

# The Castro County News

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## Montes, Richard vie for city council seat

# Voters to decide on 14 amendments

Dimmitt residents in District 3 will elect a city councilman during a special election Tuesday, while voters across the state will vote on 14 proposed constitutional amendments.

Danny Montes and Charles Richard are seeking the District 3 councilman's seat in Dimmitt.

Voters may cast early ballots for the city council race during regular business hours through Friday at Dimmitt City Hall.

Early voters in the special constitutional amendment election may cast ballots through Friday at the Castro County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The city council election will be conducted in the city council chambers at Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones.

Polling places for the constitutional amendment election are as follows:

- Precinct 1:**
  - 101—Hart Golden Group.
  - 105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.
- Precinct 2:**
  - 201—Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt.
  - 206—Flagg Fertilizer.
- Precinct 3:**
  - 301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.
  - 307—Easter Community Church.
- Precinct 4:**
  - 401—District Courtroom, Dimmitt.
  - 408—Nazareth Community Hall.

Here's a brief rundown of each constitutional amendment:

**Proposition 1:** To allow any municipal court judge to hold more than one public office.

**Proposition 2:** Would limit property tax increases on homestead appraisals.

**Proposition 3:** Would permit local taxing units to grant property tax exemptions or credits on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented.

**Proposition 4:** Would "clean up" the state constitution by eliminating duplicate numbering of some sections and deleting some archaic terms.

**Proposition 5:** Would allow the Texas Supreme Court to convene in cities other than Austin.

**Proposition 6:** Would allow the Texas Growth Fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investment ties with South Africa or

Namibia.

**Proposition 7:** Would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to streamline its bond programs to maximize the use of existing funds.

**Proposition 8:** Would expand the types of liens for home equity loans that may be placed against a home-  
stead.

**Proposition 9:** A "localized" amendment regarding Harris County's Rural Fire Prevention District's tax rate.

**Proposition 10:** Would divide the Crime Victims' Fund into two separate, dedicated accounts, one to benefit crime victims and the other to pay the administrative costs for these

services.

**Proposition 11:** Would limit the amount of state debt payable from the General Revenue Fund.

**Proposition 12:** Would establish a deadline for Supreme Court action on any motion for rehearing.

**Proposition 13:** Would guarantee that the Texas Tomorrow Fund for children's college tuition would pay tuition and fees in full in the future, even if the legislature must appropriate money necessary to cover any shortfall.

**Proposition 14:** Would allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE SCARECROW to liven up Halloween, and 2-year-old Daniel Kern is dressed for the part as he waits for his turn at one of the many games featured at a Halloween carnival in Nazareth Sunday. A large crowd enjoyed the carnival, spook house and concession stand sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents.

Photo by Anne Acker



RACE AGAINST TIME—Cotton bales come out of the Castro Co-op Gin and onto the truck as growers and ginners approach full speed in their race against the wet winter that's expected, starting next month. Less than 10% of the county's estimated 60,000 acres of cotton has been harvested so far. According to Jim

Bradford at The North Gin of Dimmitt, yields are lower than last year's, averaging 1½ to two bales per acre with a few fields producing 2½ bales. Ginners report that quality has improved since the weekend freeze, and micronaire ratings are good so far.

Photo by Don Nelson

## 4-H horse judges place fourth in Ohio

Castro County's 4-H horse judging team is one of the best in the nation and the team proved that to the rest of the country on Oct. 21, when it finished fourth overall in the American Quarter Horse Congress national competition in Columbus, Ohio.

Team members Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten, Cody Annen and Kristin Hales competed against 26 other 4-H, FFA and AQHYA teams from around the United States at the event, which was held in conjunction with several other activities at the Quarter Horse Congress.

The team placed fourth in the Halter Division, fourth in the Reasons Division, seventh in the Performance Division and finished fourth overall.

McDaniel finished fifth and Wooten placed 10th in oral reasons.

McDaniel finished 15th in the overall contest while Annen finished 17th.

The team was accompanied by coach Scott Bagley and his wife Suanne, several parents, along with Pammy Millican and Extension Agent Benny Martinez.

The Castro County Horse Judging Team expresses its appreciation to everyone for supporting the team in its fundraisers to help finance trips to contests.



**FRIDAY:** The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" party for preschool children and those through the third grade. The event will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church's back parking lot.

**TUESDAY:** The United Methodist Women will hold their annual holiday bazaar and turkey dinner at the First United Methodist Church. The bazaar will be open at 10 a.m. The dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Cost is \$6 per person.

**NOV. 13:** The annual cake auction at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home will be held at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the residents' activity fund.

**NOV. 23:** A Thanksgiving dinner featuring turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, will be served in Nazareth at the Community Hall. Also, a holiday arts and crafts bazaar will be held in the Nazareth school cafeteria throughout the day.

## El Niño '97

# Weather phenomenon may mean harsh winter for area

You can start dreaming of a white Christmas.

That's probably one of the effects El Niño will have on the Texas Panhandle.

This area could experience one of the wettest and coldest winters in recent history, thanks to El Niño, a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the tropical Pacific.

El Niño, translated from Spanish, means "little one," and since the weather phenomenon usually occurs around Christmas, it has also been named "the Christ child" by some.

Scientists have said the weather system brewing in the Pacific Ocean could be the largest climate event of the century, setting off an unprecedented number of global disasters.

El Niño is expected to bring in-

creased rainfall and heavy snow across the southern tier of the United States and in Peru this winter, while drought conditions will prevail in the usually moist climates of Brazil, Africa and Australia.

Forecasters say the southwestern and eastern United States could see as much as three times their normal moisture and they expect violent storms to hit the California coastline. Residents in the northwestern United States could suffer from lower than normal precipitation, possibly even droughts.

This El Niño is expected to be particularly devastating to California and other western states. In January, forecasters are predicting torrential rains and flooding that could lead to destruction in the billions of dollars.

The last El Niño system to strike was back in 1982-83, and it caused

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### First Freeze

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	65	37	07
Friday	69	45	
Saturday	71	31	03
Sunday	39	27	
Monday	51	23	
Tuesday	67	27	
Wednesday	71	31	

October Moisture ..... 0.98

1997 Moisture ..... 23.05

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Look at it this way: The Cowboys are the most prolific field-goal team in all of professional football.

I'm glad that the Indians won the World Series and that I finally won the office pot.

Don't call or write. I just wanted to see how that would look in print.

The best football trip Verbie and I have had during the season was to Canadian.

Although we've lived in this part of the world nearly all our lives, we had never been to Canadian.

Instead of making the long drive back home after the game, we opted to stay at a bed-and-breakfast in Canadian, then spent a couple of hours Saturday morning looking around.

It's a charming city, dotted with some impressive homes—yea, even mansions—that were built mostly with profits from the oil-and-gas industry. Well-kept petroleum service

## Party slated Friday night

Ghosts, goblins and spooks of all kinds will converge on the parking lot at First Baptist Church Friday and will go from car to car, selecting Halloween treats.

The church is sponsoring its annual "Trunk or Treat" party for children up to third grade age on Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the church's parking lot.

Those who would like to donate candy should drop it by the church's office. Adults helping with the event should report to the church at 5 p.m., and "cars should be parked in the back parking area with the trunk facing to the inside of the area," according to organizers of the event.

Treats should be placed in the trunk and will be distributed to children as they proceed through the lot.

Those attending the event are asked to come in costume.

For more information or to help with the event, call the church at 647-3115.



TRAVELERS—(From left) Joanna Coates, 28, and Emily Thibeault, 20, hold a map of the US as they sit on the \$400 Cadillac that salvaged the cross-country trip that brought them to Dimmitt, where they visited Thibeault's grandmother, Aural Davis. The two

say they have become very good friends as the result of the trip and are glad they have been able to get along. Even their birthdays are close together—Coates on March 15 and Thibeault on March 16. (See story of their trip on Page 18) Photo by Linda Maxwell

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## Editorial

### Sugar PAC opens congressional doors that could have been closed to growers

By TONY BRORMAN

For Texas and New Mexico sugar beet growers, one of the most important tools for maintaining good sugar policy and stability in the industry is the political action committee (PAC) and as campaign finance reform is increasingly featured in the news, it is important for growers to understand why they should participate.

A PAC is simply made up of individuals who share common interests and make voluntary contributions to support members of Congress who are supportive of or sympathetic to their legislative concerns. PACs allow individuals to join with others who share their values and interests and to take action to achieve the political goals they believe are most important to them personally.

In the case of agriculture, only 13% of the House of Representatives can be considered rural. Political contributions do not buy votes, but can allow individuals or groups—especially a small group like sugar farmers—to have an opportunity to get a hearing with both rural and urban congressmen to educate them about their concerns.

Rigorous campaign funding disclosure laws that came about in 1974 following Watergate ensure that campaign funding is a matter of public record. All individual contributions to PACs are strictly voluntary and PACs may not use membership dues or fees as a source of funding. Both the Texas Sugarbeet PAC and American Sugarbeet Growers PAC provide periodic receipt and disbursement reports to their boards of directors and to anyone who requests them.

Texas and New Mexico beet growers can participate in a check-off program to make contributions to our PAC. This involves signing an authorization form, provided by your Holly Sugar Corp. Field man, which allows Holly to withhold your designated contribution from your beet payment and transfer it to the grower PAC.

The amount or level of contribution is strictly up to

you. This year, only 49% of our growers participated in the checkoff.

Federal regulations do not allow contributions from incorporated growers, so a separate authorization is required from them and contributions can only be made on personal checks.

Our PAC focuses primarily on Texas congressional delegation members who have supported sugar policy (25 of 30 congressmen). We also make a yearly transfer of \$5,000 to the American Sugarbeet PAC to help with campaigns on a national level.

In our efforts to sign up acreage this past year, our emphasis on growers' participation in the PAC was placed on the back burner and our funds are now running low. Although the farm bill is intended to be in effect until 2002, annual threats still exist to sugar producers through the legislative and trade policy process.

In 1996 there were over 30 major agriculture-related PACs registered with the Federal Election Commission, out of a total of 4,033. There are at least 20 PACs that are readily-identifiable as having anti-sugar interests.

As the number of congressmen with direct agricultural constituencies diminishes, the goal of your local and national grower associations must be to educate them about the importance of sugar policy and the domestic sugar industry.

A PAC is a necessary tool to achieve this goal. I strongly encourage you to participate in your grower PAC so that we can be a strong voice to Congress on behalf of the Texas sugar beet industry.

If you have any questions, please call Louise Leasure at the growers association office in Hereford, or contact any board member.

Tony Brorman is vice president of the Texas and New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association.



### Vote 'no' on home equity lending

By BOB STALLMAN

Texas Farm Bureau President

Throw enough money at an issue and you can make even the worst idea sound as American as "mom and apple pie." In the case of home-equity lending, it's disturbing to think that mom might end up losing her house and kitchen because of an idea that lenders say is in the best interest of Texans. The only thing being cooked here is a recipe for disaster.

On Nov. 4, Texas voters will decide whether to turn their backs on over 150 years of Texas heritage and allow expanded home-equity lending in their state. The language on the constitutional amendment ballot is deceptively simple: "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead." millions of dollars of advertising and message control have promoted this concept as a "property rights issue" for Texans. After all, we're the only state in the nation that does not allow this type of borrowing. In reality, if you want the loan, you'll use your home for collateral.

Look at the bottom line, as all lenders do, and you'll see who's making the push and why. A July survey by a Houston financial company estimates, if the proposition passes, the home-equity loan volume in Texas for the first two years will be \$17.9 billion. That's a staggering amount of money and new business for lenders. The Wall Street Journal describes in an Aug. 20 article "the prospect of homeowners rushing to

apply for loans has more lenders licking their chops than running for cover."

Texas Farm Bureau has always been against weakening the homestead protections so prominent in our Texas Constitution. Supporters of home-equity lending thought they had taken us out of the picture by taking agriculture "out of the bill." Well, proponents couldn't even do that right. They left milk producers "in the bill" and vulnerable to home-equity loan pressures. But even Texas farmers not engaged in milk production can still be sucked into home-equity lending. The idea that signing this type of loan is strictly a voluntary decision is not true. I contend there will be instances when pressure from outside influences will force a person to sign the dotted line and put their home in jeopardy. Let me give you an example.

When a farmer and rancher seeks to secure an operating loan for that year, personal assets such as equipment, land and livestock are typically used as collateral. If in the lender's opinion not enough collateral is available to secure the loan, other sources of collateral must be found. Perhaps, the lender suggests a Certificate of Deposit. The presence of a CD, the producer is told, would qualify him or her for the loan.

If the farmer or rancher happens to reside in a house in town, as many do, apart from land designated for agricultural use, and there is more than 20% equity available in the home, then there's the solution to the problem. Equity in the home could be used to purchase the CD. There are not stipulations in the November proposal as to how proceeds from a home-equity loan can be applied. In this instance, the CD could then be utilized to secure the needed operating loan for the producer.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. Such a scenario does not violate the proposal's prohibition against cross-collateralization or its exemption

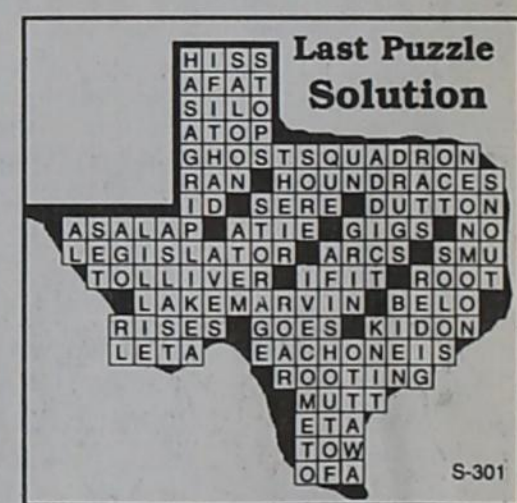
prohibiting agricultural homesteads from being eligible.

There are other factors that can influence one's decision to mortgage the home, and these factors impact all homeowners. I've been told of instances in other states where a family member, perhaps a child or grandchild, tugs at the heartstrings of a parent or grandparent in asking help with a new business venture or idea. All that's needed is a little more money to get the business off the ground. Bowing to the pressure of family loyalty and love, the parent or grandparent puts the value of their home to work.

A home-equity loan is made and the money is sent to the grateful family member, but through no fault of anyone except the business climate at the time, the business fails, and a home is lost. It's not that difficult to imagine. It happens. And now we're told by the lenders that this idea's time has come for Texas. Think about all of the homes that would have been subject to foreclosure in the mid-80s during the oil and real estate crisis if this type of lending had been allowed.

For over 150 years, the homestead protections built into the Texas Constitution has served the state and its people well. Now is not the time to rewrite Texas tradition and common-sense.

Vote "no" with me to defeat the home-equity lending proposal in November.



## Letter

### The nation needs a change

The senate is debating campaign finance reform. Every Democratic senator has endorsed the McCain-Fingold Bill. The president endorses it, too. The Republican leadership continues to stand in the way.

The amendment was never proposed, at least not in public, by any senator or member of the house. It was not subjected at any time to public scrutiny, much less debated. But at the midnight hour, this phantom amendment of 1997 surfaced, tucked away in a corner of the massive budget of 1997.

If permitted to stand, this outrageous provision would have taken \$50 billion earmarked for health insurance for needy children and would use those funds to help with tobacco companies settlements.

Who would do such a thing? No one has confessed, but the press reports it was Senator Majority Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Newt Gingrich. USA Today reported that the Republican leaders proposed this

deal—they insisted upon having it.

USA Today said the GOP leaders made acceptance of the tobacco tax break a condition of their agreement. This backroom deal so outraged the country that on Sept. 10, the senate voted 95-3 to scrap it.

Democrats as "the party of the people" will fight for the people in 1998. They have had three years of full control to build a record for themselves. All the GOP record shows is ignoring people and making the rich richer.

They have made too many mistakes and have continued to spend billions of tax dollars on their rich benefactors. It is time the Democrats take back the house and senate. The nation needs a change.

The Democrats will take over the house and senate. The president will enjoy the rest from the complaints.

TEENY BOWDEN

## Editorial

### Texas Farmers Union urges voters to reject home equity lending proposal

By WES SIMS

Texas Farmers Union President

Every week, and sometimes several times a week, Texas consumers are offered new credit cards, either through telephone or direct mail solicitation.

The most serious problem for consumers who run up big credit card debt is the excessively high interest rates they face while trying to repay the debt. But credit card debt is unsecured, and even though the banks who provide credit cards can get a judgment against a debtor, they cannot foreclose on the debtor's property, and certainly not on the debtor's home.

In spite of the booming US economy, it is predicted that 1.3

million bankruptcy actions will be filed this year in the US. This is seven times the number 20 years ago.

According to a CNN report, these 1.3 million bankruptcies involve millions of dollars in bad debt. It should be obvious then why banks are clamoring for new ways to secure loans.

In Texas, bankers have successfully pressured the legislature into offering a proposed constitutional amendment for voters to decide on Nov. 4. The ballot language of Proposition 8 is deceptively pleasant: *The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, place against a homestead.*

As early as 1837, prior to statehood, Texas protected its citizens against forced sale of their homes to pay debts. Foreclosure (forced sale) on homesteads is currently allowed only for money owed for the original purchase, for home improvements, for taxes, and more recently, for debts resulting from partition agreements generally arising in case of divorce.

The proposed constitutional amendment would allow Texans to pledge their homes as collateral for loans. The amendment is strongly supported by big banks who want to make more loans and thereby earn more profit from interest paid on the loans.

Those favoring the amendment say that sufficient consumer protection has been written into the enabling legislation which will take effect if the amendment passes.

The Texas Farmers Union is urging Texans to vote against Proposition 8 because even though safeguards are included, we believe this is only a first step by bankers and that they will come back during future legislative sessions to chip away at homesteads.

Vote NO on Proposition 8.

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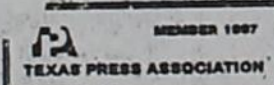
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- what biscuits are cooked in (2 wds.)
- cotton bundle
- "Mama, don't let your babies grow \_\_\_ be cowboys"
- horse color
- TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"
- TXism: "cold \_\_\_ banker's heart"
- TXism: "he likes to pull \_\_\_ (drinker)"
- TX Sly Stone tune: "Everybody \_\_\_"
- TX Willie Nelson's 3rd benefit: Farm \_\_\_
- USS Houston was launched from \_\_\_ News, VA
- dealmakers for Cowboys draft picks
- TX Chennault was adviser to \_\_\_ Kai-shek
- bootmaker Tony
- questions
- TXism: "got it from the \_\_\_ mouth"
- Astro four bagger
- Grand Saline, TX is called "\_\_\_ City"
- TXism: "crooked \_\_\_ snakes"
- the offside mark for the Dallas Stars (2 wds.)
- TX Willie started singing gospel with his sister
- points guns
- social misfit
- how Astros might get a new player (2 wds.)
- former state legislator Glenn from Duncanville
- TXism: "\_\_\_ to the dogs"
- religious divisions
- Dallas Stars organization
- TXism: "changes his mind as often \_\_\_ does socks"
- TXism: "could walk under a turtle wearing \_\_\_ gallon hat" (short)
- TX singer Orbison
- song: "Texas When I \_\_\_"
- Cowboys scores

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- TXism: "ran like red ants out of \_\_\_"
- works by TX poets
- where Dallas Stars skate
- snake bite
- medical containers
- how Texans pronounce "oil"
- resort
- Austin's last words: "Texas \_\_\_ tender on \_\_\_ payday"
- this Conrad started his hotel chain in Cisco (init.)
- Santa's word
- TX Willie got in debt to this agency
- TXism: "busy \_\_\_ tender on \_\_\_"
- wife of John Connally
- "Bum" Phillips
- Rayburn: "\_\_\_ Sam" daughter"
- TXism: "let \_\_\_ rip" they're "upon you" in Texas
- INS agents
- sixth sense
- to Bryan from Waco
- shoulder muscle
- TXism: "popular \_\_\_ oilman's \_\_\_ daughter"
- they're "upon you" in Texas



# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Children in the first through fourth grades celebrated "Feasts of First Fruits" at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt Tuesday night.

Those sponsoring the event, which was filled with fun and food, were Pat Evans, Jeanie Walker, Julia Thomas, Steven Martinez, Steffany Casas, Veronica Casas and Norma Conard.

The children dressed in costumes portraying citizens arriving in Jerusalem. A parachute represented the city of Jerusalem.

Music and games were enjoyed by 29 children.

Bennie Barrera celebrated his birthday recently with family members, including Missy Montalvo, who was celebrating her birthday as well. Others enjoying the special occasion were Amelia Barrera, Kristi Barrera, Val and Yvette Barrera and family, Ben Barrera, Zelma and Rafael Navarro, Armando Montalvo, Emilio and Eddie Barrera and a cousin, Fidel Barrera, of Ohio.

A hamburger cookout and a birthday cake was enjoyed by everyone.

Helen Braafladt was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and she

served a delicious cake and ice cream dessert.

Dude McLauren won high score and Neva Hickey was second. Others playing were Opha Burks, Louise Mears, Emily Clingsmith, Martha Dannevik, Bernice Hill, Edith Graef, Cleo Forson and Bill Thornton.

Members of the First United Methodist Church enjoyed a hamburger cookout at the baseball park on Oct. 19. Forty people attended the cookout and some played baseball.

Rev. Stacy Connor made the news on ABC Sunday with Carole Simpson reporting.

Mrs. Reynolds has a television program in Muleshoe that reaches five neighboring towns.

Stacy is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Muleshoe and he married Debbie Dobbs, daughter of Roger and Geneva Malone of Dimmitt.

Special guests at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt were Bobby and Teri Price of Brady, who have seven children including Matthew, 16; Luke, 13; Nathan, 11; Hanna, 9; Abigail, 6; Garrison, 4; and Annie, 18 months. They are a lively, well-mannered and talented group of chil-

dren. They sang two special songs for the Sunday morning service and gave a concert after lunch.

A covered dish meal was enjoyed by a large group following the morning service. The tables were beautiful with fall leaves, mums and large and small pumpkins.

After lunch, the Price family gave a musical and drama presentation. Teri put on a skit about an average day in her life with seven children.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Hathaway, Janet Stamford's mother; and the family of Larry Lee, Cindy Hopson Lee's husband.

Lois Scott celebrated her birthday on Oct. 19 in the home of Ben and Mollie Scott. It was a great party for Lois, Ben Sr., and Robert.

Mollie served a delicious meal as well as a German chocolate cake, a lemon roll for Robert and a chocolate cake for Ben.

There was an exchange of gifts and cards.

Other family members attending were Krystal and Klay, Annesa, Cody and daughter, Holly, and Ben Jr.

On Oct. 26 at the Church of Christ, Lois was surprised with a noon meal

and huge birthday cake which she enjoyed and shared with everyone.

Lois's birthday was Oct. 25 and she turned 92. She reported it was great fun to have an extended birthday.

Recently, a group of tennis players celebrated the birthdays of their number by going to Amarillo to play tennis and eat at Jason's Deli.

Only Jane O'Kelly actually made the party of cake and cards and a free meal since arrangements with Paraly Moore were curtailed by phone foul-ups and Doricell Davis had out-of-town company.

Celebrating for them were Janet Hand Smith, Noemi Ponce, Debbie Fewell and her sister of Amarillo, Christie Trimmier, Margaret Parsons, Deanne Clark and Kay Kellar.

On the way back to Dimmitt, some members of the group stopped to see Paraly and Don Moore and Mandy, who have moved into their new home in Hunsley Hills.

