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**SOMETHING IN COMMON**—Caleb Penney of Dimmitt shares his Feb. 29 birthday with very few others, but he does have it in common with his great-grandfather, the late John Kennard (in photo). Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Leapin' birthdays!

### Five locals celebrate

By LINDA MAXWELL  
What do Beau Gonzales, Caleb Penney, Fabian Rodriguez, Carolyn Sides, and Kathy Webb have in common that is rather rare among the general population? They have celebrated fewer birthdays than almost anyone else their age—whatever age that is. Not because they haven't gotten older, but because their actual birth date only comes around once every four years. They all were born on Feb. 29. "I like to tease my friends that I'm younger than they are because I've only had 11 birthdays," Kathy Webb of Dimmitt said. She also says that she and her son both celebrated their seventh birthdays the same year. Today (Thursday) is her 12th.

She was born in Beaumont, and said she never ran into anyone else who shared her birthday until she moved to Dimmitt. Another "Leap-er" in Dimmitt is Carolyn Sides, who was born in Dimmitt 15 birthdays ago. She said a friend of hers always teased her that he wanted to trade birthdays with her so he could avoid the draft by claiming to have had fewer birthdays than the draft board assigned to him. "I always thought it was neat (to have the unusual birth date)," Sides said. "It's unique. It's not something everyone else has." Of course, that isn't entirely true for Caleb Penney, because he shares the special day with his great-grand-

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## Hart clinic's lease approved

The hospital board voted Monday night to turn the operation of Hawkins Memorial Clinic in Hart over to the University Medical Center of Lubbock on March 19, pending clarification of several points in an operating agreement proposed by the UMC.

Gordon Russell, the Castro County Hospital District's interim CEO, was scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with UMC officials to clarify details of three or four provisions in the three-page proposed agreement.

Board members present last Thursday night unanimously adopted a motion by James Welch "to accept and sign the agreement with the University Medical Center, with changes as agreed are needed by the board, subject to the leasing agreement."

Under terms of the agreement, UMC will manage the clinic, determine the operating policies, services and pricing, and will staff the clinic with physicians and non-

physician personnel "as reasonable and necessary to provide medical services" to the people in the Hart area.

However, UMC still will report to the local hospital board regularly on the clinic's operations and finances, will consider recommendations by the local board, and will allow the CCHD to examine its account records.

The clinic will operate under the name of "The Willis and Freda Hawkins Memorial Clinic, operated by University Medical Center."

The CCHD reportedly has been losing an average of \$5,000 a month on the Hawkins Clinic since it opened two years ago. The board

decided several months ago that leasing or selling the clinic to a larger system would be preferable to closing it.

In working out final details of the agreement, Russell said, "The thing we're pushing for is to try to have no break in service to the people of Hart."

Plains Memorial Hospital's Home Health Service reported that it broke another record in January on the number of patients served, with 66 patients receiving 426 skilled-nurse visits, 403 home health aide visits, 23 physical therapy visits, 40 evaluation visits and six incidental visits in their homes.

So far this year, Home Health has served 230 homebound patients, compared with 191 during the same period last year.

During the board meeting, Mildred Bradford praised the Home

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## Book Swap set March 23

The Children's Book Swap, which had been planned for Feb. 24, has been rescheduled for March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Children who are pre-school age through fourth grade are invited to bring books they are tired of and trade them one-for-one for some different books.

Entertainment will be provided by the FAITH Group of Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, sponsored by Norma Trigo.

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## VOTERS GUIDE

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## County to keep assistant CEA post

Castro County will keep a position open, for at least the time being for an assistant county agent here.

County commissioners voted 3-1 Monday to maintain the position in the local Extension Office, Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos voted against the proposal.

"There's an old saying that if you watch your pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves," Guggemos said. Guggemos blasted the work done by current County Agent J.D.

Ragland and assistant Agent Pammy Millican.

"For many years one man could handle that," Guggemos said several times during Monday's meeting. "They brought the assistant in here first as a trainee, and now they want to keep someone here. They always move on as soon as there's an opening somewhere."

Millican would have been forced to leave if the county had not been willing to pay an additional \$7,800 a year in salary, FICA taxes and state retirement. Those expenses had been paid by the state, but were going to be cut.

Most of the commissioners said they initially felt they wanted to cut the post, but intense lobbying since the Feb. 12 meeting swayed the vote in favor of keeping the assistant's post open.

"My phone rang for days," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "First it was just phone calls from Dimmitt, but then they started coming from all over the county. I went out and visited in person with several people, people who are large farmers, major taxpayers. Every one of them were in favor of keeping the position. I didn't hear a negative word."

"...Initially I felt like Vincent, but after visiting with people on the phone and in person, and not hearing a negative word, I've changed my mind."

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales said he received "a lot of phone calls, a lot of letters, from people in the county about keeping him."

"I have visited with people from Summerfield, Easter, Tam Anne, Flagg, Sunnyside, all over, and they all benefit from the assistant's work. Everyone in the county benefits from it."

Much of the work for the assistant agent is with the county's 4-H program. About 280 youngsters are

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### Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	80	41	
Friday	82	44	
Saturday	55	33	
Sunday	63	42	
Monday	65	36	
Tuesday	67	29	
Wednesday	56	13	

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

## Swifts to meet Shamrock in regional opener Friday

The Nazareth Swifts are headed back to the Region 1-A Tournament by virtue of their 69-34 slaughter of the Miami Warriors Tuesday night.

The Swifts (24-6) will open regional play Friday at 1:30 p.m. against Shamrock (17-4) at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Other quarterfinal games Friday will pit Smyer (25-8) vs. Sands (21-5) at 3 p.m.; Claude (26-6) vs. Sudan (18-6) at 6:30 p.m.; and Plains (22-8) vs. Klondike (22-0).

The Nazareth-Shamrock winner will meet the Smyer-Sands winner Saturday morning at 9:30 in semifinal action. The semifinal winners will square off Saturday night at 7 for the Region 1-A championship.

Shamrock trounced Adrian, 61-51, to earn its trip to regional. Willie Angton and Preston Wilson provided most of Shamrock's offense in the game, scoring 20 and 25 points, respectively for the Irish. All of Angton's points and 21 of Wilson's came in the first half and accounted for all but two of Shamrock's halftime total. Wilson popped five treys in the game.

Bobby Ryan was Shamrock's next high scorer with seven points. Shamrock played Tuesday night's area game without starting point guard Jeff Gilbert.

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## Naz meets Round Top-Carmine in semis today

# Swiftettes shooting for 13th state title



**A FEW TEARS AND A LOT OF SMILES** were common among Nazareth players and fans Saturday night as the girls accepted the Region 1-A championship trophy after edging Meadow in an overtime

thriller, 43-38. Meadow came from behind in the final minute to tie the game and send it into overtime, but Nazareth controlled the extra four minutes, outscoring the Lady Broncos 9-4 for the win.

Photo by Don Nelson

The Nazareth Swiftettes will be returning to their home away from home this weekend when they make their 16th trip to the state basketball tournament in Austin.

Nazareth, ranked No. 1 in the state, earned the tickets to the Class A state tournament by edging Meadow, 43-38, in overtime Saturday night in the Region 1-A title game. The Swiftettes will be shooting for their 13th state championship and their first since 1991.

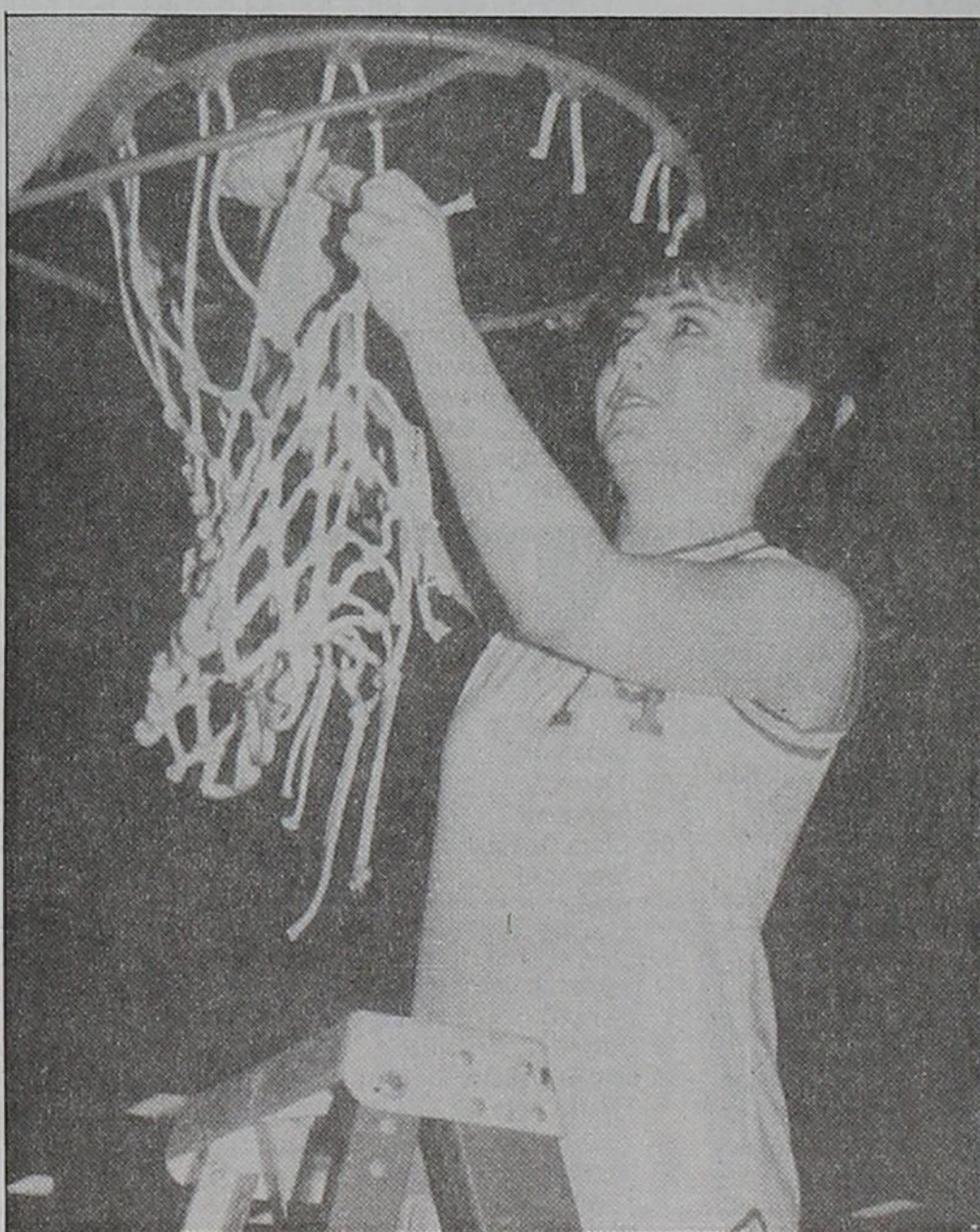
The Swiftettes, 34-2, will open against the Round Top-Carmine Cubettes today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. in a Class A state semifinal at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center—better known as "The Drum"—in Austin. The other semifinal game pits No. 2-ranked Celeste (35-2) against Zephyr (28-7) at 10 a.m.

The two semifinal winners will tangle for the state championship Saturday morning at 9 at the Erwin Center.

Despite its long string of state tournament trips and championships, the Swiftettes will be virtual rookies in Austin this weekend. Only two members of the team have ever played in a state tournament—Coach Johnny Hampton and starting forward Melinda Schmucker.

