Our 99th year

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 17, 1987 ... Merkel, Texas

Board approves job descriptions, hears campus reports, evaluations plans

The Merkel School Board met Tuesday night in the Merkel High school teachers lounge and heard reports from campus principals, adopted a state suggested AIDS policy and set early release dates.

Board members also decided to support the nomination of former Wylie ISD superintendent Stanley Whisenhunt as a director of the Taylor County Appraisal District.

Board members started by paying bills totaling \$129,354. School business director Peggy Gibson. She told board members the school's surplus stood at \$1,295,000 and that 90 percent of the 1986 taxes were paid. She said the school still had a "lot" of delinquent taxes but that some of those were being collected.

Merkel High principal Robert Damron also cleared up some confusion about the high school honors classes program. Merkel High students who took honors classes during the past two years will receive points toward class rankings for those classes but will not be eligible for a special seal on their high school diploma. Damron told board members that next year's juniors will be eligible for that program. Students now taking honors classes will be eligible for five extra points that will improve their class ranking. The board also decided to sign a contract with Taylor County's Central Appraisal District for delinquent tax collections. The tax collection work will continue to be performed by an Austin-based law firm but the school will save 3 percent on coleiction fres by signing the contract. Board members also heard

from each campus principal, during third period. Each had good things to say about During the superintendent's re-

reading disorders.

enrolled in special education spring. classes

bers he has 334 students.

Merkel High principal Robert November 25th and December Damron reported 419 students, 18th including 15 who had previously contacting parents of students That plan was unchanged from who aren't in school, usually last year

the first three weeks of school. port, James Logan told the board At Tye Elementary, principal he had started an administrative Harry Taylor reported 207 stu- council meeting being held Mondents as of Monday. He also said day's prior to school board Tye had started a new reading meetings. That council consists of program to help students with the campus principals, a student council representative and a At Merkel Elementary, princi- teacher representative. He also pal David Casey reported 530 said the district should plan a students and of that, 21 were surplus equipment auction this

The board also set early release Merkel Middle School principal dates through the Christmas Gaylon Brnovak told board mem- holidays. School will dismiss at

In other action, board members the school was starting a program er's list, as well as job descripof contacting parents of students tions for all MISD employees.

Badgers stomp Cisco

§ Badger defensive back Shayne Newberry makes a tackle on a Cisco runner in the Badgers first home game last week. The back judge obviously didn't like a block ne saw on the play and throws a flag. The Badgers travel to Anson Friday to take on the Tigers. Staff photo



1: 30 on September 25th, October 2. Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

dropped out of school. He also said also approved a substitute teach- Will dedicate new building Sunday

on days those students were Board members also approved a Mercy Catholic Church are happy the Bishop of the Diocese of San The ceremony will begin at

Sunday, a dedication will be held. Father Fancis Hynes, C.M. of is cordially invited to do so. and in a formal way, the new Sweetwater, pastor of Our Mother In order for local people to also to the Worship of God. Frank Zimmermann, C. M., priest

Zimmermann, C.M. priest in to announce that the new church is Angelo, of which Merkel is a part. 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Anyone who completed and ready for use. Assisiting at the ceremony will be would like to attend this ceremony

church building will be dedicated of Mercy Church and Father have a look at the new church, an

28 cents

Travel to Anson Friday Please See Page 2

Trent tramples Rule 2-0 'Rilla's host Guthrie Friday

Please See Page 3

Church dedication, Badgers, Railbirds, ammendments... more

by Cloy A. Richards

A couple of grand openings, of sorts, will be held here over the weekend.

Sunday, parishioners of Our will dedicate their beautiful new facility in a special worship service starting at 10:30. The ball and completed half of his Bishop of the San Angelo district will attend that special mass. So other local churchgoers can get a Shayne Newberry, who had a stands, are looking for their sign, look at the new facility on Merkel's South side, an open house will start Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

5683 will dedicate their new facility.

That grand opening will start at 10 a.m. and the new facility is members of the Post and three local "Gold Star" mothers. The sive man to each offensive back public is also invited to attend that ceremony.

football teams will take to the field for their first time this afternoon as they host Anson. The 7th grade games starts at 5:30, followed by the 8th grade and the season, looked effective at closing with the JV contest.

While we are on one of my favorite subjects, the Badgers looked both good and bad in soundly defeating Cisco here Friday 38-14. The Badgers took their first snap and quarterback yard plus touchdown. After that, last year. the Badgers supttered for awhile

again.

early Jowers looked good running the passes, scoring four touchdowns. (those guys who stand along the Cory Hine ran the ball well and pipe at the West end of the home great game against Sweetwater in which was 'removed' from the the opener, was held in check all stadium. I talked with one of their night with under 50 ayrds on 18 most radical spokesmen this week carries. The reason Newberry was and they wanted to pass along Saturday, Merkel VFW Post stopped is the Cisco defense thanks to Hayden eeves and his followed every step he made, even knocking Newberry down when a from the pipes they use at foot pitch was not made to him. That is rests. As they get older, they may illegal in this modern day football. start making a serious request for being dedicated to the two female The was you used to defend the some kind of seats along that wishbone was to assign a defen- area and tell the defense to knock the That is no longer within the rules The local 7th and 8th grade and since we are the only team in their first real contest as Guthrie the district running the wishbone, area officials may be a little rusty on that rule. Regardless, the head to Trent Friday and check it Badgers, in their second game of out times and not so effective at

times, which is about what you Carriker's Capitol Journal column expect in week two.

Anson Tigers who must be wondering what in the world is going on, starting the season at 0-2 time to read what he has to say Kenneth Jowers took it in for a 50 after such a good performance about the proposed ammendments

The Tigers lost to Cisco in their

before getting the offense rolling season opener which shocked quite a few folks and then fell to Cisco surprised the Badger Eastland last week (there is no defense by trying to throw the ball shame in that). Look for the and had some success at it. The Badgers to take to the air a little secondary learned that valuable more as the Badger passing Mother of Mercy Catholic Church lesson of reading pass or run attack will gain confidence each week

> Members of the local Railbirds crew for removing the chain link

Trent's Gorillas are flying high back on his backside each play. as they are off to a 2-0 start and local fans might see the 'Rilla's in comes to Trent Friday. If you have never seen a Six-Man game,

Local state representative Steve will be featuring some descriptions of the proposed changes to This week, they take on the the Texas constitution over the next few weeks.

Local voters should take the before going to the polls Nov. 3rd.

His Excellency, Michael D. in charge of Our Mother of Mercy until 4 p.m. Sunday. The com-Pfeifer, O.M.I. will officiate at Church, and Father Frank Lee munity is also invited to attend.

Sign up for USDA commodities before Sept. 24

People interested in receiving distributes food commodites pur- p.m. Monday-Friday. You do not USDA food commodities have chased by the United States have to be a city resident to make until Sept. 24th to sign up at City Department of Agriculture and application for the local food Hall

makes the commodities available distribution

received the commodities will not and family size guidelines. need to sign up again. Every other month, the city City Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 tion.

People who have previously to people meeting certain income The next distribution will be held Oct. 3rd at the Merkel Applications may be filled out at Volunteer Fire Department Sta-

VFW will dedicate building

The local chapter of the Veter- will be dedicated to the two lady served in the Marine Corps. Josie and of Foreign Wars Post 5683 and members and the three Gold Star Lackey, mother of Robert E. the Ladies Auxillary, would like to Mothers of Post 5683.

The ceremony will begin at 10 Worrel who served in the U. S

a.m. Saturday Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite Theater in World War II.

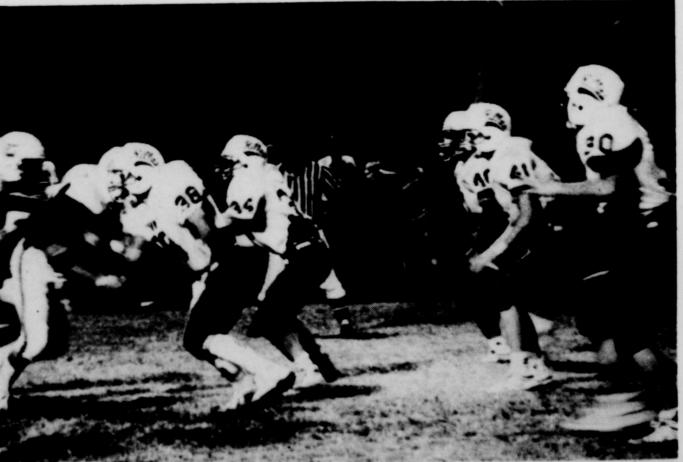
Members will also conduct the mothers whose sons died in battle U.S. Army Air Corps.

