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'THINK NOT DRINKIN' WILL HURT YOUR SOCIAL LIFE? Try not breathing!' That is the message being displayed by these members of the Dimmitt High School Student Council to advertise the Prom Promise program that encourages students to sign a pledge to abstain from alcohol and drugs, especially on Prom night. Four clusters of "ghostly" students stood on each corner of the US 385 and SH 86 intersection in Dimmitt for a couple of hours on Tuesday to attract attention to their messages.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hospital district gets \$111,000 'tobacco funds'

The Castro County Hospital District is scheduled to receive a state check this week for \$111,254.70 as its second payment from the Texas tobacco settlement. It's about \$50,000 more than district officials expected.

Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander is sending out \$100 million to 288 Texas hospital districts, counties and cities to help offset the costs of providing indigent health care.

The check amounts were determined by a Texas Dept. of Health formula based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care the previous year. The local hospital district's check is noticeably larger than those of many bigger entities, indicating a higher rate of unreimbursed indigent care here.

Checks to other hospital districts in this region included the Childress County H.D., \$10,707; Collingsworth County H.D., \$35,340; Dallam/Hartley Counties H.D., \$116,220; Deaf Smith County H.D., \$105,784; Donley H.D., \$21,242; Farwell H.D., \$2,965; Hall County H.D., \$23,477; Hemphill County H.D., \$104,564; Lockney General H.D., \$34,598; Moore County H.D., \$53,956; Motley County H.D., \$6,598; Muleshoe Area H.D., \$51,309; Ochiltree County H.D., \$65,121; Parmer County H.D., \$42,353; Randall County H.D., \$97,624; and Seminole Memorial H.D., \$294,578.

Of the metropolitan hospital districts in this region, the Amarillo H.D. is receiving \$1,247,521 and the Lubbock County H.D. \$659,119.

The only cities receiving tobacco funds are Austin, Kilgore and Killeen. Of the state's 254 county governments, 162 are receiving funds, although Castro is not one of them. Bailey, Crosby, Gray, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Oldham and Randall Counties in this region are receiving amounts ranging from \$4,361 (Oldham) to \$125,425 (Lamb).

The funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

The CCHD received \$160,000 in its initial payment last year and expected about \$60,000+ this year, CEO Joe Sloan said, "but some of the counties spent their money on roads and bridges instead of health care last year, so the state reapportioned some of it this year."

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Comptroller's Office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion is in an un-touchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

Adult probation agency seeks new space

The adult probation department is searching for a new home, and that home could be in the old Cobbs building in the 100 block of East Bedford Street in Dimmitt, just across from the courthouse.

The building most recently housed the Merle Norman Studio, but has been vacant for a couple of months now.

The owner of the building, Clements Corp., is willing to rent the building to Castro County for \$500 per month, according to County Attorney Jerry Matthews.

Through the adult probation program, probationers are required to take certain classes and must meet with their probation officer. These activities are currently being conducted in the courthouse, where office space is very limited.

The adult probation department has scheduled counseling sessions and/or classes such as GED courses almost every day of the week.

"I know we have to do something and we've got to find them a place soon," said Pet. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "It's getting hard to find them all space in the courthouse."

Matthews told commissioners the probation department had inspected the building on East Bedford and it is possible to remodel the building to meet the department's needs.

The county had earmarked \$12,000 for office space for the probation department this year, and none of that money has been used yet and there are only five months left in this budget year.

Plans for the building would include remodeling the restroom facilities by adding an additional restroom that is handicap-accessible. Partition walls would have to be constructed to divide the building into separate rooms for meetings and classroom instruction. Two private offices would be constructed, too, and with those two offices will be a need for additional heating and air conditioning in that portion of the building.

Matthews told commissioners he had received a bid of approximately \$3,500 for the extra heating and air

conditioning and the handicap-accessible restroom.

Additional electrical wiring and telephone lines would have to be installed to accommodate computers and other office equipment.

Matthews said the county would only have to purchase materials for the construction of the walls because the Castro/Swisher/Hale County Probation Dept. was planning to have probationers do the work.

Matthews agreed to research the project further, obtaining estimates on all the supplies and work needed, and he will present the estimates to commissioners at their May 8 meeting. That's when they will decide whether or not they want to rent the building.

Commissioners were scheduled to study estimates on proposed remodeling work at its latest acquisition, the old Energas building on North Broadway.

The county recently purchased the building as a new home for the Extension Service, but it also needs a

few renovations before the Extension staff can move from their current offices in the courthouse basement.

County Extension Agents Pammy Millican and Marilyn Neal were not available to meet with commissioners Monday, and Extension IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Agent Johnna Patterson said she didn't know what the projected costs were, so commissioners tabled the matter until their May 8 meeting.

Commissioners elected Precinct 3 commissioner Bay Baldrige to contact contractors about painting the gazebo and surrounding benches, etc., at the courthouse.

"We've tried for two years to get this done, but we haven't received any bids. It needs to be done before it begins deteriorating," Baldrige said.

Commissioners will discuss the matter on May 8 after Baldrige has contacted painters.

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By Don Nelson

My schedule this week dictated that I come up with a column quickly, so I headed to my "backup file" of timeless topics, hoping that you would agree with me that it's time for something light.

My niece, Susan Nelson of Beeville, sent this along. It originated with an anonymous young mother in Austin:

For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious.

For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning.

For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

Things I've learned from my children:

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DMS science students set Arbor Day celebration

Dimmitt Middle School eighth grade earth science students, along with the City of Dimmitt, will hold an Arbor Day celebration today (Thursday) starting at 10 a.m. at South Lake Park in Dimmitt, and the public is invited.

"Bring a picnic lunch and a shovel or wheelbarrow and we will provide the trees," said Kathy Lust, teacher of the students.

In a project co-sponsored by the science classes and the city, a num-

ber of trees will be planted at the park.

Funding for the project came in part from the Amarillo Area Foundation's Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification grant program.

The science students have undertaken a project to build an outdoor environmental learning classroom in the patio area of the middle school, and additional funds were allowed for the trees at South Lake Park.

The students have studied the requirements for planting, growth and survival of trees and selected a variety that will do well at the park. The trees were to be delivered Wednesday.

At the end of May the students are planning to host a celebration for the community partners who have helped in the project, and also will invite parents and local senior citizens. Activities will include guided tours of the outdoor classroom area, a butterfly release and a plant sale.

Students are continuing to sell cement "Bobcat Paws" stepping stones to help raise a portion of the funds for the project. The stepping stones cost \$10 for one, \$15 for two, or \$20 for three. Those interested in ordering the stepping stones or in helping with any aspect of the project may call DMS at 647-3108.

Grand jury indicts eight on 11 charges

The Castro County Grand Jury met Tuesday morning and handed up 11 indictments against eight people.

Three men from Earth were charged with one count each of burglary of a habitation and one count each of burglary of a building. The three are Gabriel Cantu, 19, Daniel Cantu, 17, and Gabriel DeLeon, 17.

Leroy Martinez Ramirez, 38, of Dimmitt, was indicted for DWI, third or more.

Anthony Joseph Garza, 21, of Brownfield, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Gerardo Gonzales Jr., 21, of Hart, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Manuel Cordova, 58, of Olton, was indicted for forgery.

Lori Nino Gonzales, 21, of Dimmitt, was indicted for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.



THERE'S ONE!—Alyssa Hernandez, 4, and her sister, Devin, 6, daughters of Rita and Jesse Hernandez, enjoy the Easter egg hunt that was held last Thursday afternoon in the courtyard at Plains Memorial Hospital. Some of the residents of the extended care program and Welch Home Place, along with family members and staff members, also enjoyed the event, watching children and grandchildren of residents and employees hunt eggs and partake of refreshments arranged by activity director Blanca Fuentes.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Early voting to end Tuesday

Early voting started April 19 and will continue through Tuesday in the May 6 school board elections set in Castro County.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who have filed on the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth school boards are listed below, along with voting locations.

City and hospital elections in the county were canceled, since all candidates were unopposed.

Dimmitt

Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

Early voting may be done at the administration building on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including during the noon hour.

Hart

Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Others filing are Harold Bob Bennett, Vivian Finch, Roy Gonzales, Laura Hart, Manuel Minjares III, Arthur Guzman, and Julie McLain.

Early ballots may be cast at the school administrative offices on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the noon hour.

Nazareth

Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker, Jimmy Hoelting, and Mike Huseman.

Early voting may be done at the superintendent's office at the school building on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including during the noon hour.

Castro County employers invited to 'Quad' Job Fair

Castro County employers are urged to participate in the Quad-County Job Fair set for May 10 at the Hereford Community Center, sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Human Services, according to Belle Braddock, employee of the TDHS office in Dimmitt.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with booth set-up starting at 8:30 a.m. Reservation information must be turned in to TDHS by Monday. Information may be faxed to 806-363-8629.

Employers from Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties also will be participating. Potential employees from throughout the area also are being invited to attend and find out what job opportunities are available.

"We want employers from all across the area to have a booth at the fair to display what their companies have to offer and to sign up prospective employees," Braddock said.

There is no fee to employers who participate in the job fair, and a lunch will be provided for their representatives at the fair. The lunch will include barbecue brisket, potato salad, beans, tea, coffee, and desserts, Braddock said.

Braddock said organizers of the job fair have lined up goody bags

with give-away items for prospective employees who attend. However, she added that only a few items had been collected so far from Castro County employers.

"We want all of our area employers to have a chance to get their name seen by the available pool of prospective employees, and to have a chance to spread good will for their company," Braddock said.

Those interested in donating give-away items or in having a booth at the fair may call Braddock at 647-4181, ext. 24, or Nora Pesina at 363-8612 in Hereford.

Braddock said that the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce has donated \$300 toward the cost of the fair, the Nazareth Lions Club has contributed \$100 for promotional materials and other costs, Russel Birdwell of State Farm in Dimmitt and the local WIC office have provided items for the goody bags.

Food for the meal has been donated by Kentucky Fried Chicken in Hereford, Braddock Brothers Dairy of Nazareth and Hereford Meat Market.

Connie Perez of Red X in Dimmitt will have a concession of soft drinks and snacks for sale at the event, according to Braddock.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	37	
Friday	73	34	
Saturday	79	47	
Sunday	84	51	
Monday	75	42	
Tuesday	78	42	
Wednesday	76	44	

April Moisture 0.73
2000 Moisture 3.37

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



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 27 to May 5.

