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The Constitutional Amendments Election is 12 days away. But if you want to know the pros and cons of all 25 proposed amendments and two propositions, you'd better start studying them now.



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City hears complaints at hearing

If Dimmitt receives state grant money, how should it be spent? Fifty residents gave their opinions to the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen Monday night in a hearing on the city's application to the Texas Community Development Program, which will distribute \$1.2

million to worthy projects in a 25-county area. Gary Pitner of Amarillo, executive director of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, was present to explain the Texas Community Development Program's system of distributing the grants.

He noted that applicants for TCDP grant money must meet at least one of three criteria: more than 50% of those benefiting from the project must be classified as low to moderate income; the project will eliminate a slum or blighted area; or the project will eliminate an imminent threat to life or health.

Citizens attending the meeting voiced many complaints about what they described as possibly life or health threatening situations, as well as inconveniences and property damage, due to poor drainage and lack of street paving in various parts of town.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the areas being considered in the city's proposal include the area of Northwest Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, where city engineers recommended a drainage sewer; and the areas of Northeast Eighth Street to Halsell Street, Southwest Third Street to South Street, and one block of Cleveland Street between Southwest Second and Third Streets, all needing paving. City Manager Reeford Burrous said that plans might also include a dike around part of the playa lake which forms in the southwest section of town.

Residents of Northwest Eleventh Street reported flood damage, with water actually entering some of the houses. They also complained that the poor drainage leaves standing water in which mosquitoes breed, and prevents regular pickup of the trash in the alley dumpsters, which they cited as health hazards.

Residents in areas needing paving complained that in the rainy seasons or when it snows it would be impossible for emergency vehi-

cles to reach their homes because of the street conditions. They also noted problems with standing water.

"We have to park our cars away from our homes and walk in mud the rest of the way, leaving our cars subject to possible damage or vandalism, which brings an economic hardship as well," one woman reported. She added that lack of transportation could also affect employment opportunities.

Another woman said that her children sometimes are unable to get to school on snow days because they would have to walk. Some also complained that their children have to attend school with "mud up to their knees" on bad days.

Pitner stressed that all the problems pointed out should be included in the city's application for the grant to lend it weight in the consideration process. Grant recipients are selected by a regional review committee of the TCDP, made up of members of area governing bodies.

Pitner said that there are always more projects submitted than there are dollars available, and that the citizens "shouldn't get their hopes up too much." He rated the Dimmitt project's chances of acceptance at 1 out of 12 or 15. About five or six projects are funded each year with around 30 projects submitted.

Burrous told the crowd that he is doing everything he can to gain approval of the city's application, and indicated that he would be contacting residents of the areas included in the project. He also asked for volunteers to help with conducting a required survey concerning income levels.

Pitner said the survey does not ask for specific income figures from individuals, but rather rates incomes as above or below a certain level.

Collins said that if the project doesn't go through, "We will re-apply. If it is rejected, more points

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'I WILL'—Dimmitt Alderman Wayne Proffitt is sworn in as a board member of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at Monday night's meeting of the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen. Administering the oath of office is City Judge Clara Patton. The PRPC coordinates federal and state funding efforts for Panhandle municipalities.

House subcommittee okays 'watered-down' bill

A House subcommittee drew up a compromise bill Tuesday that would impose a moratorium of 12 to 18 months on the nuclear waste-dump search and put the Dept. of Energy's procedures under a new commission's magnifying glass.

However, the proposed new bill was described as a "watered-down version" of the original moratorium bill which the House was considering.

According to Congressman Larry Combest's office, the bill is entitled the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendment Act" and was drawn as a substitute for HB 2888, which would have established an outright moratorium on the DOE's nuclear waste-dump program.

The substitute bill would set up a Nuclear Waste Policy Review

Commission of three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the president pro-tem of

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Weather

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

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| Friday | 72 | 45 | .03 |
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| Sunday | 65 | 35 | |
| Monday | 74 | 42 | |
| Tuesday | 57 | 31 | |
| Wednesday | 56 | 31 | |
| October Moisture | | | 1.38 |
| 1987 Moisture | | | 26.37 |

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Holiday Calendar

SATURDAY — Fall festival style show and brunch starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym, sponsored by Chi Psi Sorority. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children from 5 to 12 years old.

OCT. 31 — Halloween Spookhouse from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Youth Center. Admission will be \$1 donation per person. The carnival will be sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Church.

Oct. 31—Kiwanians to sponsor Halloween Carnival at the Expo Building.

Nov. 1 — Halloween Carnival from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The carnival, sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents, will feature fun and games for all ages.

Nov. 3—First United Methodist Women's annual thanksgiving dinner and arts and crafts bazaar. Dinner includes turkey, dressing and all the trimmings and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prices will

be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. The bazaar will be held at the church.

Nov. 7-8 — Hart Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar at the Hart Elementary School Gym. Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 7 and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8. Admission to the bazaar is free.

Nov. 13 — Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar at Expo Building.

Nov. 22 — Nazareth Arts and Crafts Show and Thanksgiving dinner. The art show, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club, will feature holiday items and will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. A dinner with turkey and all the trimmings, sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Hall at Nazareth.

Dec. 5 — The Dimmitt Young Homemakers will hold its annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building.

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By Don Nelson

You can tell that we're getting closer to the full glories of fall, by degrees, every day.

To some, fall begins with the turning of the foliage on the maples and other hardwood trees. To others, it begins with the first freeze (which we had Tuesday morning). To me, what makes it official is the arrival of the birds of autumn.

It's been a month since I heard the first mallard hen on the Country Club Lake before daylight. Now the lakes are becoming more populated daily with teal, pintails, baldpates, Mexican blacks and other species. Curlews and plovers have been around for a while, too. I finally saw my first flight of cranes Sunday afternoon, after hearing of sightings 10 days earlier.

Kenneth Hollums had a flight of snow geese come over his house on the way to feed last week. (You don't see too many flights of all snow geese; most snows that winter in this part of the country mingle in with the Canadas.)

But the most intriguing bird sighting so far has come from Leonard and Jimmie Schulte, northwest of Nazareth. They had a flock of about 40 white pelicans on their lake two days last week.

Keep your eyes open, and you may see something fascinating every day.

The National Wildlife Federation has just published a big new book, *Kingdom of Cats*. With authoritative text and beautiful color prints, it traces the behavior that's common to all cats wild and tame, portrays the cats of North America, Latin America, Asia, Europe and

Africa, and looks into how societies have utilized cats in their cultures.

On Page 185 of the book, in the section entitled "Cats and Culture," is this passage:

"Through the years, hundreds of American schools adopted wild cat names and mascots for their athletic teams, from Penn State's mighty Nittany Lions to the Dimmitt High School Bobcats in west Texas."

No, the writer didn't just pull a name out of a cat-hat. She's been here.

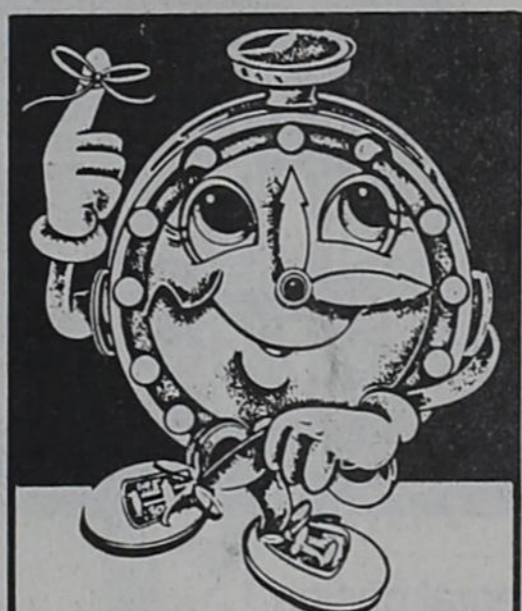
That section of the book was authored by Elaine S. Furlow, senior book editor for the National Wildlife Federation. Before moving to Washington, she was a book editor in Atlanta, where she met Pat Moran, who grew up in Dimmitt. They became good friends, and Elaine has visited several times in the Moran home here.

So the mention of the Dimmitt Bobcats in the book was a tribute to a friend's hometown.

Myrtle Lois Moran has received one of the first copies of the new book, and thought Dimmitt folks might want to order copies, either for personal use or for Christmas gifts.

If you're interested in buying a copy (and I'm sorry I don't know the price), you could write the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2266. Or Brick Autry at Rhoads Memorial Library could order it for you at a discount.

Have you ever noticed how many good arguments are ruined by some fool who knows that he's talking about?



Daylight Saving Time Ends

It's time once again to turn your clocks back one hour.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m., and everyone must set their clocks back one hour so they will be on time for Sunday activities.

Absentee deadline is Oct. 30

County residents will have until Oct. 30 to cast absentee ballots on the constitutional amendments, according to County Clerk Joy Jones.

Procedures for absentee voting have changed this year, and anyone can now vote absentee.

Those wishing to vote on an absentee ballot may do so at the county clerk's office in the Court-house.

Jones asks that absentee voters bring their voter's registration cards with them.

Sarpalius says Prop. 19 is 'chance of a lifetime'

"We're here to encourage the people to vote for Proposition 19." That's what Senator Bill Sarpalius stated at a press conference held at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Office Tuesday.

Sarpalius and Senator Chet Edwards of District 9 have been making the rounds in the Panhandle pushing for the passage of Prop. 19.

Prop. 19 is one of the 25 proposed amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot. It calls for authorization of the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund undertakings related to a superconducting super collider (SSC) research facility sponsored or authorized by the United States government, and to make appropriate grants for such undertakings.

If the SSC did not come to Texas, no bonds would be issued.

Sarpalius expressed concern that the proposed amendment would not be seriously considered by voters because of its low position on the ballot.

"Our area depends very heavily on agriculture and oil and gas," Sarpalius said. "And," he added, "both of those industries have been very depressed. We need something like this (the SSC project) to help our economy."

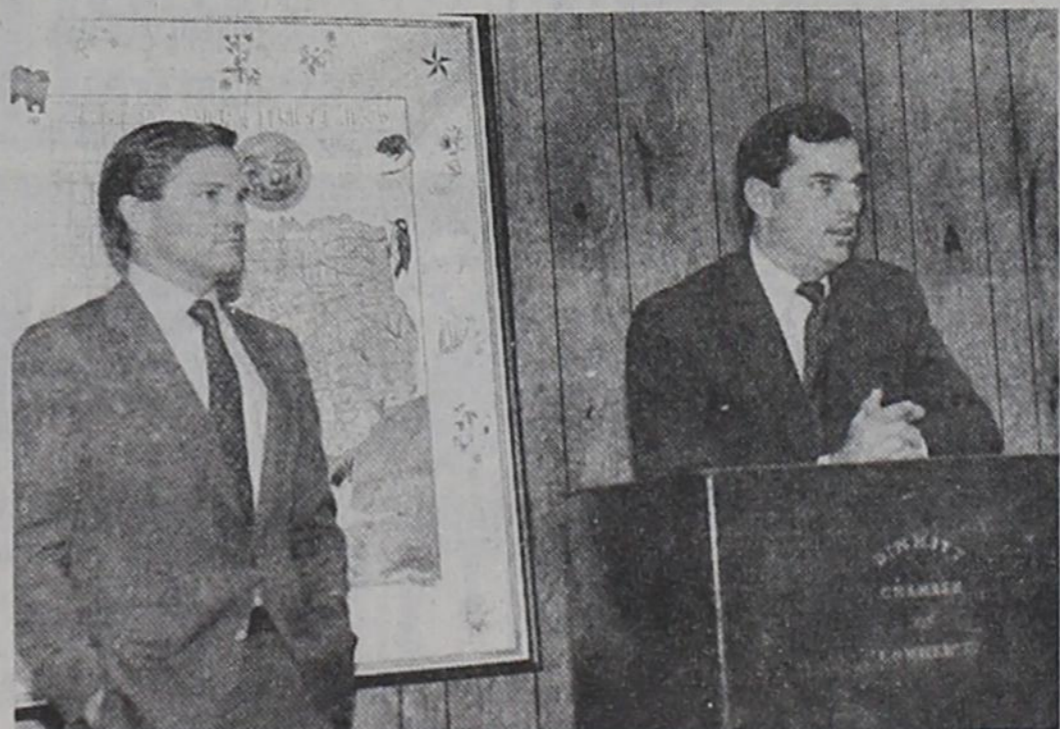
Sarpalius said that location of the SSC in the Panhandle would be an enormous boost to this area's economy, creating as many as 14,500 jobs and an annual income of about one billion dollars a year.

Sarpalius felt that the SSC project could put Texas on the cutting edge of technology, drawing new industries as well as upgrading area schools and universities.

"It would make West Texas State University and Texas Tech University two of the high tech universities in the nation," he said.

Sarpalius said the technological advances from this project are limitless.

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YES ON PROP. 19 MEANS YES ON SSC—Sen. Bill Sarpalius (right) explains the need for passage of proposed amendment Prop. 19 to aid in the efforts of bringing the super collider project to Texas. Sen. Chet Edwards (left) joined Sarpalius in the push for Prop. 19.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Freeman was one of the 34 Panhandle Women nominated for the 1987 Panhandle Women's Distinguished Service Awards. Each of the nominees was presented a framed certificate at a special luncheon on Saturday at Tascosa Country Club, from the Women's Forum. Irene Keating is president.

Special awards were presented to 12 winners for exceptional and outstanding service in the arts, education, civic leadership and public service, health care, legal science and volunteerism.

Many women from Dimmitt have been nominated in the past 10 years. Helen Richardson was one of the winners in 1976 for education. Cleo Forson, a former nominee and Ed Freeman accompanied Helen and Betty for the luncheon. Betty was nominated by Ann Ethington and Deanne Clark, and wishes to express her appreciation for this honor.

Altus Wright of Owasso, Okla., and her daughter, Jeanne Rogers of El Reno, Okla., visited Jewel Scott, Retta Cluck and Billie Jo Cluck, Loyd and Kirk Farris and the Jimmy Clucks this weekend.

Altus is a sister of Loyd Farris, Retta Cluck and Jewel Scott. Jeanne is Altus' daughter.

Altus is a retired school teacher. Jeanne is vice president of the Citizens National Bank in El Reno.

Children and grandchildren of the late Mark and Minta Cowsert met at the MO Ranch in Kerr County recently for a time of reunion and reminiscing. Family members came from Albuquerque, Hereford, Earth, Dimmitt, Dallas, Maryneal, Houston, Corpus Christi, Portland, Georgetown and Junction.

The Ranch acreage fronts on the Guadalupe River and the youngsters enjoyed canoeing and swimming as well as tennis and other sports. 28 attended including Ray and Ella Cowsert of Hereford, Myrna Cowsert of Dimmitt, Roger, Joy, Philip and Jean Haberer of Earth.

Jo Ann Montgomery of Midland had a weekend visit with her aunt, Myrna Cowsert and her cousins, Shirley and Harold Stephens.

Raleigh and Grace Strother attended the wedding of her niece, Cynthia Kay Martin to Jack Ball in the Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo. Cynthia Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin who lived in Dimmitt several years ago. They are now living in New Braunfels.

Johnny and Melba Morale of Lake Texhoma attended the funeral of Maxine Walker in Wichita Falls Friday, Oct. 9. Maxine and her husband, Wimpy Walker, were living in El Paso at the time of her death. Melba visited with the Walkers' daughter, Joy and her daughter, Melissa, while in Wichita Falls. She came on to Dimmitt to visit her sister, Edna Reinhardt. She also visited her son, Jim Aldridge who lives in Olton. The Walkers lived in Dimmitt several years ago and Wimpy was manager of a local grocery store.

Harley and Elberta Dyer attended Nocona's 100th Centennial celebration recently. Nocona, in Montague County, is the boot capitol of the World. The Dyers attended the homecoming at a Spanish Fort that had been under four flags. This was the first homecoming that Elberta had attended and she and Harley enjoyed all the activities of the day. They went to the Bank Building for

some of the activities. There is an amphitheater on a ranch out from Nocona where some of the programs were held.

Diane Townsend presided over the Dimmitt Book Club meeting Wednesday. Debbie Matthews read the minutes. Oneida Hutto introduced her guest reviewer, Marie Howell, who gave an interesting review of the book *The Ladies of Missaloughi* by Colleen McCullough.

The hostesses, Kim Hays and Susie Bradford, served pumpkin bread, corn candy, popcorn balls and hot apple cider. The serving table was decorated with a large pumpkin, small pumpkin and scarecrow.

The hospital auxiliary met in Rhoads Memorial Library for their monthly meeting with Nell Ingram presiding. Betty Freeman read the minutes from the last meeting. Plans were made for the Bazaar and dinner to be held Nov. 13.

Jauvada Curtis and Mary Pyeatt of Amarillo and Decimae Dennis of Midland visited with Morgan and Geneva Dennis and Edgar over the weekend.

Congratulations to Gary and Rhonda Wise on the birth of their daughter, Hayli. They also have two other daughters, Holly and Heather.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge with Bernice Hill as hostess.

Cleo Forson won high score and Helen Braafladt won second high. Others playing were Susie Reeves, Fern Dickey, Rosalie Hawkins, Louise Mears, Neva Hickey, Jean Christian, Edith Graef, Jo Gregory, Alice Collyer, Johnny Vannoy, Elizabeth Huckabay, Oleda Schumacker and Virginia Crider.

Wanda Murdock and I attended the funeral of Maxine Myer's brother, Joe, in Childress last Thursday.

The employees at Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company honored their boss, Lloyd White, on his birthday recently by serving birthday cake and coffee. The cake had a motorcycle for decoration. The employees are Betty Batterman, Dwayne Acker and Rodney Schulte. Lloyd's wife, Nikki, was also on hand for the celebration.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Nokes Lee, Virginia Shultz, D.B. Angeley, and Lillian Hamilton. They enjoyed lunch at the Calico Teapot.

Aural Davis spent three weeks in Chicago with her daughter, Janis and family recently. Janis had knee surgery so Aural took care of the family while Janis was recuperating. After Janis was able to walk they went to a stage play *A Chorus Line* that they enjoyed. One weekend they went apple picking about 70 miles north of Chicago. There are miles and miles of orchards with several kinds of apples. They were given sacks as they entered the orchards, went in, picked their apples and were checked as they came out to pay. An interesting weekend. We are glad to report that Janis is doing well now.

Sandra Potts hollowed miniature pumpkins out and served tuna fish salad to her bridge club this past week. She served other salads and spice cake to Nancy Ross, Stefanie Love, Sandra Clark, Deanne Clark, Martha Jo Hyman and guests, Fran

Gabel and June Sutton. Fran Gabel won high score for the day.

Several members of the school's task force on AIDS traveled to Dallas this weekend for a seminar on the subject. Also attending the conference from Dimmitt was Rev. Ken Cole of the First Baptist Church.

Betty Freeman was nominated for the Panhandle's Distinguished Women for 1987 and attended the luncheon held at West Texas State University with her husband, Ed.

Cleburne was the original destination for Robert, Marty and Mrs. Benton of Lubbock. Mrs. Benton visited her daughter and Robert and Marty visited Marty's mother and slipped on over to A&M to see their son, Ben.

Elberta and Harley Dyer returned to Nocona for Elberta's class reunion and roots. They visited former classmates she hadn't seen in 50 years or so as well as family members. Elberta's family purchased an original Methodist Church and have maintained it for many years.

Bill Clark also returned home for a class reunion this weekend. The Chillicothe Ex-Student's Association hosts a reunion for all classes, but honored the classes 1927 to 1987 especially. Luncheons, barbecues and much visiting was enjoyed by the former students and their families. Bill and Deanne also

visited with the Clark clan who were all there except for one sister.

Besides the quilting class, the Calico Teapot was the gathering place for a birthday party for Brenda Bruton and Darla Stewart. Friends extended their wishes over coffee and birthday cards and gifts and ribbons.

The bridge club consisting of many teachers, held their club play there, too.

Tina Rawlings and Carolyn Jones went to Midland this weekend to visit Patsy Rogers and to see a ballet featuring black performers. Patsy is Carolyn's sister and Tina's daughter.

Martha Isaacs and her sister, Sandra Honea of Dumas went to Santa Fe, N.M. in September to see the play *Brecht on Brecht* directed by Jeff Isaacs. The play was presented at the Greer Garson Theater. The play was a sell out on Friday and Saturday night.

Orval and Della Pierce of Pleasantville, Iowa were visiting in Dimmitt last week. Orval lived here in his "younger" days and attended Jumbo School.

He was the son of Faye and Finis Hunter and brother of Norma and Tiney. They spent a couple of nights with Rachel Hunter and a couple with Polly Simpson.

On Tuesday a group of relatives and friends ate together at K-Bobs

and visited in the afternoon at the Methodist Church. Attending were Oma Lee Simpson of Hereford, Winston and Mildred Adams of Colony, Okla., Thelma Axe of Canyon, Virgie Hunter of Slaton, Gwen

and John Hardy Wood of Level-land, Bill and Nina Simpson and grandson Jeremy of Amarillo and Rachel Hunter, Bob Simpson, Louise Nelson and Polly Simpson, all of Dimmitt.

