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NO CROSSING -- Edmund Scott Hunter, 29, of Wichita Falls explained he was driving north on Yosemite Thursday morning, when he stopped at the railroad track, and was attempting to back up to go a different direction. He backed too far, however, knocking over the cross arm tower. Hunter was driving the truck parked in the background.

Huge voter turnout for general election

Voters are turning out in near record numbers in this year's general election.

Without a doubt, two of the races are driving up the numbers, at least here in Iowa Park.

The obvious race attracting so much attention is the office of president of the United States.

The other is the race for County Commissioner of Precinct Three.

An indication of how high the voter turnout possibly will be is the fact that 949 votes had been cast by noon Wednesday in early voting at the county annex here in Iowa Park.

Early voting will continue from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the annex through Friday.

Four ballot boxes will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday,

election day, in the Iowa Park area.

They are:

Precinct 32 - First Family Center, 300 West Bank (changed from the original location publicized);

Precinct 33 - Bradford Elementary School, 800 South Texowa;

Precinct 34 - West Wichita County Coop Building, Valley View, and,

Precinct 35 - Chaparral Baptist Assembly, 3784 Church Camp Rd.

Driving up the interest in the race for president is the fact that Texas governor George W. Bush is the candidate representing the Republican Party.

His primary opponent is Al Gore, Democrat, who has served as vice president of the United States the past eight years.

Other presidential candidates on

the ballot include: Harry Browne, Libertarian Party; Ralph Nader, Green Party, and Pat Buchanan, Independent, as well as three write-in candidates.

The Precinct County Commissioner contest features two well-known Iowa Parkans, including incumbent Gordon Griffith and challenger Jeff Watts.

Having been in office the past 20 years, Griffith is the senior member of the Wichita County Commissioners Court.

Watts was successful in his only other political race. He was elected to the Iowa Park school board, a post he continues to hold.

Numerous other races also are included on the general election ballot, including other federal, state, district and county offices.

Hawks hosting Jackrabbits Friday

By DON YOUNG

When the 2000 football season started back in August, most everyone looked at the schedule and figured that this week's game against Bowie to be either the third or fourth district win for Iowa Park.

The Hawks were picked by many to battle Graham for the District title and to move on into the playoffs like they had the previous five seasons.

But that will not be the case Friday night, when the Hawks play host to the Jackrabbits at Hawk Stadium.

Both Bowie and Iowa Park will be looking for their first District win when the two teams line up for the 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

After three very tough losses in their first three games, Iowa Park will miss the playoffs this year and will be playing for pride in its final two games. The Hawks will travel to Decatur to close out the season the following Friday night.

Iowa Park enters the game with a 2-6 record, with five of the six losses coming by a touchdown or less. Two of the losses came in the final minute of regulation and the other the overtime loss to Vernon last week.

"I know that our season has not gone like we would have liked," said head coach Chris Ellis. "We've been so close in every game except for the Old High game, we just haven't gotten over the hump. Our kids have

played hard all year long and the effort has been there. We could very easily be 6-1 right now, but we're not. We need to continue to play hard and to play with class."

Friday night's game will be the final home game for seniors and will be the Senior Night, with parents of players, cheerleaders and band members being introduced with their parents before the game, starting around 7 p.m..

Ellis and his staff plan to have a defensive unit made up of all seniors that will see action against Bowie Friday night.

"Senior night will honor all our seniors and their parents for all the hard work that they've put in as Hawks," said Ellis. "I really appreciate all the seniors and the effort that they have shown. I know that this is not the way they wanted to end their season, but they've stuck together and played hard all year long."

Bowie's season hasn't gone much better, with the Rabbits coming into the game with an 0-3 mark in district play.

The Rabbits are led by Michael Briggs, a junior tailback, and by Dylan Stark, a senior quarterback. Briggs is a tough runner who gained nearly 200 yards on the ground against Vernon two weeks ago. Stark is a talented quarterback with a good arm who can move around in the pocket.

Bowie's offensive line averages 225-lbs. per man and is led by Robert Hudson, a 265-lb. junior tackle.

"They run out of the I formation and like to get the ball to Briggs as often as they can," said Ellis. "He is just a good athlete. Stark played deep. He isn't throwing as much as last year, but he is still dangerous and can pull it down and run with it."