DIMMITT Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, orange wedges and milk.
MONDAY: Honey bun, apple juice or milk.
TUESDAY: Corn Pops cereal, applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana or milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.
MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon and milk.
TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued chicken or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, barbecued beef on a bun or beef taco; savory green beans, baked potato or mashed potatoes; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Aroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Mexipinto beans, Lyonaise carrots or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchiladas, Chinese chicken plate or fish nuggets; refried beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, variety of cereal, Canadian bacon, graham crackers, jelly and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast, raisins and milk.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, raisins and milk.
THURSDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or enchiladas; salad, tortilla pieces, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, sliced pickles, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars, and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger with potato chips, burrito or oven-fried chicken; wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot sticks, green beans, cherry cobbler, fruit cocktail and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or salad; potato chips, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potatoes, tossed salad, beans, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, Jell-O and milk or juice.
MONDAY: *Soft taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, brownies and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pears, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strip, tossed salad, rice, grapes, orange cake and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, pudding and milk.
FRIDAY: * Bean and meat chulupa or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



BLACKWOOD BROTHERS will perform in Tulia May 6. Members of the group are (from left) Steve Warren, Cecil Blackwood, Eric Winston, Chris Blackwood and Rick Price.

Blackwood Brothers Quartet will present concert in Tulia

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet will be appearing in a special concert on Saturday, May 6, at the Tulia High School Auditorium.

The concert is being sponsored by the First Christian Church of Tulia. The Blackwood Brothers, featuring Cecil Stamps Blackwood, Steve Warren, Eric Winston, Chris Blackwood and Rick Price; have won nine Grammy Awards. The group has appeared on Billy Graham Television Crusades, Tom Snyder's ABC-TV Tomorrow Show, Barbara Mandrell's Television Show, Hee Haw Television Show, Dinah

Shore's Television Show, 700 Club, Blackwood Brothers National Television Show and more.

The group's concerts are filled with the songs they helped make famous during their history, which dates back to 1934.

Their parade of songs spans a 65-year history, and those numbers include *How Great Thou Art*, *The Old Country Church*, *Just a Little Talk With Jesus*, *I'll Fly Away* and many more.

For more information about the concert, contact the Rev. Karel Smith at 995-3732 or 359-0244.

Head Start enrollment starts Monday

Those interested in enrolling their 4-year-old children in Dimmitt's Head Start program may do so during a special enrollment period on Monday and Tuesday.

Students may enroll for the program between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Richardson Elementary School's library on Monday and Tuesday.

The program is for children who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000.

For a child to qualify, his or her family must meet income guidelines or be on some form of public assistance. Children also qualify if they have a documented disability or are in a foster care program.

When enrolling a child in the Head Start program, parents or guardians are asked to furnish the following information:

- ✓ Child's birth certificate.
- ✓ Two months of income verification or tax return.
- ✓ Immunization record for the child.
- ✓ Social Security numbers.
- ✓ Documentation of the child's disability (if applicable).
- ✓ Proof of public assistance (for example, Food Stamp Card, TANF benefits, Medicaid, WIC, SSI or HUD).
- ✓ Health insurance card (if applicable).

Health coalition seeks to reach 875 uninsured children in county

The Coalition of Health Services, which includes 20 hospital affiliates in 29 Panhandle counties, has contracted with TexCare Partnership to help provide health insurance to uninsured children in the region.

TexCare is to identify area families with uninsured children and help those families obtain children's health insurance.

More than 875 uninsured children live in Castro County, according to TexCare.

"The job of the TexCare Partnership, a landmark cooperative effort

between the public and private sectors, is to match families with uninsured children in Texas to a health insurance plan at rates that families can afford," Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert said. "Rates are based on the family's income and ability to pay."

The TexCare Partnership consists of three separate health insurance plans: the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation (THKC). Combined, these programs cover children from newborns through age 18.

Families with children who qualify for Medicaid pay nothing for the children's health insurance. For others, rates range from \$15 a year with small co-payments to \$216 per year (\$18 a month) with higher co-payments. Health plan providers and monthly premiums vary by county.

Each of the health plans available through the TexCare Partnership offers full-range coverage, including regular checkups, immunizations, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, lab tests, X-rays, hospital visits, dental care and mental health care, from a broad range of doctors.

"Every family in Texas, regardless of income, can now be assured children's health insurance options," said Kimberly Davis, TexCare Partnership outreach director.

Details of the insurance program are available through a toll-free number. Families may call 1-800-647-6558 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Or, if they prefer, they can have an application mailed to their home.

Application forms also are available on the Internet at: www.texcarepartnership.com

A single, 27,500 head feedyard will buy around 105,000 tons of corn and grain sorghum a year. It takes nearly 34,300 acres of farmland to produce the grain required by a single, 27,500 head feedyard.

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with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Services during Holy Week in Holy Family Church officiated by Rev. Peter Otto, pastor, were very inspirational and well-attended, especially the Mass of our Lord's Supper Thursday evening; Stations of the Cross at noon, and celebration of our Lord's Passion in the evening on Good Friday; and on Easter Sunday at 5:30, Sunrise Vigil Mass, followed by an Easter Mass at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday was spent as families gathered at one home or another for dinner, visiting and, of course, the traditional egg hunt!

Jim and Sandee Hoelting and family attended the Easter Vigil and Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia Saturday evening as their daughter-in-law, Kimberly Hoelting, was received into the Catholic Church, being baptized and confirmed. Her husband, Cory Hoelting, was her sponsor.

Fritz and Julene Gerber and Rusty and Lydia Schacher and family attended the Easter Vigil and Mass at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas Saturday evening, where Stephanie and Robert Conley were received into the church, being baptized and confirmed. Their sponsors were Chris and Kelly Gerber of Dumas. They are niece and nephew of Stanley and Cindy Gerber.

They all enjoyed an Easter get-together at the home of Stanley and Cindy Gerber Saturday afternoon before the service. Also attending were Jon and Lori Wych and family of Amarillo.

Doyle and LaDawn Schulte of Nazareth are new parents of a baby girl, Kamryn Jordan, born April 15 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a brother, Taylor, and a sister, Chelsea. Grandparents are Floyd and Dorothy Schulte and Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker, Greg and Tinie Hoelting and Louise Braddock, all of Nazareth.

Brad and Ashley Kleman of Nazareth are new parents of a baby boy, Garrison Bryant, born on April 16 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has a brother, Mason, 3. Grandparents are Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Bill and Bernita Hoelting. Great-grandparents are Sylvia Hoelting and Martha Schulte.

Troy and Monica Fry of Valley, are the parents of a baby boy, Braden, who was born April 12 in the Lockney Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fry of Amarillo and Alphonse and Viola Kleman of Nazareth.

Scott and Cynthia Huseman are the parents of a baby girl, Faithe Louise, born April 19 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Katherine Huseman and Sam and Margie Albracht. Great-grandparents are W.J. and Irene Albracht of Hereford and Leo Herring of Amarillo.

Many relatives and friends attended a baby shower for K'Lynn Gerber and her son, Slade Daniel, at the home of Mona Schulte on Wednesday evening. They received so many useful gifts.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Virgil Brockman, Dianne Huseman, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Anna Huseman Lee, Leonard Gerber, Catherine Hochstein, Patricia (Kern) Butler, Odelia Schulte and Leroy Pohlmeier, who is having knee surgery Tuesday in Amarillo.

TRTA names its new officers

The Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) recently organized a local unit for retired school personnel in the Dimmitt area, and the group named officers for the coming year.

Barbara Bain was elected president, with Billy Gwynn Davis as first vice president, Joanne Snider as second vice president, Mary Jo Brown as secretary-treasurer, and John Lantz as parliamentarian.

All retirees in the Dimmitt area are invited and encouraged to join. For more information, call Bain at 647-4400.

Bain said that anyone who is retired from a school district and who receives a retirement check from a

teacher retirement system may become a member of the group.

"There will be six fun and informative meetings a year," Bain said. "The first official meeting of the newly formed group will be a summer picnic."

TRTA provides various benefits for its members, as well as being an advocate for improving those benefits or gaining new ones. Current benefits include various types of insurance with the United Teachers Associates Insurance, long distance telephone service, liability insurance, financial advisory service, and discount plans for dental/vision care and drug prescriptions.

Worker protection training scheduled

A worker protection standards training session will be held Friday at the Castro County Courthouse in the basement meeting room and any interested persons may attend free of charge.

Sponsored by the Extension Service Integrated Pest Management program and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, the training will last about two hours. It is designed for producer and agribusiness employees.

Employees who will be handling or applying chemicals for a producer or agribusiness are required to have a handler's "green" card which enables them to operate under a li-

censed applicator. The card is good for five years.

Producers and agribusinesses should have their employees check their current cards to determine the expiration date. If the card is due to expire this year, employees should attend this training.

Any person needing special assistance for alternative language or disabilities or additional information may contact Johnna Patterson at 647-4116 or 647-4115 prior to the meeting.

Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Thanks to so many who helped refurbish Senior Citizens Center

Dear Editor:

The last phase of the project "Clean Up and Fix Up" at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt has been completed.

This project was started in January 1998 and completed in March 2000. The final phase was putting a valance over the venetian blinds.

We want to thank the many people who worked and donated money for this project.

Dorothy Mayfield and six members of the quilting club met at the senior citizens building and made the valance. The club members are Doris Lust, Joyce Davis, Ina Cleavinger, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Darlene Collins

and Doneta Vernon.

Herb Mayfield had help from Duward Davis, Mary Lou and Rayphard Smithson, Boyce and Ruth Carter, Dorothy Mayfield and Milton Bagwell in installing the valance.

They also painted the outside windows white 18 inches from the top to hide the board that was used to support the valance.

The money for the materials and the labor were all donated.

A big, big thanks to the many people who were involved in this two-year project.

Come by and see the improvements!

CLEO FORSON

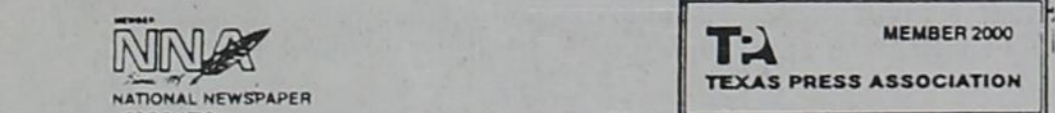
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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Keith Acker family was planning an Easter gathering at Amarillo with his mother and her husband, Margie and Ed Pettus.

Keith's siblings, Harold, Paul and Kayla Acker and Karen McSpadden and their families were planning to join them there.

Jase Serrano and his wife, Veronica, students from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, were special guest speakers at a Iglesia Bautista Youth Group meeting recently.

Jase spoke on keeping the faith. There were 15 members present at the meeting and Elida Campos was the adult sponsor from Dimmitt.

