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By Don Nelson

Yes, I'm going to vote in favor of the \$3 million jail-bond issue.

No, I don't relish the prospect of higher taxes any more than you do. But in this self-government of ours, there are times when you just have to do what you have to do.

Castro County has needed a new jail for a long time now. The one we have was built in 1971, and has been sub-standard and too small for more than 20 years.

You may not remember it, but I was advocating a new 45-bed jail 10 years ago.

At that time, Texas' prisons were overflowing, and county jails were having to hold many convicted felons waiting to be sent up. Also, there was a shortage of federally approved jails.

The idea at the time was to build a jail larger than we needed so we could rent beds to the Federal Marshal's Service. The FMS pays a healthy rental fee on available beds, and that would have helped pay for our new jail.

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TWO INJURED—Friday during the noon hour, this 1996 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Jesse James Ramirez, 16, of Dimmitt, rear-ended a 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jose Manuel Moran, 44, of Dimmitt. Both drivers were listed with non-incapacit-

tating injuries and were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital. Damage to the car was rated moderate to heavy, while the pickup had light damage. Ramirez ticketed for failure to control speed. Examining the car is Chris Stanford.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt woman dies in two-vehicle crash

Frances Ortega, 71, of Dimmitt, died as the result of a crash Oct. 11 at 10:25 a.m. at the intersection of FM 2943 and FM 1259.

She was a passenger in a 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera driven by her husband, Joe Ortega, 79, of Dimmitt. According to reports from the Dept. of Public Safety, Ortega had been driving north on FM 2943 (Big Daddy's cutoff).

A 1997 Ford pickup driven by Nolon Henson, 73, of Happy, was heading east on FM 1259 and had stopped at the intersection with FM 2943 (marked by a flashing light). The DPS reported that Henson said he had stopped at the stop sign, and did not see the Ortega vehicle approaching. He pulled out into the intersection, causing the two vehicles

to collide. Both vehicles came to rest on the northeast corner of the intersection, and had heavy damage. No citation was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Ortega were taken by ambulance to Hereford Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Ortega died at 11:21 a.m.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ortega were held Saturday morning in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. She is survived by her husband, a son, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Public meeting on jail bond issue set Monday

A public meeting on the \$3 million jail bond issue being considered for Castro County will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Expo building in

Dimmitt, and the public is urged to attend.

The members of the Castro County Commissioners' Court will

be present to answer questions. Also, Terry Julian, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, is scheduled to attend and answer questions.

Early voting to start Monday

Early voting for the Nov. 7 general election will start Monday, continuing through Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday that is not a state holiday.

Ballots may be cast at the county clerk's office in the courthouse. Those wanting to vote early should take their voter registration card with them.

Applications for a ballot by mail should be sent to the county clerk's office. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31.

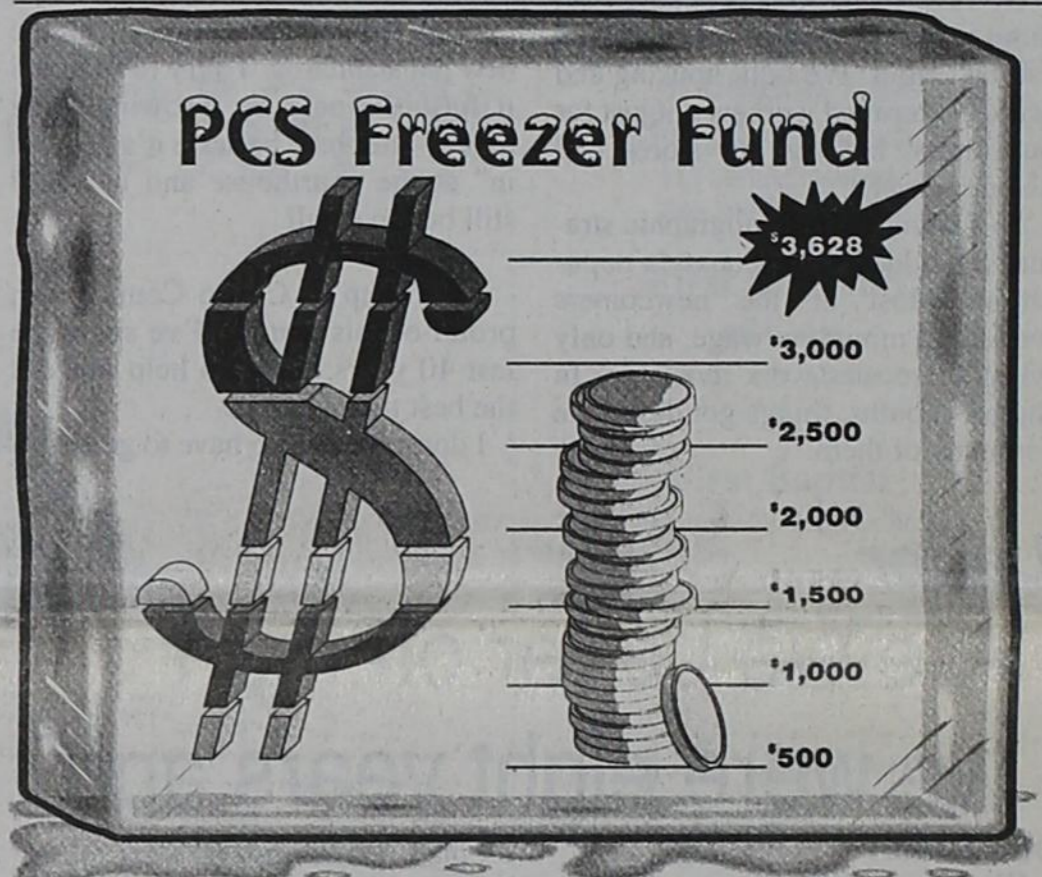
Those who are not sure about the voting precinct in which they reside can find that information on their voter registration card or they may contact Voters' Registrar Billy Hackleman at the courthouse.

Ken Burns of Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects, who is the chief architect for the jail project, and Vince Viaille, financial advisor for the county in the bond process, will present additional information.

The bond issue will come before the voters in a bond election set to appear on the ballot for the Nov. 7 general election.

"We want everyone to come out for this meeting, whether they are

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FREEZER FUND—\$2,980.18 in donations have been received through the special "freezer" benefit fund for Panhandle Community Services' Food Pantry, but organizers of the fundraiser say \$3,628 is needed to pay for the freezers. Donations can be made at First United Bank.

Graphic by Paula Portwood

Jail bond Q&A's — 2

Why can't we just close the old county jail?

(Second in a four-part series of questions and answers compiled by the News staff on the county's proposed \$3 million jail bond issue, to be voted on in the Nov. 7 general election.)

Q. Why can't we just close the jail?

A. It still is the county's responsibility to provide for prisoners. There would have to be some type of holding facility to keep a person

once they are arrested until they can be processed and sent to another jail. There also would have to be a place to hold prisoners who are awaiting a court appearance, County Judge Irene Miller said.

When several cases are set for one court session, there must be a place to hold the prisoners until their case is called.

Also, the county would still have to pay the cost of "farming out" the prisoners for which it is responsible.

Q. If the new jail is built, what will happen to the old jail?

A. Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said a jailer office and the six-bunk cell block on the lower floor will still be maintained for temporary holding of prisoners awaiting a court appearance.

Miller said the upper floor of the jail would eventually be remodeled to hold a courtroom, offices and storage space.

"We are out of room in the courthouse," Miller added.

Q. Are the rules and regulations changing so fast that this jail will be outmoded by the time it is completed?

A. No. According to Ken Burns, chief architect of the project, this structure should meet all the qualifications that the jail will have to face for the next 20 years, and with the way it is designed, there should be room to easily expand the number of cells if the inmate population outgrows it.

Q. Why so much for a jail?

A. Jail construction is much more costly than standard construction.

Everything has to be designed for safety and security, as well as being durable and low maintenance.

This jail will not have any bars, according to Burns. He said the cells will have detention glass along the front so that there is total visibility without the inherent problems that come with bars.

Detention glass is expensive. So is bullet-proof glass that will be used in high security areas of the jail.

Also, regulations require electronic controls on doors and other features. The electronic systems are

expensive, too.

Q. What's wrong with bars?

A. Things can be thrown through them, people can reach through them, and inmates have used them to hang themselves. Also, they contribute to the noise level of the jail, which can be distracting to the jailers, Fitzgearld said.

Q. Why should the new jail hold 49 prisoners?

A. It doesn't have to, but the staffing ratio set by the jail commis-

sion allows one jailer for every 48 inmates in a one-floor structure. The larger capacity allows room for the current number of prisoners (without "farming out" any) and allows for future inmate population growth.

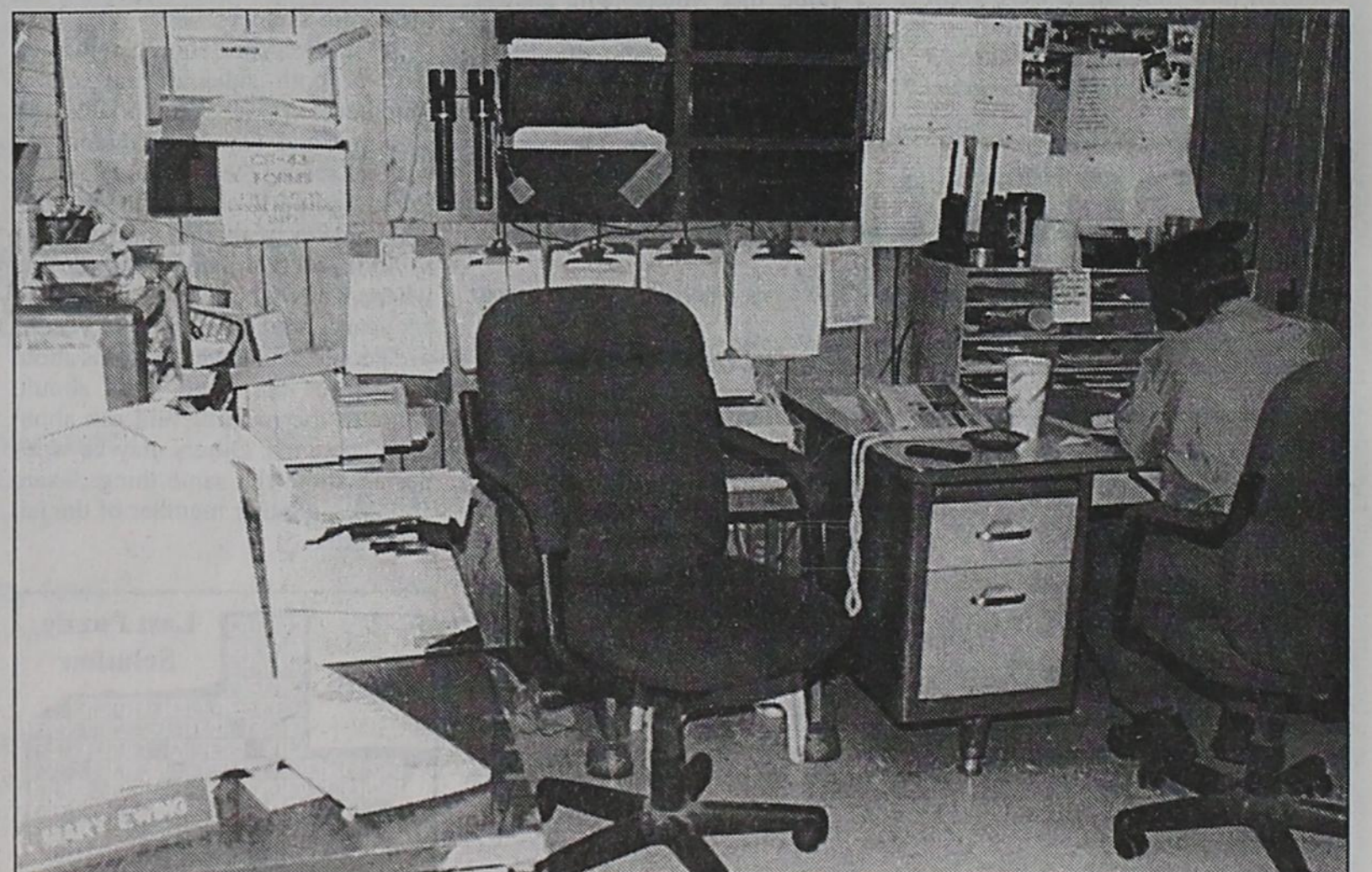
Fitzgearld said when he was first elected sheriff, the jail averaged six or seven prisoners per day, but the average has been 21.5 over the past three years, and it seems to be increasing. Miller said although the county's population is declining, the

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BARS CAN BE A BIG PROBLEM in jails, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. He said they are a type of security problem because prisoners can reach through them or throw things through them. Statistics show that they also are a favorite means of suicide for prisoners in Texas jails.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



CROWDED SPACES are a problem throughout the Sheriff's Dept. in the courthouse. Here, the jailer's office holds three desks (one not shown) and records

and communication equipment for monitoring the upstairs cells, which is required by the State Commission on Jail Standards.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Also, we would have been in a position to work through the legislature to demand that the state pay for the boarding and feeding of state prisoners in county facilities.

And, too, we would have had future expansion room built into the jail.

The new jail didn't happen back then—in fact, it didn't even come to a vote—although it would have been cheaper if it had.

Since then, Texas has spent billions of dollars on new prisons, which has alleviated the state's back-up problem.

But our local space problem hasn't gone away.

Some of our people are wondering openly why we have to have so much local law enforcement or twice as many jail beds.

When Jack Cartwright was the sheriff and W. W. Jones was the city marshal, they ran two-man shops and kept the peace. Now we have all these police officers and all these deputies and all these jailers. Why?

Well, there are three main reasons why.

(1) Forty years ago, Castro County was one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, with the highest per-family-unit income in Texas.

In a well-to-do area, you don't have as many jailable crimes such as burglary, auto theft, theft by check, etc. Those crimes are committed mainly by people with little or no income.

As the late DISD Supt. Paul Hilburn predicted in the 1960s, "The poor follow the rich." And they certainly did here.

Diversified farming brought about more and more demand for seasonal "stoop" labor. We built housing and actively recruited workers not just for our farms, but for our stores and homes as well.

So a whole new demographic stratum was added to our county's population. Most of the newcomers worked at minimum wage, and only when there was work available. In the off-months, things got desperate for many of them.

And the crime rate went up. We coped—at least partially—with the impact on our schools. But not with the impact on our jail.

(2) It took the drug culture between five and 10 years to spread from the West Coast and the Northeast to Castro County. But when it finally got here in the '70s, it hit us in spades, with our teenagers as the front-line customers.

Drugs were the rich kids' domain at first, but soon enough the phenomenon spread to the poor kids.

It takes a lot of money to support a drug habit. Many of those who commit the crime of drug abuse will also commit the crimes of burglary, theft and fraud to get the money to buy drugs from those who commit the crime of selling them.

Drugs are behind the largest share of crime, not just here but all across the nation.

So the crime rate has continued to go up. So has the need for more law enforcement officers and more courts to cope with it. The only thing about the whole crime-fighting system that hasn't expanded through the years is the size of our jail.

(3) State jail standards have changed considerably through the years.

These changes have come about partly because of practical lessons learned by our law enforcement officers and partly because of court rulings that resulted from civil rights suits filed by prisoners.

The Texas Jail Standards Commission has set stricter and stricter specs regarding prisoner space, lighting, air conditioning, recreation facilities, safety, etc.

Our jail has been remodeled and upgraded in every way practical through the years to comply with the new jail standards. To try to remodel it further would be throwing good money after bad, because it's "walled in" at the courthouse and it would still be too small.

I grew up in Castro County. I'm proud of this county. I've spent the last 40 years trying to help make it the best that it can be.

I don't want us to have to go to our

neighboring counties with hat in hand any more, and pay them for the use of their jails because we're too cheap to build our own.

We can pay \$3 million over the next 20 years for a law enforcement center, or we can pay out the same amount or more over the same period to have our prisoners boarded out to other counties.

You can complain about the cost if you want to, but for most of us, the amount we'd pay each year for the proposed new jail isn't as much as the pocket money we shell out for French fries.

If you're a major landowner and don't want to help pay the tab, let me remind you of something: Years ago, we non-landowners voted willingly to take on a bigger share of the tax load so your equipment and livestock could be exempted. But now we need your help with this.

And while I'm at it, let me ask you a question: Did you vote to empower those guys who gave us the Freedom to Farm Act of 1996? The cost of a new jail is chicken feed compared with what that doozy is costing you.

It's a popular avocation, especially in this part of the country, to resent the "government" and its rules and regulations that affect our lives.

Many candidates and advocates play on this tendency of ours to resent everything governmental. Mac Thornberry, for instance, has been a member of the Republican majority in Congress for many years now, but still is running for re-election on an anti-government, anti-establishment platform.

But where this jail plan is concerned, the "government" is the neighbors whom we elected to take care of our county's business.

Our Commissioners' Court appointed a committee of lay people to study all aspects of the jail situation and make a recommendation. As I understand it, the jail committee decided that it would be fruitless to pump any more money into the old jail or to continue to spend so much to board out prisoners. The committee recommended a new jail complex.

The county hired an architectural firm experienced in jail construction to draw up a workable, affordable plan. (That's what Randall County should have done, but didn't.)

The plan has been through a reasonable and thorough process. Our commissioners weren't even required to call an election on it. They have the power to simply order it done, and issue warrants to pay for it. But they opted for a referendum.

Now, we can listen to the people whom we elected to local office, who have been dealing with the problem for years, or we can discount them as "tax-and-spend politicians" and reject their judgment.

We can listen to our neighbors who served on the jail committee and endorsed this plan, or we can label them "the tax-and-spend government," discount their recommendation and vote against the plan that they endorsed.

You're free to vote however you want. (Come to think of it, isn't that a great thing?)

As for me, I'm going to vote this time to upgrade my county.

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Meeting . . .

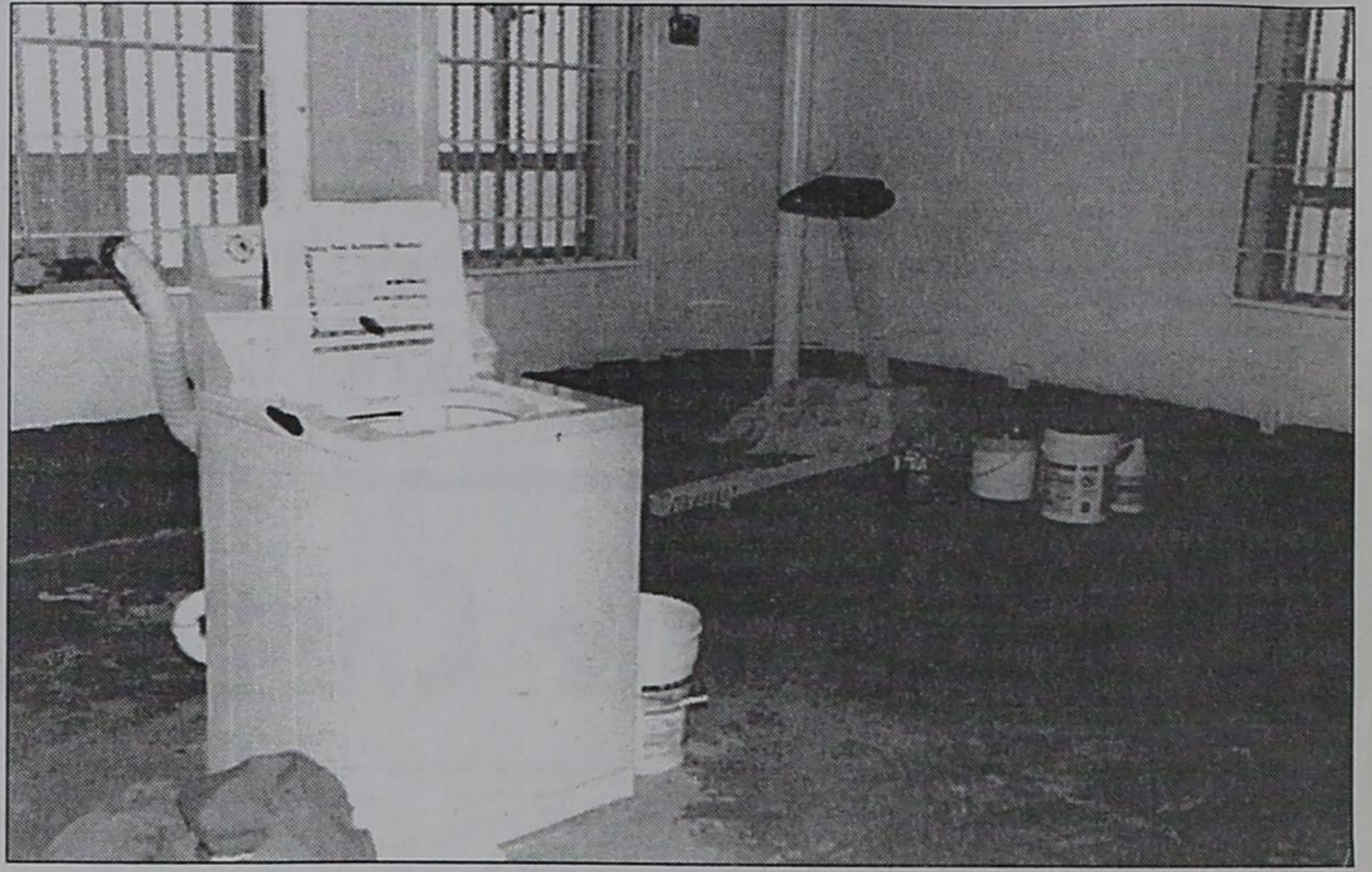
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'for' or 'against' the jail," said Jackie Smothermon, a member of the county jail committee appointed by the commissioners.

"I feel everyone should come and look at both sides of the issue," Smothermon said. "You shouldn't sit at home and say 'I'm against it,' without seeing the pros and cons.

"It's going to cost us (the taxpayers) one way or another, and we need to look at both sides and decide where we're going to be in five or six years and then in 10 or 12 years."

"People who have questions about the jail or the bond issue should come to the meeting and ask about their concerns. Others may be wondering about the same things," said Jo Parks, another member of the jail committee.



DOUBLE DUTY—The women's day room area in the Castro County jail also doubles as the laundry room. The day room area is designated to give prisoners a little more room to walk around, work out, or have

activities, but the washer and dryer and stacks of laundry cut into it more than a little bit. The State Commission on Jail Standards requires that prisoners have day room space. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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crime population is increasing. She said she is seeing an increase in her court (county court) in cases of drug and alcohol offenses and assaults.

It is more cost effective operationally to have the higher capacity, since it requires the same staff as a smaller jail.

Making the jail a 36-bed capacity instead of 49 would only save \$200,000 to \$300,000, according to Burns, and it would limit the future growth capacity.

The jail commission requires that 10% of the jail capacity be in separation cells, which would take five beds out of the total 49, leaving 44 beds to be split among the various cells. It is best to have an even number of beds in multiple-occupancy cells.

In addition, any cells not needed by county prisoners could be used to house prisoners from surrounding counties who are facing similar problems of having to "farm out" their prisoners. It could be a source of income, although it could not be depended on to fund the project. If 10 outside prisoners were housed each day at \$35 per day, it would bring in \$127,750 per year. Fitzgearld said any income from housing outside prisoners would go directly into the general fund of the county budget.

