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**'NO CROWS ALLOWED'**—There's a sign in this front-yard display that says that, but you couldn't read it Sunday evening because it was plastered with

wet snow. (The sign is between the shock of feed and the scarecrow.) The fall display is at the home of Paul and Glenna Fry, 300 Western Dr. Photo by Don Nelson

## Snow? In mid-October? Before a killing freeze?

Snowflakes drifted to the ground Sunday morning and continued to fall throughout the afternoon, even though temperatures soared to 35 degrees.

Officially, Dimmitt received three inches of snow, which resulted in .47 of an inch of moisture. Most of the snowfall melted as it hit the warm ground, but as the flakes continued to fall, a blanket of white settled on lawns, roofs, shrubs and trees in the county.

The snow started early Sunday

morning and tapered off late that afternoon.

The snow was a heavy, wet one, and it was perfect for making snowballs, snowmen, and even a snow fort, as one group of youngsters in Dimmitt discovered.

It was one of the earliest snowfalls on record in Castro County, and it came on the heels of the county's first freeze, which was right on time with the average.

It did freeze over the weekend,

but it wasn't a hard, killing freeze.

Temperatures in Dimmitt dipped to 32 degrees Fahrenheit early Sunday morning, but didn't stay there for long, rebounding all the way to 35 for a daytime high. Thermometers dropped to 31 degrees early Monday morning. That was as frigid as it would get during the cold spell.

Although the temperature did dip below the freezing mark, it wasn't a killing freeze and very little damage to plant life can be found.



**FREEZE-DRIED TOMATOES?** Well, the tomatoes on this vine might be a little cool, but they didn't freeze Saturday night or Sunday, despite the fact that a wet snow blanketed the area for most of the day Sunday. Around three inches of snow fell on Sunday, starting in the early morning hours and continuing

through late afternoon. Moisture received during the storm was .47 of an inch, according to KDHN, the National Weather Service Observer for Dimmitt. The temperature did dip to the freezing mark but there isn't any evidence that plant life was damaged by the cold temperatures. Photo by Anne Acker

## Steinles carried away by 'Candid Camera' vacation

By LINDA MAXWELL

"I thought maybe we were on Candid Camera," Elaine Steinle said about her family's recent trip to the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, N.M."

The surprise part of the trip came when a complete stranger offered them a chance to serve as the chase crew for his hot-air balloon, and in exchange for their labors he gave them rides in the balloon.

Jim Hoidal of HSSS Too in La Luz, N.M., approached the Steinles and asked for their help with his balloon, "Thunder & Colt."

"This man was standing there as we were heading toward the launch site," Elaine said. "He asked us if we would like to be a part of his chase crew. We told him we didn't know anything about balloons. He said he would show us. So we asked how much it would cost. He said he

would take us up if we would help him.

"Everyone has a trained crew who helps put up their balloons and handle the 'chase' and all," Elaine said. "He told us, 'When my family can't come, I look for an honest family that would like to learn about this and experience this and not steal my car.'"

"It was the time of our life," (Continued on Page 8)

## Job-hunting? Then don't miss the 'Fair'

Between 25 and 30 local employers are planning to have booths at the first Castro County Job Fair, set for Wednesday (Oct. 27) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

All who attend will have an opportunity to receive "goody bags" and a chance to win one of the 17 door prizes, with one given away every half hour during the event. Once they have signed up, participants need not be present to win.

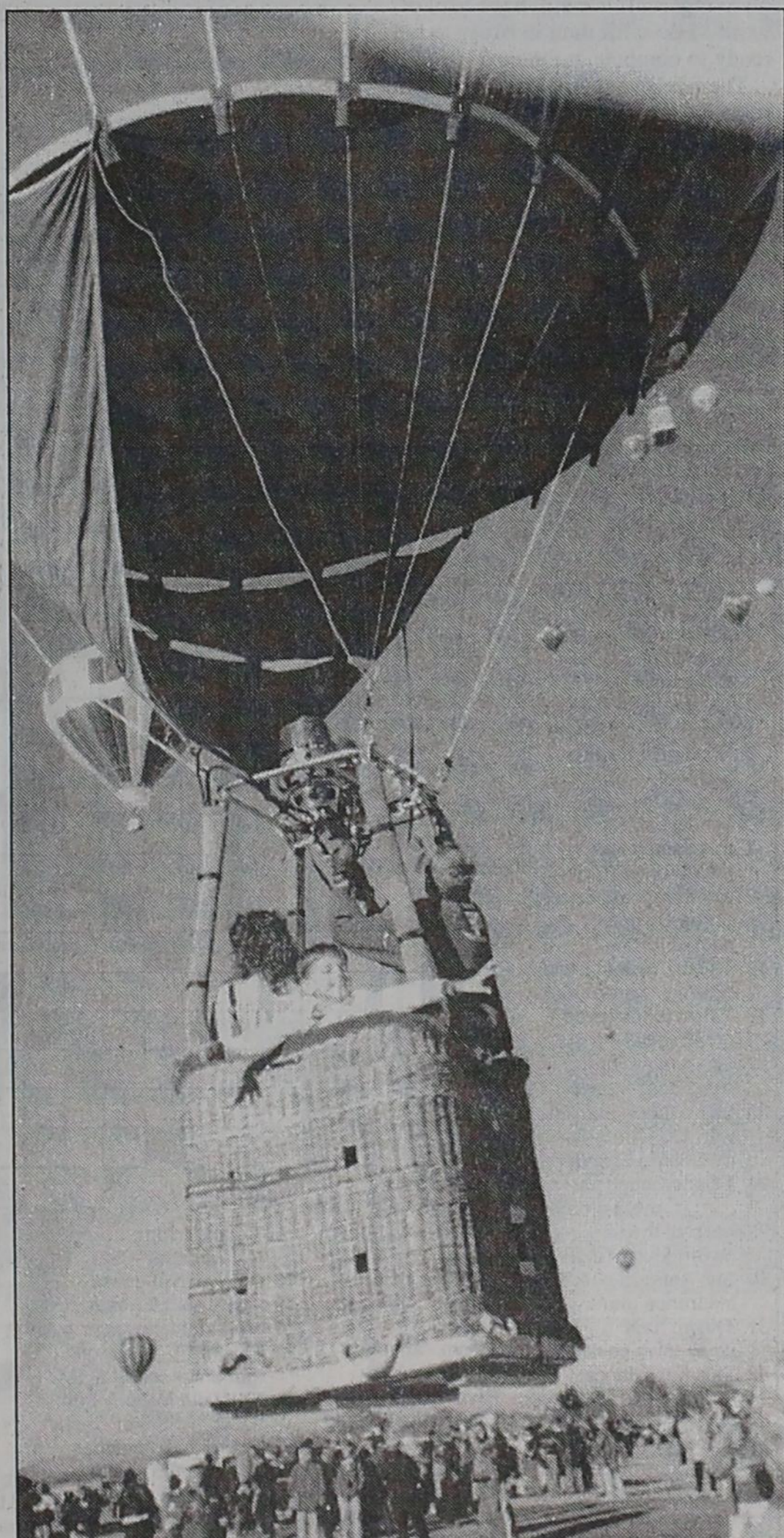
There is no fee for those having booths, and booth set-up time starts at 8:30 a.m. Also, participating employers and agencies will receive a complimentary meal.

Employers from Castro and Deaf Smith counties will have exhibits to let workers know what type of jobs are available and what type of skills are needed to fill those jobs.

Also, an interview area will be set up for employers who wish to conduct interviews on the site.

Everyone in the community is invited to take advantage of the job fair. Belle Braddock of the local Dept. of Human Services office said that all clients of her office have received invitations to attend. In addition, the hours of the event were

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**UP, UP AND AWAY**—Kalan Steinle gestures widely as the hot air balloon he is riding starts up. Also riding is his mom, Elaine (left) and the owner of the balloon, Jim Hoidal of La Luz, N.M. The Steinle family was invited to act as crew members by Hoidal, who then gave them free rides.

## Early voting continues

Early voting in person started Monday and will continue through Oct. 29 in the elections set for Nov. 2.

In the special election for an at-large position on the Dimmitt City

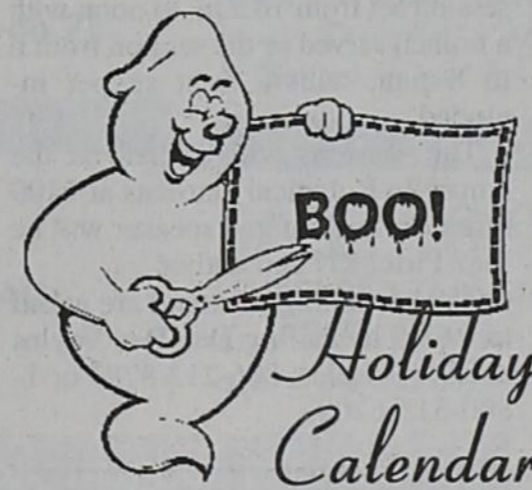
Council, Michael Colley and Bob Murdock are vying to fill the place left vacant by council member Lyman Schroeder, who moved away. The term for the at-large position will expire in May of 2001.

Early voting for the city election will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Monday through Friday during

the voting period.

In the general election, voters across the state will consider 17 propositions for changes to the state constitution.

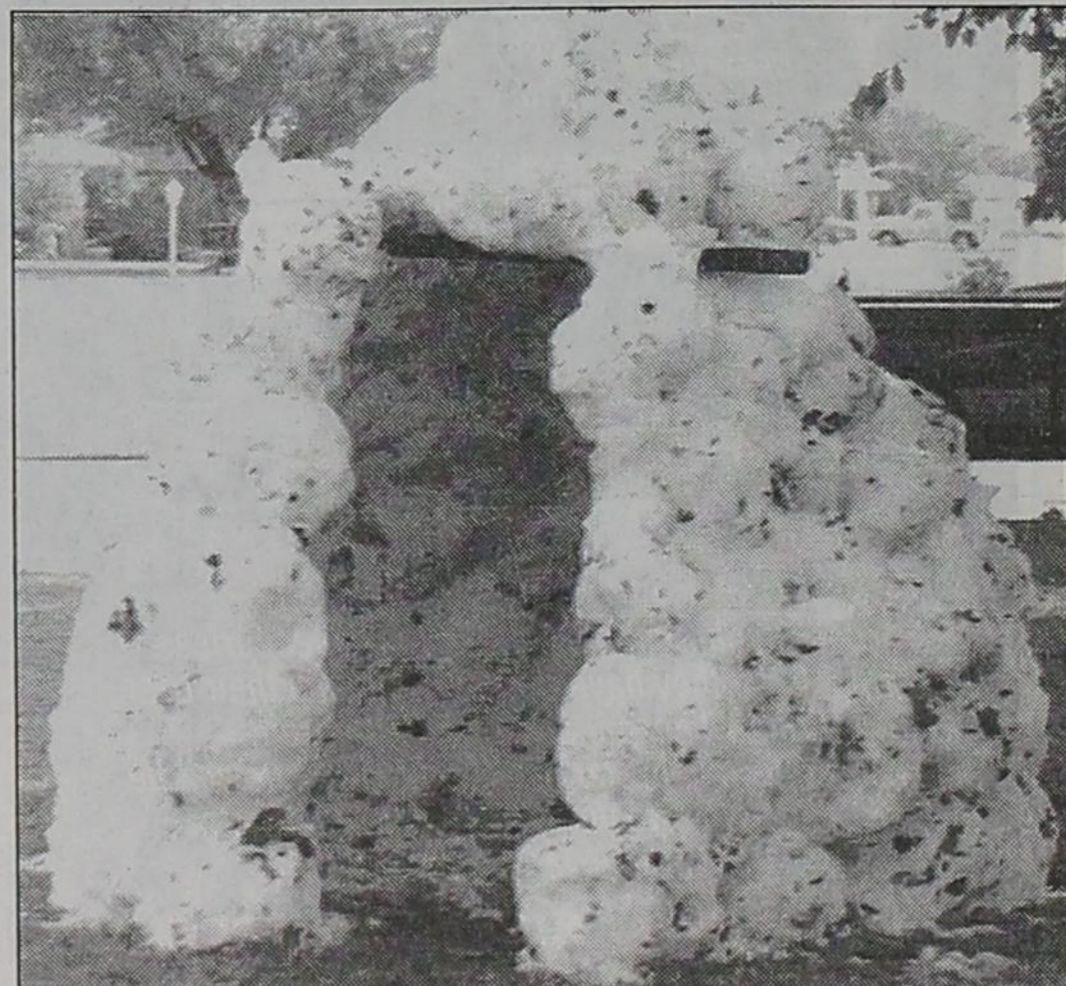
Early voting for the general election will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District Clerk's office in the courthouse each Monday through Friday.



**OCT. 30**—The Nazareth Swift Band will hold its annual Halloween Carnival and Spook House from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. A wide variety of games, a cake walk and "bigger and spookier" spook house are planned along with a costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest. A concession stand featuring supper items, snacks, drinks and homemade pies will be open throughout the evening.

**OCT. 31**—Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a Harvest Festival on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church building. Children of all ages are invited to attend and participate in games, win prizes, and have refreshments. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents per child.

**NOV. 21**—A holiday arts and crafts bazaar and Thanksgiving dinner are planned in Nazareth. The bazaar will be open to the public throughout the day at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.



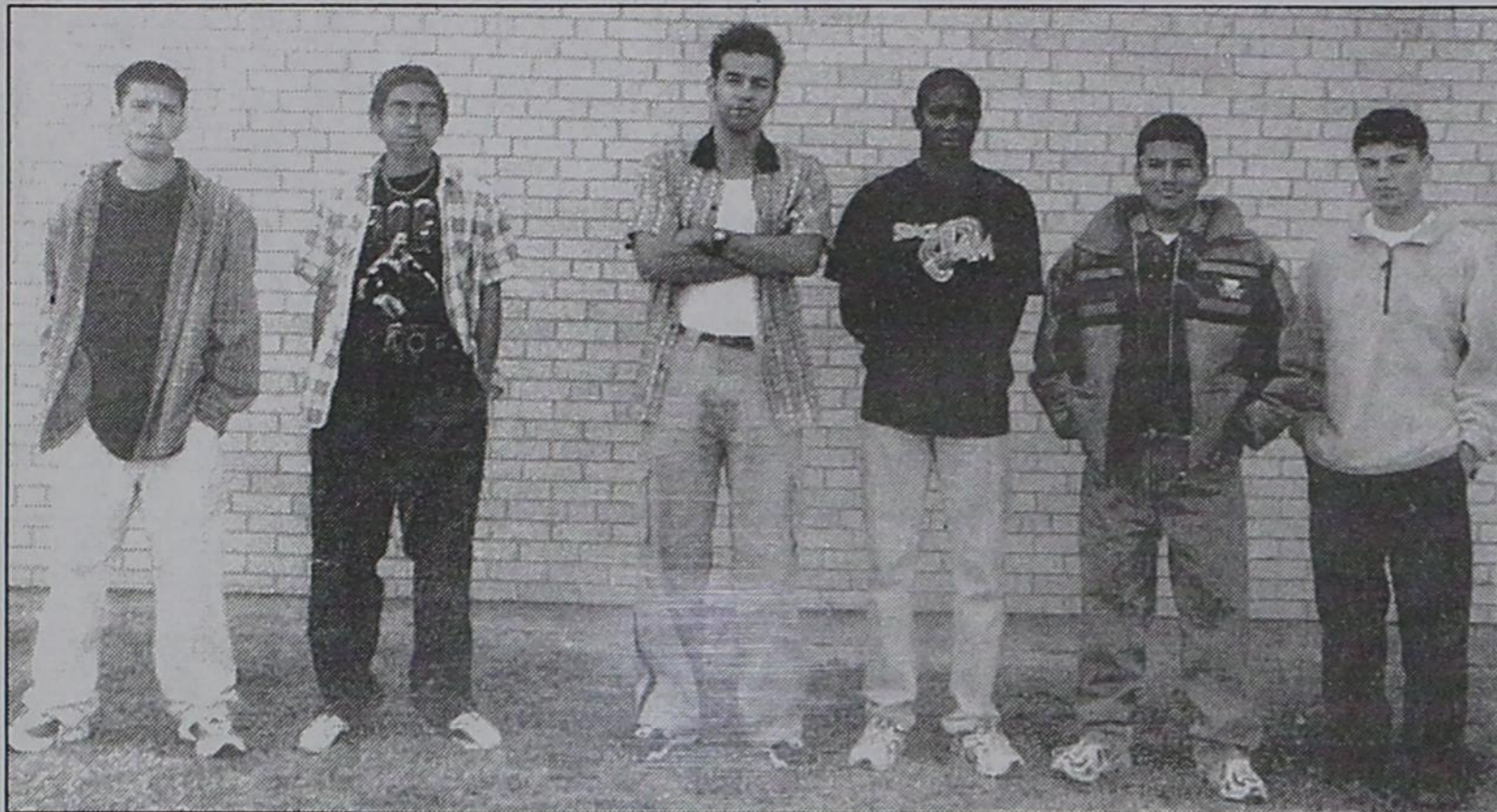
**A SNOW FORT** was constructed at 717 Oak Street on Sunday afternoon by Kyle Whiddon, a Dimmitt fifth grader, with the help of his parents and a neighbor boy. The structure had not melted by Monday noon, but by Tuesday most of it was gone. Photo by Linda Maxwell

### Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	77	42	
Friday	83	42	
Saturday	86	41	
Sunday	59	32	.09
Monday	35	31	.38
Tuesday	55	34	
Wednesday	58	33	

October Moisture ..... .47  
 1999 Moisture ..... 31.59

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



**WE WANT DISTRICT!** The Dimmitt High School cross country teams are gearing up for the district race, which will be Saturday, Oct. 30, at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Members of the boys' team include (top photo, from left) Aaron Saenz, Adam Guzman, Ivan Flores, Randy Porter, Manuel Jaramillo and

Israel Martinez. The girls' team includes (bottom photo, standing, from left) Priscilla Rodriguez, Morgan Hazel, Sadra Daniels, Kelsey Welch, Cheree Norman and Carol Summers; and (front row, from left) Jenna Steidle, Veronica Gonzales, Maria Chavez, Sally Stahl and Lyndee Behrends.

Photos by Anne Acker



**ON TO REGIONAL**—The Hart Lady Horns earned a trip to the Region 1-A cross country meet Monday when they finished third among all teams in their district race. Team members include (back row, from left) Becky Guzman, Mallory King, Sonya Garcia

and Lindsay Montemayor; and (front row, from left), Nikki Burress, Amanda Carrasco, Kellie George, Valarie Ellis and Vanessa Carrasco. The Longhorn cross country team will be featured next week.

Photo by Neoma Williams

*Chia to advance for Longhorns*

# George leads Lady Horns to berth in regional meet

Kellie George's fifth-place finish in the district cross country meet Monday paced her team to a third-place team finish and a team berth in the Region 1-A Cross Country Meet, which will be held Nov. 6 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Joining the girls' team at the regional meet will be Hart's Thomas Chia, who earned a trip to regional in the boys race after placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the district race.

Monday's district meet was held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Vanessa Carrasco and Sonya Garcia joined George among the top 20 individuals in the race. Carrasco crossed the line in 14<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 14:22.95. She was soon followed by Garcia, who was holding onto 19<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 14:46.

Not far behind the top 20 was Nikki Burress, who posted the 23<sup>rd</sup> best time of 15:07.94. Valarie Ellis finished 28<sup>th</sup> with a time of 15:34.06. Amanda Carrasco finished 43<sup>rd</sup> in 16:35.24 and Mallory King was 45<sup>th</sup> in 16:52.12.

"We feel that the girls ran well. They have been building for this day since school started," said Hart Coach Bob Libby. "They have run many miles since that first day of practice, and the progress they made showed up at the meet. These girls have worked hard to get to go on to regional. We still have a lot of work to do until then in order to be ready to compete at the next level."

The five-member Hart boys' team finished fourth overall, with Chia leading the way.

As Chia crossed the bridge near the finish line, he was in a battle for ninth place, but was edged out at the finish line and had to settle for 10<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:13.05.

Manuel Barron just missed on a trip to regional after finishing 13<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:44.24.

Isaias Garcia tried to hold off two other runners near the end, but they had just a little more kick and he had to settle for 18<sup>th</sup> after posting a time of 19:57.79. Jose Avila was next for Hart, placing 20<sup>th</sup> in

21:23.83. Timmy Barns finished 23<sup>rd</sup> in 22:39.95.

"The guys all ran hard and did the best that they could," Libby said. "The boys had a good season. They all ran well at the meets they attended. We are proud of the effort they put into running in the mornings and afternoons to help build a strong cross country team."

The Hart junior varsity girls tied for third place overall, but their sixth runner's finish was just lower than that of their foes, so they were edged out of the medal race.

