulations."

Training materials describing the new regulations have not yet been made available and producers are still very much in the dark about what the rules will actually mean to them, said Johnson. Until the new enforcement date arrives, EPA officials insist that the earliest workers be allowed to return to a treated field is four hours after treatment, then only to perform essential tasks such as attending irrigation equipment.

The new WPS guidelines contain a variety of new requirements. Some of them include requiring workers to wear coveralls, heavy boots, gloves and goggles when they enter a treated field. Decontamination sites would also be required at quarter-mile intervals for 30 days following a treatment.

Failure to comply with the new regulations could mean fines of \$500 to \$1,000.

Cloud seeding program has a silver lining

Data obtained from a series of cloud seeding experiments conducted near Big Spring during portions of the summers of 1987, 1989 and 1990 is providing new insights into the impact of seeding summertime convective clouds with silver iodide (AgI).

"The evidence points to cloud seeding as having increased rain volume primarily by inducing several larger, longer-lasting cells, which showed a greater tendency to merge with neighboring cells," said George W. Bomar of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission in Austin. "Seeding affects a number of important dynamic and microphysical processes in West Texas clouds which ultimately leads to increased precipitation."

The cloud seeding was performed using aircraft which flew above growing cumulus clouds that met the rigorous experimental criteria for "seedable" cloud systems and dropped flares of AgI into them. The seeding was done in random fashion; some candidate clouds were seeded, some weren't.

Both seeded and unseeded clouds were measured using the Bureau of Reclamation's Skywater radar located near Big Spring. Data from 183

convective cells (93 seeded and 90 unseeded) was collected during the three summers.

The analysis of the data revealed that seeded convective cells lived 36% longer than the unseeded variety, and that the rain volumes of seeded cells exceeded that of unseeded cells by 130%. Also, the seeded cells merged with surrounding clouds twice as often as the unseeded cells.

In fact, Bomar says the research found that seeded cloud systems continued to produce more rainfall than unseeded clouds for up to 2 1/2 hours after seeding was initiated. Throughout the 2 1/2 hours after seeding began, the seeded clouds produced between 126% and 137% more rainfall than the clouds not treated with silver iodide.

He said the seeding did not substantially increase the height of convective clouds. Seeded clouds grew only 7% taller than the unseeded clouds.

"This would appear to alleviate the concern expressed by skeptics that seeding might turn a benign cumulus cloud into a raging severe thunderstorm," Bomar said.

He added that additional weather modification research will be done in August at the Big Spring site.

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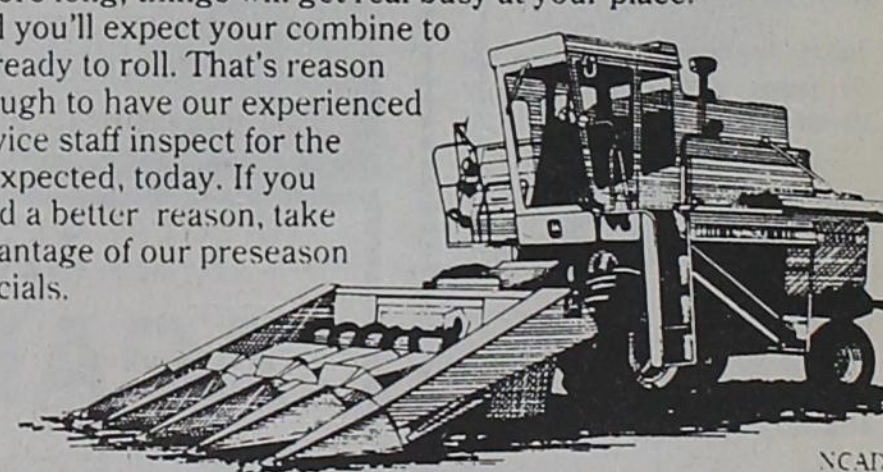
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Police Calls

Two Nazareth-area men are under investigation in connection with a rash of burglaries over the past few months in eastern Castro County.

The men, ages 17 and 26, are alleged to have been involved in several burglaries in the area over the past few months.

Deputies also arrested a 22-year-old Earth man in connection with burglaries in Castro and Lamb counties. The man was arrested for burglary of a building and is in Castro County Jail.

Sheriff CD Fitzgerald and deputies W.H. Cox and Carlos Perez assisted Lamb County deputies and Earth police in a search of a building in Earth on March 19. They found several items that had been missing after burglaries in Castro, Lamb and Hale counties. Deputies are investigating other leads in the cases.

Deputies are investigating an incident that occurred March 16 at Roadside Park. It was reported March 22.

The victim told deputies he was trying to turn into the park and was

blocked by a car and a pickup. He asked them to move their vehicles, but they refused. The man said he threw his beer in his vehicle and headed back to his apartment at the Azteca Complex.

The victim alleged that he was followed by the pickup, which struck his car several times. The man did not stop at his apartment, but turned around and went back out on the highway.

The victim alleged that his vehicle was struck several times by the pickup, and was eventually forced sideways off the road and into the bar ditch.

A man is under investigation for assault after neighbors argued over the shooting of a dog near Summerfield.

A man told deputies he found his four-month-old dog had been shot while he was gone. The man said he went to ask a female neighbor about it because the woman's family had shot another dog belonging to the man last Thanksgiving. The man said the woman did not shoot the dog this time, so the man went to another neighbor.

The victim told deputies the other neighbor heard a gunshot earlier in the day. The man said he returned home, only to be confronted by the woman neighbor's son. The victim said the woman's son hit him in the chest and challenged him to a fight. The man refused to fight, remained in his home and called authorities.

City police reported a man has filed harassment charges in connection with an incident March 5 at Star Dance Hall.

The man told police in a report this week that someone pulled down his walking shorts in public.