Fitzgearld said he has an informal commitment from Swisher County to house their overflow prisoners here, so they would not have to drive clear to Hale County or Levelland, as they do now.

Q. Why do we have to provide air conditioning for prisoners when many homes do not have it?

A. The jail commission requires a temperature range of 65 degrees to 85 degrees for prisoners. It cannot be lower than 65 nor higher than 85. That is why the present jail has air conditioning.

Q. What does it cost to house prisoners?

A. Estimates from County Audi-

tor Maretta Smithson set the in-county rate at \$60.64 per day for each prisoner, based on an average prison population of 14.7 prisoners divided into the jail budget of \$326,928.97 from the past fiscal year, and divided by 365 days in the year. She also estimated the "farmed out" rate to be \$81.41 per day per prisoner. That includes the customary charge of \$35 to \$38 per day charged by area jails, plus the cost of transporting the inmates back and forth.

Q. What happens if the bond election fails?

A. The next move will be up to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

—The jail could be shut down completely, causing the county to have to farm out ALL of its inmates, at an estimated cost of \$594,293 per year. In six years, that would be enough to pay for the \$3 million jail project.

—The cap on the number of prisoners that can be housed here could be lowered from the present level of 18 down to 12 or fewer. Again, this would cause the county to have to farm out even more prisoners. Possibly, another deputy would have to be hired, just to transport prisoners back and forth.

Q. When people first started talking about the jail, a cost of \$2 million was mentioned. Then it went up to \$2.5 million. Now it is \$3 million. Why?

A. When the project was first discussed was well over a year ago. Inflation and rising costs are the culprits for part of the increase. However, when the project was first discussed only construction costs were considered, Burns said. But with a bond issue other costs must be included.

The architect's fee, the financial advisor's fees, and other auxiliary costs had not been figured in originally, but they are included in the \$3 million figure.

Q. How long will it take to build the jail?

A. Fitzgearld said it has been hinted at that it may take roughly 18 months.

Q. Can't we send prisoners to Tulia?

A. The facility in Tulia is a prison, not a jail, and prisoners cannot be sent there until a judge says to send them.

Q. If all of these rules and regulations are mandated by the government, isn't there any government money to help pay for meeting them?

A. The Texas Association of Counties has been trying for years to get the legislature to stop unfunded mandates, but things haven't changed, according to Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

Miller said she has inquired about possible federal or state grants available for the project, but said she was told there is no money available for county jails.

Q. Why worry about meeting the jail standards?

A. If the jail becomes decertified, the county would be at risk of having its law enforcement insurance revoked, leaving the county to face any possible lawsuits on its own.

(If you have a question, let the News know and we will seek out an answer from an authoritative source. Call us at 647-3123, write to us at P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, or e-mail us at ccnews@hiplains.net.)

Classifieds get results!

Letter

Are we better off than we were eight years ago?

Dear Editor:

We have just returned from Branson, Mo., where we read the local paper. A letter to the editor on Oct. 3 caught our attention with some thought-provoking questions.

Because I agree with the lady's premise completely, I will quote some of the letter.

Democrats have made one issue in the current election campaign to ask the voter 'are you better off today than you were eight years ago?' implying that the eight years of Clinton/Gore have somehow made life a bit easier for each individual."

Thinking about this question energized me to ask several other parallel questions such as the following:

◆ Are your taxes less than they were eight years ago?

◆ Is the status of education better than it was eight years ago?

◆ Are public school children excelling in areas of math and science?

◆ Can you turn on your television or attend a movie now and find more wholesome entertainment than you could eight years ago?

◆ Are there fewer children killing children now than there were eight years ago?

◆ Eight years ago, were there 13 of China's ballistic missiles targeted

on the US cities as there are today?

◆ Is military morale better today?

◆ Do you feel as secure about military strength of the USA as you did eight years ago?

◆ Are religious public displays more prevalent today than they were eight years ago?

◆ Do you have more respect for the government today than you had eight years ago?

◆ Are the Boy Scouts enjoying as high esteem today as they had eight years ago?

◆ Is there more or less respect shown, for the law today than there was eight years ago?"

—Mary E. Traeger Forsyth

I would add this question:

◆ Are we less dependent on foreign oil than we were eight years ago?

The present administration has stopped the possibility of oil development in Alaska, which has the potential of producing oil enough to free us of much of our dependency on the Middle East.

I hope that voters will answer these questions honestly before they decide who to support on Nov. 7.

RALPH G. SMITH

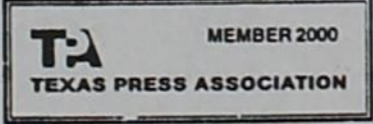
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I'm sure the drought is not over, but we've had some very welcome moisture. This gives us hope for more, and it was refreshing just to be reminded that it can rain.

Shirley Wise flew to Athens, Ga., for a fall trip to see her son, Kyle, his wife, Robin, and grandchildren, Evan, 12, Camille, 10, Ryan, 7, and Erica, 3. Kyle is the pastor of the Vineyard Church in Athens. The children, all except Erica, attend school at the Westminster Christian School. Robin is a full-time wife and mom.

They visited the Mall of America. There is a wall at the mall with bricks protruding like steps, reaching three stories high, and there are ropes for anyone who accepts the challenge of a climb. Camille scaled the wall without too much effort and upon reaching the top, she punched a button that sets off music to tell everyone in the mall that someone has successfully made the climb.

Shirley spent most of her time just being a grandmother. She read lots of books to Erica, helped those in school with their homework, listened to the music they played on the piano, and savored being with the family she seldom gets to see.

The Dimmitt Birthday Club met for lunch to celebrate Mearle Morgan's belated birthday. This group was once the Dimmitt Dinner club. Back then they played dominoes and celebrated birthdays with their husbands. Now, since it is just "the girls," they've become a lunch bunch.

Those honoring Mearle were Bertha Thompson, Oleta Gollehon, Kate Beecher, Mary Edna Hendrix, Irene Carpenter and Floyce George (Floyce was the chaperone).

The reason this was a belated birthday for Mearle is that she had been in Oklahoma City with her daughter and son-in-law, Deanne and Gary Cooner on her actual birth date.

The celebrations have continued on. Frances Frazier had birthday brunch in her home for Mearle and Lucille Dollar. Other who were there included Jane Vaughan, Billie Kirby, Billie Gwyn Davis, Maryelle Powell, and Alvin Frazier.

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt attended a fall retreat sponsored by the Ogallala Quilters Society at the Plains Baptist Encampment near Floydada. There were nine women from Dimmitt there, includ-

ing Darlene Collins, president of the society. There were representatives from as far south as Smithville, near Austin, where former Dimmitt resident Jan Duke came from, and as far north as Canadian, where another former Dimmitt resident, Patricia Sadler Powell, came from.

Laurene Sinema of Phoenix, Ariz., was the guest instructor and lecturer for the retreat. She had applique and embroidery patterns, circa 1824, that she taught the quilters to make. She was a delightful lecturer.

There also was time for fun and fellowship. The weather was beautiful. They saw 15 deer and several wild turkeys on their morning walks to breakfast and back to the lodge where they stayed.

Shirley Wise led the Sunday morning Bible study, with the theme of "The Master Quilter." I would like to thank Shirley, Darlene, and Joyce Davis for helping me get this story.

Hallie Wise, daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise, celebrated her 13th birthday on Friday the 13th of October. I'm sure there was cake and the usual birthday treats, but the one that intrigued me was the trip to Lubbock with her grandmother, Maxine Tidwell, for her first make-up instruction. Maxine presented her with the proper make-up for a 13-year-old. Maxine had done this for Hallie's sisters, Holly Wise Davis and Heather Wise, when they were 13. Since this is a family tradition, I'm sure little sister, Hanna, is looking forward to her trip when she is 13. I saw Hallie Sunday. She just looked beautiful, but then she always does.

Billie Kirby and I dropped in to wish Bernice Hill a happy birthday. Bernice's son, Benny Hill of Amarillo, was there to help celebrate. Benny works for the Amarillo Globe-News in the advertising department.

He graduated from Dimmitt High School with the Class of 1966 and was wondering who from his class still attends First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. I looked at the senior picture for the Class of 1966. Not one person with whom Benny went to Sunday School still lives here. But two of his fellow classmates, Joe James and his wife (the former Jackie Johnston), spend a lot of time in Mexico as missionaries.

Mary Dove's daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Gary Beebe of Bayfield, Colo., were her guests for a few days. Gary and Peggy are retired wild game meat processors. V.C. recalled that during elk season many years ago, Gary invited him to come to Colorado in pursuit of an elk.

They drove the recreational vehicle to the Purgatory ski area, parked it at the bottom of the closed ski slope and hunted from there. They saw many female elk, enjoyed the beautiful fall mountain colors, and the hunt. They didn't bag an elk, nor did they ski, but the hospitality was great!

The Mayor of Hart, Marguerite McLain, and her grandson, John McLain, were having lunch in Dimmitt recently with Donita Behrends of Earth, Marguerite ex-

tends a hearty welcome to anyone who hasn't been to Hart lately to drive down and see their lovely centennial pavilion and the beautiful landscaping that has been done along their main street.

Circle on around to Nazareth before the freeze and see their pretty new park near the Catholic Church. It is worth the drive.

It is my goal to keep this column up-beat and positive. I like to report the good times that Dimmitt people have had. However, sometimes a piece of "not so good" news comes along. As Waurayne Hughes said when she called to tell me, "This deserves a story!"

Emily McLean Clingsmith is moving to Fredericksburg in the hill country. Emily is a native of Dimmitt. Her grandfather, Charles Ellsworth McLean, and her grandmother, Rosa McLean, established the First State Bank of Dimmitt around 1907. The bank remained in the McLean family until about 1984. Four generations of McLeans served

as bank officers, starting with Emily's grandfather, Charles, her father Bruce McLean and wife Ruby, brother Bob McLean and his wife, Helen, and Bob's son, Robert. Emily's brother Charley, was president of the Farwell Bank during this time until his death.

Emily married Ira Clingsmith. They had one daughter, Ruby, who now lives on a peach orchard near Fredericksburg. Ruby and her husband, E.W. Hallfield, have moved a house in for Emily right across the road from their house. We wish her well in her new home.

The good news is that Emily has sold her house on Pine Street to a young couple, Tait and Shelli Crow. Tait graduated from DHS, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from West Texas A&M University in Canyon and married Shelli, who is from Anton, but had been coaching in Dimmitt. He is now employed with Doug Proffitt, C.P.A., and she continues to coach in the Dimmitt schools. We welcome this couple as they establish their home in Dimmitt.

Hart ISD clinic earns state award

The Hart Independent School District (HISD) school-based health center has received the Rural Texas Community Recognition Award from the Texas Rural Health Association.

The Texas Rural Health Association honored the Hart school and others for outstanding efforts in promoting health in rural Texas. The awards were presented at the group's 16th annual conference, held Aug. 28-30 in Austin. The Hart School Clinic has brought health care to the community through innovative partnerships and creative coordination of services and resources.

Started in 1992 with a state grant for in-school clinics, the Hart clinic works with the pediatrics department at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

A pediatrician travels to Hart once each week to see patients and, since 1998, a weekly telemedicine clinic has supplemented the on-site care.

With the leadership of the school nurse, Retta Knox, RN, the clinic has

expanded to provide an array of health care services and health education to children in Hart and the surrounding area. Services are available to any child, not just to those enrolled in school.

Other award winners honored include Jennifer Lynn Ludwig, project coordinator at Lavaca Medical Center in Hallettsville, who was honored as a "Person Who Has Made A Difference in Texas Rural Health Care;" and Project MEND, Inc. of San Antonio, the "Program That Has Made a Difference in Texas Rural Health."

The Texas Rural Health Association is a statewide organization providing a unifying forum on Texas rural health care issues for consumers, health care professionals, em-

ployers and public officials. For information, contact TRHA at PO Box 2337, Austin 78768-2323; call (512) 476-6527; e-mail to <TxRHA@aol.com> or visit the web site at <www.trha.org>

Lee Street Baptist plans Harvest Fest

Lee Street Baptist Church at 410 SW Second Street in Dimmitt will hold Harvest Fest 2000 on Oct. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. and children of all ages are invited to participate.

The evening's event will include candy, games, and prizes.

There will be a cake walk, "Pin

the Tail on Balaam's Donkey," and lots of other fun games.

Those attending are encouraged to dress as Bible characters, animals, or in job-related costumes, and the best costumes will be awarded special prizes. (No witches, ghosts or monsters, please.)

Handweaver's Guild sets Oct. 26 meeting

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome to attend.

For meeting location or more information, call 358-2765.

The Mardi Gras celebration goes back to an ancient Roman custom of merrymaking before a period of fast. In Germany it is called Fastnacht, and in England, Pancake Day.

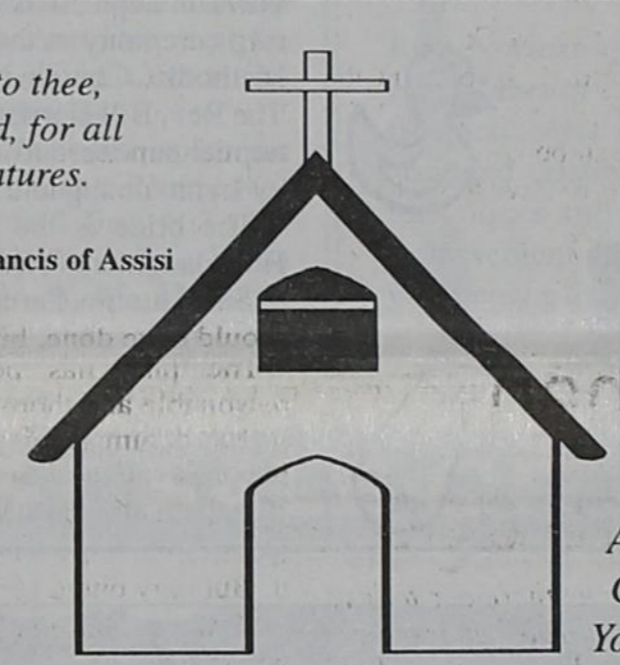
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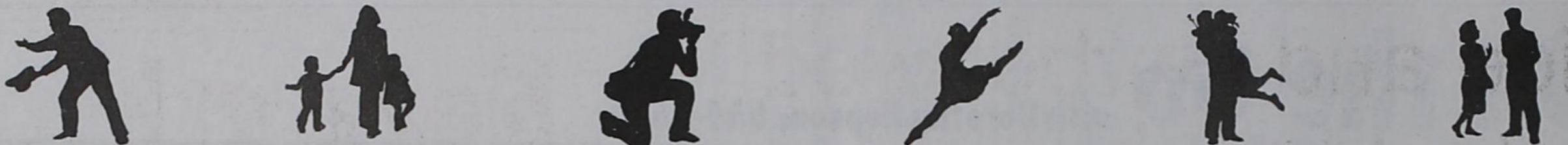
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Health Fair canceled due to no flu vaccine

The delayed shipment of flu vaccine that had caused the annual Castro County Health Fair to be postponed has now caused it to be canceled until the spring.

The fair, which had been scheduled for Nov. 7, will be held sometime in the spring and will include all the services that had been planned for the fall event, according to Linda Rasor, R.N., an organizer of the fair. "When we receive the shipments (of the flu vaccine) the public will be notified and high-risk individuals will be given the vaccine first,"

Rasor said.

The Texas Dept. of Health has recommended that the vaccine go first to those at the highest risk for complications from the flu. This includes nursing home residents, people with chronic heart, lung, or kidney disease, people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women in their second or third trimester during the flu season, and children or teens on long-term aspirin therapy.

For more information, call Rasor at 647-2191.



MRS. PAUL AXTELL
... nee Kristen Hall

Newlyweds establish home in College Station

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Axtell are home in College Station after enjoying a wedding trip to New England.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 30 in a formal, double ring ceremony at the Colonial Hills Methodist Church in San Antonio. The Rev. Bill Harris officiated at the nuptial service and he was assisted by Lynn Young and Jeff Hall.

The bride is the former Kristen Hall, daughter of Arthur and Jan Hall of San Antonio. Parents of the groom are Charles and Diane Axtell of Dimmitt.

Music was provided by the groom's father, Charles Axtell; the groom's aunt and cousins, Carol, Elizabeth and Michael Dahlstrom of

Ankeny, Iowa; and friends of the bride, Betsy and Dana Jacobson and Kathy Ogletree of San Antonio, who performed *Set Me as a Seal and the Lord Bless You and Keep You*.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Amy Hall Vernon, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly Axtell of College Station, sister of the groom; Katie Duffy of Dallas, friend of the bride; and Sonia Drabek of College Station, friend of the couple.

Best man was Charles Axtell of Dimmitt, father of the groom. Groomsmen included Mark Justice of Levelland, Jim Ridenour of Brownfield and Steve Drabek of College Station, friends of the couple.

Ushers included Barry Hill of Galveston, Michael Ethridge of Nazareth and Chance Jackson of College Station, friends of the couple.

Following the ceremony, a wedding reception honoring the couple was held at the San Antonio Garden and Arts Center.

The bride is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman. She is a senior at the Texas A&M University School of Medicine.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine. He is employed by Shenandoah Veterinary Clinic in College Station.

When folding beaten eggs into a batter, stir about a quarter of the whipped whites into the batter first to lighten the base and make the folding easier.

Half the labor force will be over 40 by the year 2005.

Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner slated in Nazareth

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a holiday arts and crafts bazaar will be held in Nazareth on Sunday, Nov. 19.

The Christian Mothers Society's annual turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The holiday bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The event is being organized by the Nazareth Art Club and the group is currently accepting reservations for booth space.

The 8' x 10' booths will rent for \$20 each. Each booth will include a table and two chairs. When reserving space, exhibitors are asked to specify

whether or not they will need the table and whether they prefer a wall or center booth. Organizers also request information about what will be displayed in the booth.

Checks must be payable to Nazareth Art Club and booths will be assigned on a first-come basis.

The last day to reserve booth space will be Saturday, Nov. 11.

The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 19 to allow exhibitors time to set up their displays.

For more information or to reserve space, contact Lucille Drerup, PO Box 3, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2583.

Grant helps establish computer lab at Rhoads Memorial Library

With the financial aid of a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt has been able to establish a new computer lab.

The new public access lab is equipped with two new Gateway computers with Internet connections and one laser printer and on Oct. 27 the library will hold an open house.

From 4 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 the public is invited to attend the open house. During the event, trainers from the Gates Foundation will demonstrate how to use the computers.

Rhoads Memorial Library, located at 103 Southwest Second Street in Dimmitt, moved to its current location in 1973 after being housed in the courthouse basement for many years.

The new computers add to the library's infrastructure that includes a computerized card catalog and inventory system, and a full-time

connection to the state's public information service.

The library staff will be glad to instruct any who wish to know how to use the computers.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, created by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, is dedicated to improving people's lives by sharing advances in health and learning with the global community. The foundation looks for strategic opportunities to extend the benefits of modern technologies around the world, especially where poverty serves as an obstacle to participating in these benefits.

Grants are made to libraries for the purpose of providing computers and Internet access in the US, Canada and around the world so that they may act as gateways to the digital world, especially for patrons in low-income regions.

Randel Chamber Orchestra will open season on Nov. 3

The Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will open its 2000-01 season with a performance at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo on Friday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m.

Music director and conductor James Setapen will lead the Chamber Orchestra and will be joined by soprano Heather Alvarez. The concert includes works by Beethoven and Aaron Copland.

"The opening concert of the Randel Chamber Orchestra is our season in a nutshell—music by Beethoven and Copland," said Setapen. "Alvarez performs not only Beethoven's passionate concert aria *Ah! Perfido*, but also Copland's very lovely songs on eight poems of Emily Dickinson."

The program also includes Beethoven's *First Symphony*.

At 7 p.m. Setapen will give a talk on what Beethoven means to him.

The 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture by Setapen that precedes the performance is free to all ticket holders. This lecture is part of the Amarillo Symphony's year-long Beethoven Festival that includes performances of many of Beethoven's greatest works and a series of special talks.

The concert will start at 8 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door.

Alvarez has been the featured soloist by the Amarillo Opera and she currently lives in New Mexico.

Subscription tickets for all three Randel Chamber Orchestra concerts are \$25. Single tickets for this show will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students.

For more information call the Amarillo Symphony office at 376-8782 or order tickets online at www.amarillosymphony.org.

Wedding shower honors Dowlings

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dowling of Denton were honored with a wedding shower Saturday in the home of Mrs. Winston Waggoner of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Dowling is the former Rachel Goldsmith, daughter of Dan and Deborah Goldsmith of Dimmitt. Mr. Dowling is the son of Kim Brice of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The serving table was covered with a beige Battenburg lace tablecloth. It held mosaic candles and colorful autumn leaves along with the copper beverage service.

Guests were served hors d'oeuvres and hot spiced tea.

The 30 hostesses assisting Mrs. Waggoner with the shower presented the couple with a vacuum cleaner.

Special guests at Saturday's shower included the groom's mother; his grandmother, Mrs. Naomi Casey of Oklahoma City; and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Polly Mills of Bovina.

Out-of-town guests included Casey Dowling, Terry Lemmons and Michael Lemmons, all of Oklahoma City; Karla, Layai and Emily Withrow, all of Littlefield; Sara Silvas of Amarillo; DeJores and Rica Meeks of Texico, N.M.; and Mrs. Harry Riggs of Muleshoe.

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Rice and Gerber wed in double-ring ceremony

Brandi Rice and Kurt Gerber exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 16 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Phil McClendon of Lubbock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Glenda Gerber of Amarillo and the late Jerome Gerber.

A crystal vase with calla lilies decorated the altar area at the Methodist Church. A candle in memory of the groom's father was lit along with the unity candle featuring crystal candles.

Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Marie Winders and Deanne Clark, who played the keyboard. Susan Coleman performed *Psalm 63* and Eunabeth Williamson sang *Only God Could Love You More, How Beautiful, Because You Love Me* and *You are My King*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a simple but elegant formal-length white satin sleeveless gown. The bodice featured a sheer overlay trimmed in satin. The back of the gown featured a row of buttons. A waist-length veil of illusion and attached headpiece completed her outfit.

Tisha Gerber of Nazareth, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Shawna Williams of Beaumont, friend of the bride, served as a bridesmaid.

Best man was Chad Gerber of El Paso, brother of the groom. Loyd Gerber of Colorado Springs, Colo., was a groomsman.

Ring bearers were Eric and Cody Brown of Amarillo and Quentin Gerber of El Paso, nephews of the groom.

Flower girls were Chelsea Brown of Amarillo, the groom's niece.

Guests were seated by Ramey Rice of Dimmitt, brother of the bride; and Phillip Tyree, Robert Warren and Jose Duarte, friends of the groom.

Communion servers were Cathy Brewton, Rusty Dickerson, Feller Hughes and Howard Rhodes.

Following the wedding, an outdoor reception was held in the backyard at Camille and Andy Williams' home in Dimmitt. Balloons and bows were scattered across the backyard. White and floral tablecloths covered the



MRS. KURT GERBER
... nee Brandi Rice

guest tables.

Members of the house party were friends of the bride's family.

After a wedding trip to various points of interest in Colorado, the couple have established their home

in Albuquerque, N.M.