"Defensively they will line up with an eight-man front at times," Ellis added. "Their base defense is a 50 and their linebackers are the key to their success. Briggs also plays the strong side linebacker and is their best player on defense."

Five different players start on both sides of the ball for the Rabbits.

As they have all year long, the Hawks will once again have to deal with several injuries.

Jordan Ray suffered a broken bone in his hand and will likely miss Friday night's game. Chase Wright is out for the season after suffering a concussion. Michael Leal and Heath Hodges both re-injured their knees that they hurt early in the year. Nathan Creekmore is playing with bruised ribs and Matt Ohm may miss the game with an eye injury.

One of the bright spots for the Hawks in the past two weeks has

Band is alternate for state contest

The Iowa Park High School band was selected as the alternate to the petition last Saturday in the UIL Area B Marching Contest held in North Richland Hills.

The Iowa Park band placed fourth out of 17 bands. The three bands from Area B that are advancing to the state contest are Graham, Aledo and Castleberry.

Some of the judges comments include:

"Super sounds, well done. Very effective. Thanks for performing. Congratulations." - Fred Pankratz, Canadian, Tx.

"Nice Brass Work. A fine band. I enjoyed your band." - Kenneth "Excellent Carriage and Pride. Excellent Ensemble Marching. Nice Show Design. Very Nice Job." - Nelson Nolden, Highlands, Tx

"We are very proud of the students performance and we received a lot of compliments from other people on their performance," commented band director Greg Miller. "Iowa Park should be proud of the way these students represented their school and community."

Iowa Park's band directors are Greg Miller, Ed Hefti and Teresa Dodson.

Halloween no problem for Iowa Park's police

Halloween pranksters presented Iowa Park police no problems Tuesday night, and officers weren't complaining.

In fact, only one report was filed that evening, and that was when a resident discovered her residence had been burglarized, but it had occurred some time before Tuesday.

The case is under investigation. Four arrests were made during the past week, according to the police blotter.

Friday evening, Jimmy Lee Via, 30, was taken into custody on a Class C family violence charge. He was later released after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Saturday afternoon, a family dispute reportedly occurred at a residence on Surrey, resulting in a warrant being issued.

Shortly afternoon, officers arrested Jeffery Michael Duerson, 19, at a business in the 900 block of West Highway. Duerson was later transported to the county jail, where he was held under a \$10,000 bond, according to the police blotter.

Police responded to a telephone call reporting a suspicious vehicle parked behind a vacant house in the 500 block of North Victoria shortly after midnight Saturday.

They found and arrested Monty Keith Britt, 20, and charged him with driving under the influence and reckless damage, caused when his vehicle struck a garage.

Britt was later released after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Officers executed a warrant is-

sued by the county sheriff's office at a residence in the 1300 block of Sunset Sunday.

Treina Morales, 29, was wanted for bond forfeiture driving while intoxicated, as well as failing to stop and exchange information.

Morales was later turned over to a county deputy to be transported to the county jail, according to the police blotter.

Occupant for empty building

The Wal-Mart building won't be standing vacant much longer. At least not all of it.

A representative of Family Dollar took out a building permit at city hall Thursday, explaining the business would be occupying the east half of the structure.

That permit, for \$53,000, helped bolster the total for permits issued during October to \$164,500, and raised the year's sum to \$695,307.

Other permits issued during October included:

Tim Worley, 910 W. Louisa, repair, \$20,000;
J.D. Smith, 315 E. Pecan, garage, \$3,000;
Donny Morales, 303 Kathleen, repair, \$70,000;
Auto Craft Engine Repair, 412 S. Yosemite, sign, \$500;
South Side Fire Station, 700 S. Texowa, alteration, \$8,000;
Friendly Door, 810 N. Third, addition, \$10,000.



UNUSUAL SIGHT - IPHS students got the close look at a Black Hawk helicopter Friday morning, after the craft landed on the front lawn of the high school. The presence of the helicopter was arranged by Principal Alan Seay to give students a chance to see military aircraft and talk to personnel.

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Lake Buffalo has risen almost a

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Bauer, Tepera nuptials read recently in double-ring ceremony

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wichita Falls was the setting for an elegant fall wedding ceremony September 30 uniting Kristen Noel Bauer and Mark Timothy Tepera.