Schmucker was a freshman the last time the Swiftettes went to state, and she was a starter on that team which lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Celeste.

Hampton has been to state as a player and as a coach. He was a member of the Dimmitt Bobcats' (Continued on Page 11)



**NAZARETH SENIOR ROBIN SCHULTE** takes her turn at cutting down the net at the Texan Dome in Levelland Saturday after the Swiftettes won their 16th regional championship. The Swiftettes handled Allison and Spur with ease to earn a spot in the title game, then came alive in overtime to beat Meadow for the championship. Nazareth will take on Round Top-Carmine today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. in a Class A state semifinal game at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin.

Photo by Don Nelson





# People



**IT'S A PACKAGE FOR YOU**—The mail delivery person (Lindsey Welch) brings notice of a failed gypsy exam to "Gypsy Rosalee" (Jessica Flores), as her daughter, "Ditsy Mitzy" (Kristin Doss), looks on from the back of their gypsy wagon. The three are

members of the Dimmitt High School "Great Impressions" team, which will compete at the Regional Odyssey of the Mind contest Saturday in Amarillo, along with three other Dimmitt OM teams.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Child Protective Services seeking new board members

If you love children and are concerned about the welfare of abused and neglected children in the county, Child Protective Services is looking for you.

The county group is seeking volunteers to fill positions on its board of directors, and a resident of Precinct 2 is the needed right now.

"Although Pct. 2 is where the critical need is now, the board has

room for volunteers from all areas of the county," said a spokesperson for the board.

Those interested in serving on the board should contact Joan Aalbers at 938-2332 or Donna Stump at 647-3617.

The Castro County Child Protective Services Board meets each month to review the needs of and information about children placed in conservatorship.

As of the group's last board meeting on Feb. 14, there are 14 children in conservatorship. That means these children have been abused by their parents to the point that the state has been forced to intervene on the children's behalf. Those 14 children have been removed from their homes and have been placed in foster care or in a group home until the parents can prove that they intend to properly care for their children. Only then will the children be allowed to return to their homes.

The board also learned at its last meeting that there were three investigations of suspected child abuse in Castro County during January.

An investigation is conducted on every reported case of suspected child abuse to determine whether or not state intervention is necessary.

A sub-committee of the CPS board is working on plans to highlight the problem of child abuse during April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

One event planned by the local board during April will be a fund raiser to cover expenses for caring for children in conservatorship.

Although the cost of foster care is currently being paid by the state, each child in conservatorship has many needs that the government will not cover. Among those expenses, which are borne by Child Protective Services, are special gifts for children on their birthday, Christmas, graduation, etc.; special education costs and more.

The board's next meeting will be on March 13 at First United Bank in Dimmitt. Members present at the last meeting were Aalbers and Stump, Paula Graham, Vivian Finch, Joe Josselet, Gracie Killough, Gloria Hernandez, Connie Wilhelm and Bill Gardner.

## Clark urges Republicans to cast ballots

Deanne Clark, chairperson of the Castro County Republican party, presented background information and instructions, and stressed the importance of participating in the primary election and precinct, county, state and national conventions to a group recently.

A profile of candidates running in the March 12 Republican primary was included in packets presented to those attending.

Hollis Cain, candidate for Texas House of Representatives, District 85, was present at the gathering and told the group of his intentions and addressed issues which are important to him.

Twenty-one members, three guests and two children heard routine reports and were urged to submit resolutions at their convention to ensure that the party platform represents their values and beliefs.

A Republican primary will be held in each of the 254 Texas counties on March 12, and Clark said the Republican growth in voting strength and offices gained is notable.

Castro County Republicans will hold their county convention on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

Precinct conventions will begin at 8 p.m. on Super Tuesday at the voting boxes.

## Lisa Sears is recognized

Lisa Sears, daughter of Debbie and Ronnie Sears, has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Sears was born Nov. 6, 1985, in Lubbock. She likes tacos and kittens and says she is a good basketball player.

She likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School and admires her parents.

Sears says her favorite book is *Witches' Cat*, and she wants to be better at math. When she grows up she wants to be a nurse. In her free time she enjoys reading or having someone read to her.

## OM teams ready for regional

Four Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams will compete in the Regional OM contest Saturday at Amarillo High School, hoping to qualify for the state competition planned for April 12-13 in Plano.

The public is welcome to observe the "long-term" portion of the contest, but the spontaneous portion is closed, even to coaches.

Dimmitt High School's structure team will perform its long-term presentation at 10 a.m. at the AHS gym. Team members are Tim Proffitt, Michael Keith, Jason Hargrove,

Jason Hall, Jeremy Matthews, Jeremy Hall and Joel Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

The Dimmitt Middle School structure team will compete at 11:20 a.m., also at the gym. Members are Joshua Hardwick, Lori Schulte, Kylie Webb, Kelsey Welch, Daniel Proffitt and Alexis Proffitt. Coaches are Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

DHS's "Great Impressions" team will perform at 10:20 a.m. in the AHS auditorium. Team members are Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss, Taryn

Hays, Jessica Flores, Emily Robertson, Julie Merritt and Christie Bryan. They are coached by Reta Welch.

The DMS "Amusin' Cruisin'" team will perform at 10:40 a.m. in Room 605. Team members are Jason Harris, Cody Laurent, Ashley Irons, Jill Merritt, Colby Williams, and Patrick Hunter. Coaches are Mary and Gary Hunter.

## Attorneys are honored

Two attorneys from Dimmitt have been recognized by the College of the State Bar of Texas as certified members of the College.

The two honored are Heidi Bruegel Cox of Fort Worth and Jack R. Miller of Plainview.

The two were among those honored at the College of the State Bar of Texas annual awards luncheon in Austin on Jan. 27.

Attorneys recognized in this group account for less than 8% of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

The College was created by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a consecutive three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete 30 hours of CLE each year.

## What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Feb. 29 to March 8.

### DIMMITT

**THURSDAY:** Choices of \*lasagna, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or chicken and dumplings; potato rounds, rice pilaf or potato wedges; tossed salad with dressing, \*carrot and raisin salad or \*apple slices with cinnamon; \*hot wheat rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choices of golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or \*pimiento cheese sandwich; \*French fries, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, haystack finger salad or \*honeydew melon; cornmeal twist bread, hot wheat rolls or saltine crackers; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**MONDAY:** Choices of chicken fajitas, \*Italian spaghetti or hot dog on a bun with cheese; Mexipinto beans, \*savory green beans or Fideo Mexicano; \*tossed salad with dressing, broccoli and cauliflower salad or coleslaw; flour tortilla, \*French bread or cornbread; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**TUESDAY:** Choices of \*turkey tomato bake, green enchilada casserole or salmon patties; \*mashed potatoes with gravy, orange rice pilaf or potato rounds; \*tossed salad with dressing, pasta salad or fresh spinach salad; \*hot cheese rolls, white bread or cornmeal yeast rolls; apple, orange or grapes; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**WEDNESDAY:** Beef taco pie, roast turkey or \*lasagna with ground beef, refried beans, \*potato wedges or rice-vegetable casserole; tossed salad with dressing, \*haystack finger salad or macaroni and ham salad; wheat rolls, yeast rolls or \*Italian bread; apple, orange or cantaloupe; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**THURSDAY:** Vegetable lasagna, \*cheeseburger on a roll or chicken a la king; peas and carrots, \*French fries or baked potato fingers; tossed salad with dressing, \*hamburger salad or Waldorf fruit salad; garlic bread, homemade biscuits or saltine crackers; apple, orange or bananas; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choices of \*baked Cajun fish, toasted cheese sandwich or barbecued hot links; \*macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes or baked beans; tossed salad with dressing, tomato and cucumber salsa or \*jellied applesauce salad; \*cornbread, hot yeast rolls or cowboy bread; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

### HART

**THURSDAY:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, cherry and peach cobbler and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Baked fish or corn dogs, oven-fried French fries, cornbread, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

**MONDAY:** Steak fingers (elementary), chicken strips or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, carrot sticks, rolls, cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Enchilada casserole (elementary) or enchiladas, corn, tortillas, pineapple, blueberry muffins and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cheeseburgers (elementary) or barbecue on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Pizza (elementary), stromboli or lasagna; salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chalupas (elementary) or soft burrito, salad, Spanish rice, Rice Krispie bar, fruit and milk.

### NAZARETH

**THURSDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** No school!

**MONDAY:** Sloppy Joes, corn, fruit salad and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Mexican casserole, tossed salad, sopapillas, pineapple and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Frito pie, carrots, cornbread, peaches and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chili dogs, green beans, applesauce and milk.

**FRIDAY:** No school!

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Patty graduated from Amarillo College in 1984 under the joint program of Plains Memorial Hospital and Amarillo College. Other education includes graduation from Dimmitt High School and attendance at West Texas State University, 1984-1986.

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Rhonda and Nicholas Walmer

## Gospel duo to sing at Christian Church

Nicholas and Rhonda Walmer, a Gospel music duo from Craig, Colo., will sing at Dimmitt's First Christian Church Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

A time of fellowship will be held following the presentation, and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy sandwiches and chips.

"This husband and wife team presents an inspirational, Christ-centered program that will be a

blessing to listeners of all ages," said Jim Hardwick, minister of First Christian Church. "The music includes a variety of songs, ranging from hymn arrangements to inspirational favorites of today."

Hardwick said the program will offer something for every member of the family. He noted that admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken up for the Walmers' ministry. Also, they will offer cassettes and CDs of their music for sale.

## Sheehan to outline Teachers to China program Sunday at First Baptist Church

Mary Sheehan, a former teacher, will be outlining a plan under which American teachers travel to China under a Baptist missionary program Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Sheehan's message will be delivered in place of the regular evening service and it is slated to begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Sheehan is hoping to enlist others

## Finke named to dean's list

Wendy Finke of Dimmitt was among more than 800 students from Abilene Christian University who were named to the dean's honor roll for the 1995 Fall semester.

To make the dean's list, a student must complete 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

## Patschke to speak to Flame Fellowship

Jean Patschke of Farwell will speak at the Dimmitt Flame Fellowship gathering Friday at 7 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Patschke and her husband own and manage the Christian radio station, KIJN in Farwell. They have been Farwell residents for 30 years. She taught school for 20 years, and the last year of her teaching career was served in a Christian school. She majored in religion at Texas Christian University in Forth Worth.

For two years she interviewed pastors in the area on a weekly program on KIJN called "Getting Acquainted With the Family of God." The public is invited to attend.

## Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the museum.

All board members and other interested persons are invited to attend.

# FAITH Fish Fry fixed for Fridays

The FAITH Group will hold a public fish fry every Friday evening during Lent through April 5 to raise funds for its "Random Acts of Kindness" program.

## Lifeguard instructor class set

A lifeguarding instructor class will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, at the Aquatic Center in Hereford.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

The class is designed to train instructor's candidates to teach lifeguarding training (including first aid), CPR for the Professional Rescuer, lifeguarding aide, and community water safety by developing their understanding of how to use the course materials and methods of conducting training sessions and evaluating participants' progress.

Instructor candidates must be at least 17 years of age, possess an instructor candidate training certificate and be able to successfully complete a pre-course session consisting of lifeguard training, first aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer skills and knowledge evaluation.

Cost of the class is \$45, which includes the cost of the instructor books.

A training class for instructor candidates will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Red Cross office in Hereford and registration fee is \$10.

Those interested in signing up for the instructor candidate class should contact the Red Cross office in Hereford before Friday.