Other reports in the city over the past week include:

- Disorderly conduct by students at Dimmitt Middle School.
- Criminal mischief to a vacant house in the 600 block of NW Fifth.
- Someone siphoned gasoline from a City of Dimmitt pickup truck and

put asphalt in the tank.

--\$150 was taken from a man without his permission while he was staying at a local motel.

--A person passed a forged \$1 bill at a store.

--Telephone harassment in the 600 block of SW Fifth.

--Criminal mischief to a house window in the 100 block of NW Fourth.

--Two windows were shot out at a business in south Dimmitt.

Two accidents were reported at Dimmitt High School. In one accident, a woman was ticketed for backing without safety while the woman she backed into was cited for illegally parking in the street. The first woman was pulling out from a parking space in front of the school when she backed into a woman who was double-parked in the street. Neither person was injured.

In another accident, a woman was ticketed for failure to stop and render aid and for no proof of liability insurance in a March 22 incident. The woman, a high school student, was backing out of a parking space in the west parking lot at DHS when she struck a parked car. The student left the scene, but her car was found later.

A livestock trailer became unhitched and ran into a Cyclone fence at Bedford and NE Eighth on March 21. Police said the man was towing the livestock trailer when the hitch broke. He was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

Two vehicles received light damage when leaving from Dimmitt Middle School on March 22. The two drivers were backing from parking spaces at the school when they collided. No tickets were issued.

Hart plans civic awards banquet

The Hart Golden Group will honor a "Teacher of the Year," "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" during a banquet Friday night, April 15, at the Hart Golden Group Building.

The banquet will be served from 7 to 8 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by Brass and Ivory.

Tickets for the event may be purchased in advance from any Hart Golden Group member or may be purchased at the door.

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County GOP holds convention

Castro County Republicans elected new officers and state delegates at the county convention Saturday at Dimmitt City Hall.

Party officers were elected for the next two years, including Deanne Clark, chairman; Doug Taylor, vice chairman; Marguerite McLain, secretary; and Patsy Franks, treasurer. Clark, Ed Freeman and Wayne Collins were elected as delegates to the state convention, with alternates Darlene Collins, Emma Jean King and Ann Kern selected as alternates.

Twenty delegates at the county meeting heard a treasurer's report and summaries from State Chairman Fred Meyer and district officers. Twenty-five resolutions were added, substituted or attached to the 1992 Republican Party platform from various precincts. The resolutions included the right to bear arms, pro-life, and various resolutions supporting local and state candidates.

Congressional candidate Wayne Collins and his wife, Darlene, and county-and-district clerk candidate Shirley Hollums spoke to the group about their campaigns.

Social Security

A song a few years ago said, "What a difference a day makes." The song probably wasn't written to address a Social Security issue, but it does. If you were born on the first or second day of the month, one day could make a difference and mean an extra month of Social Security benefits when you retire.

How can this be? Consider how being born on the first or second day of the month would affect someone who is just turning 62. You must be at least 62 to receive Social Security retirement benefits. The earliest that you can be eligible for a retirement check is the first full month you are 62. That means that most people cannot receive a benefit for the month in which they turn 62.

The law also says that you "attain" your age the day before your birthday. So, if you were born June 2, for example, you legally attain your age on June 1 and you would be eligible for benefits for June because you're considered 62 for the entire month.

Of course, if you were born on June 1, you also would receive benefits for June because you are 62 the entire month. Even though you legally turned 62 on May 31, you couldn't receive any benefits for May because you weren't 62 for the whole month.

The "born on the first or second" rules also apply to Medicare, with one important difference. Unlike Social Security, where you must be eligible for the whole month to qualify for benefits, you can get Medicare coverage for a month even if you're eligible for only one day of the month. That means if your 65th birthday is on June 1, you would be entitled to Medicare for the month of May because you legally became 65 on May 31. If your birthday fell on June 2, you would be entitled to Medicare for June.

If you have questions about Social Security, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit your local Social Security office.



STATE CHAMP!—Cassie Birkenfeld, daughter of Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth, won the 11-year-old Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest in Austin on March 19. Birkenfeld made 21 of 25 free throws in the state contest. She advanced to state by winning first the Nazareth contest, then the regional contest in Amarillo on March 5.

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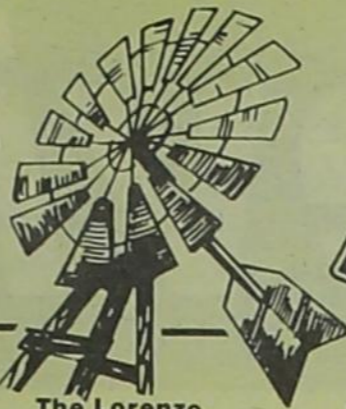
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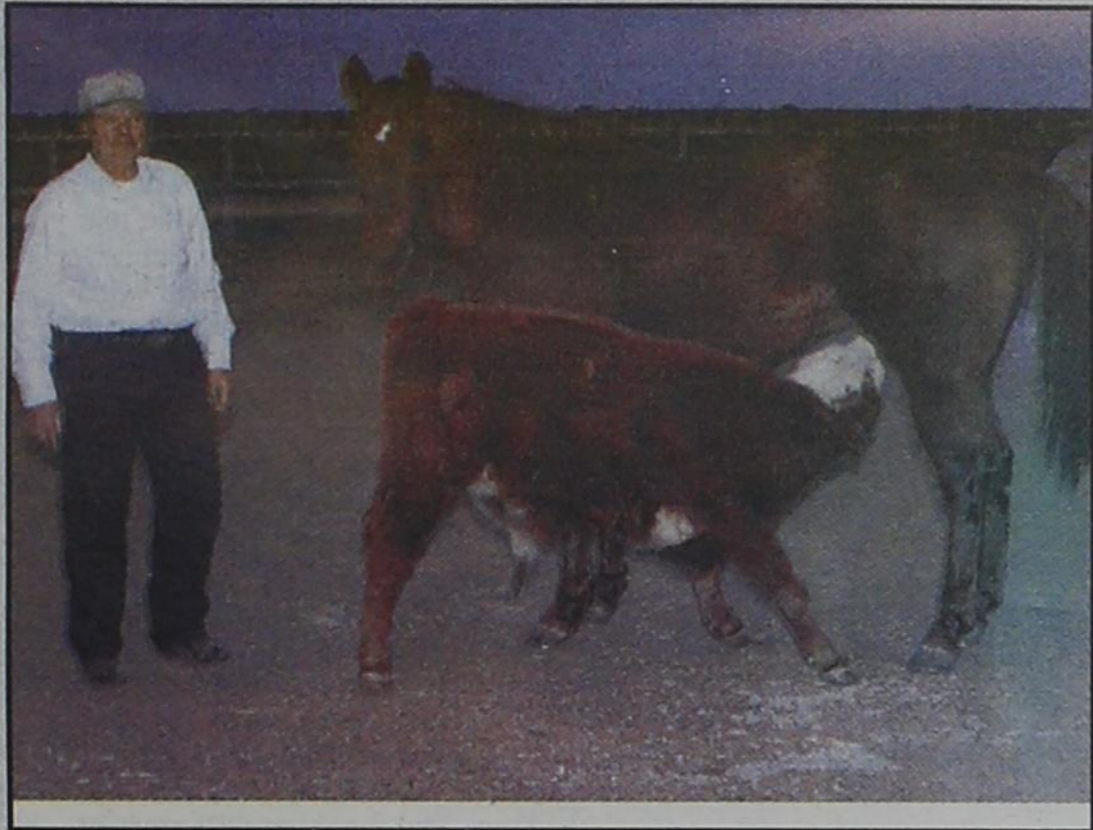
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Molly the mare nurses calves