Father George Monaghan, priest at St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen, officiated the double-ring service.

Miss Bauer is the daughter of Michael and Nancy Bauer of Iowa Park, and Tepera is the son of Joseph and Martha Tepera of Lindsay.

The bride, escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, wore a candlelight sleeveless gown of pois de soie. The fitted bodice was styled with a plunging scoop back to the waist with a row of pearl buttons. The skirt of the gown flowed to a chapel length.

Tiny white flowers secured a double-tiered veil of bridal illusion, one fingertip length, with a cathedral length veil flowing beneath.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of Star 2000, Leonides and Orange Unique roses, accented with pepperberries, St. John's Wort berries, oak leaves, button mums and miniature pumpkin calla lilies, and tied with streaming candlelight ribbons.

In keeping with bridal tradition, she carried a handkerchief in her bouquet and service pins belonging to her late maternal grandfather, Joe Simek, for "something old;" her wedding gown was "something new;" she wore a strand of pearls and pearl earrings belonging to her aunt, Susan Davis, for "something borrowed;" and the "something blue" was a temporary tattoo of the Duke Blue Devil, the mascot of the bride's alma mater, worn just above her ankle.

The groom was attired in black tuxedo with a white patterned vest and white necktie. A single Leonides rose, accented with St. John's wort berries and pepperberries and a single head of wheat, on a backing of an oak leaf formed his boutonniere.

Kerri Bauer of Wichita Falls, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a chocolate matte satin floor length Vera Wang gown styled with a squared neckline, spaghetti straps and a flutter inset in the back. She carried a smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Sandidge of Lubbock, Trish Lefner of Houston, Cathy Pecorino of Boston, Mass., and Mary Tepera of Austin, sister of the groom.

They wore dresses identical to the maid of honor and carried identical bouquets.

Madeleine Tepera of Lewisville, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a petite sleeveless white gown with white satin trim and rosettes in the back. She carried a kissing ball of bridal roses and button mums.

Steven Tepera of Austin was best man for the groom.

Groomsmen were Andy Tepera of Lewisville, Michael Tepera of Houston and James Tepera of Arlington, brothers of the groom; and Chad Bauer of Lubbock, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Rick Zapf of San Antonio and Steve Grace of Austin.

Male members of the wedding party and fathers of the couple wore black tuxedos with black patterned vests and neckties. Boutonnieres formed of St. John's wort berries and



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tepera
(Kristen Bauer)

pepperberries with a head of wheat on an oak leaf backing, complimented the attire.

Peter Moeller of Clear Lake, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. He carried a pumpkin decorated with bridal flowers and ribbons.

A string quartet provided music before the ceremony. They played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" during the seating of the parents. "Canon in D" was played for the processional of the wedding party, and "Trumpet Voluntary" was played for the bride's entrance.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" was played during the presentation of gifts. Kerri Bauer, sister of the bride, offered "How Beautiful" during communion.

The recessional was "Ode To Joy."

Laurie Poindexter, aunt of the bride, was the Head Cantor of Mass. Pat and Dinah Simel, Godparents of the bride, conducted the presentation of gifts.

Scripture readings were given by Janet Moeller and Nancy Anderson, sisters of the groom, and Jennifer Simek, cousin of the bride.

The altar area of the church was decorated with wheat topiaries with butterscotch chrysanthemums, greenery and oak leaves.

Pews for guest seating were marked with wreaths formed of grapevine, accented with miniature wheat sheaves and copper ribbons.

A reception honoring the new-

lyweds was held following the ceremony at The Women's Forum in Wichita Falls.

The registry table was decorated with candles and pumpkins. Presiding were Lauren Ress of Iowa Park, Lindsay Flippin of Seymour and Amanda Davis of Brackettville, all cousins of the bride.

The focal point of the reception was a stunning three-tiered stacked lemon cake with citrus filling. The cake was elevated on a silver dias and surrounded with trailing leaves in fall colors. The cake featured a rolled fondant bow on top with the streamers flowing down the sides of the cake.

The groom's cake was chocolate fudge with chocolate ganache and raspberry liqueur filling atop a silver cake stand. The top of the cake was decorated with a red Texas Tech double "T".

