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Voters Guide included today

Readers of the *Castro County News* can learn more about persons seeking statewide offices in the Voters Guide included in today's *News*.

The guide is published by the League of Women Voters and is made possible through the support of American Maize-Products Co. and First State Bank of Dimmitt. The guide includes biographical information and brief statements about issues in each race. It is a great way to find out more about persons seeking office in "bottom of the ballot" races for state offices.

Early voting continues at clerk's office

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican primaries is still underway, and will continue through March 4 at the County-District Clerk's office at the Castro County Courthouse.

"These are party primaries, so everyone who wants to vote early should bring their voter registration card," said County-District Clerk Joy Jones. "We have to stamp their cards so we can show which primary they voted in."

Jones also reminded voters that early voting is also "no excuse" voting. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate voters.

Forum for Democrats scheduled for tonight

Candidates for local races in the Democratic Primary will appear at a forum today at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

The forum is sponsored by the Castro County Democratic Primary. County party chairman Carole Dyer said the forum will include statements and a time for questions and answers by each of the candidates.

Also appearing at the forum will be District Judge Jack Miller. His opponent, Pink Dickens, has also been invited.

The forum is open to all interested persons.

Grand jury indicts six

Six persons were indicted Friday by the Castro County Grand Jury. Two of the persons indicted were named in actions involving theft by check.

Jerry Torres and Samuel "Sammy" Bentura were named in indictments handed up involving checks written to Castro County merchants. Torres was indicted on theft by check charges alleging he wrote 21 worthless checks to various stores and private persons dating back to 1991.

Bentura was indicted for writing 23 worthless checks over the past three years. Both were indicted for theft by check over \$750 but under \$20,000 in aggregate.

Margarita Pantoja was indicted for food stamp fraud. She was alleged to have made false statements on two occasions to the Texas Dept. of Human Services concerning vehicles owned by members of her household. She is alleged to have defrauded the agency of \$5,533 from August 1992 to October 1993.

Two men were indicted for the November 1993 burglary of Richard's Town Pump. Freddie Rosalez and Juan Domingo Rosalez are alleged to have broken into the store.

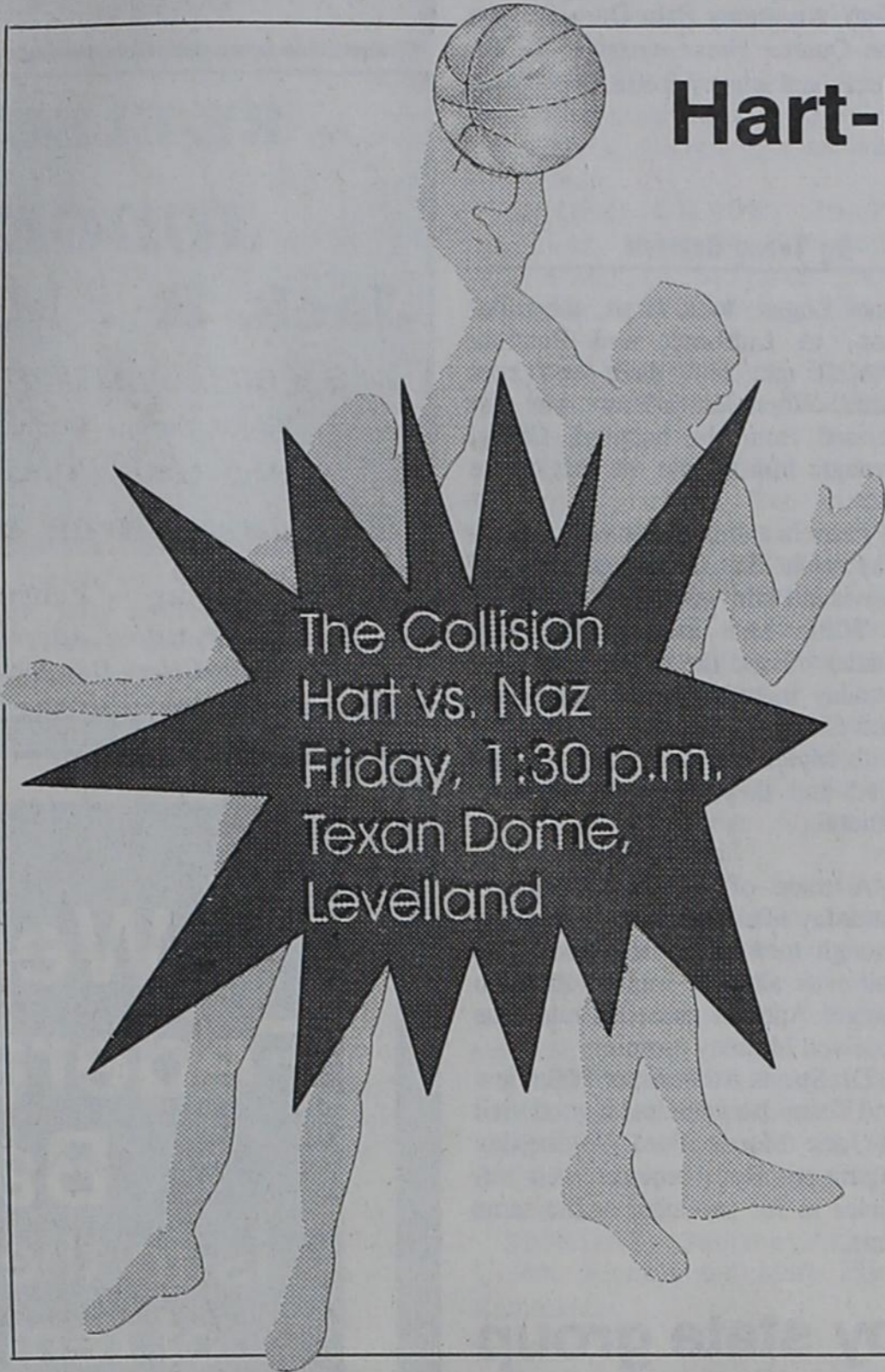
Also indicted was Raul Herrera of Dimmitt for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Weather

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. by KDHN Radio, official NWS observer.

	High	Low	Precip
Thursday	72	28	
Friday	74	34	
Saturday	74	40	
Sunday	57	27	
Monday	62	25	
Tuesday	41	27	
Wednesday	37	18	

February precipitation: None
1994 precipitation: .15



Hart-Naz more than a game for coach

Who is that No. 42 in those old pictures?

Why that looks like Coach Rachelle Wilcox of the Hart Lady Horns.

Sure 'nuf. That's Chelle. Back in those days, it was still Pohlmeier, forward for the Nazareth Swiftettes. Why, back in those days it was still three-on-three, six-girl basketball.

She was on that first Nazareth team that went to state in 1976, and the first of 12 state championship teams in 1977. She was a forward who learned the game from Joe King, John Blair and, for her last two years, Cathy Wilson.

And now, she wants nothing more than to beat this year's Nazareth Swiftettes, 'cause that's who her Hart team will play Friday afternoon at the Class A Region 1 tournament at Levelland.

"I root for Nazareth all year long," Wilcox said Tuesday, relishing her team's '57-'52 area championship overtime win over Follett. "I'll root for them next year, too. But not Friday."

She almost has to root for them. She still lives there. Chelle, her husband Morris, and their two kids live in Nazareth. He drives 12 miles to and from Dimmitt to work every day. She drives the 10 miles to Hart every

morning, and back 10 miles every night.

She's known these kids on the Nazareth team longer than she's known the girls on her Hart team.

"No, I'm fortunate, none of them are really close kin," she said. "No nieces or anything, at least not this year."

"But it's good and bad enough that we're all friends. It's still in the blood. I'm sure I'll have some people that have been my friends all my life yelling just as hard against me as they do against anyone else. It'll be a little hard on some, I suppose. It'll be a little hard sitting across from all my friends and not have a soul rooting for me."

Nazareth has a little more tradition and experience in the playoffs than does Hart.

FACT: Neither Hart nor Nazareth have ever lost a game in the first round of the regional tournament.

BIGGER FACT: Hart has never been to the regional tournament. Nazareth is going for the 20th year in a row.

"We don't have Nazareth's experience," Wilcox said, "but we gained so much confidence in our game the other night, that it will help us enormously Friday."

When the teams meet at the Texan Dome, Wilcox knows her Lady Horns will have to stop one of those almost-close kinfolks, Melinda Schmucker.

"Melinda definitely has to be contained for us to have a chance," Wilcox said. "But so many of their players have come along so far. I guarantee you Kandal Derrick has come a long way."

"I know we have to be ready to play, and I hope they have respect for us."

"Hart's a good basketball team," said Nazareth coach Ritchie Tarbet. "They'll go inside-out a lot. They're very well disciplined. They're just sound. We're going to have to play much better than we did tonight (Tuesday) if we want to beat them."

FACT: Hart's percentage in the playoffs over the last 22 years is .667.

BIGGER FACT: Nazareth's playoff percentage is .932. Naz is 109-8; Hart is 2-1.

"We're trying to get that same kind of tradition started here," Wilcox said.

She hugged that area championship trophy Tuesday at Berger as if it were a long-lost child come home. She was around when Nazareth got its first big trophy, in fact, she was a big part of it.

Now, she wants to be a big part of Hart's first big trophy.

City hears curfew ordinance, DARE

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to approve the first reading of the ordinance establishing a curfew for the town's youth. Before going into effect, the ordinance must be approved at a second reading.

Council members Carole Dyer and Roger Malone were absent from the meeting. The other council members voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

In other business, the council voted approval of a new speed limit on a portion of West Halsell Street and for a limitation on the one-way status of West Stinson Street.

West Stinson passes along the south edge of the Richardson Elementary School campus, and was made a one-way street by action of the city aldermen in 1988.

Residents of the one-way portion of the street appeared before the council to request that the street be enforced as one way only during the days and times that school is in session.

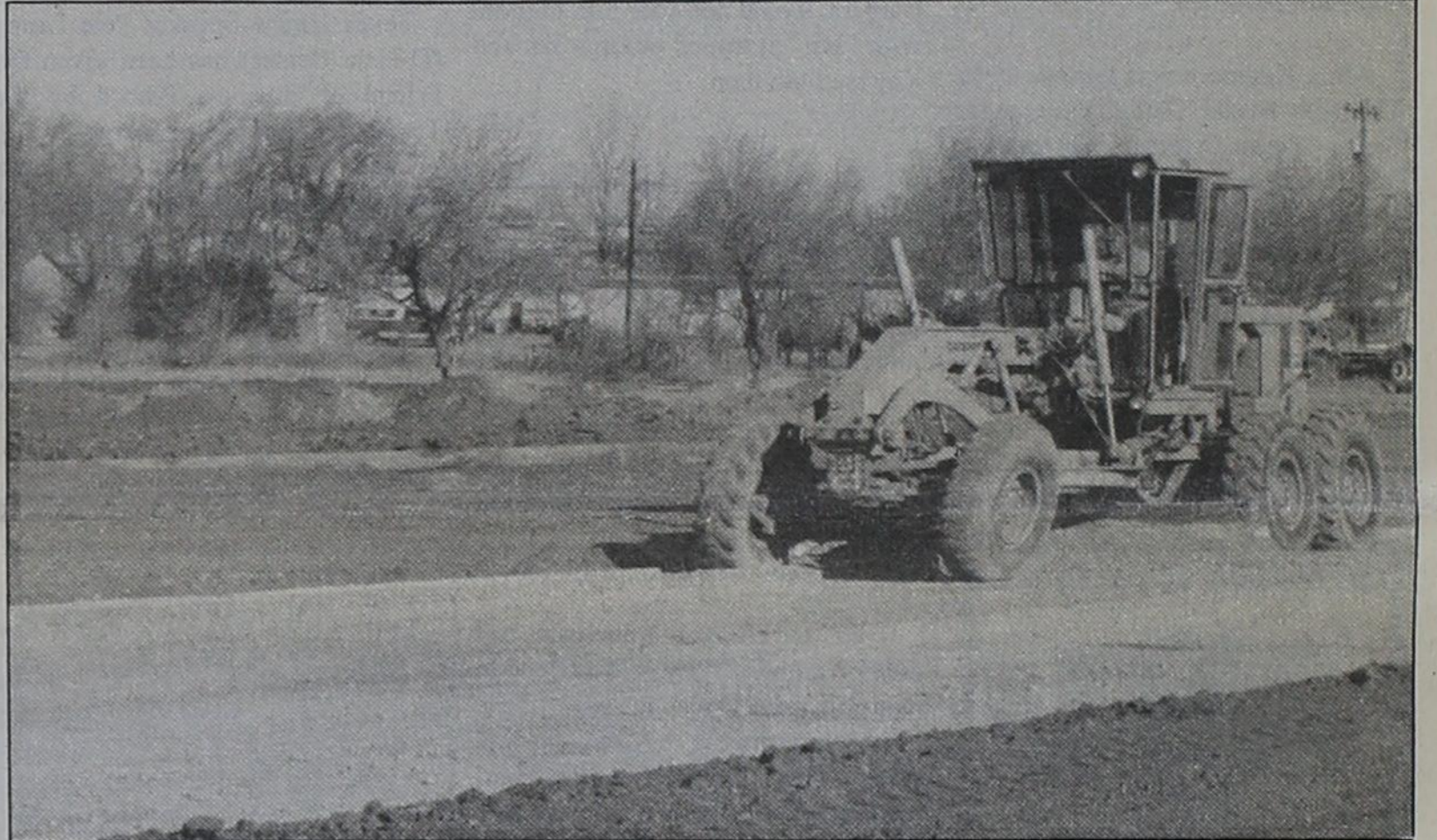
City Manager Reeford Burrous said that signs had been ordered listing the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for enforcing the one-way rule.

The council agreed to limit the one-way hours to fit the new signs and to lift the restriction on weekends, school holidays and during the summer.

Burrous also advised the council that it would be best to retain the one-way restriction on West Jones at all times.

Council members approved a re-

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WORK CONTINUES AT PARK— A maintainer from High Plains Pavers works over the caliche base on the new street that will run through the new park being built in southeast Dimmitt. The street will extend from

US Highway 385 through most of the park but will not hook up with FM 3215. Work is also continuing on dredging the playa lake in the park.

Photo by John Brooks

Q's & A's

Rural health clinics: the hospital connection

Steve Goode, Plains Memorial Hospital's new administrator, helped establish a rural health clinic at Crane while he was the hospital administrator there.

In a question-answer session with *News* Publisher Don Nelson this week, Goode (pronounced "Goode") discusses the rural health clinic concept, the relationship between Plains Memorial Hospital and the new Castro County Community Clinics, and the impact that the Medicare and Medicaid programs have on the hospital.

How did the concept of the rural health clinic at Crane compare with the one here?

I think that the overall concept was similar, in that our motivations were similar. I urged Crane County to start a rural health clinic because I thought it would help us with our physician recruitment. We had only one physician in town and desperately needed a second one, and couldn't find a second one. I thought that by having a rural health clinic with a physician assistant, it would make the job easier for another physician and thus make it easier to recruit another physician.

By the same token, part of the motivation for starting a rural health clinic here, as I understand it, was to make it more attractive for physicians to come here, and also to make it more attractive for the physicians that we had, so we would be able to retain those physicians.

I understand there's a difference in the types of rural health clinics under provisions of the Rural Health Clinic Act; that one type is provider-based and one type is independent, and that the type we have here is independent. Was the one at Crane provider-based?

Yes, it was hospital-based. Is that what is meant by "provider-based"?

Right. Well, of course, "provider-based" can be either hospital-based or nursing home-based, or based on another kind of existing facility. The term, "provider-based," is just a general term.

Was the rural health clinic in Crane located in the hospital, then?

No. It gets a little confusing, but a provider-based rural health clinic doesn't necessarily have to be in the hospital. On the flip side, an "independent" rural health clinic doesn't necessarily have to be outside of the hospital. It's more in the administration organization than it is in the physical location.

When it is provider-based, you have a lot of shared services between the rural health clinic and the hospital, including administration, and some of your administrative expenses get allocated to the rural health clinic from the hospital; whereas the independent-type clinic, regardless of its location, is going to have its own administration. There won't be as many shared services or shared expenses.

You were the administrator of the rural health clinic at Crane, as well as the administrator of the hospital?

Right. I was the administrator of the hospital, and in effect the rural health clinic was a department of the hospital.

But you don't share in any of the administration of the Castro County Community Clinics?

That's true. The way we are set up here, I am the administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital, whereas Cenci Hardee is the administrator of Castro County Community Clinics, which is the umbrella for all of the rural health clinics that this hospital district has.

So both of you are equal in status, and report directly to the hospital board?

Right. Cenci and I both report directly to the board.

You don't do any of the hiring, firing or staff assignments for the clinics, then?

No, Cenci is responsible for that. Cenci will occasionally call me and ask my opinion on something, since I have more management experience, but it is her decision.

What's the business connection between Plains Memorial Hospital and Castro County Community Clinics? For example, does the hospital business office do the billing, insurance filing and collecting for the clinics?

This is another area where it could get confusing, and I'll have to be careful to explain it accurately.

As far as what is considered clinic business, in all three of the rural health clinics, billings are filed and the bookkeeping is done by Castro County Community Clinics. Cenci is the one who handles that. As far as the physical location is concerned, it's in a little white house next door to Dr. Hardee's clinic. That is where the insurance filing and billing are done for the rural health clinics.

It could be confusing for the patient because there are some services that are in the same building where Dr. Hardee's clinic is, and in the same building where the Medical Center of Dimmitt is, which are considered to be hospital services.

For example, the X-ray: The rural health clinic does not provide X-rays. In the case of Dr. Hardee's clinic, what we have done is to

segregate the X-ray from the rest of the services in that building. When you get an X-ray done in that building, you are receiving a service of the hospital. The hospital has leased that X-ray machine, and the room that it's in, from the rural health clinic. So when you go into that room to get an X-ray, you are in effect being referred to the hospital for an X-ray.

Even then, if it's a Medicare or Medicaid patient, the hospital will bill directly to Medicare or Medicaid. If you have your own insurance and you (have an X-ray done at the clinic), then our arrangement is that the hospital will bill the clinic and the clinic will bill the patient for your insurance.

So it can get a little confusing. You have to stop and think about it. I had to stop and think about it, even though I work with it.

Does the patient pay the clinic or the hospital district?

Assuming that you have your own insurance program, you're going to pay the clinic. And if you have an X-ray, then the clinic is going to pay the hospital for that service. It's like a subcontracted service.

Okay, I was under the understanding that the hospital business office did all the billing and payroll and so forth.

No, Cenci handles all the accounts receivable, as well as the accounts payable and the payroll for the clinics. She is over all that

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"I think that without the rural health clinics, 10 years from now you would not have a hospital."

—STEVE GOODE
Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator

On the Go

A large crowd attended the Plainview Production Credit Association's 60th anniversary meeting at the McClung Center at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. After the business meeting, a very good meal was enjoyed. They were entertained by a singing group, "Harmony," from Lockney. Zelda Ellison was one of the singers, and Terry was also there. They are a very good singing group and have entertained before in Dimmitt.

There were about 12 couples from Dimmitt at the meeting, along with the staff of the local PCA office: Ann Armstrong, Edna Sanders and Mark Kleman. Since this was their 60th anniversary, the women were given very nice cookbooks compiled from recipes of the PCA members (men and women). Gregg Sides has a very interesting recipe—ask him. The men received 60th anniversary watches and PCA caps. Kyla Boozer Riley was in charge of the meal. She is director of food services for Marriott at Wayland.

Several from Dimmitt attended the Hereford Community Concert on Monday night. I saw Ed and Betty Freeman, Ruth Cochran, Maxine Myers, Bill Murphy and friend, Doris Flynt, Mildred Bradford, Myrtle Lois Moran, Oleta Gollehon, Kate Beecher and Irene Carpenter. The Hungarian Orchestra, composed of about 15 musicians played several selections and the Director and violin soloist, Miklos Szenthelyi, played six concert pieces: *Variations on a Theme of Corelli*; *Liebesfreud*; *Liebesleid*; *Caprice Viennois*; *Sch-n-Rosmarin*, and *Recitativo and Scherzo* that we enjoyed very much.

Alma Kenmore was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a brown bag lunch and a day of bridge. Helen Braafladt made candy for snacks and Cleo Forson made a delicious date pudding cake for Alma to serve as their dessert. Edith Graef won high score and Emily Clingsmith won second high score. Others playing were Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey, Bernice Hill, Johnnie Vannoy, Ferne Dickey, Cleo Forson, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Mary

Small, Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates and Elizabeth Huckabay.

The wedding shower for Traci and Lonnie Robb was held in the pretty home of Sue Rita Myatt on Saturday morning. The hostesses served individual cheesecakes, bread sticks wrapped in bacon and almond tea. Lonnie's mother, Jean Robb; his sisters, Jan Robb of Dallas and Cheryl Harmon of Amarillo; his sister-in-law, Tammy Robb; and his grandmothers, Madge Robb and Tina Mills, were among the relatives at the shower. I visited with Audrey Mills Rusher from Hereford (Lonnie's aunt), who was in school in Tulsa when I was there. I visited with Genell Craig and congratulated her on her new grandson. Steve and Deidre Henderson of Hewett have a new baby, Eric James, born Jan. 23. He has a sister, Kirsten, who is four.

Sandra Bagwell was the soloist as the choir sang the special *Homeward Bound* on Sunday morning at First Baptist Church. Sunday evening, Renise Blair sang a song she has written, *On That Day I Will Learn to Sing*.

Jan Daehnert was the guest speaker from Drug Prevention Resources on Sunday morning. He told the congregation that he was planning to attend a conference and the committee wrote and told him his roommate would be Kay. Jan wrote back and said his wife, Carol, would not want him to room with "Kay." Kay wrote back to the conference and said his wife, Barbara, would not want him to room with "Jan." It turned out that Jan and Kay are both men.

Jo Hyman was in Dimmitt over the weekend visiting her parents, Harold and Martha Jo Hyman. Jo has graduated from college and is working with McAfee Mortgage and Investments in College Station.

Melony Fant and her family from Dallas were guests in the home of her parents, Bryce and Darlene Dowell, over the weekend.

Ryan and Joanna Robertson and their daughter, Taylor, moved to Dimmitt from Dallas on Nov. 1. He had been serving in the US Navy as a system specialist stationed at Pearl Harbor. Ryan is now employed as a security guard at the Holly Sugar plant in Hereford and attends Amarillo College. Joanna works part-time at Anthony's and hopes to attend Amarillo College in the near future.

They had visitors this weekend from Dallas, including Joanna's mom, Darleen Green; her grandmother, Edna Johnson; and her brother, Jerry Don Green. They went to Amarillo for shopping and eats. Taylor, seven months old, had more love and kisses than one little girl can hold.

The Cartwright family has been busy the past week. Dianne's son, Tayt, a West Texas A&M University student majoring in farm science, visited with three friends over the weekend: George Hudson from San Antonio, attending WTAMU, and Lori Larsen and Mandy Goss from Dallas (they attend North Garland High) came all this way for the best chicken

Jack Cartwright entertained his granddaughters, Angela and Elizabeth, and Angela's friend, Alexis, overnight Friday. He treated them to breakfast at the cafe and in return they got to help feed the livestock. I think they all had a really good time.

fried steak in Texas (per Tayt). On Monday, friends from Michigan arrived: Jim and Eileen Stone and their children, Corinne, Kristen and Garrett. They are seeing Palo Duro Canyon, the Quarter Horse museum, the Big Texan and whatever else time allows.

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

The Sunnyside Church celebrated Wayland Baptist University Day on Sunday with guests of the university participating. All stayed for dinner.

Amy Gray played the computerized keyboard. She sang a lot of songs, accompanying herself on the keyboard. She gave her testimony in several different ways. She was born blind and has been legally blind all her life.

Dr. Burnett spoke for a short time and said he was aware of how Sunnyside has helped Wayland through the years. His wife was present, too. The couple who brought Amy Gray are friends of Lori and Anthony Sisemore.

Amy is a student at Wayland. There were 36 people present for dinner. The family of Ezell and Verba Sadler helped to fill the pews.

James Powell of Canadian came to Sunnyside Wednesday and went with Larry Sadler to a military auction in Killeen. When they got home Friday, Cheryl's baby was in Fort Stockton. Her husband, Nor-

man Logan, took Brett, the older son, to Lubbock and Patricia Powell met him there and kept Brett. When James Brant was dismissed from the hospital, Cheryl brought him to join the rest of the family.

Patricia and the girls visited Sunday with the family of Duward Davis in Plainview.

Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler missed the church activities Sunday in order to visit with Bob and Cindy Clatt and children, and with Myles. An aunt of Bob's had died and they had come for the funeral.

A trace of rain was recorded Saturday afternoon, and it was just enough to wet the windows. Top soil was all that was in the rain gauge. Another trace of rain was received Monday morning.