Top team members, with their places and times, are Crystal Diego, sixth, 16:01.05; Lindsey Montemayor, 7<sup>th</sup>, 16:06.11; Yadira Anzaldua, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17:35.65; Lacy Curry, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 18:09.89; Amanda Ethridge, 28<sup>th</sup>, 18:48.06; Fatima Rodriguez, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 19:59.43; Whitney Mitchell, 34<sup>th</sup>, 20:13.40; Ruby Rodriguez, 35<sup>th</sup>, 20:19.06; Millie Longoria, 37<sup>th</sup>, 21:08.66; and Isidora Anzaldua, 38<sup>th</sup>, 21:11.83.

Hart's junior high boys and girls also competed in the district meet, with the boys earning second-place team honors.

The boys' top runners were Roy Robledo, second, 12:28; Josh Finch, ninth, 13:01; Matthew Gonzales, 13<sup>th</sup>, 13:22; Adam Pantoja, 14<sup>th</sup>, 13:23; Trent Barnes, 19<sup>th</sup>, 14:04; Freddie Hernandez, 24<sup>th</sup>, 15:10; and Rene Gonzales, 25<sup>th</sup>, 18:29.

For the junior high girls, runners were Yvet Beanes, 18<sup>th</sup>, 15:32; Dalila Longoria, 36<sup>th</sup>, 17:06; Amber Exum, 37<sup>th</sup>, 17:07; Amber Moore, 65<sup>th</sup>, 19:10; and Jenny Robinson, 68<sup>th</sup>, 19:24.

*The best time to exercise? Experts say it's just before going to work. After a workout you are more alert and better able to concentrate.*

*Yogurt makes a great portable lunch. If you don't have access to a refrigerator, try freezing the carton overnight; it will thaw in time for lunch.*

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

## Adam Cline wins Week 6

Well, 9-year-old Michael Cline didn't win the contest again this week. But his dad, Adam, did. And it was his first time ever.

Adam's reaction: "No way! I can't believe it." The reason he couldn't believe it is that he scored only 94 points. "I even quit tabulating my entry form, I missed so many," he said. But everyone else here missed even more in another week rife with upsets, so Cline, a cook at K-Bob's Steak House, wins the \$20 cash prize from the *News* this week.

"It's my first time to ever win, after all these years," Cline said. Statewide, a lot of other scores in the 90s won local contests, but the state-winning score was right on up there. Janis Hampton of College Station, an attorney for the City of Bryan, racked up 133 of a possible 136 to win the \$1,000 grand prize.

How did she do it? Well, she said her secret was that she "picked just the opposite of what my husband did. He never wins."

BT-R-R-R-R. Hampton, 41, entered the contest through the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 10. 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., by 2 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

## Obituaries

### Muriel F. Bussey

Funeral services for Muriel F. Bussey, 52, of Hereford, former Dimmitt resident, were held Wednesday morning in the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Odam of Victory Bible Baptist Church of San Angelo officiating. Burial followed in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Bussey died Saturday. He was born in Hereford and attended school in Dimmitt. He was an electrician and a member of the Hereford Elks Lodge and the Dimmitt Jaycees.

Survivors include two sons, Jeffery Eldon Bussey of Lewisville and Shawn Dewitt Bussey of Fort Worth; and three grandchildren.

## Caregiving workshop set Nov. 5

Olivia's Angels and BSA Hospice are sponsoring a free workshop Nov. 5 to provide practical ideas for those who give care to the elderly or to ill family members.

Those attending may select the session set from 10 a.m. to noon with a brunch served or the session from 6 to 8 p.m. with a light supper included.

The sessions will be held at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens at 1400 Streit Drive. Featured speaker will be Inez Pirie, RN and author.

Those wanting to attend are asked to RSVP by calling Dee Dee Voyles at BSA Hospice, 806-212-8787 or 1-800-315-6209.

*Here's why paper grocery bags have names on the bottom. Making the same paper bags day in and day out is not the most exciting job in the world. Many manufacturers have decided that, in order to promote pride and responsibility in workers, employees would "sign" their work.*

**Last Puzzle Solution**

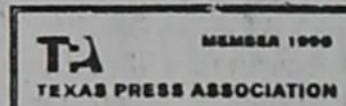
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**ACROSS**

- JFK's limo was headed for Dallas; triple under
- TXism: 'active as a fox in \_\_\_ house'
- Houston's Kathryn Sullivan is scientist at this Oceanic agency (abbr.)
- this James was 1st native-born TX gov.
- with Nueces & Frio, Three Rivers, TX is named for this
- TXism: 'couldn't find hide \_\_\_ hair of him'
- TXism for believed
- Pepper
- TX Quannah Parker's chief dad Nocona
- this William starred with TX Tommy Lee in 'Rolling Thunder'
- TXism: 'tough as \_\_\_ drive steak'
- none of these seven touch Texas
- San Antonio-based insurance giant
- TXism: 'fast \_\_\_ small town gossip'
- TXism for dancer
- TX Vikki Carr album: '\_\_\_ Hombres' ('89)
- San Marcos univer.
- TXism: 'rides his \_\_\_ (independent)'
- DFW: metro \_\_\_
- TXism: 'tax wranglers'
- TX atheist: Madalyn Murray \_\_\_
- TX Autry sang about \_\_\_-nosed reindeer
- Laredo FM radio
- TXism: 'he's \_\_\_ my parade' (interfering)
- bed supports
- C&W music cable network
- TX Roy Orbison film: '\_\_\_ Guitar Alive'
- JFK assassin Oswald
- 'Star Wars' cowboy Han specialty of Spurs
- Robison: \_\_\_ dunk
- TXism: '\_\_\_ as dirt'
- this Ralph beat Bush in '64 senate race (init.)

**DOWN**

- TXism for dust storm
- TXism: 'don't give \_\_\_ a holler'
- how Texans pronounce 'cigar'
- obstacles
- TXism: 'about as \_\_\_ as Red River mud'
- TXism: 'feeling his \_\_\_ (frisky)'
- in 1890s Marlin, TX became a \_\_\_ when drillers hit a hot artesian well
- news wrangler
- Astros Boston foe
- 'don't get any fancy \_\_\_'
- TX-made film: '\_\_\_ Zapatal' ('52)
- DFW arrival guess
- kids who left home
- crop-eating insects
- TXism: '\_\_\_ em off' (get undressed)
- TX Audie Murphy film: 'Duel \_\_\_ Silver Creek'
- TXism: '\_\_\_ notches full' (ate too much)
- TXism: 'get your ducks in a \_\_\_'
- TXism: 'have \_\_\_ (take a drink)'
- TXism: 'more of \_\_\_ Carter has liver pills'
- measle marked
- Senator Gramm was once an A&M economics
- Houston-made film: 'The \_\_\_' ('93)
- ex-Cowboy fullback Tommy
- Cleveland AM radio
- Dallas Stars league
- in Houston, States Rights Party nominated this Thurmond for president
- served before the chicken fried steak

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# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The weekend of Oct. 8-9 was a full one for Scott Morris and Courtney Goodman. On Friday, Courtney was honored with a lingerie shower by her friends.

On Saturday, Courtney and Scott were honored with a bridal shower in the home of Sara Hill. After the shower, friends went to Hereford for a luncheon hosted by Rala and Jackie Byrnes, and Mary and Shari Bradley.

On Saturday evening, the couple were honored at a party hosted by Jack and Susie Bradford.

Blaine Gregory, formerly of Dimmitt, and his wife, Erica, came for the parties. While here they made selections for their bridal shower, which will be on Oct. 30.

Bill and Dalia Gregory and Blaine were former residents of Dimmitt and they now live in San Antonio.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin and Aubrie treated his sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Ben Duesterhaus of Silverton, to a barbecue cookout in celebration of

Lena's birthday. Curtis prepared his specialty, steak and fried potatoes.

The farm show in Lubbock was held last Wednesday and Thursday. Curtis, Leigh and Aubrie Durbin attended. While waiting for a demonstration to begin, they began to visit with a couple next to them and guess who it was? Bob and Jean Dulaney!

Zay Gilbreath, son-in-law of Louise Mears, came from Amarillo picked her up and took her to see her grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Mark and Jennifer Gilbreath. She spent the afternoon with them and then Zay brought her home.

There was a lot of excitement in Fort Worth over the past weekend.

It was the wedding of Scott Morris and Courtney Goodman. The wedding was held in The Thistle Hill House in Fort Worth. The house was built in 1903. It has been refurbished and is a lovely place for such a function.

The parlor area holds 125 people and there were approximately 176 attending.

The side rooms were full and there was standing room only.

The service was touching. Julia Williams was one of the flower girls and Ty Williams was the ring bearer. They are Scott's niece and nephew.

After the vows, a reception was held in the dining room.

This was an exceptionally pretty and fun party.

Mary Edna Hendrix received a letter from her sister-in-law, Gladys Hendrix of Post. Her grandson, Trevor Thuet, and his family are members of the Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and witnessed

the recent shootings at the church. Trevor was in a room directing the orchestra when a bullet pierced the wall, and his wife was in the balcony

taking pictures when a bullet hit the camera. They saw all the dead bodies and are having a hard time getting over this bad experience.

## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swift Band, which earned a "Superior" rating at the UIL Marching contest Saturday in Amarillo.

The band now will advance to the area round and will play in Odessa Saturday at 12 noon at Ratliff Stadium.

There are 37 students in the band, including 25 seventh and eighth graders. Drum major this year is Elizabeth Olvera.

The band's show Saturday in Amarillo featured a tribute to music from the 1950s.

The band opened its performance with *Rock Around the Clock*, then followed it with a tribute to Elvis Presley, *Don't Be Cruel* and *All Shook Up*, featuring a baritone solo by sophomore Jason Birkenfeld. The band closed the show with the 1950s hit, *Blueberry Hill*, which featured solos by junior Mark Birkenfeld on the trumpet and sophomore Quentin Jones on the trombone.

Many relatives and friends attended the 60th anniversary reception for Norbert and Mary Hoelting in Olpe, Kan., over the weekend.

Everyone enjoyed visiting Friday evening at the home of Galen and Vicky Hoelting, and of course they all ended up at the famous "Hoelting Grove" for a big bonfire.

On Saturday after lunch at the home of Henry and Marsha, everyone gathered at St. Joseph's Church in Olpe to celebrate mass, during which two of the Hoelting grandchildren spoke about what it means to them to have Nub and Mary for grandparents.

A reception, dinner and dance

followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

On Sunday morning, goodbyes were said after a brunch at the KC Hall.

All enjoyed visiting with the Hoelting families and with Sister Norbert Hoelting, who is Nub's sister. She filled them in on all the former Nazareth nuns who taught school here for many years.

Liz and Pascual Hernandez of Monahans are the proud parents of a baby girl, Christina Ann, who was born Sept. 14 at Odessa. She weighed 5 lbs., 1 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Sam and Margie Albracht of Nazareth. Paternal grandparents are Santiago and Francisca Hernandez of Bracketsville. Maternal great-grandparents are W.J. and Irene Albracht of Hereford.

Christina Ann was baptized on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth. The baptism was officiated by her great-uncle, Deacon Al Maurer. Godparents were Scott and Cindy Huseman.

Many relatives and friends attended the marriage of Bryan Braddock and Whitney McLain at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Florine Brockman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Leonard Wilhelm, Anna Lee, Paul Venhaus and Junior Hochstein.

## Nazareth Schools plan for Red Ribbon Week

Students in Nazareth will participate in a wide range of events next week as they promote drug- and alcohol-free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week.

On Monday, students will pass out ribbons with numbers on the back. Numbers will be drawn throughout the week, and if a student or staff member is wearing the ribbon with the number drawn, he or she will win a prize.

Tuesday has been designated as "Put a Lid on Drugs" Day and students are asked to wear caps or hats to school.

All students are asked to wear red clothing on Wednesday, and if 85% of the students in the sixth through 12th grades wears red, they will be rewarded with a 45-minute lunch period on Friday, Oct. 29. (The extra 15 minutes will be taken from fifth-period classes). Teachers will be asked to check the number of students participating during their second-period classes and turn in those numbers of Omega Leavitt. Also, the students must wear red clothing—not just the red ribbon.

Next Thursday, Oct. 28, has been tabbed as "Grim Reaper Day. On this day, students in Grades 6-12 will be singled out and will be pronounced "dead" for the rest of the day. The school has scheduled an assembly at 12:45 p.m. in the gym and during that time, the "dead" students will be presented along with statistics about drug- and alcohol-related deaths, etc.

On Oct. 29, the Nazareth Student Council will pass out suckers to all students in school. Football players will wear red stickers that night.

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Proceeds from the steak supper will help defray medical expenses of Greg and Karen Schulte.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include steak, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-out plates will be available.

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## Holiday bazaar set in Nazareth

The Nazareth Art Club is accepting reservations for booth spaces at its annual holiday arts and crafts bazaar, which will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Reservations will be accepted through Saturday, Nov. 13. Cost to rent an 8'x10' booth is \$20, and a table and two chairs will be provided.

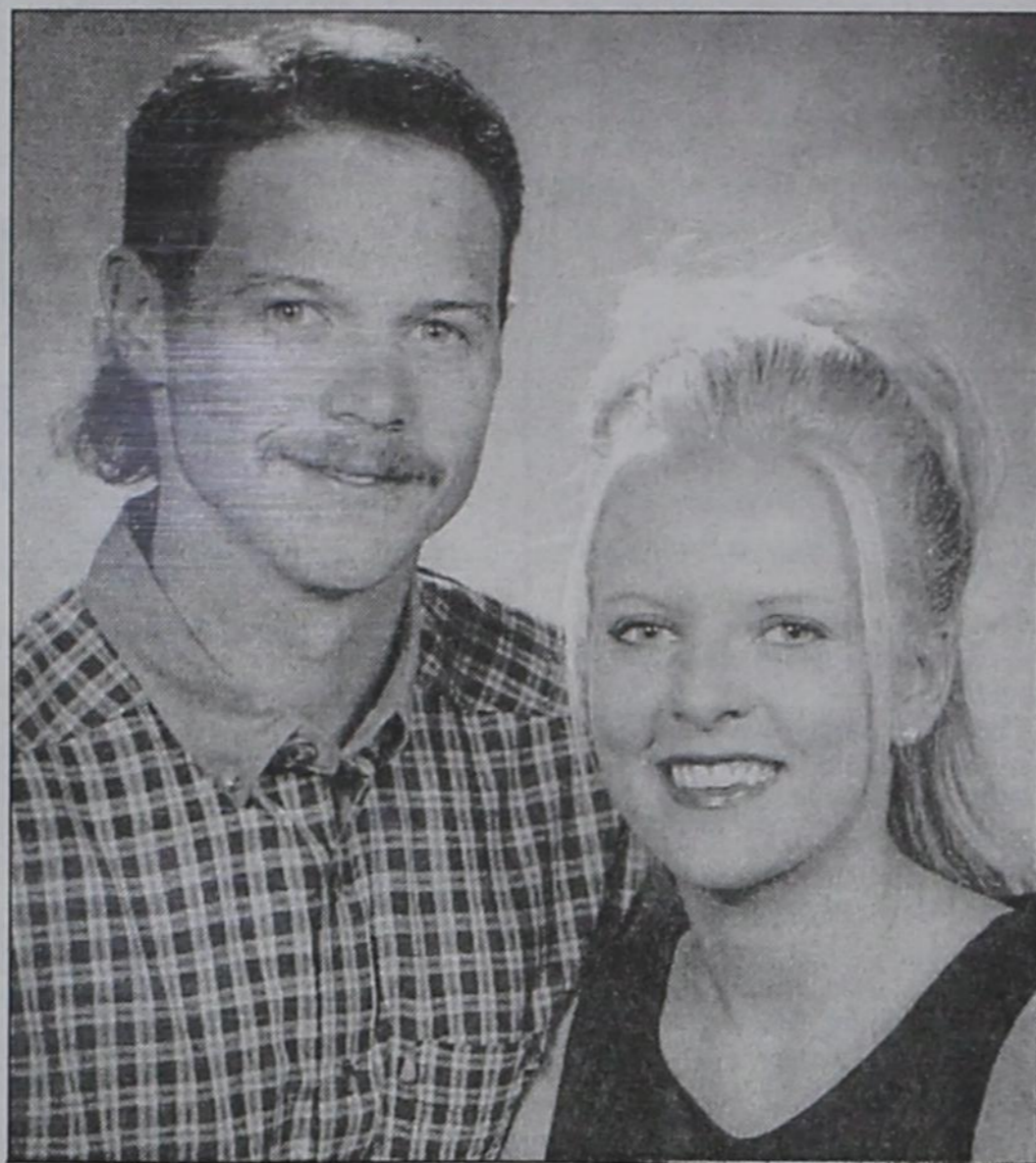
Reservations can be made by contacting Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth 79063, phone 945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth 79063, phone 945-2583.

Checks should be made payable to the Nazareth Art Club, and the club must have the booth rental fee before it will assign a space. Booths will be assigned on a first-come basis, and when reserving space, exhibitors are asked to specify whether they prefer a wall or center booth, and whether or not they will need the table. They also must furnish a summary of what will be offered in their booth.

The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. the day of show so exhibitors may set up their booths.

The Nazareth Christian Mothers Society will hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner in conjunction with the arts and crafts show.

The turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.



Cody Gruhlkey and Heather Huffhines

## December vows planned

Barbara and Eddie Huffhines of Hale Center announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Huffhines, to Cody Gruhlkey, son of Phyllis and Perry Gruhlkey of Plainview, formerly of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning to marry on Dec. 18 at the First Baptist Church in Hale Center.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Hale Center High School. She attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is currently a student at Wayland Baptist University, studying early childhood education. She is employed at Armstrong McCall Beauty Supply in Plainview.

The prospective groom graduated from Plainview High School in 1993. He is currently engaged in farming and custom harvesting in the Kress area.

## Newlyweds establish their home in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bill Settle are home in Amarillo after enjoying a wedding trip to Hawaii.

The couple were married on Sept. 25 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the former Jo Hyman, daughter of Martha Jo Hyman and Harold Hyman, both of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Billy and Mike Settle of Tulia.

The church was decorated with an arch of honeysuckle, Spanish moss and fall leaves flanked with red gladioli, sunflower, larkspur and delphinium. The pews were decorated with iris, red roses, solid asters, baby breath and raisin-colored ribbon.

Pianist was Walter Maynard and organist was Ronda Wise. Soloists included Wayland and Elaine Hazel.

The bride wore a white Italian satin bridal gown designed by Eden Bridals of California. It featured a beaded bodice accented with embroidered floral cut-outs and a slightly scooped neckline. The sleeveless gown featured shoulder straps, an empire waistline and veed back. Solid pearls accented the neck, back and underarm areas of the gown. The A-line skirt with a brush train was accented with insets of beaded, embroidered floral cut-outs and it was fully lined.

Her bridal bouquet was accented with raisin ribbon.



MRS. WARNER BILL SETTLE  
...nee Jo Hyman

Matron of honor was Kelly Holmes of Hillsboro, friend of the bride. Bridesmaid was Leigh Durbin of Dimmitt, sister of the bride.

Best man was Billy Settle, father of the groom. Tuffy Woods of Canyon, friend of the groom, was the groomsman.

Ushers were Ty Kellar of Amarillo, cousin of the groom; and Max Davis of Canyon.

A reception honoring the couple was held at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Members of the house party were Billie Kirby, Dorothy Hopson, Connie Aguilar, Olivia Herrera, Norma Ramos and Carissa Herrera.

The bride holds a degree in accounting from Texas A&M University in College Station, and another in finance from West Texas

A&M University in Canyon. She is employed as a loan officer for McAfee Mortgage, a division of Plains National Bank.

The groom graduated from Silverton High School in 1981. He obtained his degree in agri-business from West Texas A&M University in 1981. He is employed as office manager for Southwest Feedyard/Cactus Feeders in Hereford.

## Goodman honored with bridal shower

Courtney Goodman, bride-elect of Scott Morris, was honored with a wedding shower Saturday, Oct. 9, at the home of Sara Hill.

Guests were served sausage balls, fruit muffins, fresh fall fruit with caramel dip, mock champagne and coffee.

The serving table was covered with an ecru lace tablecloth and was decorated with a festive fall country ensemble highlighted with fresh fall flowers and copper accents. Antique accessories, potpourri and birdhouses provided a warm, rustic look.

Special guests included Elsa Goodman of Blum, mother of the bride-to-be; Ann Williams of Canyon, sister of the prospective groom; Kay Neal of Quinlan, aunt of the prospective groom; and Neal's daughters-in-law, Katie Neal of Bovina and Heather Neal of Dimmitt.