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L.W. Cook checks on Molly and one of the calves she raised this spring. For little fellers who have trouble reaching the faucets, a rubber tub is provided.

Molly is 'mom' to orphaned 'dogies'

Special to AgReview

CROSBYTON — Molly is an 'old maid' mare with a mothering instinct that is quite miraculous.

The odd thing about Molly, however, is her preference to mother young cattle rather than colts.

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Molly is the surrogate "cow" for orphaned calves — which she began mothering and nursing completely on her own a couple of years ago — on the L-7 ranch near Crosbyton.

Owned by former Plainview resident L. W. Cook, Molly is an 8-year-old quarter horse and honorary ranch

nursemaid.

Molly is a miracle mare. That's because she produces milk despite the fact she never had a foal of her own.

In the past two years, Molly has raised about 10 calves.

She's got calves right now that weighs 400 to 500 pounds, and if things go along like they usually do about this time of year, it's just about time to replace this fat animal with a new one.

Mrs. Billy (Frances) Wood, a Plainview Energas employee and daughter of Cook, says Molly's nursing ability even puzzles veterinarians, because mares normally must foal before they produce milk.

Of course, Molly can't produce enough milk when she has several little ones tagging along with her. So Cook does bottle-feed with a milk supplement.

The Wood children occasionally travel to the ranch and help with bottle feeding.

Frances explained that Molly's mothering instincts became apparent when she was 4 years old and stole a calf from its mama. Now every calving season she has a full-time job with her bovine brood.

"That first spring my dad noticed her bringing a baby calf back to the barn with her," explains Mrs. Wood. "She had never had a calf, and my dad

See MOLLY, Page 3

Clarendon ranch plans weekly 'hoedown'

CLARENDON — Anyone who enjoys the crackling smells of a chuckwagon cooking fire and the down-home fun of "opry"-style entertainment, can attend one of the regu-

lar a "Hoedown" events at the Bar H Dude Ranch.

Frank Hommel, ranch owner, has announced plans to add the "Hoedown" to his full-fare of ranch entertainment. "Hoedown" will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Bar H.

"We have lots of appeal to visitors from all over the United States and even from overseas," Hommel explained. "We wanted to add something else to entertain our guests. After a full day of activities on a

working cattle ranch, we didn't think we could find anything more satisfying than music."

Hommel intends to draw upon area talent for the "Hoedown." In addition to the singers and dancers performing cowboy songs and other country or western tunes, Hommel expects to have cloggers, line dancers and an occasional cowboy poet.

"There may also be some opportunities for folks to get up and do a little 'Texas

two-steppin' of their own," Hommel said.

The cost for the evening will be \$15. The price includes dinner and entertainment. Reservations are required.

Located on FM 3257, off U.S. 287 just three miles from Clarendon, the Bar H Dude Ranch began operating in October 1991. The 1,500-acre working cattle ranch has been operated by the Hommel family for three generations.

Equipped with two bunk-

houses, the Bar H can accommodate 50 overnight guests. The ranch also boasts a recreation building, a swimming pool, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and wide porch fully equipped with rocking chairs. Activities and meals are geared specifically to fit individual or group needs. Individuals, fami-

lies, wedding parties, business retreats and tour groups all are welcome at the Bar H.

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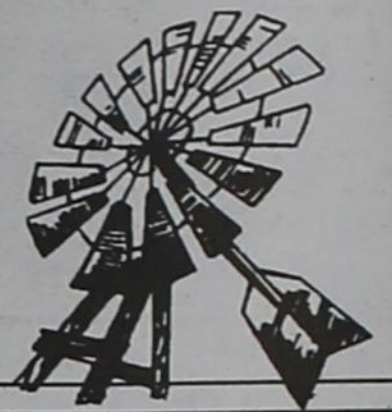
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May 6-8

PAWNEE, OKLA., OLD TRACTOR SHOW — Typical old tractor event. Information available at 405-282-7008.

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FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS — Day of celebrating and fun, plus a parade including antique tractors.

Take this farm safety pop quiz

MOLINE, ILL. — The National Safety Council estimates 1,200 deaths and 140,000 disabling, non-fatal injuries related to agriculture occurred in 1992. To decrease deaths and disabling injuries requires increased awareness of potential dangers and determination to learn and use ways to avoid them.