Dr. Straus Atkinson of Plainview and Teeny Bowden had a good visit in Jack Morris Ford Wednesday afternoon. Both brought their vehicles in for servicing at the same time.

Laney honored by state group

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) has been given the Friend of Business Award by the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Laney is Castro County's representative in the state house.

He was among a group of state officials honored for their work during the 1993 legislative session. He was recognized for encouraging job creation and economic growth by helping to enact legislation aimed at bolstering the state's business climate.

"The 1993 legislative session was one of the most successful for business in many years," said Bruce Gibson,


Chamber president and CEO. "A great deal of the credit for that success goes to key legislative leadership by Speaker Laney, who was instrumental in making sure that the needs of the business community were so favorably represented in the Texas Capitol."

"During the 1993 session of the Texas Legislature, the House and Senate worked well together for the betterment of the Texas economy," said Laney. "Looking to the future, I think we all want to take a reasoned, well-planned approach to prepare Texas for the 21st Century and for further international activity."



LANEY HONORED BY TEXAS CHAMBER—Texas House Speaker Pete Laney (right) received the Friend of Business Award recently from the Texas Chamber of Commerce. Presenting the award was Bruce Gibson, Texas Chamber president and CEO. Courtesy photo

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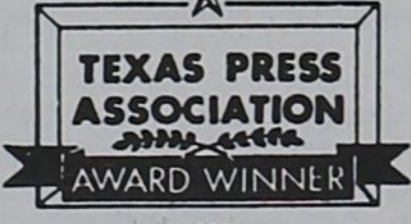
The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Sylvia Medrano
Jerry Matthews

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CITIZENSHIP WINNERS for the fourth six weeks at Nazareth Elementary School are (back, from left) second grader Brock Birkenfeld, fifth grader Lindsey K. Gerber, fourth grader Lesley Brockman and third grader Kristi Ramaekers; and (front, from left) first grader Jamie Black, third grader Ben Irlbeck and Dusty Braddock, kindergarten.

Courtesy Photo

Honor students listed at NISD

Nazareth Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of school.

Students earning mention on the "A" honor roll are:

FIRST GRADE: Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Garrett Kleman and Keli Schulte.

SECOND GRADE: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Sarah Ellison, Nicole Francis, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb.

THIRD GRADE: Craig Birkenfeld, Ben Irlbeck, Eric Schilling and Megan Schulte.

FOURTH GRADE: Blake Birkenfeld, Leslie Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Daryl Pohlmeier, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox.

FIFTH GRADE: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsie M. Gerber, Brooke Moyers and Holly Myers.

SIXTH GRADE: Lisa McLaurin, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

SEVENTH GRADE: Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Alyssa Irlbeck and Jessica Kern.

EIGHTH GRADE: Sara Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

FRESHMEN: Margie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry and Jill Ramaekers.

SOPHOMORES: Courtney Hoelting and Robin Schulte.

JUNIORS: Scott Brockman, Colby Pohlmeier, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

SENIORS: Sabrina Acker, Lynette Kleman and Mary Ellen Ramaekers.

Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Mark Lange, Mattie McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier and Wade Price.

SIXTH GRADE: Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Cameron McLain and Karen Wilhelm.

SEVENTH GRADE: Laura Birkenfeld, Mandy Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Kristin Hales, Susan Jones, Susan Lange, Tiffany Schmucker and Ann Wilhelm.

EIGHTH GRADE: Barry Hoelting, Lynsey Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Joy Long and Kourtney Robertson.

FRESHMEN: Justin Bingham, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Nick Gerbr, Nathan Hoelting, B.J. Kern and Sarah Olvera.

SOPHOMORES: Jaimye Bingham, Allyn Garza, Casey Hoelting, Kelly Jones, Melinda Schmucker, Robby Schmucker and Carie Wethington.

JUNIORS: Ron Backus, Bryan Charanza, Denia Durbin, Alston Farris, Richard Herring, Amber Irlbeck and Adam Johnson.

SENIORS: Kristin Brockman, Kandal Derrick, Lena Durbin, Joey Hacker, Morgan Heck, Nick Johnson and Brad Keel.

Students qualifying for the "B" honor roll are:

FIRST GRADE: Jeremy Acker, Melina Braddock, Michael Horn, Kelcee Kleman, Tyson Schulte, Edward Wilhelm, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm.

SECOND GRADE: Andrew Brockman, Monty Hoelting, Adam Hunter, Rebecca Olvera, Cassie Price and Lindsey Wood.

THIRD GRADE: Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Karen Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Jenna Braddock, Tyler Ehly, Carson Gerber, Erica Gerber, Reece Hales, Evan Huseman, Koty Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Laci McLaurin, Justin Myers, Kristi Ramaekers, Kalissia Robertson, Chase Schulte, Ross Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

FOURTH GRADE: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Shana Huseman, Quentin Jones, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Jase Merritt, Elizabeth Olvera, Danette Ramaekers, Kyla Schacher and Jennifer Wilhelm.

FIFTH GRADE: Sage Annen,

Local youth eligible for speech contest

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 28 years, Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington. The winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held March 29 at the Swisher Electric headquarters in Tulia.

Any 14-to-19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silvertown or Olton is eligible to enter the contest. Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools this week to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the trip. Information is also available from Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric at 1-800-530-4344. Entry deadline is March 22.

The 1994 Youth Tour is scheduled for June 9-21. The winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will join other winners in Denton for a chartered bus trip to Washington. While in Washington, they will visit their US Congressman, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court building and visit the White House.

The youth will also get to tour the more memorable sights, including the Smithsonian Institution, the most

popular memorials and monuments, and witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

'Lone Star' lottery game closes Feb. 1

One lucky Castro County lottery player has scratched off a winning ticket worth \$1,000 on the Lottery's first game, "Lone Star Millions" and that was the biggest county winner on that particular ticket, according to information from the Texas Lottery Commission.

The "Lone Star Millions" tickets went on sale with the Lottery's kick-off on May 29, 1992, breaking national first-day records with sales of \$23.2 million. The game's first-week sales of \$102.4 million set another national record. The Texas Lottery Commission closed its records on the game Feb. 1 with the mailing of federal tax forms to 19 "Lone Star Millions" winners of \$1,000 or \$10,000 in 1993.

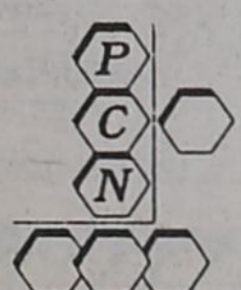
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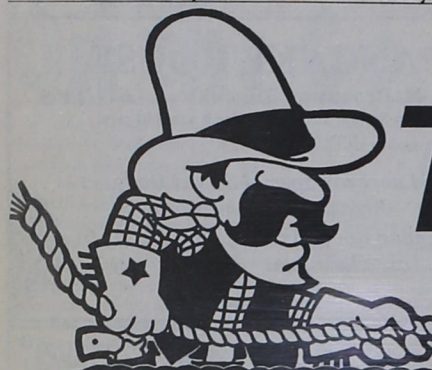
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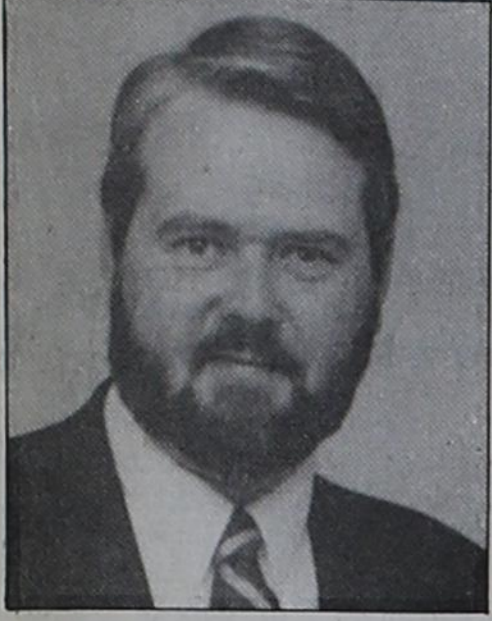
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Fixing our focus

As I write this column our house is under attack. We're remodeling and sounds of work in progress echo throughout.

The electrician is shouting instructions to his assistant in the attic. The carpenter is using a miter saw to cut trim and the painter has a compressor running right outside my office door. Occasionally, the sounds of drills and cutoff saws add to this medley of noise. It is difficult to concentrate on my writing.

Concentration is the ability to focus our attention on the task at hand. Fixing our focus allows us to shut out external and internal interference and to center our power and effort on getting the job done.

The ability to concentrate is a skill you can develop. Once you learn to stay focused you will reap several benefits.

The pay off

A key benefit of concentration is that

you will accomplish more. High achievers stay focused and get more done. We all have the same number of hours each day, but most of us can learn to use those hours more effectively. We will accomplish more by focusing on one task until we finish it.

A second benefit of concentration is fewer mistakes. The quality of work completed increases when we're focused. We avoid those little mistakes we all make when a project doesn't have our undivided attention. It always requires less time to do it right the first time.

Another benefit is more available time. While concentration doesn't add any hours to your day, it will free up more of those hours for other tasks. Fixing your focus on one task until you get it done will allow you to tackle more projects. The time you gain, added to that saved by making fewer mistakes, will stretch your day and make you more productive.

A side benefit, but still part of the pay off, is the peace of mind that comes from

doing your job well. When you're doing quality work and accomplishing more every day, you become more relaxed. You no longer will lay awake at nights worrying about the tasks you weren't able to finish. They will be done and you'll enjoy the peace of mind.

Barriers to concentration

Distractions. Distractions come in many forms. Phone calls, co-workers and cluttered work areas are leading causes of distraction. Shut your office door and put all calls on hold until you can complete an important, urgent task. When noise begins to threaten your concentration, put on stereo headphones and block out unwanted sounds with soft music.

Fatigue. Often your mind or body runs out of gas before you finish an important task. Usually, you are better off getting some rest before returning to the job. No one knows your personal limits better than you. If you're too tired to focus, take a

break. Get a little exercise or eat a light meal. Then you can return to the task refreshed.

Boredom. Routine tasks often cause boredom and similar symptoms to fatigue. If you feel boredom setting in and have no real reason for fatigue—that is, the kids didn't keep you up all night—turn the task into a challenge.

When I find myself in a routine task like collating 100 workshop handouts, I make the work a game. I time how long it takes to arrange and staple 20 copies of the work. Then I try to do another 20 in less time. Soon the work is done and it was fun.

I hope these tips will help you be more productive. It does pay to fix your focus and improve your concentration skills. If you drifted off to sleep halfway through this column, we need to talk.

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



FIRST BANK DONATES SOFTWARE—Morris Wilcox, left, branch manager of First Bank of Mulehoe-Dimmitt Branch, presented a new software program recently to Jackie Odom (center) and Barbara Kenley of the Dimmitt high School Home Economics Dept. The program will be used to help students make good decisions as consumers in everyday and more major decisions. Photo by John Brooks

WIFE updated on wetlands, farm bill, EPA regulations

Wetland rules, the new worker's protection standard rules, the 1995 Farm Bill and more were topics discussed at the first meeting of 1994 for the national Women Involved in Farm Economics.

The winter board of directors meeting was held in Irving and that city's mayor, Bobby Jo Raper, welcomed delegates.

National President Mary Ann Sheppard of Alabama presided over the meeting.

"This delegation will go home with an overall picture of priorities for the coming year and goals concerning the 1995 Farm Bill and will be ready to work for the benefit of agriculture," said Sheppard in an opening address.

New wetland rules were discussed by Russell Castro of the Soil Conservation Service.

"Farmers and ranchers are some of the most environmentally conscious in the world," Castro said. "Being only 2% of the US population, farmers feed the other 98% plus exports."

He said that wetlands are a concern today because 30 to 40% of the wetland resources since colonial times have been lost. He added that 13 agencies regulate the protection of wetlands.

Van Kozak of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency gave WIFE members firsthand information about the worker's protection standard for agricultural pesticides, saying provisions have been issued to agriculture employers and those people must be in compliance by April 1. Information must be provided at a central location, pesticide training is required, decontamination sites are to be established and notification of application must be posted, Kozak said.

Specifics on private property rights and endangered species, health care reform and energy were implemented into WIFE's plan of action for 1994.

Some of the specifics planned are distribution of informational packets, a coalition with other ag groups on endangered species and monitoring states for possible legislation on private property rights. Health care insurance premium tax

deduction for the self-employed and a letter writing campaign to endorse ethanol support include other specifics.

The board discussed the 1995 Farm Bill, with the preparation of summaries and a study in regard to ag production in different locations. Comments, WIFE policy review

and preparation of a congressional packet will be some of the first steps of WIFE's input into the 1995 Farm Bill.

The WIFE board passed a resolution concerning a new conservation reserve program (CRP), in reference to expiration of the current CRP contracts beginning in 1995.

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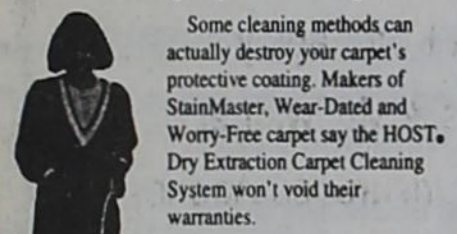
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Fee suit is resolved

A suit filed by the US Dept. of Justice on behalf of the US Dept. of Agriculture over the transfer of fees from an inspection program to the state's general revenue fund has been resolved, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The resolution means that about \$1.5 million in producer funds and property will be transferred from an escrow account to the Texas Cooperative Inspection Program, a service administered by Texas Dept. of Agriculture. TCIP conducts visual inspections of fruits, vegetables and nuts for size, grade and maturity prior to shipping and marketing. The transfer is authorized by legislation passed in 1993 by the 73rd Legislature's regular session.

"I am pleased that these funds, which were paid in good faith by producers for quality inspections, will be returned to the state service," Perry said. "It would have been wrong to transfer these funds to the state's general revenue fund and spend the money on something other than produce inspections."

The State of Texas and the Justice Dept. agreed to dismiss the case last Dec. 9.

A last-minute rider to the state's 1991 General Appropriations Act sought to shift the inspection funds to the state following the termination of the Texas-Federal Inspection Service in May 1990. The Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association assumed the inspection service until May 1992, when TDA entered into a new agreement with USDA, resuming inspections under the TCIP. Under this accord, producer and shipper fees (minus 4% annual payments to USDA and TDA for administrative costs) go solely for inspectors' salaries, inspectors' vehicles and operational costs.

Of the \$1.5 million in assets, about \$1.2 million are funds which will be used as a reserve account for the \$3 million-a-year inspection program. Generally, federal agencies maintain a four-month reserve fund. The remaining \$300,000 represents buildings, property and fixed assets.

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Students were honored for making the honor roll, for being good spellers and hard workers and for having perfect attendance.

Those recognized include:

LYNN'S ROOM
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HARDEST WORKER: Gonzalez.

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SMITHSON'S ROOM
SPELLING: Katy Loudder.

HONOR ROLL: Matthew Sanders, Shayla Kenworthy, Katy Loudder, Lisa Sears and Cinnamon Trotter.

HARDEST WORKER: Erika Mendoza.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Cynthia Barrera, Loudder, Trotter, Daniel Corrales, Rey Medrano and Martin Perez.

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SPELLING: Sal Chavarria, Nicky Gauna, Amy Laurent, Tyler Myatt, Kami Sanders, Sarah Silva, Adam Wright and Anthony Zambrano.

HONOR ROLL: Gauna, Laurent, Myatt, Shae Odom, Sanders and Silva.

HARDEST WORKER: Myatt.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Chavarria, Gauna, Michael Guzman, Laurent, Myatt, Manuel Sanchez, Sanders, Silva and Wright.

COLLINS' ROOM
SPELLING: Christina Campos, Alicia Heard, Christy Hernandez, Angelica Lara, Amy McGowne, Christy Morgan, Shantell Self and Reggie Wilkerson.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Campos, Chris Enriquez, Heard, Morgan, Jhirvon Starling and Wilkerson.

HONOR ROLL: Jared Griffith, Heard, Lara, McGowne, Morgan and Self.

HARDEST WORKER: Morgan.

THAMES' ROOM
SPELLING: Erica Abrego, Sheena Ehly and Kimberly Paz.

HONOR ROLL: Abrego, Ehly, James Armstrong, Paz and Jake Wright.

HARDEST WORKER: Israel Ellis.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Armstrong, Ehly, Deidre Perez, Osiel Rodriguez, Lori Sifuentes, Wright, Chelsia Young and Britny Gonzalez.

EVAN'S ROOM
SPELLING: Maria Ibarra, Todd Jansa, Diana Martinez, Ben Ojeda, Roxanne Oliviero, Angelica Quiroz and Daniel Rodriguez.

HONOR ROLL: Ibarra, Jansa, Tabitha Laurent, Mindy Maxwell, Justina Navarro, Megan Pigg and Rodriguez.

HARDEST WORKER: Jansa.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Jansa, Sharette Johnson, Maxwell, Navarro, Ojeda and Quiroz.



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Odom and Brown wed

Susie Brown became the bride of Kevin Odom Saturday when the couple exchanged wedding vows in El Paso.

Parents of the bride are Patricia Cody and Robert T. Brown of Rockmart, Ga. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Judy Odom of El Paso and the grandson of M.B. and Lucille Odom of Dimmitt.

The groom is a veteran of Desert Storm and he currently works as a diesel mechanic and has plans to become a police officer.

The bride is a homemaker.
After a honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Killeen.

Dimmitt FHA members to attend state meet

One Future Homemaker of America member from the Dimmitt High School chapter will be running for a regional office and five others are entered in a competitive event at the upcoming Region I Leadership Conference, which will be held March 11-12 in Lubbock.

Rachel Goldsmith is among 22 regional candidates who will be vying for an office. The five DHS students entered in parliamentary procedure competition are Sonia Cardona, Mirella Cardona, Mary Garcia, Adriana Lopez and Selma Montalvo.

FHA advisors in Dimmitt are Barbara Kenley, Jackie Odom and Joanne Snider.

Members of the Dimmitt chapter are joining with the Texas Association of FHA to locate former officers and invite them to the 50th anniversary celebration. Local members and alumni will be participating in the anniversary festivities in April 1995 during the FHA state leadership conference in Fort Worth.

The national organization was founded in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 11, 1945, and has grown to 30,000 members during the 1993-94 school year.

The Texas Association of FHA accounts for 15% of the national membership and has served more than one million men and women since its inception. Current FHA projects including Youth Exchanging with Seniors, Cult Awareness, Youth Education, Self-Responsibility and Keep Texas Beautiful.

The leadership organization sponsors local workshops, regional and state leadership conferences, self-directed goal setting programs and the Students taking Action with Recognition (STAR) events competitive activities which encourage cooperation and competition in parliamentary procedure, volunteerism, entrepreneurship, public speaking job interview, child devel-

opment, public relations, family communication and chapter projects and activities categories.

The association requests that former officers contact Sharon Reddell Pierce, state advisor, P.O. Box 9616, Austin, to receive additional information and to update historical records.

Navarro is top student

Bobby Navarro has been named Mrs. Dameron's fourth grade student of the week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Navarro is the son of Maria and Andres Navarro. He was born in Plainview (his birthday is Nov. 23) and he likes to play football. He's good at art, and likes pizza and dogs. He wants to be a football player and likes recess.

He wants to make better grades, and Bobby admires his dad.



Out-of-town
Katrina and Robert Barton of Austin are the parents of a daughter, Bailey Rae, born Feb. 14. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 19 inches long.
Grandparents are Fred and Bobbie Bruegel of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Juanita Bruegel of Dimmitt.

CPS plans fundraiser

Child Protective Services Board will hold an all-you-can eat Mexican Fiesta Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 may eat free. Those purchasing meal tickets will be able to stack up a Mexican food feast.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to provide for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Tickets for the meal may be purchased at the door or in advance from any Child Protective Services board member.

Blood drive is set Monday

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- "house" below the southern border
- civil rights group that sued Denton ISD (91)
- Marcus nickname
- shade of color
- "gut whiskey"
- TXism: "wouldn't fleas" (harmless dog)
- TXism: "you can bet the farm ___" (sure)
- TXism: "pulled the ___ his eyes"
- TX chill has ___ beans
- TXism: "___ of breathing room" (spacious)
- wagon wheel track
- old TX RR: Rockdale, ___ & Southern
- Tex-Mex green dip
- TXism: "all hat and ___ cattle" (phony)
- hit by TX Henley's Eagles: "After The Thrill ___" (75)
- Bridge City's Saltwater ___ Festival
- TXism: "it'll make your hair stand ___" (scary)
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- Loving Co. has only one ___ road
- "The TX Wheelers" was set in this town
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- Staubach could hurl the "Hail ___" pass
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- The Ballpark in Arlington puts fans closer to the ___
- leaning; sloping
- uncle's "better half"
- dir. from Denton to San Antonio
- Houston played in '90 Coca-___
- The Jersey Lily was Judge Roy Bean's saloon & court ___
- TX town or low female voice
- TXism: "attracted like a pig ___"
- to Texans, it's 105
- LBJ's female beagle
- TXism: "write slow 'cause ___ can't read fast"
- plants found in Enchanted Rock State Natural Area
- Waco born: ___ Pepper
- Itasca h.s. class
- 55 posts letters
- ___ Village Arena is site of Grand Prairie rodeo
- TV series for TX actress Gehring: "Evening ___"
- TX Ginger starred in this Gershwin's "Girl Crazy"
- Burton's Cotton ___ Festival (April)
- TXism: "___ a hankerin' for"
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- 19 mascot for UT-San Antonio: Road ___
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- TXism: "pole ___" (skunk)
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- Roy Roger's Dale from Uvalde
- X-mas egg drink
- Davy's state (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ ready" (prepared)
- TXism: "plumb weak north of the ___" (stupid)
- '91 anti-lottery group Texans Who ___
- book: "LBJ and ___ Times"
- TXism: "riding ___ horse" (arrogant)
- daughter of TX Gene Tierney



DISTRICT 30 STATE SENATE CANDIDATE Tom Haywood (right) addresses the Republican Organization For Women meeting last Wednesday at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt. Also speaking

to the group was Dimmitt Mayor and 13th Congressional District candidate Wayne Collins (left). Pictured with the two candidates is ROW President Patsy Franks of Hart. Photo by Don Nelson

State Senate hopeful talks to ROW

Tom Haywood, Republican candidate for state senator from District 30, was in Dimmitt last Wednesday, speaking to the Republican Organization for Women at their noon meeting.

Haywood is challenging incumbent Steve Carriker in the March 8 Republican primary.

Haywood ran against Carriker in the last race for senate and "lost by less than 3,000 votes out of nearly 200,000."

Haywood is a native Texan who was born and raised in Dallas. He now lives in Wichita Falls with his wife, Pat. The couple has four children and three grandchildren. They are active in the First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls.

Haywood holds bachelor of science and master of science de-

grees and a doctorate in physics. He taught physics at two universities in District 30—the University of North Texas in Denton and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. He left MSU in 1979 to serve as the executive director of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association.

He is owner and chief executive officer of his own small business, a property tax appraisal and consulting firm in Wichita Falls.

Haywood has served on boards of directors for Crimestoppers, Drug-Free North Texas, Boy Scouts of America, Texas Association of Business and West Texas Children's Aid Society.

The most important campaign issues to Haywood are honesty and integrity in politics, use of common sense in budgeting tax dollars, keeping criminals in jail by cutting down on early release, and term limitations.

"We need to have the facilities which would allow us to end early release of violent criminals because repeat offenders are the ones who are clearly causing so much of the criminal problems that we have," said Haywood.

He believes in site-based management for education, "whereby

local parents and teachers and school boards work together to determine policies."

"I believe that the way to fund education is to return to the historical level of having 75 to 80% of the funds coming directly from the state. This will provide property tax relief for all taxpayers. I believe we need to get into a position where we are no longer talking about funding of education, but where we are discussing quality of the product of education—how children are coming out of schools."

Haywood said he favors limiting legislators' terms to two four-year terms in the Senate.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Happenings

Purim begins at sundown today (Thursday).

Sunday is the second Sunday in Lent.

Sunday school classes meet at 10 a.m.

"Example and Stability" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday church worship service at 11 a.m.

"The Shield of Faith" will be the subject of the Lenten mid-week Bible study, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Presbyterians will participate in the World Day of Prayer observance, March 4 at 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Ministerial Alliance

Pedro Gonzales will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 3:1-6 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford St. Church of Christ.

World Day of Prayer set

The Nazareth Catholic Daughters will host a "World Day of Prayer" in Nazareth Friday, March 4, at 3 p.m. at the CCD Building, located at Second and St. Joseph Streets in Nazareth.

Palestinian women authored the prayer service and the ladies' group has invited Father Hector Madrigal of Amarillo to narrate his slides from a recent trip to the Holy Land.

St. Ann's dinner set

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina will sponsor its annual German Sausage Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the parish hall.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread, butter, dessert, tea and coffee.