The bride is employed at the University of New Mexico Hospital.

The groom works for Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Inc.

Wesley UMC plans festival

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will host its 20th annual festival of arts and crafts on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths

are available and applications will be screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications can be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Paul Venhaus, 83, who died Friday, Oct. 13, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. Funeral services were held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth Monday morning with the Rev. Peter Otto officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery where his wife, Lillian, was buried in 1992.

Survivors include three sons, Joe of Nazareth, Greg of Friona and Harold of Hobbs, N.M.; three daughters, Eileen Gerber of Ruidoso, N.M., Nelita Collins of Farmington, N.M., and Analeen Lane of Shallowater; a sister, Helen Backus of Nazareth; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Louise Braddock and Marilyn Wilson enjoyed the weekend in Kellar with Gene and Susie Gerber.

A large group of senior citizens enjoyed dinner and the evening at the Senior Citizens Center. All those with October birthdays were recognized with special attention given to Evelyn Backus and Lawrence "Smick" Schmucker, who celebrated their 75th birthdays.

After the dinner, Tom Hoelting emceed a roast for Smick, and it was a lot of fun for everyone.

Guests were Father Peter Otto, Alvina Gerber, Mark and Marcie Hoelting and Tom and Raelene Hoelting.

Marie Venhaus of Dumas is staying at the home of her daughter, Bernice Hoelting. Marie is recuperating from hip surgery.

"Christmas in October" was celebrated over the weekend by the Rose Birkenfeld family.

The event was hosted by the Leslie Birkenfeld family and Rose, and was held at the American Legion Hall.

Approximately 60 of Rose's family members attended.

Jamie Birkenfeld, a great-granddaughter, won the drawing for the "Little Hand Quilt," and Dale Birkenfeld won the "Big Hand Quilt" which were given. The quilts were made by Rose, with hand imprints from the little ones (great-grandchildren) and bigger adults.

Leslie had transferred old 8-millimeter family movies on to VCR tapes and everyone enjoyed viewing life from the old days. A good time was had by all.

Thank you to the CYO members for giving decorated pumpkins to the senior citizens.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman, Edith Huseman, Patricia Kern, Lori Huseman, Marie Venhaus and Ashley Winters, 3-year-old granddaughter of Mr. Crone.



Nikki Davis (seated), Mary Mays and June Norman

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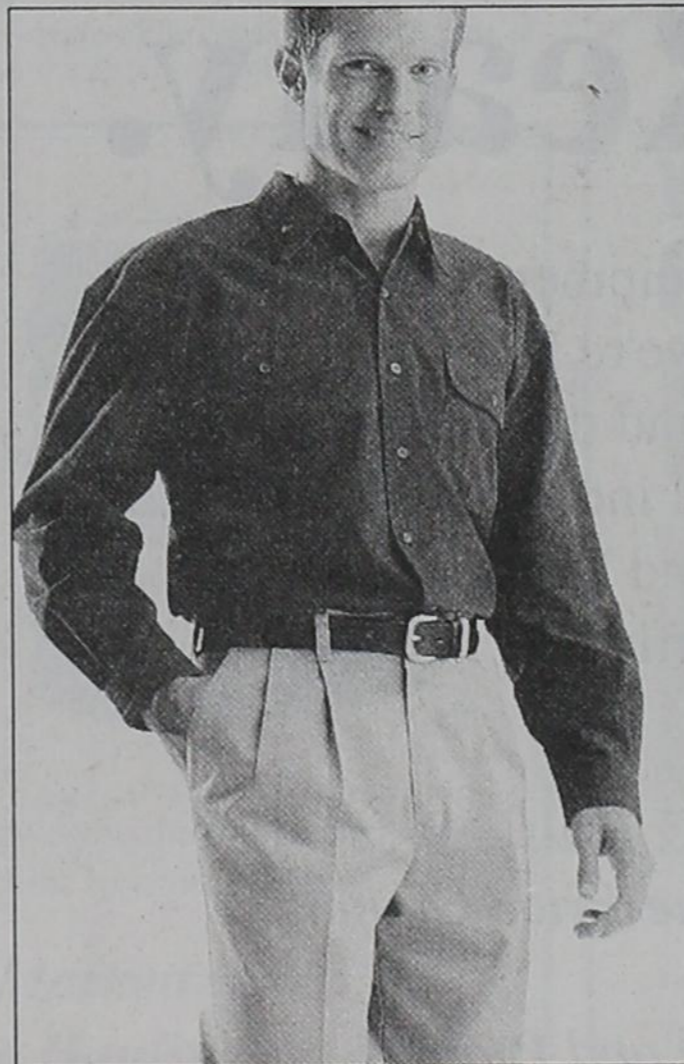
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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held Friday afternoon at the new offices of North Gin of Dimmitt. Earlier this year the gin office was leveled a new, modern facility was erected in its place. The ribbon is being cut by gin manager Jim Bradford

(holding scissors). He was joined at the ribbon cutting Friday by friends and family including his wife, Sally (standing beside him) and his mother, Mildred Bradford (standing to Sally's right).

Photo by Anne Acker

House approves ag bill with extra \$3.5 billion for disaster

The House of Representatives last Thursday gave its final approval to the Fiscal Year 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Among other things, the bill would provide an additional \$3.5 billion in disaster assistance to agriculture producers.

The bill addresses several areas of concern for local agriculture producers.

In an effort to help cotton producers, \$100 million in federal lending authority and \$78 million for federal cost share programs would be established for boll weevil eradication. More research money would be granted to Texas Tech University and to the Plant Stress Laboratory in Lubbock.

A major problem for many producers this year has been crop quality. There are guidelines and funds in the bill that would assist producers by delivering assistance based on quality loss, according to US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Texas), one of the bill's supporters.

"Trade sanctions reform would also be established so that products we make here could be sold to other nations that need it. Also, payment limitations for Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains would be doubled from \$75,000 to \$150,000 for year 2000 crops," Thornberry said.

More than \$828 million would be funded for the Farm Service Agency—up \$34 million from last year. An additional \$50 million would be set aside in the bill for the Farm Service Agency to use in delivering the emergency assistance package.

"The bottom line is that while the extra money in emergency disaster assistance is not enough to solve all of agriculture producers' problems, it does provide some relief," Thornberry said. "The ongoing drought has taken its toll on just about everybody. There were a lot of factors that impacted producers' struggles, but disaster has been a

heavy hitter in the 13th District this year."

Key disaster assistance provisions affecting the 13th District include:

- ◆ Estimated \$1.6 billion for crop quantity, quality or hardship assistance.
- ◆ \$473 million for dairy loss assistance.
- ◆ \$490 million for the Livestock Assistance Program.

◆ \$30 million drought assistance for communities in four states, including Texas, to be administered through the Rural Community Advancement Program. Eligible communities must be declared a federal disaster area after Jan. 1, 2001.

The bill also would provide \$86 million for agricultural research, including \$500,000 for cotton research and a review of current grain sorghum research programs at US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) labs. \$80 million for an emergency conservation program would address damaged farmland and rangeland.

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Tax credits are available for businesses in county

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently announced a tax break program dealing with franchise tax credits.

The franchise tax credits include a

research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

"All three tax credits are real, and businesses large and small will benefit," Rylander said. "The total dollar

amount of the tax breaks will depend on how many businesses take advantage of this tremendous tax credit program."

A group of 106 counties qualify for a limited-purpose Strategic Investment Area designation based on their population. Castro County is among those counties.

Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these 106 counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits under the program.

The job creation credit is for companies that create at least 10 jobs, that pay at least 110% of the county's average weekly wage, and pay health benefits. The company may receive a credit equal to 25% of the ages paid to new hires in their first year of employment.

Companies may be eligible for the investment credit if they invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment and may receive a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5% of the investment.

Both credits are limited to 50% of the company's tax liability.

"Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good-paying jobs for hard working Texans," Rylander said.

For more information, contact the comptroller's office at 1-800-531-5441 or check the web site at www.window.state.tx.us

Northern High Plains Zone okays eradication

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture recently announced that cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the six-county zone.

The six counties are Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Randall and Swisher.

Final results were 1,063 voting "for" and 521 voting "against" establishing an eradication program. In addition, producers in the zone voted to set a maximum annual assessment for the program not to exceed \$12 per planted row acre for irrigated cotton and \$6 per planted row acre for dryland cotton.

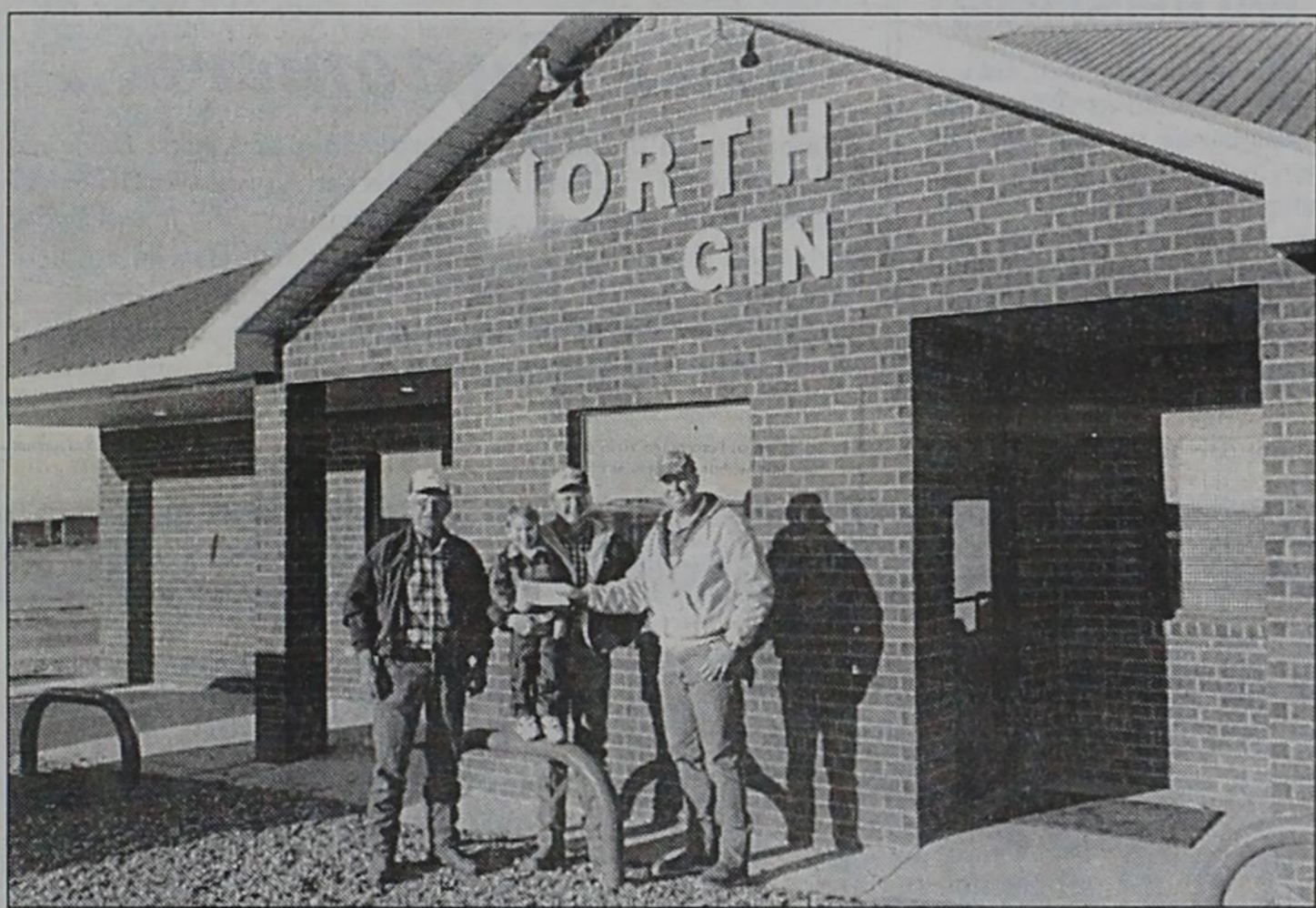
To officially establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Northern High Plains Zone and set an assessment, the propositions had to be approved by a two-thirds vote, or those voting in favor needed to farm more than 50% of the zone's acreage.

"Producers in the Northern High Plains have shown they want an eradication program," said Ag Commissioner Susan Combs. "We look forward to working with them and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in eliminating this costly pest in Texas."

The TDA issued 3,410 ballots to cotton producers in the zone who were eligible to vote in the referendum. There were 2,161 valid ballots postmarked by the Oct. 2 deadline and counted.

Cotton producers also elected Weldon Melton of Hale County to represent the Northern High Plains Zone on the state-wide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Melton is a cotton producer who has farmed in the zone since 1975.

The zone consists of approximately 600,000 acres in the six counties.



As a bonus for our first bale of 2000 cotton, manager Jim Bradford (right) presents a check for \$500 to grower Donny Carpenter to be donated to the charity or project of his choice. Also taking part are Donny's 3-year-old son, Landon, and his father, Don. Donny said the bonus check will be donated to the Smithlawn Adoption Agency in Lubbock. Our first bale of cotton came from Dusty Plains Farm, Inc., four miles west and two south of Dimmitt.

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Pesticide applicators reminded to update CEUs for licensing

As the deadline approaches, agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds pesticide applicators to obtain the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 2001, renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31, 2000, deadline.

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to riversa@agr.state.tx.us.

"There are many options for obtaining the required CEUs," Combs said. "Applicators can attend CEU courses, complete a self-study course at home, or even obtain CEUs over the Internet."

"The information provided in the CEU classes helps applicators stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use," Combs said.

Applicators will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed their license. The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form he or she receives in the mail in December or January.

This renewal cycle will be especially large, Combs said, adding that "More than 26,000 private applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, which is more than twice the normal number."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations.

All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will

receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Licensed private applicators cannot retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of getting the CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Private certificate holders also must obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certificate current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless the CEUs are kept up to date. A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the private applicator training and obtain a private applicator license instead of earning the CEUs. However, they will be required to earn 15 CEUs over the next five-year cycle.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories, laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7622 or by logging on to TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm.

Bands to attend marching contest

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Marching Band and the Nazareth Swift Band will participate in the Region I UIL Marching Contest set for Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Band boosters ask that parents and community members show support for the band members by coming out to watch them perform. Admission to view the contest is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

The Nazareth band's marching time is set for 10 a.m. near the end of the Class A group.

The Dimmitt band is scheduled to march at 4:48 p.m., the last of the Class 3A bands, performing just before the supper break.

The ratings will be announced immediately following each class.

Selected bands from Region I in the 3A and 5A classes will be selected to compete in the Area A Marching Contest set for Oct. 28, also at Dick Bivins Stadium, competing with bands from the regions of Lubbock, Odessa and El Paso.

The winners of the Area A competition will go on to the State Marching Contest Nov. 8 in Waco.

Correction

In a story in last week's issue about the Masonic Lodge awards night to be held tonight (Thursday), it was reported that a 50-year service award would be presented to Harold E. Bennett of Hart.

The award recipient will be George E. (Ed) Bennett. The lodge's worshipful master issued an apology this week for the mixup of names.

Also at tonight's ceremony, a 60-year award will be presented to H. N. Dyer of Dimmitt.

Friends and family of the two men are invited. The meeting and award ceremony will begin at 8 o'clock, following a lodge dinner at 7.



GRAND OPENING—The Castro County Republican Party held a ribbon cutting for its election headquarters on Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. The headquarters is at 210 W. Bedford (second office), and it will be open each weekday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to stop by for information on Republican candidates or to pick up signs and bumper stickers. Also, those wanting election information may call the office at 647-0210. Castro County Republican Chair Emma

Jean King said that party volunteers will be available to give voters a ride to the polls, for early voting, as well as on election day, if advance notice is given so that arrangements can be made. At the ribbon cutting are (from left) Betty Freeman, Doris Flynt, Jane Vaughan, Mary Lou Schmucker, Billie King, Emma Jean King, Robin Gonzales, Dorothy Hopson, V.C. Hopson, Patsy Franks, and Kaye Stevens.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Soil and water conservation districts support water rights

Directors representing Texas' 216 soil and water conservation districts passed a resolution last week supporting protection of certain water rights within the Texas Water Code.

Approximately 1,000 soil and water conservation district directors and other conservation leaders attended the 60th annual state meeting of district directors, which was held Oct. 2-4 in Fort Worth.

At that meeting, they expressed their support for the protection of water rights.

Referred to as the "junior water rights" provision, Texas Water Code Section 11.085(s) and (t) provide safeguards to protect permitted water users against inter-basin water transfers during times of water shortage.

"What this means is that inter-basin transfers of water cannot supercede the rights of water holders in the basin of origin," said James Moore, director of conservation programs with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

"As the demand for surface water is growing dramatically, there are more proposed sales of water rights permits to municipalities and industries that would transfer water outside the basin," said W.S. Edwards, chairman of the Trinity Bay Soil and Water Conservation District.

Current Texas law mandates that all water subject to inter-basin transfers would be junior in property to all existing water rights within that originating basin. When water rights are sold to a new entity for inter-basin transfer, the new entity becomes junior to all older permit holders on that watercourse. During times of water shortage, all obligations to permit holders within the basin would be fulfilled before any water could be transferred out of the basin.

"This resolution is intended to

ensure that agricultural interests are given fair consideration by future changes to the junior water rights provision," Edwards said.

Efforts in the Texas Legislature to repeal the "junior water rights" provision passed in the Senate in 1999, but died in the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives.

The right to withdraw surface water is a permitted activity in the state. Currently, thousands of acre-feet of surface water are pumped

each year from rivers, streams and bayous for cropland irrigation and livestock purposes.

Soil and water conservation districts are responsible for promoting and carrying out a conservation program by assisting landowners and operators in planning, applying and maintaining appropriate conservation and resource management plans.

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4-H'ers learn about 'gleaning'

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke explained how the gleaning process works and the benefits received from this work to a group of Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H'ers on Oct. 10.

The 4-H club held its regular monthly meeting and the Dukes were the guest speakers, representing the Society of St. Andrew.

The Dukes told the 4-H'ers they are seeking volunteers to help with the gleaning project.

4-H'ers who participated in the South Plains Fair, Tri-State Fair and State Fair of Texas were recognized at the meeting.

Anna Brockman participated in the Fashion Follies, placing fourth. Elizabeth Hill finished second.

The Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club agreed to have a Halloween party.

The club held a food class on Tuesday at the Extension Office in Dimmitt and has planned a second session for Monday at the same location.

A Clover Kids meeting has been planned for Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

Ag commissioner to visit Hereford

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs will hold a town hall meeting in Hereford at 4 p.m. next Thursday as a part of a series of meetings held across the state to find out the concerns of farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders.

All of the meetings are free and open to the public. The Deaf Smith County meeting will be held in the Hereford Community Center, The Ballroom, 100 Avenue C, in Hereford.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community, and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future."

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas.

For more information on the town hall meeting, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA, at (512) 463-7593 or jmcferrin@agr.state.tx.us.

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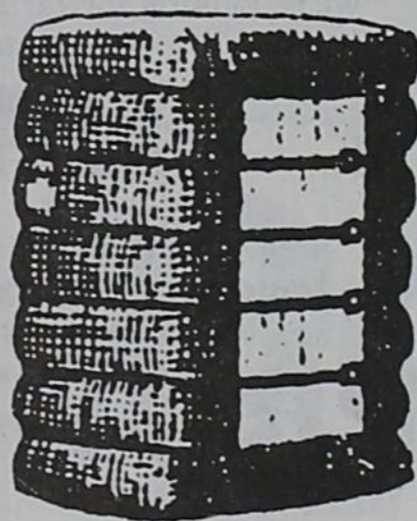
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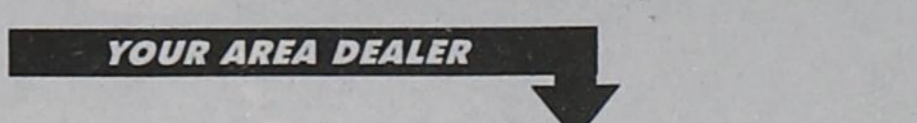
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Olton group plans annual Sandhills show

The Olton Young Homemakers Club is accepting applications for booth space at its annual Sandhills arts and crafts show, which has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25. The booths rent for \$25 for each 8'x10' space. For more information or to reserve a booth, contact J.J. Graham at (806) 285-7715.

'Rainbow Room' will celebrate first birthday

Community Partners of the Central Plains, better known as the Rainbow Room, will celebrate its first birthday in Plainview on Nov. 10, and as part of that celebration, a drawing will be held for a 2001 Ford F150 pickup. Central Plains Community Partners serves Hale, Castro, Floyd, Dickens, Crosby, Swisher, Motley and Briscoe Counties. The Rainbow Room is a resource for Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers. In an average month, CPS investigates 60 new cases in addition to the 35 cases that it serves on an ongoing basis. CPS also supervises 76 conservatorships—children who are in foster care. "Since its inception last year the Rainbow Room has served well over 300 clients," said Valerie Miller, president of the Community Partners of the Central Plains board of directors. Due to the success of the truck raffle last year, the board is again offering tickets for \$100. "Only 350 tickets will be sold," said Nikki McCarthy, co-chairman with Bill Key on the fundraising drive. "Along with the opportunity to win the pickup, participants will be eligible for a 52-inch big screen television, quail hunting trip for two, \$100 cash or a two-night stay in Colorado." For information or to purchase a ticket, call Sandra Logan at (806) 296-1311 or Nikki Logan at (806) 296-1362.



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BREED CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE ... Exhibited by Corey Lane of Dimmitt

Lane's market hog earns breed honors at state fair

Corey Lane of Dimmitt FFA earned \$2,500 with his Hampshire barrow after the pig claimed breed championship honors at the State Fair of Texas. Lane's 257-pound Hamp captured first-place honors in the heavyweight class, then topped the field to claim the breed championship honors. Lane has raised livestock for eight years and he has learned not to become too attached to his animals, according to a story in the Oct. 7 issue of *The Dallas Morning News*. "His secret: He doesn't give them names anymore," the story related. Lane described his Hamp as "hard-headed." With the \$2,500 profit from the sale of his pig, Lane said he may purchase other pigs or save the money for his college education. He plans to attend Texas A&M University. Brad Lane of Dimmitt also showed a Hampshire in the State Fair, placing 15th with his 259-pound pig. Other Dimmitt FFA members exhibiting animals at the fair were Jeremy Simpson and Holly Lane.

TWC granting awards for child care workers

The Texas Workforce Commission is again giving eligible child care workers awards as part of the Train Our Teachers (TOT) program. Awards (not to exceed \$1,000 each) will be given to approximately 400 child care workers statewide who will be enrolled in eligible courses during the spring of 2001. Applications and guidelines will be

available beginning Oct. 13 on the TWC web site at www.texasworkforce.org/svcs/childcare/cctrain.html. Applications also are available at Texas Workforce Centers and community colleges with approved programs. TOT awards are targeted to current child care workers seeking to earn national certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA) or as a Certified Child Care Professional (CCP); or who are seeking a Level 1 certificate or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education from an institution of higher education. To be eligible to receive a TOT award, child care workers must have a high school diploma or GED; must be currently employed in a child care facility that is licensed or registered by the Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS); must obtain one of the aforementioned credentials; and immediately after completion of the award-subsidized course work, must continue employment for at least 18 consecutive months in a facility that is licensed or registered by TDPRS. The deadline for applications for the awards is Nov. 15. Applicants may call 512-936-3137 for more information.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Oct. 19-27.