You can test your awareness of potential dangers on the farm by taking the following quiz provided by Deere & Company. Be sure to review the answers after you have completed the quiz. True or False:

1. You should never attempt to start

an engine by shorting across starter terminals.

2. The operator of a tractor equipped with a rigid ROPS (rollover protective structure) or ROPS cab should always wear a seat belt.

3. You can avoid injury when pulling a corn stalk at least two feet long from plugged stalk rolls if you release the stalk as soon as it begins to be pulled in.

4. Do not permit children to ride with you while you're operating a tractor.

5. The best way to check the tractor and implement hydraulic system for leaks is to quickly run your hand over

the lines, fittings, and components.

6. Clothing caught in a wrap point will normally tear away, permitting the person to escape serious injury.

7. When a tractor operator signals a left turn with the yellow flashing lights on, the right-hand flashing lights change to more steady illumination (stop flashing) and the left-hand lights start flashing at a faster rate.

8. In cold, winter months, gasoline does not vaporize enough to form an explosive or flammable mixture with air.

9. A tractor can overturn to the rear when driven forward up a steep incline.

10. Maximum speed is 20 mph when towing a load that is not equipped with brakes and is equal to or less in weight than the tractor. Answers to the safety quiz

Only a perfect score is acceptable — for even one mistake about safety on the farm can cost pain, suffering, or loss of life. While a perfect score doesn't guarantee an accident-free farm, it does indicate an awareness of basic safety rules and practices. That's the first step toward a safer farm and work environment. But remember, you have to pass with a perfect score every second of every day on the farm.

1. True. The machine will start in gear if neutral-start circuitry is bypassed. This could cause the machine to move suddenly and cause serious injury or death to anyone in its path. Start an engine only from the operator's seat of the machine, with the transmission in park or neutral.

2. True. If your tractor is equipped with a rigid ROPS (rollover protective structure) or ROPS cab, you must wear your seat belt at all times. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for foldable and telescopic ROPS. If you do not

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Feedlot corrections made during January

The Feb. 7 states "Cattle On Feed" report was a needed bullish report for the fed cattle sector of the beef industry. Moderately bullish, but still bullish!

During January cattle feeders upped their marketings 6 percent above the 1993 winter troubled marketings. Slightly over 1.6 million head of cattle were marketed from the 7-States feedlots during January.

Put in perspective, however, the January 1994 marketing were fractionally below the 5-year average of 1.2 million head. On feed numbers were still 7 percent greater than the 5-year average and the largest number on feed in February since 1974.

Higher feed costs, still relatively high feeder costs, and tight to negative margins have discouraged cattle feeders. Cattle and calves placed in feedlots during January numbered 1.54 million head, down 5 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below the 5-year average.

With the continuation of smaller placements and increased marketings, inventories should begin declining. January-March fed cattle marketings are expected to average 4 percent above last year. For the April-June period, marketings are projected to slip 1-2 percent below last year. Even if marketings slip below year ago levels during the second quarter, beef production may still remain above year ago levels. Average carcass weights rose to record levels last fall and have continued to post new records in 1994. Marketing weights have been boosted by excellent feedlot performance this winter.

Beef production is expected to average about 7 percent over a year earlier during the January-March quarter before moderating to a 4 percent weight-induced rise in the April-June period.

Production levels likely will continue to moderate during the last half of the year, with July-September output holding near a year earlier while October-December output is projected to rise 1 to 2 percent.

Fed cattle prices traded mostly in the lower \$70s through the fall and early winter months, but by early March are expected to move into the upper \$70s. April-June prices



LIVESTOCK MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Ernie Davis

an average in the \$72-\$74 range, before rising back into the mid-\$70s by year end.

On Feed: Cattle and calves on feed Feb. 1 in the 7 monthly reporting states totaled 9.14 million head, up 1 percent from year ago counts and 11 percent above 1992. Texas feedlots had 2.66 million head of cattle and calves on feed, 10 percent above year ago numbers.

Placements: Cattle and calves placed on feed in the 7-States during January totaled 1.54 million head, down 5 percent from last year and down 1 percent from January 1992. Texas feedlots placed 365,000 cattle and calves on feed during January. This was 11 percent above January 1993 placements.

Marketings: Marketings of fed cattle from the 7-States during January totaled 1.61 million head, up 6 percent from last year but 3 percent below January 1992. Marketings from Texas feedlots during January totaled 425,000, up 21 percent from last year.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in the U.S. during January 1994 totaled 3.37 billion pounds, 2 percent above last year. Kill days for January 1994 included 21 weekdays and five Saturdays. January 1993 had the same number of weekdays and Saturdays for 1994 for production.

Beef Production: For the month of January, beef produc-

tion was 1.94 billion pounds, up 7 percent from last year. Head kill totaled 2.74 million head, up 3 percent from last year. The average live weight at slaughter increased 27 pounds to 1,191 pounds.

Veal Production: For January, veal production totaled 23 million pounds, up 4 percent from the record low set last year. Calf slaughter totaled 102.0 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year. The average live weight was up 20 pounds to 385 pounds.

Pork Production: Pork production was 1.38 billion pounds, 4 percent below last year. Hog kill totaled 7.47 million head, down 5 percent from last year. The average live weight remained the same at 254 pounds.

Lamb Production: During January, lamb and mutton production totaled 25 million pounds, the same as a year ago. Slaughter totaled 394.6 thousand head, almost the same as last year. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 127 pounds.

