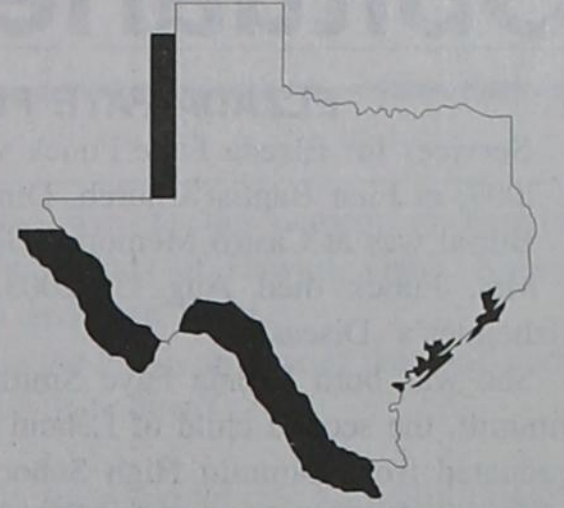


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City holds public hearing on cable

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Council and audience members wanting to have their questions about Classic Cable answered at Monday's public hearing were disappointed. There were many more questions than answers to be had.

Steve Lowe, an executive

Purchase of ambulance for EMS tabled

vice-president with the company was at the hearing, which the council called prior to reaching a franchise agreement with the company.

Citizens complaints ranged from the length of time it

takes to get through on a service call to the number of times certain channels are off the air, in particular channels 12, 33, 35, 50 and 54.

Elmer Berryhill said he has experienced long waits -

one was 32 minutes - and then was told that the problem would not fixed until after the weekend. And about the company's new high-speed, Internet service, Berryhill said: "With the service I have received over

the years, there's no way I'd go with wireless Internet with your company."

A number of citizens complained about the interruptions they have with the Spanish channels, 12 and 33. Stella Mendez said

she has made numerous calls on her own behalf and that of friends.

"We're paying a lot of money for our cable because we want to watch the channels that we like," she said.

For the most part, Lowe took notes, but was very *Continued on Page 9*

Mr. Smith's Opus set for Sept. 6

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

They're calling it "Mr. Ralph Smith's Opus," the upcoming band reunion for the exes of 1956 through 1983 and their parents.

But Smith, who was DHS band director for 31 years, said his part is minimal.

"The kids are doing it," Smith said. "There could be 300 to 500 here. I hope at least 300 make it."

The reunion will be held the night of Sept. 6, starting at 5:30 p.m., with a barbecue, visiting and films at the Expo Center. However, it will kickoff at 10 a.m. with the band participating in the Harvest Days Parade.

During his 31 years, the band won 29 sweepstakes and a total of 35 sweepstakes in other competitions, he said.

For the spring UIL competition, Smith said the school would take five charter buses, including more than a busload of parents.

"Our band used to run 130 to 140 pieces," Smith said.

"We played in the Cotton Bowl, went to Nashville twice, won festivals in Kansas City, Durgano and Enid, Okla."

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Avis & Ralph Smith

Ellis takes helm as DHS girls coach

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Kirk Ellis, the new DHS girls basketball and cross country coach, wants to establish himself this season and get a solid program going, he said.

"I've found a place where I would like to stay a while and establish stability in the girls' program," Ellis said of his new job. "I'm coming in and will let them know I plan to be here for a while."

At the same time, he said he doesn't plan any major changes right away.

"We need to get to know each other for a little bit before I make any plans," he said. "I'll also be involved in the junior high program, but not on a daily basis."

"The junior high coaches have evidently done a real good job, so I don't plan on changing a lot. These girls are in pretty good shape, as far as I can tell."

Before coming to Dimmitt he coached at Stinnett-West Texas High School in Stinnett.



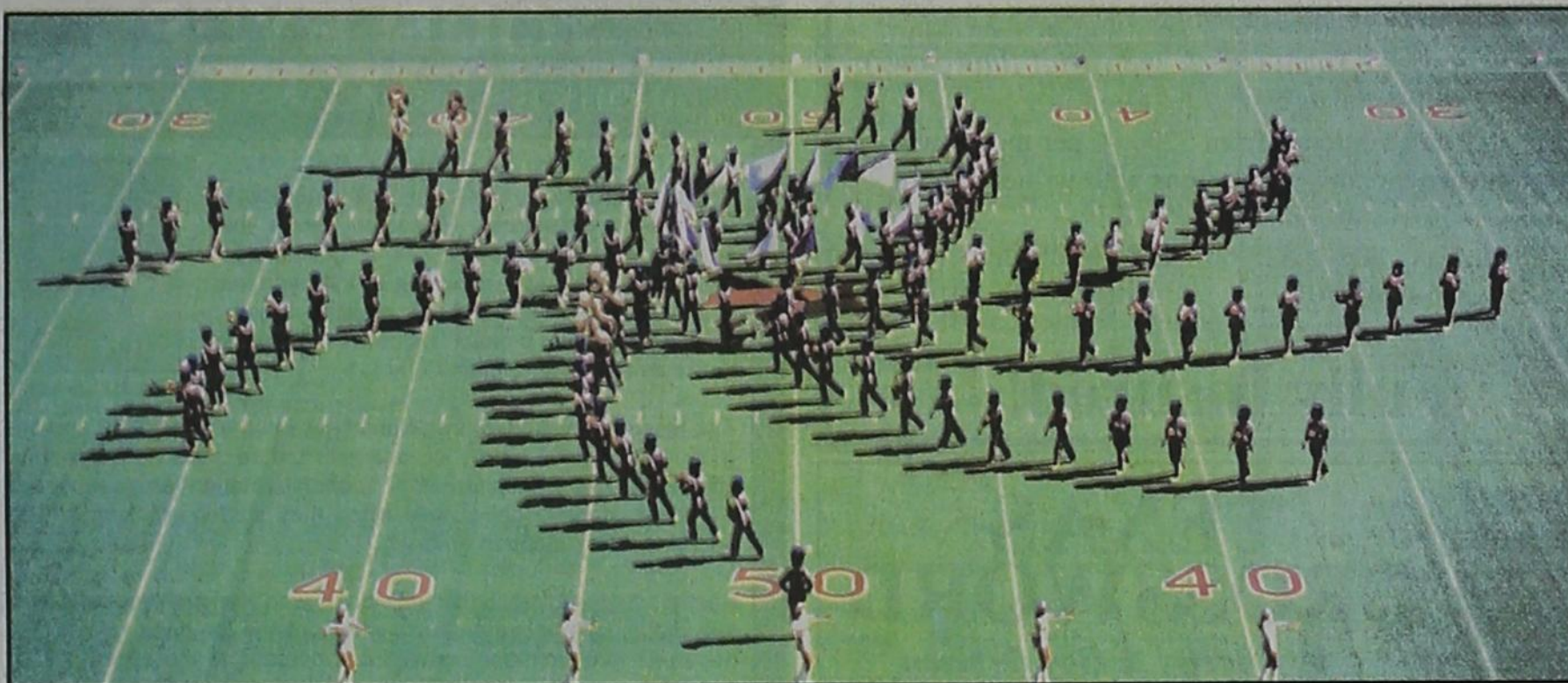
Kirk Ellis

He also coached at Abilene Cooper for four years in the mid-90s and Lamesa for two years. While in graduate school, he was a graduate assistant coach at Wayland Baptist and also West Texas State University, where he graduated. He graduated from high school in Dumas.

Ellis said he sees coaching in Dimmitt as a great opportunity.

"I wanted to get in a good system like Dimmitt," he said. "Dimmitt has a well-known tradition in basketball, as well as the district itself."

"Plus, my daughter lives in Muleshoe."



The DHS band of 1978-79 at UIL Regionals in Lubbock

It's almost that time ...



BEFORE YOU KNOW it, football season will start. And the schools are getting ready. At left, Swifty (Whitney Peacock) and Jill Huseman get a workout at the little cheerleaders camp held this week at the Nazareth school. At right, Coach Glen Dunnam talks to his team on the first day of football workouts at Dimmitt High School.



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Obituaries

ELZADA FAYE FUNCK

Services for Elzada Faye Funck were Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens of Dimmitt. Mrs. Funck died Aug. 3, 2003, after suffering with Alzheimer's Disease.

She was born Elzada Faye Smith on Sept. 6, 1932, in Dimmitt, the second child of Leland and Zelma Smith. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1950.

After graduation she attended Wayland Baptist University. She later moved to Amarillo, where she met David H. Funck.

They were married Nov. 25, 1955, in Dimmitt and enjoyed 48 years of marriage.

The Funcks began their life together in Amarillo and later lived in Oklahoma and Missouri.

They returned to Texas in 1974 to live in Houston. They retired and moved to Canyon in 1998.

Mrs. Funck is survived by her husband, David; two sons, Robert, his wife Vickie and their children, Anna, April and Wesley of Amarillo and Jerry and his wife Patty and their children, Riley and Brandon of Lubbock; a sister, Zella Wilson and her family of Dallas; and two brothers and their families, Elbert and Wesley Smith, both of Dimmitt.

Pallbearers will be Milton Bagwell, Jack Howell, Rick Bagwell, John Smith, Dwayne Smith and Larry Wilson.

The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers, be made to the Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

DEBBIE BILLS

Services for Debbie Bills, 51, of Georgetown, were at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, at Earth United Methodist Church with Pastor Gary Hubbard of Earth officiating.

Burial was at Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Bills died July 29, 2003, in Georgetown. She was born April 5, 1952, in Shamrock. She married Larry Bills in Dimmitt on June 14, 1969.

She had lived in Georgetown since 2000 after moving from San Antonio. She was a long-time resident of the Earth community and a member of First United Methodist Church in Georgetown. While in Earth, she was an active member of the Earth United Methodist Church, where she also played the organ. For the past three years, she was general manager of Prime Hospitality.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Bills of Georgetown; son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Bills of Dallas; daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Scott Gollihare of Austin; sister, Pat Henry of Shamrock; three brothers, Bobby Carr of Victoria, Jerry Carr of Wichita Falls and Art Vaughn of Amarillo; and three grandsons, Tanner, Logan and Hunter.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX. 79423 or one's favorite charity.

Letters to the Editor

Echoes

On the corner of 2nd and Belsher stands a brick building. The sign outside says First Assembly of God Church.