DIMMITT
Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Rice Krispie treats, grape juice and milk.
MONDAY: Hash brown potatoes, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, fresh banana and milk.
THURSDAY: Donuts, banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, white hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.
MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, bean chalupe or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or applesauce; fideo mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli and cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls or arroz mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs,

southern fried chicken or Chinese plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, fideo mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuit, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
TUESDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Biscuit, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips or steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, green beans, pears, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger and potato chips or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, apple cobbler, peach cobbler or cherry cobbler, assorted fruit juice, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chef's salad or barbecued rib sandwich with

chips; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie, and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage in a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Waffles and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, cooked carrots, oranges, apple crisp and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken fried steak and rolls or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, pinto beans, fruit, gingerbread and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, broccoli and cauliflower salad, chicken rice, peaches, walnut bars and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, tossed salad, pears, applesauce, cherry cobbler and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pears, pudding and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, cornbread, tossed salad, green beans, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.

Cooley's story is featured in new folktale anthology

A year ago, Lorelee Cooley of Pampa captivated audiences at Dimmitt Middle School and Richardson Elementary School with her storytelling and now she'll be sharing her tales with the world. A newly-released folktale anthology, *More Ready-To-Tell Tales*, includes a story by Cooley, who is listed on the Texas Commission on the Arts "Touring Artist Roster." *More Ready-To-Tell Tales* was compiled and edited by David Holt, a storyteller who has been featured on the popular television show *HEE-HAW*, and who currently hosts the PBS radio series "River Walk" out of San Antonio. Holt's editorial colleague, Bill Mooney, is an actor who has appeared in several soap

operas and now also works as a storyteller. They published an earlier volume, *Read-to-Tell Tales*, designed for anyone interested in discovering some good stories to tell, and this companion book features over three dozen nationally-recognized storytellers with a story of their choice. Both books are published by August House Press in Little Rock. The story included from Cooley's repertoire is an Iraqi folktale, "The Kiss of Evil." She first told it in 1987 at Louisville, Kentucky's Corn Island Storytelling Festival. Copies of the book are available from Cooley or at Best Kept Secrets, 1925 N. Horbart, in Pampa. Cooley originally visited Dimmitt Middle School in September 1999 and returned to Richardson Elementary School in January under a program sponsored by Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center. Her visit to schools in Dimmitt, McLean, Stratford and Tulia was part of a pilot project to establish an outreach program of Texas Tech's International Cultural Center. Cooley used songs, stories and language games from five selected countries to introduce students in grades K-12 to other cultures. Texas Tech provided flags, maps and other materials to enhance the presentation. To date, the outreach program has been funded through Texas Commission on the Arts, Texas Tech University and the *Amarillo Globe News'* Newspapers in Education program.



Who's New
OUT OF TOWN
It's a girl for Marty and Tisha Gerber of Nazareth. Their daughter, Blakely Danielle Gerber, was born at 3:47 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Toby and Vincent Gerber of Nazareth, and Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Joyce Rice of Hart, Jimmie and Floyce George of Dimmitt and Mary Gerber of Nazareth. Great-great-grandmother is Irene Carpenter of Dimmitt.

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Basic computer class coming to Dimmitt

A Computer Competency Class, never before offered in Dimmitt, will be presented on Wednesday, October 25 by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center. "It amazes me that people will spend a small fortune buying a computer, and never learn to use it," says Mr. Cowan. "This class is designed to make a new user comfortable and competent on the computer. We start at the absolute beginning for the benefit of new users. We also cover many areas of special interest such as E-mailing pictures to friends, making free long distance calls using the Internet, and recovering from problems. It's like a computer basic class, Internet class, and office skills class rolled into one." Accelerated Learning Center has taught thousands of computer students in over two dozen states. "We offer a full satisfaction, money-back guarantee. It's hands-on training of important skills that takes most people months to learn on their own." "Learning the computer doesn't have to be difficult," Cowan claims, "we cover each procedure several times to make sure you get it. Further, each student will be given a quick reference guide with written instructions on how to do everything covered in the class." This one day class will be held in Dimmitt, from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM, at the Rhoades Memorial Library, 103 SW 2nd. The cost is \$99 per person, payable at the door. If you buy two tickets, you'll get the third for half price. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat or obtain more information.

Obituaries

Levi Bennight

Funeral services for Levi Wesley Bennight, 90, of Kingston, Okla., and formerly of Hart, were held Saturday afternoon at the Watts Kingston Chapel in Kingston, Okla., with Stacy Escoc officiating and Bob Gibson assisting.

Graveside services were held Monday morning in the Hart Cemetery at Hart. Arrangements were under the direction of Watts Funeral Home of Kingston.

Mr. Bennight died Oct. 12 at a Madill nursing facility, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 21, 1910, at Altus, Okla., to Joseph and Eula (Myres) Bennight. He was reared in Altus before moving to West Texas in 1930. While living in West Texas, he worked as a farmer and was active in the Baptist Church. He moved to the Hart area in 1954. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruby Bennight, in 1970. He married Helen Lasiter on July 9, 1988, at Kingston, Okla., where he had moved from Hart.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Kingston, Okla.; a son, Wesley Bennight of Plainview; four daughters, Bertha Lee Runkle of Sulphur, Okla., Lola Mae Marcy of Levelland, Mary McNew of Lubbock and Doris Melton of Enid, Okla.; three stepsons, Henry Lasiter, Robbie Lasiter, and Eddie Lasiter, all of Kingston; a stepdaughter, Jo Stone of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Gonzales

Graveside services for Mary Gonzales, 43, of Dimmitt, were held Friday morning at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Rosary was held last Thursday evening in the Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gonzales died Oct. 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born May 2, 1957, in Waco. She attended schools in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She is survived by a son, Michael Gonzales of Kennedy; four daughters, Dominga Gonzales of Guymon, Okla., Rosemary Barrera of Lubbock, Melissa Gonzales of Dimmitt, and Amanda Gonzales of Amarillo; three brothers, George Sifuentes of Earth, Johnny Sifuentes of Brownfield, and Pete Sifuentes of Dimmitt; four sisters, Cresencia Sifuentes and Rosie Lucio, both of Dimmitt, and Dioncia Torres and Sally Sifuentes, both of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Jewelry show set at hospital

The Castro County Hospital District will sponsor its annual fund raiser on Wednesday (Oct. 25) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital, and the public is invited to attend.

Gold N Visions Jewelry Sales will be selling watches, sterling silver, baby jewelry, 14 kt. gold jewelry, bridal sets and more, with part of the proceeds used to purchase small equipment needs for the hospital district.

Jewelry for sale will include designer items from Jeep Collins, Kabanana and David Yurman.

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Frances G. Ortega

Funeral mass for Frances G. Ortega, 71, of Dimmitt, was said Saturday morning in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Rosary services were held last Thursday and prayer vigil was held Friday, both at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mrs. Ortega died Oct. 11 at 11:21 a.m. at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 9, 1929, in Tucumcari, N.M., and she grew up there, graduating from high school there. She married Joe J. Ortega on Nov. 19, 1946, in Tucumcari. She attended Amarillo College and received her teaching certificate. They moved to Dimmitt in September of 1952, and Mrs. Ortega worked as a bilingual teacher's assistant in the Dimmitt school system for 20 years. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a Guadalupeana and a Cursillista.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecilio M. Garcia, David M. Garcia, and James M. Garcia; and two sisters, Isabel Madrid and Nickey Delnecco.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; a son, Robert Ortega of Tucumcari; two sisters, Josephine Arrietta of Pojoaque, N.M., and Aurora Lujan of Tucumcari; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jose Delfino Garcia, Roy Garza, Cecilio "Pat" Garcia, Wally Silva, James Garcia Jr., Valentin Caballero, and Migual Soria.

The family suggests memorials to Catholic Family Service, P.O. Box 15127, Amarillo 79105.

Oscar Quintero

Oscar Quintero, 66, of Hereford, brother of Cruz Quintero of Dimmitt, died Sunday in Amarillo.

Prayer services were held Monday and Tuesday in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home's Rose Chapel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Rose Chapel with the Rev. Armando Pinales, pastor of New Beginnings Church, officiating.

Mr. Quintero was born in Hargill. He moved to Deaf Smith County in 1976 from McAllen. He was a farmer and a member of New Beginnings Church in Hereford. He married Frances Montano in 1993 in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife; three sons; five stepsons; three brothers, Cruz Quintero of Dimmitt, Bobby Quintero of Hale Center and Raymond Quintero of Moriarty, N.M.; four sisters, Carmen Lopez of

Springlake, Tommie Crowder of Dallas, Janie Quintero of Hale Center and Delia Aguirre of Plainview; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jose R. Rodriguez

A vigil service for Jose R. Rodriguez, 82, of Holcomb, Kan., former Dimmitt resident, was held last Wednesday, Oct. 11, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Garden City, Kan.

Funeral mass was celebrated last Thursday, Oct. 12, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father James E. Baker officiating. Burial followed in Valley View Cemetery in Garden City under the direction of Garnand Funeral Home of Garden City. Graveside rites were conducted by Garden City Area Veterans Honor Guard.

Mr. Rodriguez died Oct. 7 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born April 24, 1918, in Fort Stockton. He married Antonio Castro Cruz on May 19, 1941, at Ballinger. She died on March 28, 1976.

He was raised in Ballinger and served in the US Navy during World War II. After his discharge from the Navy, Rodriguez returned to Ballinger. He later moved to Scott City, then to Holcomb and then to Dimmitt in 1984.

He worked as a sheep shearer, and migrant field worker, for a pipe supply company and in the maintenance department for Brookover Ranch Feed Lot. He enjoyed music, reading and visiting with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, Jose and Agustina (Reyes) Rodriguez; five sons including infant twins, Andando, Jerry and Genaro; a daughter, Alicia Rodriguez; and three brothers.

Survivors include six sons, Joseph Rodriguez and Jacinto Rodriguez, both of Deerfield, Kan., Jesse Rodriguez of Garden City, Johnnie Rodriguez of Leoti, Kan., and Pete Rodriguez and Julian Rodriguez, both of Dimmitt; two daughters, Mary Torrez of Dimmitt and Janie Castillo of Silverton; a brother, Antonio Rodriguez of Carlsbad; a sister, Chavela Martinez of Brady; 56 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Jose Rodriguez Memorial Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Gaby Roland

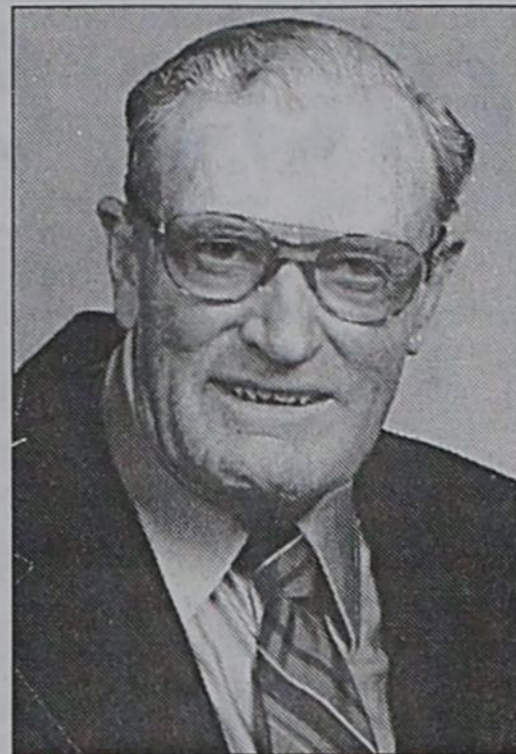
Gaby Rowland, 66, longtime Dimmitt resident, died Sunday, Oct. 15, at Tucson, Ariz.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Roland was born April 2, 1934, in Flushing, Mich., to Francis and Florence Maisonville. She married Bob Roland on March 11, 1952. The family moved to Dimmitt from Tulia in 1969. She had been a resident of Dimmitt until June 1999 when she moved to Tucson. She was an active member of the Dimmitt VFW Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law, Gay and Chip Jarvis of Tucson, Dede and Tom Hollis of Amarillo, Tina and Stanley Maurer of Dimmitt and Lynn and Dane Cheatham of Denton; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kathy Roland; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Paul Venhaus

A vigil service for Paul Venhaus, 83, lifetime resident of Nazareth, was held Sunday evening in the CCD Building at Nazareth.

Funeral mass was read on Monday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Peter Otto officiating, assisted by Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Venhaus died Friday at 6:05 p.m. at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

He was born Nov. 11, 1916, in Nazareth and was raised there. He graduated from Nazareth High School and attended Subiaco Academy in Arkansas for a year. He married Lillian Birkenfeld on May 3, 1938, in Nazareth. She died on Jan. 4, 1992.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Third Order of St. Francis. He played the bass fiddle for years in the band *Melody Six*.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a daughter, Janelle Hutson in 1976; and a son-in-law, Jimmie Collins in 1995.

Survivors include three daughters, Eileen Gerber of Ruidoso, N.M., Nelita Collins of Farmington, N.M. and Analeen Lane of Shallowater; three sons, Joe Venhaus of Nazareth, Greg Venhaus of Friona and Harold Venhaus of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Helen Backus of Nazareth; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

In Greek mythology the muse Calliope presided over heroic poetry while Clio presided over history and lyre playing.

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-Dave Barry

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Five sentenced in district court

Five men were sentenced in 64th District Court on Oct. 3 with Judge Jack Miller presiding.

An order was entered for Sergio Navarro to defer further proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt if he successfully completes five years of probation.

A plea of guilty was entered to the charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with an April 26, 1999 incident.

Terms of the plea bargain also include a \$1,000 fine, \$261.25 in court costs, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, and 400 hours of community service.

A judgment of a plea of guilty/nolo contendere was entered for Mario Alberto Corral on charges of assault with bodily injury from a Jan. 7 incident. He was sentenced to 360 days in the county jail, probated for 364 days, and assessed a \$1,000 fine, \$282.25 in court costs, a \$50 donation to Crime Line, and 100 hours of community service.

A plea of guilty/nolo contendere was entered for Narcisco Gauna for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, on Jan. 28. He was sentenced to four years in the Institutional Division Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for four years. He also was assessed a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$262.25, attorney fees of \$250, a \$50 donation to Crime Line, and 400 hours of community service.

He must have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle he drives, complete the repeat offender's program of DWI education classes within one year, spend 10 days in the county jail, and must attend AA meetings.

Leroy Ramirez also entered a plea of guilty/nolo contendere to DWI, third or more offense, and was sentenced to four years in the TDCJ, probated for four years. He must pay a \$1,000 fine, \$272.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and \$50 to Crime Line, and must perform 400 hours of community service.

Ramirez also must have an ignition interlock device, complete the repeat offenders program, serve 10 days in the county jail, and attend AA meetings.

An order was entered modifying and extending the probation of Alan

Bilyeu. He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram on June 18, 1998.

His original sentence was two years in the TDCJ, probated for two years, a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, \$140 in restitution to the Dept. of Public Safety, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line.

Because he violated the terms of his probation, his community supervision will be extended an additional two years and he must remain in a substance abuse felony punishment facility for no more than one year and an after care facility until he is released. He also must pay an additional \$250 in attorney fees.

Holiday Calendar

OCTOBER—The Field of Screams, a spook house in a field located 6-1/4 miles north of Nazareth, will be open after sunset until 11 p.m. on the following dates: Friday and Saturday and Oct. 26-31, weather permitting. Admission is \$5 per person.

OCT. 31—Lee Street Baptist Church will sponsor a Harvest Fest from 7 to 9 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend and compete for candy, games and prizes. A cake walk, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey and other games are planned. Costume prizes will be awarded, but organizers ask that those attending dress as Bible characters, animals or in job-related costumes rather than as witches, ghosts and goblins.

NOV. 19—Annual turkey dinner and holiday arts and crafts show will be held in Nazareth. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Holiday bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nazareth school cafeteria.

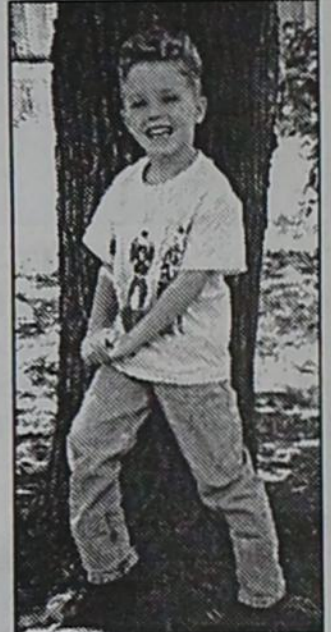
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Sports



Flag-fest yields 6-0 win for Eagles

By DON NELSON

In football, 0-6 is a terrible thing, whether it's a score or a record.

The season that started with such high hopes for the Bobcats and their new young coaching team hit its lowest point Friday night when they lost an 0-6 decision to the Roosevelt Eagles here.

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 0-6 on the year. Dimmitt is nursing a 12-game losing streak dating back to Sept. 24, 1999.

The hard-luck Eagles came into the District 2-AAA opener Friday as 20-point underdogs, although they had broken a 22-game losing streak the previous week with a 19-0 win over Class AA Ralls. The victory over Dimmitt gave them a 2-4 season record.

The Eagles got 10 tries inside the Bobcats' 10-yard line late in the third and early in the fourth, and finally scored the winning touchdown on a two-yard run by Kelly Hildebrandt with five minutes left in the game. The extra-point kick went under the crossbar.

The game was scoreless the first three quarters. The Bobcats moved the ball well on the ground and twice threatened to score, but penalties and miscues kept them out of the end zone.

Dimmitt was flagged 12 times for 90 yards in penalties and turned the ball over three times on two fumbles and an interception. Roosevelt gave up 75 yards on 10 penalties but had no turnovers.

"Most of our penalties were on offense, and some of them just killed us," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said. "Really, we played a poor game against a team that's not very good. When we got something going on offense, we shot ourselves in the foot—we'd get a bad penalty or we'd fumble the ball. We couldn't overcome those turnovers, and that was the difference."

The Bobcats, known for their wide-open offense this year, threw only 10 passes Friday night—less than half the number they've thrown in some of their games.

"That's because we were running effectively," Coach Wilson said. "We were averaging six yards per carry against them, so there was usually no reason to pass and risk an interception. What killed us wasn't the more conservative game, it was the penalties."

The Bobcats got their first decent field position early in the second quarter when a short Roosevelt kick went out of bounds at the Dimmitt 42.

They drove to the Roosevelt 22, then running back Anthony Oliviero ripped off a good 20-yard gain to the Eagles' 2-yard line. But the play was nullified by a holding call—Dim-

(Continued on Page 13)

Game at a Glance

Roosevelt	0	0	0	6-6
Dimmitt	0	0	0	0-0
	ROOS		DIM	
First Downs	14	12		
Rushes-Yards	51-145	32-175		
Passing Yards	35	46		
Total Yards	180	221		
Passes Comp/Att	3/7	3/10		
Interceptions By	1	0		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2		
Punts-Avg.	4-32	4-35		
Penalties-Yards	10-75	12-90		

SCORING SUMMARY

Fourth Quarter:
R—Kelly Hildebrandt 2 run (kick failed), 5:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: B. J. Hill 6-64, Anthony Oliviero 12-56, Bobby Hill 6-31, Jake Laurent 2-10, Juan Gonzalez 3-10, Austin Sherman 2-9.

Passing—DIMMITT: B. J. Hill 3/9-0-46; Brent Josselet 0/1-0-0.

Receiving—DIMMITT: Oliviero 3-46.

Tackles—DIMMITT: Jonathan Stevens 24, T. J. Reyna 16, Bobby Hill 14, B. J. Hill 12, Albert Campos 11, Matthew Wright 6, Juan Gonzalez 6.

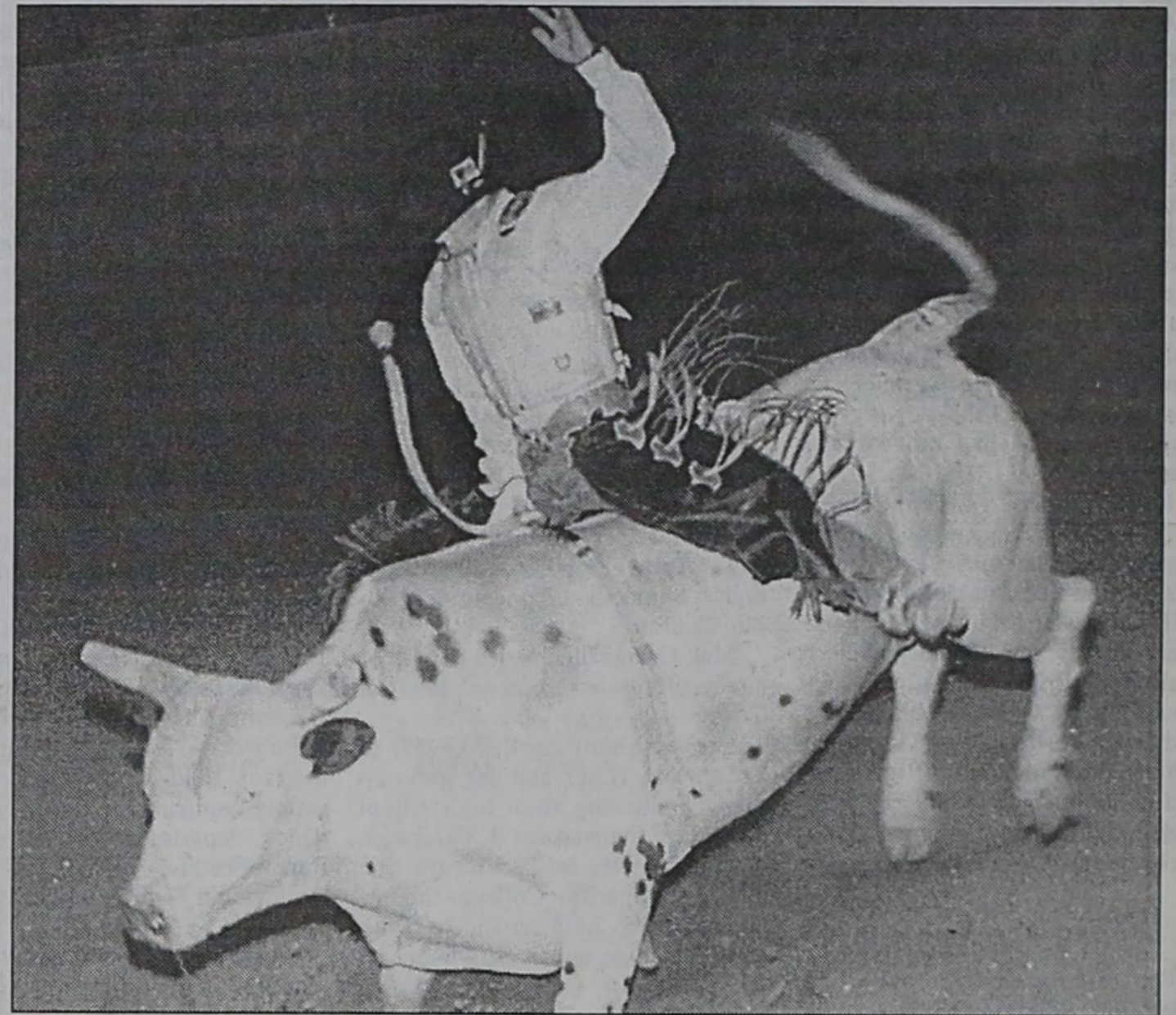
Records: Dimmitt 0-6, Roosevelt 2-4.