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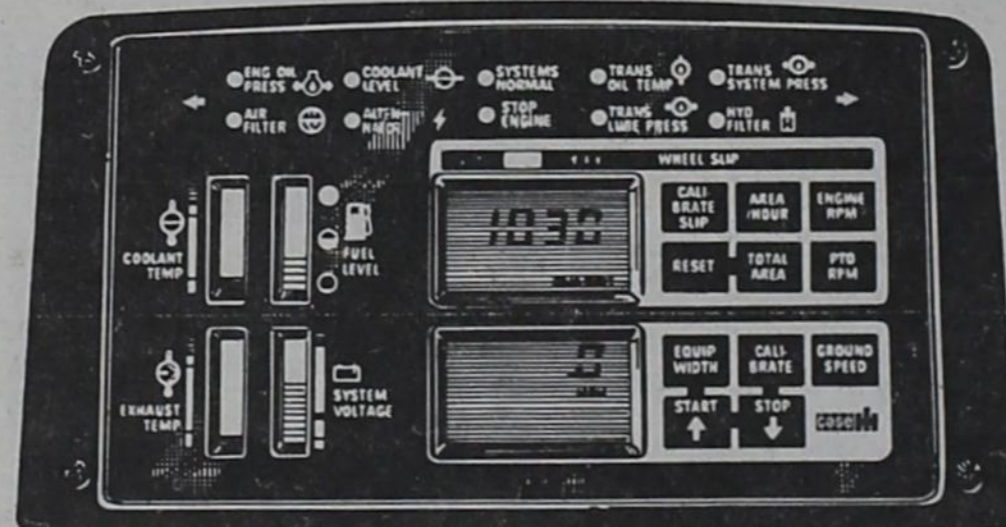
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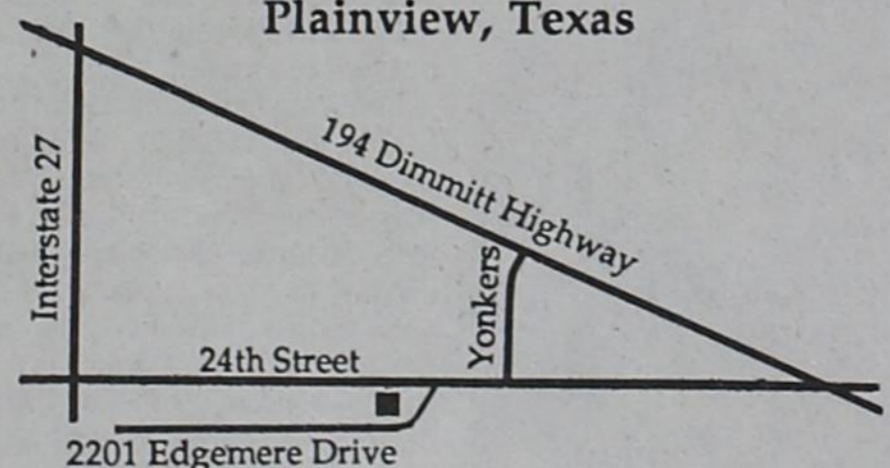
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(AVISO DE ELECCION)
To the Registered Voters of the County of Castro, Texas:
(A los Votantes Registrados del Condado de Castro, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 1987, for voting in the Special Election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the twenty-five (25) proposed Constitutional Amendments and two (2) referendum propositions as submitted by the 69th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, and the 70th Legislature, Regular and 2nd Called Sessions of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese por lo presente que los sitios de votacion citados abajo estaran abiertos desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la noche, el martes, dia 3 de noviembre de 1987, para votar en la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar las veinte y cinco (25) enmiendas propuestas a la Constitucion y las dos (2) proposiciones de referendum asi como fueron sometidas por la 69a Legislatura en la tercera sesion que fue llamada y la 70a Legislatura en la sesion regular y en la segunda sesion que fue llamada del Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:
(Localidad(es) de los sitios de votacion):
Precinct 1— Courthouse, Commissioners' Court Room
Precinct 2— Courthouse, Basement
Precinct 3— Courthouse, District Court Room
Precinct 4— Courthouse, Adult Probation Office
Precinct 5— Hart Golden Group Building, Hart, Texas
Precinct 6— Flagg Grain Co. Office
Precinct 7— Frio Baptist Church
Precinct 8— City Hall, Nazareth, Texas

BY COUNTY JUDGE
(Por el Juez del Condado)
MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR.
15-4-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: MARTA IMELDA GONZALES de SOTO, Respondent:

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 242nd Court, Castro County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of ARTURO SOTO-GONZALES, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 18th day of September, 1987, against MARTA IMELDA GONZALES de SOTO, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5759 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of ARTURO SOTO-GONZALES and MARTA IMELDA GONZALES de SOTO," the nature of which suit is a request to DIVORCE.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of this issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Dimmitt, Texas, this the 16th day of October, 1987.

JOY JONES, CLERK
242nd District Court
Castro County, Texas
By Betty Rickert, Deputy
15-5-2tc

15 - LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
No. 1878
THE ESTATE OF
CHRISTINE BRADDOCK, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS
HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF
CHRISTINE BRADDOCK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary upon the Estate of CHRISTINE BRADDOCK, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 16th day of October, 1987, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county court above named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and mailing address is Lucille Schacher, P.O. Box 154, Nazareth, TX 79063.
-s- LUCILLE SCHACHER
Lucille Schacher
Independent Executrix of the
Estate of Christine Braddock
Deceased
15-5-1tc

Senior Citizens

Castro County Senior Citizens Center is located at Third and Jones and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. including the Domino Center. Quilting, crafts and table games are daily activities. A nutritious meal open to the general public is served each week day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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High Plains Hearing Aid representative will be at the Center on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Table games will be played Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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14 - CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS
Dear Friends
Gloria and I want to thank each of you for your thoughtfulness, cards, food, flowers, and your prayers in the loss of my mother, Naomi E. Mason, recently. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and many kindnesses shown us in this great loss.
In Christian love,
JOHN AND GLORIA MASON
14-5-1tc

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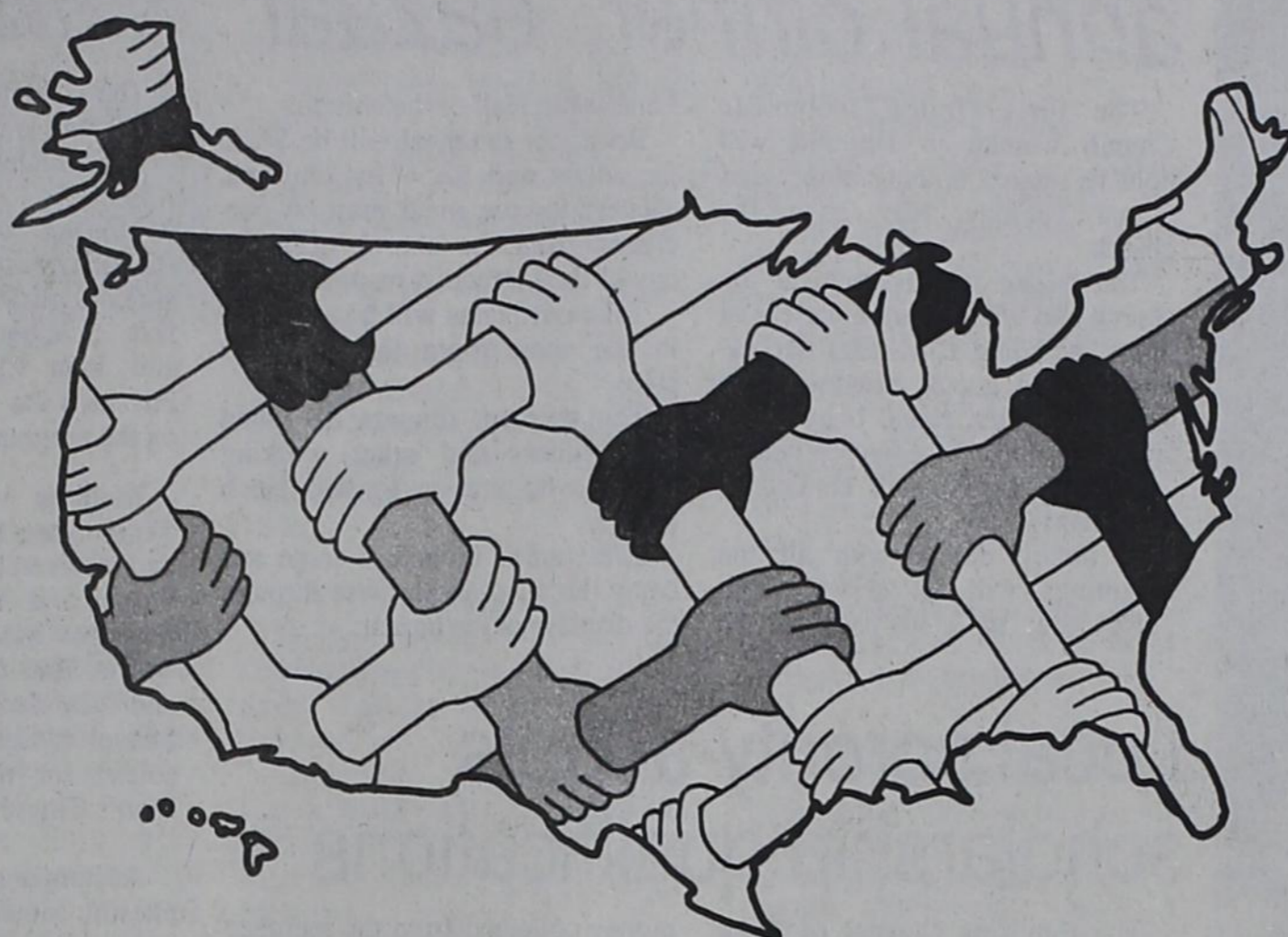
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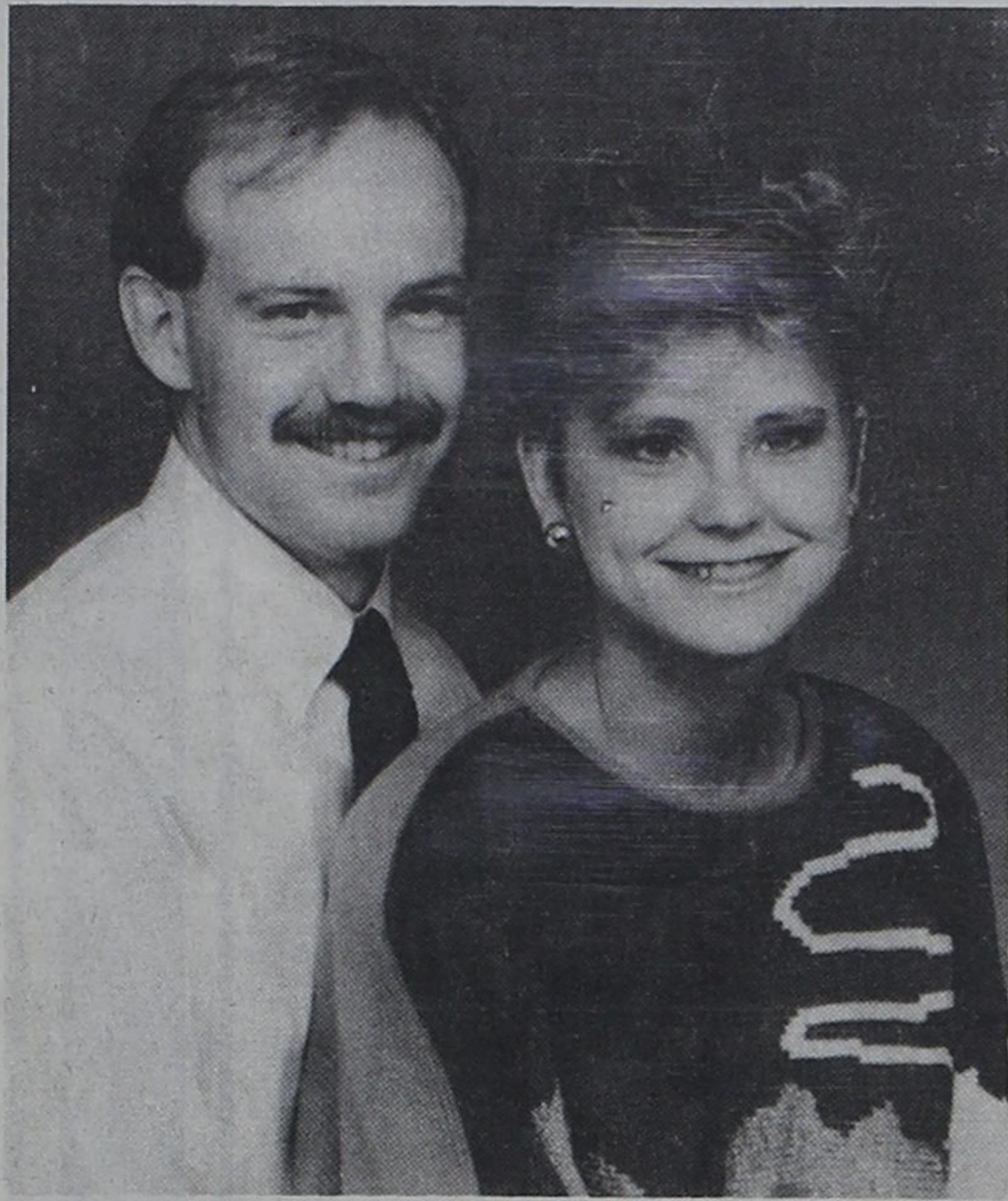
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People



David Ross Horton and Laine Snider

Snider to wed Horton

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snider of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laine Alea, to David Ross Horton, son of Maxie and George Coder of Arlington and James and Jerri Horton of Hart.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Jan. 23, 1988, at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church at Dimmitt.

Snider is a 1980 graduate of Dimmitt High School and received

a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984 and earned her Master's in 1985 from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed as Health Promotion Specialist at Region 10 Education Service Center in Richardson.

The prospective groom is a 1981 graduate of Arlington High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1986 from Texas Tech University. He is owner of North Texas Aviation Service, Inc., in Grand Prairie.

Annual Hart bazaar to feature holiday items

Holiday items, just in time for Christmas buying, will be featured at the annual Hart Arts and Crafts Bazaar, Nov. 7 and 8 at the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Admission to the bazaar is free and everyone is invited to come and browse through the exhibits from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 7 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 8.

There are still a few booths available. Anyone wishing more information may contact Meitzie Lemons at City Hall, 938-2171 or Erma Kennedy, 864-3500.

There will be many articles for

gift giving and for home decorating for the holidays and all year long.

Some of the exhibitors will be Jonalyn Jones, Jerry Bailey, Virginia Reed, Meitzie K. Lemons, Erma Kennedy, Nora Lancaster, Patsy Warren, Blanche English, Juanita Allensworth, Martha Bauman, Irene Brooks, La Nell Whilaker, Wanda Black and more.

The Xi Mu Iota's will be serving stuffed potatoes in the Hart School Cafeteria Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All proceeds from booth rentals will go to the Hart Golden Group.

Local students enter medical programs

Two Dimmitt residents are among 28 former West Texas State University students who began studying at health profession institutions this fall.

Frank Gujardo of Dimmitt is enrolled in a medical technology curriculum at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School and received a Bachelor of Science

degree in 1987 from West Texas State University in liberal arts and medicine.

Lori E. Huseman of Nazareth is enrolled in the medical technology curriculum at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. A 1975 graduate of Nazareth High School, Huseman received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from West Texas State in 1980.

Methodist women plan annual dinner, bazaar

The First United Methodist Church women in Dimmitt will hold its annual holiday dinner and bazaar Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the church.

The bazaar will be held at the church and will feature a variety of items including Christmas decorations, baked goods, holiday home decorations, tea rings, baby items and many miscellaneous gift items.

Also on display will be knives, spices and plants.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall of the church.

Prices for the meal will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Tickets for the meal may be purchased from the church office or any of the Methodist women.

Take-out plates will be available in the choir room for the same price.

The take-out dinners are good for teachers and other working people who are on limited lunch breaks.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the meal and browse through the displays at the bazaar.

Local sorority adopts scholarship qualifications

The Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society adopted the qualifications for its \$500 recruitment grant to be awarded next June at its meeting Oct. 12.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must have attended a Castro County High School; have official verification of acceptance by the College of Education; and must submit a letter of application with proper verification from their education department.

The grant is made possible from

money collected from the membership through various internal projects.

In other action, Sue Broderson, president of the local sorority, introduced the program for the meeting, *New Legislation in the Classroom. The Cost and Benefits to the Students.* Sara Hill and David Schaeffer, school board member presented their view points as parents of students in the system before and after House Bill 72 legislation.

Dimmitt students win national honor

The Society of Distinguished American High School Students have named eight Dimmitt students as members of its honor society for 1987.

Local students accepted as 1987 members include Mark West, Marc Bennett, Tiffany Braafladt, Tracy Hada, Britt Boozer, Kyle Shelton, Jennifer Hanners and Scott Stahl.

Membership in the 19-year-old society is designed to be a national honor and incentive for top performance among high school students. To be accepted, candidates must excel in academics, extracurricular or civic activities.

As members, these students will have the opportunity to compete for

college scholarships through the Society's National Awards Program. This year, 141 colleges have earmarked more than \$700,000 in scholarship funds for society members.

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Former resident to perform in concert

Ruby Moultrie, former Richardson Elementary School music teacher and First United Methodist Choir Director, will be presented in concert Sunday at St. John's Methodist Church, 1501 University Avenue, Lubbock.



Ruby Moultrie

The concert will be open to the public and is free of charge. It is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Moultrie will be assisted by St. John's choirmaster, Kevin Riehle, and will perform selections by Mozart, Schubert, John Jacob Niles and John Carter. An aria from Puccini's *La Boheme* will also be on the program.

Moultrie was trained at West Texas State University in Canyon and received her Master's degree in voice and sacred music from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She is presently serving a choir director at Estacado High School in Lubbock and is featured soloist for many services at St. John's Church.

Accompanied by a chamber orchestra, Moultrie will open the program with *Exultate, Jubilate* of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The work is a real showpiece for the soprano, concluding with the famous *Alleluia*. Three songs about

flowers by Franz Schubert follow. The recital will conclude with a cantata by John Carter, the movements of which will feature settings of three well-known black spirituals.

Moultrie has been invited to appear with the same recital at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., later next spring.

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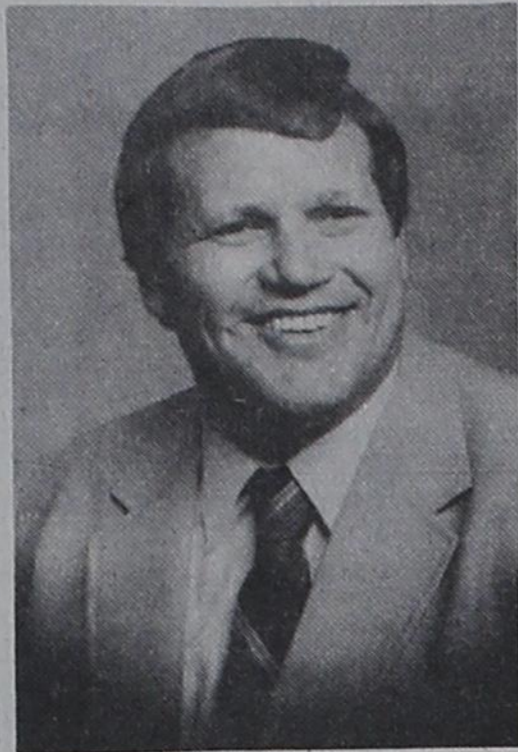
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Jerry Kunkel is a graduate of McMurry College with a B.A. in Religion and a B.S. in Philosophy. He holds a Master degree in Theology from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Kunkel has served churches in Buffalo Gap, Tye, Lucas, Caney, Lone Oak, Sulphur Springs, Petersburg and Amarillo.

Kathy Kunkel attended Texas Tech University and McMurry College. She sang in the Tech choir

and McMurry Chanters.

She has served as the choir director for Trinity United Methodist Church in Amarillo and accompanied for Austin Junior High School's Honors Choir and Men's Chorus.

Revival breakfasts will be served Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. Services will be held at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Children's services will be held at 6 p.m. daily for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

The revival will kick off with the Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. that evening. The Sunday children's service will begin at 6 p.m.

Second and third grade students at Richardson Elementary School were honored for excellence in spelling, citizenship, and for being on the honor roll during the first six weeks of school.

Third grade spelling bee winner was Marisol Melendez.

Second grade honor students included:

Thames' Room

Spelling Awards — Hank Morgan, Laura Bradford and Amy Garcia.

Citizenship Awards— Dora Rodriguez.

Matthews' Room

Spelling Awards— Lisa Velo, Derek Merritt, Jayson Person.

Citizenship Awards— Christy Reyes, Regina Barrios, Joy Long, Velo.

Lynn's Room

Spelling Awards— Marcos Oniedo, Roy Galvan, Eddie Maldonado, Estella Saucedo, Alicia Saucedo.

Citizenship Awards— Jessie Lopez, Severo Arando, Maldonado, Galvan, Hector Rodriguez, David Medrano, Maribel Leal, Roberto Mendoza.

Kellar's Room

Spelling Awards— Jeremy Matthews, Terry Miller, Chris Reyes, David Asua, Hollie Houck, Andy Hill, Vanessa Acevedo, Amy Killingsworth, Mary Rivera.

Citizenship Awards—Matthews, Miller, Marlene Martinez, Reyes, Acevedo.

Evan's Room

Spelling Awards—Zuri Bossett, Tracy Damron, Jami Fewell, Bradley Kinser, Christina Longoria, Jason May, Benny Navarro, Jana Nelson, Jennifer Sammann, Jeremy Sanchez, Kaci Schulte.

Citizenship Awards— Becky Ramirez, Linda Trigo.

Brown's Room

Spelling Awards — Dominic Abalos, Ysela Gonzales, Shae Hanes, Amy Matthews, Allison Moore, Cindy Oliviero, Charley Sanders, Lea Beth Thomas.

Citizenship Awards:Hanes, Thomas.

Glidewell's Room

Spelling Awards:Angelica Vidal, Teresa Robertson, Aaron Guzman, Willie Ochoa, Shane Ethridge, Michael Bell, Jared Townsend, Nathan Killough.

Citizenship Awards:Vidal, Blair Stewart, Summer Vasquez, Amber Matthews, Leticia Ramirez.

Third graders honored include:

Axtell's Room

Spelling Awards:Melissa Gil, Oralia Herrera, Julian Martinez, Summer McLean, Jason Nino.

Honor Roll:McLean, Luis Nino, Sy Olson.

Best Citizens:Oralia Herrera, Olson.

Hardest Worker:Annie Hernandez.

Bain's Room

Spelling Awards:Matias Hernandez, Jonathon Ivy, Colby McDaniel, Oscar Rueda, Andrew Teas-

chner, Erika Vaquera.

Honor Roll:Cameron Lust, McDaniel, Teaschner.

Best Citizens:Lust.

Hardest Worker:Hernandez.

Koch's Room

Spelling Awards:Chad Ewing, Misael Fernandez, Joey Flores, Shawn Furr, Tracy Grand, Alisa Littlefield, Daniel Maxwell, Kimberley Proffitt, Dora Ramirez.

Honor Roll:Beck, Furr, Grand, Littlefield, Proffitt.

Best Citizen:Grand.

Hardest Worker:Ramiro Vega.

Merritt's Room

Spelling Awards:Lindsey Garza, Jessie Lopez, Tawnee Matthews, Troy Odom, Alka Patel, Emily Roberson, Joshua Roberts.

Honor Roll:Jessie Lopez, Levita Hearne, Garza, Jessica Medrano, Patel, Roberts.

Best Citizen:Garza, Matthews, Bryan Portwood, Patel.

Hardest Worker:Roy Rodriguez.

Myatt's Room

Spelling Awards:Sara Goldsmith, Raul Holguin, Elenor Saucedo, Betty Quiroz.

Honor Roll:John Falcon, Goldsmith, Holguin, Bucky Wilhite.

Best Citizen:Conrado Saucedo, Elenor Saucedo, Wilhite.

Hardest Worker:Brent Portwood.

Nutt's Room

Spelling Award:Eliza Melendez, Marisol Melendez, Monica Quiroz.

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Honor Roll: Maria Rios.
Best Citizen: Monica Aguero, Marisol Melendez.
Hardest Worker: Daniel Tarin.

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What's Cooking

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Oct. 26 through Oct. 30.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY — Seasoned pinto beans, buttered potatoes, fried okra, cornbread, apricot cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, lettuce, mixed fruit, and milk.

MONDAY—Rib-b-cue on a bun, corn fritters, pineapple rings, cookies, milk.

TUESDAY—Fried chicken and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY — Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, banana pudding, milk.

FRIDAY—Beef stew, cornbread, fruit, applesauce cake and milk.

HART

THURSDAY — Burrito, cheese stick, tossed salad, ranch style beans, cake and milk.

FRIDAY—Enchilada casserole, tortillas, tossed salad, buttered corn, pineapple cake and milk.

MONDAY—Sloppy Joes, cheese, pinto beans, coleslaw, peach cobbler, and milk.

TUESDAY — Enchilada casserole, tortillas, salad, buttered corn, pineapple cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Cheeseburgers, French fries, pickles, salad, mixed fruit and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad, peaches, sugar cookies and milk.