They have done a lot of their own work on the house and were in the process of putting up towel racks, etc.

Gainell Minnick was honored early for her birthday by receiving guests, cards and gifts at the home of Shelly Collins, her daughter.

Sweet breads, coffee and spiced tea were served at the Saturday morning coffee.

Gainell has moved to Amarillo, where she loves her job with the Region XVI Service Center at the Migrant Department. She has gone a lot this season to see her grandson, Joe Don's ballgames at San Angelo.

Many Dimmitt residents were spotted at the Texas Plains Chorale fundraiser Saturday night in Hereford.

Proceeds from the brisket meal will help fund the group's trip to London next year.

Those from Dimmitt who are members of the group are Charles Axtell, Wayne Proffitt, Avie Lewis, Jerry Heller and Dwight Joiner.

Gary Heller of Plainview played the piano during the meal.

Dimmitt folks attending were Ralph and Avis Smith, Libby Cleveland, Mildred Bradford, Shirley

Wise, Carol Lantz, Genell Craig, Joy Parsons, Ed and Betty Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson, Martha Jo Hyman, Delores Heller, Dorothy Nutt, Beth Joiner, Carolyn Jones, Bill and Deanne Clark, George and Carolyn Sides, Don and Paula Graham, and Bill and Jacque Sava.

It was birthday time again for the Birthday Babes.

Brenda Bruton was the "birthday girl." Waurayne Hughes, Nancy Fuller, Martha Dannevik, Sue Stahl, Glenda Sims and Trudy Jackson enjoyed delicious snacks and birthday cake served by hostess Joyce Bolton.

Violet Barton also sings in the group and Kenneth and Linda Fry were there.

The Roy Barringers, formerly of Dimmitt, were also there.

Woodrow Killingsworth of Amarillo came to hear his son, Jerry, sing in the group.

Mark and Mary Bruegel were in

church Sunday with their baby daughter, Kyla; and Claudine Langford came with Mattie Seale.

Danice Wright's parents, Dan and Shirley Davis of Lago Vista, have been visiting in the Wright home.

Paul Axtell brought a friend, Chris Stevens from Texas A&M University.

Jack and Doris Flynt spent the weekend in Borger where Jack was to deliver a speech to the American Legion there.

Kenneth Malone is home after surgery.

Elberta Dyer is home after a hospital stay.

Dorothy Sheffy is expected home this week after her recent surgery.

Linda Maxwell was jumping for joy Sunday in the grocery store since she and Leroy are now silly, old grandparents. David and Melissa had a 9-lb. boy named Ethan Chandler Maxwell.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A special Liturgy of the Word service was held last Wednesday evening at the beginning CCD classes for Susan Lange. The service was led by Judy Kleman and Jacqui Kleman.

Following the service, the seventh and eighth grade "Disciple" class, taught by Beverly Schulte and Linda Jo Ramackers, went around town trick-or-treating for canned goods for the Food Bank. They gathered a good collection of canned foods.

Following CCD classes last Wednesday, teachers Vicky Kleman and Karen Gerber and their junior high class went around town treating Senior Citizens.

A day of retreat with Father John Dalton, retreat minister, was held at the Benedictine Monastery in Canyon Saturday for all oblates in the area. An oblate is a person who is a "spiritual associate" or prayer partner to the Benedictine nuns. Oblates agree to follow the rules of St. Benedict in their station of life. Matilda Anderle is a longtime member.

May Hochstein, along with four others, was received as a novice on Sunday. There are about 25 oblates in the group. Sister Mary Hawkins is prioress of the Benedictine Monastery in Canyon.

The annual Halloween party for

high school students was held Saturday evening at the home of Randy and Monette Schilling. The event was hosted by a group of parents. The crowd this year was smaller than in the past, but the youths still had fun.

Henry, Ginger and Debbie Gerber of Amarillo visited in Nazareth Sunday with Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, and Virgie Gerber.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner, sponsored by the Nazareth Christian Mothers Society, will be held Nov. 23 at the Nazareth Community Hall. Also that day, the holiday arts and crafts bazaar will be held at the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come and enjoy a good home-cooked meal and do your holiday shopping.

A Halloween carnival, sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents, was held Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A large crowd enjoyed good food at the concession stand, lots of fun and many new games.

A wide range of costumes gave the judges a difficult time in selecting the overall winner, but first place went to Rebecca Olvera and Sarah Ellison of Nazareth. Second place went to Andi Rose of Amarillo and third-place winner was Bradley Gerber.

A pumpkin decorating contest also was held for the first time this year.

There were many creative entries, both carved and painted. First-place winner was entered by Greg Huseman. Bradley Gerber's entry was second and Peggy Birkenfeld's pumpkin was third.

It was an enjoyable evening.

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# People



Cyrel Luna

## Luna finishes basic training

Air Force Airman Cyrel Luna has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Luna is the daughter of Luis P. And Ramona Luna of Dimmitt.

## Byers to graduate with top honors from Texas Tech

Brooke Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Byers of Sunnyside, will carry the college banner and lead her graduating class in the procession during the December commencement exercises at Texas Tech University.

Byers earned the right to lead the procession by being the top honor graduate of her class.

She will graduate from the College of Human Sciences with a 3.979 overall grade-point average. She has been asked to prepare a letter of invitation to the faculty of the Human Sciences College for the commencement ceremonies.

Byers is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Beta Sigma Honor societies, and has been invited for membership in the Texas Tech University Mortar Board in both the School of Education and School of Human Sciences Honor Societies.

She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi, which is the most prestigious honor society at Texas Tech University.

Texas Tech will hold graduation ceremonies on Dec. 20.



MRS. MATT PLETCHER  
... nee LeAndy Lynn

## Lynn and Pletcher recite wedding vows

LeAndy Lynn became the bride of Matt Pletcher on Sept. 20 when they exchanged wedding vows at Country Home Bed and Breakfast.

The bride is the daughter of Hank and Syd Lynn of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Howard and Jane Hammerbeck of Peryton and Bill and Carol Pletcher of Wichita Falls.

Fresh daisies decorated the area where the couple recited their vows.

The bridesmaids walked down the aisle while *Butterfly Kisses* was played and the bride walked down

the aisle to the traditional *Wedding March*.

The bride's natural color wedding dress was designed with a short-sleeved beaded and sequined bodice. The bottom of the gown was made of raw silk and featured a train.

She carried a fresh bouquet of daisies, carnations and lilies, accented with greenery.

"Something old" was the topper on the wedding cake. She "borrowed" her sister's wedding veil and her dress served as "something new." She wore a blue garter to complete the ensemble.

Matron of honor was LuCydne Bender of Amarillo. Bridesmaids were Ja Bridwell, Camille O'Brien, Melissa Pletcher and Christy Clayton.

The bridal attendants wore black chiffon dresses and carried fresh daisies.

Best man was John Pletcher of Canyon. Groomsmen were Kelly Carroll, Tim Turner, Randy Meyers and Steve Compton.

Groomsmen were outfitted in black tuxedos and they wore daisy boutonnières.

A rehearsal dinner was held at Legend's Steakhouse in Amarillo for the wedding party and family members.

Out-of-town guests included Kelly, Cyndy and Amanda Lynn of Hurst; and John, Joan, Jim and John Tramel of San Jose, Calif.

## Dimmitt Middle School names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School seventh and eighth graders were recognized for their success in various subjects during the first nine-week grading period.

Seventh graders recognized were Caitlin Buckley, Jaci Hardwick, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda in English; Merritt in history and reading enrichment; Isabel Garcia, Ashley Irons, Valerie Martinez and Colby Williams in pre-algebra; Efran Gomez in math 87; Natalie Jimenez, most Accelerated Reader points; Irons and Garcia, science; Gomez, Industrial Arts; Williams, mechanics; Garcia, food production; Priscilla Dones, life management skills; L.J. Soler, band; Merritt, Hector Velasquez, Angie Paiz, Jamie Middleton, Stephanie Burrows and Irons in computer; and Garcia, Juan Diaz, Ramey Rice, Amelia Esqueda and Williams, health.

Eighth graders recognized were Jose Garcia in English; Albert Campos and Jose Garcia, history; Jeremy Bishop, Gabriel Garcia, Ryan Hays, Tanner Self, Jace Weaver and Kelsey Welch, algebra; Ky Kirby, pre-algebra; Daniel Medrano, math 87; Cliff Wright, Kelsey Welch and Jose Garcia in reading; Tanner Self and Jose Garcia in science; Thomas Brockman in Industrial Arts; Chris Reynolds in mechanics; Maria Arriaga in food production; Sandra Olvera in life management skills; and Jessica Montes in band.

Students also were recognized for making the honor roll during the period.

Students on the A honor roll were:

**Fourth Grade:** Kathy Amador, Garrett Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Omar Catano, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Jennifer Montes, Ashlee Nino, Nicholas Ortiz, Kristy Reyes, Tucker Self, David Stephens, Hayli Wise, Taylor Wood, Shenea Wright and Shelley York.

**Fifth Grade:** Corrie Black, Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Carlos Cruz, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Layne Penney, Stuart Sheffy and Salud Zepeda.

**Sixth Grade:** Erica Abrego, Stachia Baxter, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Alicia Heard, Todd Jansa, Amy Laurent, Angelica Larra, Rey Medrano, Jake Porsch, Matthew Sanders and Shantell Self.

**Seventh Grade:** Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda.

**Eighth Grade:** Thomas Brockman, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselot, Tanner Self, Kelsey Welch and Cliff Wright.

Students making the A-B honor roll were:

**Fourth Grade:** Cindy Alvarado, Gregory Calderon, Vicente Casas, Fabian Diaz, Monica Dozal, Yvette Ellis, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Bryan Hall, Aaron Herrera, Sarah Lopez, Heath Lunsford, Cesar Manjarrez, Casey Maurer, Pedro Mireles, Samantha Neri, Shauna Nutt, Sergio Ontiveros, Jessica Ortega, Sabrina Patlan, Daniel Perez, Kendra Puente, Laura Rasor, Ashley Roberts, Giovanni Rodriguez, Jacob Ruiz, Desiree Sanchez, Sergio Saucedo, Ashley Sears, Juan Sifuentes, Brenda Silva, Zjohn Smothermon, Tabitha Sullivan-Ramos, Bianca Torres, Esther Velasquez, Brittany Williams.

**Fifth Grade:** Kayla Acker, Liliana Aguilar, Jesus Alvarado, Jorge Alvarado, Robin Beames, Jaime Cavazos, Nicole Heard, Elizabeth Hernandez, Lesley Hinojosa, Matthew Larra, Meggie Lemons, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Rigo Presas, Christyna Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Nalley Reyes, Matthew Ruiz, Charley Saenz, Ignacio Sifuentes, Felisha Starling and Alejandra Velasquez.

**Sixth Grade:** Amanda Acevedo, Veronica Agüero, Delia Arredondo, Cynthis Barrera, Christina Campos, Cecelia Castañeda, Jordan Delamar, Isaac Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzales, Jared Griffith, Shayla Kenworthy, Tabitha Laurent, James Chris Lindsey, John Lucio, Kayla Luna, Alex Manjarrez, Ethan Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Kendra Martinez, Mindy Maxwell, Tyler Myatt, Justina Navarro, Whitney Nutt, Shae Odom, Eva Paiz, Joel Puente, Zachary Reyes, Daniel Rodriguez, Kami Sanders, Marcella Salinas, Lisa Sears, Sarah Silva, Jhirvon Starling, Brandon Jake Wright and Elizabeth Stephens.

**Seventh Grade:** Elvis Birdwell, Elizabeth Cartwright, Robert Casas, Juan Diaz, Dalton Fisher, Isabel Garcia, Efran Gomez, Gina Gonzales, Natalie Jimenez, Valerie Martinez, Jami Middleton, Nancy Quiroz, Ramey Rice, Leticia Rodriguez, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle and Colby Williams.

**Eighth Grade:** Amber Allison, Lyndee Behrends, Jeremy Bishop, Deacon Buckley, DeJanira Chaparro, Patricia Cruz, Tara Delamar, Clayton Eby, Maria Hernandez, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Saul Medrano, Georgia Mireles, Jarod Newland, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Benny Pompa, Martin Prieto, Alexis Proffitt, Chris Reynolds, Jason Riggs, Bianey Saucedo, Sally Stahl, April Tijerina, Omar Torres and Jace Weaver.

## Turkey dinner set in Bovina

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina will hold a turkey dinner Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish hall, located on Third Street.

The menu will include turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relish plate, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children six and under. A quilt will be raffled off that day.

The parents and grandparents of Silvia Neidermayer of Salzburg, Austria, and those of Russell Cowen of Dimmitt, are pleased to announce the marriage of Silvia and Russell, Sept. 20 in Amarillo.

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### Your Emotional Health

## Anxiety disorders affect many

By STEVE BARCHENGER

There are many types of anxiety disorders. These include panic disorder, agoraphobia, phobias, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and



Steve Barchenger

anxiety disorder due to a general medical condition.

Anxiety is a common complaint today. Our culture is full of things that cause and encourage hyperarousal: fast pace, multiple competing demands or drinking cokes or coffee all the time.

Some anxiety symptoms start early in life, possibly from traumatic events, and later become habits such as self-consciousness, self-doubt, lack of concentration, learning difficulty and avoidance.

Any anxiety disorder has a great influence on a person's life. It teaches people avoidance habits, ways of forgetting things and ways of controlling thoughts or behavior.

Self-esteem is reduced and depression can develop. Many habits that form around the anxiety need to be addressed by a licensed therapist.

Steve Barchenger is program director for the Welch Home Place unit of Plains Memorial Hospital.

When we were growing up, people would ask us where we were from and we'd tell them Bethel. It may seem that Bethel is Chicken Fry's and Ice Cream Suppers, but it is so much more—it's a community of love and friendship. Upon the death of our father, neighbors came and told us not to worry about pop's corn, they'd cut it out for us. When our corn was ready, they called a halt to their own harvest and here they came. Not only did the neighbors come but old Bethelites and some from Dimmitt also. They brought their crews, their combines, trucks, grain buggies, diesel tanks and even the diesel. Wives showed up with cokes, snacks and sandwiches. As we stood in dismay one of them said, "This is Bethel and we wouldn't have it any other way." Words will never express the deep feelings and tanks we have for these wonderful people. We hope we have not left anyone out of a very long list. We thank each one of you for your contribution in getting out Doyl Underwood's last corn crop. We know he was watching it all happen and was saying, "knock 'em out John!"

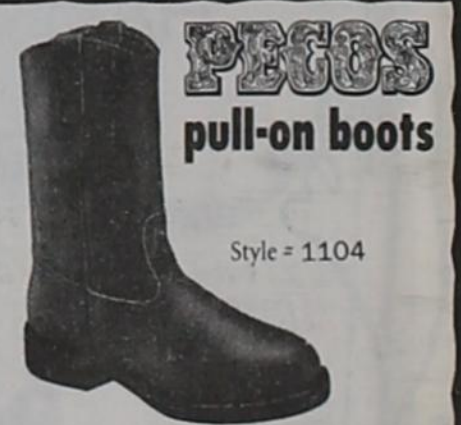
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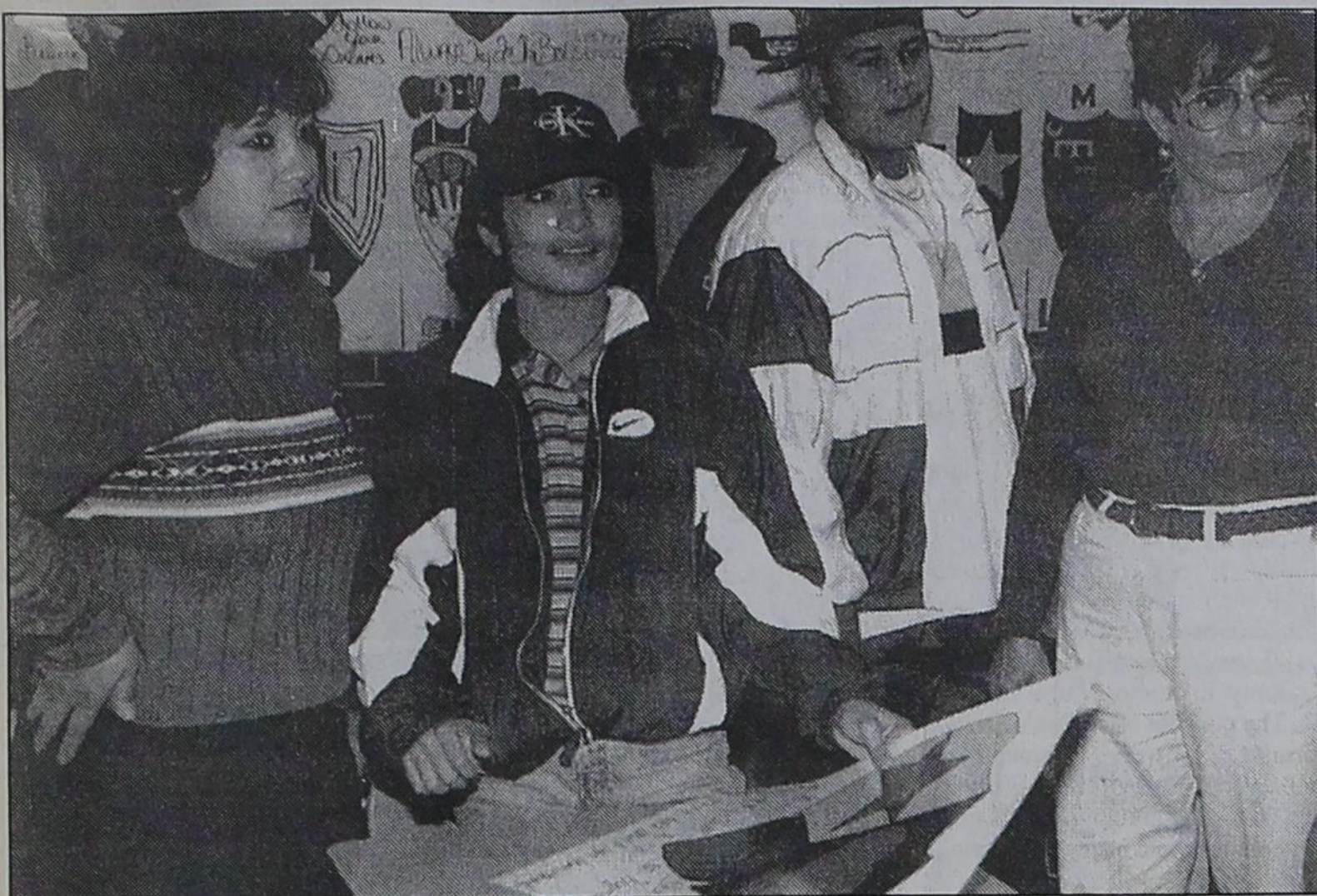
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**EACH ITEM REPRESENTS SOMETHING**— Pat Flores (left) views a "coat of arms" designed by her daughter, Stephanie Flores (second from left), a

sophomore at Dimmitt High School. The shield was a project of the history class of Katie Ivey and was on display at the annual DHS Open House, held Oct. 21.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# First graders receive honors

First graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School received honors recently for the first nine-week grading period.

Students were honored for attendance, homework, handwriting, citizenship, and for being the most improved.

Those honored are listed below by classroom.

**Shannon**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Augustina, Farias, John Lopez, Carlos Munoz, Javier Ibarra, Casey Eby, Danny Lopez, Anthony Fuentes, Jose Resendiz.

**HANDWRITING:** Fuentes, Resendiz, Kellie Martinez, Eby, Isidro Rodriguez, Devonee Ortiz.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Ibarra, Tabatha Esquivel, Lindsey Cates, Fuentes, Farias, Martinez, Eby.

**HOMEWORK:** Rodriguez, Ray Velez, Fuentes, Ortiz, Munoz, Eby, Esquivel, Ibarra, Martinez, Danny Lopez, John Lopez.

**ATTENDANCE:** Cates, Velez, Rodriguez, Munoz, Danny Lopez, John Lopez, Martinez.

**Feaster**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Vanessa Gonzales.

**HANDWRITING:** Chase Hatla, Damian Gauna, John David Gonzales, Brooke Parker, Jazalyn Sepeda, Cornelio Salinas, Dustin Venhaus, Robert Barrios.

**CITIZENSHIP:** John David Gonzales, Linda Calderon, Hatla, Brooke Parker, Ethan Wales, Tabitha Caldera, Sepeda, Erin Muniz, Stephanie Mendoza, Salinas, Jessica Dennis, Venhaus, Frankie Castro, Vanessa Gonzales, Isabel Garcia.

**HOMEWORK:** Hatla, Parker, Dennis, Salinas, Venhaus, Castro, John David Gonzales, Sepeda, Wales.

**ATTENDANCE:** Castro, Austin Heard, Hatla, Mendoza, Muniz, Salinas, Sepeda, Wales.

**Matthews**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Arthur White.

**HANDWRITING:** Mayra Aguilar, Sally Arce, Tommy Howell, Anthony Jackson, Jonathan Lule, Kathleen Martinez, Bailey Nutt, Viviana Quiroz, Jacob Rodriguez, Melissa Ruiz, Keshia Smith.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Aguilar, Arce, Robert Arguijo, Stephanie Castro, Jake Ebeling, Fernando Fernandez, Elizabeth Hill, Howell, Jackson, Alex Lopez, Lule, Martinez, Nutt, Quiroz, Rodriguez, Ruiz.

**HOMEWORK:** Hill, Lule, Nutt, Ruiz.

**ATTENDANCE:** Aguilar, Arce, Castro, Lopez, Martinez, Nutt, Quiroz, Ruiz.

**Villarreal**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Angela Vasquez.

**HANDWRITING:** Antonio Molina, Fernando Mendoza.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Fabiola Gomez, Rogelio Hernandez, Noe Lopez, Yesenia Lopez, Mendoza, Molina, Jesus Sanchez, Selina Sanchez, Nick Tijerina, Vasquez.

**HOMEWORK:** Noe Lopez, Mendoza,

Molina, Hernandez, Selina Sanchez, Tijerina, Vasquez.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mendoza, Molina, Jesus Sanchez, Vasquez.

**Roberson**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Samantha Guardado, Isaac Sifuentez.

**HANDWRITING:** Joshua Hill, Jessica Leivas, Stormy Nutt, P.J. Perez, Anthony Puente, Chance Schilling, Isaac Sifuentez.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Paul Acker, Desiree Casas, Brittany Flores, Jordan Fuentes, Guardado, Hill, Leivas, Nutt, Perez, Erik Porras, Puente, Jessica Ramirez, Schilling, Sifuentez.

**HOMEWORK:** Leivas.

**ATTENDANCE:** Acker, Fuentes, Leivas, Nutt, Porras, Puente, Schilling, Sifuentez, Hanna Wise.

**Keith**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Robert Sanchez, Vabian Reyna.

**HANDWRITING:** Jeremy Barrera, Stephanie Sanchez, Michael Rials, Klarissa Martinez.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Alyssa Back, Becky Flores, Yvonne Lopez, Kimberly Martinez, Carlee Noland, David Oltivero, Reyna, Laura Rodriguez, Megan Rohrbach, Sanchez, Mona Sifuentez, Noe Puente, Klarissa Martinez.

**HOMEWORK:** Back, Andrew Larra, Rials, Reyna, Rodriguez, Rohrbach, Sias, Puente.

**ATTENDANCE:** Back, Kimberly Martinez, Noland, Nati Sias.

**Padilla**

**MOST IMPROVED:** Briana Lopez, Armando Salas, Domingo Rodriguez.

**HANDWRITING:** Joshua Correa, Martin Lopez, Armando Prieto, Erica

Rivera, Oralia Rodriguez.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Julia Barrera, Joel Cardona, Correa, Briana Lopez, Martin Lopez, Prieto, Rivera, Rodriguez, Salas, Rubi Sanchez.

