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General election is Tuesday

Ballot brims with contested races

Absentee voting for the General Election, set for Tuesday, has been brisk, according to the County Clerk's office. Voter interest has been spurred by several contested local races, in addition to hotly debated state-wide and district-wide races.

Absentee voting ends Friday. Balloting on Tuesday will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

Voting Pct.	Location
101	Hart Golden Group
105	Sunnyside Baptist Church
201	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt
206	Flagg Fertilizer
301	First Baptist Church, Dimmitt
307	Easter Community Center
401	District Courtroom, Dimmitt
408	Nazareth Community Hall

Incumbent County Judge Irene Miller, a Democrat, seeks re-election after having served one term in office. She faces Republican challenger Wayne Collins, who is presently serving as Mayor of Dimmitt.

Incumbent County Treasurer Janice Shelton, a Democrat, is being challenged by Republican candidate Carolyn Watts. Shelton was appointed to the post in March 1995 and was elected in 1996 to fill the remainder of an unexpired term. Watts is a six-year employee of the Extension office.

In the race for Precinct 2 Commissioner, Democratic incumbent Larry Gonzales is seeking a second term and faces Republican challenger Clyde Harold Damron, a US Navy veteran and 70-year resident of Castro County.

For Commissioner Precinct 4,

incumbent Dan Schmucker, a Republican who was elected in a special election in November of 1996 to fill an unexpired term, is being challenged by Democratic candidate Richard Hunter, a life-long resident of the county who has served on numerous boards and is currently on the board of the Running Water Draw Soil and Water Conservation District.

Other local candidates are unopposed, including District/County Clerk incumbent Joyce Thomas, a Democrat, seeking a second term; and Justice of the Peace Democratic candidate Tana M. Young, a certified peace officer with JP experience.

District Judge races in the two judicial districts which include Castro County also are contested.

For the 64th Judicial District, Democratic incumbent Jack R. Miller is opposed by Republican challenger Rob Kinkaid. Miller has served in the position since 1981 when he was appointed. He won election for four terms since then. Kinkaid is first assistant district attorney in Hale and Swisher counties.

In the 242nd Judicial District, Republican appointee Edward L. "Ed" Self, named to the post in February by Gov. Bush, faces Democratic candidate Bill LaFont, a Plainview attorney with 33 years of

civil and criminal trial experience.

Vying for the office of State Senator for Dist. 30 is incumbent Tom Haywood, a Republican who was first elected in 1994, and his Democratic opponent Greg Underwood.

Hollis Cain, a Republican, is once again challenging Democratic incumbent James E. "Pete" Laney for the position of State Rep., Dist. 85. Laney is seeking a 12th term in the office, and has been named Speaker of the Texas House for his last three.

In the race for US Rep., Dist. 13, incumbent Republican Mac Thornberry is being challenged by Democratic candidate Mark Harmon and Libertarian Georganne Baker Payne.

Incumbent Republican Governor George W. Bush is seeking his second term and is opposed by Garry Mauro, a Democrat, and Libertarian Lester R. "Les" Turlington Jr., along with write-in candidates George LaBlanche and Susan Lee Solar.

For the office of Lieutenant Governor, Republican candidate Rick Perry faces Democrat John Sharp, and Libertarian Anthony Garcia.

Candidates for Attorney General include Democrat Jim Mattox, Republican John Cornyn, and Libertarian Mike Angwin.

For the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts, candidates are Carole Keeton Rylander, Republican; Paul Hobby, Democrat; and

Alex Monchak, Libertarian.

Commissioner of the General Land Office candidates include Democrat Richard Raymond, Republican David Dewhurst, and Libertarian J. Manuel "Monte" Montez.

Running for Commissioner of Agriculture are Susan Combs, Republican; L.P. (Pete) Patterson, Democrat; Jimmy T. LaBaume, Libertarian; and write-in candidate Michael J. Yarbrough.

For Railroad Commissioner, candidates include Democrat Joe B. Henderson, Republican Tony Garza, and Libertarian Jim Spurlock.

Supreme Court Justice races include: in Place 1, Republican Craig T. Enoch and Democrat Mike West.

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A SWINGIN' GOBLIN is on display in the 500 block of Southwest Sixth Street in preparation for Halloween, which is Saturday. The weather is expected to be cooler with scattered showers, so trick-or-treaters might need to carry an umbrella with them.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Grand jury indicts six

Six indictments were issued Tuesday in Dimmitt by the grand jury of the 242nd District Court.

John Kovacs, 52, of Dimmitt was indicted Tuesday on charges of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. The charge states that on or about Feb. 8, 1996, he unlawfully appropriated money with the intent to deprive the owner of the property. His bond was set at \$2,500.

Michele Chance Bryan, 32, of Slaton, and John Kassel Davis, 24, of Castell, were indicted on separate charges of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram. The charge said that on Oct. 17 they possessed methamphetamine, less than 1 gram, including adulterants or dilutants. Bond was set at \$2,000 for Bryan and at \$1,500 for Davis.

Albert Clinton Richards, 44, of Lubbock, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The charge said Richards operated a 1994 Ford Thunderbird on Sept. 26 with-

out the consent of the owner, Leandra I. Branum. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Jesus Reynaldo Martinez, 22, of Dimmitt, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The charge stated that on Sept. 5 he operated a 1978 Chevrolet 3/4-ton utility truck without the consent of owner Robert Garcia. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Jesse Medrano Jr., 21, of Dimmitt, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Bond was set at \$1,500. The charge said he was stopped on Oct. 24, and had prior convictions in 1996 and 1993.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	58	45	
Friday	62	47	
Saturday	59	48	.01
Sunday	73	48	
Monday	78	52	
Tuesday	73	57	Tr.
Wednesday	63	47	1.17

October Moisture 3.12
1998 Moisture 11.84
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



Trick-or-treaters will be out in force this weekend, and they'll be able to enjoy themselves at several special Halloween events slated Saturday.

The First Baptist Church will hold its annual Truck or Treat celebration for pre-schoolers from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday on the parking lot at the church. The Nazareth Band Parents will hold their annual Halloween Carnival and Spook House Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. The Castro County Hospital District's Rehab Department will hold a children's Halloween carnival Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the courtyard at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Youngsters attending the First Baptist Church's "trunk or treat" feast will select Halloween treats from certain cars on the church's parking lot.

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

Treats will be placed in the trunks of the cars and the candy will be distributed to children as they proceed through the lot.

Those attending the event are asked to come in costume. For more information or to help with the event, call the church at 647-3115.

CARNIVAL AND SPOOK HOUSE

A spook house, variety of games, a pumpkin decorating contest and costume contest will highlight this year's Halloween Carnival in Nazareth.

Sponsored by the Swift Band, the carnival will be held Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Admission is free, but small fees will be charged for the games and spook house.

A concession stand will be open during the carnival, serving homemade stew and cornbread, Frito pies, nachos, homemade pies and more.

Proceeds from the carnival will benefit the Swift Band program. For more information call Glenda Birkenfeld at (806) 627-4214, Mary Beth Gerber at 945-2297 or Mary Lynn Olvera at 945-2249.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Children can enjoy a variety of games, show off their Halloween costumes and their talents decorating pumpkins Saturday during a special carnival Saturday at the courtyard at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the Castro County Hospital District's Rehab Department, the carnival will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. If the weather is bad, the carnival will be moved to the hospital's Physical/Occupational Therapy Department. Children attending the carnival must be accompanied by an adult.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and painted pumpkins. Winners will be announced at 4:15 p.m.

Those planning on entering a decorated pumpkin should bring their pumpkins to the Physical/Occupational Therapy Department at the hospital Friday so judging can begin.

For more information, call the Rehab Department at 647-2191.



HOLIDAY CALENDAR

SATURDAY—The Nazareth Swift Band will hold a Halloween Carnival from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Admission is free and the carnival is open to the public. A variety of games have been planned as well as a "Spook House," pumpkin decorating contest, costume contest and more. A concession stand will feature homemade stew and cornbread, Frito pie, nachos, homemade pies and more.

SATURDAY—The First Baptist Church will sponsor its "Trunk or Treat" event at the church's parking lot. The event is for pre-school children and it will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: A children's Halloween carnival will be held in the courtyard of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children attending must be accompanied by an adult. A costume contest, pumpkin painting contest, games and more are planned. The event is being sponsored by the Castro County Hospital District's Rehab Department.

SUNDAY: The Hart Golden Group will sponsor its annual harvest dinner Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Hart Golden Group Building. The menu will feature turkey and all the trimmings. Donations will be accepted and take-outs will be available.

TUESDAY—The United Methodist Women will sponsor their annual turkey dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church. A bazaar featuring homemade baked items and crafts will also be held, and doors will open at 9 a.m. Cost for the meal is \$6 per person.

Pct. 1 to accept bids for new motor graders

Commissioners will accept bids for the purchase of new motor graders for Precinct 1.

"One John Deere grader that we've got has to go because it's worn out," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "I'm just trying to figure out what is best for me to do in this precinct."

Rowland told commissioners two of his Caterpillar graders are on the buy-back program and that this year will be the fifth and final year of that buy-back program.

Although Rowland has enough

money budgeted to make machine payments this year, he's worried about what future years may hold in store for Pct. 1's budget.

"We can make it now, but what happens when everything else starts breaking down. What happens when our backhoe breaks down or something else?" Rowland asked.

Rowland said each machine has a lot of hours.

"You've got two machines that are flat worn out right now," Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige told Rowland. "You can spend money on

those for repairs and you still won't have anything. That's been proven."

Commissioners decided the best thing Rowland could do right now is go out for bids for three machines, since that was budgeted for this year. They'll decide what to do after those bids are studied.

The Texas Dept. of Health has grant funds available for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) departments, and Castro County is eligible to receive \$4,569.

"This is the same grant that the EMS got last year, only it's for more money," said County Judge Irene Miller.

Miller said commissioners should decide whether or not they wanted to back the grant if it is accepted by the Castro County Hospital District.

All voted in favor of the proposal. If the Castro County EMS receives the grant, funds will be used to purchase supplies, Miller said.

Commissioners accepted the bid from NTS Communications for the county's long-distance telephone service.

NTS was one of five companies that submitted bids Monday. The carrier came in with the lowest rate for long distance—9.5¢ per minute, and billing will be in three-second increments.

Other bids were from The Phone Guy, AT&T, ValuLine and MCI-1.

In other action, commissioners elected to pass on a resolution supporting the STAR Day Project, which would establish a set day each year for the "State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance" observance; and approved installation of an irrigation line by Richard Hunter under County Road 603.

Hart hires new police chief

The Hart City Council voted Oct. 12 to hire Jay Livingston as the new Police Chief for Hart.

Livingston and his family was held Monday night in Hart.

According to information in the Hart Beat, Livingston has been in law enforcement for 16 years, with 10 of those spent on the Muleshoe Police Dept. He had most recently been living in Odessa for a few months. He began work in Hart last week.

He and his wife, Adel, have two daughters—Vanessa, a senior at Springlake-Earth High School, and Valerie, an eighth grader.

According to the agreement with the City Council, Livingston will be on probationary status for six months. His salary was set at \$20,000 per year, and he will be allowed to rent the city's house for \$185 per month, paying his own utilities.

A get-acquainted meeting to honor



Jay Livingston

County

Bale Count:

19,005

As of 8 a.m. Wednesday

Bruegel Bros. Gin
Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.
Dodd Gin
Hart Producers Co-op Gin
North Gin of Dimmitt
Sunnyside Gin

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Why I will vote Democratic

By DON NEWMAN
Castro County Democratic Chairman

The short answer is I will vote Democratic because I'm a Democrat. I voted in the Democratic primary and will now support the nominees of that primary in the General Election on Nov. 3.

I am proud of our nominees and have had the opportunity to visit each of them during the campaign. Some like Pete Laney, Jack Miller, Irene Miller and Richard Hunter are old friends. Others like Bill LaFont, Greg Underwood and Paul Hobby are new friends made over the last few months.

I will support Democrats because they are people I know and people who will give farmers and small businesses in rural West Texas a fair shake when they pass the laws that will fund our schools, build roads, set tax rates, and perform the other necessary tasks they will encounter over the next two years.

There are important national issues that will require action of the Congress. Particularly the Congress must provide some kind of meaningful marketing program that will give our farmers a fair price for their production. We have seen this will not happen with a Newt led Congress.

Local folks have also written about the loss of home health care in our community. Democrats worked for years to develop programs such as this that would provide better health care to rural areas and help our small rural hospitals survive.

It didn't take Newt and his wrecking crew long to tear these programs down. Because rural America will not be treated fairly by a Republican Congress, I will vote Democratic.

During the last session of the Texas Legislature, Republicans attempted to pass legislation to raise the sales tax to 11% and include food and medicine in the items to be taxed. One Republican was asked if baby formula would be included in their proposal. The answer was sure—"It's food, isn't it?"

Although Texas has the lowest total taxes in the US,

our sales tax is the second highest in the country. But it was not enough for the Republican members of the House. This is another reason I will vote Democratic.

There is nothing more important than our youth having a good public school education and adequate opportunity for a college education. The big rollers who want to develop private schools using school tax money are putting their bets on the Republicans. They think their money will give them a fast ride on your tax dollars. Another reason I will vote Democratic.

Pete Laney is the best friend this area has ever had in Austin. He is another reason I will vote Democratic. But folks, he needs help in Austin.

We need Democrat Greg Underwood in the state senate, John Sharp as lieutenant governor, Jim Mattox as attorney general, Paul Hobby as comptroller and yes, Garry Mauro as governor to help Texas be what it can be and to provide the future our families deserve.

Jack Miller has proven himself a capable and fair judge and gives me another reason to vote Democratic. Bill LaFont is a more experienced lawyer than his opponent and provides me another reason to vote for the Democratic candidate for district judge.

We have a fine county government. Our people have been working under a tough financial hardship. Not only have they settled all accounts left over from the redistricting, but have also had to contend with an exploding jail population. Despite these financial burdens, they have managed our tax dollars well.

Irene Miller has done an outstanding job as our county judge and has earned another term at that post. Janice Shelton, Joyce Thomas, Tana Young, Richard Hunter and Larry Gonzales give me several more reasons to support the Democrats in this election.

I will vote Democratic in this election because the best economic development for our community is the good education of our youth. Their future and mine will be better served by the election of Democrats on Nov. 3.

Why I will vote Republican

By CATHY HILL
Castro County Republican Chairman

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be... The People cannot be safe without information. When the press is free, and every man is able to read, all is safe.

—Thomas Jefferson

With this quote in mind, I would first like to thank Don Nelson for allowing me to share with you the beliefs of the Republican Party.

You, as voters, must be informed before going to the polls. Your vote is more than just a check mark beside some names you may or may not know.

When you hold that pen in your hand, you hold a power and a privilege that many people throughout the world will never know. You hold a power and a privilege that we, as Americans, often take for granted. You hold in your hand the power and the privilege to change the future of Texas and of America.

As a voter, I believe that it is my responsibility to examine each candidate—both Democrat and Republican—and to know the stand that each will take on issues that will affect my family.

I choose to vote Republican because the philosophy of the Republican Party is more closely aligned with my views and with my vision for the future of this nation. Perhaps it is for you, as well.

The following is a brief synopsis of the key issues supported by Republican candidates:

Family

- ✓ The traditional family and the values it fosters are the foundation of American society. Their preservation is essential to our nation's continued success.
- ✓ Parents have the right to determine the values with which their children will be raised.
- ✓ All human life, both born and unborn, is sacred and is worthy of protection.

Education

- ✓ Increased control of public education should be

returned to the local level. The parents and teachers involved with the students know better than anyone the needs that they have.

- ✓ Every child should be given the opportunity to succeed in school and to further pursue the career of his choice. Reading is the key to success in these areas.

Economy

- ✓ The free enterprise system is the most effective method of encouraging economic progress.
- ✓ High taxes, runaway government spending and over-regulation of business and farming punish initiative and stifle economic growth.

Crime

- ✓ Individuals must accept personal responsibility for their own actions. "Society" cannot be blamed for criminal behavior.

National Defense

- ✓ The preservation of our rights and freedoms must be entrusted to a strong national defense. The United States must have the ability to negotiate with other nations from a position of strength.

Property Rights

- ✓ Your property is yours. You have the basic right to make use of it without unreasonable government restrictions.

Government

- ✓ Increasing the size of government is not the solution to America's problems. It only creates more problems, increases spending, and further infringes on the rights of citizens.

Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have... The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases.

—Thomas Jefferson

Please examine these issues before voting. Determine if they agree with your philosophy. Decide if this is the philosophy that will bring the greatest benefit to the United States as we face a new millenium... and then, cast your vote.

Letter

'Review facts about band program'

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Stockstill's letter that 'we don't have the facts and misrepresented them,' let's review and backtrack a little bit.

Mr. Stockstill would have you believe that one can take any elective any time. That is hard to believe, because of the scheduling of classes. He says that the size of the Bobcat Band has not been affected by the accelerated block schedule. That is simply not true. When band or the other electives are scheduled across from a required subject for graduation or an AP Honors subject, the elective is dropped. When have electives not enhanced students' education?

This does lead to smaller participation in band and other electives. A student is told that he/she cannot participate in band and athletics at the time of registering. The idea that one cannot be in athletics, band and honors is ludicrous.

In our own personal experience, we have had two older daughters graduate from DHS. Both were state qualifiers in track and cross-country, were in band all four years, and in honors—one graduating 11th in her Class of 1991, and the other graduating fifth in her Class of 1995. Of course, in 1991 and 1995, we were on regular scheduling.

Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Carlise would welcome any student's participation at the high school level as long as they have some musical background. Hats off to Wendy

Amador and the students who have come in after school and to the Monday night rehearsals, although they are not scheduled in band because of scheduling problems.

According to the DHS course description handbook, and I quote, "Students who plan to take athletics and music all four years must pass a proficiency test in keyboarding before enrolling in computer science."

This statement leads one to believe that if a student is not in athletics and has had keyboarding there should be no problem getting band the rest of their high school years. One still has problems because of the way the classes are scheduled. Again, if a required subject is placed across from band or other electives, band or the elective is dropped.

If a student chooses to graduate as a distinguished student, more curriculum is added. These are additional Spanish and science courses. Therefore, these are no longer electives—they become requirements. These requirements make it that much harder to stay in band.

According to a segment on "Deadline" in early September, learning an instrument not only teaches music appreciation, but will also give students an edge in their school work. Students who receive music lessons and learn to play an instrument (band) develop their spatial reasoning which helps the student to understand concepts of math and science more easily. It helps them to solve problems, think more clearly, and

function better in all aspects of their lives. These students also score higher on standard IQ tests than students who were taught computer.

In 1997, students who qualified for the All-State Concert Band scored an average of 1,119 on the SAT test. The ones who qualified for the Symphonic All-State Band scored 1,239. Folks, in 1997 the national average was 1,016 and the state average was 996. Does this not prove the importance of having a band program?

Mr. Stockstill seems to think band is not "cool." Is that why we at Dimmitt have 85 students in our fifth grade band program and have more needing instruments? Is that why there were 1,800 junior high and high school students from all over the US at the Texas Tech Band Camp, and over 880 students at the WTAMU Band Camp? Is that why there are 240 in the size 3-A Monahans High School Band (they are going to state)? Is that why there are 100 students in the Denver City and Brownfield bands (both alternates to state)? Alpine and Greenwood also have 100. Crane High School has 118 and they also will participate in the state competition. Other 3-A bands that have 50 to 100 students include Tulia, Seminole, Sanford-Fritch, Lamesa, Friona, Perryton, Lubbock Roosevelt, Muleshoe, River Road and Dalhart.

Band is not "cool"—let's rethink that statement. Band may not be cool to students who get in trouble each day, or who complain because they have to practice, but for an administrator to say it is not "cool" offends us and others to no end. Maybe the attitudes of the administration need to be changed.

Consider if you will, Mr. Stockstill, the many kinds of music—from country to rock to rap to alternative to classical to the Boston Pops Philharmonic.

More than likely these people got their start in band. Can you imagine a movie without a sound track, a commercial without background music, a football game without a half-time show?

Music and band are "cool" and we need to do everything possible to see that this program grows instead of letting it fail. The accelerated block is leading the program to failure.

The administration should feel ashamed because of their lack of support to this program.

BILLY & CAROLYN HARMAN
 Band Parents

Letter

Block schedule needs to be evaluated

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Mr. Earl Behrends in the Oct. 22, 1998 issue of the *Castro County News*.

I agree that the block schedule and its effect on our students needs to be evaluated.

My biggest concern is the results of the Canadian studies showing a drop in mathematics comprehension and the lower college board scores of students in schools with block schedules.

The main goal of any education system should be to educate its students, whether preparing them for college

or teaching life skills. If one student cannot stay in band, athletics, vocational technology or any other activity that teaches the students self-discipline and how to work as an individual or as a team, and maintain enrollment in an honors and/or college-bound or standard graduation program, then that system has failed and it is time to reconsider past decisions.

I must applaud the Dimmitt Independent School District for its open-mindedness and willingness to try innovative teaching techniques to better educate our children. But I think Mr. Behrends is absolutely correct.

CORY OINER

Letter

'Your vote for Bill LaFont assures justice in district court'

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to ask the people of Castro County to vote for my friend and neighbor, Bill LaFont. He seeks the office of Judge of the 242nd District in the November general election.

Bill LaFont is a man of integrity, a worker for his community and church. He is an adult Sunday school teacher in our church.

As district judge, I feel that Bill LaFont will be fair and make decisions that require and extreme amount of wisdom.

Bill LaFont offers this district his 34 years of experience in general and trial law practice in Plainview and West Texas. He is also board

certified in civil trial law. He is a partner at LaFont, Tunnell, Formby, LaFont and Hamilton, L.P.

He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Association.

Bill LaFont has extensive experience representing law abiding business working men and women. He will apply business management skills to make the court system more effective and efficient.

Actually, Bill LaFont has tried 447 criminal cases in the last 10 years in Hale County alone.

Your vote for Bill LaFont assures justice in our district court.

WENDELL TOOLEY
 Plainview

Last Puzzle Solution

IRON	NAME	TIME	ENJOY	ARM	TOA	AWARD
WHOOPI	LADY	LAMP	YOUNG	SCIENCE	BOWL	UNION
FRANCHISE	CLANGS	STATERMAN	ASA	ALTIOS	EL	LARRY
ROE	ABE	STID				

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ACROSS

- Ranger Juan's specialties
- TXism: "busier than ___ armed fry cook in a truck stop"
- TXism: "hell ___ for leather"
- TX Crossword co.: Orbison ___
- Waco religious publisher: Word, ___
- TX poet: Grace Noll ___
- TX Orbison's 1st rock band: "___ Kings"
- TX wildflower: "___ foxglove"
- TXism: "pay him ___ never mind"
- Bell ___ TX (near Waco)
- iced ___
- TX women Hughes, & Weddington
- TX rancher Chuck Norris film: "Hero and ___"
- A&M degree unmarried girl
- TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb"
- lens sharpening
- '24 slogan: "Me for Ma ___ Darn Thing Against Pa"
- TXism: "loud as boot heels on ___ floor"
- TX Perot's '92 economy issue
- TX peak: ___ Capitan
- Englishman
- removed or erased
- these crackers are crumbled into TX chili
- Roger the Dodger (init.)
- historical period
- Johnson Space Ctr. was originally The U.S. ___ Spacecraft Ctr.
- Caribbean island
- event at Texas Motor Speedway (2 wds.)
- South Padre "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- Santa's helper
- actress Sandra
- TXism: "can stay neck 'n neck with a West Texas jack ___" (fast)
- seat of Kendall Co.
- TXism: "___ as a newborn calf"
- Rockport is "Where the fun never ___"
- Cloris of TX-filmed "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- Mineral Wells High School girls' mascot
- TXism: "all ___ but the shouting"
- TXism: "he could ___ his work shirt to a church social"
- TXism: "heavy as the front ___" — John Deere
- TX actress Darnell (init.)
- TXism: "___ bygones be bygones"
- TX Nolan's specialties
- Stephen F. Austin was ___ in the State Cemetery
- valuable items
- TX comedian & actor Martin (init.)
- TX football class
- watermelon shell
- found a sum
- young cow
- TXism: "cold enough to make cows give ___ cream"
- Laredo has a smelter for stib ___
- San Antonio eat y ___
- TX Perot's old company: Electric ___ Systems
- sluggish mollusks
- TXism: "sneaky as an ___ sucking dog"
- TXism: "___ many irons in the fire"
- Baskin-___
- TX invention: chili con ___
- crippled
- org. of TX num ___
- prosecuted in a court
- Spassburg's big beer hall: Sangerfest ___

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GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT MONTH is set for November, according to the proclamation signed by Castro County Judge Irene Miller (seated). The Great American Smokeout Day is set for Nov. 19. Helping promote the observance are (standing from left) Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, Texas Agricultural Extension Ser-

vice County Agent Marilyn Neal, secretary of the Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society Kaye Stevens, and Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan. Sava, Sloan and Neal are co-chairs of the H.O.P.E. Committee, which promotes health awareness for the citizens of Castro County. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A group of "old" ladies treated Twila Williams to "Hawaii" for her 40th birthday.