FRIDAY—Broom stick corn dogs, goblin salad, magic beans, black cat cake and witches brew.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY—Chalupas, lettuce, cheese, peas, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY — Sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, lettuce, mixed fruit and milk.

MONDAY—Chili and crispitos, green beans, tossed salad, peach cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY—Barbecued beef, coleslaw, applesauce, orange cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers with all the trimmings, French fries, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY—Lasagne, corn, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Halloween cookies and milk.

Castro County will be on "Great Walk"

Castro County will be represented among those etched on the Great Walk leading to the Texas State Capitol in Austin.

The Texas Association of Counties is sponsoring a project to have all 254 Texas counties' names included in a special section of the walk.

Over the past several years, plans have been underway for the restoration of the state Capitol, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 16, 1988. To complete the first phase of the restoration, the Capitol Committee has enlisted the support of all Texans to share in this historic restoration by means of "A Walk in History" project.

Years of continued use and weather have deteriorated the Capitol's walkways. These approaches to the Capitol will be restored using

28-inch concrete diamond-shaped pavers upon which will be etched the name of each contributor.

Completion of the "Walk in History" is scheduled prior to the May 16, 1988, centennial celebration of the Capitol's completion and dedication.

Anyone interested in participating should contact the Capitol Committee, 1507 West Sixth, Austin Tx 78703, 512-477-6499. Pavers are available on the Great Walk and the names of individuals, families, associations, clubs and businesses may be inscribed on the pavers.

Fall Festival style show set

The Chi Psi Sorority of Hart is holding its Fall Festival Style Show and Brunch Saturday Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 5-12.

The style show will feature fashions from stores in Hart, Kress, Plainview, Dimmitt and Tulia.

DHS needs magazines

The Dimmitt High School Art Department needs magazines.

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FLIP ME ANOTHER! — Tucker Schumacher (left) and Stace McDaniel get with the program during the annual Dimmitt Lions Club Pancake Supper in the high school cafeteria Friday evening. In background are Helen and Fred Kuntz. The Lions served pancakes and bacon to approximately 200.

More about

House subcommittee . . .

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the Senate, and also would establish an office of "nuclear waste negotiator."

"Basically, the bill says the proposed new commission must assess the adequacy of the DOE's practices—the way they have sited, the deficiencies of their methodology, the feasibility of meeting the schedules they have set out for siting, their consultation and cooperation efforts, the adequacy of their program technologically as opposed to possible other technologies for disposal of nuclear waste, and whether the DOE should actually be implementing the nuclear waste policy or whether that responsibility should be turned over to another agency,"

HHS lists honor roll

Honor roll students for Hart High School and Junior High were named for the first six-weeks.

Senior honor roll students were Tony Guzman, Daniel Lacy, Herman Longoria, Jaime Lopez, Graciela Macias, Carmelo Medrano, Steven Reyna, Melinda Wilson.

Junior honor roll students were Andy Castillo, Elvira Centeno, Christy Hernandez, Shandi McLain, Sonia Sarabia, and Alejandro Urbino.

Sophomores making the honor roll were David Carrasco, Miguel Morales, and Imelda Rosas.

On the Freshmen honor roll were Brandon Ammons, Stephanie Davis, Shelly Knox, Roger Medrano, and Eloisa Reyna.

April Bennett and Christy Neinstast were on the Seventh grade honor roll.

There were no Eighth grade students on the honor roll.

Flagg 4-H learns about drugs

The Flagg 4-H heard a program on drugs by Garland Coleman at their last meeting.

About thirty people attended the meeting, held in the home of Don Moore.

Flagg 4-H will hold their next meeting Nov. 11 in the home of Jason Wooten.

Arts Show set Nov. 1

Nu Beta Sorority is holding an Arts and Crafts Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Sherman County Barn in Stratford.

Show hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds from the Bazaar will go to the Nu Beta Sorority Scholarship fund.

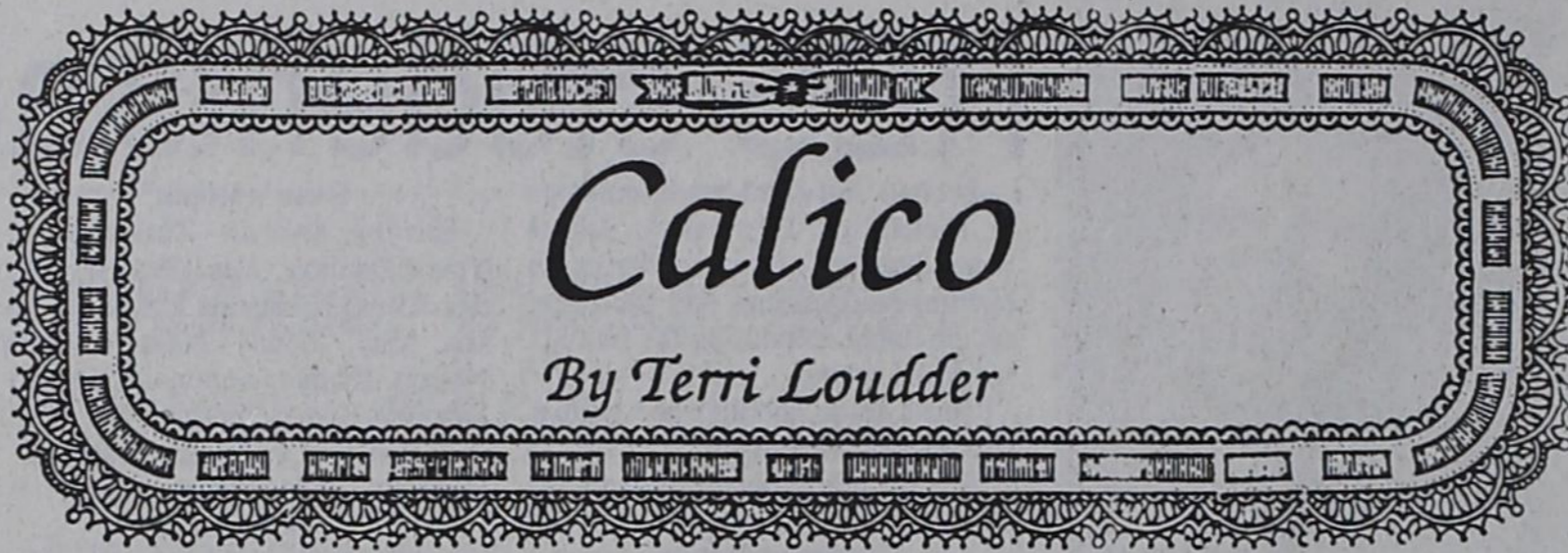
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Last week, my husband rose from his recliner in an effort to regain some of his youthful exuberance for athletic competition, a tribute to armchair athletes everywhere. Last week, my husband played in his alumni Lacrosse game at Texas Tech.

Some of you out there have probably never even heard of Lacrosse, so I'd better explain how it's played. Please realize that I can only give you a sideline assessment of the game.

Lacrosse is a lot like hockey—only more violent. The game is

played with long sticks that have this little net on the end, and a little hard rubber ball.

The players use the net sticks to throw the little ball at each other while they run down the field toward one of the goals, beating each other with the sticks as they go. They wear these beehive-looking helmets and very little other protection. And, from what I've seen, I gather that one of the more important features of the uniform is unmatching socks.

After they've beaten on each other all the way down the field, the player who got hit last with the ball scoops it up and tries to throw it through the goalie into the goal. Apparently the goalie is the intellectual leader of the team because he is the only one wearing protective padding.

I know that there are different player positions because some of them only get to beat on each other halfway down the field. Sometimes the players catch the little ball in their little net and they get applause and cheers. Sometimes the players don't catch the little ball in their little net and they get this funny-looking round bruise.

One of the basic fundamentals of the game is calling the referee names, and all of them seem to excel at this.

And that's Lacrosse! As I understand it, Lacrosse was invented by the Indians — you know, those guys who used to scalp people and burn them at the stake.

About a week before the game I asked my husband if he was getting in shape, and he said that he was involved in a strenuous training program. For example, about two or three times a day, he said, he would "spring" from his pickup instead of just getting out the normal way. He said he was also tightening his stomach muscles a few times a day. And he added, beaming with pride, that he was only eating one slice of bologna on his after-supper sandwich. I think the key ingredient in his training program was chocolate almond ice cream.

Yes, last week, my husband played Lacrosse. This week, he

feels lucky to be walking upright. He said his muscles started to stiffen up as he walked off the field, and his first word the next morning was, "Aspirin!"

But at least he keeps trying. Hail to my conquering hero!

St. Ann's sets turkey dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Parish Hall.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

Donations will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under ten. Take-out plates will be 25 cents extra per plate.

A quilt and other door prizes will be awarded at the dinner.

For more information, contact Celeste Olvera at (806)238-1579 or Josefina Alonza at (505)762-6313.

Hospital News

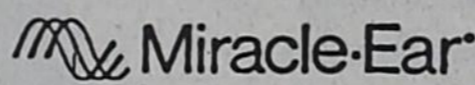
Patients in Hospital: Arthur Wilcox, Dorothy Barfield, Victor Munoz, Melody Neely, Eunice Thorton, Comilia Annen, Leroy Lamas, Rosalinda Garza, Norma Ramirez, Gloria Reyes, Velia Gonzales.

Patients Dismissed: Rachael Saucedo, Ronda Wise, Esmeralda Garcia, Drue Jennings, Juan Garcia, Amy Jones, Neoma Wall, Vicki Jennings, Vickie Nelson, Janet Weaver, Faviola Dominquez, Caitlin Buckley, Lelan Jennings.

MEH to hold annual bazaar

The Muleshoe Moonlight Extension Homemakers will hold its ninth annual arts and crafts bazaar Dec. 4 and 5 at the Bailey County Civic Center.

Applications are now being accepted for booth reservations and will be taken until Nov. 20. For booth information contact Moonlight Extension Homemakers, 902 West Eighth Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347.



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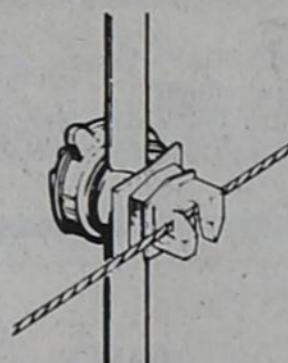
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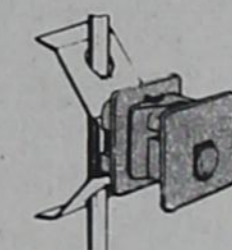
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Obituaries

Gilbert Cole

Services for Gilbert Cole, 84, of Seagraves, were held Tuesday afternoon in Twelfth Street Church of Christ with Mark Whitmire, minister, officiating.

He will be assisted by Homer Jones of Wellman.

Burial will be in Gaines County memorial Cemetery under direction of Connally Funeral Home.

He died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday in Seminole Nursing Center after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Roff, Okla., and moved to Lamesa in 1953. He married Helen Derington on July 21, 1928, in Thalia. He was a custodian with Seagraves School District for 10 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Troy of Memphis, Tenn.; three brothers, Everett of Hart, Shelby of Seagraves and W.H., Jr., of Andrews; four sisters, Annie Mabry of Midland, Maudie Thornton and Naomi Warren, both of Andrews and Redah Marley of Columbus, Miss.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Anita Hargis

Anita Joan Hargis, 48, of Breckenridge, mother of a Dimmitt man, died Tuesday in Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services were held Friday in Breckenridge Cemetery with Rev. Ernest Paul Rogers, officiating.

She was born in Comanche County. She was a cook and a

Swift Band heads to regional

The Nazareth Swift Band earned a 1 rating Tuesday at a marching festival held in Lubbock and will now advance to regional contest in Lubbock Oct. 31.

The band finished second overall in its classification behind Sundown, but still qualifies for regional competition.

Baptist.

Survivors include her father, Edd Rogers of Ripley, Calif.; her mother, Ethel Mooney of Breckenridge; a son, Robert Ward of Dimmitt; three sisters, Joyce White of Breckenridge, Nelda Gilles of Pennsylvania and Carolyn Phippen of Jacksonville, Ark.; a brother, Buddy Rogers of Lubbock; and a grandchild.

Elmer Jones

Elmer Victor Jones, 74, of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Services will be held today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m. in Gililand-Watson Rose Chapel in Hereford. Burial will follow in Rest Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Jones, born at Childress, moved to Hereford in 1915. He was married to Elsie Andres in 1932 at Portales, N.M. He was a farmer and had worked for Burke - Inman Trucking. He was a charter member of Frio Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Patsy Findley and Marilyn Cope, both of Canyon; two brothers, George Jones and Jay P. Jones, both of Hereford; three sisters, Gladys Benson of Dimmitt, Helen Brown of Hereford and Dovie Jane Harman of Tulia; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Millie Lust

Services for Millie Elizabeth Lust, 90, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church at Dimmitt with Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Fleming Funeral Directors in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Lust died Sunday.

She was born at Missouri Valley, Iowa. She moved to Custer County, Oklahoma in 1899 and then to Claude in 1909. She was a 1919 graduate of West Texas Normal College and taught school until her marriage to Ven Lust in

1921. He died in 1983. She was a resident of Dumas and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Houston of Dimmitt and Glenn of Lazbuddie; a daughter, Louise Stone of Amarillo; two sisters, Grace Lust of Dimmitt and Lois Branson of Alhambra, Calif.; a brother, Roy Branson of Innisfail, Alberta, Canada; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Alta M. Latham

Graveside services for Alta M. Latham, 87, of Friona, formerly of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday afternoon at Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery in Tucumcari, N.M. with Rev. Bob Miller, pastor of the Tucumcari First Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements were by Ellis Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Latham died Wednesday. She was born at Downs, Kan., and had been a Friona resident for the past five years. She had been a former resident of Dimmitt and Tucumcari. She was married to Sid Latham in 1935 at Tucumcari. He died in 1962. She was a cook and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Martin, in 1965.

Survivors include a daughter, Shara Lookingbill of Friona; a sister, Margaret Bell of Elm Creek, Neb.; a brother, Harold Toothman of Salina; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Naomi E. Mason

Funeral services for Naomi E. Mason, 92, of Abilene, died at 5:40 a.m. Oct. 11 in Abilene after a sudden illness.

Services were held Oct. 13 in Northwest Church of Christ in Abilene. Burial followed in Abilene under the direction of Hamlin-Hyman Funeral Home of Abilene.

She was born Jan. 21, 1895, in

Beardstown, Tenn. She married Homer B. Mason Nov. 10, 1913. She had lived in Plainview from 1932 to 1946, when she moved to Abilene. She was a member of the Northwest Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Wick in 1945, and Roy in 1946.

Survivors include her husband; five sons, Mick of Plainview, Henry of El Paso, Johnny of Dimmitt, Al of Midland and Tim of Sulphur Springs; a daughter, Jewel Poage of Abilene; and a brother, Tussy of Abilene.

Sergio Ramirez

Services for Sergio Flores Ramirez, 35, of Hereford are pending with Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

He died Monday in St. Anthony's Hospice Center in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Hereford and married Andrea Luna on Jan. 23, 1970, in Hereford. He was a construction worker and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esteban Ramirez of Hereford; a son, Michael of the home; a daughter, Raquel of the home; five brothers, Tony of San Angelo, Gus of Borger and George, Pete and Romeo, all of Hereford; and three sisters, Mary Almazan of Friona, Gracie Brown of Summerfield and Amelia Ruiz of Borger.

A. Schoenenberger

Albert Nicholas Schoenenberger, 59, died last Thursday at 9:15 p.m. in his home of natural causes.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday in Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Brendan Sherry, pastor, officiating. Rosary was recited Sunday night at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Schoenenberger was born at Umbarger and moved to Nazareth

in 1958 from Portales, N.M. He was married to Aurelia Acker on June 9, 1953, at Nazareth. He was an army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a farmer and a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

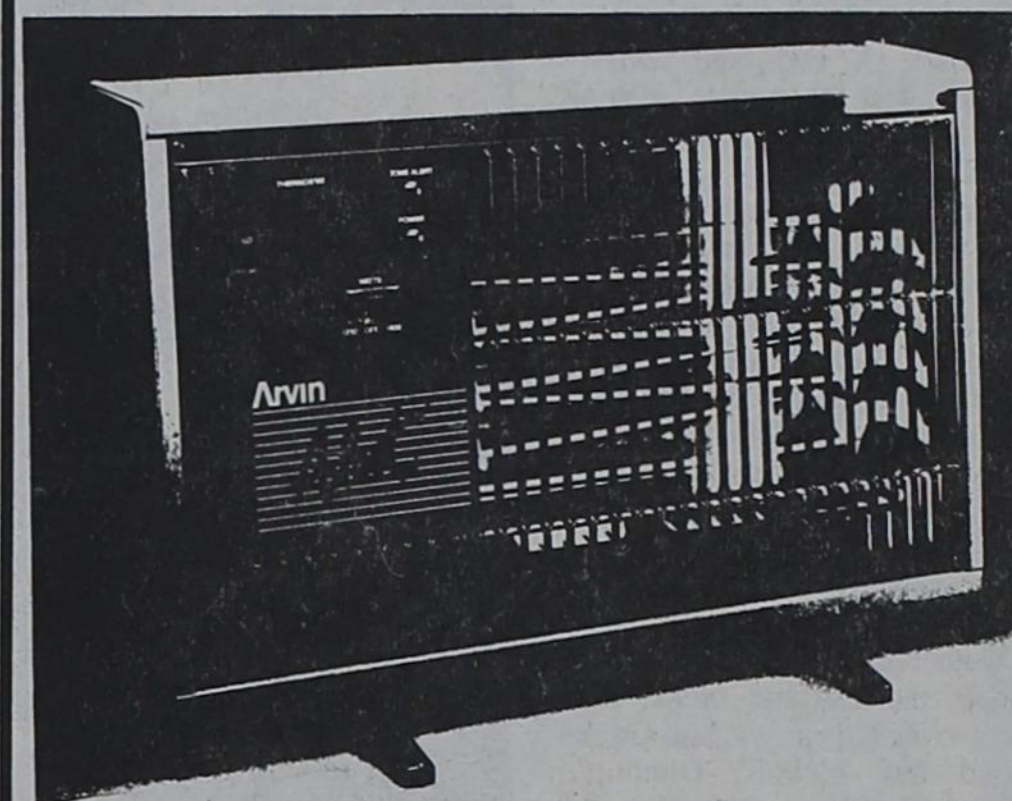
Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Anita Wines of Lubbock; two sons, Albert Marvin of Here-

ford and Michael Schoenenberger

of Happy; eight sisters, Lucy Boyd of New Bern, N.C., Mary Lee of Duran, N.M., Evelyn Touchstone of McCall Creek, Miss., Sally Phillips of Glendale, Calif., and Anna Shumaker, Chris Bishop, Adele Singleton and Theresa Malone, all of Amarillo; two brothers, Karl Schoenenberger of Murviel, France, and Tony Schoenenberger of Louisiana; and six grandchildren.

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Sports

Long strikes spark Bobcat-Hornet match

Most of the fireworks came early, with two long strikes, one scoring drive and a field goal, as Tulia's Hornets edged the Dimmitt Bobcats 16-6 in their District 2-AAA bout here Friday night.

Only 10 plays had been run—four by the Bobcats and six by the Hornets—when Dimmitt's Kelly Howell returned Tulia's first punt 69 yards untouched for the opening touchdown. A two-point conversion pass fell incomplete, leaving the Bobcats with a 6-0 lead at 6:57 of the first quarter.

Then, after a 24-yard kickoff return by Tulia halfback Trampus Goodwin, the Hornets needed only nine plays to travel 57 yards for a touchdown, with fullback Merwyn Parker punching into the end zone from a yard out. Goodwin kicked the extra point to put the Hornets ahead, 7-6, less than four minutes after Dimmitt's opening TD.

The second quarter was a stalemate, with both teams threatening but neither able to score.

After the halftime break, fireworks exploded early again. On the second-half kickoff, Dimmitt's Prentiss Washington booted to the Hornets' Curtis House at the 20-yard line. House started across the field and handed off to Goodwin, who found a lane along the left sideline and went all the way for a touchdown. The extra-point kick failed, leaving Tulia with a sudden 13-6 lead just 15 seconds into the third quarter.

Later in the third, the Hornets drove 64 yards to the Dimmitt 6, but found themselves facing fourth-and-goal from there. Again the visiting Maroon called on Goodwin, who teed up and chipped in a 23-yard field goal to give his team a 16-6 edge with 4:24 remaining in the third.

That ended the scoring as the two teams battled fruitlessly the rest of the game. Tulia threatened twice in the closing minutes, but Jim Nelson intercepted a pass at the Dimmitt 10 to end one Tulia drive, and a bevy of Bobcat linemen sacked House for a five-yard loss at



PICK-OFF—Dimmitt's Jim Nelson intercepts a pass intended for Tulia's Trampus Goodwin (34) at the Bobcats' 10-yard line with 2:06 remaining in Friday night's District 2-AAA game here. The visiting Hornets won the game, 16-6.

the Dimmitt 8 as the game ended.

Top Bobcats on defense were tackle Prentiss Washington, linebacker Ricky Zimmer, strong safety Chad Davis, free safety Kevin Petty and nose guard Dennis Kirby. Pacing Dimmitt's offense were tackle Kyle Shelton and Howell at the fullback spot.

Tulia's main man was Goodwin, who scored 10 of the Hornets' 16 points on his 80-yard kickoff return, field goal and extra-point kick.

The loss was Dimmitt's fifth against two wins, and left the Bobcats with an 0-2 mark in district play. The Hornets now stand 5-2 on the season and 1-1 in district play.

Vega hands Swifts first loss of the year

An overpowering Vega defense allowed Nazareth a measly 175 yards offense, while Klay Waters enjoyed a 197-yard rushing spree and three trips into the end zone to lead Vega to a 27-0 shut-out over the Swifts Friday night in Vega.

Nazareth falls to 6-1 on the season and stands at 1-1 in District competition. Vega is 2-0 in loop play and 5-2 on the year.

Waters was Vega's everything on offense. He scored on runs of four and six yards in the second and third quarters, then raced 97 yards for his third TD of the night in the fourth quarter.

Nazareth's offense was stunned in the first half, picking up only 48 yards and two first downs.

The teams battled to a stalemate until the last :20 in the half.

Vega mounted two strong offensive drives, but both were halted by turnovers—on Nazareth's 6-yard line.

Chris Schmucker picked off a Bryan Wood pass on Nazareth's 6-yard line to stop the first drive in the first period, then Waters coughed up the ball and the Swifts recovered—on their own 6.

Vega wasn't going to be denied points in the first half, though.

With just :20 left, Waters crossed the orange markers to put the Horns on the board. Cody Walker added the extra point and Vega held a 7-0 lead as the teams boarded the buses to go the locker rooms.