The church has been on that corner since 1943. It began as a small, one-room, white building and grew to the great one you see today.

If you have entered the clean glass doors recently, it may seem the halls and rooms are cold, dark, and empty, but not really.

All of us who listen with our hearts, not our heads can hear the echoes of God's love softly flowing through the building. You see, my seven siblings and I are just one family out of many, now stretched out across the world that have deep roots in First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt.

I know there are hundreds of families, and you are probably one of them. The building is not empty. It is full of echoes, and you can hear children laughing while running down the hallways and slamming doors on their way to Sunday School.

You can hear the familiar "ding dong" of the three bells, telling you Sunday School is over and it is time to go into the sanctuary for worship service.

From behind the doors of the Nursery come the echoes of babies crying and toddlers still singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know". In the kitchen, echoes ring of excited women, all talking at the same time while preparing for fellowship dinners.

Most likely, someone you know has been fed by these wonderful ladies for they have lovingly served many grieving families when God called a loved one to Heaven. There are the echoes of so many young people telling their dreams, teenage loves, and planning their lives. I can still hear mine; and if you listen closely you can probably hear yours, too. Some echoes are noisy, like those of people singing happy songs, old-time songs, and worshipping God.

Others are very soft, like the times we felt that special anointing and waited upon the Lord, or prayed so quietly, only God could hear. The alters bring forth echoes of people holding hands, crying tears of agony, tears of joy, tears of hope for the future.

A long time ago, my Sunday School teacher taught me that "The Church" is not a building, but it is people who love God, do his work, and follow Him.

No, the building on that corner is not empty. It is hard to let go because we love it so much, but God's Spirit cannot be sold; the people's prayers cannot be torn down, the songs will still be heard.

It is and will always be God's corner, and the echoes of the past will mix with the echoes of the future, to remind people like you and me that God's Love will always take care of "The Church."

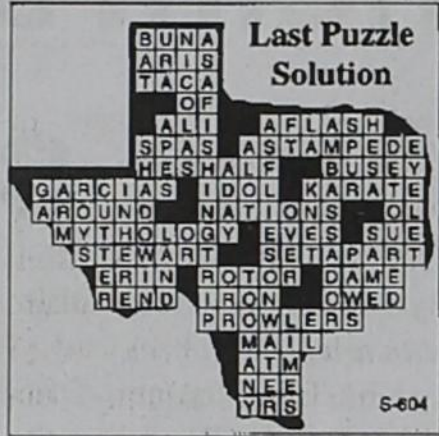
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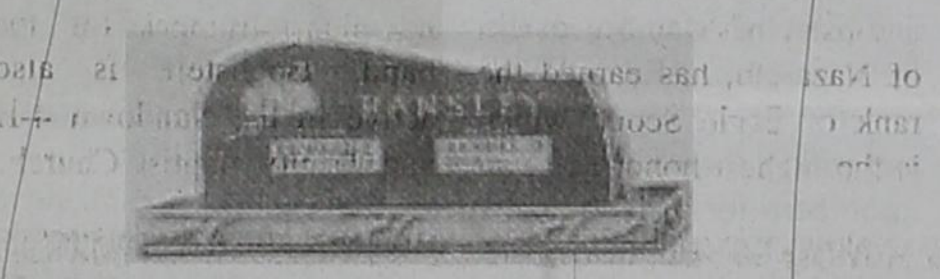
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Dr. Brigance

The research evaluated physicians between the ages of 40 and 84 who had no prior history of cataracts before 1982. Participants completed questionnaires with such information as number of cigarettes smoked daily, ages when they started smoking and if and when they stopped smoking.

Another study indicated that individuals who stop smoking will have less risk of cataracts than those who continue the habit. However, the same research also showed that damage to the eyes prior to smoking cessation is not always reversed. Such reports underscore the importance of early cessation or, better yet, the complete avoidance of smoking.

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ACROSS

1 fraudulent business scheme
5 TX Roy Orbison tune: "She's A Mystery ___"
6 Valley medicinal plant
7 TXism: "as hard as putting up a ___ in a windstorm"
8 "Gig '___ Aggies!"
9 San Angelo was named for one ___
12 TX English on Lawrence Welk show
17 TXism: "___ cats and dogs"
20 TXism: "got ___ as big as Texas" (kind)
22 San ___
23 WWII book: "Texas ___ War"
24 West TX areas have ___ soil
29 TX Forrest played Hondo on this show
30 held at 22 across: "Texas Mardi ___"
31 fin on Gulf sharks
32 TXism: "flush ___" (hunting phrase)
36 former Fort Worth mayor Willard
37 Copperas Cove newspaper name
43 "Giant" star Liz was this queen
45 this Warren was in "Tough Enough" with TX Quaid
47 TXism: "wouldn't know him from ___"

DOWN

1 runs between Rusk & Palestine (2 wds.)
2 Coleman Co. seat
3 early Fort Worth publisher Carter
4 TX Owen Wilson's "___ the Parents"
9 this Columbus ship replica came to TX in '92
10 flies into DFW

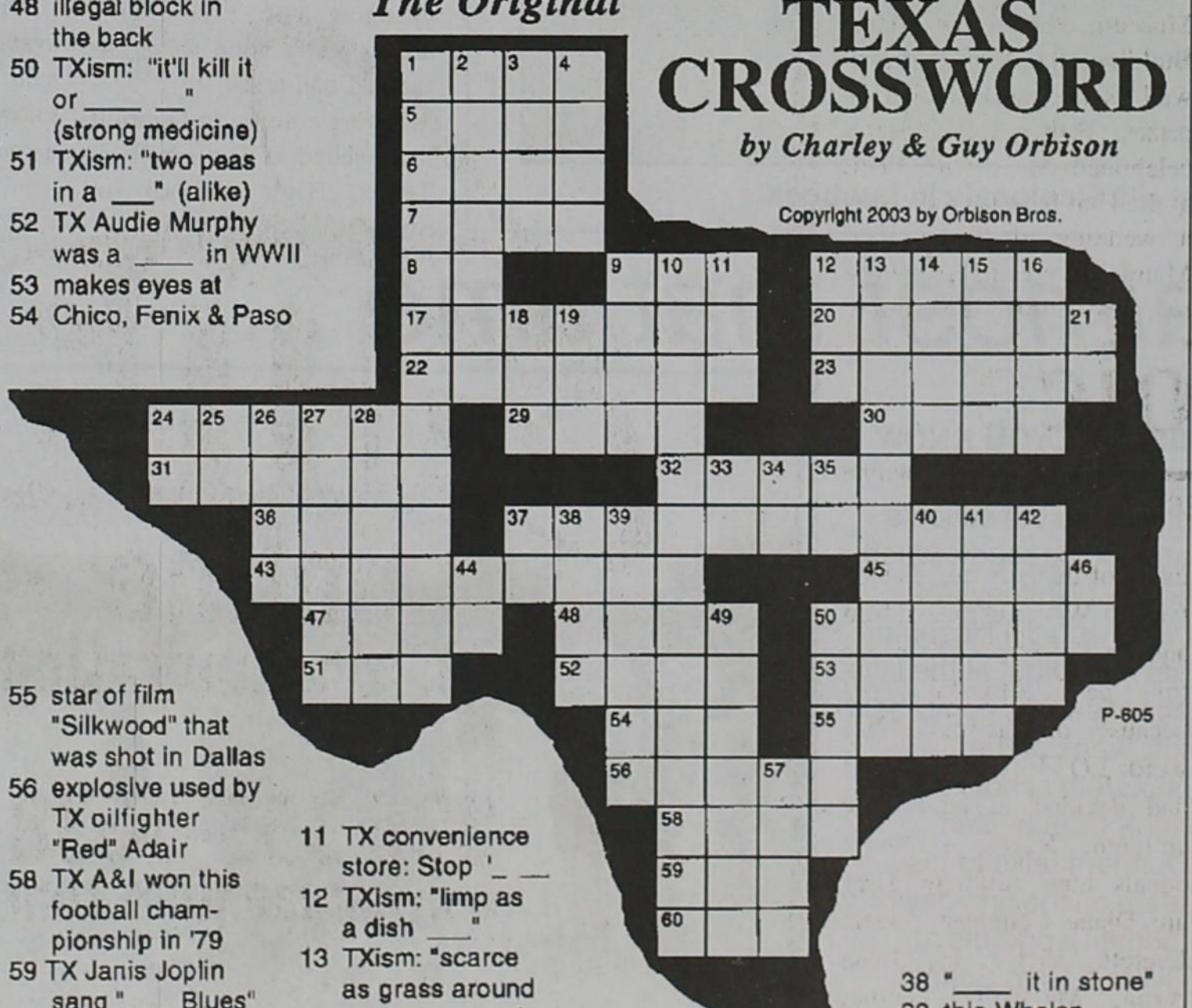
48 illegal block in the back
50 TXism: "it'll kill it or ___"
51 TXism: "two peas in a ___" (alike)
52 TX Audie Murphy was a ___ in WWII
53 makes eyes at
54 Chico, Fenix & Paso

11 TX convenience store: Stop '___'
12 TXism: "limp as a dish ___"
13 TXism: "scarce as grass around ___"
14 malicious look
15 Houston space agcy.
16 Norris has Houston martial ___ program
18 TX tune: "When ___ Roundup Time In Heaven"
19 Garth tune: "What She's Doing ___"
21 "Gone ___ Texas"
24 TX Dexter of "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)

25 Yo ___ Digo Creek
26 Abilene TV station
27 TXism: "tame ___ dog"
28 film/song: "Streets of ___"
33 TXism: "sold ___ a bill of goods"
34 TXism: "it's root hog ___ die"
35 TXism: "___ to snuff"
37 TX Inn: ___ Quinta

38 "___ it in stone"
39 this Whelan starred in film "San Antone"
40 this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
41 TXism: "he speaks cow like a ___"
42 Fiesta Diez y ___
44 after dinner (abbr.)
46 ___ Jo, TX
49 TXism: "sticks like a ___ stamp"
50 young'uns favorite hot drink
57 "one ___ one Ranger"

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

Parents, it's less than three weeks before school starts again. Have you spent some quality time with your children yet? Let me share a story with you that I read in a Readers' Digest about 30 years or so ago.