TIMING IT RIGHT—After avoiding one tackler, Dimmitt quarterback B. J. Hill (2 in dark uniform) cuts inside on a keeper as teammate Jake Laurent (3) races up to take out another Roosevelt defender in the third quarter of Friday

night's District 2-AAA opener here. Hill was Dimmitt's leading ground-gainer with 64 yards on six carries. The Bobcats outgained the visiting Eagles, but Dimmitt penalties and miscues led to a 6-0 Roosevelt win. Photo by Kyle Collins

EIGHT SECONDS



GREG FULLER of Dimmitt completes a successful ride of the bull, Hannibal Lector, scoring 80.5 points for his effort during the recent Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA) finals in Amarillo. The ride moved Fuller second place after the second go-round. Before the finals concluded, Fuller had moved into first place and was eventually named the state bull riding champion. As the state champion, Fuller received two buckles (right photo) a saddle and a coat. Fuller competed in TCRA rodeo contests from May to September.

Top photo by Brent Armstrong
Courtesy Photo on right



For Bobcats

Next up: Shallowater, here

The Bobcats are about to embark on District 2-AAA's "Murderer's Row," starting with the Shallowater Mustangs here Friday night.

Shallowater (5-1) will be followed by Cooper (currently 4-2), Littlefield (3-3) and Muleshoe (6-0). All four of those teams are considered playoff contenders.

Coach Keith Kitchens' Mustangs have been really impressive this year, rolling up five wins by an average score of 39-9. The only stain on their record is a big one, though—a 47-14 loss to powerful Lamesa two weeks ago.

In all, the Mustangs have scored 203 points in six games while giving

up 94. Add that Lamesa debacle to the mix and their average score has been 34-16.

In district play, Shallowater is 1-0 after a 29-19 win over Littlefield Friday night.

The Mustangs' other victims, in order, have been Coahoma (40-6), Idalou (27-13), Tahoka (55-3) and Post (38-6).

Shallowater was able to start the season with 26 of 34 of last year's lettermen, including nine offensive and eight defensive starters, and a senior class of 24.

Coach Kitchens' son Keenan, a senior, returned as the starting quarterback this year, but apparently has had an injury. When Dimmitt coaches scouted the Mustangs, Keenan's younger brother, sophomore Kiel, was directing the team.

"Kiel Kitchens is a real good quarterback," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said, "and they have two real good receivers. They run the Wing-T offense and a 4-4 defense."

"Their line is tremendous, both on offense and defense," Coach Wilson reported. "They're not extremely big, but you can tell by watching them on film—the way they come off the ball, and how they're able to just drive-block people—that they're real strong."

Coach Kitchens is a rare kind of bird among high school football ranks. A Texas Tech grad, he has spent his entire career as a head coach (16 years) at Shallowater, compiling a 100-56-6 record there.

Last year's Mustangs went into the playoffs as the third team out of 2-AAA with a 3-2 district record. They lost in bi-district and finished with a 4-7 overall mark.

They've already assured themselves a better season record than last year, and are aiming for another trip into post-season play.

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Horns, Swifts will tangle in 2-A showdown Friday

Two of the hottest teams in District 2-A will square off Friday night when the 5-1 Hart Longhorns travel 12 miles north to meet the 6-0 Nazareth Swifts.

Both teams enter Friday's showdown with 1-0 marks in district play. Hart came from behind to beat Vega, 22-13; while the Swifts downed Boys Ranch, 44-0. The Swifts are undefeated this season while the

Longhorns have just one loss, an 18-22 heartbreaker to Farwell.

Nazareth has outscored its opponents 270-13 so far this season while Hart has bested its challengers 144-56.

Each team will be focused on stopping a solid running attack featuring some of the top talented backs in the area—Hart's Keith Finch and Salvador Velasquez and Nazareth's Matty

McLain and Aaron Kern.

Finch has gained 818 yards on the ground this season and has scored 14 rushing touchdowns in leading the Longhorns to their 5-1 mark. Velasquez has nearly 300 yards and five touchdowns to his credit.

McLain has rushed for 497 yards and 12 touchdowns to lead the Swifts.

Nazareth's offense is averaging

373.66 yards per game while Hart is averaging 300 yards.

Defensively, the Swifts have allowed only 90 yards per outing while the Longhorns have given up a meager 191.50 per game.

"Naz is going to be tough. They've got some good athletes," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "They are solid all the way across. We're going to try and slow them down Friday."

Hart's 5-2 defense has been impressive this year, according to Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

"You can just look at the athletes Hart has and see why their defense has been so good. They don't give up much. They held Vega to 13 points Friday and that says quite a bit."

"Naz runs a lot of the same stuff that we do," said Bryant. "They'll run the I with Kern and McLain and they're really good with the leads, trap and cross-lead. They also run some single-back stuff with McLain and Kern switching. McLain's a big kid who runs with a lot of power while Kern has a little more speed."

Bryant said that the running game is only a portion of the Swifts' offensive arsenal, which is directed by quarterback Blake Birkenfeld.

"The Wilcoxes (Kade and Ky) line

up wide and they are both excellent receivers. The tight ends, Daryl Pohlmeier and Eric Schilling are good as well. And Schilling is so tall at 6-4 that we may have some problems matching up because our secondary guys are all under 6-0."

Hart lines up in the Wing T and Price said the Longhorns will run the trap, sweep and bootleg out of that, along with a lot of option plays.

"When they send Finch diving up in there you can't just worry about him, because they'll pitch it to Velasquez and he'll take off. He's very fast," Price said. "You can't just load up and focus on stopping any one player. Finch winds up getting in the end zone a lot, but the other guys around him are great. We've got to play assignment football—every-

body has to cover their assignments. Price said Hart's defensive front has a lot of size and that will make it rough trying to run up the middle. The Longhorns also field a speedy secondary and linebacker corps that pursue well.

"This has always been a pretty good game," said Price. Over the last 10 years, we've got five wins apiece. It always seems like the atmosphere is charged up when we play each other."

"Nazareth has a strong tradition and mystique," Bryant said. "I think if we can have good workouts this week and hang onto the momentum we gained against Vega Friday night we should be okay."

Freshman Cats notch shutout

The Dimmitt freshmen picked up a big win over the Sudan junior varsity last Thursday, blanking the Hornets, 34-0.

Dimmitt's offense scored twice in the first and second quarters and once in the third stanza to post the win.

Defensively, the Bobcats received stellar performances from Casey Hargrove, Anthony Zambrano, Caleb Dickerson and Nicky Gauna, who had two interceptions.

"It was a great team effort," said Bobcat Coach Anthony Howerton.

Dimmitt opened scoring in the first quarter when Gauna completed a 35-yard touchdown pass to Jared

Griffitt. The Bobcats took the 6-0 lead, but couldn't convert the extra point.

Later in the first period, Matt Sanders broke free for a 40-yard touchdown run. The kick failed again, but the Bobcats were in control, 12-0.

Sanders found the end zone again in the second quarter, plowing across the goal line from seven yards out. Dimmitt elected to try for the two-point conversion, but was stopped short of the goal line and had to settle for an 18-0 lead.

Gauna connected with another receiver for the Bobcats' next scoring strike, this time finding Tyler

Myatt on a 40-yard play. The two teamed up for the ensuing two-point conversion and gave the Bobcats a 26-0 advantage as the first half ended.

Sanders capped a big effort with a third touchdown in the third quarter when he found daylight and raced 45 yards to paydirt. The two-point conversion by Ramon was good for the final 34-0 score.

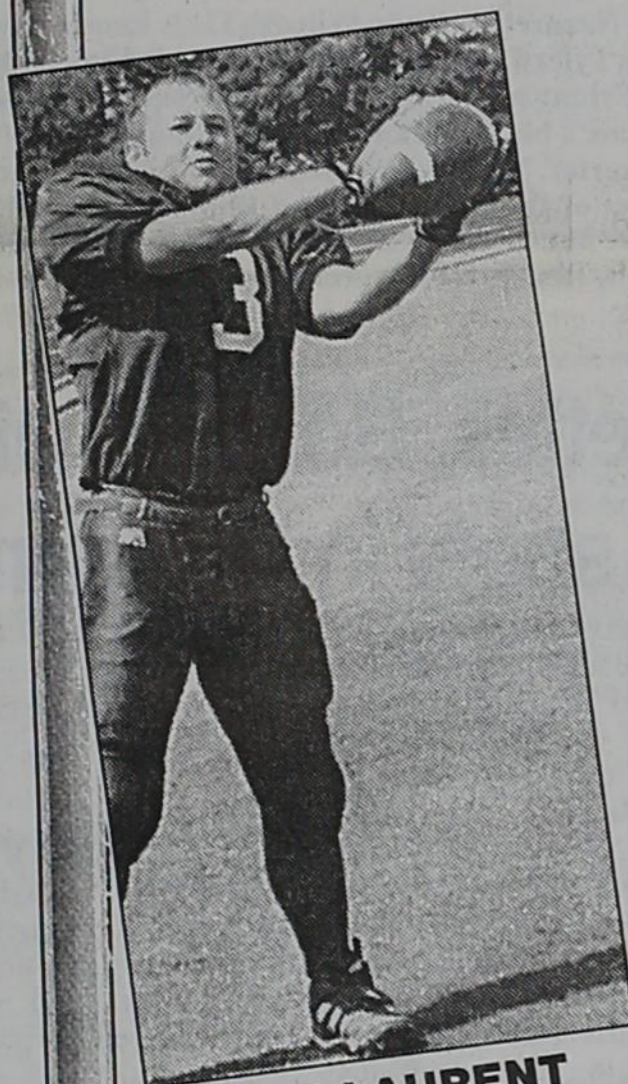
The Bobcats' junior varsity squared off against Lubbock Roosevelt last Thursday, but came up on the short end of the scoreboard, 14-28, according to Coach Trent Wilson.

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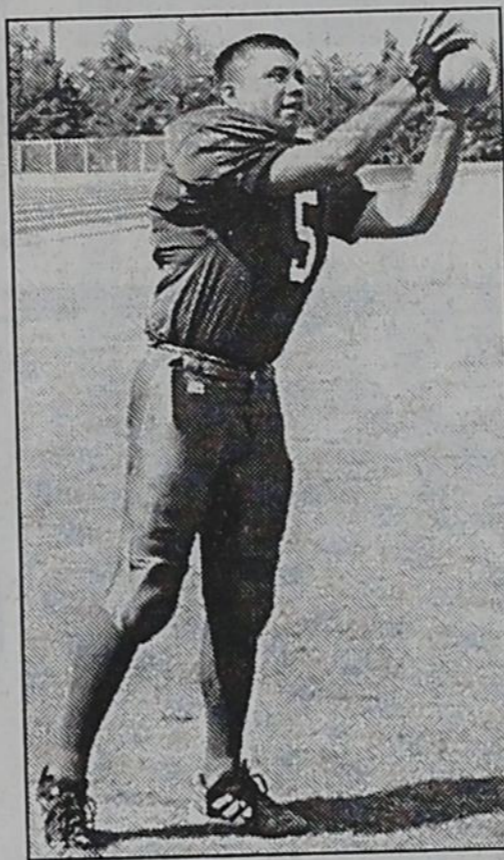
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Bobcats 13, Tulia 21
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Swifts lasso Rough Riders, 44-0

By MEGAN SCHULTE
It took Nazareth only three plays and two minutes to unsaddle the Rough Riders Friday night at Boys Ranch, as the Swifts rolled to a 44-0 win.

The Swifts scored at will in the opening stanza, running very few plays as they crossed the goal line four times in a short amount of time, leaving little doubt as to what the outcome of the game would be.

Nazareth went on a rampage, gaining 483 total yards to Boy's Ranch's 94. The Swifts gained 382 rushing yards and 101 passing yards.

Leading the attack was senior running back Matty McLain, who ran for 149 yards and scored three touchdowns. Senior Jason Huseman ran for 88 yards and junior Aaron Kern ran for 86 yards.

The Swifts forced five fumbles and recovered three, while only losing one fumble themselves.

"The things I liked about this game were an effective offense and opportunistic defense," Coach Rick Price said. "The thing I did not like was the number of penalties we had (7 for 55 yards). We need to clean those up."

Nazareth improved its overall mark to 6-0 and started off district play with a notch in the win column. Boys Ranch dropped to 2-4, 0-1.

Nazareth scored only two minutes into the game, showing the Rough Riders what they were up against. Birkenfeld set the Swifts up for a touchdown by completing a 27-yard pass to Kade Wilcox.

McLain then got the call, running the ball in from four yards out. Philip Bergendahl booted the point-after try (PAT) through the uprights, giving Nazareth the lead, 7-0.

The Swift defense held the Riders and forced them to punt six plays later.

Nazareth wasted little time in finding the end zone again.

After a 19-yard pass completion from Birkenfeld to Eric Schilling moved the ball into Boys Ranch territory, Kern took over.

He broke free and ran 48 yards for the touchdown and a 13-0 Swift lead. Bergendahl's PAT was blocked, but Daryl Pohlmeier was there to scoop up the loose ball and run it into the end zone for an apparent two-point conversion, but the play was nulli-

fied because the loose ball could not be advanced by the Swifts.

Boys Ranch returned the kickoff to its 40-yard line, but that was as far as the Rough Riders would go.

The Swift defense forced a fumble on the next play from scrimmage and Nazareth recovered at the Boys Ranch 40.

Birkenfeld connected on a 10-yard pass to Ky Wilcox to start the drive.

Kade Wilcox hauled in Birkenfeld's next pass, dodged one defender, broke free from a Rough Rider clinging to his ankle, then evaded diving tackle attempts by other Boys Ranch players as he reached paydirt from 29 yards out. The PAT was good and Nazareth was in control, 20-0, with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

Boys Ranch continued having trouble finding the handle on the pigskin. On the Rough Riders next play from scrimmage, the Swifts stripped the ball again and Ky Wilcox recovered the loose ball for Nazareth, placing the Swifts in scoring position again.

McLain scored his second touchdown seconds later. He turned the right corner, lowered his shoulders

and knocked a hopeful Rough Rider defender into the end zone for a 9-yard scoring run. The PAT by Bergendahl was good and Nazareth held a 27-0 lead going into the second quarter.

After holding Boys Ranch's offense at bay, Nazareth's offense took over again in the second quarter.

The Rough Riders slowed the Swifts pace down, forcing them to run seven plays before shutting down the progress and forcing a fourth down situation.

Nazareth elected to send Bergendahl in to try the 31-yard field goal and the attempt was perfect, extending the Swifts' lead to 30-0.

Nazareth forced a punt three plays later and controlled the ball for four plays before they too were forced to punt.

Boys Ranch finally got its offense in gear, running six plays before grinding to a halt when Kade Wilcox intercepted a wobbly pass that he ran back for an apparent touchdown.

The touchdown was called back on a penalty, and the Swifts were unable to score again before time expired in the half.

The third quarter started out slow for Nazareth, but the Swifts picked up speed and were ready to score again with 8:10 left in the quarter.

The Swifts held the Rough Riders to three plays and forced them to punt, and four plays later it was end zone time for McLain.

McLain capped off the quick drive with a 3-yard plunge across the goal line and Bergendahl added the PAT for a 37-0 Swift lead.

On its next series, Boys Ranch was unable to gain a first down, and was forced to punt again.

This set Nazareth up for yet another touchdown drive.

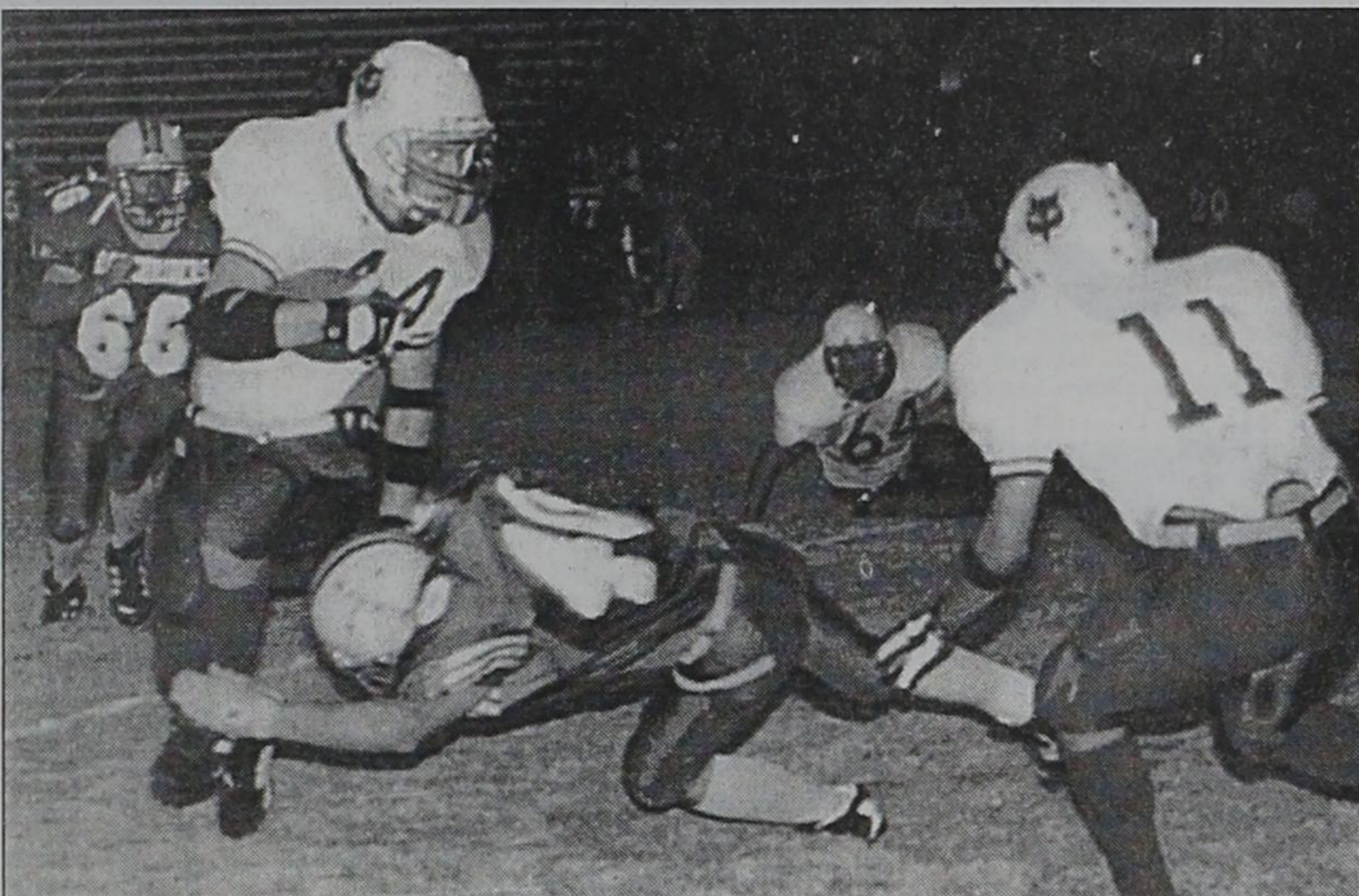
This time Huseman broke through Boys Ranch's goal line defense and stroled into the end zone from the 1-yard line for the final touchdown of

the game. The PAT was good and Nazareth held the lead 44-0.

The Swifts defended the end zone during the fourth quarter and did not allow the Riders to score.

They played solid defense and offense and used both to win another game.

"Overall, this was a good game for us because we established our running game pretty well to help carry us throughout district play," Price said.



END ZONE EFFORT—Matty McLain of Nazareth (44) slips through the hands of Boys Ranch's Dustin Merritt, then knocks another would-be Rough Rider tackler into the end zone as he races across the goal line from nine yards out with 2:35 left in the first

quarter Friday night at Boys Ranch. McLain's run and the ensuing extra point gave the Swifts a 27-0 lead in the game. McLain scored three touchdowns and rushed for 140 yards as the Swifts posted a 44-0 win in district play.

Photo by Anne Acker

Game at a Glance

Swifts 44, Boys Ranch 0				
Nazareth	27	3	14	0-44
Boys Ranch	0	0	0	0-0
		NAZ	BR	
First Downs	22	6		
Yards Rushing	382	59		
Yards Passing	101	35		
Total Yards Gained	483	94		
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-13-0	4-12-1		
Punts-Avg.	1-29	6-28		
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-3		
Penalties-Yards	7-55	3-20		

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
NAZ—Matty McLain 4 run (Philip Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Aaron Kern 48 run (kick blocked)
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 28 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—McLain 9 run (Bergendahl kick)

Second Quarter:
NAZ—Bergendahl 31-yard field goal

Third Quarter:
NAZ—McLain 3 run (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Jason Huseman 1 run (Bergendahl kick)



BIG GAIN—Nazareth's Kade Wilcox (11) is knocked out of bounds by Boys Ranch's Tyler Jackson (88) after a 25-yard gain to the Rough Rider 14-yard line Friday night, but he's still five yards short of the first-down marker. Wilcox's big gain came on a third-and-30 play with 6:36 left in the second quarter. Nazareth elected to try for the field goal when Wilcox came up short of the first down and Philip Bergendahl booted the 31 yarder to give the Swifts a 30-0 lead. Nazareth won the District 2-A opener in Boys Ranch, 44-0, to remain unbeaten on the season.

Photo by Anne Acker

Swiftettes, Bobbies win top team spots in WT Stampede

The Nazareth Swiftettes compiled 50 points while the Dimmitt Bobbies tallied 83 and those scores were good enough for the first- and second-place team trophies at the West Texas Stampede cross country meet Saturday.

Hart finished ninth overall with 248 team points.

Held at the West Texas A&M University Horse Center in Canyon, the two-mile girls' race featured two divisions and the Bobbies, Swiftettes and Lady Horns ran in Division I, which was designated for runners from Class A, AA and AAA schools.

Four county runners finished among the top 10 in Saturday's race and three of those were from Nazareth.

The top Swiftette runner was Danette Ramaekers, who finished third with a time of 12 minutes, 45 seconds. Stephanie Thiel captured fourth-place honors with a time of 12 minutes and 48 seconds. Their times were less than 10 seconds off of the winning pace set by Tabitha Black of Dalhart (12:39.6).

Following right on Thiel's heels was Dimmitt's Cherie Norman, who finished fifth in 12:49.8.

One other Nazareth runner was among the top 10—Erica Gerber finished 10th in 13:16.1.

Other Dimmitt runners competing Saturday and their respective places and times, were Lyndee Behrends, 16th, 13:38; Kelsey Welch, 22nd, 13:49; Morgan Hazel, 24th, 13:52; Sheena Ehly, 25th, 13:53; Sadra Daniels, 28th, 13:59; Sally Stahl, 29th, 14:03; and Crystan Niño, 31st, 14:05.

"I think it was our best meet of the year," said Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland. "They ran as a pack, which I have been stressing all year. They really did a nice job."