Lackey, who served in the Army invite the citizens of Merkel to The only two lady members are and died in Viet Name December their Grand Opening ceremonies. Lena V. Barnes and Mildred E. 11, 1968

Aarmy during the European Viola Ensminger's son, Wade H.

Ensminger Jr. was shot down on will attend the ribbon cutting. The Gold Star Mothers are World War II while serving in the

formal flag raising ceremony and overseas. These mothers are Ruth The community is invited in the dedication of the building will Riney whose son Delma Reed died honoring these women who debe conducted. The new building in Viet Nam July 2, 1967. He serve our attention



§ Trent's defense, which held Rule to one touchdown, reacts to the snap. Shown are Mike Payne [38], Chris

Jones [34], Keith Oden [40], Brian Massey [41] and Lewis Knapp. Photo by Shannon Payne

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Our cornerbacks were coming up

He added "We want to keep

Jowers received the honors from

Badgers trounce Cisco

here Friday night.

their final pre-district tune up of it the season

completed 8 of 16 passes, includ- win ing a 51 yard scoring strike to He said he was very proud of the reminding the kids that we need to halfback Davey DeLeon.

keep it, and raced 63 yards for a this week. touchdown. Jowers also scored He was also happy with the way the ARN but added "It's a two more score

Jowers ran for four touchdowns The Mail Tuesday "I was kind of that he was very pleased with Jowers ran 12 times for 99 yards, and passed for another to lead the disappointed after the game After some of the aspects of the Shayne Newberry (who was sha-Badgers to a 38-14 win over Cisco scoring on the first play of the Badgers' game.

season record at 1-1 as the When people give you a chance to but concerned about 123 yards 12 carries and DeLeon has 5 yards Badgers travel to Anson Friday in put them away, you have to take allowed through the air. He said on 3 carries.

Lepard was also worried that to protect the run too fast and they Jowers was selected as the the Badgers blew a couple of let a couple of passes go in behind Abilene Reporter News' offensive scoring opportunities inside the them. It is all a learning process player of the week as the ran for Cisco 20 yard line and said "You and we need to guit making those 99 yards on 12 carries and can't do that in district games and kind of mistakes.

execution in the passing game as eliminate our mistakes. The kids Jowers started with a bang as Jowers completed half of his pass have a real good attitude and they he took the ball on the game's attempts and he felt the Badgers expect a lot out of themselves. opening offensive play, decided to did a much better job of tackling. He added he was proud that

three more times on short runs to the offensive line blocked. He said reflection on how the team plays lead the Badgers. DeLeon added we are not where we wanted to as well



§ Badger halfback Davey DeLeon has nothing but the goal line in front of him as he caught a Kenneth Jowers pass for a 53 yard touchdown. DeLeon also scored on a short run in last week's game against Cisco.

Staff photo

Badger quarterback Kenneth Badger coach Dick Lepard told be at this point in the season but In the yards gained department. dowed by the Cisco cornerback all He was proud of the defense night long) had 18 carries for 45 The win evened the Badgers for the rest of the first quarter, holding Cisco to 64 yards rushing yards, Cory Hines had 84 yards in

> He complimented the play of Kevin Wright at linebacker (who led the team in tackles) and David Bierra at defensive end. He also liked the efforts of DeLeon at halfback, John Walsh at offensive end and the running of Corey Hines.

> This week, the Badgers take on Anson and they are off to a disappointing 0-2 start. Anson lost to Cisco in week one and were shutout by Eastland last week.

> Anson runs out of the I formation on offense and plays the 27 defensive alignment. Lepard said the Tigers like to back off the ball and chase the plays down on defense and Anson has not thrown the ball that much so far this year. He added "We didn't think that Cisco would throw but they did.

He added "Anson will be tough at their place and we are taking this game very seriously"

The Badgers still are nursing a couple of ankle injuries to Tony Roberts and David Thomas. They are both expected to play this week. Ramon Moreno is still out and he is questionable for the Clyde game Sept. 25th.

The Merkel Junior Varsity downed Cisco last week 36-14. For the 9th grade members of the Heritage Hall from 10:00 a.m. team, it was their first win since until 7 p.m. The annual downtown they have been playing football parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. here. Lepard said he had good chael Blue, Phillip Seymore and from 4 until 6:30 p.m. Ray Cobb.

tonight (Thursday, The 7th grade Heritage Hall after the game. games start at 5:30, followed by the 8th grade and then the JV game.

Lepard said there was a "good gate" at last week's home opener

	Merkel	Cisco
st downs	21	10
ushing	237	64
assing	150	123
ompleted	8-16	8-13
umbles	2	2



§ Badger fullback Cory Hines heads upfield after getting a block from mark Aldrete [82]. Hines had 84 yards on 12 carries in the Badgers 38-14 win over Cisco here Friday.

Staff photo

MHS ex-students announce

homecoming slate

25th and 26th.

Registration will be held at A meal served by the Exchange Niell and L. B. Gibson. The Host efforts from Sean Leamon, Mi- Club of Merkel will take place Class of 1967's nominées are

The game starts at 8 p.m. as This week, the Badger 7th, 8th Merkel hosts Clyde. An all-school and JV teams will all host Anson homecoming will be held at Merkel Ex Students Association, On Saturday, exes will meet for The ballot fee is \$1.

Ex Merkel High Students will coffee and donuts at Heritage Hall celebrate homecoming September at 9 a.m. and the business meeting will be held at 10 a.m.

> The Class of Honor this year is the Class of 1937. Their nominees from Coming Home Queen and Mr. X are Tommy Whisenhunt Jeanie Anderson Reynolds and Gaston Thomas.

Ballots may be mailed to the P O Box 683, Merkel, TX 79536.

Local Exchange Club will serve meal before Homecoming game

The National Exchange Club of coming dinner at Heritage Hall will cost 75 cents. Merkel will be serving a home-Sept. 25th from 4 until 7 p.m. Joe McDuff's famous barbecues be purchased at the door. dausage with beans, cole slaw.

cornbread, tea or coffee will be served for \$3 per plate. Desserts

Tickets are available from any Exchange Club member or may

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'Rilla's rout Rule 46-6

The Gorillas raised their record Payne slashed off O'Kelly's block to 2-0 Friday with a 46-6 stomp of for a 1 yard td. On the dive, Payne the Rule Bobcats.

kickoff and behind the running of standing up. Keith Oden and Lewis Knapp. drove the ball downfield. Doc with 1:54 left in the game when Carriker capped the drive with a 5'3" 165 pound Noe Falcon started Scott O'Kelly busted the extra rambled 25 yards for the TD to point and Trent took an 8-0 lead round out the scoring at 46-6. with 7:11 left in the first quarter.

The Gorillas got the ball right back as Rule fumbled at their own but we just outhit them, we also Dave Campbell's Texas Foot-31. Three plays later, Trent led 14-0 when Mike Payne busted in from the 1 yard line.

ued their rough ways by making every yard gained by Rule a fight for their life. The Gorillas picked up where they left off by going the plays. The drive was capped by a 1st guarter, Trent led 20-0.

After the Gorilla touchdown, the Bobcats achieved their only sustained drive of the game and when James Halliburton scored on a 35 the half.

The Gorillas and Bobcats ex- pionship. changed posessions before the by W. E. Dulaney Gorillas mounted their last drive. Behind the slashing runs of Knapp, who picked up 127 yards on 18 carries and Oden, who had 80 yards on 10 carries, the Blue Crew took the ball 50 yards on nine plays with Oden getting the last 12 on a sweep to the long side of the field. O'Kelly split the uprights and the Gorillas led 28-6 Penalties at the half.

The second half was more of the same. Oden and Knapp, along with Cipi Falcon, Noe Falcon and Mike Payne, behind the blocking of Scott O'Kelly, Chris Jones, Brian Massey, Mike Hicks and Travis Walker, continued to bust through the Wildcat line for large chunk of yardage.

The Gorillas scored three more times in the second half. The first score came with 6:26 left in the 3rd quarter when Carriker hit Hunt with a 6 yard td pass. Hunt was double covered on the play and made a juggling, one handed catch surrounded by Bobcats.