It seems that the author of this article was from a large family in one of the northern United States. His mother and father would start every new year saving money for a much-needed second bathroom. Just about the time they'd get enough money to build the bathroom, the snow would begin to cover the mountain tops and all of the kids would talk the parents into using the money for one more family ski trip. It happened every year. They never did build that extra bathroom, but they always took the trip.

The author of this story put it this way, "Everytime our family, my brothers and sisters, get together we start recalling the good times we'd had each year on our ski trips. You know I don't believe we would have ever been that excited over an extra place to bathe."

Family vacations can be an overnight sleep out in Palo Duro Canyon or a two-day trip to a nearby lake for fishing or a picnic in the back yard. Children grow up in a hurry. There is little time for memory making. Do it now!

Sandie and Robert Ward took their son Toby and his friend Evan Prater, along with their friends Jimmy and Jean Perkins, all from Amarillo, and drove to South Fork, Colo. They spent time fishing and staying at Fun Valley.

The J.D. Parkers enjoyed a family reunion in Hollingsworth Park near Wellington. This is about a three-hour trip from Dimmitt. There are several campsites for trailers and tents with bathroom accommodations. The scenery is pretty and they saw squirrels, birds and wild turkeys. There is lots of unusual scenery at Caprock Canyon near Quitague and nice trail rides for horse lovers. They came back that way home and the drive back was short.

Jane Vaughan took the time to drop a note to tell about some of their summer good times.

Out of town visitors to the home of Jane and Loyd Vaughan during the month of July were Tom and Sandra Killebrew of Osceola, Iowa, and their son, Bill, of Lubbock. Robert and Linda Killebrew of Tipton, Okla., visited earlier. The Killebrews are Jane's brothers.

Also, for the Fourth of July holiday, Jane's grandson, Paul Hyso and his wife, Meri Dawn of Dallas came for the weekend.

Mildred Bradford; her five children Bob, Kent, Jack, Jim and daughter Jean and their spouses; her sister-in-law Louise Lust from Littlefield and sister, Erlene Settle from Nashville, took a flight to Honolulu, Hawaii, recently. All but two of Mildred's grandchildren were with her. Granddaughter Laura and her husband Luciana Quiroz from Masaw, Japan, met them there. There were 22 of Mildred's clan that boarded the Norwegian Star Liner for a

seven-day cruise all the way to the equator to Fanning Island. They toured the islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai, then back to Honolulu and then home.

Can't you just imagine the lovely memories they will carry with them all the rest of their lives?

Because I've recently injured my back, Sara Hill literally saved my life. She came over with a delicious chicken spaghetti and some home-grown grapes. When she entered the door, she said, "Dorothy I smell gas. Is there a leakage in here?"

I didn't smell a thing, but she pursued her instincts, checked the water heater and air conditioning unit. She called W.J. for instructions on who to call for help, hollered at my neighbor Bryan Reinart and his son Adam. They didn't find anything, nor smell anything. They suggested that Lee Schilling from Atmos Gas Company would be here soon.

Lee brought his detector and began to check for leaks. The detector registered leakage.

Lee finally found gas escaping around our big maple tree roots. He turned the gas off and instructed me to find a plumber.

As I write this, we have not had a return call from a plumber and we are predicting a few cold showers before the leak is fixed.

Sara verified what I already knew - she certainly has a "nose for news!"

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

A memorial service was held for Dr. Bill Murphy and his wife Yulia on Saturday afternoon at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Liz Murphy Crittenden of Bosnia and Fawayne Murphy of New York officiating at the service, assisted by other family members and friends. It was interesting to hear his classmates speak: Don Nelson, Donald Wright and Dale Maxwell, as well as hospital staff that he worked with for so many years. A very meaningful service!

Jerry and Judy Acker enjoyed a week in Oakland, Calif., with their son, Russell, his wife Susan and their daughter, Sophia. Judy and Jerry were the official baby sitters during the week for their 21-month-old granddaughter, Sophia.

Ted and Deanna Huseman and Danny and Delores Heiman recently vacationed in Oklahoma, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn. They reported everything very lush and green in Nashville, as they have had 50-inches of rain this year. They visited with Father Harold Heiman, Bill and Etta Mae Sellers, Dick and Shelly

Dutton and Rodney and Jennifer Heiman. A very enjoyable trip!

Tony, Angela and Norbert Acker recently enjoyed a nine-day pilgrimage to the basilicas, cathedrals, shrines, churches and chapels of Ontario.

They toured St. Joseph Oratory and Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal. Notre Dame was decorated in 24-carat gold throughout the church. From there, they went to Cape-de-la-Madeline to tour Our Lady of the Cape shrine and Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. Tony said he thought it had to be the most beautiful church they visited. In the evening, they joined several hundred people in a candle light procession around the grounds. A guide said they plant 15,000 flowers here every year.

At the "Old Stone Shrine Chapel," the group said a garden rosary. During the afternoon, they gathered at the Rosary Bridge to make the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

In Quebec City, they toured the Ursuline Convent, Our Lady of Victories Church and St. Ann of

Beaupre Basilica. Later they attended a candlelight service up the mountainside. On July 26, the feast of St. Ann, they attended a mass in the Basilica with several thousand people.

On the way to Niagra Falls, they visited the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, the former Mount Carmel Seminary and Sisters of Loretta Convent overlooking Niagra Falls, before returning home.

The Brockman family held a reunion at the Nazareth Community Hall on June 2. Some 240 relatives came from Nazareth and nearby towns, Midland, as well as from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and even from Florida and Connecticut. They enjoyed getting re-acquainted with members of the family they had not seen for years, the horseshoe games, auction and visits to the Nazareth Museum, the Home Merc. Building, the City Park, as well as the music and door prizes. Father John Joseph celebrated Mass with them at the Hall because there was a wedding at the church. Many visited the cemetery to pray for the many

relatives buried there since the early 1900s. At noon, they enjoyed a hamburger lunch and in the evening, a delicious grilled steak supper. They also enjoyed the picture albums and post-sized pictures of old families and their homes in Iowa, Nebraska, Nazareth and other locations. After breakfast Sunday morning, those who traveled began returning to their homes. Everyone seemed happy with the busy weekend.

Family and friends

attended the marriage of David Williams and Chris Wethington, Saturday evening with the Rev. Rick Fox officiating. The event was held in the backyard of the home of Tommy and Teresa Wethington, the bride's parents.

A reception followed the ceremony at the American Legion Hall.

Stuart Hochstein, the grandson of May Hochstein of Nazareth, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest honor that can

be earned as a Boy Scout. Hochstein, 15, is the son of Alex and Mona Hochstein.

His project was a paper goods drive for the High Plains Food Bank.

Hochstein is a member of Troop 880. In his five years of scouting, he has been a senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and chaplain's aide.

He is a sophomore at Randall High School, where he plans trumpet for the band. Hochstein is also active in the Sundown 4-H and Trinity Baptist Church.

Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

My little sister Rose Mary (yes-the spoiled one) called me and wanted me to express how good a service El Taquito has. They were in town visiting Baby Rudy and Laura Monreal. No one felt like cooking and they went to eat there. Later that afternoon, they decided to go back and get more food. The doors were locked and some young lady (Abigail-was that you?) came to the window and told her they were closed, but my sister

has a way of sweet-talking you and managed to get them to prepare a take out order for her daughter Vanessa. Rosemary told them that her Vanessa was starving to death, so they obliged. The summary of this story is, that Rosemary appreciated that and wants to say that there are some really nice people in Dimmitt. All I could think of to tell her was plain and simple. I know it.

Well, one of my good ole (not old but ole) volleyball buddies brought me this write up about her parents, Victor and Emelda Reyes Saenz's 50th Wedding Anniversary and it goes like this. "Well Mary Lou, its time to let you know how

many of us there are. (Saenz family) We celebrated Mom and Dad's 50th anniversary this past Saturday. All because of that four letter word: LOVE. My mom and dad decided to have nine children. Reyes + Saenz equals nine children. They are Diane Compean, Fidela Everett, Victor Jr., Rosa Azua, Me-Anita Gauna, Manuel, Julian, Connie Montelongo and last but not least-the baby-Linda Bonilla. Mom and Dad are blessed with 33 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren. Sorry Mary Lou, there are too many to name. We celebrated and had a great time. A very special guest was Father Fern, who we all love and miss a lot. From Rio

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PEOPLE



FIVE GENERATIONS: Pictured are Helen Backus, who lives at Canterbury Villa Rest Home, who is the great-great-grandmother; Catherine Huseman of Nazareth, the great-grandmother; Derwin Huseman of Nazareth, the grandfather; Nichole Kirby of Lubbock, the mother; and baby Brityn Kirby of Lubbock.

Pritchard-Sutton

A shower honoring Misty Pritchard, bride-elect of Stuart Sutton was held at the home of Barbara Bain on Aug. 2, 2003.

Parents of the couple are Johnny and Deb Pritchard of Winters, Leta Pritchard of Houston and Eddie and June

Sutton of Dimmitt.

The table was covered with a mauve cloth and adorned with crystal and silver appointments.

Sausage balls, cream puffs with strawberries, chocolate eclairs and lemonade/ pineapple punch were

served.

Honored guests include Deb Pritchard, stepmother of the bride-elect; Marie Payne and Mandy Pritchard, sisters of the bride-elect; and friends, Starla Warren and Carol Lunsford; June Sutton, mother of the prospective

A shower honoring Julie Gray, bride-elect of Andy Hill, was held Aug. 2, 2003, in the home of Sandra and Jim Baker.

Parents of the bride are Dr. Neal and Pam Gray of San Antonio; the prospective groom's parents are Dr. W.J. and Sara Hill of Dimmitt.

The table was laid with a white appliqued cloth and

Gray-Hill

set with crystal and silver appointments, centered with a fresh flower arrangement of calla lilies and mixed flowers.

Assorted fruit breads, individual quiches, fruit salad and white grape juice punch was served.

Honored guests included Pam Gray, mother of the bride-elect and Sara Hill,

mother of the prospective groom.

Out-of-town guests included Sue Sides of Lubbock and Cindy Ebeling of Plainview.

The hostess gift was a bedding set of duvet cover, shams and pillows selected by the couple.

The wedding is set for Sept. 13 in San Antonio.