She proved to be a great hula dancer and entertainer. The group also enjoyed the day at the Amarillo Arts and Crafts Show, toured new homes and much more.

Martin and Pat Cecil and their daughter, Dawn, of Pillpot, Ken., spent a few days here with their daughter, Dana Cecil, who is a new resident living in Anne Kern's house. Dana is an anesthetist employed at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Jerry Wilhelm is home to recuperate after having angioplasty surgery at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo last week. He is doing well.

Prayers are asked for Laura Gerber, Marvin Jones, Patricia Acker and Allene Burton.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and

Lisa Pohlmeier drove to Colorado last week to visit with family, Brenda and Tom Conrad and family of Colorado Springs, and Pam and Lyn Bogle and family of Center, Colo.

Congratulations to Roger and Deanna Schulte of Lubbock on the

birth of a son, Reagan Matthew, on Oct. 22 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He has three brothers including Joshua, Jason and Derek. Grandparents are Floyd and Dorothy Schulte and Clyde and Bea Hoelting. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker and Louise Braddock.

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County teachers named to Who's Who honor list

A select group of America's teachers, including several from Castro County, are being honored by their toughest critics—their former students.

The teachers are being recognized by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998*.

Local teachers recognized are Becky Book, Cinnamon Bradley, Cynthia Byers, Robert Duke, Katie Ivey, Jacqueline Odom, Lisa Reeves, Terry Stovall and Kathy West, all from Dimmitt High School; Linda Koch from Richardson Elementary School; Sue Rita Myatt and Carol Schroeder, Dimmitt Middle School; Mary Lynn Olvera of Hart Elementary School; and John Arthur Rhine, Hart Junior High/High School; Rachelle Wilcox, Hart Independent School District; and Nazareth teach-

ers Lisa Gunstream and Darren Hefley.

All of the approximately 130,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List* publications which recognize 5% of our nation's high school and college students respectively.

Paul Krouse, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* said "there is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students."

The students were asked to nomi-

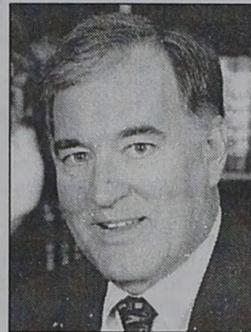
nate teachers who made a difference in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in their classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level.



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In Castro County, the Judge presides over the Commissioners court, keeping the agenda on course and participating in the discussion of the various items before the Court.

The County Judge also presides over A and B misdemeanor criminal cases, probate cases, guardianship cases, civil cases, mental commitment cases, juvenile cases, and cases that are appealed from Justice of the Peace Court.

Besides the above duties, the Judge also serves as Coroner in death cases in the absence of the Justice of the Peace. I have served in this capacity numerous times on weekends, nights, and holidays. As you can see, the Judges job, if done conscientiously, is not just an "8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m." job.

I also serve as chairperson of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board, and I am an ex-officio member of the Castro County Welfare Board.

I appreciate you allowing me to serve you for the last four years, and I ask for your support in the upcoming election. If you want a Judge who works hard to do the job right, you already have one. If you want a Judge who is well-trained and efficient, you already have one. If you want a Judge who is fair and impartial to all citizens, you already have one. If you want a Judge who cares much more about the overall good of the county than about being a politician, you already have one.

I want to urge all of you to exercise your right to vote on November 3, 1998. Secondly, I respectfully ask for your vote when you mark your ballot for County Judge.

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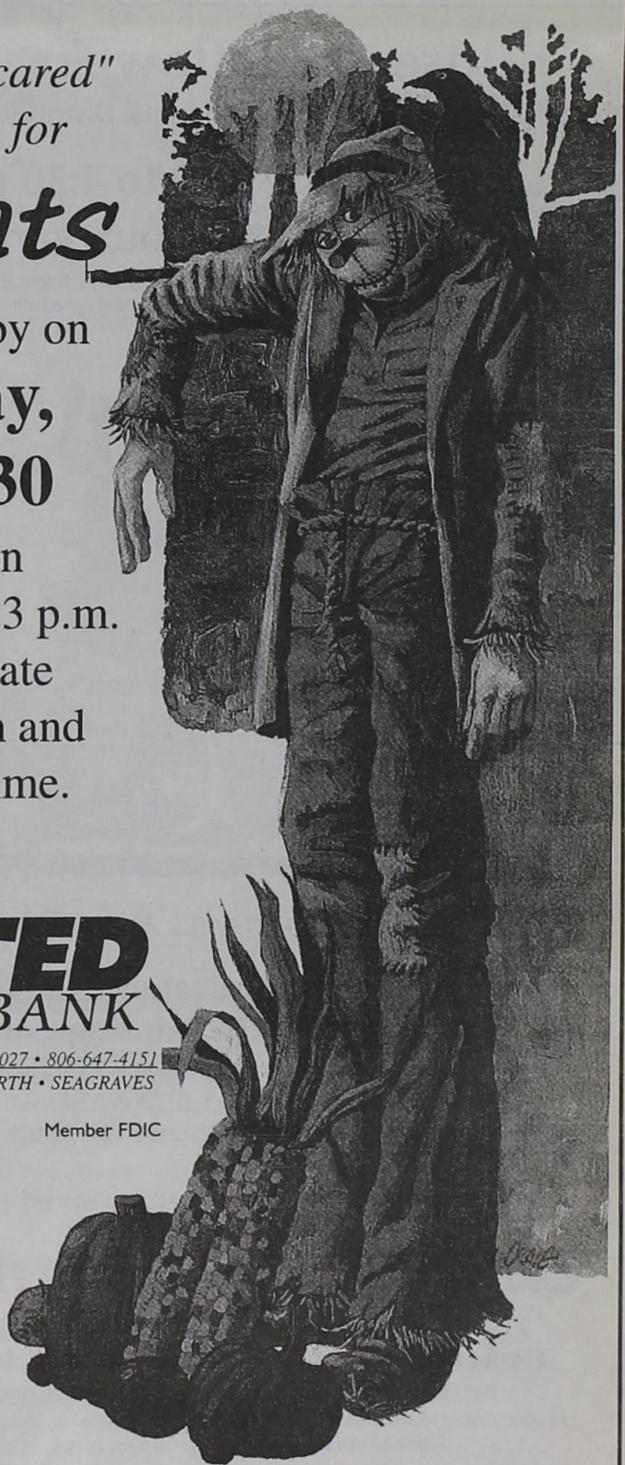
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People



Friendship Quilters' creation on display at international show

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt has one of its creations, *The Friendship Wreath*, on display at the International Quilt Festival, which opens today (Thursday) and continues through Sunday in Houston.

The group's quilt has been entered in the International Quilt Association's judged show, "Quilts: A World of Beauty."

The finalists, including the Friendship Quilters Guild's quilt, will be displayed at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

Friendship Quilters Guild was among more than 340 finalists in the competition that attracts hundreds of entries from around the state, country and world. There are 2,957 members worldwide.

Friendship Quilters Guild entered the group quilt category with the entry, *Friendship Wreath*.

Finalists in the judged show compete for \$67,500 in cash prizes in 16 categories and for six master awards and best of show honors. Categories range from traditional to art quilts and include mixed media and wearables.

The purpose of the judged show is

Earth UMC plans annual dinner, bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church will hold its annual "Harvest Day Dinner and Bazaar" Nov. 11 in the church parlor, located at 303 E. First Street in Earth.

The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and the dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Prices for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-out plates will be available.

to promote and encourage the art and appreciation of quilt making and wearable art.

The International Quilt Association, founded in 1979, is the only international nonprofit quilting organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world. It not only sponsors the annual judged show at International Quilt Festival, it also supports a grant program that funds research and other quilt related projects. Membership is worldwide, and all members receive IQA's quarterly journal, *Quilts . . . A World of Beauty*.

Jewelry show set at hospital

A selection of quality gold and sterling silver jewelry and name brand watches will be offered today (Thursday) during a special jewelry show at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Gold 'N Visions, a jewelry shopping experience, will be sponsored by the Castro County Hospital District from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the hospital's Solarium. Money raised through the sale will be used by the hospital to purchase needed equipment and supplies.

Designer jewelry by David Yurman, Jeep Collins, Mikimoto and Dolan-Bullock will be available along with watches by Seiko, Citizen, Pulsar, Swiss Army, Anne Klein, Guess, Fossil and Gucci.

Jewelry items will include rings, gold chains, earrings, pearls, bracelets, watches and more.



MR. AND MRS. JASON MATTHEW EBELING
... She's the former Melinda Kay Birkenfeld

Plano is home for newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Matthew Ebeling are home in Plano after exchanging wedding vows on Aug. 29 in the home of Sharon and Derek Driver of Rowlett. The Rev. Clay Womack officiated at the double-ring nuptial service.

The bride is the former Melinda Kay Birkenfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ebeling of Austin.

Matron of honor was Sharon Driver of Rowlett, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaid was Holly Morris of College Station, friend of the bride.

Best man was Jeremiah Ebeling of College Station, brother of the groom. Blair Osborne of Plano, friend of the groom, served as groomsman.

Cake auction set Nov. 12 at Canterbury Villa Home

The annual cake auction at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt will be held Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale each year are used to purchase Christmas gifts

New baby store gives merchandise to moms

The Baby's Coming Shop will celebrate its grand opening next Thursday, Oct. 29, and it will provide gifts of baby-related merchandise to new moms who participate in the Coalition of Health Services' 2CARE for MOMS program throughout pregnancy.

This shop, located in Amarillo, does not sell anything. It serves eligible women from across the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt is affiliated with the Coalition of Health Services, which operates the Baby's Coming Shop. PMH is one of 19 hospitals and other providers taking part in the project.

The 2CARE for MOMS incentive program encourages pregnant women to visit a participating physician or nurse practitioner for prenatal care during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Those who do can receive a free gift courtesy of the Pharmacy Network Coalition.

Only 64% of the pregnant women in the Texas Panhandle receive prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. That rate is among the lowest in Texas and is substantially lower than the national average of 85%.

Women who enroll in the 2CARE for MOMS incentive program during their first prenatal appointment can earn points redeemable at the Baby's Coming Shop. Points are awarded for completing a schedule of prenatal medical appointments and for attending educational classes related to pregnancy, birth and childcare.

The Baby's Coming Shop has the distinction of being developed and operated by the Coalition of Health

Services and the High Plains Division of the March of Dimes. It is located at the March of Dimes office at 104 West Sixth Street, on the third floor at the northwest corner of Sixth and Polk Streets in downtown Amarillo.

According to 2CARE for MOMS Program Director Holly Hancock, joining forces with the March of Dimes helped this unique gift store become reality.

"The Baby's Coming Shop is the result of nearly two years' worth of vision and work by volunteers from across our region. The March of Dimes gave the shop a home and along with the 2CARE for MOMS committee has helped get it ready. These volunteers are so motivated by the opportunity to share gifts with our new moms and their infants."

The 2CARE for MOMS incentive program began enrolling participants in May and expects moms and newborns to soon begin visiting the Baby's Coming Shop.

The grand opening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 29, is open to anyone who has an interest in the program, especially individuals and organizations interested in contributing time and merchandise to the store.

"This partnership with 2CARE for MOMS is a natural fit for March of Dimes," said Vicki Brooks, March of Dimes Division Director. "The Baby's Coming Shop rewards early and consistent prenatal care. Such care really does make a difference in improving the health of babies."

Brooks said the store is accepting donations of new merchandise and infant clothing. Gently-used items also may be donated if they have been cleaned and are in good condition. A need is expected for such items as strollers, car seats and high chairs; however, smaller items ranging from baby bottles and bathtubs to diapers and care products also will be useful.

For more information about the program or the Coalition for Health Services, contact Hancock, toll-free, at (888) 89-2CARE.

PMH Auxiliary bazaar, dinner slated Nov. 13

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will serve a turkey and dressing lunch and will entice buyers with scores of hand-made craft items during its annual holiday dinner and bazaar on Nov. 13 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The craft show will open at 10:30 a.m., then lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The meal features turkey and dressing as well as a wide selection of salads, side dishes and desserts. Cost is \$6 per person. Take-outs will be available and will be \$6.25 each.

Proceeds from the craft show and dinner will help the Auxiliary in its support of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Breast cancer screening set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held in Dimmitt next Thursday, Nov. 5, and those interested in scheduling an appointment for an exam should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673, toll-free.

The clinic is conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System.

It will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Cost for the screening is \$15 and a minimum of 15 women must schedule an appointment for the mobile mammography clinic to come to Dimmitt.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-examination each month.

Children's Halloween Carnival

Sponsored by Castro County Hospital District Rehab Department

Saturday — 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Hospital Courtyard

(Hospital Physical/Occupational Therapy department if wet weather)
Children must be accompanied by adults.



LOTS OF GAMES AND PRIZES!

Children's Costume Contest
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Winners to be announced at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

Please bring your pumpkins by the Physical/Occupational Therapy Department Friday so the judging can begin.

Call the Rehab Department at 647-2191 with any questions.

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Medical Center of Dimmitt is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday.
Plains Memorial Hospital emergency room is open 24 hours a day.

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honoring
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on their
60th Anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 1
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at the Fellowship Hall
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Hosted by their children and grandchildren.
No gifts, please.

You are invited to a
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THE SIDE STREET STRUTTERS

To perform Nov. 5 for Hereford Community Concerts Association

'Strutters' to entertain Hereford group Nov. 5

The Side Street Strutters will entertain members of the Hereford Community Concert Association next Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Hereford High School Auditorium. The concert is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission is by membership in the Hereford Community Concert Association. Season memberships may be purchased at the door of next Thursday's concert, or by calling 647-3473. Cost for a season membership is \$20 per person, \$50 for family or \$10 for students. Memberships will admit holders to four concerts this season, including an Amarillo Little Theater production, and also includes admittance to shows by the Plainview Community Concert Association.

In 1983, six talented musicians attending Arizona State University in

Tempe, Ariz., formed a jazz band called the Side Street Strutters.

Those featured in the Strutters are Robert Verdi, saxophonist; Vince Verdi, clarinetist; Joe Sellers, who plays the trombone and piano; Greg Varlotta, who plays the trumpet; John Noreyko, who plays the tuba and is a vocalist; and Paul Johnson, drummer.

In 1984 the group was awarded first-place honors at the International Association of Jazz Educators' jazz competition which resulted in numerous television appearances, including the Today Show, the Merv Griffin Show and the Jerry Lewis National Telethon. Since then they have given command performances for heads of the state, the US ambassador to Switzerland in Bern, and for President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C.

The Strutters have appealed to audiences at Disneyland in California since 1985. Their tours have been extensive throughout Europe and North America and have included educational school outreach programs, and clinics for young aspiring musicians.

The Side Street Musicians have recaptured the classic big band and swing sounds of the 1930s and 1940s. The group's extensive and growing repertoire spans well over half a century of jazz, culled from the libraries of such classic composers as Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and scores of other greats.

UMW plan turkey dinner on election day

The United Methodist Women of Dimmitt will hold a turkey dinner and holiday bazaar Tuesday, which is election day.

The meal will feature turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Dimmitt.

Cost is \$6 per plate and take-outs will be available.

Also, a holiday bazaar featuring homemade baked goods and crafts will be open to the public beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Hear
The First United Methodist Church
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Sundays - 10:45 a.m.
On KDHN 1470 AM

National Dean's list includes four local students

Four Castro County students have been named to the National Dean's list for the 1997-98 school year.

Those recognized are Dimmitt students Leander Davila, who attends South Plains College; Rachel Goldsmith, a student at Texas Woman's University; and Stacy McDaniel, a Texas Tech University student. Also recognized was Heather Braddock of Nazareth, who is attending South Plains College.

The four are among 120,000 students included in the 21st annual edition of *The National Dean's List, 1997-98*. The book, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's dean's list or have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.



PLAINS MEMORIAL
It's a boy for Tara LaDawn Vasquez of Dimmitt. Her son, John Skylar Shade Vasquez, was born at 3:33 p.m. on Oct. 23 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 8 lbs., 1-1/2 ozs., and was 20 inches long at birth. He has a big sister, Savannah Shy-Ann Vasquez, who is 14 months old. Maternal grandparents are Betty June Vasquez and John Vasquez III, both of Dimmitt. Great-grandfather is Francis Vasquez of Idalou.



FORMER COUNTY RESIDENTS WIN HONORS
—The Dawson County 4-H Awards Banquet held recently in Lamesa included recognition for these former residents of Castro County. Teddy Smithson (back, left) and Sharon Shofner (back, right) were recipients of the Spur Award for outstanding adult leadership. Wesley Smithson (back, center) was named a Gold Star Award winner. Karla Smithson

(front left) received the outstanding Junior Achievement Award. Courtney Shofner (front, right) was the recipient of the Junior II \$50 US Savings Bond. The Smithsons are the son and grandchildren of Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson of Dimmitt. The Shofners are the daughter and granddaughter of Irene Brooks of Hart. The 4-H'ers are all members of the Klondike 4-H Club.

Courtesy Photo

Hart group plans turkey dinner Sunday

The Hart Golden Group will sponsor a turkey dinner Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The meal will be served at the Hart Golden Group Building. Cost for the meal will be a donation. Carry outs will be available.

Adult moths do not eat clothing as is sometimes believed.

Nov. 3, 1998
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Financial aid workshop will be held in Hart

A meeting on student financial aid will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Hart High School Library.

Dave Corley from the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon will present information about resources available to college students.

There will be a drawing for a \$100 scholarship and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Hart High School Counselor Cheryl Upshaw at 938-2141.

Band pecan sale ends Saturday

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band is holding their annual pecan sale, which started Monday and will continue through Saturday.

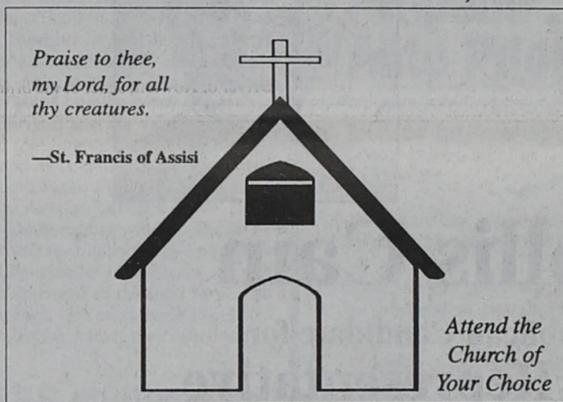
Cost of the pecans will be \$5 for a 1-pound bag. Also, mixed nuts and cashews will be sold at \$7 for a 1-pound bag.

The profits from the pecan sales will be used for the band trip to the Heritage Concert Band Festival in Houston in April.

To purchase pecans, contact any high school band student, Robin Stephens at the high school, 647-3105, or Billy or Carolyn Harman at 647-2421.

Church Directory

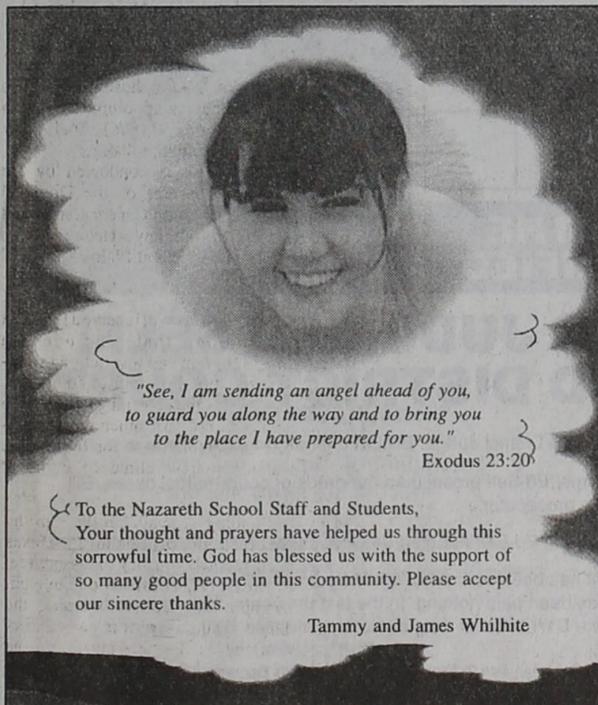
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"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you, to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared for you."
Exodus 23:20

To the Nazareth School Staff and Students, Your thought and prayers have helped us through this sorrowful time. God has blessed us with the support of so many good people in this community. Please accept our sincere thanks.

Tammy and James Whilite



New Lubbock corn breeder seeks drought-resistant hybrids

With the severe drought that stuck most of Texas corn country this summer, there is no more important checkoff-funded research than the drought-resistance breeding now ongoing in Lubbock, Amarillo and other southern research stations.

Headed by Dr. Wenwei Xu, a new corn breeder for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, the program is examining how traits from tropical corn hybrids can be bred into hybrids adapted to the southwest to create a more drought resistant line of field and food corn.

"Drought resistance is a complex trait," said Xu. "It has been found that under drought conditions, drought-resistant plants show short anthesis-silking interval (ASI). We

are transferring the short-ASI genes from tropical germplasm into elite lines adapted for Texas.

Xu is working closely with Dr. Tom Archer, Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) entomologist in Lubbock; Dr. Henry Nguyen, TAES research agronomist in Lubbock; and Dr. Javier Betran, Texas A&M University corn breeder in College Station.

"We are excited that this drought-resistance research should benefit producers in the Panhandle-South Plains, as well as in central and south Texas regions," said Jerry Don Glover, executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board. "The drought research has been made possible by strong producer partici-

pation in the corn checkoff program."

The corn lines were evaluated in the summer to examine early drought resistant characteristics.

"We are investigating the physiological and genetic mechanism of drought and heat resistance," Xu said. "To speed up the process, we are integrating the molecular marker-assisted selection into the breeding program as a method of selecting drought-resistant plants."

He adds that since drought damage to corn is normally accompanied by mites and other pests, insect-resistant traits already available from TAES research is also being bred into the drought-resistant lines.

"We need multiple stress resistance to handle more than one situation," Xu said.



CONGRESSMAN MAC THORNBERRY speaks to Castro County Farm Bureau members at their annual convention Saturday night in the Dimmitt High

School cafeteria. Seated are Nelda Laney of Hale Center and her husband, House Speaker Pete Laney, who also spoke.