Coordinated by Norma Trigo, the FAITH Group consists of Dimmitt teenagers who perform voluntary service for the community and individuals where they are requested or see a need.

The fish fries will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Friday in the Immaculate Conception Community Hall. Meals will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under, all you can eat with all the fixings.

"People have offered to pay us for a lot of the things we've done, and we've turned it down," Trigo said. "But now we find that we need money to buy supplies for some of our work, so if you want to pay us, this is the way to do it—come and eat fish with us."

The initials FAITH stand for Friends Always Interested, Thinking, Helping=Faith.

## DHS class to sponsor mock election

Dimmitt students will conduct a candidate rally and mock primary election next Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

The event will be staged by the honors world history class at Dimmitt High School and students, acting as proxies for the Republican and Democratic party candidates, will present the candidates' positions on issues.

The students, who have been studying the political conditions which existed during the decline of the Roman Empire, found parallels between ancient Romans political apathy and low voter turnout and interest in modern America.

As a result, the students sought a way to become informed and involved in the political process.



AGENT OF THE YEAR—Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized Betty Jones (center) of Dimmitt as its 1995 agent of the year for Market 30. Jones was presented the plaque by Gary Briggs, (right) vice-president of the Texas region; and Helen Brown, territorial agency manager. Jones' agency is located at 1013 West Park Ave., Hereford. Courtesy Photo

Many of them will have to wait until the year 2000 to vote in a presidential election for the first time.

The students decided to involve the community as well as the students in the project to encourage

the participation of eligible voters.

Campaign materials from candidates' headquarters as well as student-produced materials will be placed in the hallways at Dimmitt High School and in the auditorium during the rally.

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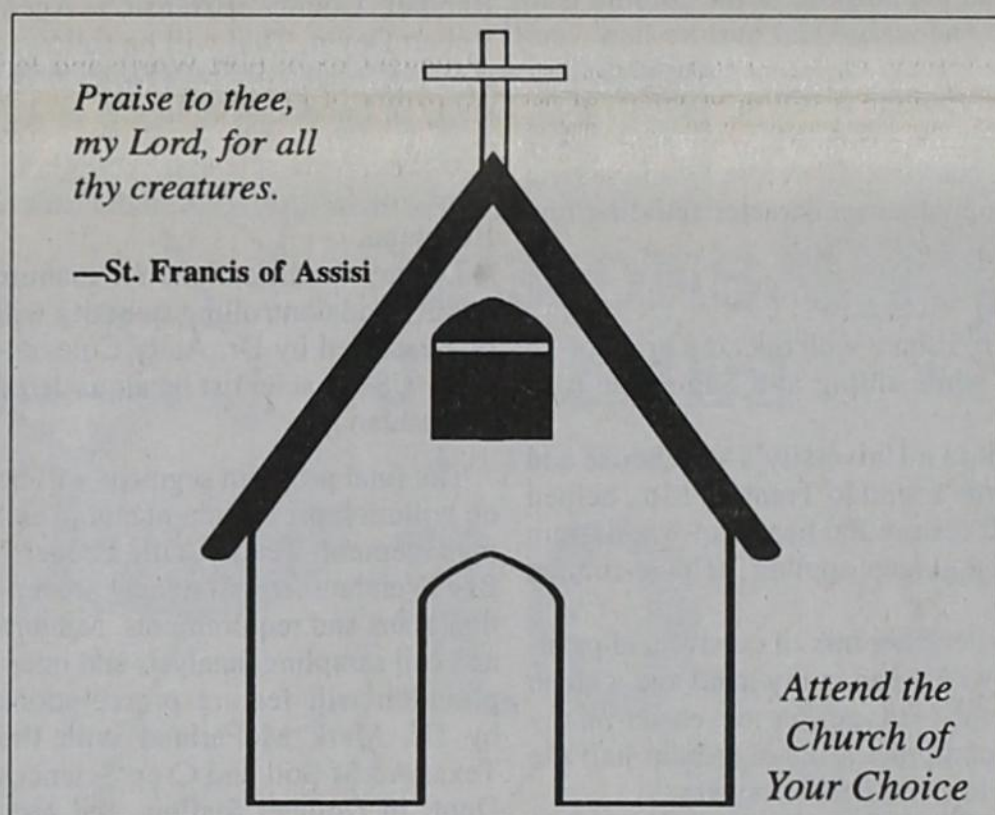
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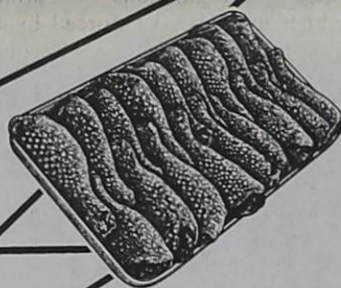
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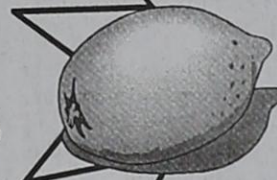
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# Sports



## Schmucker comes alive in OT to lift Naz to title

Nazareth senior Melinda Schmucker wasn't about to let her high school career go by without at least one more shot at winning a state championship.

Meadow had other ideas, however. The Lady Broncos fought a valiant battle in the Region 1-A championship game Saturday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Meadow virtually shut down Schmucker, a three-time all-stater, limiting her to just four points in four quarters.

Then the Lady Broncos tied the score at the end of regulation.

Schmucker took over from there. She scored eight of Nazareth's nine points in the overtime period and recorded a steal to lift the Swiftettes to their 16th Region 1-A championship.

"This was my last year here and I knew I wouldn't get another chance like this. I made up my mind that I had to do what it took," Schmucker said. "We knew this was crunch time. It was do or die."

"We knew we had the lead (in the fourth) and I guess we thought they couldn't come back from that far behind with just a few seconds left. I don't think our defense was as sharp as it should have been. Then we didn't make our free throws in the fourth quarter."

Schmucker, who had missed two front ends of a one-and-one in the final seconds of regulation, had no problems scoring in OT. She opened

the scoring with an outside shot, then hit another with 2:12 left. A steal resulted in a Schmucker layup with less than a minute left and Nazareth was on top 40-34. She sealed the win with a pair of free throws with nine seconds left.

And the Swiftettes came through, limiting Meadow to two field goals in the bonus—both by April Jordan.

Nazareth had held a seven-point lead over Meadow with a minute left in regulation. It wasn't a big enough cushion, though. Meadow came back with a layup by Ursula Thomson, a three by Lynsee Bayer, then a wing shot by Bayer with nine seconds left to tie the game at 34. Schmucker missed a shot at the buzzer and four extra minutes were programmed into the scoreboard.

"We got tentative and let them shoot layups and wide-open threes, and they made their shots," said Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton, who won his second regional title as a head coach. (The first was with Nazareth boys in 1986.) "Then we got five or six free throws in a row and couldn't hit."

Before the overtime period, Hampton said he told his team someone would have to step up and make the plays.

"Melinda stepped up and made the plays," he said.

Schmucker finished with 12 points in the game. K'Lynn Gerber and Misti Ball had eight apiece and Amy

Pohlmeier was good for seven. Meadow, which ended its season with a 30-6 mark, was led by Bayer, who had 15, and Jordan, who finished with 10.

Shutting down Schmucker was Meadow's top priority—in the first three minutes.

But the Lady Broncos found out they couldn't just focus on stopping Schmucker if they wanted to beat Nazareth.

Pohlmeier calmly popped two three-pointers in the first three minutes.

Meadow promptly changed its defense from a box-and-man on Schmucker to a triangle-and-two on Schmucker and Pohlmeier.

"We knew they would probably come out in a box-and-one and we were ready for it," said Schmucker. "When Amy started getting on the boards and was scoring a lot they switched to the triangle-and-two. We had prepared for that, too."

After Nazareth took an 8-3 lead on Pohlmeier's threes and an offensive rebound and layup by Gerber, Meadow got hot.

The Lady Broncos reeled off 11 unanswered points to take a 14-8 advantage before Hampton signaled for a time out.

Jordan, who hit a three with 5:46 left, buried another at the 3:11 mark. Meadow got baskets two baskets from Bayer and one from Sarah Hamm and Thomson to take the lead.

Gerber finally got Nazareth back on track with another offensive put-back at the 1:31 mark, but Bayer answered with a rebound and layup of her own. Schmucker finally got a basket, but Bayer countered it, too. By the end of the first quarter, Meadow was on top 18-12.

Nazareth's defense roared to life in the second quarter, putting a quick and decisive stop to Meadow's offensive success.

The Lady Broncos didn't score a single point in the second quarter and Nazareth took advantage, scoring nine points to take a 21-18 halftime lead.

"We were pressuring them and they scored 18 points in the first quarter," said Hampton. "We got out of the press and they didn't score any more points in the second. We shouldn't have stayed in the press as long as we did."

"They really outplayed us in the first half," Hampton said. "They played good defense in the second quarter and they had a lot of shots, they just happened to miss all of those shots."

While the defense was shutting down Meadow's offense, Nazareth shooters picked up the slack left in the first quarter.

Senior point Carie Wethington sank a three-pointer with 5:03 left to cut Meadow's lead to three. Then Misti Ball nabbed an offensive rebound and turned it into two points and Meadow's lead was trimmed to one.

Nazareth regained the lead with 1:24 left when freshman Jayme Schmucker came in off the bench and scored from just inside the left edge of the free throw line.

Gerber promptly stole a Meadow pass and drove coast-to-coast for a layup and Nazareth was on top 21-18. Meadow would never enjoy a lead again.

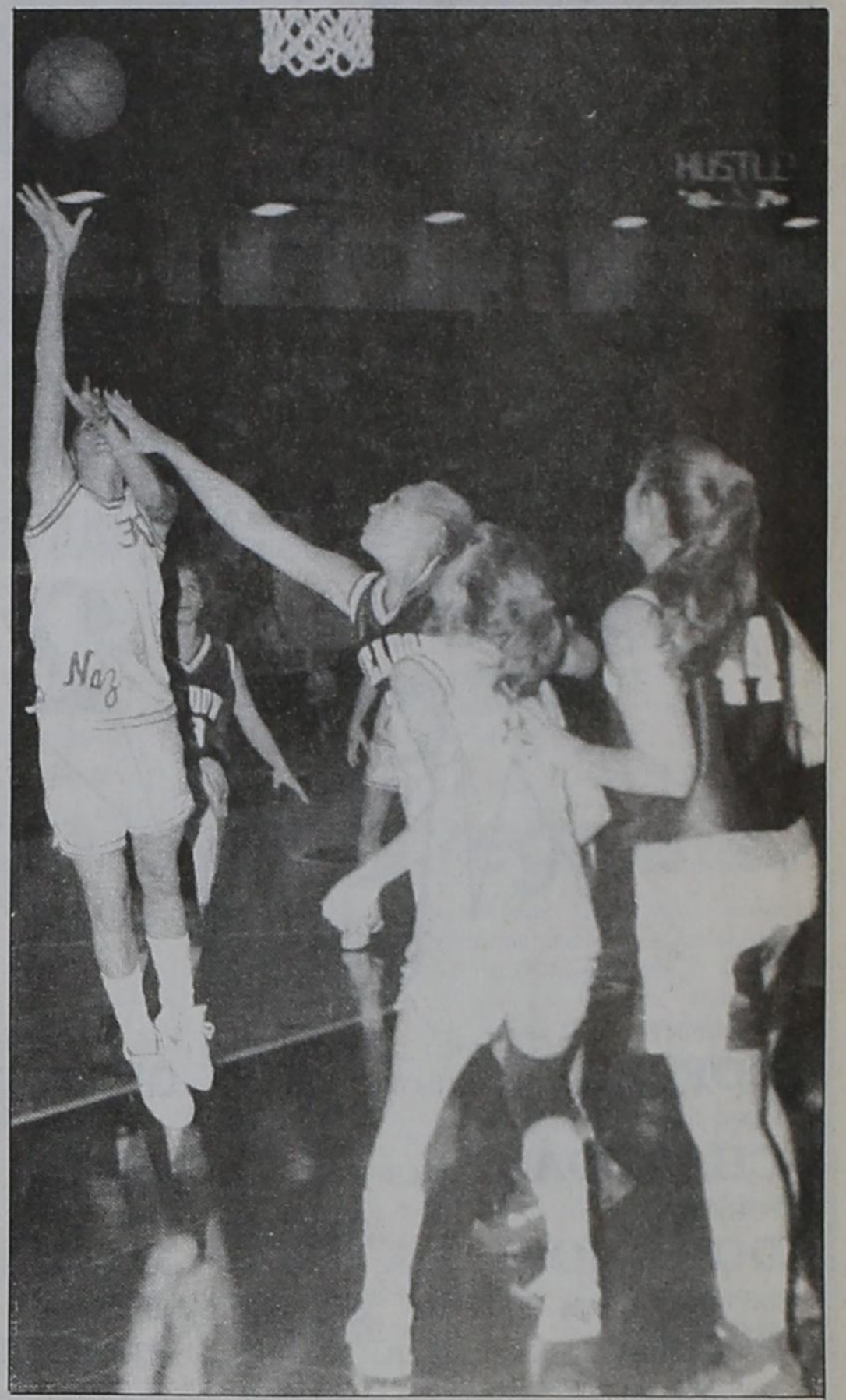
Ball enjoyed two quick baskets in the third, then Robin Schulte scored to account for Nazareth's six third-quarter points. Meadow also had six on two shots by Hamm and another by Bayer at the score at the end of three was 27-24, Nazareth.