Texas Slaughter: January's livestock slaughter included 504.6 thousand head of cattle, up 17 percent; 1.5 thousand head of calves, down 44 percent; 30.2 thousand hogs, up 9 percent from 1993. Sheep and lamb slaughter was not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations. Commercial red meat production in Texas during January was 350.2 million pounds, up 21 percent from a year ago.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen meat in U.S. warehouses on Jan. 31, 1994 totaled 814.8 million pounds, up 25 percent from a year ago and up 12 percent from last month. Cold storage beef supplies totaled 435.4 million pounds, up 52 percent from a year ago and 9 percent above last month's levels. Frozen pork supplies were measured at 348.9 million pounds, which was 6 percent above last year's levels, and 17 percent above last month's supplies.

Frozen poultry supplies were estimated to be 679.3 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago, but 10 percent above last month's levels.

(Dr. Ernie Davis is Livestock Marketing Specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.)

Texas Ranchers pushing goat for dinner

By NELSON ANTOSH
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It's what's for dinner. And these Texas ranchers aren't talking beef.

Call it cabrito, chevon, chivon, capretto or just plain ol' goat — in any language it spells an up-and-coming meat product.

After decades of being little more than a cottage industry in the western part of Texas, the business of raising goats for meat is on the rise.

The action is taking place in Texas because the state historically has been No. 1 in the nation for the number of goats, with concentrations around Junction, Menard and San Angelo. There were an estimated 1.96 million

goats in Texas on Jan. 1, but the vast majority were raised for their mohair.

Ranchers interested in goat meat are reacting to a growing demand by immigrants from such places as Mexico, Asia, the Middle East, Cuba, Haiti and Jamaica, where goat meat is more commonly eaten than beef. Texas ranchers are hoping to broaden this market, now met largely by imports, by improving their product through the use of a new breed of goat developed in South Africa.

The demand for these Boer goats is so high that prices have soared since they first entered the United States last April. Texas ranchers are paying \$14,000 to \$25,000 per goat and using them as breeders. In a few years, these bigger and meatier animals will allow butchers to sell cuts they can promote as mainstream menu items in supermarkets.

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Keen, executive director of the American Meat Goat Association, a 3-year-old organization based in Mertz, Texas. "This is the fastest growing industry with the most potential in Texas agriculture at this time."

But first, ranchers have to devise an appealing name and a hot recipe for their goat meat. This search will be the topic of a by-invitation-only goat industry summit to be held May 9 in Prairie View, Texas.

"We want to latch onto something like the beef industry did with fajitas," Keen says, noting that skirt beef, formerly known as a "throw-away" piece of beef, is now a bestseller.

The need for a good name is obvious. Pig raisers produce pork, not pig meat; cattle raisers produce beef, not cattle meat; and sheep raisers produce mutton or lamb, not sheep meat.

Thian Hor Teh, who heads the Kika de la Garza Institute for Goat Research at Langston University in Oklahoma, likes the

name chevon. He thinks the label cabrito should be avoided, because, speaking accurately, cabrito comes from young goats, from 6 to 8 months old, and people don't like the idea of killing kids.

But Texans don't like the name chevon, because it sounds too French, Keen says. They want something more Southwestern. They would like to call all of the cuts cabrito

— cabrito loin, cabrito steaks, cabrito roasts. In Mexico, cabrito typically refers to the entire carcass.

But for many consumers, the name isn't a big deal. There are about 61 million people in the United States whose ethnic background makes them more likely to eat goat meat if they can get it, according to Teh.

Proof of demand is the increase of goat meat imports. The

amount of frozen goat meat from Australia zoomed almost four-fold since 1989, Teh says. The bulk of the goat meat goes to the East Coast.

Goat meat is a source of optimism for raisers of Angora goats, who have had little to cheer about with the phaseout of the federal mohair program, says Frank Craddock, a sheep and goat specialist for the Texas A&M University Extension Service.

Texas Limousin sale in Lubbock Saturday

LUBBOCK — The Texas Limousin Association's "Top of Texas" Limousin Bull & Female Sale is scheduled for Saturday at the Lubbock Stockyards in Lubbock. The sale will begin at 1 p.m. and will feature 80 working age, red and black bulls and 30 Limousin females.

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To receive a Top of Texas Limousin Bull Sale catalog or additional information, contact the Texas Limousin Association, P.O. Box 239, Crowley, 76036 or phone 817-297-2462.

MOLLY, from Page 1 thought this was really strange. The next thing he knew, she was trying to nuzzle the calf to start nursing it."

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Prices of oranges, grapefruits higher

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Smaller supplies of oranges
and grapefruits have
brought higher prices for
growers in the 1993-94
marketing year.

"Following bumper
crops in 1992-93,
California-Arizona navel
orange production is off 13
percent, Florida orange
production is down 5 per-
cent, and the U.S.
grapefruit crop is down 9
percent," the Agriculture
Department's Economic
Research Service said in a
report on fruit and tree

QUIZ, From page 2

have a ROPS on your tractor,
do NOT wear a seat belt.

3. False. Your reaction
time would be too slow to
avoid injury. Always shut
off the engine and remove
the key from the ignition
before you attempt to clear
an obstruction.

4. True. Your tractor is a
one-person machine. Never
permit riders. Never allow
anyone to ride on the tractor,
implements, or other equip-
ment, including wagons.

5. False. Use a piece of
cardboard or wood to find
leaks. Never use your hand
or arm. Wear safety goggles
for eye protection. Diesel
fuel or hydraulic fluid under
pressure can penetrate the
skin or eyes and cause seri-
ous personal injury, blind-
ness, or death.

6. False. Work clothes
are usually too strong to tear
away safely — and the acci-
dent happens so fast that
there is little time to react.
Do not wear looge-fitting
clothing when operating on
or working around
machines. Keep all shields
and guards in place and
replace damaged or missing
ones.

7. True. All equipment
manufacturers that follow
the ASAE (American
Society of Agricultural
Engineers) lighting and
marking standard are
required to provide a flash-
ing yellow-light system that
includes turn signals which
use the steady illumina-
tion/faster flashing
rate to indicate direction of
intended turn.