Photo by Don Nelson

Thornberry: Farmers here will get extra \$6.5 million

Disaster relief payments for Castro County farmers will total about \$6.5 million, Congressman Mac Thornberry told Farm Bureau members Saturday night.

Thornberry and Speaker of the House Pete Laney both spoke at the annual County FB convention, held in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

Thornberry explained that the 4,000-page, 40-lb. appropriations bill adopted last week included \$2.5 billion in disaster assistance for the nation's farmers.

The Secretary of Agriculture is to distribute the disaster relief funds to offset crop loss due to such natural disasters as drought and floods, and market loss due to lower commodity prices and demand, Thornberry said.

Also, about \$200 million was included in the disaster relief bill to reinstate livestock feed assistance, which had been eliminated in the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" bill, Thornberry said.

"If you are eligible for Freedom to Farm payments, you will get an extra supplemental payment that will be 52% of your 1992 payment," the congressman said. "You will get that check as cash in your pocket."

"Castro County gets about \$13 million in Freedom to Farm payments in 1998," Thornberry said. "That will mean about \$6½ million in extra supplemental payments for this loss."

He noted also that Castro County farmers are scheduled to receive \$12.5 million in 1999 Freedom to Farm payments, "and we passed a provision earlier that said you could take that whenever you wanted it, including right now."

The Freedom to Farm Act, enacted in 1996, provides declining subsidies for agriculture until the year 2002, when the nation's farmers are to be "weaned" from federal subsidies.

Another part of this year's agricultural aid package, Thornberry said, is a set of tax provisions, including five-year income averaging for tax purposes.

"With the tax provisions and the disaster assistance and everything, it doesn't offset the effect that the prices and the drought have had this year, but for the federal government, it's not bad," the congressman said.

Agricultural issues that will draw congressional attention in the next session, Thornberry predicted, will be export trade policy, crop insurance and the environment.

"A lot of people don't realize that 40% of this nation's agricultural production is exported," he said. But recession in Asian countries and trade sanctions against other nations for various reasons are keeping US agricultural products out of those markets, he explained.

Unlike Congress, the Texas Legislature is required to balance its budget every session, Speaker Laney told the Farm Bureau members.

"For the last six years we've been able to pass a budget without any new taxes, and accumulate a little surplus," Laney said. "We're going to have a \$3.7 billion surplus at the end of this biennium."

One of the main legislative challenges, Laney said, is population growth.

"We have 30,000 people a month moving into Texas," he said. "That's the equivalent of a town the size of Plainview every month. That's putting a strain on our infrastructure, on our education and our transportation. All those things will be considered in the next session."

Other major issues for the 140-day session that will begin the second Tuesday in January, he said, will be education ("always the prime topic")

and fine-tuning of the Water Bill that was passed in the last session.

Answering a question about electricity deregulation, Laney said, "We've got a lot of folks who want to get involved delivering electricity. What we've got to do in the rural areas is to see that we maintain our electricity at an affordable price."

He cited a new Texas Tech study that indicated that deregulation of electricity could take as much as 40% of the net income of farmers who have a large electricity load.

"That's what deregulation could cause in the agriculture community if we don't have safeguards built into it," he said.

County FB President Chris Cogburn conducted the business session, which included election of new directors and adoption of resolutions.

Elected to the county board during the convention were incumbent directors Bruce Fuller, Lee Kleman, Norman Gerber, Darrell Buckley, Gregg Sides and Charles Summers, and new directors Ronnie Gfeller and Jim Wright.

One resolution adopted was authored by Cogburn, and is entitled the PROFIT System (Proper Rotation of Farms in Texas), affecting mainly corn, grain sorghum and milo production.

Other resolutions adopted call for legislative support of cleaner-burning fuels and legislation to forbid the loan of any trailer with Texas farm tags.

High school students Joshua Beanes of Hart, Melanie Book of Nazareth and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt reported on their experiences as delegates to the 1998 Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar.

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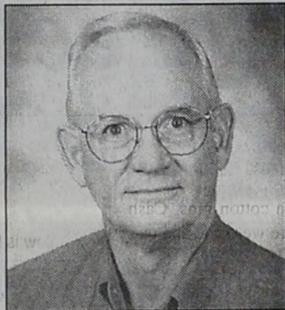
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DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE was held Oct. 20, with parents invited to visit classrooms, speak with teachers, and view students' work. A spokesperson said attendance at the event was

"good." Here, seventh grade English teacher Vicki Richards visits with Deidre Perez (right) and her mother (left), as another student looks on.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Water District suspends area's precipitation enhancement program

Even though most of the area still needs moisture, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District officials ended the 1998 summer precipitation enhancement program on Sept. 30.

"The consensus of the High Plains Water District Board of Directors is that we do not need to add problems to an already stressed farming community by enhancing precipitation which might result in possible crop harvest delays," said James P. Mitchell of Fort Worth, president of the HPUWCD board.

Due to the extreme moisture deficiency within the five-foot root zone soil profile at the end of the rowing season, Mitchell said the Water District may be the program earlier next year to increase the possibilities of getting moisture into the soil profile for crop production.

"We can see some serious problems, especially for dryland farmers, if the 1999 crop season starts with the soil profile as dry as it is now or even drier," said Mitchell. "Farmers that irrigate would have to apply heavier amounts of groundwater during pre-plant irrigation and that could have a considerable impact upon the Ogallala Aquifer, especially after the heavy pumpage that occurred during the 1998 growing season. It is for this reason that we are considering an earlier start to the 1999 precipitation enhancement program."

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to encourage clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by introducing seeding agents, such as silver iodide. The silver iodide produces additional condensation nuclei to allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large raindrops that can survive the fall through the dry subcloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

Smoke from forest fires in Mexico until mid-July and persistent drought conditions reduced the opportunities for precipitation enhancement activities within the 10-million acre Texas/New Mexico target area this summer.

"There were a lot of smoke particles in the atmosphere as a result of the forest fires in Mexico and because of this, the super-cooled liquid water in the clouds moving across the area glaciated and the clouds

would not release much precipitation," said Aaron Gilstad, project meteorologist with Weather Modification, Inc., in Fargo, N.D. "This eliminated many clouds as suitable targets for seeding."

In addition, high pressure systems resulted in many cloudless days during the program.

"Cloud seeding does not work at all on days when there is not a cloud in the sky," said Gilstad. "Unfortunately, we had more than our share of those days this spring and summer."

Mitchell added that the reduced

opportunities for cloud seeding resulted in unused budgeted funds that can be used to start the precipitation enhancement program earlier next year.

The 1998 spring and summer precipitation enhancement program was sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District and the Llano Estacado Weather Modification Association of eastern New Mexico.

TCPB approves \$732,300 budget

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) adopted a budget of \$732,300 during its late summer meeting in Lubbock.

Because of the severe drought this year, budget cuts were made across the board.

Of that \$732,300, \$310,516 was budgeted for research, \$294,767 for promotion, \$88,817 for education and \$38,200 for administration.

At the meeting, Bruce Wetzel was appointed as director for Voting Region 6. He replaces Andy Armstrong, who resigned from the board.

Sales tax rebates sent

Sales tax rebates issued to Castro County and the city of Hart were down in October while payments sent to the cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth were up slightly.

Hart's October rebate was \$880.66, down 68.79% from the \$2,822.21 issued in October 1997. That brings Hart's yearly rebate total to \$13,167.64, down 22.68% from \$17,032.02 in 1997. The city of Hart collects a 1% sales tax.

Castro County, which collects a half-percent sales tax, earned a rebate of \$9,071.46 this month, which is 6.63% lower than the 1997 stipend of \$9,715.74. So far this year the

board included funding to help conduct research on "the influence of corn smut on the feeding value of silage." TCPB joined Texas Cattle Feeders Association in funding the project.

The board will attend the Texas Farm Bureau's 65th annual convention in Lubbock Nov. 29-Dec. 2. Because of budget restraints the board elected not to have an exhibit at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas or the Waco BIG Conference early next year.

county has received rebates totaling \$103,470.78, which is down 5.53% from 1997 totals of \$109,537.48.

The rebate was up 18.64% in Nazareth, from \$890.40 in 1997 to \$1,056.42 this year. In 1998, Nazareth has earned \$10,995.05 from its 1.5% sales tax and that's up 4.65% from the \$10,506.24 paid through October 1997.

Dimmitt, which also collects a 1.5% sales tax, earned a rebate of \$21,655.48 for October, up 4.94% from \$20,635.17. That brings the city's yearly total to \$238,902.68, 2.33% higher than the \$233,458.55 paid in 1997.

Cotton Talks

Help is on the way after Congress and the White House approval of legislation containing \$5.975 billion in much-needed disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) was among the first to call attention to the serious effects of the 1998 drought and is now actively involved in formulating a plan to distribute approximately \$1.5 billion in direct disaster assistance to affected growers.

Over \$3 billion is being made in the form of supplemental Ag Marketing Transition Act (AMTA) payments. The secretary of agriculture only has to determine when to make the supplemental AMTA payments available. The flip side of the coin is the administration of the 1998 disaster assistance funds.

Agriculture industry and US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) officials are working diligently to formulate a plan which accomplishes the wishes of Congress and distributes the money to those who lost all or part of their crops as the result of the 1998 weather conditions.

Currently, two options for delivery of disaster assistance have surfaced. The first is through the crop insurance program and the USDA Risk Management Agency with no requirement that crop insurance has been purchased to qualify. The second is through the USDA Farm Service Agency via more traditional program guidelines.

Both proposals have pluses and minuses attached and PCG will be looking closely to make sure the final delivery vehicle is the one which maximizes timeliness and provides the maximum support to cotton producers who have suffered the most.

Work on the delivery method is moving ahead and PCG is concentrating on helping develop the best, fairest system possible. Additional information will be made available as soon as it is finalized.

Helping the needy is the goal of a food drive being conducted through the USDA Agricultural Market Service's Cotton Division and the South Plains Food Bank.

The drive will run through Nov. 16 and arrangements have been made to get non-perishable food donations collected by area cotton gins. Cash donations also are welcome and can be sent directly to the South Plains Food Bank at the following address: South Plains Food Bank, 4612 Locust Avenue, Lubbock 79404.

The donations will be collected by drivers for Lubbock Classing Office sample hauler Jerry Meers and will be delivered to the food bank. Gin managers are encouraged to put up a collection point in their office and let

the drivers know when they need to pick up donated items.

Cotton producers across the High Plains are being encouraged to participate and donate non-perishable food items.

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Sports



Soaring Eagles prove their point, 33-0

By DON NELSON
Any more questions about the Sanford-Fritch Eagles?

The boys from the lake country up north not only remained undefeated in their District 1-3A acid test here Friday night; they hung the worst loss of the season on the Bobcats, 33-0.

The setback left the Bobcats with their backs to the wall in the playoff race. They must win their final two games against Dalhart and pre-season favorite Perryton to earn the district's third playoff spot.

After a 6-0 first half in which the explosive Bobcats were stifled without a first down, the Eagles hung up two touchdowns in the third and two more in the fourth to take a decisive win.

They did it with their ground game, mainly with misdirection plays that featured senior running backs T. J. Clark (31 carries for 89 yards) and Justin Holland (14 for 104).

"They took advantage of what we do best," Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar said. "On defense, we run to the ball. That's the way we have to play because we're not big enough to sit in there and mash people. So we'd have everybody going over here, and they'd be running back over there. "They had a good plan."

The Bobcats averaged less than two yards per carry (26 for 47) against the big, strong S-F defense. They did manage 101 yards on 4-for-15 passing — all in the second half — but the Eagles' fierce pass rush and alert secondary neutralized Dimmitt's aerial attack with four interceptions and two sacks.

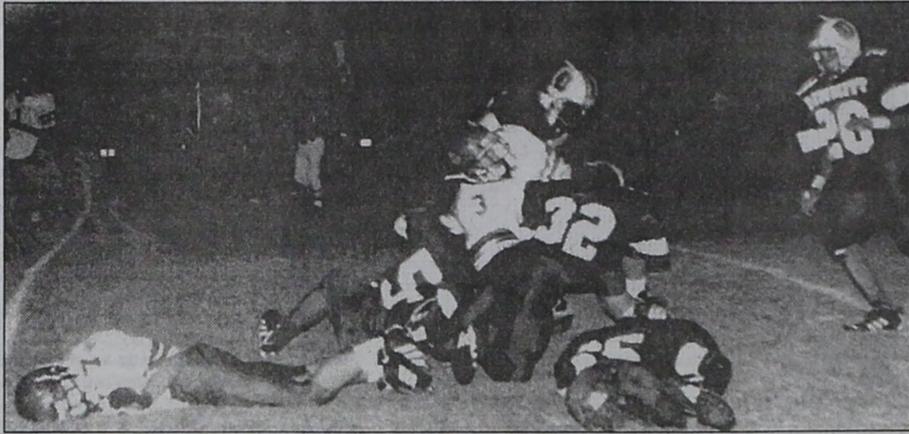
After a scoreless first quarter, Clark notched the only touchdown of the defensive first half when he raced around left end from six yards out on the fourth play of the second period.

Dimmitt's Eric Gamez rushed in to block Matt Keifer's extra-point kick.

The Eagles drove to the Dimmitt 19 late in the second quarter, but the Bobcat defense held, and four plays later — after a 16-yard sack backed the Cats up to their own 4-yard line — quarterback Derek Buckley got the Cats out of trouble with a tremendous 77-yard, wind-aided punt that carried to the S-F 19.

In the third, Holland intercepted a Buckley pass at the S-F 30 and, as he was being tackled, lateraled to Heath Simpson, who returned it to the Dimmitt 49.

Two plays later, sophomore quarterback Shiloh Reed was in the process of a good run when Dimmitt's Justin Sutton stripped the ball from



CRUNCH TIME—Sanford-Fritch running back T. J. Clark (3) runs into a wall of Dimmitt tacklers in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-3A game here. Bobcats in on the play are Daniel Salazar (56), Ralph Enriquez (32), Jerry Thomas (center back-

ground), Rusty Wooten (65) and Stacey Villanueva (20). Clark carried the ball on more than half of Sanford-Fritch's plays as the Eagles chalked up an impressive 33-0 victory to remain unbeaten and assure themselves a playoff spot. Photo by Monica Ortiz

him and recovered it at the Dimmitt 31.

But another interception—this time by Heath—set the Eagles up at the Bobcats' 26, and four plays later they cashed in with a 10-yard run up the middle by Clark, who also ran a two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

Later in the third, Holland broke a 49-yard run to the Dimmitt 15 to set up the Eagles' third TD. Senior quarterback Tyson Shapley did the honors with a one-yard keeper, and it was 20-0 after the PAT kick sailed wide right.

Shapley picked off a Buckley pass at the S-F 15 and returned it to the 30 to foil a Dimmitt drive late in the third, then the Eagles drove 70 yards in nine plays for their fourth TD.

Shapley set up the score when he got loose on a QB keeper and raced 38 yards before Dimmitt safety Wes-

ley Wright knocked him out of bounds at the Dimmitt 1.

On the next play, Clark fumbled on a dive play but recovered the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. A pass play for a two-point conversion fizzled, leaving the count at 26-0.

The Eagles had to go only 36 yards for their final TD after the Bobcats fumbled a pitch and S-F's Brad Brown fell on it.

It took 12 plays to make the 36-yard trip, but the Eagles notched their final score on a five-yard burst by Holland with 1:03 left in the game.

Byron May kicked the extra point to make it 33-0.

Surprisingly, the Eagles tried an onside kick after the TD, and the Bobcats covered it at the Dimmitt 48, then headed goalward.

Three plays later, with time running out, Wright hauled in a 33-yard pass from Buckley and fell out of bounds at the S-F 3-yard line. But the next play ended in another S-F interception to kill the drive.

"They're good," Coach Dollar said of the unbeaten Eagles, who had played only one ranked team before swooping into Bobcat Stadium Friday night. "I've been trying to tell everybody.

"They're strong. They're the strong-est team we've played, by far. They're better than either Friona or Muleshoe. They had a nucleus of players, and you have to give them credit—they just lived in the weight room all summer. That's where you win. They paid the price that you have to pay to get 'er done. "And those boys really wanted to prove something."

Game at a Glance

Sanford-Fritch	0	6	14	13	33
Dimmitt	0	0	0	0	0

	DIM	S-F
First Downs	6	20
Rushes-Yards	26-47	60-340
Passing Yards	101	5
Total Yards	148	345
Passes Comp/Att	4/15	3/9
Interceptions By	0	4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Punts-Avg.	5-45	2-40
Penalties-Yards	3-20	1-5

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
S—T.J. Clark 6 run (kick blocked), 10:38

Third Quarter:
S—Clark 10 run (Clark run), 6:38
S—Tyson Shapley 1 run (kick failed), 2:27

Fourth Quarter:
S—Clark 1 run (pass failed), 8:44
S—Justin Holland 5 run (Matt Keifer kick), 1:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 15-52; Derek Buckley 5-(22); Frederick Traylor 3-14; Stacey Villanueva 1-5. SANFORD-FRITCH: T.J. Clark 31-89; Justin Holland 14-104; Tyson Shapley 10-110; Shiloh Reed 6-39.
Passing—DIMMITT: Derek Buckley 4/15-4 — 101. SANFORD-FRITCH: Tyson Shapley 3/8-0 — 5; Shiloh Reed 0/1-0 — 0.
Receiving—DIMMITT: Wesley Wright 2-61; Justin Sutton 1-7; Daniel Proffitt 1-33. SANFORD-FRITCH: Shiloh Reed 3-5.
Leading Tacklers—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 15, Kevin Sanders 12, Ralph Enriquez 11, Rusty Wooten 10.
Tackles Behind Line—DIMMITT: Ralph Enriquez 3, Rusty Wooten 3, James Jackson 2.
Interceptions—SANFORD-FRITCH: Justin Holland 1, Heath Simpson 1, Tyson Shapley 1, No. 12 1.
Fumbles Caused—DIMMITT: Sutton 1.
Opponents' Fumbles Recovered — DIMMITT: Sutton 1. SANFORD-FRITCH: Brad Brown 1.



GOOD CATCH—Sophomore wide receiver Daniel Proffitt (88) snares a 33-yard pass from quarterback Derek Buckley to give Dimmitt a first down at the Sanford-Fritch 32-yard line in the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-3A game here. Defending on the play is S-F's Shiloh Reed (10). The visiting Eagles remained undefeated with a 33-0 victory. Photo by Monica Ortiz

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Dimmitt opponents

RIVER ROAD (5-3) beat DALHART (0-8), 34-12
 PERRYTON (4-4) beat TULIA (1-7), 34-0
 FRIONA (8-0) beat Lubbock Cooper, 40-13
 SUNDOWN (4-4) beat Bovina, 49-0
 MULESHOE (7-1) beat Lub. Roosevelt, 34-0
 LAMESA (4-4) lost to Colorado City, 20-16
 BROWNFIELD (0-8) lost to Slaton, 21-13

Nazareth opponents

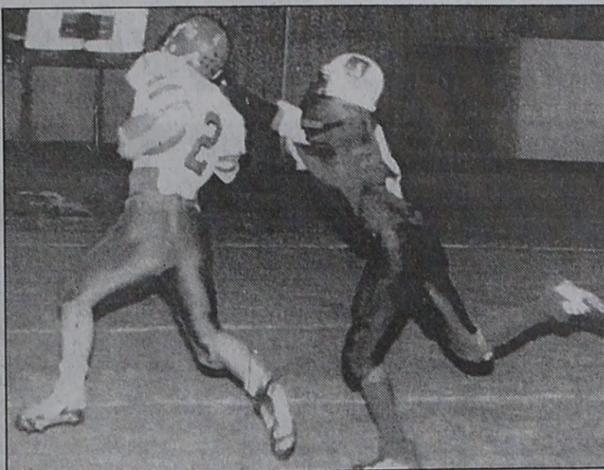
KRESS (6-2) beat VEGA (2-6), 40-12
 HAPPY (4-4) beat HART (3-5), 22-0
 FARWELL (7-1) beat Morton, 44-7
 VALLEY (6-2) beat Crosbyton, 28-22
 CLAUDE (3-4) beat Shamrock, 14-6
 WHITEFACE (2-6) lost to Anton, 23-14
 LCHS lost to Arlington Grace Prep, 43-6

Hart opponents

S'LAKE-EARTH (3-5) beat NAZ (6-2), 14-7
 KRESS (6-2) beat VEGA (2-6), 40-12
 MORTON (1-7) lost to Farwell, 44-7
 BOVINA (3-5) lost to Sundown, 49-0
 VALLEY (6-2) beat Crosbyton, 28-22
 SMYER (1-7) lost to O'Donnell, 55-0
 OLTON (4-4) lost to Hale Center, 28-13

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SETTING UP A TOUCHDOWN—Sanford-Fritch senior quarterback Tyson Shapley (2) is forced out of bounds by Dimmitt safety Wesley Wright, but not until he had gained 38 yards to the Dimmitt 1 in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-3A game here. This breakaway run by Shapley set up the Eagles' fourth touchdown, which was scored by T. J. Clark on the next play to make it 26-0 in S-F's favor. Shapley gained 110 yards on 10 carries as the Eagles posted an impressive 33-0 win.

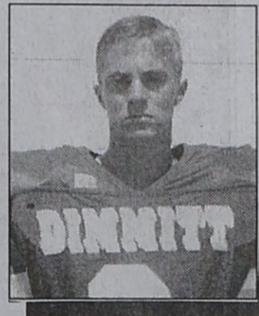
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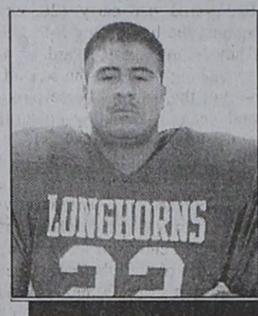


Golf probably developed in Scotland around 100 C.E. from a Roman game called *paganica*. The Romans played it with a bent stick and a leather ball stuffed with feathers.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



WESLEY WRIGHT
 Dimmitt—Sr. WR/DB
 2 pass receptions for 61 yards



JUAN GUERRERO
 Hart—Jr. TB/NG
 13 carries for 58 yards, 4 tackles



MATT OLVERA
 Nazareth—Sr. TE
 9 tackles, blocked punt, 5-yard touchdown reception

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Schedule & Scores

VARSITY

Bobcats 24, Sundown 13
 Bobcats 21, Lamesa 17
 Bobcats 0, Friona 14
 Bobcats 49, Brownfield 0
 Bobcats 28, Muleshoe 21
 Bobcats 14, River Road 21
 Bobcats 43, Tulia 12
 Bobcats 0, Sanford-Fritch 33
 Oct. 30 *Dalhart (Senior Parents), Here 7:30
 Nov. 6 *Perryton, There 7:30

* Denotes District Games

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

JV 14, Sundown 0; 9th 22, Sanford-Fritch 44
 JV 12, Lamesa 14; 9th 12, Lamesa 20
 JV 22, Friona 0; 9th 29, Friona 0
 JV 40, Brownfield 6; 9th 46, Brownfield 22
 JV 2, Muleshoe 12; 9th 12, Muleshoe 6
 JV 26, River Road 14; 9th 20, River Road 20
 9th 28, Tulia 6
 9th 0, Sanford-Fritch 13
 Oct. 29 Dalhart, There 5:00-6:30
 Nov. 5 Tulia, There 5:00-6:30

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th 12, Friona 12; 7th 0, Friona 12
 8th 2, Brownfield 12; 7th 0, Brownfield 26
 8th 6, Muleshoe 8; 7th 0, Muleshoe 12
 8th 38, River Road 12; 7th 16, River Road 32
 8th 16, Tulia 6; 7th 6, Tulia 6
 8th 18, Sanford-Fritch 6; 7th 6, Sanford-Fritch 8
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Springlake surprises Swifts, 14-7

By JESSICA KERN
Fumble after fumble after fumble. That's something the Swifts haven't really had a problem with this season—at least they hadn't had a problem until Friday night.