The head tables were decorated with gold taper candles, fall leaves, berries, pecans, buckeye nuts, miniature pumpkins and gourds.

Guest tables were centered with wrought iron lanterns holding burning cream colored candles, amid a tablescape of fall leaves, berries, pecans, buckeye nuts, miniature pumpkins and gourds and pine cones.

Food tables were decorated with cornucopias, fall leaves, berries, pumpkins, seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Passed hors d'oeuvres were served during cocktail hour, followed by a buffet dinner.

During the dance that followed, homemade sugar cookies in the shape of a leaf, made by the bride's grandmother, Alma Simek, and sandwiches were served.

The couple's first dance was to "At Last" by Etta James. The father-daughter dance was to "Just the Way You Look Tonight," and the mother-son dance was "What a Wonderful World."

In a sentimental alternative to tossing the bouquet, the bride chose to have all married couples dance to

"Can I Have This Dance." During the dance, couples were called off the floor according to the number of years they had been married, leaving the longest-married couple attending on the dance floor. This couple, Dr. and Mrs. Jimmie Farber, having been married 53 years, was presented a bouquet of roses by the bride.

Special guests to the wedding were Alma Simek of Seymour, maternal grandmother of the bride, and Dale Bauer of Brooklyn Hts., Ohio, paternal grandmother of the bride.

Out of town guests included friends and relatives of the bride and groom from Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Oklahoma and cities throughout Texas.

Guests blew bubbles to mark the couple's departure for a honeymoon trip to French Polynesia. They

are now at home in Houston.

The bride was treated to several pre-nuptial events in the weeks leading up to the wedding. Several of the bride's aunts were hosts to a recipe shower held in Seymour. A "Ladies on the Lake" bridal shower on a party boat cruise on Lake Conroe was hosted by the groom's sisters; and a lingerie shower was held in Dallas, hosted by the bridal attendants.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Iowa Park High School, 1997 graduate of Texas Tech Univ. with a bachelor's degree, and she received her master's degree from Duke University in 1999.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1998 Magna cum laude graduate of Texas Tech Univ.

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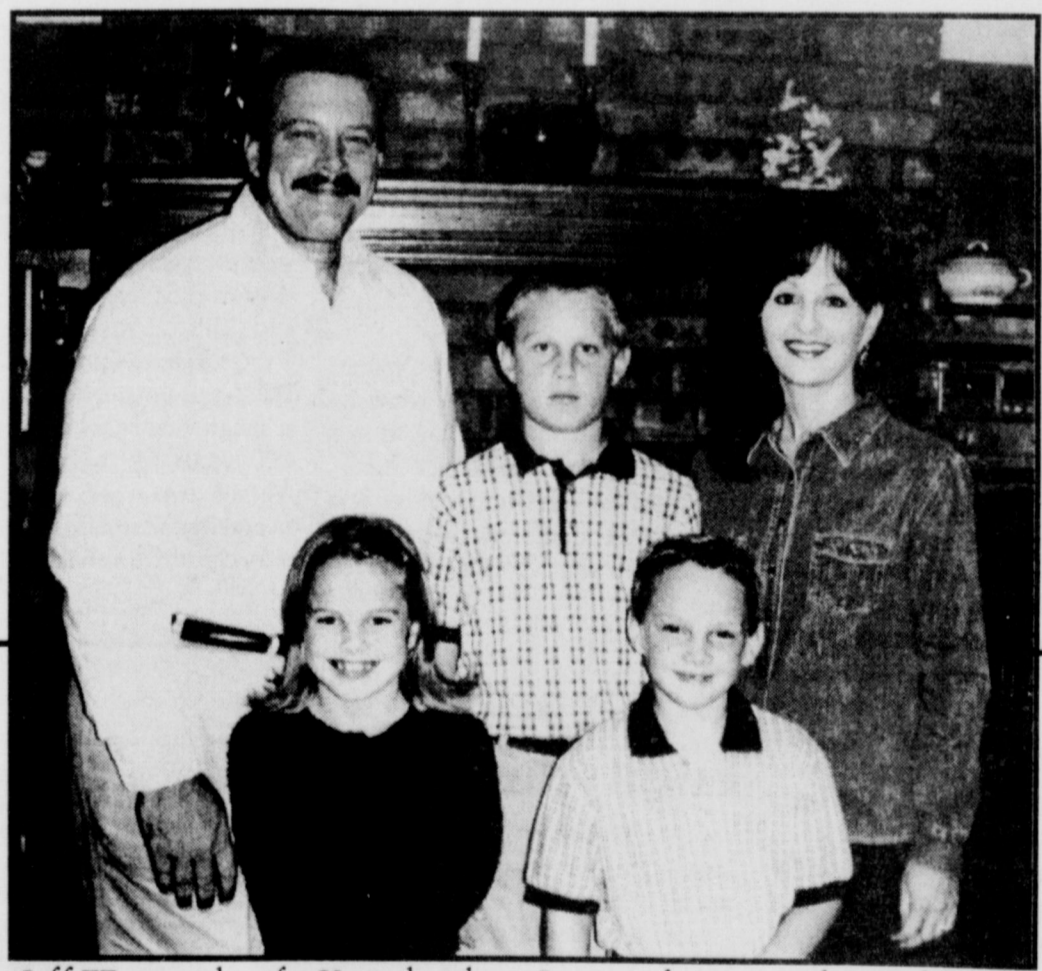
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Trip to China is program topic

