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Hospital eyes double budgets

The Castro County Hospital Board will adopt annual budgets for the hospital and the rural health clinics later this month.

The budgets are on the agenda for a special meeting Monday night, April 18, and could be adopted at that time, Administrator Steve Goode said.

However, Castro County Community Clinics Administrator Vince Moss reported that he is still working on a 1994-95 budget for the rural health clinics program. He said he intends to have a proposed budget ready by April 18.

If the budgets aren't adopted at the April 18 session, they'll be up for adoption at the board's regular monthly meeting April 27, Goode said.

This will be the first time for the Hospital Board to adopt a budget for the rural health clinics, which were established as a branch of the hospital district within the past year.

Goode went over the proposed hospital budget with the board at its March meeting last Wednesday night, but told board members, "I

think you're going to need to study both budget proposals and be sure your tax revenue is going to be adequate to cover both."

The hospital district's new fiscal year begins May 1.

Plains Memorial Hospital has added a physical therapy clinic to its services, and will begin a "swing bed" service soon.

Goode said the physical therapy unit in the east wing of the hospital started on schedule this week. County residents may receive prescribed physical therapy on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m., "and the hours will expand as the business volume grows."

The hospital has contracted with Therapy Rehabilitative Services (TRS) of Plainview to staff the unit with a licensed therapist.

The "swing bed" program will enable Medicare patients to stay in the hospital for follow-up or continuing care at reduced rates after they no longer need "critical care," Goode said.

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WORKING FOR THE FUTURE — Local 4-H member Bryce Pohlmeier helps put protective shields around seedling trees being planted at the future site of the 4-H Activity Center north of Dimmitt. 4-H members and sponsors put out 125 windbreak trees Monday afternoon, with more to be placed on the north boundary of the property later on.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Rickert, Thomas seek Demo nod in clerk's race

County Democrats were split between three candidates for county-district clerk in the March 8 primary election and the difference was enough to force a runoff.

On Tuesday, local Democrats will decide which county-district clerk hopeful—Betty Rickert or Joyce Thomas—will represent their party in the November general election. Tuesday's winner will take on the Republican nominee, Shirley Hollums, in November.

Polls for the runoff election will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Democratic polling places are:

- PRECINCT 1: Golden Group Building, Hart.
- PRECINCT 2: Driver's License Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt.
- PRECINCT 3: District Courtroom, Courthouse, Dimmitt.
- PRECINCT 4: Adult Probation Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt.
- PRECINCT 6: Flagg Fertilizer.
- PRECINCT 7: Frio Baptist Church.
- PRECINCT 8: Nazareth Community Hall.

Republicans also will vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but they may cast ballots only at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

In the three-way race between Rickert, Thomas and Debra Ball on March 8, Thomas was the favorite with 524 votes. Rickert was second with 342 votes and Ball picked up 220 votes. Thomas' margin of 178 votes ahead of Rickert was 30 short of what she needed to win without a runoff.

Other runoff races on the Democratic ballot include:

- United States Senator: Richard Fisher and Jim Mattox.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1: Raul A. Gonzales and Rene Haas.
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Gene Kelly and Betty Marshall.

There are two races on tap in the Republican Primary Runoff and they are: □ Attorney General: Patricia (Pat) Lykos and Don Wittig. □ Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Sam Bayless and Sharon Keller.

Joy Jones, Castro County Clerk, is warning voters to be sure they are casting their ballots in the proper primary runoff. Several violations were noted in the March 8 election, and she hopes to head off more violations of the Texas Election Code.

Only persons who voted in the Democratic primary or who did not vote at all in the primary election are eligible to vote in the runoff. If you signed a petition for a Republican candidate, you may not vote in the Democratic runoff, you must vote in the Republican runoff. The same holds true for the Republican party. If you cast a ballot in the Republican primary, you may only vote in the Republican runoff. And if you signed a Democrat's petition, you are ineligible to vote in a Republican primary (including the runoff).

The exact wording in the Texas Election Code says:

On signing a petition to be filed under Section 172.021, the signer becomes ineligible to vote in a primary election or participate in a convention of another political party during the voting year in which the primary election is held.

According to the Election Code, a person commits a third-degree felony if one "votes or attempts to vote in an election in which the person knows he is not eligible to vote."

Illegally voting can bring a prison term of 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. Even an attempt to vote illegally, in a party primary or runoff in which a person is not eligible, can bring a conviction on a Class A misdemeanor, which can be punished with a fine of up to \$4,000 and up to a year in jail.

Lions to 'ham it up' on the air Saturday

A pack of lions will be turned loose on the air waves Saturday morning, and the following warning has been issued to the general public:

The lions are on the loose! They have escaped from their cages at the school administration building, bank, hardware store, attorney's office, newspaper office, janitorial service office and other Dimmitt businesses. These lions have been known to tell some of the corniest jokes in history and even do an imitation or two — sometimes of each other. They may even sing when provoked. Their minds contain an endless list of trivia questions covering every imaginable subject. You never know what to expect. When freed, the lions become almost uncontrollable.

And you can hear every hilarious minute of their escape and escapades Saturday morning on KDHN Radio 1470.

These "lions" are members of the Dimmitt Lions Club and they are planning their annual Radio Day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

The annual event is one of the club's biggest fundraisers and proceeds from this year's show will benefit Child Protective Services, the Ministerial Alliance's benevolence programs, Meals on Wheels and the Tracy Hightower and Megan Bolinger Fund. (Hightower and Bolinger are daughters of Lynette Darlin, who died in a car-truck accident on March 9).

Last year's show was set up on a four-hour format, but according to a source close to the club who wishes to remain anonymous, the

show was shortened the three hours this year "at the request of medical personnel in the community, who said the non-stop laughter generated by the show was causing medical problems."

The Lions Club has sold advertising to help finance the three-hour show and during the program Lions will accept donations from the public and other civic organizations.

The Lions are challenging the public to raise \$1,700 this year. For every contribution pledged to one of these causes, the club will match that donation until it has apportioned its entire Radio Day sponsor fees — approximately \$1,700, according to Jerry Stump, chairman of the event.

If the community support comes through as it has in the past, contributions to the causes can be up to \$3,400.

Saturday morning's show will open with an explanation of what the Lions will do during the three-hour period.

Individuals who wish to donate are asked to call in their pledge to the Lions at 647-4161 during the show Saturday. Donors will be recognized on the air, unless they wish to remain anonymous.

Trivia prizes, including certificates for hamburgers and pizzas, will be given away. Trivia prizes have been donated by area merchants.

If you plan to be out of town Saturday but would still like to donate to a fund, you may drop off donations between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Higginbotham Bartlett Co., 109 North Broadway in Dimmitt.

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By Don Nelson

What a great place to start a marriage — at a newspaper convention.

That's what Our Mr. Brooks and his bride, Karen, did over the weekend.

After Judge Polly pronounced Friday morning that everything that was his or hers is now theirs, they sailed away to the Harvey Hotel in Amarillo, where the Panhandle Press Association was holding its annual get-together.

John already had checked in at the convention the day before. I figured it was his way of holding off the pre-nuptial jitters. If so, it worked—he didn't seem to have any jitters.

Since John is a former president of the PPA and well-known among the liberal biased denizens of this climate, it was like a two-day wedding reception. Karen, bless her, didn't know any of the well-wishers (except those of us from the CCN), but she does now. They're a hospitable crowd, and free with advice.

John had Karen with him at the Thursday evening reception to announce the good news and introduce her around.

After the wedding Friday morning, I didn't expect to see much of him the rest of the weekend. But, being the dedicated professional that he is, he even made most of the workshops. Karen retaliated by shopping.

The newlyweds are now honeymooning in Arizona, the land of John's birth. He'll show her the Grand Canyon and she'll meet his grandmother in Coolidge.

John will be back at his desk Monday. We'll see if he remembers what he heard in the convention workshops.

John Smith, former Dimmitt all-stater, has been named to succeed the retiring Carl Irlbeck as the head

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Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	57	29	
Friday	70	33	
Saturday	80	41	
Sunday	73	27	
Monday	70	27	
Tuesday	75	30	
Wednesday	41	18	

March Moisture	0.51
April Moisture	0.00
1994 Moisture	0.86

KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer

Gard show features autographed items

Thousands of dollars worth of sports memorabilia will be shown and sold Sunday at the second annual DATA Club Sports Card and Toy Tractor Show at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The auction will begin at 5:15 p.m. Over 100 items will be sold, from gemstones and hockey pucks to autographed cards, balls and other signed goods.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the memorial scholarship funds of Gary Bruegel and Shawn Cotter. The show was a success last year when it was begun by the Dimmitt Alumni of Technical Arts (DATA) Club.

Practically everything at the show was donated by athletic stars of past and present, with many going out of their way to make sure goods were on hand for the show.

Top items include autographed footballs from Dallas Cowboys stars Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith. Other Cowboys with signed cards or photos in the show are Russell Maryland, Michael Irvin and Ken Norton. Cards from baseball greats including Nolan Ryan, Yogi Berra, Lou Brock, Brooks Robinson, George Brett, Reggie Jackson, Mickey Mantle and others will be available. NBA stars represented include Karl Malone, John Stockton, Patrick Ewing, Larry Bird and B.J. Armstrong.

Also to be sold are 27 polished, ready-to-set gemstones; boxes of baseball, basketball, football and motorcycle cards; an autographed lineup card from Texas Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy; four tickets to any home game for the Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals; and other items.



THE BOYS OF SPRING — Dimmitt baseball players (from left) Dewayne Espinosa, Dan Matthews, Joe Juarez and Stephan Villanueva and the rest of the Bobcat team are warming up and fine tuning their skills in preparation for District 2-

AAA play, which begins this week. The 'Cats will take on Littlefield, there, at 1 p.m. Saturday in the district opener. The first district home game will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. against Friona. The Bobcats are 7-8 on the season.

Photo by John Brooks

SCS banquet to be Friday

Conservation poster and essay winners from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will be recognized Friday at the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards banquet.

The banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and the public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at the SCS office or at the door.

The meal will include steaks, cooked by E.M. Jones, baked potatoes, salad, drinks and dessert.

Winners in the poster and essay contests will be presented savings bonds. First-place winners will receive \$100 savings bonds, second-place winners will get \$75 savings bonds and third-place winners will earn \$50 savings bonds.

Winners in the poster contest are Sage Annen of Nazareth, first; Rachel Wall of Hart, second; and Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth, third. Essay winners are Kristin Hales of Nazareth, first; Holly Goode of Dimmitt, second; and Nati Castillo of Dimmitt, third.

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Moss Howell was 90 years old on March 25.

Jack, Charlene, Jimmie, Sue and Kennen went to Weatherford to help him celebrate his birthday. Their 10 children were there to help him celebrate along with a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Among those attending were Charles Henry and his wife, Ruby of Weatherford; the Henrys' daughter, April Swoops of Fort Worth; Herb and his wife, Monte of Bovina; Jack and Charlene Howell and their children, Gaines, Crystal, Misti, Clint and Matt of Oklahoma City; Jimmie and Sue Howell and their children, Kennen of Dimmitt and Kim and Dustin of Amarillo, Kelly and Katrina of Guymon, Okla.; Oran and Norma of Ozona and children Rhonda and Kent Mansker of Lubbock, Dana Burk of New Braunfels, Lelton and Danette of Lubbock; Patricia (Suzie) Bond and her son, Sammy and his wife, Windy and children Suzan and Sara of Americus, Kan.; Gayle Stoveall, her daughter, Starla and her husband, David, and their son, Kennen Macky of Fritch; Linda and Marvin and daughter Lana and children, James and Sara of Weatherford; Karen and her husband, Leon Ahlrich and sons, Bobby and Butch of Bedford; John and Colleen and their daughter, Melanie of Texline and their son, Rodney, his fiancée and a friend from Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. Howell was sick and had to spend his birthday in the hospital. Dave and June Ramsey of Benton, Ark. and their daughter, Lori and her son, Hunter, of El Paso, came on Saturday.

Thanks to all who sent cards and called.

Gary and Ronda Wise spent part of spring break in Dillon, Colo. with three of their daughters. They enjoyed the ski slopes and just general sightseeing.

Going with the Wises were Ronda's parents, Buster and Maxine Tidwell.

Hayli Wise enjoyed going to Keystone Mountain's ski school. This was her first skiing experience. She's only 6 years old.

Gary, Ronda and Heather skied on an afternoon that was so warm they reported seeing college kids skiing in bikini tops and shorts.

Holly Wise was enjoying a trip of her own during spring break.

She was a member of the American Student Travel Tour led by Beth Buckley. They enjoyed the sights in Washington, D.C. and they rode Amtrak to New York City. Holly said the highlight of the tour for her was an evening at the theater watching a performance of "Phantom of the Opera."

Wayne and Faye Mohon and Clell Bonifield had company over Easter weekend.

On Saturday, Beth, Joe, Andrew and Brian Raper of Spearman came to visit Oleta Raper and the Mohons for the weekend.

That afternoon while Joe visited his mother, Beth and the boys visited with Wayne and Faye for awhile.

Andrew helped Grandpa and Grandma get ready for Easter Sunday.

On Sunday after church five generations gathered for dinner. Those who came were Wayne's grandmother, Mary Ellison of the Farwell Convalescent home (she is 104 years old), Wayne's mother, Mary Melugin of Clovis; his aunt, Carolyn Laurson of Clovis; and

Debra, Bruce and Kaile Huseman of Nazareth.

Beth, Joe, Andrew and Brian Raper of Spearman came after having dinner with Joe's family. When Beth's family came there were lots of pictures taken and Andrew and Kaile enjoyed hunting Easter eggs.

Sara Hill brought her first and second grade Gifted and Talented classes to the museum on Tuesday morning.

Students enjoying the tour were Erica Abrego, Matthew Sanders, Sheena Ehly, Amy Laurent, Katy Loudder, Todd Jansa, Meggie Lemons, Layne Penny and Jimmy Armstrong. They sent me letters thanking me for opening the museum in the morning, and telling of the things that impressed them.

Some liked the kitchen and the boys liked the guns and knives. One even liked the way I played the old organ!

Irene Carpenter gave the devotional at Canterbury Villa last Thursday morning. Her subject was "God Repairs Broken Hearts" and she read Psalm 147. Renise Blair sang "God and Man at Table are Sat Down" and "Love Crucified Arose." Others singing were Bobby Baldrige, Ysleta Ball, Dorothy Hopson, Mautzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix. The dining room was decorated for Easter and they had a pretty Easter egg tree.

Ferne Dickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served a delicious chocolate cake. Susie Reeves won high score and Bernice Hill was second. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Johnnie Vannoy, Louise Mears, Edith Graef, Helen Braafladt, Dede Mc-Lauren, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingingsmith, Alma Kenmore, Elizabeth Huckabay, Dugan Butler, Lorannell Hamilton and Cleo Forson.

Debbie and Amanda Annen attended the Texas Association of School Boards Legislative Advisory Council on March 26 in Austin. Debbie was elected to represent the Dimmitt School Board.

The meetings were a series of position statements on educational issues ranging from school finance to taxation and campus safety to

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

Gene and Bonnie Carson, Cassie and Haley of Dodge City, Kan., came in Friday and spent Easter weekend with his mother, Lillian Carson, as well as with other members of the family.

Resa Carson of Lubbock came Saturday night.

Others attending church with and having dinner with Lillian Carson were Lee and Louise Bradley, Sharon and Joel; Jack and Heather Bradley and Tanner of Plainview; and Justin and Kasi Bradley, Bailee and Ashton of Lazbuddie.

After dinner they had an Easter egg hunt for the children.

Larry and Sharon Sadler, Stacy Norman and boys, and Laura Hurtado and children had dinner Easter Sunday with Tex and Norma Conard in Dimmitt.

David and Gay Sadler went to Hereford after church to have Easter dinner with her mother, Ruth King, and her sister, Brenda Williams and her family of Canyon.

Embree Roy and Willie Mae

school personnel.

Joe and Louise Wiler of Austin were visitors at the museum last week. They had relatives that were related to the Hill family in Castro County, so they looked through the Castro County History Books.

Geneva Dennis was in Midland on her birthday so she and Decimae Dennis attended a WMU banquet. The guest speaker was the "Garage Sale Guru" from Dallas, who is a very inspirational speaker.

After the banquet, Decimae invited several friends to her home for a surprise birthday party for her mother, Geneva, and she served cake, punch and ice cream. Jo Ann Montgomery, a relative of Shirley Stephens, was among the guests.

Lee Street Baptist Church held a sunrise Easter service Sunday morning on a vacant lot at Second and Stinson Streets.

Rev. Ron Redding read a scripture from the Bible and the group sang "The Old Rugged Cross." After the service, members went to the church's fellowship hall for coffee and donuts.

Coby and Connie Gilbreath entertained the "little ones" on Sunday afternoon with an Easter egg hunt. Children enjoying the hunt were Chauncey and Cailee Gilbreath, Dennis and David Underwood, and Jake and Landon Porsch, sons of Brenda and Willie Porsch of Slaton. They had fun hunting all the eggs. There were several grandparents and other relatives there to watch the children.

Edgar Dennis took some of the family on a ride in his "surrey with the fringe on top" after the egg hunt.

Decimae Dennis of Midland and Jauvada Curtis of Amarillo were guests in the home of Geneva Dennis for the Easter holidays.

Paul and Barbara Kenley invited some young couples with children to their home Sunday so they could watch the children hunt Easter eggs.

Greg and Lynn Sides held an Easter egg hunt at their country home for some of the children from

the Bethel community as well as some from Friona, Plainview, Boys Ranch and Tennessee.

There were 15 children and three babies. The children had fun hunting eggs and candy in the back yard. Lynn served sandwiches, punch and tea to all the guests.

A bridal shower for Jan Robb, bride-elect of Mike McCord of Dallas, was held in the home of Connie Gilbreath Saturday morning.

Hostesses served cinnamon rolls, miniature biscuits and ham with fresh strawberries, tea and coffee.

Jean Robb and Cheryl Harmon greeted guests and Tammy Robb served refreshments. The grandmothers, Madge Robb and Tina Mills, were there to enjoy the special occasion.

Mike is the equipment manager for the Dallas Cowboys football team and he came to the party before it was over so he could meet some of the Dimmitt people.

Nazareth mayor signs housing proclamation

Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman has signed a proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month."

In the proclamation, residents of Nazareth are urged to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it is a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States and the principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans.

The proclamation also states that this year marks the 26th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law.

Together We Can

Dear Taxpayer:

Please take the time to make a knowledgeable decision before you cast your vote on April 12, 1994 in the Democratic Primary runoff.