We ran into Lloyd Vaughn as he dined alone on Saturday night. His wife, Jane, was in Tipton and Altus, Okla., attending the Tipson Children Home's 76th anniversary celebration. Jane had been employed there as a secretary years ago and has continued to be an avid supporter through the years.

She also attended her high school reunion in Altus. I'm not going to say exactly which year, but with Jane's youthful outlook and energy, I'm sure they all had a good time.

Mabian Rhodes went with Billie and Troy Kirby to an open house at the newly-remodeled Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. The Kirbys' daughter and son-in-law, Keri Jo and Gaylon Jack, are members there and Troy had done some of the remodeling work.

Mabian has recently moved to Dimmitt from Friona, where she and her family were charter members of the Calvary Church. She is the mother of Howard Rhodes of Dimmitt.

The Methodists held Easter sunrise services on the south lawn Sunday.

Virgil Feinsod and some of the Methodist youth led in praise songs and performed a skit.

The skit was nine thought-provoking encounters with skeptics who argued that Jesus' body had been stolen from the grave instead being miraculously resurrected.

The young people participating were Kaci Hargrove, Katlin Buckley, Caleb Dickerson, Raynee Bradley, Jake Porsch, Lacy Loudder, Katie

Loudder, Jake Loudder, Ramey Rice, Daniel Proffitt and Lars Anytar, the Loudders' foreign exchange student from Sweden.

The youths were led by Virgil Feinsod and Terri Loudder.

Pastor Rusty Dickerson led the congregation in a brief devotional, then everyone returned to their homes to prepare for a more formal worship service later on.

Sunrise services were also observed by the Lee Street Baptist members on the lot north of their building. This has become an Easter tradition for several years.

There is just something about sunrise services that makes that most important event in history come alive to us who live today.

The V.C. Hopsons have just returned from a pre-Easter trip around Texas.

Their first stop was at Llano at the home of the Don Graham family. The Graham home is on the Llano River between Llano and Kingsland.

From there they toured a castle under construction. It will be used as a wedding chapel. The enjoyed a catfish meal at Buchanan Dam.

Their favorite part of the leg of the trip was a ride on a rail car along the river.

The Grahams had helped restore the car to top condition and the neighbors let them use it to entertain guests. They rode up the river and enjoyed seeing bluebonnets, wild lantana and Indian paint brush.

The stopped on a high trestle and looked down into the waters to see several gar, carp and schools of smaller fish swimming around, tempting fishermen.

Don and V.C. struck out for that fishing hole early the next morning, but no fish cleaning was needed from that trip.

Their next stop was at Round Top. He is a small remote place that takes you back to the 1920s and early 1930s.

Every building has been restored and the lore of Texas was preserved.

They enjoyed the best piece of pecan pie they'd ever eaten.

They learned about round Top and the pecan pie from a current travel magazine they received right before

their "Waltz Around Texas."

They drove to Pattison to visit with grandchildren including Todd, Dawn and Madison McDaniel. The McDaniels moved there last October and work for Sam Wilson, a well-known cutter who owned Bob Acre Doc, who won his first world champion title in 1993.

Sam sold that horse for one million dollars to a woman who went on to win the 1994 world's champion title with Bob Acre Doc. She has returned the horse to live its life out on the Wilson ranch. V.C. was delighted to be able to see the horse.

The Hopsons also visited others at the McDaniel home including Drew Musick and Rusty McDaniel.

Rusty is the son of Donny and Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt and is currently training horses and being an Aggie.

Drew is the son of Leta Dennis of Dimmitt and David Musick of Hereford. He trains horses on the ranch where Todd works.

The Hopsons' next stop was at Temple Baptist Church in Houston, and while there they observed the pre-Easter Lord's Supper with Paul and Barbara Kenley, and Shawn and Charlynn Wilhelm.

Paul Kenley is a former pastor at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Shawn Wilhelm is a former Nazareth resident and his wife, Charlynn, used to live in Dimmitt.

The Hopsons started the trek back north to Jacksonville, where they visited with friends Stacy and Edith Davis. The Hopsons had a meal at Stacy's Barbecue Pit, enjoying his mouth-watering ribs and all the trimmings.

That night they were entertained at their son's home on Jacksonville Lake. This included a barge ride around the lake and a catfish fry out on the deck.

Dorothy said she couldn't describe how beautiful Lake Jacksonville is.

And now we return to some more "horsing around."

Another of the Hopsons' grandsons and his family have recently moved to Aubrey, which is located near Denton. They are Cody, Kelly and Taylor Fry. They live on the Tom Manion Cutting Horse Ranch and Cody trains two-year-old horses. This place has horse barns that look

like beautiful homes for people, but are called horse motels.

Tom's prize horse is Smart Lil Lena. We saw many of the trophies that he and his offspring have won through the years. The horse and his offspring have brought in more money than any other stud with him and his colts acquiring \$18 million through the years. Smart Lil Lena is living out his life at Aubrey and many people stop daily for a tour around the ranch and to see him.

Probably only a few horse lovers have stuck with me through this journey through the horse country, but when the Hopsons got home, we called James and Joyce Autry, former Dimmitt residents who now live in Rockyford, Colo. They are the children of Irene Carpenter of Dimmitt.

James recognized the horses we'd seen and suggested that next time he and Joyce would go with us. James is a horse cutter expert who has acquired many trophies in his career. He competes from Colorado to Montana, North and South Dakota and sometimes at El Sid at Bovina.

There was a happy family Easter celebration at Mildred Bradford's home. Among those joining her for the day were Jack and Suzy Bradford and family, Jim and Sally Bradford and family, Bob and Paula Bradford and children from Denton and Jean Whitehead and girls from Amarillo.

Rex and Amy Wooten were having dinner together while Jerrye Wooten and daughter, Carole Hopson, had traveled to Aubrey to visit their son and grandson, Cody, Kelly and Taylor.

They all drove to Fort Worth to see Jerrye's son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Mary, and their daughter, Sydney. They were part of the cast in an Easter musical production of "I Tell You the Truth."

Those from out-of-town who were visiting the Paul Durbin and Curtis Durbin families are Wade, Jill and Jake Durbin of Waco; and Doug, Dorothy, Jack, Kayla and Kami Ware of Pampa.

A seminar April 18 at the Senior Citizens Center attracted 31 senior

citizens. The session was titled "Failing to Plan, Planning to Fail," and was hosted by the Grantham Agency in Tulia.

The Senior Citizens had a snack bar at the center on Friday and Saturday during the quilt show. P.O. Goodwin and 10 helpers served three kinds of sandwiches, along with drinks, chips and so on. The sandwiches were made fresh daily. Others brought in cookies, brownies and cup cakes. P.O. brought 13 bags of shelled pecans to sell.

Those helping were Merle Morgan, Merle Autry, Opha Burks, Joy Parsons, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Mildred Bradford, Wanda Murdock, and Mary Lou Smithson. Houston Lust and Rayphard Smithson were on hand to help run errands. The group made \$417.69.

Charlene Howell, Carolyn Moke, and their sister, Dorothy Sargent of Hereford, went to Fort Worth last weekend for their aunt's 80th birthday. The bluebonnets were so pretty. The scenery was an addition to their fun.

On April 14, Jack and Charlene Howell and Don and Carolyn Moke went to Hereford to take the girls' uncle, Otis Lee, out to eat for his 87th birthday.

Blanca Fuentes is doing a good job at Plains Memorial Hospital. She serves as activity coordinator and has held this position for a year. This

past week she put together an Easter egg hunt for the patients and their children and grandchildren. Some of those attending were J.B. and Thelma Moore, Aprilee, Angelita, and Joey Rivera Jr., grandchildren of Yolanda Martinez, Michael Everrett, a nurse's aide, Zella Rutherford, Virgie Owen, and Gertrude Clark.

Virgie Owen celebrated her 81st birthday with a party at PMH on Saturday afternoon. Friends attending were Doris Ward, Ginger Scarborough, Pauline Waldrop and Clottee Minchew. Family attending were her son Eddie Owen of Dimmitt, her son Ray Owen of Hurst, her granddaughter Kay Lucas of Dimmitt, her granddaughter Kristie Gallegos of Hurst, her daughter-in-law Kathy Owen of Dimmitt, her grandson-in-law John Lucas of Dimmitt, her grandchildren Brandon and Ashley Burks of Dimmitt, her great-grandsons Michael and Anthony Shea of Dimmitt, and Lela Seelye of Hurst.

The Thursday Senior Citizens Bridge Club met with Carol Lantz as hostess. Merle Arthur had high score and Martha Dannevik was second.

To know how to grow old is the master of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

-Frederic Amiel

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

-Rene Descartes

Booster club selling afghans

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club is continuing to sell Bobcat afghans for \$40 each.

"They would make a great graduation gift," a club spokesperson said.

The purple and white afghans can be ordered through any booster club member, or call Joe Josselet at 647-4151 or John Furr at 647-2121.

The blanket throws have the words "Bobcats" and "Bobbies" bordering the center, which contains an original drawing of a bobcat, done by Taryn Hays, and the words "Dimmitt High School."

Earth UMC sets revival

Earth United Methodist Church has set revival services for May 7-10 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Rev. Derrell Patterson, pastor of FUMC in Vernon, will be the evangelist. Sessions are set for Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and then at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each following day.

For more information, call 257-2061 or e-mail earthumc@hotmail.com

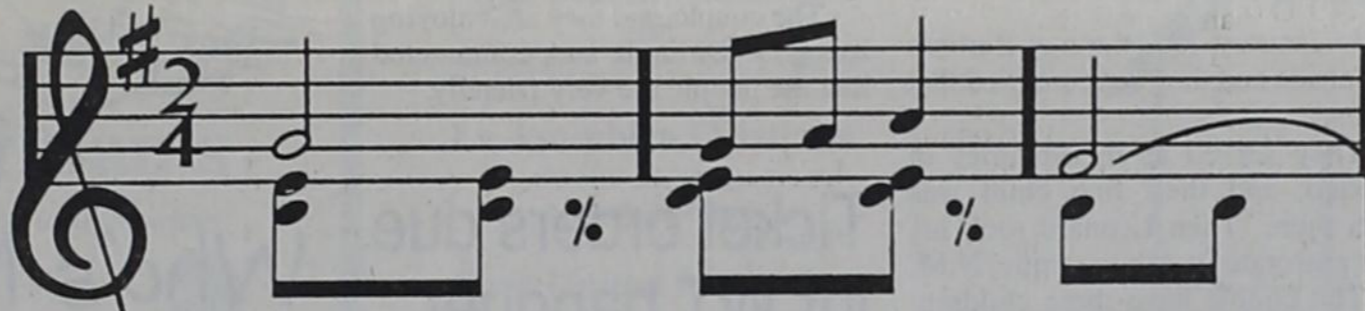
More about Probation . . .