Donations will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available by the pound at the dinner.

Christian women from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth are invited to attend.

There will be a collection taken at the closing which will benefit the different programs of the Church Women United.

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Thomas named to WBU's dean's list

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Thomas, the son of Prentice and Marilyn Thomas, is a junior religion major. To be eligible, WBU students must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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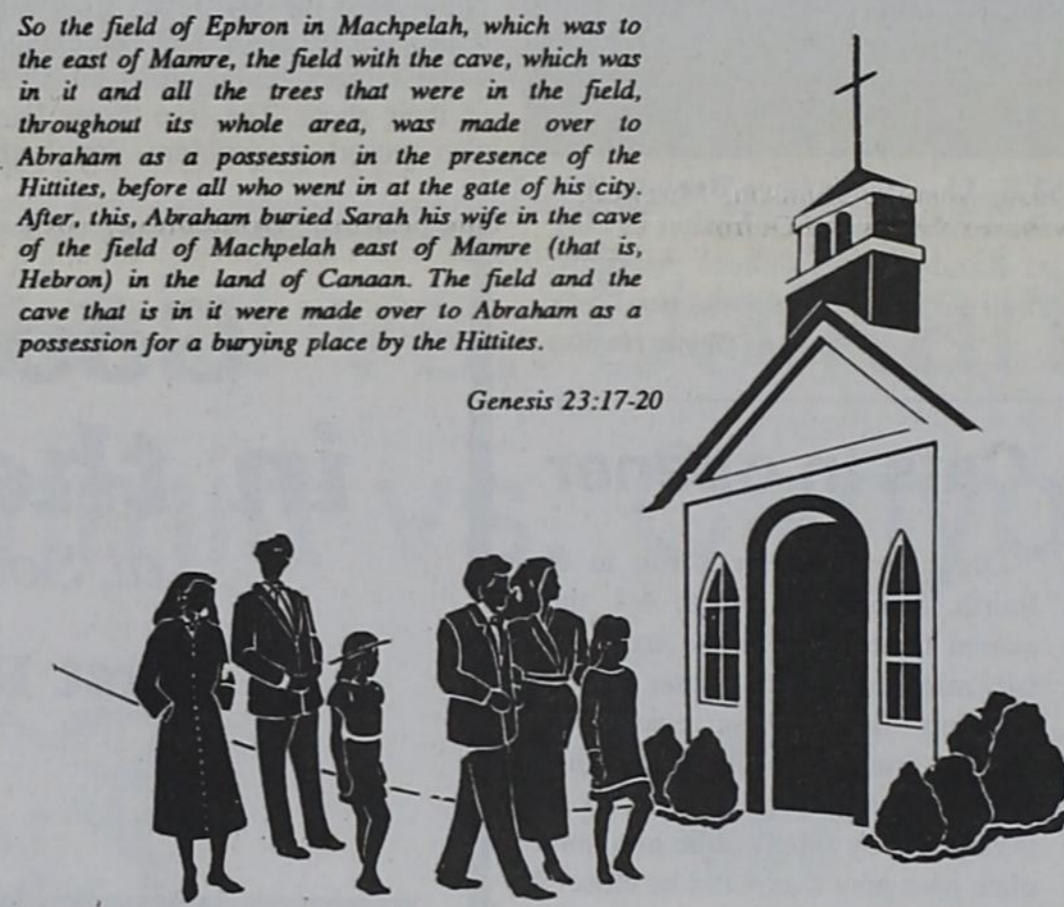
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What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Feb. 24 to March 4.

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THURSDAY: No school.

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MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, tater tots, ketchup, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic toast, fried okra, green beans, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, vegetable salad, crackers, orange cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef stew, cheese cubes, cornbread, cinnamon rolls, pineapple nuggets and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish crispies, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, fried okra, cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

FRIDAY: No School!

MONDAY: No School!

TUESDAY: Charsteaks, whipped

potatoes, brown gravy, Italian green beans, carrot sticks and broccoli, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

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

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, carrot sticks, broccoli, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Bean and three-cheese chimichanga, salad, corn, blueberry muffins and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Mexican casserole, sopapillas and honey, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, corn, pineapple, hot rolls and milk.

MONDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, corn, peach cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dogs, potatoes, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, pears, rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, tater tots, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY: Chalupas, lettuce, cauliflower, fruit and milk.

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Hart wins area thriller in overtime



BENNETT BATTLES FOR BASKETBALL—Hart's Shea Bennett (00) outflights Hartley's Maria Peterson for a rebound and a basket Friday in their Class A bi-district game at Randall High School. At right, waiting to help, is Hart's Jodi Card. The Lady Horns defeated the Lady Tigers, 54-42. Photo by DLynn Hankins

Trinette Finch helped save the day for the second game in a row Monday, as the Hart girls came back in overtime to defeat Follett, 57-52, at Borger.

The Hart girls will play Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the first round of the Region 1 tournament at South Plains College at Levelland. It's the first trip ever for Hart into the postseason carnival at the Texan Dome, where the team that wins three games in 30 hours wins a ticket to the state tournament next week in Austin.

The trip to Levelland was almost cancelled Monday, when the Lady Horns squandered a seven point lead in the last two minutes and were fortunate to get a chance to play an extra period.

"Course, if Hart hadn't bounced back from trailing most of the first half, the Lady Horns would be running track today instead of practicing for that first regional game.

Hart, for the second game in a row, started off slowly. After Hart posted an early 2-0 lead, Follett jumped to leads of 7-2 and 9-4 before the Lady Horns battled back. Shea Bennett tied the score at 10 with a minute to play in the first period, and Traci Knox put Hart in the lead 25 seconds later, 12-10.

Follett's Ginger Hudson found a free lane to the basket with 10 seconds to play in the first period to tie the score at 12, and Hart couldn't score again at the end of the quarter.

Hart's first period performance was much better Monday than last Friday against Hartley, said coach Rachelle Wilcox.

"We played hard the whole game because we realized, our team realized, that Follett was a good basketball team," Wilcox said. "We were just petrified on Friday, but we played very well."

The lead see-sawed much of the second quarter, with Hart taking a 21-20 lead on a Traci Knox basket with 2:26 to play in the first half. That was Hart's last score, as the Lady Horns had a horrible stretch from 1:08 to play in the half until there were 40 seconds left. Hart turned the ball over four times in 28 seconds, and Follett scored two times to take a 24-21 halftime lead.

Throughout the first half, the dominant player on the inside was not Knox as much as it was Follett's Jerri Wingfield. The 5-9 senior had 12 points at halftime and finished with 17.

"Wingfield and Katy Yauck did a number on us," Wilcox said. "We watched three different games of theirs on video and saw them in person, and Wingfield and Yauck weren't their two best players. We intended to concentrate more on Raelene Ferguson and Hudson. They totally turned over

their team against us, and Wingfield and Yauck were their two biggest threats."

Sheila Aalbers canned a three-pointer to open the second half and tie the score. Knox, who finished with 17 points to lead all scorers, gave Hart the lead at 28-26 with 5:47 to play in the third quarter. The Lady Horns then beat the Follett press three times in a row, as Bennett, Knox and Jody Card scored to give the Lady Horns a three-point cushion, 36-33, with 2:35 to play in the quarter. Card gave Hart a four-point lead, 38-34, with a pair of free throws 30 seconds later. Hart led 40-37 after three.

In the fourth, the Lady Panthers slowed down the pace early, passing the ball around for almost a minute once before scoring. Hart increased its lead to seven, 46-39, with 3:25 to play

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Swiftettes edge Groom in area, 59-47

Melinda Schmucker scored eight of her game-high 17 points in the first two minutes of the second quarter and that pulled the Swiftettes up from a one-point deficit and turned the game around.

Nazareth capitalized on that early second-quarter run to edge Groom in a Class A area playoff, 59-47, Tuesday at Highland Park High School in Amarillo.

The Swiftettes will advance to the Region 1-A tournament for the 20th consecutive year and will meet Hart Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Neither team shot well Tuesday night, with the Swiftettes finishing with a 37.5% field goal percentage while Groom managed to hit 47% of their shots. The free throw line also posed a problem for both

teams, with Nazareth hitting 14-of-27 from the stripe and Groom sinking 13-of-27.

The Swiftettes, who shot a poor 2-of-10 from the field in the opening stanza, were behind 9-8 at the end of the first.

But Schmucker opened second period scoring by canning back-to-back treys, then the Swiftettes forced four Groom turnovers. Courtney Hoelting, who finished with 10 points, turned one of those Groom miscues into another three-pointer, then Schmucker stole the ball and converted it into a fast-break layup — all before the Tigerettes were able to call a time out.

That came at the 6:03 mark and the Swiftettes had turned the one-point deficit into a 19-10 lead.

"I felt like we did a poor job of executing offensively," said Na-

zareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet. "We don't see a zone defense much and we don't have the opportunity to work on it a lot. We took a look at it in practice and thought we had the girls ready, but we just didn't execute against their zone. I think that hurt us early. We didn't get our outside shots to fall early, and I think we got a little gun-shy about pulling the trigger. And you can't extend the defense if your outside game isn't working."

Tarbet said he felt like the Swiftettes picked up their defensive game in the second quarter and that really made the difference.

"Early in the game we gave up too many second shots and easy baskets," he said.

Groom's 6-1 sophomore post player, Kay Case, who averages 14 points, 10 rebounds and 3 blocked shots per game, picked up her third

foul with 5:17 left in the first half and spent the rest of the period on the bench. She finished the game with just five points.

Case's foul sent Kristin Brockman to the line and the senior calmly put the Swiftettes up by 11.

Groom, who had been silent since the 1:43 mark in the first period finally got its first basket of the second stanza at the 5:07 mark when Sandi Conrad scored.

Nazareth ran off four more points and held its biggest lead of the game, 25-12, midway through the stanza.

The Swiftettes maintained at least a 10-point lead for the rest of the quarter, until Conrad scored with three seconds left to narrow Nazareth's advantage to 34-25 at halftime.

Hoelting and Brockman opened

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Roosevelt bests 'Cats in opener

Dimmitt rallied for four runs in the last three innings, but Lubbock Roosevelt drove in the winning run in the bottom of the sixth for a 5-4 win Monday at Lubbock.

The game was called after Roosevelt scored the winning run.

"The umpires had told us that (sixth) was going to be the last inning no matter what," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "It was a credit to them that we were able to play as much as we did. (Catcher) Gerald Barrios was covered in mud, and the batter's boxes were pretty much puddles."

Dimmitt pitcher Jason Nino gave up a run in the first and three more in the second before settling down.

"We had some kids in some new positions early, and they made a couple of mistakes in the second that cost us a couple of runs," Feaster said. "Jason came back and pitched super the rest of the way. I'm very proud of him."

Dimmitt rallied for a run in the fourth, cutting the gap to 4-1, then scored three times in the sixth. The tally might have been greater except a Dimmitt runner was ejected for running into the catcher. Although he was not attempting to cause injury, he is required by rule to slide into home plate on a play that could be close. A collision with a catcher who is attempting to field a thrown ball results in immediate ejection.

"He just didn't realize he had to slide," Feaster said.

Feaster said the team should be able to bounce back from the loss with games Friday at 6 p.m., here, against the Levelland JV, and Tuesday, here, against Boys Ranch at 5 p.m.

"We made some great defensive plays, and I was really proud of our kids for that," Feaster said. "Once we get everyone through with stock shows and stuff and get back to a cohesive unit, we will be in pretty good shape."

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Lady Horns rally past Hartley

Hart's Shea Bennett might want to check her wardrobe to see if she has any Farrah clothes in her closet.

If she does, chances are they are tight--kind of like the Farrah she wore most of the night Friday at Randall High School.

The Farrah was Frantz, who helped shut down most of Bennett's game for three quarters. Problem for Frantz and her Hartley teammates was, she didn't play at all in the second quarter after picking up three fouls in the first quarter.

With Frantz on the bench, Bennett got Hart started to a 54-42 bi-district win. The victory was the first in post-season play ever for the Lady Horns, who were in the playoffs only once before, in 1983.

Hartley, ending its season at 21-6, looked like a playoff veteran.

"They've been in the playoffs six or seven years in a row, and you could tell it," said Hart coach Rachelle Wilcox. "We looked like it was our first time, which it was. We had the jitters and we were uptight before the game, and we had the jitters and were uptight during the game, and we just never did get over it. After we've been in the playoffs a few times, like Hartley, we can just go out and play. I hope we get over it."

Early, it looked like Hart's playoff record would go to 0-2, as Frantz hit the first eight points of the game (two treys and a lay-up) to give the Lady Horns an 8-0 lead. The Lady Horns went 0-for-5 and turned the ball over four times before Sheila Aalbers

canned an 18-footer with 3:55 to play in the first period to get Hart on the board, 8-2. Traci Knox and Jodi Card hit a basket each in the last two minutes of the period to make it 8-6 after one.

Meanwhile, Frantz was picking up three fouls. Her absence made the difference in the game.

Knox tied the score at 8, 25 seconds into the second period. Then Bennett warmed up, slamming in five long jumpers in the period to help Hart to a lead of as many as 12 points, 24-12. Hart scored 16 unanswered points from Aalbers' first period basket to the middle of the second quarter. The Lady Horns settled for a 26-18 lead at halftime.

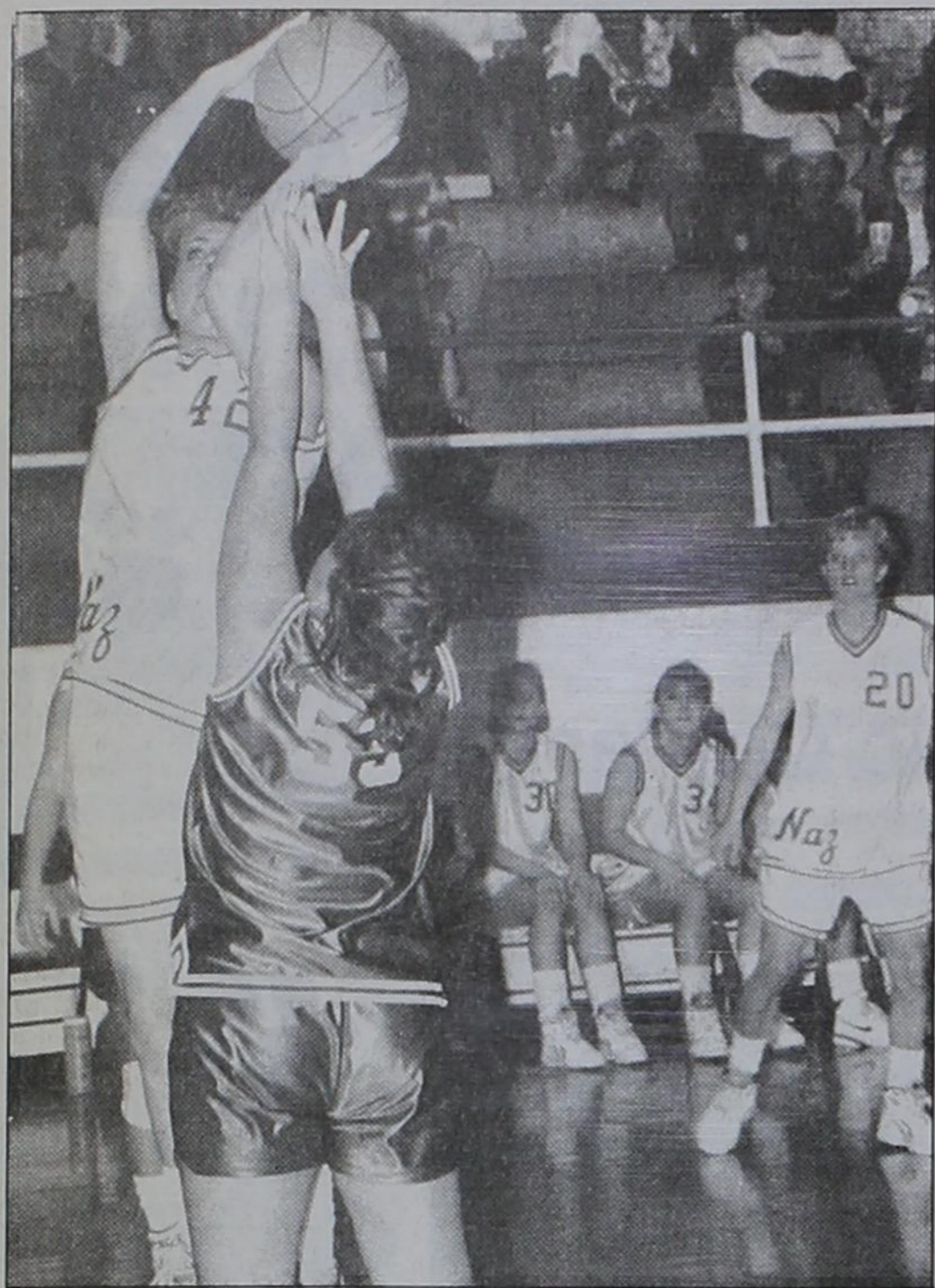
Frantz picked up only one more foul in the last two quarters but held Bennett to just one basket in the second half. Shea hit six of eight free throws in the last two quarters to account for her game-high 18 points.

Meanwhile, Frantz hit seven of eight free throws in the last 16 minutes and made four field goals (including two more three-pointers) to bring the Lady Horns back within two points, 40-38, with 4:57 left in the fourth quarter. That's when Trinette Finch went to work for the Lady Horns.

Finch had just three points in the first three quarters, but worked hard for three baskets in the lane and made one of two free throws in the fourth quarter to lead the Lady Horns to the 12-point margin at the end. Finch ended the game with eight points.



KEY DRIVES THE BASELINE—Hart's Brandi Key (40) drives the baseline and puts up a shot over Hartley's Maria Peterson during the first quarter of the Class A bi-district game Friday at Randall High School. Key's shot was no good, but Sheila Aalbers scored soon after to put Hart on the board, 8-2. Hart rallied to win, 50-42, for Hart's first playoff win ever in girls basketball.



RIGHT ON TARGET—Nazareth's Kelley Boyd (42) scores two of her nine points over Amherst's Nikki Tyson (53) during fourth quarter action Friday in a Class A bi-district game at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt. The Swiftettes had no problems with Amherst, winning easily, 89-59, and advancing to the area round against Groom. Pictured in the background are Swiftettes Denia Durbin (30), Robin Schulte (34) and Lynette Kleman (20).

Photo by Anne Acker

Naz blows out Amherst by 50

The Nazareth Swiftettes out-shot, out-rebounded and out-ran the Lady Bulldogs enroute to an 89-39 Class A bi-district championship Friday night at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt.

The Swiftettes controlled the opening tip and the momentum of the game, jumping out to a 20-11 first-quarter advantage and extending that margin to 50-21 by intermission. The Swiftettes limited Amherst to four third-quarter points while mounting a commanding 67-24 lead.

Nazareth won the battle on the boards, coming down with 37 rebounds while Amherst managed 34.

The Swiftette defense, which applied full-court pressure during part of the game, forced 29 Amherst turnovers. Nazareth turned the ball over 10 times.

The Swiftettes were hot from the field, canning 50.7% of their field goals, including six three-pointers. They kept the free-throw line hot, too, sinking 13 of 17 charity tosses. Amherst shot just 27% from the field and 25% from the free throw stripe.

Nazareth was led by Melinda Schmucker, who scored 22 points, and Kristin Brockman, who finished with 16. Both played less than three quarters in the bi-district contest.

The Lady Bulldogs were paced by Brandi Tyson and Jamie Mills, who scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

The win gave Nazareth its 20th consecutive bi-district championship, dating back to 1975.

Amherst struck first on a basket by Tyson, but Nazareth quickly tied that score, then took the lead for good as Brockman canned the Swiftettes' first five points.

With just three minutes gone, Amherst was forced to call a time out when a three-pointer by Schmucker from the top of the key gave Nazareth a 10-5 advantage.

Carie Wethington stole the ball, then drove coast-to-coast for a layup with 45 seconds left, then Courtney Hoelting canned a pair of free throws to give the Swiftettes the 20-11 advantage.

Amherst cut the Nazareth lead to five with 6:51 left in the second quarter on a pair of baskets by Tyson. But the Swiftettes retaliated with a trey by Schmucker, a basket by Hoelting and then another layup by Schmucker on a feed from Lena Durbin for a 12-point advantage just a minute later.

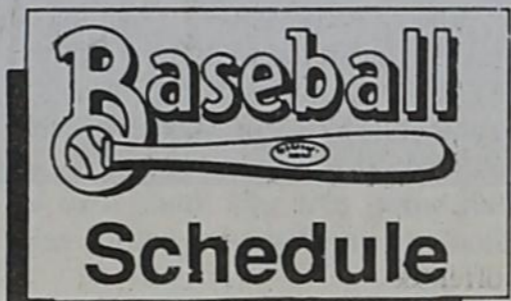
After that it was all over for Amherst.

The Lady Bulldogs scored just seven points in the last seven minutes of the second quarter and managed just four in the third quarter while the Swiftettes poured in 47 in the two stanzas.

Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet cleared his bench for the final eight minutes, and those girls outscored Amherst 22-15.



Team	Score
Roosevelt 5, Bobcats 4	
Dimmitt	0 0 1 0 3 - 4 3 3
Roosevelt	1 3 0 0 1 - 5 8 5
Jason Nino and Gerald Barrios	
Gregory, Castaneda (5), McCormick (6) and Smith	WP-McCormick (1-0), LP-Nino (0-1), 3B-Dimmitt, Ruiz.



Varsity: Levelland Red, here, Friday, 6 p.m.; Boys Ranch, here, Tuesday, 5 p.m.; Levelland Tournament, March 3-5.
Junior varsity: Lockney JV, here, Friday, 5:30 p.m.; Friona JV, there, March 3, 5:30 p.m.



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Hart wins area . . .

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in regulation on a Bennett basket. Katy Yauck made two treys in the next minute to cut the lead to 48-45. Card made one of two free throws with two minutes to play to give Hart a four-point lead, and Knox rebounded the miss and scored with 1:55 to play to give the Lady Horns a 51-45 lead.

That was Hart's last basket in regulation, and was almost not enough.

Ginger Hudson made both ends of a two-shot foul with 1:34 to go, then scored again with 18 seconds to play to cut the gap to 51-49. On the inbound play, as Follett coach Gailan Winegarner signaled furiously for a timeout, Finch was forced out-of-bounds by the Follett defense. The Panthers got the ball back with 13 seconds left, with a chance to at least tie.

Hudson rebounded an errant shot and tied the score at 51 with seven seconds left. Hart inbounded the ball,

and Card dribbled into the forecourt and let loose a 40-foot shot. It just missed, sending the game into overtime.

That's when Finch made up for her mistake, and Hart made it to regional.

The officials had the team going the wrong way to begin the overtime, and Bennett turned the ball over 24 seconds into the extra period. After the whistle, the officials found out they had the teams going the wrong way. Follett, instead of inbounding the ball 94 feet away from its basket, instead threw it in underneath its own bucket. Hudson was fouled and made one of two free throws to give Follett a 52-51 lead with 2:20 to play.

That was Follett's last point, and last lead, of the game.

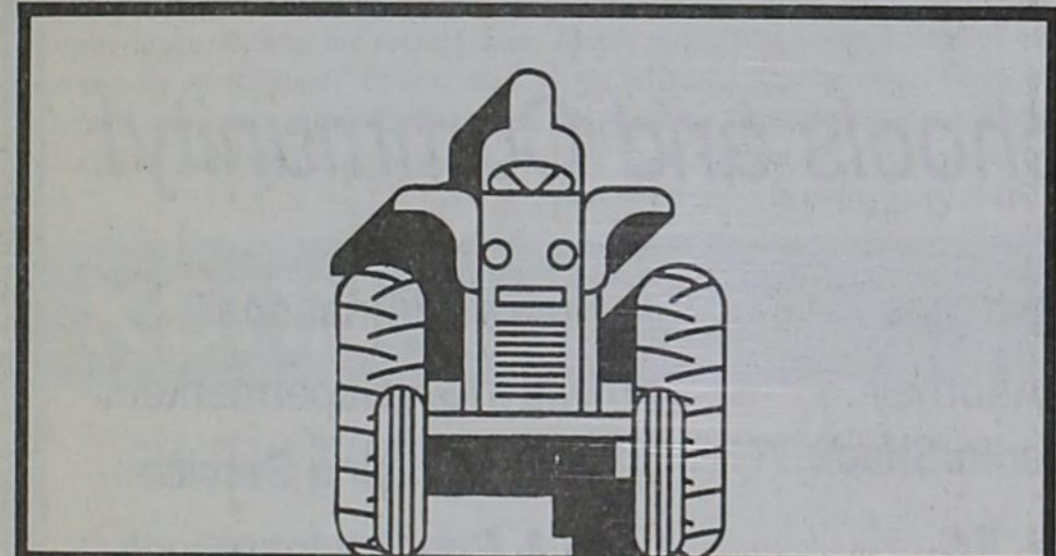
Finch worked hard for a rebound and scored with 1:51 left. She was fouled, and converted the three-point play to put Hart up for good, 54-52. Knox made one of two free throws

with 1:03 to play, and Bennett made the front end of a one-and-one with 20 seconds left. Finch made one of two free throws with 18 seconds left after rebounding Bennett's miss to make the score final.