**HOMEWORK:** Cardona, Briana Lopez.

**ATTENDANCE:** Barrera, Cardona, Briana Lopez, Sanchez.

## Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

A Christmas bazaar will be held in Muleshoe December 5-6 and reservations are currently being accepted for booth space.

The show is being sponsored by the Moonlight Extension Club.

A 10 x 12-foot wall space with electricity will rent for \$50. A 10 x 12 wall space without electricity will be \$45. A 10 x 10-foot open space will be available for \$40. Deadline for applications is Dec. 1.

Tables are \$5 extra and must be reserved ahead of time.

Exhibitors are expected to provide all necessary equipment for their booth. Chairs will be furnished.

The show will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum and Civic Center and will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

For more information or to reserve a booth, contact Linda Huckabay, 902 W. Eighth, Muleshoe 79347.

## Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Sunday morning it was 32 degrees and it may still be fall, but it sure felt like winter to me. On Monday morning the temperature was 24 degrees at 8:52.

The pastor, Bennie Wright, drove Teeny Bowden to Amarillo to Baptist/St. Anthony Health System for some tests in the gastro lab on Friday.

Jimmy and Jo King of Hobbs, N.M. came Saturday and spent the weekend with Billie and Emma Jean King, Marshall, Lincoln and Lance of Earth came for dinner with them.

Mrs. Ruby Wilson spent the week and weekend with Herschel and Retha Wilson. Samantha Wilson came in for the Texas Tech game Saturday, along with Lonnie and Renee Wilson.

Flossie Jones of Olton was present. Lonnie brought steaks for all for supper.

Lillian Carson had supper Saturday night in Hereford with Kilery Aven, Perlie, Bacon, Carson, Maurice and Jo Edd of Cotton Center, and Ruth Brown of Dimmitt.

## Earth plans harvest meal and bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church will hold its 62nd annual Harvest Day Dinner and Bazaar on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the church.

A turkey and dressing dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the front entrance. Cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Take-out plates will be available.

The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and will feature crafts and baked goods.

## UMW sets meal, bazaar

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt will hold their annual bazaar and turkey dinner Tuesday at the church.

Plates will be \$6 each, and take-outs will be available for those who call in advance.

Organizers of the meal have requested that those wanting take-out plates reserve a time slot for pick-up of the meals by calling Monday or earlier.

"We can only prepare 70 take-out plates for every 15-minute time slot, so we need to know in advance when people will be picking them up," a spokesperson said.

Serving on Tuesday will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The meal will include turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

The bazaar will open at 10 a.m. and will offer various hand-crafted and home-baked items for sale.

# An Excellent Adventure.

Best wishes to Valeria Davis and her staff

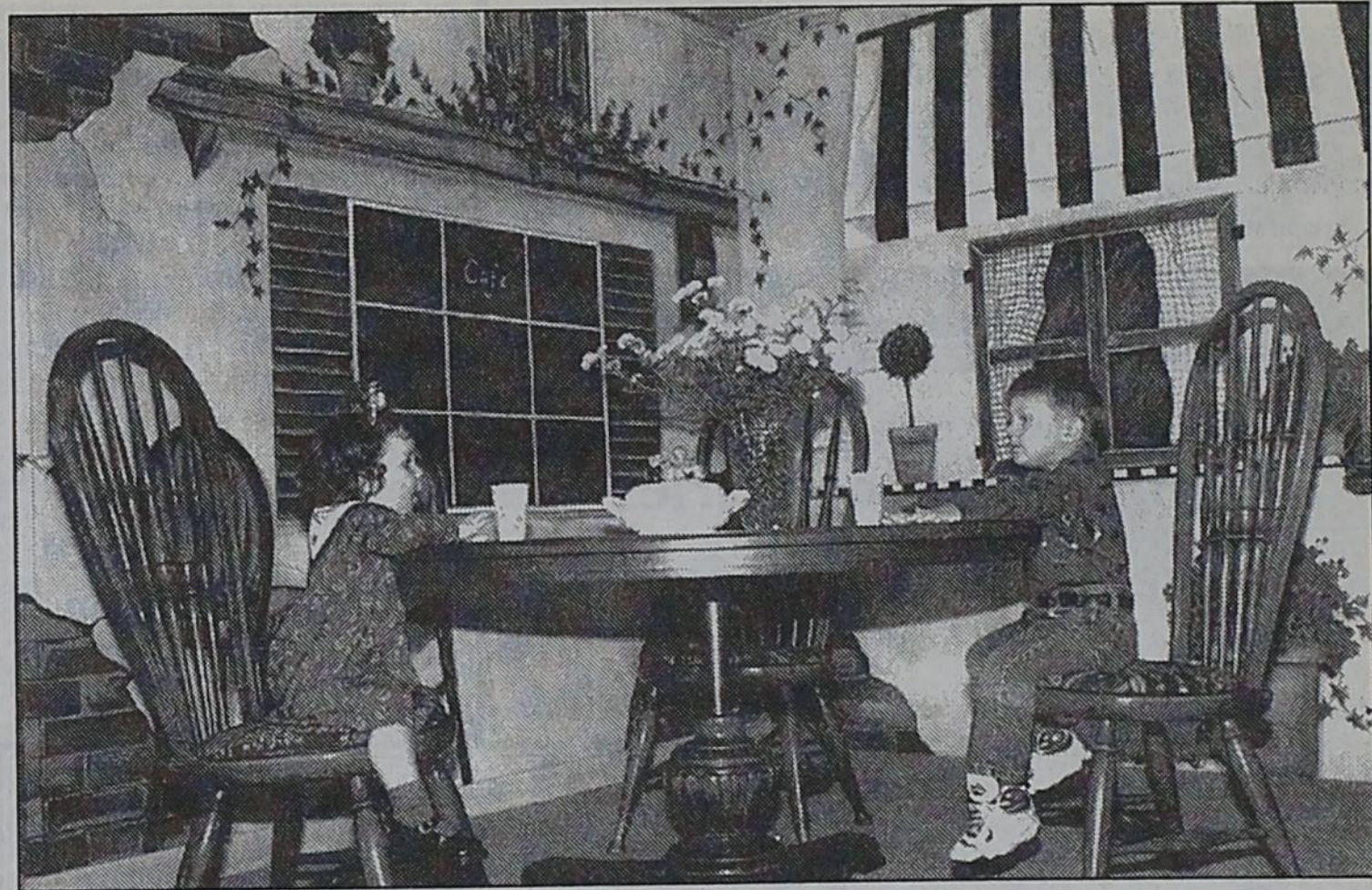
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## Boll weevil keeps moving northward

If you think northern counties in the Texas Panhandle don't have problems with the boll weevil, then think again.

Although Castro County has never had a weevil problem, late flights of weevils are showing up in trap catches in higher numbers than previously recorded.

"We are not seeing those huge numbers like they have spotted in the southern counties of the South Plains," said Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall. "But recent catches prove that the boll weevil is moving northward this fall."

During the week of Oct. 15, 34 boll weevils were caught in

AgriPartners' traplines. In the week including Oct. 21, 19 more weevils were caught in Castro County.

"This summer, very few weevils were trapped in Castro County," said Royall. "Now we are seeing a lot higher numbers as we go into the winter months."

Producers should be ready for an increase in boll weevil numbers next growing season.

"Of course, there are a lot of factors that play into whether those weevils will hurt next year's crop or not," said Royall. "The best scenario is that we have a very cold winter in which the temperature is low enough in the overwintering materials to kill the weevils. Another factor is the amount of food available when those weevils emerge from the overwintering site. Early weevils often starve because of no fruit on

cotton plants."

However, with no diapause program in place, Royall said area producers could continue to see the boll weevil's northward expansion.

"Producers should keep a closer eye on fields for this very destructive pest," Royall said.

The Extension Service will send out 100 surveys to producers in every county in South Plains District Two. The purpose of this survey is to determine growers' perceptions about the boll weevil and will help Extension officials understand producers' educational needs concerning the pest.

For more information about the boll weevil and information about combating the pest, contact Royall or Greta Schuster at the Castro County Extension office, 647-4115.



**READY FOR OPEN HOUSE**—Valeria Davis (left), new owner of The Village Shop in Dimmitt, and Gail Bruegel, assistant manager, will host an open house at the newly refurbished store on West Bedford Street Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Village Shop has undergone a major remodeling. The open house will feature a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate. *Photo by Don Nelson*

## Cotton Talks

Estimating a crop is always a difficult task and recent reports of a 3.6 billion bale crop are at best classified as whimsically inaccurate, according to officials at Lubbock's Plains Cotton Growers.

Texas Tech University professor Dan Krieg says the potential exists for producers to harvest up to 3.6 million bales. Krieg cautions that the only downside to this figure is that boll weevil damage across the area has probably reduced the crop's potential more than previously thought.

Krieg notes that economically it doesn't take much for the boll weevil to lower yields and profits. He estimates that one damaged boll per foot of row costs a producer 30 pounds of lint per acre. Applied to two million acres, this represents an economic loss of \$36 million dollars and 125,000 bales less production.

With the forced closure of PCG's 34-year Diapause Control Program, the Texas High Plains is unprotected for the first time from the full effect of unchecked boll weevil overwintering.

Growers in the southern portions of the recently proposed Southern High Plains-Caprock Eradication Zone are putting forth every effort to protect themselves from this threat.

Growers from these areas, acknowledging that weevil infestations have not yet reached crisis proportions in all of the SHP-C Zone, have asked for PCG support of a 60-day comment period for the purpose of reorganizing the SHP-C Zone into smaller increments.

PCG officials have submitted a letter to Texas Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry requesting the opening of the comment period as soon as possible. The goal of the comment period is the development of successful control areas that will allow weevil eradication program's to be initiated as soon as growers in

any newly-defined zones are ready to do so.

How and where lines are redrawn is the responsibility Commissioner Perry and the TDA. Any reorganization plans will be based on producer input and suggestions during this period.

The possibility that record numbers of boll weevils could emerge from overwintering habitat in 1998 has many members of Plains Cotton Growers wondering what can be done to lower future weevil populations.

"Without an area-wide suppression program in place for the 1997 crop producers are facing 1998 with a very real probability that weevils will be present in significant numbers early in the year," said Roger Haldenby, PCG vice president of operations. "However, a number of fall and winter activities could moderate the impact of the boll weevil next spring."

Many growers have already adopted the use of harvest-aid chemicals on both irrigated and dryland crops to seed up the harvest and decrease late-season weevil food supplies. With harvest activities beginning to pick up, both growers and ginners have an opportunity to eliminate potential overwintering sites as soon as their operations permit.

For most growers and ginners, the next step in curtailing boll weevil overwintering is to clean up fields and gin yards.

By scattering (or burning where conditions permit) green boll piles, burrs and other harvest residues after they have been processed growers and ginners can eliminate a viable weevil habitat.

Another positive activity for growers and ginners is to clean up other potential overwintering sites. Cleaning around homesteads, tree belts, gin yards, CRP fields and urban backyards eliminates many good overwintering habitats that harbor weevils.

## CRP sign-up period reaches halfway mark

Many Castro County farmers are offering land for enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and as the 16th annual sign-up nears the halfway point, Farm Service Agency (FSA) officials say they are pleased with how things are progressing.

All land enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefits index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all types of land.

Sign-up for the program started Oct. 14 and will continue through Nov. 14. Producers will be notified

by mid-December as to which acres have been accepted into the program.

"I'm very pleased at how things are going," said Patricia Elliott, county executive director of FSA. "Castro County farmers are embracing the new CRP, showing that they are enthusiastic about continuing the strong conservation ethic of American agriculture."

The new, environmentally-focused CRP provides immediate benefits to producers, ranchers and taxpayers through reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and expanded wildlife habitat.

Under the voluntary program, landowners enter into contracts with the US Dept. of Agriculture to place erodible and other environmentally-sensitive cropland in conservation for 10 to 15 years, said Elliott. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those conservation practices.

"Here at the Castro County FSA office, we're all working hard to tell producers about this important opportunity and to sign up every qualifying applicant," Elliott said.

"I want to encourage all landowners to consider enrolling their eligible environmentally-sensitive land in the new CRP. The sign-up period ends on Nov. 14 and it's coming up fast," Elliott said.

Interested producers should call the FSA office at 647-2153 for an appointment.

## Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

## Class of '55 plans reunion for 50s students

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1955 is hosting a high school reunion for all of the DHS classes of the 1950s and their friends.

The reunion committee has selected Las Vegas, Nev., with its bright lights, glamour and fantasy world, as the site for the celebration.

The reunion will be at the newly-remodeled Sahara Hotel and Casino March 6-7, 1998. The Penthouses have been reserved both days for non-stop visiting and scheduled programs.

A special block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate. Early registration is encouraged to ensure bargain room rates and to help the committee plan for attendance.

For registration information call your class representative or Lucy Nelson at (806) 647-2376. If you live in the west, call Regene Blair at (805) 393-7928. If you live in the north call Troy Stafford at (307) 856-6435.



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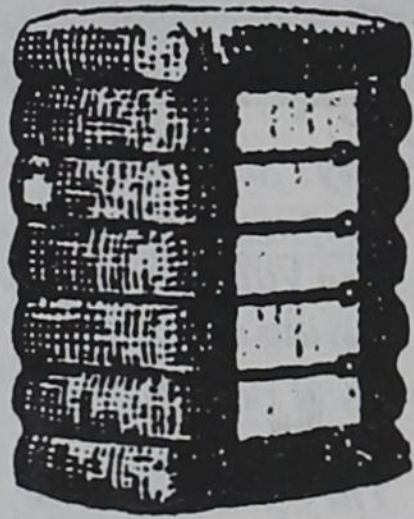
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**CHECK PRESENTATION—**  
 (From left) Donna Reinart of the DATA Club presents a check to Edith Graef and Cleo Forson of the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt, as DATA Club member Tammy Heard looks on. The DATA members presented the Senior Citizens with the proceeds from the Club's annual Poker Run and Car Show, held in August.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

### The right price—keep customers, maximize profit

Finding the best price for products and services is a problem that every small-business owner must deal with. If your prices are too high, you may lose potential sales or customers. If your prices are too low, you may not generate enough profit to stay in business.

Most owners use cost-plus or cost-based pricing strategies. These are easy methods that require minimal effort and information to use.

The main problem with cost-based pricing is that it ignores two critical components of marketing—competition and the customer's willingness to pay. Cost-based pricing is inflexible and usually won't allow you to maximize your return on investment. It also can limit your ability to capture additional market share when conditions are favorable.

Frequently, I work with business owners whose competitors have lowered prices to gain market share. The most common response is to reduce prices to match the competition. This knee-jerk reaction often triggers a price war that causes everyone to give up profit unnecessarily. While the customer may benefit in the short term, usually prices bounce back up when the least efficient price cutter goes out of business.

I believe that competition is healthy. However, you base the most effective competitive strategies on giving the customer the best value, not just the lowest price.

### Avoiding a price war

I'm reminded of two stories I heard recently. A well-established barber shop owner named Bill charged \$12 for his haircuts. Bill was a talented barber who did quality work. His business was healthy and growing.

One day a fresh barber school graduate opened a shop next door. The new kid on the block immediately put up a huge sign that read, "Haircuts, \$6."

Bill, the established professional, had a decision to make. Should he lower his price and match the new competition or hold his price and risk losing good customers?

Bill knew if he lowered his price his income would shrink. He also knew that to do nothing could mean losing customers and sales revenue. So, he took swift action. Bill erected a bright, new sign that proclaimed in big, bold letters, "We Fix \$6 Haircuts."

Krystal had a similar problem. Her successful ladies' wear shop also attracted low-price competition. A national off-price chain opened a store on Krystal's left. They immediately erected a big sign that proclaimed, "Dress Sale, \$10 up."

A week later, another discounter opened on Krystal's right. Their equally bold sign read, "Dress Sale, 50% off."

Suddenly, Krystal found herself sandwiched between two price-driven competitors. At first, she toyed with the idea of buying off-price merchandise, lowering quality and going head-to-head with her competition on price.

Then one day, as she stood in front of her store, Krystal had a better idea. She ordered a new sign for the store. It was just as big, bold and bright as her competitors' signs. Krystal centered her new sign right over her door. It read, "Dress Sale, Enter Here."

While these two illustrations are apocryphal, there is a common point. You don't have to compete on price, but you do need a strategy to stay in business when faced with low-price competitors.

### The right price

The right pricing strategy for your business will depend on several elements. Market demand, type of product or service offered, type of customer desired, geographic area, competition, operating costs and product or service mix are a few examples.

Next week, in part two, I'll give you some tips on when to raise or lower your prices. Don't miss "The Right Price, Part Two."

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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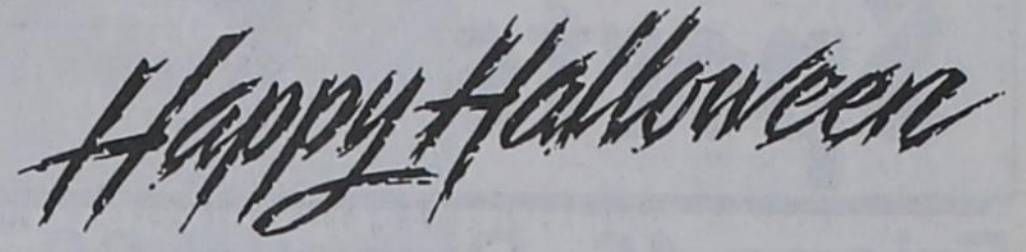
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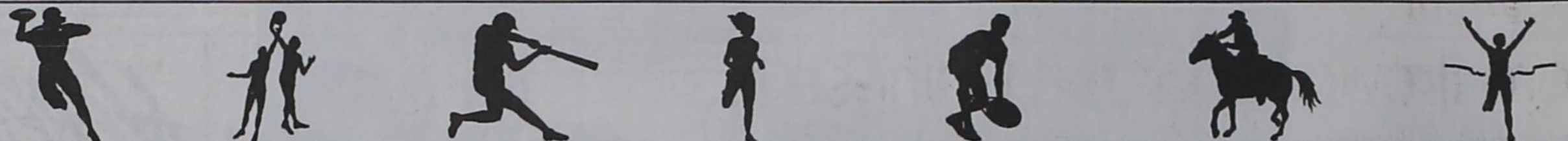
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# Sports



## Friona 46, Dimmitt 28

# More fireworks than a Chinese new year

By DON NELSON

When was the last time you saw 74 points scored in a high-school football game?

Or 55 points in a half?

Or three touchdowns within a 1½-minute span?

Or six touchdowns in one quarter?

Or 2,500 fans at Bobcat Stadium?

Those in the overflow crowd Friday night saw all of that as the Bobcats and Friona's Chieftains set the scoreboard ablaze during a 46-28 Friona win.

The unbeaten Chieftains continued their march toward another state playoff run with a slashing Wishbone attack that gobbled up 452 yards, averaging almost seven yards a play.

They mainly kept the ball on the ground, and Dimmitt's defense couldn't stop their quick-opening triple-option attack.

Wingback Matthew Kendrick gained 157 yards, fullback Daniel Cuevas 120 and quarterback Aaron King 95 as the Chieftains dominated the line of scrimmage and left little doubt about why they're ranked among the top five teams in the state.

With running back Zack Matthews sidelined by a leg injury, fullback Beau Hill carried most of the overload load for Dimmitt, gaining 96 yards on 20 carries.

The victory left the Chieftains undefeated at 8-0, 5-0 in District 1-AAA, with a virtual clinch on a play-off berth.

It was the first district loss for the Bobcats (6-2, 4-1), who can still earn a playoff spot with victories over River Road Friday night and Perryton Nov. 8.

The game was played before the largest Bobcat Stadium crowd in 20 years or more.

The Chieftains' game plan was to run, run, run at the Bobcat offense that had been yielding an average of 273 yards per game.

It worked as Friona scored on its first three possessions to put Dimmitt in a 20-0 hole. The strategy also kept the ball in Friona's hands most of the game, with 60 rushing plays to Dimmitt's 37.

The Chieftains had to go only 16 yards for one of those early TDs after a high snap on fourth down led to Bobcat quarterback Derek Buckley—punting in place of the injured Matthews—being chased down at the Dimmitt 16 on the Bobcats' first possession.

It took the Chieftains only four plays to notch their second touchdown and gain a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

The Chieftains ended the first period with a 50-yard pass that carried to the Dimmitt 17, then Kendrick scored their third TD on the second play of the second quarter.

The reeling Bobcats found themselves down 20-0 to the state's fifth-ranked AAA team before they could get their legs under them.

But the Cats kept their cool and fought back with an eight-play, 72-yard drive that saw Buckley score from nine yards out on an option keeper. Luis Silva kicked his first of four extra points to make it 20-7.

Jerry Thomas set up Dimmitt's second TD when he intercepted a King pass and returned it 35 yards to the Friona 7. Two plays later, Hill plunged into the end zone on "three yards and a cloud of dust" to pull the Bobcats within six at 14-20.

Thomas' interception was the first of three by the Bobcats. King threw only seven passes, completing two.

But Friona also intercepted three Dimmitt passes. The Bobcats went to the air 14 times, completing four.

Thomas' second-quarter pick came one play after a holding penalty had nullified an apparent Friona touchdown on a 49-yard pass play.

The penalty, interception and touchdown gave the Bobcats new



STUART SUTTON (1) prepares to turn the corner during Dimmitt's final touchdown drive here Friday night. Pursuing him is Friona's Jesus Mata (11). Sutton scored later on a four-yard sweep with 6:01

remaining in the game. The state-ranked Chieftains won the game, 46-28, handing the Bobcats their first district loss of the season. The game was played before an overflow crowd at Bobcat Stadium.

Photo by Carter Townsend

hope and got the home stands rocking.

The closing minutes of the second quarter brought more fireworks than a Chinese new year.

Friona marched 76 yards in nine plays, scoring its fourth touchdown with 2:09 remaining in the half to make it 27-14.

Two plays after the Friona kickoff, King intercepted a Buckley pass intended for Travis Crow and returned it to the Dimmitt 17.

On the next play, Kendrick raced the distance for still another Friona TD to make it 34-14 with 1:06 remaining in the half.

Casey Smith returned Friona's kickoff 33 yards to the Dimmitt 46,

and after an incomplete pass, Buckley was chased out of the pocket as he looked for a receiver. He almost tucked it in and ran, but just a step shy of the scrimmage line he hurled the ball to Stuart Sutton far downfield, near the left sideline.

Sutton snared the ball in traffic and did a magical job of eluding tacklers as he raced to the end zone with Dimmitt's third touchdown as 39 seconds remained on the scoreboard clock.

After the six-touchdown second quarter—with three of the touchdowns coming in the last 90 seconds—the halftime score was 34-21.