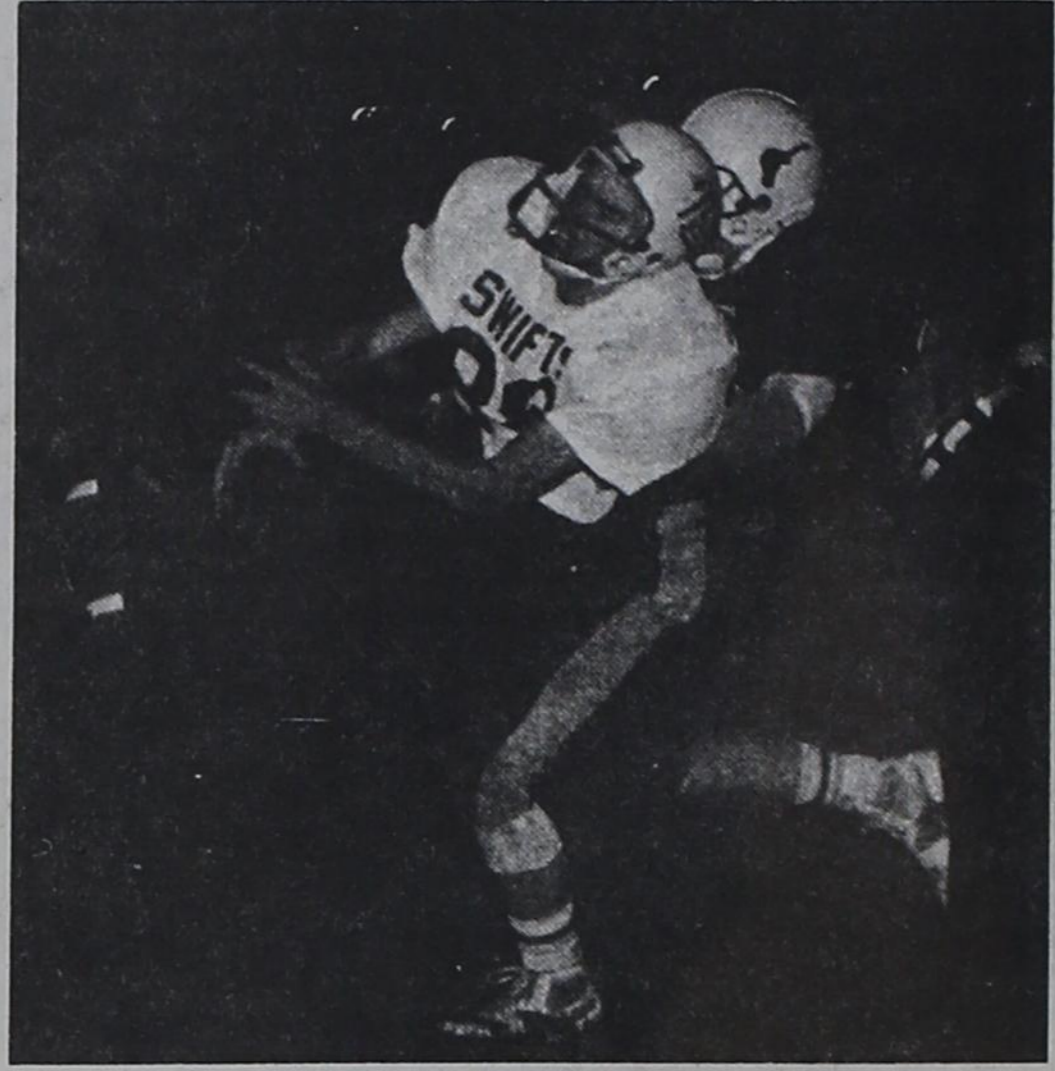
The Longhorns took the opening kickoff in the second half and drove to its own 41 before Wood completed a pass—into the waiting hands of Nazareth's Heath Schulte.

Nazareth took over on its own 37 and the passing game began to click. Chris Schmucker hit Brad Hoelting for an 11-yard pickup. Gregg Gerber picked up five yards on the ground, then Schulte hauled in a pass from Schmucker to give Nazareth a first down on Vega's 36. Chris Schmucker gained five yards, but was sacked on the next play. The ball was knocked loose by Vega defenders and the Longhorns recovered.

Vega turned Nazareth's miscue into seven more points when Waters pushed in from six yards out. Walker booted the PAT to put Vega up by 14 with 3:04 left in the third stanza.

Nazareth took the kickoff and proceeded to march the ball down the field.

Cory Hoelting caught a 27-yard pass from Schmucker to move the ball to the Vega 29. Two plays later



IT JUST SLIPPED THROUGH MY FINGERS!—Nazareth's Brad Hoelting (88) tries to catch a Chris Schmucker pass during third quarter action Friday night, but the ball just slipped through his arms as he was hit by a Vega defender. The pass resembled Nazareth's luck throughout the Friday night contest, as the Swifts dropped their first game of the season, 27-0.

Schulte battled with two Vega defenders and wrestled the pigskin away for a 29-yard pass reception at the Longhorn 7.

Then the Vega defense got TOUGH.

Nazareth ran three plays, but could not push through into the end zone. On fourth-and-goal from the 3, Schmucker dropped back and threw a pass to Schulte into the end zone, but the referees ruled the attempt incomplete and Vega took over deep in its own territory.

On Vega's first play from the line of scrimmage, Klay Waters broke through the Swift defense and outran everyone for a 97-yard touchdown scamper. Walker's spoint-after attempt sailed through the uprights for a 21-0 Vega lead.

Nazareth's offense couldn't move the ball and punted it back to Vega, but Schulte picked off his second pass of the night on Vega's first play.

The Longhorn's fourth scoring drive ended on a 3-yard run by James Luster to make the final score 27-0.

"I felt like we played good in the first half," said Nazareth Head Coach Rex Minshew. We even held them at the start of the second half,

but then we fumbled and things started to slide," he said.

In the second half some of the kids went back to doing things their own way instead of the way they've been taught," Minshew said.

"Vega's got a good ballclub. They've got a lot of depth at the skill positions," Minshew added.

Statistics

| | DIM | TUL |
|-----------------|--------|------|
| First Downs | 5 | 17 |
| Rushing Yards | 71 | 206 |
| Passing Yards | 9 | 38 |
| Total Offense | 80 | 244 |
| Passes Comp-Att | 2-12 | 4-12 |
| Intercepted by | 1 | 1 |
| Fumbles lost | 0 | 2 |
| Punts-Avg | 6-43.6 | 4-46 |
| Penalties-Yds | 9-52 | 6-70 |

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Dimmitt | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 6 |
| Tulia | 7 | 0 | 9 | 0 | — | 16 |

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
D—Kelly Howell, 69 punt return (pass failed), 6:57
T—Merwyn Parker, 1 run (Trampus Goodwin kick), 3:06

Third quarter:
T—Goodwin, 80 kickoff return (kick failed), 11:45
T—Goodwin, 23 FG, 4:24

Records: Dimmitt 2-5, 0-2; Tulia 5-2, 1-1.

Statistics

| | NAZ | VEG |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| First Downs | 8 | 22 |
| Rushing Yards | 60 | 366 |
| Passing Yards | 115 | 19 |
| Passes Comp-Att | 11-20 | 2-7 |
| Intercepted by | 3 | 0 |
| Fumbles lost | 2 | 1 |
| Punts-Avg | 4-33 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yds | 6-56 | 4-45 |

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|----------|---|---|----|---|----|
| Vega | 0 | 7 | 13 | — | 27 |
| Nazareth | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

Scoring summary

Second Quarter:
:20: V—Klay Waters 4 run (Cody Walker kick)
Third quarter:
3:04: V—Waters 6 run (Walker kick)
Fourth quarter:
11:38: V—Waters 97 run (Walker kick)
V—James Luster 3 run (kick failed)

Hart blanks Lockney, 10-0

It was a battle of the Horns in District 3-AA Friday night and Hart—the host Longhorns—proved to be stronger than a visiting Lockney Longhorn squad as they held the visitors to just 55 yards total offense and forced four turnovers in the game.

Hart walked away with a 10-0 decision in the contest and improved its record to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in loop play.

Lockney was limited to -8 yards rushing and picked up only 63 yards through the air while Hart put together a 176-yard offensive performance to take the victory.

The Hart defense held Lockney at bay the entire game, allowing the visitors into plus territory only twice.

"This was a very big win for us," said Hart Head Coach Mark Stroebel. "In fact, we are now tied for second in district with three games. Hart worked its way inside the 25-yard line four more times in the game, but were unable to score.

Hart mounted an 85-yard drive in the first half that carried them to the Lockney 5, but it was stopped dead when the Longhorn offense failed to convert a fourth down play.

Hart put the frosting on the cake with 2:14 left in the game when Pedro Carrasco and Reno Montiel forced the Lockney quarterback to fumble in the end zone for a safety.

"I was very pleased with our defensive unit Friday night. We played with a lot of intensity, con-

remaining. Everyone we have left to play still has to play Abernathy, with the exception of Olton, and this will work to our advantage. I feel whoever wins tomorrow night's game between Olton and us will go to the state playoffs."

Hart's first touchdown play was set up after the defense recovered a Lockney fumble at the nine yard line.

Valadez raced six yards untouched into the end zone to give Hart a six point lead. Cody Myrick faked the extra point kick and ran around left end for the two point conversion to make the score 8-0. Sistance and enthusiasm," Stroebel said. "Danny Valadez, Reno Montiel, Alonzo Sarabia, Junior Washington, Ben Montiel and Modesto Gonzales all had outstanding defensive games."

Statistics

| | HRT | LCK |
|-----------------|------|------|
| First Downs | 9 | 7 |
| Rushing Yards | 125 | -8 |
| Passing Yards | 51 | 63 |
| Passes Comp-Att | 3-9 | 4-11 |
| Intercepted by | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles lost | 2 | 3 |
| Punts-Avg | 6-30 | 5-17 |
| Penalties-Yds | 2-6 | 3-6 |

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|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Hart | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | — | 10 |
| Abernathy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

Scoring summary

First quarter:
H—Danny Valadez 6 run (Cody Myrick run)
Fourth quarter:
H—Safety

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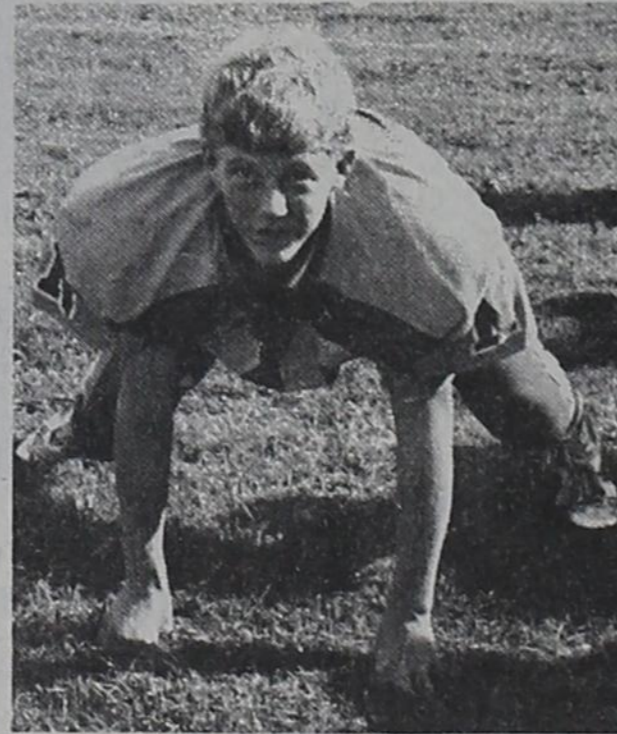
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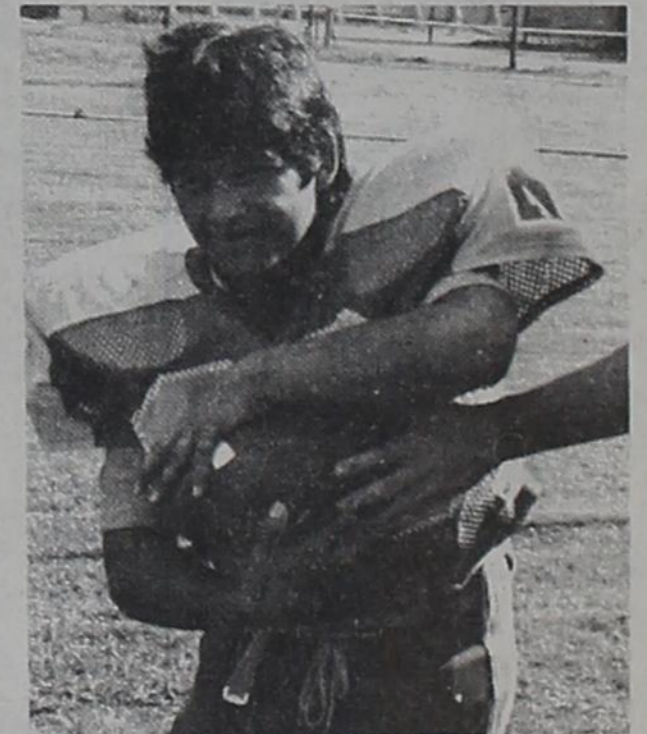
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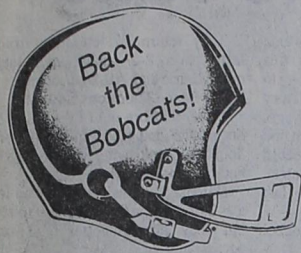
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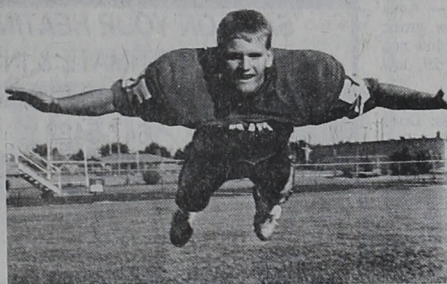
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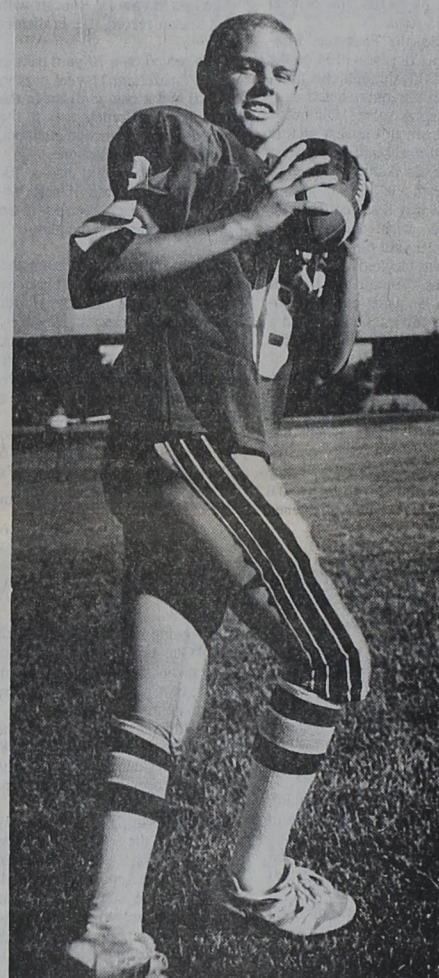
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 8th 16, Abernathy 8; 7th 6, Abernathy 24
 8th 25, Olton 0; 7th 0, Olton 6
 8th 18, Littlefield 14; 7th 20, Littlefield 20
 8th 12, Tulia; 7th 6, Tulia 18
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Cats host Floydada; Naz, Hart on the road

Dimmitt's Bobcats hope to post a District victory with a win over the visiting Floydada Whirlwinds while Nazareth and Hart take to the road in gridiron action Friday night.

Nazareth will take on Groom and hopes to get back on the winning track after dropping its first game of the year last week to Vega.

Hart will battle it out with Olton in a game that is extra special to the Longhorn coach and team.

Floydada at Dimmitt

Here comes the wishbone. That's what Floydada's Whirl-

winds are doing this year, under the guidance of new Head Coach Earl Overton, who has used the formation successfully at Kermit and Port Isabel.

With victories over Tulia (20-12) and Muleshoe (29-7), the Whirlwinds are one of two teams undefeated in league play after two weeks, and are currently tied with Littlefield for the District 2-AAA lead.

Before league play started, Floydada posted victories over Crosbyton (14-6), Roosevelt (6-0), Olton (47-6) and Lockney (28-0)

before suffering their lone loss so far, 27-36 to Abernathy.

So Dimmitt and Floydada have played four common opponents this season. Whatever comparative scores are worth, here they are:

- Dimmitt 18, Roosevelt 27
- Floydada 6, Roosevelt 0 (+15)
- Dimmitt 7, Abernathy 16
- Floydada 27, Abernathy 36 (even)
- Dimmitt 16, Olton 14
- Floydada 47, Olton 6 (+39)
- Dimmitt 6, Tulia 16
- Floydada 20, Tulia 12 (+18)

Of course, the Bobcats would love to give the green-and-white Whirlwinds a surprise here Friday night. Bobcat teams have done it before, even when Floydada was a state power.

To do it, the Bobcats will have to

contain Floydada's quick-snap, triple-option wishbone offense, which tests every defensive player on every play. The wishbone is especially tough on the defensive ends and secondary.

The key to the wishbone is the quarterback, and Floydada has an able athlete at that position—senior Cory Bates (5-10, 162). Dimmitt's coaches also consider his two pitch men—running backs Ty Stovall (5-10, 165 Sr.), a converted quarterback, and Kenneth Collins (5-10, 171, Fr.)—to be dangerous outside threats. Another player who gets a lot of respect in Dimmitt's scouting reports is senior tight end Chad Pernell (6-0, 156, Sr.), who also does stellar work as the free safety on defense.

Joining Pernell to lead the Floydada defensive unit are linebackers Johnny Taylor (6-0, 182, Sr.) and Danny Caballero (5-8, 170, Jr.), and cornerback Daniel Medrano (5-9, 155, Sr.). The Whirlwinds use a five-man defensive line.

With 10 returning starters and a respected program, the Whirlwinds are considered a dark-horse threat to district powers Littlefield and Friona this year. With a 6-1 record and a 2-0 league mark, they're definitely in the hunt.

But who knows what can happen in this crazy game? Like, maybe, this Friday night at Bobcat Stadium?

Hart at Olton

Hart Head Coach Mark Stroebel will be returning to his home town Friday night for a football game, but he won't be rooting for his hometown team.

Stroebel will take his Hart Longhorn squad to Olton to take on the Mustangs in a District 3-AA matchup that sparks a lot of rivalry between the two schools—and their coaches.

"There is a lot of rivalry between the schools. The kids really like beating Olton," Stroebel said. "My little brother graduated from Olton last year, so he won't be playing this year, but a buddy of mine from high school, Glenn Johnson, is their head coach now. We played football together and graduated from Olton High School together," Stroebel revealed.

When Stroebel and Johnson took

the field as Mustangs, Olton was a super-power in football, but this year, they have only been able to win one game—a district victory over Hale Center two weeks ago. The Mustangs stand at 1-6 on the year, but have a 1-1 District record coming into Friday night's contest. They lost to Abernathy 35-14 last week.

"Olton is very quick," Stroebel said. "They've got a good quarterback (Junior Garza (5-8, 155 junior) and a pretty good back in Duane Wilborn.

"They'll run out of the slot-I on offense and line up in a 5-2 defensive formation.

"I think they are probably stronger offensively than they are defensively," Stroebel commented.

They return 17 lettermen from last year's 8-2 squad, including quarterback and All-District safety, senior Bruce Thornton (5-9, 145).

"They will run out of the wing-T on offense and also run out of the double slot and wing with a single back," Minschew said.

Defensively, the Tigers line up in a 4-3 formation most of the time, but they also run the 5-3 on occasion.

Groom's record coming into the contest is 4-2. They posted an undefeated record before district, but they dropped their first two loop contests to Vega and Happy.

The Swifts stand at 6-1 and will be coming off of a 27-0 loss to Vega Friday night—their first of the season.

Nazareth at Groom

The Nazareth Swifts will take to the road Friday night and will travel to Groom for a BIG test in a District 1-A battle.

"Groom is a big team," said Nazareth Head Coach Rex Minschew. "They probably average over 200 pounds and the front line."

The Tigers will field a line led by junior tackles Daniel Hinson (6-4, 260), and Matt Weinheimer (6-2, 200), and offensive guard and defensive tackle James Miller (5-8, 200), who was selected to the first team All-League squads at both positions last year.

Groom isn't short on experience.

Dimmitt 8th still unbeaten

Dimmitt's 8th graders knocked off Tulia, 12-6, last Thursday to extend their undefeated record to 5-0 for the season and 2-0 in district play.

Although the score didn't indicate it, Dimmitt dominated the game, running 49 offensive plays (vs. a norm of 30-35 per game). In addition to keeping the ball away from their visitors most of the game, Dimmitt had only one penalty for five yards, "and that one was my fault," Coach Lyman Schroeder said.

Billy Ray Thomas opened the scoring with a 33-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The conversion run failed.

Tulia tied the score in the second period with a 60-yard TD run.

Dimmitt's winning touchdown came in the third quarter on a two-yard run by Thomas.

Dimmitt's 7th graders suffered their fourth loss of the year last Thursday, dropping a 6-18 decision to Tulia.

Kyle Hanes scored Dimmitt's only touchdown on a 48-yard run in the first quarter. Hanes finished with 129 yards rushing.

The Dimmitt 7th graders' record now stands at 0-4-1, 0-2 in district play.

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DHS Frosh top Tulia to remain undefeated

Dimmitt's Freshmen downed Tulia last Thursday, 13-0, to keep their unbeaten string going.

The win extended the Freshman Bobcats' record to 7-0 for the season and 2-0 in district play.

Dimmitt's defense held Tulia to 78 yards on the ground and recorded a whopping 13 sacks during the game for minus-51 yards, leaving Tulia with a net of 27 yards rushing—an average of less than a yard per carry. Tulia completed four of nine passes for 38 yards for a total offense of 65 steps.

Meanwhile, the Freshman Bobcats rang up 151 yards—134 on the ground and 17 through the air—against Tulia's stubborn defense.

John Ortegon scored Dimmitt's first touchdown in the first quarter on a 14-yard run. Miguel Ontiveros kicked the extra point to give Dimmitt a 7-0 lead.

That's the way it stayed until the final period, when Adam Cline scored on a 19-yard run. The extra-point kick was blocked.

Cline was Dimmitt's top ball carrier with 67 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries. Ortegon had a good game, too, collecting 24 yards and a TD on four carries.

Quarterback Freddie Martinez completed three of 13 passes for 17 yards. Miguel Ontiveros, Scott Ackler and Henry Rocha caught one each.

The Freshman Bobcats will play the Farwell Junior Varsity here at

7:30 tonight (Thursday) in a rescheduled game. (The freshmen originally were scheduled to play at Floydada, but Floydada cancelled due to a shortage of freshman players.)

Tonight's game will follow the 7th and 8th grade games at Bobcat Stadium.

Dimmitt's Junior Varsity dropped a 20-0 decision to Tulia last Thursday night.

The loss left the JV Bobcats with a 5-2 season record, 1-1 in district play.

Tulia scored on a 70-yard pass in the first quarter, an 11-yard pass in the third and a one-yard run in the fourth. The JV Hornets took to the air on all three conversion attempts, completing only the last one.

Meanwhile, Dimmitt had a 70-yard touchdown run by Oscar Velasquez called back because of an inadvertent whistle on the play.

Dimmitt outgained Tulia on the ground, 119-79, with Velasquez leading Dimmitt's ball-toters with 61 yards on 21 carries. However, Tulia gained 100 yards in the air, completing five of 10 passes, while Dimmitt tried only one pass, which fell incomplete, to come up with a goose-egg in aerial yardage.