We as taxpayers are concerned about the future of our County Government. We are especially concerned with the possibility of what could happen if the right person is not elected as District/County Clerk.

Please use the same judgement in voting for a person as you would if you were hiring a person to work for you personally. Would you hire someone to take care of all your personal and business records from birth to death simply because you are interested in the same activities or they have a nice personality? OF COURSE NOT! You want the best qualified person, someone that is able to make decisions and accept responsibility, someone that accepts the responsibility for the decisions they have made.

Betty Rickert has the qualifications to fulfill the job as District/County Clerk, not just because she has been Deputy Clerk for nine years, but because she is willing, dedicated, accepts responsibility, is a leader, accurate, has excellent work skills and habits and is fair to everyone.

The clerks office is responsible for filing and recording numerous records that affect us from generation to generation. Imagine what four years of the wrong person in office will do to our personal records. Think of the election as hiring the best qualified person for the job. Think about it as much as you would if you were going to be writing the paycheck out of your own personal bank account each month . . . because in reality you are.

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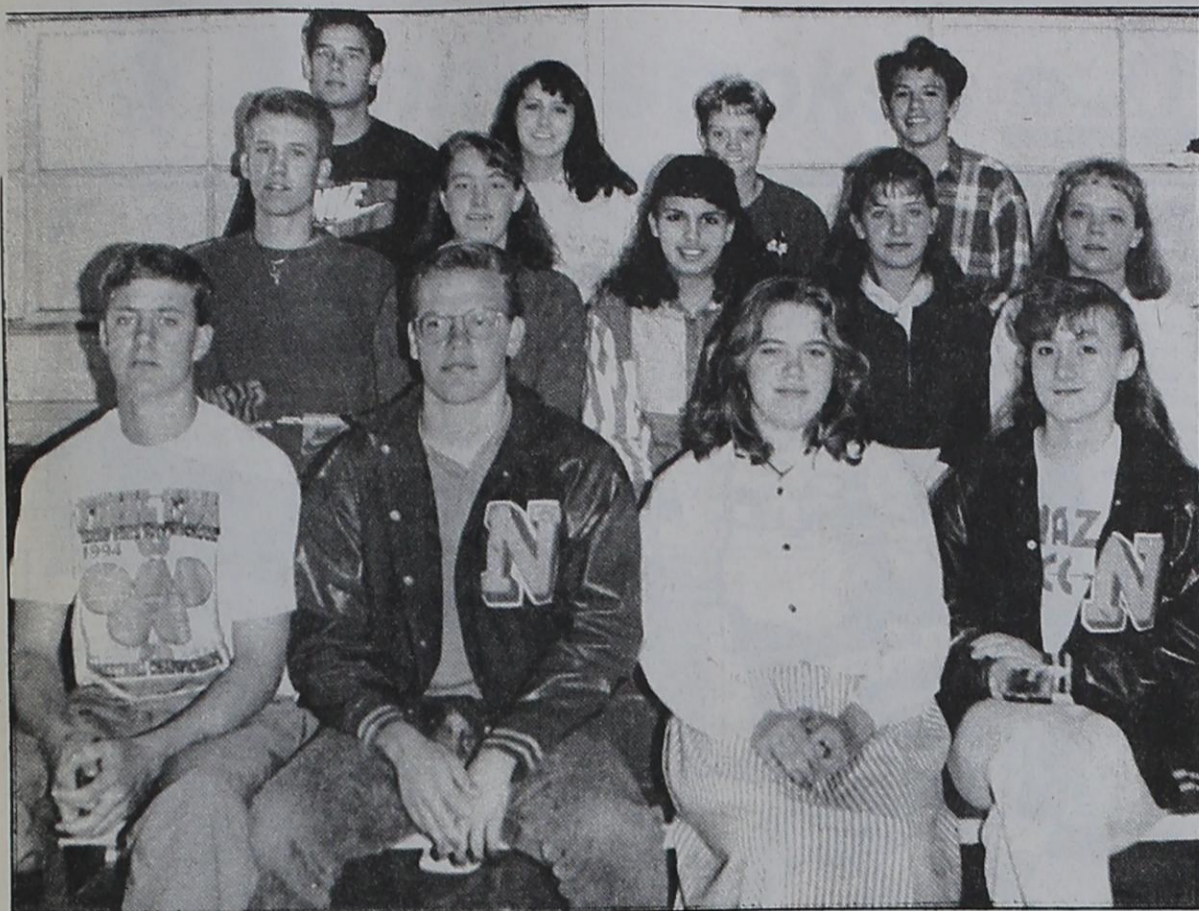
The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Linda Martinez
Maria Montejano



Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS — These Nazareth students will compete in the Region 1-A UIL Literary Meet in Levelland on April 22. Those qualifying earned either a first, second or third place at the district meet. Pictured are (back, from left) Gaylon Schilling, Robin Schulte, Lynette Kleman and Kar-

men Pohlmeier; (center, from left) Scott Brockman, Angela Fortenberry, Sarah Olvera, Heather Brad-dock and Kelly Jones; and (front, from left) Nathan Hoelting, Ryan Hoelting, Amber Irlbeck and Sabrina Acker. Not pictured is Mary Ellen Ramaekers.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Services in Holy Family Church during Holy Week were beautiful and meaningful thanks to our pastor, Father Neal Dee; our deacons, Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer; musicians and choirs for the special services; and the committee which decorated the church so beautifully for Easter.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a family get-together on Easter. I certainly appreciated my family gathering at my home for the day. Some enjoyed tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, perfect kite flying weather and of course, the traditional egg hunt and lots of good food.

Class of '74 sets planning meeting April 17

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1974 will hold a planning meeting for its 20-year reunion Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Sheffy, 1000 Maple in Dimmitt.

All class members are welcome to attend to help plan the date and events for the reunion.

For more information contact Liz Murphy at 647-2047.

Evelyn Backus hosted an Easter weekend for her family including Mike and Camille Albus and family of Hobbs, N.M.; Gary, Penny and Trey Albus of Lubbock; and Dan and Gail Sams and children of Wheeler. It was an enjoyable and fun weekend.

Congratulations to Tom and Jennifer Kern of Dallas on the birth of a girl, Emily Rose, on March 23 at Methodist General Hospital in Desoto. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith of Lamesa and Bud and Rita Kern of Nazareth.

Francis and Nini Kern and family of Memphis, Tenn. are here visiting with the Bud Kern family.

Evelyn Backus and her son, Gary Albus of Lubbock, attended the funeral of Evelyn's niece, Linda Koenings, in Austin last Wednesday.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Max Acker and Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier attended funeral services for their brother-in-law, Alphonse Albracht, 86, of Columbus, Neb. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fremont, Neb. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in Fremont where his wife, Leona (Pohlmeier) was buried in 1986.

Helen Backus attended Easter mass in Holy Family Church and later enjoyed dinner at the home of Arnold and Catherine Huseman.

She also visited with Hubert and Joan Backus before returning to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Prayers are asked for Bertha Klein, a patient in Lubbock Methodist Hospital and for Lucy Leinen, a patient in Plainview's Methodist Hospital.

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4-H'ers must register soon for summer camps

Castro County 4-H'ers who are interested in attending either a leadership or electric camp this summer must fill out a registration form at the Extension office by April 29.

The Leadership Lab will be held June 14-16 at South Plains College in Levelland and cost for the camp is \$50 per 4-H'er. Part of the cost will be paid by the Parent-Leader Association. This camp is for 4-H'ers between the ages of 11 and 13.

The Electric Camp will be held June 27 through July 1 at Camp Scott Able in Cloudcroft, N.M. This camp has a \$60 registration fee and part of that will be paid by the Parent-Leader Association. Stu-

dents between the ages of 14 and 19 are eligible to attend this camp.

The Extension office also has applications for anyone who wishes to serve as a staff member at the Leadership Lab. Staff members must be between 15 and 19 years old and applications are due to Martha Couch by May 10. Cost to be a leader is \$50 and the Parent-Leader Association will help with payments.

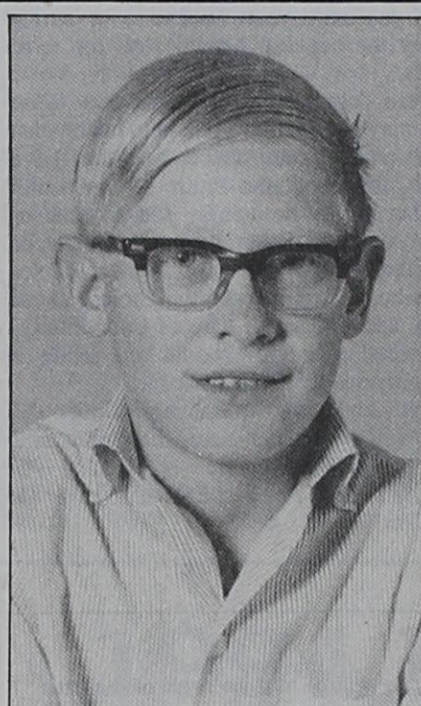
The County Camp will be held July 4 through 6 at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood and cost is \$46 with the Parent-Leader Association paying for part of the expense. A camp application form is available at the Extension office

and must be returned by April 29.

Among the activities planned at the County Camp are archery, swimming, canoeing, dancing, riflery, crafts and games.

The Extension office also has information on the Spectra and Prime Time Camps and anyone interested is invited to stop by the Extension office.

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*His ears are keen, his fingers skilled.
The job is done, the engine killed.
Day after day, year after year,
The roar of the engine, the smell of gas;
The life of a craftsman with class.
Older engines, faster cars and a redhaired wife,
Add two cute kids—It's Gary's life!
Once a young man, now he's thrashed—
Come Monday morn, he's burned and crashed!*

*The ears are quiet, the fingers tired.
The job's half done, the work is hired.
Day after day, year after year,
The hair falls out, the eyes grow weak,
The life of a nice guy past his peak!
Newer engines, slower cars and a redhaired wife,
Add some grandkids—It'll be Gary's life.
His engine's thrashed, he's lost his will,
Crashed and burned and over the hill!*

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Op-Ed

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'The Clinton prescription: making it a crime to stay healthy'

Under the government-run health care plan proposed by Bill and Hillary Clinton, many of the things you currently do to protect your health and the health of your family will become criminal acts that could land you in prison. Is this an overstatement? Unfortunately, no. The deeper you dig into the Clinton plan, the worse it looks and the more problems you find.

The plan begins by taking away the choices you now make about your family's health care. The kind of choices that only you are qualified to make. And, after your choices have been taken away, the plan will penalize you and your provider if you try to compensate for the health care the government chooses for you.

You don't have to read far into the 1,342-page plan before you see your health care choices begin to disappear. On page 15, under "Individual Responsibilities," you find "each eligible individual... must enroll in an applicable health plan for the individual and must pay any premium required." Page 144 tells you that if you fail to choose a plan or if the plan you want is oversubscribed, the health care bureaucrats will choose one for you.

Your state legislators are powerless to preserve your health care choices for you—page 238 of the Clinton plan preempts state laws protecting patient choice.

Once their rules are in place and your choices have been restricted or eliminated, you'll have only two options: obey their rules and hope for the best, or seek medical care outside their rules.

The Clintons have plans for those who seek care outside their rules. Title V of their so-called Health Security Act outlaws private contracts and competition which skirt the government bureaucracy they have empowered to make decisions about your health care.

Section 5412 of Title V goes even further. "The offer or payment of remuneration to any individual... that such person knows or should know is likely to influence such individuals to enroll in a particular plan" is also subject to a \$50,000 penalty.

In other words, Uncle Sam will forbid Blue Cross from giving away toasters or hair dryers as an inducement for choosing their plan over another. Insurers will be forced to behave differently than AT&T and MCI or Ford and Chrysler because they will be government proxies in the marketplace, much like your power or water company. Please choose one from Column A or one from Column B.

You may think these civil penalties won't affect you. Think again. Section 5433 makes it a crime to make any "false statement" in any dealing with a health care plan, alliance, etc. The "false statements" could get you fined or sent to jail for five years.

To make sure no one cheats, page 236 requires the doctor to report each visit and each treatment to a national data bank containing your personal medical history—as well as that of every other American.

Section 5434—the "Bribery and Graft" section—makes it a crime to offer or accept additional payment for services or to offer or accept payment to influence a health care decision. More frightening still, pages 90 and 91 forbid you from using your guaranteed medical services unless the treatment is deemed "necessary" and "appropriate" by the faceless bureaucrats in Washington.

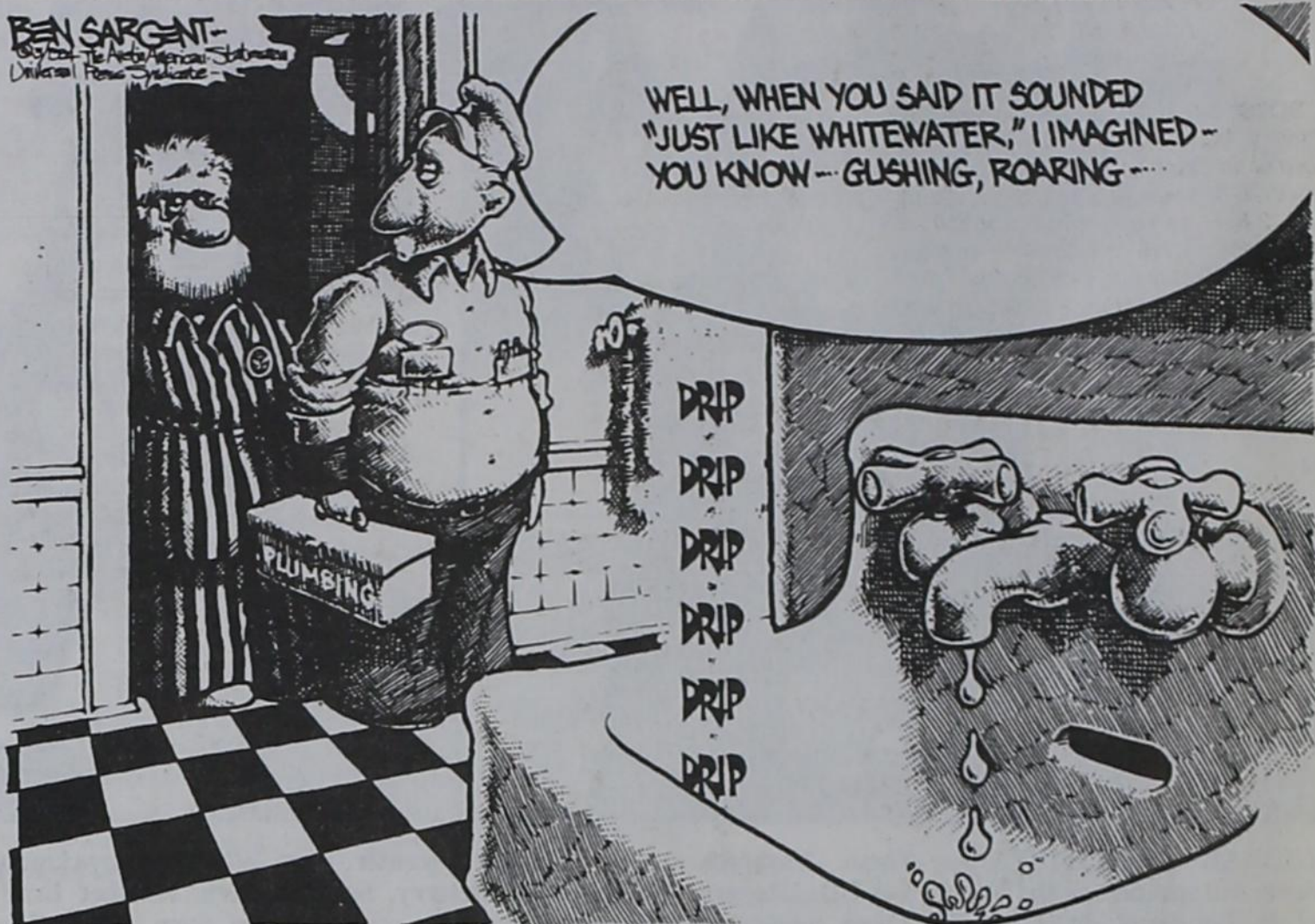
If your medical problem is not deemed "necessary" and "appropriate" and you try to get treatment anyway, and pay for the procedure yourself with your own money, you will have committed a crime. If you offer the doctor \$50 or offer to babysit his children in exchange for treatment, you could face a prison sentence.

All these new laws will be enforced through the "All-Payer Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program," funded by fines and forfeitures. The health care police will pay their own salaries out of fines collected from you and your doctors—a strong incentive to levy the heaviest penalties on the most minor infractions.

The health care debate is about more than those Americans who may have limited access to health care or who, by choice or circumstance, may not have health insurance. It's about the future of the health care you and your family now enjoy and whether or not you will choose your doctor, your hospital, your therapist or whether the government will pick one for you. It's about who will make essential choices about your health care and the health care of your family. And, it's about whether or not it should be a crime to seek the best quality medical care available.

It's your health and your health care. Under the Clinton plan, it will be their system, their rules and their prisons. You'll have no choice.

Submitted by Americans For Tax Reform, Grover G. Norquist, President.



State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A Texas House member plans to sponsor legislation to limit expenditures by university regents, after reports of questionable spending by Texas A&M University System regents.

In a copyrighted story, The Dallas Morning News reported last week that Texas A&M System regents spent more than \$1.6 million over the past three fiscal years and used mostly public funds to pay for resort hotels, limousines and bar bills.

State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-

Bryan, said the method of financing regents' expenditures at state-supported universities is a "Byzantine system" created to obscure accountability.

"There's a relatively simple solution to this, and I'll push for this in the next session of the Legislature," said Ogden, who holds a master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M.

Ogden, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said he'll work to "limit and attempt to define what we think is a reasonable amount of expenditures for regents not only at the Texas A&M system but at other schools."

Ellis Denies Business Conflict

Apex Securities, an investment banking company partly owned by state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, made at least \$375,000 last year for underwriting bonds for local governments across Texas, the Houston Chronicle reports.

Ellis, who recently was appointed chairman of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee, said there is no conflict of interest between the company's dealings and his official duties.

But Mary Nell Mathis of the public watchdog group, Common

Cause, sees a potential conflict. "...There's always going to be an opportunity for abuse as long as we require lawmakers to support themselves," she said.

According to Ellis' personal income report on file with the Texas Ethics Commission, Apex received at least \$375,000 last year in fees from bond transactions in seven counties, six cities, seven school districts and three river authorities.

GSC Kills '15-Minute Rule'

A proposed guideline that would have allowed state agencies to charge extra when it takes them longer than 15 minutes to find requested documents under the Open Records Act was voted down by the State General Service Commission last week.