The Swifts suffered five first-half fumbles, losing three of those against Springlake-Earth.

That, combined with a stagnant offense and formidable Springlake-Earth defense added up to 14-7 victory for the Wolverines Friday.

The Swifts, who were tied for the lead in District 3-A going into the game, couldn't get anything going Friday night and Springlake had success in every area.

The outcome of the game keeps Springlake alive in the playoffs and forces the Swifts into a must-win situation the last two weeks of the season. Kress is the district leader with a 3-0 mark while Nazareth, Springlake-Earth and Happy are all tied for second with 2-1 marks.

"We picked a bad night to make mistakes," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price, whose team dropped to 6-2 overall with the loss. "We did not take care of the ball on offense, we had assignment breakdowns on defense and we did not block or tackle well. All of this adds up to trouble when you are playing a good team."

Offensively, the Swifts had only 112 yards compared with Springlake's 241. Nazareth had seven first downs while the Wolverines had 13.

The only Swift score came after the Swifts got a big blocked punt in the third stanza.

Nazareth suffered several fumbles in the first half and lost three of those miscues. That proved costly. The Wolverines took the first of those fumble recoveries and turned it into seven points. The Swifts would recover to tie the game in the third quarter.

The Nazareth defense gave up one big play in the game, but it was a game winning 60-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Matty McLain and Matt Martin were Swift leaders on defense, recording 13 tackles apiece. Bo Hunter recorded 12 and Matthew Kern picked up 11 stops.

The Swifts had the first shot at the end zone, and had success running the football with Kern gaining 12 yards on one carry, Cameron McLain picking up nine yards and Matty McLain gaining 11 on three totes.

But after driving into Wolverine territory, the drive stalled at the Springlake 45 and the Swifts had to punt.

The Nazareth defense did the job after that, allowing Springlake only four yards on four plays and forcing a Wolverine punt.

But the kick was bobbled by Nazareth and the Wolverine's recovered at Nazareth's 25.

Nine plays later Springlake took the lead.

Quade Furr scampered five yards into the end zone for the touchdown, then Felix Duran booted the PAT for a 7-0 Wolverine lead with 3:03 left in the first quarter.

Nazareth took the ensuing kickoff at its 27-yard line. Cameron McLain was able to gain 16 yards on three plays before the turnover bug bit again and Nazareth lost possession as the quarter ended.

Nazareth's defense forced Springlake into three and out on the next drive and the Swifts got the ball back at their own 8.

Nazareth managed to gain eight yards, but couldn't convert on third down and had to punt again.

Springlake-Earth got the ball back on its own 43 and drove to the Swift 20 before Nazareth's defense got tough and held on a fourth-and-six play.

Nazareth didn't have the ball for long. Another Swift fumble gave the Wolverines possession at the Nazareth 37.

The Wolverines moved to Nazareth's 23 but once again failed to convert on a fourth-down play and Nazareth took over.



NAZARETH'S MATTY MCLAIN (44) gets past Springlake-Earth's Frank Toscano (65), only to run headlong into a swarm of Eagles headed by Felix Duran (18). McLain managed a long gain on the play to the Nazareth 35 for a first down, but he lost control of the ball as he was

tackled and the Wolverines recovered. Springlake capitalized on Swift mistakes to take a 14-7 win. Also pictured are Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman (2), Matthew Kern (36) and Kade Wilcox (11); and Springlake's Michael Clayton (49).
Photo by Anne Acker

Game at a Glance

Swifts 7, Springlake-Earth 14	
Nazareth	0 0 7 0 -7
S'Lake-Earth	7 0 0 7 -14

	NAZ	S-E
First Downs	6	13
Yards Rushing	92	236
Yards Passing	19	17
Total Yards Gained	111	253
Passes Comp.-Att.	3-8	2-12
Interceptions By	0	0
Punts-Avg.	5-31	5-28
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	4-30

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter: SE—Chance Furr 5 run (Felix Duran kick)
Third Quarter: NAZ—Matt Olvera 4 pass from Mitchell Brockman (Olvera kick)
Fourth Quarter: SE—Jose Mendoza 60 run (Duran kick)

Nazareth worked downfield but time expired in the first half before the Swifts could score.

The teams traded punts to start the second half, then the Wolverines got the ball on their own 33. A fired-up Swift defense pushed Springlake back to the 24 and the Wolverines had to punt.

The Wolverine punter had problems handing the late snap and Olvera rushed through the line and was able to block the kick and Nazareth recovered the loose ball on Springlake's 11.

Two runs moved the ball to the five-yard line, then Nazareth went to the air.

Mitchell Brockman dropped back to pass, but his throw was tipped by a Wolverine defender. Despite the

tip, Olvera made a diving catch in the end zone to put the Swifts on the board. He booted the extra point to tie the game at 7 with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

The teams traded punts to end the third quarter before the Wolverines started their game-winning drive from their own 35. After gaining a couple of yards to the 40, the Wolverines were able to penetrate the Swift defense for a long 60-yard touchdown run by Jose Mendoza. Duran kicked the extra point to give Springlake a 14-7 lead with 10:16 left in the game.

Nazareth took the kickoff at the 40, but couldn't find any room and had to punt the ball back to the Wolverines, who then ran out the clock.

Harris Picks

Here's how the Harris Rating System picks this week's area games, and how it ranks area teams. Home teams are listed in capital letters.

DIMMITT 22 over Dalhart
NAZARETH 6 over Kress
SPRINGLAKE-EARTH 14 over Hart
SANFORD-FRITCH 17 over Perryton
RIVER ROAD 19 over Tullia
Happy 25 over VEGA
Wheeler 28 over BOOKER
CLAUDE 3 over Memphis
GRUVER 16 over Shamrock
MOTLEY COUNTY 6 over Crosbyton
PETERSBURG 21 over Lorenzo
Valley 14 over SPUR
Anton 11 over ROPES
Sudan 2 over O'DONNELL
Whitface 8 over SMYER
SHALLOWATER 8 over Lubbock Cooper
Frona 6 over MULESHOE
LITTLEFIELD 27 over Lubbock Roosevelt
LAMESA 22 over Brownfield
COLORADO CITY 2 over Seminole
DENVER CITY 16 over Slaton
Childress 10 over GRAHAM
HALE CENTER 24 over Bovina
Farwell 24 over OLTON
Sundown 32 over MORTON
West Texas 24 over BOYS RANCH

SEAGRAVES 25 over Plains
SPEARMAN 6 over Canadian
Stratford 13 over SUNRAY
QUANAH 34 over Clarendon
Highland Park 13 over PANHANDLE
WELLINGTON 17 over White Deer
ABERNATHY 20 over Ralls
NEW DEAL pick vs. Floydada
LOCKNEY 9 over Idlour
Borger 6 over HEREFORD
Dumas 11 over CAPROCK
PAMPA 16 over Palo Duro
CANYON 14 over Levelland
Frenship 8 over LUBBOCK ESTACADO
PLAINVIEW 7 over Randall
Amarillo 10 over LUBBOCK
Lubbock Coronado 5 over SA CENTRAL
TASCOSA 4 over Lubbock Monterey
ABILENE pick vs. Midland
MIDLAND LEE 2 over Odessa Permian
Abilene Cooper 6 over ODESSA

WEEK 9 RANKINGS

Here's how Harris ranks the area teams, including their respective power ratings, by which he bases his decisions.
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Other Area Class A: 12. Wheeler 178, 23. Gruver 171, 28. Paducah 169, 29. Kress 168, 30. Happy 167, 33. Springlake-Earth 166, 36. Claude 165, 39. Nazareth 165, 40. Petersburg 165, 52. Memphis 157, 63. Hart 155, 72. Anton 151, 73. Booker 151, 76. Valley 151, 93. Lorenzo 144, 96. Motley County 142, 98. Vega 142, 102. Whitface 139, 106. Ropes 137, 108. Crosbyton 136, 112. Spur 134, 116. Smyer 131.

Class AAA: 1. Newton 209, 2. Breckenridge 206, 3. Cleveland 204, 4. Sweeny 204, 5. Daingerfield 204, 6. Sealy 203, 7. Waco La Vega 203, 8. Coldspring 202, 9. Corrigan-Camden 202, 10. Brady 202.

Other Area Class AAA: 12. Childress 201, 29. Frona 194, 47. Sanford-Fritch 191, 59. Muleshoe 188, 82. Littlefield 183, 85. Seminole 183, 108. Dimmitt 179, 113. Lamesa 179, 125. Denver City 176, 132. River Road 175, 137. Perryton 174, 170. Lubbock Cooper 165, 182. Slaton 159, 183. Lubbock Roosevelt 158, 184. Brownfield 157, 185. Dalhart 157, 191. Tullia 156.

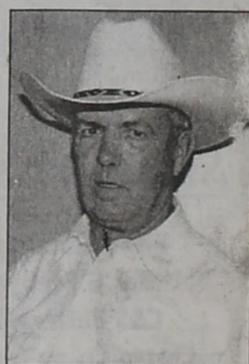
Brisket meal slated Friday

A barbecued brisket supper will be served Friday prior to the Dimmitt-Dalhart football game and proceeds will benefit the Dimmitt Rotary Club, which is sponsoring the event.

The meal will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria.

Tickets in advance are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets at the door will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Carry-outs will be available. Advance tickets may be purchased at Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, First Bank, Dimmitt Thriftway, Dimmitt Consumers or from any Rotary member.

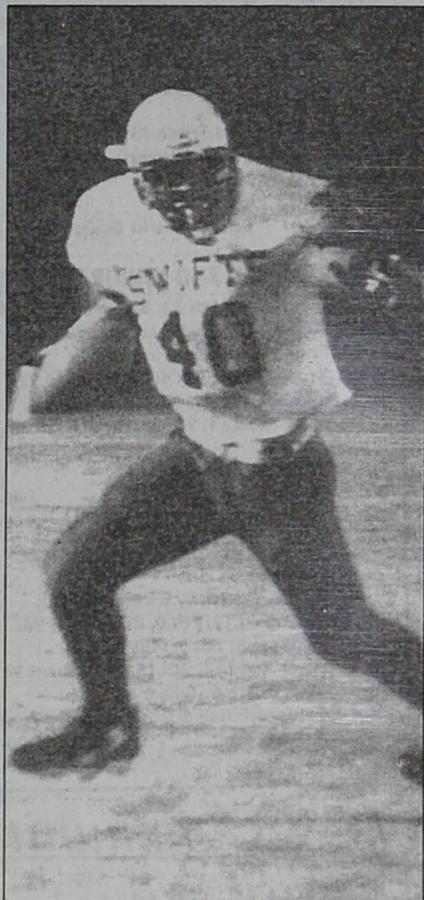
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Cowboys lasso Longhorns, 22-0

Hart saw its chances of earning a playoff berth drift further away Friday night with a 22-0 loss at the hands of the Happy Cowboys.

The Longhorns dropped to 3-5 on the year and to 0-3 in District 3-A play with the loss while the Cowboys improved to 4-4, 2-1.

Hart was held to 109 yards total offense, 96 of which came on the ground. The Cowboys pounded out 159 yards rushing and added another 118 passing in a balanced attack that Hart couldn't stop.

After a scoreless opening period, Happy's offense got on track for a 14-0 halftime lead. The Cowboys added another touchdown in the third to pad the win.

Hart had problems early and that enabled the Cowboys to put the first points on the board.

After failing to convert a third-down play in the second quarter Hart lined up to punt. That's when the Horns' problems began.

Happy blocked the punt, then proceeded to march a short distance to the goal line, soon striking for the first points of the game.

The Cowboys went to the air for their first touchdown, scoring on an 11-yard pass from quarterback Patrick McCuaig to Sonny Calhoun. The extra-point kick failed, but Happy was on the board, 6-0.

"We had a punt blocked, made mental mistakes and didn't put the ball in the end one when we had our chances," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "In this district, teams are too evenly matched and you can't afford to make those kind of mistakes. Happy blocked that punt, went down and scored and that was all they needed to get rolling. We lost control of momentum and never got it back."

Later in the stanza McCuaig elected to keep the ball and scored from three yards out to give the Cowboys a 12-0 lead. Beau Hargrave added the two-point conversion for a 14-0 Cowboy lead.

Hargrave added a four-yard touch-down run in the third quarter, then Calhoun caught a pass from McCuaig for two to end scoring.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 0, Happy 22	
Hart	0 0 0 0 -0
Happy	0 14 8 0 -22
HART HAPPY	
First Downs	8 14
Yards Rushing	96 159
Yards Passing	13 118
Total Yards Gained	109 277
Passes Comp.-Att.	2-7 5-8
Interceptions By	1 1
Punts-Avg.	4-22 0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-63 11-95

Scoring By Quarters

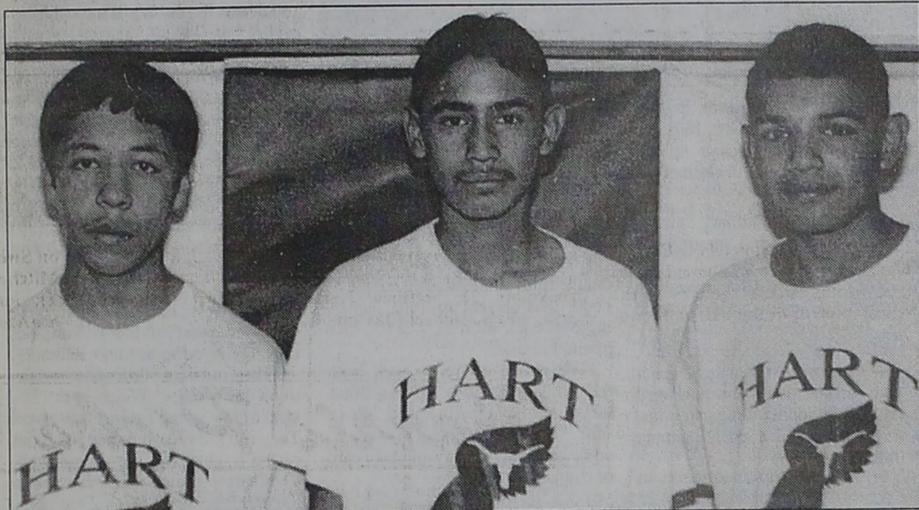
Second Quarter:
 HAPPY— Sonny Calhoun 11 pass from Patrick McCuaig (kick failed)
 HAPPY—McCuaig 3 run (Beau Hargrave run)
Third Quarter:
 HAPPY— Hargrave 4 run (Calhoun pass from McCuaig)



HART QUARTERBACK JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ looks for room to run as he's pursued by Happy defenders Friday in a District 3-A game. The Cowboys were able to score first, taking advantage

of a blocked punt to drive a short distance for the touchdown. The Cowboys never looked back, posting a 22-0 win.

Photo by David Knox



LONGHORN RUNNERS (from left) Frankie Chaparro, Isaias Garcia and Jose Avila competed at the Region 6-A cross country meet Monday at Mae

Simmons Park in Lubbock. Garcia finished fourth in the district race to earn a trip to the regional meet. Avila finished 29th and Chaparro was 32nd.

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Races heat up in Districts 1-AAA and 3-A

Dimmitt and Nazareth are battling for their playoff lives while Hart hopes to end their season on an up note with back-to-back wins.

The Bobcats and Swifts must win their remaining two games to have a shot at the playoffs.

Dimmitt hosts Dalhart and Nazareth hosts Kress in key Friday night matchups while Hart will travel to Springlake-Earth. Each game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Dalhart at Dimmitt

Does this sound familiar?

The Bobcats must win their final two games to get into the playoffs.

That's the way it is. And was last year. And the year before.

"We're in the same situation we were in the last two years in a row," Coach Bruce Dollar said. "It came down to those last two or three games.

"Last year we lost the last three. If we had won two of them, we'd have been in.

"The year before, if we had won the last two, we'd have been in."

Sanford-Fritch (8-0, 3-0) and River Road (5-3, 3-0) are on the inside track for the 1-2 playoff berths, although S-F still must deal with Perryton Friday night and hit the Road next week.

The third playoff team will be either Dimmitt or Perryton. Dalhart and Tulia are out of it.

For the Bobcats, it's going to boil down to attitude, Coach Dollar believes.

"We had that mental edge after the Muleshoe game," he said. "We had all that momentum, then everything fell apart when we lost Beau (Hill, starting fullback). He was the leader. Everybody looked to him to make plays when we had to have them."

And if losing Hill weren't downer enough, since then things have gone even downer-hill for the Bobcats. Gone are Daniel Flores, starting wide receiver; Eric Soldevilla, starting tight end; Zack Morgan, starting defensive end; and senior running back Brandon Allison.

"But you've still got to play, despite your setbacks," Dollar said.

Friday night's opponent, the Dalhart Golden Wolves, can tell you about setbacks. They have yet to win a game under first-year coach Bill

Henly, and they've had their share of hard luck, too.

"They lost their quarterback; his family moved," Coach Dollar said. "That hurt them. They lost their best defensive player; he broke his leg."

What spooks Coach Dollar about the Wolves is that they have the potential to turn into Werewolves on Halloween eve.

"Dalhart is plenty good," Dollar said. "They're danged sure better than their record. They'll be the biggest team we've played so far. They've got one of the best running backs in the district in (junior) Garland Swecker.

"I tried to tell everybody that Fritch was pretty good, but nobody would listen to me," Dollar said. "Dalhart can play, too. Just ask anybody who has played them. They can play hard."

At this stage, Dollar said, the Bobcats' chances for the playoffs depend on how each player responds to the setbacks the team has endured.

"You can't do it with coaches' speeches," he said. "Each individual player has to make a choice as to what level he wants to play on."

Kress at Nazareth

The Swifts stumbled and took a big step backward Friday when they lost to Springlake-Earth in a District 3-A battle, but they can't waste any time worrying about that game because one of the toughest teams in the district will be coming to visit this week.

Nazareth will host district leader Kress Friday in a key 3-A battle at Swift Field. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

"We have got to win this one," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "We're still in decent shape if we win out, but if we lose one more game (to Kress or Happy), we lose control of our destiny. Right now there are still four teams with a shot at the playoffs—Kress, Happy, Springlake-Earth and us."

The Kangaroos and Swifts both sport 6-2 records on the season, but Kress has a one-game advantage in the playoff chase. The Roos are undefeated in 3-A play with a 3-0 mark while the Swifts, 2-1, are tied for second with Happy and Springlake-Earth.



HEADED FOR THE ENDZONE!—Nazareth's Matthew Kern (36) gets a nice block from a teammate and is able to gain eight yards to the Springlake-Earth 46-yard line before he's run out of

bounds Friday in a District 3-A game at S-E. The Swifts had trouble holding onto the ball and the offense sputtered throughout the game as the Wolverines posted a 14-7 win. Photo by Anne Acker

Kress's only losses have been to state-ranked Aspermont, 14-7; and Class AA power New Deal, 44-0.

The Kangaroos posted non-conference wins over Lubbock Christian (48-7), Memphis (28-22) and Farwell (7-6). In district play, they have beaten Hart (9-7), Happy (25-14), and Vega (40-12).

Kress has put 168 points on the board this season while allowing 126. The Swifts have outscored foes 235-69 this season.

"Kress runs a lot of different sets on offense. I think we've seen 21 different sets on the films we've watched. They've got two good runningbacks and they throw the ball well," Price said. "They've got a lot of receivers they throw to and that could be a problem."

The Kangaroos are averaging 307 yards on offense and that offense is centered around fullback Greg

Gardea (5-10, 200), tailback Sammy Rojas (5-8, 150) and quarterback Dane Morphis (5-10, 135).

Gardea has rushed for more than 500 yards this season and has scored four touchdowns.

His counterpart in the backfield, Rojas, is a threat to run with or catch the ball. Rojas also has gained well over 500 yards rushing and has scored three rushing touchdowns in addition to one receiving.

Morphis is the top-rated passer in the area, having completed 50% of his passes for 916 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Kress likes a split defense and inside linebackers Gardea and Shy Schaeffer are the strength of the unit, according to Price.

"Both of those guys are good and they like to stunt at least one of them a lot. It's going to be tough to get anything up the gut and it's hard to get outside against the split. That'll

take away some of our outside game," Price said.

Kress isn't as big as in past years, but the team still features a couple of good sized players up front, including Maverick Murrell, a 5-10, 250-pound lineman.

"We match up fairly well with them this time and other than Rojas they don't have much speed," Price said. "We're just going to have to come out ready to play and take care of business."

Hart at S-E

The Springlake-Earth Wolverines are hoping to earn a playoff berth in District 3-A, but Hart can throw a kink in their plans Friday night by claiming a victory on the road.

The Longhorns (3-5 overall), who have yet to crack the win column in District 3-A play, will travel to Springlake-Earth Friday for their fourth district game of the season.

Springlake-Earth is coming off a big 14-7 win over Nazareth Friday and the Wolverines have a shot at the playoffs. With three losses.

Hart doesn't have a hope of earning a playoff berth, but the Horns can play the role of spoiler.

"We're playing for pride right now," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "Our goal now is to go 5-5 and finish up on a positive note. We're not going to give anything up. We'll fight to the end."

Hart is bigger than the Wolverines, and the Longhorns will have to use that size to control the line of scrimmage Friday.

Springlake has just three wins under its belt this season, and two of those came in district wins over Vega (20-12) and Nazareth.

"Springlake is a team that has really starting coming on," said Welps. "They've done a lot of good things in the past few weeks. They come to play. They're a sound team and they're well coached. They don't give you much. This is going to be a tough test for us. We'll have to play well."

The strength of the Springlake team is its defense, which has allowed just 92 points in eight games this season. The Wolverines have scored 87.

The 5-2 defense features tackle Mikey Monreal (5-11, 170), noseguard Chris Haberer (5-7, 140), linebacker Frank Toscano (5-8, 170) and Jose Mendoza (5-11, 160) and Felix Duran (5-8, 130) in the secondary.

Offensively, the Wolverines have struggled most of the season, but they've played some tough defenses.

"They run a lot of the same formations that we do," Welps said. "It's kind of like going against ourselves. They run the veer, but they run it out of the I. They run the option well. They throw well and they like to run the bootleg."

The offensive attack is directed by quarterback Slade Quisenberry (5-9, 130), who can throw the ball well. His favorite targets are Ronnie Barlow (5-9, 150), Felix Duran (5-8, 130) and Trusstin Perry (5-10, 170). The Wolverines use several runners out of the backfield including Chance Furr (5-8, 130), Romy DeLeon (5-5, 130) and Jose Mendoza (5-11, 160).



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DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Nazareth Swiftettes captured the district cross country title Monday and will compete at regional Nov. 7 in Lubbock. Team members are (from left) Danette Ramaekers, Lesley Brockman, Sara Schulte, Stephanie Thiel, Mandy Hoelting and Lindsey K. Gerber.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Swift runners advance

Swiftettes nab cross country title

The Nazareth Swiftettes posted a team total of 37 points in the District 4-A cross country meet Monday and that was enough for the team title.

Nazareth was paced by Dannette Ramaekers, who topped the field with a time of 13:10, 19 seconds faster than the second-place runner, Laci Russell of Shamrock.

Ramaekers was one of four Swiftettes to finish among the top 10 Monday. The others were Stephanie Thiel, who was sixth in 13:58; Mandy Hoelting, eighth in 14:03; and Sara Schulte, who finished 10th in 14:17.