The Chieftains put the game out of reach with two more touchdowns in

the third. Again, they relied on their ball-control running game, going 54 yards in seven plays for one and 51

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### Game at a Glance

Friona	14	20	12	0	—	46
Dimmitt	0	21	0	7	—	28

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First Downs	17	28
Rushes-Yards	37-162	60-390
Passing Yards	130	62
Total Yards	292	452
Passes Comp./Att.	4/14	2/7
Interceptions By	3	3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Punts-Avg.	3-19.7	2-26.0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	7-64

### Scoring Summary

- First Quarter:**  
 F—Daniel Cuevas 11 run (kick failed)  
 F—Cuevas 6 run (Jeff Hamilton pass from Aaron King)
- Second Quarter:**  
 F—Matthew Kendrick 14 run (run failed)  
 D—Derek Buckley 9 run (Luis Silva kick)  
 D—Beau Hill 3 run (Silva kick)  
 F—Kendrick 5 run (Angel Vega kick)  
 D—Stuart Sutton 46 pass from Buckley (Silva kick)
- Third Quarter:**  
 F—Jesus Mata 2 run (kick failed)  
 F—Kendrick 7 run (King pass intercepted)
- Fourth Quarter:**  
 D—S. Sutton 4 run (Silva kick)

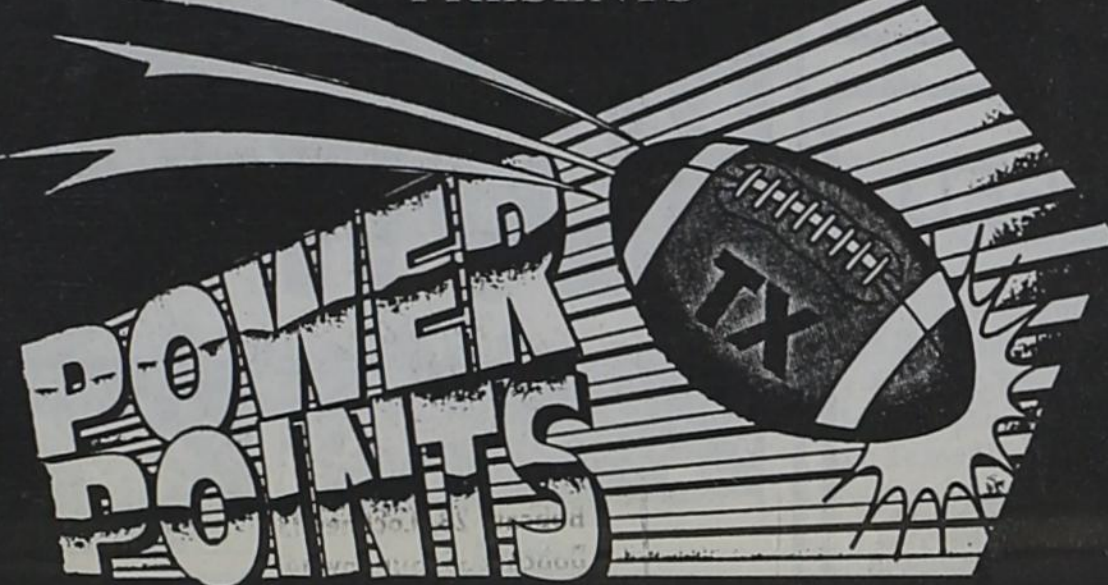
### Individual Statistics

**Rushing**—DIMMITT: Beau Hill 20-96; Derek Buckley 9-21; Stuart Sutton 7-36; Justin Sutton 1-9. FRIONA: Matthew Kendrick 25-157; Daniel Cuevas 16-120; Aaron King 14-95; Angel Vega 3-12; Jesus Mata 2-6.

**Passing**—DIMMITT: Derek Buckley 4/13-3 for 130, Justin Sutton 0/1-0. FRIONA: Aaron King 2/7-3 for 62.

**Receiving**—DIMMITT: Stuart Sutton 3-75; Justin Sutton 1-55. FRIONA: Matthew Kendrick 1-50; Quint Ellis 1-12.

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| Miami at Buffalo          | Jacksonville at Tennessee  |
| New England at Minnesota  | Philadelphia at Arizona    |
| Oakland at Carolina       | Seattle at Denver          |
| St. Louis at Atlanta      | Detroit at Green Bay       |
| San Diego at Cincinnati   | Pittsburgh at Kansas City  |
| Tampa Bay at Indianapolis | Texas at Baylor            |
| Washington at Chicago     | Kansas State at Texas Tech |

WEEK 10 Games of Nov. 1 - 3	
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- 11:15 a.m. .... Sports Texas Midday Report
- 12:40 p.m. .... Dallas Cowboy Update
- 3:45 p.m. .... Sports Texas Afternoon Report

### Friday:

- 7:30 p.m. .... Statewide Pre-Game Show
- 7:30 p.m. .... **BOBCATS vs. RIVER ROAD WILDCATS**
- 10 p.m. .... Area/State High School Scoreboard

### Saturday:

- 7:05 a.m. .... Texas State Network Sports Report

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yards in five plays for the other. Meanwhile, the Bobcats were forced to punt three times, and fumbled the ball away on another possession.

The fumble wasn't costly, though, because on Friona's first play after recovering the Bobcat bobble, Sutton picked off a long pass to give the ball back to Dimmitt at the Friona 14.

King threw only two passes during the third—one on a two-point conversion attempt—and Dimmitt picked off both of them.

Sutton scored Dimmitt's final TD on a four-yard sweep with 6:01 left in the game to complete a brother act.

The touchdown was set up by a 55-yard pass from Buckley to sophomore Justin Sutton, who had been

brought up from the junior varsity for the game.

Racing down the sideline after catching the pass, Justin Sutton was trying to juke a Friona defender when the ball squirted out of his hands and went out of bounds at the Friona 14.

Two plays later—after Buckley had kept for six yards and Friona was penalized for a personal foul—big brother Stuart got the final TD.

"We thought we'd have a hard time stopping them because nobody else had," Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar said. "They're so much stronger than we are physically. They've had those boys in a good off-season program for seven years now, and it makes a difference.

Noting that the Bobcats got their

usual number of touchdowns and yards in the game, Dollar added, "We have quickness, and we're able to do things. But defensively, when they just line up and run straight at you, that's where we have a hard time. That's what they did, and it worked for them."

Still, Coach Dollar thought the opportunistic Chieftains got two more touchdowns than they earned. "We made some mistakes early in the game that got us in the hole," Dollar said. "I think if we hadn't made those mistakes the score would have ended up 34-28."

And the coach is still proud of his boys.

"The thing I really liked about our effort was that we got behind 20-0 and then came back and got it to 20-14," he said. "And our kids played

the whole game. They never quit. "I talked with their coach after the game, and he was pretty impressed with our kids because they battled so hard. They thought they'd have a hard time stopping us offensively, and they did. We just didn't have enough chances with the ball. They controlled the clock, and we couldn't stop them. Our kids played as hard as they could."



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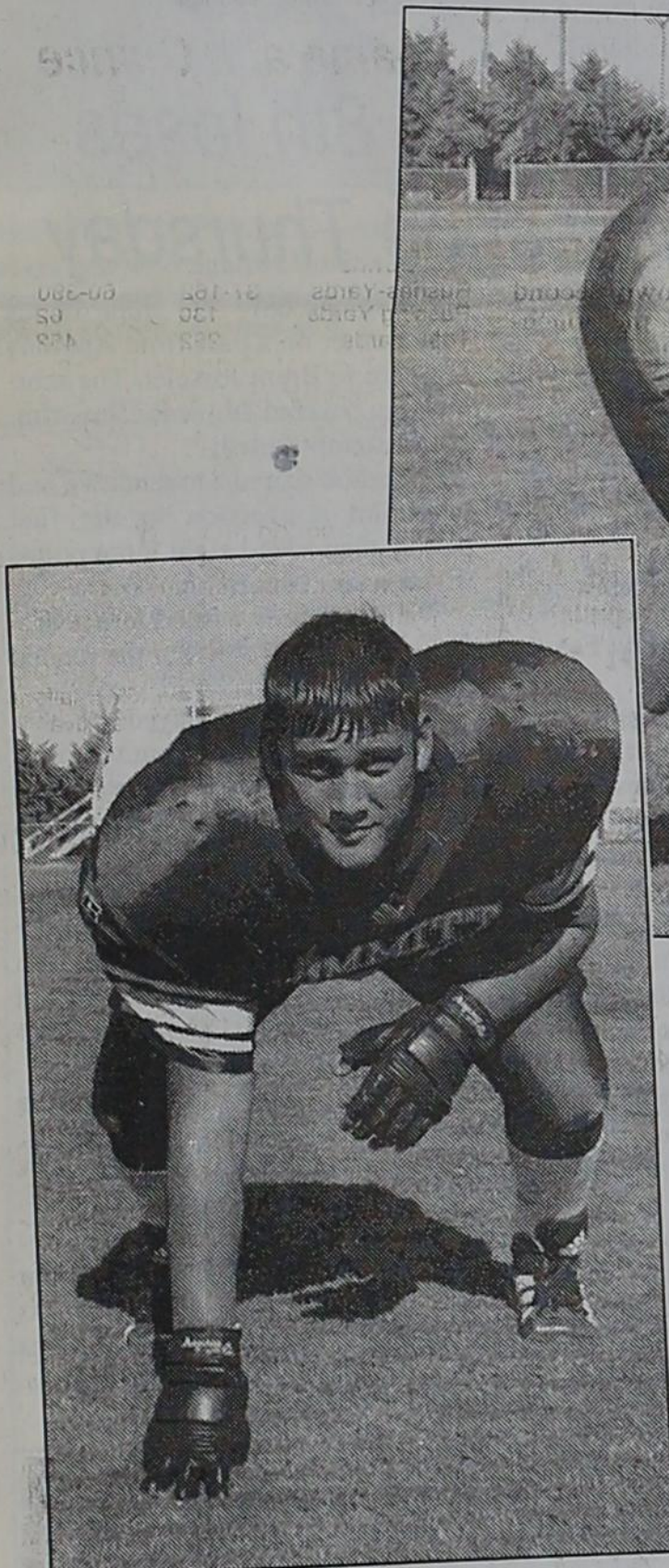
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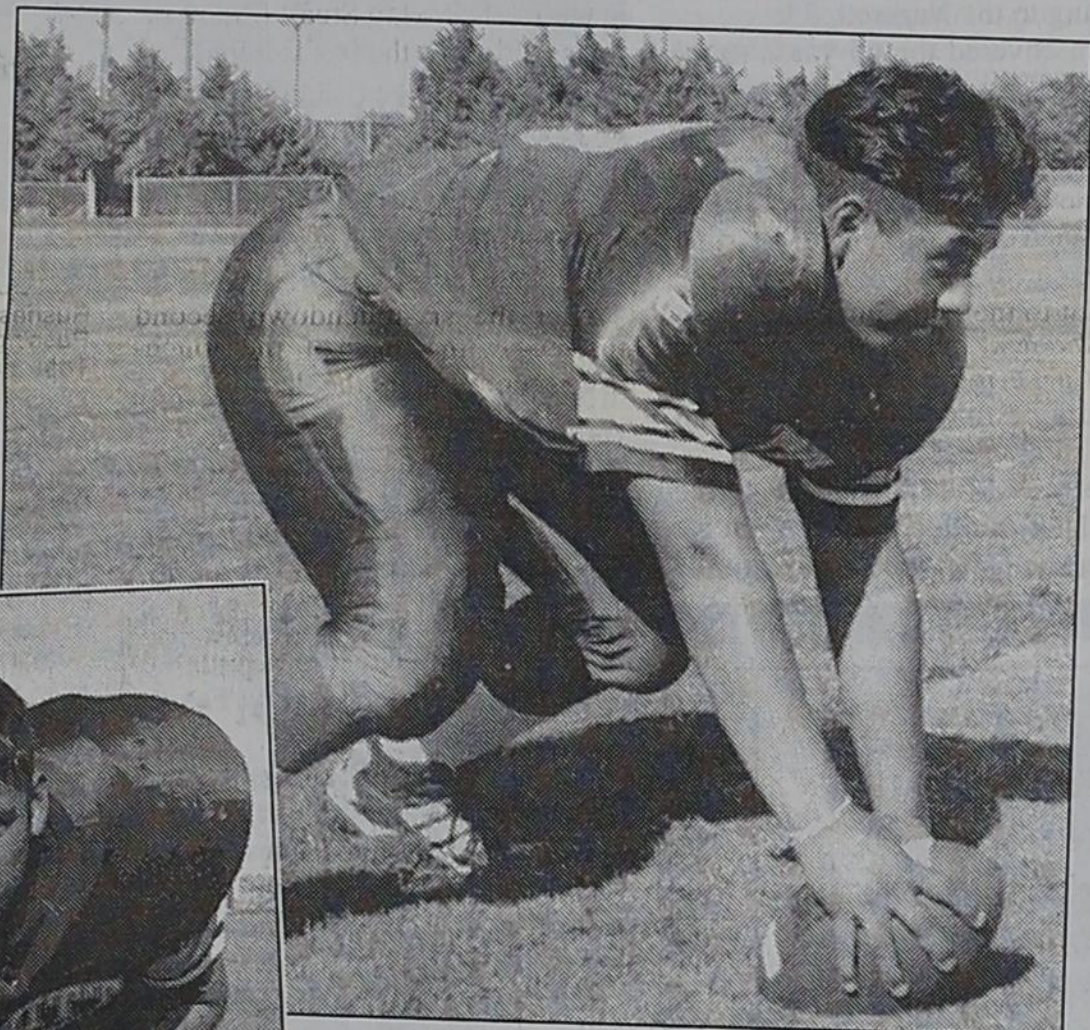
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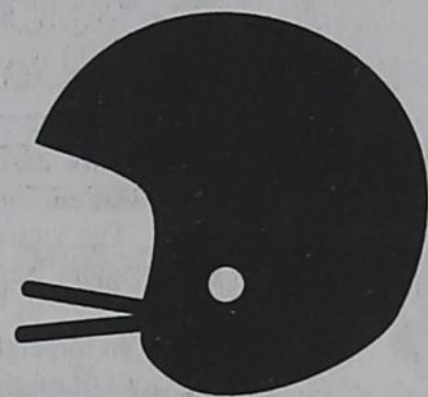
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**VARSITY**

Bobcats 28, Lockney 13  
Bobcats 35, Sundow 14  
Bobcats 24, Canadian 31  
Bobcats 28, Muleshoe 6  
Bobcats 47, Sanford-Fritch 0  
Bobcat 28, Dalhart 12  
Bobcats 30, Tulia 0  
Bobcats 28, Friona 46  
Oct. 31 \*River Road, There 7:30  
Nov. 8 \*Perryton (Parents), Here 2:00

**FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY**

Freshmen 0, Lockney 12; JV 14, Lockney 0  
Freshmen 18, Friona 26; JV 10, Friona 28  
Freshmen 28, Olton 6; JV 46, Hereford 12  
Freshmen 22, Muleshoe 14; JV 18, Muleshoe 6  
Freshmen 6, Sanford Fritch 30; JV 32, Sanford Fritch 13  
Freshmen 0, Dalhart 22; JV 26, Dalhart 8  
Freshmen 22, Tulia 20; JV 44, Tulia 0  
Freshmen 6, Muleshoe 36; JV 6, Muleshoe 22  
Oct. 30 \*River Road, Here 6:30  
Nov. 6 \*Friona, There 5:00-6:30

**SEVENTH AND EIGHTH**

7th Grade 6, Sundown 8; 8th Grade 14, Sundown 0  
7th Grade 18, Olton 22; 8th Grade 8, Olton 6  
7th Grade 26, Muleshoe 20; 8th Grade 6, Muleshoe 33  
7th Grade 32, Tulia 0; 8th Grade 36, Tulia 6  
7th Grade 16, Friona 20; 8th Grade 18, Friona 0  
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# Swift defense, rushing paralyze Matadors, 41-6

By SARA BIRKENFELD

The Nazareth Swifts scored early and often Friday and tamed the Motley County Matadors, 41-6, in a District 2-A matchup at Matador.

The victory kept Nazareth alive in the playoff race by improving its conference mark to 3-2.

Nazareth improved to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in district with the win.

The Swifts racked up 330 yards on offense and held Motley County to 142.

"Our defense had another good game," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "We kind of let the shut out get away from us, though. We would have liked to have had that, but overall, we played really well."

Leading the Swift defense were Derrick Schacher, Shane Ethridge and Matthew Kern, who had 10 tackles each.

The Swifts scored on runs by Kern and Mitchell Brockman, and on a Brockman pass to Barry Hoelting to take a 28-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Nazareth added two touchdowns in the second half and gave up one in the third.

Kern was Nazareth's top ground gainer, rushing seven times for 102 yards.

"I was worried that we wouldn't have our heads in the game after playing three big games, and being expected to win this one, but the guys came out and handled it well," said Price.

Motley County got the ball first and started its initial drive from its own 9-yard line.

The Matadors wouldn't get ver far. The Swift defense allowed only five yards over the next three plays,

forcing Motley County to punt.

The short kick by Deane Cruse went out-of-bounds at the Matador 44.

Nazareth's offense was sluggish for a few plays.

Brockman attempted to connect with a wide-open Hoelting on a deep pass, but the ball slipped through Hoelting's hands.

But Nazareth gained a first down on a run by Cameron McLain, who dragged several defenders to the Motley County 24 before he was brought down.

On the next play McLain broke loose down the sideline to score the 24-yard touchdown less than four minutes into the game. The point-after kick by Hoelting failed.

Stanton Wethington's kickoff went into the end zone, and Motley County got the ball on its own 20 to start the next drive.

Two incomplete passes followed by a delay of game penalty pushed the Matadors back to their own 15 and brought up third-and-15. Motley County failed to convert the first down, and had to punt.

The Swifts had problems on their next drive, too, and went three and out.

Ethridge's punt pinned the Matadors on the 1-yard line, and Motley County couldn't gain 10 yards and returned the kick to the Swifts.

Two plays into their next drive Brockman connected with Darren Huckert who raced down the sidelines to the Motley County 15 before he was shoved out of bounds.

Kern scored his first touchdown on the next play, racing down the left sideline with 1:23 left in the first quarter. Brockman pushed his way



**UP THE MIDDLE FOR A FIRST DOWN**—Nazareth's Cameron McLain (40) gets blocks from teammates downfield and is able to gain nine yards to the Motley County 26, good enough for a first down on a third-and-two play in the third quarter Friday night. The Swifts jumped out to a 35-0 lead in the third quarter before the host Matadors got on the board with

a touchdown of their own. Nazareth added a touchdown early in the fourth quarter after McLain's run kept the drive alive, and the Swifts coasted to a 41-6 victory. Nazareth improved to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in district with the victory.

Photo by Anne Acker

up the middle for the two-point conversion to make it 14-0 in the first quarter.

Motley County couldn't move the ball on its next drive, but elected to go for the first down on fourth-and-long. The Matadors came up short and Nazareth took over on downs at the Motley County 26 early in the second quarter.

It didn't take Nazareth long to capitalize. A run by Kern up the middle moved the ball to the 20. Then Brockman found Hoelting in the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown pass. Hoelting added the extra point for a 21-0 Swift lead.

Motley County had its best starting field position of the game on its next drive after Benjamin Ridgley fielded the kick and handed off to Green, who returned it to the 40. But Motley County couldn't take advantage.

Leon Birkenfeld sacked Motley County's quarterback three plays later, bringing up a fourth-and-13 situation and forcing another Matador punt.

Nazareth had to punt after its next series was plagued by a holding penalty and fumble resulting in a loss of several yards.

The kick gave Motley County possession on the plus side of the 50, and the Matadors picked up their first first down of the game on a run up the middle by Martin.

But after that, Nazareth's defense shut down the drive. Cruse was pursued by a pack of Swifts, and he threw the ball away to avoid the sack, but he was flagged for

intentional grounding. That moved the ball back to the 39 and Motley County failed to pick up a first down and had to punt again.

With less than four minutes left in the half the Swifts took over on their own 20. On the first play Jerad Birkenfeld took the ball down the sideline for a 26-yard gain. Then Brockman and Huckert teamed up for another long gain on a pass play. After catching the pass, Huckert hurdled one defender and continued down the left sideline, moving the Swifts deep into Matador territory at the 15.

Two plays later, with 2:15 left in the stanza, Brockman kept the ball and ran it in to make the score 28-0 after Hoelting's extra point.

In the second half, the Swifts owned the ball first, but the drive ended in a punt.

Motley County's first drive of the second half ended the same way.

The Matador punt was returned by Hoelting to the Nazareth 35.

Kern covered the 65 yards to the end zone on the first play of the series, scoring his second touchdown to make it 35-0 with Hoelting's kick.

Motley County finally put together a sustained drive in the third, starting from their own 30.

A Cruse pass to Aaron Binder gave Motley County a first down at the 46. Three plays later, Martin gained a first down at the Nazareth 44.

Facing a fourth-and-one three plays later, Motley County went for the first and succeeded, moving the

chains to the Swift 34.

Cruse completed a pass to Brant Donaldson for another first down at the Swift 22 with 4:09 left in the quarter.

Three plays later Martin took the pitch from Cruse and raced down the sideline for Motley County's lone touchdown. The two-point pass from Cruse was knocked down by Ethridge.

With less than three minutes left in the period, the Swifts took the kickoff and returned it to the 41. A 20-yard run by Kern set up the next drive. Two runs by McLain yielded another first down.

The drive stalled near the end zone and the Swifts faced a fourth-and-three early in the fourth quarter. Jerad Birkenfeld got the handoff and he ran untouched into the end zone to make it 41-6.

Motley County moved the ball on their next series, working down to the Swift 39 before they were forced to punt.

## Game at a Glance

Nazareth	14	14	7	6-41
Motley Co.	0	0	6	0-6

	NAZ	MC
First Downs	15	9
Rushing Yards	260	90
Passing Yards	70	52
Total Yards	330	142
Passes Comp./Att.	3-7	6-22
Interceptions By	0	0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Punts-Avg. Yards	3-33	7-29
Penalties-Yards	1-10	3-15

## Scoring Summary

**First Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Cameron McLain 25 run (kick blocked).  
 NAZ—Matthew Kern 6 run (Mitchell Brockman run).  
**Second Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Barry Hoelting 24 pass from Brockman (Hoelting kick).  
 NAZ—Brockman 10 run (Hoelting kick).  
**Third Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Kern 61 run (Hoelting kick).  
 MC—Ryan Martin 18 run (pass failed).  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Jerad Birkenfeld 8 run (kick blocked).

## JV Bobcats drop 22-6 decision to Muleshoe

The Bobcat Junior Varsity suffered its second loss of the season at Muleshoe last Thursday.

The JV Mules posted a 22-6 win to drop the Dimmitt JV record to 6-2.

Dimmitt got its only touchdown in the second quarter when quarterback Keevin Sanders connected with Shane Furr on a 35-yard scoring pass. The extra-point try failed.

Muleshoe drew first blood in the first quarter with a 20-yard touchdown pass, then added a two-point conversion.

The Sanders-to-Furr touchdown play brought Dimmitt within 8-6, but

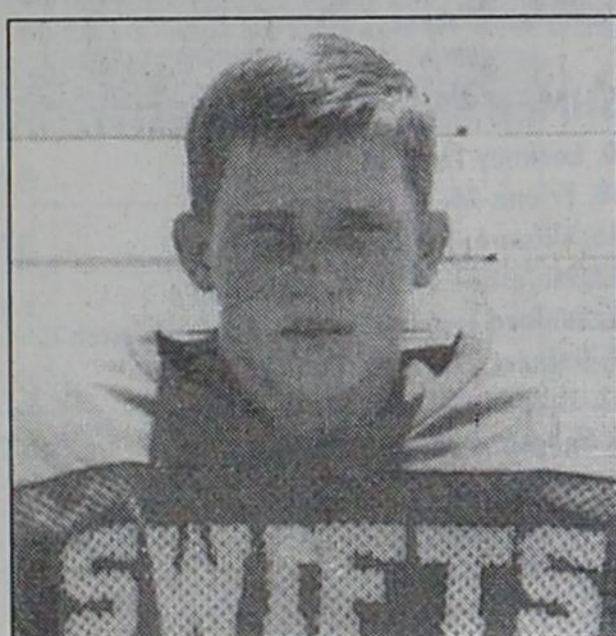
Muleshoe scored again later in the second quarter to take a 14-6 halftime lead.