The GSC's action came in response to a legislative mandate calling for the setting of standards on when and how much state agencies can charge for access to public records.

Though the guidelines to increase the cost of copies of computerized records were approved by the commission, Texans still can inspect — free of charge — information that is readily available on computers.

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The News welcomes your letters to the editor. They are the forum of a free society.

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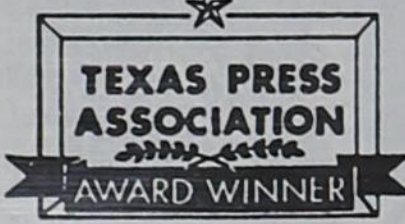
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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword grid and clues for Across and Down.

MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Old-fashioned business ethics

Small business enjoys a good reputation. People usually think of entrepreneurs as honest, hard-working and ethical. My experience in working with hundreds of small businesses reinforces this reputation. In addition, I believe that business ethics play a vital role in small business success.

Our free enterprise system was founded on principles of conduct that have become blurred today. Recent Washington scandals, the savings and loan industry boondoggle, and business and political graft have become the norm. The message is clear: Cheat, if you have to, but win at any cost.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I don't believe the cheaters are ever winners. One of the greatest joys I derive from owning my own businesses is knowing that I built them honestly. However, following the principles of honesty and integrity is not always easy.

Ethical dilemmas

The following incidents are true-life examples that area business people have shared with us. The names and genders have been changed for reasons of confidentiality.

Joe had an opportunity to hire his competitor's area manager. The manager promised to bring Joe the competitor's customer lists, pricing policy and sales records. This information would help Joe's struggling business. Should he hire the manager?

Frequently, Mary is paid in cash for her work. Her business is not very profitable, and she wonders if it would be OK to spend the cash and not report the revenue as income. Mary's friends have told her that the Internal Revenue Service is corrupt and already collects too much tax money. Should Mary report the cash?

Bill closed a big loan at the bank. A few days after the papers were signed, he noticed a large error. The bank inadvertently omitted the largest piece of equipment used to

collateralize the loan. Should Bill point out the error?

A three-way check

The answer to many ethical questions can be found in a book written by Kenneth Blanchard and Norman Vincent Peale. In "The Power of Ethical Management," they suggest using a three-question test to establish ethical behavior. The questions are: 1) Is it legal? 2) Is it fair to all? 3) Would I be happy if the whole story was made public?

These three questions make it easier to tackle any issue that involves questionable ethics. "Is it legal" establishes a minimum criteria. If it is against the law, don't get involved. The fairness question asks if it would be OK if I were on the receiving end of the deal. The third question asks if it would be all right if the whole story was printed on the front page of the local newspaper.

The ethical dilemmas faced by Joe, Mary and Bill become fairly simple decisions using this test method. While it is legal for Joe

to hire the manager, the manager's proposal is not fair to all parties. The information that the manager will bring to Joe's company will give Joe an unfair advantage. Joe wouldn't want the situation reversed or made public knowledge.

Mary's dilemma is answered by the first question. Not reporting cash income is tax evasion, a punishable crime. Even though we may not like the IRS, the law says that we must pay taxes on all income.

Bill's situation may not involve legality. However, the question of fairness certainly is relevant. It will not be fair to the bank if the error is not reported. Bill can further his good working relationship with the bank by pointing out the irregularity.

Many of life's toughest problems can be solved by asking the ethics test questions. Is it legal? Is it fair? Would I want everyone to know about it? Remember, there's no right way to do a wrong thing.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.



Tennis strokes



PLAINS TENNIS ASSOCIATION Junior High Meet

BOYS' SINGLES: Jared Townsend of Dimmitt beat Gonzales of Hart, 8-1; Townsend beat M. Brockman of Nazareth, 8-3; Townsend lost to J. Aven of Hart, 2-8; Ryan Lowance of Dimmitt lost to T. George of Hart, 7-9; Lowance beat R. Rickert of Dimmitt, 8-2; Lowance lost to G. Gonzales of Hart, 8-3; Rickert lost to Aven, 0-8; Dale West lost to B. Hoelting, Nazareth, 0-8; West lost to

Nathan Killough of Dimmitt, 1-8; Raymond Powers of Dimmitt lost to M. Kern of Nazareth, 2-8; Powers lost to Killough, 1-8; Killough won consolation championship after losing to M. Reyna of Hart (4-8), and beating West, Powers and Gonzales (8-3).

GIRLS' SINGLES: Vanessa Acevedo of Dimmitt beat I. Minjarez of Hart, 8-5, then lost to Gerber of Nazareth, 0-8; Michaele Bell of Dimmitt lost to J. Kern of Nazareth, 4-8, and lost to M. Ortiz of Dimmitt, 7-9; Taryn Hays of Dimmitt lost to Hoelting of Nazareth, 0-8 and to

Rincon, 1-8; Amanda Annen lost to V. Key of Hart, 4-8, and also lost to Rincon, 1-8; Kami Jo Hand beat Key and Hoelting by 8-1 counts, but lost to Gerber in the championship, 1-6, 1-6.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: L. Welch and K. Doss of Dimmitt lost to Rodriguez and Gonzales, 1-8, and lost to Garcia and Rodriguez of Hart, 0-8; T. Powers and A. Matthews beat Bennett and Mata of Hart, 8-1, then beat Schmucker and Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 8-2 before losing to Braddock and Wethington of Nazareth, 3-8; K. Schulte and J. Davis of Dimmitt lost to Braddock and Wethington, 2-8, then lost to Carrasco and Lee of Hart, 3-8.

BOYS' DOUBLES: J. Flores and D. Harkins lost to Huckert and Birkenfeld of Nazareth and lost to Ethridge and Merritt of Nazareth in the consolation finale.

More about 1:1

(Continued from Page 1)

boys' basketball coach at Plainview High School.

Kevin Cleveland is the head men's basketball coach at Wayland Baptist University, and Blake Brown runs Wayland's junior varsity program.

The Dimmitt Conspiracy is right on track.

First we had deer in town. Now it's roadrunners.

The roadrunner is associated with the wide-open spaces of the semi-arid Southwest. Its official name is Chaparral Bird because its range is the same as that type of bush. (When we lived in Arizona, we had one that would shade himself occasionally on our covered patio.)

Sunday afternoon, Don Sheffy called.

"Your dad had lunch with us and we just saw this bird in the front yard," he said. "I thought it was probably a pheasant, but your dad said it was a roadrunner. Have you ever seen a roadrunner here?"

"Nope, but if Dad said it was a roadrunner, it was a roadrunner," I said. Dad never forgets a bird, a country road or a winning horse.

I was telling Jack Cartwright about the sighting Monday morning and he said, "You know, that sounds like this bird I've been seeing around my house."

"Was it about the size and color of a pheasant hen, except taller and skinnier, with longer legs and a triangular head?" I asked.

"Yeah, that's it," he said.

Maybe we've got an outbreak of 'em.

So what are roadrunners doing in Dimmitt?

Since they're pretty prevalent in the sandhills, I'd guess that the CRP cover crops are prompting them to range into our area. We've seen a big increase in coyotes, badgers, foxes, raccoons, skunks

and quail around here since the advent of the Conservation Reserve Program. Maybe the cover crops are spawning more snakes, too.

And wherever you find snakes, you'll find roadrunners. Snakes are the main staple of their diet.

Johnny Merritt was in Houston last Thursday, waiting to catch a plane back to Amarillo, when he bought a copy of the *Houston Post*.

As he was thumbing through it, he did a quick double-take.

There on the front page of the Style section was a full-color picture of Dimmitt Meat Co.

It turned out to be a sample print from a photography exhibition. It's part of Houston photographer Peter Brown's "High Plains" collection, now on display at the Harris Gallery.

Johnny sent that section of the *Post* to V. C. and Dorothy Hopson, Dimmitt Meat Co.'s owners. It took them by surprise, too.

Next time you're passing through Dimmitt, Peter, don't just stop and click—get out and come in. You'll find some of the best sausage in Texas.

From a recent wire-service release out of Cape Canaveral:

"Towering over the loftiest ironworkers on Earth, Columbia's astronauts erected a scaffold and then jolted it Monday for the benefit of space station architects.

"Crewman Charles 'Sam' Gemar snapped the thin rods and cylindrical joints together on day four of the 14-day shuttle research mission. He subjected the rectangular structure to electronic vibrations so engineers could gauge its sturdiness."

I don't know whether that's the frame structure that my late brother, Bascom, designed and built for NASA's "lunar habitat" prototype, but it's the same principal, with its snap-on joints.

I'm grateful that the folks in the Nebraska Press Association judged 1:1 as the Best Serious Column among Panhandle weeklies again this year. I'll keep trying to deserve it.

Terri Loudder's "Calico" won the Best Humorous Column plaque again this year, for the umpteenth time. As long as we keep entering her columns, she'll keep winning that award hands-down.

Although Terri and I placed 1-2 in Humorous Columns last year, we didn't enter any of my columns in that category this time. It seems I just haven't been funny lately.

Okay, I'll try to lighten up once in a while.

SCORES

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Mathews, Nino (5) and Ramos, Dimmitt; Curtisinger and Garza, LCHS. WP—Curtisinger (5-1). LP—Mathews. 2B—T. Stallings, Watkins, LCHS. Records, LCHS 13-6; Dimmitt 7-8.

Hart plans civic awards banquet

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

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

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

Proceeds will benefit the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept.



Two pickups in accident Sunday night

An accident Sunday night resulted in injuries to three people, but none serious, although both vehicles involved were rated as totaled by the investigating Dept. of Public Safety trooper, Darrell Matthews of Hereford.

A 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Manuel Soto, 37, of Dimmitt was heading west on County Road 625 and reportedly failed to stop and yield right of way at the stop sign at the intersection with FM 1055 south of Flagg. His pickup was struck broadside by a 1980 Chevrolet pickup driven by Enrique Estrada, 17, of Muleshoe, who was heading south on FM 1055.

Soto and a passenger, Jose Morales, 24, of Friona, were listed with non-incapacitating injuries, and Estrada was listed with possible injuries.

Matthews indicated that alcohol may have been a contributing factor in the accident, but no citations had been issued as of Tuesday afternoon.

THE REGIONAL PINE WOOD DERBY was attended by these Boy Scouts from Dimmitt, with two bringing home trophies from the event, which was held recently in Plainview. (Top, from left) Jake Wright won third place in the Wolf Division; and Deacon Buckley won first place in the Webelos Division and first in the King of the Hill (overall) competition. Others attending were (front, from left) Todd Jansa, Zachary Morris, and Jimmy Armstrong; and (middle, from left) Anthony Zambrano, Patrick Hunter, Jason Harris and Colby Williams. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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1994 Dimmitt FFA SLAVE SALE

Tuesday, April 12
Hamburger Feed: 7 p.m. Slave Sale: 8 p.m.
at Dimmitt High School Ag Shop

- TERMS OF SALE:
- FFA Members will work an 8-hour work day for the buyer.
 - Work date should be agreed upon by the buyer and FFA member the night of the sale (if possible).
 - Should any problems arise concerning the work date or quality of workmanship, please contact David McCormick at the Ag Shop (647-3105) or at home (647-4334).
 - Proceeds from the Slave Auction will be used for such activities as: FFA Banquet; area, district and state convention; and routine improvements to the FFA Project Center.
 - Please pay before leaving the sale (if possible). If not, the FFA member will contact and deliver a statement within four days.
 - All buyers are invited to attend the Dimmitt FFA Banquet which will be held May 5, 1994.
 - Free hamburgers, fries, beans and drinks.

HIGH SELLING FFA MEMBERS WILL SELL FOR HALF PRICE

- SLAVES WHO WILL BE AUCTIONED:
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| Toby Crow | Chris Hutson | Dustin Buckley |
| Greg Fuller | Edward Silva | Joey Flores |
| Will Sanders | Justin Stroud | Jill Gfeller |
| Dan Matthews | Jason Wootton | Michelle Davis |
| Chad Jennings | Tanner Self | Chris Davis |
| Drew Musick | Ryan Harkins | Stace McDaniel |
| Mandy Davis | Tait Crow | Aaron Wilcox |
| Ashley Davis | Ky Kirby | Micheal Glidewell |
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| Chad Rogers | Cliff Wright | Lalo Flores |
| Mary Bradley | Jimmy Ivey | John Fuller |
| Jana Nelson | Brian Simpson | Rene Rivera |
| Max Moore | Jeremy Simpson | Tiffany Wilcox |
| Blake Ellis | Cassie Owens | Tori Baker |
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Auctioneers: Greg Odom and Les Davis

Your support is greatly appreciated!



People

16 students are initiated

Sixteen Dimmitt High School students were initiated in the second chapter of Dimmitt's Spanish honorary on March 29.

To gain induction into the Toledo chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, students must have over a 93 average for the first three semesters of second-year Spanish.

Students initiated included Marta Arredondo, Olga Porras, Margarita Vazquez, Carlos Garcia, Maria Guajardo, Zachary Bell, Fernando Ontiveros, Alma Longoria, Pablo Rodriguez, Terri Beth Teaschner, Noelia Vazquez, Raquel Ramirez, Saida Rodriguez, Ben Perez, Mirella Cardona and Ruben Saucedo.

Scholarship applications are due soon

Deadlines are approaching for several scholarships available to 4-H'ers.

April 15 is the deadline for applications for the Parent-Leader Association Scholarship, an award which is sponsored by the local Parent-Leader Association. Applications are available at the Extension Office.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers are accepting applications for the Dana Wall Memorial Scholarship and applications will soon be available at the Extension office. If interested in applying for this award, you can call and leave your name and number with the Extension office and as soon as applications arrive, Extension personnel will contact you.

Who's New?

Plains Memorial Hospital

Steve Anthony Reyes and Tammy Mendoza of Dimmitt are the parents of a boy, Michael Anthony Reyes, born March 27 at 12:06 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and was 37 cm. long. Grandparents are Martha Reyes and Sylvia Mendoza, both of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Isidro and Eustacia Zarazua and Salomon and Maria Flores.

Four receive Tandy honors

Four Castro County students have been honored by the Tandy Technology Scholars recognition program.

Receiving certificates as outstanding math/science/computer science students were Mary Ellen Ramackers of Nazareth High School and Fred Reyna of Hart High School.

Earning certificates as Top 2% Academic nominees were Reyna and Sabrina Acker of Nazareth High School.

The program recognizes academic excellence by students and honors top teachers, too. The four county students were among 34,000 honored across the country this year. The program awards \$2,500 to 100 teachers and \$1,000 cash scholarships to 100 students each year. Since 1990, Tandy Technology Scholars has awarded \$1.75 million.

Book Club to meet

Mildred Bradford will review the book *All My Meadows* by Patricia Leimbach when the Dimmitt Book Club meets Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

"Mrs. Leimbach relates the fortunes and misfortunes of life as a farmer's wife in Ohio," said Bradford. "Her book is a warm collection of human experiences and country savoring."

Everyone is invited to attend the review and business meeting.



F.P. and Lucille Schacher

Schachers to celebrate 65th wedding anniversary

F.P. and Lucille Schacher of Nazareth will observe their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday at an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The event will be at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Msgr. Harold Waldow will perform a mass in their honor Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth.

F.P. Schacher married the former Lucille Braddock on April 9, 1929, in Nazareth and the couple has lived there all their married lives. Before his retirement, they farmed and operated a dairy east of Nazareth.

The Schachers have eight children — Catherine Hochstein, Leona Maurer, Georgie Kleman, Edwin Schacher, Gene Schacher, Rosalie Davis, Margie Albracht and Bob Schacher; 51 grandchildren; and 69 great-grandchildren.

Blood pressure, shot clinics planned by TDH

The Texas Dept. of Health is planning a series of clinics during the month of April, and the first one will be held Wednesday.

Wednesday's immunization clinic will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. in the TDH office at 108 Southwest Second (old Sears building) in Dimmitt.

Those wishing to make an appointment for immunizations should call the office at 647-2404.

Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Immunizations offered will be polio, DTP, DTaP, Td, MMR and Hib for appropriate ages, and Hepatitis B for infants and high-risk adolescents. Fees are determined by monthly income.

A blood pressure clinic will be held next Thursday, April 14, at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. These clinics will be held here the second Thursday of each month.

TDH will offer cholesterol screenings on Thursday, April 28, at the Senior Citizens Center.

This service will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and services offered will include blood pressure checks, cholesterol screens, blood

sugar tests and health risk profiles. A nutritionist will be on hand to answer any dietary questions.

A \$4 fee will be charged for these services and all services are open to the public.

TDH asks that those interested in receiving any of the tests or screenings call the office at 647-2404 to make an appointment.

Welps is named to all-star cast

Hart High School students presented the play "The Diviners" in UIL one-act play competition and John Welps was named to the all-star cast.

Honorable mention all-star cast honors went to Sheila Aalbers and Travis Bennett.

Other members of the cast were Erasmo Castillo Jr., Traci Knox, Travis Bennett, Chad Evans, Chris Dotson, Danna Wilhelm, Norma Velasquez, D'Lynn Hankins and Tanya Leibel. Director is Virginia Welps and she is assisted by Vivian Bennett.

What's Cooking?

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

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, golden hominy, lettuce and tomato salad, crackers, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Combo sandwich, potato chips, pork and beans, dill spears, cookies and milk.

MONDAY: Hot dogs with chili, spiral fries, Ranch Style Beans, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Bean chalupas, shredded lettuce, whole kernel corn, apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, lettuce and tomato

salad, corn nuggets, Jell-O and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes and gravy, black-eyed peas, rolls, butter, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza, carrot and celery sticks, pork and beans, ice cream and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tostados, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, peaches, brownies and milk.

MONDAY: Char steak, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, brownies and milk.

TUESDAY: Lasagna, green peas, salad, sliced bread, Jell-O with peas and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Turkey steaks or turkey nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Chili dogs, potato chips, pickles, peaches and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, tater tots, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O, hot rolls and milk.

MONDAY: Soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, corn, fruit cocktail and milk.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, pork and beans, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dogs, baked potatoes, pears and milk.

4-H'ers plan county roundup

The Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held May 2 at the courthouse in Dimmitt and all 4-H'ers who plan to have a Method Demonstration at District Roundup must present their work at the County Roundup.

A covered dish supper will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. and presentations will follow the meal.

All families attending are asked to bring a covered dish. If you are unable to attend the County Roundup, you must contact one of the county agents to make arrangements to have your Method Demonstration recorded for presentation.

District Roundup will be held May 14 at Levelland Junior High School.

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JC Penney in Amarillo; and Wishes in Hereford.