"I didn't realize at the time just how strong Trinette was for us in the overtime," Wilcox said. "That's two games in a row where she has played good, hard basketball to get us the win at the end of the game."

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Lady Longhorns hoist bi-district trophy after defeating Hartley Friday night for Hart High School's first playoff victory ever in girls' basketball.

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Scoreboard

Friday
Pampa 86, Bobcats 62
 Dimmitt 15 12 20 15 -- 62
 Pampa 17 18 27 24 -- 86
 Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 24, Joey Martinez 8, Fernando Ontiveros 8.
Lady Horns 54, Hartley 42
 (BI-district at Randall)
 Hartley 8 8 12 14 -- 42
 Hart 6 20 10 18 -- 54
 Hartley: Amanda Davis 2-0-4; Farrah Frantz 7-7/8-25; Marcie Parker 0-1/6-1; Melanie Glenn 2-4/5-8; Tiffany Ford 1-0-2; Jenna Merritt 2-0/1-2. TOTALS: 13-12/20-42.
 Hart: Shea Bennett 6-6/8-18; Traci Knox 4-0/1-8; Shiela Aalbers 2-1/2-6; Sandra Lopez 2-0-4; Jodi Card 2-2/6-6; Trinette Finch 4-2/4-10; Brandi Key 1-0-2. TOTALS: 22-11/22-54.
 3-point goals: Hartley 4 (Frantz 4), Hart 1 (Aalbers). Fouled out: Card. Total Fouls: Hartley 19, Hart 22. Technical fouls: none. (Hart's first playoff win ever in girls' basketball.)
Swiftettes 89, Amherst 39
 (BI-district at Dimmitt)
 Amherst 11 10 3 15 -- 39
 Nazareth 20 30 17 22 -- 89
 Amherst: Lisa Ferguson 1-1/1-3; Amber Davis 0-0/2-0; Christina Jones 1-4/4-6; Christi Smith 1-0-2; Brandi Tyson 4-5/8-13; Jamie Mills 3-4/6-11; Evelyn Patterson 0-0-0; Jennifer Miller 2-0-4; Nikki Tyson 0-0-0. TOTALS: 12-14/21-39.
 Nazareth: Carle Wethington 4-0-8; Melinda Schmucker 9-2/2-22; Kandal Derrick 3-0-9; Lynette Klemm 2-0-5; Kristin Brockman 5-4/5-14; Sabrina Acker 2-2/4-6; Denia Durbin 1-0-2; Lena Durbin 1-2/2-4; Rovin Schulte 1-0-2; Courtney Hoelting 2-2/2-6; Kelley Boyd 4-1/2-9; A'Lyn Garza 1-0-2. TOTALS: 35-13/17-89.
 3-point goals: Amherst 1 (Mills). Nazareth 6 (Schmucker 2, Derrick 3, Klemm 1). Total fouls: Amherst 15, Nazareth 22. Fouled out: none.

Monday
Lady Horns 57, Follett 52 (OT)
 (Area at Borger)
 Follett 12 12 10 17 1 -- 52
 Hart 14 7 18 14 6 -- 57
 Follett: Raelene Ferguson 3-1/2-7; Lacey Neptune 0-0-0; Tamara Todd 1-0-2; Katy Yauck 5-0-13; Jerri Wingfield 7-3/5-17; Ginger Hudson 4-4/7-13; Toni Saunders 0-0-0.
 Hart: Shea Bennett 6-4/7-16; Traci Knox 7-3/4-17; Jodi Card 3-3/6-9; Shiela Aalbers 3-0-7; Sandra Lopez 1-0-2; Gayla Reyna 1-0/2-2; Trinette Finch 1-2/3-4; Brandi Key 0-0-0. TOTALS: 22-12/22-57.
 2-point goals: Follett 4 (Katy Yauck 3, Ginger Hudson 1), Hart 1 (Aalbers). Total fouls: Follett 16, Hart 13. Fouled out: Ferguson, Hudson, Follett. Technical fouls: none. Attendance: 700.
Shallowater 81, Swifts 75 (OT)
 Nazareth 17 17 19 17 5 -- 75
 Shalwater 22 19 15 14 11 -- 81
 Nazareth: Scott Brockman 24, Gaylon Schilling 19, Justin Wethington 13, Colby Pohlmeier 10.
Tuesday
Swiftettes 59, Groom 47
 Groom 9 16 12 10 -- 47
 Nazareth 8 26 15 10 -- 59
 Groom: Julie Richardson 0-0-0; Misty Homen 6-4/11-16; Stacy Fields 0-0-0; Jill Howard 0-0-0; Sheri Koetting 1-0/2-2; Sandi Conrad 4-0-8; Melanie Friemel 4-6/8-14; Rebecca Conrad 0-2/4-2; Stephanie Ollinger 0-0-0; Kay Kase 2-1/2-5; Darcee Lyles 0-0-0. TOTALS: 17-13/27-47.
 Nazareth: Carle Wethington 0-0-0; Melinda Schmucker 7-1/2-17; Kandel Derrick 1-1/4-3; Lynette Klemm 0-0-0; Kristin Brockman 4-4/6-12; Sabrina Acker 0-0-0; Denia Durbin 0-0-0; Lena Durbin 5-1/4-11; Robyn Schulte 0-0-0; Courtney Hoelting 3-3/5-10; Kelley Boyd 1-4/6-6; A'Lyn Garza 0-0-0. TOTALS: 21-14/27-59.
 3-point goals: Nazareth 3 (Schmucker 2, Hoelting 1). Total fouls: Groom 18, Nazareth 24.

Sales tax rebate down

Dimmitt's sales tax rebate for February was \$31,340.20, down \$2,300 from the rebate received in February 1993.
 The figures were released this week by State Comptroller John Sharp. The rebates reflect taxes received in December and reported in January by monthly filers, and taxes received in the fourth quarter of 1993 and reported in January by quarterly filers.
 For the year, Dimmitt has received \$61,508. That's a 5.2% increase over the first two months of 1993.
 In Hart, this month's sales tax rebate was \$1,971, down 32% from February 1993. For the year, Hart has received \$2,899. That is \$1,000 lower than for the first two months of 1993.
 Nazareth's rebate was \$1,397, down 28.5% from February 1993. For the year, Nazareth has received \$1,925, only \$29 less than for the first two months of 1993.
 Statewide, rebates showed a 3.6% increase over February 1993. For the first two months of the year, rebates are running about 10% ahead of a year ago, Sharp said.



DIMMITT SCHOOL BOARD HONORED—Members of the Dimmitt school board were honored this month as part of School Board Recognition Month in Texas. Standing, from left, are Steve Buckley, Paul Abrego, Earl Behrends and Frank Welch. The men are wearing the new Dimmitt High School baseball caps. Seated are Debbie Annen, John Nino and Gracie

Dimmitt, Nazareth boys ready to begin playoff runs tonight

Two county boys' basketball teams begin their playoff treks tonight (Thursday), as the Nazareth Swiftettes go to Olton to face Amherst at 7 p.m., and the Dimmitt Bobcats travel to the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo to meet Canyon in the second game of a doubleheader.

The teams have been involved in practice games over the last two weeks and are ready for playoff action.

Bobcats
 Dimmitt begins its 17th straight year in the playoffs against the Eagles, ranked No. 1 in the state most of the season by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Eagles were knocked off their lofty perch by district rival Childress, but that was their only regular-season loss this season. They are No. 5 in the state, behind Dimmitt's district rival, Littlefield. Littlefield beat Dimmitt by one point in their last meeting.

Canyon will come out with a team much like Littlefield, with big guards that can score lots of points if the defense isn't there.

"They go 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 outside," said Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle. "Much more important than anyone's height is that they do good basketball things. They pass and dribble and shoot the ball very well. They are a very sound team on fundamentals. They played Plainview in a practice game and Plainview beat them by 12. If you can stay that close to Plainview, you have a pretty fair outfit."

For the Bobcats, it's a matter of doing those same good basketball things and finding a way to win.

"I think we can look for, find and exploit a weakness," Steinle said. "Our kids are able to adjust really well."

"We have so many kids who are contributing. Not everyone gets to see the things I see on film, like how well Tait Crow and Garland Coleman and Chad Ellis and Justin Newman and Fernando Ontiveros are playing right now. They are responsible for the middle of our defense, and they get a majority of our rebounds. They do a great job despite their lack of size. They need to chip in and get some points, but I'm pleased with the way they're playing. It's time now to step it up a notch."

"Derrick Thomas, of course, is scoring for us, but he's also coming around and starting to do the little things that make a complete player. Joe Larra and Joey Martinez grew up in a hurry in our practice game against Pampa. They were put in situations they hadn't been in since earlier in the season. Joe took four charges against Pampa, and that was six points for us plus keeping Pampa from scoring. Our kids are doing things they need to do, and we just need to keep on working and hustling."

Swifts
 The Nazareth Swifts will begin their long trek down the playoff road tonight (Thursday) when they take on Whitharral in a Class A bi-district matchup.

Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. at Olton High School. Nazareth will be making its fifth straight playoff appearance, and its 15th in 16 years.

The Swifts, ranked No. 3 in the state, finished the regular season with a 27-3 record as District 7-A champions, but have lost two tough and close practice games to a pair of Class AA teams, Shallowater and Clarendon, which are ranked No. 6 and 7 in the state, respectively.

"The guys are hungry for a win now, so they should be ready for the playoffs," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever.

The Swifts played Whitharral (10-16 and runner-up from District 8) earlier in the year and beat the Panthers, 67-36. Makeever said Whitharral hasn't changed a lot since then, and he expects them to run a 2-3 zone and slow-paced offense.

"We will have to be patient when we've got the ball, but we also would like to try and pick up the tempo. On defense, we'll have to be ready for penetrations, because they like to do a lot of that."

Whitharral has a 6-4 post, Chris Wade, but the Swifts are taller than most of the Panther players. The Panthers top guard is Julian Amala, a left-hander who likes to penetrate.

If the Swifts win their bi-district game, they will advance to the area round against either Groom or Silverton.

Makeever said he expects Groom to come out on top in that game, and he added that Groom has a 6-5 post inside and a good point guard.

The area game will be played Tuesday night, probably somewhere in Amarillo or Canyon, Makeever said.

More about

Swiftettes . . .

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 the third quarter on a roll, scoring three and four points, respectively, to give the Swiftettes a 41-29 lead.

Case picked up her fourth foul with 4:43 left in the third quarter and she again went to the bench.

But Groom's girls finally found their mark and reeled off eight of the next 10 points scored to pull within six, 43-37, with 2:32 left.

The Swiftettes used baskets by Kandal Derrick, Lena Durbin and Kelley Boyd to mount a 49-37 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Swiftettes held on to that advantage in the final eight minutes, but it was nip-and-tuck down the stretch.

Groom's leading scorer, Misty Homen, who led her team with 16 points, penetrated the paint and sank a basket to cut the lead to 10, then Case canned an easy jumper under the basket with 7:16 left.

The Swiftettes called a time out with 5:43 left and returned to the floor in a four-corners offense. That offense ran a minute off the clock

before Conrad fouled Durbin. The Swiftettes took the ball out on the side, then returned to their regular offense for the rest of the game.

"We got them out of their zone by going to the spread (offense), and then they pulled Case off and that helped us work the ball inside. We were able to get Boyd the ball inside a lot, and although she didn't score a lot, she drew some key fouls."

The Nazareth lead dwindled to seven points when Brockman fouled Rebecca Conrad and the senior guard sank both ends of a one-and-one opportunity.

As time continued to click off the clock, Groom became desperate for points and attempted their first three-point shots of the night but none proved successful. The closest Groom came to making one was when Brockman fouled Homen, who went to the line and made two of her three allotted free throws.

But the Swiftettes' defense kicked into overdrive after that.

Durbin scored, then stole the ball and the Swiftettes worked it to Brockman who scored under the basket with 31 seconds left to give her team its 59-47 victory margin.

Fernandez sentenced in district court

A Dimmitt man was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to make restitution in connection with an incident last year.

Armando "Herman" Fernandez was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to make \$1,104.40 restitution to a Dimmitt woman. In the plea bargain agreement, Fernandez admitted to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was charged with using a .22-caliber Ruger rifle and/or a 12 gauge shotgun in an attack on a Dimmitt woman.

The plea bargain was agreed to by District Attorney Jerry Matthews and 252nd District Court Judge Marvin Marshall.

Also in district court, the City of Dimmitt was awarded a 1984 Ford that was confiscated in a drug raid in 1993.

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The first eight nominees of the PPCAB have been selected by a committee made up of citizens from the Panhandle. These eight nominees now have the task of selecting the remainder of the board. Their intent is to nominate a diverse and balanced advisory board as quickly as possible. Thus, in addition to considering the applications that have already been received, they welcome applications from citizens in the Panhandle who are able to represent the views of such groups as:

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22—Notices

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 8 primary.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

- For County Treasurer:**
Oleta Raper (I)
Janice Shelton
- For County-District Clerk:**
Betty Rickert
Joyce Thomas
Debra Ball
- For County Judge:**
Irene Miller
Mrs. M.L. (Polly) Simpson Jr. (I)
- For Commissioner, Pct. 4:**
Vincent Guggemos (I)
- State Senate, 30th District:**
Steven A. Carriker (I)
- For Judge, 64th District Court:**
Jack R. Miller (I)
- For Justice of the Peace:**
Marshall Young (I)

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Shirley Hollums
- For US Rep., 13th District:**
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23—Lost and Found

Reward

offered for lost woman's engagement ring. The ring was lost in Dimmitt sometime Friday, Feb. 18, or Saturday, Feb. 19, at Colonial Inn, Town and Country, Coleman's, Lockhart's, Running M Bath Shop, or somewhere in between. No questions will be asked. The ring's dollar value is not as important and the emotional attachment involved, which is priceless. If you have seen our ring, or know where it is, please let us know. Call 647-2206, 647-3123 or 374-9922. Thank you.

24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We appreciate all the prayers, food, cards and thoughts of sympathy in the loss of our loved one. We especially offer thanks to everyone at Canterbury Villa for their care, love and support.

- CLETA ELLISON
- DAVID ELLISON
- BETTY PORTER
- GINGER HOUSTON
- MAX ELLISON
- 24-46-1tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be closing the south entrance gates to the City's Sanitary Landfill as of Monday, Feb. 21, 1994. The new entrance will be located: Go North on Highway 385 to County Road #613, turn east one (1) mile.

All vehicles and trailers will need to stop at the green building and be weighed before entering. This is to help us meet the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) new guidelines and rules and regulations. You will also need to check with the attendant on duty for the proper places refuse will be emptied.

Landfill hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., winter hours; and Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., summer hours; Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Present fee rates are \$25 per ton. 25-45-2tc

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The board of trustees for Central Plains Center for MHMR and Substance Abuse would like to receive bids on any part of a package to provide for the insurance needs of an organization with a \$6.8 million budget, 200+ staff, and approximately 50 vehicles. Coverage is needed in the area of worker's compensation; automobile, general and professional liability; errors and omissions; property, boiler and machinery; electronic equipment; and automobile physical damage.

Bids will be received for the total or separate items desired until 4 p.m. on April 15, 1994. Send inquiries or bid material to Central Plains Center for MHMR and Substance Abuse, Attn: Seth Halbert, 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072. Clearly mark all bids, "Insurance Bid."

25-45-3tc

Correction

On the "Our Favorite Valentines" picture pages in the Feb. 10 issue, Ryan and Perry Mixson were identified as the "grandsons" of Gene and Charlene Heath and J. R. and Rickie Mixson. Actually, Perry is a girl, not a boy. The News regrets the error.

Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

The Catholic Life Insurance Union held its annual branch social at the Community Hall Sunday evening with members and families enjoying refreshments, a delicious ham dinner, election of branch officers and delegates for the next convention, and lots of visiting during the meeting. Attendance prizes also were given.

Kenny and Cince Schulte were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday evening with a reception hosted by their children, Heath and Nikki Schulte. Many family members and friends enjoyed the evening at the American Legion Hall.

Congratulations to Tracey and Darla Davis on the birth of a baby girl, Sadie Nicole, on Feb. 15. She weighed 9-1/2 lbs. and was born at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She was welcomed by new grandparents, Duane and Nan Davis and Lloyd and Omega Leavitt. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Mixon of Happy, Andy and Oleada Schumacher of Dimmitt and Jimmie and Ruby Davis of Tulia.

The Knights of Columbus-sponsored Sweetheart Banquet and

OM teams to perform

Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School will hold a public performance Sunday afternoon at 2 in the DHS Auditorium.

The teams will be competing in the regional contest in Canyon on March 5 and DMS teacher Rita Wynn will be serving as one of the judges.

Winners at regional will advance to state, which will be held in San Antonio on April 8 and 9. State winners will compete in the national finals, which are scheduled for June at the University of Iowa.

Dimmitt students will be competing in the following problems:

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Dickens is candidate for 64th District Judge

J. Pink Dickens has announced his candidacy for 64th District Judge, subject to the March 8 Democratic Primary.

Dickens will be challenging incumbent Judge Jack Miller of Dimmitt.

Dickens was born in Big Spring and graduated from high school there. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech University. He received a joint master of business administration and law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1979. He has been licensed to practice law in the State of Oklahoma since 1984.

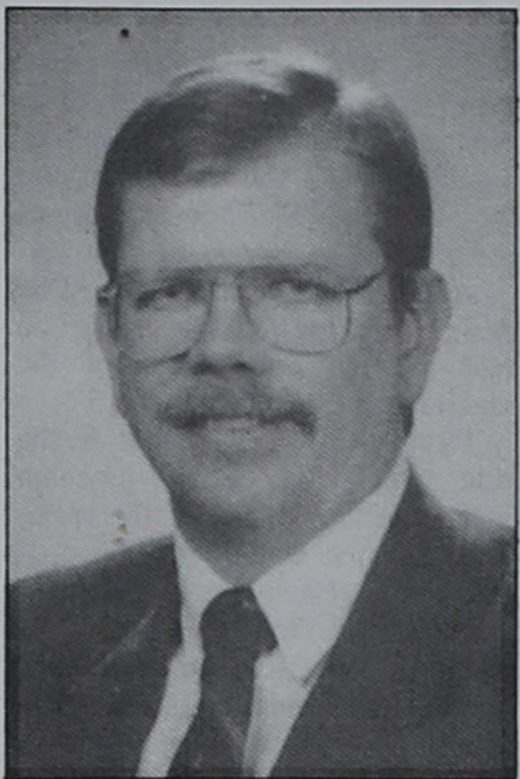
He is on the Community Justice Council for the 64th and 242nd District Courts of Hale, Swisher and Castro Counties and is on the board of the Educational Institute of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a member of the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

When required, Dickens has served as a special prosecutor for

Castro County and was assistant county attorney for Hutchinson County from 1982-83. He served on the Hale County Rape Crisis Center Board during 1986-87.

Dickens said he "wants to show the people they can make a difference in government. I believe in 'One nation under God...' and will keep strong belief in God and country and the principles we once stood for... 'Indivisible with liberty and justice for ALL,'" he said.

Dickens and his wife, Pamela, have four daughters. Dickens and his family have lived in Kress since 1986 and he has practiced law in Plainview since 1985. He is a member of Kress United Methodist Church and sits on the Kress School Board. Dickens is on the advisory board of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.



J. Pink Dickens

Dance were well attended Saturday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall. The banquet followed the celebration of mass, which was officiated by Father Neal Dee.

Our sympathy to the family of Bob and Shirley Schacher in the death of her father, Leonard Dempsey, 74, of Dimmitt. He was buried last Wednesday in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Prayers are asked for Jerry Wilhelm, who has undergone many tests in Amarillo. He is now recuperating at home.

Irene Huseman of Dumas and Dolly Schulte flew to Houston on Monday to be with niece Alvina Birkenfeld and her husband, Thornton Monroe, who is a patient at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Our sympathy to Max and Delese Ellison in the death of their grandmother, Eva Tackitt, 91, on Friday. She had been a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. Services were held Sunday in Floydada in City Park Church of Christ with burial in Crosbyton Cemetery.

Edd and Leola Ramaekers, Rosemary Ramaekers, Francis and Betty Wilhelm and Ralph and Evelyn Albracht traveled to Joe and Elaine Sullivan's home in Dallas for a surprise 50th birthday party for their youngest brother, Art Albracht, who lives in Houston. Also coming to Dallas for the party were Art's sisters, Jean Kennevan of Cincinnati, Ohio and Dottie Doherty of Chicago, Ill.; and his brother, Elmer of Houston. The family enjoyed a lot of visiting, eating, singing and being together. Art was certainly surprised, as he thought just he and Elmer were going to the Sullivans' for the weekend. It was a most enjoyable trip.

The Catholic Daughters will host "World Day of Prayer" in Nazareth Friday, March 4, at 3 p.m. Palestinian women authored the prayer service and the ladies' group invited Father Hector Madrigal to narrate his slides from a recent trip to the Holy Land. Christian women from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth are invited to attend.

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1994 ASCS program sign-up begins Tuesday

Producers wishing to participate in the 1994 production adjustment and price support programs may sign up at the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office beginning Tuesday, according to Scotty Abbott, county executive director of ASCS.

The sign-up period will continue through April 29.

Announcement of the sign-up period and common program provisions was made Tuesday by Grant Buntrock, executive vice president of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corp.

Estimated deficiency payment rates for 1994 wheat, feed grains, extra long staple cotton, upland cotton and rice programs also were announced, and those rates are the minimum guaranteed rates for producers who choose the 0-85/92 provisions of the wheat and feed grains programs and the 50-85/92 provisions of the upland cotton and rice programs.

Buntrock said the percent of advance payments made available to producers at sign-up will be announced later; however, the percentage will not be less than 40% for wheat and feed grains or 30% for

upland cotton and rice. No advance payments will be made for oats because prices for that crop are expected to average at or above the established target price.

Estimated deficiency payment rates are 85 cents per bushel for wheat, 40 cents per bushel for corn, 46 cents per bushel for sorghum, 52 cents per bushel for barley, 16.97 cents per pound for ELS cotton, 12.9 cents per pound for upland cotton and 94 cents per hundred-weight for rice.

Other common program provisions were also announced, applicable to the 1994 crops of wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice.

Fruits, vegetables, peanuts, tobacco, wild rice, trees, tree crops and nuts which were prohibited on 1993 flexible acreage will be prohibited on 1994 flex acres, too.

Targeted Option Payment provisions will not be implemented.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 made changes in the 0-50/92 provisions of wheat, feed grain, upland cotton and rice programs, changing the 0/92 provisions for wheat and feed grains and the 50/92 provision for upland cotton and rice by increasing the minimum number of acres that must be designated for "Conserving Use Not for Pay" from 8% of the maximum payment acres to 15%.

There are two exceptions to the rule which may allow payment acres to exceed 85% of the maximum payment acres.

The first exception is producers who plant minor oilseeds (wheat and feed grain bases only), sesame, crumbe and industrial and other crops on this acreage may receive payments on no more than 92% of maximum payment acres.

The second exception is for producers whose program crop acreage is either prevented from being planted or has reduced yields (failed acreage only) due to disaster-related conditions. Those producers may receive payments on no more than 92% of the maximum payment acres.

The Omnibus act also introduced stricter requirements for use of 50/85 provisions for upland cotton and rice producers. Producers of 1993 and earlier crops of upland cotton and rice could use acreage that was prevented from being planted to count toward the 50% planting requirement. Upland cotton and rice producers are now required by law to plant at least 50% of the maximum payment acres to upland cotton or rice to be able to designate Conserving Use Acres for Pay (CU for Pay) and

receive payment on up to 85% of the maximum payment acres.

Accordingly, a producer who plants less than 50% of the maximum payment acres to upland cotton or rice (unless such underplanting is due to a quarantine) will not be able to use the 50/85 provisions of the upland cotton and rice programs beginning with the 1994 crop year. These producers, however, will be eligible for deficiency payments on those acres actually planted to upland cotton or rice.

More operational details of the 0-50/85 provisions will be announced later.

A new feature in this year's program provisions is use of the secretary's discretionary authority to permit the planting of 12 experimental and industrial crops on acreage otherwise idled under the 0-50/85 provisions of these programs.

Buntrock said use of the discretionary authority to 12 crops will provide potential new markets and income opportunities for producers without competing with traditional commodities for feed or food use.