During the Garden Club's regular meeting Friday, member Jo Gilbert presented a program on her trip to China.

She told of some of the laws and ways the people of China, a communist country, live. She stated Mao-Tse-Tung reigned from 1967 to 1976, during the Cultural Revolution. During this time, he destroyed temples, flowers and large homes. He also insisted that everyone at least go through the sixth grade in school.

Families now live in one room apartments or stay in the streets and wash and hang their clothes outside. Mrs. Gilbert told members the people of China are patient and all seem happy. She said dust storms are common and most everything is in grey colors, even cars and bicycles. She noted that they have good roads and wide streets and no one uses turn signals.

She said they have parking lots for bicycles and carry everything on two wheel carts and carry poncho's for rain protection. The ponchos cover the front basket and passenger.

She also told that policy is for a couple to only have one child, and men are jailed for one year for a second child.

The city of Canton has seven million people, 400,000 bikes and 30,000 taxis, English is their second language.

Mrs. Gilbert brought several pamphlets and other items she got on her trip for members to see.

During the meeting a report was given on the ozone layers by conservation chairman, Dora Alexander. She reported the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere is considered "good" ozone. However, high accumulations of ozone in the lower atmosphere near ground level can be harmful to people, animals, crops, and many common materials. This ground level ozone is the air pollutant of most concern in Texas and the nation.

The thought of the day, given by Mary Francis Farris, was, "Don't ask God for what you think is good; ask Him for what he thinks is good for you."

Two new members, Betty Merriman and Polly Hoobler were welcomed.

Hostesses were Louise Clapp and Norma Fortner. Vice president Evelyn Skinner opened the meeting.

Study Club members attend district meeting

Several members of Amity and 23 Study Club attended the Fall Board Meeting of the Santa Rosa District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, held Oct. 21 in Quanah.

Representing Amity Study Club were Lila Hoobler, Annetta Reusch, Kenda Merrick, and Linda Merrick. Jean Johnson and Wanda Singer represented 23 Study Club.

Members of Quanah's 1904 Study Club were hostesses for the meeting, which carried the theme, "Makin' Smiley Faces."

In addition to Iowa Park, other cities represented were Seymour, Roaring Springs, Matador, Paducah, Crowell, Burkburnett and Wichita Falls.

The event began with registration and a tour at the historic Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Depot. An extension of the Hardeman County Jail Museum, the depot is listed in the National Register of Historical Places and receives continuing support from the 1904 Study Club. Displays were explained by Fran Nippert, a volunteer at the depot.

The meetings were held in the Fellowship Center of First United Methodist Church, under the direction of district president Beth Duke of Burkburnett.

A welcome was given by JoAnn Howard, president of the 1904 Study Club, and Bertha Wood of the Quanah Chamber of Commerce greeted the visitors distributed packets containing discount shopping coupons.

Reports from the Executive

Committee included a review of the TFWC Fall Board Meeting, and information packets of materials from that meeting were discussed and distributed.