More about

Hospital board eyes ...

(Continued from Page 1)

The "swing bed" program is scheduled to begin later this month.

The search for new doctors continues.

Moss reported to the board that the hospital district has received tentative contacts from 45 physicians...

Goode said that locals attending a state job fair for physicians later this month hope to interview some of these physicians...

The hospital district is hoping to recruit one to three new physicians to serve in the hospital and the three rural health clinics here.

Meanwhile, Dr. Joe Morrow notified the hospital district by letter that he was entering a private practice partnership in Amarillo effective April 1.

Dr. Morrow was the director of the Medical Center of Dimmitt less than a month before his contract was terminated Jan. 27.

Moss also reported to the hospital board that the Medical Center of Dimmitt—formerly Dr. Bill Lee's High Plains Clinic—should be certified as an independent rural health clinic within three weeks.

Cenci Hardee, who resigned as administrator of Castro County Community Clinics recently to become assistant administrator, reported on a survey that the CCCC had commissioned regarding the difference in Medicaid reimbursement for independent rural health clinics vs. "provider-based" clinics.

An independent accounting firm's report, she said, showed that an independent clinic (such as the ones here) receives \$54.35 per patient visit from Medicaid, vs. \$35.86 for a provider-based clinic.

"I think these figures speak for

themselves pretty clearly," Hardee said.

Goode told the board that Plains Memorial may not be able to resist being brought into Health Management Organizations (HMOs) or Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs) much longer...

"I think it has been the consensus that the longer we could stay away from managed care, the better off we'd be," Goode said.

Two businesses and a state agency in the county have signed up with a PPO, Goode said.

"Essentially, these PPOs are asking for a 15% discount on our standard rate," Goode said.

He added, "If we do contract with a PPO and give them a 15% discount, then they will come in and use that to sign up as many people as they can..."

"It sounds too much like black-mail to me," board member Mildred Bradford said.

"That's just what I was thinking," board member Lucille Drerup added.

Goode said one PPO has presented a contract that it would like for the hospital to sign, but he recommended that the board not go

through with any contract until budget considerations can be studied.

The hospital district apparently won't finish paying for the recent remodeling project until the auxiliary's gift shop is built.

Goode reported to the board that the prime contractor wants an additional \$2,500 to construct the gift shop.

Goode, who didn't take over as administrator until the remodeling project was in its final stages, commented, "It was my impression that the gift shop was part of the original package."

"It was," Bradford and Drerup said.

"The board advised Goode to hold up payment of a \$5,300 balance until the project is complete, including construction of the gift shop.

In other action, the hospital board:

—Authorized the lease-purchase of a Monarch chemical analyzer on a five-year contract at \$2,609 per month;

—Approved a contract with Advanced Cardiology Technology of Lubbock to provide a specific type of cardiology testing;

—Adopted a resolution calling for an end to unfunded mandates by the state and federal governments.

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Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10.

"The Church's War Against Poverty" will be the subject of the Sunday morning worship service, which is scheduled to begin at 11.

The mid-week Bible study will be held Wednesday night at 7 at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Harry Riggs will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 7:1-17 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

4-H Horse Club to begin riding

The 4-H Horse Club will begin riding today (Thursday) and will continue working through June 30.

The club meets at the riding arena at 5:30 p.m. and members are invited to come any time they can.

For more information contact Suanne Bagley at 647-2149, days; or 647-4780. Upcoming events in which the Horse Club may participate are the Moore County Horse Contest on Friday, the District 2 Horse Judging Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on April 23 and the Dimmitt Llano Estacado Horse Association Horse Show on May 21.

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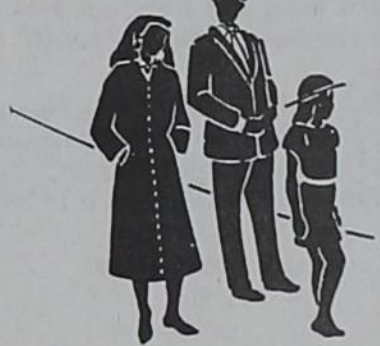
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Genesis 24:28-33



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Sports

'Dream Team' scheduled here April 28

Former Nazareth stars Leona Gerber Wilhelm and Gail Birkenfeld Hooks will be among the star attractions when the "Dream Team" takes on a local all-star team April 28 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Proceeds from the game will benefit the Dimmitt Booster Club.

The Dream Team was put together three years ago by Joe King, former Nazareth coach and administrator. The squad features several former high school and college basketball standouts from the area.

Activities will begin at 7 p.m. with the first place teams facing the second place teams in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. major boys and girls basketball leagues.

Advance tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children in high school or younger. All adult tickets are \$3 at the door. Advance tickets may be obtained from any booster club member.

Avery Thrasher, booster club president, said the fundraiser was important for the club this year.

"We have been real active this year and have purchased a lot of things we needed," he said.

The game will include free-throw, three-point and half-court shooting contests and other giveaways.

Hart girls win zone golf meet

Hart's Lady Horn golfers captured first place in the District South Zone Tournament, which was held at Farwell.

Jennifer Martinez and Danna Wilhelm paced the Lady Horns by finishing with individual scores of 92 and 93, respectively. The team finished with 417 overall.

The team will advance to the district round, which will be held Wednesday at Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo.

The boys' golf team finished fifth overall, with John Welps leading the team with a 91. Jason Aven finished with 97.

Red Raider Day set in Hereford

The Hereford Red Raider Club has planned its annual "Red Raider Day" golf tournament and dinner meeting for April 20.

The event includes a golf scramble, which will begin at 1 p.m. at Pitman Municipal Golf Course in Hereford, and a social hour and dinner at 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, at the Hereford Country Club.

All Texas Tech boosters in the area are invited to participate in the events. A \$40 fee covers the golf tourney (with cart), the social hour and dinner. Non-golfers are welcome, and cost for the social hour and dinner is \$15 per person.

Texas Tech's new athletic director, Bob Bockrath, will make his first visit to the Red Raider Club event; and James Dickey, men's basketball coach, is scheduled to be among the Tech representatives attending.

Women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp, or one of her assistants, may be attending.

Tech coaches and Lubbock Red Raider Club members will be placed in foursomes with local golfers for the Florida Scramble event.

John Sherrod is the chairman for the golf scramble and telephone entries for the event will be accepted at the pro shop, 363-2782; or entries can be mailed to Dave Hopper, chairman of the Red Raider Club, at Box 150, Hereford 79045. Deadline for golf entries is Monday, April 18.

The golf sign-in begins at 1 p.m. on April 20 and the scramble will get underway at 1:30 p.m..

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DREAM TEAM STARS—Leona Gerber Wilhelm (left) and Gail Birkenfeld Hooks, former Nazareth Swiftettes, are members of the 1994 "Dream Team," a basketball squad featuring several high school and college basketball standouts from the area. The Dream Team will play a local all-star team in Dimmitt on April 28 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. *Courtesy Photo*

Bobbies race to team title in Shallowater Invitational

The Dimmitt Bobbies posted first-place finishes in the triple jump, long jump, high jump, 400 relay, 800 relay, mile relay and mile run and claimed the championship trophy in the Shallowater Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Dimmitt earned 150 points to claim the team championship while Shallowater finished second with 134. Other teams and their finishes were Cooper, third, 93; Petersburg, fourth, 83; Olton, fifth, 31; Lubbock Christian, sixth, 25; Lorenzo, seventh, 21; Floydada, eighth, 19; New Deal, ninth, 14; and Hale Center, 10th, 0.

Kim Thomas won the triple jump and long jump and placed second in the 400 to lead the Bobbies.

Thomas jumped 32-8 1/2 to win the triple jump and that was almost a foot longer than the jump recorded by her closest challenger. In the long jump she was measured at 15-9 1/2. Her time in the 400 was 1:06.20.

Dolores Dimas took the high jump gold medal by clearing five foot while teammate Jennifer Vick was second with a clear jump of 4-6.

Rochelle Harman broke the tape in the mile run with a time of 6:24.58 and placed fourth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:30.01.

Another Dimmitt miler, Summer McLean, finished third with a time of 6:34.15.

Dimmitt swept the relays, winning the 400 with a time of 53.24, the 800 with a time of 2:04.52 and the mile with a time of 4:48.28.

Amy Ethridge gave the Bobbies a second-place finish in the 800, posting a time of 2:36.16.

Other Dimmitt girls placing were Vick, fourth in the long jump, 14-4; Tiffany Wilcox, fifth in the shot put, 30-0 1/2; Vasquez, sixth in the 400, 1:16.65; Dimas, sixth in the 300 hurdles, 59.01; and Carrie Bradley, third in the 200, 29.80.

Smith named as PHS coach

Former Dimmitt all-stater John Smith has officially been named as the new head boys basketball coach at Plainview High School.

The promotion was announced last week by Plainview athletic director Steve Parr. The action still requires formal approval by the Plainview school board, that is expected at the board's meeting April 14.

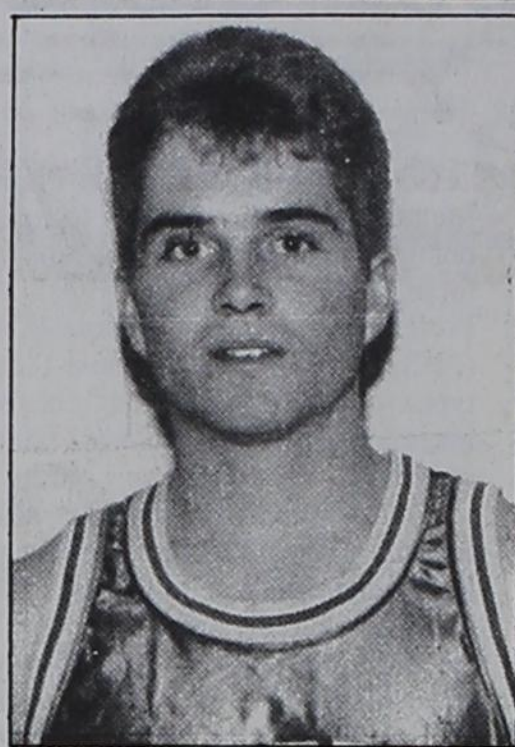
Smith, 29, is the son of Robert and Norma Smith of Dimmitt. He is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He was an all-state guard and played on the 1982 and 1983 state championship teams at DHS. During the 1983 season, Smith kept the Bobcats' undefeated streak alive when he hit a long jumper in the last five seconds of a game at the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock against Lubbock High. The Bobcats went on to post a 38-0 record.

Smith and his father share the distinction of playing on undefeated state champion teams during their senior years at DHS.

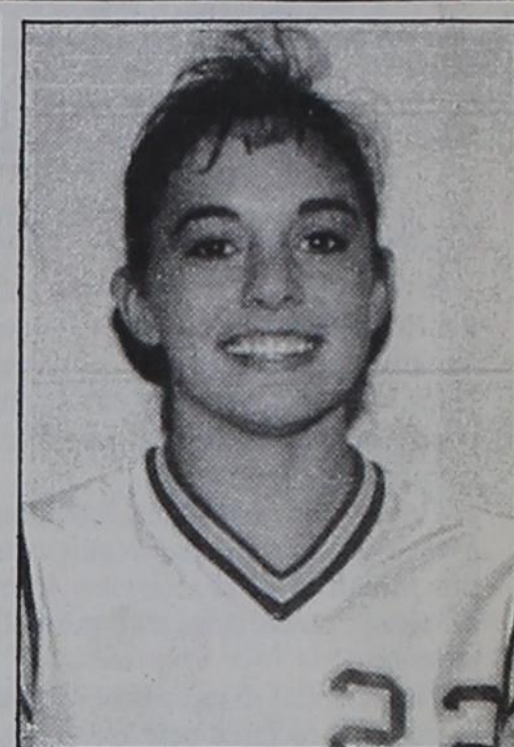
Smith, 29, graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 1987. He served as a student assistant coach at the school under Mark Adams and Rick Cooper. He then began working for the Plainview school district as an assistant football and basketball coach. He has led the Plainview junior varsity to district championship the last four seasons.

"We just feel he is a tremendous and quality young man," Parr told the *Amarillo Daily News*. "He fits into the philosophy, goals and objectives of our entire athletic program. We feel fortunate we didn't have to look any further than our own school to get him."

Smith replaces Carl Irlbeck, who retired after the Bulldogs' state championship season. Irlbeck finished with a record of 894-344.



Justin Wethington



Kristin Brockman

Wethington, Brockman to play in all-star tilt

Justin Wethington and Kristin Brockman, both of Nazareth, have been selected as members of Golden Spread All-Star basketball teams and will play on the East boys' and girls' teams, respectively, in this week's all-star tournament in Amarillo.

The 24th annual games will be played today (Thursday) and Friday at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo.

Brockman and the West girls will take on the East girls at 6 p.m. today (Thursday). Wethington and the West boys will meet the East boys at 8 p.m. today. The North and South boys' and girls' teams will meet Friday.

The girls' championship will be played at 6 p.m. Saturday while the boys' championship will be played at 8 that day.

A slam dunk and three-point shooting contest also will be held, and these contests are open to any senior boy or girl.

Wethington will be joined on the boys' squad by Jason Pipkin of Clovis, Brett Thomas of Lazbuddie, Jeff Hunt of Amarillo High, Derrick Smith of Littlefield, Anthony Fratham of Anton, Justin Johnson of Littlefield, Chad Hanson of Randall, Justin Hollis of Amarillo High

and Dustin Martin of Grady, N.M. The team will be coached by James Allen and Henry Gardner will assist.

The West girls' team includes Brockman, Renee Downey of Friona, Robin Rahlfs of Canyon, Jarah Redwine of Lazbuddie, Lori Moudy of Happy, Misty Davenport of Muleshoe, Stefanie Andrus of Amarillo High, Tara Dougherty of Clovis, Kim Linder of Amarillo High and Shelly Chism of Adrian. Coaches are Ronny Head and Dana Rahlfs.

Wethington led the state runner-up Swifts in scoring with a 16.5 point average per game. He averaged four assists and four rebounds.

Brockman was the Swiftettes' second-leading scorer, carrying a 13-point average while pulling down almost six caroms per game and averaging three assists and steals.

Nazareth's Nick Johnson also was selected for the Golden Spread All-Stars and was invited to play in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) all-star game in San Antonio later. Players are limited to one all-star appearance and Johnson elected to play in the TABC all-star game.

SCOREBOARD

TRACK
Hornet Relays at Sudan BOYS

TEAM TOTALS: 5. Hart 37; 6. Nazareth 36.
Shot: 2. Manuel Minjarez, Hart, 46-1 1/2.
Discus: 2. Nick Johnson, Nazareth, 136-6.
Long Jump: 2. Johnson, Nazareth, 20-9.
3200: Corrales, Hart, 11:19.21.
800: 1. Harvey Robledo, Hart, 2:03.40; 3. Brad Keel, Nazareth, 2:11.86.
200: 1. Billy Scroggins, Nazareth, 23.58.

GIRLS
TEAM TOTALS: 6. Hart 54; 7. Nazareth 48.
Discus: 3. Frances Dozal, Hart, 91-0.

Long Jump: 1. Mayhew, Hart, 16-2.
400 Relay: 3. Hart, 53.05.
800: 1. Misty Ball, Nazareth, 2:33.47.
100 Hurdles: 1. Shea Bennett, Hart, 16.75.
400: 1. Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth, 6:22.22; 2. Garcia, Hart, time unavailable.
200: 1. Schmucker, Nazareth, 28.34.
1600: 3. Durbin, Nazareth 6:15.20.

Amarillo Relays
Division II BOYS
TEAM TOTALS: 12. Dimmitt 10.
Division III JV BOYS
TEAM TOTALS: 10. Dimmitt 17.
800: 5. Toby Crow, Dimmitt, 2:22.11.
100: 6. Brandon Smith, Dimmitt, 12.50.
300 Hurdles: 3. Joe Juarez, Dimmitt, 45.75.
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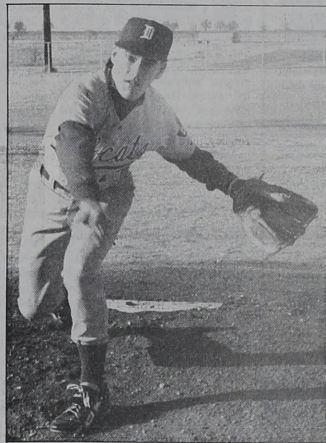
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Small business 'survival' seminar to be given here

A seminar designed to help small business owners and managers improve profits and learn to co-exist with "big box" merchants such as Wal-Mart will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in Dimmitt on Thursday, April 28.

Registrations for the seminar must be made by Monday, April 25, and to register, you should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Registration fee is \$5 per person for Chamber members and \$15 per person for non-members of the Chamber.

The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Chamber and Panhandle Small Business Development Center.

Don Taylor will be directing the workshop. He is executive director

of West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center and is a successful small business owner. He is a 25-year veteran of small business wars. He serves as a consultant and analyst to small business. Taylor writes a nationally syndicated business column, "Minding Your Own Business," which is published in the *Amarillo Sunday News-Globe* and in 54 other newspapers, including the *Castro County News*. Readership is estimated at more than one million.

The first session will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and will be entitled "Inward Focus." After a 15-minute break, the group will reconvene for the next session, "Outward Focus," until 5 p.m.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include:

- ◆ What you need to learn about Wal-Mart and friends.
- ◆ How to refocus your business for more profit.
- ◆ Seven critical survival strategies.
- ◆ Twelve financial "must knows" for survival.
- ◆ How to tell real customer service from lip service.
- ◆ Six customer service steps guaranteed to bring customers back again and again.
- ◆ Six ways to grow your customer base.
- ◆ Twelve low-cost promotion strategies.
- ◆ More than 40 tips on using direct mail, creating snappy radio copy and writing effective print headlines and copy.

PCG Cotton Talks

Plains Cotton Growers will hold their 37th annual membership meeting Friday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The meeting will be held in Room 107 and it is being planned in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association convention and trade show.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program is scheduled to begin at 9.

Three speakers are on the agenda and they are Norma Trolinder, a

plant physiologist at the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) plant stress lab in Lubbock, who will discuss biotechnology and what the future holds for cotton producers in this area; Bill Lovelady, chairman of the National Cotton Council's producer steering committee, who will discuss legislative issues facing the cotton industry; and Steve Verett, executive director of Texas Food and Fiber Commission, who will discuss the role of that agency and how it relates to the cotton industry in Texas.

In addition to PCG's guest speakers, the meeting also will feature addresses by PCG President

Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, and Donald Johnson, PCG executive vice president. Reports on the High Plains Boll Weevil Control Program and the Plains Cotton Improvement Program also are scheduled.