The following industrial and experimental crops, along with their potential uses, may be planted on 0-50/85 acreages: castor beans (lubricants, nylon), chia (cosmetics), cro-talaria (burlap-type fibers), cuphea (soap, surfactants), guar (cloth, paper manufacturing, explosives), guayule (hypoallergenic latex products), hesperaloe (specialty paper pulp), kenaf (twine, rope, molded car parts, burlap, newsprint), lesquerella (lubricants, cosmetics), meadowfoam (lubricants, waxes, water repellents, leather manufacturing), milkweed (clothing insulation, tissue paper), and plantago ovato (high fiber additive to laxatives).

The State ASC Committees will be given latitude to remove individual crops from this list in their respective states.

For example, in some states milkweed may be considered a noxious weed. However, some areas have expressed an interest in milkweed production for its industrial use.

These industrial and experimental crops may also be planted on acreage designated as Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) under the upland cotton program. Crambe and sesame may be planted on upland cotton ACR. Producers already are allowed to plant sesame and crambe on 0-50/85 acreage.

The planting of any of these crops on ACR will not result in any reduction in deficiency payments for producers.

Police Calls

A vehicle was discovered in Hart that may be part of a theft ring in the Dallas area.

The pickup was sold to a Hart man as a 1981 for \$2,000. The pickup's identification numbers had been changed; it was actually a 1987 model, worth about \$7,275, according to the Castro County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies' reports said that one of two men thought to be involved in the theft have been arrested; another arrest is imminent. Deputies said the pickup might have been part of a "chop shop" operation, where stolen vehicles are altered so they can be sold.

Deputies are investigating four burglaries that happened in the southwest part of the county over the weekend. Deputies said tools, battery chargers, tires, cutting torches, welders and welding equipment and oil filters were taken.

Deputies said bolt cutters were used to cut locks on barn doors.

A couple of burglaries that could have occurred any time over the past several months were reported over the weekend. Deputies said a flatbed trailer that had been parked in the Sunnyside area is missing. About \$3,000 worth of wire was on the trailer, and the owner has posted a \$500 cash reward for the return of the wire and the trailer.

A radio was reported taken from a cotton harvester southeast of Hart. The radio could have been taken anytime over the past few months, as the harvester has been parked since the end of cotton harvest.

Deputies are investigating the burglary of the Line Shack liquor store, east of Nazareth on SH 86.

The burglary occurred sometime between 9:40 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. on Thursday. Taken were five cases of beer, about \$100 in three money containers, a 19-inch RCA color television, 10 packs of Marlboros and beef sticks and jerky. Glass doors into the building were smashed.

The Dimmitt Police Dept. is back online with a new computer, allowing reports to be posted this week for the past two weeks.

Reports included:
--Theft of car ramps in the 1000 block of Oak.

--A window broken in the 1000 block of W. Bedford.

--Telephone harassment in the 1000 block of Pine.

--A man found a television in his car in the 400 block of NW Third.

--A stereo cassette unit was taken from a car at the Azteca Complex.

--A 1978 Ford pickup was taken without the owner's consent in the 400 block of E. Andrews.

--Harassment in the 600 block of W. Stinson and 300 block of S. Broadway.

--Attempted burglary of a house in the 1000 block of Front.

--Burglary of a building and attempted arson at the Azteca Complex.

--Students fighting at Dimmitt High School.

--A woman's purse, wallet and keys were taken at Plains Memorial Hospital.

--Theft in the 200 block of NW Fourth.

--Speakers taken from a vehicle in the 800 block of N. Broadway.

--A glass door broken out at Dimmitt Middle School.

--Disorderly conduct in the 400 block of N. Broadway.

Obituaries

Annie Breedlove

Annie Breedlove, 90, of Silverton, died Feb. 16.

Services were Friday at First Baptist Church in Silverton with Wynes Manney of the Assembly of God Church in Lovington, N.M., officiating.

Mrs. Breedlove was born Jan. 7, 1904 in Clarendon. She married Marion Frank Breedlove on Dec. 5, 1920 in Hollis, Okla. He died in August 1971. She was a member of the Lone Star Baptist Church and Rock Creek Quilting Club.

Survivors include four sons, Fate Breedlove of Wharton, Norvell Breedlove of College Station, Guy Breedlove of Quitman and Van Breedlove of Silverton; three daughters, Gertrude Elliott of Hollis, Wilma Lee Fox of Houston and Edwina Smith of Andrews; three brothers, Jack Manney of Wichita Falls, Wilmer Manney of Gould, Okla., and Wilbur Manney of Houston; a sister, Inez Battles of Dimmitt; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Kasey Wheelless

Kasey Dean Wheelless, 17, of San Angelo, died Feb. 15.

Services were Friday in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. Paul Terry officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery.

He was born March 8, 1976, at Lubbock. He moved with his family to Dimmitt and then to San Angelo. He was a senior at Lakeview High School and a Methodist.

Survivors include his parents, Sonja Wheelless and Ronnie Wheelless, both of San Angelo; a brother, Kevin Wheelless of San Angelo; his maternal grandmother, Mildred Nolen of Dallas; and his paternal grandparents, Vernon and Tellie Wheelless of Crosbyton.

Pallbearers were Justin Kilgore, Lucian Czarnecki, Steven Grubbs, Travis Turner, Jay Grublikey and Perry Grublikey.

Donations may be made to the Kasey Wheelless Memorial Fund at the First National Bank of West Texas, 1900 N. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo.

Paul Hall

Paul A. Hall, 69, of Dimmitt, died Tuesday in Columbus.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Southland Cemetery. Arrangements are by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Hall was born Dec. 29, 1924. He was a retired farmer and salesman. He moved to Dimmitt two years ago from Dalhart. He married Mozelle Lilley on April 23, 1992. He was a Methodist and a US Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian Hall of Dallas; a daughter, Roxanne Hurst of Friona; a stepdaughter, Sharon Wilke of Lubbock; a sister, Wanda Simpson of California; a brother, Spence Hall of Portales, N.M.; five grandchildren; and a stepgrandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Boys Ranch or to Southland Cemetery Association, HCR 2, Box 74, Southland, TX 79364.

Eva Tackett

Eva Tackett, 91, of Dimmitt, died Friday.

Services were Sunday at City Park Church of Christ in Floydada with Gene McCarty, minister, officiating. Burial was in Crosbyton Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Tackett was born March 31, 1902, in Bessemer, Ala. She married Steven Tackett in October 1922. He

died in December 1982. She was a retired cafeteria supervisor for the Floydada Independent School District. She was a china painter.

Survivors include a daughter, Cleta Ellison of Lubbock; two sisters, Baas Thornton of Houston and Edna Trimble of New Waverly; four grandchildren, including Max Ellison of Nazareth; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Lubbock Children's Home or a favorite charity.

Annie Pinner

Annie Marie Pinner, 79, of Amarillo, died Thursday.

Services were Monday at the Church of Christ at West and College in Lockney with Frank Duckworth, minister, officiating. Burial was in Lockney Cemetery by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pinner was born in Blum and moved to Amarillo in 1988 from Lockney. She married Cecil E. Pinner in 1933 at Hale Center. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Allen Ray Pinner of Magnolia, Ark., Arley Page Pinner of Amarillo and Bobby Pinner of Lockney; three brothers, Oscar Wylie of Dimmitt, Price Wylie of Plainview and Elton Wylie of Lockney; two sisters, Baas Mae Young of Plainview and Helen Bynum of Mangum, Okla.; eight grand-children; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

Maye Davis

Maye Foster Davis, 87, of Plainview, died Saturday.

Services were Monday at 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ with J. Henderson and Lewis Senter, ministers, officiating. Burial was in Parklawn Cemetery by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mrs. Davis was born and raised in the Lockney area. She graduated in 1933 from Texas Tech University. She taught school for three years at Sterling, north of Lockney. She married C.A. "Cye" Davis in 1934 at Lockney. He died in 1992. She moved to Kress in 1946 and moved to Plainview in 1973. She worked part-time for the US Postal Service in Kress for 15 years.

Survivors include three sons, Eugene Davis of Alpine, Duward Davis of Dimmitt and Clifford Davis of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock or a favorite charity.

Hilario U. Garcia

Hilario U. Garcia, 46, of Plainview, died Friday.

Services were Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with the Rev. Ben Kasteel, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mr. Garcia was born in Mexico and moved to Plainview in 1979 from Eagle Pass. He worked nine years for Excel. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He married Linda Hernandez in 1968 in Mexico.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Tony Garcia, Louis Garcia, Raul Garcia and Chris Garcia, all of Plainview; a daughter, Alma Garcia of Plainview; his father, Antonio Garcia of Plainview; four brothers, Hector Garcia, Ismael Garcia, Artemio Garcia and Oscar Garcia, all of Plainview; four sisters, Anita Hernandez of San Antonio, Aida Ramirez and Rosa Montelongo, both of Plainview, and Anna Pantoja of Hart; and four grandchildren.

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solution to request a speed limit reduction on West Halsell Street from Northwest Second to Northwest Seventh. Since the street falls under jurisdiction of the State Highway Dept., the department must approve any changes.

The resolution proposes a reduction to 20 mph in that zone due to the presence of Plains Memorial Hospital and the school administration building, both sources of considerable traffic. The current speed limit for that portion of the street is 35 mph.

Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney said that the slower speed limit would make it safer for traffic entering and exiting the hospital or administration building parking areas.

Reta Welch, school-community liaison for DISD, asked for council approval for two grant applications for funds that would help establish the D.A.R.E. program in Castro County. One grant request is for \$40,000 from the State Criminal Justice Dept. and the other is for \$60,000 from the Texas Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA).

Welch said the D.A.R.E. program targets students in fifth or sixth grade and provides a law enforcement officer whose main duty is to promote drug abuse prevention and act as a friend and positive role model for students. She said the program would be shared among the three school systems in the county, and added that approval and support is sought from each city and school system, as well as from the county.

Both grants are provided on a multi-year basis with the funding reduced each year, hopefully with local funds making up the loss of outside money, Welch explained.

"This program is another tool we can use in our fight against drug abuse. It won't solve everything,

but it is another step we can take in the right direction," Welch told the council.

In another matter, City Works Dept. Supervisor James Killough told the council that the city's plumbing and building codes needed to be updated. Council members voted to follow Killough's recommendations of whatever code books he feels would be best for the city in complying with state and federal guidelines.

Unanimous approval was given for the animal control department to increase the fees charged to animal owners whose pets are held in city custody. Haney said the department had been charging \$1 a day, plus 50 cents if the animal is fed. Council members approved \$5 per day, including feeding.

With four voting in favor and Larry Gonzales abstaining, the council approved a new operating policy manual for the police department. Haney said that City Attorney Jack Edwards had looked over the manual and found no problems with it.

Gonzales said he had a problem with the section that stated it could be grounds for dismissal if an employee of the department publicly criticizes or ridicules the department, but Haney pointed out that the section went on to say "if such statements are made with reckless disregard for the truth."

Mayor Wayne Collins questioned why a "hot pursuit" policy was included, saying he feels that such pursuit could end by compounding a tragedy. Haney said it is important to have a policy written out for such situations so that officers have a guide for their actions.

In his manger's report, Burrous said that the Caterpillar being used at the city landfill may need replacing soon. He noted that the cost of repairs may mount as high as the cost of trading in the machine.

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Hospital Q&A ...

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business office-type process for the clinics.

What percentage of the hospital's cost would you say Medicare and Medicaid pay on the patients who are under those two programs?

Well, let me put it this way. Medicare represents about a third of our revenue, and Medicaid represents about a fourth. So I think it would be fair to say that Medicare represents about a third of our cost also, and that Medicaid represents about a fourth of our cost.

Do those payments from Medicare and Medicaid adequately reimburse the hospital for its costs in treating those patients?

No. In fact, regardless of what hospital you talk to—just on a nationwide average — what Medicare pays is well less than what it actually costs to provide that care.

In the case of Medicaid, it's a pretty substantial difference, and that's why the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Program was invented. You know, there are hospitals that take care of a disproportionate share of Medicaid patients—more than their fair share of them. A hospital could be devastated financially by having all those Medicaid patients. And so this program was invented to come back in and make it up to the facilities that were getting more than their fair share of Medicaid patients.

Are the Disproportionate Share Funds, then, used to make up the difference in what Medicare and Medicaid pay and what it actually costs the hospital? That is what they are for, isn't it?

Well, yeah, in theory. The money is there to make up for the shortfall of the Medicaid payments. But there are also strings attached to that money.

To continue to receive that money, there are several things we have to do. One of the things is to seek less expensive ways to take care of Medicaid recipients other than the emergency room. It hasn't really been as much of a problem for Dimmitt as it has been for some communities, but that rule comes about because in some communities, the doctors won't take Medicaid, and the only place for a Medicaid patient to go to get care is to show up in the emergency room.

Part of the reason for starting up the rural health clinics is to have an alternative place for these Medicaid

patients to go, so they don't have to come to the emergency room. And that's one of the ways we can keep that Disproportionate Share money coming into Castro County, since we do have to demonstrate that we are doing something to provide alternative ways of taking care of Medicaid patients other than the emergency room.

Not counting Disproportionate Share Funds, based on the hospital's billings on Medicare and Medicaid patients versus how much Medicare and Medicaid reimburse on those patients, do you have a figure on how Plains Memorial Hospital would come out on a profit-and-loss sheet on Medicare and Medicaid patients this fiscal year?

We are still a couple of months away from the end of our fiscal year, so this is kind of a guesstimate. Not counting the tax income that we've had, I think that we would end up with about a \$600,000 shortfall. But with the tax income, we're actually in pretty good shape for the year.

The Disproportionate Share Funds are running about \$600,000 a year, aren't they?

This year it's closer to \$400,000. We get mostly monthly payments. A year ago the monthly payments that we received were adding up to about \$600,000 a year. Last September, the payment dropped. It wasn't just locally; statewide, the total funding for the program dropped. Since September, the monthly payments that we have been receiving would add up to about \$400,000 per year.

Do you think the establishment of the rural health clinics here will insure a healthier situation for the hospital financially?

I think that without the rural health clinics, 10 years from now you would not have a hospital. Rural health clinics have even been endorsed by the Texas Hospital Association as the way of the future for rural health care. It is going to take that kind of setting to make it worthwhile for a physician to stay in a rural area. If you don't have the rural health clinics, you won't be able to retain your physicians or attract new physicians, and you'll end up with your hospital closing due to the lack of a physician to work there.

By the way, whose job is it going to be to hire a new physician?

It's the hospital board that will hire any new physician.



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DEMOCRATIC PARTY U.S. SENATOR

Six year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate, which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with the U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Salary: \$129,500.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

QUESTION 1

75 word limit
What changes, if any, would you propose in the delivery and financing of health care in the United States?

QUESTION 2

75 word limit
What budget measures would you support to address defense, domestic programs, foreign aid, deficit reduction, and entitlements?

QUESTION 3

75 word limit
What would you most like to accomplish during your term as senator?

Michael A. ANDREWS



Texas needs a Senator with proven experience to work with the President to provide universal access to health care, welfare reform, protection against violent crime, and jobs for Texans. As a former prosecutor and a sitting Congressman, I am the most qualified Democrat to represent Texas in the U. S. Senate.

Congress must pass health reform this year. The leadership of the President and First Lady will make it happen. I have fought for legislation, managed competition, to put new rules on insurance companies, physicians, and hospitals. Consumers will choose health plans with upfront information on cost and quality.

I agree with the President that we must achieve universal coverage, but without hurting the economy. I support using tobacco taxes to pay for health care reform.

Deficit reduction is critical to our nation's economic progress. The budget that passed last year by Congress with my support reduces the budget deficit by \$500 billion over the next five years. Next year's deficit is projected to be \$190 billion, which is still too high but is the lowest budget deficit since 1989. Further deficit reduction must be accomplished through a balanced approach that eliminates wasteful spending while preserving necessary government programs.

First, I will continue to push for real, meaningful health care reform that provides universal access and contains costs. I will also work to create jobs and reform our nation's criminal punishment system to make sure crime does not pay. And, I will continue my fight to guarantee a woman's right to choose and will urge the Senate to pass my legislation to provide for pay equity for our nation's working women.

Richard FISHER



I am a businessman, not a professional politician. I wish to empower my constituents, not personally profit from public service.

I have worked to promote a better government as a policy planner for President Carter's Treasury, and as a founder of the Democratic Leadership Council and the Progressive Policy Institute.

We should evaluate each health care proposal with the following criteria:

- What will it cost? How will we pay for it?
- Will it make the bureaucratic structure more efficient?
- Will it enhance the practice of medicine by providing incentives for the best students to enter the medical profession; preserving choice of doctors?
- Will it be good for small business and job creation?
- Will it benefit America's children?
- Will Congress be subject to the same system?

We must reduce the deficit by reforming the welfare, health care, and entitlement systems: each should actually serve the people, rather than empower bureaucrats. Legislation should be reviewed for impact on job creation (especially in small businesses in the private sector) as the ultimate vehicle for individual empowerment. All legislation must prioritize the needs of the "successor" generation, regardless of gender or race.

I support a balanced budget amendment and a line item veto.

Truman said "the fundamental issue in politics is the people against the special interests." Congress today is a temple to special interests. Members ignore laws they impose on the people, enjoy pensions and privileges denied ordinary Americans, are preoccupied with commercializing public service upon retirement. I want to restore Congress as a vehicle of service to the people, as a facilitator rather than roadblock to reforms needed to make the American dream accessible to all.

Evelyn K. LANTZ



I have been an associate of Lyndon LaRouche for 20 years. LaRouche has been right in every area of policy while everyone else has been wrong. I have been to Europe and throughout the U.S., including volunteer lobbying of Congress and legislatures for LaRouche's bold economic and other policies solutions.

The priority is the minimal level of hospital beds, nurses, etc. established by the Hill-Burton Act. We currently have catastrophic shortages. "Solutions" like the Oregon Plan don't address those shortages. Attempts to address financing without turning around the economy will focus on minimal health care for the able-bodied and write off care for the elderly and seriously ill as too expensive. Health care can only be provided to all if enough is created.

End all incompetent approaches like the Gramm-Rudman Amendment. If you take poison once and it doesn't kill you, don't try it again to see if it will cure you. When the productive economy of farms and factories collapses, tax revenues collapse and budget deficits result. To restart the economy we must constitutionalize the Federal Reserve, and issue new credit for productive investment in infrastructure, agriculture, industry and build our way out of Depression.

Commit the United States to build a colony on Mars within 30 years. In combination with a revitalized SDI program, this will serve as a science driver for rebuilding our economy. It also creates the basis for peaceful cooperation with Russia. To accomplish this goal we will have to return to the American system economics outlined above. All the New Age education reforms like OBE and the Satanic counter-culture must be dumped.

Jim MATTOX



I've served Texans as an assistant district attorney, state representative, U.S. congressman, and Texas attorney general. I graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor and received my law degree from SMU. I am part-owner of a family business.

We must reform our health system to ensure full coverage for every American. The plan adopted should control costs; allow states to develop their own systems; emphasize primary and preventive care; and provide consumer choice of physician and plan. It should provide comprehensive coverage, including longterm care and prescription drugs. I lean toward the President's or the McDermott proposal. I don't support the Cooper/Andrews plan, which does not guarantee coverage or control runaway rates.

The federal deficit is the largest in history and demands the largest deficit-reduction package in history to bring it under control. That should be a top U.S. Senate priority. Our friends around the world must share more of the burden for world security in exchange for their quality of life. And it's time to re-examine not only the way the federal government does business, but the very business the federal government does.

I would like to recreate in our youth a sense of hope, security from drugs and crime, and a belief in the opportunity of the future. Our country must assure that anyone working full-time is not living in poverty. We must guarantee universal health care. We must reform the welfare system by providing models of independence—encouraging work, not welfare, with job-training and child care. We must support lifetime worker retraining efforts.

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GOVERNOR

Four-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas for the five years immediately preceding the election. Among duties: executes all laws and conducts all business with other states and the federal government; fills appointive offices; fills vacancies in state or district elected offices by appointment; calls special sessions of the legislature and sets their agenda; approves or disapproves every bill passed by the legislature. Salary: \$99,122.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
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QUESTION 1

75 word limit
The U.S. Supreme Court has given a large measure of control over abortion rights to state government. What do you think should be the state's role regarding the issue of reproductive choice?

QUESTION 2

75 word limit
What, if any, additional changes should be made in the financing and management of public education in Texas? Please explain.

QUESTION 3

75 word limit
There are indications that state government will face a large revenue shortfall in 1994-1996. What action, if any, would you support to meet this shortfall?

Gary ESPINOSA No reply received.

Ann W. RICHARDS



I served as County Commissioner from 1976-1982, as State Treasurer from 1982-1990, and as governor for three years, from 1990 to the present. I am proud of my record of public service, particularly as governor, where I've made reducing crime, creating jobs, and improving education my major priorities.

The state has a role in insuring that all medical procedures are safe. I do not believe the state should interfere in decisions a woman makes with her doctor.

Financing: Make accommodations for facilities in an equitable manner; Settle the issue of homestead exemptions; Fully fund S.B. 7; Provide funding for alternative schools; Review weights to see whether we're getting our money's worth.

Management: Continue my support of site-based management; minimize decisions not made at the local level; clearly define role of TEA; Eliminate all activities of TEA that do not relate to its primary mission.

We faced a \$6 billion budget shortfall in 1993, and I was able to sign a no-new-taxes budget by bringing in \$3 billion of new revenues through job creation and economic expansion, bringing to the state 72% more federal funds than my predecessor, and cutting agency budgets. We are facing an estimated \$6 billion budget shortfall in 1995, and I will take the same approach in that budget process that I took in 1993.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Bob BULLOCK - unopposed

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dan MORALES - unopposed

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

John SHARP - unopposed

TREASURER

Four-year term. Among duties: custodian of monies, securities, and other valuables deposited with the state treasury; serves on the State Banking Board (which charters state banks) and the State Depository Board (which selects banks for state funds). Salary: \$74,698.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
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QUESTION 1

100 word limit
What policies do you propose for the efficient management of state monies?

Martha WHITEHEAD



I have experience in both the public and private sector. I was elected to the Longview City Council twice, and served as Mayor from 1991 until I was appointed Texas Treasurer. I was also vice-president of Good Shepherd Medical Center, one of the largest hospitals in East Texas.

I propose to eliminate the State Treasury. Texans rely on three functions performed by the Treasury—cash management, investments and unclaimed property. I believe that if we preserve these three functions somewhere else—either in another state agency, or by privatization—we can eliminate an entire state agency and end up saving three out of every four dollars we currently spend on Treasury operations. I have already reduced the size of the Treasury. By eliminating this state agency, we can save money for the taxpayers of Texas.

Grady YARBOROUGH



Training: I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, - a Master's Degree in Education, - a Public School Administrative Certificate.
Experience: 30 years Teaching Business Courses, Government, and Economics.

I will reduce the cost of operation. So that the agency can become more competitive, I will consolidate operating procedures where duplications occur. It will be my endeavor to build confidence and morale among employees.

The Treasury was established in 1876. It has served the People of Texas admirably for 117 years. My endeavor will be: to Preserve it, Modernize it and Prepare it for another 117 years of Service for the People of Texas.

COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Garry MAURO - unopposed

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Marvin GREGORY - unopposed

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Six-year term (on a three-person commission). Must be a Texas resident and qualified voter, not less than 25 years old, and must have no interest in any railroad. Among duties: administers laws governing rates charged by express companies, contract motor freight companies, and buses in Texas; administers state laws regulating natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas industries; establishes reclamation requirements for mined lands; sets allowable production of oil and gas. Salary: \$79,247.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

QUESTION 1

100 word limit
How do you think the Railroad Commission should regulate: a.) transportation of hazardous materials; b.) waste from oil and gas production; c.) the trucking industry?

FULL TERM

Robert EARLEY



As five-term state representative and two-term chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee, I wrote laws to improve the Railroad Commission, but a fourteen-year incumbent has stalled real change. Instead of merely regulating, I have the experience to give the commission a new purpose: creating jobs.

The Railroad Commission should better live up to its mission of protecting natural resources. Transportation of hazardous materials should be monitored more closely for safety. In oil and gas regulation, my record will be continued. I wrote bills to correct the commission's deficiencies in stopping leaking oil wells, preventing oil spills, and storing radioactive oil and gas wastes. In the trucking industry, the Railroad Commission should better ensure our safety, but stop protectionist regulations that have caused 460,000 jobs to leave our state. As a commissioner I can do a better job of protecting the environment, while creating jobs.

James E. (Jim) NUGENT



Engineer/Attorney. Proven leadership, experience and know-how as state legislator and Railroad Commissioner. Passed first state ethics law, reformed judicial/criminal justice systems, and transportation laws. Led fight to conserve natural gas resources, developed incentives for oil/gas production, led BTU tax proposal opposition, and implemented new trucking laws.