Club presidents told of planned programs and projects for this club year, emphasizing those related to personal volunteerism since the district president's theme is "Volunteerism: A Bridge of Faith, Friendship and Federation."

During lunch, guests were entertained by pianist Maritta Dea of Quanah, who played selections using the theme, "Makin' Smiley Faces With Music."

Gloria Kennedy of Wichita Falls was the keynote speaker. Her topic of "Makin' Smiley Faces" related to Operation Smile, which sends medical/educational mission teams to countries around the world where they surgically help over 5,000 children each year.

Operation Smile is only one of several people-to-people projects of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It is receiving special emphasis from The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs this administration, and all clubs are being encouraged to support the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that "Country Store" sales had added \$158 to the District's Robbie Castleberry Scholarship Fund. Also, an invitation was extended to come to Paducah for the District Spring Convention on April 7, 2001.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Railsback - 1950



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Railsback - 2000

Railsbacks honored

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Railsback will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Shewmake of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Railsback of Tyler, Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Center.

Jack Railsback and Billie Jean Allen were married Nov. 4, 1950, in Aspermont.

Railsback joined the Air Force in 1951, where he was an attorney and retired as an Air Force Judge Advocate in 1987 as Lt. Col. Railsback.

Billie was a dental assistant and receptionist for 18 years.

The couple have been members of the First Baptist Church where Railsback has been a deacon since 1967.

They have four grandchildren.

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The opponent . . .
says that Gordon has served long enough and that new ideas, new blood is needed.

The opponent's education . . .
has included attendance at two different universities.

The TRN says the opponent . . .
has a right to raise questions about the amount of reserve and would bring new blood to the commission.

Gordon says . . .
I have always felt more secure knowing that you have money in reserve to spend when emergency or unbudgeted needs arise. Don't you? If I hadn't kept these reserves, taxes would have to be raised when we have a special need! I say **"AVOID NEW TAXES by keeping a healthy reserve!"**

Gordon says . . .
As other commissioners have quit or retired, new members have replaced them. At this time, Gordon is the **senior member - the only one with more than TWO years EXPERIENCE!** His **TWENTY YEARS EXPERIENCE** on the Commission has helped the other commissioners as they go about planning and taking care of business.

Gordon's education . . .
has included over 300 hours of specialized training in County Law, County Management, County Administration, and Long-Term County Planning with completion of all programs leading to knowledge that works for you!

The TRN commends Gordon . . .
for outstanding service and a job well done. But Gordon believes that his work is not finished. He does want people to look at what he has done, what has been done with reserve money in the past to prevent raising taxes, and the kind of experience he will maintain on a board that already has new blood and a promising future!

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Gordon Says . . . "I have always worked for you, looking out for your best interests based on my experience and education in county management. . . and I want to continue working for you as . . ."

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1 TXism: "he ain't no ___" (hospital)

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3 the best in sports

4 ___ Digo Creek

9 TXism for "against"

10 TXism: "dull as ___"

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12 TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"

13 she sang TX Willie Nelson's "Crazy"

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46 program on Dallas' WFAA

48 WWII graffiti: "___ was here"

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51 Matagorda Bay, e.g.

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



This is another of those presidential election years that I'm not filing in my memory log. Even if George W. Bush does

win, I've had it with all the campaigning that has gone on, and will continue until all the counting is done Tuesday night.

I don't look forward to any more such campaigns, because I've had it with all the "polling" reports we get in the major media.

I guess there could be some who would be influenced by polls, as to how they would vote. I'm just not one of them.

There were two campaigns that took place which I filed away in my memory. Both resulted in the candidates' being elected.

No, not because I saw them, but the circumstances under which I saw them in person is what I remember.

I covered John F. Kennedy's campaign stop at the Lubbock Airport. The crowd was tremendous, and we all had fun listening to his Yankee accent.

The other campaign speech appearance by a candidate also happened to be by another successful office winner.

I was present when Franklin D. Roosevelt made a stop in Amarillo. Amarillo has a large, four-block park named Elwood Park. It was there that FDR made his appearance.

They had built an elevated stand, and it was there that he delivered his speech over a public address system. Because he was unable to walk up the steps, his staff had to carry him up to stand before the crowd.