The Gorillas second score of the half came after a six play drive.

ran over two Bobcats who met The Gorillas took the opening him at the goal line and he went in

The final Gorilla score came 15 yard td pass to Brian Massey. left, reversed his field, and are not news

Coach Ed Donahugh told The IN Trent Mail "Rule had some big old boys

had more speed than they did." ball magazine has discovered The Guthrie Jaguars come to what the town of Trent has known

Trent

1-36

5-1

11

5-45

This Week's Schedule

Last Week's Results

21

First downs

Punts-avg

Int by

Fumbles lost

Ira at Klondike

Jayton at Dawson

Highland at Grady

Loop at Hermleigh

Sands at Blackwell

Trent 46 Rule 6

Guthrie at Trent

Yards rushing 43-401

Att-comp-td's 6-10-3

Yards passing 97

Trent's field Friday at 7:30 p.m. to for three years. Campbell picked The stiff Gorilla defense contin- take on the Blue Crew. The the 6' 180 lb Lewis Knapp for his Jaguars, who began the season Six-Man honor roll this year, ranked #8 by Dave Campbell's which gives some idea of this Texas Football, have had a rough junior running-back- linebacker's start as they have lost their first abilities.

length of the field in only nine two games. They are picked to "I love to run the football" contend with Harrold and Higgens Knapp told The Mail. "When I 15 yard td pass from Knapp to for the District 2 championship so run. I like to punish people" he Lee Hunt and with 1:06 left in the it should be a good test for the added. Knapp ran the ball and high-flying Gorillas. punished people well enough last

On a related note, the Benjamin year to make all-district as a Mustangs have committed to play running back and as a linebacker. Trent on Oct. 16th at 7:30 p.m. at "I would love for us to go to the Trent field. The Mustangs, who playoffs this year and go one step vard run, the Bobcats had pulled compete in district 5, have been further than last year. I don't within 14 at 20-6 with 6:41 left in picked to challenge Newcastle and want to go out on a limb because it Rochester for the district cham- might come back to haunt us but

Rule

12

4

41-154

1-1-0

7-4

3-25

1

2-20.5

we sure would like to have that state championship trohy," said Knapp.

Jayton 28 Klondike 0

Christoval 58 Ira 28

Blackwell 37 Grady 13

Panther Creek 52 Highland 0

Southland 46 Hermleigh 12

Knapp's talents

Knapp is involved in FFA and is a district officer this year. He also participated in the state qualifying one act play last year and his hobbies include running, lifting weights and his favorite, dancing.

"I have a person goal. All-State runs through my mind a lot but even honorable mention all-district would be great. Whatever happens, the team comes first, said Lewis

Lewis is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Simpson Jr. and hopes to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and become an Galvin ran in the extra point, the Air Force pilot after graduation from Trent High.

by W. E. Dulaney

District 4 Six Man Standings

	Win	Loss	Tie	Points	Points allowed
Trent	2	0		97	43
Jayton	2	0		68	27
Blackwell	2	0		77	27
Ira	1	1		61	79
Highiand	1	1		62	72
Hermleigh	0	1	1	31	65

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§ Trent lineman Scott O'Kelly [44] and Brian Massey [41] get set to bloack as quarterback Dock Carriker [33] pre-

pares to hand off to Keith Oden [right]. Trent is now 2-0 and will host Guthrie Friday.

Photo by Shannon Payne Trent junior high wins opening game

Bulldogs at Trent Field.

the younger Gorillas opned their and the Gorillas led 40-7. for the td. Galvin ran in the extra point and Trent led 7-0.

3: 17 mark of the 3rd guarter when Jeff Sanford scored from 3 yards out. Pete Chavez ran in the extra point and the Gorillas led 14-0. The Gorilla defense stopped the arger Bulldogs on their next posession and after taking over the Gorillas Chavez burst in for the td from 35 yards out and after Goril'as led 21-0.

The Gorillas continued to pour it on in the 4th quarter with Pete Chavez scoring on a 36 yard run and Lupe Falcon returning an interception 20 yards for the td bringing the score 34-0.

Ira finally got on the board with 3:51 left in the game when Joe Luna scampered 30 yards for a td. After Luna ran in the extra point, the Bulldogs had closed within 27 points at 34-7

The Trent Junior High Gorillas The younger Gorillas stormed everybody played real well, said a opened their season Thursday back after the Ira touchdown and pleased coach Doug Gore. "We with a 40-13 stomp of the Ira on their first offensive play. Pete have not worked with them very Chavez rambled 56 yards for the much and we only ran three

After a scoreless first quarter, td. The extra point was no good different plays but we've got such good speed those three plays were scoring with 4:59 left in the half as The Bulldogs had one more to to good enough," continued Gore. John Galvin scampered 31 yards round out the scoring when Joe The younger Gorillas are open Luna scored from eight yards out. Sept. 18th but hope to continue The extra point was no good to their winning ways when they The game stayed at 7-0 until make the final score 40-13, travel to Hermleigh Sept. 24th at 6 p.m. Gorillas.

"We were just real aggressive.

Blands fare well in Snyder rodeo

Kaci and Dee Bland were big under barrels, poles and breakwinners in the Snyder Jr. Rodeo away roping. In the barrels he held Sept. 4th through the 6th in was 4th, 5th in the pole and also Snyder

place in the 8 & under girls barrels 1988 AJRA standings which means while Dee, ag 8, placed 1st in the 8 Dee, by placing in the under 12 & under boys barrels and 2nd in events, has already gulaified for the 8 & under boys poles. Dee also competed in the 12 & pionships.

Trent band boosters elect officers

The Trent Band Boosters re- president, Debbie Gibson- secremeeting held Sept. 9th. President, Debbie Boles- vice to join their organization.

5th in the break-away roping. Kaci, age 6, brought home a 5th This rodeo will count toward the

by Kay and W. E. Dulaney

the 1988 AJRA National cham-

cently elected officers in a tary. Shannon Payne- treasurer and Gloria Jones- advertising. Officers are: Reva Carriker- They encourage Trent residents



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38-11p

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Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

P & L Auto Parts is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday & from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. each Saturday at 135 Edwards Street. 37-TFC

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> chen, living room, 1 bath, has central heat, all furniture and apliances stay. Call Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613. 17-TFC

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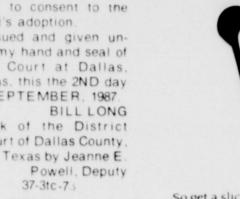
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF BABY BOY WILSON GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO appear and answer before the Honorable 304th District Court, of Dallas County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Dallas, Texas, at the Courthouse of said.

County in Dallas, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance thereof, being Monday at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 19th day of October A.D. 1987 then and there to answer the petition of WILLIAM GEORGE POWELL AND DEBORAH FAY parties to the cause are POWELL, Petitioners, as followst INTERfiled in said Court on the LENE N.A. are Plain-2ND day of SEPTEMtiffs and IDA HARRIS BER 1987, against THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF BABY BOY WIL-

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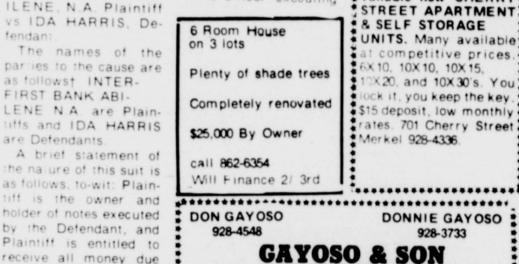
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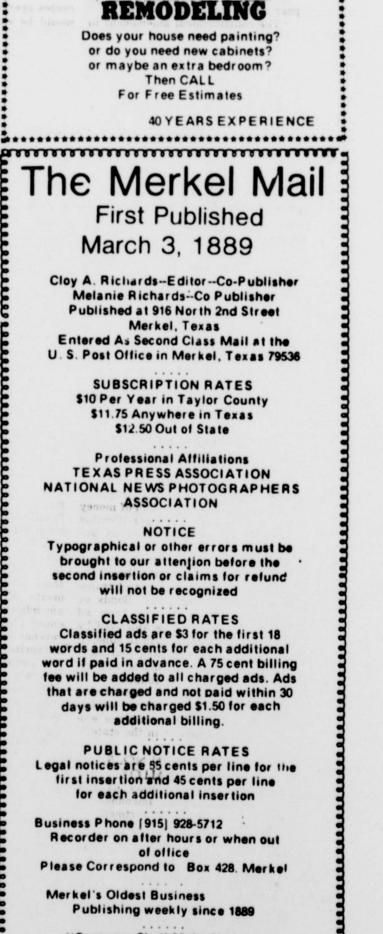
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STEVEN A. CARRIKER House of Representatives

1987 Constitutional Amendments our area, while others impact only S Texas voters will face a record specific regions of the state number of constitutional amend- outside West Texas. ments and referendum proposi-Amendment No 1: "The con-

tions this fall. Twenty-five amend- stitutional amendment to provide ments and two referendum issues for the surety of a grain warewill be on the ballot, Tuesday, house to be established by the November 3. I encourage you to grain industry for the protection seek as much information as of farmers and depositors of grain in public warehouse facilities."