- Special interests have opposed in court strict RRC rules protecting public health/safety related to the hazardous materials transportation. I will continue to fight the special interests to protect public health/safety.
- I've consistently supported strong regulation of handling oil/gas waste. In 1991, I supported increased authority to insure proper disposal of these wastes.
- Texas trucking laws have been reformed twice in 5 years. I've worked diligently to implement the letter and spirit of these legislative mandates. Trucking laws are evolutionary, not revolutionary. I will continue to support any measure that ensures a safe, reliable and equitable trucking system.

UNEXPIRED TERM

Mary Scott NABERS



The Railroad Commission affects every sector of the Texas economy. My background as a small business owner and my tenure as a Commissioner representing 350,000 Texas employers at the Texas Employment Commission provide insight and resources to help me make good business decisions for Texas taxpayers and consumers.

- To protect the health and safety of citizens and to promote a positive economic climate, the Railroad Commission must be aggressive in
- exercising enforcement authority over transportation of hazardous materials to assure such materials are correctly packed, loaded and labeled, and that they are transported by carriers who meet safety and insurance requirements;
 - identifying and quickly plugging polluting wells, and/or environmental spills;
 - providing an environment in which shippers and carriers can both compete in the marketplace; and
 - working toward solving increased traffic problems that will result from NAFTA.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

David
YOUNG

I hold UT/Austin math degree (1967) with multiple engineering, geology, and government electives. I headed (1986 to 1993) legal expense insurance regulation for TDI highlighted by successfully correcting over-charging insurance companies. When I resigned, Texas had become the clear leader nationally in low prepaid legal rates for consumers.



QUESTION 1

100 word limit
How do you think the Railroad Commission should regulate: a.) transportation of hazardous materials; b.) waste from oil and gas production; c.) the trucking industry?

- The most hazardous material long-term that needs to be more strictly regulated by the panel is the carbon dioxide spewed into our Texas air by diesel trucks in quantities exceeding any other state.
- The laws are adequate but the enforcement of them is woeful, partly because commissioners can take campaign contributions from the violating companies. I refuse such, and will work to outlaw this debilitating practice.
- I favor trucking deregulation to the extent it would open the industry up and create new jobs and lower rates; in the trust-busting sense, but not in the environmental or other safety senses.

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in civil matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus*, *mandamus*, and others; presides over proceedings for involuntary retirement or removal of judges. Salary \$91,928.

QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

PLACE 1

Raul A.
GONZALEZ

My service as a judge includes every level: District court (three years), court of appeals (three years), and supreme court (nine years). Experience: federal prosecutor, assistant Houston city attorney, legal aid attorney, and private practitioner. Education: Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Houston; Master of Laws, University of Virginia.



QUESTION 1

75 word limit
Some of the public perceive that Supreme Court justices may be influenced by campaign contributions from potential litigants and attorneys who represent them. In light of this perception, what changes, if any, would you support in laws and practices regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditures, and disclosure?

Our current high-dollar partisan election of judges for the Supreme Court stinks! My opponent's pledge to spend up to \$2,000,000 on this race is obscene. This pledge is illusory because it excludes money given to political parties or PAC's for coordinated campaigns. Adhering to the pledge does nothing to remove appearance of impropriety that taints our current system. To improve the process, I favor smaller districts, non-partisan elections, and public funding.

QUESTION 2

100 word limit
Increasingly, those seeking protection of their civil liberties and individual rights are relying on state courts and state constitutions. Please comment on this trend as it relates to the Texas Supreme Court.

I support this trend. In some circumstances, the state constitution offers greater protections than does the federal constitution. However, we do not have to re-invent the wheel in every case. Where appropriate, we can and should look to well reasoned federal precedent for guidance. See *Ex Parte Tucci*, 859 S.W.2d 1, 58 (Tex. 1993); *Valenzuela v. Aquino*, 853 S.W.2d 512, 514 (Tex. 1993); *Davenport v. Garcia*, 834 S.W.2d 4 (Tex. 1992).

Rene
HAAS

Wife and mother; became attorney without attending law school; Certified Specialist in Family and Criminal Law, felony prosecutor, District Judge (both civil and criminal), responsible for imposing the death penalty on one occasion; Representation of small business, families and individuals—learning that courts should protect the innocent, not wrongdoers.



I have signed the Fair Campaign Practices Pledge, which my opponent refused to sign. I support making these requirements mandatory, not voluntary as at present. In addition, my opponent is accepting political fundraising support from parties with cases pending before him. This practice should be prohibited by amendment to the Canons of Judicial Ethics. I challenged my opponent to agree to such a prohibition for this campaign and he refused.

The Federal Constitution sets a minimum standard of constitutional protection of personal liberties which the states may not fall below. However, in many respects, state constitutions (including Texas) set a higher standard of protection for individual rights than does the Federal Constitution. For example, the Texas Constitution includes an Equal Rights Amendment prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender which has never been adopted into the Federal Constitution. It is the responsibility of the Texas Supreme Court to enforce the highest standard of protection (either state or Federal) applicable to any particular case.

Bill
YARBOROUGH

My experience encompasses eighteen years of work as a Texas attorney. This includes civil, criminal, and appellate work; also, jury and non-jury trial experience. Training includes a law degree from LaSalle University, gerontology graduate study at North Texas State University and a business degree from Texas Wesleyan University.



The following is my judicial philosophy on campaign contributions: justices and judges can be influenced by receiving money from litigants and attorneys. The solution is to bar contributions from attorneys; or allow maximum contributions of \$100.00 per attorney. Litigants should have the right to disqualify a justice or judge if he or she has accepted any contribution from the opposing side. Financial disclosure requirements already exist; however, we need more accessibility to the statements.

During recent years individual rights for most segments of society have been redefined, modified, and then interpreted by various Courts. Court decisions will encompass Constitutional rights and many new statutory rights. Our society is dynamic and the problems facing us are continually changing. Among other things the Texas Supreme Court will be faced with cases that result from our more recently defined rights and laws dealing with disabilities, sex discrimination, age discrimination, morality, and education. The Texas Supreme Court needs to be ever mindful of the changes that are taking place and it needs to make individual rights a priority.

PLACE 2

Alice Oliver
PARROTT

My experience as a trial lawyer and service as a trial judge and as Chief Justice of the First Court of Appeals qualifies me to serve on the Texas Supreme Court. Additionally, my good common sense, intellect and sensitivity give me an insight unavailable in text books.



I support strict spending and contribution limits in races for the Texas Supreme Court. We need to take "big money" out of these races and have full public disclosure. I have taken the "fair campaign practices pledge" promoted by the League of Women Voters and Common Cause. I believe this pledge is an excellent first step.

Due to the limitations on access to the federal courts, litigants are seeking redress for their civil liberties and individual rights in the state court system. This has brought a larger number and a substantially diverse range of cases before the Texas Supreme Court. Even though judicial precedent controls the decision making process, the very nature of the common law is a developing one which responds to society's evolution with its own evolution. This evolution will prohibit the prejudices of the past to form the law of the future.

Mike
WESTERGREN

I have been a Justice of the Peace, County Attorney and have been a District Judge for over 10 years. I have served as an adjunct professor at the local branch of Texas A & M University and I am a member of the local lawyer publication editorial board.



The League of Women Voters and other reform groups have developed the Fair Campaign Practices Pledge which limits campaign contributions. I have gladly signed the pledge. The Fair Campaign Practices Pledge is a reasonable limitation on contributions and no candidate should fail to sign it.

This is indeed a trend. It is due as much to the federal judiciary's composition over the past 12 years as it is to the fact that many state constitutions are newer and provide more detailed enumeration of various rights and liberties. The Texas Constitution has an Equal Rights Amendment which the U. S. Constitution does not. Protection of civil liberties and individual rights is an important part of the Texas Supreme Court's jurisdiction and one which I would undertake with enthusiasm, tempered by the needs of all Texans.

PLACE 3

Jimmy
CARROLL

Graduate, UT Law. Admitted before: U.S. District Court, Western District-Texas; U.S. Supreme Court. Justice, Third Court of Appeals, 1985-1990, Chief Justice, 1990-present. 1993 Chair, Council of Chief Justices, Texas Courts of Appeal. 1992, State Bar awarded Presidential Citation for meritorious service to citizens, lawyers, judiciary of Texas.



The influence of excessive contributions has sullied the reputation of Texas's judiciary. I have signed the Fair Campaign Practices Pledge developed by the League of Women Voters, which strictly limits the size and amount of campaign contributions and expenditures.

I fully support changing state law to make the restrictions of the Pledge required for all judicial candidates in Texas. Regardless of what other candidates will do, I will follow the restrictions of the Pledge.

Citizens with claims such as age or gender discrimination; protection of privacy rights; as well as claims involving access to voting and education have found the federal courts increasingly unwilling to consider such issues.

Since the Texas Bill of Rights is even stronger than its Federal counterpart, Texas courts should expect this trend to continue and be willing to resolve the problems presented by these cases. I have already written landmark cases in these areas while serving as Chief Justice of the Texas Court of Appeals.

Margaret G.
MIRABAL

Consistently highly rated Appellate Justice in sixth year on Texas' First Court of Appeals. Author of over 500 appellate opinions. Eighteen years licensed Texas attorney. Pioneer in alternative dispute resolution and provision of legal services to the poor. Awarded Women of Excellence—Decade of Distinction, by Federation Houston Professional Women.



I have signed the League of Women Voters Fair Campaign Practices Pledge which is a start, but not enough. I would like to see, as a public service, the newspapers, radio and television, providing equal time for all Supreme Court candidates, to allow them an equal chance to present their qualifications to the public. I would support a limit being set on the amount of money a candidate for the Supreme Court can legally spend.

The U.S. Supreme Court interprets and applies the U.S. Constitution that guarantees rights to all the citizens of the United States. The Texas Constitution may additionally guarantee other extended rights for the citizens of Texas. The Texas Supreme Court should take guidance from the interpretations of the U.S. Constitutional provisions, but it is possible, in appropriate situations, that a person's rights under the Texas Constitution are greater than rights under the U.S. Constitution. The Texas Supreme Court is the final word in interpreting and applying the Texas Constitution in civil cases.

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Among duties shared with other judges: serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in criminal matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus* and others. The presiding judge has additional administrative duties not shared by other judges on the court. Salary: \$97,470.

QUALIFICATIONS

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QUESTION 1

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QUESTION 2

100 word limit
There is a tension in the criminal justice system between protecting the rights of the accused and ensuring public safety. How would you balance these competing interests?

Charles F. (Charlie) BAIRD



Before my election to the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1990, I tried and appealed more than 200 criminal cases. Since then I have written more than 250 judicial opinions. Additionally, I have written legal articles for publications such as the *Texas Bar Journal*, *Texas Police Star* and *The Prosecutor*.

First, I propose strict limits on campaign contributions from lawyers, law firms, individuals and political action committees. Second, I propose limits on expenditures made on behalf of the candidate by lawyers, law firms, individuals and political action committees. Third, I propose full and complete disclosure of all campaign contributions, listing the source of the contribution, the amount, and the occupation of the contributor. Finally, I would require that disclosure be made in a public forum.

Our rights are guaranteed by the United States and Texas Constitutions. These fundamental rights are the strength of our society and essential to maintaining ordered liberty, so they must remain paramount. However, the rights of Texans to live in peace and safety in their homes, schools and streets cannot be overlooked. Judges should not view these as competing interests. In most cases, they will not compete but, in fact, exist in harmony. However, in those instances where there is a conflict, the constitutional right must be protected and harmonized with a common sense approach for the demands of our society.

Mike McCORMICK



My career has centered around criminal law, including experience as (1) appellate staff attorney, (2) felony trial and appellate prosecutor, (3) director of statewide organization for prosecutors, (4) author of numerous criminal law publications, (5) criminal law instructor, and (6) the current presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

As long as judges are elected, campaigns will cost money. If contributions from lawyers are prohibited, only the wealthy will be able to run, especially in races for this Court, because money from any source is difficult to raise. At the same time, I absolutely favor full disclosure of all lawyer contributions, no matter how small. Further, I would prohibit direct solicitations of attorneys who have pending cases before the court.

The stated purpose of the Legislature in enacting our criminal law is "to ensure the public safety" while "safeguarding conduct that is without guilt from condemnation." The tension in criminal justice arises when judges fail to apply these objectives in a fair and equal manner, but instead substitute their philosophy for that of the people as expressed through the Legislature. When the rights of both the accused and the public are the same, then the rights of the people to a secure and safe society must prevail.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

PLACE 1...Charles F. CAMPBELL - unopposed

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PLACE 2

Gene KELLY



I have been a criminal law judge with the United States Air Force from 1951 through 1979 and I know better than most that the basic purpose of our criminal laws is to protect the people. As judge I will judiciously promote this basic right with dispatch and finality.

The public has the right to perceive their judges as honest, unbiased and uncorruptible. I have long supported laws and practices that would place reasonable limits not only on individual contributions but on campaign expenditures as well. I will not accept any contribution exceeding \$1000.00 from any individual or business and I would urge all judicial candidates to voluntarily do the same.

Justice does not require a balancing act, it requires a fair, judicious and common sense application and interpretation of the law. As judge I would require the accused to have had a fair, impartial and lawfully correct trial, conviction and sentence, but I would not be so presumptuous and naive as to expect perfection in each of these matters. The people and the accused are equal parties to every criminal proceeding and each must be duly accounted for upon review and execution. The public safety and the public welfare must always be judiciously considered.

Norman LANFORD



I have nine years judicial experience, presiding over 15,000 felony cases. I am the only trial judge in Texas with a Masters of Judicial Studies degree. I have been a certified Criminal Law Specialist since 1978. I earned my JD from the University of Chicago, my BA from Rice University.

No changes beyond clarifying some existing reporting rules are needed, because this is not a valid concern. In 22 years of criminal law practice I have never heard any suggestion that criminal practitioners, unlike some civil lawyers, attempt to buy influence. That a state criminal defendant would have the resources to do so is downright ludicrous. Anyone with this concern should direct their energies to more productive pursuits.

My goal on the Court will be to help clearly state the law, rules, and consequences that affect criminal justice in Texas. When police, criminals, and the public understand these things, there should be no tension. Both our rights and our safety can be improved by opinions from this court that are clear, unambiguous, and apply evenly to every participant in the system. When procedural rules and legal interpretations are sensible and predictable, we can insure that the government can fight crime and respect the rights of all Texans at the same time. I am dedicated to that end.

Betty MARSHALL



I am a career prosecutor and lifelong Democrat who has specialized in criminal appeals for over 8 years and won statewide recognition for legal excellence. For instance, I successfully briefed and argued the first computer fraud case in Texas and the first DNA genetic typing case in Texas.

The public perception is only partially accurate. Judges are not directly influenced by contributions; instead, contributors give to those candidates who already agree with them. Publicly-funded campaigns are one possible reform, as is a strict limit on individual and law firm contributions and total expenditures. I would support some limitations as a first step.

There is, and always has been, a tension in the criminal justice system between the rights of the accused and the public's demand for safety. Both by constitution and by statute, the rights of the accused are paramount; as a result, the burden is on the State to prove each element of its case beyond a reasonable doubt. I agree with this balancing, since true public safety is founded not on fear but on justice.

Frances M. (Poppy) NORTHUTT



Balanced background: Extensive trial and appellate experience both prosecuting and defending criminal cases; board certified criminal law specialist. Record of excellence: Presidential citation for rescue of Apollo 13; graduated law school *summa cum laude*. Pioneered victim's rights programs: First Women's Advocate, City of Houston; founder Houston Rape Crisis Coalition.

I support the contribution and expenditure limits and disclosure requirements of the LWV's Fair Campaign Practices Program. While excessive contributions from individuals, law firms, and Political Action Committees are relatively rare in campaigns for the Court of Criminal Appeals, adopting these measures would give the public confidence that justice is not for sale. The best protection against undue influence is for the general public to become involved in the campaigns.

I would always remember that the legislature, not the court, should define, subject to the limitations of our state and federal constitutions, how the balance between ensuring the public safety and protecting the rights of the accused is to be struck. The court's job is confined to ensuring the legislature's intent is fulfilled to the extent reasonably possible. The limit is that fundamental constitutional guarantees must be preserved to ensure that people retain their rights of privacy from unreasonable governmental intrusion and that basic fairness is observed so the innocent are not wrongly convicted.

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Bennie RAY



I have been practicing criminal law for twenty (20) years. Initially, I organized the education department at the Ferguson Unit of TDC. My education includes Bachelors, Masters and J.D. Degrees. Plus, courses from Cambridge, China, and Costa Rica. Plus Criminal Law Board Certified and fellow of TCDLA Education Institute.

I would support any law for a more open policy of disclosure. I do not believe a problem exists on this Court. There is so little money contributed for this rase, any one of substance would be immediately recognized. Full disclosure is the only viable route for all Court races. I am equally concerned about qualifications for those seeking office and continuing education for those on the bench. Qualifications and ethics are mandatory.

Ensuring public safety is paramount, it will come from reducing the crime rate. Through reduction of crime the accused rights will be protected and the Constitution will remain firm. Society has always vacillated between order and justice, with order now our major consideration. Crime reduction will be brought about through greater education opportunities and job expansion. The issue is not protecting the rights of the accused versus public safety, it is reducing the incentive to be an accused! When crime rates go down the number victims decline. If a victim desired it, defendants should be made to confront them.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTIONS

Democratic precinct conventions will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 1994 (the day of the primary), and are open to any person who voted in the Democratic primary. You must have a stamped voter registration card or other proof that you voted in the Democratic primary. The conventions are usually held in the precinct's polling place for the primary. If they are held elsewhere, the location will be posted at the polling place. Precinct conventions elect delegates to a county convention (or, in certain urban precincts, a senatorial district convention), which will be held Saturday, March 26, 1994. The county (or senatorial district) convention elects delegates to the state Democratic convention, to be held June 3 and 4, 1994, in Fort Worth, Texas. The state convention elects state officers and the State Democratic Executive Committee, decides the party platform, and passes resolutions. For further information, contact the Texas Democratic Party, 815 Brazos Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78701; or call 512/478-8746.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTIONS

Libertarian candidates will appear on the November 8, 1994, general election ballot in Texas. The Libertarian Party is permitted, but not required, to hold a primary. In 1994, the party will be nominating candidates by conventions. On Tuesday, March 8, 1994, the Libertarian Party will hold precinct conventions to select delegates to county conventions. Any registered voter who did not vote in the 1994 Democratic or Republican primary may attend a Libertarian Party precinct convention. To find out where your convention will be held, call the state party headquarters at 800/422-1776. On Saturday, March 12, 1994, Libertarian county conventions will select the party's candidates for offices that are completely within the county and will select delegates to district and state conventions. On Saturday, March 19, 1994, Libertarian district conventions will select the party's candidates for offices in districts that are in more than one county but not statewide. On Saturday, June 11, 1994, the Libertarian state convention in San Antonio will select the party's statewide candidates, adopt a platform, and select statewide officers of the party. For further information, contact the Libertarian Party of Texas at 1112 W Sanford St, Arlington, Texas 76012, or call 800/422-1776.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

REPUBLICAN BALLOT PROPOSITION

"Should the citizens of Texas be allowed to vote on the following question: *The Department of Public Safety should be authorized to adopt rules for licensing and training qualified citizens to carry handguns for self protection.*" Yes _____ No _____

U.S. SENATOR

Six year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate, which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with the U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Salary: \$129,500.

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What budget measures would you support to address defense, domestic programs, foreign aid, deficit reduction, and entitlements?

QUESTION 3

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What would you most like to accomplish during your term as senator?

James C. CURREY



Lifelong Texan and innovative businessman, I have the knowledge and judgment to serve. Graduate of Dallas schools, Harvard, and Harvard Graduate Business School. Armed services experience on active duty. Served Governor Clements as Chairman of State Employment and Training Council and on Advisory Committee on Technical-Vocational Education.

If ain't broke, don't fix it. We have the world's best medical care. Keep the patient's right to choose his own doctor. Pay health costs with pre-tax dollars; something akin to IRA could achieve this. Eliminate federal regulations which inflate labor and hospital construction costs, unduly delay FDA approvals to use new medicines, and require States to fund non-therapeutic procedures. Insurance should not be tied either to continued employment or union membership.

Cut the federal deficit. Don't raise debt ceiling. Maintain adequate defense to keep peace, insisting that other nations share burden. Eliminate many domestic programs including agriculture restrictions, subsidized trains to wealthy suburbs, storm relief to Malibu mansions, tobacco production encouragement. End foreign aid. Tax relief and debt reduction will follow. No inflation means no COLA increases; entitlements will then be less an albatross. States should remain responsible for education, roads, and sustenance of the poor.

Enhance individual liberty. End Beltway hubris that every problem has a Washington solution. Recognize that root causes of crime, drugs, and underemployment are intractable social problems more than lack of economic opportunity; a compassionate society can address them best not by increased bureaucracy but by maximizing after-tax personal income and freedom. Return to rule of law; judicial review will become untenable when judicial activists sacrifice constitutional principles for temporary social results. Keep the peace.

Roger HENSON



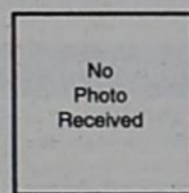
I have demonstrated the ability to save millions of taxpayer dollars as a governmental employee and engineering consultant by eliminating waste and inefficiency; was the Volunteer State Issues Coordinator for United We Stand America. Major strengths are extensive health care experience, job creation, business development, consensus building, integrity, and judgment.

Make basic health care affordable and accessible. Provide well care, not more welfare. We cannot subsidize illegal immigrants. Malpractice reform, liability limits, construction monitoring, Medicare and Medicaid fraud elimination, and improved efficiency should precede any plan. Implement pilot programs. Pool all employers and consumers to insure equitable basic coverage for preventive and catastrophic needs. Additional health alliances, purchasing cooperatives, and more government bureaucracy are unnecessary. No more taxes! Our country can not afford it.

Pass a combination Term Limitations and Balanced Budget Amendment; link longevity to Congressional performance in fiscal responsibility. Dedicate funds to rebuild our inner cities, educate our children, and reduce crime in this country instead of building an infrastructure for a foreign trading partner. Do not fund health care and education for illegal aliens. Defense spending should be sufficient to maintain worldwide leadership. Limit the growth of entitlements. Limit foreign aid to worldwide emergencies.

I will prove to the citizens of Texas that honesty, integrity, and dignity can once again be synonymous with public office by demonstrating that it is patriotic to serve our state and nation with no desire for personal financial gain. I will initiate true government and campaign reform, emphasize deficit reduction, and eliminate excessive perks. My decisions will be on the merit of issues and will always place country first. I will lead or leave!

Stephen HOPKINS



I am not a lawyer. I have never held political office in the U.S. I know right from wrong and am not afraid to tell people the truth.

Tort reform. Tort reform. Tort reform. Socialists like Clinton must leave our health care industries alone.

Re-fund SDI, scrap pork barrel domestic programs. End all foreign aid. Mandatory balanced budget enforcement ammendment, end entitlements for all healthy working age individuals.

Pass bill for mandatory death sentence (federal) for child-killers, and child abductors. Human life ammendment. Repeal Brady Law.

Kay Bailey HUTCHISON



I am one of the few Senators with experience owning a small business. I know the difficulties of preparing a budget, meeting a payroll, and cutting costs to earn a profit and create jobs. I know firsthand how taxes, regulation government mandates and unnecessary litigation stifle job creation.

We must improve our health care system, but the system must be reformed without endangering quality of the best health care in the world. I support plans that will increase access to affordable health care, reduce unnecessary paperwork and guarantee consumer choice and portability of benefits if one loses or changes jobs. Costs can be contained by reforming malpractice laws and reducing the tremendous costs of "defensive medicine."

The U.S. Congress has shown itself politically incapable of demonstrating fiscal restraint. A Balanced Budget Amendment now appears to be the only way to enforce discipline against runaway spending and waste. It would also force prioritizing of spending. More specifically, Senator Dole and I have introduced detailed legislation that would reduce government overhead, increase accountability and performance and save \$50 billion over five years without gutting the Pentagon.

My highest priority as Senator is to reduce and eliminate the federal deficit, which I consider the number one threat to our nation's economic security. The deficit should be erased by cutting spending and encouraging growth, *not* by raising taxes. If we fail to address our federal debt squarely, America will never be as great as its potential.

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M. Troy MATA



I am a former Republican Precinct Chairman and consultant to successful conservative judicial candidates. As a minister, I have developed programs geared toward solving problems of inner-city and suburban families. I am the only candidate with frontline experience in successfully dealing with violent crime, financial hardship and moral decay.

I believe all Americans should have comprehensive health care benefits. Therefore, I support tax free savings accounts created by individuals specifically for financing their family's health care. I oppose federally mandated health care as proposed by President Clinton because it would force thousands of businesses out of business and would limit individual choice of health care providers. No American should have to live with the fear of financial devastation because of catastrophic accident or illness.