(Continued from Page 1) entity to loan its equipment to another taxing—commissioners decided Monday to halt the practice because of liability concerns.

The City of Dimmitt had borrowed the county's "nail picker" and a city employee operated the equipment along the county road leading to the landfill.

But some commissioners expressed their concern over liability because the equipment was not being operated by a county employee trained in its use.

After a lengthy discussion, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker made the motion that the county no longer loan out the nail picker to other taxing entities, but that it would allow precinct road hands to operate the nail picker along the road leading to the landfill when needed. The motion passed unanimously.



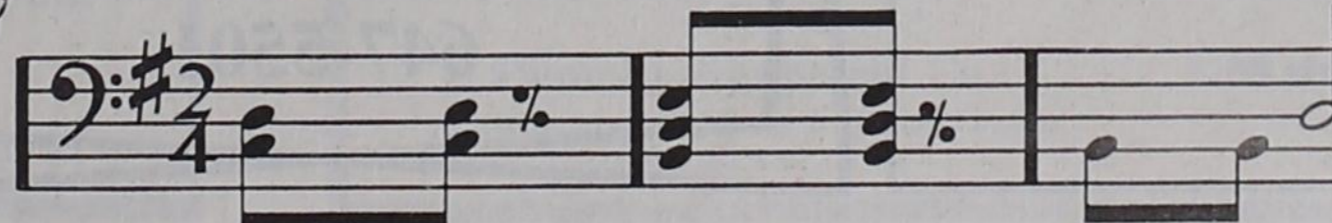
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People



Game Night set for Friday

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m. All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year. For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

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Leonard and Barbara Broseker

Brosekers pastor Assembly of God

Leonard and Barbara Broseker are pastoring the First Assembly of God in Dimmitt, starting their duties here March 19.

Broseker was called to fill the position that had been vacated by Larry Gilliam, who left to go into full-time evangelism.

The Brosekers came to Dimmitt from Springer, N.M., a town of about 1,500 population, where Leonard served as interim pastor for about nine months.

Previous to that, the couple had served with a church in Ribera, N.M., for three years.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Leonard said he felt called to preach from the time he was a teenager. He graduated from Southern High School in Baltimore, then took two years of pastoral studies at Elam Bible School in Lima, N.Y., finishing in 1967.

In January 1973 he met Barbara in Canada and they were married that June.

They served as missionaries in Mexico, and their first child was born there. Then Leonard took his first pastorate in Albuquerque, N.M.

The couple have three children. The oldest son lives in Arlington, and has a degree in criminal justice. Second oldest is their daughter, who lives in Arlington. She is taking classes at South West Assembly of God University at Waxahachie, and she and her husband plan to go to the

mission fields after she finishes her studies. The youngest, another son, is a student at SWAGU at Waxahachie. Leonard also is working on a bachelor's degree from SWAGU.

Leonard said he began preaching ever since he felt the call, preaching on street corners, in jails, rescue missions and just about anywhere else he could.

He also plays the piano and sings. Barbara said her musical talent is not as strong, but she does lead singing when required, and she has preached some, too.

Leonard said he hopes to get the youth of the congregation involved in activities and he wants to get children's church started again. He also said he would like to start an "adopt-a-grandparent" program in cooperation with the nursing home and the youth of the church.

The couple said they are enjoying living in Dimmitt and commented that the people are very friendly.

Ticket orders due for WT banquet

Tickets for the West Texas A&M University Alumni Association's annual Phoenix Club Banquet must be ordered by Friday to receive the reduced price.

Otherwise, all tickets purchased after Friday will be \$35 each. Early prices are \$17.50 for club and endowed members; \$20 for Alumni Association members; and \$25 for non-members.

For tickets or more information, call the Alumni Association at 806-651-2311.

The banquet, set for May 6, will honor the WTAMU Man and Woman of the Century. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility. As a further tribute to the WTAMU Man and Woman of the Century, permanent markers will be placed on campus to commemorate the honorees.

Kenley honored as top alumni at Hardin-Simmons University

Former Dimmitt resident Paul D. Kenley was one of two individuals honored as an outstanding alumni of Hardin-Simmons University's School of Theology.

During special ceremonies on April 17, Kenley and Palmer McCown were presented plaques by Dr. Vernon Davis, dean of the Logsdon School of Theology. Kenley's citation was read by Dr. Homer Hancock, professor of church ministry and director of in-service training.

Logsdon School of Theology faculty select recipients of the awards which are given to two HSU alumni who have involvement in vocational ministry. Criteria for nominees include a major in the Logsdon School of Theology or the former Division of Religion, Character and Christian Service.

Kenley was chosen as an alumnus who graduated less than 20 years ago.

Kenley, who received his master of arts degree from the Logsdon School of Theology in 1987, has been the pastor of the Baptist Temple Church in Houston since 1996. He received the Lee Hemphill Award as a graduate student. This award is given for outstanding academic achievement and for personal qualities of integrity and leadership.

Kenley served for more than nine

years as the pastor of Abilene's Southwest Park Baptist Church, beginning in 1979. Other congregations where he has served as pastor include Purnela Baptist Church in Gatesville (where he served while a student at Southwestern Seminary), Lakeview Baptist Church in Meadow, South Seminole Baptist Church in Seminole, and First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

He served as part-time music director for the First Baptist Church in Wilson; and as minister of youth and later as minister of youth and music at the Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock.

He is a former chairman of the Committee to Nominate Executive Board Members for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) and now serves on the BGCT's Executive Board. In addition, he is concluding service as a trustee of Wayland Baptist university.

He serves as a member of the Executive Committee of Texas Baptists Committed, is a member of the Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and serves as a national recorder for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Kenley's wife, the former Barbara Gayle Baley, is a teacher in the Cypress/Fairbanks Independent School District in Northwest Harris County. The couple have one daughter, Barbara Nicole, who is a music graduate of Hardin-Simmons University.

Kenley is a native of Lubbock and he grew up in Tahoka, graduating from high school there. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1970.

RES class sets concert

The first graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will present a spring concert, "Springtime in Texas," on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The concert will be presented in the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria and the public is invited to attend.



Who's New

OUT-OF-TOWN
Bobby Hill and Cassandra Olvera of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Braden Scott Hill, who was born April 18 at 10:46 a.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Braden weighed 2 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 16-1/2 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Rhonda Hill and Ruben and Yolanda Olvera, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Don and Ginger Laurent and Agripino and Obelia Vidauri of Farwell, and Tiburcia and San Juana Olvera of Nazareth.

DKG offers scholarships

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Sorority in Dimmitt is offering a scholarship to a student who is a junior or senior in an accredited college of education.

Scholarship applications are due on May 1. All interested persons should contact Sue Summers at 647-3105 or 647-2502.

Bridal shower honors Nelson

Lindsey Nelson, bride-elect of Brad Beck, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Elly Rogers.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Rogers with the April 15 shower presented the honoree with a set of luggage.

A jewel-toned flower arrangement served as the centerpiece for the serving table. Silver appointments completed the table decor.

Out-of-town guests at the shower were the honoree's parents, Bob and Sandy Nelson of Grapevine; the prospective groom's aunt, Lometa Odom of Plainview; Beck's cousin, Patricia Morgan of Amarillo; his sister, Amy Bell of Canyon; Mary Nelms of Plainview, friend of the family; and Denise Donnell and Wendy Hoffman of Canyon, friends of the couple.

Sims wins USAA awards

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Cameron Sims of Sonora as a US national award winner in math and science.

Sims is the son of Jimmy and Mary Jean Sims of Sonora. His is the grandson of Edna Reinart and Billie Sims, both of Hereford.

Sims attends Sonora High School and was nominated for the award by Claudia Dempsey, a math teacher, and Jerrilyn Ward, a science teacher.

Sims' name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

On Friday, we will honor Lucy Nelson.



Lucy is retiring from a career with the First United Bank and its predecessor, the First State Bank of Dimmitt, that dates back to 1957. She grew up here, has raised all of her children here, and is one of the best-known people here.

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Assembly of God plans concert, meal

The First Assembly of God in Dimmitt will present Crystal River in an "All Praise to the King" concert on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the church located at Southeast Second and Belsher in Dimmitt. The public is invited to attend.

"Come and meet our new pastor and wife, Leonard and Barbara Broseker, enjoy the music and join us in a fellowship meal of barbecue afterward," said a church spokesperson.

The members of Crystal River are the Gonzales brothers of Lubbock—Hector, Carlos and Joel. They

have been traveling as music evangelists since August of 1980. They perform Christian songs ranging from mellow contemporary to Latin to country gospel.

They have over 12 recordings to date and have appeared on the TBN and Primetime Christian Television Network. The group gave a free concert at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt on March 9.

"You are invited to come and bring others with you as we all become a part of this worship experience," a group spokesperson said.

Korean War vets will be honored during June

A special commemoration across the country in June will recognize veterans of the Korean War, and local residents who were a part of the conflict are urged to notify the local coordinator of the project.

"It is our desire to know and honor every person in our community who was a soldier or patriot in this period of our history," said Mrs. Arthur Clark, one of the local organizers. "If we know their names, we feel that we can better honor those who live in our community, who have lived her in the past or those who are related to families in our community. The roster should also include those who have already died."

The Korean War Commemoration is designed to do the following:

- ◆ Honor Korean War veterans.
- ◆ Honor family members of Korean War veterans, especially families who lost loved ones.
- ◆ Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made on the home front.
- ◆ To provide Americans with a clear understanding and appreciation of the lessons and history of the Korean War.
- ◆ To educate every generation of Americans on the historical impact of the Korean War in saving a nation from enslavement and preserving peace, freedom and prosperity.

Korean War veterans or families

of those who served during the period are asked to submit a name, phone number, address, rank, and what branch of service he or she serviced in; and any other pertinent information, such as battles fought, patriotic service, campaigns, etc. The information should be returned to Clark at Rt. 3, Box 504, Hereford 79045.

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The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting will be held today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome.

For meeting location or information, call 355-6220.

Teacher will bring historical characters to life Wednesday during DMS program

William Barret Travis will return to life Wednesday in a live, costumed performance of his last stand at the Alamo.

The recreation of the historical event will be at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for seventh and eighth graders and at 2 p.m. for students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Travis, portrayed by former elementary school teacher Bill Perryman, has had many appearances in schools throughout the state over the last three years. He's not the only historical figure who will be brought back to life by Perryman, though.