## Centennial Pavilion tile sales continuing in Hart

The Centennial Pavilion Commission in Hart is selling engraved tiles to be placed around a proposed pavilion, which will be located east of the Hale County State Bank parking lot. The property had been donated to the city of Hart by the bank a few years ago.

Those who purchase a tile before the end of this year will get theirs for a discounted price of \$150. Those who elect to purchase a tile in January or February of 2000 will pay \$160. Those who wait until March or April 2000 to purchase a tile will be

charged \$170.

The granite tiles will be similar to those placed around the walkways at the Centennial Gazebo at the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt, according to Robbie Hawkins and Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain.

Hawkins, who is one of the organizers of the Hart project, also was one of the instigators of the Dimmitt project. He presented a proposed design for the Hart Centennial Pavilion to the Hart City Council at a recent meeting.

According to information obtained from *The Hart Beat*, the proposal includes a stage, and the tiles will be placed along the back and sides of the stage. A dressing room and restroom facilities also are included in the plans. The commission hopes to add a plaza area on the west end of the pavilion. Constructed largely of metal, the roof dimensions of the

facility will be 58' x 80' and the roof over the stage area will be raised.

Hawkins estimates construction costs would run somewhere around \$80,000. The Centennial Pavilion Commission plans to apply for grants to help fund the project. The commission hopes to have construction completed in time for Hart's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, which will be during the 2000 Hart Days celebration.

## Spook house planned at Naz carnival

A "bigger and spookier" spook house will be the featured attraction at this year's Halloween Carnival in Nazareth.

The carnival will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Sponsored each year by the Nazareth Swift Band, the carnival includes a spook house as well as a variety of games for kids of all ages. A cake walk, costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest also are planned this year.

A concession stand featuring many supper items as well as snacks and desserts will be open throughout the event.

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# Harvest Festival set at Lee Street Baptist

Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a Harvest Festival on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church building.

Children of all ages are invited to attend and participate in games, win prizes, and have refreshments. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents per child.

"We want to provide children with an alternative activity other than trick or treating," a church spokesperson said. "We want this celebration to have a scripture-centered theme."

Those attending are encouraged to wear costumes, depicting Bible characters, animals, and occupations.

"We especially ask that no one would come as witches, ghosts, goblins, or monsters," the spokesperson said.

Activities will include games, a cake walk, a costume contest, and refreshments.

Games will include pin the tail on Balaam's donkey, go fish with Jonah, throw Solomon's horse shoes, toss the ring on Abraham's tent stake, knock down Daniel's lions, and more.

Door prizes will be given and small prizes, including candy, will be given for game participants. A prize will be given for the best costume, too.

For more information, call 647-5474.



PEP RALLY ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE—The Dimmitt High School cheerleaders and Bobcat Band honor the Bobcat Varsity football team (left) at

a pep rally held in downtown Dimmitt Friday afternoon. Even the Bobcat mascot was on hand for the event.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Extension agents searching for 4-H swine projects now

Castro County Extension agents are on the lookout for good pigs that can be raised by 4-H'ers and which can be exhibited in livestock shows, but they need to know how many 4-H'ers need help in locating animals.

Those who would like help are asked to call the Extension office at 647-4115 as soon as possible.

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# Health fair termed a big success

The sixth annual Health Fair sponsored by the Castro County Hospital District on Oct. 12 was termed "a big success" by organizers of the event.

A final count showed that over 700 flu vaccines were given. Also, 184 blood draws were given, with one third of those being for PSA tests, which test for prostate cancer.

The representative for Advanced Imaging Systems performed 54 osteoporosis screenings. In addition, audiologist Nancy Innes said she had "a great turn out" for the hearing screenings she offered.

The CCHD Home Health and Hospice personnel were very busy taking blood pressure readings, and personnel from Welch Home Place screened a number of people for depression.

Information booths from Durable Medical Equipment and Rehab Therapy Services were available.

Other exhibitors included the Castro County Autoimmune Diseases Association, Child Protective Services, Harrington Cancer Center, the Castro County Extension Office, Dr. Morris Webb, optometrist, Castro County entomologist Johnna Patterson, and the local chapter of H.O.P.E.

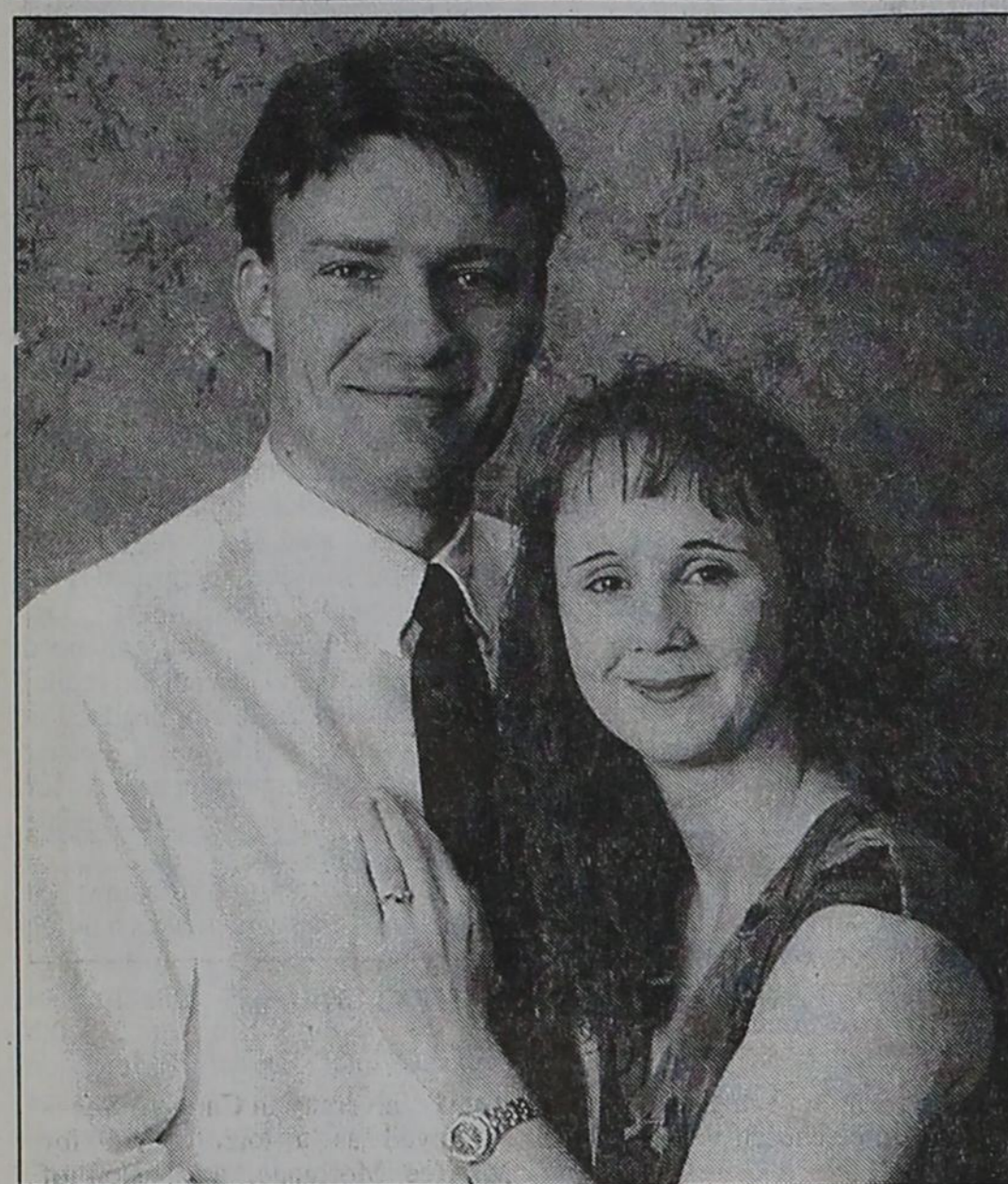
# Trike-a-thon raises \$1,500 for scholarship

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sold many raffle tickets on a quilt, which will be drawn for at the auxiliary bazaar and meal in November.

A group of children recently rode their tricycles a lot of miles and raised more than \$1,500 for the Trace Grand Scholarship Fund.

The first-ever Trace Grand Trike-A-Thon was held Sept. 29 at the First Baptist Church parking lot and 35 children participated in the fundraiser.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a Dimmitt High School senior who plans to major in education at West Texas A&M University.



MR. AND MRS. DUSTIN KARL FARMER  
... She's the former Jennifer Rose Hill

# Hill and Farmer exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Karl Farmer are home in Amarillo after their Sept. 25 wedding at J.A. Chapel in Canyon.

The Rev. Renay Rice officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the former Jennifer Rose Hill, daughter of Dennis and Benny Hill of Amarillo. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill Jr., of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey.

Parents of the groom are Dorothy and Ronald Farmer of Hale Center. His grandparents are Mildred Sowell and Flora M. Thompson.

Heather Voran served as matron of honor and bridesmaid was Cecilia Brantley.

Best man was Hugh Farmer. Warren Farmer was the groomsmen.

Flower girl was Berkeley Voran and Parker Meredith served as ring bearer.

A wedding reception was held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

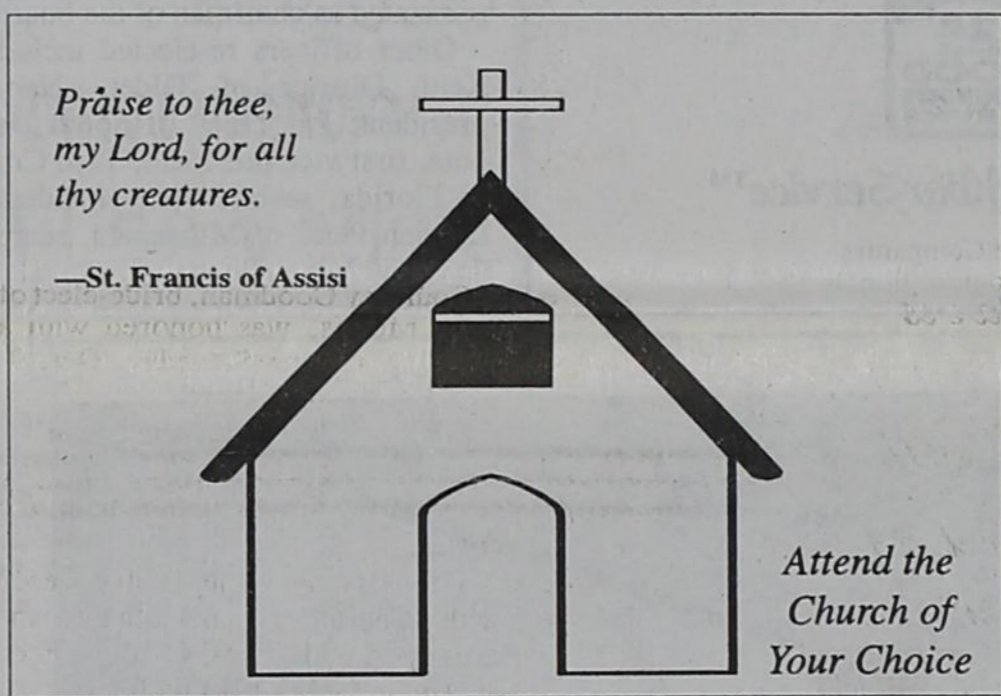
The bride graduated from Caprock High School and she attended West Texas A&M University.

The groom is a graduate of Tulia High School. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree, a master of arts degree and a master of fine arts degree from West Texas A&M University.

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## Correction

In last week's issue of the News, in a story about those who attended the Bluebonnet Girls State program this summer, an incorrect name was used in a sub-heading identifying the essay written by Julie Merritt. The News regrets the error.

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## DMS fourth graders get video series

The Castro County Farm Bureau has supplied video tapes and printed material on the regions of Texas to the fourth grade class in Dimmitt Middle School.

DMS Teacher Bonnie Stevenson requested the videos for her class.

The four video tape set provides a geographical tour of the Lone Star State. The regions covered include Mountains and Basins, the High Plains, Central Plains and Coastal Plains.

If any other teacher in Castro County would like to have a copy of these videos and materials for their classroom, contact Farm Bureau at 647-5106. These are provided free of charge to teachers.



# Boll weevil eradication program is successful

The old saying that Texas can boast it has the biggest and best of nearly everything still holds true today, especially when it comes to the Texas boll weevil eradication program.

The battle with the boll weevil in Texas is the largest cotton insect management project on record anywhere in the world. In Texas alone, there are more than 3.9 million acres of cotton and 20,237 growers and landowners involved in the eradication program.

"The Texas program represents the largest boll weevil eradication campaign in the history of the United States," said Program Director Osama El-Lissy, who previously worked on eradication programs in the now weevil-free states of Arizona and California. "In Texas alone, there are more cotton acres under eradication than the combined acreage of all other states currently involved in boll weevil eradication.

There are currently eight active boll weevil eradication zones in the state, three of which have been involved in the program for more than one season. The remaining five zones, including the Northwestern High Plains Zone of which Castro County is a part, became active with the diapause phase of the program this past summer.

The diapause phase begins in the late season and targets boll weevils as they are building up body fat in preparation for their long winter sleep phase. This aspect of the program will reduce weevil populations by approximately 90% before weevils are able to begin their hibernation stage.

The diapause phase of the program was implemented in late August on approximately 2.5 million cotton acres in the Northwest Plains, Western High Plains, Permian Basin, El Paso/Trans Pecos and Northern Rolling Plains Zones. This is in addition to the 1.4 million acres in the Rolling Plains Central, South Texas/Winter Garden and the Southern Rolling Plains Zones, which began their respective eradication programs several years ago.

In the Northwest Plains Zone, all cotton fields located in Lamb and Bailey Counties, situated in the southern part of the zone, receive weekly applications. Fields located in Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties in the northern part of the zone are treated weekly at the early open boll stage criteria, only if weevils were found in the pheromone traps placed around each field.

The trapping density in Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties was established at one trap per 10 acres. Trapping densities for Lamb and Bailey Counties were established at one trap per 40 acres. This distinction was made because of the difference in levels of boll weevil infestations between the northern and southern counties in the zone.

"Boll weevil eradication has already helped growers in eight states where they are growing cotton without weevils. Texas and six other states are currently involved in eradication activities and soon will join the rest of the US that has benefited from eradication," El-Lissy said.

The decline in weevils means increased yields for growers in the three active eradication zones in Texas.

"Before Hurricane Bret hit, we had expectations of a county-side average of over a thousand pounds of lint per acre on dryland cotton in Nueces County for the first time in history," said South Texas/Winter Garden Eradication Zone Grower Jimmy Dodson. "I would say 15 to 20% of that yield is directly attributed to the boll weevil eradication program and the way it has worked to help us benefit from more fruiting positions on the plant."

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone, the first zone to begin a program, have seen dramatic reductions of boll weevils in their operations.

"By next spring, I expect the chances of winning the Texas Lottery could be greater than finding a boll weevil in our cotton fields," said Eola grower Kenneth Gully. "I feel the boll weevil program is a

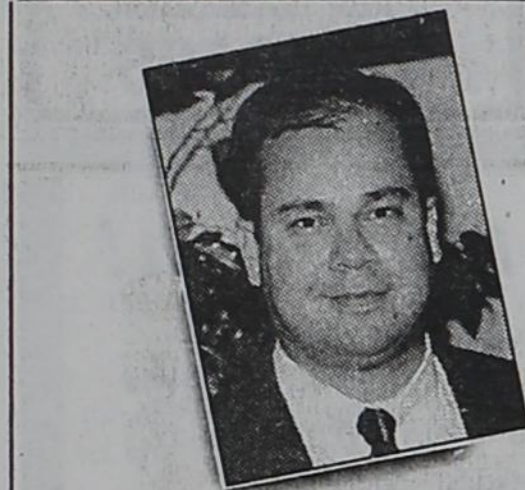
better investment than crop insurance itself. It has greatly reduced our cost of production in this competitive world market. This area was one of the worst infested regions of the state and now we are close to being recognized as the first weevil-free cotton growing area in Texas."

"We're not too far behind the Southern Rolling Plains Zone," said Jones County grower Ronnie Riddle, who farms in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone. "I'll be the first to admit that I was skeptical about eradication when I first hear about it. After what I've seen here on my own farm and in talking to my neighbors, I have no doubt about the benefits and success of the program. I just wish we would have done this sooner."

"Regions where boll weevils have been eradicated have realized a 40 to 80% reduction in insecticide use on cotton," said Texas Agriculture Extension Service Integrated Pest Management Coordinator Dr. Thomas W. Fuchs. "This enhanced insect control and insecticide reduction translates to lower production costs, greater yields and a cleaner environment—important aspects for a viable and socially responsible cotton industry."

"This is certainly terrific news for anyone in Texas who makes a living involving any aspect of cotton production," said Rick Koucurek of Nueces County in the South Texas/Winter Garden Eradication Zone. "Boll weevil eradication takes away the uncertainty of my insecticide costs for boll weevil control."

Successful boll weevil eradication has already occurred in Arizona, Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Tennessee are currently implementing boll weevil eradication efforts.



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**NEW MANAGER** of the Bealls store in Dimmitt is Ruthie Thomas, who has been with the corporation for a year, most recently as assistant manager of the Bealls store at I-40 and Bell in Amarillo. She succeeds Teresa Perez, who has been named manager of another Bealls store in Amarillo. Thomas has lived in Dimmitt most of her life. Before joining Bealls, she was a computer lab supervisor in Dimmitt Middle School. She and her husband, Bill, have raised four children here. Photo by Don Nelson

## King remains ACGA chair

The American Corn Growers Association recently elected new officers and Carl King of Dimmitt was reinstated as chairman of the board.

Other officers re-elected include Keith Dittich of Tilden, Neb., president; Pat Tracy of South Dakota, first vice president; Tom Curl of Florida, second vice president; Lynden Peter of Minnesota, secretary; and Mike Alberts of Nebraska, treasurer.

## NCE reports third quarter earnings

New Century Energies reported Friday that the company's net income for the third quarter ending Sept. 30 was at \$97.9 million, or 85¢ per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$812.9 million.

For the same period in 1998, NCE reported net income of \$90.8 million, or 83¢ per share (basic and diluted) on revenues of \$872.9 million.

The increase in third quarter earnings, compared to the same period in 1998, is primarily attributable to higher retail electricity and natural gas sales as a result of continuing customer growth in Colorado. Additionally, lower operating and maintenance expenses in NCE's regulated businesses due to on-going cost containment efforts served to positively impact the current quarter earnings.

The financial results of NCE's non-regulated subsidiaries improved from the comparable quarter last year; however, the earnings of Yorkshire Electricity in the United Kingdom continue to be impacted by the evolving competitive environment in the UK. Even though Yorkshire's quarterly contribution is less than last year's third quarter, NCE expects recovery of these earnings by year-end 1999.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30, NCE reported net income of \$248.5 million, or \$2.16 per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$2.5 billion. For the same period in 1998 net income was \$233.5 million or \$2.10 per share (basic and diluted) on revenues of \$2.6 billion.

Net income for the 12 months ended Sept. 30, 1999, was \$356.9 million, or \$3.12 per share (\$3.11 diluted), on revenues of \$3.4 billion. This compared with net income of \$319.5 million, or \$2.90 per share (basic and diluted) on revenues of \$3.5 billion for the same 12-month period a year ago.

## 4-H entomology judges are needed

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**Rising above the entrepreneurial plateaus**

By DON TAYLOR

(Last of a two-part series)



Don Taylor

Last week I discussed how small-business owners often hit no-growth, flat spots in their businesses. They max out production capacity, find an unexplainable ceiling on sales levels or hit the limit on personal performance.

We call these flat spot entrepreneurial plateaus. Every business owner experiences them, but some are able to move upward and upward.

In Part One, we showed you how to climb above the profit plateau. This week we'll explore climbing to new heights above people and performance plateaus.

**The people plateau**

Your business will never outgrow the quality of the people who work there. You'll never rise above the level you're on if you don't have good people to execute the details.

Here are some ways to find, hire, grow and keep good people. You can use these to take your business to a higher plateau of service.

First, you must create a place where people want to work. Today's employees are looking for interesting jobs where they can use their skills and education. They want to make decisions, help solve problems and feel valued for their accomplishments. They desire room to grow and advance, and fair wages and benefits.

Second, know what kind of person and skills you need. Create a job description that spells out the duties, functions and requirements of the job. Then write down what skills, abilities and education are required to do the job well.

Third, find the right person. It's easier to find a match if you know what you're looking for. Take your time during this stage. Don't let a sense of urgency rush you into accepting less than you need.

Fourth, be thorough. Check references carefully. Go beyond the references given. Interview the most qualified candidates more than once. Let the candidates do most of the talking.

Fifth, grow skills to grow results. Training will help your employees take your business to a higher plateau. Train to improve basic job functions, product knowledge, communication skills, customer care and selling skills.