Robertson-Johnson

A bridal shower honoring Kourtney Robertson was held Saturday, July 19, 2003, in the home of Belinda Hill.

Special guests include Karen Robertson of Canyon, mother of the bride; Terri Johnson of Hereford, mother of the groom; Kalissia Robertson of Canyon, sister of the bride; Jill Ginn of Hereford, sister of the groom; Pat Boykin of Amarillo, grandmother of the bride; Clara and Fred Robertson of Plainview; great aunt and uncle of the bride; Anna Ann Robertson of Plainview, great-aunt of the bride; and Sandra Blair of Shallowater,

aunt of the bride.

Friends of the bride attending from out of town were Kaci Wethington of Canyon; Tanya Wethington and Whitney Braddock, both of Nazareth; and Lyndsey Hoelting of Amarillo.

The table was decorated with an urn of roses and ivy, surrounded by topiaries and crystal candle sticks.

Assorted breads were served on painted china trays, along with fruit in a large, footed crystal bowl. The hostess gift was a professional cookware set.

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Castro County Hospital District has developed a "Grow Your Own Health Care Professional Program" to help replenish and continue supplying the growing need for healthcare professionals for CCHD. The District will subsidize interested and qualified persons with their educational needs. Areas of health care will include nursing service, radiology, laboratory, medical records, physical and occupational therapy along with respiratory therapy and emergency medical services. Individuals receiving subsidized assistance will be required to work for CCHD for a certain period of time. Individuals interested in this program need to contact Trudy Jackson, Director of Nursing Services or Linda Rasor, Chief Executive Officer at 647-2191.



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2003 Property Tax Rates in Castro County

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Castro County and Castro County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County Road	Hospital District
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,711,295	\$ 538,721	\$ 1,290,989
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's tax base	\$ 385,426,870	\$ 382,071,410	\$ 380,822,590
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.444	\$ 0.141	\$ 0.339
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,707,519	\$ 537,343	\$ 1,288,161
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 377,360,690	\$ 374,091,270	\$ 376,320,750
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.452	\$ 0.144	\$ 0.342
Total	\$ 0.596		
x 1.03 Maximum Rate without hearings	\$ 0.614		\$ 0.352
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,707,519	\$ 537,343	\$ 1,288,161
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 377,360,690	\$ 374,091,270	\$ 376,320,750
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.452	\$ 0.144	\$ 0.342
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.489	\$ 0.157	\$ 0.370
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.646		\$ 0.370

A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.032
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.646

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balance will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	\$ 750,000
Castro County Precincts	\$ 500,000
Hospital District	None

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues.

Castro County	\$119,333
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX.

Notice prepared by Jerry Heller
Chief Appraiser
Prepared on July 31, 2003

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CHURCH NEWS



Are we doing God's work? The power of our inner world

I know better than to ask if anyone is busy because, of course, we're all busy doing whatever it is we do on a daily basis. Many are busy everyday working sun up to sundown. Others are preparing the kids for their return to school in the coming weeks. Let's face it, we're all busy in our own little worlds. We live in a busy world. It's interesting that almost every business has a drive-through window. From fast-food joints to the cleaners, all are investing in drive-through to meet the fast-paced schedules of their busy customers.

I will be the first to admit that we are busy, but are we busy doing what we should be doing? Are we busy doing God's work? I think some believe that just because they attend worship services they are automatically doing God's work. I'm persuaded that for the church to thrive, as God so desires, it's going to take the members getting off the pews and getting busy in God's work. We all have God-given gifts that we need to put to use so that God may be glorified. "We have different gifts,



Chuck Ball

according to the grace given us." (Rom. 12:6) We need to put our gifts to work for the Lord and His church. As busy as we are today, we can't claim to be as busy as Jesus was. Jesus had multitudes of people following him and pleading for His time. Even as busy as Jesus seemed to stay, He always kept His main focus on doing His Father's work. "My food, said Jesus, is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work." (Jon. 4:34) We should all strive to be more like Jesus and get busy doing God's work.

By The Rev. Alvin Petty
You have heard it said, usually in derogative descriptive way, "Oh, she lives in her own little world." But the truth is we all live in our own inner world."

The inner world is the abiding place of our thoughts, feelings and beliefs. These are what shape us and makes us what we are. They determine our behavior.

The good news is that we can change our thoughts, feelings and beliefs and if we choose to change them, we can change our lives. The purpose of religion is to help us choose and incorporate the best thoughts, feelings and beliefs about God, ourselves, others, the world and life. To fill one's inner world with ruling thoughts, feelings and beliefs of positive, creative upbuilding value is to help make a better world for us to live in and create a better grasp or coping ability upon reality and life for ourselves.

John 1:12 teaches that all who receive Christ are given the power to become children of God. 2 Corinthians 5:17

states that to be in Christ is to be made a new creation. But how does this work? What is the practical method by which these spiritual claims come to pass?

In this way only. Receiving Christ is receiving his way of living and lovingly serving our fellow man. Doing this involves choosing Christ's type of thoughts, feeling and beliefs to rule our inner world. These give us a new viewpoint on life, our acceptance by the Eternal, others and ourselves. Living and working in this new point of view is the new creation. It opens up a new world for us.

Perhaps you have always thought of the outer world as the "real world" and that happiness depends upon changing things in the outer world. To be sure there is an outer, physical world but one's inner world is the more potentially powerful world.

"Happiness is an inside job," said John Marks Templeton. A strong inner world helps us cope with and shape our outer world into a place of greater peace and happiness for us. Without

inner strength, the circumstances of the outer world shall tend to inhibit or destroy us instead of us creatively interacting with it.

No one can develop the positive strength of their inner world in a social, historical, intellectual vacuum. There must be causes and stimulators. Even Jesus had a role model that he looked at to shape his behavior and attitude in fulfilling his mission. He had to grow in wisdom (Luke 2:52) and he had to decide what kind of anointed servant of God he would be (Matthew 4:1-11).

He looked to the unknown prophet of the second portion of Isaiah (chapters 40-66) as his model of mission and service (Luke 4:17-18). He focused on the message and

concepts of Second Isaiah and became our Servant Leader and Savior.

But what if he had built his internal reality by focusing on his Jewish culture's narrow, nationalistic, prejudiced, militant, political image of the Messiah? There would be no positive impact of Christianity.

But he built his inner world around the Suffering Servant image (Isaiah 53) of God's servant and his inner world created a new world that is still a morning.

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DISD registration set

Registration for all Richardson Elementary students will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, Aug. 11, in the school's library.

For those new to the district, or just starting kindergarten, you must bring a birth certificate, shot record and Social Security card. If you registered your kindergarten child in May, you are not required to attend.

The first day of classes is Aug. 18.

Dimmitt Middle School Registration is also Monday, Aug. 11.

Times are as follows:

- Fourth grade - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Fifth grade - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Sixth grade - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Seventh grade - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Eighth grade - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration at the high school will also be Aug. 11 at the following times:

- 9 to 9:45 a.m., Seniors
- 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., Juniors
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sophomores
- 1 to 2 p.m., Freshmen

Class dues and parking fees can be paid at this time.

School pictures for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be taken. The dress code will be in effect. Bring picture packet (mailed to each underclassman) to order school pictures.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned withing the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the 2nd day of August, 2003.

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DISD and NISD school supply lists

DISD

Richardson Elementary School Supply List 2003-2004

Early Childhood

1 - 16-count box Crayola crayons
1 - large box Kleenex
1 - box of Ziplock baggies
1 - backpack

Kindergarten

1- 8-count regular Crayons (no jumbo)
1 - pair of scissors (Fiskar brand)
1 - school box
1 - 8 oz. Elmer's Glue (orange top - no Ross or Study Time)
1 - large box Kleenex
1 - towel (bath size)
1 - spiral notebook (200 pages)
1 - construction paper (Spectrum 46 Ct 12x9)
1 - box of watercolors
2 - folders with pockets
1 - box of Wet Wipes
Please label everything with your child's name

First Grade

1 - box colored pencils
1 - cigar size school box
1 - 8 oz. bottle of glue
1 - individual pencil sharpener
1 - sharp pointed scissors
1 - bottle of Purell hand cleaner
1 - box of 16 count crayons

2 - No. 2 wooden pencils
1 - box baby wipes
2 - large boxes of Kleenex
2 - erasers
1 - box ziplock FREEZER bags - quart size
1 - box ziplock FREEZER bags - gallon size
NO MARKERS
NO TRAPPER KEEPERS
NO FOLDERS

Second Grade

2 - 40-page spirals
1 - box sandwich size Ziplock bags
1 - school box - cigar size only (see teacher)
1 - pair sharp pointed scissors
2 - 4 oz. bottles Elmer's glue
1 - 16 CT crayons
2 - No. 2 pencils
2 - large boxes Kleenex
2 - red grading pens
1 - pkg. Construction paper (Spectrum 46 CT 12x9) see teacher first
1 - box of watercolors
6 - plain folders with pockets
1 - 12-inch ruler

Third Grade

2 - pkg. 3-ring notebook paper
1 - school box
1 - pair of pointed scissors
1 - 8 oz. Elmer's glue
1 - 48 CT crayons
4 - No. 2 pencils
2 - large boxes of Kleenex
2 - red checking pens

1 - 70 CT spiral notebook
1 - wooden ruler
1 - eraser
1 - individual pencil sharpener
5 - folders with pocket and brads (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 2 any color)
1 - pkg. Construction paper
1 - yellow hi-liter
1 - set map colors
NO BIG 3-RING NOTEBOOKS (paper is kept in folders)

Fourth Grade

3 - Kleenex
1 - pkg. Construction paper
2 - No. 2 pencils (No mechanical pencils)
2 - red pencils or pens
1 - scissor
1 - 24-count crayon
1 - Elmer's glue 8 oz.
6 - pocket folders with brads and pockets
4 - 70 count spirals
1 - filler paper
1 - box colored markers
1 - box map colors
2 - highlighters (any color)
2 - dry erase markers

Fifth Grade

3 - heavy-duty 2-pocket folders (1 must be plain and solid color)
1 - heavy-duty 2-pocket folder with brads
1 - plastic folder with 2 pockets for UNFINISHED WORK
1 - package notebook paper
6 - No. 2 wooden pencils (No mechanical pencils)
2 - sharpie markers
2 - red ballpoint pens
1 - black ballpoint pen
3 - single subject wires bound spiral notebooks (not tear out kind)
1 - box crayons
1 - box map colors

1 - box colored markers
2 - large boxes Kleenex
1 - pair of scissors (large)
1 - wooden ruler (metric and standard)
1 - bottle Elmer's glue or glue stick
1 - roll scotch tape
2 - highlighters
2 - brown grocery sacks for covering large books
1 - small backpack (must fit in locker - no bags with wheels)
Note: when your supplies are used up, it is your responsibility to buy replacements. Supplies for each class are to be brought each day.