The other three Swiftette runners claimed the next three spots: Lindsey K. Gerber was 11th in 14:34, Jayme Schmucker finished 12th in 14:35 and Lesley Brockman was 13th in 14:37.

Nazareth advances to the Region 1-A cross country meet, which will be held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Nov. 7.



Trinity Robb



Mark Birkenfeld



Quentin Jones

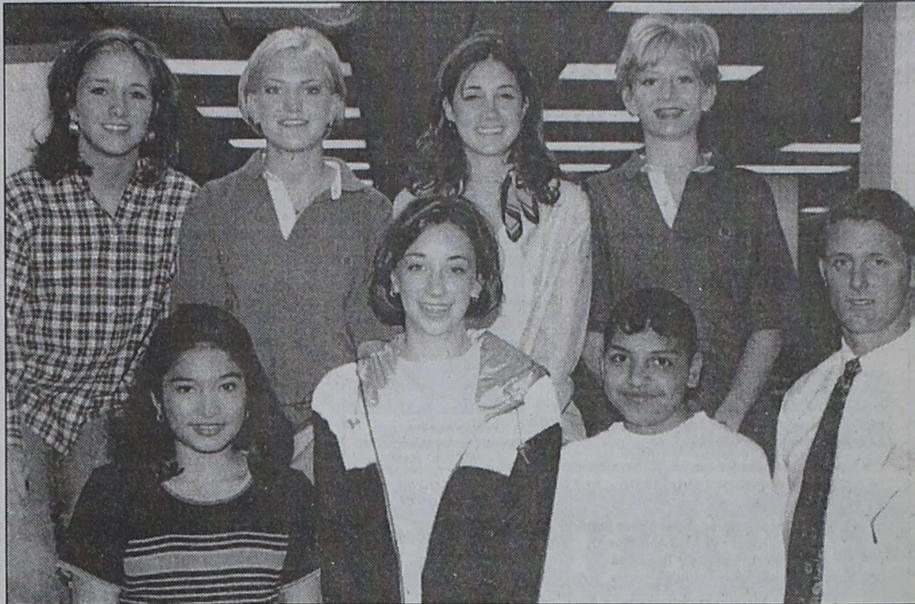
Also competing in the regional meet will be Swifts Trinity Robb, Mark Birkenfeld and Quentin Jones, who placed among the top 10 runners in the boys' three-mile district race.

Robb was fourth with a time of 20:04. Birkenfeld finished ninth in 21:29 and Jones was close behind in 10th with a time of 22:02.

In the junior varsity division, the Swiftettes swept the race, claiming

the first five spots and seven of the top nine.

Tiffany Schmucker won the race with a time of 14:49. Following her was Cassie Birkenfeld, who posted a time of 14:55. Lindsie M. Gerber finished third in 15:01. Fourth-place was earned by Nichole Huseman with a time of 15:10. Finishing fifth was Mikki Huguley. Mindi Ethridge placed eighth in 15:58 while Susan Kern was ninth in 16 minutes.



VARSITY BOBBIES CROSS COUNTRY—The Dimmitt High School girls cross country team includes (front, from left) Stephanie Flores, Kelsey

Welch, Veronica Gonzales, and Coach Chris Edwards; and (back, from left) Shawna Kenworthy, Carol Summers, Lindsey Welch, and Cherie Norman.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



VARSITY BOBCATS CROSS COUNTRY—The Dimmitt High School boys cross country team includes (front, from left) Randy Porter, Aaron Saenz, and Coach Chris Edwards; and (back, from left) Ricky Jimenez and Ivan Flores. Not shown is Jacob Larra.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



THE HART LADY HORNS earned a spot in the Region 1-A cross country meet after placing third at district Monday. Members of the team are (back row, from left) Rosanna Waddell, Vanessa Carrasco,

Valerie Key, Christy Guzman and Julia Cisneros; and (front row, from left) Veronica Gonzales, Raquel Garcia, Nicki Burruss and Ysa Rodriguez.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Lady Horns earn regional berth

Valerie Key posted the second fastest time in the District 6-A cross country race Monday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, and that boosted the team to a third-place finish and a spot in the upcoming Region 1-A meet.

Key finished second with a time of 13:22 to lead Hart. Other varsity runners were Christy Guzman, 14th, 14:44; Nicki Burres, 20th, 14:51; Julia Cisneros, 25th, 15:04; Vanessa Carrasco, 26th, 15:06; Raquel Garcia, 27th, 15:13; and Rosanna Waddell, 35th, 15:42.

Hart also qualified one runner in

the varsity boys' race after Isaias Garcia posted a fourth-place finish in 18:47. Also running in the varsity boys' race were Jose Avila, who was 29th in 22:40; and Franky Chaparro, who finished 32nd in 24:04.

The junior varsity Lady Horns won the district race after having four girls finish among the top 10.

Leading the group was Veronica Gonzales, who was second in 15:07. Close behind was Cynthia Gonzales, who came in third in 15:15. Sixth and seventh places were nailed down by Becky Guzman (15:18) and Lindsey

Montemayor (15:22), respectively. Rounding out the team was Sonia Gonzales, who finished 17th in 16:49.

The junior high girls' team from Hart finished third in the district meet.

Team members and their finishes and times are Kellie George, fourth, 14:29; Sonya Garcia, 13th, 16:00; Angie Mata, 17th, 16:13; Mallory King, 31st, 17:17; Amanda Carrasco, 35th, 17:43; Crystal Diego, 36th, 17:45; Christina Chaparro, 44th, 17:08; and Diana Bustos, 45th, 17:59.

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RES third graders earn awards

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School were honored for their hard work, good citizenship and being on the honor roll during the first nine-week grading period. Students honored were:

STEINLE'S ROOM

Hard Workers: Casey Enriquez and Eric Mireles.

Citizenship: Patricia Barrera, Ashley Cotter, Chauncey Gilbreath, Shaira Gonzales, Dustin Thomas, Ross Myatt, Amanda Castaneda and Kimberly Buffham.

Honor Roll: Buffham, Tyler Cornett, Anthony Enriquez, Shaira Gonzales, Gilbreath, Eric Odom, Chris Pompa, Kamryn Steffens and Myatt.

Perfect Attendance: Eva Agüero, Castaneda, Cotter, Adam Dozal, Enriquez, Gilbreath, Gillian Gonzales, Shaira Gonzales, Jerry Martinez, Myatt, Pompa, Steffens, Houston Sutton, Thomas, Ruby Lopez.

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Hard Workers: Natacia Sullivan, Kasey Tijerina, Chris Gilliam and Nayeli Monsivais.

Citizenship: Anna Reyes.

Honor Roll: Nick Ellis, Haylee Evans, Kaden Griffith, Monsivais, Jesus Ortiz, Mackenzi Pigg, Landon Porsch, Lana Reinart, Brittany Allen and Reyes.

Perfect Attendance: Allen, George Dones, Ellis, Gilliam, Griffith, Monsivais, Pigg, Porsch, Reyes, Max Sandoval and Toby Ward.

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Hard Workers: Erin Black, Naoli Corral, Courtney Garza and Michael Rasor.

Citizenship: Garza.

Honor Roll: Black, Molly Bradford, Klay Clearman, Michael Cline, Cameron Cluck, Aidee Covarrubias, Garza, Chris Gregory, Rasor, Rubie Sanchez and Makenzi Sims.

Perfect Attendance: Black, Clearman, Cluck, Corral, David Gil, Marcus Herrera, Anthony Lopez, Rocky Navarro and Sanchez.

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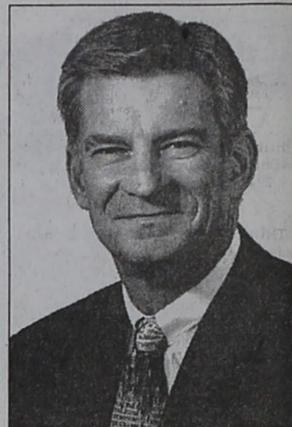
Hard Workers: Daniela Neri and Matthew Almanza.

Citizenship: Josua Gamez, Valerie Villereal, Laraine Agüero

and Cassidy Watts.

Honor Roll: Amber Jones, Kalan Steinle, Andrew LaFuente, Jamarius Gadison, Agüero, Ashley Fleeks, Watts, Villereal, Dennis Underwood and Vanessa Reyes.

Perfect Attendance: Agüero, Reyes, Ashley Patlan, LaFuente, Sammy Sanchez, Fleeks, Julian Chavez, Steinle, Curtis Thomas and Watts.



Dr. Ken Jones

Men's leadership seminar slated at Church of Christ

The Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ will present a men's leadership seminar on Saturday, Nov. 21, and featured speaker will be Dr. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian University.

The seminar will be held at the church and the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Jones received his bachelor of science, master of science and doctorate in agricultural engineering from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. He has earned numerous honors and awards in the field of engineering, including the US Dept. of Agriculture Superior Service Award in Washington, D.C., for his work in energy conservation programs. He has appeared on several television and radio programs as an engineering specialist in energy.

Dr. Jones has done extensive study evaluating various models of leadership as found in the Bible. He received his leadership training under the direction of Dr. Ken Blanchard of Blanchard Training and Development.

He has conducted many leadership seminars for businesses like Texas Instruments in Dallas, Austin and Temple; Bandag Corporation of Abilene; Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Lubbock.

He is a frequent seminar speaker for various churches throughout the United States.

Dr. Jones averages two keynotes and seminars per month on leadership and he blends leadership with lessons on quality living. He stresses the importance of mission, values and vision and emphasizes the importance of personal character of leaders and how a leader should deal with people.

He is currently involved in two writing projects dealing with leadership.

Windbreak program for county producers begins

Seedling applications for conservation windbreaks are now available to Castro County landowners through the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery or the local Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District.

Several varieties of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs are available.

Each year, West Texas Nursery provides adapted windbreak seedlings, at cost, to assist producers in incorporating conservation windbreaks into their farming and/or ranching operation.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," said Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester in Lubbock. "When properly planted, they become a management tool that affects every aspect of the farm or ranch."

Windbreaks create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics.

Evergreens are sold in boxes of 30 for \$52 and the hardwoods in bundles of 100 for \$48. All prices include shipping and handling. Seedlings ordered this fall will be shipped or delivered in the spring of 1999.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare-root trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail and pheasant, deer, turkey or squirrel. Each wildlife packet is \$46.

Trees included in the quail/pheasant package are Russian olive, aromatic sumac, naking cherry and plum. The deer package contains humard oak, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and fourwing saltbush. Hackberry, shumard oak, aromatic sumac and mulberry are featured in the turkey packet while little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange and bur oak are in the squirrel packet.

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks

on grassland, at right angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated cropland.

For example, on a dry corner five wildlife packet can be used to produce a four-row, right-angle wildlife planting. The outside angle, that farthest from the circular cropland, would contain 1,250 feet of plum trees. The second angle would contain Russian olive, the third inside angle would have aromatic sumac and the fourth angle would have naking cherry.

To order windbreak trees or for more information contact the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District at (806) 647-2153, Ext. 101.

Bt corn hybrids are successful

More and more Texas producers are finding that Bt corn does a good job of helping control southwestern corn borers, European corn borers and corn earworms.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, said research indicates that these transgenic corns can work well in Texas production and are proving themselves in the field as well.

"They are providing good protection against first and second generation outbreaks," Patrick said.

Patrick has conducted Bt corn research through funding from the half-cent per bushel corn checkoff.

He notes that producers must still treat fields for banks grass mites and western corn rootworms, but even though Bt corns will not control all insects, the hybrids are still working well in solid integrated pest management programs.

For more information about the performance of Bt corn hybrids and the impact of such hybrids on specific insects, contact Patrick at (806) 359-5401, or your local Extension economist.

State GOP vice chairman to speak in Plainview tonight

David Barton, state vice chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will be the guest speaker at a seminar in Plainview on "faith, character and constitution."

The event will be tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Celebrations, located at 520 Ash in Plainview. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

The program is being sponsored by Hollis Cain, candidate for State Representative, District 85.

Barton is founder and president of Wallbuilders, Inc., an organization which distributes historical, legal and statistical information, and helps educate citizens on how to become active in their local schools and communities. Barton also serves as a consultant to both state and federal legislators on a variety of bills, and has submitted amicus brief in several cases before the US Supreme Court.

Lambs must be validated by Saturday

Saturday is the last day to validate lambs which will be shown in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and all major stock shows in Texas.

If you are planning on showing lambs at this year's shows and your lambs haven't been validated yet, you should call Benny Martinez at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Oct. 29 to November 6.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Apple Jack cereal, orange wedges and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple juice and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, grape juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, honeydew melon, Fideo Mexicano, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato wedges, corn on the cob, cornbread and milk.
MONDAY: Beef taco, taco condiment salad, fruit cocktail, Spanish rice and milk.
TUESDAY: Southern fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, hot wheat rolls, orange wedges and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, white hot rolls, and milk.
THURSDAY: Grilled chopped steak, Chinese-style vegetables, cantaloupe, assorted muffins and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruited gelatin, assorted muffins and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or Nachos with cheese; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, creole bean soup or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or savory green beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruit cocktail or honeydew melon; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, fajitas with sauted onions or Italian spaghetti; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or lima beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment

salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese; Chinese-style vegetables, Lyonaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese chicken plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, or tortilla chips; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Variety of muffins, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, frozen biscuits, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage, pancakes with syrup, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Biscuit and egg, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers, banana and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, pineapple, picante sauce and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket or roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, wheat rolls, green beans, cake with cherry topping and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew or beef fajita strips; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or roast with gravy; wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, banana pudding, vanilla ice cream and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or oven fried chicken, wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, tortilla pieces or enchilada casserole; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk, punch or tea.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket or roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, wheat rolls, green beans, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, beef stew or chicken fajitas; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or hamburger basket; French fries, fresh fruit, lettuce, tomato and pickles, and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or chicken strips or nuggets; wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

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

Lunch

THURSDAY: *Chili dog or baked potato, salad, pinto beans, apricots, grapes and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: *Ham sandwich or corn dog, tater tots, lettuce, peas, applesauce, cookies and milk or juice.
MONDAY: *Frito pie or pizza, cornbread, tossed salad, beans, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: *Chicken nuggets or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, corn, pears, Rice Krispie treat and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: *Chili or baked potato, carrot, celery, green beans, peaches, cinnamon rolls and milk or orange juice.
THURSDAY: *Fish with roll or steak fingers, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, grapes and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: *Taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, applesauce, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

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

Pesticide applicators must earn CEUs

Pesticide applicators should make sure they have the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and non-commercial applicators are facing a Feb. 28, 1999, renewal date on their licenses. "Applicators should check their CEUs while there's still plenty of time to get the credits," said Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use. It's important to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form that they should receive by early December.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

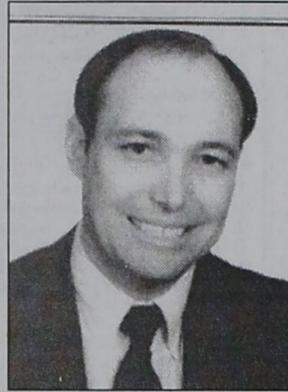
Commercial and non-commercial

applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: law and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization. Perry advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Dept. of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses.

More information about licenses, renewals and CEU courses is available on the TDA web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm.

VOTE FOR CHANGE

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 3



ELECT
★ ROB KINKAID
For 64th District Judge
Republican

Early Voting October 19-30

Assistant District Attorney Since 1986

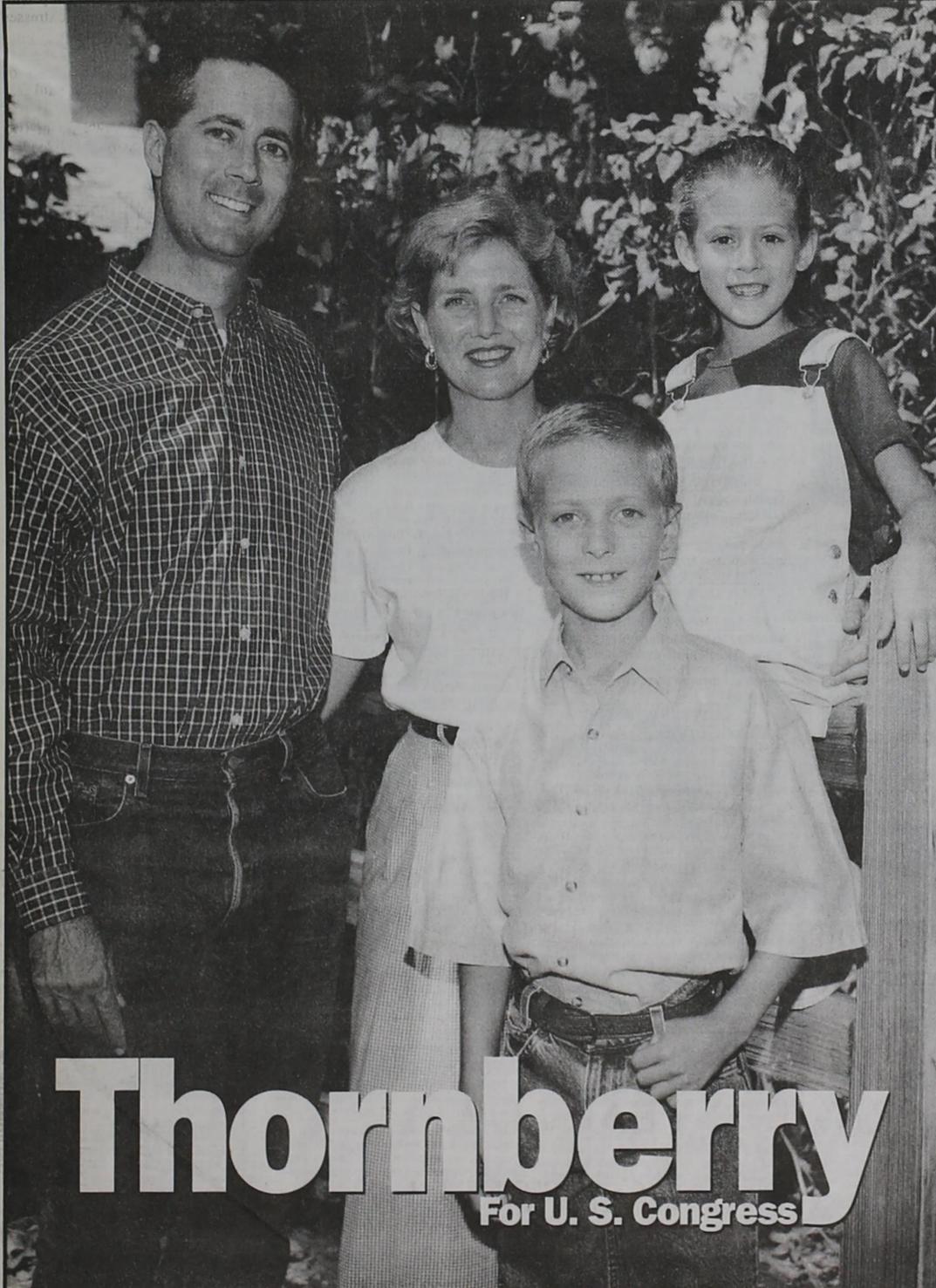
PROVEN TO BE TOUGH ON CRIME!

- Rob Kinkaid is concerned about drugs in our schools.
- Rob Kinkaid is concerned about our Juvenile Justice System.

Rob Kinkaid is Qualified

- (1) Experienced trial and appeal attorney, including the prosecution of five capital murder cases
- (2) Has represented Hale County Commissioners Court in civil matters.
- (3) Lifelong resident of Plainview

Pol. Adv. paid for by Rob Kinkaid, P.O. Box 5, Plainview, Texas 79072.



A Message From Mac Thornberry.

Soon you will help decide what sort of country our children will inherit. There is so much at stake, please consider this:

When I went to Congress in 1994, 40 years of runaway spending had driven our national debt into the trillions. Then Americans like you stood up and voted ... and a new Congress cut spending, balanced the budget and created the first real surplus most of us can remember.

But there's more work to do. We can reduce taxes to help with education, child care, savings and health care. We can give every American a chance of a secure retirement and give families real tax cuts. But to do it, I need your help.

The experts say that voters don't care ... that you won't vote this year because you're so turned off. I think the experts are wrong. America is a good country that deserves honesty and hard work from our leaders. And we'll go on being a good country no matter what ... because people like you care enough to vote.

On November 3, please take the time to join me, my wife Sally and our friends at polling places across the 13th Congressional District. With your vote, we can make the next American century even brighter.

Mac

Thornberry
For U. S. Congress

Classified Advertising Buy, Sell or Trade



1—Real Estate Homes & Land

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or any intention to make any such reference, limitation or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that the dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY for mechanic looking to be owner. Nice 36x86 block building, paved, with two hydraulic lifts, new roof, clean and still operating continuously since 1959.

THREE BEDROOM, 1-1/2 bath on large corner lot. Nice yard, fence, trees, large new storage house.

PRICE REDUCED! Nice brick, two bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, hardwood floors, garage, excellent location. Owner moving.

GIVE ME A CALL! I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

GREGORY REAL ESTATE
BILL GREGORY, Broker
647-5421 Mobile: 647-6034

NEW ON MARKET—Three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, two-car garage, large yard, great neighborhood. \$79,500.

DRASTICALLY REDUCED! OVER 2,100 SQ.FT. Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, all kitchen appliances, two living areas, fireplace, great condition and super location. Very anxious. \$73,000.

NEW LISTING! Darling three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, on corner, cent.ref. Priced to sell. \$37,000.

VERY SPECIAL HOME. You'll love entertaining in this wonderful four bedroom, 2-3/4 bath. Terrific kitchen, large living, custom draperies, sunroom, shop and beautiful yard. Rental in back. \$225,000.

EXCEPTIONAL HOME on two large lots at edge of city. Three bedrooms, one full, 3/4 and 1/2 baths. Lots of built-ins, dining, fireplace, sprinklers and much more. Beautiful large yard. \$95,000.

REMODELED, three bedrooms, two baths, covered patio, two-car garage, sprinkler, on large lot. \$61,500.

REDUCED! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, built-ins, two-car garage, large building. Well located. \$48,500.

REDUCED! EXCELLENT LOCATION at edge of city. Beautiful large brick home with lots of extras. \$117,000.

READY FOR YOU! Extra nice three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, brick. \$40,000.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, garage, brick in good location. Two living areas, new paint. \$67,500.

EDGE OF CITY. Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, two large storage, edge of city. \$57,500.

FARMS
104 ACRES AT EDGE OF CITY. Two wells, some underground pipe, highway frontage. \$1100 per acre.

OVER 2400 ACRES, 23 wells, seven sprinklers. Five miles southwest of Dimmitt. Extremely clean well producing farm. \$775 per acre.

80 ACRES in Swisher County. New 10 year CRP contact. Asking \$365 per acre. Could VA.

GEORGE REAL ESTATE
S. Hwy 385 647-4174
Jimmie R. George, Broker
Mobile, 647-7942

Mary Lou Schmucker... 945-2679

WILL FINANCE 16x80, 3/2, will take anything of value for down payment. Please call 806-655-0223. 1-29-4tc

1—Real Estate Homes & Land

HOUSE FOR SALE: Country living, close in. Three bedroom, two bath, double garage, workshop, basement. Located on 5+ acres. New carpet, appliances. 2,300 sq. ft. \$82,500. 1-1/3 mile on West Halsell. Call 647-2631 for appointment. 1-6-tfc

APARTMENT BUILDING IN HART for sale, 811 Avenue A. Six three-bedroom apartments, needs work. Make offer. 938-2411. 1-19-tfc

MUST SELL 3/2 doublewide. Will take anything of value for down payment. Please call 806-655-0223. 1-29-4tc

MORRIS PROPERTY GROUP

Scott Morris, Broker
Susan Birdwell, Agent

SUNSET CIRCLE, three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage, large living room, large laundry room. Reduced to \$78,000.