Through his historical characterizations, Perryman has performed roles as Christopher Columbus, Ben Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Sam Houston. Perryman also dresses in 19th Century gentleman's attire and tells the dramatic stories of Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman.

"I had the idea to do this in 1991 when I was teaching fourth graders at Stahl Elementary School in San Antonio's North East Independent School District," Perryman said.

While all characters are selected with a distinct purpose in mind, Perryman said he performs the role of Travis to offer audiences a

perspective as to what transpired inside the Alamo walls during the famous 13-day siege of 1836.

Dressed in his hat, calvary boots, sword and sash, Perryman appears much like the 26-year-old Travis during the siege.

"You can travel the world over and many people have heard of the Alamo. It's synonymous with Texas and Texans," Perryman said. "The unique events that occurred in Texas during the revolution shaped the history of Texas and the United States forever."

While students enjoy the performances offered through Perryman's *History in Person*, adults are often equally spellbound by the historical acts.

"Bill's performances bring these noble historical figures to life and give students an opportunity to feel the emotion of the time period more than any textbook or video could accomplish," said Jan Miller, director for law-related education with the State Bar of Texas.

Audience responses seldom vary. They're hooked from the beginning and remain focused throughout the 30 to 45 minute performance.

Parents and others who would like to attend the performance may do so, but are asked to sit in the back of the auditorium because the front seats

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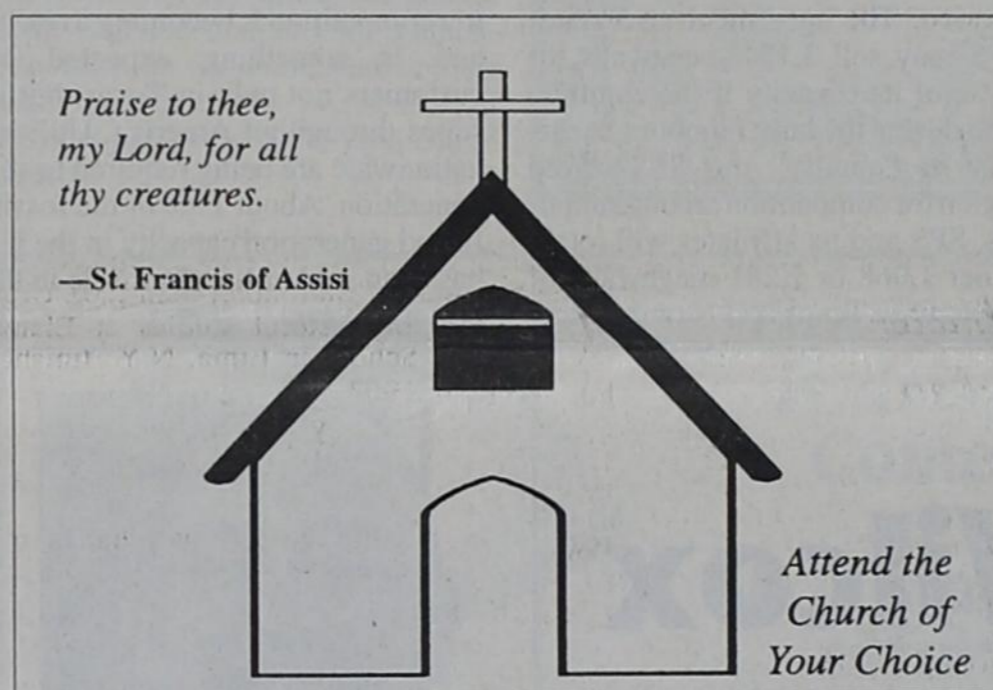
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SPS to lower electricity prices; agrees to sell five power plants

Southwestern Public Service Company will reduce future electricity prices to most of its customers in Texas by 7% and will sell to competitors at least two-thirds of its electric-power generating capacity beginning in 2001.

The changes will allow SPS customers to join the majority of the state in choosing among competing power supplies as early as Jan. 1, 2002, said SPS President David Wilks.

Among the plants which SPS is planning to sell are the following:

- ✓ Muleshoe's Tolk Station, coal-fueled, 1,080 megawatts.
- ✓ Amarillo's Harrington Station, coal-fueled, 1,066 megawatts.
- ✓ Lubbock's Jones Station, natural gas-fueled, 486 megawatts.
- ✓ Moore County Plant in Dumas, natural gas-fueled, 48 megawatts.
- ✓ One of SPS's two natural gas-fueled power plants near Hobbs, N.M., either 184-megawatt Maddox Station or 511-megawatt Cunningham Station.

Texas law enacted in 1999 requires that for a region to be "qualified" to be opened to electric competition, no one supplier may own more than 20% of the generation available to serve the region. SPS owns about 70% of the generation in its region.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas required SPS to address its "transition to competition" plan as part of the approval process for the proposed merger between SPS's parent company, New Century Energies, and Northern States Power.

A settlement agreement on the merger and on the transition plan was filed with the commission last Wednesday. The agreement is among SPS, the commission staff, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, the Texas Industrial Electric Consumers and the Texas Attorney General's office. SPS also reached related agreements with the Canadian River

Municipal Water Authority and with its rural electric cooperative wholesale customers in Texas.

A PUCT open meeting on the merger application is expected sometime in May.

The price reduction will be in two phases, according to Wilks.

Upon Texas approval of the merger, \$4.8 million in annual merger-related savings will be passed through to Texas consumers, resulting in an average 1% base price decrease. The bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month will decline by 47¢, from \$64.24 to \$63.77.

When full competition begins sometime around Jan. 1, 2002, there will be an additional legislatively-mandated \$12.4 million (6%) reduction in prices for service to residential and small business customers. The additional monthly savings for the 1,000-kWh residential customer will be \$3.83.

Afterward, SPS's rates for residential and small business customers will not increase for at least five years, as required by Texas law.

A primary goal of the transition plan is to bring new providers of electric service into the area, Wilks said. The agreement describes sales of power plant required before the SPS-served region in Texas would be designated by the commission as "qualified" to allow customer choice.

The plan anticipates the sale of at least 2,864 megawatts of SPS generating capacity to meet customer-choice requirements. The amount is about 64% of the 4,472 megawatts of capacity owned by SPS and its affiliates in 13 plants in Texas and New Mexico. The agreement also states SPS may sell 3,191 megawatts, or 71%, of its capacity if the commission deems the larger amount necessary to "qualify" the SPS-served region for competition among suppliers. SPS and its affiliates will retain either 1,068 or 1,281 megawatts of capacity in Texas and New Mexico,

fueled primarily by natural gas.

Wilks said he expects some or all of the plants to be sold before the end of 2001. The company has engaged Lehman Brothers as financial advisor on the divestiture.

No matter who the owners of the sold power plants may be, the plants involved will continue to operate and to serve customers in the region, Wilks said.

"The plants aren't going anywhere," Wilks said. "We know these facilities are important to electric customers in our entire region, and especially to the communities in which they are located. In fact, SPS will be contracting to purchase power from the plants from their new owners to meet our continuing obligation to serve customers and to ensure reliability."

"Agreeing to part with any of our power plants and their crews—important, valued employees—is the most difficult decision we have ever made," Wilks said. "We designed and engineered most of our plants in-house. They are among the most efficient in the nation. The plants and their crews have been a source of great pride at our company for generations."

SPS will work to assure a smooth transition for employees affected by sales of the plants, Wilks said.

"In October, we filed with the Texas Commission a proposed plan for a much smaller sale and a delay in bringing full customer choice to the SPS service area," he said. "We recognize; however, that retail electric competition is becoming a reality and is something expected by customers not only in Texas, but in states throughout America. Utilities nationwide are being required to sell generation. About 17% of the fossil-fueled generation capacity in the US has been sold or listed for sale in the past four years."



READY! SET! GO!—Youngsters start off running and laughing at the Easter egg hunt held last Thursday in the courtyard area at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. In the background, residents of the

extended care program at the hospital, staff members, and family members enjoy watching the children have a good time. The children are family members of residents and employees. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Beef demand stabilizes

For the first time since 1980s, beef demand has stabilized, and that is the best news that cattle feeders have heard in 20 years, said Paul Hitch of Guymon, Okla.

"Because cattle feeding is such a major part of the economic fabric of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, that's also good news for the many communities that count on cattle feeding dollars to grow their economy," said Hitch, chairman of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. According to the National Cattleman's Beef Association in Denver, beef demand for 1999 was up 4% compared with 1998. That's the first time consumer demand for beef showed a year-to-year increase since 1980.

Beef demand, Hitch explained, is measured by the amount consumers are willing to spend compared with the available supply.

"Beef supply last year reached 26.39 billion pounds, 2.8% above 1998," Hitch said. "However, consumer spending on beef in 1999 totaled \$49.22 billion, a \$2.58 billion or 5.5% increase compared with the

year before, and per-capita spending on beef grew 4.5% to \$180.37 in 1999. This level of spending represents a \$7.82 per capita gain."

Increased supply usually leads to lower prices, which would be reflected in a drop in consumer spending, according to Hitch. In 1999, the opposite happened.

"In addition to increased consumer spending, per-capita beef consumption was up 1.1 lbs. from 1998, to 69.2 lbs. per person," he said.

Industry analysts expect beef's market share to remain steady in 2000.

"Beef is by far the preferred consumer choice," Hitch said. "Beef's share of consumer spending dollars in 1999 was 40%. Pork, chicken and turkey market shares in 1999 were 28.4%, 27.4% and 4.2% respectively."

Hitch cited several reasons for beef's turn-around in demand.

"A strong U.S. economy, rising wages, low inflation and low unemployment have all combined to boost consumer spending power," he said. "When you add in the effect of demand-building programs supported

by the beef checkoff, consumers are learning in increasing numbers that beef is a convenient, tasty and nutritious meal."

The more consumers come back to beef, the better the economy in "Cattle Feeding Country" fares.

Cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico produced nearly 7.2 million fed cattle in 1999-2000 of the nation's fed beef.

"Cattle feeding in the area is a \$5.5 billion industry," Hitch said. "By the time that money circulates through the hands of people and businesses in the region, the total economic impact is \$15.5 billion."

Much of that economic impact, Hitch noted, comes from jobs.