In the third period, Muleshoe blocked a Dimmitt punt and scored to extend its lead to 22-6.

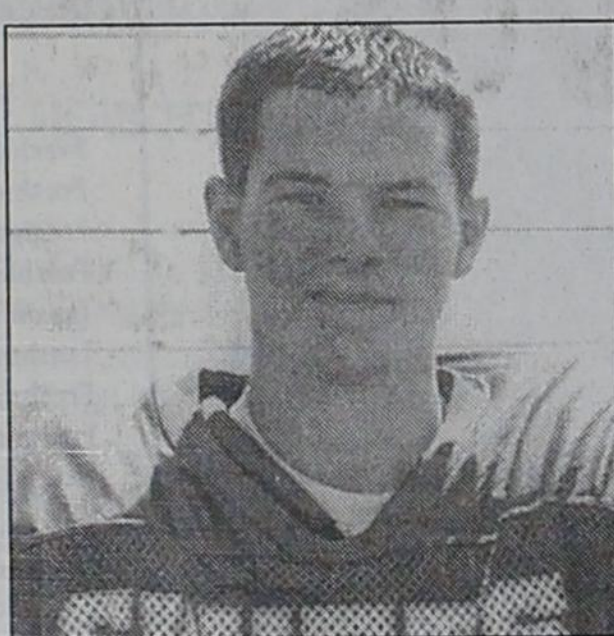
The fourth period was scoreless.

James Jackson and Jacob Medrano had good defensive games for Dimmitt, notching two interceptions.

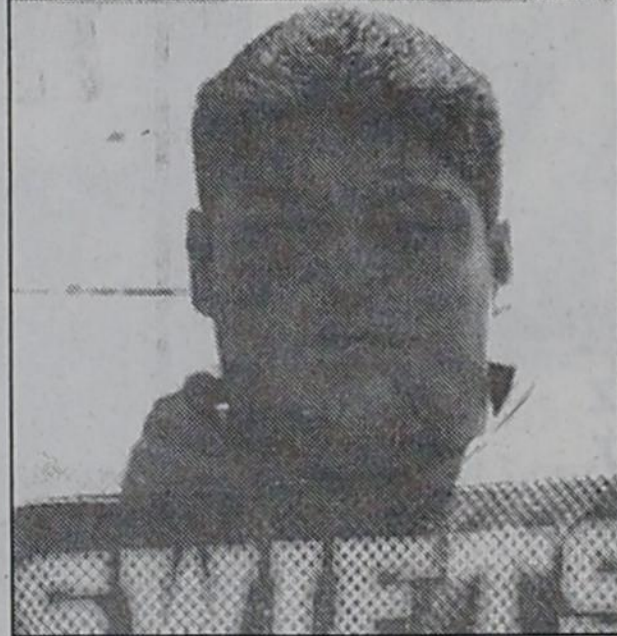
The Dimmitt JV and freshmen will combine squads for a single game against River Road here today (Thursday). Kickoff time will be 6:30.



**JASON HUSEMAN**  
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## Dimmitt 7th wins, 8th loses against Muleshoe Thursday

Dimmitt's seventh and eighth grade teams split two games with strong Muleshoe teams here last Thursday.

In the seventh grade game, only an extra-point attempt spelled the difference as the Dimmitt seventh-graders took a 16-14 win.

"Two good teams played each other, and we played well enough to win," Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster commented.

Lee Brown scored Dimmitt's first TD on a three-yard run, then added a two-point conversion. Muleshoe also scored a touchdown and two-pointer in the first quarter to leave the score tied at 8-8 at halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, both teams got touchdowns in the fourth. The difference was that the 7th grade Bobcats made a two-point conversion and the young Mules didn't.

Daniel Prieto scored Dimmitt's final TD on a three-yard run, and also ran in the all-important two-point conversion.

Coach Feaster cited Roy Rodriguez, Coby Martinez and Joel Birdwell as Dimmitt's offensive standouts. On defense, Matthew Gauna and Coby Martinez set the pace.

The victory hiked the Dimmitt 7th graders' season mark to 3-3.

In the eighth-grade game, Dimmitt took it on the chin, 16-6, in a contest that saw all the scoring done in the first half.

Dimmitt's only TD came in the first quarter on a pass from Anthony Oltivero to Brent Josselet. The scoring play covered 44 yards. The extra-point attempt failed.

Muleshoe scored a touchdown and two-point conversion in the first period, then added eight more points in the second quarter.

The two teams battled to a scoreless deadlock throughout the second half.

"Defensively, we played the best game of the year," Dimmitt Coach Don Bell said. "This was the least number of points that Muleshoe has scored all year."

Offensive standouts for Dimmitt were Brent Josselet, Anthony Oltivero, Austin Sherman and Jake Laurent. Top defensive players were T. J. Reyna, Juan Gonzalez, Tanner Self and Johnathan Jimenez.

It was only the second loss of the season for the eighth grade Bobcats, who came out of the game with a 4-2 record.

The seventh and eighth grade Bobcats played at Tulia Tuesday night and will finish their season next Tuesday at Friona, with game times at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

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# Finch races by Bovina as Hart wins, 47-24

The Longhorn is faster than the Mustang.

At least it was Friday night in Hart. Hart's J.J. Finch outran every Bovina Mustang who dared to race with him, and his effort lifted the Horns to a 47-24 victory.

Finch rushed for 292 yards and six touchdowns to lead the longhorns in the District 3-AA matchup.

The victory improved Hart's record to 2-6 overall and 1-2 in district while Bovina fell to 5-3, 0-3.

It took awhile for Finch and Hart to set the game's pace, though.

Bovina jumped out to an 18-6 lead before Finch took over in the second quarter.

After that it was all Finch. He scored three touchdowns in the second and Hart was on top 25-18 at the break. Hart coasted through the second half with three more Finch touchdowns.

It was Hart's first victory since the first game of the season.

The Longhorns didn't have as many first downs as Bovina, but Hart almost doubled the Mustangs'

offensive output. Hart rushed for 391 yards and passed for another 57. Bovina managed just 87 yards against Hart's defense, but the Mustangs had some success through the air, completing 11-of-24 passes for 155 yards.

Hart, which has struggled with penalties and turnovers so far this season, improved in both areas Friday, something which Coach Chad Watson had been hoping for.

Hart was flagged seven times for 50 yards, lost one fumble and had one interception.

Hart put the first points on the board in the first quarter when quarterback Jared Aven found Moses Reyna for a 14-yard touchdown pass. The kick failed, leaving the score, 6-0.

Bovina answered that touchdown pass with one of its own when Tony Beauchamp connected with Luke Steelman for a 10-yard TD. The ensuing kick failed, and the score was knotted at 6 in the first.

Bovina went ahead later in the



JARED AVEN (7) OF HART slips away from a Bovina defender and outruns another Friday night in a District 3-AA game at Hart. Aven gets blocks from teammates Efrain Salazar (50) and Dustin Dyer (63) as he

fights for first down yardage. Hart came from behind in the second half to claim a big, 47-24 district win.

Photo by David Knox



HE'S UNSTOPPABLE—At least he was Friday night. J.J. Finch (6) of Hart ran wild against Bovina in a District 3-AA game Friday, scoring six touchdowns and rushing for 292 yards to lead Hart to a 47-24 victory. Finch scored on runs of 4, 2, 1, 71, 1 and 4 in the game.

Photo by David Knox

stanza on another big pass play, this time an 11-yarder from Beauchamp to Adon Perez. The attempted two-point conversion run was stopped short, but Bovina was in control, 12-6.

### Game at a Glance

Bovina	12	6	6	0-24
Hart	6	19	8	14-47

	HART	BOV
First Downs	19	20
Rushing Yards	391	87
Passing Yards	57	155
Total Yards	448	242
Passes Comp./Att.	4-7	11-24
Interceptions By	2	1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Punt Avg. Yards	2-29	2-35
Penalties-Yards	7-50	11-93

### Scoring Summary

**First Quarter:**  
HART—Moses Reyna 14 pass from Jared Aven (kick failed).  
BOV—Luke Steelman 10 pass from Tony Beauchamp (kick failed).  
BOV—Adon Perez 11 pass from Beauchamp (run failed).  
**Second Quarter:**  
BOV—Albert Larrea 1 run (run failed).  
HART—J.J. Finch 4 run (run failed).  
HART—Finch 2 run (kick failed).  
HART—Finch 1 run (kick failed).  
**Third Quarter:**  
BOV—Larrea 5 run (kick blocked).  
HART—Gerardo Gonzales safety.  
HART—Finch 71 run (kick failed).  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
HART—Finch 1 run (Reyna pass from Aven).  
HART—Finch 4 run (kick failed).

The Mustangs extended their lead in the third quarter when Alvert Larrea barreled his way across the goal line from a yard out. The conversion try was stuffed behind the line of scrimmage again, leaving the score, 18-6.

After that Hart's line started opening holes that Finch used to destroy the Mustang defense.

Finch's first touchdown was a four-yard run in the second stanza that trimmed the Bovina lead to 18-12.

It wasn't long before Finch tied the game. His second TD of the stanza

was a two-yarder and it tied it at 18.

The go-ahead one-yard touchdown plunge was picked up by Finch late in the first half, and Hart was on top 25-18 at the break.

Bovina pulled within a point in the third quarter when Larrea managed a five-yard touchdown run, but the kick was blocked and Hart was still in control, 25-24.

Bovina was shut out after that.

Finch wasn't though. He scored once in the third and two more times in the fourth to ice the win for the Horns.

After Larrea's third-quarter touchdown, Hart extended its lead to three when Gerardo Gonzales recorded a sack for the Horns.

Finch added a big, 71-yard touchdown run in the quarter to boost Hart's lead to 33-24.

The fourth quarter was all Finch. He scored from a yard out, then Reyna caught a pass from Aven for the two-point conversion. He capped the night with a four-yard touchdown run.

### Band selling pecans, Dallas game tickets

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band is selling pecans again this year in time for holiday baking.

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Raffle tickets are going for \$2 each or three for \$5. Call 647-3491 for more information.

## 9th Cats lose, 36-6

The Freshman Bobcats took it on the chin, 36-6, at Muleshoe last Thursday.

Dimmitt got its only touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 65-yard scoring run by Ben Ruiz.

Muleshoe scored 14 points in the opening quarter and six more in the second to take a 20-0 halftime lead, then added eight points in the third and eight in the fourth.

The Freshman Mules took advantage of Dimmitt turnovers for many of their points.

"We didn't execute very well on offense," Dimmitt Coaches Cory

Lynch and Monty Gothard commented. "We played okay on defense, but our offense kept turning the ball over."

However, Daniel Proffitt blocked well on offense and made an outstanding catch, the coaches said.

Playing good defensive games for Dimmitt were Tony Sifuentez, Luis Gonzales and Salvador Diaz.

The Freshman Bobcats now have a 3-5 season record.

Dimmitt will host River Road in a combined freshman-JV game today (Thursday) with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff time.



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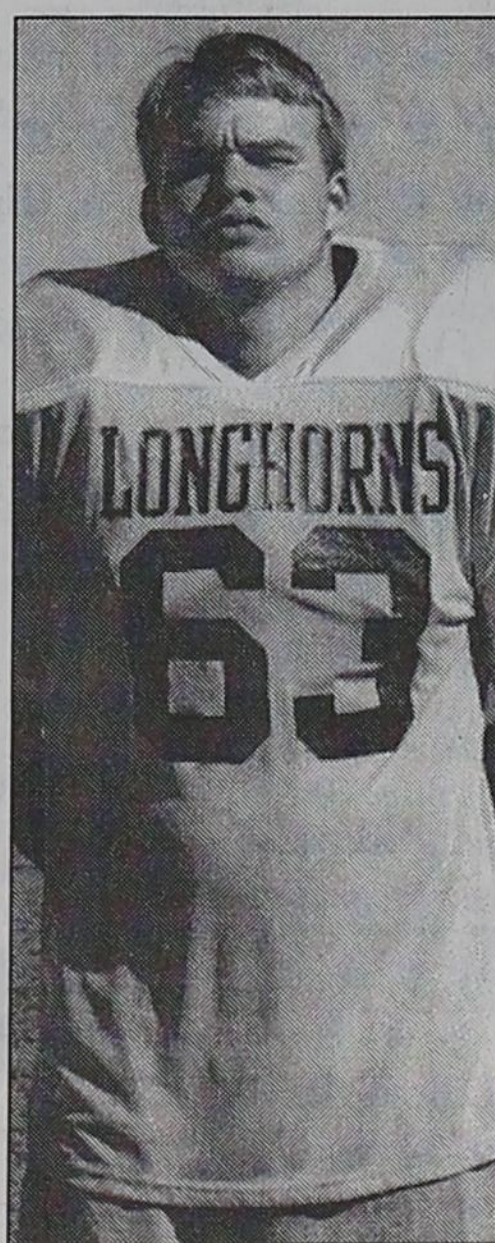
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**Mark Birkenfeld finishes fifth**

# Swiftettes win district cross country crown

The Nazareth Swiftettes took the first step toward another trip to the state cross country meet Monday when they captured the District 11-A championship in convincing fashion with a team total of 26 points.

The No. 2-ranked Swiftettes took the individual gold and silver medals and placed two others among the top 10 to defend their district championship at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Farwell, ranked fourth in the state, finished second with 47 points while Claude was third with 98. Other teams competing were Vega, fourth, 115; Wheeler, fifth, 149; Lazbuddie, sixth, 157; Happy, seventh, 160; Gruver, eighth, 195; and Booker, ninth, 232.

In the boys' three-mile race, Naza-

areth's Mark Birkenfeld earned a trip to the Region 1-A meet with a fifth-place finish. Birkenfeld finished with a time of 20:31.

Lindsey Gerber claimed the top spot, winning the race with a time of 13:23. Following close on her heels was teammate Tanya Wethington, who was second in 13:28.

Farwell's Valerie Mace snuck in at third with a time of 13:38, just ahead of Nazareth's Trina Johnson, who finished fourth in 13:45.

Also placing among the top 10 for Nazareth was Tara Kleman, who finished eighth with a time of 14:03.

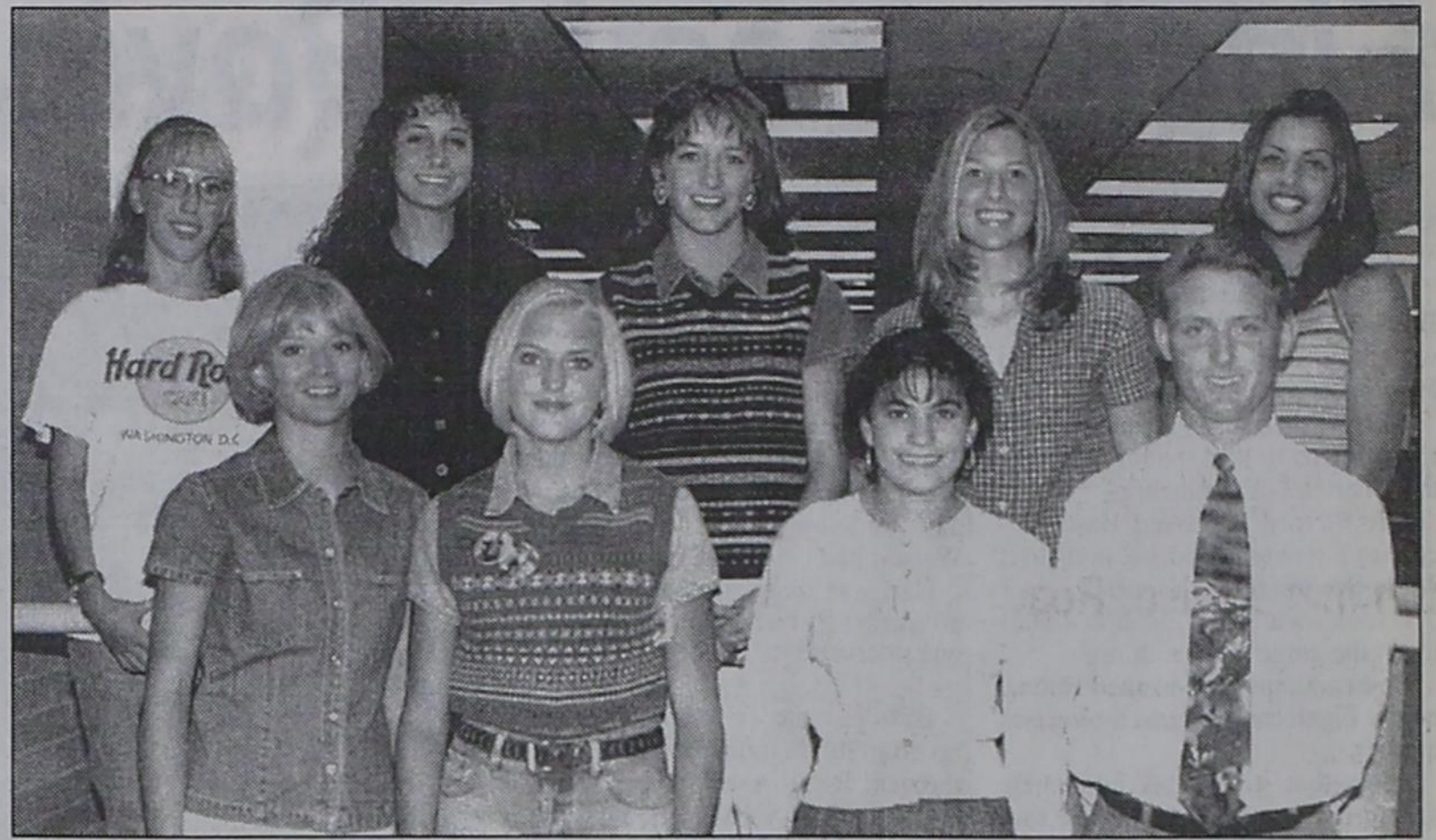
Other Swiftette runners were Amy Pohlmeier, 11th, 14:20; Celina Braddock, 14th, 14:28; and Tiffany

Schmucker, 16th, 14:31.

The Swiftettes and Birkenfeld will compete in the Region 1-A meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Nov. 8.

In the junior varsity division, the Swiftettes earned first-place team honors with 23 points.

Shawna Gerber won the race with a time of 14:37. Others running, along with their places and times, were Sara Schulte, fourth, 15:08; Whitney Hoelting, fifth, 15:10; Sara Birkenfeld, sixth, 15:12; Jayme Schmucker, eighth, 15:18; Mindi Ethridge, 14th, 16:19; Jill Schulte, 30th, 18:05; and K'Lynn Gerber, 33rd, 18:43.



**DIMMITT BOBBIES CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—** (Front, from left) Cherie Norman, Carol Summers, Stephanie Hinojosa, and coach Chris Edwards; and

(back, from left) Taryn Hays, Lindsey Welch, Shawna Kenworthy, Amy Matthews, and Jessica Flores.  
*Photo by Linda Maxwell*



**READY TO RUN—**The Nazareth Swiftettes' cross country team is ranked second in the state and the team hopes to make a return trip to the state meet this season. Team members are Amy Pohlmeier,

Lindsey K. Gerber, Tara Kleman, Tiffany Schmucker, Tanya Wethington, Celina Braddock, Trina Johnson and Sara Birkenfeld.  
*Photo by Brenda Schulte*



**DIMMITT BOBCATS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—** (Front, from left) Jacob Larra, Ivan Flores and Ralph Enriquez, along with coach Chris Edwards;

and (back, from left) Marcus Larra, Eric Gamez and Israel Martinez.  
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## Bobbies win AAA division in Levelland meet Saturday

Shawna Kenworthy was the top small-school runner in the South Plains Subway Cross Country Festival in Levelland Saturday, and her finish paced the Dimmitt Bobbies to a first-place finish among those teams.

Kenworthy won the race with a time of 14:33.

The Bobbies ran with teams in every classification, and finished seventh among all teams, including AAAA and AAAAA schools. But Dimmitt was top among AAA and smaller schools, finishing with 43 points.

Lindsey Welch was seventh with a time of 15:22 and Carol Summers placed eighth in 15:28. Stephanie Hinojosa earned a 10th place finish, running the race in 15:46. Lilia Dominguez finished 14th in 16:04.

Also competing was Taryn Hays, who finished in 16:21.

Four Dimmitt boys competed in the meet. They were Jacob Larra, who recorded a time of 18:46; Ivan Flores, 18:47; Ralph Enriquez, 20:40; and Eric Gamez, 21:53.

"The kids competed very well Saturday," said Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards. "The weather was nice and we ran well. It was a good race. We needed one like this before district."

Dimmitt will compete in the District 1-AAA cross country meet Saturday morning at Thompson Park in Amarillo. The girls are scheduled to run at 10 while the boys will start their race at 10:30.

Edwards said he expects the Bobbies and Dalhart to vye for the district crown.

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# Teams need wins to stay alive in playoff races

County teams are in the running for playoff berths, and the battles continue this week with big games on top Friday night.

Dimmitt will travel to River Road in a key District 1-AAA showdown while Nazareth hosts Happy in a big 2-A matchup and Hart heads to Highland Park for a 3-AA game. All games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Dimmitt at River Road

No rest. After losing to state-ranked Friona Friday night, the Bobcats now must hit the Road.

River Road, that is. The defending bi-district and area champions. At their place, Friday at 7:30.

And with a 4-1 district mark, the Bobcats are in a must-win situation if they want to take River Road's place in the playoffs this year.

"We knew it would be this way," Coach Bruce Dollar said. "We knew that Friona, River Road and Perryton would be really good football teams, and that's the way it's turning out."

(The Bobcats will face Perryton in the final regular-season game Nov. 8.)

River Road Coach Craig Shores has guided the Wildcats into the playoffs the last four years, and they were pre-season picks to go again this year.

But the Wildcats sustained an unusual number of injuries early on. As a result, they've lost five of their eight games so far and are 3-2 in district play.

They started with three losses to Class 4A teams—45-3 to Canyon, 36-13 to Dumas and 28-16 to Caprock.

After opening district play with a 21-14 win over Dalhart, the Wildcats lost to Friona (33-20) and to Perryton (13-10). Since then they've downed Sanford Fritch 37-6 and Tulia 35-12.

"We suffered a lot of injuries early in the year," Coach Shores said. "We had six to eight starters out during our first three or four games. We're just now starting to come along and play well."

Two of the Wildcats' starting linemen—210-lb. Chantz Howell and 290-lb. Jake Wilkins—are out for the year, but the rest of the roster is healthy for Friday night's game.

That roster includes several stars from last year's regional finalist team who are considered some of the top talent in the region—quarterback-defensive back Jerod Fikac (5-9, 170), tight end-linebacker Andy Dunlap (6-1, 190), end-linebacker Leonard Christensen (6-2, 190), defensive back Jerry Billington (6-0, 175), and linemen Eric Terrell (6-7, 260) and A.B. Tiffie (5-11, 210). All are seniors.

## Bike-a-thon rescheduled for Saturday

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Wheels for Life bike-a-thon has been rescheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of First United Bank in Dimmitt.

The event had been slated for this past Saturday, but was canceled due to the cold weather.