THREE BEDROOMS, one bath, one-car garage, storage shed, nice patio. \$37,500.

TWO BEDROOMS, one bath, very clean, newly replaced roof. \$23,000.

THREE BEDROOMS, one bath, laundry room, carport, large building in back. \$40,000.

WEST OF DIMMITT. Five bedrooms, three full baths, basement, extra large 2-car garage, large kitchen with lots of storage, brick. \$140,000.

TEN ACRES with house north of Dimmitt. Three bedrooms, two baths, all highway frontage. \$85,000.

NEW LISTING: Two bedroom, one bath brick home with carport. \$25,000.

TWENTY-SEVEN SPACE TRAILER PARK. \$40,000, possible terms.

THREE BEDROOMS, 1-1/2 baths, carport, storage building. \$40,000.

FARMS
1266 ACRES north of Tam Anne, eight irrigation wells (seven gas and one electric), 157 acres in CRP, one house, one barn. \$525/acre.

330 ACRES west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60" spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

DEAF SMITH COUNTY, north of Hereford, 320 acres, two wells, nice place. \$300/acre.

We still have several tracts between Dimmitt and Nazareth. Please call for terms.

COMMERCIAL
OFFICE SPACE—1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

1950 SQ. FT. BRICK OFFICE BUILDING, corner lot, abundant parking, nice location, \$117,500.

112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt
647-3734, Office
647-3686, Night 647-9325, Mobile

3—Real Estate For Rent

DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

622 N.W. 5th
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT
Call 647-2638
S&S Properties

Equal Opportunity Housing

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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

J-Cross Investments

810 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027

NEW LISTING: Three bedroom, 1-1/2 bath brick home. Living room, den, refrigerated air, nice patio and fenced yard with trees. Located in a quiet neighborhood. \$45,000.

TEACHER'S SPECIAL! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, isolated master bedroom, den with fireplace, fenced back yard with privacy fence. Owner will pay some closing costs. Look and lets talk price.

CHARMING two bedroom, one bath, one-car garage, refrigerated air, brick barbecue grill, fenced back yard. Excellent shape. \$32,000.

TWO BEDROOMS, one bath, corner lot, carport, small but unique backyard with enclosed tool shed. This house is in excellent shape. Some appliances stay, and this home might qualify for financing with no down payment and small monthly payments. \$27,000.

COUNTRY LIVING on 1.6 acres. Three bedrooms, two baths, den, formal living room, basement, oversized two-car garage, carport and storage shed. New refrigerated air and heat. Apricot, pecan and apple trees, horse or calf pens. \$70,000.

BRICK THREE BEDROOM, one bath (California style) home. Refrigerated air and one-car garage. Fenced yard with trees. Financing available with no down payment. \$46,000.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath brick home. Has disposal, dishwasher, evaporative air and a one-car garage. Located close to the elementary schools. Financing available with no down payment. \$24,000.

THREE BEDROOM BRICK HOME, one bath, refrigerated air. Fenced yard with trees. Financing available with no down payment. \$26,400.

Call Kenny Doss, Agent, 647-3248 or Jerry Cartwright, Broker, 647-1701

3—Real Estate For Rent

Stafford Apartments
Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings

5—For Rent, Misc.

RENT TO OWN
NEW TY'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES
No credit checks.
KITRELL ELECTRONICS
647-2197 Dimmitt

6—For Sale, Misc.

FEELING TIRED or run down? Want to lose some excess weight? 100% safe, effective and all natural. 100% money back guarantee. 672-8692. 6-28-tfc

HARLEY DAVIDSON MC 1996 FXDL low Rider, 1989 FXR Super Glide. (806) 647-3255, leave message. 6-28-tfc

LIMITED SUPPLY of fresh pecans for sale. Excellent quality. Firewood for sale. 938-2206. 6-30-10tc

The single most popular entree in American restaurants is the hamburger.

3—Real Estate For Rent

9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

FOR SALE: Seven (one or all) cotton trailers. Big 12 Chassis. Ideal for cotton burr cattle feeders. \$450 each. Call (806) 799-6066. Leave message if no answer. 9-30-4tc

10—Agricultural Services

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

ROUND BALE HAULING: Donald Shelton, 647-3558, 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call David Schulte at 945-2342, home; or 647-7740, mobile. 10-48-52tp

CUSTOM FARMING: No-till drill, mini-till tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard, 806-945-2270 or 806-627-4623. 10-4-tfc

11—Feed, Seed & Grain

OATS HAY FOR SALE. \$3.75 per bale. Nazareth Feed and Supply, 945-2291. 11-9-tfc

13—Livestock, Pets

"The Selectors"
PET GROOMING
Pet Sitting Service
Anita Eoff
647-0904

18—Services

WILL DO IRONING. Experienced and dependable. Call 647-5441. 18-28-3tc

We'll put it in plain old black and white—
Advertising Works!
Let it work for you. Call 647-3123 today.

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN Week of Oct. 25, 1998

ADOPTION

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas Adoption.
ADOPT - GIVE YOUR Baby the best life to offer - A home filled with love, happiness and financial security. Expenses paid. Ann and Stu, 1-800-330-6337.

ADOPT: HAPPILY MARRIED Couple who cherish family & friends. Longing to provide baby with a loving secure and nurturing childhood. Call Mike & Susan. 1-800-455-8788.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
\$1.00 STORES! \$1-\$10 Stores! Be open for Christmas! Complete from \$44,900. \$1.00 Store Services, Inc. 1-800-829-2915.

AVON PRODUCTS - START your own business. Work flexible hours. Enjoy unlimited earnings. Call toll free 1-888-561-2866.

LOCAL CANDY ROUTE. 30 vending machines. Earn approximately \$800/day. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-998-VEHD. Multi-Vend, Inc. TRAVEL/VACATION BUSINESS - Action = serious \$\$\$ fast. Home based. Not MLM. \$1400 investment, training, team support. Recorded Message, 1-800-345-9688 ext. 8003. Pilgrim Enterprises

DRIVERS WANTED
CONTINENTAL EXPRESS NEEDS OTR & Regional drivers. Voted among the top 10 small carriers. Paid benefits. 90-95% no-touch freight. 1-800-727-4374. EOE. 1-800-695-4473.

DRIVER: COVENANT TRANSPORT *Coast to Coast Runs* Teams start 35c-37c. \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced company drivers. For experienced drivers and owner operators 1-800-441-4394. Graduate students 1-800-338-6428.

DRIVER - FLATBED: MILES, Money & Home time. Glass haulers. Start 34¢/mile. Run Midwest. Great benefits. Consistent miles. 3 years OTR + 1 year Flatbed. Combined Transport, 1-800-637-4407.

DRIVER - O/O, CDL/A, w/Hazmat. Regional opportunities within our hiring area! Great pay, benefits package & home time. Call today! Arnold Transportation, 1-800-454-2887.

DRIVER - SOLOS START up to 36¢/mile. Teams up to 38¢/mile. \$10,000 longevity bonus, too! Must be 23 with six months OTR experience. Vernon Sawyer. 1-888-829-9565.

DRIVERS - DRIVE The Best...OTR! 34¢/mile first year! 2,500 - 3,000 miles/week! Average haul 1,300 miles! Mostly no touch! *100% Conventional. *Great benefits & bonuses. *Retirement plan. 1.5 years OTR + CDL/HazMat, 1-800-423-6939.

FREE TRAINING & FIRST year income \$30K - Stevens Transport - OTR truck drivers wanted! Non-experienced or experienced 1-800-333-8595.

Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:

647-3123

What your ad will cost:
✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).
✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.
✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

Where to find ads:

- Homes and land for sale
- Farms for sale
- Homes and apartments for rent
- Things people want to rent
- Miscellaneous items for sale
- Garage sales
- Household goods for sale
- Farm equipment and supplies
- Agricultural services
- Feed, seed and grain for sale
- Farm produce for sale
- Livestock and pets



- Automobiles for sale
- Recreational vehicles
- Auto parts and supplies
- Business opportunities
- Services
- Insurance
- Students seeking work
- Help wanted
- Notices
- Lost and found
- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

17—Business Opportunities

FOR SALE:
Corner Place Package Store
301 E. Bedford, Dimmitt
Reasonable price. Financing available. Call Don or Shirley at 647-0135, 647-4222 or 647-5642.

18—Services

George's Service Station
FULL SERVICE
Oil Changes
Car Washes
647-4641
George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

18—Services

Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair
Hi-Plains Irrigation
ZIMMATIC PIVOTS
Olton, TX
1-800-687-3133
SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

20—Help Wanted

YOUTH CRISIS INTERVENTION Counselor wanted. Bachelor's degree in human services or related field required. Fax resume to (806) 647-8646 by 5 p.m. Nov. 13. 20-30-2tc

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs mature person now in Dimmitt area. Regardless of training, write W.J. Hopkins, Dept. W-179027, Box 711, Fort Worth, Texas 76101-0711. 20-30-2tc

TRUCK DRIVER needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-tfc

Equal Opportunity Housing

For more information, call (806) 647-3406 Night 647-2677 Miquel Velasquez, Manager



NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee their products or services advertised. We urge our readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact your local Better Business Bureau for information about the company before sending money.

Call this Newspaper to Advertise Statewide and Regionally or Call 512-477-6755.

20—Help Wanted

FARM/FEEDLOT MECHANIC needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-tfc

PEN RIDER needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-tfc

21—Wanted, Misc.

WANTED: Your vote on or before November 3rd for the Texas House of Representatives.

Hollis Cain

Paid for by Hollis Cain Campaign, Cathy Hill, Treasurer

NEED WINTER PASTURE (maize or corn) for 100 head of motley cows. (806) 945-2288, home; (806) 945-2225, office; or (806) 647-6420, mobile. Don Schulte. 21-24-tfc

WILL BUY JUNK cars. Will pick up. 647-0628 or 647-2672. 21-30-4tp

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-26-5tc

Political Announcements

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

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY For County/District Clerk:
Joyce Thomas (I)

For County Treasurer:
Janice Shelton (I)

For Justice of the Peace:
Tana Young

For Precinct 4 Commissioner:
Richard Hunter

For County Judge: L. W. Miller (I)
Irene Miller (I)

For 64th District Judge:
Jack Miller (I)

For 242nd District Judge:
Bill LaFont

For State Senator, District 30:
Greg Underwood

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

For 64th District Court Judge:
Rob Kinkaid

For 242nd District Court Judge:
Edward L. Self (I)

For Precinct 2 Commissioner:
Clyde Harold Damron

For Precinct 4 Commissioner:
Dan Schmucker (I)

For County Judge:
Wayne Collins

For County Treasurer:
Carolyn Watts

Political advertisement paid by candidates.

23—Lost & Found

FOUND: One conservative candidate for State Representative, District 85. Vote for **Hollis Cain** on or before November 3rd.

Paid for by Hollis Cain Campaign, Cathy Hill, Treasurer

LOST! One black cow south of Nazareth. Has white streak down the middle of its head. Call 945-2675. 23-30-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express our gratitude to all our friends and neighbors who supported us through our time of loss. We appreciate all the food, flowers, kind words and love you shared with us. We feel very blessed to be a part of this community. Thank you.
THE FAMILY OF POLLY HOLLAND
24-30-1tp

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to the wonderful people of Dimmitt. We appreciate so much the visits, food, flowers, cards and prayers. We want to say a special thanks to Brenda Seely for coming to our home each day to help care for our problems.
JAMES & MILDRED BURNAM
24-30-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2304
THE ESTATE OF C.B. WILHELM, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF C.B. WILHELM, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of C.B. WILHELM, Deceased, were issued to WALTER KERN on the 19th day of October, 1998, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that he now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, and before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following: WALTER KERN, P.O. Box 217, Nazareth, Texas 79063. 25-20-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2302
THE ESTATE OF HAZEL BAGWELL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HAZEL BAGWELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of HAZEL BAGWELL, deceased, were issued to MILTON IVOR BAGWELL and NELDA JEAN FALLWELL on the 21st day of October, 1998, in the proceeding indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the addresses below: MILTON IVOR BAGWELL, HCR 4, Box 113, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; and NELDA JEAN FALLWELL, 1901 Eastfield Drive, Richardson, Texas 75081. 25-30-1tc

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
The City of Dimmitt, Texas, will receive bids for providing and erection of a 150,000-gallon elevated storage tank and construction of associated piping (Contract 1) and demolition of 50,000-gallon elevated water storage tank (Contract 2) until 2 p.m. on Nov. 18, 1998, at 200 Jones Street, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.
Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company,

25—Legal Notices

payable without recourse to the order of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.
The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.
Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the Mayor, City Hall, City of Dimmitt, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412.
Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412; phone (806) 747-0161, for a price of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition, and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bids may be held by the City of Dimmitt, Texas, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.
The City of Dimmitt, Texas, reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.
All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
BY WAYNE COLLINS, MAYOR
25-30-2tc

HOLIDAY CALENDAR
NOV. 12—The annual cake auction at Canterbury Villa will be held at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the residents' activity fund and also will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.
NOV. 13—Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual holiday dinner and bazaar at the Expo Building. The craft show will open at 10:30 a.m. and the dinner, featuring turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Take-outs will be available for \$6.25.
NOV. 22—A Thanksgiving dinner and holiday arts and crafts show will be held in Nazareth. The dinner, featuring turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, will be served during the noon hour at the Nazareth Community Hall. The arts and crafts show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.



Police Calls

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed the night of Oct. 20 on charges of assault/family violence after a 21-year-old Dimmitt man told police he had been assaulted by the suspect in the 400 block of Northwest Second.

Burglary of a habitation was reported to police last Thursday by Dorothy Traylor of Dimmitt. She said that someone entered her home on Northwest Fifth and took a Sony Playstation, two controllers, an adapter, and 13 game discs. She valued the items at a total of \$520. Investigation is continuing.

Monday evening, Christy Thomas of Dimmitt told police that someone took clothing, household items, food, and CD's, valued at a total of \$317, and caused \$93 in damage to a picture frame and storm door at her apartment.

A 52-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Tuesday on charges of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 after Tommy Cleavinger, fire chief of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., told police that money appeared to be missing from the department accounts.

Phyllis Mooney of Dimmitt told deputies Sunday that someone had broken into the Steere Tank Lines office at Dimmitt and broke into a vending machine there. An unknown amount of money was taken and the machine had heavy damage.

A student at Dimmitt High School told police Friday night that someone burglarized her car while it was parked at the school. She said \$8 to \$10 in assorted change was taken.

Esther Espinosa of Dimmitt reported an incident of criminal mischief to police early Friday. She said that shoe polish was applied to the vehicle windows of two vehicles in the 200 block of Southwest Third.

Jailed on alcohol-related complaints were: a 21-year-old Dimmitt man who was stopped in the 700 block of South Broadway late Saturday on charges of DWI, third offense; and a 33-year-old Hereford man who was jailed Monday for DWI, third offense.

Jailed on warrants and charges of violation of probation were:
—Oct. 20, a 21-year-old Plainview man for violation of probation stemming from theft by check, bond surrender.
—Saturday, an Amarillo man, 32, for violation of probation stemming

from DWI.
—Tuesday, a 49-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Last Thursday at 4 p.m., a 1977 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Janet Love Leingang, 48, of Dimmitt, struck a parked pop-up camper trailer belonging to Richard Davila of Dimmitt. Police said Leingang reported that she made a right turn off of North Broadway onto the 100 block of West Dulin when her foot

slipped off the brake and hit the accelerator, causing her to lose control of the Suburban, which left the roadway and struck the camper. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Friday at 2:19 p.m. a 1990 Pontiac van driven by Martha Gonzales, 35, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway in the 100 block of South Front Street into the path of a vehicle traveling north on the street. That vehicle struck the van and left the scene of the accident. No injuries were reported and damage to the van was rated light.

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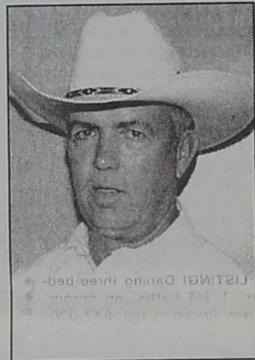
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Obituaries

Marcia Caldwell

Memorial services for Marcia Mullican Caldwell, 95, of Lubbock, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, her grandson and the pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Caldwell died Oct. 26 in Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Lubbock.

She was born July 2, 1903, in Colorado City. She married H.T. Caldwell on Dec. 17, 1926, in Eastland. He preceded her in death in 1963. She moved to Channing in 1931. She owned Caldwell Texaco Service Station until 1965, when she moved to Big Spring and attended Howard County Junior College. She received an associate's degree in 1968. She attended West Texas A&M University and received bachelor's and master's degrees.

Mrs. Caldwell established the Marcia Caldwell Scholarship Fund in 1974 at WTAMU. She worked for the university. She was a member of FUMC of Canyon, the Canyon Order of the Eastern Star and the Amarillo Writer's Club. She moved to Lubbock in 1989.

Survivors include a son, Frank Caldwell of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Marcia Caldwell Scholarship Fund at WTAMU, FUMC in Canyon, St. Luke UMC in Lubbock, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Vista Hospice Care Foundation, 7606 University, Suite C, Lubbock 79423, or to a favorite charity.

Bob Hill

Funeral services for Bob Hill, 66, of Hart, a native of Castro County, are set for today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Hart with Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Hart Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Hill died Oct. 26 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

He was born Sept. 22, 1932, in Castro County. He was a life-long

resident of Hart. He married Bobbie Wooten on July 12, 1952, in Dimmitt. Mr. Hill was a farmer and rancher, and the owner of Hill Land & Cattle Co. He was a member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the Vogue Motor Home Club, and the Hart VFW. He was a US Navy veteran, having served in 1952-53.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Ozema Hill; a brother, Kenny Hill; and a sister, Bonnie Futrell.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dennis Hill of Hart; a daughter, Cindy Studdard of Sweetwater; two brothers, Bud Hill of Dimmitt and Bill Hill of Paris, Texas; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. or to the Hart Cemetery Association.

Neil Andrew Langley

Funeral Mass for Neil Andrew Langley, 64, of Lockney, the brother of a Dimmitt woman, was to have been said Wednesday at 10 a.m. in San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney with Rev. Jim McCartney of St. Alice Catholic Church of Plainview officiating.

Burial was to be in Lockney Cemetery. Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Langley died Oct. 25.

He was born in the Liberty community of Floyd County. He attended public school in Liberty and Floydada and attended St. Michael's College in Santa Fe, N.M. He married Charline Gallaway in 1959 at Plainview. A retired farmer, he was a lifelong resident of Floyd County. He was a member of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Andy Langley of Pampa; a daughter, Cathy Langley Webster of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, James Langley of San Diego and Ralph Langley of Slaton; three sisters, Elouise Gallaway of Olton, Bobbie Damron of Dimmitt, and Cecilia Higdon of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

Most of the problems a president has to face have their roots in the past.

—Harry S. Truman

Roy Dale Nelson

Funeral services for Roy Dale Nelson, 28, of Arlington, the grandson of Alma Nelson of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in Arlington Funeral Home Chapel in Arlington.

Mr. Nelson died Oct. 20 in West Hampton, N.J.

He was born Sept. 1, 1970, in Plainview. He was a 1990 graduate of Cedar Hill High School, and a member of Trinity Church of Cedar Hill. He was employed by Truck Load Express in Cedar Hill.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his parents, Ronny and Ruth Nelson of Arlington; three sisters, Rhonda Azubuik of Hawthorne, Calif., Judy Bradley of Midlothian, and Stephanie Jane Nelson of Fort Worth; his grandmothers, Alma Nelson of Dimmitt and Virginia Brill of Phoenix, Ariz.; and six nieces and nephews.

Mike Nino

Mike Nino, 72, of Dimmitt, died Friday at Dimmitt.

Rosary was recited Sunday evening at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Nino was born May 8, 1926, in Hondo. He married Manuela Vasquez on April 28, 1945, in Martindale.

He moved to Castro County 50 years ago from San Marcos. He was a mill operator for Taylor Feedyard for 30 years. He worked for Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt until his death. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lupe Nino; a daughter, Marlene Nino; and two brothers, Emilio Nino and Tanis Nino.

Survivors include seven sons, Mike Nino Jr. of Dumas, John Nino of Hereford, Richard Nino of Coleman, Joe Nino of Dimmitt, Ruben Nino of Plainview and Ed-

ward Nino and Gilbert Nino, both of Amarillo; three daughters, Alice Rieves of Hereford, Virginia Gonzales of Roosevelt and Marlene Martinez of Amarillo; two brothers, Felipe Nino of San Marcos and Amos Nino of Washington State; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Eddie Lee Smith

Graveside services for Eddie Lee Smith, 89, of Dalhart, and a former resident of the Jumbo community in Castro County, were held Monday morning in Dalhart Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Sneary, rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Dalhart, officiating. Arrangements were by Hass Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Wellington, and married Harry Smith in 1931 at Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1984. She moved to Dalhart in 1969 from the Jumbo area.

She is survived by three sons, Nick Smith and Ray Smith, both of Dalhart, and Neal Smith of Clifton; a brother Dan Allen of Klamath Falls, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

More about Election . . .

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tergren; Place 2, Democrat Rose Spector and Republican Harriet O'Neill; Place 3, Republican Greg Abbott and Democrat David Van Os; and Place 4, unexpired term, Democrat Jerry Scarbrough and Republican Deborah Hankinson.

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: in Place 1, Mike Keasler, Republican, and Charles F. (Charlie) Baird; Place 2, Democrat Winston Cochran and Republican Cheryl Johnson; and Place 3, Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Republican, and Larry S. Perry, Libertarian.

Judy Strickland, a Republican, is unopposed in her bid for the State Board of Education for Dist. 15.

For Justices for the 7th Court of Criminal Appeals, both places have unopposed Republican candidates: Phil Johnson in Place 1 and Don. H. Reavis in Place 2, unexpired term.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Durham sweeps field

Everyone in Dimmitt knows that Middle School teacher Jerry Durham is a leader among sports fans. He has served as president of Kids, Inc., and is the supervisor of the visitors' press box at all Bobcat home games.

Now he's more than just a local sports exec and icon. He's also an ace prognosticator. He racked up 127 points to top all local entrants in Week 8 of the Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest, and wins the weekly \$20 cash prize from the News.

In the statewide competition, it took another perfect score and tiebreaker to win the \$1,000 grand prize. Jeff Drew, a 32-year-old cement finisher from Kempner, tallied 136 points, then guessed that 58 points would be scored in the Baylor-Texas game (actually, 50 were).

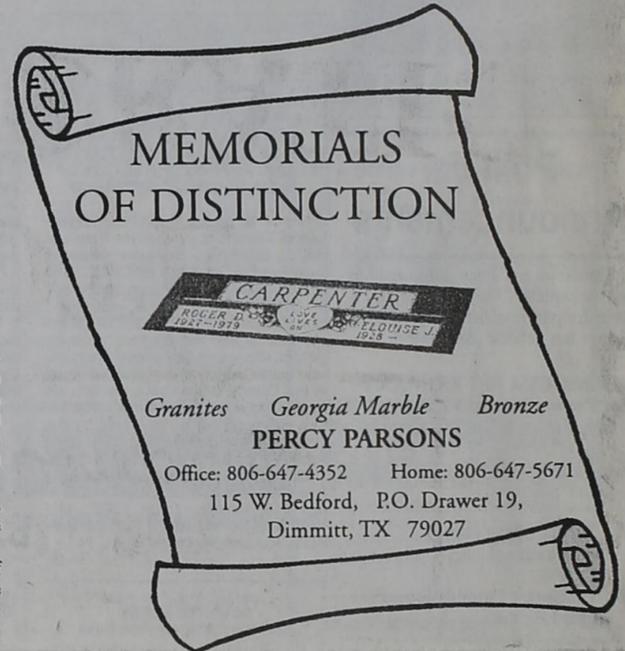
Contestants Leigh Ann Alexander of Slaton and Karen Mastin of Odessa also carded 136s, but their Tiebreaker 1 guesses were in the 30s.