The Swiftettes used a basket by Ball to take a five-point lead early, but Thomson hit a three to trim the lead to two with 5:37 left. Nazareth scored the next five points on an offensive rebound by Gerber, two free throws by Schmucker and one by Wethington to take a 34-27 lead with 1:13 left.

That lead dwindled to five when Thomson scored with a minute remaining.

Schmucker missed a free throw and Meadow grabbed the rebound and wasted no time, counting a three

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NAZARETH'S MISTI BALL scores after nabbing an offensive rebound Saturday night in the Region 1-A championship game between the Swiftettes and Meadow. Nazareth had to go into overtime to defeat the feisty Lady Broncos, 43-38. Nazareth earned its 16th trip to the state tournament in Austin with the victory. Ball had an impressive tournament, scoring 10 against Allison, 14 against Spur and eight against Meadow. Teammate Carie Wethington (10) fights for rebound position in front of Meadow's Sarah Hamm. Photo by Anne Acker



SURROUNDED—That's how Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker (12) felt for most of Saturday night's Region 1-A final against Meadow. Meadow smothered Schmucker with a box-and-man defense to open the game, then switched to a triangle-and-two when Amy Pohlmeier started hitting. Schmucker gets off a shot here despite being surrounded by Meadow defenders Lynsee Bayer (24), Sarah Hamm (44) and Ursula Thomson (23). Schmucker was held to four points in regulation and Meadow sent the game into overtime by hitting a shot with 10 seconds left. Schmucker broke free from the stronghold in the bonus period, though, scoring eight points to lift her team to 43-38 win and their 16th regional championship. Photo by Anne Acker



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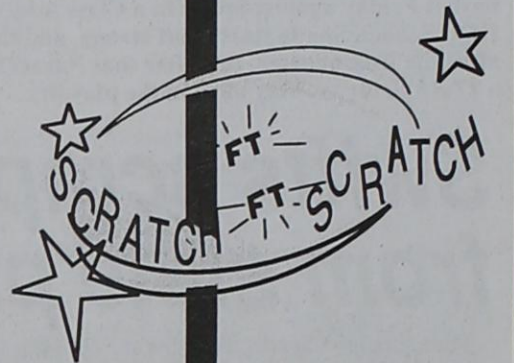


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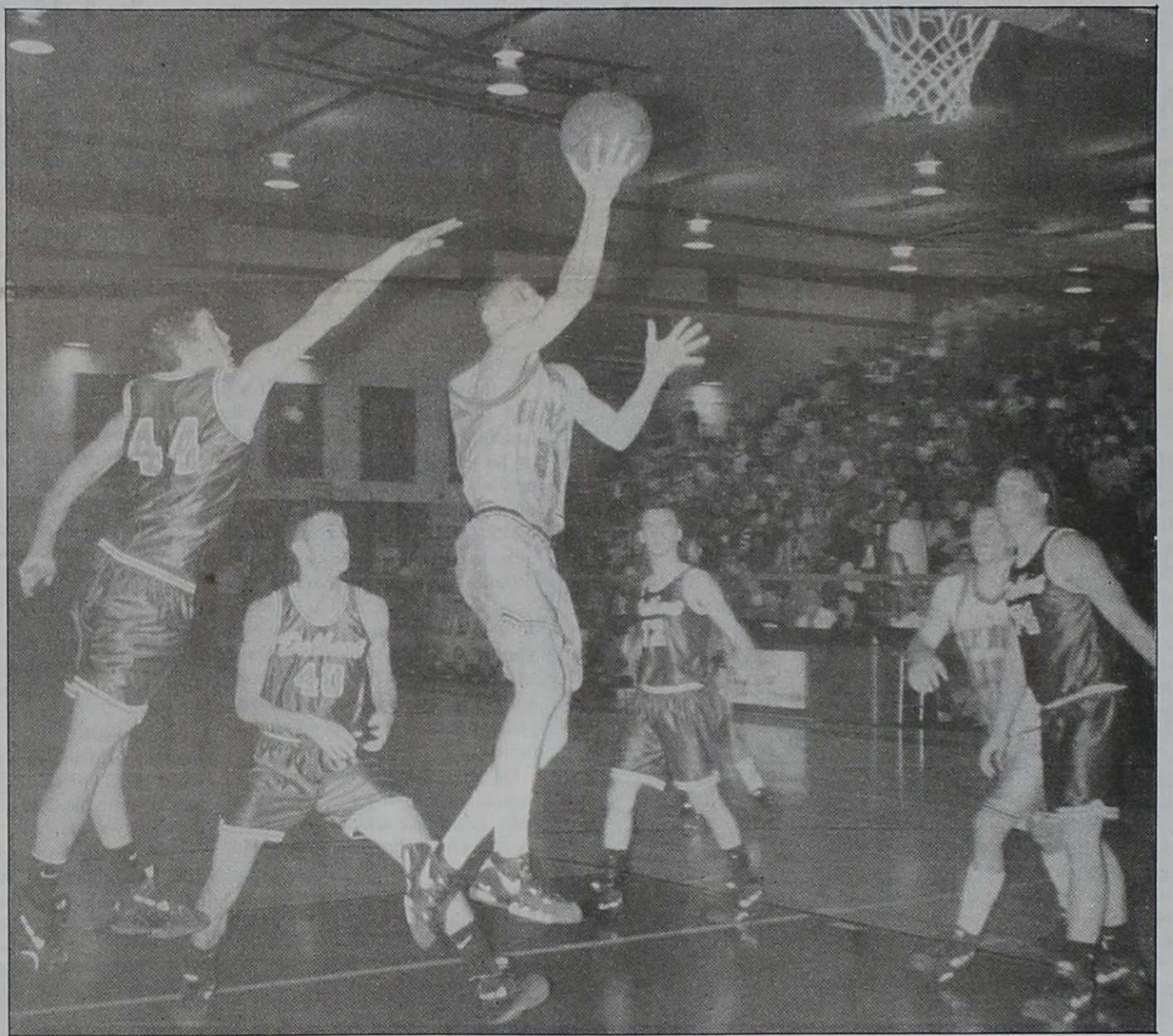


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#### Bobcats

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 86, Randall 92          | 91, Muleshoe 61    |
| 68, Lubbock Coronado 67 | 73, Friona 54      |
| 87, Borger 55           | 67, Shallowater 58 |
| 84, Slaton 81           | 81, River Road 52  |
| 63, Abernathy 40        | 69, Floydada 44    |
| Plainview Tournament    | 69, Littlefield 54 |
| 60, Andrews 63          | 79, Muleshoe 35    |
| 57, Canyon 61           | 77, Friona 32      |
| 91, Abernathy 53        | 68, Shallowater 55 |
| 76, Hereford 54         | 95, Lockney 51     |
| Seminole Tournament     | 55, Dalhart 57     |
| 75, Denver City 53      |                    |
| 61, Canyon 52           |                    |
| 76, Seminole 70         |                    |
| 49, Andrews 63          |                    |
| 83, Lubbock Cooper 62   |                    |
| 66, Tulia 64            |                    |
| 69, Clovis 76           |                    |
| Caprock Tournament      |                    |
| 53, Seminole 49         |                    |
| 54, Shallowater 68      |                    |
| 83, Slaton 67           |                    |
| 82, Dalhart 52          |                    |
| 76, Monahans 49         |                    |
| 62, Slaton 53           |                    |
| 67, Floydada 43         |                    |
| 64, Littlefield 62      |                    |

Season Record: 28-7



LAYUP FOR THE LEAD—Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) drives between Dalhart's Jay Hills (44) and Trevor Scott (40) and sinks an easy, wide-open layup to give the Bobcats a 36-35 lead with 5:24 left in the third quarter last Thursday night in a class AAA bi-district game at the Amarillo Tascosa Activity Center. Also pictured are Dalhart's Ryan Cunningham (12) and Gary Swecker (54), and Dimmitt's Chad Ellis (13). Dimmitt couldn't hold onto the lead down the stretch and suffered a 57-55 loss when Josh Reynolds hit a shot at the buzzer.

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# Obituaries

## Mabel Gensen

Mabel Gensen, 95, of Los Lunas, N.M., former teacher at the Sunnyside School, died last Thursday at her home. Graveside services were held Monday afternoon at the Plainview Cemetery with Rev. Roger Foote, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview. Mrs. Gensen was born May 27, 1900, in Hale County. She married William Wallace Phipps on Oct. 6, 1922. He died in 1942. She married Alfred E. Leach on Nov. 22, 1942. He died in 1963. She married Jack Gensen on April 8, 1969. He died in 1980. She was a graduate of Olton High School and Wayland College. She moved from Belen, N.M. to Los Lunas in 1965. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Los Lunas.

Mrs. Gensen taught school in Sunnyside from 1920 to 1922. She taught in Greenville and retired from the teaching profession in 1960. She was preceded in death by a son, James Wallace, in 1925.

Survivors include a son, W.T. Phipps of Clovis, N.M.; two daughters, Alice Phipps and Lawanda Owens, both of Los Lunas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

## Arthur Magee

Arthur D. Magee, 70, of Phoenix, Ariz., former Dimmitt resident, died Feb. 13. Burial was in the Veterans Cemetery in Phoenix on Feb. 21. Mr. Magee was born Oct. 23, 1925, and he lived in Phoenix most of his life. He was a United States Navy veteran and served in World War II. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in accounting.

He lived in Dimmitt for a time and operated the Dimmitt Pool Hall in the early 1980s. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Baylets; and a brother, Milton Magee.