Sponsored by the Castro County 4-H, the event will raise money for the research efforts of St. Jude's. Participants still have time to sign up and line up sponsors to pledge donations for the distance ridden.

Sponsor forms and further information can be obtained by calling 647-4115. Also, those wanting to sponsor a rider or make a donation are encouraged to call.

The bike-a-thon will be preceded by a bicycle maintenance workshop, and there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the event. Also, refreshments will be available.

All participants who turn in money will receive a certificate, and those who raise \$35 or more will receive a St. Jude's t-shirt. Those who raise \$75 or more will receive a sports bag, t-shirt and certificate.

Volunteer workers and participants are needed for the event, according to Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

## DHS to honor veterans Nov. 11

Dimmitt High School will recognize Castro County veterans during a special program on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.

All veterans are invited to participate in the special tribute from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the school.



**BEAU HILL (foreground) picks up four tough yards for Dimmitt in the first quarter of the Bobcats' game against the Friona Chieftains here Friday night. Friona's Cecil Cooper (68) zeroes in on Hill while**

**Dimmitt's Charley Sanders (44) looks to make a clearing block. The state-ranked Chieftains won it in a 46-28 scoring spree, handing the Bobcats their first district loss.**

Photo by Carter Townsend

The Wildcats' main ball-toters are Fikac, Trent Mills (5-9, 175 Jr.) and Cody Smith (6-1, 180 Sr.).

"We still run a lot out of the one-back set, but we're running more two-back this year," Coach Shores said.

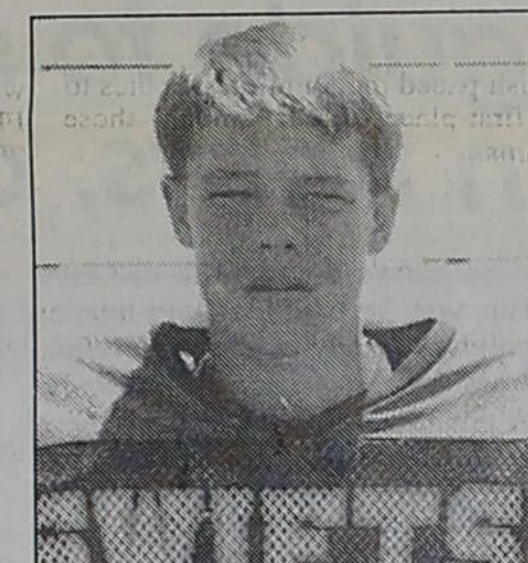
Look for the Wildcats to mix power runs with speed-option and belly-option plays.

On defense, they'll go mainly with four down linemen and three linebackers.

About the Bobcats, the River Road coach commented, "There's a tremendous amount of speed. Their speed is very impressive—they're looking great. That's something you can't coach and something there's no substitute for."

He added, "I've coached against Bruce (Dollar) ever since the early '90s, when he had state-ranked teams at Fritch. He does a really good job."

Here's what the coaches have to say about Friday night's game:



**MARK BIRKENFELD finished fifth in the District 11-A cross country meet Monday and that earned the freshman at Nazareth a trip to the Region 1-A meet, scheduled for Nov. 8 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Birkenfeld finished Monday's three-mile race at Thompson Park in Amarillo with a time of 20:31.**

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Coach Shores: "This is the first year that we haven't been in the driver's seat at this point of the season. There is still a lot of football to be played. We're just going to have to play our game and hope that we'll have a chance through a two-way or three-way tie."

Coach Dollar: "Their record is not that great, but they've had a lot of injuries. They're just now getting their people back, and they have a lot of talent. It's going to be another battle for us."

## Happy at Nazareth

The Nazareth Swifts still have an outside shot at reaching the playoffs this season, but they must win their two remaining District 2-A games, then hope for some help from other teams.

The Swifts, 3-2 in district, will host 1-4 Happy Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field.

Kress currently is in first place with a perfect 5-0 mark while Springlake-Earth is in second at 4-1. Those two teams will square off on Nov. 8.

The Swifts are currently tied for third with Farwell and Sudan. Nazareth lost to Sudan earlier and the Swifts play Farwell on Nov. 8.

If Nazareth can beat Happy and Farwell, and if Kress beats Springlake-Earth, the Swifts have a shot at the playoffs.

Nazareth must take care of its own business first, though.

And the Swifts' first order of business is their game with Happy on Friday.

The Cowboys are 4-4 overall, but have won only one district game so far. Overall, Happy has outscored opponents 140-131, but in district,

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the Cowboys have been outscored 42-112.

The Cowboys' district losses have come to Sudan, Springlake-Earth, Kress and Farwell, and their victory was over Valley.

Happy features a wing-T offense directed by quarterback Patrick McQuaig (6-1, 160) with Roy Don Flowers (5-10, 165) and Bo Dempsey (5-11, 180) in the backfield. The receiving corps includes Hip Saenz (5-10, 165), Sonny Calhoun (5-11, 155) and Ben Bressler (5-11, 150).

Flowers is the main cog in the

offense. He has rushed for more than 500 yards this season and has scored eight rushing touchdowns.

Happy also has had success throwing the ball with McQuaig, who has almost 700 yards passing. He's thrown seven touchdown passes, including four to Calhoun.

The Cowboys' offensive line is anchored by tackles Jared Hammett (5-11, 220) and Beau Brown (5-11, 185), guards Jimmy Allen (5-11, 185) and Vance Johnson (5-8, 190) and center Lynn Mayes (6-0, 185).

On defense, Happy runs a 4-3 with Hammett, Flowers, Dempsey and McQuaig among the team leaders.

The Cowboys are allowing an average of 225 yards per game this season.

## Hart at Highland Park

The 2-6 Hart Longhorns have suffered through a tough schedule so far, but Coach Chad Watson feels his Horns have turned a corner after Friday night's big win over Bovina, and Hart is now in a position to claim a playoff berth.

The first step toward claiming that playoff berth will come if Hart can defeat the Highland Park Hornets Friday night in Amarillo. Game time is 7:30.

"If we can win our last two games and Lockney also wins out, then we'll go to the playoffs," said Watson. "That's what we're focused on now."

Hart closes out regular-season play on Nov. 7 by hosting Hale Center.

But first, the Horns must handle Highland Park and that means containing a lot of speed.

The Hornets' pro-style offense

feature runners Shawn Sechrist (5-10, 201), Terry Foster (5-9, 160), Danny Gutierrez (5-8, 160). Handling quarterback duties will be James Rodriguez (5-10, 170). Receivers include Ron Jamandron (5-10, 165) and Cory Williams (6-0, 190).

"They've got good speed. They're one of those teams that's scary—you never know what to expect," said Watson. "And we're playing there, and they've got a different type of grass. It's going to be slippery. This is going to be a tough game for us."

The offensive line is anchored by tackles Allen Wallace (5-10, 210) and Greg Parker (6-2, 295) and guard Neil Parrack (5-10, 210).

"They don't run a lot of formations on offense—mainly sweeps, draws and traps," said Watson. "Their tailback has good speed and he's capable of going the distance at any time."

Highland Park has averaged 234 yards offense per game this season.

The strength of the Hornets' defense is the front line, according to Watson.

"They're defensive linemen are probably their best players," Watson said. "They average about 230 across the front."

Parrack, Wallace and Sechrist are among the starters on the line.

The secondary includes Jamandron and Gutierrez at cornerbacks and Rodriguez and Foster at safety. Linebackers include Brandon Neece (5-9, 165), Mark Hulsey (5-8, 165), Williams and Travis.

The Hornets' defense has allowed an average of 187.5 yards rushing per game this season and has given up another 77 yards per game through the air.

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# Art Exhibit and Sale

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Of special interest will be the smaller version of Glenna Goodacre's "Vietnam Women's Memorial" and several original works by Tom Lovell who was tragically killed this summer in a car wreck in Santa Fe.

The exhibition will include western, wildlife, landscape, and figurative art. Oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, bronzes, limited edition prints, and books are included in the show. All works of art will be available for purchase. Prices of the artwork will range from \$50 to approximately \$15,000.

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## Cross country

# Hart Horns, Lady Horns earn trips to regional meet

Eric Montemayor of Hart claimed the boys' individual championship and led his team to a third-place finish while the Hart Lady Horns placed second as a team Monday in the District 3-AA cross country meet at Olton.

Montemayor finished 13 seconds ahead of the rest of the field, winning the three-mile race in 17:45, pacing the Longhorns to a third-place team finish.

The Lady Horns earned a trip to regional with a second-place finish Monday, and just missed winning the district team title by five points.

Both Hart teams will run in the Region 1-AA cross country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Nov. 8. The girls' race is slated to begin at 12 noon while the boys' race will start at 12:30 p.m.

"The guys ran really well. They were very happy. They've never advanced before," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox.

"We felt like some of our bottom runners (in the girls' race) could have done a little better, and we could have been right there in first place. We were only five points away," said Wilcox. "But overall we ran really well."

Olton claimed the girls' team crown with 31 points while Hart finished with 36. Lockney was third with 80, Hale Center placed fourth with 113 and Highland Park was fifth with 151.

Melissa Cano of Bovina ran away with the girls' gold medal, winning the race with a time of 12:29.

Hart's Valerie Key was next to cross the finish line, taking the silver with a time of 13:21. Lisa Rincon was fourth with a time of 13:35.

Isela Minjarez placed seventh in 13:43 and Christy Guzman was 10th in 14:15.

Other Lady Horns competing were

Julia Cisneros, 13th, 14:40; Vanessa Carrasco, 19th, 15:16; and Nikki Burrell, 23rd, 15:35.

In the boys' race, Hart placed all but one of its runners among the top 25. Montemayor's first-place finish topped the team. Other team members were Jeremiah Velasquez, 12th, 19:39; Angel Pantoja, 13th, 19:42; Roberto Yebra, 15th, 19:50; Adrian Rios, 20th, 21:23; Ismael Gonzales, 21st, 21:24; and Frankie Ayala, 26th, 23:14.

In the junior varsity division, the Lady Horns claimed second place while Rudy Reyna placed second in the boys' race with a time of 23:09.

Members of the girls' junior varsity team along with their district finishes and times are Lindsey Montemayor, seventh, 15:42; Becky Guzman, ninth, 15:48; Ysa Rodriguez, 12th, 16:23; Amanda Ethridge, 15th, 17:16; Veronica Gonzales, 17th, 17:33; and Geneva Finch, 31st, 19:58.

Hart's junior high girls also competed at district and finished third as a team.

Among those placing were Kellie George, seventh, 14:34; Sonya Garcia, 11th, 15:09; Amanda Carrasco, 20th, 16:04; Bertha Dominguez, 24th, 16:47; Amber Ponce, 29th, 18:55; Cynthia Gonzales, 30th, 19:01; and Linda Longoria, 32nd, 19:30.

## Turkey shoot set in Vega

The Oldham County Chamber of Commerce will host a trap shoot Nov. 15 in Vega, starting at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$5 per shoot. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information, contact Joann Harwell at 806-267-2828.



PAMELA VANDELLEN (right) of Boskoop, Holland, is spending this school year in Nazareth with the Jerry Lange family as part of the American Field Service (AFS) exchange program. Members of VanDelden's host family pictured are (front row,

from left) Mark Lange, Sheila Lange, Vicky Lange, Dalton Jordan and Susan Lange; and (back row, from left) Steven Lange, Dakota Lange, Jerry Lange and Judy Lange.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Love of travel brings Dutch girl to Nazareth and Lange family

By STEPHANIE GERBER

Pamela VanDelden loves to travel and that love has landed the Holland native in Nazareth.

VanDelden is a foreign exchange student with the American Field Service (AFS) program and she is spending this school year in Nazareth with the Jerry Lange family.

VanDelden arrived in Nazareth on Aug. 8 from Boskoop, Holland. She was greeted at the Amarillo International Airport by her host family, Jerry and Judy Lange, their daughters, Vicky and Susan, and their son, Mark.

"She recognized us right off, but we didn't recognize her at all," said Susan.

VanDelden admits her first thoughts were that Nazareth was going to be boring and small. She was in for a surprise.

"Nazareth is small," VanDelden said, "but it certainly isn't boring."

Her hometown has a population of 1,500. In Holland she lives with her mother, an 18-year-old sister and a 14-year-old brother.

She says the biggest difference between her home in Holland and Nazareth is that "it's a lot greener" in

Holland.

"It's cold almost all the time and it rains almost every day," VanDelden said about her homeland.

VanDelden, 16, has already graduated from high school and was seeking a challenge. That's why she joined the AFS program.

"I felt like a challenge," said VanDelden. "This seemed like the perfect one. The hardest adjustment I've had is not being as free as I was at home."

Another hardship VanDelden and her host family are dealing with is the recent diagnosis of her host sister, Susan, with cancer.

Susan, also 16, underwent surgery shortly after VanDelden arrived and is now undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

But VanDelden and the Langes are adjusting and each is gaining special memories from their relationship.

"Pamela fits our family like a glove," say the Langes. "She is very outgoing and is fun to be with. She fits right in and helps out a lot. She has been a joy to have with us."

Susan and VanDelden have already established a special relationship.

"She's my sister," said Susan. VanDelden is enjoying her host family as well.

"My family here is better than I could ever wish for," VanDelden said.

While in the United States Pamela is still able to pursue her favorite hobbies, which include horseback riding and shopping.

## Medical fund established for Brockman

A medical fund has been established at First United Bank in Dimmitt and proceeds will be used to defray medical expenses for Anna Brockman, 9-year-old daughter of Virgil and Shirley Brockman of Dimmitt.

The girl was attacked by a dog on Sept. 20 and she will be undergoing plastic surgery to repair damage she sustained in the attack.

Individuals who wish to donate to the fund should make their contributions to the Anna Brockman Medical Fund at First United Bank of Dimmitt.

## Canterbury Villa sets cake auction

Scrumptious cakes of all flavors will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on Nov. 13 when Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt sponsors its annual cake auction.

Those who wish to donate cakes for the auction should drop the baked goods by the nursing home that day.

The auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the nursing home and Jack Howell will serve as auctioneer.

Proceeds from the event will go to the residents' activity fund, and also will be used to help purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.



### OUT OF TOWN

Ethan Chandler Maxwell, son of David and Melissa Maxwell of Dimmitt, was born Oct. 25 at 2:51 p.m. at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Kathy Lowrey of Hart. Paternal grandparents are Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Jeanne Thackeray of Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowrey Jr. of Lubbock, Mrs. Bertha Runkle of Roscoe, and Royce Davis of Snyder. Great-great-grandfather is Levi Bennight of Kingston, Okla.

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# Nibbler's guide to surviving Halloween treats, calories

What's the scariest thing you'll see this time of year?

Forget the spooky masks and the Dracula fangs. It's the mountain of Halloween candy sitting there, tempting you. Every grown-up knows that those treats can really trick your determination to eat sensibly. Candy is scary because it is packed with calories and fat and is short on vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber and other nutrients.

Let's face it: We are heading into the dangerous season between Halloween in October and Super Bowl Sunday in January. That's when many people can add as much as seven pounds because of party foods and celebrations.

## Velez is named student of week

Pedro Velez has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Velez is the son of Consuelo Avelos and he was born in El Paso on July 25, 1988.

His favorite food is pizza, and his favorite book is *Hank the Cowdog*. He likes white tigers and says he does well in basketball. He wants to be better in science and when he grows up he hopes to be a doctor.

Pedro enjoys P.E. and other classes at DMS. He admires his grandmother. In his free time, Pedro likes to read.

So what's a nibbler to do? How can you keep the trick-or-treating children happy while you refrain from snatching a handful of candy? A pound here, another pound there. It all adds up, ruining the waistline and the best intentions.

Here is some timely advice, just in time for the trick-or-treat hoards at your doorstep:

**BUY LATE, BUY LESS:** Even though the grocery stores start pushing Halloween candy before the Fourth of July, there's no reason to buy it early. The longer the candy is in plain view, the more tempting it is. Buy the candy just a day before the major haunting. When you do shop, buy less than you did last year so you will have fewer leftovers. Those big family-sized bags of goodies simply scream, "Eat me now!" So what if you run out of candy during the Halloween onslaught? Toss a few nickels and quarters into the children's sacks. (Have you ever known a kid to turn down money?)

**BUY WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE:** Buy only the stuff that turns you off. The quickest way to kill the nibbling urge is to take away the enjoyment. One friend gives out individual packages of Sweet Tarts, her least favorite candy. "Of course," she said, "it would be a disaster if I had M&Ms or Snickers. I'd eat more than I would give away. So I don't even stock them."

**NIBBLE LIKE A BUNNY:** Keep a constant stock of raw vegetables

and fruits handy. As you dole out the candy bars, chomp down on a carrot stick. Yes, we know it isn't like eating a chocolate bar but your hips will show the difference.

**LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVES:** One way to keep from consuming Halloween candy is not to buy it at all. Rather, hand out alternatives such as pencils, decorative erasers, tiny bottles of bubbles, stickers and inexpensive trinkets.

**DONATE THE LEFTOVERS (AND WE DON'T MEAN BRING IT TO THE OFFICE):** Every year, it's the same ritual. People don't want to be tempted by candy at home, so they bring it to the office—where they are still lured to nibble at their desks. Instead, make it an office project to donate everyone's leftover candy to a school, a homeless shelter or a food pantry that serves the poor. These candies will be a welcome treat to many people who cannot afford them.

**WRITE IT ALL IN A FOOD DIARY:** Keeping a log of what you eat helps you to track the fat and calories for the day. Most important, record how you're feeling as you eat. Are you bored, stressed or angry? This helps you identify trends and patterns to your overeating.

**REMEMBER MODERATION:** The world won't come to an end if you snare three chocolate kisses. But remember to balance the rest of your day's diet by eliminating the fat and calories from another part of your day's menu.

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TRICK-OR-TREATING is fun for all ages, and this "elderly" trio celebrated Halloween early this year at the Halloween carnival in Nazareth Sunday evening.

Pictured are Nazareth sixth graders Kimberly Brockman, Cassie Price and Rebecca Olvera, who donned these costumes for Sunday's carnival.

Photo by Anne Acker

More about

Weather phenomenon . . .

(Continued from Page 1)  
 high winds and heavy rains in the Arizona desert, flooded homes, turned streets into streams and toppled power lines in August. Storms that winter destroyed 33 oceanfront homes in California, took 160 lives and cost \$2 billion in damages. Global damage estimates from that storm were estimated at \$25 billion. This year's El Niño could wreak just as much havoc, and many feel it could be worse than the 1982-83

system. Some predictions say the Texas Panhandle will receive a heavy amount of moisture from November to February. Precipitation extremes during El Niño call for a "100% probability of an increase in precipitation" and also for a "50% chance of colder than normal temperatures" during the period.

Others predict the jet stream to carry in strong, wet storms, but they say there will be fewer zero-degree cold snaps in the region. The heaviest snowfall this winter is forecast for the southern Rockies and New Mexico, while this winter's snowfall forecast for the central and northern Rockies is expected to be below normal.

The cause of the El Niño weather pattern is uncertain, but scientists do know that during El Niño, the strength and direction of the jet stream is altered, disrupting weather patterns all over the world. During El Niño, the trade winds relax in the central and western Pa-

cific, leading to a depression of the thermocline in the eastern Pacific and an elevation of the thermocline in the west.

Scientists observed the currently forming weather pattern in March when weather buoys detected a rise in the temperature in waters off the coast of Peru. After analyzing data, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Predictions Center issued an El Niño advisory in April.

Earlier this month, government officials, including Vice President Al Gore, gathered for a conference on preparations for how to handle and prepare for El Niño.

James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the goal of the summit was to change the way America prevents and prepares for disasters.

At the conference, Witt announced formation of a national campaign, Project Impact, to help communities reduce consequences of disasters through education and planning.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Blizzard zaps contest

That killer blizzard in Colorado over the weekend didn't just affect traffic and power in the Denver area. It also zapped local pickers in the POWER POINTS Football Contest.

The blizzard, combined with the NFL's decision to postpone the Chicago-Miami game until Monday night because of the World Series, delayed the reporting and scoring of results in the POWER POINTS contest by 24 to 36 hours.

As a result, we can't report the Week 9 winners until next week. The Week 9 results will be reported along with the Week 10 results in next week's paper.

The POWER POINTS contest originates in Denver and is syndicated to daily and weekly newspapers in four states. Newspapers send their contest entries to Denver via USPS Express Mail or UPS Second-Day Air on Friday afternoons. Entries are scored over the weekend and final results are tallied after the Monday night football game. Then newspapers are notified of results Tuesday night via fax and Internet.

But Contest Commissioner Tim McGovern notified us Monday that most entry forms had not yet arrived in Denver because of the blizzard.

McGovern had two comments about the weather-caused delay: "Sorry for the inconvenience," and "Brrrrrrrrrr!"

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 8. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St., before 2 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

Commissioners okay CPS for jury duty donations

Civic-minded people who serve on jury duty in Castro County but don't want to be paid for it can now designate that the juror's stipend be given to Castro County Child Protective Services.

The County Commissioners approved that measure at their Monday meeting. County Clerk Joyce Thomas told the commissioners that there is space on the card returned by prospective jurors that allows them to designate whether they want their juror's pay to go to a non-profit organization. She said there is only room to list one choice. Jurors can opt to keep the pay, return it to the county, or designate it for charity. She said CPS or the MH/MR center in Plainview would qualify.

County Judge Irene Miller said the county already supports the MH/MR center in a greater way than the CPS in the county budget. She suggested that they allow the CPS to be listed on the juror card. The commissioners voted to select CPS.

In other business, the commissioners voted to follow the recently approved personnel policy and give a monthly bonus to county employees based on longevity, set at \$10 per year of employment. Previously, a cap had been set at \$110 (or 11 years employment). The commissioners voted to make the bonus retroactive to Oct. 1, the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date the new policy went into effect.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said there are four county employees whose pay would be affected by the policy change. She said it will cost \$1,800 more for the year. She said the personnel policy would have to be changed if the commissioners did not vote to override the longevity cap.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige said he feels the employees deserve everything they get and the county should encourage experienced employees to stay on.

In another matter, the commissioners gave approval for Sheriff CD Fitzgearld to make use of any equipment or furniture in storage in the courthouse. Also, provision was made for disposal of any furniture or equipment that is rated unsalvageable. Miller said that storage areas in the courthouse are getting full and some items need to be disposed of.

It was suggested that various department heads examine items in their own sections of the courthouse and determine what needs to be gotten rid of.

Fitzgearld said he could use some of the items to furnish a search area that will be used to train drug dogs. He said the training area is a cooperative venture between area law enforcement organizations and is located in Vega.

Harold Smith of Hart asked the commissioners to allow him to donate road building material to individuals in the county who want to apply it to county roads where they live or work. He said he would donate the material (caliche) if the individuals would pay for the hauling of it.

Miller told Smith to contact any interested persons and have them appear on the next agenda of the commissioners' court. She said they would have to sign an agreement

with the county that they would be responsible for the hauling cost and for contacting the county to spread the material once it is delivered.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland told Smith that he would have to be careful to use top grade caliche. He said he had seen some that Smith had used in the past that had too much clay in it.

Approval was given for the petty cash fund in the Sheriff's Dept. to be increased from \$300 to \$600. Fitzgearld said he needed more on hand for occasions when deputies are sent to training schools, so that they won't have to pay out of their own pockets and then wait for reimbursement.

Commissioners gave approval for an additional phone line to be in-

stalled in the clerk's office and for purchase of a new telephone or two, as needed.

Newton Electric will be authorized to replace the lighting and wiring in the Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the courthouse at an estimated cost of \$2,107.88. He may also look at the lighting in the records storage area in the basement.