Drew entered through the Copperas Cove Leader-Press.

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

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What qualifies you for the office you seek? (750 word limit for answer to this question)

What specific initiatives do you intend to support which will improve the lives of the 28% of the Texas children who live in poverty? (75 word limit)

Discuss the role of state government in developing a balance between environmental concerns and economic interests. (75 word limit)

What, if any, changes should be made in the way political campaigns are financed in Texas? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Qué proyectos específicos apoyaría para mejorar la vida del 28% de los niños de Texas que viven en la pobreza?

¿De qué manera debería el gobierno del estado buscar un equilibrio entre la protección del medio ambiente y el bienestar económico?

¿Cómo debería cambiarse, si es que debería cambiarse, la financiación de las campañas políticas en Texas?

George W. Bush, Republican



As governor, I have done in office what I promised to do. My business background helps me set clear goals and focus on results. I have tried to be fair and inclusive, and will continue to push a positive, forward-looking agenda to make Texas a beacon state.

I've made teaching every child to read my top priority. My plan calls for early diagnosis of reading problems, intensive intervention and state of the art reading instruction. We know many of the threats facing our children today are not a matter of chance, but of choice. My 'Lone Star Leaders' initiative will help kids make smart, responsible decisions by expanding after-school programs, promoting abstinence, supporting mentoring and expanding character/citizenship education in schools.

Texas can have clean air, clean water and a strong economy. The State should establish clear, performance-based standards based on sound science, ensure compliance, and encourage voluntary conservation efforts, innovation, and new technologies. Texas businesses have already committed to reduce over 25,000 tons of pollutants through my voluntary emissions reduction program. With a balanced environmental policy, we can create jobs and conserve Texas' natural resources for future generations.

In 1995, I signed legislation limiting contributions to judicial campaigns by individuals, law firms, PACs and political parties. As long as campaign expenditure and contribution reports cannot be copied and used for solicitation (current federal law), reports should be filed more frequently, electronically, and posted on the Internet (as technology permits). I also support reporting the occupation and principal place of business of every contributor to enhance public disclosure.

Como gobernador, he cumplido con lo prometido. Mi experiencia en el mundo de los negocios me ayuda a fijar objetivos claros y a enfocarme en los resultados. He intentado ser justo e incluir a todos los ciudadanos en mis esfuerzos, y continuaré proponiendo una agenda positiva y progresiva para que Texas sea un estado líder.

Mi prioridad ha sido asegurar que cada niño aprenda a leer. Mi plan contempla un diagnóstico temprano de problemas para la lectura, una intervención intensa, y una instrucción avanzada en lectura. Sabemos que muchos de los problemas que hoy amenazan a nuestros niños no son casuales sino que son el resultado de las decisiones que tomamos. Mi iniciativa de "líderes del estado Lone Star" ayudará a que los niños aprendan a tomar decisiones inteligentes y responsables, ofreciéndoles más programas para después del horario de escuela, promoviendo la abstinencia, apoyando los programas de tutores y ofreciendo una mejor formación de ciudadanía y de carácter en las escuelas.

Texas puede tener aire limpio, agua limpia, y una economía fuerte. El Estado debería fijar normas claras de protección ambiental fundamentadas en probados conocimientos científicos, asegurar el cumplimiento con las mismas, y alentar las iniciativas voluntarias de conservación, innovación y nuevas tecnologías. Las compañías de Texas ya se han comprometido a disminuir su uso de 25,000 toneladas de contaminantes por medio de mi programa voluntario de reducción de descargas. Con una política ambiental equilibrada, podremos crear nuevos empleos y conservar los recursos naturales de Texas para las próximas generaciones.

En 1995, firmé una ley limitando la cantidad de la contribución a la campaña política de un juez por un individuo, un bufete de abogados, una Comisión de Acción Política (PAC), o un partido político. Mientras no se permita que los reportes sobre contribuciones y gastos de campañas puedan ser copiados y usados para buscar contribuciones (según dispone la legislación federal en vigor), dichos informes deberían presentarse con mayor frecuencia, de manera electrónica, y por medio del Internet (según lo permita la tecnología). También estoy a favor de que se informe sobre la profesión y el domicilio profesional de cada contribuyente a una campaña a modo de asegurarle al público una mayor y más amplia información.

Garry Mauro, Democrat



The diversity of our economy provides Texas with a historic opportunity for state government to use the projected budget surplus to reprioritize resources and address real problems, beginning with public education. Texas cannot casually stroll into the new millennium. This election will determine if we roar into the 21st Century.

Any initiative to help children must begin with public education. The best jobs in the 21st Century will go to states with the best trained workforce. The best trained workforce will result from the best public education system. My Texas Families First plan provides every Texas child smaller class sizes, programs and policies to keep the best teachers in the classroom, and an opportunity to earn a college degree through the HOPE scholarship program.

Environmental protection and economic development are not mutually exclusive. Environmental quality must be maintained or companies will stop relocating to Texas. State government must be a leader, ensuring that all Texas families have healthy air to breathe and safe water to drink. Families do their share to protect our environment. It's time for those "grandfathered" facilities, which produce nearly 50 percent of all industrial pollution and meet no state pollution regulations, to do their part.

I support limiting PAC contributions to state candidates. PAC contributions allow special interests to have a much greater voice in public policy decisions and often detract from the real issues affecting everyday Texas families.

La diversidad de nuestra economía le ofrece a Texas una oportunidad histórica para que el gobierno estatal utilice el superávit presupuestario esperado para poder fijar nuevas prioridades para nuestros recursos y ocuparnos de problemas reales, empezando con la educación pública. Texas no puede iniciar descuidadamente el próximo milenio. Estas elecciones fijarán de qué manera vamos a llegar al siglo 21.

Toda iniciativa para ayudar a la niñez debe comenzar con la educación pública. Los mejores empleos en el siglo 21 van a surgir en aquellos estados que tengan la fuerza laboral mejor capacitada. La fuerza laboral mejor capacitada será el resultado del mejor sistema de educación pública. Mi plan de "Texas Families First" le ofrece a cada niño de Texas clases con menos alumnos, programas que aseguren que los mejores maestros sigan enseñando, y la oportunidad de que sus estudios universitarios sean pagados por medio del programa de becas HOPE.

La protección del medio ambiente y el desarrollo económico no son objetivos excluyentes el uno del otro. De no asegurarse la calidad de nuestro medio ambiente, las empresas dejarán de venir a radicarse en Texas. El gobierno del Estado debe liderar el esfuerzo de que cada familia de Texas pueda respirar aire saludable y beber agua sin contaminantes. Las familias de nuestro estado aportan para la protección del medio ambiente. Es hora de que también lo hagan aquellas instalaciones que se han beneficiado de ciertas exenciones, que producen casi el 50 por ciento de todos los contaminantes industriales y que no cumplen con ninguna reglamentación estatal relacionada a la contaminación ambiental.

Apoyo a que se limiten las contribuciones de las Comisiones de Acción Política (PACs) a candidatos de las elecciones del estado. Las contribuciones de los PACs permiten que grupos de intereses especiales tengan una voz mucho más importante en las decisiones de nuestra política de gobierno, y a menudo impiden que nos ocupemos de los temas reales que afectan a la mayoría de las familias de Texas.

Lester R. "Les" Turlington, Jr, Libertarian



Empathy constitutes absolute qualification. Constitutional adherence requires individual liberty. Without empathy and liberty, slavery and tyranny reign unchecked. When political individuals refrain from outspokenly supporting Constitutional Individual Liberty, then sacred honor demands empathetic individuals stepping forward demanding liberty and justice for all. I demand liberty and justice for all Texans.

La empatía es una calificación absoluta. La fidelidad a la constitución requiere la libertad individual. Sin empatía y sin libertad, predominan sin resguardo la esclavitud y la tiranía. Cuando los actores políticos se contienen y no apoyan abiertamente la Libertad Individual Constitucional, entonces el honor sagrado exige que aquellas personas con empatía salgan adelante para reclamar libertad y justicia para todos. Reclamamos la libertad y la justicia para todo ciudadano de Texas.

Specifically, pardon all political prisoners, restate unconstitutionally seized property regardless of jurisdiction, inform the U. S. government emergency status has never constitutionally existed in Texas consequently seizures and incarcerations resulting therefrom are set aside. Propose Texas Constitutional Amendments allowing land owners to deannex from cities and school districts, allow direct determination of voting precincts by citizens, allowing extra jurisdictional Grand Juries to allow extra jurisdictional Grand Juries to allow extra income tax. Without liberty 100% of us exist in poverty.

Específicamente, debemos perdonar a todos los prisioneros políticos, restituir la propiedad que haya sido expropiada inconstitucionalmente sin importar la jurisdicción, e informarle al gobierno de los Estados Unidos que nunca ha existido el estado de emergencia en Texas y que por lo tanto son descartados los encarcelamientos y las incautaciones que resultaron del mismo. Debemos proponer Enmiendas a la Constitución de Texas para: permitir que los dueños de propiedades dejen de estar anejados a distritos escolares y a municipios, autorizar la determinación directa por la ciudadanía de los distritos electorales, permitir la formación de Gran Jurados extra jurisdiccionales, y desautorizar los impuestos estatales sobre la renta. Sin libertad, el 100% de nuestro pueblo vive en la pobreza.

Government historically has proven incompetent as managers of environmental concerns and economic interests. The proper solution is to privatize all Texas land. The proceeds could be loaned to students, eliminating the necessity for school taxes and subsidies. Land owners must be liable for adversely affecting their neighbors environment. When free people control their economic interests without government assistance or permission they are not like the slaves of today needing government assistance and permission for everything.

Los gobiernos históricamente han demostrado ser incompetentes como administradores de intereses ambientales y económicos. La debida solución es privatizar toda la tierra en Texas. Se podrían usar los ingresos de dichas ventas como préstamos para estudiantes, eliminando la necesidad de tener impuestos y subsidios escolares. Se debe responsabilizar al dueño de una propiedad por el daño ambiental que pueda haberle causado a sus vecinos. Cuando un pueblo libre controla sus intereses económicos sin la ayuda o el permiso del gobierno entonces no será como los esclavos de hoy en día que necesitan la ayuda o el permiso del gobierno para todo.

A Texas Constitutional Amendments requiring (1) no restriction as to the amount contributed directly or indirectly to candidates as long as those contributions are disclosed; (2) any expansion of government on any level will require a majority vote by registered voters of Texas, and any reduction of government on any level will require only a simple majority of those voting. Government is a master to be feared, not the solution slaves believe it to be.

Una Enmienda Constitucional de Texas (1) que no fije ningún límite para la cantidad de una contribución directa o indirecta al candidato siempre y cuando dicha contribución sea declarada públicamente; (2) que requiera, para poder aprobar cualquier expansión del gobierno, un voto por mayoría de todos los votantes registrados en Texas y que, para poder aprobar cualquier reducción del gobierno, requiera un voto por simple mayoría de todos los votantes que participen de una votación. El gobierno es un amo que debe temerse, y no la solución que los esclavos creen que es.

Lieutenant Governor

Four-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas for five years before the date of the general election. Among duties: presides over the Texas Senate; casts deciding vote when the Senate is equally divided; serves as chair of the Legislative Budget Board and Legislative Council; serves as Governor if the Governor is unable to serve or is absent from the state. As president of the Senate, the Lt. Governor has much influence in shaping state policy and influencing laws that may be passed by the Senate. Salary: \$7,200. (Receives same salary as the governor when serving as governor.)

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

What specific initiatives do you intend to support which will improve the lives of the 28% of the Texas children who live in poverty? (75 word limit)

¿Qué proyectos específicos apoyaría para mejorar la vida del 28% de los niños de Texas que viven en la pobreza?

Discuss the role of state government in developing a balance between environmental concerns and economic interests. (75 word limit)

¿De que manera debería el gobierno del estado buscar un equilibrio entre la protección del medio ambiente y el bienestar económico?

What, if any, changes should be made in the way political campaigns are financed in Texas? (75 word limit)

¿Cómo debería cambiarse, si es que debería cambiarse, la financiación de las campañas políticas en Texas?

Rick Perry, Republican



I have a proven record of conservative leadership. In 1989, I was named one of the most effective legislators for my work on workers' compensation reform. As Agriculture Commissioner, I've worked to keep the multi-billion dollar agriculture industry strong while streamlining the agency and eliminating hundreds of unnecessary regulations.

Tengo un comprobado historial de liderazgo conservador. En 1989, fui nombrado uno de los legisladores más eficaces por mis esfuerzos en la reforma del sistema de compensación por accidentes laborales. Como Comisionado de Agricultura, he trabajado de reforzar la multibillonaria industria agrícola y al mismo tiempo hacer más eficiente el trabajo de la agencia de agricultura eliminando centenares de reglamentaciones innecesarias.

There is no better economic development tool than good schools. Education will be my top policy and budgetary priority. My plans include research-based, phonics-driven reading instruction, back to basics curriculum, high academic standards, and local control. I propose rewarding teachers who pursue specialized reading instruction with a state-funded annual stipend of up to \$7,000. To ensure economic opportunity and job creation for all Texans, I've proposed tax cuts, regulatory and tort reform.

No hay herramienta mejor que las buenas escuelas para asegurar el desarrollo económico. La educación será mi prioridad política y presupuestaria. Mis proyectos contemplan la instrucción de lectura por fonética y basada en la investigación, un currículum orientado a la instrucción de las materias básicas, un alto nivel académico, y control local de las escuelas. Propongo recompensar a aquellos maestros que participen de una instrucción especializada sobre la lectura con primas de hasta \$7,000. Para asegurarle oportunidades económicas y la creación de empleos a todos los ciudadanos de Texas, he propuesto recortes presupuestarios, y una reforma legal y del sistema de responsabilidad civil.

Texas deserves a clean and healthy environment. I support environmental policies based on scientific facts, not fads. As a former farmer and rancher, I know that Texans whose livelihood depends on the land are often the best stewards of the land. We must be vigilant in protecting the private property rights of Texans. Our environmental policies should strive for clean air, water, and land by bringing citizens, communities and businesses together, not dividing them.

Los ciudadanos de Texas merecen un medio ambiente sano y limpio. Apoyo políticas ambientales basadas en hechos científicos, no en fads/modas. Mi experiencia como agricultor y ganadero, sé que los texanos que viven de la tierra en muchos casos son los mejores administradores de la tierra. Debemos estar atentos a la necesidad de proteger los derechos de la propiedad privada de los texanos. Nuestras políticas ambientales deben asegurarnos aire, agua, y una tierra limpia reuniendo a ciudadanos, comunidades, y empresas, y no dividiéndolos.

The best campaign finance policy is one of full, thorough and frequent disclosure of campaign contributions. Texas has avoided many of the Washington, D.C. campaign finance problems because our ethics laws provide for full and regular disclosure of political contributions and ban contributions during legislative sessions. I support electronic filing of fundraising reports, and more thorough and frequent disclosure of contributions made by individuals or organizations.

La mejor política para financiar las campañas políticas es mediante una completa y frecuente divulgación de todas las contribuciones. Texas ha sabido evitar muchas de los problemas de financiación de elecciones porque nuestros reglamentos de ética requieren una declaración completa y frecuente de todas las contribuciones a una campaña política y prohíben las contribuciones mientras esté sesionando la legislatura. Apoyo que se haga un registro electrónico de todos los reportes de recaudación de fondos, y una declaración más completa y más frecuente de las contribuciones de individuos y de organizaciones.

John Sharp, Democrat



My Texas Performance Reviews found \$8.5 billion in taxpayer savings and helped stop an income tax, the Lone Star card eliminated paper food stamps and helped one million Texans leave welfare, and the Texas Tomorrow Fund is allowing families to prepay the costs of their children's college at today prices.

Mi Texas Performance Review resultó en el aborro de \$8,5 mil millones de dólares para el contribuyente y permitió evitar impuestos a la renta en Texas. El programa de la tarjeta Lone Star eliminó las estampillas de alimentos e hizo posible que un millón de ciudadanos de Texas dejaran de recibir asistencia del gobierno, y el Texas Tomorrow Fund les está permitiendo a las familias de Texas pagar por anticipado el costo de los estudios de sus hijos a precios de hoy.

Last year, I proposed a plan to help 1,000,000 children who lack insurance get health care; that plan formed the basis of the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation, and I'm working to maximize Texas' share of federal funding available through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). A particular priority will be to raise living standards along the Texas-Mexico border—the state's fastest growing, poorest region—in part by improving health, living conditions and education opportunities.

El año pasado, propuse un plan para ayudar a 1,000,000 de niños que no tienen seguro de salud a obtener un plan de salud; ese plan fue la base del Texas Healthy Kids Corporation, y estoy trabajando para aprovechar al máximo los fondos federales para Texas que pueden obtenerse por medio del Children's Health Insurance Program—CHIP. Una prioridad especial será incrementar los estándares de vida a lo largo de la frontera de Texas y México—la región más pobre y de mayor crecimiento en el estado—al mejorar, por ejemplo, las condiciones de salud y de vida, y las oportunidades educativas.

As the state's chief financial officer and an avid outdoorsman, I have promoted and will continue to promote a healthy business climate—including franchise tax cuts and research and development tax credits for Texas businesses—while helping local communities safeguard their natural resources.

Como el funcionario de finanzas de más alto rango del estado y un gran amante de la naturaleza, he podido promover y continuaré promoviendo un ambiente propicio para el comercio—con reducciones de impuestos a las franquicias y créditos impositivos de desarrollo para las empresas de Texas—sin dejar de ayudar a las comunidades locales a salvaguardar sus recursos naturales.

I am in favor of any common sense plan that affords the widest possible variety of potential candidates for elected office the opportunity—and privilege—to pursue a career in public service. I believe in full and complete disclosure of all campaign contributions so Texans can know exactly who is donating money to their political candidates.

Estoy a favor de cualquier plan que le permita al mayor número de candidatos posibles para un cargo electivo la oportunidad y el privilegio de postularse a las elecciones. Apoyo la declaración completa y total de todas las contribuciones a las campañas políticas para que los texanos puedan saber exactamente quiénes están donando dinero a sus candidatos políticos.

Anthony García, Libertarian



I desire to help make Texas a freer, more prosperous place to live and work. As Lieutenant Governor, I would support legislation which would free individuals and companies from unjust regulation and taxation.

Deseo hacer de Texas un lugar más libre y más próspero para vivir y trabajar. Como Vicegobernador, apoyaré leyes que no impongan ni impuestos ni reglamentaciones injustas a nuestros ciudadanos o a nuestras compañías.

Reducing government interference in the marketplace will produce a more prosperous Texas with better chances for everyone to improve themselves. Families in poverty will not be able to permanently overcome their situation by piecemeal handouts. The way out of poverty is to expand the economy, creating more entry-level employment opportunities.

La reducción de la interferencia gubernamental en el mercado resultará en un estado más próspero con mejores oportunidades para que todos puedan mejorar sus vidas. Las familias que viven en la pobreza no podrán salir permanentemente de su situación con donativos parciales o limosnas. La manera de salir de la pobreza es haciendo crecer la economía y creando mayores oportunidades de empleos de primer nivel.

Current government policies have given polluting industries carte blanche to freely emit industrial byproducts. A more fair and just solution would be to hold emitters fully responsible for trespass whenever their emissions leave their premises. It is wrong to dump garbage on your neighbor's lawn; it is likewise wrong to dump garbage in his air and water. I would support legislation towards making emitters fully responsible for their emissions.

Las políticas actuales del gobierno permiten que las empresas contaminadoras descarguen libremente sus productos industriales secundarios. Una solución más justa sería responsabilizar a los emisores cada vez que una descarga sea liberada de sus instalaciones. No es correcto descargar basura en el jardín del vecino; tampoco es correcto descargar basura en el aire o el agua del prójimo. Apoyaría una ley para responsabilizar plenamente a los emisores por las consecuencias de sus descargas.

Political campaigning is an expression of free speech, and people should not be limited in how they support political campaigns. I support an end to contribution caps and mandatory reporting of contributions, since they intrude upon the right to free expression. Candidates should be encouraged to report contributions, but not forced to do so. I oppose any government funding or subsidy of political campaigns. I support an end to state funding of primary elections.

Las campañas políticas son una expresión de la libertad de palabra y de prensa, y no se debe fijarle límites al pueblo en cómo apoya las campañas políticas. Estoy a favor de que se acaben con los límites de las contribuciones a las campañas y a que sea obligatoria la declaración de las contribuciones, ya que van en contra del derecho a la libre expresión. A los candidatos debería alentárseles a reportar las contribuciones que hayan recibido, pero no debería obligárseles a hacerlo. Me opongo a cualquier financiación o subsidio gubernamentales para las campañas políticas. Apoyo que se acabe con la financiación estatal de las elecciones primarias.

Attorney General

Four-year term. Among duties: defends the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas; serves as legal advisor to the governor and all state officials and agencies; represents the state and its officers in lawsuits before the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Courts of Appeal, and the lower courts; issues advisory opinions on state and federal law to guide state agencies and officials; and performs any other duties imposed by the Texas Legislature. Salary: \$92,217.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

How would you enforce the Public Information Act (open records) which mandates that records of state agencies and most governmental bodies be public information? Would you advocate changes in current law or enforcement procedures? Please explain (75 word limit)

Sometimes, state interests seem in conflict with federal regulations. What is the role of the attorney general in such instances? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Cómo haría valer la Ley de Información Pública (de archivos abiertos - "open records") que exige que los archivos de las agencias estatales y la mayoría de los organismos gubernamentales sean de información pública? ¿Propondría alguna modificación de la ley vigente o de los procedimientos de aplicación de la ley? Por favor explique en detalle.

En ciertos casos, los intereses del estado parecen estar en conflicto con las leyes del gobierno federal. ¿Cuál es el papel del Procurador General en tales casos?

John Cornyn, Republican



My tenure as a judge (six years on the Texas Supreme Court and seven years as a District Judge in San Antonio), my seven years of experience as a courtroom lawyer, and my legal training have prepared me to serve as the lawyer for the citizens of Texas.

Public access to state records is vital in order to give all citizens equal say in how our government should be run. Although our current open records laws are adequate, they have not been properly or universally enforced. As Attorney General, I will ensure that no one hinders, or stalls, citizens' access to public information.

Whether dealing with our state prison system, education, health care, the family, or the environment, our state is bombarded by efforts by the federal government to encroach on our state and individual rights. Unfortunately, these encroachments have been met with little resistance. I believe that Texans can run Texas. As Attorney General, I will use my legal experience to personally fight in court to stop this constant invasion of our states' rights and responsibilities.

Los años que ocupé el cargo de juez (seis como juez de la Corte Suprema de Texas, y seis como Juez de Distrito en San Antonio), y los siete años de experiencia como abogado litigante, y mi entrenamiento como abogado me han preparado para ser el abogado de los ciudadanos de Texas.

El acceso del público a los archivos del estado es de vital importancia para que todos los ciudadanos puedan decidir como debería funcionar el gobierno. Aunque las leyes sobre los archivos abiertos son adecuadas para este propósito, no se ha cumplido con las mismas de manera universal ni uniforme. Como Procurador General, aseguraré que nadie impida o dilate el acceso de los ciudadanos a información pública.