Following the membership meeting, the PCG Board of Directors will meet in Rooms 108 and 109 of the Civic Center for election of 1994-95 officers.

Current officers include Huffaker, Vice President Frank Jones of Lamesa and Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Burris of Wellman. Each of the current officers has served the maximum two-year term in their current position.

Render property by April 14

Property owners have until April 14 to render their property with county appraisal districts.

The deadline is new after a change in state law. The old deadline was April 1.

To "render" means to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 1994, according to State Comptroller John Sharp.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner—including homeowners, farmers and ranchers—may render their property with county appraisal districts.

"Homeowners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Sharp said. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus the late payment penalties, Sharp added.

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on Jan. 1 to render with the local appraisal district.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property value. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opinion, property owners make sure that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the proposed value is too high.

Insects of Interest

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Extension-Pest Management
 Greenbug numbers have increased in area wheat. Infestations remain very spotty and erratic between fields and even within a given field.

Greenbugs are aphids that suck plant juices and inject toxins into small grains. These aphids are pale green, approximately 1/16th of an inch long, with characteristic dark green stripes on the back.

Greenbugs reproduce rapidly at temperatures between 55 degrees and 95 degrees. Natural enemies, however, reproduce slowly when temperatures are below 65 degrees. Thus, in cool weather the greenbug may increase to enormous numbers while its natural enemies multiply slowly. The average temperature must be below 20 degrees for at least a week to kill 90% of greenbugs.

Sampling for greenbugs consists of walking diagonally across the field making a minimum of five random counts per 20 acres of field area, each consisting of one linear foot of row. The need for applying insecticide depends on the number of greenbugs present, size and vigor of plants, temperature, time of year, moisture conditions, stage of growth and effectiveness of parasites and predators. Irrigated small grains can withstand larger greenbug populations than dryland small grains without yield loss.

Greenbug populations may be reduced by predators and parasites: lady beetles, parasitic wasps, spiders, damsel bugs, lacewing larvae and syrphid fly larvae. The convergent lady beetle and parasite wasp are the most important of these beneficials. They are able to reproduce during warmer periods of the growing season, and under conditions favorable for their development. They can suppress greenbug infestations.

The Russian wheat aphid is relatively small, about 1/16th inch long. It is lime green in color with an elongated, spindle-shaped body. It is easily distinguished from other aphids by relatively short antennae, a projection above the cauda (tail) which gives it a "double tail" appearance, and the absence of prominent cornicles.

The Russian wheat aphid injects a potent toxin into the plant on which it feeds. Injured plants exhibit white or purple longitudinal streaks. Indigenous parasites and predators do not significantly reduce Russian wheat aphid numbers, since many of the aphids are within tightly-rolled leaves and are not readily available to beneficial insects.

To sample for economic thresholds for Russian wheat aphids, walk across a field and randomly select 100 tillers. In order to prevent bias, select tillers without looking at them. Carefully examine each tiller and record the number infested. Consider any tiller with one or more Russian wheat aphid as infested. Determine the percent of infested tillers and use the following table to decide if treatment is justified.

Call me at the Extension office at 647-4116 to determine proper chemical selection or if help is needed to determine a treatment decision.

Allstate Correction Notice

In the Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 main news sections of this newspaper you may have received an Allstate discount ad of 20% on auto insurance was advertised. This discount is not available in Texas. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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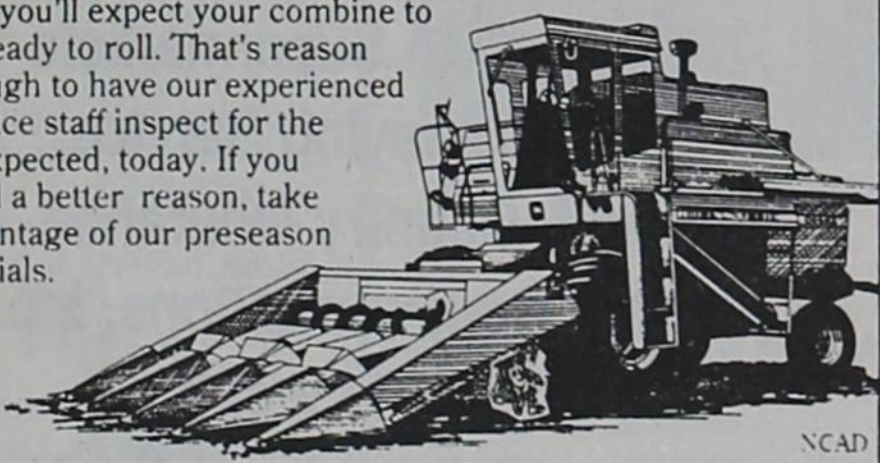
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Texas wheat farmers should watch for aphids

The 1994 crop year is just underway and Texas wheat farmers already are reporting infestations of Russian wheat aphid, one of the costliest pests they face.

Wheat farmers in Texas and other states should be on the watch for this pest.

While it didn't reach the US until 1986, by 1991 this aphid had caused economic losses totaling more than \$670 million across 16 states. That statistic, from a task force of the Great Plains Agricultural Council, reflects an analysis of yield losses, control costs and the ripple effect when farmers had less money to spend.

Infestations significantly decreased after 1990, but the pest looms as a threat because of its hardy nature and ability to quickly spread and multiply. With yield reductions of up to 50% in some areas, the aphid is a significant pest problem.

As with any insect problem, a comprehensive approach to control is important, according to Ralph Gantz, a field development scientist in Lubbock.

Scouting is critical because of the aphid's ability to quickly spread.

"During sluggish crop growth periods, scouting once every two weeks should be sufficient, but once warmer weather arrives, and particularly if aphids are identified, weekly scouting is recommended," he said.

The key period for protection is when the plant's flag leaf develops during the early boot stage. Aphids attack wheat by attaching to young, growing leaves seeking nourishment from the plant's sugary sap or its "plumbing system." As it takes this food, the aphid introduces a toxin from its salivary juices that interferes with plant photosynthesis. One symptom is leaf streaking, caused by reduced chlorophyll production. Another sign is leaves rolled up tightly around the pests, which actually protects the aphids from predators and inclement weather.

Until now, most farmers have treated after 10 to 15% of the crop's tillers are infested, Gantz said. Work is underway by a group of university entomologists from five Western states to develop a more precise procedure for determining an economic threshold. It will include variables such as projected crop value (based on grain prices), weather conditions and application costs.

"The Russian wheat aphid thrives during dry weather," said Gantz. "However, many insecticides rely on systemic action to control insects like aphids and control from those products can be limited by dry conditions. When a drought-stressed plant's juices aren't readily flowing, a systemic insecticide can't easily move throughout the plant to protect it."



'BEST COLUMN' AWARD—Judy Luce of Abernathy, president of the Panhandle Press Association, presents a "Best Column" plaque to News Publisher Don Nelson during the PPA's annual Awards Breakfast in Amarillo Saturday. Terri Loudder's "Calico" was named the Best Humorous column among Panhandle weeklies, while Nelson's "1:1" won the first-place plaque in the Serious Column category.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Garden planting easier with plan

Proper planning can help homeowners produce plants and vegetables in abundance this year, according to the Castro County Extension Office.

"Plan the garden on paper first," said Extension Agent-Pest Management Andy Williams. "Draw a map showing arrangement and spacing of crops. If you wish to keep the garden producing all season, you may need a spring, summer and fall garden plan."

Williams said seeds should be ordered as early as possible. In your plan, place tall crops on the north side of the garden so they don't shade the shorter vegetables. Group plants by length of growing period. Plant early spring crops together so that later crops can be planted in these areas when the early crops mature. Consider length of harvest as well as time of maturity. Place perennial crops to the side of the garden where they will not be disturbed by annual tillage.

Locating the garden

Vegetables grow best in a level area with loose, well-drained soil and at least 6 hours of sun (8 to 10 hours is ideal). Use contour rows or terraces on sloped or hillside sites to avoid erosion. South-facing slopes are warmer and less subject to damaging frosts. Avoid placing the garden in low spots, at the base of a hill, or at the foot of a slope bordered by a solid fence. Such areas are slow to warm up in the spring and frost settles in these places since cold air naturally drains into low areas.

Avoid windy locations; a wind break will be very useful. Locate near

a good and easily accessible supply of water if possible. Choose a spot near your home so it is convenient to work in the garden when you have a few minutes.

Avoid planting near trees and shrubs; they compete for nutrients and water, and may cause excessive shading. Sites too near buildings may result in plants not receiving enough sunlight. Observe shading patterns through the growing season if possible before starting the garden. If you have a shaded area you wish to use anyway, plant shade-tolerant crops in it.

Try not to plant related vegetables in exactly the same location in the garden more often than once in three years. Rotation prevents the buildup of insects and disease. Use old plans as guides for rotating crops.

Crop insurance deadline is set

Producers have until April 15 to purchase multi-peril crop insurance for corn, cotton, grain sorghum, hybrid sorghum seed, potatoes, soybeans, sugar beets and sunflowers for 1994.

Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said that in order for many producers to be eligible to receive 1993 disaster benefits, they must purchase 1994 crop insurance if the 1993 loss for the commodity for which payments are being sought is greater than 65% of the expected production.

Water level is lower in county

Below-average precipitation in 1993 led to a drop in ground water levels across Castro County last year, according to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

Ground water levels declined an average of 2.14 feet in 89 privately-owned wells in the observation well network maintained by the district. That represents a decrease of 173,243 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in the county.

Ground water levels within the water district's Castro County service area declined 1.27 feet during the 10-year period from 1984 to 1994. An average annual decline of 1.74 feet

was recorded during the five-year period from 1989 to 1994.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.7 million acre water district service area had an average decline of 1.46 feet from January 1993 to January 1994. This is a net decrease of about 1.47 million acre-feet of ground water in storage in the aquifer within the service area.

A network of 1,174 privately-owned observation wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the aquifer within the water district. The depth-to-water measurements are taken each January and February to allow water levels to stabilize from the pumping during the previous growing season.

Social Security in Castro County

By Terry C. Richardson

One of Ben Franklin's most famous sayings went something like this: "Nothing in life is certain but death and taxes." I've got a hunch if Ben were around today he'd add: "...But nobody is certain about paying taxes on their Social Security benefits!" I'll try to make some sense of this very confusing issue.

First, if you're a Social Security beneficiary, the odds are you do not owe any taxes on your benefits. In fact, about 80% of all Social Security recipients don't pay taxes on the benefits they receive. Those who do are generally in the upper-income brackets.

Second, a word about income. You owe taxes on your benefits when your "combined income" exceeds certain limits. Combined income refers to your (and your spouse's) adjusted gross income as reported on line 31 of your tax return plus one-half of your Social Security benefits plus your nontaxable interest (generally, that's the interest you receive from bonds issued by a state or local government).

To help you figure your combined income, we send you a 1099 statement at the beginning of each year showing the total Social Security benefits you received in the prior year.

Third, there are different rules for the 1993 tax return you'll file by April 15 of this year than for the 1994 return you'll file next year. I'm including 1994 information to help in your tax planning efforts for next year.

1993 tax returns

If you file an individual 1993 tax return and your "combined income" last year was over \$25,000, 50% of your Social Security benefits will be taxable.

If you file a joint 1993 tax return and your "combined income" was more than \$32,000, 50% of your Social Security benefits will be taxable.

Couples who file separate tax returns probably will pay taxes on their Social Security benefits.

1994 tax returns

If you plan to file an individual 1994 tax return and you expect your 1994 "combined income" to be between \$25,000 and \$34,000, 50% of your Social Security benefits will be taxable. If your income is above

\$34,000, you should anticipate 85% of your benefits being subject to tax.

If you and your spouse plan to file a joint return for 1994 and your "combined income" is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, 50% of your benefits will be taxable. But if your joint income exceeds \$44,000, 85% of your Social Security benefits may be taxable.

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Although the subject has been Social Security benefits, questions about taxes are matters for the Internal Revenue Service. If you need more tax information, you should call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Heller chairing organ awareness

National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week will be April 17-23, according to Delores Heller, local representative of The Living Bank.

Heller said there are over 33,000 Americans waiting for vital organ transplants. About one out of four of these men, women and children will not receive donor organs in time, and will die.

The good news according to the United Network for Organ Sharing is that the number of individuals who donated at least one organ for transplant upon death increased by 7% during 1993. Over the previous five years the number of organ donors had remained relatively constant while the waiting list had steadily increased.

"Millions of organs and tissues continue to be buried every year, many of which could enhance or save lives," Heller said. "The Living Bank's nationwide program faces up to the present crisis in organ and tissue donorship and is designed to educate and motivate at the community level. We want to reach a point in the near future when no one will die or suffer for lack of a donor organ or tissue."

Heller may be contacted at 647-2655 or 647-2524 for more information. She is also available for programs.

Dear Voter,

This is an open letter asking for your support in the Democratic Runoff Election.

I am presently the Deputy Clerk with the longest full time working record—nine years. I am qualified to serve you. And my opponent is certainly qualified as well, and I would never imply any different.

I am asking for your support simply because I love my job and the people of Castro County. I want the opportunity to continue serving you!

Sincerely,

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
To the registered voters of Dimmitt
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Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 7, 1994, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Place 1 and Place 5.

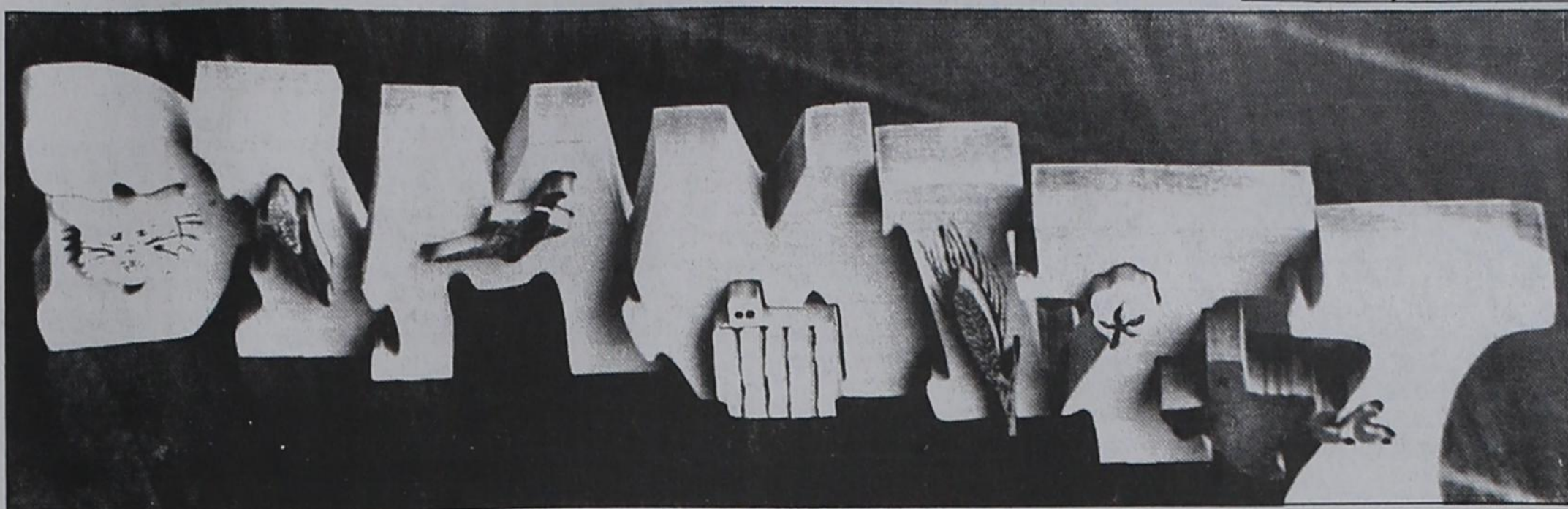
LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE: Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Monday, April 18, 1994, and ending Tuesday, May 3, 1994.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, Early Voting Clerk, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 29, 1994.

Issued this the 14th day of February, 1994.

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A FITTING PUZZLE — Dimmitt Scoutmaster and woodcarver Jackie Roberts made this cut-out of interlocking letters and symbols for the Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of its involvement of Boy Scouts in community activities. Cut out with a scroll saw, the letters interlock and contain hand-painted push-out symbols—a

Bobcat's head, an ear of corn, a pheasant, a grain elevator, a head of wheat, a boll of cotton, and a replica of Texas with a red-lettered "C.C." trailer for "Chamber of Commerce." Roberts gave several similar cut-outs to friends as Christmas gifts, and also makes them on order, using individual or company names. Photo by Don Nelson

FFA plans 'slave' sale

If you have yard work, farming or anything else you need help with, the Dimmitt FFA might have a solution.

The club will hold its annual "slave sale" this week.

The auction will be held Tuesday night. Prospective "buyers" are invited to a hamburger supper from 7 to 8 p.m. that night. The auction will begin at 8.

Prospective buyers may bid on 51 "slaves," and the highest bidder on each will hire that person for an 8-hour work day. The work date must be agreed upon by the buyer and the FFA member on the night of the sale, if possible.

If there are any problems with the work date or quality of workmanship, buyers should contact David McCormick at 647-3105, days; or 647-4334, evenings.

Proceeds from the slave sale will be used for FFA activities including the banquet; area, district and state conventions; and routine improvements to the FFA Project Center.

Greg Odom and Les Davis will serve as auctioneers Tuesday night.

For a complete list of students who will be taking part in the auction, see page 5 of this issue of the News.

Dimmitt OM teams to compete at state

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt will compete in the state OM contest in San Antonio Friday and Saturday.

Dimmitt teams advancing to state will be the DHS "Classics" team, and DMS "Structures" and "OM Believable Music" teams.

The Dimmitt High School "Classics" team including sophomores

Addison Foskey, Jimmy Bryan and Joel Townsend; junior Monica De La Cruz; and seniors J.D. Gonzales and Carlo Ontiveros presented the long-term problem *The Iliad* and earned a first-place award at regional. Gonzales and Ontiveros each received a Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in composing original music for their long-term solution and presentation.

The Dimmitt Middle School "Structures" team of seventh graders Jason Hall and Kurt Webb; and eighth graders Jeremy Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Hank Morgan and Jared Townsend also earned a regional first-place award and Ranatra Fusca award. Webb earned an individual Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in the spontaneous competition. The team's structure held 680 pounds without crushing.

Certificates for demonstrating outstanding qualities in the spirit and philosophy of the OM program in addition to their first-place honors.

Class of '74 sets planning meeting April 17

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1974 will hold a planning meeting for its 20-year reunion Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Sheffy, 1000 Maple in Dimmitt.