Sixth Grade

1 - compass
7 - folders with pockets and brads
5 - spiral notebooks with 70 or more pages
2 - red pens
1 - colored marker
2 - No. 2 pencils
1 - ruler (metric and standard)
1 - large eraser
1 - roll transparent tape
2 - large scissors
2 - glue sticks
1 - 16-count crayolas
1 - map colors
2 - highlighters (any two colors)
2 - large boxes Kleenex
1 - Sharpie - black best
1 - plastic or vinyl art apron to cover shirt in lab
Notebook paper (not college ruled)
Trapper keeper or 3-ring notebook
If you bring a bag, it must fit in your locker. It is your responsibility to replenish your pencils and pens

Seventh Grade

1 - zippered notebook
1 - package subject dividers
2 - pencil bags
1 - map colors
3 - highlighters (1 pink, 1 green and 1 yellow)
10 - No. 2 pencils
4 - blue or black pens
5 - red pens
1 - three-subject wide-ruled spiral
3 - 70 sheet wire spirals
2 - packages wide-rule notebook paper
7 - pocket folders with brads (solid colors only)
3 - three-ring binders 2-inch

Eighth Grade

1 - manilla folder with brads and pockets
2 - red pencils or pens
3 - 70-page spirals
Lined notebook paper
4 - folders with pockets and brads
1 - large 5-subject divider
1 - box of map colors
1 - box of Kleenex
2 - highlighters

NISD

Kindergarten

5 - No. 2 pencils
1 - Crayola 24-pack of crayons
1 - Crayola 8-pack of washable markers (primary colors)
1 - Crayola Watercolor paint (16 colors)
1 - package of multi-colored index cards
1 - plastic index box
1 - alphabetical dividers for index box
1 - pair of FISKARS scissors
1 - large box of facial tissue
1 - school/utility box (cigar box size)
1 - disposable camera (24 exposure, indoor/outdoor

use and \$5 for developing costs)
3 - pocket folders with brads
1 - large Elmer's glue
3 - glue sticks
1 - backpack/school bag
Please personalize these items before they are brought to school

First Grade

Mrs. Birkenfeld
1 - school box
5 - No. 2 pencils
1 - Crayola 16-pack of crayons
1 - set of large-tip markers (basic eight water based)
1 - box of watercolor paints
1 - pair of pointed sharp-cutting scissors (stainless steel)
3 - spiral wide-ruled notebooks (50 count)
1 - backpack or school bag
1 - glue stick
1 - bottle Elmer's glue
1 - 1/2 inch hard 3-ringed vinyl notebook
2 - boxes Kleenex
2 - pocket folders
1 - soft pink or magic rub eraser
1 - small box of baby wipes
1 - old oversized shirt for painting/art projects

Second Grade

Mrs. Damron
2 - No. 2 pencils
2 - red grading pencils
1 - Crayola 24-pack of Crayons (primary colors)
1 - Crayola 8-pack of washable markers (primary colors)
1 - pair of sharp cutting scissors
1 - large box of facial tissue
1 - bottle of glue (no gel glue or stick glue)
1 - backpack or school bag

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Calendar

County Fair booths available

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting booth spaces to vendors wishing to participate in the Castro County Fair, which is set for Sept. 6, at the Castro County Exposition Center.

At present, spaces are available inside the Expo, in the Quonset area and outside the buildings for crafts, games and food.

Vendors wishing to secure booths for this year's event should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce immediately at 647-2524 or stop by the offices at 115 W. Bedford. Inside booths will not be available for much longer, since several of the spaces have already been rented.

Cross-country meeting set

All ninth-grade through 12th-grade boys and girls interested in cross-country need to come to meeting at the Middle School Gym at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11. Wear something to run in.

Physicals needed before school

All incoming freshmen and juniors, who will be participating in sports, need to get a physical by the start of school.

Physicals are available at the Dimmitt Medical Clinic.

Old Settlers Reunion

Castro County Reunion, formally known as Old Settlers Reunion, will meet Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Senior Citizens Building on Jones Street.

Don and Verbie Nelson are the leaders this year.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and then everyone will watch the parade.

The meal will be served at noon, with everyone bringing one or two covered dishes. This meeting is for everyone to come see all old friends and enjoy.

In-service for substitute teachers

An in-service for Dimmitt substitute teachers will be at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Administration Board Room, 608 W. Halsell.

Attendees are asked to bring their Social Security cards and drivers licenses.

Dimmitt Band reunion 1956-83 set for Harvest Days

"Mr. Ralph Smith's Opus," is the theme for the Band Reunion for DHS exes for the years 1956 through 1983 and their parents.

The reunion will be Sept. 6, Saturday, during Harvest Days. Members will participate in the Harvest Days Parade at 10 a.m. and there will be a barbecue, visiting and films at the Expo Center at 5:30 p.m. that same day.

For more information, contact, Teresa Underwood Lindsey at teslindsey@hotmail.com; Delores Wilke Heller at 647-2655 or hellerdelores@hotmail.com; Sharon Lilley Steffey, 938-2693; Sue Bagwell Boozar, 647-5632; Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524; or look at the website: geocities.com/teslinsey706/bobcatbandreunion2003.html

Multi-class DHS reunion set for Sept. 19-20

A multi-class reunion has been scheduled for Sept. 19-20, 2003, at the Fifth Season Inn West in Amarillo.

The members of all classes of 1944 through 1955 and any others who would like to attend will be welcomed.

There will be special rates for those who call and make reservations and identify themselves with the Dimmitt HS reunion.

It will begin with snacks brought by the exes on

Friday afternoon and evening.

There will be a catered barbecue on Saturday night, Sept. 20.

Price will be \$10 per plate and reservations may be made at the time of registration.

The meetings will be held in The Amarillo Room.

A brief business meeting will be held after the meal on Saturday night.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

The agenda will be unstructured allowing ample time for visiting and renewing acquaintances.

For more information, call Phyllis (Youts) Jackson at 647-2577 or Lewis Martin at 355-7977.

Golden Spread Coin Club show

The Golden Spread Coin Club will sponsor its annual collector's show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17, 2003, in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center.

Showtimes are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the show is free.

Breast cancer screening set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, in Dimmitt on Sept. 4.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women.

The key to winning the

battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hearts still available

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer.

The money goes to benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off.

To buy a heart for \$5, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Ina Cleavinger at 647-5352.

Plainview concert season set

The Plainview Community Concert Association invites the citizens of Dimmitt to purchase season tickets for four concerts.

The lineup for 2003-2004 and Plainview Community Concerts' 59th season includes: Ballet Folklorico Aztlan and Mariachi Amistad, Sept. 27; April Verch, fiddle virtuoso and step-dancer, Nov. 4; Stage production of Cole Porter music, Feb. 17, 2004; and Robert Post,

Comedy Theater, April 1, 2004.

All concerts will be in Haral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at community concerts is by season ticket.

Prices for the four-concert series are: Adult, \$30; student, \$10; family, \$70; single-parent family, \$40. Family includes parents and all children 18 and under.

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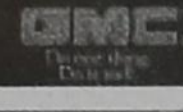
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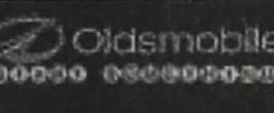
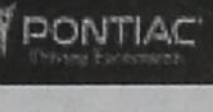
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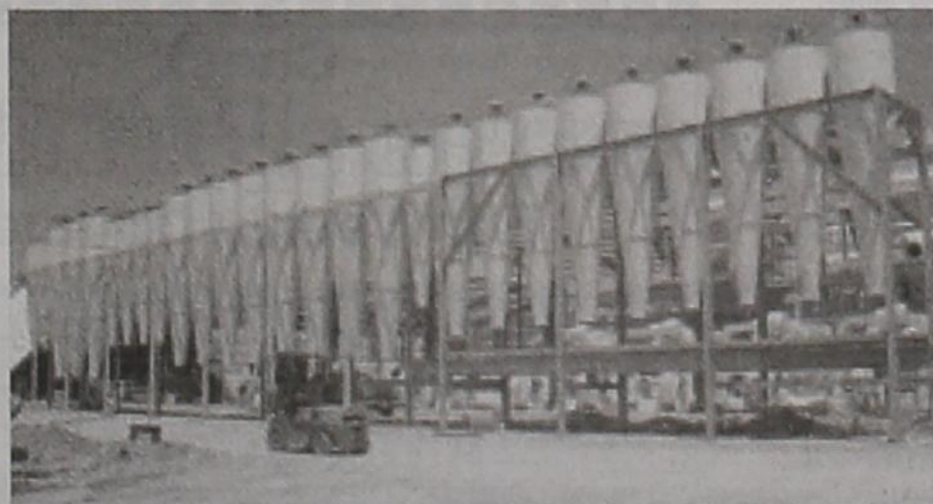
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Help, I'm running out of space!

I get a lot of calls from people who tell me their PC is telling them that they are out of space. Most of them want to know how much it costs to add more RAM to which I reply that they aren't running out of memory, they are running out of hard drive space. It can be quite confusing since both memory and hard drive space can be measured in Megabytes.

Your PC uses RAM to run your programs while it is working. Hard drive storage is where the PC's programs and data are stored. To further complicate the issue, windows can give false "out of memory" errors when its resources are getting low even though you may have plenty of RAM and hard drive space.

To make sense of where the problem is, try this: right-click on My Computer and then left-click on Properties. Click on performance and look at the System Resources. If the resources are below 40% then you've got too



FRANK MENDOZA JR.
Computer Solutions

many things running in the background - time to start removing spyware and freeware. When resources drop below 40-50 percent simple tasks like printing can generate false "out of memory" errors.