Accordingly, I will devote the next The purpose of this amendment to Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, San several weeks of this Capitol is to provide a self-insurance fund Antonio, El Paso and Austin). Journal column to providing you for the Texas grain warehouse Further, this amendment would with a brief summary of each industry. It is the result of a allow the residents of the impactproposal. Some of the amend- recommendation by a blue-ribbon ed areas to vote later on whether ments are of special interest to commission appointed by the they want to pay the higher local

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taxes in their area.

Amendment No 3: "The constitutional amendment to limit school tax increases on the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least agricultural community across 55 years of age.

> The Texas Constitution already provides limited tax exemptions for all homesteads, and additional exemptions are authorized for persons over 65 years of age. Further, the Constitution prevents school tax increases on the homestead of a person 65 or older. once the over 65 exemption has been claimed. Currently, if an over 65 spouse dies and the surviving spouse is under 65, the survivor may face a greatly increased property tax bill. This amendment would protect both widows and widowers who are at least 55, but less than 65, from and increased property tax bill when an over 65 spouse dies. I feel this would be a fair and equitable change in the law.

Contel adding new service phone lines

vice office in Andrews is getting phone service manager, explains ready to provide a new telephone the change, "By adding another number for customers who have customer service number in our questions about their bills or office, we can redirect the flow of unfamiliar long distance calls. traffic. This means we'll be able Effective next week, customers to provide a quicker response to can call 915-524-1222, which is a billing questions and complete toll-free call from any Contel customer's service orders more serving area.

repair service (915-523-7321) and will receive in the bills a sticker service order requests (915-524- that has the new telephone 1110) will not change and will number printed on it. The sticker continue to be toll-free numbers should be placed inside the 'rom any Contel serving area. customer's telephone directories.

Contel's Western District ser- Mickey Maritan, Contel's telepromptly.

Telephone numbers for Contel's Later this month, customers

Trent firemen extenguish blaze

The Trent Volunteer Fire De- burned off three acres before the partment was summoned Sunday fire department put it out. Fire to a grass fire North of Trent. The men used 300 gallons to exten fire originated in a pasture behind guish the blaze. the Danny Freeman home and by W. E. Dulaney

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION **NOVEMBER 3, 1987**

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide a guarantee for the Texas grain warehouse self-insurance fund. The guarantee of the fund may not exceed \$5 million, and when the fund reaches \$5 million, the guarantee will cease.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the surety of a grain warehouse fund to be established by the grain industry for the protection of farmers and depositors of grain in public warehouse facilities.'

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit rural fire prevention districts in counties with populations over 400,000 to levy a tax at a rate not to exceed six cents (\$.06) per \$100 property valuation for the district, if the voters of the district approve the tax. The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing agreements between the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and the Texas Turnpike Authority and the governing bodies of counties with a population of more than 400,000, adjoining counties, and cities and districts located in those counties to aid turnpikes, toll roads, and toll bridges by guaranteeing bonds issued by the

Texas Turnpike Authority."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to establish three separate development funds. A Texas product development fund could be established to aid in the development and production of new or improved products in the state. The amendment would authorize the issuance of up to \$15 million of genitial funding for the program. A could be established to foster and

and mental health and mental retardation facilities."

Commissioner of Agriculture. The

idea is to provide security to

farmers who place their grain in

public warehouses and to provide

those warehouses an alternative

to an expensive and difficult to

obtain bond requirement. The

the state strongly endorses this

stitutional amendment to raise the

maximum property tax rate that

may be adopted by certain rural

fire prevention districts, but only

if approved by the district's

Don't let the word "rural" catch

you off-guard on this one. This

amendment will affect only those

fire prevention districts that

include counties with populations

of 400,000 or more : areas adjacent

Amendment No. 2: "The con-

amendment

residents."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that a state legislator is eligible to serve in another state office even if the compensation of the office was increased during his legislative term or even if the appointment is made in whole or in part (including Senate confirmation) by the legislature. The legislator could not, however, receive the increased compensation approved during his legislative term The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows:

'The constitutional amendment to provide that a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed and to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation granted to that office during the legislative term to which he was elected."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Subsections (d) and (e) of Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 12 propose a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all tangible personal property except struceral obligation bonds to provide in- tures which are used as residential dwellings and property held or used Texas small business incubator fund for the production of income. This exemption would be in addition to stimulate the development of small the personal property homestead exbusinesses in the state. Small busi- emption already established by the nesses operating under the program constitution. If the legislature auwould be exempt from ad valorem thorizes the exemption of additional transferred to the county auditor or raise the maximum property tax taxation. The amendment would au- personal property from taxation, the officer succeeding to the audiunder this amendment, local political thorize the issuance of up to \$10 subdivisions may pass resolutions providing for taxation of such property unless the property is exempt from ad valorem taxation under another law.

valorem tax of up to ten cents (\$.10) per \$100 valuation of the property located in the district. The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to

allow for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.'

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the state a limited right to appeal criminal cases. Under current law, only criminal defendants are allowed to appeal. This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to pass laws granting state prosecutors the right to appeal in limited circumstances.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment giving the state a limited right to appeal in criminal cases."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 35 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer in Gregg County and transfer the duties of that office to the county auditor or an elected official designated by the commissioners court. The amendment would also abolish the office of county treasurer adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico or in Fayette and Nueces counties if a majority of the voters in those counties vote in favor of the amendment. In Fayette County, the functions of the treasurer would be tor's functions. In Nueces County, the powers, duties, and functions of the treasurer would be transferred to the county clerk. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Gregg, Fayette, and Nueces counties.

PROPOSITION NO. 19 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 88 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to establish a superconducting super collider fund. The fund would be used to provide economic incentives for the superconducting super collider research facility, and the agency administering the fund would be authorized to grant land or property to the United States government for undertakings related to the facility.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility sponsored or authorized by the United States government, and to make appropriate grants for such undertakings."

PROPOSITION NO. 20 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief for mobile offshore oil and gas well drilling equipment. The tax relief would be limited to equipment that is being stored while not in use in a county that is on a body of water that is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of an additional \$400 million of Texas Water Development Bonds for water supply, water quality, and flood control purposes."

PROPOSITION NO. 24 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 prooses a constitutional amendment to allow a county to use county equipment and personnel to perform work, without compensation, for another governmental entity if the commissioners court finds that the work will not interfere with the performance of county work and approves performance of the work. The governmental entity must be located wholly or partly in the county, and the governing body of the governmental entity must file a written work request with the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

'The constitutional amendment to permit a county to perform work, without compensation, for another governmental entity."

PROPOSITION NO. 25 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to authorize Randall County to levy a tax for the benefit of the Amarillo Hospital District. Any such tax could be levied only on property located outside the City of Amarillo and outside the South Randall County Hospital District. The tax could not be more than 75¢ "The constitutional amendment per \$100 property valuation and to authorize the legislature to would be effective only upon approvide ad valorem tax relief for proval by the voters in the area to taxed. If the tax is authorized by the Legislature and approved by voters, the Amarillo Hospital District is to serve residents of part of Randall County. If a tax is levied under this provision, Randall County must repay the State for the cost publication of this amendment. The proposed amendment also permits the legislature to authorize hospital district to change its boundaries or jurisdiction if the district was created or authorized by a constitutional provision that includes a description of the boundaries or jurisdiction of the district. Any change in the boundaries or jurisdiction of such a hospital district would become effective only upon approval of the voters in the district. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the Amarillo Hospital District to serve certain residents of Randall County, to authorize Randall County to provide financial assistance to the district, and to authorize certain hospital districts to change their boundaries or jurisdiction with voter approv-

rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention disdistricts' residents.

"The constitutional amendment to

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 48 proposes a constitutional amendment to extend the school ad valorem tax exemption for elderly persons to the surviving spouse of a person receiving the exemption. If a surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of death of the person receiving the exemption, ad valorem public school taxes could not be increased as long as the homestead remained the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to limit school tax increases on the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years of age.'