Approval was given for the Extension Office to use the county postage meter on official business that is not allowed under their federal postage meter rules. County Agent Marilyn Neal said that return envelopes for survey responses cannot be metered through the Extension Office postage meter.

stopped in the 100 block of West Jones and was charged with driving under the influence.

Rodolfo Bonilla of Dimmitt told police Oct. 18 that someone drove across his yard in the 400 block of Northeast Fifth and broke an underground water line and damaged the water meter can. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Israella Castaneda of Dimmitt reported to police last Thursday afternoon that someone took a carburetor, valued at \$160, and damaged the windshield of his 1975 Chevy van.

Raul Gonzales of the Hacker Division in Hart told deputies Saturday that someone broke out the windows of his 1995 Chevrolet pickup.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was picked up Saturday on a warrant charging him with deadly conduct.

Police Calls

Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 25, was jailed on charges of forgery by passing.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for three counts of harassment last Thursday afternoon.

Early Friday, a Hereford man, 22, was charged with DWI, second offense, open container, and refused the breath test.

A 20-year-old Hereford man was jailed at 2:14 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

DWI, third offense, open container charges were listed against a Hereford man, 44, who refused the breath test and was jailed at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

A Dimmitt man, 37, was jailed at 11:54 p.m. Monday on charges of DWI, second offense.

At 1:24 a.m. Sunday a suspect was

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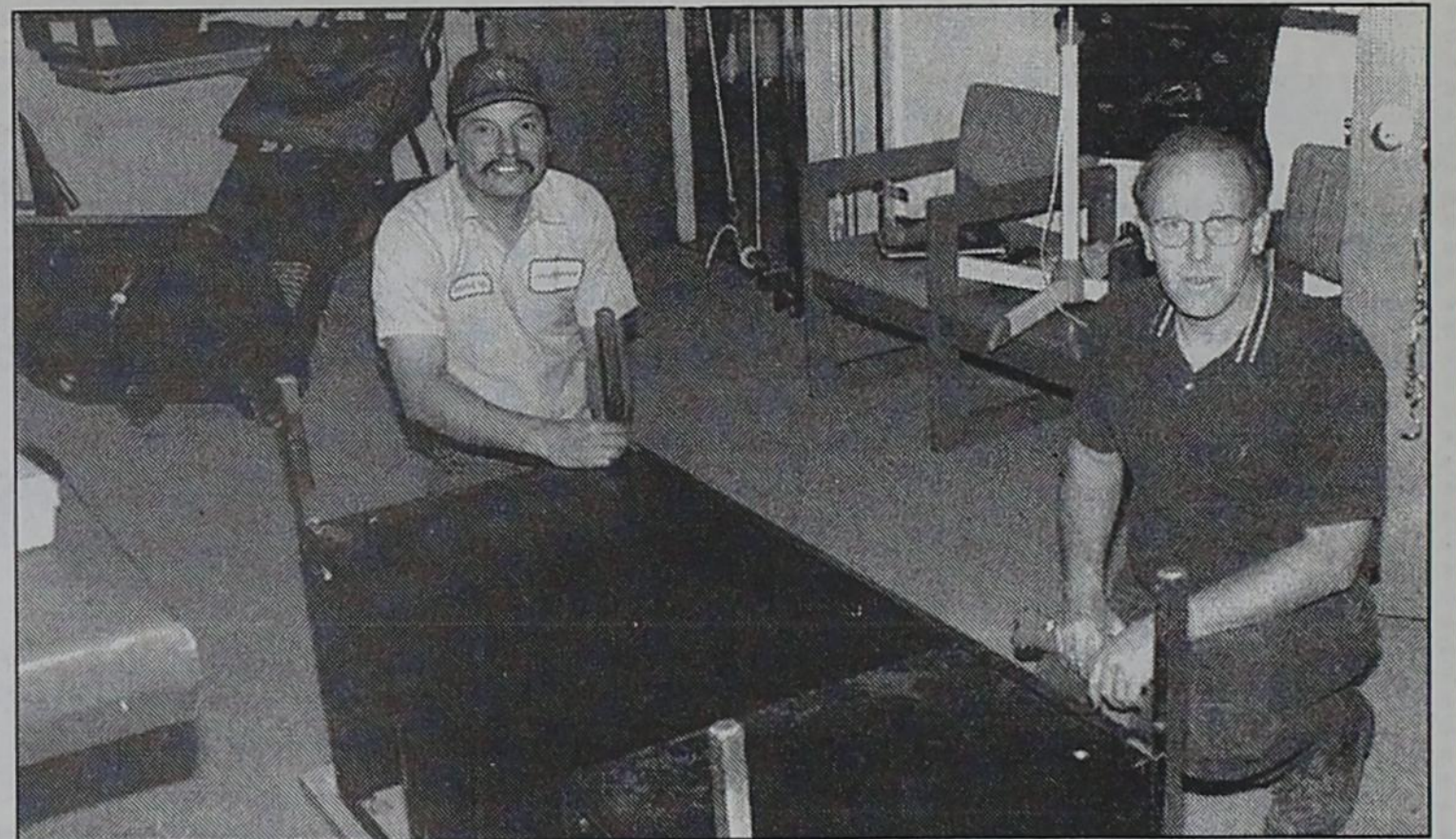
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Maintenance Supervisor Mark McDonald (right) and Manuel Sanchez assemble a desk for the Physical Therapy Department at Plains Memorial Hospital. McDonald and Sanchez are responsible for all basic maintenance, installations and repairs in the hospital district.

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From their maintenance barn behind the hospital, Mark McDonald and Manuel Sanchez skip all around the hospital district—tearing out, rebuilding, installing, repairing and maintaining the buildings and equipment.

Together, they make up the Maintenance Department—a two-man shop.

Mark has been the hospital district's maintenance supervisor for a year, and Manuel has been with the maintenance department four years.

Their most recent "heavy" project was the remodeling of the northeast wing of the hospital to meet all state and federal codes for a geriatric-psychiatric unit. That wing is now the Welch Home Place, a vital part of the hospital. Mark served as the construction supervisor for the project.

Right now, Mark and Manuel are busy

demolishing the interior of the former Edwards Laundry in the Medical Center of Dimmitt building. Then they'll remodel the space to be used for other purposes.

"We'll subcontract the work out where a city code is involved and licensed people are required," Mark said. "Otherwise, we'll do all the work ourselves. We think we'll have this project finished in January."

That's how they do all their maintenance work—themselves, unless the codes require a licensed tradesman.

Mark came here from the EXCEL plant in Friona. He has been in the construction and maintenance field most of his life. He and his wife, Christina, have three children, all of whom are in college.

Manuel is a native of Dimmitt and graduated from DHS in 1982. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children—Aaron, Kristi and Selena.

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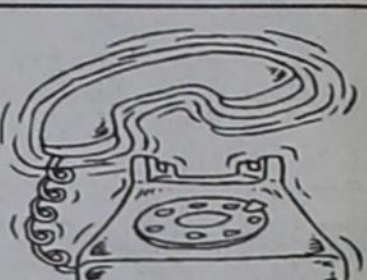
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## 22—Notices

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## 24—Card of Thanks

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Words can't express how grateful we are at this time. Everyone has been so wonderful to us. We can just say thank you for the food, cards, money, visits, flowers and most of all your prayers during Kelley's illness.

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**NAZARETH ANNUAL STAFF**  
24-30-1tc

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**24—Card of Thanks**

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 24-30-11c

**25—Legal Notices**

**BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR BACKHOE**

The City of Dimmitt is accepting bids for a new 1997 or 1993 one-yard payload, cab, 14-foot backhoe with extended hoe, 18-inch bucket, heater, 4 x 4 wheel pull, front wheels mud grip, preferred two-level operation.

Bid with/without trade for a 1981 Case 580 C backhoe.

Bid can be sent in care of Don Sheffy, City Manager, City of Dimmitt, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027.

Bid must be submitted by Nov. 3, 1997, 12 noon, and will be reviewed at the regular Nov. 3, 1997, regular Alderman meeting.

25-30-11c

**LEGAL NOTICE**

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have, on this date, made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's quarterly report, filed with us on this 27th day of October, 1997, and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands, is in the sum of \$620,797.58.

Working Fund Balance	Certificates of Deposit
General Fund \$376,917.74	—
Precinct 1	—
Precinct 2 \$34,883.25	—
Precinct 3 \$46,461.04	\$10,000
Precinct 4 \$27,535.55	\$125,000

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 27th day of October, A.D., 1997.  
 IRENE MILLER, County Judge  
 NEWLON ROWLAND, Pct. 1 Commissioner  
 LARRY GONZALES, Pct. 2 Commissioner  
 BAY BALDRIDGE, Pct. 3 Commissioner  
 DAN SCHMUCKER, Pct. 4 Commissioner  
 25-30-11c

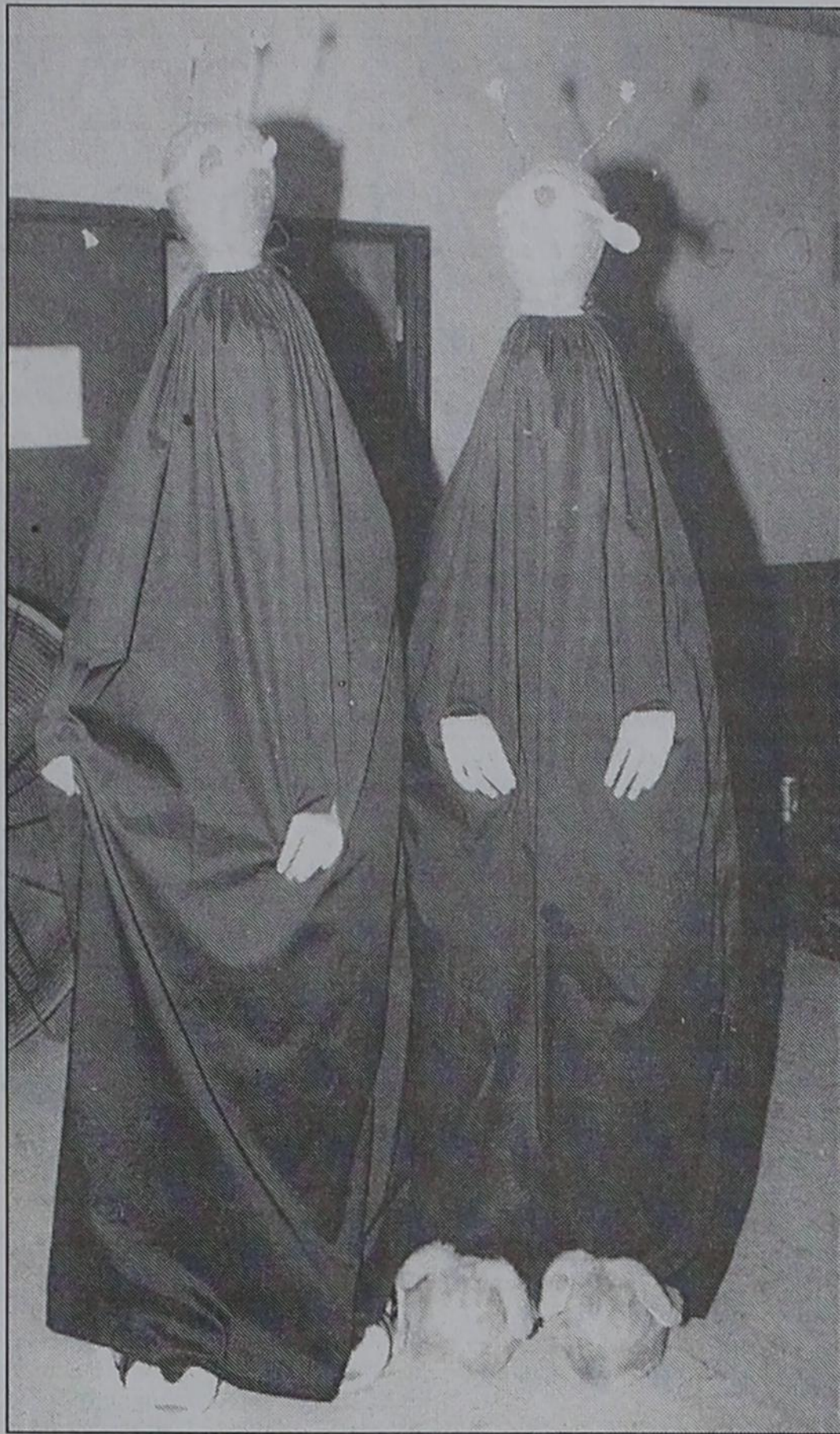
**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE CANCELLATION OF ALL LOTS, BLOCKS, STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE TOWNSITE OF FLAGG, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, LYING IN THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 38, BLOCK T-4, T.A. THOMPSON SURVEY, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, SAVE AND EXCEPT LOTS ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSITE OF FLAGG, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that Cary Sawyer and James F. Cleavinger have filed an application with the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas, for permission to cancel part of the Townsite of Flagg, lying within the confines of the South half (S/2) of Section of Thirty-eight (38), Block T-4, T.A. Thompson Survey, Castro County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-one (21), Townsite of Flagg, Castro County, Texas, on Oct. 13, 1997.

Any person who is interested in the property and who wishes to protest the proposed cancellation shall appear at a regular session of the Castro County Commissioners Court, located in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, on November 24th, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS COURT  
 CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS  
 25-30-21c



**THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED!**—Justin Kleman and Tyler Ehly, seventh graders at Nazareth, donned alien costumes for the annual Halloween carnival, held Sunday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall. Youngsters' costumes resembled everything from fairy princesses to devils and Frankenstein. The large crowd attending the carnival, which was sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents, enjoyed a variety of games, a spook house, and food from the concession stand. Many individuals entered decorated or carved pumpkins in a special contest, too.

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**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF DIMMITT ELECTION A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL DIMMITT, TEXAS:**

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abakp se aborram desde las 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. el 4, noviembre, 1997, para votar en la eleccion para a council member from district number three (3) to fill an unexpired term.

DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES: Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas. La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevard a cabo de lunes a vienes en entre las 8:00 de la manana las 5:00 de la tarde tarde empezando el octubre 16, 1997 y terminao el octubre 31, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el octubre 27, 1997. Emitads este dia 23rd de septiembre, 1997.

JO HAMILTON  
 Firma del Oficial que Preside  
 25-29-21c

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF DIMMITT ELECTION TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF DIMMITT TEXAS:**

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, for voting in a city election, to elect a council member from district number three (3) to fill an unexpired term.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE: Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 16, 1997 and ending on October 31, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 27, 1997. Issued this 23rd day of September, 1997.

JO HAMILTON  
 Signature of Presiding Officer  
 25-29-21c

**What's Cooking**

*In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools*



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Oct. 30 to Nov. 7.

**DIMMITT**

**Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch**  
 THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Taco pie, Mexipinto beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, cantaloupe and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, celery sticks, white hot rolls and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

**2nd-12th Grade Lunch**

THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of barbecued hot links, beef stew or taco pie; baked beans, fresh grapes or Mexipinto beans; tossed with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or garden relish; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, lasagna with ground beef or Monterey casserole; Frito corn chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, celery sticks or orange wedges; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**

**Elementary School**  
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or beef tamale pie; salad, pinto beans, tortilla pieces, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun, burrito, corn dog or chili; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew or beef fajita strips; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or roast with gravy; wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, banana pudding, vanilla ice cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or oven-fried chicken; wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk.

and milk.

**Junior High and High School**

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or beef tamale pie; salad, pinto beans, tortilla pieces, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Brisket, rolls, baked potato, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew or beef fajita strips; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or roast with gravy; wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, banana pudding, vanilla ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or oven-fried chicken; wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Brisket, baked potato, fruit cocktail, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH**

THURSDAY: \*Chili dog or baked potato, salad, beans, pineapple, fruit cocktail and milk.  
 FRIDAY: \*Taco or pizza, lettuce, peas, fruit, Halloween cookies and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Sloppy Joes or corn dogs, salad, fried okra, peaches, pears and milk.  
 TUESDAY: \* Burritos or pizza, salad, Spanish rice, fruit salad, apple crisp and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: \* Nachos or corn dogs, salad, green beans, applesauce, pineapple and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Chili or baked potatoes, carrot and celery sticks, pinto beans, peaches, cinnamon rolls and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, corn, pears, dessert and milk or juice.

(Entrées designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

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**SERVING UP SOME BARBECUE** and all the fixings at the Rotary Barbecue Supper Friday are (from left) Rotarians Eddie Weaver and Bill Henderson to hungry customers Doris and Jack Flynt. Proceeds from

the meal will benefit the various community service projects of the club. A club spokesperson said, "It was a big success. We served an estimated 450 people, and ran out of food." Photo by Linda Maxwell

# US travel adventure may have a sequel

By LINDA MAXWELL

The adventure of a lifetime just may end up with a sequel for Joanna Coates of Manchester, England, and her American friend, Emily Thibeault of Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago.

The two began a cross-country trip on June 9 and by the time it is finished, they will have passed through 26 states and a Canadian province, with Dimmitt as one of the stops they made. They spent about a week here with Emily's grandmother, Aural Davis.

Coates, 28, an R.N., came to the US to work as a nurse at a summer camp outside of Chicago. That is where she met Janice Davis Thibeault, who took Coates home with her to meet her daughter, Emily, 20, and have some rest and relaxation. Coates and the younger Thibeault decided to "see America," and started west.

Their eventful trip has left them laughing, amazed, awed, and grateful—and wanting more. Coates said she has already decided she will come back next year and repeat the experience, only with a different route planned so that they can hit the other states they missed this time around (mostly southern and central states).

The two said an outstanding memory of the trip was seeing the Grand Canyon.

"It was amazing," Coates said about the helicopter ride they had over the canyon. She said the \$95-ride was the highlight of the trip for her. Thibeault said she talked her way on board the helicopter for only \$5, because she couldn't afford the ride on her over-extended budget.

One thing that over-extended their budget rather severely was the car trouble they had.

"We had to be towed twice," Thibeault said. And the car they started out with seized up in Montana, and they had to stay for two weeks until they could get a replacement vehicle.

Bob and Darla Heihn of Great Falls, Mont., allowed the two and a traveling companion to pitch a tent in their backyard.

"We were so grateful that they looked after us and fed us," Coates said. The couple's grandson and two friends of his latched onto the three travelers, and the six became known

as "the Hexings," because they became inseparable during their stay, until the traveling companion had to catch a plane for his home in Australia.

Thibeault said that it was in Great Falls where Coates first learned to love country music and how to dance the "Two-Step."

"We were so fortunate to find such a kind family," Coates said.

The family also helped them find their replacement ride—a 1985 Fleetwood Cadillac—for only \$400.

After Coates takes the return flight to England on Oct. 31, Thibeault will drive the car back to Oak Park, where she will sell it and send the money to Coates, who had put the vehicle on her parents' credit card.

"Thank goodness we have loving parents who have seen us through it," Thibeault said. "Financially, we wouldn't have been able to do it (make the trip) without them."

They started the trip by heading through Michigan, where they stayed in Pukaskwa State Park; then continued on to Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota, staying at Teddy Roosevelt's National Park. They went to Wyoming, Yellowstone and Montana.

Idaho led them into Washington, where they visited Seattle and then went on up to Vancouver, where they stayed for three days. Portland, Ore., was followed by the redwood forests of northern California and stops at San Jose and San Francisco—another favorite stop for Coates.

They stayed a week in Los Angeles with Thibeault's aunt, Keitha Scott. They swam at Venice Beach and got caught in a rip tide there, requiring the aide of a lifeguard. They said they still have a few aches and pains from the muscle strain they suffered there. The two also made a visit to famed Rodeo Drive, where the two each bought an outfit. Thibeault said the store clerks are just as snobby as they are depicted in the movie "Pretty Woman."

Next stop was southern California, where they stayed two nights in the Joshua Tree National Park and slept in the Cadillac. Coates said she has kept a journal of each day on the trip, and noted that funny things have happened, too. Like the time Thibeault tried to dry her damp shoes over a camp fire and burned

them, instead.

At most of the places along the way the two stayed in youth hostels, because they are less expensive than traditional lodgings. Although at Flagstaff, Ariz., the hostel lodgings weren't very restful, because they were very near the train yards and whistles were blowing "nearly every hour on the hour."

When they stopped in Las Vegas, they wore the outfits they had bought on Rodeo Drive and played the slot machines—with \$1.50 in quarters—the only spare money they had.

Upon their arrival in Dimmitt, the duo were given a tour of feed yards, a cotton field, and the North Gin, where gin manager Jim Bradford gave them souvenir T-shirts with the gin's name on them. They also went to Palo Duro Canyon, did some horseback riding, and climbed up and slid down "Devil's Slide."

From here, they planned to head for Memphis, Tenn., and hopefully get a glimpse of Graceland. Mammoth Caves in Kentucky was another planned stop, then on to Washington D.C., where they will stay with a cousin of Thibeault, and to Massachusetts, where they will stay with her grandfather.

"There is nowhere we haven't enjoyed," Coates said.

Coates is a vegetarian and said she had some difficulty finding suitable food at times, but most of the time she was able to resort to a grilled cheese sandwich, a delicacy she had never sampled before the trip, but one she plans to continue to enjoy after she returns home.

This was Coates' first trip to the US, but she said it definitely won't be her last.

## Silverton sets holiday bazaar

A Christmas arts and crafts jubilee will be held in Silverton from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22, at the Briscoe County Showbarn.

Booth spaces may be rented for \$10, and each space is 8 x 10 feet. Tables are limited, and will be offered on a first-come basis.

All kinds of arts and crafts may be exhibited.

For more information or to reserve a booth call Brenda Patton at (806) 823-2426, days; or (806) 823-2446, after 5:30 p.m.

# Obituaries

## Christine A. Davis

Graveside services for Christine A. Davis, 73, of Russellville, Ark., the sister of three Castro County residents, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Hart Cemetery in Hart. Officiating were Rev. Richard Coffman, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Pampa, and Rev. Jeff Coffman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

Burial was under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mrs. Davis died Oct. 24 in Russellville after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 5, 1924, in Marietta, Okla. She married Robert D. Davis Aug. 21, 1941 in Plainview. He died March 6, 1996. Mrs. Davis had lived in Littlefield for 10 years before moving to Russellville in April of 1996. She was a member of the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Russellville, and a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Gary Davis of Russellville; a daughter, Carolyn Coffman of Pampa; two sisters, Bertie Godfrey of Hart and Ella Higdon of Dimmitt; a brother, Tex Conard of Dimmitt; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, Pampa 79065.

## Maria Garcia

Funeral services for Maria Encarnacion Garcia, 86, of Hart, were held Monday afternoon in St. John's Catholic Church in Hart with Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial was in Hart Cemetery under direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mrs. Garcia died Oct. 25. She was born in Comonfort, Mex-

ico. She married Julian Garcia in 1924 at Comonfort. He preceded her in death in 1986. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include two daughters, Socorro Centeno of Hart and Maria Marian of Hale Center; a son, Manuel Garcia of Kress; 35 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

## Ida H. Jesko

Funeral services for Ida H. Jesko, 92, of Hereford, were held Tuesday morning in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Rev. Orville Blum officiating.

Burial was at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Christian Mother's Rosary was held Sunday afternoon, and Rosary was recited Sunday and Monday in Rose Chapel.