8. False. Gasoline can
still form an explosive or
flammable mixture with air
in cold, winter months. Do
not smoke or work near
heaters or other fire hazards
when working around fuel.
Store all flammable fluids
away from fire hazards.

9. True. Driving forward
up steep inclines, hitching
above the drawbar height,
starting a heavy load quick-
ly, and immobilizing the rear
wheels are all practices that
can cause a tractor to over-
turn to the rear.

10. True. According to
recommended speed-weight
ratio guidelines, 20 mph is
the maximum speed when
towing a load not equipped
with brakes that weighs the
same or less than the tractor.
Reduce maximum speed to
10 mph when towing a load
up to double the tractor
weight. Reduce speed and
use additional caution when
towing loads under adverse
surface conditions, when
turning, and on inclines.

nuts.
Because of the smaller
Florida crop, U.S. orange
juice production is forecast
at 1.12 billion gallons in
1993-94, down 7 percent
from a year earlier.

But, the report said, "the
outlook calls for stable
orange juice prices in the
months ahead."

It said increased lemon
supplies from Arizona and
the California desert and
weak domestic demand led
to lower shipping point
prices for those commodi-
ties from mid-December
through February.

"A smaller crop is being
harvested in Southern Cali-
fornia, which could provide
some support to prices dur-
ing the remainder of the
season," the report said.

The harsh winter in some
noncitrus-producing states
may have damaged fruit
buds or even the wood of
peach and cherry trees.

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what effect the cold weath-
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fruit crops," the report
said. "Chile's fruit produc-
tion and exports likely
increased this winter."

Preliminary estimates
indicate 1993 U.S. apple,
peach and pear production
was about the same as in
1992, while grape, plum,
and cherry output declined,
it said.

"Higher prices prevail-
ed, and the total value of
U.S. noncitrus fruit produc-
tion rose," the report said.
"Higher prices in 1993
raised the value of U.S.
apple production 9 percent
from 1992."

It added that a large,
high-quality Washington
apple crop boosted exports
and supported grower
prices.

The value of U.S. straw-
berry production reached a
record \$747 million in
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There's power in 'them thar skies'

By EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press Writer

FORT DAVIS (AP) — There's power in the skies above Texas.

It's there for the taking for anyone who knows how to bring it down to earth. And around the state, utilities are getting increasingly more interested in learning how.

The motives range from a government push to develop alternative energy technology — like wind and solar power — to the anticipation conventional generating plants won't always be enough to meet the country's power needs.

But whatever the reason, they're serving to push Texas toward a day when two of its potentially richest resources, the wind and sun, will no longer go untapped.

"I think there's a lot of reason for optimism," said Andrew Swift, a professor at the University of Texas-El Paso who studies wind power.

Renewable energy technology is still very young, however. Although wind and solar power have been used around the country for years, in many cases they haven't been cost effective enough to become commonplace.

"Wind is not a major player, like nuclear or coal or gas or hydro," said Peter Goldman, a wind program manager for the U.S. Department of Energy. "There's a long way to go."

The same goes for solar power.

So utilities are mostly beginning with small projects to familiarize themselves with the technologies involved. The most popular proving ground so far is sun-baked and wind-scoured West Texas.

During the next three years, Central and South West Corp. (CSW) and a separate venture involving the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the Texas General Land Office will construct two of the state's largest renewable energy projects.

CSW, a Dallas utility holding company, is building a solar park in the Davis Mountains, just below the McDonald Observatory.

The park, projected for completion in early 1995, will be capable of producing 300 kilowatts of electricity which will be funneled into the power grid operated by West Texas Utilities Co., a CSW subsidiary in Fort Davis. An industry rule of thumb says 2 kilowatts is enough for one household, so the project should generate enough power for 150 households.

As part of the same project, CSW will install solar panels at three homes and two businesses in Fort Davis.

CSW also is studying the area to find a site for a planned wind farm, which would use 20 wind turbines — modern wind mills — to

produce 6 megawatts of electricity, or enough for 3,000 households.

A much larger wind project is planned to the north in the Guadalupe Pass region by the LCRA, an Austin-based wholesale power supplier, the state land office and San Francisco-based Kenetech Windpower.

Kenetech, which operates several wind farms in California, plans to bring a 150- to 170-turbine wind farm on line by mid-1996.

The plant, planned for a site about 100 miles east of El Paso, will be capable of generating 50 to 60 megawatts of electricity, which the river authority will buy for resale to customers throughout Central Texas.

A second phase is planned that would use about 750 turbines to generate as much as 200 megawatts.

The Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University in Canyon estimates there are 250,000 megawatts of capturable wind power in Texas, equivalent to about five times the total installed electrical generating capacity in the state. About 130,000 megawatts can be generated in the Panhandle alone, according to the institute.

"We see alternative technology as the wave of the future," said LCRA spokesman Bill McCann. "When it's competitive, it not only provides some diversity for our (generating) resources, it's also a clean technology."

Researchers and government officials say the need to diversify and to produce clean power are the primary reasons utilities are delving into renewables technology.

UTEP's Swift and others say data shows Texas is on the verge of becoming a net energy importer, meaning power production is not keeping pace with increasing consumption.

"Texas has abundant solar and wind resources that can be developed to change the situation," Swift said.

At the same time, increased environmental awareness has spotlighted the need for non-polluting energy sources, Swift said.

Other motivation is coming from government and regulatory agencies.

The Department of Energy and the Electric Power Research Institute, for example, have contributed \$5.3 million to CSW's wind farm project under a program intended to make wind power attractive to utilities.

"There was a recognition by both EPRI and DOE that support for new product programs typically ends just about the time when something is ready to go commercial," said Earl Davis, EPRI's manager for wind power integration.

"In the case of wind turbines, if we don't carry it a little bit farther then it's not going to get to the field," he said.

While such projects are helping utilities become familiar with alternative

energy equipment, the Texas Public Utility Commission is trying to get companies to consider renewables technology to start with.