Survivors include four daughters, Patsy and Dorothy, both of Phoenix, Lydia of Illinois, and Lois of Kingman, Ariz.; a brother, Elmer Magee of Taylor, Ariz.; three sisters, Dorothy Hill of North Carolina, Mary Stewart of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Doris Wait of Dimmitt; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Richard W. Messer

Richard W. Messer, 71, of Jackson, Miss., brother of Mary Nell Malone of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday at his home. Services were held Friday afternoon at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Ridgeland. Burial followed in Lakewood Memorial Park in Mississippi.

Mr. Messer was a native of Memphis. He had lived in the Jackson area for more than 37 years. He was a disabled World War II Navy veteran and served aboard the USS Ruyard Bay. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 153 in Madison. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Lodge No. 638. He was a member of Twin Peaks Baptist Church.

A lifelong cattle farmer, Mr. Messer retired after 25 years with Jackson Ready Mix Concrete, where he was superintendent of the Mis-

Lite Division. His wife, Faye Lucille Messer, died on Dec. 25, 1995.

Survivors include his daughters, Diane M. Martin and Brenda M. Strain, both of Madison and Ricky D. Messer of Foxworth; his sisters, Judith Uhrich, Peggy Hartman and Dorothy Hutchinson, all of Amarillo, Mary Nell Malone of Dimmitt and Ima Joyce Rice of Miami; and his brothers, Marion Messer of Amarillo, Cleve Evans of Abilene and M.L. Evans of Dallas.

## Hilaria Rodriguez

Services for Hilaria Rodriguez, 72, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. A vigil service was held last Thursday in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens. Miss Rodriguez died at 11:44 p.m. last Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Lubbock.

She was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Yorktown and lived in Borger before she moved to Dimmitt 15 years ago. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include 11 brothers, Israel Rodriguez of Dimmitt, Frank Rodriguez of Hereford, Eddie Rodriguez of Stinnett, Jimmy Rodriguez and Johnny Rodriguez, both of Borger, Mike Rodriguez and Edward Rodriguez, both of San Antonio, and Cruz Rodriguez, Alurfo Rodriguez, Sam Rodriguez and Ralph Rodriguez, all of Tampa, Fla.; five sisters, Isabel Serrano of Hereford, Linda Trigo of Dimmitt, Eema Rodriguez of Tampa and Rosa Neeley and Mary Ann Morgan, both of South Carolina.

Pallbearers were Juan Rodriguez, Mike Rodriguez, Mario Pena, Marcus Tijerina, Fernando Balboa and Rosendo Gonzales.

## Vivian Shiflet

Vivian "Granny" Shiflet, 84, of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Dimmitt after a brief illness. Services were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Christian Church at Dimmitt with Roy Barringer, former minister, and Jim Hardwick, minister, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Shiflet was born on May 25, 1911, in Blue, Okla. She lived in Commerce before moving to Dimmitt in 1968. She married Marvin Shiflet in 1959 in Hooker, Okla. He died on Oct. 1, 1972. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Joy Grand and Glenna Fry, both of Dimmitt, and Pat Thompson of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Pallbearers were Gary Grand, Leroy Maxwell, Gary Williams, Charles Spring, Chris Jordan and Don Piercy.

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# DISD to buy and sell buses, wait on improvements

Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates, the engineering firm contracted to handle the project to upgrade heating and air conditioning at the Dimmitt Independent School District high school and middle school campuses, told the board Monday night that he will ask bidders on the project to re-examine their bids and see if there is any way they could cut 15% from the proposed costs.

The low bid submitted for the total project was for \$983,000 by TEC Construction of Amarillo. The second lowest bid was from Quick Silver of Lubbock for \$999,999. Four other bids were for amounts over \$1 million. Even after subtracting some optional work from the bids, the low bid would still stand at \$958,000, which is over \$200,000 more than Grimes' estimate of \$750,000.

Grimes said the large discrepancy in his estimate and the actual bids could be due to his failure to allow for inflation and for design differ-

ences called for in the two-story portion of Dimmitt Middle School.

Grimes said the options for the board would be to take the bids as they stand, drop the whole thing or approach the contractors. The board agreed to allow Grimes to approach the contractors and postpone a decision until the next meeting of the board, which is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m.

The board also voted to begin the bidding process for purchase of a new 71-passenger bus for the next school year.

The board also gave approval for two vans and one or two old buses to be sold. DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill told the board that he had spoken with six individuals about reconditioned older buses. He said all six reported that the reconditioned buses they had experience with looked nice for a short period of time, but they still all had "old bus" problems, such

as needing front end work, noise, metal fatigue, etc.

Hill suggested that the board might want to look into reconditioning buses that are eight to nine years old and still have several good years left on them, and thus prolong their serviceable years. Supt. Les Miller said the district could perhaps recondition a bus every three or four years instead of buying a new one, and use the savings to buy a car.

Board members asked what the cars in the fleet are used for. Miller said they are used by staff for travel, and for home visits by Estella Mendez and Gloria Hernandez. Also, he said that Paralympian Moore visits the Hart and Nazareth schools as a part of her duties.

# Police Calls

An incident around 12:58 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of Northeast Fifth Street in Dimmitt involved two offenses — assault with bodily injury and criminal mischief. A 23-year-old Dimmitt man told police that a suspect assaulted him and caused \$300 in damage to his 1984 Monte Carlo.

A 27-year-old Hart man was stopped by a DPS Trooper Sunday night and was subsequently charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was taken to jail.

A 23-year-old Nazareth man was jailed at 1:40 a.m. Sunday on two outstanding warrants. Public intoxication charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 50, who was jailed late Saturday.

A 22-year-old Amarillo man was picked up on DPS warrants late Saturday. DWI charges were listed against a 21-year-old Levelland man early Saturday.

A Muleshoe man, 24, was jailed on revocation of probation last Thursday evening.

Sheriff's deputies received a report from Delfino Loya of Friona that someone had poured battery acid on his 1993 Ford pickup while it was parked at Dimmitt Feedyard, where he works.

A Dimmitt girl told police that someone had taken her bicycle, valued at \$140, from her home on Northeast Seventh Saturday night.

Criminal mischief was reported at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt last Thursday morning, when the complex manager discovered graffiti on the laundry room door. He estimated the cost of removing it at \$100.

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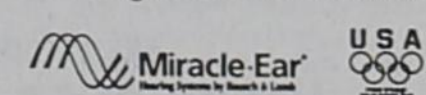


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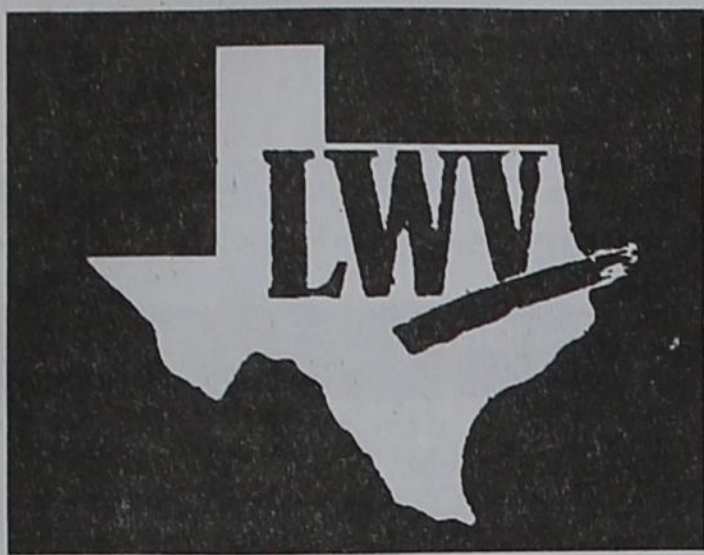
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# VOTERS GUIDE

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## PRIMARY ELECTION ★ MARCH 12, 1996

This *Voters Guide* is funded and published by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. This educational organization, associated with the League of Women Voters of Texas, operates exclusively for educational purposes in the general areas of government and public policy, carrying out its objectives through research, publication of educational materials, and other appropriate projects. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through active, informed participation of all citizens in their government. Neither the League nor the Education Fund supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

This *Voters Guide* lists all candidates for statewide races that will appear on Texas ballots, and includes responses to a questionnaire sent to those candidates in contested races. Presidential candidates are listed in this guide, but questionnaires were not sent to them. **Candidate replies are printed without editing or**

**verification.** Due to space restrictions, candidates were given strict word limits for replies. They were also asked to confine their responses to the questions asked and to avoid references to their opponents.

The *Voters Guide* is organized by political race then party, with candidates listed in alphabetical order. Ballot order will vary from county to county. Candidates in races unopposed within their party are listed, but questionnaires were not sent to them.

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### Voting in Texas Primaries:

- When you vote in a political party's primary, you become a member of that party for the next two years or until the next primary election.
- Your voting certificate will be stamped, at the time you vote, with the name of the party in whose primary you vote.
- You may vote in only one party's primary. If there is a run-off, you may vote only in the same party's run-off election.
- Only party members may participate in the precinct, county or senatorial district, and state conventions of a particular party. Proof of party affiliation (i.e., your stamped voting certificate) is needed in order to be admitted to a party's convention.
- Parties other than those whose candidates are listed in this *Voters Guide* are not holding primary elections; instead, they hold precinct, county, and state conventions at which candidates are nominated and selected.

**To participate fully in the primary elections, attend your party's precinct convention! Why? Because the precinct convention is the first step in the process that:**

- adopts the state party platform
- certifies the party's nominees for state office in general elections
- selects delegates to the party's county or senatorial district, state, and national conventions
- nominates presidential electors
- elects national party committee members
- writes the national party platform

**Be an active citizen! Attend your party's precinct convention after the polls close on March 12.**

### Democratic Party of Texas

Texas will send 230 delegates and 32 alternates to the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, August 25 - 29. This plan allocates senatorial district level delegates and alternates through a proportional representation plan, based on the results of the March 12, 1996 presidential primary. Other delegates are allocated to pledged party leaders and elected official delegates and at-large delegates and alternates through a three-tiered caucus/convention system. The Texas Democratic delegation will be elected at a post-primary state convention to be held June 7 - 8, 1996, in Dallas, Texas, and will consist of the following categories and alternates:

#### Pledged Senatorial District

127 delegates (75% of base delegate positions)  
21 alternates (65% of alternate positions)

#### Unpledged

DNC Members — 13 delegates

Democratic members of Congress — 18 members of Congress

Former Speaker of U.S. House — 1 delegate

Former Democratic National Committee Chair — 1 delegate

Add-Ons — 3 delegates

#### Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official

25 delegates (15% add-on to base delegation)

5 alternates (15% of alternate positions)

#### Pledged At-Large

42 (25% of base delegate positions)

6 (20% of alternate positions)

TOTAL: 230 DELEGATES AND 32 ALTERNATES

To become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention you must:

1. Vote in the Tuesday, March 12, 1996 Democratic primary; and
2. File a statement of candidacy with the State Chair no later than May 13, 1996. Filing forms will be available from the Texas Democratic Party by April 1, 1996; and
3. Be elected by the state convention in Dallas, which will be held June 7-8, 1996.

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- Yes, I want to join the League and am enclosing yearly dues of \$50 payable to LWV-Texas.
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Membership is open to all Texans.

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### Libertarian Party of Texas

Libertarian Party candidates will appear on the November 5 general election ballot in Texas. The party will nominate its candidates by convention.

On the evening of Tuesday, March 12, the Libertarian Party will hold precinct conventions to select delegates to the county conventions. Any registered voter who did not vote in the Democratic or Republican primary may attend a Libertarian Party precinct convention.