All class members are welcome to attend to help plan the date and events for the reunion.

For more information contact Liz Murphy at 647-2047.

PMH honors Connie Wilhelm

Plains Memorial Hospital has named Connie Wilhelm its "Employee of the Quarter" for the first quarter of 1994.

Wilhelm was selected by the department heads of Plains Memorial Hospital after being nominated by her fellow employees.

She will receive a pin and 30 Dimmitt Dollars and is eligible for the hospital's "Employee of the Year" award.

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Haney receives master's certificate

Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney has earned his master's certificate in law enforcement from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education in Austin.

Haney finished the prescribed program to earn the certificate. Persons earning a master's certificate must complete education requirements and must have been in 15 years of full-time active service in law enforcement.

Haney has bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and psychology from Eastern New Mexico University.

Pictures offered by yearbook staff

Casual pictures will be taken Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

The session is open to the public and is sponsored by the yearbook staff at Dimmitt High School. Proceeds will help defray yearbook expenses.

Individual, group or family pictures are available. There is a \$2 per person sitting fee, and orders will be taken on proofs. Appointments may be made by calling Kathy West at DHS at 647-3105.

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JOYCE IS OUR CHOICE!

We showed our support for JOYCE MARIE THOMAS for County-District Clerk in the March Democratic Primary Election. In a three-person race, she almost won the nomination without a runoff.

We urge you to support Joyce again in the Democratic Primary Runoff Tuesday, April 12.

We know she can do the job for us. She has been a Deputy County-District Clerk nine years. She knows the duties of the office; she knows the record-keeping system; she knows our people.

Just as important, she is dedicated to her job, and is pleasant to work with. She is an exemplary public servant.

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Obituaries

Alphonse Albracht

Alphonse M. Albracht, 86, of Madison, Neb., former Nazareth resident, died March 26 at Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus, Neb.

Services were held March 29 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fremont, Neb. with Rev. Frank Lorde-mann officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Fremont.

Mr. Albracht was born Oct. 17, 1907, in St. Bernard, Neb. He married Leona Pohlmeier on Sept. 25, 1930, in Nazareth. The couple lived in Nazareth, Lindsay, Neb. and Fremont until he retired from Magnus Metal and they moved to Countryside Home in Madison. He was a member of Holy Name Church in Lindsay, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1986, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Survivors include five daughters, Jane Roberts of Amarillo, Ethel Heiman of Sterling, Ill., Kathy Harsh of Columbus, Neb., Mickey Weidner of Madison and Sue Whorlow of Omaha, Neb.; four sons, Dale of Modesto, Calif., Dick of Des Moines, Iowa, Wayne of Madison and Gary of Simi Valley, Calif.; two brothers, Bud of Newman Grove, Neb. and Bill of Broken Bow, Neb.; seven sisters, Claire Backes of Columbus, Neb., Alvina Chevier of Humphrey, Neb., Loretta Finn of St. Claire Shores, Wis., Helen Breidert of New Baltimore Way, Mich., Germaine Schmidt of Platte Center, Neb., Darlene Korus of Lindsay, Neb., and Bonnie Helmberger of Fort Morgan, Colo.; 29 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

C.A. Boothe

Graveside services for C.A. "Buster" Boothe, 87, of Amarillo, brother of Bessie Mae Bradley of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Rev. Larry Richardson, pastor of Palisades Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial followed under direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Boothe died at 9:20 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

Born April 30, 1906, in Rule, he lived in Canyon and Floydada before moving to Amarillo in 1954. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1927 and attended McMurray College in Abilene. He married Winnie O. Coward on March 23, 1929, in Plainview. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Floydada, he was a Shriner, a member of the Khiva Temple in Amarillo and was active in the Boy Scouts in Floydada. He was a retired painting contractor and was a lifetime member of the painters union. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Phillip D. Boothe and Ronald D. Boothe, both of Amarillo; a brother, James Boothe of San Angelo; a sister, Bessie Mae Bradley of Dimmitt; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Khiva Shrine Temple, 305 E. Fifth, Amarillo 79101, designated for the Children's Burn Center.

Marvin Greathouse

Marvin Henson Greathouse, 86, of Sudan, died Sunday at his home.

Services were held Monday at Ellis Funeral Home in Sudan with Dean Wiseman and James Withrow officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Greathouse was born July 3, 1907, in Titus County. He married Arlene Wyatt on June 16, 1934, in Muleshoe. He had been a resident of Sudan since 1929, moving there from Clovis, N.M. He was an owner/manager of Great-House Cleaner and Hiway Used Car Sales until his retirement in 1970. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the US Army.

Survivors include his wife; two nieces and four nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Sudan Emergency Medical Services.

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Alma Moore

Services for Alma Moore, 79, of Earth, were held Wednesday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Earth with Rev. Jimmy nunn, associate minister of First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Kay Reed, pastor.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Moore died Monday in St. Mary's Hospital at Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 15, 1914, in Mangum, Okla. She married Earl Moore on June 30, 1934, in Dimmitt. She was a charter member of Earth United Methodist Church and was a nurse's aid.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981, and by a son, Richard, in 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Coleen Scott of Ruidoso, N.M.; two brothers, W.O. Jones Jr. and Joel Jones, both of Earth; two sisters, Lessie Messamore of Amherst and Naomi Burgess of Earth; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to EMS-Volunteer Fire Dept. and Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Tony Salinas

Juan Antonio "Tony" Salinas, 44, of Amarillo, died last Thursday.

Rosary was recited Sunday in Martin Road Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors with Deacon Hector Gallegos officiating.

Mass was celebrated Monday afternoon in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Amarillo with Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mr. Salinas was born in Little Rock, Ark. He had been a Dimmitt resident from 1956 to 1970. He moved to Amarillo in 1985 from Hereford. He married Minnie Mendoza in 1970 at Hereford. He worked for J. Lee Milligan for three years. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jasmine Salinas of the home, and Nancy Rocha and Cynthia Carreon, both of Amarillo; two sons, Fabian Salinas of the home and Juan Salinas Jr. of Amarillo; five sisters, Esther Castro, Minnie Rivera and Janie Puentes, all of Dimmitt, Rosa Hernandez of Amarillo and Noela Puga of Harlingen; three brothers, Ricky Salinas and Donato Salinas Jr., both of Dimmitt, and Daniel Salinas of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

Lenora L. Smith

Lenora L. Smith, 35, of Canyon, died Friday.

She was the daughter-in-law of Gene and Mary Smith of Dimmitt.

Services were held Tuesday morning in Holley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ernest McGaughey, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tulia, officiating.

Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Holley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Abilene. She graduated from West Texas State University and Texas Tech University Law School. She was an attorney. She married Gary Smith of Dimmitt in 1979 at Tulia. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Scott Smith of Canyon; her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Hawthorne of Sudan; two brothers, Eddie Hawthorne of Oklahoma City and Greg Hawthorne of Dallas; and a sister, Sandy Ethridge of San Angelo.

The family requests memorials be to the Opportunity Planning Corp. in Canyon.

Eldon Towry

Services for Eldon Young Towry, 76, of Ovalo, formerly of Hart, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Olton Cemetery with Rev. Mike Wilcox officiating. Burial followed under direction of Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Mr. Towry died Monday.

Born in Odell, he had lived in Vernon, Friona and Hart before moving to Olton in 1959. He lived there until moving to Ovalo in 1989. He was a farmer for many years and worked for Olton Feed Yard for 14 years until his retirement in 1984. He married Marjorie

Arp in 1939 at Altus, Okla. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Quova Nell Carlton of Ovalo and Lawanna Smith of Lubbock; a brother, David Towry of Kansas; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Olton Cemetery Fund, Olton 79064.

Murl Ward

Graveside services for Murl Ward, 68, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Harry Riggs, pastor of the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Ward died Friday at 5:34 p.m. at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo after a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 16, 1925, in Paducah. She lived in Silverton for 19 years before moving to Dimmitt in 1990. She married Clarence A. Ward on Aug. 4, 1946, in Spur. He died on Dec. 22, 1993. She was a housewife.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Ewing of Dimmitt and Carla Scott of Hereford; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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Police Calls

A Dimmitt man, 25, remained in jail Wednesday morning under \$20,000 bond on charges of aggravated sexual assault in the alleged rape of a 14-year-old Dimmitt girl around 1 a.m. Monday. A knife was taken as evidence in the incident, which is still under investigation.

Two Dimmitt men, ages 32 and 23, were arrested around 11:10 p.m. Friday after a routine traffic stop and subsequent search turned up drug paraphernalia. The 23-year-old also was charged with resisting arrest, and the 32-year-old was charged with public intoxication.

An incident of assault on a peace officer was reported last Thursday about 3 p.m. A juvenile female assaulted two officers who were trying to take her into custody for Children's Protective Services.

Allsup's reported that three newspaper vending machines were taken from in front of the store sometime between 3 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 a.m. Monday. The racks were valued at over \$1,000 and the change in them was estimated at about \$100.

Three incidents of family violence were reported during the past week. A Dimmitt woman reported that a suspect had violated an injunction by starting an argument with family members Saturday afternoon. A report was received from a woman Sunday evening; and another woman reported an incident the morning of March 29.

In incidents involving juveniles, a 15-year-old male said a suspect hit him in the mouth last Thursday afternoon, and a Dimmitt woman said a juvenile threatened her with a baseball bat Saturday afternoon. Also, some suspects were involved in a fight at Dimmitt High School at noon on March 30.

Items reported stolen during the past week include a shotgun taken from a pickup last Thursday afternoon, a television taken from a home in northeast Dimmitt Monday, some scrap metal taken from a trailer that was also vandalized Sunday evening, a toolbox and tools taken Monday evening, and a city dog trap reported missing Monday morning.

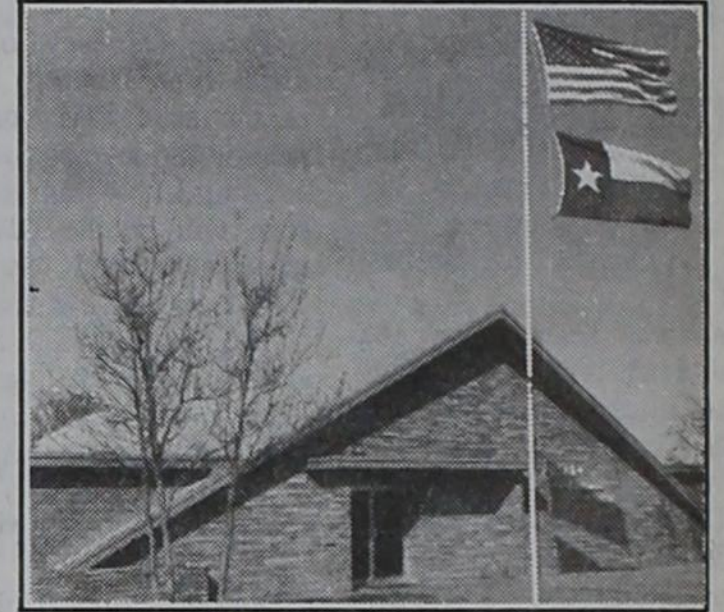
investigation is continuing into an unusual incident at the Emett Heard place southwest of Dimmitt. Heard told deputies that as he arrived at his farm a vehicle pulled into the driveway ahead of him and stopped at the house. Heard called the sheriff's office on a mobile phone.

When deputies arrived, the vehicle was not occupied and a search revealed no one in the area. Deputies said the vehicle is registered in Dallas, but no one has stepped forward to claim it from impoundment.

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Corn, soybean acres up, according to estimates

By ROBERT GREENE

AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers hope to plant enough corn and soybeans this year to provide for good-sized crops nationwide, even though some flood-damaged areas will stay idle.

The Agriculture Department reported Thursday that growers plan to increase their corn acreage by 7 percent over last year and their soybean acreage by 3 percent.

In all, farmers who were polled in early March plan to sow 78.6 million acres of corn, down just 1 percent from 1992. That year produced a record harvest of 9.5 billion bushels.

Because of 1993 weather disasters, 73.3 million acres produced 6.34 billion bushels of corn.

Soybean growers reported they intend to plant 61.1 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. In 1993, growers harvested 1.8 billion bushels of soybeans off 59.4 million acres. In 1992, they reaped a hefty 2.2 billion bushels from 59.1 million acres.

"It has the potential to be one of the larger crops of the last decade," David Miller, commodity policy specialist at

the American Farm Bureau Federation said of this year's crop.

If the intentions are carried out and the weather is good, the corn crop could reach 8.8 billion bushels and soybeans 2.2 billion, he said.

The high number of soybean acres surprised analysts, and many still feel

the number will drop in favor of corn.

But farmers

have a reason for choosing beans, which are grown in the same areas as corn. Many can't risk another year of losses on failed corn crops.

"They're going to be growing beans because they can do that cheaper than growing corn — for one year," said Bill Horan of Rockwell City, Iowa, president of his state's corn growers association.

"You don't have the fertilizer cost," he said. "You don't have the tillage cost. You can put a bean crop in pretty reasonable for one year."

Cotton plantings are expected to total 13.8 million acres, 3 percent above last year and 5 percent above 1992, because of good prices worldwide. Sorghum will be 10 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

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Crop year kicks off this month

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MAY 6-8

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MAY 28

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

JUNE 11

ARMSTRONG FARM TRACTOR PLAYDAY —

Paul and Jackie Armstrong of Amarillo will host their annual tractor show on their farm 3 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145, then three miles south. A slow race, parade and plowing contest will be held.

JULY 9

LEVELLAND CELEBRATION AND TRACTOR PARADE —

Parade and celebration including old tractors. For information contact Preston Reeves.

JULY 16

CHILDRESS REUNION — Day of celebrating and downtown parade.

Endless corn: farmers in for wild year

By ED WHITE

Associated Press Writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Imagine an expanse of farmland nearly twice the size of New England, plowed into countless neat furrows and ready to be planted.

The corn crop scattered around the United States could reach those proportions. With supplies low after last year's flood-ravaged harvest, the federal government has lifted limits on how much corn farmers can plant this spring.

Last year's Midwest flood and other weather-related woes cut the fall harvest by 33 percent, prompting the government to encourage farmers to plant more corn.

Weak land idled in previous years will be seeded and sprayed with chemicals, increasing the risk for erosion and runoff into streams and rivers. Farm suppliers are competing to tap into the larger demand for seed, fertilizer and herbicides.

Taxpayers have a stake, too. If the weather is favorable and corn yields climb, prices will plunge, triggering billions of dol-

lars in government payments to farmers.

"It could be a rollercoaster year," said University of Illinois farm economist Darrel Good.

This kind of corn won't end up salted and buttered on the cob. This crop, worth \$16.5 billion in 1993, is turned into livestock feed, alcohol fuel, sweeteners, food ingredients — even packing material.

On Sept. 1, the surplus from last year's crop is expected to be only 802 million bushels, or 61 percent of what Illinois alone produced in 1993.

To replenish stocks, nearly 7 million additional acres could be planted in the United States, pushing total acreage to 80 million in dozens of states around the country, the highest since the mid-1980s. The Agriculture Department will make its first estimate of spring planting today.

"Even with average conditions we will produce a huge crop," said Champaign County farmer Mark Cender.

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Organic farm shows how productivity, quality of life easily co-exist

Special to AgReview

TULIA — Bob Birkenfeld is certain that both his family and his land have benefited since he made the switch to sustainable farming methods — most of which bank on organic practices, including a heavy reliance on compost fertilizing.

Birkenfeld and his wife, Theresa, and children Sara and Ross farm and live near Tulia on the Texas High Plains.

He began to produce organically in 1990 as a result of a long-felt dissatisfaction with the relationship that he as a farmer had with his land. Birkenfeld's goal today is to keep his land as healthy and productive as possible, to provide for his family and to maintain a high quality of life.

Born into a farming family, Birkenfeld owns 187 acres of land, 57 acres of which are in cultivation. He has been farming in his current location for 15 years. He also has sheep (including several of the Navajo breed), goats, cows, calves, and chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. In addition, Birkenfeld helps operate the 3,500 acre farm and KGB Composters, along with brothers, Greg and Keith.

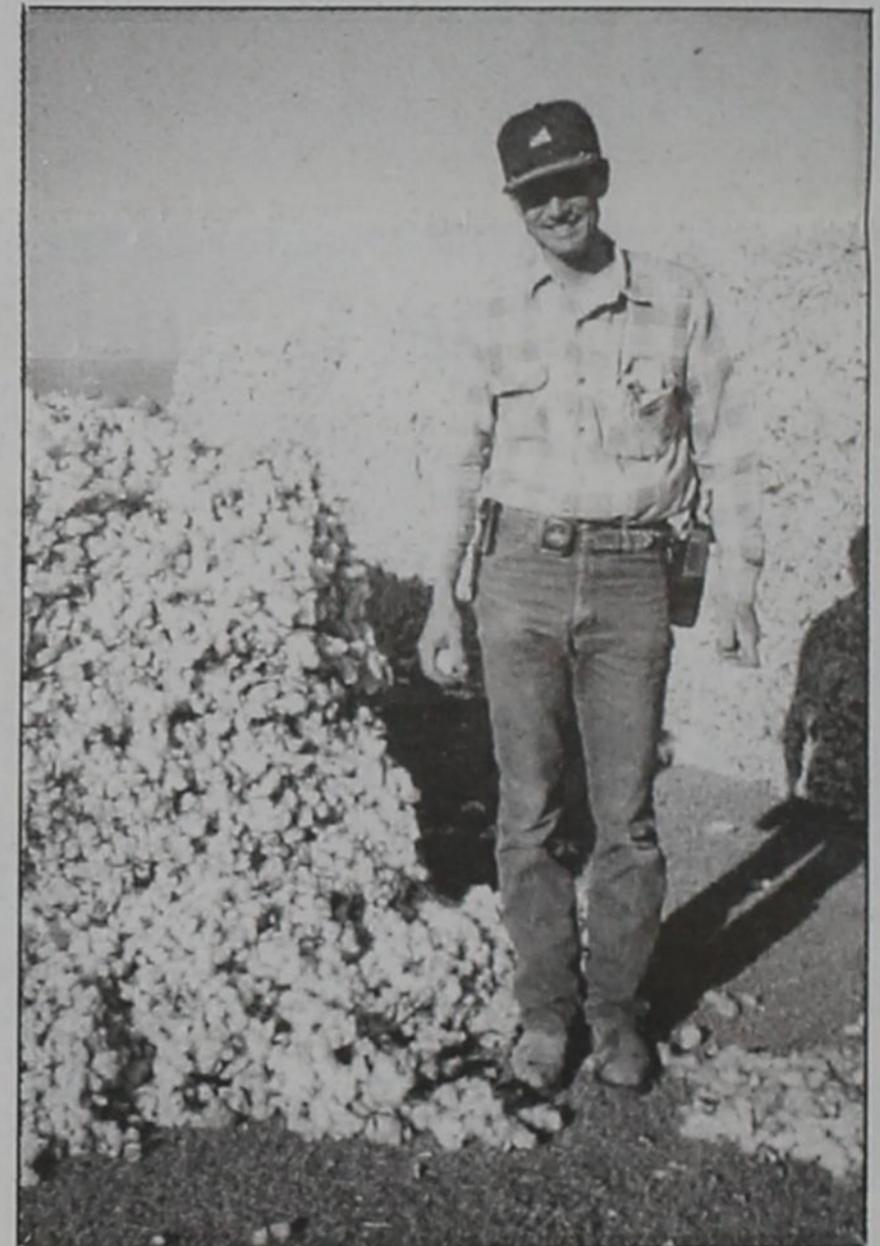
They have been involved in integrated pest management (IPM) since the mid-1980s and began using compost as fertilizer several years later. All of the land has been chemical free since 1990, and virtually all of it is certified organic through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Organic Certification Program.