The commission is considering implementing an "integrated resource planning rule" that will mandate utilities consider alternatives before constructing new power plants.

The rule could have utilities delay new construction by making operations more efficient, promoting conservation and by using renewables.

"In promoting renewables in West Texas, particularly solar and wind, there seems to be an ideal marriage that will benefit a utility and the customer," said PUC spokesman Guillermo Garcia.

Researchers and utility officials note, however, that renewables technology has not advanced to the point that a utility can rely solely on something like the wind to

generate all of its electricity. "It's a supplemental source, not an end all," said Vaughn Nelson, director of the Alternative Energy Institute in Canyon.

But, he also pointed out, "the potential is quite large."



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"Over the next 20-30 years, farmers and policymakers in developing countries will be challenged to provide food at affordable prices for almost 100 million more people every year — the largest annual population increase in history," said Per Pinstrup-Andersen, director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

"Moreover, they will have to increase food production from more productive use of the land and without further degradation of natural resources — (farm) area expansion is no longer a feasible option in most of the world," he said.

Pinstrup-Andersen is author of a recent report entitled "World Food Trends and Future Food Security." His organization was established in 1975 to identify and analyze policies for meeting food needs of the developing world.

It conducts research on ways to achieve sustainable food production, improve

nutrition and income levels of the poor, enhance the links between agriculture and other sectors of the economy and improve trade and economic conditions.

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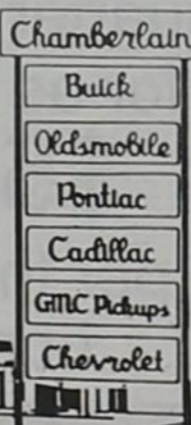
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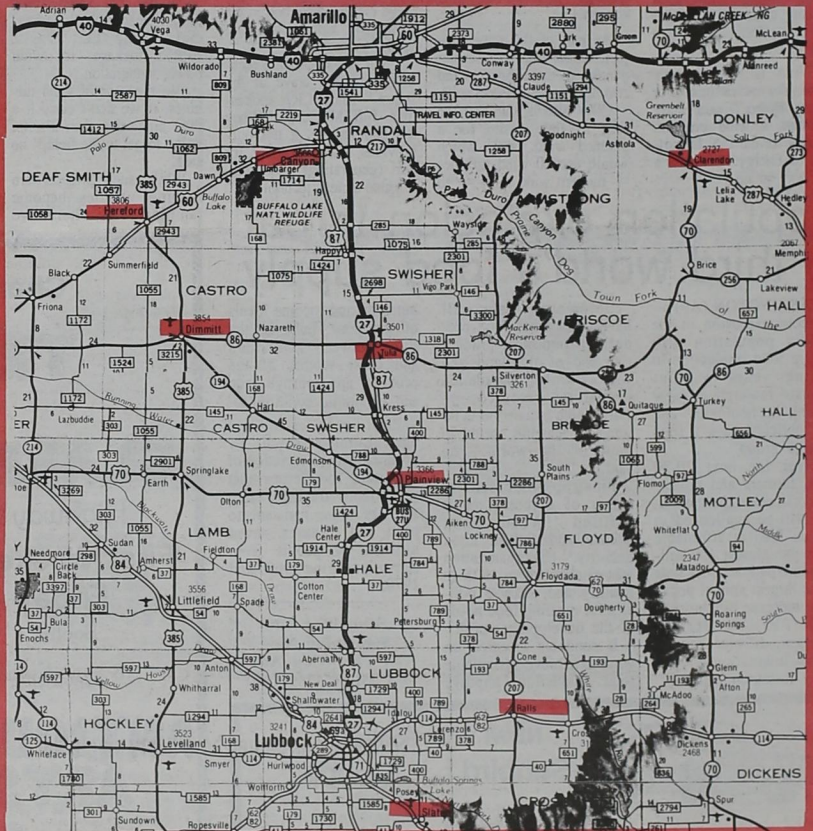
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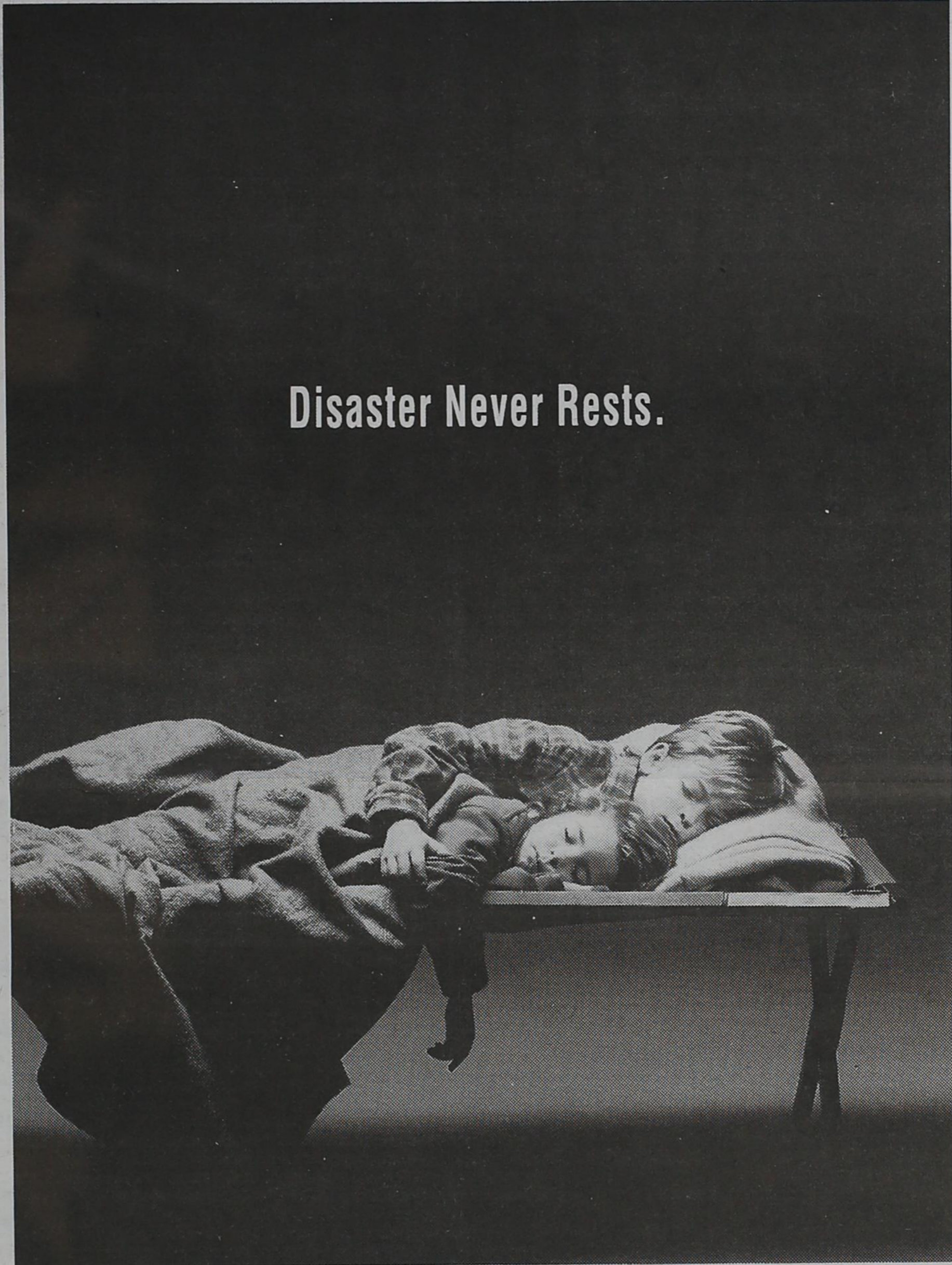