On Saturday, March 16, Libertarian county conventions will select the party's candidates for offices in districts which lie entirely within one county, and will select delegates to district and state conventions. On Saturday, March 23, Libertarian district conventions will select the party's candidates for offices in districts which cross county lines, but are not statewide. On Saturday, June 8, in Lubbock, the state convention will select the party's statewide candidates.

The Libertarian National Convention will select the party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates in Washington, DC, in early July.

For more information, contact the Libertarian Party of Texas at P.O. Box 1776, Liberty Hill, TX 78642; or call 1-800-422-1776; or visit the Libertarian Party home page at: <http://www.io.com/~freedom/lptxhome.html>.

#### Local Leagues of Women Voters throughout the state:

League	Telephone
State headquarters (Austin)	512/472-1100
Amarillo	806/372-5438
Arlington	817/472-5982
Austin Area	512/451-6710
Bay Area	713/474-7963
Baytown	713/427-1947
Beaumont	409/866-9458
Brazos County	409/776-2015
Cleburne Unit	817/645-7116
Comal Area	210/980-3188
Corpus Christi	512/993-7851
Dallas	214/688-4125
Denton	817/382-4633
Edinburg/McAllen	210/686-8535
El Paso	915/581-6522
Fort Bend County Unit	713/341-5309
Gainesville	817/665-0328
Galveston Area Provisional	409/935-3379
Houston	713/784-2923
Irving	214/253-8202
Kerrville Area	210/895-5841
Lubbock	806/744-0023
Marshall/Harrison County	903/938-7077
Midland	915/689-0109
Montgomery County	409/856-3038
Pearland Area	713/485-0247
Plano/Collin County	214/964-3335
Richardson	214/470-0584
San Antonio Area	210/226-3530
San Marcos Area	512/392-2159
Sherman	903/868-1806
Tarrant County	817/336-1333
Tyler	903/597-9111
Victoria	512/575-7990
Waco Area	817/772-2838
Wichita Falls	817/766-2548

### Republican Party of Texas

Election of delegates to the Republican National Convention starts at the precinct convention and moves forward to the district and state conventions. The process also includes congressional district nomination meetings that will propose delegates and alternates to the national convention.

The precinct convention will be held immediately after the polls are closed on primary election day. Signs posted outside the polling place will give the time and location.

Only residents of the precinct who voted in the Republican primary (including absentees) are eligible to attend the precinct convention. Convention delegates will elect officers and delegates to the senatorial district or county convention (depending on local party structure), and will consider resolutions pertaining to party platform.

Anyone attending precinct conventions may nominate an individual to be a delegate, and nominees need not be present. Delegates chosen at this convention must be registered voters in the precinct and must have voted in the March 12 primary.

The format will be repeated at the county or senate district convention. Before the state convention, congressional district nomination committee meetings will take place. Each presidential candidate entitled to at least one delegate will select a slate of delegates and alternates to represent him or her at the national convention. Each slate will include one nominee for each delegate or alternate to which he or she is entitled. In each congressional caucus the delegates will be able to nominate additional names to be national delegates or alternates. Each delegate or alternate will pledge support to the candidate for three votes.

At the state convention, delegates will elect 90 delegates and 90 alternates in the congressional caucus. Thirty-three delegates and alternates will be elected at-large. Resolutions pertaining to the state party platform will be voted upon.

At the national convention, delegates will elect presidential and vice presidential nominees, adopt a final party platform and rules for the national party.

For more information, contact the Republican Party of Texas, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701 or call (512) 477-9821.

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### 1996 Election Calendar

Primary Election Day Tuesday, March 12  
 Primary Runoff Tuesday, April 9  
 General Election Day Tuesday, November 12

## ★★★ U.S. PRESIDENT ★★★

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

### Democratic Party Candidates on Texas Ballots

Willie Felix Carter  
Sal Casamassima

Bill Clinton  
Ted L. Gunderson

Heather Harder  
Fred Hudson

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.  
Elvena E. Lloyd-Duffie

### Republican Party Candidates on Texas Ballots

Lamar Alexander  
Patrick J. Buchanan  
Charles E. Collins

Bob Dole  
Susan Ducey  
Steve Forbes

Phil Gramm  
Alan L. Keyes  
Mary (France) Le Tulle

Richard G. Lugar  
Morry Taylor

### EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

February 21 - March 8

Voting by mail is an option for certain eligible persons.  
FOR INFORMATION,  
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### UNOPPOSED SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES

#### CHIEF JUSTICE

Andrew Kupper Democratic Party Candidate  
 Tom Phillips Republican Party Candidate

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#### JUSTICE

Justice	Democratic Party Candidates	Republican Party Candidates
Justice, Place 1	Patrice Barron	
Justice, Place 2	Gene Kelly	
Justice, Place 1	John Cornyn	
Justice, Place 2	James A. Baker	
Justice, Place 3	Greg Abbott	

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ U.S. SENATOR ★ ★ ★ ★

Six-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U. S. Senate which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with the U. S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Salary: \$133,600.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

#### JOHN BRYANT



Native Texan, married 27 years, three children. Graduate Texas public schools, SMU, SMU Law School. Businessman, attorney. Five terms, Texas Legislature. Seven terms, U.S. Representative; enacted major public interest, consumer, environmental legislation each term. Populist Democrat in public service to better lives of America's working families, children's futures.

### QUESTION 1

What changes, if any, would you suggest in the financing of congressional campaigns?

Throughout congressional tenure, consistently supported campaign reform advocated by Common Cause, other public interest organizations to limit influence of political action committees and campaign spending, require candidates to personally appear in advertisements to minimize purely negative attacks on opponents. Voted to ban honoraria income and prohibit personal use of campaign funds. Authored and passed toughest lobby regulation law in American history, including total ban on lobby-paid gifts, meals, trips for members of Congress.

### QUESTION 2

Do you support the major restructuring of health, safety, and environmental regulations being proposed in Congress? Why or why not?

#### Democratic Party Candidates

No. American families deserve to know reasonable steps have been taken to assure them clean air and water, no toxic waste dumps next door, healthy working conditions, safe products, and protected national parks and forests for our children's future. Allowing special interest lobbyists for polluters to write laws repealing these protections is abdication of government responsibility and common sense. Citizen Action says that among Texans, I was second to last in voting with Gingrich Republicans.

### QUESTION 3

What changes, if any, in our immigration laws would you support?

Ranking Democratic member of Immigration Subcommittee, coauthor of bipartisan immigration reform to increase border security and enforcement, impose tougher sanctions on businesses that hire illegal aliens to detriment of American workers (while instituting automated Social Security verification system to ease employer compliance), expedite deportation of illegals, dramatically reduce legal immigration especially of imported workers taking American jobs and "investors" seeking to buy legal status, emphasize reuniting nuclear families. Vehemently oppose immigration-related discrimination.



#### JIM CHAPMAN

Fifth generation Texan; BBA in Accounting, University of Texas; law degree, Southern Methodist University. Twice elected District Attorney with a 99% conviction rate. Six times elected to U.S. Congress; Member, House Appropriations Committee. Awards: Watchdog of Treasury, National Security Leadership. Author: Truth in Sentencing Act, Regulatory Sunset Act.

We must reduce the role of special interests in Washington. I have long supported limiting spending on congressional campaigns, reducing the role of political action committees and emphasizing contributions from in-state. Having twice voted for campaign finance clean-up--only to see it killed by filibusters in the U.S. Senate by Phil Gramm--Texans must replace Gramm with a Senator who will fight for our interests instead of the special interests.

I support protecting our environment while reforming government over-regulation. Mountains of paper work that do nothing to clean up the environment have led me to propose the Regulatory Sunset Act to make agencies justify their regulations or abolish them. I've led efforts to obtain resources to improve urban air quality, clean up livestock pollution, protect the U.S. - Mexican border from land and water pollution and to force action on dangerous Texas superfund sites.

I support beefing up the Border Patrol and cracking down on illegal immigration. I oppose using illegal immigration to destroy legal immigration. John Bryant's H.R. 2202 eliminates the reunification of families, rolls back protections against illegal employer discrimination and requires employers to get government permission before hiring new employees. I support strongly attacking illegal immigration with all the resources we have. I strongly oppose the anti-family, pro-discrimination, Big Brother attitude proposed by John Bryant.



#### VICTOR MORALES

Seventeen years as a teacher, invaluable training and experience in dealing with all ethnic, social and economic differences on the job. Remaining open minded, and maintaining a tenacity and patience with problem solving became second nature. Working long hours without financial reward was the norm. Plus City Councilman.

I would try to place some sort of limits on expenditures and work with the Television Networks, Radio and Media to provide a basis coverage in all areas of the state over a certain period of time. The public would be notified and it would be their responsibility to "tune in". It is obscene now that the continous refrain to candidates is "How much money can you spend" rather than the issues.

I would not be opposed to look at the restructuring of health, safety and environmental regulations. There is no doubt that in certain cases, it is hard to understand their intent. However, I certainly do not support a gutting of these laws, which I believe have a sound base for existing, that is to protect our lives. I would like to study information that as a private citizen, I have not had access to.

As a grandson of immigrants, I have no problem with that. I do take issue with the attack rhetoric toward a group of people, who to a very large extent, have contributed greatly to our country. With the continued improvement of border control, I am not for large cuts in legal immigration at this time.



#### JOHN WILL ODAM

I have dedicated my life to serving Texas. Governor Ann Richards put me on the Texas Youth Commission board, and I served as a special adviser to Governor Mark White and Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire. I was Assistant Attorney General, and I served in the Army during Vietnam.

Federal candidates should have to debate each other several times on public television. The beauty of the idea is that not only do we reduce the influence of PACs and fat-cat contributors, this reform wouldn't cost us extra because we already pay for public television.

I also want to ban PACs and forbid lobbyists from giving money to the officials they lobby. We should never allow corporate interests and lobbyists to put our congressmen on their payroll.

Absolutely not. This is real simple. Lobbyists for the big corporations are writing these laws that the Newt Gingrich, Phil Gramm and the Republicans are sponsoring under the guise of the "revolution." The destruction of our environmental and safety protection laws are nothing more than a get-rich-quick plan for the GOP's biggest contributors.

My concern on illegal immigration is that low-wage jobs given to illegals drive down the prevailing wages for working Texans. What I want to do is attack this problem on the demand side and prosecute the people who knowingly give our jobs to illegal immigrants. Unethical employers are to blame for the jobs going to illegal immigrants. I propose imposing criminal sanctions on those unethical and immoral employers who knowingly choose to give an American job to illegal foreigners.

#### Republican Party Candidates



#### PHIL GRAMM

I wrote the Reagan budget that ignited the longest economic expansion in history and the Gramm-Rudman law cutting deficits for the first time in 40 years. I stopped Bill Clinton's takeover of America's health care system and I'm working hard to reform welfare, stop crime and balance the budget.

True campaign finance reform would assure that incumbents do not have insurmountable advantages over challengers, and the major political parties would have fair and equal footing. It would also assure that Americans will never be forced to finance political campaigns with their taxes. Finally, we must take care to protect the right of all Americans to exercise their right of free speech in the political process.

In a world of limited resources, we must manage our natural and human resources to their fullest potential. I do not believe that environmental protection and economic growth are mutually exclusive, and I will continue to support the rigorous regulatory reform that we need to assure jobs, growth and opportunity for working Texas families.

The first duty of the federal government must be to secure our borders. I will give the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the Border Patrol the full resources they require to stop illegal immigration.