**The performance plateau**

I've read many books on improving personal performance. I know the seven habits, the seeds of greatness, how to swim with sharks, how to sell my way to the top and how to get what I want through negotiation. I know it's easier to succeed than to fail, that timing is everything and that there is chicken soup for every problem. I've learned the success system that never fails, the law of increasing returns and what they don't tell you at Harvard.

I've also learned that none of these books will get me out of bed in the morning. Many authors offer good advice and proven systems for improving performance, but none of these systems will work if I choose not to work the system. I must choose to change.

So, how do you get to the next higher performance plateau? Three easy steps. Well, okay, three really hard steps.

**Step One: Know where you are.** You must see the plateau. You must be sick of sitting on this level. Only when you're entirely fed up with being where you are will you be motivated to move on to a higher level.

**Step Two: You must want to reach a new height.** Climbing to a new level will require change. It will require extra effort. It will take commitment. You have to want it badly enough to pay the price.

**Step Three: You must have a plan.** Put your goals in writing. Make them clear, specific and measurable. Break your long-term goals into short-term steps. Focus on achieving one step forward today.

Happy climbing. I'll see you at the top.

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.

**Cotton yields promising despite bad weather**

South Plains cotton producers have endured roller coaster weather during the 1999 growing season, but yield and quality results from limited early harvest are promising.

Growers are now busy defoliating their crop for harvest. Some have already harvested fields which have reached full maturity—especially dryland corners around center pivot irrigation systems. The majority of the region's estimated 2.7 million-bale crop remains in the field; however, susceptible to meteorological swings that characterized the entire growing season.

"This year's early-season good news was ample rainfall. Even so, the weather that brought us rain also brought several hail events and temperature variations that affect our crop's heat unit accumulation, maturity and lint yield and quality" said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist. "In April, our growers were optimistic about making a good crop this year, especially a dryland crop, because we were three inches above normal rainfall. Our moisture situation was good."

A cool first week in May gave way to warmer, open weather that enabled most producers to get their crop planted on time. Hail swept across a large area of the South Plains the week of Memorial Day, damaging about 200,000 acres of the newly-planted crop.

"Producers successfully replanted most of that acreage, and we were well into an early June warming trend when a second hail occurred. That storm affected almost 800,000 acres, and wiped out about 550,000 to 600,000 of our three-million-plus total acres," Boman said. "The next blow was cool, cloudy weather after the storm that sent many plants into shock."

"The cool, damp weather caused a lot of environmental damage. Affected plants showed a lot of leaf stripping and tissue damage. Some fields simply didn't grow out of it. Some producers had to swing all or

part of their damaged or destroyed acres into grain sorghum, guar, soybeans, sunflowers and hay grazer because it was too late to replant cotton."

July temperatures rebounded to aid crop growth, but a combination of hot weather and scant rainfall began to stress the crop. At the same time, various plant bugs (Lygus bugs, fleahoppers and Western tarnished plant bugs) began to appear. Large populations of these insects, supported by ample alternative plant hosts, caused a fruit retention problem in some fields.

Meanwhile, growers began irrigating their cotton in earnest. "Hot August temperatures and lack of rainfall reduced our early-season optimism for the dryland crop," Boman said. "A lot of dryland fields began to show signs of moisture stress. Some areas received timely rains; however, which helped much of the replanted cotton. Warm temperatures in early September were a tremendous boon for fiber maturation, but some of the dryland crop started to cut out early due to moisture stress."

"Rainfall brought a cooling trend in mid-September that really slowed the crop's heat unit accumulation. The rain was too late to help our dryland yield prospects, and it encouraged vegetative growth at a time when plants should be shutting down growth and using energy for boll (lint) maturity," Boman said.

Renewed growth from late-September rains will reduce the effectiveness and increase the cost of harvest-aid chemicals used to defoliate the crop for harvest. Late growth also provides a good home and a full plate for late-season pests such as boll weevils and aphids.

Because of low market prices, many producers may look at using low-cost defoliants or they may simply forego harvest-aid chemicals and rely on a killing freeze to terminate their crop. The first fall freeze typically occurs in late October or early November.

One bright spot in the 1999 cotton season was the start of boll weevil eradication efforts in three of five eradication zones on the High Plains. Funded by state monies and producer assessments, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's spraying program is perhaps the largest pest eradication effort ever undertaken in US agriculture, Boman said.

"It will undoubtedly be a boon for producers and the Texas cotton industry," Boman said. "Wiping out the most economically destructive pest we have will pay dividends for years to come."

Even so, the outcome of this year's South Plains cotton season won't be fully known until the last bale is ginned. Producers still need warm, open weather with little wind to bring in their three million-plus acres of upland cotton in coming weeks.

Reports from limited early harvest indicate the crop may live up to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) latest yield projections of 435 pounds per acre south of Lubbock and 571 pounds per acre north of Lubbock—a hopeful note for producers as they wind down another turbulent growing season.

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**ACGA plans convention for February in Las Vegas**

The eighth annual convention of the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will be held Feb. 3-6, 2000, at the Circus Circus Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Theme for this year's convention is "Gambling With Our Future—An Open and Honest Discussion of Domestic Farm and Trade Policy."

Panels will include discussions on how to scrap Freedom to Farm and write a new farm program, the questions surrounding genetically-modified crops, the future of ethanol and ETBE and effects of NAFTA and GATT on production agriculture.

As part of the convention registration fee, two big nights of Las Vegas-style entertainment will be featured on Friday and Saturday, as well as an opening reception on Thursday night at the famed Circus Circus Adventuredome, a closing reception on Saturday night and the

awards banquet on Saturday afternoon.

Due to the depression in the farm economy, the board of directors of the ACGA have made the registration fee voluntary. Don't let the registration fee keep you away from the fellowship and interaction with fellow corn growers from across the country.

The ACGA convention will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees.

For more information on the convention, call the ACGA office at 202-835-0330 or check out the ACGA web site at [www.acga.org](http://www.acga.org).

**County residents included on Unclaimed Property List**

Several Castro County residents are included in the Texas Comptroller's latest Unclaimed Property List, which was released Sunday.

Those who appear on the list should call 1-800-654-3463 to inquire about unclaimed money, or they can use the comptroller's *Window on State Government* Internet web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) to search for their names and begin the claims process electronically.

The state is holding more than \$700 million that has been forgotten by its owners. The money comes from dormant bank accounts, abandoned safety deposit boxes, uncashed checks, uncollected wages and other sources.

The Unclaimed Property publication contains only the names of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year, and only the names of people who have at least \$100 coming to them.

Here's a list of those county residents mentioned on the list.

- From Dimmitt:** Ismael Barrera, Carroll Burnam, Four J Cattle Co., Bill Glidewell, Golden Bros., Ben Holcomb, Lamantia, Collum & Collier, Jack Mitchell, Donald Moke, David Musick, Justin Nelson, Karen Newman and Rene Villegas.
- From Hart:** Bennett Cattle Co., Steven Brantley, William Bryant, Dixie Peterson, Mack Steffey and Stone's Motor Service.
- From Nazareth:** IS Huseman, Cleo Tatum Kilgore and Bernard Wethington.
- From Summerfield:** Panhandle Dairy.

**4-H Food Show will be Nov. 6**

The Castro County 4-H Food Show will be held on Nov. 6, and all youngsters planning on having a project in the show can take advantage of several workshops to help them with their projects.

Food programs will be held at the Extension Office in Dimmitt on Nov. 1 and Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. each day.

The 4-H Food Show will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 6, and the Extension Service will announce the site at a later date.

Some of the county's individual 4-H Clubs also will be conducting food workshops of their own.

Those interested in a food project should call or stop by the Extension office and visit with County Agent Marilyn Neal. She will furnish guidelines, rules and study sheets and will answer any questions.

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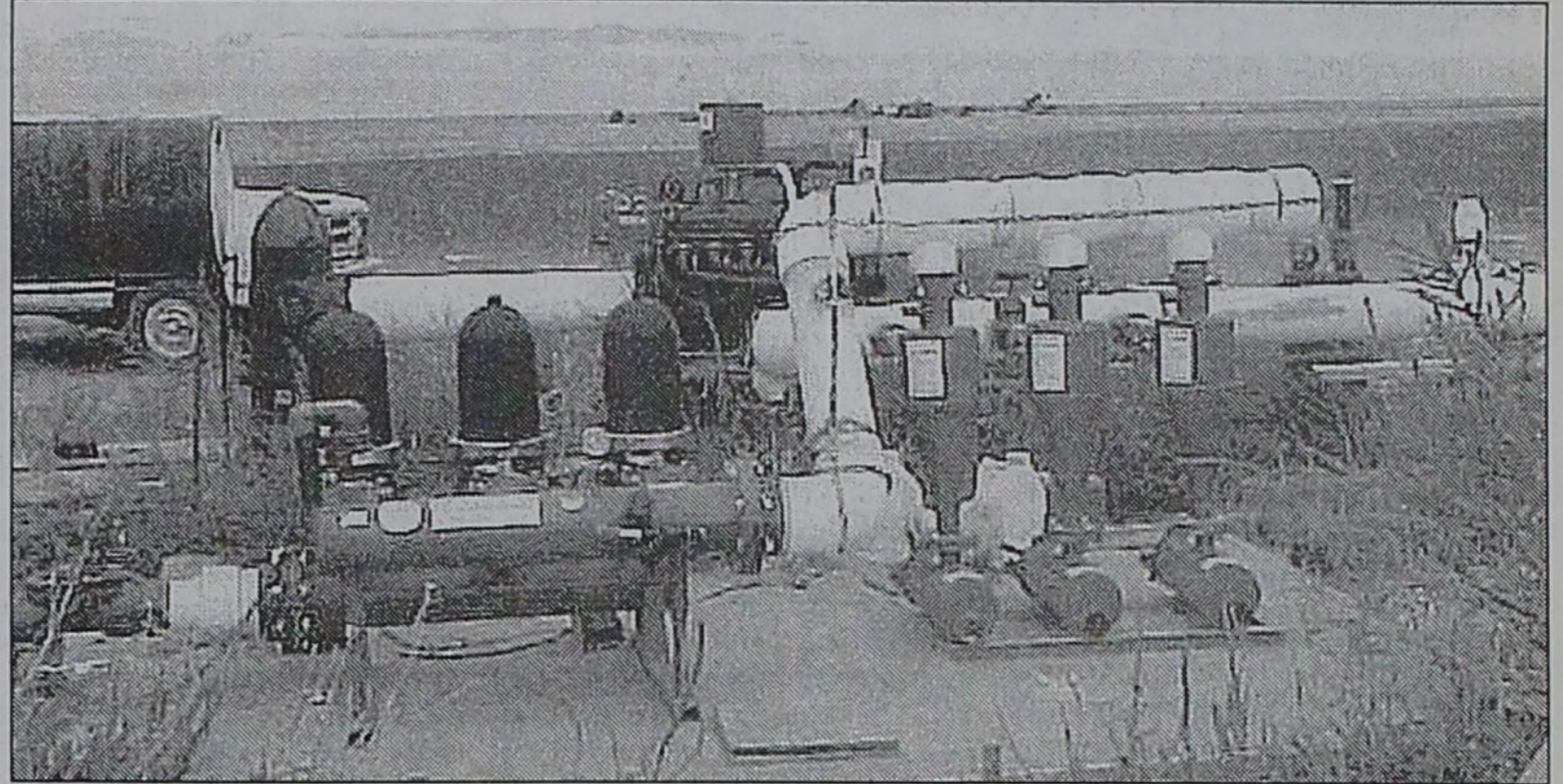
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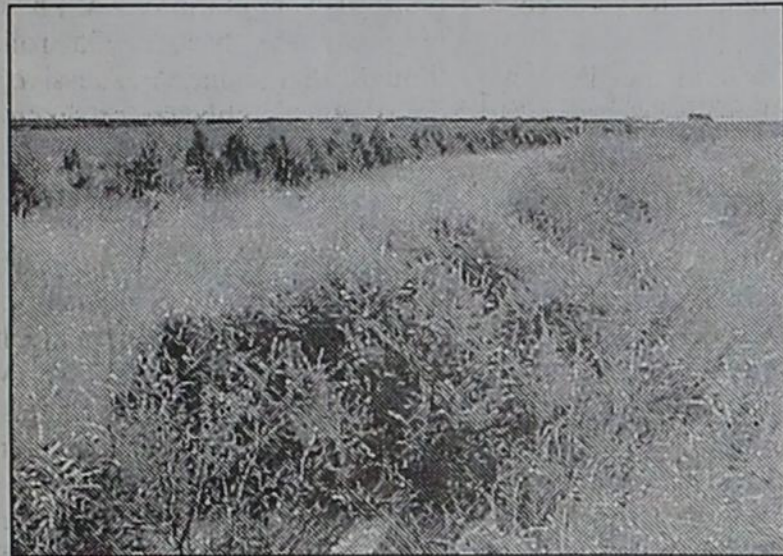
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The directors of the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District recently held an election for a director for Zone 3. Richard Hunter was reelected. The current Directors are (pictured left to right) Richard Hunter, Bob Phipps, Robert Birkenfeld, Louis Huseman. (Not pictured, Director David Horn.)

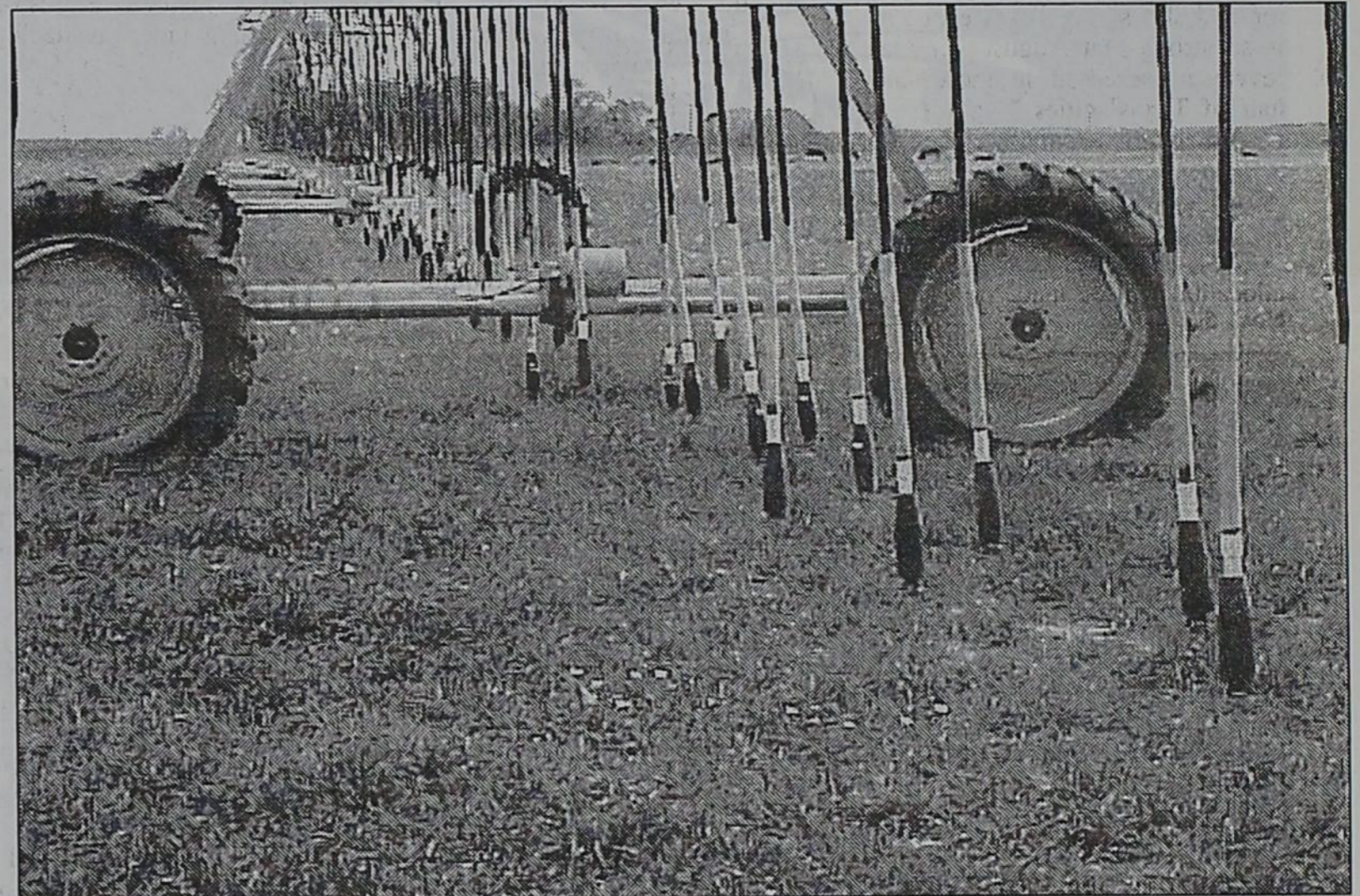
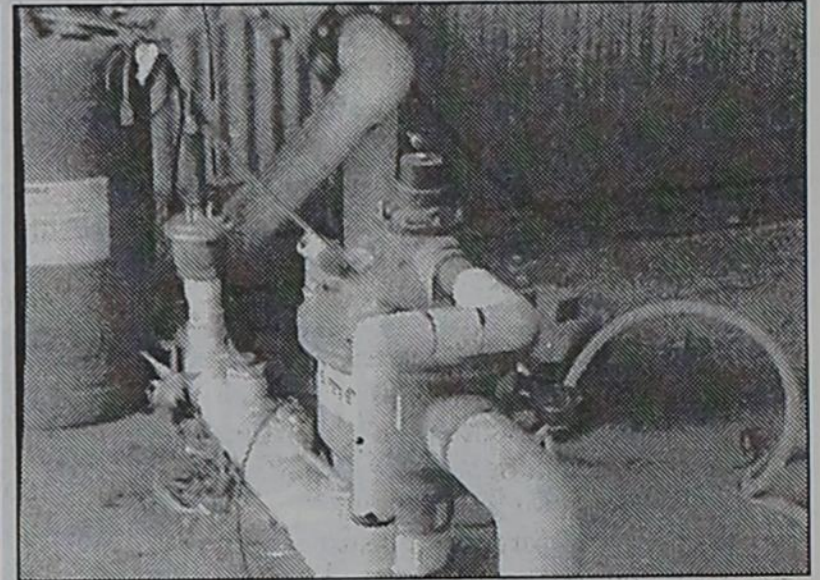
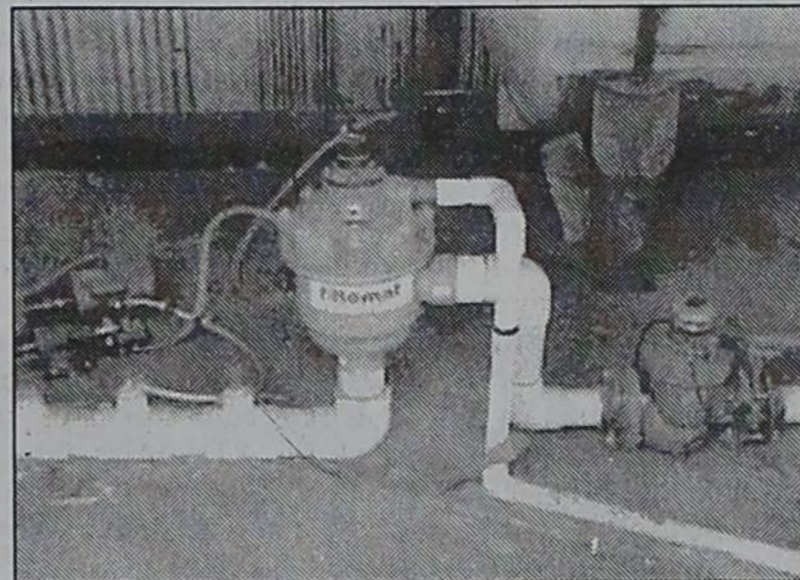


The Running Water SWCD has assisted 93 producers in developing a water quality plan. Doug Higgins and Jerry Miller both have developed water quality plans which scheduled the installation of a trickle irrigation system. Both producers have installed their systems and both are pleased with the results. Producers with water quality plans have installed conservation practices such as waterways, diversions, irrigation pipelines, pivot conversions, and cross fencing.



This past year the Running Water SWCD had a good year in selling windbreak trees. The windbreak pictured consists of two rows of evergreens and one row of shrubs. The evergreens are Junipers and the shrubs are Fourwing Saltbush. All of these were planted as seedlings and also utilized the weed barrier material. The District will start taking orders for windbreak trees in November.