Mrs. Jesko was born in Dalhart. She was a pioneer of the Jesko and Lazbuddie communities. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1923. She married Joe Jesko in 1922 in Hereford, and moved from Amarillo to Hereford in 1975. She was a retired secretary of the Parmer County Historical Commission. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross, 4-H Club, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was a Catholic, a member of the Christian Mothers Group, and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and two sons, A.J. Jesko and George Jesko.

Survivors include four daughters, Jody James and Betty Bagley, both of Amarillo, Margaret Hoffman of Pryor, Okla., and Pearl Acker of Nazareth; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hereford Senior Citizens or St. Anthony's Endowment Fund.

## Roland Moore

Funeral services for Roland Roy Moore, 83, of Tulia, were held last Thursday morning in Tulia Christian Fellowship Church with Rev. Rusty Gray, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Wayside Cemetery of Tulia under direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Moore died Oct. 22 in Swisher Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 27, 1914, in Vera. He married Mary Billie Knox on April 23, 1938, in Lubbock. He was a member and elder of Tulia Christian Fellowship Church. He was a member of the American Quarterhorse Association and the Swisher County Sheriff's Posse. He graduated from Happy High School and attended West Texas State University. He graduated from McMurry University and he received a master of divinity degree from Perkins Methodist University in Dallas.

He served as pastor in Middlewell, Spurlock, Vigo Park and Wayside. He was an approved Northwest Texas Methodist evangelist, and he was a radio minister on KTUE in Tulia. He was the first quarterhorse inspector for the American Quarterhorse Association. He judged show horses for several years, and he was a professional calf roper. He was an uncle to Ruth Jackson, Don Sheffy, Rex Sheffy, and Bob Sheffy of Dimmitt, and the late Ted Sheffy. His wife was the sister of the late Myrtle Sheffy.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Gary and Lee, both of Vigo Park, and Delton of Canyon; three sisters, Mildred Graham of Olton and Lucille Culwell and Neva Latham, both of Vigo Park; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice or Wayside Ambulance Service.

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businesses line the highway as you enter the city.

Equally impressive are Canadian's modern schools and public parks. You can feel the city's collective pride as you drive along the streets and see the well-kept homes and businesses.

We attended a public Fiesta dinner (a "Mexican pile-up," they call it) at the elementary school cafeteria before the game and noticed that the Canadian crowd was (1) young, with lots of small children, (2) endowed with a high proportion of blond people, and (3) friendly.

The influence of Canadian's best-known benefactor, the late Dr. Malouf Abraham, a medical doctor and an astute investor, are apparent throughout the city—especially in the Abraham home, "The Citadel," and the "Abraham Home Place," both of which are surrounded by magnificent wall-fencing, beautiful landscaping, fountains, statuary, benches, etc.

Each of these showplaces takes up all or most of a city block.

But the most impressive thing to us was the scenery in the rolling hills around the Canadian River. To a flatlander, it's like entering another world.

"Wouldn't it be great to see all these trees in autumn?" we marveled as we drove along the state road that parallels the Canadian River to Lake Marvin.

In fact, Canadian held its annual Fall Foliage Festival two weeks ago. The Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Record joined forces to produce a 36-page tabloid publication on the festival that was nothing

less than a work of art.

People came from all around—including J. R. and Mary Jo Brown, Tammy Black and some other Dimmitt-area folks.

Alas, the trees didn't cooperate.

According to our locals, the fall foliage wasn't in full color yet—probably because of the hotter-than-usual, wetter-than-usual summer.

But Lauri Brown of the *Record* tells me that the leaves are in full color now—at least the ones that the weekend wind didn't blow off.

By the way, the Bobcats' game at River Road Friday night will be their last road game before the playoffs.

Elmer Berryhill, retired school administrator and newspaper watchdog, was so shook up over my claim that pumpkin-pie mix isn't real pumpkin ("It's like telling a kid that there's no Santa Claus!") that he called Libby's and asked them about it.

"They said it is, too, real pumpkin," he reported.

I was quoting a horticulturist from the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Experiment Station in Lubbock, who was quoted by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. He said the canned pumpkin you buy in the

store is actually a variety of large winter squash. Pumpkin is a form of squash anyway, but still, a pumpkin is a pumpkin. I haven't had time to contact the horticulturist yet, or to call Libby's. I'll get back to you on it. I'll eat crow if I have to. But I'd love to prove Berryhill wrong for a change.

## Three indicted

Three men were indicted by the Oct. 23 session of the 242nd Dist. Grand Jury, heard by Judge Marvin Marshall.

David Andrew Herrera, 21, of Dimmitt, was indicted for injury to a child and bond was set at \$15,000. The charge stated that on Sept. 4 Herrera caused bodily injury to a child younger than 15 by striking him with a rope across his back.

Gregory Wayne Hancock, 39, of Lubbock, was indicted for DWI, third offense or more. He was arrested for DWI Sept. 27 and had prior arrests in 1995 and 1996. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Adam Earl Ewing, 18, of Dimmitt was placed under bond of \$10,000 after being indicted on charges of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm at a habitation. It was stated that on Sept. 24 Ewing discharged a firearm at or in the direction of a habitation and was reckless as to whether the habitation was occupied.

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### Proposition 1

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO HOLDS THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO HOLD AT THE SAME TIME MORE THAN ONE CIVIL OFFICE FOR WHICH THE PERSON RECEIVES COMPENSATION.

#### EXPLANATION

A municipal court is created by law in every incorporated city in the state of Texas. To ensure the fair administration of justice in the courts of Texas, the law requires that every municipal court judge shall receive judicial training. Traditionally, the activities of the municipal court in many small cities do not fiscally justify hiring a full-time municipal judge. Therefore, these cities appoint part-time municipal judges, who serve without benefits and who must pay for the cost

of the required judicial training. Many appointed municipal judges serve as municipal judge for several small cities. The Texas Attorney General has ruled that a municipal judge may hold more than one appointment so long as the second office is of benefit to the state. If this proposition is approved by the voters, it will clearly establish that dual office-holding by municipal judges is a benefit to the state.

#### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposed change will help small cities attract qualified, trained applicants to serve as municipal court judges.
- ▼ If passed, this amendment will allow small cities to continue to benefit from the savings derived from employing part-time judges.

#### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ If this proposition is approved there is no guarantee that small cities will have increased success attracting more competent applicants.
- ▼ There is no data available showing that the proposed change will improve the administration of justice, and, as a result, no justification for changing the law in this manner.

### Proposition 2

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO LIMIT INCREASES IN THE APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION AND TO PERMIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CALCULATE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE APPLICABLE TO THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF AN ELDERLY PERSON OR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN ELDERLY PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE TO A DIFFERENT HOMESTEAD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT LAW WAS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE PERSON ESTABLISHED THE PERSON'S HOMESTEAD.

#### EXPLANATION

The proposed constitutional amendment would put a limit (10% for each year since the property was last appraised) on property tax increases on homestead appraisals. If passed, it would also allow certain school districts to determine whether to make

retroactive the eligibility for transfer of a school tax freeze on the residence of an elderly person to a different residence homestead. Voters approved eligibility for transfer in August 1997.

#### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ If enacted, this amendment would allow the gradual phasing in of increased property valuations for homeowners, adding predictability to the system.
- ▼ Allowing retroactive application will enable elderly persons who transferred their homestead residences at an earlier date to get the benefit of the tax freeze.

#### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Capping taxation for homeowners would cause owners of other types of property, primarily businesses, to bear a higher percentage of the school tax burden.
- ▼ Since some school districts would choose to make the tax freeze retroactive and other would not, the amendment would have a discriminatory impact on elderly homeowners in some districts.

### Proposition 3

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT A TAXING UNIT TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION OR OTHER RELIEF FROM AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY ON WHICH A WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

#### EXPLANATION

Currently the state has the ability to grant sales tax exemptions for water conservation equipment, and taxing authorities can grant property tax relief or give credits for pollution control equipment. This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to permit local taxing units to grant property tax exemptions or credits on property on which water conservation initiatives have been implemented. The implementing legislation of this proposed constitutional amendment is contained in Section 5 of SBI, relating to the development and manage-

ment of the water resources of the state, passed by the 75th Legislature.

If this proposition were passed, taxing districts could define and approve water conservation initiatives, determine the value of the initiatives to the district, and pass these savings on to taxpayers. This action would be voluntary on the part of each taxing district. The fiscal impact would be on the taxing districts electing to grant the exemptions or credits and not on the state.

#### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The amendment would give local jurisdictions optional methods to promote water conservation.
- ▼ This amendment would be implemented at the local level with local input from citizens who are in the best position to know what is best for their community.
- ▼ The amendment would act as an incentive for local communities to become involved in water conservation.

#### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The amendment would not mandate that all jurisdictions participate in statewide water conservation tax relief measures.
- ▼ This amendment would permit local self-interests to decide on conservation initiatives, which might not be as important as regional or watershed conservation initiatives.
- ▼ The amendment could be costly to taxing jurisdictions, giving tax relief or credits to property owners who should practice water conservation initiatives without such incentives.



## Proposition 4

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELIMINATING DUPLICATE NUMBERING IN AND CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION.

### EXPLANATION

In some years, voters have passed two separate amendments making different changes pertaining to the same section of the Texas Constitution. As a result, the present constitution contains sections on

different subjects with identical numbers. This proposed amendment would renumber these sections. In addition, the amendment proposes deleting some archaic terms found in the constitution.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposed amendment would eliminate the confusion of having two different provisions of the constitution identified by the same section number. In addition, eliminating obsolete terminology would improve clarity of the document.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The Texas Constitution needs to be rewritten, at which time cosmetic changes of this sort could be made more economically and efficiently.

## Proposition 5

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE SUPREME COURT TO SIT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS AT ANY LOCATION IN THIS STATE.

### EXPLANATION

Presently, Art. V, Sect. 31 limits the Texas supreme court to "...sit at any time during the year at the seat of government for the transaction of business..." This proposed amendment would allow the court to sit at other sites within the state at the court's discretion. The court envisions no more than

one or two such sessions in a calendar year, and most would be one-day sessions. The court would hear oral arguments on several cases, possibly those filed originally in the area where the court is sitting or cases with a state-wide impact. The Supreme Court of Texas hears only civil cases.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Utilizing the opportunity to observe a court session in their own community, students and other citizens would broaden their understanding of the Texas judicial system. It is anticipated that in addition to hearing arguments, the court would also have time to explain court operations and answer questions.
- ▼ The present nine members of the court support this proposition, citing the success of similar endeavors in a large majority of the states.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ There will be additional costs associated with the court sitting at different locations, the total depending on the number of off-site visits that occur annually.
- ▼ The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has had the power to sit in panels of three judges in places other than Austin since 1966. After trying off-site hearings for several years, this court, which hears only criminal appeals, discontinued the practice, citing logistical problems.

## Proposition 6

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING THE TEXAS GROWTH FUND TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN BUSINESSES WITHOUT REQUIRING THOSE BUSINESSES TO DISCLOSE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA OR NAMIBIA.

### EXPLANATION

In 1987 and 1988, Art. 16, Sect. 70 was added to the Texas Constitution, creating the Texas Growth Fund, a trust fund that allows private companies to make private investments for the Permanent University Fund, Permanent School Fund, and state-created pension funds, including the Teacher Retirement System and the Employees Retirement System. The section also prohibits the Texas Growth Fund from investing in businesses that fail to disclose whether they have any direct financial invest-

ments in or with South Africa or Namibia. Since adoption of this prohibition, South Africa and Namibia, no longer under white minority rule, have established democratic governments with elected officials representative of the countries' demographics. This change raises the question of continued need for a constitutional trade restriction. The proposed amendment would remove the disclosure requirement concerning investments in South Africa and Namibia.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Since the intent of the disclosure requirement was to address concerns relating to the apartheid system of government, and these concerns are no longer relevant, continued mandatory disclosure is an unnecessary administrative burden on the Texas Growth Fund and the businesses through which it makes investments.
- ▼ This proposed amendment has bipartisan support and passed both houses of the Texas Legislature with only one negative vote.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund has not found any arguments in opposition to this proposed amendment.

## Proposition 7

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO TRANSFER EXISTING BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY, WATER QUALITY, FLOOD CONTROL, OR STATE PARTICIPATION FROM ONE CATEGORY OF USE TO ANOTHER CATEGORY TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF EXISTING FUNDS AND RELATING TO MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE BOND PROGRAMS.

### EXPLANATION

In 1985, a constitutional amendment created four separate funds and bond authorization amounts for the issuance of state general obligation bonds to be used for water supply, water quality (wastewater), flood control, and state participation water projects. Additional authorizations were approved by the voters in 1987 and 1989. The availability of bonds for water supply financing will be almost exhausted at the end of the 1998-99 biennium, while bonds for the other three categories remain largely unused. If this proposed amendment were passed, a Texas Water Development Fund II would be created, and the Texas Water Development Board would be authorized to

consolidate four categories of existing bond authorizations. This would free up \$1.01 billion in state general obligation bonds that could be used to provide loans to communities for water supply, wastewater, and flood control projects. The Texas Water Development Board would be authorized to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of the fund. The implementing legislation for this proposed constitutional amendment is contained in Section 5 of SBI, relating to the development and management of the water resources of the state passed by the 75th legislature.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposed amendment would allow greater use and better, more efficient operation and management of already existing bond funds.
- ▼ By increasing the amount available to lend to Texas communities by approximately \$77 million per year, the proposed amendment would postpone the need for an additional constitutional amendment to approve more money for water supply projects to meet basic drinking water standards.
- ▼ By allowing one bond issue for multiple purposes and eliminating the requirement for separate bond issues for each category, the proposed amendment would result in a cost savings to communities receiving Texas Water Development Board loans.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The state should make the best effort to efficiently spend and utilize currently authorized funds for their intended uses.
- ▼ The will of those who voted in previous elections to establish separate funds for use of the bonds, indicating support for specific uses, would be frustrated by this amendment.
- ▼ Passage of the amendment would lead to use of state funds for construction of reservoirs, which may be unnecessary and not represent the best use of limited water funds. Passage would also discourage the search for alternative, better means of developing and managing Texas' water resources.

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## Proposition 8

THE AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION EXPANDING THE TYPES OF LIENS FOR HOME EQUITY LOANS THAT A LENDER, WITH THE HOMEOWNER'S CONSENT, MAY PLACE AGAINST A HOMESTEAD.

### EXPLANATION

The Texas Constitution limits the liens, or encumbrances, that may attach to Texas homesteads. Texans may not pledge their homesteads, and lenders may not require them to pledge their homesteads as collateral for loans, or force the sale of homesteads for repayment of debts, except debts incurred to purchase or pay for improvements to the homestead, or to pay certain tax or owelty partition liens. Under this amendment, property owners would have greater access to their homestead equity which they could use to secure loans and reverse annuity mortgages. Reverse annuity mortgages allow older homeowners to draw monthly income against their home equity, a widespread practice across the country, especially among low income homeowners. The proposed amendment would also increase the number of enforceable liens permitted

to attach to homestead property, and would establish consumer protection rules. These rules, which would also apply to home improvement loans, include: prohibiting a lender from putting a lien on a home without the homeowner's consent; forcing a lender to go to court to foreclose upon default; mandating that the signing of home equity loans take place only at the offices of the lender, a title company, or a lawyer; and giving borrowers specific "cooling off" periods after applying for and closing on the loan papers during which they could cancel the procedure. The amendment would not apply to agricultural land used as homestead property, except agricultural homestead property used for milk production. Texas remains the only state with the extensive restrictions on access to homeowner equity described above.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ This amendment would provide a safe and reasonable means for Texans to have more flexibility in the way they use money invested in their homestead property, and includes sufficient rules and guidelines to protect homestead property owners.
- ▼ Texas homestead property owners want this access to homestead equity loans because interest on home equity loans usually is lower. Unlike interest paid for other types of loans, home equity interest amounts would be deductible from federal income taxes.
- ▼ Making home equity loans available to homestead property owners would increase the availability of borrowed money which could stimulate the economy.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The Texas Constitution's protection of homestead property is a valuable right that ensures Texas families that their home is secure from debt collectors. This protection should not be diluted.
- ▼ The consumer protection provisions in the proposed amendment, especially the requirement that a lender go to court to foreclose, would put small banks at a competitive disadvantage, making it prohibitively expensive for them to foreclose, even in instances of fraud.
- ▼ If lenders were allowed to secure more loans with homestead property, they would stop making unsecured personal loans and force homeowners to risk their homes to get credit.

## Proposition 9

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE IN RURAL FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICTS LOCATED IN HARRIS COUNTY OF FIVE CENTS ON EACH \$100 OF TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY.

### EXPLANATION

One provision of the Texas Constitution authorizes the legislature to create rural fire prevention districts with the power to levy a property tax at a maximum rate of three cents per each one hundred dollars of valuation. The proposed constitutional amendment would expand upon that authorization and allow the legislature to create certain rural fire prevention districts with greater

taxing power. Districts which are located completely or partially in Harris County would be authorized to levy a property tax at a maximum rate of five cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation. The proposed amendment retains the existing provision in the constitution requiring the tax rate for any particular rural fire prevention district to be approved by the voters of that district.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposed amendment would allow rural fire prevention districts located in the most populous county in the state to levy an *ad valorem* tax sufficient to support needed services.
- ▼ No ad valorem tax for a rural fire prevention district could be increased without the consent of voters of each district.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Property tax rates should not have to be increased while real property are increasing.
- ▼ The proposed amendment would increase the over-all tax burden for homeowners and other property owners.

## Proposition 10

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DESIGNATING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONEY IN THE COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND AND THE COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF CRIME AUXILIARY FUND MAY BE USED.

### EXPLANATION

This proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution would create two separate dedicated accounts in the general revenue fund, one for the compensation of crime victims fund and one for the compensation of crime victims auxiliary fund. If this

amendment were passed, the legislature would be allowed to use the money from the funds for the purpose of compensating and providing services to crime victims and for paying the administrative costs for providing these services.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ This amendment would continue an almost 20 year commitment of the state to provide services to victims of crime.
- ▼ Dedicating these funds would keep the legislature from using this money for any purpose other than to help crime victims.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ This amendment would take the crime victim fund out of competition and would limit the legislature's ability to fund other equally worthy programs that lack the same type of protection.
- ▼ A constitutionally dedicated fund should be well defined to fulfill intent. The proposed amendment fails to meet this standard.

## Proposition 11

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF STATE DEBT PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND.

### EXPLANATION

This proposed amendment would limit the amount of additional state debt that the legislature could authorize. The maximum annual debt service payable from the general revenue fund would be limited to five percent (5%) of the most recent three-year average of general revenue fund revenues, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for other purposes. The limitation would not affect bonds that are paid from revenue sources other than general revenues.

The average unrestricted general revenues applicable to this proposed amendment for the 1998 and 1999 fiscal years are estimated

by the Legislative Budget Board to be \$21.2 billion and \$22.3 billion, respectively. Under the proposed amendment, the maximum annual debt service (5% of the average unrestricted general revenues) would be approximately \$1.1 billion for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The actual estimated general revenue bond debt service cost on outstanding debt that is subject to the proposed limit is \$346 million and \$383 million for 1998 and 1999, respectively, or 1.6% and 1.7% of unrestricted general revenues. The debt service ratio on outstanding debt, including authorized but unissued debt, is 2.2% for 1998 and 2.3% for 1999.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Putting the current statutory restrictions in the constitution will ensure that the legislature cannot change them without voter approval.
- ▼ The proposed limit of 5% of the three-year average of general revenues is reasonable, especially since the current level of debt service is well below 5%.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Since the current debt service is less than 2.5% of general revenues and the 5% limit is already contained in a Texas statute, the proposed amendment is not needed.
- ▼ State debt is already limited by the constitution. A current statute (V.A.C.S. Art. 717k-7, Sect. 8) contains essentially the same restrictions as those proposed in this amendment.



# Proposition 12

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR SUPREME COURT ACTION ON A MOTION FOR REHEARING.

## EXPLANATION

The actual wording to be added to the Texas Constitution, Art. V, Sect. 31 (d) states, "...if the supreme court does not act on a motion for rehearing before the 180th day after the date on which the motion is filed, the motion is denied." If a motion for rehearing is filed in a case already decided upon by the

court, the case cannot be finalized by the parties to the suit until the court accepts or denies such a rehearing motion. This proposed amendment would make the court's decision final after 180 days if the court has not acted on the motion.

## ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ While most motions for rehearings are acted upon in less than six months, those that take longer create financial and other hardships for the parties involved.
- ▼ The present nine members of the Supreme Court of Texas are not opposed to this amendment, and this proposal passed both houses of the legislature with no negative votes.

## ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ In instances where the U.S. Supreme Court had accepted a similar case for hearing and had not rendered a decision by the 180th day, the U.S. Supreme Court's subsequent decision might be in conflict with the Texas Supreme Court's decision.

# Proposition 13

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENCOURAGE PERSONS TO PLAN AND SAVE FOR YOUNG TEXANS' COLLEGE EDUCATION, TO EXTEND THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE STATE TO PROTECT THE TEXAS TOMORROW FUND OF THE PREPAID HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION PROGRAM, AND TO ESTABLISH THE TEXAS TOMORROW FUND AS A CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED TRUST FUND.

## EXPLANATION

The Texas Tomorrow Fund was established by the 74th Legislature to allow Texans to prepay higher education tuition and fees with cost locked in when payment is made. If there is insufficient money in the fund to pay the contract terms, the legislature may

appropriate the amount necessary to cover the shortfall. If the proposed amendment is passed, the State of Texas will guarantee that prepaid tuition and fees will be paid in full, as needed in the future.

## ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The amendment would help ensure the success of the Texas Tomorrow Fund, which provides greater opportunity for students to obtain a higher education.
- ▼ The added security provided by this amendment would encourage individuals to invest in the fund.
- ▼ Two other loan programs which have the full faith and credit of the state have never had to use this guarantee. It is reasonable to assume that this guarantee for the Texas Tomorrow Fund would be equally low-risk for the state.
- ▼ The legislature authorized the Texas Tomorrow Fund, and the state, to demonstrate its commitment to higher education, should guarantee the fund.

## ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ An investment fund should continue only as long as it is able to fund itself.
- ▼ If it becomes necessary for the state to provide money to meet this guarantee, funding for other equally important needs would be reduced accordingly.
- ▼ It is not the role of state government to provide guarantees to loan programs.
- ▼ If a shortfall arises in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the legislature can authorize an appropriation to cover it at that time.

# Proposition 14

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO PRESCRIBE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTABLES.

## EXPLANATION

Under the current constitution, there are no qualifications listed for constable, other than the general qualification that the candidate be at least twenty-one years of age, which applies to any elective office. Once elected, constables have two years to become licensed peace officers. If this proposed amendment were passed, it would allow the legislature to set the qualifications for constable. The enabling legislation would take effect on January 1, 1998, and would

require that a constable must have a high school diploma, or equivalent, and must be eligible for licensing as a peace officer. In addition, the enabling legislation would allow constables to continue the present practice of receiving payments from private sources for delivering eviction notices; however, constables would be prohibited from wearing constables' uniforms or using county vehicles when delivering eviction notices.

## ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Because constables carry out certain duties of a peace officer, they should be required to show eligibility for licensing as a peace officer before they are elected.
- ▼ Voters passed a similar requirement for the office of sheriff, and constables should meet basic qualifications as well.

## ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Under current law, voters in each county make the final decision regarding the best qualified candidate. Decisions regarding qualifications are best left to the voters, not the legislature.
- ▼ Some groups, while supporting the concept of setting qualifications for constables, are opposed to that portion of the legislation which allows a constable to receive payment from private sources for delivering eviction notices.

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