To check your storage space open My Computer then right-click on the C: drive and then left-click on Properties and look at the pie chart. If you have less than 300MB of space left then you need a larger hard drive. 40GB drives average about \$70.00 these days.

If after looking at both of these issues you still have problems it may be time to call a professional. Sometimes running a system restore or re-installing your windows can cure these problems as well as others you may be experiencing.

The Idle American

By DON NEWBURY

"WHEN CAN WE turn on the television?" kids of the 50's asked. Moms usually gave "not until 2 o'clock" answers. That's when test patterns hit TV screens, meaning that 7.5 hours of television was just 60 minutes away. TV stations would run "non-stop" until the end of the 10 p.m. news!

Hang the news, we thought. We wanted to see "Gorgeous George," a bulky "wrestler" with long hair hanging below his waist. We sixth graders had no clues as to whether he could really wrestle, but was he ever a showman! "I'm not saying I'm the best wrestler ever to enter the ring, or that I'm the most intelligent athlete who ever lived or that I'm the most handsome man in the world," he often said. "But what's my opinion against millions of others?" We ate it up.....

(We should have been tipped off about "professional" wrestling. A sports page of the day carried an apology—that the wrong wrestling results had been printed in the previous edition. "Those were next week's results," the correction said.....)

Now, more than 50 years later, a scenario of an athlete—one who has proven his athletic prowess beyond any doubt—is providing "un-George like" quotes. Emmitt Smith fails to amuse. Clearly, he critically needs a doctor—a "spin doctor," and fast.....

IT STARTED last year, when he tried to extract a hefty appearance fee at a Waco induction ceremony of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. The initial shocking figure was reduced, but the Hall of Fame folks still balked. They had no budget for ANY fees. Further, no previous inductees had taken such positions. Emmitt said his agent misunderstood, etc., but it didn't matter. He couldn't attend anyway. One of his children had a recital that

night. Had that been his initial response, more fans would have understood.....

Recently, in an interview with *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED*, he said that in his final year with the Cowboys, he "felt like a diamond surrounded by trash." Teammates? Owners? Fans? "Talking trash" takes on new meaning! The many bridges Emmitt crossed en route to becoming the NFL's leading rusher are smoldering behind him.....

THERE MAY one day be better humor writers; I don't know. There will never, however, be another one who can deliver humor like the inimitable Bob Hope. Two weeks after reaching the century mark he exited the world's stage. Someone may succeed him; no one can replace him. Learning that the world press had declared him dead in 1998, he retorted, "It's not true, is it?"

He lived almost 2,000 more days. A while back, when asked where he would like to be buried, our hero answered, "Surprise me." About 100 relatives and closest friends gathered for his service at dawn; they provided one last standing ovation..... This icon "sang of his thankfulness" to close each of his thousands of appearances around the world. We salute him--deeply thankful for his memory.....

SCENE SELDOM SEEN—The bank thermometer read 102 degrees, and the Stephenville, department store nearby seemed under siege, packed with customers happy to deprive "the gov-mint" of a solitary penny of tax on this one special weekend of the year! (Merchants say "thank you" for what has become the year's third busiest weekend!)

It was an unlikely scene out front. A tall man, decked out in a white shirt and nice tie, was pacing back and forth, wearing one of those old "sandwich board" signs (you remember—big letters urged "Eat at Joe's" on front

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In The Spotlight
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Hale County Abstract Co. has three locations to better serve you in Castro, Hale and Swisher counties. Each office is conveniently located across from the courthouses of Dimmitt, Plainview, and Tulia. Their offices are open from 8-5, Monday thru Friday. The Dimmitt office is located at 101 N. Broadway.
Services include: Closings; Escrow Services; Title Insurance; Abstracts; Searches; Home Equity Reports; Title Run Sheets; 1031 Exchanges; Digital Delivery Documents (receive documents immediately for closings); Six Licensed Escrow Officers (over 100 years combined experience); Five underwriters: Commonwealth Land Title Insurance, Alamo Title Insurance, United General Title Insurance, First American Title Insurance, and Fidelity National Title.
Marsha Cobb was previously a legal assistant for Mullin, Hoard and Brown in the Dimmitt location and has over 20 years of legal experience having been employed by law firms in Dimmitt, Hereford and Lubbock. Marsha was raised on a farm outside of Nazareth, attended school in Hart, and is familiar with many Castro county residents. Her parents, James and Bonnie Cobb are longtime residents of Dimmitt, as is her sister, Dana Cobb. Marsha's daughter, Taylor, is 4 1/2 years old and has appeared in the Castro County News on a couple of different occasions.



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City Council

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non-committal about almost every question posed by the audience and council.

"He listens, takes notes and doesn't have any answers," Mayor Wayne Collins said. "I think even though we didn't have a very friendly meeting, it was construction because the company can see that the people here don't have any meaningful communication."

At one point, the mayor told Lowe, "A lot of people here think that Classic Cable is like a huge vacuum cleaner. It just wants to suck the money out of the area, but give nothing in return."

Lowe disputed that description, but had no answer as to why cable subscribers have as much down time in their system as was described.

Collins later said, "I think the vacuum cleaner analogy is a good one."

"I think the meeting will be helpful to us in negotiating a franchise agreement. I hope we can put some language in there that will give local people a change to get their grievances redressed."

That could happen, Collins said, if the council is successful in putting language in the new agreement that calls for punitive fines against Classic Cable if citizens' complaints continue.

In other action, the council tabled action on whether to help the EMS service buy a new ambulance.

Collins suggested that the council table any action because no one from the hospital was at the council to discuss the proposition.

However, Councilman Bob Murdock felt differently.

"I make a motion we do not buy an ambulance," Murdock said, and his motion was quickly seconded by Councilwoman Gloria Hernandez. However, the motion failed, 4-3, with Bill Potts joining Murdock and Hernandez in the failed attempt to end discussion of adding \$30,000 to the city's budget yearly to help the Hospital District with capital expenditures for its EMS services.

"I just feel the hospital needs to let the people know they're in need of an ambulance," Hernandez said. "I think the people would help, but I don't think the city by itself should have to shoulder that kind of burden."

Hispanic Voice

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Grande City, were Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Trevino and Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Trevino. From Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Severano Rodriguez and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Rodriguez. Yolanda Rodriguez and Sylvia Rodriguez from Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alvarez from Plainview. From Amarillo, Andy Reyes, Ernie Reyes, Ramiro Reyes, Tony Gonzales. I know there are a lot of you that I didn't mention but thank you for everything, for Mom and Dad. It was very special. A special thanks goes out to Chente Barrera and Taconzo for coming all this way. You guys really did a great job! Two thumbs up for Ricardo Hernandez, you've got a great band. You know Mary Lou, it's really a small world because, Felix and Eusebia Balderas, Diane and Glen Snitker came by to say hello to the saxophone player (Roy) and we discovered that it is their nephew and also related to the Tijerina family. Oh, and by the way, Anita Gauna called me back to announce that her sister Linda Bonilla & Rudy Bonnilla had a baby girl. At this time we do not know the baby girl's name but she was 19-inches long and weighed in at 5-pounds and 11½ ounces. Congratulations to Rudy and Linda from all the family."

Congratulations to Monica Dozal (15) and Karina Dozal (9), daughters of Mario and Elidia Dozal of Dimmitt. They were a big hit at the Roxy Singers Showcase Preliminary Competition held in Olton on July 26. They competed against more than 30 other contestants and both girls were selected to perform in the finals which was held on Aug. 2 in Olton. On Aug. 2, the competition got tougher for

Monica and Karina. Really tough. Monica didn't place and should have but Monica says, she really enjoyed it a lot and appreciates the opportunity and the exposure and her family being there for her. Karina in her division placed third and received a cash prize of \$50. Congratulations to both of you. The Hispanic Voice is very proud of both of you and please continue your singing!

We received a phone call from a friend in Houston, An Ex-DHS Graduate, although I don't know what year, maybe 1965 or 1966. (Desi, we've lost our minds, we can't remember when!) His name is Desi Pesina Jr. The Pesina family were one of the first Hispanic settlers here, like maybe in the 50s. They were one of the first Hispanic families to arrive here, along with Joe and Frances Ortega. Frances is now deceased and Joe resides in Clovis, N.M.. Desi, I understand you have a question for me? E-mail me at Middleleace1966@yahoo.com.

Belle got another batch of shots and our doctor said, don't be surprised if she cries longer and louder this time, as she is growing and getting smarter and knows a little more of what's going on. Yes, she cried and cried and wouldn't take her bottle. I think I would cry too if I got four shots in my legs.

Prayers are asked for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman.

If you have any news for me, call me at 647-4266 and I will come get it, or I will take your news over the phone or if you would like to email me, my address is Middleleace1966@yahoo.com. Don't be shy.

Mr. Smith

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The council also heard from residents about a home on West Jones street that people have been complaining about because of the trash build up there.

Kellie Bradley presented the council with a petition signed by 77 residents complaining about the trash problem in that neighborhood.

"I do not understand how someone could live in such filth," Bradley said. "I'm here to ask you to consider helping us get this problem fixed."

"The fence he put up won't stop the infestation of rodents. And because of the way the property looks, if I wanted to sell my house, I couldn't get what it's worth."

"The community is tired of looking at something like this."

Collins agreed with Bradley and said that both the owner of the property and renter had been cited, but enough had not been done.

"This is our fault," Collins said. "That this wasn't taken care of, is our fault, but it will be."

He said he was fortunate to have been band director from 1952 to 1981, and to have had the whole-hearted support of his wife, Avis, who taught government, history and economics at the same high school.

"The board and the administration really supported the band," Smith said. "The parents supported it, too."

He said he couldn't point out one band trip that was better than another. "Every trip was good," he said, "because I could see the kids learning something and it wasn't just about band. But it was about behaving."

He said that on every band trip, they always took the seniors out for a special, dress-up meal.

"The kids really earned those trips," Smith said. "They worked hard."

Avis Smith said she enjoyed working as a teacher as well as sometimes having to sub for her husband when he was out of town. And of course, the trips were memorable. "It was a whole lifestyle," she said. "Mostly it was fun."