In 1999, the District assisted the NRCS with grass seeding on CRP on 194 contracts on an estimated 36,550 acres. Most of this grass has developed into a good stand of grass. On the 165 contracts on the 39,501 acres seeded in 1998, only about 40% of these has an acceptable grass cover. The other 60% will be reseeded this spring. Also, on October 1, 132 contracts on 21,357 acres has gone into effect. These will also be seeded to grass in the spring of 2000.



The District has assisted the local NRCS office with the EQIP Program. The Dimmitt Field Office presently has 78 contracts approved on 28,706 acres. One practice presently being cost shared is the conversion of center pivots to LPIC (low pressure in canopy) such as the one in the picture. Other practices include irrigation pipelines and seeding corners to grass.

### Balance Sheet

August 31, 1999

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

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Total Current Assets.....	26,063.05

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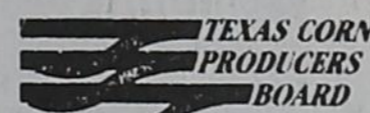


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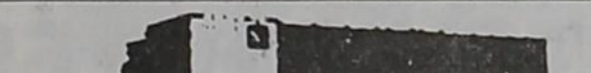


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# Sports



## Hornets put Cats in hole with 28-14 win

By DON NELSON

Tulia's Hornets stayed in the thick of the District 1-AAA race and pushed the Bobcats into a hole with a 28-14 victory here Friday night.

The loss left the Bobcats with a 2-5 record, 0-2 in district play, while the Hornets improved to 3-4, 1-1.

The Bobcats took a 7-0 lead early, but then the visiting Hornets scored 28 unanswered points, with a touchdown in every quarter.

Tulia's offense scored on drives of 53, 55 and 75 yards, then the Hornet defense turned a sack and fumble into a fourth-quarter TD to put the game out of reach, 28-7, before the Bobcats scored the final touchdown.

The Hornets, favored by seven, "played the best they've played this year," according to Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats had three forays deep into Tulia territory halted by turnovers—two interceptions and a fumble.

"We just had too many turnovers," Dollar said. "When you get the opportunities, you have to take them."

He added, "We're having a hard time having any consistency because we've got so many kids hurt. We're having to move kids around to new positions. We had to do that at half-

time Friday night because Armando Castaneda got hurt and he didn't play any the second half."

Castaneda, the left tackle on offense and left end on defense, is one of 13 two-way starters on the Bobcat squad.

Jonathan Stevens blocked Tulia's first punt to give the Bobcats a prime opportunity at the Hornets' 23-yard line.

But on Dimmitt's first play, Tulia's Chris Gibson picked off a pass by Justin Sutton to kill the threat.

The Bobcat defense pushed the Hornets back to the 7, though, and took over again at the Tulia 42 after Chris Chavez's second punt.

The Bobcats ate up those 42 yards in just three plays—aided by a pair of Tulia penalties—with Anthony Oliviero racing the final 17 yards on a right sweep for the game's first TD. Tanner Griffitt's kick made it 7-0 with 3:59 left in the first.

Tulia retaliated just seven plays later when quarterback Jordan Hacker hit Chris Gibson with a six-yard toss to the 15 and the senior end shook off his defender and raced in for the Hornets' first score. Aurilio Chavez booted the extra point to make it a 7-7 game with 1:24 still left in the opening period.

Late in the second quarter, Hacker

kept the ball on an option-right play, cut over tackle and went 10 yards untouched for Tulia's go-ahead touchdown.

The Bobcats came oh-so-close to scoring again in the waning seconds of the half while they were camped on the Tulia 25. With 14 seconds left, Daniel Flores barely missed snaring a Sutton pass in the end zone, and on the next play he caught a pass from Hill for an apparent TD at the buzzer, but the refs ruled that the scrambling Hill was past the line of scrimmage when he threw it.

The Hornets took control on their first possession of the second half with a 75-yard scoring drive that put them ahead, 21-7.

The drive featured one of the game's craziest plays—a pass by Hacker that ricocheted off the hands of the intended receiver, only to be snared by Chris Chavez for a 24-yard gain.

Four plays later, Chavez gathered in another Hacker pass at the Dimmitt 8, shook off two tacklers and muscled his way into the end zone for the TD. The scoring play covered 23 yards.

The Hornets' defense accounted for the final Tulia TD against the tiring Bobcats.

After Chavez punted the ball out of



**DEADLY COMBO**—With James Jackson (50) and Armando Castaneda leading the way, Dimmitt tailback Justin Sutton (21) races to the left on the Bobcats' bread-and-butter quick-pitch play in the second quarter of their District 1-AAA game against Tulia here Friday night. The Hornet defenders thought they

had Sutton cornered for no gain, but the elusive senior followed his blocks, turned the corner and broke loose for 16 yards on this run. Sutton turned in another super running game, carrying 22 times for 145 yards. However, the visiting Hornets won the game, 28-14.

Photo by Carter Townsend

bounds at the Dimmitt 15, the Hornets caught Sutton for a four-yard loss to end the third quarter, then stopped Oliviero at the 12 on the first play of the fourth.

On third down, the charging Tulia line chased Hill back to the 3 and knocked him loose from the ball. Senior lineman Matt Thompson picked up the ball and stepped into the end zone to give the Hornets a three-touchdown advantage.

Sutton brought the crowd to its feet when he almost broke the ensuing kickoff all the way. Taking the ball at the Dimmitt 12, the speedy senior back went cross-field through the entire Tulia team before finally being dragged down at the Hornets' 28.

From there, the Bobcats scored in four plays. Hill found Sanders again on a 15-yard touchdown pass and Griffitt added the kick to close the gap to 28-14.

The Bobcats drove deep twice more, only to lose the ball on turnovers.

After knocking Hacker loose from the ball at the Dimmitt 21, the Bobcats drove 70 yards in 11 plays to a first-and-goal at the Tulia 9—only to see Sutton (who had recovered Hacker's fumble) stripped from the ball as he charged over left guard with 3:27 remaining.

The Bobcats forced the Hornets to punt, and took over at the Tulia 40. Sutton immediately reeled off a 30-yard run and a Tulia tackler drew a face-mask penalty on the play to put the ball on the Hornets' 14. But two plays later, Brent Burrow intercepted Hill's final pass to kill the drive.

"Tulia had a good game plan and they played well," Coach Dollar said.

"They've got some players back that they haven't had. They got (fullback) Aaron Scarborough back, and he made quite a bit of difference for them, especially with his blocking on the outside.

"We had some kids who hadn't played before who had to step in, and played well," the coach added. "Matthew Sandoval played tight end, and he played really well. Jonathan Stevens (who has played middle linebacker the last two games) played pretty good Friday night, too."

He added, "They didn't pull any surprises on us. We had too many turnovers."

### Game at a Glance

Tulia	7	7	7	7-28
Dimmitt	7	0	0	7-14

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First Downs	16	15
Rushes-Yards	41-205	41-156
Passing Yards	40	109
Total Yards	245	265
Passes Comp/Att	4/14	6/11
Interceptions By	0	2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-1
Punts-Avg.	3-35.3	4-33.3
Penalties-Yards	5-25	9-73

### SCORING SUMMARY

**First Quarter:**  
D—Anthony Oliviero 17 run (Tanner Griffitt kick), 3:59  
T—Chris Gibson 21 pass from Jordan Hacker (Aurilio Chavez kick), 1:24  
**Second Quarter:**  
T—Hacker 10 run (A. Chavez kick), 2:57  
**Third Quarter:**  
T—Chris Chavez 23 pass from Hacker (A. Chavez kick), 4:59  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
T—Matt Thompson 3 fumble return (A. Chavez kick), 11:15  
D—Keevin Sanders 15 pass from B. J. Hill (Griffitt kick), 9:05

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 22-145, Anthony Oliviero 10-56, B. J. Hill 7-(-12), Fred Traylor 2-7, Daniel Flores 1-9. TULIA: T. J. Olivarez 11-50, Aaron Scarborough 9-50, Chris Chavez 4-30, Jordan Hacker 15-18, Aurilio Chavez 2-8.  
**Passing**—DIMMITT: Hill 4/12-1-40; Sutton 0/2-1-0. TULIA: Hacker 6/11-0-109.  
**Receiving**—DIMMITT: Keevin Sanders 3-42. TULIA: Chris Gibson 3-42, Chris Chavez 2-47, Blake Singer 1-20.  
**Leading Tacklers**—DIMMITT: Sutton 10, Jonathan Stevens 6.  
**Tackles Behind Line**—DIMMITT: Sanders 1, Oliviero 1.  
**Interceptions**—TULIA: Chris Gibson 1, Brent Burrow 1.  
**Fumble Recoveries**—DIMMITT: Sutton 1. TULIA: Matt Thompson 1.  
**Fumbles Caused**—DIMMITT: Michael Penny 1, James Jackson 1.  
**Blocked Kicks**—DIMMITT: Stevens 1.  
**Passes Knocked Down**: DIMMITT: Sutton 1.  
**Records**: Dimmitt 2-5, 0-2; Tulia 3-4, 1-1.

## Craft show planned in Hereford

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## Bobbies are runners-up in Friona race

The Dimmitt Bobbies placed four runners among the top 20 Saturday and that was enough to boost them into a second-place team finish at the Tribal Trails Cross Country

Meet at Friona. Leading the Bobbies with a fourth-place finish Saturday was Cheree Norman, who posted a time of 14:10.

The Bobbies also received strong finishes by Priscilla Rodriguez, eighth, 14:30; Carol Summers, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14:35; and Stephanie Flores, 19<sup>th</sup>, 14:53. Rounding out the varsity squad were Kelsey Welch, who finished 28<sup>th</sup> with a time of 15:15; Jenna Steinle, who placed 29<sup>th</sup> with a time of 15:16; and Morgan Hazel, who was 34<sup>th</sup> in 15:47.

Dimmitt finished with 60 team points, second only to Muleshoe, which won the team title with 46 points. Farwell was third with 63 and Happy was fourth with 97.

Dimmitt's Ivan Flores and Randy Porter were among the best runners in the varsity boys' race, with Flores placing ninth in 19:10 and Porter coming in 13<sup>th</sup> in 20:45. Manuel Jaramillo also ran in the race, finishing with a time of 23:30.

The junior varsity girls also competed and their respective places and times are as follows: Maria Chavez, 18<sup>th</sup>, 15:20; Marissa Fuentes, 30<sup>th</sup>, 16:13; Sally Stahl,

34<sup>th</sup>, 16:20; Heather Black, 46<sup>th</sup>, 16:48; Sadra Daniels, 51<sup>st</sup>, 16:58; Lyndee Behrends, 56<sup>th</sup>, 17:02; and Lori Schulte, 57<sup>th</sup>, 17:02.

## Here's how our opponents fared

Here's how Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth opponents fared in the seventh week of the prep football season.

### Dimmitt opponents

Sundown (5-2) beat Farwell, 12-0  
Brownfield (2-5) lost to Colorado City, 16-14  
Lamesa (6-1) beat Denver City, 34-0  
Friona (6-1) beat Lubbock Roosevelt, 44-0  
Perryton (4-3) beat River Road (3-4), 27-20  
Dalhart (3-4) beat Sanford-Fritch (6-1), 17-14  
Muleshoe (5-2) beat Shallowater, 31-7

### Nazareth opponents

LCMS (0-6) lost to SW Christian, 35-0  
Valley (5-2) beat Lorenzo, 32-27  
Farwell (5-2) lost to Sundown, 12-0  
Whiteface (1-6) lost to O'Donnell, 20-0  
Claude (3-3) lost to Wheeler, 29-14  
Springlake-Earth (5-2) beat Vega (4-3), 28-0  
Happy (3-4) beat Kress (2-5), 20-14

### Hart opponents

Smyer (0-7) lost to Ropes, 28-13  
Valley (5-2) beat Lorenzo, 32-27  
Bovina (6-1) beat Olton (4-3), 35-21  
Morton (5-2) lost to Hale Center, 14-13  
Springlake-Earth (5-2) beat Vega (4-3), 28-0  
Happy (3-4) beat Kress (2-5), 20-14



**TOUCHDOWN!**—Led by James Jackson (50) and Armando Castaneda (60), Dimmitt fullback Anthony Oltivero (11) begins a right sweep that resulted in a 17-yard touchdown in the first quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game here against Tulia.

Oltivero's TD came with 3:59 remaining in the first period and enabled the Bobcats to take a 7-0 lead. However, the Hornets struck back and scored a 28-14 win. Oltivero gained 56 yards in 10 carries—more than any Tulia back. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

## Hornets sting JV Cats, 34-6

The Tulia Hornet junior varsity stung the Dimmitt Bobcats for 34 points last Thursday, rolling to a 34-6 win.

The bright spot for the Bobcats was their passing game. Quarterback Brent Josselet completed two passes to Matthew Wright, one for eight yards and one for 45; and Jeremy Furr hauled in an 11-yard pass from Josselet.

"Our offensive line played well and Raul Oltiveros ran the ball well," said Dimmitt Coach Anthony Howerton. "We didn't play good on defense, but Lee Brown had a great interception."

"Tulia did a great job. We will play them much harder at home on Nov. 4."

With the loss, Dimmitt dropped to 0-7 on the year.

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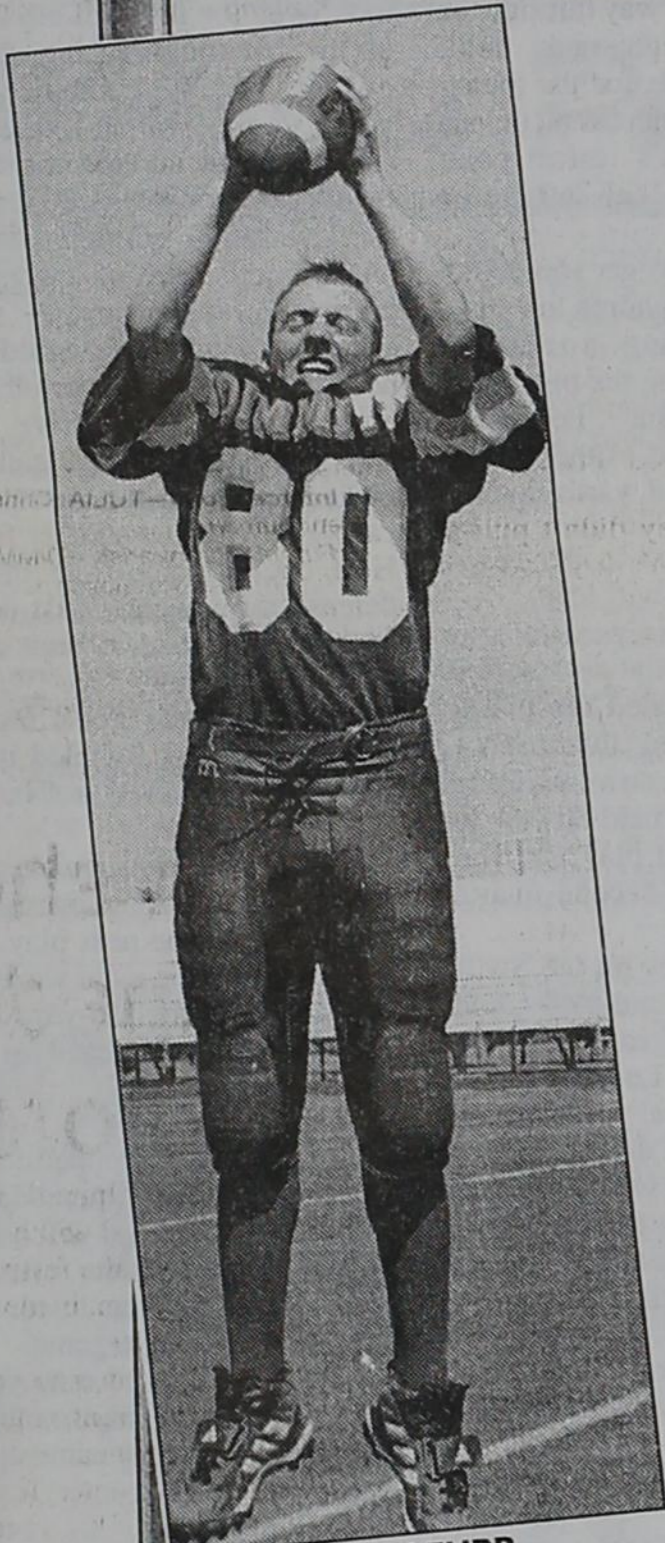
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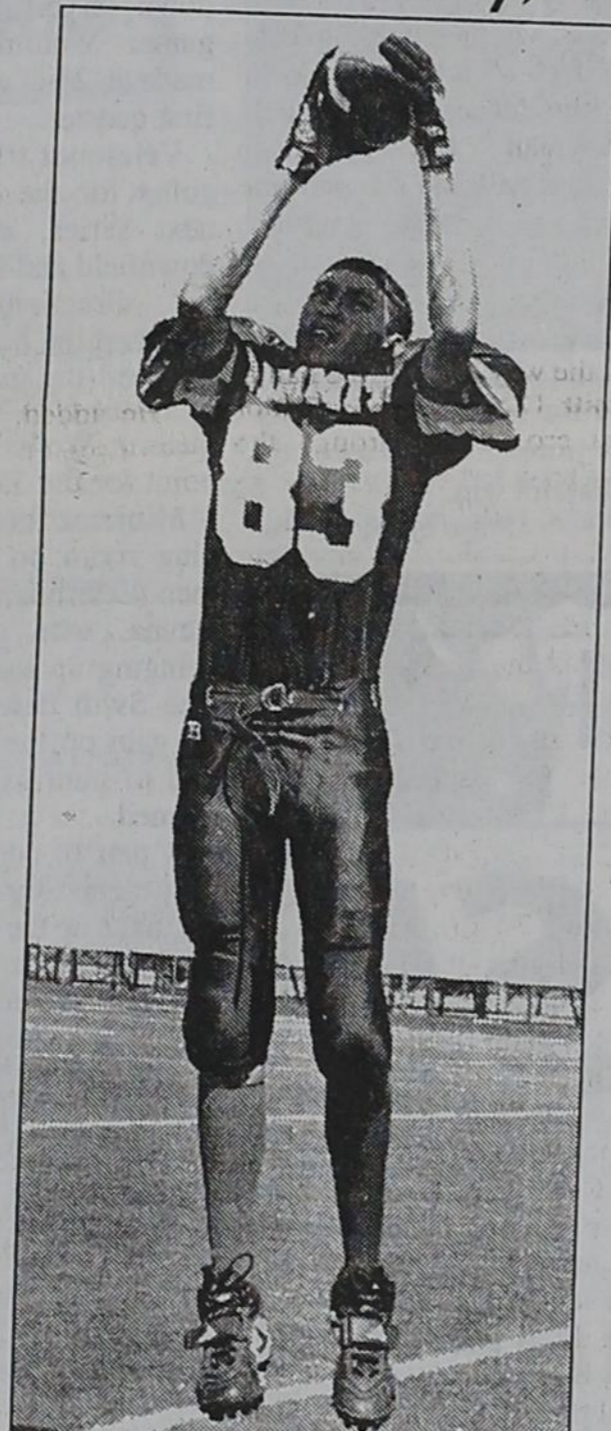
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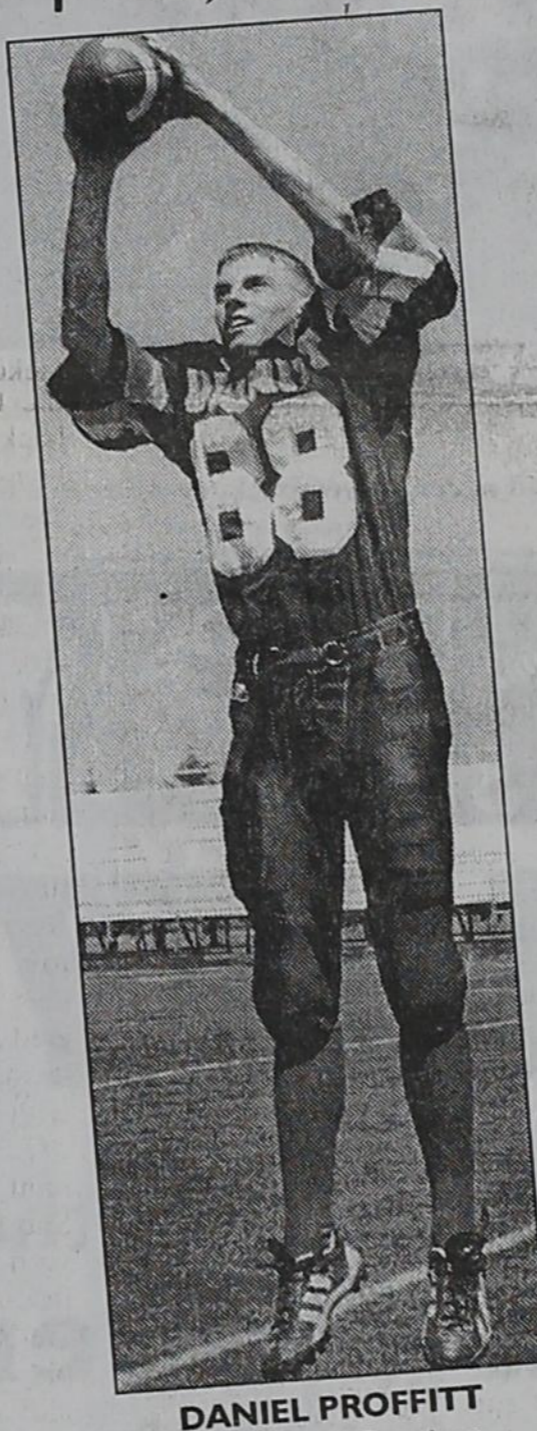
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### Schedule & Scores

#### VARSITY

Bobcats 33, Sundown 14		
Bobcats 6, Lamesa 49		
Bobcats 14, Friona 49		
Bobcats 35, Brownfield 0		
Bobcats 7, Muleshoe 13		
Bobcats 0, River Road 6		
Bobcats 14, Tulia 28		
Oct. 22 *Sanford-Fritch	There	7:30
Oct. 29 *Dalhart	There	7:30
Nov. 5 *Perryton (Senior Parents)	Here	7:30
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JV Bobcats 0, Sundown 12		
JV Bobcats 0, Lamesa 6		
JV Bobcats 26, Friona 41		
JV Bobcats 12, Brownfield 28		
JV Bobcats 0, Muleshoe 40		
JV Bobcats 0, River Road 38		
JV Bobcats 6, Tulia 34		
Oct. 21 Sanford-Fritch	Here	6:30
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#### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

7th 36, Friona 0	8th 46, Friona 8
7th 12, Brownfield 14	8th 0, Brownfield 18
7th 6, Muleshoe 18	8th 46, Muleshoe 0
7th 18, River Road 14	8th 22, River Road 0
7th 16, Tulia 30	8th 8, Tulia 24
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# Swifts prevail over injured Longhorns, 63-0

Nazareth's potent offense and stingy defense proved to be too much for the injury-plagued Hart Longhorns Friday night.