Nazareth's other varsity runners were Mandy Hoelting, 14th, 13:36; Marsha Black, 21st, 13:45; Teri Ramaekers, 27th, 13:58; Susan Kern, 32nd, 14:05; and Lindsey K. Gerber, 57th, 14:56.

Hart's Kellie George posted a time of 13 minutes and 53 seconds for 23rd place on Saturday while Sonia Garcia was 40th with a time of 14:15. Other Lady Horns participating were

Angie Mata, 67th, 15:15; Amanda Carrasco, 71st, 15:36; Lacie Curry, 86th, 16:42; Valerie Ellis, 87th, 16:48; and Brenda Diego, 91st, 17:34.

Boys

The Hart Longhorns finished fourth out of the eight boys teams in Saturday's race while the Nazareth Swifts were close behind in fifth. Hart managed 105 points while Nazareth had 108.

Trinity Robb and Trey Robb, both of Nazareth, were the only two county runners among the top 10 finishers in the boys' three-mile race.

Trinity Robb was sixth with a time of 18 minutes and 25.6 seconds while his little brother, Trey Robb, was 10th in 18 minutes, 32.5 seconds.

Joining the duo on the Swift team were Quentin Jones, 27th, 19:48; Craig Birkenfeld, 35th, 20:53; and Shelby Wilhelm, 43rd, 22:29.

Hart's top runner was Isaias Garcia, who finished 18th in 18 minutes and 57 seconds. Hart's other four runners all crossed the line in close order, with Joey Pantoja claiming the 21st spot in 19:21, Roy Robledo finishing 23rd in 19:24, Manuel Barron placing 28th in 19:49 and Thomas Chia finishing 31st in 20:17.

Dimmitt's lone individual competing in the boys' race was Aaron Saenz, who finished 14th with a time of 18 minutes and 38 seconds.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.



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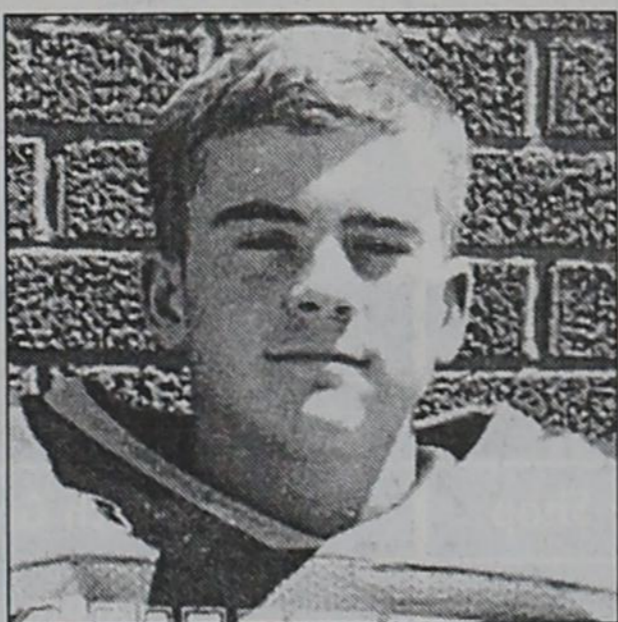
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Finch sparks Hart in comeback victory

By BRAD ELAM
Hart overcame a 13-0 deficit with strong running by Keith Finch and claimed a 22-13 District 2-A victory Friday night at home.

While Finch's offensive production was a big factor in the comeback, Hart's defense drove the final nail in Vega's coffin, shutting down the powerful Longhorn offense for three straight quarters.

Vega's offense had put 170 points on the board over the past three games, and promptly added another 13 to that tally in first-quarter action Friday.

Hart was coming off of its off week and had lost its first game of the season two weeks before.

It took awhile for Hart to shake loose the cobwebs from the week's hiatus, but once the Longhorns' field vision cleared, it was all over.

"I was really happy with the guys Friday. We got down 13-0, but they didn't quit. We went to our one-back offense with Keith and Jacob (Reyna) and we were able to score before halftime. That seemed to change the momentum to our favor and we played a lot better in the second half," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant.

"We had some mistakes on offense. We were in a position to score a couple of times and we made mistakes that killed those drives. I think we were a little rusty after the week off, but once we got over that, things started to click," Bryant said.

Finch rushed 25 times for 200 yards, three touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions, completed passes for a total of 41 yards and had an interception to lead Hart in the big win.

For Vega, Justin Noggler rushed 19 times for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Hart out-gained Vega on offense, 350 yards to 254, and held an edge on first downs, 13-12.

Both teams turned the ball over three times—twice on interceptions and once on a fumble.

With the win, Hart improved to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in district play while Vega dropped to 3-3, 0-1.

Vega proceeded to march downfield on its opening drive, capping it off with a 36-yard touchdown run by Noggler. Noggler added the extra point for a 7-0 Vega lead.

Hart moved the ball well on its first drive but couldn't come away with points.

Hart's second drive also stalled

and Vega regained control.

Noggler gave his team a 13-0 lead in the first quarter when he outran the Hart defense for a 38-yard touchdown. The extra point failed.

Hart regrouped after Noggler's second touchdown and then retook the field focused on reaching the end zone.

Finch trimmed Vega's lead to five when he scored from 26 yards out, then ran in the two-point conversion to make it 13-8.

Finch's touchdown run before the first ended switched the momentum from Vega's side to Hart's.

Hart's Salvador Velasquez intercepted a Tate Bennett pass, giving Hart one more shot at the end zone just before the half ended.

Reyna took a pitch from Finch and raced 70 yards for an apparent touchdown; however, the referee had ruled him out of bounds at the 20-yard line.

Hart's last hope to gain the lead before the half ended when a Finch pass was intercepted in the end zone by a Vega defender.

Vega received the kickoff after halftime, but Hart's defense shut down the Longhorn drive.

Hart's offense started to click in the second half, but the drive was in danger of stalling before Reyna

shocked it back to life with a short pass play that resulted in a first down.

Finch had carries of 16 and 26 yards during the series before he topped off the performance with a 1-yard plunge into the end zone. He kept the ball on the conversion try, running into the end zone for the extra two points, giving Hart a 16-13 lead.

Hart's defense continued to stifle Vega's offense in the second half, eventually wearing down the visiting team.

Hart matched its defenders up with Vega's receivers in a man coverage and Velasquez drew the task of covering the top Vega catcher all night long. The Vega offense sputtered as the passing lanes were cut off.

Finch picked off a Vega pass, ending a threat and returning the ball to Hart's hands.

Then he hooked up with Reyna on a 41-yard pass play, setting up the final score of the game, a 21-yard scamper by Finch. That run gave Hart a 22-13 lead.

Vega had control of the ball several times in the final quarter, but couldn't break Hart's defense.

Hart's Albert Velasquez registered a crucial sack in the fourth quarter, burying Vega deep in the hole.

Facing a fourth-and-20, Vega tried one last desperation pass which was hauled in by the receiver inside Hart's 5-yard line. The play was wiped out by a yellow flag, though. Bennett had been across the line of scrimmage before he released the pass. That penalty canceled the play and resulted in a loss of down, giving the ball back to Hart.

Hart took a knee to run out the clock and preserve its victory.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 22, Vega 13			
	VEGA	HART	
Vega	13	0	0—13
Hart	0	8	8—22
First Downs	13	12	
Yards Rushing	274	234	
Yards Passing	76	19	
Total Yards Gained	350	254	
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-15-2	3-14-2	
Punts-Avg.	2-31	1-42	
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1	
Penalties-Yards	8-60	10-70	

Scoring By Quarters

Quarter	Score
First Quarter	VEGA—Justin Noggler 36 run (Noggler kick)
Second Quarter	VEGA—Noggler 38 run (kick failed)
Third Quarter	HART—Keith Finch 26 run (Finch run)
Fourth Quarter	HART—Finch 1 run (Finch run)
	HART—Finch 21 run (run failed)

Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris's predictions for Week 7 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN
1. Diboll, 214; 2. Daingerfield, 213; 3. Gatesville, 212; 4. Lindale, 212; 5. Abilene Wylie, 210; 6. Aledo, 209; 7. Lamesa, 209; 8. Elgin, 208; 9. Cuero, 207; 10. Graham, 207.

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS
48. Muleshoe, 199; 62. Lubbock Cooper, 196; 83. Sanford-Fritch, 193; 91. Shallowater, 192; 104. Dalhart, 188; 107. Childress, 187; 109. Perryton, 187; 131. Littlefield, 182; 135. Tulia, 182; 136. Denver City, 181; 140. Amarillo River Road, 180; 177. Seminole, 171; 190. Slaton, 166; 193. Brownfield, 165; 202. Lubbock Roosevelt, 161; 203. Dimmitt, 160.

CLASS A TOP TEN
1. Iraan, 203; 2. Shiner, 197; 3. Stratford, 196; 4. Rankin, 194; 5. Beckville, 191; 6. Roscoe, 190; 7. Celeste, 190; 8. Nazareth, 190; 9. Paducah, 189; 10. Springlake-Earth, 187.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS
15. Petersburg, 184; 25. White Deer, 179; 28. Gruver, 178; 37. Hart, 175; 39. Vega, 174; 46. Sudan, 170; 47. Wheeler, 170; 54. Claude, 165; 59. Farwell, 164; 61. Crosbyton, 163; 73. Lorenzo, 159; 85. Boys Ranch, 155; 89. Whiteface, 154; 91. Kress, 153; 92. Booker, 152; 104. Bovina, 144; 106. Meadow, 144; 109. Anton, 143; 111. Spur, 143; 113. Motley County, 141; 118. Shamrock, 138; 127. Smyer, 129.

WEEK 7 PICKS
(Home teams are listed in capital letters)
Shallowater 22 over DIMMITT
NAZARETH 25 over Hart
WHITE DEER 27 over Booker
CLAUDE 27 over Shamrock
Gruver 8 over WHEELER
Stratford 41 over BOYS RANCH
VEGA 26 over Kress
Springlake-Earth 44 over ANTON
FARWELL 20 over Bovina
SUDAN 17 over Whiteface
PETERSBURG 21 over Crosbyton
Lorenzo 14 over MEADOW
SPUR 14 over Smyer
Paducah 44 over ASPERMONT
Childress 13 over RIVER ROAD
PERRYTON 16 over Dalhart

SANFORD-FRITCH 11 over Tulia
MULESHOE 17 over Littlefield
Lubbock Cooper 35 over LUB ROOSEVELT
DENVER CITY 18 over Brownfield
Greenwood 29 over SEMINOLE
LAMESA 43 over Slaton
PAMPA 7 over Amarillo Caprock
Borger 17 over AMARILLO PALO DURO
Canyon 9 over DUMAS
Hereford 32 over CANYON RANDALL
FRENSHIP 11 over Andrews
Big Spring 14 over PLAINVIEW
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San Angelo Central 7 over Amarillo
Amarillo Tascosa 4 over LUBBOCK
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ODESSA 6 over Midland
ABERNATHY 17 over Olton
Floydada 11 over MORTON
LOCKNEY 10 over Hale Center
PANHANDLE 10 over Highland Park
Canadian 13 over WELLINGTON
Spearman 24 over CLARENDON
WEST TEXAS HIGH 2 over Sunray
Frona is open
MEMPHIS 6 over Electra
QUANAH no line vs. WF City View



ONE TO BEAT—Hart's Keith Finch (8) must beat one more Vega defender as he searches for an open pathway to the end zone Friday night during District 2-A action in Hart. Vega took a 13-0 lead over Hart in the first quarter, but Hart, behind the running of

Finch, came back to claim a 22-13 win. Finch scored on runs of 26, 1 and 21 yards and rushed for two two-point conversions in leading Hart to its fifth win in six outings.
Photo by Tracy Rich

More about Flag-fest . . .

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...Hart's first penalty of the game.
A 24-yard pass from quarterback B. J. Hill to Oliviero put the Bobcats into good scoring position again at the 7. But on the next play an Eagle defender knocked Oliviero loose from the ball and Roosevelt recovered the fumble at the 5 to dodge the bullet.

During a third quarter marred by penalties against both teams, B. J. Hill gave Dimmitt fans a thrill when he got a hand on a Roosevelt pass with a clear path to gloryland, but he couldn't hold onto it.

With 3:15 remaining in the third, Roosevelt recovered a Bobcat fumble at the Dimmitt 30 to set up the game's only TD.

On the first play after the recovery, Roosevelt's Clifford Noey made his first carry pay off when he raced

crossfield for a 19-yard gain to the Dimmitt 11.

From there the Eagles moved to a first-and-goal at the 1-yard line. But the Bobcat defense staged a great goal-line stand, throwing the Eagles back five yards on the next three plays and knocking running back Kevin Rocha out of bounds at the 3 on fourth down.

The Bobcats were unable to move, though, and on fourth-and-12 at the Dimmitt 1, Oliviero backed up to the back of the end zone and got off a good 44-yard punt to apparently get the Cats out of trouble.

But the Eagles worked their way back to another first-and-10 at the Dimmitt 10, and advanced the ball to within two yards of the goal line in three plays before Hildebrandt raced to his right, cut in and dived across on fourth down.

Here's how our opponents fared

Here's a rundown of how opponents of the Dimmitt Bobcats, Nazareth Swifts and Hart Longhorns fared during the sixth week of the season.

Dimmitt opponents
TULIA (3-3) beat RIVER ROAD (1-4), 8-0
MULESHOE (6-0) beat LUB. COOPER, 21-14
DENVER CITY (5-1) beat Seminole, 23-8
S'LAKE-EARTH (4-2) beat Farwell, 29-0
FRIONA (6-1) beat Olton, 35-14
SH'WATER (5-1) beat L'FIELD (3-2), 29-19

Nazareth opponents
SAN JACINTO (1-5) beat LCHS (0-6), 20-0
HALE CENTER (3-4) lost to Abernathy, 26-20
FARWELL (1-5) lost to S'lake-Earth, 29-0
HART (5-1) beat VEGA (3-3), 22-13
STRATFORD (6-0) beat KRESS (3-3), 49-7
CLAUDE (1-5) lost to Wheeler, 0-2

Hart opponents
NAZ (6-0) beat BOYS RANCH (2-4), 44-0
MEADOW (2-3) was open
MORTON (2-3) was open
ANTON (2-4) lost to Sudan, 6-36
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PART-TIME/POSSIBLE FULL-TIME secretary needed. Self-motivated, fast learner, computer skills a plus. Send resume or pick up application at Scott Land Company, Rt. 4, Box 9-K, 647-4375. 20-29-tfx

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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-27-4tc

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the November general election.

DEMOCRAT
For County Tax Assessor/Collector: Billy Hackleman (I)

For County Constable: James Dobbs (I)

For Precinct 1 Commissioner: Newlon Rowland (I)

For Precinct 3 Commissioner: W.A. "Bay" Baldrige (I)

For County/District Attorney: James Horton

For County Sheriff: CD Fitzgerald (I)

Political advertisement paid by candidates.

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you so much for your care and concern for us over the past weeks. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses and staff at the hospital, both here and in Amarillo. Also, to Walt Hansen and the Dimmitt Market employees, a special thanks for their extra help on our behalf.
Sincerely,
N.C. & BETTE WHITE
24-29-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for one (1) new Tandem-Powered Motor Grader for Precinct 1, with the trade-in of one (1) 140 G Motor Grader.
Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2000. Bids will be opened on Monday, Nov. 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
25-29-2tc

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Joe Franco, Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF CASTRO

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CASTRO, TEXAS:
 TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of Castro, Texas, on the 7th day of November, 2000, in accordance with an order adopted by the Commissioners Court which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID COUNTY, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas, hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter identified;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 7th day of November, 2000, in Castro County, Texas, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption hereof. At such election, the following measure shall be submitted:

PROPOSITION

"SHALL the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of said County in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to pay for the construction and equipping of a county jail, including the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Safety Office; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed TWENTY (20) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not exceed the maximum rate prescribed by law) as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: Paper ballots shall be used for said election and for early voting, by personal appearance and by mail and which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code, so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

"THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A COUNTY JAIL, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE."

SECTION 3: The County shall be divided into eight (8) election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Each Presiding Judge shall appoint two (2) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting shall be conducted at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, 101 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Election Code.

The Clerk shall keep the place for early voting open between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and five o'clock (5:00) p.m. beginning on the 17th day and continuing through the fourth day before the election, if not a Saturday, Sunday or legal State holiday (October 23, 2000 through November 3, 2000).

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the following person is appointed to the Early Voting Ballot Board for this election: Patsy Franks, Presiding Judge.

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the County shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the County Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code, and Chapter 1 of Title 22, V.A.T.C.S., and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the County and at the County Courthouse not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said County, the first of said publications to appear in said newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the day of the elec-

tion.
 PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 11th day of September, 2000.

IRENE MILLER
 County Judge
 Castro County, Texas

ATTEST: JOYCE MARIE THOMAS
 County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
 of the Commissioners Court of
 Castro County, Texas

AVISO PÚBLICO
 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF CASTRO

A LOS VOTANTES CAPACITADOS DEL CONDADO CASTRO, TEXAS:

POR LO PRESENTE SE AVISA que se efectuará una elección en el Condado Castro, Texas el día 7 de Noviembre, 2000 de acuerdo con la orden que ha aprobado la Corte de Comisionados la cual para cualquier propósito que se ofreciere, es parte de este aviso y que dice lo siguiente:

ORDEN DE LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO CASTRO, TEXAS, PARA QUE SE EFECTUE UNA ELECCION DE BONOS DENTRO DICHO CONDADO, PARA DETERMINAR LAS DISPOSICIONES PARA ADMINISTRAR LA ELECCION Y PARA RESOLVER OTROS ASUNTOS INCIDENTES Y RELACIONADOS A LA ADMINISTRACION DE DICHA ELECCION.

POR CUANTO, la Corte de Comisionados del Condado Castro, Texas, por lo presente dispone que debe efectuarse una elección para determinar si dicho cuerpo gubernamental debe ser autorizado para emitir bonos de dicho Condado en la cantidad y para el propósito que se indica en lo presente:

POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA, DISPONE Y DECRETA POR LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO CASTRO, TEXAS:

SECCIÓN 1: Se efectuará una elección el 7 de noviembre, 2000, en el Condado Castro, Texas, dicha fecha no es menos de quince (15) días ni más de noventa (90) días de la fecha de aprobación de lo mismo. En dicha elección se someterá el siguiente asunto:

PROPOSICION

"¿SERA autorizada la Corte de Comisionados del Condado Castro, Texas para que emita bonos de dicho Condado en la cantidad que no exceda \$3,000,000 para pagar la construcción y para equipar la cárcel del condado, incluyendo el Departamento del Sheriff y una oficina para el Departamento de Seguridad Pública; dicho bonos que se vendan en serie o de alguna otra manera en un plazo que no exceda VEINTE (20) años de su fecha, que se emitan y se vendan en una o mas series al precio o precios y que lleve interés al rédito o réditos (fijos, flotantes, variable o algún otro y que no exceda el rédito máximo que la ley exige) y que sea a la determinación y la discreción de la Corte de Comisionados cuando los bonos se emitan o se vendan; y si impuestos ad valorem deben imponerse en toda propiedad imponible en el Condado que sea suficiente para pagar el interés anual y proporcionar un fondo amortizado para pagar los bonos cuando se vendan?"

SECCIÓN 2: Se usarán boletas de papel en dicha elección y en la votación adelantada por comparecencia personal y por correo, y dichas boletas deberán prepararse en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas, para permitir a los

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LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for (1) one new tandem-powered motor grader for the trade-in of one (1) 140 G motor grader.

Bid specifications may be picked up at the county judge's office, courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, 2000. Bids will be opened on Monday, Nov. 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
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votantes que voten "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" del asunto antedicho que aparecerá en la boleta en substancia como sigue:

PROPOSICION

"LA EMISION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL PAGABLES DE IMPUESTOS CON LIMITES, Y QUE NO EXCEDAN \$3,000,000 PARA PAGAR LA CONSTRUCCION Y EL EQUIPO DE LA CARCEL DEL CONDADO, INCLUYENDO EL DEPARTAMENTO DEL SHERIFF Y UNA OFICINA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE SEGURIDAD PUBLICA."

SECCIÓN 3: Se dividirá el Condado en ocho precintos electorales para esta elección, y los sitios de votación designados para dichos precintos electorales y las personas nombradas por lo presente para actuar como Juez Presidente de dichos sitios de votación se muestran en Adjunto A", que se adjunta a lo presente y que por referencia se incorpora como parte de lo presente para cualquier propósito. Cada Juez Presidente nombrará a no menos de dos (2) secretarios capacitados para administrar y ayudar en la administración de dicha elección.

El día de la elección, los sitios de votación estarán abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

La votación adelantada se efectuará en la Oficina del Secretario del Condado en el edificio de la Corte, en 101 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027, de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Código Electoral de V.T.C.A. El Secretario abrirá el sitio de votación adelantada durante las horas de las ocho (8) a.m. a las cinco (5) p.m. principiando desde el 17vo día antes de la elección y continuando hasta el cuarto día antes de la elección, mientras no sea sábado, domingo ni día oficial festivo del estado (octubre 23, 2000 a noviembre 3, 2000).

Para procesar las boletas de la votación adelantada, se nombra a la siguiente persona a la Junta de Boletas de la Votación Adelantada de esta elección: Patsy Franks, Juez Presidente.

SECCIÓN 4: A todos los votantes residentes calificados de la Ciudad se les permitirá votar en dicha elección, y el día de la elección, dichos votantes votarán en los sitios de votación designados como Precintos de Elección del Condado en el área en que residen. Esta elección se efectuará y se administrará en conformidad con el Código Electoral de V.T.C.A. y el Capítulo 1 del Título 22, V.A.T.C.S. y, según la ley lo requiera, todo material de la elección y procedimientos se imprimirán en ambos inglés y español.

SECCIÓN 5: Una copia substantiva de esta Orden será aviso apropiado de dicha elección. Dicho aviso, incluyendo una traducción al español de lo mismo, se fijará en tres (3) diferentes lugares públicos en el Condado, y en el edificio de la Corte del Condado a no menos de catorce (14) días completos antes de la fecha en que dicha elección se efectuará, y se publicará en el mismo día en un periódico de circulación general en dicho Condado, la primera de dichas publicaciones debe publicarse en dicho periódico a no más de treinta (30) días y no menos de catorce (14) días completos antes del día de la elección.

VOTADO Y APROBADO este día 11 de septiembre, 2000.