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to create programs and make loans and grants of money for development and diversification of the economy, elimination of unemployment and underemployment, stimulation of agricultural innovation, promotion of agricultural enterprises, and development of transportation and commerce. Bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes must be approved by the voters in the political subdivision seeking such funding sources. The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to provide assistance to encourage economic development in the state."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 65 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to contract with the Texas Turnpike Authority and to contribute money to the costs of turnpikes, toll roads and toll bridges of the Authority. The amendment would authorize the governing body of a county with a population over 400.000, a county adjoining such county, and any city or district located in or partially in such county to make agreements with the Texas Turnpike Authority and levy ad valorem taxes to pay part or all of the principal and interest on Turnpike Authority bonds and to pay maintenance and operating expenses of the Turnpike Authority, if the

voters approve the tax. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

million in general obligation bonds tricts, but only if approved by the to provide initial funding for the program. A Texas agricultural fund could be established to promote the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products produced primarily in Texas by small Texas agricultural businesses. The amendment would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$100 million outstanding at one time to carry out the agricultural fund program. The legislature could require review and

> and the use of bond proceeds. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

approval of the issuance of bonds

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for state financing of the development and production of Texas products and businesses."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to be used for loans to local governments for acquisition, construction, repair, renovation, and equipment of public facilties or for grants to local governments for planning public facilities. The amendment would also permit the issuance of revenue bonds for the same purposes to be repaid from excess revenue from repayments of loans made under the amendment and from other revenues pledged to the retirement of revenue bonds. The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide for review and approval of the issuance of the bonds and the use of the bond proceeds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance certain local public facilities."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 56 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize the issuance of up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to be used to acquire, construct, and equip new correctional institutions and mental health and mental retardation institutions or to repair existing institutions. The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide for review and approval of the issuance of the bonds and the projects to be financed by the bond proceeds The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to corrections institutions

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain personal property not held or used for the production of income.'

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1, Subsections (f) and (g) of Senate Joint Resolution 12 propose a constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation goods, wares, merchandise, and ores other than oil, gas and petroleum products. These items would be exempt from taxation only if they originated outside the state and were located in the state for a period of 175 days or less for purposes of assembly, storage, manufacture, processing, or fabrication. Such property could be taxed by a county, school district, or municipality if the governing body of the political subdivision took official action to provide for the taxation of the items while they were located in the political subdivision. If the governing law those municipal functions that body of a political subdivision took official action to tax the items before January 1, 1988, the tax would be effective for the 1988 tax year. If the action were taken after January 1, 1988, and before April 1, special session. A municipality is 1988, the tax would become effective January 1, 1989. The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property that is located in the state for only a temporary period of time."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 35 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a married couple to agree in writing that all or part of their community property will become the property of the surviving spouse if one spouse dies.

The proposed amendmen will appear on the ballot as follows:

The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to hold community property with right of survivorship."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 27 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the creation of special districts to provide emergency services. The commissioners court in a county participating in a district could, upon approval of the voters, levy an ad

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the commissioners court in a county with a population of more than 150,000 to establish more than one Justice of the Peace court in each Justice of the Peace precinct, i.e., to provide for the election of more than one Justice of the Peace in each Justice of the Peace precinct. The proposed amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

providing that certain justice precincts may contain more than one justice of the peace court."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 26 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to define by are governmental and those that are proprietary. This authorization would apply to laws passed by the 70th Legislature, 1987, and by future legislatures in regular or liable for damages arising out of acts committed under its proprietary functions, but not its governmental functions. Definition of such functions by the legislature would clarify the liability of a municipality in civil lawsuits filed against it.

The proposed amendment will ap-

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to define for all purposes the governmental and proprietary functions

poses a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for the creation, operation, and financing of jail districts. Financing of a jail district could be accomplished through the issuance of bonds and other obligations, or by levy of an ad valorem tax on property located in the district if the qualified electors of a district approve an ad valorem tax or bonds secured by a property tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment relating to the creation, opera-

tricts.

tion, and financing of jail dis-

certain offshore drilling equipment that is not in use."

PROPOSITION NO. 21 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for legislative involvement in the executive branch of government by permitting the legislature to include the speaker of the house of representatives in the membership of an agency or committee that includes officers of the executive branch of government and performs executive functions. Under current law, the legislature is not allowed to exercise any powers in executive matters under Article II of the Texas Constitution, which provides for the "separation of powers" into three distinct departments.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting the legislature to include the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's appointee in the membership of an executive agency or committee."

PROPOSITION NO. 22 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 53 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the term of office of a gubernatorial appointee to a vacancy in a state or district office to a partial, temporary term if the appointment is made on or after November 1 of the last year of the governor's term and the governor is not reelected. Under this amendment, the legislature may provide that the tenure of such an appointee would end sooner than the term would normally ex-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

'The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the authority of a governor to fill vacancies in state and district offices during the end of the governor's term if the governor is not reelected."

PROPOSITION NO. 23 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 54 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue an additional \$400 million in water development bonds. Of the \$400 million authorized, \$200 million would be designated for conservation and development of water resources, \$150 million would be designated for water quality enhancement, and \$50 million would be designated for flood control. The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide for review and approval of the issuance of the bonds and the use of the bond proceeds.

The proposed amendment will ap-pear on the ballot as follows:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE **REFERENDUM NO. 1**

Senate Bill 86 submits to the voters the question of whether the 15 members of the State Board of Education should be appointed instead of elected. If the proposition passes, the Governor will appoint a member of the board for each district, with the consent of the Senate. If the proposition fails, the members will be elected from these districts.

The referendum will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The State Board of Education shall be composed of members who are appointed from districts instead of elected, with equal representation throughout the State of Texas."

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE **REFERENDUM NO. 2**

The Texas Racing Act submits to the voters the question of whether pari-mutuel wagering should be legal in Texas on a county-bycounty local option basis. If parimutuel wagering is adopted by the voters statewide, a county must also pass a separate proposition on parimutuel wagering at an election held in the county before any such wagering may be conducted in that county.

The referendum will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The legalization of pari-mutuel wagering under the Texas Racing Act on a county-by-county local option basis."

of a municipality." **PROPOSITION NO. 18 ON THE BALLOT** House Joint Resolution 18 pro-

pear on the ballot as follows:

Newsbriefs-

MISD lunch menu

pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoe, TISD lunch menu cheese, sliced peaches.

Sept. 18: Corn dogs with mustard, french fries with catsup, combination salad, peanut butter cookies.

Sept. 21: hamburger pizza with cheese, buttered mixed vegetab- Lunch- ham & cheese snadwich. les, lettuce wedges, choice of french fries, lettuce & tomatoes, dressing, spiced applesauce.

brown gravy, whipped potatoes, milk; barbecued weiners, potaenglish peas, whipped jello.

wedges, lettuce and tomato salad, Sept. 22- grape juice, biscquits & spanish rice, peach macaroons. sausage, jelly, milk; nachoes with

beans, potato salad, apple cheese and lettuce salad, apple crisp,

and tomato, pickle and onions. Sept. 17: tacos with taco sauce, french fries, oatmeal cookies.

Sept. 17 juice, cheese toast, milk- Lunch- chicken fried steak. mashed potatoes, green beans, jello with fruit, rolls, tea or milk. Sept. 18: juice, donuts, milk, cinnamon rolls, milk or tea.

Sept 22: salisbury steak with Sept. 21- grape juice, creal toes with sauce, corbettes, cho-Sept. 23: burritoes with cheese colate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

Sept. 24, bar b g links, pinto cheese sauce, pinto beans, tomato corn bread, milk or tea.

Sept. 25: hamburgers, lettuce Sept. 23- grape juice, cinnamon

rolls, milk, fried chicken, mashed really pumped up after last House in Anson. The Cub Scout clation will hold a cemetery clean polaloes with gravy, english peas, week's win over the Wolverines of Pack of Anson is sponsoring a up Saturday starting at 9 a.m. tello with topping, rolls, tea or Michigan on the Wolverine's home chili supper, the price is \$3.50.

rolls, milk; salisbury steak, black- (It would make me proud to see Second will be served on every- lunch. eved peas, fried okra, apple the Cowboys make this game a thing except desserts. This is our sauce, rolls, tea or milk.

with syrup, milk; hamburgers, speed and home field advantage is plus you will enjoy an excellent fries, trimmings, chewy cookies simply too much for Guthrie to meal. Tickets are being sold, but and milk or tea.

The following are John Starbuck's picks of the week.

Badgers are getting tuned up for (Aggie fans will see the last of their first meeting last week. the start of district play next Craig Stump as a starter this Freshman representative elec-

a very good chance of being the Aggies will start 0-2) 1987 Southeastern Conference Champion).

turf).

close one).

handle). Last week, three right and two

wrong. Season total 5-5.

Editor's Note: Since John didn't include the Aggies- here it goes ... Merkel 28- Anson 15 (The Washington 31- Texas A & M 24. 1987-88 school year. They held week as Lance Pavalas will tions were held last week and they Rice 10-LSU 38 (I think LSU has assume that starting role as the are concentrating their efforts on

Chili in Anson

Michigan State 20- Notre Dame On you way to the Anson game 30 (The Fighting Irish will be on Sept. 18th, stop by Bea's Steak

fundraiser for the year, and we -Sept 25- grape juice, pancakes Guthrie 35- Trent 42 (Trent's would appreciate your support, you can pay at the door.