The Swifts scored five times in the first quarter, then cruised to a 63-0 win over their cross-county and district rivals.

Four injured Hart players had to watch Friday night's action from the sidelines, and several others saw limited action because of nagging injuries. Hart's problems were compounded in the game when four more players left the field with injuries.

The Swifts had just one regular starter miss Friday night's game—tight end and lineman Bo Hunter, who suffered a broken toe in an accident at home last week.

Nazareth improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in District 3-A play while the Longhorns dropped to 1-6, 0-2.

The Swifts racked up 312 yards offense and held Hart to 113 yards. The bulk of the Nazareth offense came from its ground attack, which picked up 223 yards. The ground attack was led by Cameron McLain, who carried the ball only nine times, but gained 99 yards and rushed for three touchdowns, all in the first half.

Hart's 113 yards all came on the ground. The Longhorns converted just five first downs. They were plagued by turnovers again, cough-

ing up the ball four times and losing two; and throwing three interceptions.

The Swifts suffered two lost fumbles, all in the fourth quarter when third string players took the field.

Hart took the opening kickoff after Nazareth deferred the option until the second half.

Hart started off in a hole after suffering a penalty on the opening drive, and the Longhorns couldn't recover, punting the ball after three plays.

The short kick was fielded by Kade Wilcox, who returned it to the Hart 31.

Two plays later the Swifts were in the end zone. A four-yard gain by Cameron McLain started off the series, then Ky Wilcox raced 27 yards to paydirt. Stanton Wethington kicked the point-after to make it 7-0 with 10:10 left in the first quarter.

An illegal procedure penalty on the first play of Hart's next series placed the Horns in another hole. The hole grew deeper after the Swifts dropped Jacob Reyna for a two-yard loss on first-and-15, and Hart couldn't convert a first down, punting again.

Jeremiah Velasquez dropped back to punt for Hart, but his kick was blocked by Nazareth's Aaron Kern and the Swifts took over deep in

Longhorn territory again.

Two carries by Matty McLain netted eight yards, then Cameron McLain carried for the second time in the game, picking up the first down at the Longhorn 2.

A five-yard penalty backed the Swifts up, but Cameron McLain got that five plus one back on the next play.

The drive was capped with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Matty McLain with 5:59 left in the first quarter. Wethington's extra point made it 14-0.

Keith took the ensuing kickoff for Hart and he got the call on the first two plays of the drive, gaining 14 yards and a first down before the turnover bug bit the Longhorns again and the Swifts recovered a fumble at the Hart 31.

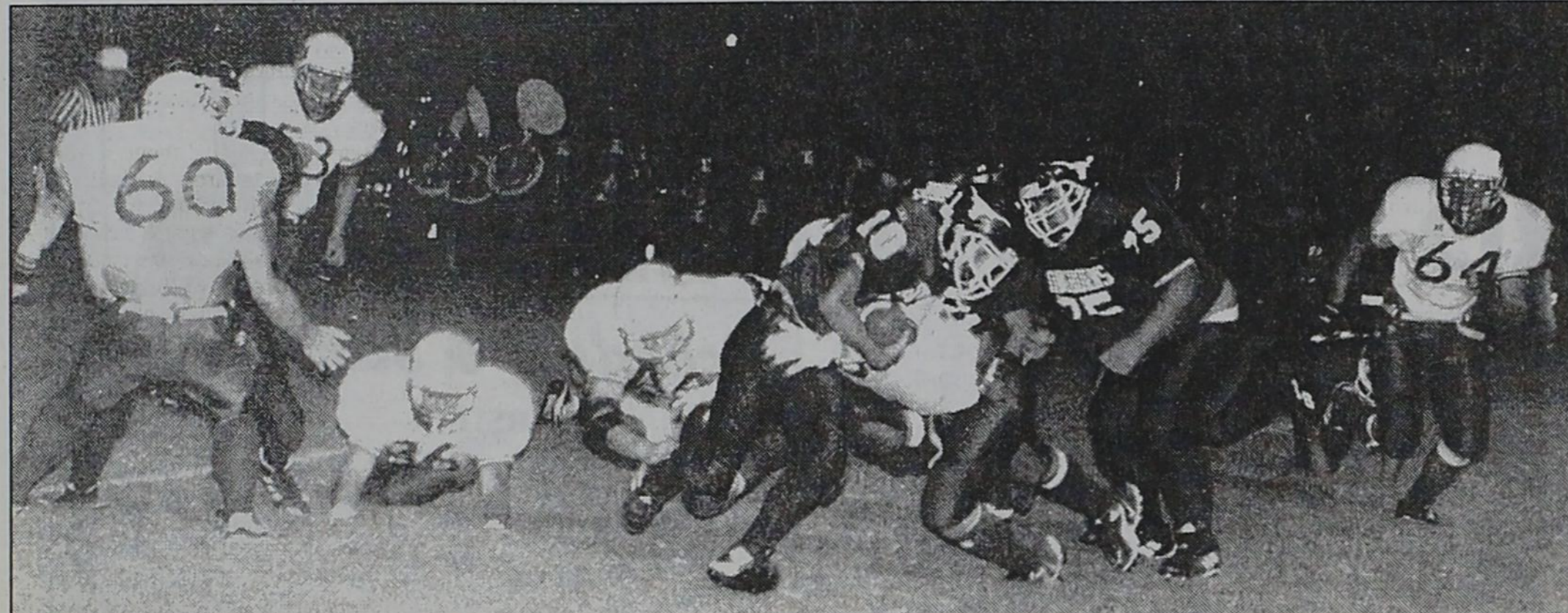
On the next play, the Swifts found the end zone for the third time. Quarterback Ky Wilcox dropped back to pass and spotted a wide open Daryl Pohlmeier at the 15. He hit his tight end, who trotted the remaining 15 yards to the end zone, untouched. Wethington's extra point made it 21-0 with 4:09 left in the first quarter.

Hart gained seven yards on its next series with Leon Minjarez starting things off with a four-yard gain. But Reyna was held to two yards on a third-and-five play and Hart had to punt again.



**FLIGHT TO THE END ZONE**—Nazareth's Cameron McLain (40) is surrounded by a herd of Hart Longhorns including Salvador Velasquez (12), but he hurdles one diving tackler and lands just inches from the end zone with 6:04 left in the first quarter Friday at Hart. The Swifts were able to get into the end zone five times during the first quarter, taking a 35-0 lead before rolling to a 63-0 win.

Photo by Anne Acker



**LOOKING FOR ROOM**—Hart tailback Jacob Reyna (10) finds a small hole in the Nazareth defense and is able to pick up three yards to the Hart 20 on a second-and-18 play before he's stopped by Nazareth's Cameron McLain (40) and a host of other Swift tacklers including Stanton Wethington (60), Aaron Kern (36) and Matty McLain (44) Friday during the first quarter at Longhorn Field. Heading over to block for Reyna is teammate Fabian Rodriguez (75). Also pictured for Nazareth are Clay Hoelting (53) and Adam Schulte (64). The Swifts jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, coasting to a 63-0 district win.

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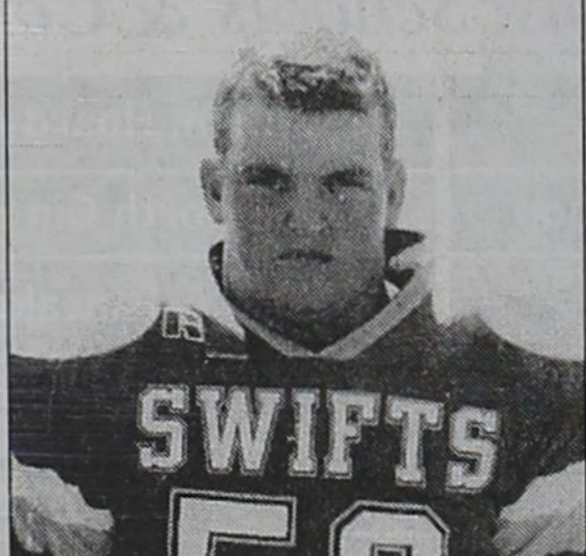


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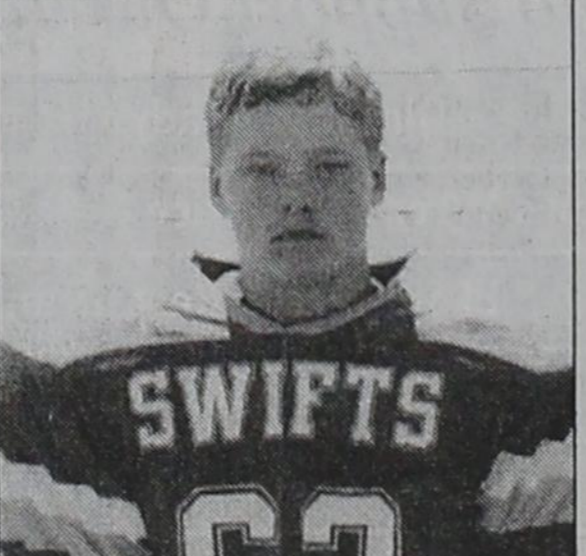
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Nazareth was backed up after taking the punt because of an illegal use of the hands penalty, but the Swifts clawed their way out of a big hole on the first play of the drive when Blake Birkenfeld completed a 17-yard pass to Kade Wilcox to the Nazareth 33.

Cameron McLain took over from there, powering his way through the Hart defense into the open field, then racing 67 yards for the touchdown on his fourth carry of the game. Wethington's extra point made it 28-0 with 1:27 left in the first quarter.

Velasquez tried to get something going for the Longhorns on their next series, spotting a receiver downfield and lofting the pigskin in his direction. But Pohlmeier snatched the ball out of the air and returned the pick 38 yards for the touchdown with 1:06 left in the quarter. Wethington added the extra point for the 35-0 Swift lead.

Minjarez found six yards of running room on Hart's next series, then Velasquez pitched the ball to Reyna, who gained three more, bringing up a third down and one. The Swift defense held Reyna for no gain on the next play and Hart had to punt as the second quarter opened.

A pair of penalties on the Swifts cost them 10 yards and they couldn't make up the lost ground, punting the ball back to the Longhorns.

Finch gained five yards on his second carry of the drive, but then Hart's Jeff Bennett was sacked for a nine-yard loss on the next play, bringing up fourth-and-14 and the punt team took the field again.

Nazareth put its sixth touchdown on the board two plays later. Birkenfeld completed a pass to Kade Wilcox for a 37-yard gain to the Swift 6, then Cameron McLain took over.

He headed around the side and hurdled Longhorn defenders to score with 6:27 left. Wethington's kick was good again, and it was 42-0.

The Longhorns had problems holding onto the football on their next series, losing the handle twice, but recovering both bobbles themselves. The fumbles did cost Hart some valuable downs and possible yardage, though, and resulted in another punt.

Nazareth got the ball back, but couldn't pick up a first down and returned the kick to Hart, downing the ball at the Longhorn 2.

Reyna gave the Longhorns some breathing room on the first play, gaining seven yards. He picked up two on the next play, but couldn't gain the extra yard for the first down on a third-down play and the Longhorns had to punt.

With 18 seconds left in the game, Nazareth took over at the Hart 14 and Cameron McLain carried the ball for his ninth and final time in the game—all the way to the end zone. Wethington's kick was on-target again and the Swifts took a 49-0 lead into the locker room.

Matty McLain returned the second half kickoff 27 yards to Hart's 34 and the Swifts picked up right where they left off. He was the workhorse on the drive for the Swifts' second-team offense, carrying for gains of 4 and 8 yards before capping the drive with a two-yard touchdown. Wethington's PAT made it 56-0 with 8:52 left in the third.

Anthony Reyna brought some excitement to the Hart crowd when he returned the ensuing kickoff 18 yards before he was stopped by the Swifts. Hart managed a first down, but on the next play, a Longhorn fumble was recovered by the Swifts at the Hart 25.

Kern and Jason Huseman who took over for the McLain brothers in the backfield during the third quarter, and the combined for 10 yards to the Hart 14, then Kern found his way into the end zone for the touchdown with 4:30 left in the third quarter. Wethington was good on his ninth PAT of the game for the final 63-0 margin.

Finch, who saw limited action because of injuries, carried several times on Hart's next drive, and he had a couple of big gains. He picked up 15 yards on a first-down carry, then gained another five. But Hart couldn't penetrate the Swift defense for a second first down on the drive and had to punt early in the fourth quarter.

The Longhorns got a big break when the Swifts fumbled the punt and Hart recovered at Nazareth's 37.

Salvador Velasquez picked up six yards, then the Longhorns gained a first down on the next play. Renee Rincon picked up eight yards all the way to the Swifts' 16-yard line for a first down, but that's as far as Hart would get.

Velasquez was dropped for a loss on the next play, then Hart was flagged for holding. Back-to-back passes fell incomplete, then Tyler Ehly picked off the third attempt with 7:40 left in the game.

The Swifts gained nine yards on the next drive, but had to punt when a third-and-five play came up a yard short.

Hart had possession for one play before the Swift defense intercepted a pass again at the Hart 35.

The Swifts gave it right back, though, fumbling the snap on the first play.

Hart couldn't take advantage of the miscue, though.

### Game at a Glance

Swifts 63, Longhorns 0			
Nazareth	35	14	14
Hart	0	0	0
		NAZ	HART
First Downs		15	5
Yards Rushing		223	113
Yards Passing		89	0
Total Yards Gained		312	113
Passes Comp.-Att.		4-6	0-7
Interceptions By		3	0
Punts-Avg.		N/A	N/A
Fumbles-Lost		2-2	4-2
Penalties-Yards		8-70	5-40

### Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:	
NAZ—Ky Wilcox	22 run (Stanton Wethington kick)
NAZ—Matty McLain	1 run (Wethington kick)
NAZ—Daryl Pohlmeier	31 pass from Ky Wilcox (Wethington kick)
NAZ—Cameron McLain	67 run (Wethington kick)
NAZ—Pohlmeier	38-yard interception return (Wethington kick)
Second Quarter:	
NAZ—Cameron McLain	6 run (Wethington kick)
NAZ—Cameron McLain	14 run (Wethington kick)
Third Quarter:	
NAZ—Matty McLain	2 run (Wethington kick)
NAZ—Aaron Kern	9 run (Wethington kick)

# District titles still up for grabs

There are some big games with big playoff implications on the agenda this week, and among those games are the matchups between Dimmitt and Sanford-Fritch in District 1-AAA and between Nazareth and Springlake-Earth, and Happy and Hart in District 3-A.

The Bobcats will travel to Fritch Friday night while the Swifts host the Wolverines.

The Hart Longhorns hope to pick up a district win and sadden Happy this week when they travel to Cowboy Corral.

Each game is slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

## Dimmitt at Sanford-Fritch

The Sanford-Fritch Eagles finally got winged for the first time when the Dalhart Wolves won an important 17-14 decision Friday night.

Until then, the Eagles were 6-0 with three shutouts and had given up only five touchdowns while scoring an average of 34-plus points per game.

Although pre-season rankings established Perryton as the District 1-AAA favorite, the Eagles emerged as the team to beat when they chalked up victories of 44-0 over WT High, 32-9 over Amarillo Caprock, 48-0 over Panhandle, 27-0 over Quanah and 41-20 over Stratford.

The Eagles' unbeaten run should not have been a surprise to anyone, however. They were just continuing what they started last year, because

they had the talent to do it.

The Eagles lost three solid starters from last year's team, including tailback T. J. Clark, who compiled more than 1,500 yards rushing and scored 24 touchdowns.

But they still had four of their six starting offensive linemen — Matt Keifer, Logan Bidwell, Matt Rodgers and Dan Graves—plus running back Jeremy Tate and quarterback Shiloh Reed from the team that went 9-1 last year before losing to Muleshoe in bi-district.

With this nucleus of veterans plus some good young players up from last year's 7-2 jayvee team, Coach Rick Ware appears headed to the playoffs again this season.

The Bobcats find themselves with their backs to the wall.

"We've got to win the next three games if we want to go into the playoffs," Coach Bruce Dollar said, "and we're fixing to face the three biggest teams right in a row—Fritch, Dalhart and Perryton."

He described the Sanford-Fritch team as "pretty solid."

"They made some mistakes the other night against Dalhart, and committed some turnovers," Dollar said. "However, we've been waiting for Dalhart to come on, and they did."

Last year, Sanford-Fritch downed Dimmitt 33-0 after the Bobcats had been crippled by the loss of fullback Beau Hill.

The only common opponent the two teams have played this year is Tulia. S-F topped the Hornets by a single TD, 14-7, two weeks ago, and the Hornets won a 28-14 decision

over Dimmitt Friday night.

In their two district games, the Eagles have shown that they're mortal.

Despite their 2-5 record, the Bobcats hope a good crowd will follow them to Fritch for Friday night's 7:30 kickoff—and maybe see them pull off an upset and get back into the district race.

## Springlake-Earth at Nazareth

The district championship could very well be at stake Friday night when the Nazareth Swifts host the Springlake-Earth Wolverines in a 3-A clash at Swift Field.

Both teams are undefeated in district play with 2-0 marks and are currently tied for the lead. The Wolverines are 5-2 on the season and Nazareth is 6-1.

The Wolverines' losses have come at the hands of Class A power Sudan, 33-0; and Class AAA Tulia, 7-0. Overall Springlake-Earth has outscored opponents 124-78 this season.

"Springlake-Earth is good. We're going to have to hold onto the football and use ball control to keep it out of their hands," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "They're dangerous when they're driving down the field."

Nazareth may be without the services of starting tight end and defensive lineman Bo Hunter, who has a broken toe. Hunter didn't suit up against Hart and is listed as questionable for this week. Price said whether or not Hunter plays will be decided close to game time.

Springlake-Earth uses a quarterback rotation in its game plan, and both signal callers in the Wolverines' option offense are "pretty good," according to Price.

They are Chance Furr, a 5-6, 150-lb. sophomore; and Slade Quisenberry, a 5-10, 140-lb. junior. "That Chance Furr—he can go. He's so quick. He's probably the quickest player we've seen in awhile," Price said.

Furr has been one of Springlake-Earth's leading rushers this season, and he led the team Friday in a 28-0 win over Vega by gaining 90 yards on the ground. He also returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown.

Quisenberry also is a threat to run with the football, and he also scored a rushing touchdown against the Longhorns.

The Wolverines have a talented full back in Romy DeLeon, a 5-5, 140-lb. senior. He's their best runner, but he didn't lead the team in rushing Friday, gaining only 57 yards.