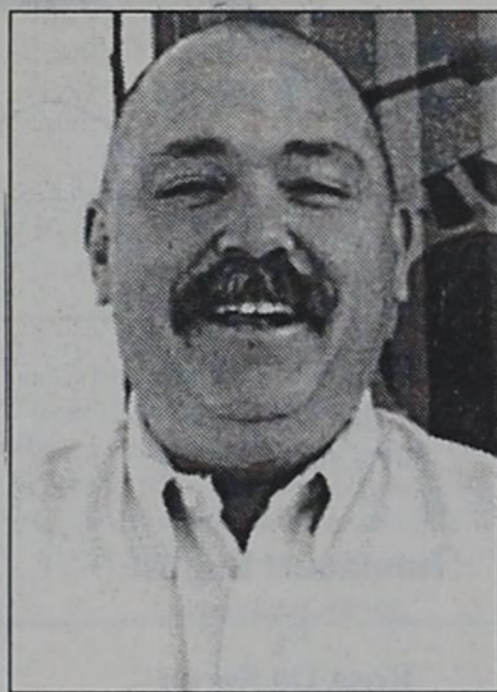
"Just to haul cattle and grain, a typical feedyard will require about 19 semi trucks a day. In total, nearly 24,500 jobs are directly tied to cattle feeding in the area. Economists tell us about 90% of take-home pay is spent locally. By the time those people spend their paychecks padded by cattle feeding dollars, they represent a very significant economic force in the many communities in our area."

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Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies established

Women and babies in Castro County will benefit from the support of area citizens selected to serve on the first Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies.

The committee was established by the Coalition of Health Services in cooperation with the Plains Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Dimmitt.

The goal of the Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies is to promote early and continued prenatal care; encourage breast-feeding and completion of well-child checkups and childhood immunizations; and provide parenting education. In addition, the committee will support the missions of 2CARE for Moms and 2CARE for Babies, both incentive programs of the Coalition of Health Services that result in free baby gifts for participants.

Only 76% of pregnant women in the Texas Panhandle receive prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. That rate is among the lowest in Texas and is lower than the national average of 85%.

Serving the Castro County Partnership for Moms & Babies are members from health care, business, civic organizations and the community at-large, and anyone is welcome to serve on or assist the committee. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at noon at the Chamber of Commerce in Dimmitt, and the next meeting will be held on May 10.

Joe Sloan, Plains Memorial Hospital administrator, has arranged for a light lunch to be provided during the one-hour meetings.

"The Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies is a positive sign for the community," said Lee Persefield, executive director of the Coalition for Health Services. "This group of local citizens is ready to help mothers and babies achieve better health care from the first weeks of conception well into toddlerhood."

Persefield added that the committee was established in part due to the leadership shown by Plains Memo-

rial Hospital and the Medical Center of Dimmitt, along with local medical clinics, doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses.

2CARE for Moms participants enter prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy and are awarded points for each prenatal appointment kept. Along with the baby's father, a participating mother also can earn points for attending related education classes. When her baby arrives, the mother contacts the Baby's Coming Shop to select a free gift or gifts, depending on the number of points earned.

The 2CARE for Babies program rewards mothers for breast-feeding their infants and for completing their child's well-child checkups and immunizations during the first year. Points earned can be redeemed for a free gift or gifts upon the baby's first birthday. Participants may personally select gifts during a visit to the Baby's Coming Shop in Amarillo or request delivery.

A joint project of the Coalition of Health Services and the March of Dimes, the unique Baby's Coming Shop rewards women and infants from across 26 counties in this region of Texas. Points earned through the 2CARE for Moms and 2CARE for Babies programs may be redeemed for free gifts such as diapers, breast-feeding aids, blankets, clothing, high chairs, strollers and cribs.

The Baby's Coming Shop is stocked with donations of new and gently used baby items from retailers, individuals, churches and civic organizations. Grants and cash donations are used to purchase needed items. The Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies will work to increase local donations to the Baby's Coming Shop.

The Coalition of Health Services is a nonprofit alliance of 20 area hospitals and providers working to enhance community health.

For more information about the Castro County Partnership for Moms and Babies or any of the Coalition programs, call toll-free at 888-89-2CARE or 888-892-2273.

DHS students show foreign language proficiency at festival

Dimmitt High School students captured 21 blue ribbons and another 17 red ribbons at the Foreign Language Festival April 7 in Levelland.

Show steers to be validated

Any steer that will be exhibited in the county stock show or any other major stock show during the next year must be validated soon.

Those who need to have their animal validated should contact Dimmitt High School Ag Teacher Jerry Mathis at 647-3105 by Wednesday.

Most importantly, the 55,000 fed cattle produced in a single, average size feedyard equate to 32.7 million pounds of beef. At average consumption, this feedyard produces enough beef to feed 474,165 people for a year.

Å skit presented by Lilia Dominguez, Ernesto Olmos, Pati Cardona, Salvador Diaz, Ruben Herrera, Alonso Lopez, Felicia Sanchez and Juanita Vasquez earned a blue ribbon from each of the judges.

On-campus events scheduled for the day were prose, poetry, sight reading, extemporaneous speaking, skits, written tests, puppet shows and folkloric dances. Pre-campus events consisted of paintings, drawings, posters and folkloric crafts.

Other Dimmitt students participating in the festival were Casandra Casas, Juan Diaz, Amelia Esqueda, Maribel Garcia, Melissa Maldonado, Valerie Martinez, Sylvia Medrano, Amy Melendez, Cristina Moctezuma, Angela Montiel, Karen Peralez, Priscilla Peralta, Esmeralda Ramirez, Sandra Reyes, Bianey Saucedo and Patricia Zarazua.

Susie Gonzales and Winston Waggoner served as sponsors for the group.

Police Calls

Charles Everett Burks of Dimmitt told deputies on April 18 that someone had taken about \$750-worth of fuel from two storage tanks at a location north of Nazareth and south of Arney.

Some 300-plus gallons of gasoline had been taken from an overhead storage tank on or about April 14, and previous to that someone had tampered with a diesel fuel tank mounted on a trailer, spilling 400-plus gallons on the ground. Investigation is continuing.

A 26-year-old Dimmitt man told police Friday morning that a suspect punched him on his right cheek in the 100 block of North Broadway.

A Dimmitt woman, 31, told police Saturday at 1:30 a.m. that a suspect punched her on the left cheek.

Sunday at 5:05 a.m., a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed for assault/bodily injury.

Monday night a Dumas man, 38, was jailed for driving with license suspended.

An incident of criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported to police at 10:10 a.m. Saturday by Don Bell at Dimmitt Middle School. He said the back windshield was broken out of a van belonging to Paula Jackson.

Alcohol-related incidents during the past week included:

—Friday at 5 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 48, was jailed for DWI, second offense.

—Saturday, an 18-year-old Florence man was jailed at 12:27 a.m. for public intoxication and evading arrest; at 8:37 p.m., a suspect was charged with furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor or minors.

Jailed on warrants were: —Last Thursday, a Hereford man, 43, on six warrants for theft by check over \$20 and under \$200.

—Sunday at 10:08 p.m., a 29-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed on a warrant for disorderly conduct (vulgar language).

—Monday at 1:36 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 26, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; at 5:31 p.m., a 25-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, first offense, and a warrant for motion for surety to surrender.

Jail Count

The jail population was 14 as of Tuesday morning. Two inmates were farmed out for the week at a cost of \$76 per day and \$532 for the week.

Cotton talks

Ginners, growers, federal and state officials, together with other interested parties, met with Board members and staff of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) in Abilene Tuesday to discuss boll weevil quarantine issues.

At present, the entire state of Texas is under quarantine regulations for boll weevil and pink bollworm. However, when an area within the state is declared eradicated, the quarantine rules could be lifted for that area. At such time movement of materials and equipment between quarantined non-eradicated areas and non-quarantined eradicated areas would be subject to regulation.

TBWEF has officially requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to declare the Southern Rolling Plains Zone functionally eradicated. Functional eradication is achieved when no boll weevil reproduction activity can be detected in a zone.

Ginners and growers at the meeting expressed commitment to developing regulations that would not hinder the ability of ginners to do

business nor hinder the choice of producers on where to do business.

In fact, just the difference between the current estimate of 1999 planted acres in TASS District 1-N and the cotton acreage reported to the Farm Service agency for those counties could account for the 2% increase in Texas plantings predicted for 2000.

All concerned recognized the goal of achieving and maintaining eradication status for the entire state and the need to protect the investment of growers and the state in eradication efforts.

Furadan use is approved to control aphids on cotton

A Section 18 emergency specific exemption has been granted, allowing producers to use flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F Insecticide) on cotton to control aphids.

The exemption was issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency, according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

Furadan 4F may be applied following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA-registered product label, as well as restrictions outlined in the specific exemption approval notice. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any application.

Furadan may not be used until a district Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) entomologist certifies in writing that an aphid infestation in four non-adjacent sites within the Extension district has reached the threshold level, triggering the emergency situation. These written certifications must be transmitted to TDA and to the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs prior to any use of carbofuran.

Applications must be made only

by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407.

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Sports



HIGH AND LOW—While Dimmitt second baseman Brent Josselet leaps for a high throw, River Road's Marcus Liedtke belly-slides safely in the third inning of Saturday's

District 1-AAA game here. Moments later, Liedtke scored the Wildcats' seventh run on a single by Blake Reader. River Road won, 22-0.

Photo by Don Nelson

Gerber claims third trip to state tennis tourney

Shawna Gerber earned her third trip to the Class A state tennis tournament Tuesday after she finished as the Region 1-A runner-up behind longtime rival, Lindsey Brown of Whiteface.

This will be Gerber's third straight appearance in the state tournament. She lost in the quarterfinals in her two previous matches.

Gerber and Brown squared off in the finals of the Region 1-A girls' singles tournament in Levelland for the third straight time, and Brown was able to prevail for the second straight year, but Gerber took her to split sets, and the two battled to deuce in most of the games of the marathon championship match.

Gerber breezed through her first two matches without dropping a set. She blew past Becky Styles of Patton Springs, 6-0, 6-0, in the first round, then annihilated Meagan Harwell of Roby in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0. Both matches were played Monday.

In Tuesday morning's semifinal, she had a little tougher battle on her hands with Alice Tharichen of Miami, who is a foreign exchange student staying with a Miami family this school year. Tharichen gave Gerber everything she could handle, but the Nazareth netter eventually prevailed in a hard-fought battle, 6-2, 7-5.

That set up her rematch with

Brown in the finals.

Brown claimed the first set, 6-2; but Gerber answered in the second set, winning it 7-5. In the third and deciding set, Brown was able to pull out a 6-4 win and the championship.

Nazareth's other regional qualifiers, the girls' doubles team of Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte, advanced to the semifinals before falling to Heather Chenault and Whitney Harris of Anton, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. The senior Swiftettes went on to defeat Kelli Stahl and Crystal Mendoza in the third-place match, but will miss out on a trip to the state finals.

Birkenfeld and Schulte won several good battles in the regional tourney.

In the first round, they overcame a slow start against Summer Eoff and Lora Braden of Garden City and posted a come-from-behind win.