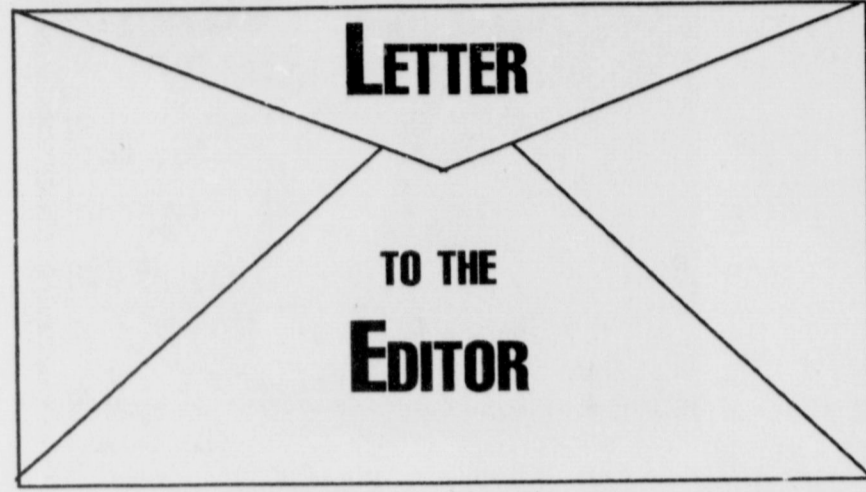
Besides the fact that it was FDR appearing, what made it even more memorable was the fact that it took place during a fairly heavy rain shower.

But, like I said, this is an election campaign that I will be happy to forget, even if my choice -- George W. Bush -- should win.

I've had it with the major media's reporting.

Helpful Facts

The running or roaming at large of any dog, cat or other animal within the city has been declared a nuisance and positively prohibited, and it has been made unlawful and deemed a Class C misdemeanor for the owner or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal to allow the same to run or roam at large within the city.



Expresses opinion

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

In regard to the precinct three county commissioner's election; I am concerned about our value system as a society.

When did quietly working hard, saving taxpayer's money, growing mature, experienced and wiser become criteria for one's opponent to accuse them of becoming complacent.

Our present county commissioner, Mr. Griffith, is not only a very concerned active commissioner, but also balances that with being the same type of citizen for our community, especially in regard to our young people.

Saving our money is not a crime, it was from these savings that funds were provided to build the roads for the prison without raising taxes. I feel better knowing those funds are in place to deal with important issues as they arise.

Please vote your conscience, but remember you are still free to vote for a democrat even if you are 99% republican.

Mrs. Terry Nault

The Preservation of our Children

The preservation of our children is very important, listen to your child.

A sweet innocent smile, a loving hug and kiss, or a gentle whisper. A child may tell you the event of the day, or a tall tale. Our children can tell us the most amazing stories. But how can we really differentiate the degree. They may express to us the exhilarating time they had on the play ground; they may exploit a tale of how they swam the Nile at swim class. A child may even gently whisper a story to you, to see if you could help their young mind decipher the information. Our young children are still naive and innocent to the world. Many of them have no idea

Hawks

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been the running of junior tailback Bryan Swenson.

Swenson has rolled up 245 yards in his last two games, averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

Part of his success is because of his offensive line that has come together. Russell Duggins and Tommy Taylor are senior tackles on the line, joined by Heath Hodges, also a senior at center. Kyle Young and Heath Gholson round out the line at guards.

Matt Kelly will get his second start at quarterback this week against Bowie. Kelly, a junior, saw his first action last week against Vernon.

Rain

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their wheat seed by early last week already have a fine stand, promising a chance for a good crop next year, as well as providing grazing for livestock this winter.

Because of the wet conditions, the county commissioners court in its meeting Monday approved lifting the ban on outdoor burning.

Even the previously brown pastures are greening up, as are lawns around town.

Several residents began mowing their lawns as early as Sunday.

what lies ahead for them. The many mazes and obstacles, they will have to choose or cross. For one silent moment, one should decide what our children should have to deal with and or bear any consequences. No one person should be allowed to violate our children's sense of security and peace of mind through intimidating and frightening statements. A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark. We as parents (or any form of teaching) should be building self esteem, encourage, and inspire. Our children, much more than just little people, they are definitely special people. Don't compromise yourself. You are all they got.