NO WAY!—Hart's Albert Velasquez (18) gets around Nazareth blocker Clay Hoelting (53) and pops Kade Wilcox (11), forcing him out-of-bounds at the Hart 15, saving a touchdown on a punt return

Friday night when the two teams clashed in a District 3-A game at Hart. Nazareth kept its share of the District 3-A lead with a 63-0 win over the Longhorns. Photo by Anne Acker

Quisenberry and Furr also will throw the ball to a pair of talented receivers, including Felix Duran (5-9, 150-lb. senior) and Quade Furr (5-9, 140-lb. junior).

Price said the Wolverines are "fair-sized" across the front line, with Buck Angeley (6-2, 160) and Ben Angeley (6-4, 220) anchoring the unit.

"Springlake-Earth basically runs out of the I formation with a lot of option. They throw more than they have in the past, but that's probably because those two guys at receiver are better than they've had. Their running game is still their bread-and-butter, though," Price said.

On defense, the Wolverines will line up in a 5-2 and they know the defense and run it well, according to Price.

"These guys have been running the same defense since they were in the seventh grade and they know what they're supposed to do. They're hard to fool," Price said.

"The linebackers are the strength of that group. They're good and they get to everything."

## Hart at Happy

The Happy Cowboys love to throw the football and they will give Hart's secondary a big test Friday night when the two teams square off at 7:30 in a District 3-A clash at Cowboy Corral in Happy.

Happy is 3-4 on the season and 1-1 in district play. Hart is 1-6, 0-2. The Cowboys have allowed opponents 187 points this season and have only put 120 on the board themselves.

The Cowboys are coming off of a big 20-14 win over Kress Friday night in which their passing game accumulated more yardage than their ground attack.

Happy showed a lot of courage and stamina in that win, too, coming back from a 14-point deficit to beat the Kangaroos.

Quarterback Patrick McCuaig (6-2, 185-lb. senior) is the team leader, directing the Wing-T offense and completing passes to a multitude of receivers, including Sonny Calhoun (6-0, 155-lb. senior) and Chad McCauley (5-10, 140-lb. senior).

Both caught touchdown passes against Kress, then Happy turned the tables in the fourth quarter and Calhoun completed a pass to McCuaig for the go-ahead touchdown.

There's no doubt about it—the Cowboys like to throw the ball.

McCuaig has completed more than 40% of his passes for over 1,000 yards already this season. And although Calhoun and McCauley were his main targets last week, Saenz and Jon Mark Moudy (6-3, 155-lb. senior) are among the area's leading receivers.

The Cowboys' basic defense is the 4-3 and Davis, Holbrook and Weaver anchor the front while McCauley and Anthony Garza (5-9, 130) line up in the secondary.

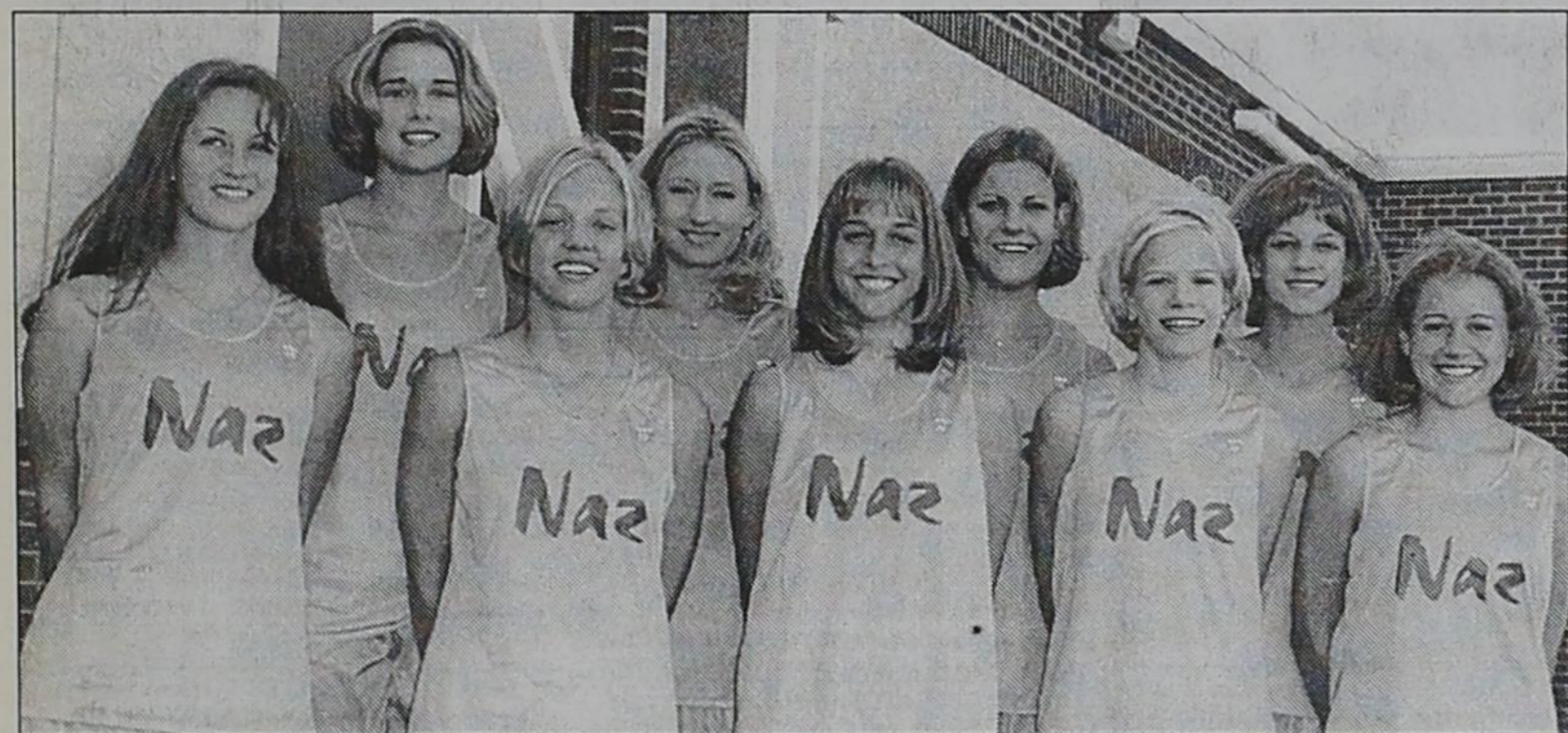
The backfield includes Hip Saenz (6-0, 185-lb. senior) and Tyler Hargrave (5-8, 135-lb. sophomore).

The line is anchored by tight end Colby Davis (6-2, 170-lb. sophomore), and guards Chris Holbrook (6-1, 170-lb. junior) and Randy Weaver (5-9, 135-lb. sophomore).

## Harris Picks

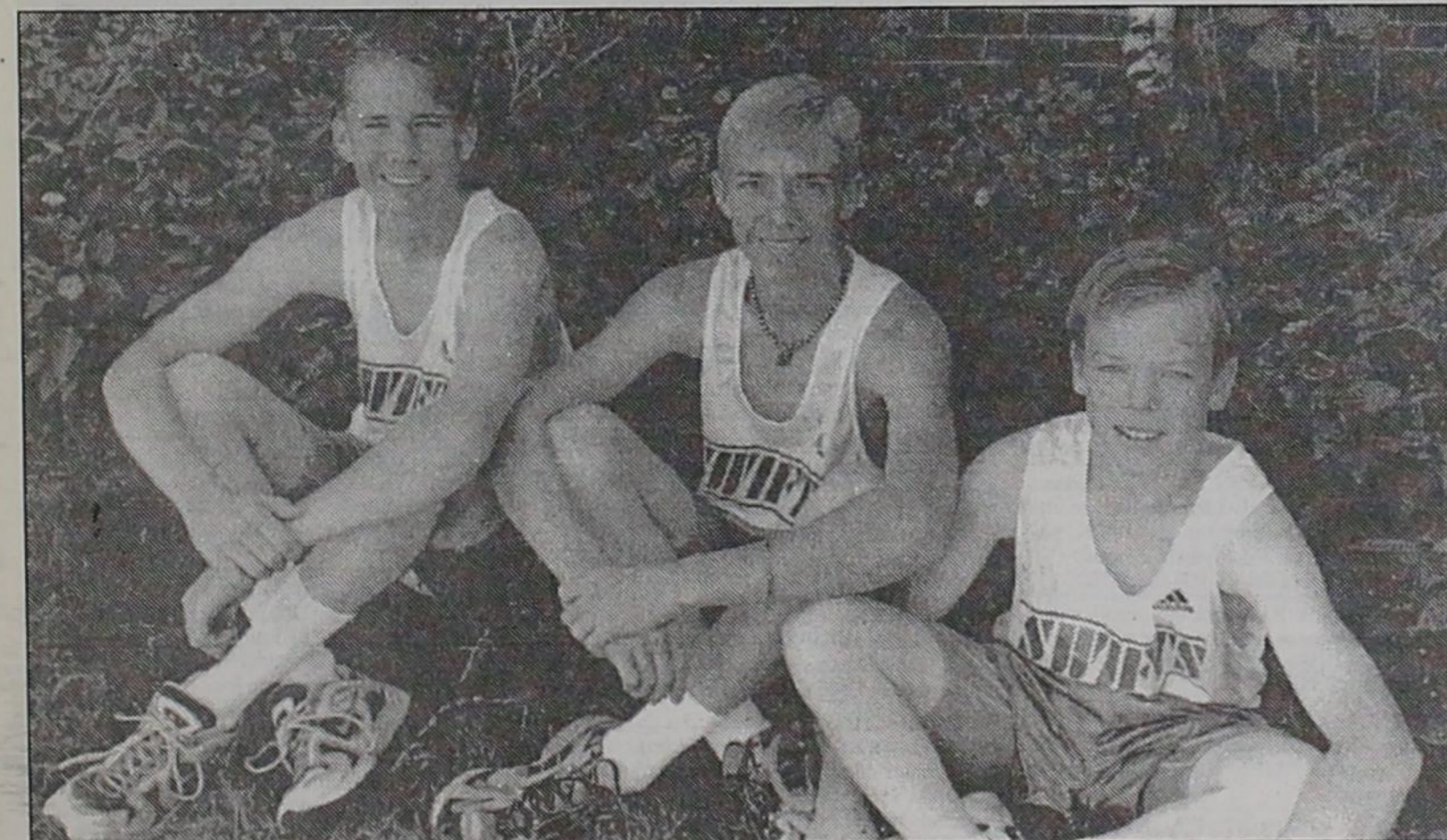
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 NAZARETH 7 over Springlake-Earth  
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 VEGA 3 over Kress  
 RIVER ROAD 14 over Dalhart  
 Perryton 2 over TULIA  
 FRIONA 16 over Lubbock Cooper  
 LITTLEFIELD 22 over Shallowater  
 MULESHOE 44 over Lubbock Roosevelt  
 SLATON 7 over Brownfield  
 Lamesa 31 over COLORADO CITY  
 Seminole 10 over DENVER CITY  
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 Sunray 23 over BOYS RANCH  
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 CAPROCK 3 over Palo Duro  
 HEREFORD 12 over Pampa  
 CANYON 13 over Frenship  
 Plainview 22 over LUBBOCK ESTACADO  
 LEVELLAND 6 over Randall



READY TO RUN—The Nazareth Swiftettes' cross country team has enjoyed a lot of success so far this season, and they hope to continue their streak of meet championships with the district title. Nazareth will compete in the district cross country meet Oct. 25 at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Team members include

(back row, from left) Cassie Birkenfeld, Stephanie Thiel, Whitney Hoelting and Erica Gerber; and (front row, from left) Lindsey Gerber, Sara Schulte, Danette Ramaekers, Mandy Hoelting and Marsha Black. Photo by Brenda Schulte



THIS TRIO OF NAZARETH High School students will lace up their running shoes and tackle a challenging cross country course at Thompson Park in Amarillo this week. Quentin Jones, Trinity Robb


and Craig Birkenfeld will compete in the district cross country meet with hopes of earning top 10 finishes so they can advance to the regional race in November. Photo by Brenda Schulte

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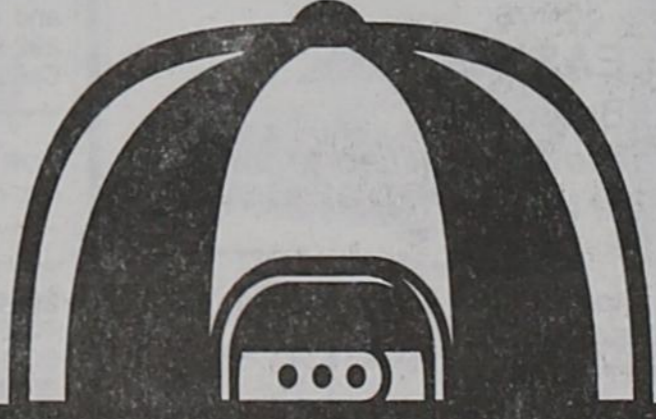
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## PROPOSITION 1

The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would amend Articles III and IV, and set the conditions under which the lieutenant governor would succeed the governor or assume the responsibilities of the office.

If the governor or a newly elected governor became temporarily unable or for any other reason is unable to serve as governor, the lieutenant governor would carry out the duties of the office until the governor became qualified or able to resume serving. If the governor died, or became permanently unable to resume or serve in the office of governor, then the lieutenant governor would become governor for the full term to which the person was elected as governor.

If the lieutenant governor, while carrying out the duties of the office of the governor, became temporarily unable or disqualified to serve, the president pro tem of the Senate would exercise

the duties pertaining to the office of the governor until the governor or lieutenant governor resumed those powers and duties.

Proposition 1 would require that upon becoming governor permanently, the lieutenant governor would forfeit his/her office. The lieutenant governor vacancy would be filled, as prescribed under current law, by election within 30 days, of a member of the Senate. In addition, the new lieutenant governor would carry out the duties of a senator, and would serve until the next general election.

The proposed amendment would also set out the compensation for the lieutenant governor while acting as the governor, make other corrections and clarify changes in the four constitutional provisions that deal with succession, and make the succession language gender neutral.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposed change would provide certainty for the succession to the office of the governor should the governor become unable to perform the duties of the office.
- ▼ The proposed amendment would clarify the differences between the filling of a permanent or a temporary vacancy in the office of the governor.
- ▼ The proposed amendment would specifically require the lieutenant governor to forfeit the office of lieutenant governor when filling a permanent vacancy in the office of governor.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The amendment is unnecessary, because in the past the lieutenant governor has filled the vacancy, and a member of the Senate has been elected to fill his/her vacancy.
- ▼ The proposition is confusing, requiring changes in four separate sections of the Texas Constitution.
- ▼ Additional clarification is needed to resolve when the office for governor would become vacant. The new lieutenant governor should have to resign his or her seat in the Senate because the lieutenant governor's office considers the interests of the whole state, rather than one senatorial district.

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## PROPOSITION 2

The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage.

### EXPLANATION

Reverse mortgages are a type of home equity loan currently authorized by the Texas Constitution. Under current law a reverse mortgage allows a senior citizen (age 55 or older) to obtain an extension of credit against his home equity. Payments are not due until the homeowner moves, sells the property, or dies. Advances under a reverse mortgage can be a single lump sum or equal periodic (e.g. monthly or annual) installments.

The proposition would amend the current reverse mortgage law by increasing the minimum age from 55 to 62 and allowing three types of advances (in addition to a lump sum advance): 1) equal payments at regular intervals; 2) payments at regular intervals where the payment amount may be reduced for one or more payments at the request of the borrower; and 3) direct payments by the lender for taxes, insurance, repairs, etc., if the borrower fails to pay.

This proposition would amend the time when repayment began as follows: until the death of all borrowers; until the sale or transfer of the property; until all borrowers had not occupied the property for at least twelve months without prior written consent of the lender; or, default, fraud, or failure to maintain the priority of the lien by the borrower. The proposition would also add provisions regarding default and foreclosure procedures.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Reverse mortgages give elderly homeowners in Texas the opportunity to supplement their monthly income with the equity they have built up in their homesteads, but the 1997 amendment has not been workable. Proposition 2 provides the legal framework to develop the necessary market.
- ▼ The proposed amendment balances the needs of eligible borrowers and lenders by adding consumer protections to help borrowers avoid foreclosures while they reside in the home and by revising the time for commencement of loan repayment.
- ▼ In an era of longevity, the change of the minimum age of a borrower to 62 from 55 is more reasonable.
- ▼ The proposed amendment would give borrowers flexibility to reduce (but not increase) payments when desired.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The proposed amendments do not go far enough in easing restrictions on reverse mortgages. Eligible borrowers should be permitted to establish lines of credit in addition to lump sum or installment payments.
- ▼ Borrowers should be permitted to increase (not just decrease) payments as needed and should be permitted to request a lump sum payment of the remaining amount at any time.
- ▼ Payments should be made only to the borrower (except for direct payment of taxes, insurance, repairs, etc.), to reduce the likelihood that borrowers will give their home equity away to another person or company.

## PROPOSITION 3

The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution.

### EXPLANATION

Because the Texas Constitution has been amended 377 times since its adoption in 1876, it contains provisions that are obsolete or duplicative. In some instances provisions have been made obsolete by federal court decisions or enactments. In other cases provisions refer to programs that no longer exist.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ This amendment would eliminate obsolete provisions and improve clarity of the document. By eliminating duplicative language and obsolete provisions it would make the document easier to use. The amendment does not make any substantive changes in the law.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The Texas Constitution needs to be rewritten and thus eliminate the need for proposals such as this to be presented to the voters in nearly every election. Because of the volume of change involved in this proposition, some may not have been examined fully to determine if they are nonsubstantive.

## PROPOSITION 4

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation

### EXPLANATION

This proposition would amend Article VIII, Section 2(a) of the Texas Constitution to replace the current exemption from ad valorem taxes for institutions of "purely public charity" with an exemption for institutions "engaged primarily in public charitable functions." Auxiliary activities to support those charities could be conducted by these institutions.

The proposed constitutional amendment would also amend Article XVI, Section 71(b), to eliminate "purely" in referring to the charitable institution tax exemption that concerns small business incubators. On January 1, 2000, the tax exemption would take effect and would apply only to taxes imposed on or after that date.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Questions would be clarified about whether legitimate charities that now receive property tax exemptions may engage in auxiliary activities without endangering their tax-exempt status. The proposition clearly limits the auxiliary activity to support of their charitable function.
- ▼ Charities would still have to meet the test imposed by the amendment to receive an exemption, therefore limiting unreasonable expansion of the property tax exemption.
- ▼ Even though the word "primarily" does not appear to be as strong as the word "purely," appraisal districts, taxpayers, and the courts would continue to carefully scrutinize organizations with dubious claims as a charity or with for-profit ventures.
- ▼ The proposed amendment would have little fiscal impact on state or on local taxing entities. Most taxing entities already exempt senior centers and other charities from property taxes.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The Tax Code already limits the use of a charity's property by others to incidental uses that benefit the charity. This gives pure charities enough flexibility to allow other uses of their property, but not exemptions for profit-making ventures. Exemptions for organizations that are not purely charitable are not appropriate.
- ▼ Due to the substitution of the broader standard of "engaged primarily in charitable functions," doors could be opened for tax exemptions for enterprises that do not meet the current tests of "purely charitable" organizations. A result could be the removal from tax rolls of for-profit offshoots of charities that are now taxed because the constitution requires that the charity-owned property be used "exclusively" by the charity to qualify for an exemption.
- ▼ "Charities" could be organized that meet the letter but not the spirit of the constitutional requirement as a way of gaining tax exemption.
- ▼ Lost tax revenues for organizations that do not receive them now would need to be made up from other sources. By amending the constitution, years of case law would be rendered moot. Delays in needed revenue would result when the courts have to define a new constitutional test for charities.

## PROPOSITION 5

The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town or other local governmental district.

### EXPLANATION

The Texas Constitution prohibits anyone from holding more than one civil office at a time except that of justice of the peace, county commissioner, notary public, postmaster, and specified others. According to the constitution, state employees may serve as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, but they may not receive a salary for such service. This proposition would allow state employees to receive compensation for serving as members of local governing bodies.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ It is unfair to single out state employees as the only group to be denied compensation for undertaking a civic duty such as serving on school boards or city councils. A number of civic-minded individuals have been discouraged from taking positions where they are treated differently from other office-holders.
- ▼ By allowing state employees to be compensated for holding certain local civic offices, the pool of qualified candidates for these important positions would be expanded. College professors, teachers, and other well-qualified individuals would be encouraged to consider serving if they were not penalized for doing so.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ State employees are already receiving a salary provided by taxpayer dollars. If they were to receive compensation for serving on local governmental boards or councils, they would be dipping into taxpayer pockets twice.
- ▼ Some local governing bodies require a great deal of time and attention and are practically full-time jobs in themselves. Taxpayers expect state employees to devote their full time to their state positions.