The JV Bobcats will travel to Floydada today (Thursday) for a 6 o'clock game against Floydada's combined JV and freshman teams.

Band parents plan Carnival

The Nazareth Band Parents will sponsor a Halloween Carnival Sunday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The carnival will feature fun and games for all ages and it is open to the public.

Proceeds from the Carnival will be used to benefit the Nazareth Swift Band.

Xi Mu Iota sets junior tennis tourney

Xi Mu Iota Sorority will sponsor a Junior Tennis Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, in Hart.

There will be an A Division and a B Division, each including boys singles and doubles, girls singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

The deadline for entry is Oct. 26, and the entry fee will be \$7 per event. For more information call Debra Smith at 938-2142 before 4 p.m. and 938-2663 after 4 p.m.

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Texas is one of 25 states bidding for the SSC. In December of this year, a "short list" of three to five possible sites for the SSC will be announced. Both Sarpalius and Edwards feel that Texas has an excellent chance of making that short list.

Edwards explained that funding from Prop. 19, if the SSC came to Texas, would not go to the federal government, but would be spent on roads, highways and utilities "right here in our own back yard."

Without Prop. 19, Edwards said, the effects on Texas' bid for the SSC would be crippling.

"If we turn down Prop. 19," Edwards said, "there won't be a second chance."

"It's a win-win situation," Edwards said, referring to passage of the proposition. "If we don't get the project, as taxpayers, we're not out a dollar. If we do get it, for the price of less than \$50 million a year maturing price on those bonds, we get a \$4.5 billion dollar project put in our back yard."

Edwards said that currently Texas is 50th out of 50 states in terms of federal government dollars coming back to Texas for dollars sent to the government. For each dollar Texas pays in federal taxes, sixty-three cents comes back to the state, he said.

Current figures on the SSC state that for each dollar Texas invests in the SSC, the federal government will devote \$12 to the project.

More about

Aldermen . . .

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are added for consideration the next year. This grant is the best opportunity for the city to get the money to get the job done."

A man asked if the city had applied in the past, and the Mayor answered, "No," to which the man replied, "Then it's about time we started."

A second public hearing on the grant application is scheduled for the Nov. 2 meeting of the aldermen at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room.

"It's going to be built," Edwards said. "Our tax dollars are either going to go to put that project in Illinois or California, or they are going to go to put it here."

Sarpalius said that the site for the SSC will be chosen in July of 1988, and the President will make the final announcement in January of 1989.

Sarpalius said he didn't see any possibility of the SSC being offered to Texas in a package deal with the Nuclear Waste Repository, primarily because the schedules for the two projects are so different. He said that the Department of Energy is currently arguing over the decision to drill one exploratory shaft.

Both Sarpalius and Edwards said that if the Repository were tied to the SSC project, they would strongly oppose that.

"Your legislative delegation and the community leaders up here have done an excellent job in really putting together a first class proposal (for the SSC project)," Edwards said. "We're not going to let your leaders make all that effort, and then all of the sudden at the last minute tie in high level nuclear waste. None of us want that in Texas."

"The SSC is something that I see as a tremendous opportunity for us," Sarpalius said. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"I think it's very important that we all get excited about it," Sarpalius said, "and that we talk to our friends, our neighbors, and get them to go to the polls."

A taste trick for tomato juice: powdered basil stirred into the liquid and chilled for an hour before serving.

Local women place in golf scramble

Neva Hickey and Jerri Horton placed in the High Plains End of the Year Golf Tournament in Dimmitt.

Neva Hickey shot a 112 to finished at the top of the low gross in the fifth flight while Jerrie Horton shot a 75 to capture the low net in the third flight of the tourney.

Jan Foutenillo of Clovis was the medalist with a 77 round and Louise Fritts of Canyon won the over-

all low net with a score of 66.

Other winners were:

Championship Flight—Anna Crook of Clovis, 79, low gross; Gerry Payne of Tulia, 74, low net; Gail Kenyon of Clovis, 29, low putts.

First Flight—Beverly Obenchain of Farwell, 85, low gross; Doris Ford of Farwell, 68, low net; Bernice Tuters of Clovis, 30, low putts.

Second Flight—Sue Ward of Tulia, 91, low gross; Nadine Weaver of Olton, 74, low net; Helen Templeton of Muleshoe, 31, low putts.

Third Flight—Dorothy St. Clair of Muleshoe, 96, low gross; Mary Davis of Tulia, 35, low putts.

Fourth Flight—Argilee Millen of Muleshoe, 96, low gross; Shirley Phillips of Clovis, 72, low net; Pat McCain of Tulia, 34, low putts.

Golf scramble set for Saturday

An "End of Summer" 18-hole golf scramble will be held at the Castro County Country Club Saturday, Oct. 24.

Tee time is 1 p.m. An entry fee of \$12 includes golf, food and entertainment.

Live entertainment will be provided by the Mike Porter Band starting at 8:30 p.m.

The supper is \$3 for non-players, and the dance is \$5 for non-players.

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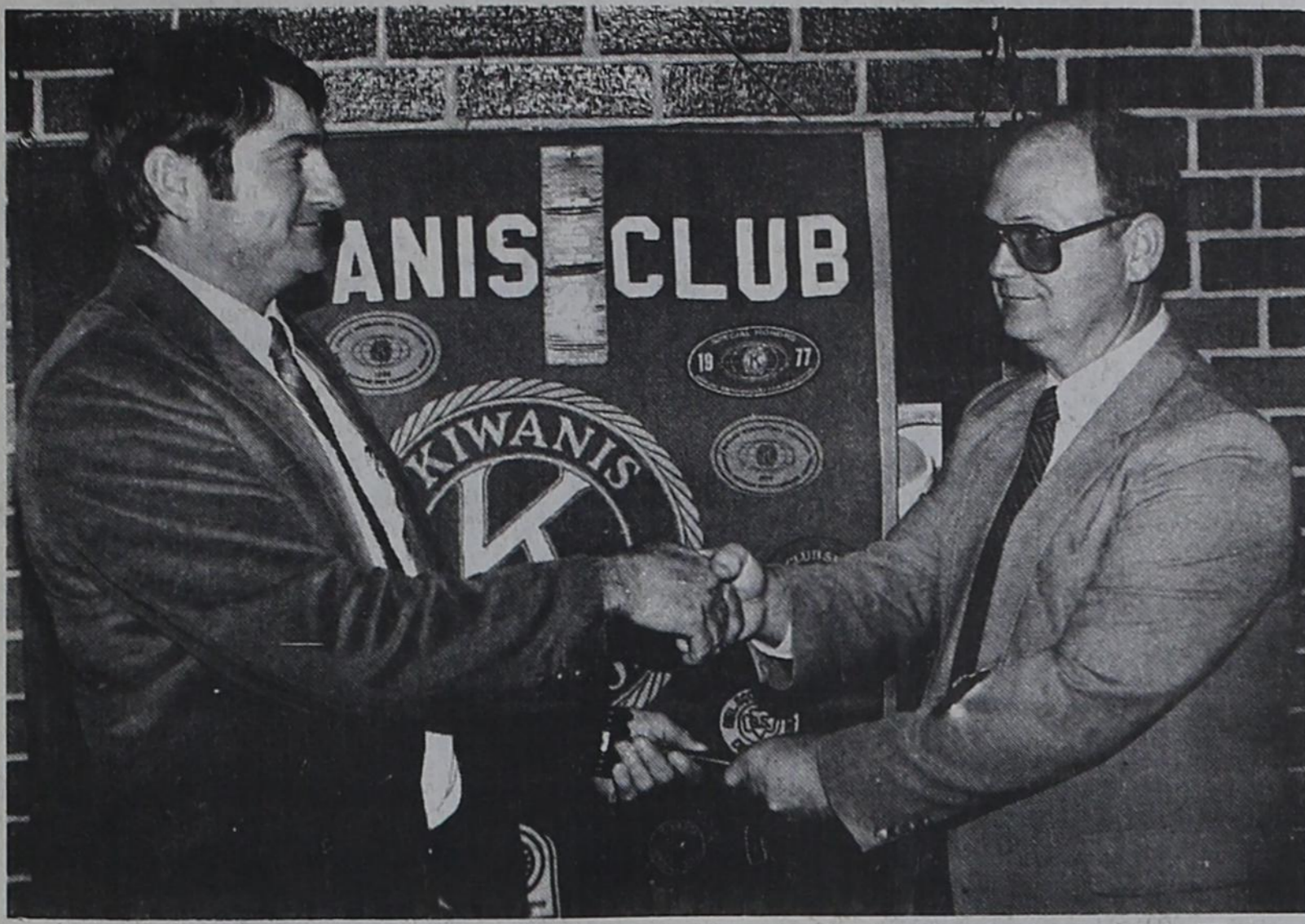
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PASSING THE GAVEL—Leroy Maxwell, right, of the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club, passes the gavel of presidency to his successor, Acie Boyd. Other new Kiwanis Club officers installed this week were

Don Sheffy, 1st vice president, Doyle Wassom, 2nd vice president, Neal Bryan, secretary, and Gene King, treasurer.

DMS top students

Dimmitt Middle School has announced the top students in the seventh and eighth grade and the honor roll for fourth through the eighth grades for the first six weeks.

Honor students are:
Fourth Grade: Lora Correa, Justin Damron, Chad Ellis, Amy Ethridge, Addison Foskey, Marcella Flores, Zeke Nino, Janet Reyes, Chad Rogers, Brittany Sheffy, Joel

Townsend and Randa Wood.
Fifth Grade: Zachary Bell, Amy Boothe, Dolores Dimas, Jill Gfeller, Carla Petty, Carrie Sheffy and Beth Teaschner.

Sixth Grade: Katrina Acker, Jennifer Fuller, Kim Gabel, Angelica Garcia, Jennifer Harris, Mitzie Heller, Jennifer Hucks, Carrie Matthews, Stace McDaniel, Brandi Morgan, Leslie Nelson, Justin Roberts, Brian Simpson and Amy Wooten.

Seventh Grade: Amy Beck, Haley Bradley, Rala Byrnes, Shad McDaniel, Shanna Schaeffer, Matt Sims and Haylei Wall.

Eighth Grade: Scott Atchley, Holly Axtell, Michelle Garcia, Sherri Hunter, Leslie Keaton, Christy Killough, Heather Moore and Susan Waggoner.

Seventh grade honor students include McDaniel, English; Bradley,

Byrnes, Beck, Jeremy Langford, McDaniel, Tisha Rice, Schaeffer, Sims, Wall, history; Wendi Ethridge, Basilio Gil, Johnny J. Rodriguez and Misty Anes, math; McDaniel, and Heath Acker, reading; Langford and McDaniel, science;

Monica Garcia and Justin Gleghorn, band; Matt Sims, industrial arts; Liz Oliviera, homemaking; Jamie Puente, mechanics; and Heather Thomas, choir.

Eighth grade honor students are Rosie Sabedra, homemaking; Reyes Sanchez, mechanics; Mary Ann Triana, choir; Axtell and Monica Villanueva, English; Waggoner, history; Garcia, Keaton, Monty Moore, and Cornelio Banda, math; Garcia, Albert Rivera and Maria Rosada, reading; Waggoner, science and computer; Yvonne Hernandez, Kris Keith, band; Garcia, industrial arts.

Collins completes basic

Marine 2nd Lt. Joseph W. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Collins Sr. of 704 Cleveland, was graduated from The Basic School.

While attending The Basic School, located at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command Quantico, Va., Collins was prepared, as a newly-commissioned officer, for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force and given the responsibility of a rifle platoon commander.

Collins was also taught leadership by example and the importance of teamwork. He was also required to participate in a demanding physical conditioning program.

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Bennett chosen for Talent Search

April Bennett, a seventh grader at Hart Junior High School, has been invited to participate in the Eighth Annual Talent Search conducted by the Talent Identification

Program at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

April has qualified to participate by scoring at the 97th percentile on

the Language Arts subset of the Survey of Basic Skills Achievement Test last April.

April will take the ACT, a college entrance test, in December to compete with other able seventh graders across the nation. This program is designed to identify excellent ability and to provide these students with more information about this ability and about educational options that may be beneficial to them.

Participants are asked to take the ACT which is designed for high school juniors and seniors. While far too difficult for the average seventh grader, the ACT has shown to be helpful in discriminating the abilities of very bright seventh graders who have scored at or above the 97th percentile on a standardized achievement test.

HISD selects attendance awards

The Hart Board of Education voted last week to award t-shirts to elementary students for perfect attendance.

The Board decided to give \$4 cash awards to junior high and high school students with perfect attendance records.

The Board voted to allow the fourth grade choir to attend the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert Oct. 27, 1987.

First and second grade teachers Shirley Reese, Alice Martinez, Barbara Bray and Pam Wheeler met with the Board to review their programs.

ICC plans "frights" for Halloween

The ICC Youth Ministry will have a Halloween Spookhouse Saturday, Oct. 31, at the ICC Youth Center.

Hours for the spookhouse will be 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission will be a \$1 donation per person.

Dance is set

The Dimmitt High School sophomore class will sponsor a dance following the Dimmitt-Floydada football game Friday night at the Expo Building.

The dance will last until 12:30.

Music will be provided by Scotty Snipes.

Admission will be \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

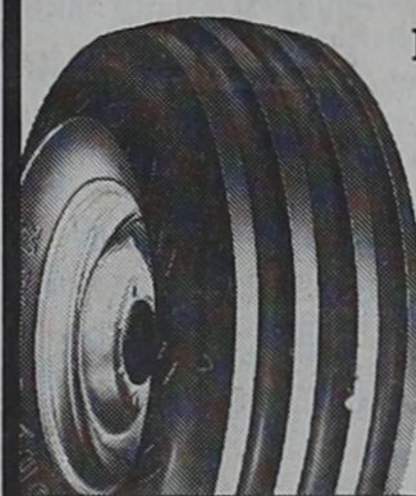
Who's New?

It is a brand new baby boy for Guillermo and Esther Hernandez of Dimmitt. Nicholas Hernandez was born on October 1 at 3:30 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Ignacio Hernandez and Mr. and Mrs. John Campos all of Dimmitt.

It's a girl for Ann and Keith Cayton of Tempe, Ariz. Brittany Lee was born Sept. 13, weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz. She has two sisters, seven-year-old Tonya and two-year-old Lindsey and a brother, three-year-old Sean. Grandparents are Houston and Doris Lust of Dimmitt and Gene Cayton of Claude. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Edna Finck of Tulia.

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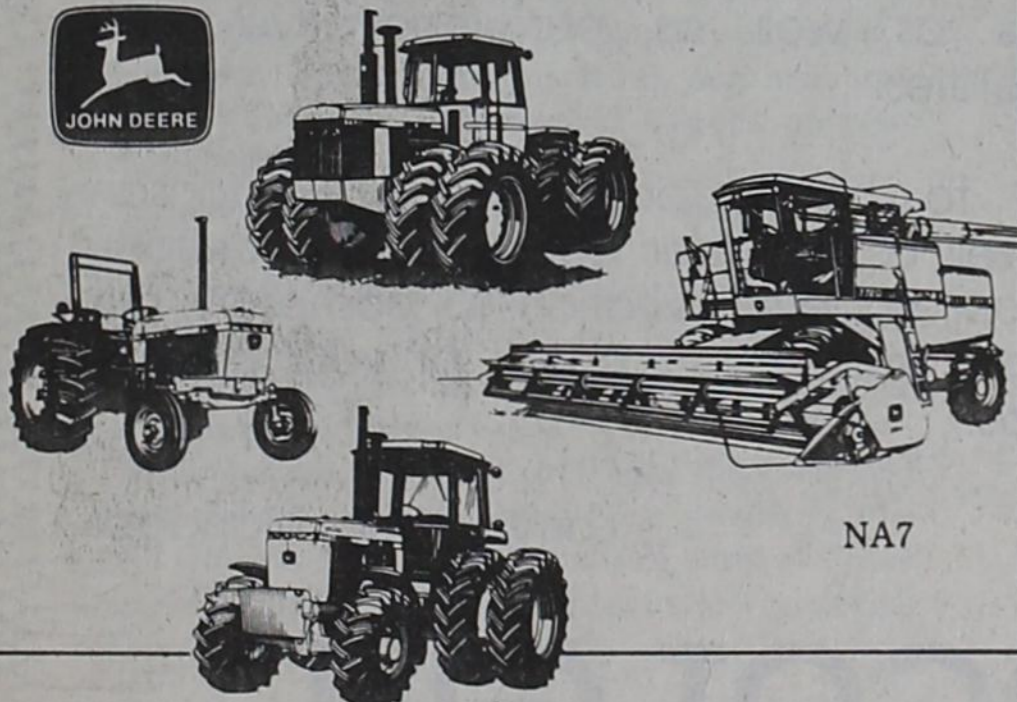
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Deaf Smith REC signs new mortgage

Officers of DSEC, Inc. signed a new mortgage agreement with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation last week, according to James Hull, president of the cooperative.

The new mortgage document replaces the old REA all-inclusive lien on cooperative property. Eldren A. Brown, chairman of the board of directors, Donald J. Wright, vice-chairman of the board, and Jerry L. Roberts, secretary/treasurer of the board, acted on behalf of all members of the cooperative in signing the new mortgage and thereby releasing lien restrictions on many assets of the \$29 million electric utility plant.

The new mortgage has no lien on the cooperative's motor vehicles, cash or other interest-bearing investments, accounts receivable, warehouse inventory, fuel, or CFC capitol term certificates which amount to more than \$1.3 million dollars. The old voided REA mortgage included a lien on all assets of the cooperative, but on Dec. 30, 1986, the cooperative retired completely all outstanding debt to the US government at a 31% discount, amounting to a write-off by the government of \$3.1 million.

Another advantage of the new mortgage will be to provide an opportunity for the cooperative to negotiate for lowest interest rates available when borrowing money for new construction, such as investment in distribution plant, electric generation or in transmission lines. These borrowing options include the Texas Bank for Cooperatives, sale of bonds, local banks, and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.



NEW MORTGAGE AGREEMENT — From left, Jerry Roberts, Eldred Brown and Donald Wright of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's board of directors endorse a new mortgage agreement with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp.

Since Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative retired 100% of its REA debt at discount, 30 other electric cooperatives over the nation have

done likewise. This was made possible because of Public Law 99-509, which expired Sept. 30, 1987. Retirement of this debt at discount increased member equity in Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative to 66%.

Many of the old REA requirements still exist under the new mortgage, however, as related to engineering standards, accounting standards, and annual audits by approved CPA firms. The Board felt that adoption and acceptance of this new mortgage agreement would provide the cooperative members with much more flexibility and latitude in operating the rural utility system, and over the years, would save the member owners of the cooperative vast amounts of money in operating expenses and eliminate compliance with non-applicable government regulations.

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Stocker cattle seminar planned

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The program for operators in Parmer and surrounding counties will be held in the Friona Community center. Operators in Crosby and neighboring counties will meet Wednesday in the Pioneer Memorial Building in Crosbyton. Each program will begin at 9 a.m. The programs are free and lunch will be provided, said Dr. John McNeill, Extension beef cattle specialist and seminar coordinator.

Vaccination recommendations for stocker cattle will be discussed by Dr. Dee Griffin, veterinarian with Pioneer Hybrid International. He will cover diseases to vaccinate against, use of modified live or killed products, and reasons some vaccinations fail.

Effective use antibiotics will be the topic of Dr. Larry Hollis, veterinarian with Syntex Animal Health. He will cover treatment of shipping fever, antibiotic sensitivity tests, and extra label drug use.

Tips on cattle buying and selling will be provided by Ed Wright, Amarillo cattle buyer and John Kucker of Vann-Roach, Amarillo. They will explain the use of forward contracting, kinds of cattle feeders and packers want and weigh condition.

After lunch, McNeill will discuss cost-effective management techniques. Among these will be parasite control, implant programs, supplemental feeding on wheat pasture and bloat control.

Griffin and Hollis then will explain what can be learned from a

necropsy. Technical service personnel from several companies then will discuss products available for stocker operators. At Crosbyton, they will conduct a live animal demonstration on proper use of these products.

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1,859 head of cattle were traded at our regular weekly auction Monday. Good stocker calves sold fully steady with last week. Feeder heifers traded \$1 to \$3 lower, and feeder steers were steady to \$1 lower. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady. Representative sales included:

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| 4 Whiteface, 403 lbs. | \$83.00 |
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| 7 Whiteface, 506 lbs. | \$87.00 |
| 12 Black, 260 lbs. | \$118.00 |
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| 6 Whiteface, 420 lbs. | \$96.00 |
| 12 Whiteface, 305 lbs. | \$116.00 |

FEEDER HEIFERS

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| 5 Whiteface, 654 lbs. | \$68.50 |
| 13 Whiteface, 630 lbs. | \$65.35 |
| 17 Mixed, 666 lbs. | \$66.25 |
| 15 Whiteface, 545 lbs. | \$70.85 |

FEEDER STEERS

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| 3 Whiteface, 693 lbs. | \$74.00 |
| 13 Mixed, 638 lbs. | \$75.00 |
| 9 Spotted, 699 lbs. | \$74.25 |
| 2 Mixed, 755 lbs. | \$75.00 |
| 13 Mixed, 757 lbs. | \$73.50 |
| 6 Mixed, 704 lbs. | \$74.00 |
| 9 Whiteface, 626 lbs. | \$75.00 |

Here are some of the advance consignments for our Special Stocker and Feeder Sale to be held in conjunction with our regular sale Nov. 2:

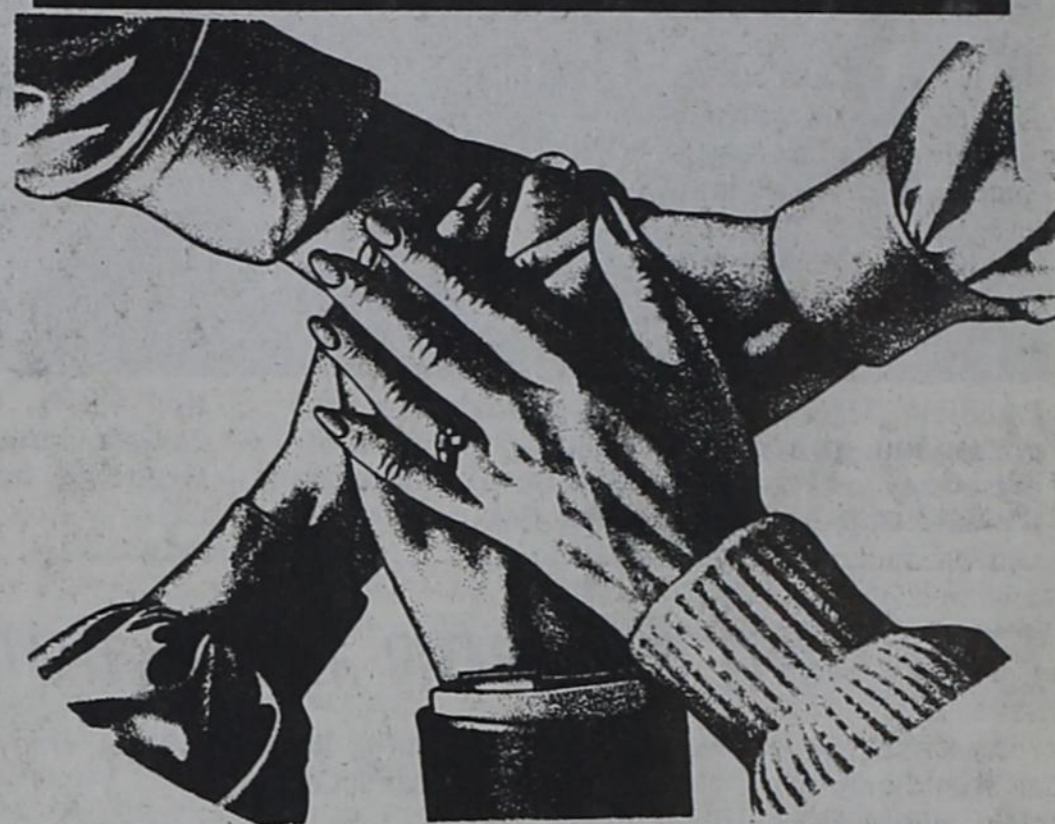
- 90 — Whiteface and Black Whiteface Steer and Heifer Calves, 500 lbs.
- 140 — Okie and Crossbred Heifer Calves turned out 40 days and have all shots, 250 lbs.
- 80 — No. 1 Okie Steers, 700 lbs.
- 210 — No. 1 Okie Steers, 650 lbs.
- 130 — Red Whiteface and Black Whiteface Heifers, 650 lbs.
- 400 — Steer and Heifer Calves from the Adams Ranch in Briscoe County. These calves are Hereford and Red Brangus cross and weigh 300 to 500 lbs.