Eoff and Braden won the first set, 6-2, before Birkenfeld and Schulte tied the set count at one with a 6-3 victory in the second.

The third set was a nip and tuck

battle, but Birkenfeld and Schulte were able to squeak out the 7-5 win and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Next up for the Swiftette duo were Nichole Barnett and Candace Bohr of Groom.

The Nazareth team had an easier time in this match, claiming the victory 6-3, 6-3.

The two weren't as fortunate in Tuesday morning's semifinal round, though. Chenault and Harris, who had only lost two games in their previous two matches, claimed the victory over Birkenfeld and Schulte, 6-3, 6-3.

That dropped Birkenfeld and Schulte into the third-place match, where they easily handled Stahl and Mendoza, 6-2, 6-0.

Chenault and Harris fell to Nicole Johnson and Sophia Rodriguez of Memphis in the finals, eliminating any chances Birkenfeld and Schulte had of a playback for second place that could have given them a trip to state.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

... Randy Porter (left) and Ivan Flores.

Flores, Porter qualify for Region 1-3A track meet

Two Dimmitt High School students have qualified in three events to advance to the Region 1-3A meet Friday and Saturday in Lubbock after winning second at the District 1-3A meet last week at Randall Field in Amarillo.

Ivan Flores took second in the 800 meters with a time of 1:55.78; and second in the 1600 meters with a time of 4:58.09.

Randy Porter placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 52.10. Senior pole vaulter Justin Sutton ended his high school track career with a third place finish. His 13-foot

mark was well below his season best of 15-6 and his 15-foot finish that gave him third in state last year. His efforts at district were greatly hampered by a hand injury he suffered when his pole shattered on him during a workout about 10 days earlier.

Julian Velo took third in the discus with a throw of 131-1.

The boys' track team took sixth in team totals with 38 points, while the girls' team also ranked sixth, accumulating 28 points.

Only first and second place finishers qualify for the regional meet.

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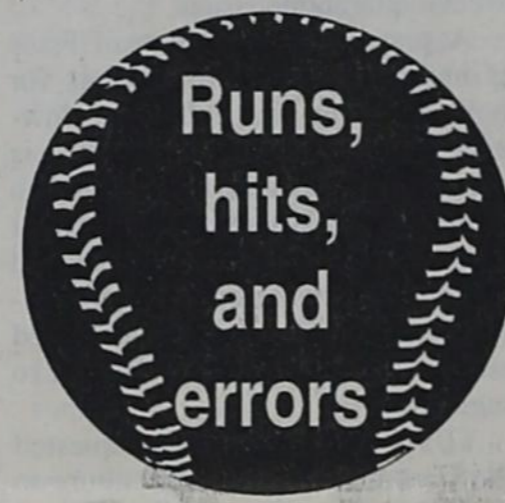
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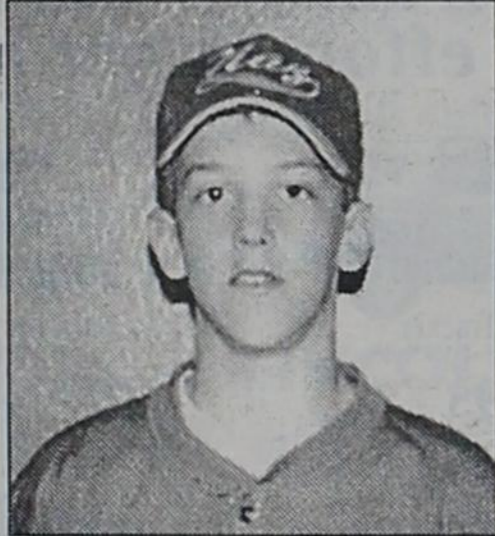
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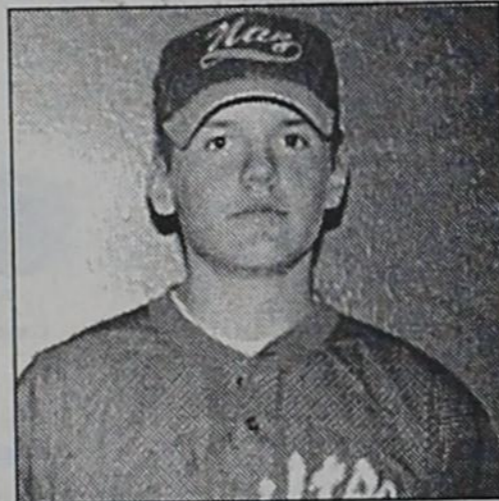
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Jones, Vogel (6) and Vogel, Scales (6) for Dalhart; Brent Josselet, B.J. Hill (4), Bobby Hill (4), Tanner Griffith (7) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. **2B:** Vogel for Dalhart. B.Hill, Jeremy Furr and Daniel Proffitt for Dimmitt. **HR:** Fisk, Jones, Vogel and Harshey for Dalhart; B. Hill, Jonathan Sevens and Daniel Proffitt for Dimmitt. **Records:** Dimmitt 4-16, 2-8; Dalhart 1-9.



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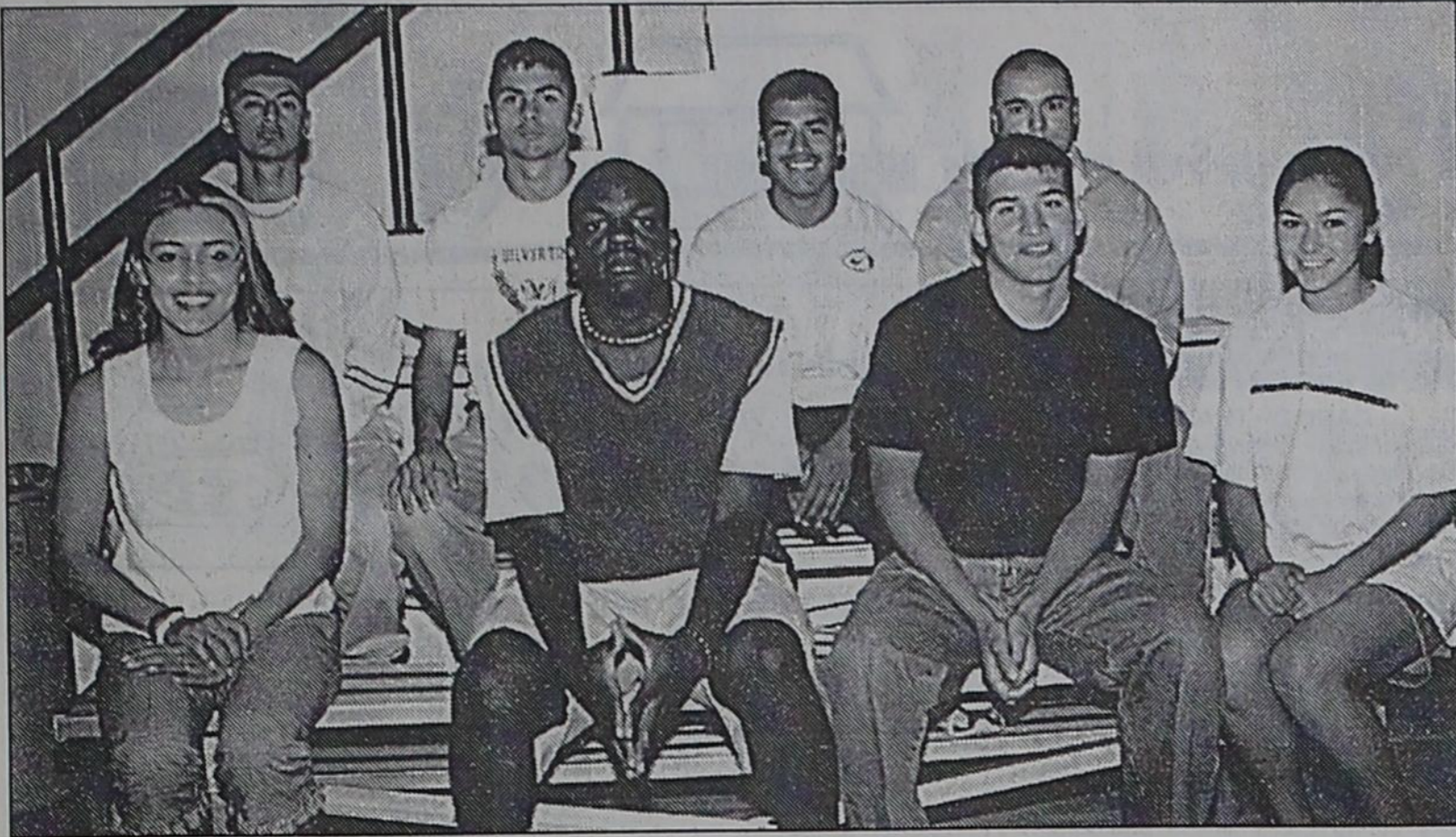
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HART WILL SEND a large group of students to the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this weekend. Among those who qualified for the regional track meet with a top four placing at the district and area levels are (back row, from left) Jeremiah Velasquez,

Jacob Reyna, Anthony Reyna and Dan Eric Castillo; and (front row, from left) Angelica Perales, Keith Finch, Joel DeLaFuente and Dahnne Castillo. Not pictured is qualifier Kellie George.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Several NHS athletes earn trips to regional track meet

Bo Hunter, Danette Ramaekers and Trinity Robb headline a string of Nazareth athletes who earned berths in the Region 1-A track meet, which is slated for this weekend at South Plains College in Levelland.

Hunter had no problem winning the discus Friday in a Class A area track meet at Randall High School, and he is the favorite to repeat as the regional champion this weekend.

Ramaekers took the gold medals in two races Friday—the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs. She also is one of the top prospects in the region.

Robb also qualified for regional in both distance events, placing third in the 1,600 and second in the 3,200.

Joining the trio at regional this weekend will be the Swifts' mile relay team featuring Kade Wilcox, Matty McLain, Justin Kleman and Ky Wilcox; Marsha Black in the triple jump and Wendy Black in the 300-meter hurdles.

At the area meet, the boys' mile relay finished just a step behind Gruver. The Greyhounds edged Nazareth at the tape, posting the winning time of 3:35.25. Nazareth's second-place time was 3:35.28.

Wendy Black finished third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.46 behind Carrie Davis of Groom (46.03) and Desiree Ollinger of Claude (49.92).

In the girls' triple jump, Marsha Black's effort was measured at 32-6 and was good enough for fourth place.

Hunter's gold-medal effort in the discus was measured at an impressive 168-2. His next closest challenger, Dusty Crump of Groom, hurled the disc 151-5.