## PROPOSITION 6

The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead.

### EXPLANATION

Current legislation shields a homestead from forced sale for debt payment except for the purchase or improvement of the homestead, taxes, and particular distributions, such as divorce, refinancing of a lien against a homestead, and home equity loans and reverse mortgages. The urban homestead, totaling a maximum of one acre, may be claimed as residence, business, or both. In contrast, a rural homestead may total up to 200 acres in one or more parcels and be claimed only as a residence.

The proposed constitutional amendment would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead from one acre to ten acres, restricting this homestead to a single lot or contiguous lots. The urban homestead could be used as either a residence or a residence and a business. In addition, a release or refinancing of an existing lien against a portion of the homestead would not result in an additional burden on that portion of the property that was not released or subject to the refinancing procedure.

The implementing legislation would revise the definition of an urban homestead, from property serviced by municipal utilities and by fire and police protection, to property located within the boundaries of a municipality or its extraterritorial jurisdiction or a platted subdivision, served by police protection, paid or volunteer fire protection, and a minimum of three of the following services: electric, natural gas, sewer, storm sewer, or water.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ If enacted, this proposed amendment would reinforce the family homestead protection against creditors, ensure protection of home businesses, and would eliminate the use of a homestead solely for business purposes. The arbitrary one-acre limit exposes many Texans to possible property seizure in the case of financial difficulty.
- ▼ More Texans would have the right to use their property as collateral for a home equity loan. An increasing number of Texans live on tracts of land exceeding one acre and are often denied home equity loans because their legal homestead represents only a portion of their home property. However, under this amendment, property owners could not obtain a home equity loan on noncontiguous property, such as a home and a business on opposite ends of town. Texas families benefiting from this amendment are not generally wealthy but do represent an increasing number of citizens who own slightly more than one or two acres on larger lots in close proximity to urban areas.
- ▼ Proposition 6 stipulates that refinancing an existing loan secured by a portion of the homestead would not constitute overburdening and would not invalidate a lien. Homeowners need this financial flexibility to refinance and secure a loan using a smaller portion of their homestead.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ This proposition would benefit mostly the wealthy who build expensive homes on large tracts within urban areas. The urban homestead protection originally was based on property valued at no more than \$10,000. In 1983 this provision was amended to define the urban homestead as including no more than one acre. Extending the homestead to ten acres would go too far.
- ▼ Currently, Texas has extremely liberal homestead protection, allowing homestead owners the opportunity to purchase an expensive home, file for bankruptcy, and be protected from nearly all creditors. This abuse would likely become more pronounced with enactment of this amendment. The one-acre limit on urban homesteads has historically served as a safeguard against the worst misuse while providing homestead protection for lower and middle-income homeowners.
- ▼ Enactment of this amendment would eliminate protection of the separate business homestead. Persons and families who operate a business, either separate from their residence or who do not own their residence, should retain the option of using the homestead protection against creditors.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

- ★ You must be a citizen of the United States.
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## PROPOSITION 7

The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance.

### EXPLANATION

Currently, the Texas Constitution states that court-ordered child support is the only type of family support for which wages may be garnished; that is, that the payments to the child would be directly deducted from the wage earner's paycheck.

This constitutional amendment would expand the garnishment of wages to include spousal maintenance, which is defined as court-ordered support paid to one spouse by another after a divorce.

Under current law, spousal maintenance can be ordered in either of the following cases: the spouse who is to pay the support is convicted of a domestic violence offense within two years of the divorce or while the divorce is pending; or the marriage lasted ten years or more and the spouse seeking support lacks sufficient financial resources to provide for his or her needs. In the latter case, a spouse seeking support must also prove the inability to support himself or herself because of a physical or mental disability; the spouse is the custodian of a child who requires substantial care; or the spouse is unable to meet his or her minimum needs.

If passed, this proposal would allow for the direct deduction from a spouse's paycheck to provide financial support to the other spouse in the aforementioned situations.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ According to the Texas Comptroller's Office, in 1995, 40% of the women who received public assistance for the first time did so following a divorce. As this statistic indicates, divorce often leaves women without financial resources. Garnishment of wages would provide temporary financial assistance to ex-spouses who have no, or limited, job skills and financial resources.
- ▼ The garnishment of wages would prevent spouses who have limited financial resources from relying on government assistance.
- ▼ Spousal maintenance has been difficult to enforce without a garnishment provision. Wage garnishment will be especially effective against those spouses who do not respond to court orders or default judgements.
- ▼ If passed, this constitutional amendment would not open the door to widespread wage garnishment because it would be limited to the narrow, well-defined situations in which a spouse has been awarded maintenance by the court.
- ▼ The costs to employers would be limited because the number of spousal maintenance cases is small, and employers already have systems set up to garnish wages for child support payments.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The garnishment of wages would bring Texas closer to alimony systems such as are practiced in California and other states. This drastic change in long-standing state policy is not necessary in a community property state where divorcing spouses divide most assets acquired during the marriage.
- ▼ Many spouses of lesser means, who already may be paying a large percentage of their income for child support, would be placed in an even worse position. There are predictions that combined child support and spousal maintenance payments, in some cases, could approach 50% of a spouse's income.
- ▼ The current exception for child support enforcement recognizes the inability of children to support themselves and the unique rights of children to be supported by their parents. Unlike child support, spousal maintenance payments are used to support adults who may be capable of supporting themselves.
- ▼ Garnishment of wages would create costs to employers, including record keeping and computer re-programming.
- ▼ Garnishment of wages intrudes on the privacy of the employee.

## PROPOSITION 8

The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor.

### EXPLANATION

The adjutant general is currently appointed by the governor for two-year terms and confirmed by the Texas Senate. The adjutant general's office executes the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the governor with respect to the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, and the Texas State Guard. Called to active duty 88 times during the past twelve years, the Guards have performed such services as emergency rescue, disaster relief, and drug trafficking prevention. This proposed amendment would provide that the adjutant general be appointed by the governor for a four-year term that would run concurrently with the term of the governor, and would delete the current senate confirmation requirement. "At the pleasure of the governor" means that the governor has sole power to appoint the adjutant general for a term concurrent with the governor's term without confirmation of the senate.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The amendment would help provide better leadership for the state's military forces by combining a longer term with additional oversight by the governor.
- ▼ This amendment would make the adjutant general wholly accountable to the governor who could dismiss the adjutant general at any time for any reason.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ This amendment would increase the power of the governor over this important segment of state services.
- ▼ By eliminating the Texas Senate's participation in this appointment, the amendment would limit legislative oversight of the state's military forces.

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### Moving From One County to Another

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- Contact the county clerk or elections administrator in your new county for information.

## PROPOSITION 9

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission.

### EXPLANATION

Presently, the Texas Legislature establishes salaries for members of the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the courts of appeals and the 418 state district courts. This proposition would add a new section to Article V of the Texas Constitution, creating a nine-member commission appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. This commission would submit judicial salary recommendations to the legislature.

This proposition has a one-house veto provision. The recommendations would become law only if neither the house nor the senate rejected the proposed amounts by majority vote; it would not require both houses to reject the proposal. If this proposal passes, implementing legislation establishing the details of the nine-member commission, their terms of office, their qualifications and the criteria to be considered would take effect immediately.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Approval by the voters of this proposition would create an independent panel that would be required to use the clear criteria established by the legislature in setting judicial salaries. Such criteria would be a level of compensation adequate to attract highly qualified persons from diverse backgrounds and professional experience to serve as Texas judges with independence unaffected by financial concerns. Other criteria include using comparable compensation of state and federal judges in other areas of the country, as well as of private attorneys, mediators, district and county attorneys in larger cities, other state executives, and the cost of living and inflation.
- ▼ The legislature would retain control of the process, first by its veto power over the proposed salaries and, secondly, because the legislature would not allow the commission's recommendations to become law unless they were funded in the general appropriations act.
- ▼ In the past, the legislature's determination of judicial salaries has been a political "hot potato," partly because the legislators' retirement plan is linked to judicial salaries. An impartial review of judicial salaries would allow the salary issue to be considered independently of the legislative retirement debate.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Granting an appointed commission, even limited lawmaking authority, would set a bad precedent by blurring the separation of powers. A commission recommendation not vetoed by either house would become law without allowing the governor, after review, the possibility of vetoing it. In other words, it would stand the traditional lawmaking process on its head, allowing an executive branch-appointed commission to make law subject to veto by the legislative branch in setting salaries for the judicial branch.
- ▼ In 1983 the U.S. Supreme Court held that a federal one-house veto violated the US Constitution by contravening the procedural requirements for legislative action, *I.N.S. vs. Chadha*, 462 U.S. 919. While the proposed amendment would be allowed under the Texas Constitution, the same constitutional and public policy objections raised in the Chadha case could apply to the proposal as well.
- ▼ Passage of this amendment would have the effect of including in the constitution the present link between judicial salaries and the legislative retirement plan, making it difficult, if not impossible, to change the present system.

## PROPOSITION 10

The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor.

### EXPLANATION

The commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission is currently appointed by the governor for two-year terms and confirmed by the Texas Senate. This proposed amendment would provide that the commissioner be appointed by the governor and have a term of four years running concurrently with the term of the governor. It would delete the current senate confirmation requirement. "At the pleasure of the governor" means that the governor has sole power to appoint the commissioner for a term concurrent with the governor's term, without senate confirmation. During the 76th legislative session, HB 2641 gave the commissioner greater power over the operations of the health and human services agencies. This proposition is intended as a companion to HB 2641.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The amendment would increase accountability of the commissioner whose power over the operations of health and human services agencies has been increased.
- ▼ This amendment would help to promote better leadership of the Texas Health and Human Services system by combining a longer term with additional oversight by the governor.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The amendment would increase unduly the power of the governor over health and human services agencies.
- ▼ By eliminating the Texas Senate's participation in the appointment process, this amendment would minimize legislative oversight of the Health and Human Services commissioner.

## PROPOSITION 11

The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase non-assessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance.

### EXPLANATION

Insurance companies are either mutual (owned by the policyholders) or stock (owned by stockholders) companies. The major types of insurance are "life, health, and accident" and "property and casualty." Currently, political subdivisions are permitted to buy life, health and accident insurance from either mutual or stock companies, but they are only permitted to buy property and casualty insurance from stock companies. If passed, this proposed constitutional amendment would permit political subdivisions to buy property and casualty insurance from mutual insurance companies.

"Non-assessable" insurance policies are those where the policyholder has no further obligation to the mutual company for the duration of the policy once the premium has been paid. "Assessable" policyholders may incur additional costs beyond the premium payment. Political subdivisions are not permitted to purchase assessable policies. The proposed amendment would not change this exclusion.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Allowing political subdivisions to purchase property and casualty insurance from mutual companies would increase competition and therefore reduce insurance costs for the political subdivision.
- ▼ Mutual companies should be treated the same as stock companies for all types of insurance purchases by political subdivisions.
- ▼ The difference between policies issued by mutual companies and stock companies is a technical one and would not affect the political subdivision's risk or coverage.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ It is unwise for political subdivisions to become an "owner" of a private entity by purchasing policies from a mutual insurance company.
- ▼ The legislature should eliminate this restriction entirely rather than ask voters to approve piecemeal constitutional changes every few years.
- ▼ There is no demand for this special exception to allow local governments to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from mutual insurance companies, and the proposition is not necessary.

## PROPOSITION 12

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income.

### EXPLANATION

This proposed amendment would eliminate the ad valorem taxes on leased motor vehicles that are not used primarily for the production of income. Texas law currently mandates that ad valorem taxes be assessed on personal property. This law has been applied unevenly by taxing jurisdictions to personally leased motor vehicles: not at all in some counties, in others at the original valuation, and still in others at a depreciated valuation. Leasing in Texas now accounts for almost 16% of all new vehicle deliveries compared with 30% nationwide. Rental companies and businesses began the practice of leasing, but increasing numbers of individuals have begun to lease cars for personal use. Approximately 65% of the vehicles now leased in Texas are for personal use.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ This proposal would eliminate the inconsistent application of this tax by prohibiting the ad valorem tax on leased vehicles that are not used in work.
- ▼ This proposed amendment would eliminate the "double tax" on people who lease a vehicle for personal use. They pay a sales tax on the lease and may pay a property tax, either directly to the local jurisdiction or through the monthly lease payments.
- ▼ This amendment, if passed, would eliminate the inconsistencies between leases and retail installment contracts, which operate like leases but are not taxed like leases.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ This amendment would create a special class of personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes for the benefit of the vehicle-leasing industry.
- ▼ This amendment would exempt leased vehicles from personal property taxes, but the benefit would not be extended to vehicles that are owned for personal use if the taxing jurisdiction chooses to tax them.
- ▼ This amendment may not be needed. Local appraisers could inform consumers of their policies for taxing leased vehicles, allowing consumers to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of leasing versus purchasing. The retail installment contract mimics a lease and accomplishes the same purpose as a lease while avoiding local property taxes.

## PROPOSITION 13

The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students.

### EXPLANATION

The Texas Constitution prohibits state debt, so voters are required to approve amendments that authorize general obligation bonds. This proposed amendment would allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$400 million in bonds for financing of educational loans to Texas residents who attend public or private institutions of higher education in Texas. Borrowing costs to the state would be offset by student repayments and federal interest subsidies.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Texas voters have approved bonds for student loans since 1965, enabling more than 265,000 low and middle-income students to attend college.
- ▼ Tuition and fees at state-supported colleges and universities have increased dramatically in recent years, along with the demand for a more highly educated workforce. Continuing to provide loans for students would increase the number of educated workers, attracting new industries to Texas.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The state should not take on more debt, especially not in competition with private lenders. As of August 31, 1998, state bond debt was \$11.7 billion.
- ▼ The state should not encourage student debt. Students should consider whether college debt costs are offset by lifetime earnings.

## PROPOSITION 14

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members.

### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would change the Texas Constitution by specifying that boards and commissions may be made up of an odd number of three members or more than three. The legislation accompanying this amendment would allow either one-third or approximately one-third of the members serving six year terms to be selected every two years. The present wording of the constitution does not specify a number of members to serve on these boards. It does specify that one-third must be selected for six-year terms every two years. This has been interpreted to mean that the number of members must be divisible by three, so that exactly one-third can be selected every two years. The legislation also would provide for any special situations which may arise before the amendment would become fully effective in 2003.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ This proposed amendment would clarify a situation which is not clear and would provide a reasonable interpretation of the intent of the constitution.
- ▼ Because the number of members would no longer have to be divisible by three under the proposed amendment, the legislature would have greater flexibility in deciding the number of members to serve on various state boards and commissions.
- ▼ The proposed requirement that the number of members of a board or commission be an odd number—to prevent ties when voting—would assure that decisions could be made.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ The constitution left to the discretion of the legislature the decision as to how many members a board or commission should have. It is not necessary to change that.
- ▼ It is important that exactly one-third of the members of boards and commissions be selected every two years to provide for fairness and balance in appointments.
- ▼ It should not be necessary for a board or commission to have an odd number of members in order to make decisions as this amendment proposes.

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## PROPOSITION 15

The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property.

### EXPLANATION

Texas law recognizes both separate and community property in marriage. Separate property is defined as property held individually and includes property owned by a spouse before the marriage or acquired by the spouse during the marriage as a gift or inheritance. Community property is defined as property held by both spouses jointly. Generally, all property acquired during marriage is considered community property unless proven to be separate property. Currently, the Texas Constitution allows community property to be converted to separate property if both spouses agree. However, spouses cannot convert separate property to community property. This amendment would allow spouses to agree in writing that all or part of the separate property owned by either or both of them shall be the spouses' community property.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Upon death, separate property is taxed more heavily by the federal government than community property. Thus, if passed, this amendment would offer tax relief to spouses who convert their property to community property.
- ▼ This proposition would provide spouses with more freedom in managing their finances. By allowing individuals to convert separate property to community property and vice versa, this amendment would also enable spouses to reverse previously executed arrangements.
- ▼ The conversion to community property could provide assistance to the less wealthy spouse in the event of divorce.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ An individual who converts separate property to community property could suffer unanticipated financial losses. In the case of divorce, property previously owned by one spouse could be divided between the marriage partners. Community property could also be subject to the debts of the other spouse, while separate property would not.
- ▼ Because the proposition does not require the involvement of legal counsel in arranging for the conversion of property, an individual could enter into an agreement without understanding the consequences of his or her decision.
- ▼ Even though agreements would be entered into freely, a spouse could feel pressured to turn his/her separate property over to his/her spouse. In addition, a deceptive spouse could use the lure of tax benefits to encourage the other spouse to turn over his/her property.

## PROPOSITION 16

The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts.

### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would change the required minimum population level at which a county must increase its number of justice of the peace and constable precincts, following a federal census. For counties with population under 18,000, no change is proposed. The proposed amendment provides that counties with population more than 18,000 but less than 50,000 (raised from 30,000) be divided into not less than two and not more than eight (increased from five) precincts.

Counties over 50,000 population (increased from 30,000) would be divided into not less than four nor more than eight precincts. All precincts, without exception, would be required to elect a justice of the peace and a constable for each precinct, although in certain instances two justices of the peace would be required or permitted.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ Some counties with increased population after the federal census in 2000 will be required to add precincts and elect additional justices of the peace (JPs) and constables. The proposed amendment would raise population requirements in order to minimize the financial burden for some counties.
- ▼ The amendment would allow more flexibility than the current constitution for local decision making regarding the number of precincts per county and the related costs.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ Counties with increased population after the census will have a need for an increased number of JPs and constables. Counties should not be given an option as to whether to provide these currently required services.
- ▼ Approval of this proposed amendment could result in counties not having enough JP courts, resulting in an overload for current JP courts.

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# PROPOSITION 17

The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund.

## EXPLANATION

The Permanent University Fund (PUF) is a \$7 billion fund that provides continual support for the University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems. The original source of funding was primarily mineral income from an initial endowment of 2.1 million acres of land, mostly in West Texas. However, investment income is currently the major factor in continued fund growth. The PUF is used to back bonds financing capital improvement projects.

If enacted, the proposed amendment would authorize the UT System Board of Regents to determine annual PUF distributions to the AUF based on all PUF investment income and a discrete amount of capital gains. The Board would be required to make such distributions in ways that would accomplish the following: cover at least the amount due on bonds and notes secured by PUF earnings; maintain the PUF purchasing power for any ten-year period; ensure a steady flow of annual payments to the AUF; and ensure that annual distributions are not greater than seven percent of the average net market value of the PUF investment assets, except as needed to pay bond debt.

A temporary provision, expiring January 1, 2030, would provide that annual transfers from the PUF to the AUF not hinder obligations created by bond issuance prior to January 1, 2000. These distributions must be a sum sufficient to pay at least the principal and interest on issued bonds. This amendment would also allow a broadened "prudent investor" standard under which the Board of Regents could operate, with the ability to consider the investment of all fund assets rather than a single investment. The implementing legislation (HB 2311) would revise the Education Code, upon voter approval.

## ARGUMENTS FOR

- ▼ The proposition would provide more flexibility for fund managers by granting broader investment authority to enhance PUF assets.
- ▼ This proposal would allow distributions to equal average total investment return after inflation, a nationally recognized endowment policy. The Legislative Budget Board estimates that approval of this amendment would provide for AUF distributions to increase by \$33.6 million in fiscal year 2000 and by up to \$49.8 million yearly by fiscal year 2004. Both financial managers and Texas' public universities endorse the proposed investment strategies.
- ▼ Current constitutional restrictions were imposed at a time when mineral income was the primary funding source for the PUF and the only eligible investment was fixed-rate bonds. The PUF purchasing power would have been more effective if PUF income had been re-invested in the 1980's and discrete amounts of capital gains expended in the 1990's.
- ▼ In a 1996 report, the Office of the State Auditor expressed concern that constitutional limitations on the use of capital gains and ordinary investment income could severely restrict fund growth. The auditor suggested that "a constitutional amendment eliminating those restrictions would provide more flexibility in attempting to maximize long-term growth in both the corpus and the distribution from those funds."

## ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- ▼ As a conservative investment strategy, all capital gains from PUF investments should be reinvested in the PUF and not distributed to the AUF. Proposition 17 could make the AUF dependent on a continual flow of capital gains that could be severely affected by stock market volatility and speculative investment. To err on the side of preserving the corpus of the endowment is wise.
- ▼ Seven additional academic institutions were added to the PUF in 1984. These institutions are affiliates with the UT and Texas A&M Systems, as well as Prairie View A&M and Tarleton State University. Although these institutions account for only one-fourth of the total physical plant dependent on PUF funds, they have received nearly half of distributed PUF funds since 1986. Moving these institutions to the Higher Education Funds (HEF), created in 1984, would help retain the corpus of the PUF and disallow dilution of AUF accounts.

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