#### HENRY C. (HANK) GROVER



Well read and current in both domestic and foreign policy. 4th generation Texan. Honorable discharge U.S. Army.

12 years Texas House and Senate. Republican candidate for governor, 1972. Two degrees American History. Taught American History 12 years Houston's Lamar High School.

Eliminate Federal Election Commission. It is a sham. I will file a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Houston to do just that. The only authority the F.E.C. has is to levy a fine for campaign violations paid with more campaign money. Candidates should report all contributions and expenditures to Texas Ethics Commission.

Question is too broad and covers too many issues to answer in 75 words.

Bring home the U.S. Army from Europe and place it on the Mexican border from Brownsville, Texas to San Diego, California in order to stop all illegal immigration at that source. This will help control drug traffic. Declare a general moratorium on all other immigration for five years.

#### DAVID YOUNG



As a five-decade Texan with three decades of professional experience alternating between business, ministry, education and government, I am for all Texans, and not for sale. I will move us neither right nor left, but forward, especially to higher ethical ground, building trust that makes unity without uniformity possible.

The undue influence of money bedevils our political and judicial systems. Resentment raised by this unfairness divides our people. Despite the public's strong desire for campaign finance reform, we've been stuck with legislators whose desire for election and re-election outweighs desire for reform. This cancer that permeates our body politik must be fought with action, not words. Thus, our campaign accepts no contributions from PACs or from outside Texas or over \$250.

Generally I favor state regulation of these matters. Texans not only care more about Texas problems, but are nearer the realities than Washington. The Superfund, for example, often sets environmental goals too high for one jump, neglecting local realities and wasting enormous sums. Texas could accomplish more with much less. Interstate matters like mail, highways, truck safety, or Big Bend pollution from sulphur dioxide from Mexico, etc., require federal regulation.

Short term, we need better enforcement, though not an iron curtain. The majority of illegal immigrants in our country still come from countries other than Mexico by overstaying work permits, student visas, etc. Like all crime, we need to be tough on it, and, especially, its causes. For example, one major cause for Texas is a weak Mexican economy. Strengthen that economy and incoming migration, legal and illegal, diminishes. Address sources, not just symptoms.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ★ ★ ★ ★

Six-year term (on a three-person commission). Must be a Texas resident and qualified voter, not less than 25 years old, and must have no interest in any railroad. Among duties: regulation of the oil and gas industry, including drilling production, and environmental protection; natural gas utility companies; natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety; surface mining of coal, uranium, and iron ore gravel, including land reclamation; transportation and storage of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas; railroad safety; and encourages the use of clean-burning propane and researches new technologies for its use. Salary: \$79,247.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

### QUESTION 1

The Railroad Commission regulates industries which affect environmental quality. How would you address the commission's environmental responsibilities?

### QUESTION 2

What would you like most to accomplish during your term on the Railroad Commission?

#### Democratic Party Candidates

HECTOR URIBE - Unopposed



Republican Party Candidates

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER, continued

CAROLE KEETON RYLANDER



Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission (11/95 - Present); Railroad Commissioner (12/94 - Present). Former: Twice appointed by President Bush to National Petroleum Council; three term Mayor of Austin; President, Texas Municipal League (representing all Texas cities); President, Austin School Board; public school teacher; small business owner. Mother of five sons; Grandmother.

My philosophy is less regulations, less mandates and less taxation. Regulators should base environmental regulations on scientific principles, and target areas where there is risk to our health or environment. Regulations must provide protection without excessive cost, and offer individuals flexibility in choosing how to comply, rather than mandating a "one size fits all" standard. Environmental regulations should include a cost-benefit analysis. Regulations which cost more than they save should be scrapped or modified.

I will continue fighting for reform and results. We are completing a massive downsizing and reorganization, and reengineering the way we do business to be more responsive to the public. It will save taxpayers millions of dollars, and create paychecks and jobs-my top priority. The Commission regulates energy industries which account for \$55 billion of our state's economy. Our oil and gas industry needs what all Texans need from government, less not more.



ROBERT A. (BOB) WOOD

Graduated Odessa High School, 1947. Graduated Odessa College, 1951. United States Air Force 1951 - 1955. Graduated Texas Tech University, 1958. Bachelor of Business Administration, Major - Management. Railroad Commission of Texas (Oil & Gas Division) 1964 to 1993 (Retired). Worked in all phases of Commission activity - District 10 office.

Largest of the Commission's divisions, the Oil & Gas Division has been given responsibility by law to protect fresh water from pollution that might result from oil & gas operations. Casing requirements for new wells, proper plugging of old wells, and monitoring disposal wells is vital. Surface Mining of coal, uranium, and iron ore as well as reclamation of land is permitted by the Commission. Water protection and land restoration is foremost.

The Railroad Commission of Texas was created in 1891. It is the oldest agency in the state and one of the oldest of its kind in the nation. Given new responsibilities over the years by the Texas Legislature the Commission now oversees a broad range of activity. Efficient operation - close working relationship with regulated companies - and contact with all Commission employees to let them know how important they are to the Commission's operation.

★ ★ ★ ★ JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS ★ ★ ★ ★

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Among duties shared with other judges: serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in criminal matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of habeas corpus and others. Salary: \$94,686.

QUALIFICATIONS

Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

QUESTION 1

What changes, if any, would you support in laws and practices regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditures, and disclosure?

QUESTION 2

Do you favor changes in the present system of partisan judicial elections? Please explain.

JUDGE, PLACE 1

FRANCES NORTH CUTT



Former Harris County prosecutor; board certified criminal law; fourteen years trial and appellate experience; graduated law school *summa cum laude*. As first Women's Advocate for City of Houston, pioneered victim's rights programs for rape victims. Former aerospace mathematician; return-to-earth specialist on Mission Operations Team that rescued Apollo 13.

I have long supported the contribution and expenditure limits and disclosure requirements of the LWV's Fair Campaign Practices Program. While excessive contributions from individuals, law firms, and Political Action Committees are much rarer in campaigns for criminal courts than for civil courts, adopting these measures would give the public confidence that justice is not for sale. The best protection against undue influence is for the general public to become more involved in judicial campaigns.

Texans should continue to have the valuable constitutional right to elect state judges. The elective system should be improved, not discarded. Electing more judges by districts, rather than at-large, would improve both geographic representation and diversity. With shorter ballots voters could better inform themselves about the candidates and campaign costs would be reduced. Requiring all judicial candidates to be board certified would ensure that our judges meet and maintain high professional standards.

Democratic Party Candidates

BOB PERKINS



I'm a University of Texas Law School graduate. I served as J.P. from 1975 to 1980, as a County Court at Law Judge from 1980-1982, and I have served as a District Judge since 1982.

I have signed the Voluntary Limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act which just went into effect in 1995. I think this law makes good sense and we should see how it works before we start changing anything. The law is very strong in controlling the types and amounts of contributions as well as expenditures. The disclosure requirements are adequate as well.

I oppose the appointing of judges. When you appoint judges, you don't "depoliticize" the process, you only make the circle of decision makers tighter and more elitist. Non-Partisan elections are not offensive to me but if they're held they should be at the same time as general elections. I do think that partisan elections have worked well but there have been a couple of people who shouldn't have been elected.

Republican Party Candidates

GLEN BEAMAN



Victim Rights Advocate. 1979 B.B.A. Baylor University. 1981 J.D. Baylor School of Law. 1981 Admitted to State Bar of Texas. 1988 Board Certified. 1995 Special Counsel - Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline. Past Chairman, State Bar of Texas Advisory Committee. Married two Children. Beaman will take a bite out of crime.

I fully support and am in compliance with the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. Any candidate who is not in compliance must state that they have rejected the voluntary limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness act and in my opinion should not be considered for judicial office. The Texas Ethics Commission needs to aggressively pursue and enforce the current contribution, expenditure and disclosure laws. No judicial office should be for sale to the highest bidder.

A Free Society must have the ability to choose the individuals who pass judgement on them. The right of the people "to throw the rascals out" has served our state and country well. The current system of selecting judges allows the voters to reflect their values, rather than be subject to the whims of back room bosses who dole out political favors in smoke filled rooms.

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JAMES (DANIEL) BOONE

Thirty years practice in criminal and civil law. Texas Real Estate Broker's License. Degrees: BBA and Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Houston. Memberships: Texas State Bar, American Bar Association, Houston Bar Association, Anderson County Bar Association, Past President Anderson County Bar Association, Past vestry member of St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

Judicial campaigns should be regulated to avoid special interest group candidates winning seats. Candidates should be offered means of exposure and forms to reach voters that are affordable to all candidates, which in my opinion would increase voter interest.

No. If judges were appointed, judicial positions could become political plums given in reimbursement for favors. We have appointed federal judges, some are excellent, but others could not win an election. Judicial races should be publicized, but spending should be limited to avoid a candidate being indebted to certain organizations or special interest groups.

SUSAN BAETZ BROWN



I have been prosecuting criminal cases for over a decade. During this time I have handled thousands of criminal cases including the most serious of cases, Capital murder, Sexual Assaults and Robbies. My experience also includes the trial of over 100 cases before a jury and the handling of appeals.

I would support any changes that would require more stringent record keeping of contributions, expenditures and disclosure. I believe that the public and those who practice in our system have the right to have information regarding a candidate's contributions and expenditures made available to them.

I believe that a two or more party system is necessary in our system of electing Judges. I would like to see a qualification committee instituted that would screen prospective candidates before their name could be placed on the ballot. I realize how difficult it is for a citizen to become completely educated about each candidate on the ballot and in my experience I have seen unqualified candidates elected over highly qualified candidates.

SUE HOLLAND



My experience as a District Court Judge and misdemeanor, juvenile, and felony prosecutor, and first assistant district attorney with appellate responsibilities constitutes being in the courtroom daily for twenty-two years, together with being an attorney since 1967, makes me the best qualified Judge for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

None

If Appellate Judges on the Courts of Appeal and Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals were appointed by an impartial entity, but drawn from experienced trial judges who were elected by the people and had served at least one term, our Judicial system would benefit.

JEFFREY B. KECK



UT Law School (1977); Chief, Appellate Section, Dallas County Prosecutor's Office (1984 - 1994); Chair, Penal Code Committee, State Bar of Texas; over 800 criminal appeals in Texas Appellate Courts; extensive death penalty experience; Board Certified Specialist - Criminal Law; 18 years of criminal experience in Texas, as prosecutor/defense counsel.

I believe that further experience under the 1995 Judicial Campaign Fairness Act is required before any additional changes to the law regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditure or disclosures are considered.

I would support the following changes: 1) allowing the incumbent judge's status to be reflected on the ballot; 2) providing a brief description of the duties of each judicial office on the ballot; 3) moving back the date of the primary election. I would like to see the idea of conducting separate judicial elections receive further study.

JANICE LAW



Judicial conservative; strict constructionist who believes justice includes respect for rights of crime victims and their families. 54; Houston Municipal Judge; 15 years practice; former Assistant: U.S. Attorney, Houston City Attorney, State (District) Attorney; former Staff Attorney, U.S. District Court; member, Texas Federation of Republican Women. Husband: Don Jansen.

The new Judicial Campaign Fairness Act, which places limits on contributions to judicial campaigns, particularly from attorneys, has just been implemented in this election. I have agreed to comply with the new Act, as stated on my campaign literature. I favor giving the new Act a chance, to see how it works, before suggesting any further changes.

I believe that the people of the State of Texas should continue to elect judges by direct vote in competitive elections. I oppose an appointed judiciary. Although Texas' method of election of judges is not perfect, I believe Texas' system is responsive to the needs of society and should be retained, except for some form of term limitation.