Because of the highly volatile situations in the former Soviet Union, North Korea and the Middle East, I will hesitate to further cut our defense budget. I will adamantly work toward welfare reform. Those that can work, will work. Foreign aid should be given to a country in imminent danger of losing basic freedoms. Aid should cease when the imminent danger has ceased. I support balancing the budget by cutting Congressional spending, not raising taxes.

I see a dramatic drop in crime by implementing (1) mandatory life sentences for thrice convicted felons without possibility of parole, (2) mandatory financial restitution for victims by criminals, (3) mandatory work programs for felons and (4) limiting appeals and technicalities. Since 80% of jobs derive from small businesses, I see economic resurgence by cutting taxes and creating new businesses. I see a return to the family and individual responsibility through honest, courageous Senatorial leadership.

Ernest J. SCHMIDT



I consider the fact that I am not a politician to be an asset, not a liability. Thirty-two years of business experience has taught me the greatest lesson of all: "Accountability". Profit is not a dirty word; it is something Congress should learn. P.S. I don't like broccoli either!

I do not believe in socialized health care. However, catastrophic health care should be available to everyone. Past that point, health care should be available to those willing to invest in the cost of health care insurance. However, we should not look to business to bear the burden of this cost. It's a cost to be shared by all the citizens of America. Nothing is really free. Cafeteria health care is the best alternative.

I would not support measures that do not make a conscientious effort to balance the budgets. I would support a strong defense budget, but only to defend our own country; the United Nations is the world's police force. Domestic programs to the extent they are not massive welfare giveaway programs, and foreign aid only to the extent we can support a balanced budget. We must not continue to pass on massive debts to our grandchildren.

I would like to serve the State of Texas with dignity. Today Congress has become so engrossed in making back room deals to satisfy special interest groups, lobbyists, foreign interests and radicals that they have lost sight of their true objective: What is best for America? Let's take America back. I'm committed to doing so, are you?

Tom SPINK



31 yrs ins. experience specializing in life and health care.

Absolutely not by the federal gov't—ins. co's to cover everyone—use larger deductibles—mandate coverage as is car ins.—Agents accept lower level commissions.

Freeze spending.

Develop an acceptable medical health delivery system within the private sector—put faith back in our system—one nation under God.

GOVERNOR

Four-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas for the five years immediately preceding the election. Among duties: executes all laws and conducts all business with other states and the federal government; fills appointive offices; fills vacancies in state or district elected offices by appointment; calls special sessions of the legislature and sets their agenda; approves or disapproves every bill passed by the legislature. Salary: \$99,122.

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QUESTION 1

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The U.S. Supreme Court has given a large measure of control over abortion rights to state government. What do you think should be the state's role regarding the issue of reproductive choice?

QUESTION 2

75 word limit
What, if any, additional changes should be made in the financing and management of public education in Texas? Please explain.

QUESTION 3

75 word limit
There are indications that state government will face a large revenue shortfall in 1994-1996. What action, if any, would you support to meet this shortfall?

George W. BUSH



As a husband and father of two twin girls, former oil and gas producer, managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball organization and as a community volunteer, I care deeply about the future of this state and want to keep Texas from becoming like other big government, high tax states.

The U.S. Supreme Court settled whether there will be abortions in Texas: the question is whether parents will be involved in the decisions of their teenage daughters to have abortions. I support parental consent and would sign such a law. We should encourage fewer abortions by having strong adoption laws and establishing abstinence programs in schools. We should demand the highest standards of safety in abortion facilities and require practitioners to give professional, objective counseling.

We run public education backwards by funding locally and governing centrally. State government must make education its top priority and fund a no-nonsense, quality education. We must increase the state's share of education's cost, while holding per pupil spending constant, thereby providing property tax relief. We must free teachers and schools from paperwork and centralized regulation that's stifling creativity and productivity, abolish the regulatory power of the Texas Education Agency and strengthen local control.

The state will receive \$1.95 billion more revenue next biennium, up 5.2% over this biennium. To wisely handle taxpayer dollars, we must slow the state budget's explosive growth, up 46% under Governor Richards—twice as fast as Texans' paychecks grew, and, in the last biennium, 11 times more than the other 49 states. A new Governor must use the line item veto, press for true zero-based budgeting, and, unlike Richards, actually submit a budget.

Ray HOLLIS



Being among the public and seeing the peoples' needs and as a businessman, I can see we are headed downhill.

I believe this should be left up to the woman & her god.

Under my plan, the schools would be financed with constitutional way of financing. Under the 1% fair tax this would be constitutional and the schools would be financed as they should be. By taking away the mandates and controls and returning the controls to the districts, the teachers would have time to teach instead of filling out forms and paperwork, the students would learn from the teachers instead of aides.

The 1% fair tax would supply enough money to run our school systems and all other taxing entities such as towns, counties—the revenue from this 1% would be over one hundred billion dollars annually. I feel that this would be enough to take care of all state government expenses.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

H.J. (Tex) LEZAR - unopposed

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Teresa DOGGETT - unopposed

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Four-year term. Among duties: legal advisor to the governor and all state officials and agencies; represents the state and its officers in lawsuits before the Texas Supreme Court, Texas courts of appeal, and many lower courts; issues advisory opinions on state and federal law to guide state agencies and officials. Salary: \$74,698.

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What role do you think the attorney general should take in the protection of the environment and management of natural resources in Texas?

QUESTION 2

75 word limit
Child support enforcement is a principal responsibility of the attorney general's office. How do you propose to meet this responsibility?

QUESTION 3

75 word limit
How would you use the attorney general's discretionary powers to balance the rights of consumers and business interests?

Tony GARZA

No reply received.

Patricia (Pat) LYKOS



As a former Houston police officer, having worked my way through law school, serving as a criminal justice planner, a civil lawyer, and finally as a conservative state criminal court judge for the past 13 years, I have devoted my career to serving the people and preparing for this office.

Certainly, my number one priority is to protect our citizens and take back our streets from violent criminals. As attorney general, I will vigorously defend the constitution and uphold the laws of the sovereign state of Texas. Unlike the incumbent, I will not make political decisions nor permit special interests to influence the office. Under my administration, legislation providing for protection and conservation of our state's natural resources will be enforced fairly.

The Comptroller's audit reflects Morales' record on AFDC child support collection is abysmal. I've been uncommonly successful making probationers in my court legitimize their children. I will continue my efforts as attorney general to apply innovative techniques in making parents—not the state—financially and socially responsible for their children. When families become responsible and self-sufficient, we will reduce welfare expenditures and solve many of Texas' social problems.

Consumers and businesses both suffer from fraud and deceptive trade. I will serve the people of Texas by establishing fundamental fairness, and protect not only consumers, but also small businesses. We'll have a consistent "strike zone for all batters" so businesses will know what is expected of them in regard to consumers and the law. I'll put an end to the current policy of demagoguery for political purposes at the expense of jobs and reputations.

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QUALIFICATIONS

50 word limit
Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

John MARSHALL



B.A., 1965, Virginia Military Institute (Valedictorian). M.A., 1966, Vanderbilt University (History). J.D., 1975, SMU School of Law. Doctor of Laws. Partner, Norton, Morrison & Marshall, Attorneys, 1976-80. Municipal Judge, Muenster, TX, 1976-80. Judge, 14th District Court, Dallas, 1981-present (Local Administrative Judge of Dallas County, 1987, 1990, 1991).

QUESTION 1

75 word limit
What role do you think the attorney general should take in the protection of the environment and management of natural resources in Texas?

The Attorney General should be vigorous in enforcing the laws that relate to environmental protection, but without destroying industry. The relationship between a strong industrial base and financial support for cleaning up the environment must be maintained, or else we lose jobs in Texas and do not have clean air and water.

QUESTION 2

75 word limit
Child support enforcement is a principal responsibility of the attorney general's office. How do you propose to meet this responsibility?

The Attorney General must restructure the office to take into account the increased mobility of dead-beat parents who job-hop and jump across state lines to evade their obligations. The AG should be aggressive in pursuit of these people across state lines using criminal justice procedures and such resources as the federal government is willing to share.

QUESTION 3

75 word limit
How would you use the attorney general's discretionary powers to balance the rights of consumers and business interests?

The Attorney General should be active in helping the Legislature develop legislation relating to consumer rights that take into account the realities of the marketplace. For example, laws that prescribe warning signs on heavy equipment would save million of dollars in losses and injuries to the people of Texas, provided that industry has an opportunity to have input into the process at the front end.

Don WITTIG



Don Wittig serves as a Republican State District Judge in Houston. Wittig is the *only* felony prosecutor running—has extensive family business and law management experience—former Marine Corps Vietnam veteran—highest rated judge in the race—double Board Certified in the principle areas of the A.G. work.

As Attorney General, Don Wittig will rationally enforce all of the laws of the state in a business-like manner. The legislature's responsibility is to write the laws and make policies affecting the environment and our natural resources. The responsibility of the Attorney General is sensible enforcement.

Not only is Judge Don Wittig the *only* candidate board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Family Law, including child support, he is also the *only* candidate with significant experience in this important area. "One of my highest priorities as the next Attorney General of Texas will be to place the responsibility for child support where it belongs, on the parents and not upon the taxpayers of the state."

"As Attorney General, I will use a direct and sensible approach to consumer protection and will not abuse the discretionary powers of the office to unnecessarily attack valid business pursuits. When investigation reveals a just complaint, I will act to stop the abuse immediately. When required, I will use my 25 years of litigation experience to enforce these laws in a professional and evenhanded manner. I'm the *only* candidate Board Certified in this important area."

TREASURER

Four-year term. Among duties: custodian of monies, securities, and other valuables deposited with the state treasury; serves on the State Banking Board (which charters state banks) and the State Depository Board (which selects banks for state funds). Salary: \$74,698.

QUALIFICATIONS

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David A. HARTMAN



EDUCATION: BS, Chemical Engineering, Case Western Reserve. MBA, Harvard Business School. BUSINESS: Chairman/CEO, Hartland Bank. Director/Investment Advisor, Montwood Bank. Controlling Investor, Industrial/Bank Turnarounds. Financial Consultant. Management Consultant. Oil, Petrochemical Manufacturing. GOVERNMENT: Special Committee on Organization of State Agencies. Chairman, Texans for Responsible Government.

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Mike WOLFE



Growing up in the 1980's gives me two major qualifications to be State Treasurer. I believe in low tax and spend policies. God has molded me through many adversities and given me a small business. I believe that our politicians must be taught that an honest person has a future.

I believe in a Texas that is able to educate its' children with money from the State Lottery. I believe that lowering taxes and providing school vouchers will help our State economy. I also believe in cutting away 25% of each publicly elected official's salary.

COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Marta GREYTOK - unopposed

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Rick PERRY - unopposed

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

FULL TERM - Charles R. MATTHEWS - unopposed

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

UNEXPIRED TERM - Carole Keeton RYLANDER - unopposed

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

PLACE 3 - Priscilla OWEN - unopposed

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in civil matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus*, *mandamus*, and others; presides over proceedings for involuntary retirement or removal of judges. Salary \$91,928.

QUALIFICATIONS

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PLACE 1

George BUSCH

Thirty-eight years of civil trial work. Over 30 cases handled on appeal to higher courts.



QUESTION 1

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Some of the public perceive that Supreme Court justices may be influenced by campaign contributions from potential litigants and attorneys who represent them. In light of this perception, what changes, if any, would you support in laws and practices regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditures, and disclosure?

I believe in term limits. I believe contributions should be limited to \$5,000.00 per person or \$6,000.00 per law firm. I would favor non-partisan election of Supreme Court Judges on a state wide basis without regard to party affiliation.

QUESTION 2

100 word limit
Increasingly, those seeking protection of their civil liberties and individual rights are relying on state courts and state constitutions. Please comment on this trend as it relates to the Texas Supreme Court.

I am not familiar with this trend. Having said this, I believe that no more should be required of any candidate than to protect, uphold and defend the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. Civil rights and civil liberty laws should be at the top of any list of those deserving protection by the Supreme Court. Our civil liberties are a precious part of our Texas and American heritage. We should defend them in an even-handed manner to the limit of our ability at every opportunity. Remember, "extremism in defense of liberty is no vice."

Oliver S. KITZMAN

I am experienced by the first hand responsibility for the administration of Justice, having served first as District Attorney and as a General Jurisdiction District Judge since 1967. I have presided in hundreds of cases, civil and criminal, covering real work in every field of Texas law.



Most efforts through the imposition of ethical bands to establish limits and sources of campaign contributions are ineffective in general because the unethical too easily circumvent them. I would suggest the Legislature consider tighter, more realistic disclosure rules, make the results available to the public and, in the old fashioned way, let the voters decide the meaning of the facts.

We should not seek to erode the right of the people to be governed by both of our Texas and United States Constitutions. Result oriented judicial thinking can, however, over emphasize minute differences in meanings to impractical degrees. Judicial activism, to reduce or expand the rights of one person imposes unjust burdens on the general citizenry. Stability of the law is to be treasured unless the will of the people to change it is established by appropriate, lawful means

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PLACE 2

Nathan L. HECHT

Yale B.A. (philosophy); SMU J.D. *cum laude*; Hatton Sumners Scholar. Practiced law in general litigation area; shareholder ("partner") in major firm. Outstanding Young Lawyer of Dallas. District Judge 1981-1986; Court of Appeals Justice 1986-1988; Supreme Court Justice 1989-present. Member, American Law Institute, American and Texas Bar Foundations.



QUESTION 1

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I was one of the first two statewide judicial candidates in 1988 to limit the amount I would accept from any one contributor. The same limit should apply to political parties to distance judges from partisan political influence. Also, half a candidate's contributions should come from nonlawyers. These two important limits should be added to those proposed by the League of Women Voters, and PAC contributions should be limited to a percent of total contributions.

QUESTION 2

100 word limit
Increasingly, those seeking protection of their civil liberties and individual rights are relying on state courts and state constitutions. Please comment on this trend as it relates to the Texas Supreme Court.

State courts have long been a bulwark against infringement upon civil liberties and individual rights, and they should continue to be. But along with rights come the responsibilities of living in a free society, and courts must uphold both. The Texas Constitution contains important privileges and duties not found in the U.S. Constitution, which the Texas Supreme Court has applied in many significant cases. Guided by the experience of the federal courts and the courts of other states, our Supreme Court must be faithful to uphold the fundamental rights and liberties enshrined by our citizens in the Constitution.

Charles Ben HOWELL

Judge Charles Ben Howell—the Republican candidate with the most judicial experience. Five time winner of contested judicial races. Presently, Senior Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region, Dallas. Twenty years in practice. Honors graduate, writer, lecturer. Married, Patricia, 38 years. Three daughters, five degrees, Baylor, Texas Tech, UT Austin, UT Arlington.



The real shame: Ninety percent of lawyers never give a nickel to judicial campaigns.

I advocate assessing lawyers \$5 monthly through State Bar creating \$7 million statewide judicial election fund every two years. Lawyers designate recipients; otherwise, prorate. Similar system provided presidential election contributions via income tax.

Contributions anonymous; other lawyer contributions forbidden. System provides candidates the means of communicating with voters—essential to intelligent voting. Plan eliminates spectacle of lawyers currying favor from judges.

Civil liberties/individual rights demand protection. Judge Howell's Republican Primary opponent—captive to big money crowd fueling his race, will only protect "rights" of special interests. His kow-towing to big dollar boys reflects unconcern for rights. Negative attacks on Judge Howell reflect cover-up for deplorable individual rights record. Sodomy statute case (opponent was swing vote; 5-4 decision) deplorable. My opponent's constant bickering, pontificating, contributed to almost two year delay in dismissal for "no jurisdiction."

Republican voters: Remove this false protector of "rights" of vested interests from ballot!! Vote Charles Ben Howell—truly concerned, individual rights, March 8.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Among duties shared with other judges: serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in criminal matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus* and others. Salary: \$94,686.

QUALIFICATIONS

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PLACE 1

John S. COSSUM

Twelve years experience practicing criminal law—six representing victims and six representing the accused; former Harris County trial prosecutor, organized crime prosecutor and special assistant U.S. attorney; lecturer and writer on criminal justice issues; Successful prosecutor of thousands of criminal cases and veteran of over 100 criminal trials.



QUESTION 1

75 word limit
Some of the public perceive that Court of Criminal Appeals judges may be influenced by campaign contributions from potential defendants and attorneys who represent them. In light of this perception, what changes, if any, would you support in laws and practices regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditures, and disclosure?

Public concern that the views of those who contribute to court of criminal appeals campaigns (i.e. defense attorneys) are reflected in the judges on the court is justified. Sworn disclosure of the relationship of contributors to candidates, \$100.00 campaign contribution limits, partial public funding of statewide judicial campaigns (similar to presidential campaigns) for candidates receiving sufficient percentages of votes to qualify, and limits on total judicial campaign expenditures will help insure the system's integrity.

QUESTION 2

100 word limit
There is a tension in the criminal justice system between protecting the rights of the accused and ensuring public safety. How would you balance these competing interests?

While Courts have an absolute duty to protect defendants' constitutional rights, Courts are also duty-bound to law-abiding citizens to interpret those rights no broader than reasonably necessary to accomplish the goal. When Courts broaden such rights, as has occurred with alarming and increasing frequency, the public's right under the Declaration of Independence to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is threatened. Judges must therefore look not just at whether technical violations of a defendant's rights have occurred, but whether the violations have interfered with one's right to a fair trial. If not, cases should not be reversed.

Steve MANSFIELD

I have been a practicing attorney for 15 years and have both civil and criminal experience. I believe that I know the law and have the ability to write opinions that will offer clear-cut guidance to police, prosecutors and defendants.

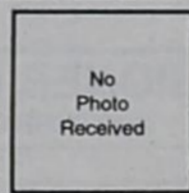


I feel that the financing of judicial campaigns should be subject to laws currently governing Congressional candidates. Individual contributions to judicial candidates should be limited to \$1000 for the primary and an additional \$1000 for the general election. I intend to voluntarily observe these limits and I urge the Legislature to enact them into law. PAC contributions should be limited to \$5000 per election cycle.

As a victim of a violent crime (armed robbery) myself, I am sensitive to the cries that our criminal justice system is more concerned with criminals' rights and less concerned with justice for victims. The Court of Criminal Appeals, as shown in the "juror shuffling" and other cases, has, in my opinion, gone too far in reversing convictions for harmless technical errors. I support the Harmless Error Rule and believe that judges should use the authority given them to sanction attorneys who bring frivolous appeals.

Sam BAYLESS

I was a briefing attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals, a law clerk for the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio, a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County.



The problem of attorneys making campaign contributions to judicial candidates is not limited to the Court of Criminal Appeals. If we continue to elect judges as we do, then any judge, in any case where a party or an attorney in the case has made a campaign contribution in excess of a specified, low limit, the judge should be required to notify all parties and offer to withdraw from hearing or participating in the case.

The key to balancing the rights of all citizens, and ensuring public safety, is in the election of competent, experienced judges, who are able to recognize the difference between mere technicalities and the violation of rights which result or might result in an unfair trial. No case should be affirmed where there is a substantial likelihood that the defendant did not receive a fair trial. No case should be reversed upon a technicality, nor as a result of error committed in good faith by law enforcement officers, prosecutors or trial judges, which did not effect the outcome of the case.

Cathy Cochran HERASIMCHUK

B.A., Stanford (English, cum laude). J.D. University of Houston (summa cum laude, law review editor-in-chief). Editor, 1993 Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook. Lecturer and frequently published author on criminal justice. Tried sixty cases and wrote 200 appellate briefs. Harris County prosecutor. Adjunct Professor, Houston Law Center. Private practice.



I do not accept financial contributions from any attorneys—defense attorneys or prosecutors—regularly practicing in criminal courts. I advocate this practice, but not as a change in the law. The process of selecting judges based on their ability to run a successful political campaign is flawed. A successful campaign requires the financial support of many vested constituencies who may expect to collect on their I.O.U.'s. No judge should be so burdened.

I have published numerous articles and given many speeches advocating, "Justice, though due the accused, is due the accuser as well" (Cardozo). Protection of lives and property is the primary purpose of government. A criminal trial should determine fairly and impartially whether the accused committed the crime charged. It is not a forum for intellectual gladiators or a stage for eloquent speakers. It is a proceeding whose sole purpose is to determine the truth while carefully guarding the rights of the accused, without neglecting the interests of the victims of crime nor the general citizenry. Nice people have rights, too

Sharon KELLER

I am a graduate of Rice University and SMU Law School. For six years I worked at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office: in the Appellate section for five years, and in Administration for over a year. I have done legal research on hundreds of cases, including many capital murders.



I would support a limit on campaign contributions.

Public safety is crucial to a civilized society. The current state of affairs is such that the right of law-abiding citizens to be safe in the everyday conduct of their lives has sometimes been sacrificed in the supposed interest of protecting the rights of the accused. Too often the result is that the guilty avoid punishment. The United States and Texas Constitutions provide protection for those accused of crimes. The accused should and must receive a fair trial, but it is imperative that the importance of the citizen's right to live in safety be recognized and given higher priority.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTIONS

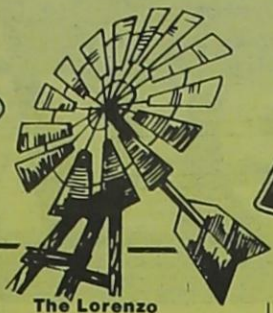
Republican precinct conventions will be held immediately after polls close on Tuesday, March 8, 1994 (the day of the primary). The time and place for the convention will be posted outside the polling place. Only residents of the precinct who voted in the Republican primary (including early and absentee voters) are eligible to attend the precinct convention. You must have a stamped voter registration card or other proof that you voted in the Republican primary. The precinct convention will select officers and delegates to the county or senatorial district convention (depending on local party structure) and consider resolutions recommending party platform positions.

County or senatorial district conventions will be held Saturday, March 26, 1994. At these conventions delegates will select officers and delegates for the state convention and consider resolutions recommending party platform positions. The state convention will be held June 10 and 11 in Fort Worth, Texas. At the convention, each senatorial caucus will select a District Executive Committeeman and a District Executive Committeewoman. The convention as a whole will select a state chair and vice-chair, one a woman and the other a man. The state convention will also adopt a party platform and rules.

For more information, contact the Republican Party of Texas, 211 East Seventh St. Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701, or call 512/477-9821.

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Bean War

Panhandle farmers fight for share of Texas pinto market

PLAINVIEW -- Dry beans.

That's the target of a new marketing strategy for a tenacious bunch of Texas Panhandle bean growers who unveiled their Bowl-of-Beans product last year.

Now these same ag producers and members of United Bean Marketing Co-Op are intent on grabbing their share of the dry bean market, hoping to wrench part of it out of the hands of their Colorado cousins.

What's unique about the way they're trying to do it, however, is that they are packaging and selling their wares direct to supermarkets and food services. This way they stand to reap higher rewards than from traditional bulk marketing.

Men like Dean Slaughter, newly-named president of Beantime Foods, Inc., say Texas bean producers never knew there were so many ways to sell a bean.

A struggle to give Texans a quality bean grown in Lone Star State ... not Colorado, Idaho or other 'foreign' soil ...

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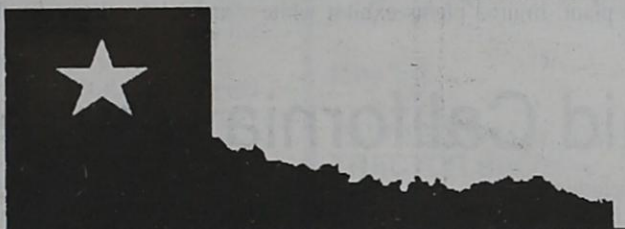
Red checkers mean Texas-grown



Gordon Zeigler/AgReview

Robert Cook of Beantime Foods shows brightly-packaged dry pinto beans hitting the shelves of Texas supermarkets. The red checkerboard signifies an effort by Panhandle farmers to fight for a bigger share of the state's bean market with a bean grown locally.

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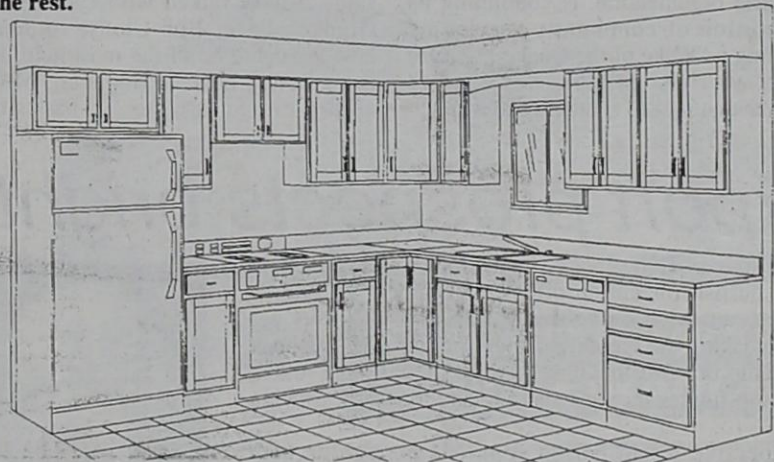
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ABILENE BIG COUNTRY FARM & RANCH SHOW

FEB. 18

TEXAS HUMAN NUTRITION CONFERENCE — Event will be held at Texas A&M.