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Bierman joins local SCS Office

Tom Bierman, a native of Nebraska, has joined the local Soil Conservation Service Office and will assist Castro County farmers with the farm bill and CRP Program.

Bierman, who was born and raised in Hastings, Neb., holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

He has gained experience in irrigated and dryland farming and corn research while growing up in Nebraska.

He is married and has one child. His wife, Julie, is currently working and living in San Angelo, but is hoping to relocate to the Dimmitt area soon.

He has been employed with the Castro County office since Sept. 28.



Tom Bierman

Behrends re-elected to SCS board

Clarence Behrends of Easter community was recently re-elected to the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors. Behrends represents zone 3 of the district.

The purpose of the Running Water SWCD, with headquarters in Dimmitt is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting private property rights of landowners.

The board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into



Clarence Behrends

and Water Board. Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCDs do not have the powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the districts are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator.

Organized in 1941, the Running Water SWCD is presently working with over 500 farmers in Castro County assisting them with planning and carrying out their conser-

vation needs. This service is offered to all who request it. The new 1985 Federal Security Act requires all erodible land to have a conservation plan applied by 1994, and the plan must be completed by 1990, the district encourages farmers in Castro County to come by the Soil Conservation Service office before the January 1, 1990 deadline and find out whether they have erodible land that will need planning and treatment.

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Nazareth

By Uirge Gerber, 945-2669

Anyone missing the CYO Talent Show Sunday night at the Nazareth School Cafeteria missed a good evening of fun. There were 15 entries in the show with a big variety of talent. Special recognition should be given to Keith Birkenfeld who emceed the program and kept a steady flow of laughs in between the entries. Also thanks to Marilyn Birkenfeld, Sister Adrian and Beverly Hill for several weeks of work getting the show organized.

Sister Adrian and Jill Ramaekers *The Little Hatchet Story* won first place and \$20, the Nazareth Swifts percussionists won second place and \$15, and Sister Adrian and Beverly Schulte's second and third graders won third place and \$10.

Honorable mention went to the Catholic Daughters' skit and to the three senior boys who acted out a pirate song skit.

Mass of Christian burial was read Monday morning for Albert Schoenenberger, 59, in Holy Family Church with Rev. Brendan Sherry, officiating and con celebra-

ted with Monsignor Smyer of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Amarillo, Father Nichols of Tulia, Monsignor Erpen and Father Stortz of Happy. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery at Nazareth. Our sympathy to his wife, Aurelia, and her family.

The Catholic Daughters celebrated their national birthday beginning with the morning mass being offered for the living and deceased members and was followed by dinner at the Legion Hall.

Bill and Frances Gerber of Umbarger visited with relatives in Nazareth on Friday.

Marcella Birkenfeld had surgery in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo last week.

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SPS to honor Gunn

Billie J. Gunn of Dimmitt, who works for Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), will be recognized at the SPS Panhandle Division service awards dinner Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Amarillo for 25 years of service to customers.

Gunn is among 453 employees of the company being recognized through a series of award dinners for a collective 5,770 years of service.

working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

As one of five individuals serving on the district board of directors, Behrends will be responsible for district policies and procedures for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas soil conservation district law.

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| b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses | | 434 | |
| c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve | | - | 0- |
| d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c) | 33 | 271 | |
| 5. Assets held in trading accounts | | - | 0- |
| 6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases) | | | 664 |
| 7. Other real estate owned | | | 1 008 |
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| 11. Other assets | | | 1 893 |
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| (2) Interest-bearing | 35 | 027 | |
| b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs | | | - |
| (1) Noninterest-bearing | | - | 0- |
| (2) Interest-bearing | | - | 0- |
| 14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs | | | 3 000 |
| 15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury | | | - |
| 16. Other borrowed money | | | - |
| 17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases | | | - |
| 18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding | | | - |
| 19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits | | | - |
| 20. Other liabilities | | | 1 094 |
| 21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20) | | 47 | 935 |
| 22. Limited-life preferred stock | | | - |
| EQUITY CAPITAL | | | |
| 23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding | | - | 0- |
| 24. Common stock (No. of shares | | 1,500 | |
| a. Authorized | | 1,500 | |
| b. Outstanding | | 1,500 | |
| 25. Surplus | | | 1 900 |
| 26. Undivided profits and capital reserves | | | 777 |
| 27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments | | | - |
| 28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27) | | 4 | 177 |
| 29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28) | | 52 | 112 |
| MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date: | | | |
| 1.a Standby letters of credit, Total | | | - |
| 1.b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a conveyed to others through participations | | | - |
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| I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief. | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT | | DATE SIGNED | |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | | 10-16-87 | |
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| SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR | SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR | SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR | |
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So many times we question God's wisdom in allowing some things to be and other things to come to pass. But God is good and his purposes are wise. The very thing that seems useless to us, might make us marvel if we could see with Heaven's eyes.

As Isaiah reminds us, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

But he also wants us to know that his thoughts are many toward us and that everything works toward our good and our salvation. If we had no conflicts, and no questions, we would never have the opportunity to step out on faith.

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THIRD PLACE TROPHY WINNERS — Dimmitt High School Twirlers from left, Sharla Jackson, Michelle Smith, and Lisa Widick captured third place honors during the twirling competition of the West Texas Auxiliary Championships Saturday.

DHS twirlers, flags compete in Lubbock

The Dimmitt High School Flag and Twirling Lines competed at the West Texas Auxiliary Championships at Coronado High School in Lubbock Saturday.

The twirlers were involved in twirling solos and line competition, and the flags were involved only in line competition.

The flag judge was Debby Tully, auxiliary coordinator for the Marion Catholic High School Band of Ohio, a "Marching Bands of America" champion band. The twirling judge was Chris Jones, twirling instructor for Texas

Tech University. Groups were rated from superior to fair, based on their performance in the preliminary competition. The top three groups from each event were chosen to continue to the finals. In the finals, the twirlers captured the third place trophy, behind Canyon High School and Littlefield High School.

During preliminary competition, Lisa Widick and Michelle Smith also received ratings of excellent on their twirling solos. Winners in the AAA Flag Line Competition were Denver City, Littlefield, and Brownfield High Schools.

Lance Loudder and his dad, Dwayne of Flagg, took in the first bale of cotton to Farmers Co-op Association of Springlake Monday. The seven bales averaged 480 lbs. and was from five acres on the E. R. Sadler farm. It had received some hail damage and was chemically defoliated.

Sharon Sadler took her parents, Tex and Norma Conard to California last Sunday when they received word that Dutch Hamlin, step-father of Norma was not expected to live. They had, at that time, taken off all life support systems, and he passed away before they arrived. The returned home from Yucca Valley Saturday night following the funeral services Thursday.

Leland and Vickie Jennings of Flagg and their children, Chad and Drue were hospitalized in Plains Memorial Hospital last week and this week with viral pneumonia. Vickie has been quite ill. Her mother has been driving from Bovina each day after work to help out.

Leona Blanton, Nelda Curtis, Bess Bills, Ila Haydon, Verba Sadler, Willie Mae Sadler, Alene Lilley of Dimmitt, Mattie Axtell of Earth and Mary Fowlkes of Plainview honored Beck Bridges in Canterbury Villa Saturday afternoon

with a belated birthday party. Some played "84" and some just visited. Her birthday was Sept. 27.

.90 of an inch of rain was recorded for Wednesday night after a trace on Wednesday.

Billie and Emma Jean King attended the lecture of Dr. Schuller with Francis and Mary King in Amarillo Tuesday night.

Greg and Susan Harmon and Caleb of Albuquerque visited over the weekend with E. R. and Willie Mae Sadler. They brought a cassette tape from Gale and Verna. They had both made in the 90's on the one test they have taken, and Gale had preached one sermon and given his testimony in Swahili. Verna has been playing the piano for several different occasions also. She experienced a cultural shock one day recently, but since most missionaries have had the experience, they helped her to recover from it quickly.

Emma Jean King went with Kaye King of Earth to Wayland Thursday morning to attend a play that Kaye had made a costume for as part of her studies. It was a success. Kaye attends Wayland each week day morning.

Gerald and Pat Elkins talked with Ruth Spencer by phone Saturday night. Lyle and Diana and Jay of Duncanville were spending the weekend with her.

Al and Mattie Smith of Weatherford visited Sunday afternoon with L. B. and Teeny Bowden, and Nora Loudder in Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt. They attended the Sunday night services with Ezell and Verba Sadler and spent Sunday night with them. Mattie is a McWilliams cousin of the Loudders.

Emma Jean King and Kaye King of Earth attended a School of Instruction for Eastern Star in Plainview Saturday.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the Gospel Music in Clovis Thursday night. They visited with Buddy and Bertha in Hale Center Sunday afternoon.

Kathy Gwyn brought the special music for the Sunday morning services. The tape "Freedom from the Tyranny of the Urgent" by Charles Swindol in his series on "Strengthening Your Grip" was the message for Sunday night.

Ministerial Alliance

Jim Ritter will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 1:4-14 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Lee Street Baptist Church.

Jim Ritter will also be the welfare chairman for the month of November.

Presbyterian Happenings

"Great Commandment/Great Commission" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the morning church worship service at 11 a.m.

Morning prayers will be Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

"Fasting", Mark 2:18-22, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Church will have a family covered-dish supper and Halloween costume party Saturday, Oct. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

ICC Happenings

Infant Baptism preparation class will be held this Friday at 9:15 p.m. at the rectory for parents and sponsors. The celebration will be on Saturday after the 5 p.m. Mass.

Census and Pastoral Council Nominations will be conducted this weekend.

Rena Richard, Connie Martinez and Santos Perez will form the Internship Committee to provide support, feedback and evaluation on Tony Garza and Joe Ortega, our deacon applicants, in the formulation and implementation of their learning covenant. The deacon applicants will covenant to be involved in various pastoral, ministerial and liturgical activities between now and May next year as part of their practical training. Comments from the parish at-large are welcomed and these are to be submitted to the Internship Committee. The Committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 9:30 p.m. to finalize the learning covenant.

Confirmation class begins this Sunday, Oct. 25 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the rectory.

We are in the third week of the Renew process.

Brannon Byers was elected secretary of the Springlake - Earth Freshman class recently.

The Springlake - Earth Wolverines won over Lockney at Lockney 28-8 in their first district game.

Hershel and Retha Wilson had a booth in the Running Water Arts and Crafts Festival over the weekend.

Gerald and Chris Elkins killed two rattlesnakes in the Ezell Sadler pasture near Hwy 385 last week. One had 10 rattlers and a button, the other only three. Gerald gave the 10 rattlers to Jonathan Bridges.

On Saturday Lon Woodburn, H. C. Nelson, Harley Dyer, Norman Nelson, and Donald Shelton completed the fencing of the Flagg Cemetery. Dale Winders had shredded it again which made the work easier. The culvert and gate from the road into the cemetery will be completed soon and if there is not a killing freeze soon, the area of the graves will be chemically killed and the dedication date set. Call Teeny Bowden if you have suggestions for the ceremony, or friends you would like to have an invitation.

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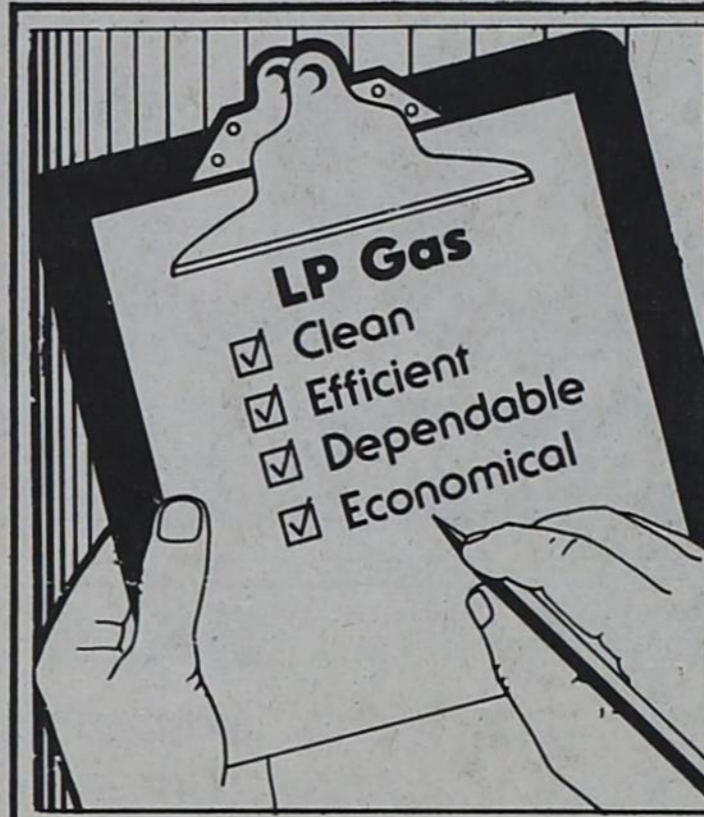
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The conference is presented by the WTSU Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and the Panhandle Small Business Development Center.

Attendance is by pre-registration only. Cost is \$25 for students and \$45 for non-students, and includes

seminars, luncheon and trade show.

Twenty of the forty available trade show booths have been reserved. Booths are being reserved on a first-come basis. Interested persons should contact the Panhandle Small Business Development Center as soon as possible.

Larry Reed, Vice President, First National Bank of Amarillo, and Manager of the bank's Wholesale/Retail Unit, will conduct the seminar on "Funding a New Business."

AC offers typing class

Amarillo College will offer a typing class at Dimmitt High School on Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 26 through Dec. 17. Class times will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Registration for the class will be held Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dimmitt High School in Room 25. The classes will be held in Room 25.

Tuition and fees for the class are \$45, and there is a \$15 book deposit fee.

Pro-Family Forum

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AMENDMENT 1

Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SURETY OF A GRAIN WAREHOUSE FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE GRAIN INDUSTRY FOR THE PROTECTION OF FARMERS AND DEPOSITORS OF GRAIN IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSE FACILITIES

Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to authorize the use of public funds as surety for a self-insurance fund to protect those farmers and others who deposit grain in public warehouses. The legislature would be allowed to guarantee the self-insurance fund up to \$5 million. The guarantee of the fund would cease if the comptroller certified that the \$5 million limit had been reached. The money for the self-insurance fund would come from the grain-buying and grain storage industry, including those who operate grain elevators.

For

This proposed amendment would provide Texas farmers with grain storage at an affordable price.

Grain storage companies cannot afford the insurance coverage required by state and federal regulations. Rates have increased and, in some cases, insurance has become unavailable as insurance and bonding companies have suffered losses due to failure of grain elevators.

The money for the self-insurance fund to compensate losses would come from those who buy and store grain. This and the \$5 million cap would avoid a drain on the public money used for the surety bond.

Against

We should not depend on the state to provide surety for industries that become poor insurance or bonding risks.

The farm crisis may worsen, causing the self-insurance fund to be depleted and necessitating the use of public monies for this fund at a time the state can ill afford such an expense.

The proposed amendment does not provide for oversight of the fund to be sure owners and operators of grain storage facilities do not abuse it.

AMENDMENT 2

Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT MAY BE ADOPTED BY CERTAIN RURAL FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICTS, BUT ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE DISTRICTS' RESIDENTS

Explanation

The Texas Constitution presently authorizes the legislature to establish fire prevention districts. These districts may levy an *ad valorem* tax at a maximum rate of three cents per \$100 valuation upon the approval of district voters. This proposed amendment would permit the legislature to allow a rural fire prevention district located wholly or partly in a county with a population exceeding 400,000 residents to increase the *ad valorem* tax to a maximum of six cents per \$100 valuation upon the approval of district voters. This proposed amendment could not be enacted until implementing legislation is passed.

For

This proposed amendment would provide the additional revenue needed for larger rural fire prevention districts. Districts located near large cities are unable to pay for contracted services because the present three-cent tax rate does not generate enough revenue to provide adequate fire protection.

The tax rate could only be increased upon voter approval. Since fire protection services are of a vital nature, voters need to have the flexibility to decide the issue.

Against

Instead of relying on county services, individual communities can instead contract with private agencies or nearby communities for fire protection. This service could be paid for by annual fees from residents. With enough time, the problem of inadequate fire protection can be solved.

Voters do not need to have additional methods of raising taxes during these economic hard times. A related proposed amendment would increase the *ad valorem* tax for emergency services.

AMENDMENT 3 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT SCHOOL TAX INCREASES ON THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN ELDERLY PERSON IF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE IS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OF AGE

Explanation

This proposed amendment extends the protection against increases in school *ad valorem* taxes on the homestead of a person 65 or older to that person's surviving spouse, if the spouse was 55 years or older at the time of the person's death. Currently taxes are frozen from the time the homeowner receives the over 65 exemption except for school tax increases resulting from increased value due to home improvements. The tax freeze lasts for as long as the person over 65 or a person whose spouse is claiming the over 65 exemption uses the property as his homestead. The protection would be effective as long as the residence remained the homestead of the surviving spouse, subject to limitations imposed by the legislature.

For

Surviving spouses aged 55 to 64 years would be protected from suffering a huge increase in school property taxes in the year after their spouses die. Land values and tax rates have increased dramatically in many parts of the state. Moreover, school taxes are generally the largest component of the property tax bill.

The proposed amendment merely extends to the surviving spouse a tax exemption the couple had before the spouse died.

Elderly taxpayers often face the problem of owning a homestead that is rapidly appreciating in value at a time when their income has been reduced by retirement and remains relatively constant.

The use of the age 55 cutoff is justifiable as good public policy since a younger spouse is more likely to be able to work and pay the same taxes as others of that age.

Against

The proposed amendment gives special consideration to homeowners aged 55 to 64 who survive a 65 year old spouse. Extending this special privilege is unfair, especially at a time when other taxpayers face the likelihood of higher school taxes.

Property tax breaks should be continued only because of proven economic need — not merely because of age.

The legislature should not cut tax revenues to school districts but should at least make the provision permissive on a local option basis so that those districts that cannot afford this tax break need not give it.

Limiting the exemption to surviving spouses age 55 and over is arbitrary and discriminatory on the basis of age. There should be no limit on the basis of age.

AMENDMENT 4 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE

Explanation

The Texas Constitution contains a number of specific prohibitions against the provision of public funds for private purposes. Passage of this proposed amendment would permit the legislature to create programs and make loans and grants of public money intended to develop and diversify the economy of the state, eliminate unemployment or under employment, stimulate agricultural innovation, foster agricultural enterprises, or develop and expand transportation and commerce in the state. Bonds or other obligations issued by a city, county, or other political subdivision and payable from *ad valorem* taxes to fund such programs would be subject to approval by the voters of the county, municipality, or political subdivision concerned.

For

This proposed amendment is necessary to override current constitutional provisions that might be construed as prohibiting investments by state or local governments in economic development programs that involve private companies. It would clarify that loans and grants for public purposes such as the Product Development Fund, the Small Business Incubator Fund, and the Agricultural Fund included in proposed Amendment 6 are constitutionally acceptable and would prevent any delay or confusion in the establishment of these vital elements in the economic recovery program.

Safeguards are provided to ensure that abuses addressed by current constitutional provisions would not occur under the proposed economic development programs. New amendments to the constitution establishing specific programs must be approved before bonds can be issued by the state. Local governments cannot issue general revenue bonds for this purpose without the approval of the voters.

Against

This proposed amendment is an attempt to circumvent the constitutional prohibition against the use of public funds for private enrichment. It sets the stage for spending limitless amounts of state and local funds to subsidize the ill-defined schemes of individuals and private corporations.

The proper role of the state is to give adequate support to public and higher education and to infrastructure improvements and let the free market and individual entrepreneurs take the risks and reap the rewards of investment in business projects.

The scope of this proposed amendment is too broad. If the proposed economic development programs are worthwhile, they should be authorized by specific limited constitutional amendments.

AMENDMENT 5 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND THE TEXAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 400,000, ADJOINING COUNTIES AND CITIES AND DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THOSE COUNTIES TO AID TURNPIKES, TOLL ROADS, AND TOLL BRIDGES BY GUARANTEEING BONDS ISSUED BY THE TEXAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

Explanation

The Constitution currently forbids the legislature from lending the state's credit or granting state money to construct, maintain, or operate toll roads. Under certain circumstances, however, local governments and counties are authorized to issue toll road bonds.

This proposed amendment would allow the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (Highway Department), the Texas Turnpike Authority, and local governments to work jointly on projects. It would allow the state to contribute money, from any available source, to turnpikes, toll roads, or toll bridges. It would also allow the commissioners court of counties with a population of more than 400,000, any adjoining county, or any city within those counties to levy a property tax for this purpose after voter approval. Such taxes could be used for all or part of the principal and interest on turnpike bonds or for the maintenance and operation of toll roads wholly or partially within the jurisdiction levying the tax. This could occur if tolls did not produce the income necessary to pay the bond principal and interest on the toll road expenses.

For

This proposed amendment would allow the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the Texas Turnpike Authority, and local governments to pool their monies in order to fund necessary construction projects.

It takes too long to build freeways when federal funds are used or when the turnpike is not a high priority for the state highway department. This proposed amendment would allow necessary roads to be built more quickly.

Limited state highway department funds would be freed for building roads in parts of the state where toll roads are not feasible.

State backing of Texas Turnpike Authority bonds would improve their rating.

Without this proposed amendment, it is unclear whether Texas would be able to use recently appropriated federal money for an experimental turnpike project.

Against

We should not use state money to encourage the building of local toll projects, which place an unfair financial burden on those who live near them and must use them. Toll roads are inequitable because tolls are charged to all, regardless of their ability to pay.

The revenues from one toll project could be used for others in the same general area, so drivers would not just be paying for the roads they use.

A system that would eliminate the use of federal funds for roads for which they are available would also eliminate the environmental impact studies required when federal funds are used.