KGB Composters and Farm is not only one of the largest cer-

tified organic farms in Texas, it is also one of the most diversified.

On the 2,880 acres they have in production, 480 acres are planted with cotton, 2,000 of wheat (one-third of which is irrigated), 280 of corn and 120 of grain sorghum. In efforts to keep pests at bay, Birkenfeld uses beneficial ladybugs, trichogramma wasps and green lacewings.

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Birkenfeld . . . committed to stewardship.

New uses for old crops, the search goes on

Ink from soy oil, peanut derivatives that remove spots, slippery oil made from crambe.

These and other new uses for old crops are being turned up all the time.

Crambe, for instance, is one of the hot new use crops proving attractive to Dakota farmers.

Interest in growing oil-yielding crambe has been boosted by the formation of a growers association by 300 of North Dakota's 420 crambe growers.

The group has decided to call itself the American Renewable Oil Association, according to Nyle Burchill, Page, N.D. farmer and vice president.

Crambe, a crop related to the mustard family, yields a high erucic oil that is used in various high performance specialty lubricants, including as a slip agent for plastic bags and packaging.

The association will take charge of all crambe seed pro-

duction and distribution, working closely with North Dakota State University and National Sun Industries, Inc., headquartered in growers and crushes crambe seed at its Enderlin, N.D., plant.

Sun also works with growers in western Kansas and eastern Colorado to develop crambe for processing at its new Goodland, Kan. plant.

Those involved are looking at possible joint venture projects aimed at capturing more value-added income for the alternative crop.

Meanwhile, research is showing the potential for soybeans and peanuts to help remove spots from clothing. In addition, new uses products may even improve the environment visually by helping clean clothes.

USDA's Agricultural Research Service has developed stain removers made from several types of oilseeds including soybeans and peanuts that can be used to remove stains

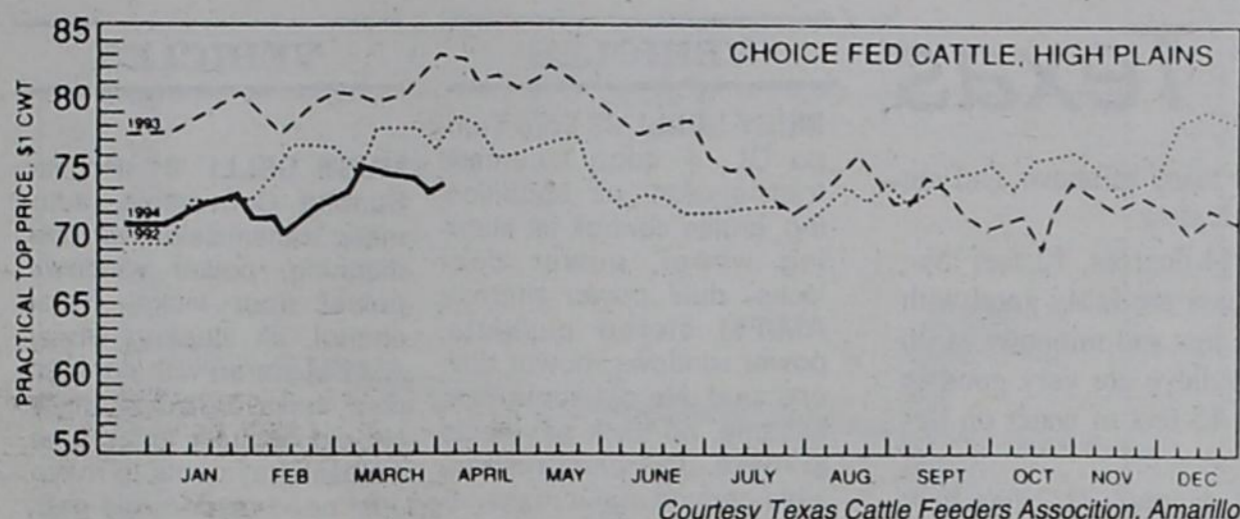
to fabric caused by makeup, motor oil, ink, grease, or the usual ketchup, mustard and other condiments.

The new formula, the ARS claims, is nonflammable, quicker and more effective than using solvents.

In a move that makes some soybean farmers happy, USDA Secretary Mike Espy announced to the American Soybean Association last summer that all printing ordered by the ag department will be done with vegetable oil ink.

Previously, only in-house printing at the USDA had used vegetable-oil ink. The department orders some \$25 million of outside printing a year.

In other action, legislation has been introduced that would maximize use of soy and other vegetable-oil inks in the massive number of printing projects, forms, documents and publications produced by the federal government.



Courtesy Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo

Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through Apr. 1.

Organic, from Pg 2

He keeps weeds down through manual cultivation. Although the cost of hiring six farm hands may seem high to some producers, Birkenfeld is adamant that the increase in labor costs is more than offset by reduced chemical costs, as well as increased crop value in the marketplace. For example, Birkenfeld commands \$1.25-1.30 for his organically grown cotton, as opposed to the 60 cents he would receive if it was traditionally-grown.

HE REMEMBERS at one point he found himself dissatisfied with his choices for fertilizer as an organic grower, Birkenfeld decided to take matters into his own hands by starting a commercial composting business. He began developing a compost high in humus and laden with beneficial microbes and nutrients for use on his land.

Birkenfeld's compost is made from local feedlot manure and cotton burrs from the local cotton gin. He was successful in using the compost on his own land in 1990 and, one year later, began producing compost for sale to other farmers and ranchers in the area. He sells the compost for \$12 per ton plus 15 cents per mile for freight and \$5 dollars per acre for application.

Birkenfeld's marketing methods are as diverse as the crops he grows. He has developed a mailing list to help him market the compost. He looks to Brent Wiseman, TDA's Organic Certification program administrator, for information on distribution, production and wholesalers of cotton, eggs, wool and grains. He has also begun to look outside the U.S. for potential markets, hosting interested industrial representatives from as far as Japan at his farm.

Birkenfeld says, "markets for organic produce are finally starting to come around and word of mouth travels fast."

IN ORDER to keep informed about organic methods, Birkenfeld reads New Farm, Stockman Grass Farmer, and Acres USA and also talks with other farmers about the methods they use. He is likewise involved in organizations through which he learns and teaches others. One is the Great Plains Composter Association and the other is the Texas Organic Cotton Growers Association. He feels that both organizations are doing a good job giving support to farmers, but he believes that both need to include more people to become more effective.

Birkenfeld participates in community life in several ways. He has been instrumental in the development and success of the Rural-Urban Partnership, developed by his brother, Father Da-1 L. Birkenfeld. This partnership culminates in a yearly conference bringing rural and urban people together to increase their understanding of each other. Birkenfeld has also held a crop tour, as well as Holistic Resource Management (HRM) classes, and even kindergarten class tours of his farm.

As a child, Birkenfeld saw that the chemical fertilizer applied by his father made the ground packed and hard to cultivate. As an adult, he began to view the land as a "drug addict that needed help to recover" in order to keep from perishing.

ALTHOUGH he did not see a drop in yield when he made the switch to organic, he would not have been concerned if there had been one. His main objective was to nurse his land back to health. He earns all of his income from his 187 acres and from the larger operation with his brothers. However, he does not measure his success in terms of maximized production. "I'm not interested in yield. I think of the long term effects (of chemical use) on the land and the folks who live on it," says Birkenfeld.

Birkenfeld's long-term goal is to achieve self-sufficiency on his land. He eventually wants to pare down his acreage to just under 400, providing for his immediate family's needs while working on a simpler life-style, including more time to spend with his wife and children. Running a 3,500 acre farm with his brothers has taken its toll on the amount of time he can spend with his family. He doesn't want to let his work on the farm take him away from what he is coming to see as the most important thing for his family — quality of life.

Birkenfeld sees sustainable agricultural production as a key element in achieving this quality of life. He remembers spraying herbicides, pesticides and other chemicals on his father's farm when he was young. He also remembers how after a day of spraying, he would feel physically ill. He has come to see organic production as a trade-off, where less chemicals equals more labor, but also greater product value and health, both personally and for the land.

Corn, from pg 2

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Farmers would not be planting more corn without a nudge from Washington.

The government usually requires farmers not to plant a crop on a portion of their corn acreage, a measure intended to balance supply with expected demand. In exchange, they qualify for cash payments if prices fall below \$2.75 per bushel.

The land that is set aside can go as high as 10 percent, as in 1993, or zero, which is the 1994 policy announced last fall. Seed dealers such as Trisler Seed Farms in Vermilion County have been busy.

"It could mean a potential increase of 7 to 10 percent in sales of seed," said Trisler general manager T.J. Hale. "We went out very aggressively and solicited business. Everyone wants that extra 10 percent so the competition is tough."

Soil scientist Dan Towery measures the impact differently. Farmers will be replanting some of their poorest land, out of production in previous years.

"From an erosion standpoint, it could have an impact. It's going to depend on what the weather patterns are," said Towery, from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

And what about a

farmer's wallet?

"The farmer is bred to produce," said Harry Roe, a farmer in Grundy County. "It's in his genes, it's in his veins. When spring comes, you're always looking for that big crop."

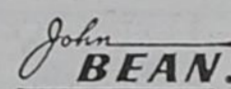
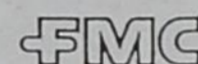
Rain during the planting season or no rain in early July, a critical growth period, could trigger fears of another bad year and send corn prices above \$3 a bushel. The 51/2-year high was \$3.113/4 at the Chicago Board of Trade on Jan. 13.

If the weather is good, prices could tumble to \$2.20 and kernels would be piled in glittery mounds like 1992 when farmers posted a record harvest of 9.4 billion bushels.

Consumers probably won't feel the effect of volatile prices at the grocery store. The cost of corn as a food ingredient is outweighed by processing, transportation and promotion expenses, Good said.

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Fishing heats up in West Texas

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ARROWHEAD: Water off color, 56 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fairly slow to 2 pounds on minnows and jigs; crappie are very good to 2 pounds on minnows and jigs; catfish are slow.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy, 65 degrees, 11 1/2 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 9 pounds on buzz baits and spinners in shallow water with the peak of the spawn approaching; hybrid striper are fairly good to 8 pounds; crappie are fair; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on shad.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 4 1/2 pounds on chartreuse spinners and motor oil-colored worms; striper are good to 12 pounds on jigs and shad; white bass are good in the schools near Ports Of Call; crappie are good on small minnows in 4-12 feet of water in the channels; catfish are good to 6 pounds on Mr. Whiskers cheese bait and night crawlers in 30-40 feet of water over baited holes.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 48 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds in 6 feet of water on cranks; white bass are good in the shallows on jigs and minnows; crappie are good in 6 feet of water on minnows and jigs; catfish are good to 11 pounds in 8-30 feet of water on minnows; walleye are fairly good near the dam on cranks.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 60 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are fair to good in the 2 pound range on spinner baits; crappie are good in the shallows on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 6 pounds on stink bait.

KEMP: Water off color, 2 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are fairly good in 1-6 feet of water on minnows; catfish are fair on worms and stink bait.

MCCLELLAN: Water off color, 10 feet low; catfish are

good to 9 pounds on rod and reel using minnows and cut bait off the banks; all other fishing is slow.

MEREDITH: Water off color, 44 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass are slow; smallmouth bass are fairly good with numerous 3-5 pounders caught on jigs and minnows in 20 feet of water; crappie are slow; walleye are very good in the 1-3 pound range in shallow to 15 feet of water on jigs and minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 54 degrees, 7 1/2 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds in the shallows to 6 feet of water with the spawn yet to get underway; crappie are good on minnows off the docks with limits; catfish are fair in the 3 pound range on chicken liver and shrimp.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on worms and cranks in 6 feet of water; hybrid striper are good to 12 pounds trolling; crappie are fairly good to some limits in 18 feet of water on minnows; catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 12 pounds on white spinners; striper are fair to 11 pounds; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are fairly good on minnows and jigs in the crappie house, under the bridge and in the cat tails; catfish are fair to 16 inches on stink bait and worms.

THEO: Water clear, 18 feet low; all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen and the weather.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 9 pounds on worms in the shallows with the spawn about to get underway; white bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and minnows; crappie are fairly good on minnows; catfish are slow.

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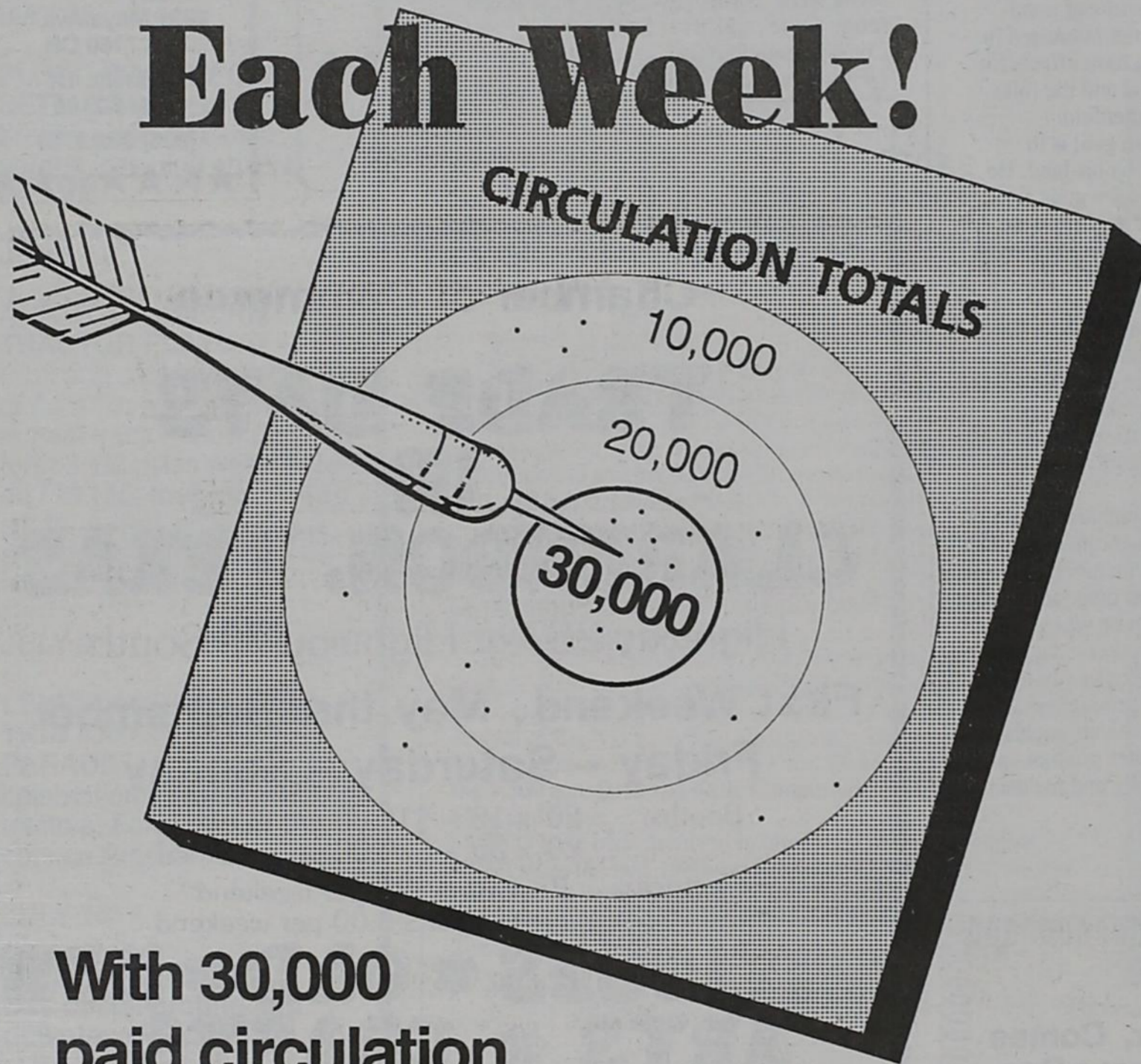
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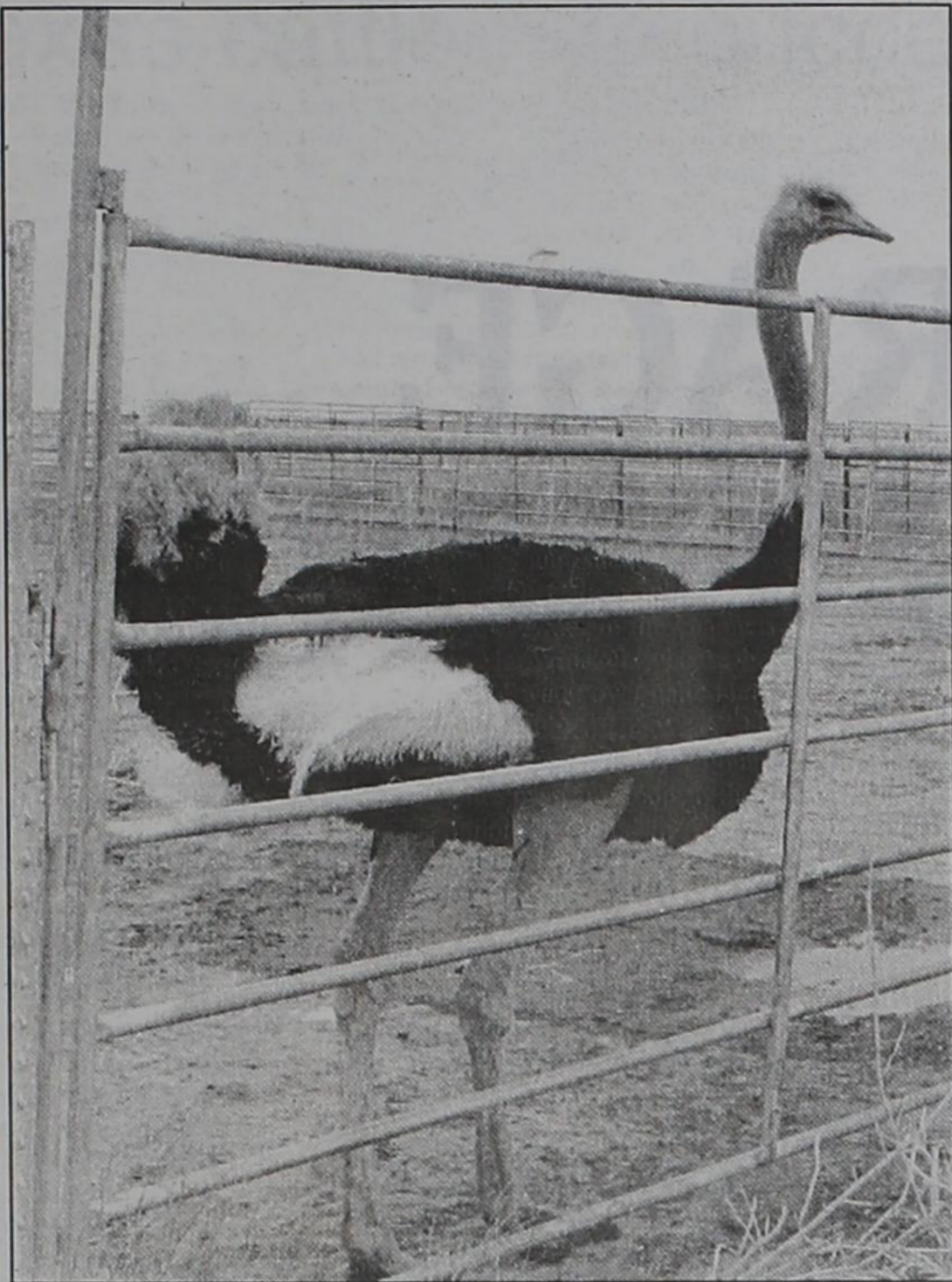
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Tall Texas ostrich

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Furrs cafeteria to restructure

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Cafeteria company Furr's-Bishop's Inc. proposed a restructuring Tuesday as it reported a \$160.7 million fourth-quarter loss.