For more information about the Dimmitt Bobcat Band Reunion, contact the following: Teresa Underwood Lindsey - teslindsey@hotmail.com; Delores Wilke Heller at 647-2655 or hellerdelores@hotmail.com; Sharon Lilley Steffey at 938-2693; Sue Bagwell Boozer at 647-5632; the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524; or the Website: geocities.com/teslindsey706bobcatbandreunion2003.html

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*6, 13	Web Design	6-9 P.M.	CH
*19, 20, 26, 27	Forensic Science	6-9 P.M.	CH
*7, 14, 21, 28	Robotics	6-9 P.M.	CH
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Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers, visits, calls, kind words, flowers and food.

We appreciate all of the sympathy and acts of kindness expressed by so many for the loss of Jeffrey.

We are so lucky to have to have so many friends.

Becky and Jody Stovall
Doug Stovall

Dear Friends & neighbors, We thank you so much for the tremendous out-pouring of kindness, sympathy and support at the passing of our Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, for the food, the visits, the phone calls and myriad of sympathy cards.

We are thankful for the support that this community has given us over the years, both as friends and neighbors and in business.

We also want to thank the Doctors and the staff at Plains Memorial Hospital for the excellent care and concern shown for Lois before and during her stay at the hospital and the funeral home for their excellent handling of the funeral and the burial. May God bless all of you!
Ben G. and Mollie Scott and family

Position Available

The **Castro County Farm Service Agency** is accepting applications for one temporary position of **Program Technician** thru August 8, 2003. Applicants must have good math and clerical skills.

Computer skills and farm experience will be helpful. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for appointment on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or familial status (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

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NISD school supply list

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1 - school/utility box (cigar box size)
 2 - folders with pockets (fill one with wide-ruled notebook paper)
 1 - spiral wide-ruled notebook (50 count)
 1 - large eraser
 1 - 8x11 3-ringed vinyl binder
Supplies need to be replaced throughout the year if lost or broken

Third Grade
 Mrs. Gerber
 1 - 8x11 3-ringed vinyl binder
 Several No. 2 pencils
 2-3 red grading pens/pencils
 1 - Crayola 24 pack of crayons
 1 - set of washable markers
 1 - pair of softgrip FISKARS scissors

1 - large box of Kleenex
 1 - Elmer's glue
 1 - glue stick
 1 - backpack
 2 - folders with pockets
 1 - 5-subject wide-ruled notebook
 1 - 1 subject wide-ruled notebook
 1 - neatbook
 Boys only bring 1 box of baggies, ziptop, any size
 Girls only bring 1 bottle of anti-bacterial pump soap.
Please personalize these items before they are brought to school

Fourth Grade
 Mrs. Kleman
 1 - package of wide-ruled notebook paper
 1 - 1/2 inch (8 1/2 x 11) 3-ringed vinyl binder
 3 - No. 2 pencils NO push

lead pencils
 1 - package of crayons (24-ct) Does not have to be new
 1 - set of water-based markers
 1 - pair of sharp-cutting scissors
 1 - 12-inch ruler (w/metric and standard)
 2 - large box of facial tissue
 1 - bottle of glue or glue sticks
 1 - backpack
 2 - folders with pockets
 1 - 2 or 3 subject wide-ruled spiral notebook
 1 - 1 subject wide-ruled notebook
 1 - utility box that fastens or a zipper bag
 1 - eraser
 1 - highlighter

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Fifth Grade
 Mrs. Oaks
 1 - pkg. Of wide-ruled notebook paper
 3 - No. 2 pencils
 1 - red grading pen/pencil
 1 - package of crayons (24 ct)
 1 - set of water-based markers
 1 - pari of sharp-cutting scissors
 2 - large boxes of facial tissue
 1 - bottle of glue
 5 - folders with pockets and brads
 1 - 12-inch ruler
 1 - box max-size ziplock bags
 1 - box 1/2 gallon size ziplock bags

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Nazareth registration set

Registration for the Nazareth school district will be Aug. 15. Pictures will also be taken on this day; the school dress code will be required for all students. Registration times are as follows:
 High School
 8-9 a.m., Seniors
 9:05 to 9:50 a.m., Juniors
 9:55 to 10:50 a.m., Sophomores
 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., Freshmen
 Junior High

1-1:30 p.m., eighth grade
 1:30-2 p.m., seventh grade
 2-2:30 p.m., sixth grade
 The new student hand book and code of conduct can be found at the school's Website, according to Supt. Marshall Harrison, by Aug. 18.
 "Parents can now download hard copies of the authorization forms that must be signed by the end of August," Harrison said. "Authorizations will also be given out at registration."

Newbury - The Idle American

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and back. The 2003 version read "33 percent off sale prices.")

I watched this Renaissance man greet customers. He assured them that the sign was indeed true, pacing slowly back and forth as customers scrambled through racks and stacks of merchandise, inside and out.

Soon I realized he wasn't a guy whose name they found in the newspaper classified section.

No, this sign-carrier is a 42-year retailing veteran, and he is manager of the store!

 HE'S FROM the old school, arriving at work daily in a long-sleeved white shirt and tie.

A Michigander by birth and Texan by choice, Joe Sawyer loves people and his work.

He defies his job description, which says nothing about carrying signs or dressing like a vampire at Halloween time (shirt and tie underneath, of course.)

Oh, I should add that he also has two university degrees.

He has mastered "the common touch," and his several dozen employees applaud him. One reason, of course, is that he tabbed himself to carry the sign on one of summer's "doggiest-days."

He's no "ordinary Joe."

Don't be surprised when he retires up the way if he volunteers to be a store Santa Claus. Just lift the beard and look for a tie.....

 Dr. Don Newbury, long-time university president, is now a speaker/author/columnist in Bursleson, Texas, a few miles south of senility. His popular book, *When the Porch Light's On*, may be ordered by phone (817-447-3872) or e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com It is available in both hardback and audio. Same contact if you want to check his speaking schedule. His graduate degrees are NOT in spin-doctoring, but he admits to sometimes opening his mouth only to change feet.....



Nathan Paul Axtell

Who's New

Drs. Paul and Kris Axtell of Farmersville announce the birth of their son, Nathan Paul, on July 28, 2003. He weighed 7-pounds, 7-ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Charles and Diane Axtell of Dimmitt and Art and Jan Hall of San Antonio.

Great-grandparents are Mattie Axtell of Earth, Ardith Field of Goldfield, Iowa, and Marci Clifford of Billings, Mont.

Cotton Report

Technical factors drove the cotton market lower on the New York Cotton Exchange this week in volatile trading. Most market attention was focused on funds and other speculators as USDA's weekly export sales report and mill use data released by the U.S. Census Bureau failed to provide any surprises.

As expected, a tremendous amount of shipments were concluded in the week ended July 24 as mills rushed to take advantage of the high Step 2 payment rate before the current marketing year ends. According to Cotton Outlook, the total of 338,500 bales of U.S. upland cotton shipped during the week was the fifth largest of the 2002-03 season and marked an unprecedented seventh time that weekly exports of upland cotton have exceeded 300,000 bales in a single marketing year. More importantly, however, the week's turnover pushed total shipments beyond USDA's forecast for the season with one more week remaining. Sales for the week were termed "mediocre" by the trade as only 58,700 bales were sold, 61 percent below the previous week and a 42 percent drop from the four-week average. Net sales of 104,600 bales were made for delivery in the 2003-04 marketing year that

begins Aug. 1. One trader said that sales of new crop U.S. cotton could slow as the acceleration in shipping cotton abroad due to the high Step 2 payment may lead to a short-term glut of U.S. cotton overseas. In addition observers noted that foreign buyers still have to get used to the transition to the new and higher cotton prices.

Activity improved on the spot cotton scene as online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers increased in the five trading days ending July 31. A healthy 8,297 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 1,520 bales changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 48.37 to 54.06 cents per pound versus the previous week's 48.28 to 52.48 cents per pound range.

In other news, the National Cotton Council annualized U.S. textile mill cotton use at 6.56 million bales based on data gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau for the month of June. The figure was down sharply from the 7.94 million bales reported in June 2002.

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A GROUP WAITS at Lubbock airport for Jeffery Addison to return home from his mission trip to Russia. Shown are: (back row) Perry Mixson, Jake Dunnam, Keisha Smith, Tanner Essary, Kaylee Addison, Cailee Gilbreath, Chance Schilling, Chase Hatla, Ryan Mixson, Jake Ebeling, Devonee Ortiz,

Cody Essary, Dustin Venhaus, Zach Dunnam and Brooke Parker; (front row) Jeffery Addison, Tori Addison and Bill Murphy. While in Russia, Addison preached, sang and helped with a VBS in an orphanage in Dalmatovo. He traveled to Uldus, Shatrovo,, Mekhonskoye, Kanashy, Sharinsk, Kurgan and Moscow. He visited Red Square and the Kremlin in Moscow.

Card of Thanks

Julia Gonzalez wishes to extend her sincere gratitude to the community of Dimmitt for the many prayers offered on her behalf during her recent illness. Words cannot express the deep appreciation the Gonzalez family has for all the many acts of kindness that has been shown to them throughout this unfortunate time. Most of all Julia is so very thankful for all of you who have and continue to remember her in your prayers. Julia is living proof that God answers prayers! "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him." (1 Jno. 5:14-15) God didn't just hear our prayers on Julia's behalf, He answered them as well. What a blessing to know that we serve a God that is interested enough in us to listen to and answer our prayers. "The Gonzalez family is very thankful to God for answering all the many prayers and very thankful to each of you for remembering Julia in your personal prayers.

In Christian Love,
Julia Gonzalez

Applications for Family Land Heritage program now sought

The Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the Family Land Heritage Program, which honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has honored 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

"Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the

settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- * Been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
- * Must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 1 acre or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or

more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

* Owners must be actively managing the everyday operations of the property.

* If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1903 or before is Nov. 15, 2003.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX., 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

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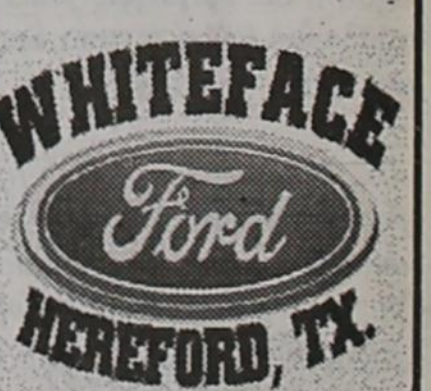
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We would like to thank all the people of Dimmitt and the surrounding area who've shared their love, support and talents with us for these many years and especially following the death of our father Dr. Bill Murphy and his wife Yulia. We will not forget!