This proposed amendment should be defeated because the ballot language is misleading. It sounds as if the state would back bonds when in reality the state could authorize the expenditure of funds for toll projects.

AMENDMENT 6 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR STATE FINANCING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF TEXAS PRODUCTS AND BUSINESSES

Explanation

If this proposed amendment passes, the legislature would be permitted to issue up to \$125 million in general obligation bonds and establish funds to foster the development of small businesses, the development and production of new or improved products, and the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural crops by small agricultural businesses in Texas. Fifteen million dollars could be used for the initial funding of a Texas Product Development Fund, \$10 million for a Texas Small Business Incubator Fund and \$100 million for a Texas Agricultural Fund. Additional funding would come from royalties, loan repayments, loan guarantees, investment income, and other amounts deposited by the legislature or other parties. A small business incubator operating under the program would be exempt from *ad valorem* taxation. Enabling legislation requires local involvement in creating, funding, and evaluating small business incubator programs.

The purpose of this amendment is to create and preserve jobs in Texas and increase state revenues by helping small businesses and innovative products get off the ground.

For

The economy of Texas, traditionally based on energy and agriculture, is in deep trouble with dwindling oil reserves, unstable energy prices, and high levels of farm debt. This amendment would play a key role in economic recovery by providing an environment that nurtures new businesses, encourages diversification, and creates new jobs.

Investments in education, although essential, are very expensive and take a long time to yield results. Helping new businesses to survive and get new products to the marketplace is the quickest and most economical way to increase revenue and produce jobs.

The constitutional prohibition against aid for private businesses was created years ago to deal with past abuses. Today's Texans should weigh the costs and benefits involved in a small state investment in building a new economy. Safeguards are provided to ensure that funds will be used for carefully monitored, innovative projects with a good chance for success.

Programs created by this proposed amendment would not be limitless drains on the state resources. A limited amount of revenue would be raised by bond sales, and revenue produced would justify the initial expense. Only a portion of the funding for agricultural businesses would be used immediately, and programs would be targeted toward

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marketable products. Programs are not designed to allow farmers to get deeper in debt by growing traditional crops.

Against

The Texas tradition of prohibiting the use of tax money for private purposes should not be abandoned because of temporary hard times. Government dollars should not be used to give selected businesses a competitive edge over others that don't receive state subsidies or to finance programs on the basis of political clout instead of intrinsic merit.

Money needed for prisons, education, and other services traditionally provided by state government should not be diverted to fund economic development schemes.

Businesses that cannot obtain funds from traditional financial sources are unlikely to succeed. The state should not become a lender of last resort for unsound ventures.

By investing its money in research, job training and higher education, Texas will promote long term business growth without getting into competition with sources of private capital.

AMENDMENT 7 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN LOCAL PUBLIC FACILITIES

Explanation

Amendment 7 authorizes the issuance of up to \$400 million in general obligation bonds for the following purposes: loans to local governments for the acquisition, construction, and repair of public facilities; and grants for the planning and design of these facilities.

Eligible local governments would include cities, counties, and various special districts.

The newly created Texas Department of Commerce would be authorized to issue these bonds and to administer the program if Amendment 7 passes. Eligible public facilities would include parks, ports, airports, jails, bridges, convention centers, and museums. Water projects would not be eligible, since financial assistance for these projects is provided by the Texas Water Development Board. Grants for planning and design would be limited to \$10 million.

If Amendment 7 is approved, the Texas Department of Commerce would also be authorized to issue revenue bonds to provide additional loans to local governments for public facilities. No limit is set on the amount of revenue bonds that could be issued.

All bonds issued by the Texas Department of Commerce, like bonds issued by other state agencies, must have the approval of a newly created bond review board composed of the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, treasurer, and comptroller.

For

The "Build Texas" program that is proposed in amendments 7, 8, and 23 would use state bond proceeds to stimulate the depressed state economy. Thousands of new jobs would be created, and an infrastructure of public improvements would be built to support the growth that is brought to the state.

Current revenues of local governments are not adequate to pay for the public buildings and other facilities that would enhance the quality of life in communities around the state. The state "bond bank" that would be created by Amendment 7 would encourage local governments to undertake these projects now. It is reasonable to spread the costs of these capital improvements over a period of twenty years or so in the future, since the facilities would be used during that period of time and beyond.

Amendment 7 would stimulate the construction of local projects at a time when costs and interest rates are lower than they have been in recent years. Because the state's bond ratings are better than those of many local governments, the costs to these cities, counties, and districts would be reduced.

Local governments would repay their loans to the state as payments of principal and interest on the state bonds come due. The bond review board would monitor the issuance of all state bonds to assure that the state's debt does not become excessive.

Against

At a time when the state is undergoing a serious financial crisis, it should not embark on a costly new program of helping local governments finance their capital improvement projects. The state bureaucracy should be streamlined — not expanded.

Knowledgeable observers of the government bond market estimate that this proposed bond program would cause future drains on the state's general revenues of \$38 million to \$90 million. The proposed amendment does not require that loans to local governments be made on terms that will cover the state's payments on its general obligation bonds, nor is any provision made for recovering the \$10 million in grants that would be authorized.

This amendment would give the new Texas Department of Commerce the job of prioritizing local government projects that are not easily comparable. How does one city's proposed convention center rank against another city's landfill or a port authority's docking facilities? Voters have no idea as to where or for what purposes the bonds that they are asked to authorize would be used.

Local public improvements that are financially sound can be, and should be, financed by local governments through the commercial bond market. Because of the state's financial problems, the rating for its general obligation bonds has fallen from AAA to AA. Passage of this amendment and other proposals for state handouts that are in the November ballot is likely to cause another downgrading of the state's credit rating.

AMENDMENT 8 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION FACILITIES.

Explanation

Amendment 8 authorizes the issuance of up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds for corrections institutions, including youth corrections institutions, and mental health and mental retardation institutions. The bond proceeds could be used for acquiring or constructing new facilities or for major repairs to existing facilities.

Legislation to implement this proposed amendment provides that these general obligation bonds would be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority if the amendment passes. The act also authorizes the Authority to issue up to \$500 million in revenue bonds for the same purposes. (Issuance of revenue bonds does not require voter approval.) The total amount of bonds issued for these purposes is limited to \$500 million.

The act also provides that specific projects to be financed by the bonds must be authorized by the legislature before the bonds are issued. Projects that have been approved by the legislature for funding in the current biennium have a total cost of \$342 million, which is allocated as follows:

Texas Department of Corrections — \$276 million; Texas Youth Commission — \$19 million; Texas Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation — \$47 million.

Approval by the state's bond review board (See Amendment 7) is also required prior to issuance of the bonds.

For

Texas is under court orders to improve conditions at its adult corrections, youth corrections, and mental health/mental retardation facilities.

The doors to Texas prisons are frequently closed because of limited space. These closings place a burden on county jails, which must keep their prisoners until room is available in state corrections facilities. State prisoners who are given early releases so that new prisoners can be admitted often resume their criminal activities.

State facilities for the mentally ill and mentally retarded are overcrowded and are releasing residents for whom no local care is available.

Recognizing that major improvements must be made immediately, the legislature has authorized the use of revenue bonds for this purpose. If voters turn down this amendment, revenue bonds will be used to finance all of the needed buildings and renovations. Both types of bonds will be repaid from future state revenues.

General obligation bonds would provide a less expensive way to pay for these facilities than revenue bonds. Interest rates would be lower because payments of principal and interest on general obligation bonds are backed by "the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year." Passage of this amendment would save money for state taxpayers.

Against

Texas voters should say NO to all of the "spend now, pay later" amendments on this ballot. The Texas Constitution prohibits state debt, but increasing numbers of exceptions to this prohibition have been made in recent years.

Especially dangerous is debt that must be repaid from the general revenues of the state. The facilities that would be provided by this amendment produce no income; hence all bond repayments would have to come from future general revenues of the state.

The Legislative Budget Board has based its estimate of the cost of this construction program on a 20-year payout of the bonds at a 7% interest rate. Annual draws on the state treasury would be \$46,518,900. The total amount paid would be \$930,378,000, which is 86% more than the \$500 million cost of the facilities. In this case, "spend now, pay later" costs 86% more than "pay as you go."

Elected officials find it expedient to defer government costs to future years; taxes are never popular. These debts create a vicious cycle. As increasing percentages of our federal, state, and local government budgets are needed for debt payments, paying cash for new facilities becomes increasingly difficult.

AMENDMENT 9 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE IS ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND TO SERVE IN A DIFFERENT STATE OFFICE BUT MAY NOT RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION GRANTED TO THAT OFFICE DURING THE LEGISLATIVE TERM TO WHICH HE WAS ELECTED

Explanation

This proposed amendment would change the Texas Constitution in two ways having to do with the eligibility of members of the legislature to be elected or appointed to state offices. First, according to Article III, Section 18 of the constitution, a legislator cannot be elected to any other state office if the salary of that office has been raised during the legislator's term.

In 1985 the legislature gave state workers an across-the-board 3% pay increase. When Senator J. E. "Buster" Brown wanted to run for attorney general in 1986, his application was not accepted because he was a member of the legislature that granted the pay increase.

The proposed amendment would allow the legislator to be elected to the other office, but the legislator would not be entitled to receive the increase in salary. However, if a subsequent legislature raised the salary, the ex-legislator would be entitled to that increase.

The second way in which this proposed amendment would alter a legislator's eligibility is this: The constitution now states that no senator or representative is eligible for any office the appointment to which may be made, in whole or in part, by either branch of the legislature. All appointments made by the governor that must be confirmed by the senate have historically fallen under this provision, and sitting legislators have not been eligible to be appointed to other state or district offices. The proposed amendment would strike this provision of the constitution, thereby allowing legislators to be eligible for appointment to other offices.

The amendment would also strike other language that became obsolete when the direct election of U.S. senators was instituted in 1913.

For

It is unfair to the people of Texas for qualified legislators to be prevented from running for other offices just because they serve in the legislature that gives an across-the-board pay increase to state employees. This amendment is a good compromise because it does not let legislators derive any financial benefit from the increased salary but does let them be

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elected to other offices.

The amendment would also eliminate another unfair constitutional provision. Currently a legislator, no matter how talented, cannot be appointed to another office if that appointment is confirmed by the senate. In an effort to deny the possible solicitation of votes from friends and peers, we have unfairly kept people out of office.

Public and press scrutiny would ensure that senators, in the confirmation process, are not trading votes or making deals in exchange for voting for confirmation of a fellow legislator to an appointed office.

Against

Historically, there has been great concern about prohibiting legislators from profiting financially from their votes. The U.S. Constitution contains a similar provision, and while there have been cases when this has created difficulties in presidential appointments, no one has suggested amending the federal constitution.

If we remove the prohibition on legislators being appointed to other offices confirmed by the senate, we are opening the door to legislators trading votes in return for lucrative jobs, and rewarding favored legislators with attractive appointments. It could give governors another powerful method of influencing legislation not envisioned in the constitution.

This amendment was introduced originally with only one constitutional change: to remove the financial prohibition. The provision that would let legislators be appointed to other offices was added in the final hours of the legislative session by ten legislators in a conference committee. There were no public testimony nor committee hearings on the proposal. Good government provisions were bypassed, and the amendment should be defeated on this basis alone.

AMENDMENT 10 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT HELD OR USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INCOME

Explanation

This proposed amendment would permit the legislature to exempt from *ad valorem* taxation any non-income producing tangible personal property with the exception of residential structures. However, local taxing authorities would have the option to override the exemption and levy a tax against the property unless it was exempted by other laws.

For

Most taxing units do not currently collect taxes on personal property, so the amount of revenue that would be lost if this proposed amendment became law is not significant. In those local taxing units where a significant amount of revenue is raised, the local taxing authorities can take action to override the exemption.

The proposed amendment would permit, not require, the legislature to grant tax exemptions so the legislature can limit exemptions. An example of the ability to limit is seen in the enabling legislation which becomes effective if this amendment passes, in which only non-income recreational boats are exempted.

The legislature is very cognizant of the problems local governments are facing in respect to raising revenue at the local level. The legislature can be expected to proceed carefully in granting any new exemptions.

Against

Currently taxation of non-income producing property is done in an inconsistent manner that lacks uniformity and fairness. Instead of working toward a full exemption of such property, this proposed amendment perpetuates this uneven taxation procedure.

This proposed amendment relies on local taxing units to exercise the option to override the personal property exemption. If the taxing units do not choose to do so, property taxes collected on tangible personal property would drop by 167 million dollars over the next biennium and would shift the tax burden to people who own homes.

The fact that non-income-producing recreational boats were singled out by the legislature for exemption if this amendment passes bolsters the argument that this is special interest legislation designed to help wealthy people.

AMENDMENT 11 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED IN THE STATE FOR ONLY A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF TIME

Explanation

This proposed amendment would reinstate as part of the constitution the terms of a statute that had been declared unconstitutional. The "freeport" provision would exempt from local government *ad valorem* (property) taxation such tangible personal property as is brought into the state and then transported out of the state not later than 175 days thereafter, provided that its detention in the state is for no purpose other than an assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating activity. Exempt personal property would not include oil, gas, or other petroleum products. A local government taxing authority could override the state-mandated exemption for 1988 and later years by taking specific action to levy a tax before January 1, 1988. A local government could override the exemption for 1989 and later years by taking such specific action before April 1, 1988. The percentage of appraised value and the overriding itself could be reduced or rescinded, but not increased or reinstated thereafter.

For

The "freeport" property tax exemption acts as an incentive for transporters of unfinished goods to have assemblage, manufacturing, processing, fabrication, and storage occur in Texas rather than elsewhere, thus effectively competing with other states for jobs, payroll, and business activity in Texas.

The ability for local governments to override the exemption is protective of those few local governments that had relied on this source of revenue and would be hurt without it.

Against

The exemption creates a benefit for certain business activities to the comparative disadvantage of other business activities. Thus it defeats the constitutional principle of equal and uniform *ad valorem* (property) taxation on all personal and business property.

Interstate transportation interrupted only by temporary storage or warehousing is easily identified and already subject to exemption. Adding an exemption for assemblage, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating, providing that it is rather quickly done, will create a property tax haven toward which in-state business operators would flee by shipping goods out of state for temporary reentry. The limited time frame or window of opportunity for local governments to override the exemption encourages an unnecessary tax levy in order to preserve the right to make future levies, and is not sensible or conservative fiscal policy.

AMENDMENT 12 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING SPOUSES TO HOLD COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP

Explanation

The proposed amendment would permit spouses to agree, in writing, that all or part of their community property would become the property of the surviving spouse on the death of a spouse.

Community property, generally defined, is all property acquired by a spouse during marriage while separate property is that property belonging to a spouse before marriage or acquired by gift or inheritance during a marriage.

For

Currently, married couples who want to transform community property into a joint tenancy with right of survivorship must enter into a partition agreement to change their community property into separate property and another agreement to provide for survivorship. This proposed amendment would allow for another easier way for couples to gain survivorship rights.

This proposed amendment would establish a basis for legislation that would allow couples to hold community property with right of survivorship. Hence their property could pass easily and automatically upon the death of one spouse to the surviving spouse and thereby eliminate the need for execution of a will and a lengthy probate process.

Banking documents have been available to achieve survivorship for bank deposits, but this amendment will provide a means for gaining survivorship for all types and kinds of property.

Against

This proposed amendment would substantially change the community property laws in the state and would cause confusion and uncertainty. The community property assumption or preference protects both spouses and their heirs, and there is no need to alter or undermine the successful operation of current law.

Between husband and wife, the preferred form of ownership under public policy is community property. This proposed amendment authorizes an agreement by spouses to act as a will substitute and transfer the deceased spouse's one-half community property interest to the surviving spouse. The law already permits present transformation of community property into separate property, but does not permit, and this amendment does not allow, present transformation of separate property into community property.

Signing such an agreement would only transfer property from one spouse to another, not to other possible heirs. Since couples would want to assure how their property would pass to the next and successive generations, they would still need to execute a will in order to accomplish that. The proposed amendment solves no real problem but it may tend to impart the ideas that one's affairs are in order, when in fact there is still a need for a will.

AMENDMENT 13 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT, BY LAW, OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to create emergency services districts in addition to the present fire prevention districts. These districts would be financed by a maximum of ten cents per \$100 valuation upon the approval of district voters. Voters would be able to petition to convert a rural fire prevention district into an emergency services district. Another proposed amendment would increase the fire prevention district *ad valorem* tax to six cents per \$100 valuation. Implementing legislation for this proposed amendment has already passed the legislature.

For

This proposed amendment would give rural counties the ability to provide emergency medical services and other emergency services through tax revenue. Many rural areas are too remote from emergency services provided by larger cities to ensure that rural residents have adequate protection. Private ambulance services are unable to operate due to the inability to obtain liability insurance.

These districts could incorporate the present fire prevention districts. Even if the existing rural fire prevention districts were authorized to provide emergency medical services, counties still should have the flexibility to create a new kind of district devoted solely to providing emergency services.

Against

Emergency medical services can be provided by private ambulance services, and fire prevention is already provided by fire prevention districts. Therefore, counties do not need to provide additional services at this time.

AMENDMENT 13 (continued)

Voters do not need to have additional methods of raising taxes during these economic hard times. A related amendment would increase the *ad valorem* tax for rural fire prevention districts.

AMENDMENT 14 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GIVING THE STATE A LIMITED RIGHT TO APPEAL IN CRIMINAL CASES

Explanation

Presently the Texas Constitution prohibits the state from appealing any element of a criminal case except by a petition to the Court of Criminal Appeals for a review of the decision of a lower court of appeals on the higher court's own motion. This proposed amendment, together with the enabling legislation would allow the state the right to appeal certain orders issued by the trial court such as dismissal of an indictment, granting of a new trial, suppression of evidence, a confession, etc. The state would also be permitted to appeal a sentence on the grounds that the sentence is illegal.

For

Every other state and the federal system have some right of appeal by the prosecution. Sometimes judges make errors that harm the prosecution just as they make errors that harm the defense.

As the law is at present, some judges decide any controversial issue against the prosecutor because they know there can be no appeal except by the discretion of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Against

If prosecutors obtain the right to appeal based on a general change in the constitution, they will be back before the legislature in every session trying to get further powers of appeal.

There is a danger that some prosecutors would use their right of appeal to harass a defendant they know they could not convict. As long as a case is on appeal, the defendant is in custody of some sort, or under bond.

AMENDMENT 15 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER IN GREGG, FAYETTE AND NUECES COUNTIES

Explanation

Of the 254 counties in Texas, all but six are required by the Texas Constitution to elect a county treasurer. Those six abolished the office in 1982 (Bee and Tarrant), 1984 (Bexar and Collin) and 1986 (Andrews and El Paso), after the adoption of authorizing constitutional amendments. Three more counties seek to abolish the office with this proposed amendment.

The office of Fayette County treasurer would be abolished if the vote is approved both statewide and in the county and the duties of the treasurer transferred to the county auditor or the successor to that official. The office of Nueces County treasurer would be abolished if the proposed amendment is approved both statewide and in the county and the duties of the treasurer transferred to the county clerk. Only statewide approval would be required to abolish the office of treasurer in Gregg County and the county commissioners would transfer the treasurer's duties to another county officer.

Duties of the county treasurer include receipt, custody, and disbursement of county funds and making financial reports to the commissioners court.

For

The office of county treasurer has become a costly anachronism and if counties want to abolish it in order to save money, they should be allowed to do so. Incumbent treasurers in Gregg and Nueces Counties ran for office on a platform favoring doing away with the office.

There are adequate safeguards to protect the taxpayer against mistakes or fraud in handling the county money, and the treasurer's office is not needed.

Because abolition of any constitutionally created office is an important step, it should be done on a case by case basis with adequate review by both the legislature and people involved, rather than on a wholesale basis across the state which would be politically and operationally disruptive.

Against

The treasurer's office was created to provide a necessary check and balance and is needed to ensure that county funds are properly accounted for. In addition, the fact that the treasurer is an elected position helps to keep the person in this office accountable to the voters.

Abolishing state treasurers on a county by county basis is a wasteful approach to this situation. It costs \$45,000 to publish each amendment. The voters need to reject the amendment and send a message to the legislators that this approach is not acceptable.

If the treasurer's office is indeed an anachronism, then voters need to be allowed to vote on the issue to abolish and settle the question once and for all.

AMENDMENT 16 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN JUSTICE PRECINCTS MAY CONTAIN MORE THAN ONE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Explanation

The Texas Constitution has prescribed detailed requirements for how many justice of the peace precincts may exist in each county. Counties with 150,000 or more population may have no more than eight precincts, and no precinct may have two justices unless a city of 18,000 or more people is wholly contained in that precinct. This amendment would allow counties of 150,000 or more people to have more than one justice of the peace per precinct and would apply the rule regarding two justices only in a county with fewer than 150,000 people.

The issue has arisen because Dallas County has developed a districting plan in which they have attempted to adhere to districting criteria such as population density, geographical boundaries, and communities of interest. They have received legal advice indicating that the plan is not constitutional because it places two justices in half of the precincts in order to balance the work load, but these precincts do not include a city of 18,000 or more people.

For

It is necessary to give the 15 counties which would be affected by this proposed amendment discretion in drawing justice of the peace precinct boundaries so that they might better comply with constitutional and Voting Rights Act requirements.

Because current law requires cities of 18,000 to be wholly contained within the precinct boundaries, it is hard to use the two-justice provision to correct workload imbalance. Urban counties contain many cities and suburbs that spill over into adjoining counties and may need more than one justice in a populous precinct even though it does not have a city with more than 18,000 people in it.

Amending the constitution is the least expensive and quickest way to help solve this problem for urban counties that are seeking to develop valid plans in multi-judge precincts.

Against

Allowing more flexibility in drawing precincts is probably a good idea, but a better way to do this would be to remove all references to city boundaries. Population brackets tied to criteria such as county and precinct population and number of precincts would produce better workloads and level of service. Replacing one set of arbitrary population brackets with another is not the best approach.

Rushing to amend the constitution based on speculation about how the courts will rule is unwise. The issue is before an appellate court and might even be decided before this election.

Large counties should not be given complete discretion to set the number of justices of peace in each precinct because there is potential for using the office as a reward or getting rid of it as a punishment. The potential for abuse needs to be considered.

AMENDMENT 17 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO DEFINE FOR ALL PURPOSES THE GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNCTIONS OF A MUNICIPALITY

Explanation

This amendment would allow the legislature to define the functions of a municipality that are governmental and those that are proprietary. Governmental functions, such as law enforcement, benefit all citizens in a state. Proprietary functions, such as a library, benefit only the citizens of that town.

The Tort Claims Act sets limits on damage awards that can be collected from lawsuits arising from governmental functions. Proprietary functions are not covered by this act, so there are no limits to the amount of damages that can be recovered from a lawsuit arising out of a proprietary function.

Courts have traditionally decided whether a municipal governmental function is governmental or proprietary. This amendment would change that by authorizing the legislature to define which are which and by allowing the legislature to redefine functions defined previously in statute or common law. It would protect definitions made by the current and subsequent legislatures from being changed by the courts.

Legislation passed in June, 1987 defined a list of governmental and proprietary functions of municipal government, expanded the number of functions considered governmental, and raised the caps on damage awards.