Furr's said its independent auditors have given it an opinion that discusses "factors which raise substantial doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern."

"These factors include the company's recurring losses and the expectation that debt covenant will not be met in the absence of an amendment or a financial restructuring," the company said in a news release.

An indenture amend-

ment adopted Monday let Furr's receive a going concern qualification in the auditors' report on the financial statements for fiscal 1993.

Furr's said it plans to start negotiating with its creditors soon so it can try to present a final restructuring proposal to stockholders later this year.

Lubbock-based Furr's operates 141 cafeterias, buffets and specialty restaurants in 15 states under the names Furr's, Bishop's, Zoo-Kini's and El Paso Bar-B-Que.

For the 12 1/2 weeks ended Dec. 28, Furr's lost \$160.7 million, or \$14.35

per share, on revenues of \$58.4 million. That compares with a loss of \$1.2 million, or 27 cents per share, on revenues of \$70.1 million during the 14 weeks in the year-earlier period.

The fourth-quarter loss includes a \$135.5 million writeoff of goodwill resulting from a 1986 leveraged buyout and \$13.3 million in special charges related to Furr's operational and financial restructuring.

For all of fiscal 1993, the company lost \$166.1 million, or \$15.33 per share, widening its 1992 loss of \$2.4 million, or 87 cents per share. Revenue dipped from \$268.3 million in 1992 to \$253.8 million in 1993, when the company tallied 1 1/2 fewer weeks.

TFG launches land listings

WACO — A new real estate listing service will help farmers and ranchers sell and lease farm land for a fraction of the fees commercial real estate brokers charge, at least that is the goal of the new Texas Farm Bureau AgLands program.

AgLands, set up by the Texas Farm Bureau Real Estate Corporation, will give property listings widespread exposure without charging huge fees.

Texas Farm Bureau Director Vernie Glasson said that the program will benefit both the buyer and the seller.

"What our program is designed to do," he said, "is provide greater market

exposure than traditional services, while reducing the cost of selling to the member."

The program, which was announced in November at the Texas Farm Bureau state convention in San Antonio, will reduce listing fees from five or six percent of the total sale charged by commercial brokers to one percent plus a listing fee.

This new program means increased profits for sellers. For example, AgLands State Manager Jamie Gipe explained that on a 1,000 acre plot of land selling for \$500 per acre, normal brokerage fees could exceed \$25,000. Using the new AgLands

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Gipe also said that statewide and regional listings will be offered through the Farm Bureau computer network, as well as public listings in newspapers.

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Mild winter benefits onion crop

AUSTIN -- A relatively mild winter in South Texas has provided excellent growing conditions for the ever popular Texas 1015 SuperSweet onion crop with harvest expected to begin sometime between April 15-20, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

"Onions are a major vegetable crop in Texas, and the 1015s are gaining national and international name recognition for our state's growers and for other Texas onion varieties," Perry said. "The user-friendly 1015s are popular because they don't have a lot of pungency and can be enjoyed raw in such meals as salads and sandwiches."

This is the seventh year the 1015 variety has been marketed. The onion was named for its recommended planting date, Oct. 15.

The 1015s, as well as the state's other onion varieties, known as Texas SpringSweet onions are grown in 35 counties found in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Laredo and Winter Garden areas. Harvest of Texas SpringSweet onions began in early March and these fresh onions are available in markets throughout the state.

About 4,000 acres of 1015s are planted this year. A total of 15,000 acres of spring onions are planted, with harvest expected from 14,500 acres, according to the latest projections available from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Last year the state's onion crop earned almost \$103 million in sales, generating an overall economic impact of more than \$335 million, Perry said.

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Texas cattlemen successfully curbing brucellosis

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas has joined 17 other states and moved up a notch in the ranking of how few cattle in the state are infected with brucellosis.

The U.S. Agriculture Department reclassified Texas from a "B" to an "A" ranking because the cattle industry curbed brucellosis in breeding cattle to no more than 2.5 infected herds for every 1,000 herds in the state during the previous 12-month period.

Texas joined the Class A states because inspectors also found no more than one brucellosis-infected animal in 1,000 cattle marketed statewide for the pre-

vious 12-month period, said Billy Johnson, a veterinarian and deputy administrator of veterinary services at USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Thirty-two states are ranked "brucellosis-free."

The new ranking was announced Monday at the 117th annual meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Fort Worth-based support group for cattle producers and traders.

The convention, held last week, drew more than 2,000 of the group's approximately 17,000 ranchers and other members in Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding

states. Texas is the nation's leading cattle-producing state, with about \$6 billion in annual sales of all cattle and calves.

Texas cattle raisers have participated for 35 years in a national effort to eradicate the cow disease.

Dead calves and other industry losses were blamed on brucellosis in the 1970s and early 1980s, when other states were threatening to embargo Texas cattle shipments because of the disease threat.

The state's upgrade to Class A, one step removed from "brucellosis-free," will be an economic boost to

Texas selling and moving cattle across state lines, Johnson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Our cattle will move more freely," said rancher John Cargile, operator and principal owner of Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo.

The Class A ranking continues to require brucellosis testing of Texas' breeding cattle before shipment to other states, but it eliminates the previously

mandatory retesting and 45- to 120-day quarantine at the buyers' end of the interstate cattle shipment.

Brucellosis also has been reported in humans and can be contracted by people through contact with infected animals. Known in humans as undulant fever, it can be treated with antibiotics but often becomes a recurring, though controllable, infection causing intermittent fever, weakness, pain and swelling of

the joints of extremities and digits.

Farm is 'model' for future

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a keep-it-in-the-family farming style, and the Agriculture Department wants Americans to learn about it.

The department has set up a sustainable farming demonstration project, called simply "The Farm," on 60 acres in Beltsville, Md., outside Washington. The expanse includes a dairy barn, tomatoes, corn, red clover, barley and soybeans.

Sustainable agriculture is thought to be environment-friendly as well wallet-friendly, producing higher yields and lower costs, said Donald Bills, the head of the project for the Agricultural Research Service. The project's goal is to find new techniques that farmers can use.

Tomato yields already are 20 percent higher than they would be in a traditional plot, project managers said. The tomato plants are planted in hairy vetch — a legume that reduces soil erosion and requires less water — instead of plastic mulch.

Bills said project staff members also are recycling manure from the dairy barns and using green manure crops and cover crops as substitutes for some chemical fertilizers.

Two plant physiologists running the vegetable part of the project, Aref Abdul-Baki and John Teasdale, use half the amount of chemical fertilizer used in conventional systems and less insecticide and herbicide.

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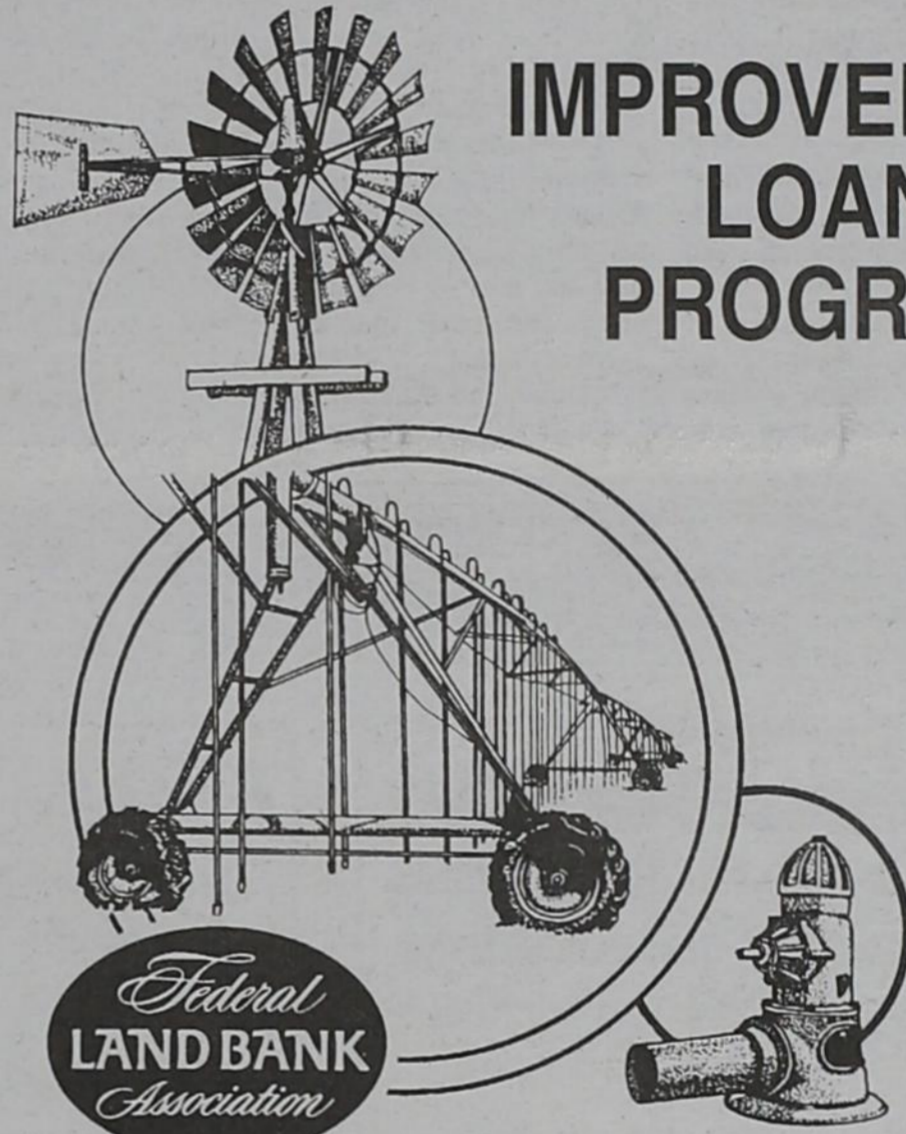
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Meandering manure threatens water quality

By JOHN H. CUSHMAN Jr.
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BOILING SPRINGS, Pa. — A spring thaw and soft rains have finally put an end to one of the harshest winters in recent Pennsylvania memory, and the piles of manure that have accumulated in barnyards for months tower over dwindling banks of snow.

As the snow melts, the rivulets running off the farms and into nearby rivers pose a serious environmental problem, not only in local waters like Yellow Breeches Creek, this town's well-known trout stream, but all the way down the Susquehanna River and into Chesapeake Bay.

Concentrated nutrients like the nitrogen that washes from rich heaps of manure can be poisonous to fish and damage aquatic productivity. Even drinking water supplies can be affected if floods overwhelm treatment plants.

Agricultural pollution is a problem in the United States, one that Congress is trying to address by rewriting the Clean Water Act to deal for the first time with control pollution from widely scattered sources, especially the water that drains from farms.

Thirty percent to 40 percent of American waters do not meet the clean water law's goals, largely because of polluted runoff, said Robert Perciasepe, assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. "It is one of the remaining, most vexing water quality problems we have."

According to EPA surveys, agriculture is the leading source of widely dispersed pollution — what specialists call "nonpoint-source

pollution," to distinguish it from the effluent from specific sources, like factories or sewage treatment plants.

Pennsylvania's approach to the problem has been to coax farmers rather than coerce them into controlling pollution, taking local conditions into account when possible and offering financial incentives.

And lawmakers drafting the Clean Water Act revisions say that many of the farming practices being tried in Pennsylvania and in a few other areas should be adopted everywhere.

In a three-day Pennsylvania tour, the runoff from a winter's worth of manure was evident. In some places the runoff was completely uncontrolled; in others, farmers, county conservation officials, and private environmental groups were cooperating to try to minimize the damage.

In gentler seasons dairy farmers would spread the manure as fertilizer, but this year, they have been unable to take the machinery into their sodden fields, which are still mostly under tattered blankets of snow.

"Since we lived here, I can't remember manure piled up like this," said Harold L. Bixler, who grew up in the 1940s on his family's farm on the banks of Yellow Breeches Creek outside Boiling Springs. "It's the worst problem we have, manure."

In cooperation with federal, state and local agencies and with Trout Unlimited, a non-profit conservation organization, Bixler has invested tens of thousands of dollars to contain the manure from his farm and to erect fences so his livestock can no longer wander freely in the Yellow Breeches.

Although the meandering stream, fed by limestone springs, is considered by anglers to be worth protecting in its own right, it is the vastly more valuable Chesapeake Bay that provided the incentive to change the practices of dairy farmers like Bixler.

A decade ago, the states that border the bay recognized that pollutants from far afield were causing a decline in the bay's living resources, including its rich cash crops of oysters and crabs.

In 1987, the states agreed to concentrate on controlling farm runoff into the bay, and in 1992 they enlarged the effort to include tributaries far upstream.

Now farmers on the Yellow Breeches can get government aid worth up to 80 percent of the first \$37,500 they spend on improvements recommended by the Pennsylvania county conservation agency.

"I wouldn't be here, not if I had to pay for everything," said Bixler, who installed a manure pit. "It's more or less just for the convenience of the Chesapeake Bay; it's not for my convenience."

In all, the federal government has spent at least \$12 million since 1987, and Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania have spent a total of \$17 million, to control runoff into the bay.

As the Chesapeake program has grown, Pennsylvania has become a leading state in trying to control runoff from farms. Last year, the Legislature required all high-density livestock operations to have a program for managing nutrient-rich pollutants, like that from manure.

It is not a traditional regulatory program, state officials say, because it takes into account a

farmer's crop needs, the nutrient content of soils, the amount of available manure and the normal local farming practices.

County conservation officials then seek to persuade farmers to integrate appropriate management practices into their standard operations.

Proposed amendments to the national Clean Water Act, approved earlier this month by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, would require other states to adopt something similar to Pennsylvania's.

Although the Senate bill would impose significant new pollution control requirements, the new rules would allow considerable local variation, and would take 12 years to go into effect.

The bill would require a state to develop its own program to control pollution on farms and elsewhere. The rules would affect farming practices only near water that is being polluted.

The states, under guidelines set in Washington, would establish specific, approved practices to control polluted runoff. Individual

farms would either have to adhere to those practices or develop an acceptable alternative tailored for the site and approved by local conservation officials.

One of the biggest questions is whether the government can afford to finance new pollution controls in a meaningful way. The Senate bill would allow up to \$300 million to be spent controlling non-point-source pollution in 1995, increasing to \$600 million in 1999 and thereafter.

But there is no guarantee that Congress would actually vote to provide that much money when spending bills are approved every year.

In 1987, the last time Congress revised the Clean Water Act, it directed the states to identify waters damaged or threatened by widespread runoff, and to develop comprehensive programs to reduce pollution.

But in recent years the program has been financed by Congress at only about \$50 million annually, as against the \$50 billion investment the nation has made in sewage treatment plants.

Man guilty of 'lamb beating'

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — A man who graduated with an animal science degree was convicted of beating a lamb at a livestock auction to make it seem more attractive to judges.

Kyle Schwedtfeger was found guilty Thursday of cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor, and fined \$1,000.

Schwedtfeger, 22, graduated from Oklahoma State University. He beat the lamb

with his hands at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair Junior Livestock Auction last September while the lamb's 16-year-old owner held it by the head.

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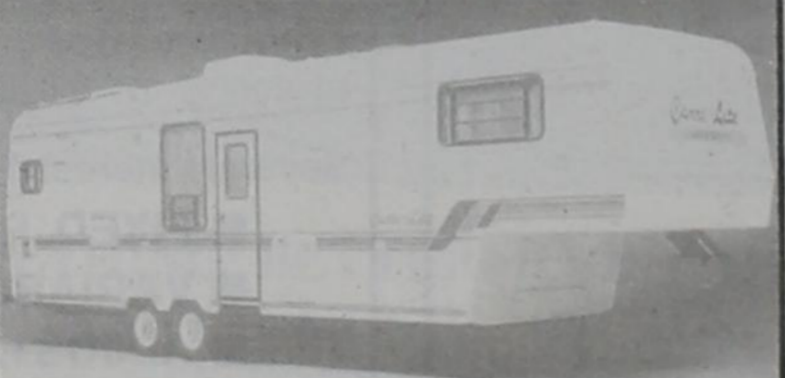
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