MHS student council

The MHS student council has started their activities for the

homecoming.

Compere plans clean-up

The Compere Cemetery Asso-

A covered dish luncheon will The supper consists of chili, be held at noon and a business Sept. 24- grape juice, cinnamon Dallas 17- New York Giants 35 beans, cheese, onions and dessert. meeting will be held following the

Barnes' new son

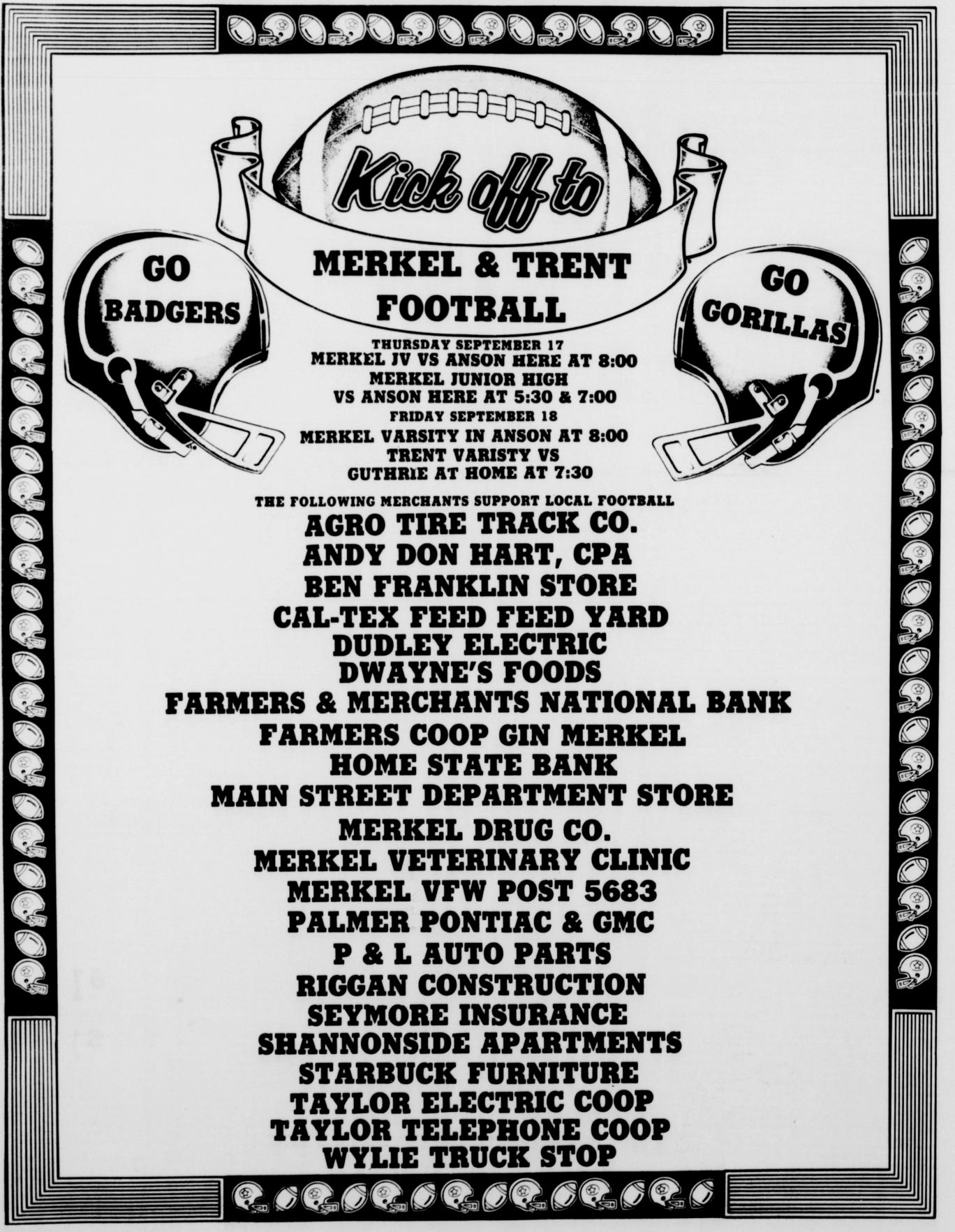
Bobby & Shannon Barnes of Mulberry Canyon are proud to announce the birth of a son, Ricky Lynn Barnes.

Ricky was born Sept. 4th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene and weighed 8 pounds, and was 201/2 inches long.

Ricky's two big brothers at home are D. J. and Bo Barnes.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Doyal Barnes and great grandmother is Irene Barnes Hurd of Mulberry Canyon.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Bagby of Merkel.



John's football picks

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§ Officers and class representatives of Merkel High's student council for 1987-88 are [back row from left] Kristy Elliott, Jayma Goldsmith, Susie Brandon, Christi Moore, Carolyn Lally, Mitzi Shelton,

Bridgett Acuna, Mrs. Baker [sponsor], Connie McMillon, Staci Ferguson, Son Mi Chon, Laurinda Powell, Tony Roberts, Michele Dudley, Scott Graham, Krista Toombs, Jimmy Valdez, Brandon Toombs, Daniel West [front row] Teresa

Lucas. Angela Carson, Jana Daniels, Pam Neff, Richa Hill, Dianna Brown, Mechille Vera Cruz. Diem Tran and Kim Richards.

Staff photo





§ Twirlers for the Merkel Middle School this year are [front row from left] Daniele Langlinais, Shayla Miller [back row] Tanya Beasley and Christy Minze. Staff photo

Compere group meets, elects new officers

The members of the Compere church bulletin. Extension Homemakers Club elected new officers during their those who attended the Jones business meeting held Sept. 10. County Fair Mrs. Bertha Hunter was re-elected president; Mrs. Ailene Terry vice president; Mrs. Ginger Hoog members would be able to attend. council delegate and Mrs. Annie Taylor secretary-treasurer.

Dolores Adair read "Justice" and Rags to Riches of Texas History. Minutes were read by Amie Price and a card was signed wareness, refreshments were for Mrs. Annie Taylor who has served to Ailene Terry, Bertha been ill.

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A short fair report was given by

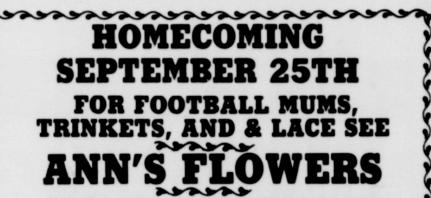
The meeting time was changed to Friday at 2 p.m. in hopes more New secret pen pals were drawn and Ginger Hoog received the hostess gift.

After participating in a roundtable discussion on medical a

Hunter, Ginger Hoog, Evorie Dolores Adair read "I Will Dillard, Amie Price by Dolores Adair

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game of the season. § Badger fans had plenty to cheer about as the Badgers won their first home

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Local soccer results given

veled to Abilene over the weekend Ned Spirit to drop their record to with Bobby Russell, and Gregg to compete in their second week of 0-2. Coach Mary Littrell told The Valentine contributing tough de-Big Country Soccer Association Mail "All the kids hustled and fensive play. action.

turned in by Tara Cox, Miranda record now stands at 0-2. Riggan and Kayla Whisenhunt.

the Sidekicks, saw their record Cameron Strange scored the lone drop to 0-2 with a 5-2 loss to the goal for the Royals who received Stars. Wes Burton and Colby good efforts on defense by Cory Watts each scored a goal for the Walker, Phillip Johnson and April Sidekicks who received tough Fisher. The under 8 Royals record defensive play from Adam Binson, is now 0-2. Matt Butman and Courtney Du- The Badgers in the under 10 Bose.

fell to the Anson Kicking Kats 2-0 The Badgers got goals from Matt to even their record at 1-1. After Dearing and William Donaldson. Anson scored their two goals They received top defensive efwithin the first five minutes, the forts from Quincy Hines, Justin Rowdies received top efforts by Goldsmith, Shawn West and Jer-Rusty Holmes, Kyle Whisenhunt, emy Burt in the shut out. Aaron Dulaney and Clint Holmes The under 12 Badgers saw their on defense.

gave their very best.