Ramaekers claimed the 3,200-meter title with a time of 12:14.20, almost 25 seconds ahead of the runner-up, Lyndi Finsterwald of Wheeler. The sophomore long-distance specialist posted a time of

5:46.64 in the mile as she crossed the finish line first.

Robb earned the silver medal in the 3,200 with a time of 11:27.40, right on the heels of area champion

Corey Jewell of Wheeler, who had the winning time of 11:19.70.

Robb's time of 5:12.05 in the 1,600-meters was third best in the area meet.

Sign-up set for Kids Inc. baseball

Dimmitt Kids, Inc., will hold sign-ups for the baseball program today (Thursday) and Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford.

Everyone, including coaches, must sign up before Tuesday, a program spokesperson said. Anyone who coached last year will be given the first chances to coach this year, if they are signed up by the deadline.

The sign ups are available to all Castro County residents and the fee

is \$30 per participant. The late sign-up fee (after Tuesday) will be \$50.

Leagues include T-ball for children who are in kindergarten and first grade; minor league, which uses a pitching machine, for children who are in second and third grades; and

major league for children who are in fourth through sixth grades.

Coaches' meetings will be held on May 8 at the Chamber office, with T-ball meeting at 5:30 p.m., minor league at 6:30 p.m. and major league at 7:30 p.m.

Birkenfeld selected for TABC all-stars

Nazareth's Cassie Birkenfeld has been selected to play with the Class A-AAA North All-Stars in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) all-star games this summer.

Birkenfeld was named the Class A Player of the Year by the TABC, Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) and Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA).

The 5-8 senior guard, who has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University next year, averaged more than 14 points per game this year in leading the Swiftettes to the Class A state championship.



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Schulte named to academic all-state roster

Sara Schulte of Nazareth has been named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' (TABC) academic all-state team.

Players who meet the criteria are ranked by grade average and the top 25 are selected for the all-state team.

Schulte was a starter for the Swiftettes, who captured the Class A state title this season—the school's 14th girls' crown.

A 5-6 senior forward, Schulte was one of the Swiftettes' defensive specialists, often drawing the assignment of guarding the opposing team's top offensive players.

Hart netters fall in opener

Hart singles player Christopher George and the doubles team of Yadira Anzaldua and Crystal Diego saw their dreams of advancing to the state tournament end Monday when they dropped their first-round matches in the Region 1-A tennis tournament at Levelland.

Anzaldua and Diego fell to Brin Burgin and Lauren Crowell of Groom, 2-6, 2-6, in their first match.

George dropped his initial regional match, 1-6, 5-7, to Mertzon-Irion County's John Paul Dennison.

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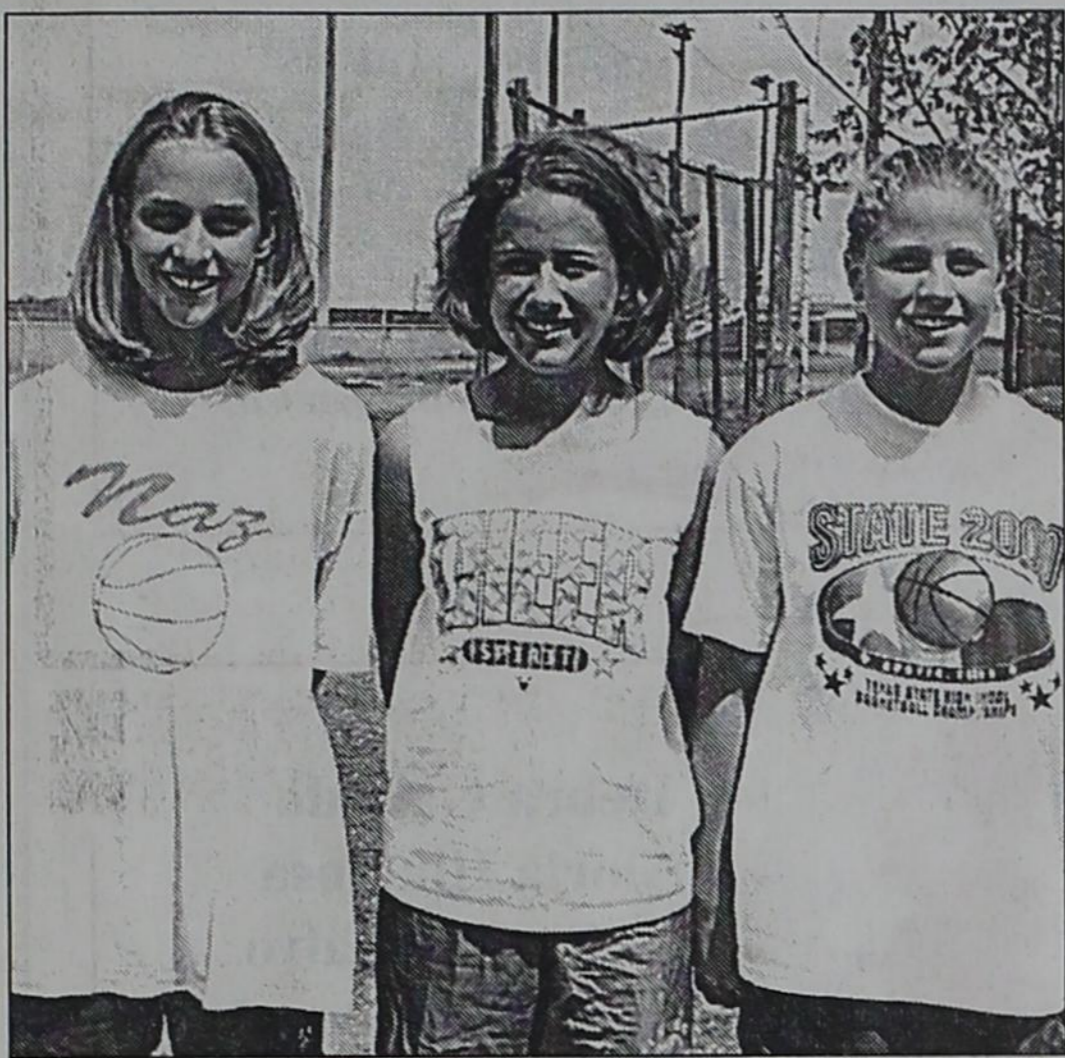
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NAZARETH QUALIFIED its boys' mile relay team, a discus thrower and a distance runner for the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this week. Trinity Robb (left) will run the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs while Bo Hunter (second from left) hopes

to earn a return trip to state in the discus. Members of the qualifying mile relay team are (from third left) Ky Wilcox, Matty McLain, Daryl Pohlmeier, Kade Wilcox and Justin Kleman. *Photo by Anne Acker*



THREE SWIFTETTES will be competing at the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this weekend. Danette Ramaekers (left) will run the 3,200- and 1,600 meter races while Marsha Black (center) will try her luck at the triple jump and Wendy Black will run the 300-meter hurdles. The trio had to place among the top four at the district and area meets to qualify for regional. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Bob Wills Day is this weekend

Many of the former Texas Playboys will be featured in this year's Bob Wills Day celebration in Turkey.

The 29th annual event will be held today (Thursday) through Sunday, with the bulk of the activities slated

for Saturday.

A jam session, barbecue lunch, parade, fiddlers' contest, midnight breakfast, dance and music, music and more music will highlight this year's celebration. The event concludes Sunday with a morning worship service.

Obituaries

C. Loneta Jordan

Funeral services for C. Loneta Jordan, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday at the Ivey Chapel in Foskey-Funeral Home of Dimmitt with Rev. Stephen Howard, pastor of Skyline Baptist Church of Lubbock, officiating.

Mrs. Jordan died Friday. She was born April 7, 1916, in Tolbert. She married Lewis W. Jordan on Oct. 13, 1934, in Frederick, Okla. He died on Oct. 31, 1992.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1978 from Roundup. She graduated from South Plains College with a degree in art. She was a member of the South Plains Artist Association.

Survivors include four daughters, Betty Duncan of Bountiful, Utah, and Reba Springer, Cindy Cofield and Tammy Thomas, all of Lubbock; four sons, Lewis Jordan of Dimmitt, Joseph Jordan of Lubbock, Leonard Jordan of Hereford and Jack Jordan of Neosho, Mo.; 20 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Eddie Jordan, Billy Jordan, Lewis Jordan, Monte Jordan, Jacky Dean Jordan, and Jerry Middleton.

The family requests memorials be to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, 1621 Butler Blvd., Dimmitt 79027.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederie of New York, a bronze medalist in the 100-meter freestyle in 1924, became the first woman to swim the English Channel, breaking the men's record by almost two hours.

More about

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1. A king-size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000-sq.-ft. house four inches deep.

2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.

3. In a crowded restaurant, a 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults.

4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-lb. boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.

5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

6. The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words, "Uh-oh," it's already too late.

8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

9. A 6-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year-old man says they can do it only in the movies. A magnifying glass can start a fire even on an overcast day.

10. Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year-old.

11. "Play-Doh" and "Microwave" should never be used in the same sentence.

12. Super Glue is forever.

13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool, you still can't walk on water.

14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.

15. VCRs do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.

16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

18. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.


19. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.

20. The fire department in Austin

has a five-minute response time.

21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy. It will, however, make cats dizzy and cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

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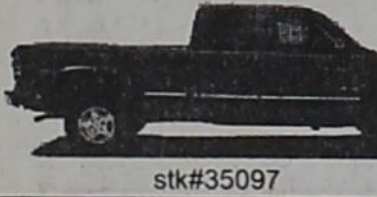
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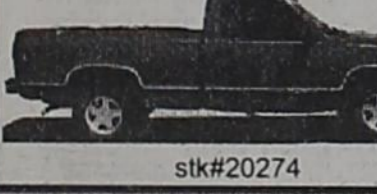
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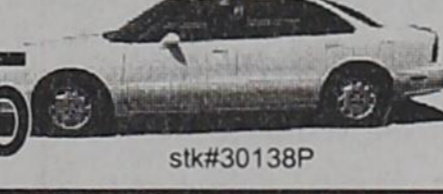
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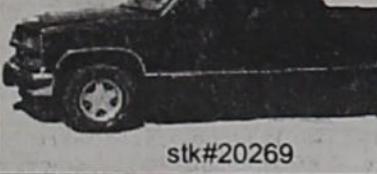
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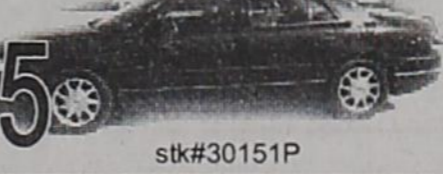
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