IRENE MILLER
 Juez del Condado
 Castro County, Texas

CERTIFICO: JOYCE MARIE THOMAS
 Secretaria del Condado y Secretaria
 Ex-Officio de la Corte de Comisionados
 de Castro County, Texas
 25-28-2tc

EXHIBIT A
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Precinct Recinto	Polling Place Lugar de Votacion	Presiding Judge Juez Presidente	Alternate Judge Juez Alterno
101	Hart Golden Group 1202 Date Street Hart, Texas	Glyn Reed	Shellie Hanes
105	Sunnyside Baptist Church 20 miles south of Dimmitt on US 385	Sharon Sadler	Al Gibbs
201	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 1001 W. Halsell Dimmitt, Texas	Bill Dannevik	John Niño
206	Flagg Fertilizer Crossroad of Farm Road 1055 and Farm Road 1524	Robert Duke	Darrene Collins
301	First Baptist Church 1201 Western Circle Drive Dimmitt, Texas	V.C. Hopson	Don Newman
307	Easter Community Center Crossroad of Farm Road 2397 and Farm Road 1055	Marguerite Cole	Carleta Harkins
401	District Courtroom Castro County Courthouse 100 E Bedford, Room 200 Dimmitt, Texas	Delores Heller	Richard Hunter
408	Nazareth Community Hall 104 North 1 st Street Nazareth, Texas	Irene Wilhelm	Dorothy Kleman
Early Voting (Votación Adelantada)	County Clerk's Office County Courthouse 100 E Bedford, Room 101 Dimmitt, Texas	Patsy Franks	Wanda Murdock



OPEN HOUSE—The Castro County Extension Office held open house at their new quarters at 205 N. Broadway last week, but they have had some delays in the final finishing touches. (ABOVE) The front area of the office has a large reception desk housing Extension secretary Claudia Luna and Maria Sloan, part-time secretary for the Integrated Pest Management program. Behind the reception area are offices for Extension Agent Marilyn Neal and the IPM

agent. Other offices are in another area for the ag Extension agent and youth Extension agent. (BELOW) The new meeting room-kitchen area is completed and will accommodate club and committee meetings with ease. The public is invited to stop by any time and see the new facility. The fenced area behind the building is available for public parking and the back door is unlocked for easy entry.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Police Calls

Oct. 10, Charles Axtell told deputies that someone had damaged two Mack trucks parked a fourth of a mile from the intersection of CR 510 and CR 629, southwest of Sunnyside.

Axtell estimated the damage to the trucks at \$500 each, with the windshields, side windows and mirrors broken on both trucks, and the headlamps and rear window broken on one of them.

Tire tracks at the site matched tracks found at the nearby intersection, where a county road marker sign had been knocked down.

Deputies said the tracks also matched those found at another call in the area.

Oct. 12, deputies were called to the scene of a burning vehicle south of Flagg on FM 145. A Springlake-Earth school bus driver noticed the car alongside the road and also reported some small grass fires near it.

The grass fires were extinguished and the vehicle was identified as belonging to Antwon DeLion, who told deputies he had a problem with the car and left it beside the road

until he could call a wrecker to pick it up. When the wrecker arrived, the car had burned. Deputies reported the vehicle was totally destroyed.

Ebony Swain of Dimmitt told police Monday afternoon that someone used a beer bottle to break out the window on a 1996 Ford car while it was parked in the 100 block of Northwest 10th. The damage was estimated at \$611.75.

A suspect was stopped Oct. 10 at 10:57 p.m. in the 100 block of Northwest Fifth and was charged with driving while license suspended.

A clerk at the Town & Country Store in Dimmitt told police Sunday night that someone drove away without paying for \$12.50-worth of gasoline.

Oct. 11 a 27-year-old Earth man was jailed for driving while license invalid.
 Friday evening, a 23-year-old Sunnyside man was jailed for no driver's license.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week:

—Saturday, at 5:50 p.m., a 45-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense; at 11:30, a Santana, Kan., man, 31, was jailed for DWI, third or more.

—Sunday, at 12:46 a.m., a 39-year-old Lubbock man, DWI, third or more.

Jailed on warrants or court or probation matters:

—Oct. 10, a Kress man, 29, warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Oct. 11, a 27-year-old Earth man on a motion to revoke probation, stemming from charges of delivery/possession of a controlled substance; a Dimmitt man, 27, DWI, second offense, after court; and a 22-year-old Borger woman, warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 46, a warrant for theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

—Friday, a Hart woman, 42, warrant for theft over \$20 and under \$500.

—Saturday, a 17-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant for motion to revoke probation, stemming from criminal mischief.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 25, a warrant for DWI.

—Monday, a Hart man, 20, warrant for motion to revoke probation, stemming from assault/serious bodily injury, DPS warrant for violation of promise to appear; and a Littlefield man, 27, DPS warrant for violation of promise to appear, and warrant for speeding.

—Tuesday, an Amarillo man, 21, warrant from Potter County for theft by check over \$20 and under \$200, and a bond surrender.

Jail Count

As of Tuesday morning there were 11 inmates in the county jail and one on work release, in addition to four farmed out.

Friday at 12:27 p.m. a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Jesse James Ramirez, 16, of Dimmitt, rear-ended a 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jose Manuel Moran, 44, of Dimmitt.

Both vehicles had been heading north on US 385, according to police. The pickup had stopped to make a left turn onto Lee Street when the car struck it from the rear. Both drivers were listed with non-incapacitating injuries and were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance. Damage to the car was rated moderate to heavy, while the pickup had light damage. Ramirez, the driver of the car, was given a ticket for failure to control speed.

Monday at 11:26 a.m., a 1983 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Lucile Jackson Dollar, 77, of Dimmitt, struck a 1998 Hyundai Elantra driven by Natalia Castillo Diaz, 54, of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported, damage to both vehicles was rated light, and no citation was issued. Police said the Celebrity turned too sharply as it entered a parking area, and struck the side of the Elantra.

Parmer County holiday bazaar set for November

The Parmer County Christmas Bazaar Committee is planning its annual arts and crafts show Nov. 16-18 in Friona.

Exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths on Nov. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is a limit of two booth spaces per person and/or organization. Wall tables rent for \$30 and center tables will be \$25. We provide an 8-foot by 30-inch table and two chairs for each booth.

To reserve a booth or for more information about the event contact Valerie DePillo at the Parmer County Extension Office, (806) 481-3619.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Construction Maintenance Contract(s)

District: Lubbock
 Contract: 0067-08-010 for SEAL COAT in SWISHER County, etc., will be opened on Nov. 9, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the State Office.

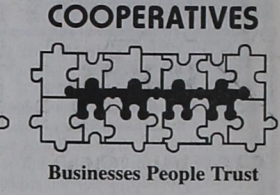
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the contractor.
 NPO: 1667

State Office
 Construction Division
 200 E. Riverside Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78704
 Phone: (512) 416-2540

District Office(s)
 Lubbock District
 District Engineer
 135 Slaton
 Lubbock, Texas 79404
 Phone: (806) 745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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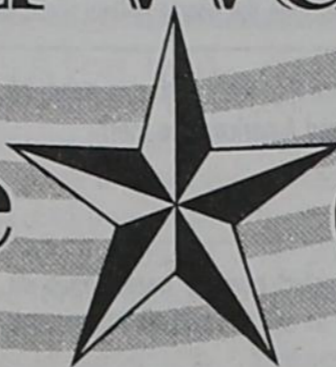


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Voters Guide



Guía del Votante

GENERAL ELECTION ♦ NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Early voting in person: October 23* - November 3

*Counties may choose to begin early voting on Saturday, October 21 or Sunday, October 22. Call your county clerk or elections administrator.

Voting by mail is an option for certain eligible persons. For information call your county clerk or elections administrator.

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Presidential candidates are listed in this guide, but questionnaires were not sent to them.

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U.S. President

Four-year term. Must be a native-born citizen of the U.S., at least 35 years old. Powers and duties include being commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces; the power, with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate, to make treaties, to appoint ambassadors, other public ministers, justices of the Supreme Court, and judges of other federal courts; and the faithful execution of the laws of the U.S. Salary: \$200,000.

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Howard Phillips, President **J. Curtis Frazier, Vice-President**
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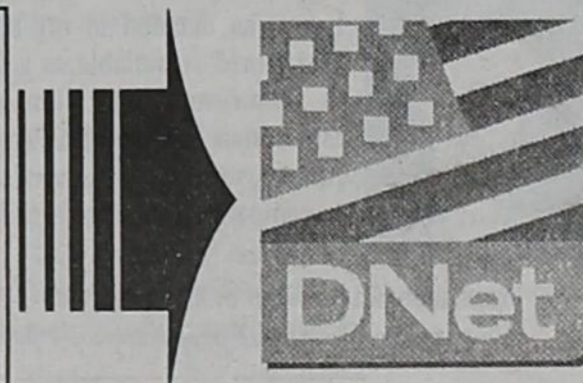
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U.S. Senator

Six-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate, which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with the U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Salary: \$141,300.

What training and experience qualifies you for this position? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

How do you propose that the health care needs of 44 million uninsured Americans be met? (75 word limit)

What should be the United States role in providing economic and/or military aid to other countries, including funding for international family planning? (75 word limit)

Explain your position on campaign finance reform. (75 word limit)

¿Qué adiestramiento o experiencia lo hacen a usted candidato para este puesto?

¿Cómo propone usted que las necesidades de asistencia médica de 44 millones de americanos sin seguro sean reunidas?

¿Cuál debe ser el papel de Los Estados Unidos para proporcionar ayuda económica y/o militar a otros países, incluyendo ayuda financiera para la planificación familiar a nivel internacional?

Explique cual es su opinión acerca de la campaña de reforma financiera.

Los candidatos proporcionaron sus propias contestaciones en español. LWV-TEF no hizo ningún cambio.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, REPUBLICAN



Deep ties to the state—I'm a sixth generation Texan—with private sector experience as a small business owner and entrepreneur. As State Treasurer, I led the fight against a state income tax. As your Senator, my Homemaker IRA legislation has helped millions of working families save for retirement.

Uninsured children is our biggest challenge. Texas' Children's Insurance Program (CHIP) is enrolling nearly a half million needy children in state health care. Much of the funding for this program comes from the state's \$17.4 billion tobacco settlement. I led the effort in Washington to prevent the federal government from seizing these funds for other purposes. I'm also fighting to restore federal funding cuts to hospitals, which bear the brunt of care for the uninsured.

As a superpower, we should concentrate our military assistance in regions where our national security interests are at stake, including the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Direct economic assistance can help less developed countries respond to emergencies such as famine or drought, but we should also help create the conditions for economic growth. Open markets, democratic governments, and expanded trade will lead to prosperity, a cleaner environment and stable population growth.

We need meaningful reform to restore confidence in the political process. I've introduced my own campaign reform legislation and co-sponsored other plans that would limit soft money, require full disclosure so that voters know who's contributing to a candidate, require candidates to raise most of their funds in their home states, and limit the amount that candidates who finance their own campaigns may reimburse themselves to level the playing field between incumbents and challengers.

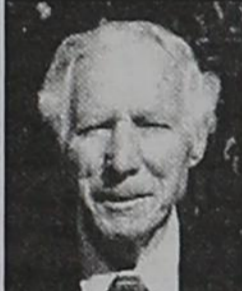
Soy una Tejana, cuya familia ha vivido aquí por seis generaciones, con experiencia del sector privado. Como Tesorera del Estado, conduje la lucha contra el impuesto sobre los ingresos en nuestro estado. Como su Senadora, mi legislación para Cuentas de Jubilación Individuales para las amas de casa ha ayudado a millones de familias a guardar para el retiro.

Los niños sin seguro son nuestro desafío más grande. El programa del seguro de niños de Texas está registrando casi a medio millón de niños pobres en este cuidado médico del estado. Mucho del financiamiento para este programa viene del arreglo del tabaco estatal. Conduje el esfuerzo para evitar que el gobierno federal agarre estos fondos para otros propósitos. También estoy luchando para restablecer cortes del financiamiento federal a los hospitales.

Como superpotencia, debemos concentrar nuestra ayuda militar en regiones en donde tenemos intereses de nuestra seguridad nacional, incluyendo el Medio Oriente, Europa y Asia. La ayuda económica directa debe ayudar a países menos desarrollados para responder a las emergencias como hambre o sequía, pero debemos también ayudar a crear las condiciones para el desarrollo económico. Los mercados abiertos, los gobiernos democráticos, y el comercio agrandado conducirán a la prosperidad y al crecimiento estable de la población.

Necesitamos reforma para restaurar la confianza en el proceso político. Apoyo la reforma para las campañas electorales que limitarían el "soft money" (dinero que se puede donar sin límite a comités políticos), requerirían el acceso completo para que los votantes sepan quien está contribuyendo a un candidato, requerirían a candidatos que reciban la mayoría de sus fondos en sus estados, y para igualar el campo de juego, limitarían la cantidad que los candidatos que financian su propias campañas electorales podrían reembolsarse.

Gene Kelly, DEMOCRAT



I am a trained, experienced leader, negotiator, and manager who has served his country in war and peace as a member of the armed forces for thirty years in grades private through colonel. I have worked with foreign, state and local governments. I will represent the working people of Texas.

A primary responsibility is to ensure that social security funds are reserved and retained for the benefit of the working people who earned and provided them in the first place. We must provide prescription drugs for all seniors and we must ensure that every child in America is afforded reasonable health care regardless of income or social status. Put people before politics now.

The role of the United States must be consistent with our National interests and economically and militarily feasible. The emphasis should be on helping less advanced nations help their own people and not their corrupt leaders. We should not get involved in armed conflicts unless our national interests are directly involved and the intended goals reasonably achievable and fully worth the risks and costs involved. We can help the world but we cannot carry it.

Campaign finance laws and practices cry out for drastic change. They are a cancer upon our great democracy and an insult to its people. Soft money should be abolished, contributions should be reasonably limited, and no single candidate should be permitted to receive or accept contributions totaling more than a set sum deemed reasonable to the office sought. We must eliminate the concept that public office is for sale.

Soy líder entrenado, con experiencia, negociador y gerente que ha servido su patria en tiempos de guerra y paz como miembro de las fuerzas armadas por treinta años en los grados de soldado raso a coronel. He trabajado con gobiernos extranjeros, estatales y locales. Representaré a los trabajadores de Téisas.

Una responsabilidad principal es asegurar que los fondos de la seguridad social sean reservados y retenidos para el beneficio de los trabajadores quienes los han ganado y proveído en primer lugar. Tenemos que proveer medicamentos prescritos para todos los mayores de edad y tenemos que asegurar que cada niño en América reciba atención médica razonable a pesar de sus recursos y su condición social. Piense en personas y no en la política.

El papel de los Estados Unidos debe ser conforme con nuestros intereses nacionales y también factible en asuntos económicos y militares. El énfasis debe ser en ayudar a las naciones menos avanzadas a ayudar a sus propios ciudadanos y no a sus líderes corruptos. No debemos de involucrarnos en conflictos armados a menos que nuestros intereses nacionales sean directamente afectados y que las metas indicadas sean alcanzables y dignas de los riesgos y gastos pertinentes. Podemos ayudar al mundo pero no lo podemos mantener.

Las leyes y prácticas financieras de las campañas políticas requieren cambios drásticos. Son un cáncer en nuestra gran democracia y un insulto a sus ciudadanos. Se debe eliminar ciertos tipos de apoyo financiero, se debe limitar contribuciones de una manera razonable, y ningún candidato debe ser permitido recibir o aceptar contribuciones con un total que pase una suma determinada razonable para el puesto solicitado. Tenemos que eliminar el concepto de que el servicio público esté a la venta.

Mary J. Ruwart, LIBERTARIAN



I fervently believe that small government is better, as detailed in my book, "Healing Our World" (available as a free download at www.ruwart.com). I'm running as a Libertarian because the Party of Principle practices what it preaches (see my answer to campaign finance reform for details).

Excess government regulation has made health insurance unaffordable. New medicines can't be developed because of regulatory barriers that do nothing to protect us. We must get rid of these bad laws to get costs under control. Compassionate people who pay others' medical expenses and insurance should be fully reimbursed by tax credits. Instead of a bureaucratic government program to help the uninsured, we'll take care of everyone with minimal cost.

Aid to other countries should come through the voluntary efforts of our citizenry, not through forced taxation. Too often, our government aid is used to support regimes that violate human rights and empower dictators, such as Hussein and Noriega. Aid sent through private charitable initiatives has a much better chance of helping the people for whom it is intended (e.g., Children International and Save the Children).

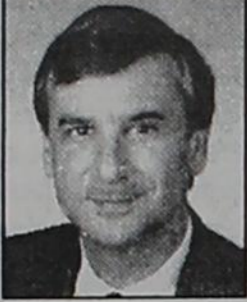
People should be free to contribute to the campaign of their choice as individuals, businesses, or other groups. Taxes should never be used to fund presidential nominating conventions or provide matching funds. Because Libertarians understand that taxes are forced "contributions," we do not accept matching funds. We pay for our own conventions. When we say that you should be free to spend your hard-earned money the way you see fit, we mean it!

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U.S. Senator, continued

Douglas S. Sandage, GREEN



Career background as attorney-mediator, advocate, negotiator and community volunteer. Responsibility, with my wife, for two children. Awareness that today's "big" issues (economy, defense, health) shrink, compared to whether the world we leave our children will sustain a decent spiritual and material life. Determination to speak out for change.

Ultimately, a national single-payer health system will be adopted. Only that can both deliver health care and cut the outrageous costs of today's piecemeal system. Making the change won't be easy, and it won't be perfect. But long-term, it will cost less in both lives and money than leaving millions of families without preventive care, and millions of more folks destitute and ill from uninsured and untreated diseases.

Yes, America must sometimes provide emergency economic — even military — aid. And certainly the emergency of overpopulation requires funding of international family planning. But it's past time to drop the notions that foreign countries should always model themselves after America, or that "their" needs ought to play second-fiddle to "our" wants. The spiritual costs to humanity, and the material costs to the planet, have become too high for those old ways of thinking.

Of today's issues, none surpasses campaign finance reform. Large corporations have their part to play in America, but their ownership of government is undemocratic and downright dangerous. Right now, the big parties dance to the same tune, with only minor variations. Short-term, we should outlaw soft money with a view toward sharply curtailing corporate control of politics. Long-term, we should move to more public funding of elections, with limits on individual contributions.

Preparacion extensiva como abogado, negociador, y mediador. Ser responsable, de mi esposa, de mis dos hijos. Saber que los asuntos corrientes mas importantes de economia, defensa, sanidad se reducen comparado con dejar un mundo que puede sostener una vida espiritual y material razonable. Resolver a hablar francamente para el cambio.

En fin, sera aprobado un sistema nacional de sanidad "single payer". Solo eso puede dar asistencia de sanidad y reducir los costos escandalosos del sistema por etapas que corre. Cambiandose no sera facil, y no sera perfecto. Pero ultimamente, perdiera menos vidas y dinero sin dejar millones de familias sin asistencia profilactica, y millones mas indigente y enfermos de enfermedades sin seguro y tratamiento.

Sí, a veces tiene que dar Los Estados Unidos (LEU) ayuda urgente economica - aun militar. Y seguramente la urgencia de demasiado población obliga pagando por control de natalidad internacional. Pero ya se acabo la idea que otros países deben modelarsen sobre LEU, o que "sus" necesidades son secundarias a "nuestros" deseos. Los costos espirituales a la humanidad, y los costos materiales al planeta, se han aumentado demasiado por esos sentimientos viejos.

La reformacion de la campaña financiera es el asunto lo mas importante. Las corporaciones grandes tienen su lugar en LEU, pero su propiedad del gobierno no es democratico y es muy peligrosa. Ahora los partidos grandes dicen casi lo mismo. Debemos declarar ilegal el "soft money," para acortar el control corporativo de la política. A la larga, debemos usar dinero público para las elecciones, con limites sobre contribuciones individuales.

Railroad Commissioner

Six-year term (on a three-person commission). Must be a Texas resident and qualified voter, not less than 25 years old, and must have no interest in any railroad. Among duties: regulation of the oil and gas industry, including drilling production, and environmental protection; natural gas utility companies; natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety; surface mining of coal, uranium, and iron ore gravel; transportation and storage of liquified petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas; and railroad safety. Salary: \$92,217.

How are you qualified for this position? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

Do you believe that the decision-making process of the Railroad Commission should include more avenues for input from citizens and public interest groups? (75 word limit)

Discuss the role of environmental issues when setting regulatory priorities. (75 word limit)

¿Cómo está ud. capacitado para este puesto?

¿Cree usted que el proceso de toma de decisiones de la Comisión Ferroviaria debe incluir más avenidas para la entrada de ciudadanos y grupos de interés público?

Explique el papel que juegan los asuntos del medio ambiente cuando se determinan prioridades regulatorias.

Los candidatos proporcionaron sus propias contestaciones en español. LWV-TEF no hizo ningún cambio.

Unexpired Term

Michael L. Williams, REPUBLICAN



Appointed by Governor George W. Bush, I have a proven record of cutting red tape, putting money back into hands of taxpayers. I have 20 years of substantial legal, policy, and regulatory experience. My peers unanimously elected me Chairman. I have earned endorsements from an historic number of bi-partisan leaders.

As the Commission's "point person" for regulatory reform and technology modernization, one of the first things I did was to assemble an advisory group of interested stakeholders — producers, royalty owners, and citizens, concerned about the environment. That working group has earned editorial praise for the historical reforms we have put into place. Under my leadership the Commission's ECAP program is allowing us to make more Commission data and information readily available to the public.

We must pass on to future Texans a Texas that is clean and safe. For FY 2000, I voted to redirect \$636,000 from salaries to increase our well plugging and site remediation budget. I proposed historic new rules for well-plugging that will decrease abandon wells and thus the threat to aquifers. It is a tough plan that strengthens the Commission's role and the role of operators and producers as stewards of our state's natural resources.

El gobernador George W. Bush me nombró, tengo antecedentes que comprueban que he reducido los trámites burocráticos así regresando el dinero a las manos de los contribuyentes. Tengo 20 años de experiencia sólida con asuntos legales y con cuestiones normativas y reglamentarias. Mis colegas me eligieron Presidente de forma unánime. He ganado el respaldo de un número histórico de líderes bipartidarios.

Como la persona clave de la Comisión para la reforma reglamentaria y la modernización tecnológica, lo primero que hice fue reunir un grupo consultivo de personas interesadas — productores, dueños de regalías y ciudadanos que se preocupan por el medio ambiente. Este grupo ha ganado elogios editoriales por las reformas históricas que hemos implementado. Bajo mi liderazgo, el programa ECAP de la Comisión nos permite poner más información sobre la Comisión a la disponibilidad del público.

El patrimonio que debemos dejar a los futuros tejanos es un Texas limpio y seguro. Para el año fiscal 2000, voté por la desviación de \$636,000 para aumentar el presupuesto para la recuperación de terrenos y el sellado de pozos. Propuse nuevas reglas pioneras para el sellado de pozos que reducirán el número de pozos abandonados y, por lo tanto, eliminará la amenaza a la capa acuífera. Es un plan exigente que fortalece el papel de la Comisión, así como el de los operarios y los productores, como los encargados de cuidar a los recursos naturales de nuestro estado.

Anthony Garcia, LIBERTARIAN



I am the only candidate who will pursue major restructuring of the Railroad Commission. Commission regulations regarding business practices ought to be handled by private arrangements between businesses. Commission regulations regarding environmental protection ought to be handled by a system of simplified private environmental tort litigation.

This question presupposes that the Railroad Commission ought to be making decisions about the private property and operations of private businesses and individuals. I do not believe the Railroad Commission should be making such decisions.

The legislature of Texas ought to enact laws enabling private individuals and private environmental protection organizations to more easily pursue private environmental tort litigation against individuals and organizations engaged in acts of pollution against private property or commonly shared natural resources.

Soy el único candidato que búsqueda la reestructuración importante de la Comisión. Las regulaciones de la Comisión para las prácticas de negocio debe ser manejado por arreglos entre los negocios. Las regulaciones de la Comisión para la protección del medio ambiente debe ser manejado por un sistema del pleito ambiental simplificado del agravio.