The Millennium Era is upon us, and we still have to realize "Things are not always black and white." Parents; teachers; clergymen; are those who use themselves as bridges, over which they invite their students to cross; then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse; upon creating bridges of their own to face and cross. There is a quote written many times: If you don't like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it ONE STEP at a time.

Emily Dickinson wrote this poem, I would like to share with you: If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain. If I can ease one life the aching, Or cool one pain, Or help one fainting robin into his nest again, I shall not live in vain. Peggy Logan

Card of Thanks

Julie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the donations, food, flowers, cards and most of all, your prayers during this time of loss.

On the 14th day of October, a family's worst nightmare came to our family, that being one of our sons, Justin Denton, had been involved in a motor vehicle accident, from which he had sustained bodily injury later resulting in God calling him home. Immediately friends and family began to pour into the Eleventh Street Campus emergency room and began words of encouragement and praying with the family.

During the first few days, several businesses donated gift certificates, food and other services to this family, all of which is deeply appreciated. Words cannot begin to explain the gratitude that we have for each of you for your gifts and prayers.

Julie and I have thought and thought on how to thank each of you, but we cannot put into words on what to say, but that may GOD bless each of you for everything you have done.

A special thank you to the Iowa Park Police Department, Wichita County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Iowa park Fire Department for their quick and professional response. There will always be a special place in our hearts for your hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank the Iowa Park Independent School District, Dutton Funeral Home and staff, and the entire Iowa Park present and past student body for their kindness they have expressed to the family during this difficult time. Iowa Park is truly blessed with such a fine group of young people. We also want to thank each of you for the wonderful 19 years this community has shared with our son.

We have had many cards sent to our home as well as visitors and phone calls, more than anyone could ever imagine. This is what has kept the family going and that the citizens have shown the town lives up to its motto, that being the "TOWN OF FRIENDLY LIVING."

Again, thanks for the many gifts and prayers and may GOD bless you and keep his protecting arms around each of you.

Michael, Julie, Tristin and Kristin Dozier
Eugene and Glenna Denton
James and Marilyn Cockerum
Wallace and Doris Smith

Iowa Park not alone in suit against TXU

A lawsuit filed by the City of Denton against TXU Electric and Gas may turn into a statewide legal battle for the utility company.

As of Oct. 25, 22 cities, including Iowa Park, had signed resolutions to join Denton in the lawsuit, and more reportedly are expected.

The lawsuit alleges that TXU intentionally underpaid Denton its franchise fees by not reporting its gross revenues on which franchise fees are based.

An initial audit by Denton claims TXU owes more than \$1.17 million and could be higher, attorneys for Denton said.

"TXU has knowingly and intentionally underpaid their franchise fees to Denton and other Texas cities," said David LaBrec of Strasburger & Price, lead counsel for the suit. "They have underpaid these cities for years and the amount could potentially exceed \$240 million."

A franchise fee is a rental fee that a city has the right to charge a utility company for the privilege to use the city's public streets and grounds for the placement of pipelines, poles and utility cables.

The fee is based on the utility company's entire gross revenues. Franchise agreements specifically state that TXU must pay a percentage of its gross, not net revenue.

Other cities besides Iowa Park that have joined the lawsuit include: Bridgeport, Cedar Park, Cleburne, Copperas Cove, Denton, Fort Worth, Greenville, Halton City, Kaufman, Lake Worth, Leander, Lewisville, Nacogdoches, North Richland Hills, River Oaks, Robinson, Round Rock, Sanger, Sherman and Watauga.

LaBrec says TXU has mounted a statewide campaign and that its

representatives are actively visiting city officials in an attempt to deter them from joining the suit.

"TXU representatives are asking city officials to sign agreements not to participate in this lawsuit," said LaBrec. "If these cities sign this letter, they gain nothing from TXU and give up all rights to ever recover the amounts due."



SEVENTEEN students from the advanced academic class at Iowa Park High School took decorated jack-o-lanterns and bags of candy to residents at IHS Tuesday. The jack-o-lanterns were donated by Mrs. Cindy Hambright and the candy bags were donated by Sandy and Stormy Christmas. The students plan to visit IHS monthly.

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