In the under 6 girls, the The Royals in the under 10 boys again in Abilene Saturday and Halfpints upped their record to 2-0 were shut out by the Raiders 3-0, would welcome fans at their

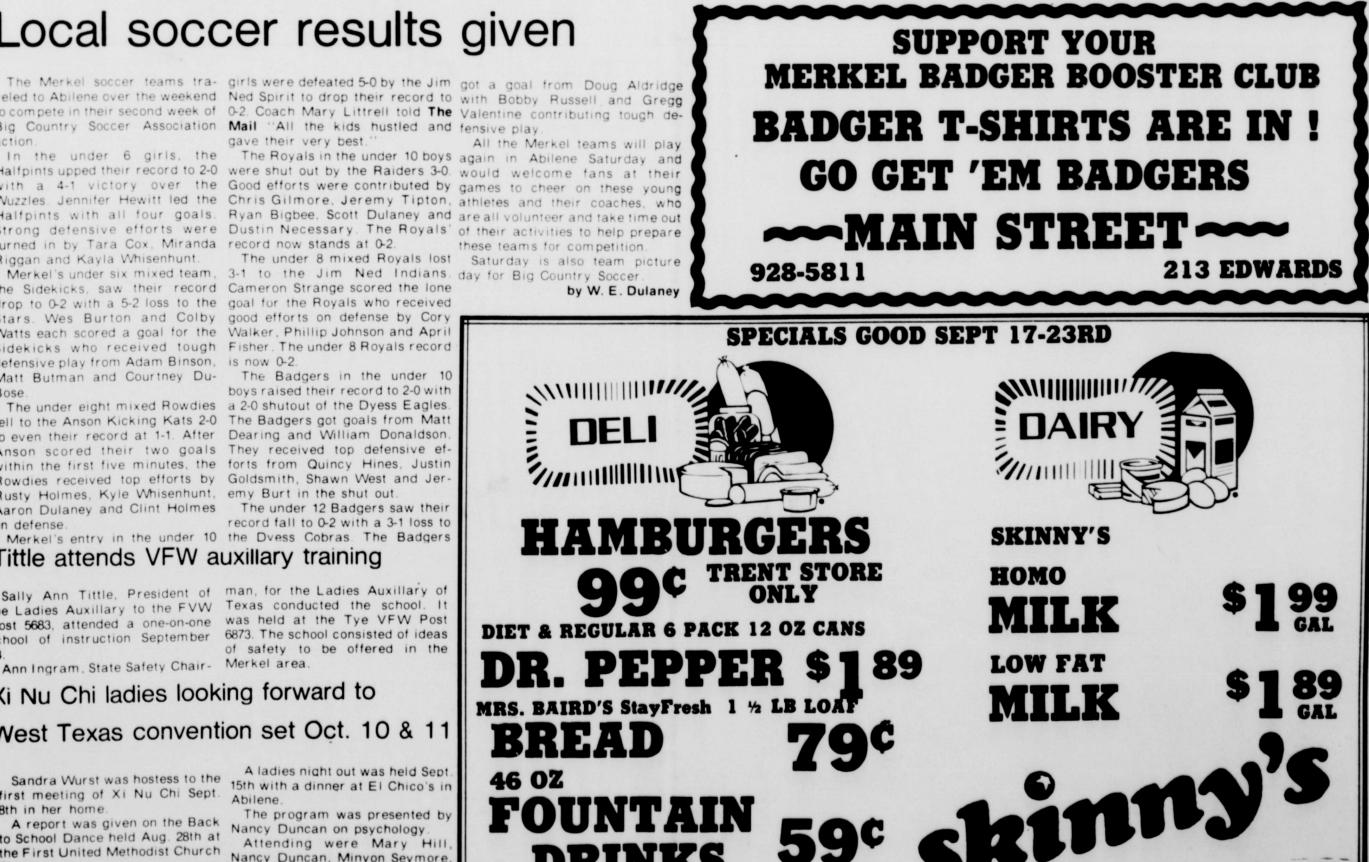
Merkel's under six mixed team, 3-1 to the Jim Ned Indians. day for Big Country Soccer.

boys raised their record to 2-0 with The under eight mixed Rowdies a 2-0 shutout of the Dyess Eagles.

record fall to 0-2 with a 3-1 loss to Merkel's entry in the under 10 the Dvess Cobras. The Badgers Tittle attends VFW auxillary training

of safety to be offered in the

with a 4-1 victory over the Good efforts were contributed by games to cheer on these young Wuzzles, Jennifer Hewitt led the Chris Gilmore, Jeremy Tipton, athletes and their coaches, who Halfpints with all four goals. Ryan Bigbee, Scott Dulaney and are all volunteer and take time out Strong defensive efforts were Dustin Necessary. The Royals' of their activities to help prepare these teams for competition. The under 8 mixed Royals lost Saturday is also team picture



Xi Nu Chi ladies looking forward to West Texas convention set Oct. 10 & 11

Ann Ingram, State Safety Chair- Merkel area.

Sally Ann Tittle, President of man, for the Ladies Auxillary of

the Ladies Auxillary to the FVW Texas conducted the school. It

Post 5683, attended a one-on-one was held at the Tye VFW Post school of instruction September 6873. The school consisted of ideas

first meeting of Xi Nu Chi Sept. 8th in her home.

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A report was given on the Back to School Dance held Aug. 28th at the First United Methodist Church Gym.

The beta Sigma Phi West Texas Convention will be held in Abilene Elliott. Oct. 10 & 11 at the Civic Center.

A ladies night out was held Sept. Sandra Wurst was hostess to the 15th with a dinner at El Chico's in Abilene

The program was presented by Nancy Duncan on psychology. Attending were Mary Hill, Nancy Duncan, Minyon Seymore, Donna Bryan, Anita Allen, Nancy Johnson, Connie Harris and Judy

All the Merkel teams will play



§ Badger running back Shayne Newberry is stopped for no gain against Cisco here Friday night. Newberry and the Badgers travel to Anson Friday night in

their final pre-season game, before opening district play here aginst Clyde Sept. 25th.

Staff photo

You can check calories on fast food

have taken to informing as well as serving of meat. feeding their customers.

"The nutrition information with the Texas A & M University since it contains cholerterol. Agricultural Extension Service.

When reading these materials, she suggests keeping the following diet should include about 30 amount. in mind:

"100 per cent American beef" but not its nutrition.

ounces of cooked meat is con- food sandwiches will contain over sandwich. sidered one serving. Once it's 1100 milligrams. By checking

Check the type of fat. Some other meals nutrition pamphlets report fats in

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Seperate claims for quality different food items are listed fast food stores is probably most from nutrition information. For according to the percent of convenient when various food example, describing the quality of calories from fat, you can com- items are listed along with the fat foods, such as "Grade A milk" or pare to make a lower fat choice. sodium and calories for each part Look for the amount of of the item," notes Cooksey, "This tells you about the taste of food, sodium. A safe and adequate tells you how much fat or sodium intake for sodium is 1100-3300 is being added by the mayonnaise. Consider serving sizes. Three milligrams per day. Some fast cheese or other items on your

> 'You can use this nutrition these figures you can either information to select particular foods or to special order your sandwich so it has less fat or sodium," she adds. This information will also help you plan the rest of the day's meals to achieve a balanced diet.

4-H meeting set

An organizational meeting of the local 4-H club will be held Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

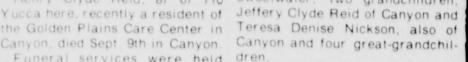
Services held here for Henry Reid

Henry Clyde Reid, 87 of 710 Sweetwater, two grandchildren, the Golden Plains Care Center in Teresa Denise Nickson, also of Canyon, died Sept. 9th in Canyon. Canyon and four great-grandchil-Funeral services were held dren Sept. 11th at Merkel's Church of Christ with Bob Brandon, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Daniel Funeral Home.

of Walter Clyde Reid and Enola Christ Family Center or to your Berry Reid. He had lived in favorite charity Merkel most of his life and was an oil field guager. He had married Ouida Cordelia Campbell in May of 1930 in Dimmit. He was a member of Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 and the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of Canyon; a son, Billy George Reid of Canyon; a brother, Jim Reid of

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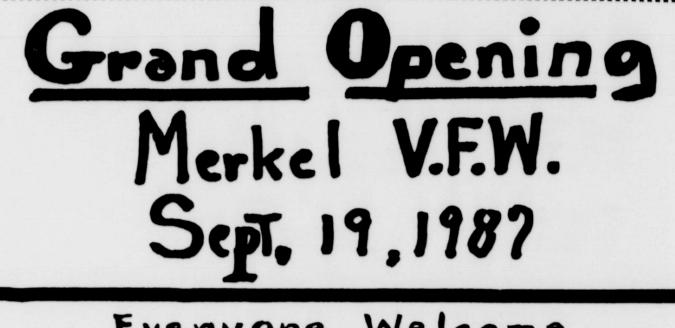


Serving as pallbearers were Roy Mashburn, Sammy Doan. Calvin McPherson, Troy Sloan, Manie Reamy and Johnny Mc-