Esta pregunta asume que la Comisión del ferrocarril debe tomar decisiones sobre la pertenencia y las operaciones de negocios privados y de individuos. No creo que la Comisión del ferrocarril debe tomar tales decisiones.

La legislatura de Texas debe decretar leyes permitiendo a individuos privados y las organizaciones privadas de la protección del medio ambiente a persiguen más fácilmente el pleito ambiental del agravio contra actos de la contaminación contra pertenencia privada o recursos naturales comúnmente compartidos.

Railroad Commissioner, continued

Charles L. Mauch, GREEN



BS petroleum engineering, UT-Austin; MBA, University of Houston; registered professional engineer. Worked 33 years as independent oil operator, refinery process engineer, production engineer, natural gas sales representative. Worked eight years as City of Houston senior environmental engineer. Retired 1998. Active with social-justice and environmental groups for 40 years.

Bachillerato en ingeniería petrolera, UT-Austin; Maestría en Administración de Empresas, UH; ingeniero registrado profesional. 33 años operador independiente de petróleo, ingeniero de refinación y producción, representante de ventas de gas. 8 años ingeniero medioambiental de la Ciudad Houston. Jubilado 1998. Activo en grupos medioambientales y sociales por 40 años.

Absolutely. The Austin American-Statesman calls the RRC a "musty, hide-bound agency" where "everything is tilted toward the oil and gas industry and away from the ordinary citizen." I will work for the public, not for the industry I'm supposed to regulate. I do not and will not accept contributions from for-profit corporations. Citizens should be provided legal and technical assistance in presenting concerns. Any "tilting" will be toward the public interest.

Absolutamente. El periódico "Austin-American Statesman" llamó a la Comisión de Ferrocarriles una "agencia rancia y reaccionaria" donde "todo está inclinado hacia la industria del petróleo y del gas y contra el ciudadano común." Trabajaré por el público, no por la industria que regularía. No acepto ni aceptaré contribuciones de corporaciones con fines de lucro. Los ciudadanos deberían acudir de asistencia legal y técnica cuando presentan sus protestas. Cualquier "inclinación" será hacia el interés público.

The RRC is charged with providing stewardship of natural resources and the environment. We want a healthy industry, but not at the cost of public health. About 25,000 illegally abandoned oil wells, strip mining of lignite and uranium, pipeline leaks, and routine oilfield operations constitute a continuing threat to underground aquifers and surface water, croplands and pastures, and public health and safety. Clearly such environmental matters merit a top priority in all RRC proceedings.

La Comisión de Ferrocarriles dispensa recursos naturales y medioambientales. Deseamos una industria robusta, pero no sacrificar la salud pública. 25,000 pozos de petróleo abandonados, explotación de minas de uranio, pérdidas de gas, y operaciones rutinarias en campos petroleros constituyen una amenaza continua para los acueductos subterráneos y aguas superficiales, para campos y prados, y para la salud pública. Dichos temas del medioambiente deben tomar primer plazo en todos procedimientos de la Comisión de Ferrocarriles.

Full Term

Charles R. Matthews, REPUBLICAN

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During my first six-year term, I received widespread recognition for the modernization of the Railroad Commission, the School Pipeline Safety Act, Severance Tax Relief Act, the burgeoning Texas rail crisis, promoting bilingual propane safety throughout Texas and lead efforts and discussions to establish a Trans-Border energy outreach program. I ...

As a Statewide elected official I call for input and concerns from citizens and various stakeholders, so that I can serve Texans to the best of my ability. To promote and encourage input and access, I chaired the agency's reorganization effort to modernize the Railroad Commission. Among my initiatives was my effort to digitize the agency's oil and gas records. This will result in easier access to information and lower costs for those doing business ...

I have been active in environmental concerns at both the national and state level. Currently, I have proposed legislation that will give the State of Texas financial security on every well in the state and will directly deal with the problem of abandoned oil wells. Therefore, every Texas can be assured that any threat to the environment the Railroad Commission will have the financial means to plug the well immediately. I believe the Railroad Commission ...

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Carolyn Fields, LIBERTARIAN



I believe that preparation for the future should be grounded in evidence-based knowledge, implement technological advancements, provide a cost-effective and useful service to industry and a competitive market, promote industry self-reliance and responsibility, and demonstrate a commitment to the condition of the environment we leave to our children.

Using the Internet is a good starting point in increasing awareness and creating access to the Railroad Commission for the public. This is not enough, however. Efforts to involve people should be comprehensive enough to include forums that are accessible and understandable to everyone. A commitment needs to be made to empower the people with information that will allow them to participate in decision-making that affects their health, safety and standard of living.

As a health care provider, I am deeply sensitive toward the seriousness and impact of environmental preservation. Regulation of the oil and gas industry should include the expectation that responsibility be accepted by competitive markets to sustain a world that is not worse than the one we were born into ourselves. A more efficient agency can reduce the burden of overtaxation and overregulation while using existing resources to clean up and prevent environmental degradation.

You creo que preparacion para el futuro deberia estar basada en sabiduria basada en evidencia científica, implementation de avances tecnologicos, el dar costo efectivo y de buen uso a la industria y al Mercado competitivo, promover una industria demuestra preocupacion por la condision del ambiente de nuestros ninos

Usando el internet es una manera de inicializar y crear acceso a esta commission. Pero esto no es suficiente. Hay que tartar de crear un forum de acceso facil y que todos puedan entender. Hay que dar information a la gente para darles poder para que puedan hacer desiciones sobre su salud, su seguridad y su vivienda.

Como promotora de salud you soy my sensitive y entendio la importancia de la presebansion abiental. Las industrias de petroleo y gasdeverian ser incluidas en las expectativas the responsabilidas aceptadas en un mercado competitivo para mantener un mercasos que no peor al que nacimos nosotros. Una agencia mas eficiente puede reducir el exesso de lor impuestos y de las regulaciones que oprimen a la gente mientras se usan maneras ya existents para limpiar y prevenir la degradasion de el ambiente.

Gary Dugger, GREEN



As a native Texan, I have a deep respect for our natural resources - oil and gas, but also air and water. I am committed to environmental wisdom, sustainability, and social justice. I hold no vested interest in any RRC-regulated industry. Protecting Texas' air and water is paramount!

Yes, I do! Too often, the RRC acts as a booster club for the oil, gas and mining industries. Your views are not heard or respected unless you are a deep-pockets contributor to commissioners' campaigns. Texas consumers should be represented before the RRC by a citizens' advisory board that includes leaders from our lower-income communities, which will suffer most if proposals such as Texas Electric Utilities' \$20 million rate hike are approved.

The RRC should not issue any more permits for strip mining uranium or lignite (dirty coal). Alcoa's Rockdale aluminum smelting plant is the dirtiest grandfathered plant in Texas. Alcoa is seeking a permit to mine lignite in Elgin and to sell the water underneath to San Antonio. This will negatively impact people's water wells within a 250-mile radius. Similarly, the Longhorn pipeline should be stopped. Let's mine solar and wind power!

Como Tejano nativo, respeto enormemente nuestros recursos naturales, el petróleo y el gas como el aire y el agua. Estoy comprometido a la sabiduría medioambiental, a la economía sostenible, y a la justicia social. No tengo intereses creados en industrias reguladas por la Comisión. La protección medioambiental tejana es importantísima.

¡Sí! Con demasiado frecuencia, la Comisión de Ferrocarriles actúa como promovedor para industrias de petróleo, gas, y minas. El único punto de vista que se escucha is el del gran contribuidor político. Consumidores tejanos deberían estar representados en frente de la Comisión por una junta asesora de ciudadanos que incluye líderes de comunidades pobres, que sufrirán si se aprueba el aumento de tasas de \$20 millones de las Compañías Eléctricas de Tejas.

La Comisión no debería permitir minería a cielo abierto de uranio o lignito. La fábrica Alcoa de fundición de aluminio en Rockdale es la fábrica exenta más sucia en Tejas. Alcoa solicita el permiso de minar lignito en Elgin y de vender el agua a San Antonio, causando un impacto negativo en los pozos de agua por 250 millas. Se debería parar el conducto de Longborn. ¡A la minería de energía solar y a viento!

Justice, Supreme Court

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. This Court is composed of a Chief Justice and eight justices. It has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction in all civil and juvenile cases. Most cases heard are appeals from appellate rulings by intermediate Courts of Appeals. Salary: \$113,000.

Describe your background and experience for this position. (50 word limit for answer to this question)

Do you support changes in the way the judges are selected and/or the judicial campaign process? Please explain. (75 word limit)

How would you address the problem of providing effective legal services for the poor? (75 word limit)

Describe su fondo y la experiencia para esta posición.

¿Sostiene usted los cambios en los jueces de la manera se escogen y/o el proceso judicial de la campaña? Explique por favor.

¿Cómo dirigiría usted el problema de proporcionar los servicios legales efectivos para el pobre?

Los candidatos proporcionaron sus propias contestaciones en español. LWV-TEF no hizo ningún cambio.

PLACE 1

Nathan Hecht, REPUBLICAN



Senior Justice, Texas Supreme Court (elected 1988, re-elected 1994); Justice, Fifth Court of Appeals, Dallas (1986-1988); Judge, 95th District Court, Dallas (1981-1986); attorney, Locke Purnell Boren Laney Neely (1976-1981); J.D., SMU Law School cum laude; B.A., Yale University (Honors in Philosophy); Lieutenant, USNR, Judge Advocate General Corps

Yes. When I first ran for the Supreme Court in 1988 I voluntarily limited contributions to my campaign, and when I ran again in 1994 I followed even stricter voluntary limits. Most of the limits I set on myself then have now become law. I have also supported legislative efforts to modify the judicial selection process to reduce the influence of politics and money.

Earlier this year the Supreme Court held a conference to solicit proposals from lawyers and the public for improving legal services to the poor. I support efforts by the bar and the Legislature to provide funding for legal aid lawyers and clinics, and I support the bar's efforts to encourage lawyers and law firms to volunteer their time to provide legal services to those who need but cannot afford them.

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Mike Jacobellis, LIBERTARIAN

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Ben G. Levy, GREEN



Judge, First Court of Appeals, 1982-88; attorney for 40 years; won landmark Texas Supreme Court decision in favor of an African-American man denied service at a restaurant, Fisher vs. Carousel Motor Hotel (1967); organized first chapter of Texas ACLU; chaired Houston Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Serious reform is needed to give all candidates a fair chance of being elected. As the process works now, money takes all. Major law firms and corporations handpick our judiciary. The playing field must be leveled; thus I propose public financing of campaigns as well as a cap on how much candidates can spend. As a Green Party candidate, I do not accept for-profit corporate contributions. Justice must never be for sale.

To provide substantive, effective legal services to the poor, I propose we expand legal assistance through increased public funding. Everyone must have access to justice. A screening committee of lawyers should review cases and select those deemed worthy of receiving legal aid. Lawyers who represent indigent defendants should be required to show that they meet basic requirements. As we've seen in recent death-penalty cases, this is an area of vital importance.

Juez, Primera Corte de Apelación, 1982-1988; abogado 40 años; ganó la decisión monumental de la Corte Suprema de Tejas a favor de un hombre negro negado servicio, Fisher c. Carousel Motor Hotel; organizó la primera organización de la ACLU en Tejas; presidente, Comité de Houston "Fin Guerra Viet Nam."

Se necesita una reforma sincera que permita a todos los candidatos o candidatas una oportunidad justa. Actualmente, el dinero gana todo. Las firmas grandes de abogacía y las corporaciones elijen a nuestra judicatura. Hay que nivelar el partido. Propongo la finanza pública de las campañas y un máximo de cuánto puede gastar un candidato. En calidad de candidato del partido verde, no acepto contribuciones de corporaciones. La justicia nunca debe estar de venta.

Para proveer servicios legales sustantivos y efectivos, propongo la expansión de la asistencia legal a través de mayores fondos públicos. Todos tienen el derecho de acudir a la justicia. Un comité investigador de abogados debería analizar los casos y seleccionar los dignos de recibir ayuda legal. Abogados que representan acusados pobres deben de pasar ciertos requisitos básicos. Como hemos visto en casos recientes de la pena de muerte, esto es un tema de importancia vital.

PLACE 2

Priscilla Owen, REPUBLICAN



I have served on the Supreme Court of Texas since my election to that court in 1994. Before becoming a judge, I practiced law for seventeen years in Houston where I was a partner in the firm of Andrews & Kurth. I graduated from Baylor Law School with honors.

Yes. I have supported several proposed constitutional amendments considered by the Legislature that would change how we select judges in Texas, including plans in which judges would run in non-partisan retention elections. With regard to campaign contributions, I voluntarily placed limits on contributions when I ran in 1994. This year, I stopped accepting contributions and returned to each contributor a significant percentage of their contribution when I did not draw a Republican or Democrat opponent.

The court on which I serve is devoting considerable attention to this difficult issue. We are examining ways to encourage more lawyers to provide free legal services to the poor. We are considering how to make the legal system simpler and easier for average citizens to understand and navigate. We are also considering whether there are some services that should not be defined as the practice of law that could be provided by non-lawyer volunteers.

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Joe Alfred Izen, Jr., LIBERTARIAN

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PLACE 3

Al Gonzales, REPUBLICAN



Justice, Texas Supreme Court; Secretary of State of Texas; General Counsel to Governor Bush; Partner, Vinson & Elkins; Adjunct Law Professor, University of Houston; J.D. Harvard Law School; B.A., Rice University; Director, State Bar of Texas; President, Hispanic Bar Association; 1992 Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas.

Although the Constitution reflects the will of the people that judges be elected, I would support changes in the judicial campaign process. It is difficult for good judges to be re-elected unless they raise money to educate people about their judicial qualifications. But this often forces candidates to raise money from lawyers and litigants that may have cases before that judge. While I believe that a vast majority of judges are not influenced by contributions, . . .

The Supreme Court, through its rulemaking powers and its role in redistribution of caseloads among judicial regions, can continue to make our legal system more efficient, and thus more affordable. The court can also continue to require the bar to explore how to make legal services more accessible, including incentives for pro bono services. The court should continue to support legislation that will make the legal system more accessible.

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Lance Smith, LIBERTARIAN

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I am 45 years old. Received a BA from Rutgers University in 1977 and a JD from South Texas College of Law in 1981. Have been in private practice as a solo practitioner since 1983. Have handled civil and criminal matters. Past president of Harris County Municipal Justice Bar Association.

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The judiciary should continue to be an elected position. Though the system carries inherent flaws they are no greater than those that exist in any alternative system and it does have the redeeming value being able to periodically purge any inequities that result from those flaws. I don't favor spending and contribution limitations. I do support full disclosures of these matters in order that any apparent conflicts of interest may be brought to light.

Resolution of the problem lies within the province of the legislature rather than the bench. I have never supported the principle of coercing people into providing their labor. Most problems indigent persons run afoul of are in areas that can be termed ministerial, family law would be an example. If the Legislature eliminates its labyrinthine processes, it would lower legal costs to levels where attorneys are not out of the reach of low-income persons.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. This Court is the highest state court for appeals resulting from criminal cases. It is comprised of a Presiding Judge and eight Judges. Decisions of Courts of Appeals in criminal cases may be appealed to this Court. All cases which result in the death penalty are directed to this Court. Salary for Presiding Judge, \$115,000; salary for judges, \$113,000.

Describe your background and experience for this position. (50 word limit for answer to this question)

Do you support changes in the way the judges are selected and/or the judicial campaign process? Please explain. (75 word limit)

How would you address the problem of providing effective legal services for the poor? (75 word limit)

Describe sus antecedentes de trabajo y la experiencia para este puesto.

¿Apoya usted cambios en la manera de escoger jueces y/o el proceso de campaña judicial? Explique por favor.

¿Cómo dirigirla usted el problema de proporcionar servicios legales efectivos para gente de bajos recursos económicos?

Los candidatos proporcionaron sus propias contestaciones en español. LWV-TEF no hizo ningún cambio.

Presiding Judge

Sharon Keller, REPUBLICAN



I was elected to the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1995, after serving as assistant district attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office. I am familiar with the Court's budget process, internal procedures, and grant program. My conservative credentials and knowledge of the Court's inner workings qualify me for this position.

I am in favor of the election of judges.

I am running for a court that deals with criminal cases only. The problem of providing counsel for the poor that are accused of criminal offenses has already been addressed. Local government provides counsel for trial and direct appeal in criminal cases where the defendant cannot afford a lawyer. In addition, the State has allocated up to \$25,000 per case for habeas review of capital murder convictions.

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Bill Vance, DEMOCRAT



Experience includes being a prosecutor, defense attorney, trial judge, administrative judge, state-agency board member, State Bar director, and court of appeals justice for ten years. Board Certified, Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Licensed to practice law 37 years. JD, University of Texas Law School. LLM, University of Virginia Law School.

Yes. I favor the non-partisan election of judges at the appellate level. We could adopt a plan similar to that of Georgia, where all candidates appear in a judicial section of the primary ballot of all political parties and the winner in each race is on the General Election ballot. Campaigning could be limited to a single mailing to each voter in an approved format listing the vital information for each candidate.

For civil matters, I support the funding by Congress if the Legal Services Corporation and continuing the pro bono program of the State Bar of Texas, through which lawyers in Texas have given countless hours of legal services. In criminal cases, increase training and higher allowances for appointed counsel could improve the effectiveness of lawyers appointed to represent indigent defendants.

Ser fiscal, abogado defensor, juez por juicio, juez administrador, miembro de la junta directiva de la agencia estatal, director de abogados del estado, juez de Tribunal de instancia por diez años. Autorizado en practicar la ley, 37 años. Doctor de Leyes, la Universidad de Texas. LLM, la Universidad de Virginia.

Si. Yo estoy a favor de la eleccion de jueces a nivel de instancia que no sea partidista. Podriamos adoptar un plan semejante al de Georgia, donde todos los candidatos aparecen en la seccion judicial del voto primario de todos los partidos y el ganador en cada carrera esta en la papeleta de la Eleccion General. La campaña podría limitarse a enviar por correo al votante, por una sola, vez un impreso aprobado.

En cuanto a asuntos civiles, Yo apoyo los fondos por el Congreso de la Corporacion de Servicios Legales y continuar el programa Pro Bono del Tribunal del Estado de Texas, a traves del cual abogados en Texas han contribuido innumerables horas de servicios legales. En casos criminales, un aumento de formacion y bonificaciones mas altas por abogados asignados a la defensa podrian mejorar la eficacia de abogados designados a representar a acusados indigentes.

PLACE 1

Charles Holcomb, REPUBLICAN



Married; three children; four grandchildren; graduate South Texas College of Law; seven years in private practice and City Attorney; five years, Judge, Orange County Court at Law; eighteen years Cherokee County District and County Attorney; six years, Justice Tyler Court of Appeals; presently, Senior Appellate Judge sitting by appointment.

I believe judges should be initially selected by non-partisan elections in which they are listed as candidates on both Democratic and Republican primary ballots. The winner in the second primary would be the judge. After being elected in this manner they would only be subject to retention elections at the end of their term.

I believe all attorneys in Texas should be required to devote a certain number of hours doing "pro bono" work for the poor as a condition of their license. A similar procedure is now in place by the State Bar of Texas.

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I have been a practicing criminal defense attorney for the last ten years. I have tried to verdict scores of felony and misdemeanor cases in the state system as well as the federal system. I have also successfully appealed federal and Texas criminal cases.

No.

I believe that the current system employed by many counties for indigent criminal defense by way of a system of court appointed attorneys is inadequate. I believe this because there is an inherent conflict of interest when a lawyer depends on the judge before whom he is supposed to try a case to provide him with a substantial portion of the lawyer's livelihood. The solution is to provide a statewide system of public defenders thereby . . .

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PLACE 2

Barbara Parker Hervey, REPUBLICAN



The position I seek requires criminal appellate experience. I have been an assistant criminal district attorney for Bexar County for past sixteen years of continuously working as an appellate lawyer. I have presented hundreds of appellate cases to the various Courts of Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

I believe the electorate should continue to have a voice in the selection of their judges. However, I would advocate a concerted effort on the part of all parties, the schools and the media in educating the public on the offices, the requirements for holding office and the background and experience of those seeking office.

Competent legal services to the poor can be accomplished through additional funding from surplus state funds to establish Legal Aid programs, and through taxation of attorneys unwilling to represent indigent clients which would pay qualified lawyers willing to accept such representation. Additionally, lawyers seeking board certification would be required to perform pro bono services in their specialized field to indigent clients for a certain number of hours annually.

La posición que yo busco requiere la experiencia de apelación delictiva. Yo he sido un abogado del distrito delictivo auxiliar para el Condado de Bexar para el pasado dieciséis años trabajando continuamente como un abogado de apelación. Yo he presentado centenares de caso de apelación la varios corte de apelaciones.

Yo creo que el electorado debe continuar teniendo una voz en la selección de sus jueces. Sin embargo, yo defendería un esfuerzo convenido por parte de todas las fiestas, las escuelas y los medios de comunicación educando al público en las oficinas, los requisitos por sostener la oficina y el fondo y experiencia de aquéllos que buscan la oficina.

Pueden lograrse servicios legales competentes al pobres a través del fondo adicional del sobrante los fondos estatales a los programas de Ayuda Legales establecidos, y a través de la imposición de contribuciones de abogados involuntario para representar a los clientes indigente que sería consolidado para pagar a los abogados calificados para aceptará la tal representación. La certificación de la tabla se exigirá realizar anualmente en pro de los servicios del bono en su campo especializado.

William R. Barr, DEMOCRAT



With ten years in criminal law as an appellate and trial attorney, I offer the balance to perform careful appellate review grounded in an understanding of the living people and events of real-time trials. My reasoning and language skills were honed by my previous career teaching Rhetoric at SMU.

The present system of electing judges is preferable to the appointment systems I have heard discussed. The current system leaves the power of selection with the people; the appointment system would create judges who owe their positions to a politician or a party. In the present state of the media and technology, nonpartisan elections for judges would present an unwieldy situation as to the narrowing of the field of candidates and the dissemination of information.

For the poor to have effective legal services, the appellate courts must function as quality control. If a trial judge faces no consequences for appointing an attorney who sleeps through trial or for overruling a valid objection, then fairness doesn't have to be the trial judge's concern. When that same judge must try the sleeping attorney's client again or retry a case because of the faulty ruling, then effective representation will become a priority.

Con diez años en la ley criminal como un abogado de apelar y juicio, yo ofrezco hacer repaso cuidadoso basado en una comprensión de la gente y los eventos de juicios real. Se afilaban mi razonamiento y mis calificaciones durante mi carrera de enseñar la Retorica en SMU.

El sistema presente de elegir los jueces es preferible al sistema de nombrarles. El sistema corriente lo deja el poder de seleccion con la gente; el sistema de nombrar crearia unos jueces quienes le deberian sus posiciones a un politico o a un partido. En el estado presente de la tecnologia, una eleccion sin partidos present una situacion dificil en relacion al estrechando del grupo de candidatos y a la diseminacion de informacion.

Para que los pobres tengan servicios legales efectivos, los tribunales deben funcionar como control de calidad. Si un juez de juicio no da a las consecuencias ni para nombrar a un abogado durmiente ni para negar una objecion valida, pues la justicia no tiene que ser asunto del juez. Cuando el mismo juez tiene que hacer los juicios otra vez tratarlo la segunda vez, la representacion efectiva sera una prioridad.

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