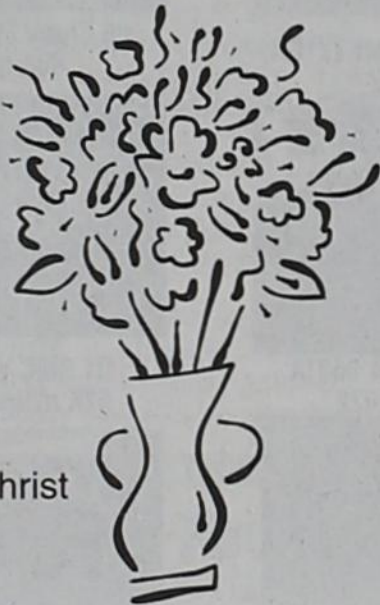
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Drive slowly. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Watch for children playing and gathering near school bus stops.

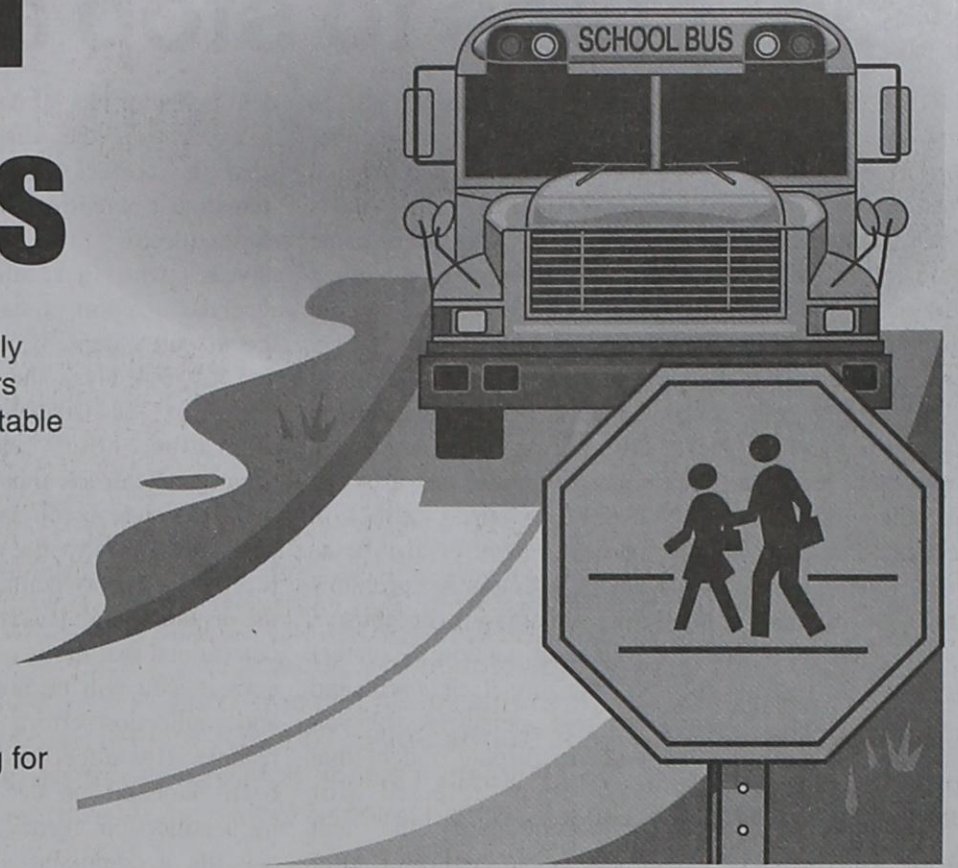
Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state.

Learn the flashing light system that school bus drivers use to alert motorists prior to stopping.

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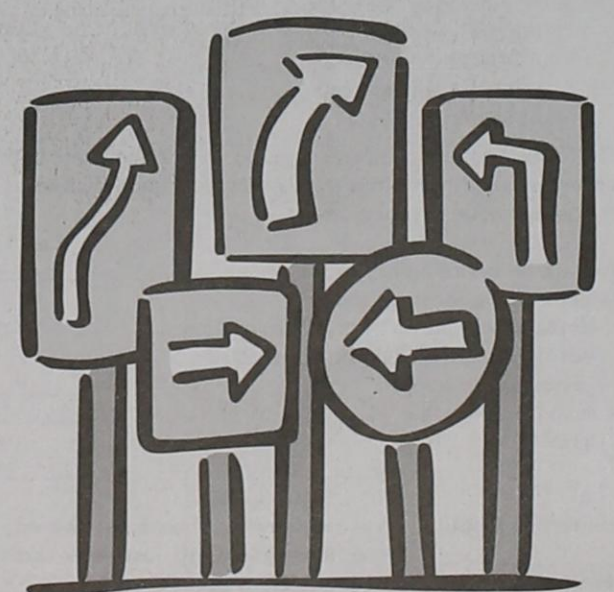
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Legal steps to stop abusive debt collections

BY GREG ABBOTT
Attorney General
State of Texas

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division receives hundreds of complaints against debt collectors each year. The complaints range from abusive language to harassment in the workplace. Recently, we received one from a citizen of Dallas. She had been in debt to a company, and the case was referred to a collection agency. She made arrangements to pay off the debt and had completed her obligation. A few weeks after she sent in her final payment, the woman started receiving calls from the collection agency about the

same debt. She tried to explain that she no longer owed money to her original debtor, but the calls continued. She even came close to losing her job when the collection agency started phoning her at work. Creditors have the right to collect debts. It is reasonable to think that persistence and tenacity must be used at times in the collection process. However, the Texas Debt Collection Act prohibits unfair, harassing or abusive collection tactics. Violators of the act face civil and criminal penalties. If you want to dispute a debt that has been referred for collection, notify the debt collector in writing. After receiving your letter, the

debt collector has 30 days to determine if the disputed item is correct. Incorrect items must be corrected, and the collector must notify anyone who has already received a report containing the disputed item. If, at the end of 30 days, the debt collector is unable to determine the item's accuracy, he or she must still make the change you request and notify anyone who received a report containing the disputed item. If it is later determined that the item was correct, you will be notified and collection efforts may resume. If you feel you have been harassed or deceived by a collection agency, you can file a complaint in the Consumer Protection Section

of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 621-0508. You can also review the OAG's information on debt collection in the Consumer Protection Section. Consumers are also protected by the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), which applies solely to collectors working for professional debt collection agencies and attorneys hired to collect debts. The federal law is similar to its Texas counterpart, but also prohibits calls to the workplace if the collector has reason to believe that the employer does not allow such calls. Calls before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. are also prohibited under the FDCPA, unless the collector has information that such times are more convenient for the

debtor. You can find more information about the FDCPA and file a complaint on the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at www.ftc.gov. The non-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) provides debt counseling to families and individuals. If you need assistance, you can reach the CCCS at (800) 388-8887.

If a collection agency contacts you about a debt that is not yours, you may be the victim of identity theft. Promptly review your credit file with all three of the major credit reporting bureaus.

POINTS TO REMEMBER: DEBT COLLECTION

It is illegal for a debt collector to: threaten violence; use profane or obscene language; falsely accuse you of fraud or other

crimes; threaten the consumer with arrest; repossess or seize property without appropriate court proceedings; harass debtors by calling anonymously or making repeated or continuous calls; or make collect calls without disclosing the name of the caller before the charges are accepted. Debt collection agencies may not: use a false name for identification; misrepresent the amount of the debt; send documents that appear to be from a court; fail to identify the person or company that holds the debt; or misrepresent the nature of the services rendered by the collection agency or the collector.

Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Summer travels and Social Security

By Mary Jane Shanes
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Are you a Social Security beneficiary who is traveling this summer?

You have a few things to think about, especially if you are planning some trips abroad.

If you're one of the relatively few Social Security recipients who still has a check mailed to your home, then you probably have made arrangements with the post office or a friend to safeguard your mail, including any Social Security checks that might come while you're gone.

But you should know that any worries you might have about that check lying around in a post office or a friend's house could be alleviated if you had direct deposit.

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Just visit your bank, credit union or other financial institution and tell the folks there that you want direct deposit.

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Or you can call us at (800) 772-1213 for more information.

If you are planning a trip outside the United States, you also should know that you won't be covered by Medicare overseas.

In case something happens to you while you're traveling, you should make sure you have other insurance that will cover any medical treatment you might need. The only time Medicare may cover you outside the United States is in certain emergency situations while traveling in Canada and Mexico.

There is one more travel-related issue that may affect your Social Security benefits.

Imagine yourself lounging on a padded porch swing under some lemon trees in the back yard of a quaint "bed and breakfast"

inn somewhere in the hills of Tuscany.

The warm sun is just setting over the gold and green hills, the fragrance from nearby grapevines overcomes you, and you turn to your spouse and say, "Honey, we're moving to Italy!"

And your spouse, being a bit more practical than you, says, "But what about the grandkids, our house and our Social Security checks?"

I can't help with the house and the grandchildren, but I can ease your mind about Social Security.

That scene is not as far-fetched as you might think.

There currently are more than 400,000 Social Security beneficiaries who live overseas. If you are a U.S. citizen, we can send your Social Security benefits to almost any country in the world.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you still may be able to get your Social Security benefits in other countries, sometimes for as long as you live outside the United States, but other times for only six months.

In some cases, we have to withhold taxes from any Social Security benefits sent overseas.

Also, many foreign countries tax U.S. Social Security benefits.

If you are thinking of moving overseas, you should contact that country's embassy in Washington, D.C., for tax information.

If you want more information about Social Security benefits and overseas travel or a possible overseas move, read our publication, Social Security: Your Payments While Outside The United States.

You can find the publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10137.html <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10137.html>>

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Castro County Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 18, 2003 at 6:30 pm

FOR the proposal: Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, W.J. Hill, Mark Welch, Layne Myatt

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 34,510	\$ 35,020
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 34,510	\$ 35,020
Tax rate	.339	.369
Tax	\$ 116.99	\$ 129.22

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 12.23 or 10.5 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by .03 per \$100 of taxable value or 8.8 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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