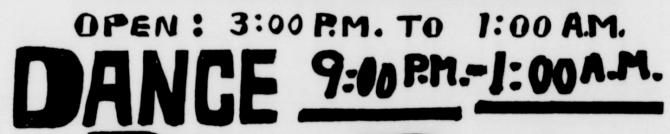
The family requested memor-Born in Merkel, he was the son ials be made to the Church of

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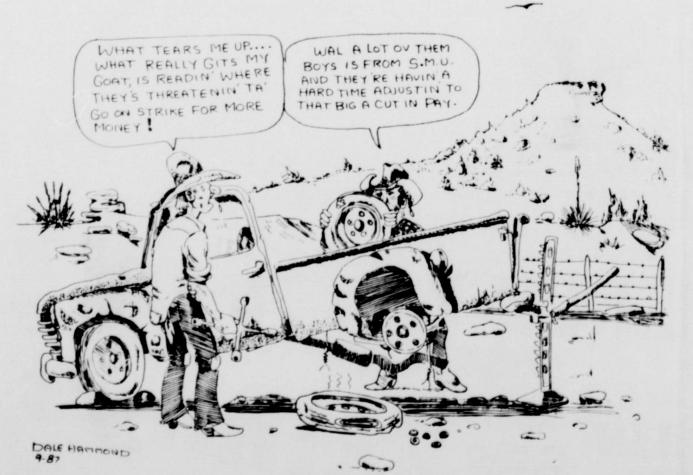
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Ice cream supper

The Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite everyone to an ice cream supper and open house. The event will be held at the Mulberry Canyon Community Center, next to the Pioneer Methodist Church (14 miles South of Merkel on FM 126). The supper will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Donna Russom at 846-4000.



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acrobats, from wrestling matches nastics. to ice shows.

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annual exposition for sheer diver- the center of the Esplande, and Sion

This year's State Fair, set for "The Big Splash of 1987", so many special attractions are waterrelated

Sea World of Texas will present eight shows a day which preview its 250 acre theme park, now ry of the Texas-Oklahoma football

World," will combine splashing fountains, filmed segments and live performers in a Texas-shaped pool. It will be presented as a part band competition on Oct. 24. of a mjor exhibit in the center bay of the Centennial Building.

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sented by Miller's "Geat Ameri- Ticketmasters and persons intercan High Diving Team" in a ested in football games should specially-built pool and diving contact the schools involved. facility set up on the Outdoor Exhibit Terrace.

dives, as well as plunges from an Bugle Corps from Washington, 80 foot tower will be included in D.C., will play daily except the presentation.

musical classic "South Pacific," starring Tony Award-winning Ro- ceremony at 5 p.m. in front of the bert Goulet, will open Oct. 6 for 24 Hall of State. performances in the Music Hall.

Special musical entertainment will be presented each afternoon and evening at the Bud Light Stage on Cotton Bowl Plaza, the Coors stage near the Coliseum and works display will be presented at the Texaco Star Stage, across from Big Tex.

Vance & The Valiants, Exile. Stallion, the Bellamy Brothers, The Shoppe, Gresham and

From pig races to Marine bats of China." This spectacularly of the show bands, from classical music com- agile troupe from the People's edy to high dive demonstrations. Republic of China performs feats from Country singers to Chinese of balance, juggling and gym-

'Pepsi on Ice," a sparkling ice skating revue, will offer four No other event can beat the shows daily at an ice rink set in sity of entertaining sights sounds the pig races, one of last year's and experiences. Most cost no most popular new events, will be more than a regular Fair admis- back at Pork Chop Downs, behind the Swine Barn.

Two or three races will be held Oct. 9-25, will follow a theme of daily, with baby porcine racers wearing colorful silks and making mad dashes for Oreo cookie prizes.

Special events in the Cot n Bowl include the traditional riunder construction in San Antonio. classic Oct. 10, an exciting slate of The show, called "A Day at Sea championship wrestling on Oct. 17; a triple-header of Dallas high school football on Oct. 23, and the Parade of Champions, a marching

Most Cotton Bowl events require seperate tickets. Wrestling tickets Five daily shows will be pre- are available through Rainbow

Several events will be repeated at the same time each day of the Comedy routines and acrobatic Fair. The U.S. Marine Drum and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in Marine The Rodgers and Hammerstein Corps Square. They will also participate in the Formal Retreat

> Nightly at 7 p.m., a parade featuring marching bands, floats, horse-drawn units, clowns and other attractions winds its way through the fairgrounds. A fire-9 p.m

In addition to the many special Featured performers will in- events, the State Fair of Texas clude Earl Thomas Conley. Vince offers its usual appealing assortment of Midway rides, games and food, as well as a wide range of exhibits, both in commercial buildings and in livestock arenas.

Cooking contests, fashion shows. State fair gates are open from 7 Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 Sundays. Children under five exciting sights to see and things to Ten performances daily will be working artists and strolling a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily and for children ages 5 through 12 on always admitted free, and s given by "The Incredible Acro- performers also add to the magic buildings are open from 10 a.m. to weekdays and \$5 for adults and \$2 citizens are free on Tues for Children on Saturdays and Parking on the grounds is St



Hunter's insight

by Josh Amerine

True to form, the rains have come with the West Texas Fair. It is abundantly clear to the bird hunters that trodding through rain swolen ditches and cloud-thick mosquitoes are not ideal dove conditions. The good news is that it can't rain forever. Perhaps colder, wetter weather North of us will drive those birds into our area about the time our moisture begins to dry

Several groups of bowhunters from our area went out of state in search of game. Unfortunately, both groups ran into unpredictable weather and plain bad luck. Tom Carson and his crew went on a pack-in trip to New Mexico after Elk. They found other hunters in places where they weren't found before: and, they found no Elk where Elk were previously found. A full moon and heavy rains contributed to make it an unsuccessful trip. David Adams, Tony Thomas, and their group were in Colorado after Mule deer. These San Angelo based hunters did bring down a nice buck, but rain and darkness prevented its recovery. Bowhunting can be a very frustrating challenge.

slated to open November 14, it is not too early to start preparing Wildlife Biologist David Madden. with the Army Corp of Engineers at O. C. Fisher Reservoir near San Angelo, told me the deer look great. He said "This year has seen an unusual survival of twins." He felt the does were healthier now than in the last three years, and the bucks are going to be spectacular. David said that he has two on the reservoir that will make the record books, but he doubted anyone would be able to take them. These particular deer live on the "archery only" sections of the reserve and will

probably die of old age, which is not all that uncommon since the top two non-typical record White Tail deer were not shot, but found dead. There are a few real monster deer around, but they reached that size by being smart Only luck or very intelligent hunting will take them. Even then is very seldom happens.

All in all, hunting will get better as the season progresses. With more seasons open there will be more and more opportunities to hunt successfully Good hunting.

Hughes' hold reunion

Twenty six descendents of the Brummett, gave away door pri-John S. Hughes family met for zes. their annual reunion Aug. 22 & 23

at Merkel's Heritage Hall. Comora Hughes Barrick presided tribute to all of the Hughes men for 1987. Carla Hughes Price was who have served in the Armed elected president for 1988 with John Price as vice president.

Wayne and Mary Lee Hughes were in charge of decorations; La Verne Hughes Elliott and John and Carla Hughes Price were in charge of food arrangements; Wm Hughes was in charge of entertainment.

One of the highlights of the two day celebration was video taping Lou Ella Hughes as she modeled the queen's robe which she wore when elected the queen of the 1986 Homecoming celebration.

Mary Louse Hughes had crafted 30 ceramic miniature bears for families to take home as souvenirs. These were used as table decorations. She also made a ceramic plaque to present to Comora in appreciation for her work as the 1987 president.

The evening's entertainment was video taped by Wayne and Wm Hughes and assistant Jarin Dykstra, son of Rhew Ann Barrick

J. W. Hughes gave a memorial service during which he paid Services. Among those honored was Wm F. Hughes, father of John

S. Hughes, who last an arm in the Civil War at the Battle of Atlanta. Attending were J. W. & Marie Hughes of Big Spring; Mary Louise Hughes and Paxton Hays of Merkel; Carla Hughes and John Price of Arlington; John B & Dorothy Hughes of Merkel; Lisa Jon Hughes of Fort Worth; Nell Hughes, Powell Miller and Bill Miller of Dolares, Colo.; Wm & Irene Hughes and David & Theima Jean Hughes of Houston: Laverne Hughes and Gilbert Elliott of Grand Prarie; Comora Hughes Barrick of Arlington, and Rhew Ann Barrick and Juan

Brummett, daughter Katy and son Jarin of Abernathy; Wayne and Mary Louise Hughes of Pueblo, Colo: Los Ell and G. W. Hughes of Merkel. Visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Robert

Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Ruby Hammond