FEB. 19

SAN ANGELO ALL BREED BULL SALE — This annual event will be in the Producer Livestock Auction in San Angelo.

FEB. 24

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK CONGRESS — To be held in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel.

MAR. 5-6

OSTRICH SEMINAR — S.W. Ostrich Breeders, Radisson Inn, call Kathy Holland at 764-3363.

NFU leader issues challenge

FORT WORTH — National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson implored farmers and ranchers to band together to face the challenges of agriculture and rural communities over the coming few years.

His remarks were made here today at the Texas Farmers Union annual Convention. "We need to forget our commodity differences and stick together to work for what's good for agriculture as a whole," said Swenson.

SWENSON PREDICTED that the changes in the agricultural sector will affect producers more in the coming two years than they have been affected in the past 50 years. He outlined some of

agriculture's major challenges. "There's an attitude in some public sectors that we don't need farm programs.

This year we saw the demise of the wool and mohair program and we can expect assaults in other areas, as the budget debate heats up once again," said Swenson.

"FOR EXAMPLE, there has been and will continue to be a movement to increase the Flex acreage (the percentage of land a farmer cannot receive program supports for in order to cut the farm program budget.

Those attempting to enact this change just don't understand the harm this will do to farmers and to the rural communities they support," said Swenson.

The NFU president urged convention

goers to stay on top of the issues and to be involved in the national policy debate by writing letters, phoning legislators and making personal visits to members of the U.S. Congress and the administration.

THE ISSUES important to farmers that were specifically mentioned include: U.S. Department of agriculture (USDA) reorganizations, crop insurance reform, formation of the 1995 farm bill, changes in environmental regulations and health care reform.

"It frightens me that in the administration's discussions over the restructuring of USDA, the place of agriculture in rural development is greatly underestimated," said Swenson.

Swenson told Texas Farmers Union members that statistics show that net farm income today has less buying power than it did in the 1930's depression.

Keeping an eye on the greenbug

DAVID KOSTROUN

Crosby/Floyd Entomologist

CROSBYTON — With the dry conditions we are currently facing, wheat needs all the help and protection it can get.

Several species of aphids can attack wheat and cause significant yield loss. Wheat producers should be able to determine different species, and should be aware of the differences in the damage they can cause.

Greenbugs are pale green, approximately 1/16-inch long, and have a characteristic dark green stripe running lengthwise down the center of the back. The tips of the feet, antennae, and cornicles (tailpipes) are black. They can develop in large numbers under favorable conditions

and may cause economic losses. Greenbugs inject a toxin while feeding that causes red spotting and an eventual yellowing of leaf tissue.

The first appearance of the Russian Wheat Aphid (RWA) in the U.S. occurred in March, 1986 in the Texas High Plains. It has since extended its range throughout the Great Plains, into Canada and west to California. The RWA is relatively small, 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 caudal tail which gives it a "double tail" appearance when viewed from the side, and the absence of prominent cornicles. The RWA injects a potent toxin into the plant. Injured plants exhibit white

or purple longitudinal streaks.

Flattened plants and tightly rolled leaves are additional symptoms of RWA feeding damage. They exist in higher numbers and cause more damage in small grains that are stressed.

Birdberry-oat aphids are particularly abundant on small grains in Texas. They are yellowish-green and characterized by a normally prominent reddish-orange spot on the back end. This aphid often occurs during the time greenbugs may be present. Control of the bird cherry-oat aphid is seldom required.

English grain aphids are green to bright green in color with black legs and antennae. If you are experiencing problems with aphids (particularly RWA) call 75-2426 and ask for the entomology agent.

Grange begins relief fund to aid California quake victims

The National Grange, the nation's oldest agricultural organization, is continuing its long tradition of community service by establishing a "Wake of the Quake Fund" to aid the victims of the devastating earthquake that rocked southern California.

National Grange Master Robert Barrow said, "I have talked with California State Grange Master Bob Clouse to determine how we could be of the most help. He said the greatest need is financial. Money is needed to purchase the basics of food

and clothing"

Barrow said, "We have set up an Earthquake Relief Fund and sent a mailing to 4,000 local Grange chapters asking for donations. We feel confident that Grange members across the country will respond as

quickly and generously as they did last summer when the Midwest was struck by terrible floods." The Flood Relief Fund received over \$113,000 and helped Grange members and non-members alike in the six most affected states.

Export prospects brighten as world supply tightens

The February 10th supply/demand report was friendly to slightly bullish for cotton prices. December '94 futures reached a new high on February 11th at 70.42 cents per pound, breaking the "round number" barrier. The Lubbock area remains dry. Weather uncertainty will play a big role in "new" crop futures through planting and the early growing season.

Prospective world cotton supplies are tighter with smaller crops indicated for China, Pakistan, India and Australia. As a result, projected U.S. 1993/94 exports were increased 300,000 bales to 6.5 million. Ending stocks were decreased 4.2 million, down from 4.5 last month and 4.9 in December.

Cotton export prospects from the U.S. continue to improve as foreign supplies diminish and policies in Pakistan, India and Turkey are now directed at restricting exports in order to support their domestic textile industries. Foreign consumption is expected to exceed 1993/94 production by a substantial 12 million bales after a 9.2 million deficit in 1992/93. A marketing loan deficiency payment for the 1994/95 crop does not appear likely because as world stocks have decreased, the "A" Index has jumped to over 80 cents, up from 55 cents last fall.

The U.S. 1994/95 crop may be around 17 million bales and total use 17 million. That would indicate a fairly strong market until the new crop becomes more certain. The



COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

ending stocks of 4.2 million may be further reduced by August because of strong demand. The June 31 estimate of planted acreage will be very important to the 1994/95 market. Higher prices at planting may encourage acreage beyond the current prospective 13+0 million acres. If so, production may be larger than now expected and the market may start eroding around mid-year. That is, because of the bullish sentiment now, new crop prices may peak earlier than the normal mid-summer peak.

Therefore, it appears financially advisable to have a marketing plan that will benefit from the price rally in "new" crop futures and still minimize the risk of a much lower price at harvest. Favorable prices may encourage more acreage this spring and slow demand this fall.

resulting in much lower prices by harvest.

There are several pricing strategies that may be used to hedge against lower prices later in the year. These strategies include forward contracts, minimum price contracts, put options and more sophisticated strategies that use puts and calls, and synthetic puts. When contracting, be sure to read the "fine print" so that you understand terms and conditions of the contract.

Barring bad weather, the market is expected to offer much better pricing opportunities for growers during the first half of 1994 than in the second half. It is usually desirable to spread out pricing in increments during a rally than after the peak has occurred. If you missed out on benefiting from the current price rally on 1993/94 cotton by not purchasing call options last fall on March, May or July '94 futures as a "storage hedge", or holding cash cotton over into 1994, then you might consider becoming a better market watcher. Market signals that a rally was very possible in early 1994 surfaced starting in Mid-November. The cost of not participating in the price rise exceeds \$50 per bale already and may become much greater before July. A marketing plan, to be most profitable, considers opportunities in the market before and after harvest.

(Carl Anderson, A&M Cotton Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service, is a noted authority on the cotton markets..)

Beans

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But, forced to carve out new markets over the past year in the hostile world of ag competition, they're learning how to turn up new, innovative ideas.

And they believe they've found some good ones.

The dry bean is not an original idea by any means . . . merely to pack up their Texas Panhandle-grown commodity and sell a high quality dry bean in the grocery store. But it's simple, and it is working.

Dry bean sales to the Texas consumer market began in January with a truckload of 45,000 pounds of beans, packed in 2, 4 and 10-lb. plastic bags, bound for the 42-store network of United Super Markets.

Fleming Foods is also distributing the Beantime beans along with Affiliated Foods, Lowes, Venture Foods, Food King and Thriftway. Food services handling the beans include Ben E. Keith and Sysco.

But dry bean marketing is not all that's new at Beantime.

Another bean wrinkle has been unveiled by Slaughter and beantime marketing director Robert Cook.

On the drawing board right now is a cooked, dehydrated flaked bean — a product with

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applications in the snack food market, space, defense, even feeding the world's masses.

The plant is keeping this new dehydrated product under wraps at its plant, divulging just enough information reveal its potential without discussing the production process they have developed.

"The excellent taste of our original product has been preserved through the process and can be reconstituted many months after packaging," Cook said. "This product can be used to feed starving, under nourished, and impoverished people in our country and around the world."

Sambles of dehydrated beans have gone out to potential buyers in Australia, California and South Texas, Slaughter revealed. Potential buyers include fast food outlets which sell refried beans, even makers of bean dips.

So as 1994 dawned, bean competitors from around the nation saw their own bags of beans shifted both ways on the shelf to make room for new, locally-produced Beantime Dry Beans.

Packed in their colorful checkerboard-covered bags, the beans were not hard to find as they flooded into United stores last month.

"It's simple, we want to grow Texas products and process them in Texas," explained Slaughter, the man who organized the 114-member United Bean Co-Op, then ascended to the presidency of Beantime Foods, Inc., last November.

In January, their locally grown Beantime dry beans hit the grocery markets to compete against other brands grown — all out of state beans the Panhandle farmers hope to compete against.

They feel this name identification with their Bowl-of-Beans individual microwavable meals — which have made a penetration into business in the frozen food section of grocery stores — will help propel their dry beans into a good position against competitors.

Flaked beans also appeal to the health conscious. They are a high protein, low-fat, no cholesterol, high fiber food that has been a long time staple on dinner tables around the world.

Flaked beans, which some believe is even more exciting product that their original home-cooked variety, could soon be manufactured at the same cooking plant where frozen, microwavable Bowl-of-Bean containers began rolling off the assembly line about a year ago and continue to be cooked regularly.

These flaked beans will consist of the same fully-spiced, home cooked, tasty pinto's, placed through a dehydration process, flaked, and packaged in various size containers.

The product will have long shelf life, low moisture content, and whose tastiness would rival that of whole beans. Boiling water can be added to the dry bean product, heating it for serving as refried beans or bean dip.

Beantime continues holding their original Bowl-of-Beans at the forefront of marketing strategy.

South Plains

Ag News

Feb. 27 - March 1

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March 18-20

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April 16-17

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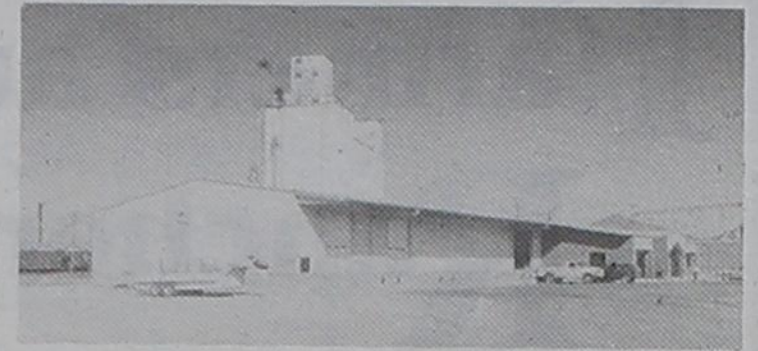
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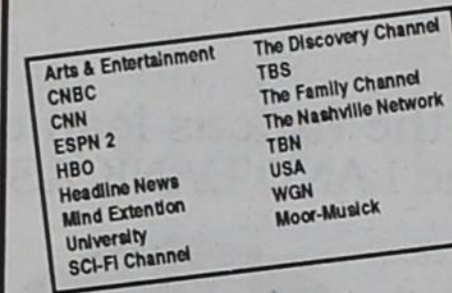


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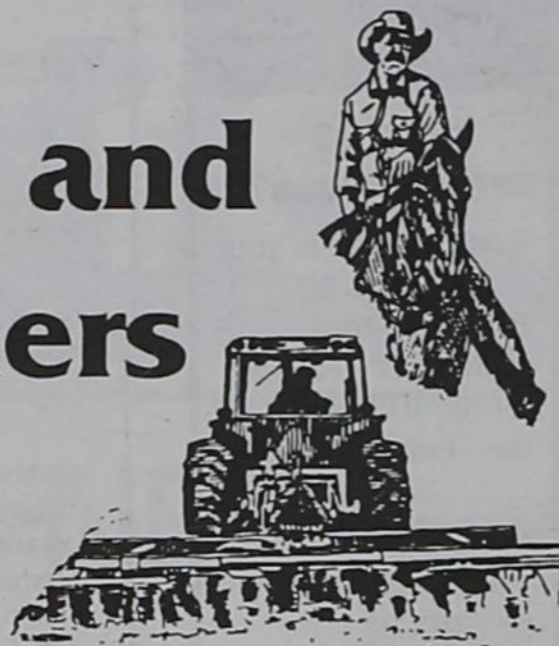
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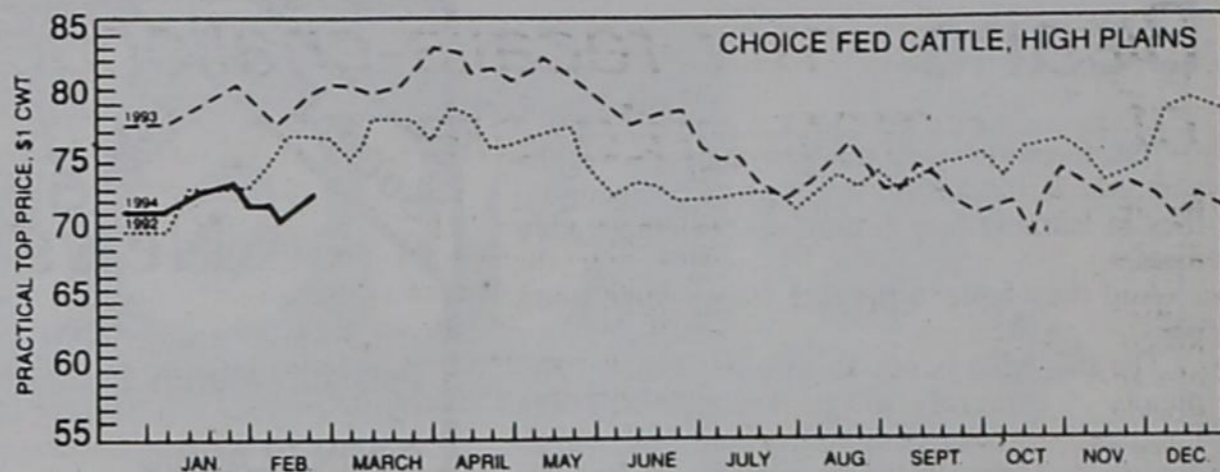
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Black farmer recalls challenge of hanging onto dreams, farm

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

ROSCOE, Texas (AP) — Robert Williams Jr. remembers an early warning that he wouldn't have an easy time as the only black farmer who owned land in Nolan County.

"You got this old farm, I helped you get in," Williams says he was told by a Farmers Home Administration official when he bought 349 acres in 1990. "Son, you standing up there smiling, but you're going to have to fight like hell to keep it." Sure enough, trouble followed.

Williams' cotton crops never flourished on the West Texas land he bought using funds from FmHA, the lending arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

After each planting season, his financial woes, widely known among Roscoe's 1,500 residents, deepened. Other farmers taunted him, Williams said.

Someone killed his dogs, glued shut the locks to his gate and draped the farm's entrance with a banner: "KKK Go Home Nigger."

Workers at the FmHA office in nearby Sweetwater ridiculed him and denied loans and technical guidance because he was black, he says.

"It wasn't no secret. They let me know up front that I wasn't like the white man," Williams said. "When it came time for me to get money or do certain things, they just wouldn't do things."

So Williams, 49, in November 1992 filed his second discrimination complaint against the federal agency.

Bob Nash, USDA undersecretary for small communities and rural development, confirms that an investigation revealed discrimination against Williams. But Nash declined to describe what the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise found.

The case twisted further Aug. 27 when officials from Washington met with Williams and his attorneys in San Antonio.

That seven-hour meeting yielded a document, labeled "settlement memorandum,"

instructing the FmHA to pay Williams \$1.08 million for farm liabilities and damages and \$270,743.50 in attorneys' fees. It was signed by two attorneys for Williams and Carlton Lewis, acting branch chief for the FmHA's Equal Opportunity Division.

"Mr. Lewis started the meeting out saying we are not here to say who was wrong, who was right, because we know already that you people have been done wrong," said Williams' wife, LaVerne.

"I thought finally, somebody is listening to us," she said. "I got excited. He said we're here to settle."

A clause in the document required its submission to Sharron Longino, FmHA acting administrator.

One month later, Ms. Longino rejected the terms.

"There is no authority that would permit me to pay for such things as Mr. and Mrs. Williams' other business debts, lost income, emotional suffering or attorneys fees," she wrote in a letter to San Antonio attorney James Myart.

Instead, she offered to take the Williams' farm to satisfy the operating loan debt, and to help work out agreements with other creditors. The FmHA was willing to lease the land back to Williams with a purchase option, or help find another farm, Ms. Longino wrote.

"They've disavowed the agreement and are attempting to treat it as a proposal, which is preposterous," Myart said.

Myart accuses agriculture officials of renegeing and using skewed legal reasoning to stall the settlement.

But Nash, the undersecretary, said USDA lawyers are working with the Department of Justice and Williams' representatives to find an acceptable solution. He said Lewis signed the San Antonio document under pressure and without authority.

Williams and his attorneys deny pressuring Lewis.

"That's his (Williams) interpretation ... and I'm not going to refute it one way or the other," Lewis said, declining to comment further.

Nash defended his department's handling of discrimination complaints since Mike Espy, who is black, became agriculture secretary last year.

The USDA didn't identify any discrimination cases in 1991, and just six in 1992, Nash said. But in 1993 the USDA found 26 instances of discrimination and is remedying them as quickly as possible, he said.

"It would be naive for me to say that because Mike Espy is secretary of agriculture that no further discrimination will occur at USDA," Nash said. "But it is also very realistic for me to say that Mike Espy and his staff will root out and investigate every allegation."

Nash said Dennis Cumbie, FmHA county supervisor in Sweetwater, was moved temporarily to the Gillespie County office because investigators found discrimination against Williams.

Cumbie said he worked in Central Texas for about one month because the Gillespie County office had been without a supervisor. He said he had not heard that investigators found discrimination in the Williams case.

Myart titled his 26-page case summation "The Williams Tragedy: Down in the Land of Cotton, Look Away! Look Away!"



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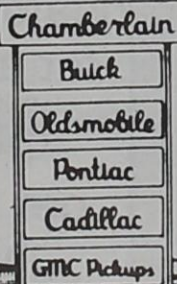
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Springlike weather to settle in through February

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The hard freeze and ice storm which hit much of Texas exacerbated some problems with keeping cattle well-fed, but caused few other problems beyond slowing field work.

A break in the winter weather should allow agricultural producers to get out and work in their fields, said Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the Southwest Agricultural Weather Service in College Station.

"People may want to really take advantage of this weather, particularly given the poor conditions we've had over the past few weeks," Zeitler said.

He said an upper-level disturbance moving through South Texas by Wednesday would bring light, scattered showers to the Coastal Plains and East Texas. By the weekend, however, it should be fair and clear.

"High pressure will be settling in over Texas for the remainder of the week, and by the weekend that's going to bring fair skies and temperatures across the state that are from 10 to 15 degrees above normal," Zeitler said.

That would mean highs in the 60s for more northern reaches of the state and 80s in the lower portions, with most of the rest of the state enjoying temperatures in the 70s. Lows would range from the mid-40s in the High Plains and West Texas to the mid-60s in the Rio Grande Valley, Zeitler predicted.

Texans can look for warm and dry conditions to continue next week, with temperatures above normal and possibly much above normal in South Texas, Zeitler said.

Little precipitation can be expected in the western half of the state, he said, meaning problems with dryness could continue.

However, much of the eastern portion of the state

can expect early-spring rains to begin within the next month, Zeitler said.

Extension district directors in that area reported widespread difficulties with short moisture.

"The wheat crop perked up some where snow fell a week ago, but moisture is still short," said Paul Gross, district director for the High Plains. "Wheat fields are providing little if any grazing at this time."

The South Plains and Rolling Plains districts also reported inadequate soil moisture and heavy supplemental feeding of cattle, as did West Central Texas and Far West Texas.

The Coastal Bend

reported that hard frosts and short precipitation have kept pastures dormant and hay supplies tight. Still, cattle remain in good condition, district director Lin Wilson said.

In Southwest Texas, recent rains have helped the progress of pastures and ranges. Cattle, sheep and goats are in relatively good condition considering the sparse forage that resulted from the extended dry spell of the summer and fall of 1993, the district reported.

Melon planting started in South Texas this week, and citrus and sugarcane harvests continue. Onions are progressing well there, the district reported.

Dry weather this weekend and next week should help eastern portions of the state, where some areas have been too wet for field preparations, according to Extension directors in the North Texas, East Texas and South-east Texas districts.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short. Extreme cold early last week; warmed toward weekend.

Cattle good condition; some stressed by cold. Supplemental feeding continues. Wheat perked up by snowfall. Land preparation continues as weather permits.

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Coalition attacks critics of bovine hormone

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pressure on consumers to boycott dairy products made with new bio-engineered growth hormones is a disservice to the institution of sound science, according to letters of The Advancement of Sound Science Coalition (TASSC).

"Boycotting BST might make activists feel better about themselves," said TASSC Chairman Garrey Carruthers, former Governor of New Mexico and a former professor of agricultural economics.

"But turning their backs to the product and pouring perfectly good milk down the drain helps no one," Carruthers said.

"America is the world leader in biotechnology because of our strong belief in valid, peer-reviewed scientific methodology. We know that biotechnology can produce healthier products and help cure dreaded diseases. We can't afford to turn away from these remarkable advancements, which are backed by sound science."

BST is a protein hormone composed of amino acids, similar to the hormone insulin. Use of BST is expected to significantly boost milk production in dairy cows. After 10 years of review, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of genetically engineered hormones that increase the productivity of dairy cows. In addition to the FDA, the National Institutes of Health and the American Medical Association have found the product to be safe for people and for cows.

According to "The New

York Times" (Feb. 4), the FDA has said that milk produced with BST is indistinguishable from milk that is not. A report issued last month by representatives from the White House and seven federal agencies, whose goal was to determine the drugs' impact on U.S. consumers, the dairy industry and the economy, found that "there is no evidence that BST poses a health threat to humans or animals."

"BST is absolutely safe," said Dr. Manfred Kroger, professor of food science at Penn State University; he has a Ph.D. in dairy science. "Hypothetically, if we followed Mr. Rifkin's logic on this issue, we would still be riding in horse and buggies."

According to "The New York Times" (Feb. 4), the Pure Food Campaign has "18 full-time workers and was spending roughly \$100,000 per month." Mr. Rifkin has vowed to stop agriculture biotechnology by first halting the use of BST.

"By pouring perfectly good milk down the drain, the Pure Food Campaign is being wasteful and is ignoring the results of sound science," said Dr. Margaret Maxey, a professor of bioethics with the University of Texas at Austin. "The government has studied this an dhas thorough data from a 10 year period. Where are Mr. Rifkin's figures? The simple truth is that science does not support his claims."

Critics of BST claim that use of the product may lead to increased use of antibiotics to treat symptoms in dairy cows. Yet govern-

ment standards for the use of these antibiotics, which were not criticized by activist groups prior to the introduction of BST, remain as stringent now as they were before the introduction of BST.

Genetic engineering is being tested for possible applications to help cure children of cystic fibrosis, to create living skin for burn victims and to cure diseases such as HIV and cancer. Agricultural applications are similarly promising. Genetic engineering may increase a plant's pest resistance, the shelf life of products and fight plant diseases. Bio-engineered tomatoes, for example, can

be left to ripen red on the vine, instead of the current system that picks tomatoes green and gasses them before reaching consumers.

"If we follow Rifkin's lead on BST, we're ignoring the first major biotechnology advancements for world agriculture," said Floy Lilley, a charter member of the Advisory Council of the National Education Forum on Food Safety Issues and guest lecturer at

the University of Texas at Austin. "Opposition to BST is a case of fantasy over fact. We cannot afford to let fear mongers sidestep the evidence of sound science."

"This is a prime example of a special interest group using its own political agenda to drive policy. It has nothing to do with the valid information that sound science has provided," said TASSC's

Chairman Carruthers.

TASSC is a grassroots-based, not-for-profit watchdog group of scientists and representatives from universities, independent organizations and industry, which advocates the use of sound science in the public policy arena. It is committed to monitoring all public policy related science to ensure that a sound science and valid peer-review process are used.

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