MATTHEW PAUL



First Assistant State Prosecuting Attorney, representing Texas before Court of Criminal Appeals; working for eight years, in over 200 cases, to uphold convictions of criminal defendants on state-wide basis, winning significant victories for law-abiding Texans. Lecturer and author on Texas criminal law. Endorsed by prosecutors across Texas.

The public must know that its judges are fair and impartial. To promote the integrity and even-handedness of our judiciary, I support reasonable limits upon contributions from law firms and lawyers who will practice before the candidate elected to office.

The Court of Criminal Appeals should be made more responsive to the needs and values of ordinary Texans. Yet this goal is difficult to achieve by way of the ballot box, because most Texans who vote in elections for the Court of Criminal Appeals know nothing about the candidates' views or qualifications. I would consider changes in the present system that would help educate the public about candidates for the Court of Criminal Appeals.



**JUDGE, PLACE 2 WINSTON COCHRAN**



A Court of Criminal Appeals judge serves a specialized function requiring expertise in criminal appeals. I was an appellate prosecutor for 11 years, writing over 600 briefs, including over 20 capital murder cases. I have practiced defense law for 4 years, writing over 80 briefs, including four capital murder cases.

Criminal lawyers depend on court appointments from judges who depend on political support from attorneys. Existing information on the correlation between appointments and contributions is not easily synthesized. Rather than having another disclosure law, I would prefer more scrutiny by the press and watchdog groups. In the long run the best solution would be to minimize judges' discretionary control over defense counsel's livelihood. An independent public defender is one of several possible approaches.

Yes. (1) Signature requirements for certain district and appellate courts should be abolished, except as an alternative to a filing fee. These requirements are essentially an incumbent-protection device. (2) Judicial Canon 5, which prevents judicial candidates from saying what they think on specific issues, is a bad rule and probably violates the First Amendment. It, too, primarily protects incumbents. (3) Eliminate judicial elections? First try my suggestions and see if things improve.

**CHARLES HOLCOMB**



My 35 years of public service includes: Orange City Attorney, 6 years Judge, Orange County Court at Law, 5 years Cherokee County District Attorney, 19 years Justice, Court of Appeals, 1992 to present I am proud to have been elected seven times by people who knew my record.

There is no doubt changes have to be made balancing judicial independence and the people's right to select their judges. I strongly favor further limiting judicial campaign contributions, possibly limiting the percentage of attorney contributions. When running for the Twelfth Court of Appeals in 1992, I personally refused attorney contributions as a matter of principal, financing my limited campaign out of our savings and family donations.

I believe non-partisan judicial elections should be adopted. It is my further opinion that at least appellate courts should be filled in this manner, followed by retention elections. This would give the people control over the judiciary without partisan politics.

**NORMAN LANFORD**



In eleven years as a judge, I have presided over thousands of felony cases. That practical experience combined with the academic Masters Degree in Judicial Studies, enable me to fully appreciate this court's impact on public safety and the personal liberties of every Texan. I am dedicated to protecting both.

I would make the present voluntary limits mandatory for every judicial candidate and eliminate the current option of compliance.

Yes. The present system places the judiciary at the mercy of political forces that are properly confined to the other two branches of government. A fair trial is not properly a political party issue. Judges should be free to decide the cases on the law, without fear of political retribution or shifts in party loyalties. I favor election on a non-partisan ballot, with a retention election every four to six years.

**GARY TAYLOR**



I have handled the trial and appeal of hundreds of cases ranging from theft to capital murder. Four years ago I was hired by the Court of Criminal Appeals to evaluate cases before the court and draft opinions for the judges' review. I am board certified in criminal law.

I have voluntarily agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. I believe these terms and conditions should become mandatory for all judicial candidates. Finally, I support full disclosure of all judicial campaign contributions or expenditures.

I support our current system of the partisan election of judges because I believe that this is the only alternative which allows the citizen meaningful participation. None of the other alternatives suggested, such as the appointment of judges or retention elections, allows the informed voter to choose the candidate which most closely holds that voter's views. And it is this choice which the framers of our state constitution sought to ensure.

**PAT BARBER**



Graduated 1976 from Baylor Law School. 9 years as a county attorney and as an assistant criminal district attorney. Elected by elected prosecutors statewide to the 9 person Texas Prosecutor's Council and served one year. 9 years experience as a defense attorney. Married for 29 years with two grown children.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals deals with criminal, non-money issues, and typically, candidates can obtain only small contributions. I do not believe that these small contributions unduly influence Court of Criminal Appeals candidates. Legislative concerns regarding judicial campaign financing should be directed toward Texas Supreme Court candidates, who raise and spend vastly greater sums of money.

Judges should be allowed to run in non-partisan races. A judge's role in our legal system should be analogous to that of a referee, not a player. Party politics is often too partisan for judges. A Texas constitutional amendment could allow all candidates for a judgeship to be placed on the primary ballots of each party. Then, the two candidates with the most combined votes from each primary could stand for election in November.

**MIKE KEASLER**



District Judge since 1981; Chair-Elect State Bar Judicial Section; Dean, Texas College of Advanced Judicial Studies; Faculty, National Judicial College; Co-Chair, ABA National Conference of State Trial Judges Ethics Committee; Dallas Assistant D.A., 1969-1981 (Senior Felony Chief Prosecutor); U.T. Austin--B.A., 1964, L.L.B.--1967.

I will support any changes in laws regarding campaign financing that will enhance the public image of the judiciary. Perhaps solicitation of contributions only through a campaign committee where the judicial candidate does not know the sources would remedy the questionable appearance of the candidate's accepting money from attorneys likely to practice before him or her. Current law requires the judicial candidate to know the sources of contributions and certify to them in periodic reports.

There is no perfect way to select judges. All methods have their faults, including ours. Nevertheless, the Texas judiciary contains perhaps the finest group of people on earth. Political affiliation does not determine whether a person is a good judge. However, I am not in favor of any change unless it promotes the independence of the judiciary. I am opposed to single-member districts for judges in metropolitan areas; they would politicize us even more.

**RAY J. MCQUARY**



US Magistrate Judge, SD Texas. Board Certified Criminal Law; Texas Board Legal Specialization, National Board Trial Advocacy, Federal Public Defender. Handled over 50 appeals as lead counsel, 12 argued in Court of Criminal Appeals. Graduated West Point (1963); UT Law School (1972). Rotary Club President. Associate Professor-University St. Thomas.

The present system is adequate.

I would implement the Missouri system of judicial selection. Non-partisan committee would submit names to the Governor for appointment. After two years, referendum before voters for yes/no approval. If approved by referendum, would serve four more years.

**BRAD WIEWEL**



As a former briefing attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals, I have drafted opinions that were adopted by the Court in cases ranging from assault to the death penalty. I am very concerned about the increasing threat of crime to women and children. I pledge common sense criminal justice.

The Judicial Fairness Act has brought new accountability to the financing of judicial elections. The public will now be better informed regarding the source of financial backing for candidates to an unprecedented degree. I believe this new law should be evaluated in 1997 to see if it is providing better, more reliable information to assist Texans voting for judicial offices.

As a candidate for Place 2, Court of Criminal Appeals, I know first hand the lack of information voters have when selecting judges. Unfortunately, an uninformed electorate has very little knowledge upon which to base their vote. Party labels are generally the only guidepost voters have regarding a candidates basic values. I am in favor of partisan elections for judges until our citizens can be provided with more facts to assist them in voting.

**PAUL WOMACK**



Graduated, UT Law School. Four years assisting Court of Criminal Appeals judge with thousands of appeals. Felony prosecutor, past 13 years; first assistant in Outstanding Prosecutor award office, fighting crime, helping victims, seeking justice. Taught Texas criminal procedure in law school for past 13 years. Board certified criminal law specialist.

No one, other than lawyers who represent criminal defendants, has a financial interest in the Court of Criminal Appeals. So there are no other sources of large campaign contributions. A candidate who is not supported by criminal defense lawyers has no chance to inform the voters through expensive advertising. Only public financing of voter information could help, so long as the judges are selected in partisan elections.

Yes. The recent election of an unqualified person to the Court of Criminal Appeals proves that the present system is not working well for that court. There is no realistic possibility of financing that would adequately inform voters about candidates for that court. Judges of that court should be appointed by the governor from a list prepared by a nonpartisan screening committee. Voters should choose to remove or retain the judges who are appointed.

**JUDGE, PLACE 3**

**FRANK MALONEY - Unopposed**

**JOHN BRADLEY**



I have been a briefing attorney on the Court of Criminal Appeals, general counsel for the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and a prosecutor in Harris and Williamson Counties. I am board certified in criminal law. Judges throughout the state use my book *Texas Sentencing* to understand the punishment laws.

I would prohibit judges from accepting contributions from lawyers who have a case pending before a court. The public has made it clear that the practice of giving money to a judge who then hears your case creates at least an appearance of unfairness. I would limit individual contributions to a maximum of \$500.

I think the public should always have some choice in the selection of judges. Local election of trial judges assures some accountability in the criminal justice system. I do believe that the selection of state-wide appellate judges would benefit from an appointment system, but only if the public retained the ability to kick out judges they felt were not doing the job.

**CHERYL A. JOHNSON**

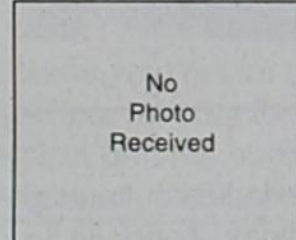


I graduated from law school with high distinction, served on the Law Review, and was published twice. I clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, then went into private practice in 1984. I am certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

I feel that the current laws are sufficient at this time.

I favor investigation of nonpartisan elections. Courts were designed to be the least political branch of government and the least susceptible to decisions made on the basis of political expediency. The philosophies which differentiate the parties are incorporated into the laws passed by the legislature. If judges are advocates for the law, then judicial opinions which follow the law, as written, will support the wishes of the people as enacted by the partisan legislature.

**TOM PRICE**



Judge 22 years, no death penalty reversals; faculty National Judicial College, lecturer National Judges Association, National Institute of Corrections, State Bar; participant Judicial International Comparative Law Seminar (Europe). Presiding Administrative Judge fifteen Dallas County courts. Helped establish construction/operation largest Texas state jail facility and Dallas County Judicial Treatment Center.

I support legislatively mandating full disclosure of sources and expenditures, with a dollar amount limitation on individual and organizational contributions.

No. Partisan elections disclose a candidate's judicial philosophy. Texas has an absolute right to elect the judges who administer the laws it has promulgated. Abolishing the right to elect judges could lead to abolishing the right to elect other types of public officials--the cornerstone of state and federal democracy. Elections provide the ability to remedy a mistake by refusal to re-elect -- a remedy that is not available under an appointment system.

**J. GARY TRICHTER**



J. Gary Trichter, a former police officer, prosecution program administrator, and law school teacher, is 44 years old and has 15 years experience in criminal law. Mr. Trichter has lectured judges, prosecutors and attorneys at more than 125 seminars and has had articles published over 25 times.

Mr. Trichter supports the present laws and practices regarding judicial campaign contributions, expenditures and disclosure.

Mr. Trichter absolutely believes that the present system of partisan judicial elections should be changed. Texans deserve good judges and not politicians to preside over their courts. Partisan activities only serve to undermine the integrity of the judiciary. Citizens should be able to expect their judges to be fair and to decide cases on the basis of fairness and not politics. No Partisan retaining elections would serve to avoid the present appearance of impropriety.

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