For

This tort reform measure is needed because cities have been unable to obtain liability insurance or unable to obtain it at affordable rates. Legislation just passed has limited cities' liability by increasing the number of functions defined as governmental. This amendment would ensure that the courts cannot overturn that law, which would help guarantee predictability of claims, making it easier for insurance companies to determine insurance rates. This would ultimately save the taxpayers' money.

Courts have interpreted the "open courts" provision of the constitution as limiting the legislature's power to define whether a municipal governmental function is governmental or proprietary. The Tort Claims Act was intended to apply to functions the courts have since decided are proprietary. As the lawmaking body, the legislature rather than the courts should define whether functions are governmental or proprietary.

Against

This amendment would eliminate 200 years of common law decisions to resolve the liability insurance crisis, the existence of which many question. Liability insurance rates have skyrocketed because of unwise investment and underwriting by insurance companies, not because of excessive lawsuits, large damage awards, or the definition of municipal governmental functions. Passage of this amendment would not decrease insurance rates.

Defining most functions as governmental to make them subject to a cap on damages would mean that citizens whose damage claims are higher than the cap would not be able to recover what they deserve. Limits on liability would also remove a city's incentive to operate safely.

Courts should continue to define municipal governmental functions because courts respond better than the legislature to the changing nature of governmental functions by looking at specific cases.

AMENDMENT 18 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE CREATION, OPERATION, AND FINANCING OF JAIL DISTRICTS

Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow county commissioners to create a special jail district covering one or more counties by appointing a jail district board which, in turn, would call an election for all voters within the district to approve the issuance of bonds and levy a tax on property within the district to build or rehabilitate a jail, including a juvenile detention facility.

For

This amendment would allow counties which need to build new jails or rehabilitate old ones to pool resources and levy new taxes to finance the needed facilities. A multi-county jail district would also assist smaller counties that can no longer afford to bring their jails up to mandated state standards.

Joint financing of jails would avoid duplication of facilities that many counties either have little need for or can ill afford.

Because the enabling legislation would require that there be balanced representation from all participating counties on the jail district boards, it assures that any new facility would be located where it would be most useful to the participating counties.

Against

Residents of Texas counties do not need another governmental agency to tax them.

This proposal would lead to unnecessary new jail construction rather than renovation of older facilities.

Although the voters in a district would have to vote on the issuance of bonds and a tax to finance their repayment and the operation of the district, they would have no say in whom the county commissioners would appoint to the jail district board which would oversee the election, levy the tax, and select the location of the new facility.

AMENDMENT 19 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FUND UNDERTAKINGS RELATED TO A SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER RESEARCH FACILITY SPONSORED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE GRANTS FOR SUCH UNDERTAKINGS

Explanation

This amendment would permit the legislature to authorize an appropriate agency to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds for the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC). Proceeds of the bonds would establish a fund to be used for any appropriate activities of the super collider research facility being planned by the U.S. government.

The bonds would constitute a general obligation of the state. While bonds or interest remain outstanding and unpaid, the legislature would appropriate funds to pay the principal and interest.

Implementing legislation has designated the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission as the appropriate agency to handle the development, financing, and operations of the SSC and allows this agency to issue up to \$1 billion in bonds: \$500 million in general obligation bonds, should this amendment pass, and \$500 million in revenue bonds. The commission could not issue bonds until the U.S. government announced a decision to locate the Super Collider in Texas.

The Legislative Budget Board estimates that retiring the general obligation bonds would cost \$46.5 million a year from 1988 through the next 20 years, assuming a 20-year payout at 7 percent interest on the \$500 million in bonds.

For

Texas is competing against 40 other states, each offering inducements, to be chosen as the site for the Super Collider research facility. This \$4.4 billion federal project, to be used for basic research, would be a major economic boon to Texas at a time when it is essential that Texas begin to diversify its economy. The Super Collider would provide constant revenue to nearby communities, generating jobs and small business. It would attract other research facilities, stimulating the development of high-technology companies in Texas, thus benefiting the entire state.

Although Texas is the third most populous state in the U.S., it is tenth in the number of federal research dollars spent per state. Texas does not have a single federal research lab and should aggressively seek one of the biggest.

Against

The Super Collider is a high-cost, scientific boondoggle of unknown purpose and little practical application and an unknown cost-benefit ration. The \$500 million in debt would radically increase state debt during a time of fiscal crisis for a project that at best may benefit only one area of the state. The economic benefits are spread over too many years to assist the local community chosen, and the jobs would go mainly to scientists and trained technicians, not to local people. Furthermore, this amendment is unnecessary, since the legislature authorized a commission to issue \$500 million in general revenue bonds.

The Super Collider would triple the amount of low-level nuclear waste Texas must dispose of every year, although the state has not even provided for the amount of low-level waste it is now producing.

AMENDMENT 20 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE

AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN OFF-SHORE DRILLING EQUIPMENT THAT IS NOT IN USE

Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to exempt from property taxes the offshore drilling rigs that are not currently in use or producing oil or gas. Such rigs are currently subject to local taxation if they are located in Texas coastal waters but not if they are in federal waters.

If this proposed amendment passes, implementing legislation specifies that exemption will be granted, effective January 1, 1988, to the owner or lessee of a marine or mobile drilling unit designed for offshore drilling if the unit is being stored in a Gulf Coast county or bay or other body of water adjacent to the Gulf, and if the unit is neither being stored for the sole purpose of repair or maintenance, nor being used to drill a well where it is being stored.

Generally, the residents of taxing entities in the Gulf Coast area, such as school districts, counties, and municipalities, would be the Texas citizens most affected by passage of this amendment.

For

This amendment would provide tax relief for the depressed offshore drilling industry. Tax on a single rig starts in the \$200,000 range.

The storage of idle rigs, even without taxes, is an expensive investment as a producer must pay storage fees as well as personnel to care for the rigs. Costs range from \$500 to \$2,500 per day for each rig stored. Within a taxing district, these services can generate in-service fees which can offset loss of direct tax revenue.

The Texas employment rate would be improved with passage of the amendment as it would mostly affect smaller, independent drilling contractors, who generally employ Texans.

Louisiana, Mississippi, and other Gulf states have lower tax rates, so a large number of drilling contractors have chosen to store idle rigs in those states. Passage of this tax advantage should change that pattern and make Texas the "haven" for rig storage.

This tax relief would give Texas an advantage in competing as a location for the future construction of a large new rig storage facility currently under consideration. Port Arthur has been suggested as a possible site.

Against

Passage of this amendment would create a virtual windfall or subsidy to the oil industry while removing a large source of revenue from coffers of local taxing entities, creating an immediate drain upon them. No plan has been made for the state to assist those coastal entities if this revenue is lost.

Owners or lessees of those rigs currently stored for repair or maintenance might easily instead declare them stored for economic reasons, thereby evading tax responsibility.

Any potential revenue from docking fees and/or services to storage crews would not likely compensate coastal residents as equitably as would the services provided by tax revenues.

For the taxing entities where rigs are stored, there are direct costs as well as environmental costs.

Relief for the oil industry should be tied to the price of oil, with any subsidy ending as prices rise. This amendment does not address the possibility of rising crude oil prices or of renewed activity in offshore drilling in the near future.

AMENDMENT 21 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING THE LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTEE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY OR COMMITTEE

Explanation

Art. 2, Sec. 1 of the Texas Constitution establishes the separation of powers of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government. This section states that no official of one branch may "exercise any power properly attached to either of the others" except as expressly permitted by the constitution. Art. 4, Sec. 1 of the Texas Constitution defines the executive branch, which includes the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, comptroller of public accounts, treasurer, land commissioner, and the attorney general. The speaker of the house is a member of the legislative branch of government. The proposed amendment would amend Article 3 of the constitution to allow the legislature to include the speaker of the house as a member of an agency or committee that has members of the executive branch or performs executive functions.

For

This proposed amendment would allow the speaker of the house to sit on committees that deal with revenue issues. All revenue bills originate in the house of representatives; therefore, this amendment would streamline the budgeting process.

The proposed amendment would not establish any new precedents. Examples of the intermingling of powers between the branches of government currently exist; for example, the senate by confirming the governor's appointments shares in the executive appointment powers, and the comptroller by informing the legislature of the amount of money available for appropriation shares in the legislative power over revenue.

The speaker has long been involved with committees and agencies that are both legislative and executive in nature; for example, the speaker appoints a member of the house to sit on the State Pension Review Board.

Against

This proposed amendment would fundamentally alter the concept of the separation of the powers of the branches of government as established in the Texas Constitution by allowing the speaker to become a voting member of an executive committee or to take an active role in managing an agency.

The speaker by becoming a member of an executive committee dealing with monetary issues would be comingling executive powers with legislative powers.

The concept of a system of checks and balances designed to prevent one official or branch from developing overwhelming power should not be altered for short-term political reasons.

AMENDMENT 22 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY TO FILL VACANCIES IN STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICES DURING THE END OF A GOVERNOR'S TERM IF THE GOVERNOR IS NOT REELECTED

Explanation

In 1983 the legislature passed a law to prohibit lame duck governors from making appointments to state or district offices after the November 1 before the end of their terms. During this period, outgoing governors can still appoint persons to partial terms ending February 1 of the following year and to judicial offices.

However, Article IV, Section 12 of the Texas Constitution provides that the governor fill all vacancies in state or district offices unless otherwise provided by law. The 1983 law did not provide any other means of filling the vacancies, nor did it attempt to amend the constitution to remove the responsibility from the governor. This proposed amendment is an effort by the 1987 legislature to clarify the power of the legislature to limit the appointment power of governors who do not remain in office.

The proposed amendment defines vacancies as those that occur in offices that expire after November 1 as well as new offices which are created.

For

Lame duck governors who are retiring or who have not been reelected should not be able to extend their influence by "midnight appointments" to offices whose terms can run as long as six years. Conversely, new governors should not have to wait until two years into their terms to make their own appointments.

Concerns have been raised about appointments which have been made since the 1983 law was passed. This constitutional amendment would clear up the question of whether or not the legislature can limit the power of outgoing governors to make end-of-term appointments.

When the terms of office of statewide officials were extended to four years in the 1970s, gubernatorial influence increased dramatically. Governors can appoint more persons to offices, boards, and commissions than before. This amendment does not affect that increased power but sensibly restricts its abuse.

Against

End-of-term appointments provide continuity and have worked well for the state in the past. Furthermore, they are allowed at the federal level.

This amendment would arbitrarily limit the power of governors whose terms, after all, do not end on November 1 before election day. It appears that this is a legislative intrusion into the domain of the executive branch of state government.

SB 183, the implementing legislation for this amendment, did not pass. It is unclear if the amendment alone would apply to vacancies that occur in the middle of terms because of resignation, death, removal, or ineligibility. The amendment could cause more problems than it settles.

AMENDMENT 23 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$400 MILLION OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR WATER SUPPLY, WATER QUALITY, AND FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES

Explanation

Amendment 23 would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue an additional \$400 million in bonds for financial assistance to political subdivisions. The Board provides this assistance by purchasing the bonds of cities, water districts, and water authorities at lower rates than those available from commercial lenders.

Voters authorized the first Texas Water Development Bonds in 1957 to provide assistance for water supply projects. Bonds for water quality purposes (construction of sewer lines and sewage treatment plants) were first authorized in 1971. In 1985 voters approved bonds for flood control as part of a constitutional amendment that greatly expanded state assistance for water projects.

The table below shows the amounts that would be authorized by Amendment 23 for each of these purposes and the amounts that were available as of July 31, 1987. The second figure includes authorized bonds that had not been issued plus uncommitted cash balances in the Texas Water Development Fund.

| | Proposed - Amendment 23 | Available - 7/31/87 |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Water Supply | \$200 million | \$108 million |
| Water Quality | 150 million | 222 million |
| Flood Control | 50 million | 200 million |

Prior to the 1985 water amendment, loans from the Water Development Fund could be made only to political subdivisions that could not reasonably finance their water and wastewater projects from other sources. Typically these were very small cities and water districts.

The 1985 amendment authorized use of Water Development Bonds to finance regional water and wastewater systems and projects that would bring surface water supplies to communities using ground water. Consequently, loan commitments are now being made in much larger amounts than previously, especially for water supply projects. In the first eight months of 1987, the Water Development Board approved \$79 million in assistance for water supply projects.

Issuance of up to \$400 million in Water Development Bonds for state cost-sharing in regional water supply and wastewater projects was also authorized by the 1985 amendment. In addition, the amendment authorized the Board to pledge \$250 million of the state's credit for a Water Bond Insurance Program that would guarantee payment of local water bonds. Neither of these programs has yet been implemented by the Water Development Board.

The bond review board (see Amendment 7) must approve the issuance of Water Development Bonds.

For

Citizens in many Texas communities are seeing their water and wastewater bills increase sharply. State assistance to cities and water districts that are improving their water supply and sewage treatment facilities can slow these increases by reducing interest costs for construction money.

It is likely that money available in the Water Development Fund for water supply loans will be depleted by mid-1988. Amendment 23 should be approved to assure that state assistance for these essential local projects continues to be available.

While the need for additional authorizations for water quality and flood control loans is less urgent, it would also be helpful to authorize these bonds now so that funds will be available when needed. The amounts of money that Amendment 23 would provide are only a small fraction of the costs of local projects that are currently being planned by cities and water districts.

By encouraging political subdivisions to begin construction of water supply, water quality, and flood control projects, this amendment would create more jobs and give a much-needed boost to the Texas economy.

Against

Only two years ago Texas voters approved \$980 million in Water Development Bonds, plus use of \$250 million of the state's credit to insure water projects. Only a small fraction of this funding has yet been used. It is much too soon to authorize more state assistance for water programs.

The Water Development Board has not yet implemented the \$250 million Bond Insurance Program, which could provide assistance for at least \$500 million of local water supply, water quality, or flood control projects. Some bond attorneys believe that a state bond insurance program can provide financial benefits to cities and water districts that are equivalent to those from the Water Development Bond program at less cost to the state.

The need for any further state assistance for water projects is questionable. In recent years commercial bond insurance has become available to almost any financially sound political subdivision. Purchase of commercial bond insurance provides interest rates that are, in some instances, lower than those that the Water Development Fund can offer.

Moreover, the new federal tax law severely limits the benefits that can be made available through state "bond banks" like the Water Development Fund. Interest earnings on bond proceeds will be significantly reduced. And administrative costs will be significantly increased by new requirements for reporting on all investments of both state and local bonds to the federal government.

AMENDMENT 24 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT A COUNTY TO PERFORM WORK, WITHOUT COMPENSATION, FOR ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow a county to use county equipment and personnel to perform work, without compensation, requested by another governmental entity, such as a school district, water district, or a municipal utility district. The requesting governmental entity must be located wholly or partly within the county being asked to do the work.

The procedure for requesting work to be performed is spelled out in the proposed amendment. The governing body of the requesting governmental entity would file a written request with the commissioners court of the county, specifying the work to be performed. The commissioners court would hold an open meeting to discuss the project. The commissioners court would approve the work only if they found that it would not interfere with work being done or scheduled to be done for the county, and if the county determines that the cost of performing the service would be reasonable. Written confirmation of the costs also would be required.

For

This amendment would be particularly helpful to small counties. Due to cuts in funding and the poor condition of the Texas economy, some governmental entities, such as school districts, are unable to contract out some of their short-term job needs. Allowing counties to help out other political entities, as long as there was no interference with their own work, would be in the best interest of taxpayers. There is currently a constitutional prohibition against counties assisting other governmental entities.

The workload for county equipment and crews varies throughout the year. This amendment would allow counties to schedule work to be performed for other governmental entities during times when there is no, or very little, county work rather than let equipment and crews be idle. Safeguards are written into the amendment to prevent abuse. A county would have to hold an open meeting to discuss the project, determine that the work would not interfere with their own work, and prove in writing that the cost to the county would be reasonable.

Against

Not all taxpayers would benefit equally under this amendment, and the burden of financing the projects would not be evenly distributed among the county precincts.

The amendment is too broadly worded. A definition of what is meant by "work" should be included.

A mutual aid agreement should be included. No governmental entity should perform work without some payment.

AMENDMENT 25 Wording on Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO SERVE CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF RANDALL COUNTY, TO AUTHORIZE RANDALL COUNTY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICT, AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN HOSPITAL DISTRICTS TO CHANGE THEIR BOUNDARIES OR JURISDICTION WITH VOTER APPROVAL

Explanation

Until 1962, certain hospital districts whose area did not encompass the entire county were created by constitutional amendment. A 1962 amendment allowed their creation by statute. Changes in these constitutionally created districts must be made through constitutional amendment.

This proposed amendment would authorize three things. First, it would allow the legislature to authorize constitutionally created hospital districts to change their boundaries or jurisdiction by a majority of the district's voters in an election rather than requiring a constitutional amendment to make such changes.

Second, this proposed amendment would allow the legislature to authorize Randall County to pay the Amarillo Hospital District to assume responsibility for indigents who reside in the county but are not in either of the two hospital districts in the city, if the voters in the area approve a tax for this purpose.

Third, this proposed amendment would also require Randall County to reimburse the state for the \$45,000 it costs to publish a constitutional amendment in newspapers across the state. This reimbursement would take place only if the amendment is approved statewide and if the affected voters approve the hospital district tax levy.

For

Giving constitutionally created hospital districts statutory authority to make boundary changes would save money and allow voters to concentrate on issues that have statewide application.

This proposed amendment would give citizens in Randall County who do not live in either district an opportunity to provide a way to take care of indigent people in the county who need this service, which the hospital is willing to supply.

All amendments to the constitution must be published in newspapers across the state prior to the election. It is only fair that Randall County reimburse the state as they are most affected by this amendment.

Against

Making Randall County reimburse the state for the cost of publishing this proposed amendment is unfair as the legislature and voters of the state put the hospital district in the constitution. Another proposed amendment, Amendment 15, would benefit only those three counties that want to abolish their state treasurer and they are not being asked to reimburse the state.

The proposed amendment allows for constitutionally created hospital districts to expand their boundaries with approval of voters in the district. It does not give voters in the area proposed for expansion an opportunity to accept or reject the proposal even though they would have to pay taxes to that district.

REFERENDUM PROPOSITION 1

Wording on Ballot

THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED FROM DISTRICTS INSTEAD OF ELECTED, WITH EQUAL REPRESENTATION FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Explanation

This referendum provides for continuation of an appointive system for the State Board of Education (SBOE). The Texas Constitution requires the legislature to provide for a State Board of Education but does not specify the number of members nor manner of selection. Over the years the state has had both elective and appointive systems. In 1984, the 27 member elected board was replaced by a 15-member board appointed by the governor. The terms of the present appointed board expire on 1/1/89. Current law provides for election of the entire board in the 1988 general election to staggered four year terms.

If this proposition carries, the November 1988 election would be eliminated. Current board members would remain in office until 1/1/89. The governor would make appointments to the board from a pool of nominees submitted by the Legislative Education Board (LEB). The LEB consists of the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, chairs of the House Public Education, Senate Education, House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and two representatives named by the lieutenant governor and speaker. The LEB would nominate 3 persons for each of the 15 districts and present the appointees to the senate for confirmation. Board members would serve staggered four year terms.

If this proposition is defeated, the 15 positions on the SBOE will be filled at the November 1988 general election.

For

Extending the current appointive system would provide continuity in state education policy at a critical period. The state could face massive changes in the school finance system due to a recent court ruling.

To change the board now would endanger the education reforms and would be confusing as the Texas Education Agency undergoes sunset review in 1988-89.

The 15 SBOE districts are so large (nearly twice the size of congressional districts) that a person of average means could scarcely mount an effective campaign. A thorough selection process offers a better chance of getting people with the necessary background and experience to serve.

There seems no compelling reason why the Texas Education Agency should be the only state regulatory agency to have an elected board. Also most states (34) appoint rather than elect (11) their state boards of education.

Against

The transitional appointed board was part of a compromise reached during negotiations over the education reform bill in 1984. The legislature intended for the appointed board to be temporary — a bridge leading back to the elective system.

The people should be trusted to elect board members. Any member who does not live up to the voters' expectations could be removed from office at the next election.

An elected board ensures representative government responsive to popular will. If reform is beneficial, voters will elect board members who will maintain the standards already established.

The elective process fosters public support for education and promotes direct accountability.

REFERENDUM PROPOSITION 2

Wording on Ballot

THE LEGALIZATION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING UNDER THE TEXAS RACING ACT ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY LOCAL OPTION BASIS

Explanation

Passage of this referendum would legalize pari-mutuel wagering on horse races and greyhound races on a local-option basis. A majority of voters in each county would have to approve issuance of a racetrack license for that county.

All Texas racing involving wagering on horses and dogs would be regulated by a Texas Racing Commission with eight commissioners, of whom six would be appointed by the governor. Two must be knowledgeable about horse racing and two about greyhound racing, and two must be licensed veterinarians, one a specialist in large animals and the other in small animals; the chairman of the Public Safety Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts serve ex-officio.

The commission would issue three types of horse-track licenses: up to four Class 1 tracks, to operate for a minimum of 45 days a year in a county or adjacent to a county with a population of 750,000 or more; Class 2 tracks to race no more than 44 days a year; and Class 3 tracks to be operated by a county or nonprofit fair for not more than 16 days a year.

There could be no more than three greyhound race tracks, located only in counties with a population of 190,000 or more that include all or part of a Gulf island (Galveston, Nueces, or Cameron Counties), to race as many as 300 evening and 150 matinee performances each year.

The commission would establish rules for racing and would oversee all aspects of horse races and greyhound races. Persons of legal drinking age could wager.

Up to 20 percent of every pari-mutuel pool would be split among the state's general revenue fund, race winners, and racetrack operators. Five percent of horse race pools would go to the state, five percent to winners' purses, and eight or ten percent to operators. Six percent of greyhound pools would go to the state.

County commissioners courts could levy and collect a 15-cent admission fee and an additional 15-cent fee to be distributed among cities in the county.

For

Fees and taxes on pari-mutuel horse and greyhound racing would generate millions of dollars in revenues for state and local governments.

Pari-mutuel horse and dog racing would provide broad economic benefits through the construction and operation of new tracks and expansion of existing ones, and would boost Texas' farm and rural economy by adding thousands of jobs answering demand for feed and bedding, veterinary care, supplies, and equipment.

Dog racing would provide a year-round tourist attraction for Gulf Coast counties.

Most other states permit pari-mutuel racing, including all the jurisdictions surrounding Texas. Legalizing pari-mutuel racing would keep dollars now flowing to out of state tracks at home.

Organized crime would not be a problem because the legislation includes adequate safeguards against it and the profit margin is too low to attract it.

Against

Estimates of public revenues and economic benefits of legalized gambling are exaggerated. Pari-mutuel revenues in surrounding states have never produced more than one percent of a state budget, and have declined in a number of states in recent years.

Pari-mutuel wagering would absorb money that otherwise would be spent on consumer goods, sales of which add to the state's sales tax revenue.

Legalized gambling generates increases in illegal gambling, which attracts organized crime and leads to corruption of police and the criminal justice system.

Legalized gambling effectively imposes a regressive tax on the poor because gamblers are drawn disproportionately from among the poor. It increases the problem of compulsive gambling.

Animal abuse would increase due to the use of live lures in greyhound training, the racing of immature and injured animals, and the destruction of less productive animals.

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