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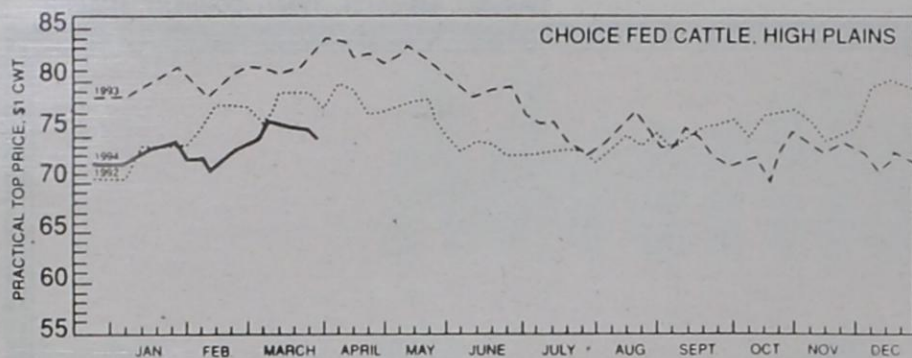
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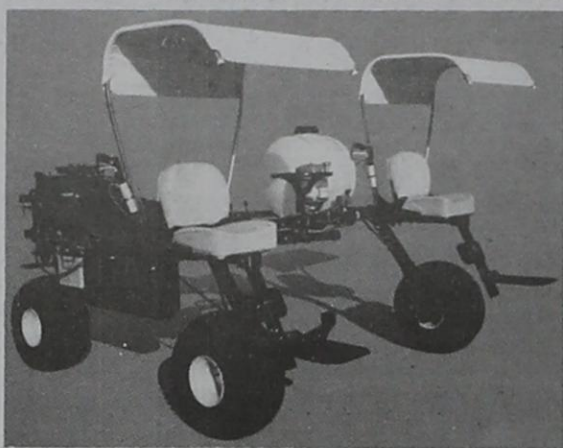
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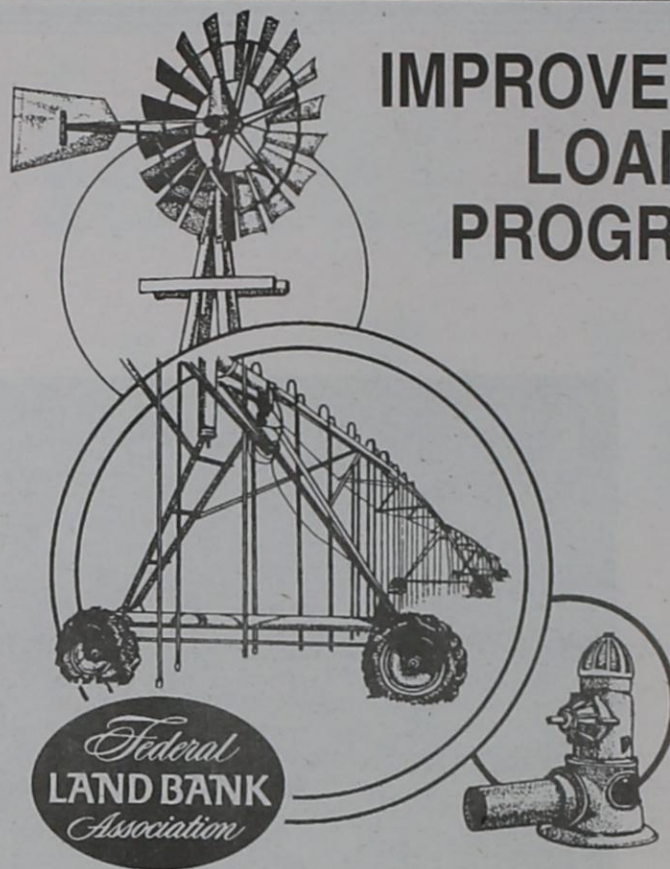
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