Nuestro estado está siendo bombardeado por los esfuerzos del gobierno federal de usurpar nuestros derechos individuales y estatales, ya sea en el ámbito de nuestro sistema carcelario estatal, o educativo, de plan de salud, ambiental, o de la familia. Lamentablemente, estas intrusiones no han sido resistidas con mucha fuerza. Opino que los texanos podemos ocuparnos de los asuntos de Texas. Como Procurador General, usaré mi experiencia jurídica para litigar personalmente en los tribunales y ponerle fin a esta usurpación constante de nuestros derechos y de nuestras responsabilidades como estado.

Jim Mattox, Democrat



Texas Legislator, U.S. Congressman, and two-term Attorney General. I was a staunch advocate for children, collecting child support through a program selected as Most Improved in the Nation. *Cosmopolitan*, Women's Political Caucus, and Council on Family Violence honored my support of women's issues. I oppose overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

I'll aggressively bring about compliance through opinions and litigation. I'll fight attempts in the Legislature to chip away at open records and open meetings, and against private companies holding public records and charging taxpayers for access. As a former state-representative, I helped write the Texas Open Meetings and Open Records Act. When I was AG, my office issued more open government rulings than had been previously issued in the history of the Act.

The Attorney General must enforce and defend state laws when they are not in conflict with federal laws. The AG must also recognize when the state is not in compliance with federal law and either seek a waiver or declare the state law unconstitutional.

Legislador Estatal, Congresista de los Estados Unidos, y durante dos períodos fui Procurador General del Estado. Fui un férreo protector de los intereses de los menores, laborando para recolectar asistencia alimenticia mediante un programa que fue reconocido como el Más Destacado del País. La revista Cosmopolitan, el Women's Political Caucus, y el Council on Family Violence me honraron por el apoyo que le brindé a las causas de la mujer. Me opongo a derrocar el caso Roe v. Wade.

Por medio del litigio y de las opiniones jurídicas, lucharé agresivamente para obtener el cumplimiento de dicha ley. Me opondré a cualquier intento por parte de la Legislatura de limitar el alcance de la ley de archivos abiertos y de reuniones abiertas, y me opondré a que compañías privadas se adueñen de datos públicos y le cobren al público por acceder a los mismos. Como ex representante estatal, ayudé a redactar la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas y de Archivos Abiertos. Durante mi mandato como Procurador General, se emitieron más ordenes de reuniones abiertas para el gobierno de las que habían sido ordenadas en toda la historia de dicha Ley.

El Procurador General debe hacer cumplir y debe defender las leyes del estado cuando no estén en conflicto con las leyes federales. El Procurador General también debe reconocer cuando el estado no está cumpliendo con la legislación federal y pedir en tales casos una exención o declarar que la ley estatal es anticonstitucional.

Mike Angwin, Libertarian



My qualifications are as common for Texas voters as they are uncommon for Texas politicians. I work for a living. I struggle every day to pay my bills, feed my family, and pay higher and higher taxes. I understand what government does to us.

I probably wouldn't. What I would do is work to keep the state government from acquiring information it has no need for, such as the recently enacted requirements we provide social security cards and fingerprints when renewing our drivers licenses. Government has us on a need to know basis. We need to put our government on a need to know basis instead.

As Attorney General I would actively resist federal intrusions into the affairs of Texas and of Texans. Instead of selling our rights to civil litigation to tobacco companies, the AG should be challenging federal control of Texas prisons, federal roadblocks harassing Hispanic Texans, and federal intrusions into the affairs of our communities. As Attorney General I will work for Texas and Texans, not for Washington.

Mis calificaciones son tan comunes para los votantes de Texas como son extrañas para los políticos de Texas. Trabajo para ganarme la vida. Luchó todos los días para pagar mis cuentas, alimentar a mi familia, y pagar impuestos cada día más altos. Entiendo lo que el gobierno nos está haciendo.

Probablemente no lo haría. Lo que trataría de hacer sería tratar de impedir que el estado adquiriera información para la cual no tiene necesidad, tal como el requisito reciente de que proveamos nuestro número de seguro social y nuestras huellas digitales cuando renovamos el permiso de conducir. El gobierno nos informa a nosotros solo lo que considera que necesitamos saber. Más bien debemos nosotros informarle al gobierno solo aquello que tiene necesidad de saber.

Como Procurador General, resistiría activamente la intrusión del gobierno federal en los asuntos de Texas y de los texanos. En vez de abandonar nuestros derechos a litigio civil contra las compañías de tabaco, el Procurador General debería estar oponiéndose al control federal de las prisiones de Texas, las barreras federales que molestan a los hispanos de Texas, y las intrusiones del gobierno federal en los asuntos de nuestras comunidades. Como Procurador General, trabajaré a favor de Texas y de los texanos, y no para Washington.

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Four-year term. Among duties: serves as the chief financial officer for the state; maintains records and accounts of state income and expenditures; assesses and collects most state taxes, supervises local tax collections; certifies revenue estimates for the legislature; conducts performance reviews on state government and local school districts; administers unclaimed property and Texas Tomorrow Fund programs. Salary: \$92,217.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

What would you like to accomplish most during your term in office? (75 word limit)

What is the role of the comptroller in communicating with the legislature and the public about the state's financial condition? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Qué es lo que más desea lograr durante su mandato?

¿Qué responsabilidades tiene el contralor general de informar a la legislatura y al público en general sobre la condición de las finanzas del estado?

Carole Keeton Rylander, Republican



Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission; Railroad Commissioner 12/94 - Present. Former: three term Austin mayor; President, Texas Municipal League (representing all Texas cities); President, Austin ISD; public school teacher; small business owner; twice appointed by President Bush to National Petroleum Council. Mother of five sons; Grandmother of two baby girls.

I will: (1) Be the "Education Watchdog," auditing school districts to get more of every education dollar going directly to the classroom. (2) Ensure Texans are treated fairly in all tax matters. My "Taxpayer Fairness and Accessibility Plan" calls for Texans to be paid the same interest on tax overpayments as they pay on tax underpayments. (3) Continue reducing government spending and cutting taxes for working Texans. (4) Work to create jobs and economic opportunity.

Education will be my top priority. I rejected the Legislature's 15% pay raise for statewide elected officials; they should raise teacher pay first. The Comptroller has a vital role in setting priorities, controlling spending and creating jobs. We need less government. I will appoint a citizen-led "Texas Waste Fighting Commission" to recommend ways to eliminate wasteful spending, reduce regulations and cut taxes. I cut the Railroad Commission budget 12% and staff 13%.

Directora, Comisión Estatal de Ferrocarriles; Comisionada de Ferrocarriles del 12/94 hasta la fecha. Ex alcaldesa de Austin durante tres períodos de mando; Presidenta, Liga de Municipios de Texas (representando a todas las ciudades de Texas); Presidenta del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Austin, Maestra de escuela pública, dueña de una pequeña empresa; nombrada dos veces por el Presidente Bush al Consejo Nacional de Petróleo. Madre de cinco hijos; abuela de dos niñas.

Seré (1) la "Guardiana de la Educación," llevando una auditoría de los distritos escolares para aprovechar al máximo el presupuesto educativo y destinarlo a las aulas de clase. (2) Aseguraré para los ciudadanos de Texas un trato justo en todo lo relacionado a los impuestos. Mi "Plan de Accesibilidad y de Trato Justo del Contribuyente" exige que se le devuelva a los texanos el mismo interés por haber pagado demasiado en sus impuestos que el que se cobra cuando pagan menos de lo debido. (3) Continuaré reduciendo el gasto del gobierno y eliminaré impuestos para los texanos que trabajan. (4) Procuraré crear nuevos empleos y oportunidades económicas.

La educación será mi más alta prioridad. Rechacé el aumento del 15% del pago a los funcionarios estatales elegidos; primero debería aumentarse el salario de los maestros de escuela. El Contralor cumple un papel vital en el establecimiento de las prioridades, el control del gasto público, y la creación de empleos. Necesitamos menos gobierno. Nombraré una "Comisión de Lucha contra el Desperdicio" compuesta de ciudadanos que recomienden de qué manera podemos eliminar gastos innecesarios, reducir las reglamentaciones, y disminuir los impuestos. Reduje el presupuesto de la Comisión Ferroviaria un 12% y el personal del mismo un 13%.

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Paul Hobby, Democrat



The combination of my business experience and my public service qualifies me to serve as Texas' chief financial officer. As Comptroller, I can improve government and help school performance. I built a high-tech business, served on hospital, school and neighborhood boards; and was Lt. Governor Bullock's Chief of Staff.

El conjunto de mis experiencias como empresario y en cargos de gobierno me han preparado para servir como primer funcionario financiero de Texas. Como Contralor de Cuentas Públicas, podré mejorar el gobierno y ayudar en su funcionamiento a las escuelas estatales. He creado una empresa de alta tecnología, y he sido miembro de juntas directivas de hospitales, escuelas y vecinales; y fui el Secretario de Gabinete del Vicegobernador Bullock.

I want to help Texas to become a high-skill, low-tax state. A skilled workforce comes from quality public schools. Low taxes come from fiscal restraint and a passion for efficiency. As Comptroller, I can affect both sides of that equation. My passion for education will help pull our state literacy rate up from 48th, and my background in technology will help us to administer government better, faster and cheaper.

Quiero ayudar a que Texas se convierta en un estado de impuestos bajos y con una fuerza laboral altamente calificada. Una fuerza laboral altamente calificada es el resultado de un sistema escolar de gran calidad. Los bajos impuestos son el resultado de una política fiscal conservadora y una pasión por la eficiencia. Como Contralor, puedo afectar los dos lados de dicha fórmula. Mi pasión por la educación ayudará a que la tasa de alfabetización de nuestro estado suba del 48o lugar, y mi experiencia en el campo de la tecnología me ayudará a administrar el gobierno mejor, más rápidamente, y a un costo más bajo.

The Comptroller administers the state tax system on a daily basis; but in Texas, the Comptroller also looks out on the economic horizon. That is because the Legislature requires a revenue estimate more than two years in advance to facilitate the budget process. Interest rates, monetary phenomena (like inflation) and international trade all affect our local reality, and the Comptroller is charged with framing these important fiscal issues for the Legislature and for state agencies.

El Contralor administra día a día el sistema estatal de impuestos, pero en Texas el Contralor también se ocupa de estudiar el panorama económico. Esto se debe a que la Legislatura exige una estimación del presupuesto con más de dos años de anticipación para facilitar el proceso presupuestario. Las tasas de interés, los fenómenos monetarios (como la inflación) y el comercio internacional todos afectan nuestra realidad local, y el Contralor tiene la responsabilidad de atender estos temas fiscales importantes para la Legislatura y las agencias estatales.

Alex Monchak, Libertarian



Alex Monchak graduated High School, 1971; Lehigh University, BS, 1975; University of Houston - Clear Lake, MBA, 1984, MA, 1986. Alex Monchak was elected various offices (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer). Alex Monchak worked at NASA JSC 1988-1995; Lockheed 1987-1988; CSC 1981-1984; CAI 1980-1981; EDS 1975-1980.

Alex Monchak egresó de la escuela secundaria, 1971; Universidad Lehigh, Bachiller en Ciencias, 1975; Universidad de Houston, Clear Lake, Master en Administración de Empresas, 1984. Alex Monchak fue elegido a varios cargos (Presidente, Vicepresidente, Secretario-Tesorero). Alex Monchak trabajó en NASA JSC, 1988-1995; Lockheed, 1987-1988; CSC 1981-1984; EDS 1975-1980.

Alex Monchak would have the responsibility to conduct audits of state agencies to protect the taxpayers' money against fraud and waste. Alex Monchak would make balanced projections of tax and spending proposals. Alex Monchak would have the duty to collect 26 state taxes independent of the control of major party professional politicians. Alex Monchak would take an oath to the Texas Constitution and would refuse to collect any state income tax without a Constitutional amendment.

Alex Monchak tendría la responsabilidad de llevar a cabo las auditorías de las agencias estatales para proteger contra el desperdicio y el fraude del dinero del contribuyente. Alex Monchak presentará proyecciones balanceadas de propuestas de gastos y de recaudación de impuestos. Alex Monchak tendría la responsabilidad de recolectar 26 impuestos estatales independientes del control de los cargos políticos profesionales de mayor importancia. Alex Monchak juraría defender la Constitución de Texas y rehusaría recolectar cualquier impuesto estatal sobre los ingresos sin una Enmienda Constitucional.

Alex Monchak would have the duty of communicating to the Legislature the financial condition of Texas at the end of each fiscal year and estimates of revenue and spending for the next fiscal year. Alex Monchak would communicate with the public by helping taxpayers comply with state tax laws by maintaining the free hotline 1-800-252-5555, publications and online information www.window.state.tx. "Few Dollars, Carefully Watched."

Alex Monchak tendría la responsabilidad de comunicarle a la Legislatura estatal sobre la condición financiera de Texas al final de cada año fiscal, y sobre las estimaciones de gastos y de ingresos para el siguiente año fiscal. Alex Monchak se comunicaría con el público para ayudarles a cumplir con las leyes impositivas del estado al mantener en funcionamiento una línea de teléfonos gratis 1-800-252-5555, las publicaciones e información por internet en www.window.state.tx. "Pocos Dólares, Cuidadosamente Vigilados"

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Four-year term. Among duties: manages 20.4 million acres of state land and mineral rights, including off-shore out to 10.3 miles in the Gulf of Mexico; supervises leasing for oil-gas and other minerals, grazing and other purposes; supervises inventorying, appraising, and making recommendations on the lease or sale of unused and underutilized state property; chairs the Veterans Land Board. Salary: \$92,217.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

What would you like to accomplish most during your term in office? (75 word limit)

¿Qué es lo que más desea lograr durante su mandato?

How do you plan to reconcile ecological concerns with efficient management of state lands? (75 word limit)

¿De qué manera propone reconciliar la protección del medio ambiente con la administración eficiente de las tierras del estado?

David Dewhurst, Republican



As the only candidate experienced in oil, gas, energy, real estate, conservation industries and a veteran, I am uniquely qualified to lead the GLO. This experience has taught me how to best negotiate contracts which will make more money for public education, and run a more efficient, cost effective agency.

Al ser el único candidato con experiencia en la industria de petróleo y gas, en negocios inmobiliarios y en actividades de conservación, y como el único veterano de guerra, tengo aptitudes únicas para liderar la Agencia de Tierras Públicas. Estas experiencias me han enseñado cómo negociar los mejores contratos y obtener mayores recursos para la educación, y a saber dirigir una agencia más eficientemente y a costos más bajos.

I will bring efficiency and responsiveness to the GLO by streamlining the agency and updating operations at a savings to the taxpayers. I will modify the veterans loans programs making them more beneficial to today's veteran. I will preserve the ecological sanctity of the coastline while preserving private property rights. Most importantly, I will generate more money for public education, not the same old education, but a better education.

Al racionalizar y actualizar las operaciones de la Agencia de Tierras Públicas, aborrandole dinero al contribuyente, baré que dicha institución sea eficiente y capaz de responder mejor a las necesidades de los ciudadanos. Cambiaré los programas de préstamos de veteranos para que sean de mayor beneficio para los veteranos de hoy. Me ocuparé de proteger la valiosísima ecología costera pero sabré proteger los derechos de la propiedad privada. Más importante aún, obtendré más dinero para la educación pública, no para el mismo sistema educativo de siempre, pero para un sistema mejor.

Experienced in the energy industry, I know first-hand the ability of industry to consider environmental impact in their business. Moreover, I have direct experience with environmental clean up and conservation. My collective experience will allow me not only to be proper steward of the land's natural resources and unique attributes, but to also capitalize on the greatest revenue producing aspect of Texas government — oil and gas lease sales, royalties and commercial development.

Con la experiencia que tengo en la industria de la energía, conozco personalmente la capacidad del sector industrial de tomar en cuenta el impacto ambiental de sus actividades comerciales. Además, poseo experiencia directa en la conservación y en la limpieza ambiental. El conjunto de mis experiencias me permite no solo ser un buen administrador de los recursos naturales que ofrecen nuestras tierras y de sus atributos particulares, sino también me ayuda a saber aprovechar al máximo las operaciones que más ingresos rinden para el gobierno de Texas—la renta de permisos de explotación de gas y petróleo, las regalías, y el desarrollo comercial.

Richard Raymond, Democrat



I have experience money can't buy. I have served three terms in the Texas House as a state representative where I wrote the legislation for welfare-to-work and the Texas Tomorrow Fund. Before that I was an executive assistant at the General Land Office.

Tengo experiencia que no se puede comprar con dinero. He sido durante tres períodos de mando representante estatal en la Cámara de Representantes de Texas, en donde fui el redactor de la ley que cambió el programa de asistencia pública y creó el Texas Tomorrow Fund. Anteriormente fui asistente ejecutivo en la Agencia de Tierras Públicas.

I would most like to increase revenues to the Permanent School Fund so that every Texas child has the opportunity to learn at a quality, well-funded public school. To do this, I will fight efforts to take our public school funds and to give them to elite private schools and home schoolers. We must invest in our public schools, not abandon them.

Mi mayor anhelo es aumentar los ingresos del Fondo Permanente para las Escuelas para que cada niño en Texas tenga la oportunidad de aprender en una escuela pública de alta calidad y bien financiada. Para lograrlo, me opondré a los intentos de tomar nuestros fondos para las escuelas públicas y dárselas a las escuelas privadas de élite y a los niños que hacen su escuela en el hogar. Debemos invertir en nuestras escuelas públicas, no abandonarlas.

I have a management plan that will accomplish both of these goals—and save taxpayers \$115 million. First, Texas must make better use of state lands, e.g., unused office space, vacant lots, to generate revenue. Second, I propose a comprehensive audit of our vulnerability to a major oil spill and the installation of Vessel Traffic Systems along our shipping channels. Tankers as big as the Valdez enter Texas waterways everyday, yet nobody is watching.

Tengo un plan de administración que logrará estos dos objetivos—y le aborrrará al contribuyente \$115 millones. En primer lugar, Texas debe hacer un mejor uso de sus tierras estatales, por ejemplo, edificios desocupados y terrenos vacíos, para generar ingresos. En segundo lugar, propongo una auditoría completa del riesgo que podría representar para nuestro estado un grave derrame de petróleo y la instalación de Sistemas de Tránsito de Embarcaciones a lo largo de nuestros canales de transporte. Todos los días entran en los canales navegables de Texas buques petroleros del tamaño del Valdez, pero nadie se ocupa de vigilar la situación.

J. Manuel "Monte" Montez, Libertarian



Three basic qualifications—dedication, education and determination. Dedication to public service by only 1 to 2 terms of office, not to personal advancement in a political "career." Education—native Texan, B.S. UT-Dallas, 1985, management and veteran's affairs experience. Determination—truly to reduce expensive, oppressive and inefficient government.

Tres calificaciones básicas—dedicación, educación, y determinación. Dedicación—a cumplir sólo 1 ó 2 períodos de mando en la función pública, y no hacer una "carrera" política que favorezca mis ambiciones personales. Educación—Texano nativo, Bachiller en Ciencias de la Universidad de Texas-Dallas, 1985, experiencia en administración y en asuntos relacionados a los veteranos. Determinación—sincera de reducir el gobierno costoso, opresivo e ineficiente.

Among many goals as land commissioner, the most important would be allowing non-violent state prisoners an option to serve part of their sentence maintaining state parks and other property, including abandoned urban land. It would save taxpayer dollars, save prison space for dangerous inmates and help rehabilitate non-violent lives without shortening sentences. For other important goals of the Land Commissioner, please see <http://members.tripod.com/~Texlib/MONTEZI.HTM>. Thank you.

Entre las muchas metas que tengo como Comisionado de Tierras Públicas, la más importante sería poder permitir que los prisioneros no violentos tengan la opción de cumplir parte de sus sentencias ocupándose del mantenimiento de los parques estatales y otras propiedades, incluyendo terrenos abandonados en las ciudades. Esto aborrraría dinero del contribuyente, aborrraría espacio en las prisiones para los prisioneros peligrosos y ayudaría a rehabilitar las vidas de los prisioneros no violentos sin reducirles la sentencia. Para ver los otros objetivos del Comisionado de Tierras, por favor diríjase a: <http://members.tripod.com/~Texlib/MONTEZI.HTM>. Gracias.

State land can be more efficiently maintained by the use of the labor of some of the 40,000+ non-violent prisoners currently costing the state \$1,600,000,000.00 a year for doing nothing. With state parks and other properties maintained by this idle labor, more funds would be available to assure reasonable environmental standards are met elsewhere. Abandoned urban land should be included in this program to return it to the tax roles.

Las tierras del estado pueden mantenerse más eficientemente mediante el uso de algunas de las más de 40,000 prisioneros no violentos que actualmente representan un gasto de 1,600,000,000.00 anuales y no hacen nada. Al aprovechar esta mano de obra para el mantenimiento de los parques estatales y otras propiedades, se podrían utilizar más fondos para asegurar el cumplimiento en otros sectores de normas ambientales razonables. Los terrenos abandonados en las ciudades deberían incluirse en este programa para poder volver a incorporarlos a los padrones de impuestos.

Commissioner of Agriculture

Four-year term. Among duties: heads the Department of Agriculture; serves as an advocate for Texas farmers and ranchers; administers programs to protect consumers; enforces agricultural laws. Salary: \$92,217.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

What would you like to accomplish most during your term in office? (75 word limit)

How would you balance environmental concerns and the economic interests of Texas farmers and consumers? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Qué es lo que más desea lograr durante su mandato?

¿De qué manera propone reconciliar la protección del medio ambiente con los intereses económicos de los consumidores y agricultores de Texas?

Susan Combs, Republican



Eighteen years of direct agricultural experience running my own cow calf operation on over 50,000 acres in Brewster County; two sessions as a member of the Texas House; service on the boards of a Texas ag lending bank, and Texas Beef Council; active involvement in ag issues and regulatory matters.

I will use the Texas name as a marketing and advertising tool to promote Texas agriculture products to Texans and to consumers worldwide. Texas consumers want to support their neighbors if given the choice to "buy Texas." Also, attract production facilities to Texas to produce consumer ready products within the state without sending them out of state for processing. Value added processing will allow Texans to reap more of the benefits from Texas' raw commodities.

Reliance on sound science should guide the creation of this balance. Agricultural economy is compatible with a safe environment and consumer confidence in safe food is essential for a healthy economy. It is important to continue finding ways to ensure safe water, air and soil while maintaining a strong economy for Texas farmers and ranchers. Consumers are entitled to receive the world's safest food and I will work to see that they continue.

Dieciocho años de experiencia directa en la agricultura como dueña de mi propia producción ganadera en más de 50,000 acres en el Condado de Brewster; dos sesiones como representante en la Legislatura de Texas; experiencia como miembro de la junta directiva de un banco prestamista para la agricultura en Texas, y como miembro del Consejo de Carnes de Texas; y participación activa en temas de agricultura y de reglamentación de la industrial.

Utilizaré el nombre de Texas como una herramienta de mercadeo y de publicidad para promover los productos agrícolas de Texas a los texanos y los consumidores del mundo entero. Los consumidores de Texas quieren ayudar a sus vecinos si se les da la oportunidad de comprar productos de Texas. También, deseo atraer empresas de producción a Texas para que dentro del estado se puedan producir productos listos para el consumidor sin tener que enviarlos fuera del estado para ser procesados. El procesamiento del valor agregado permitirá que los ciudadanos de Texas puedan aprovechar mejor los beneficios de las materias primas de Texas.

Este equilibrio debe crearse basándose en datos científicos probados. Una economía agrícola es compatible con un medio ambiente seguro. La confianza del consumidor en que sus alimentos sean sanos es fundamental para una economía sana. Es importante que continuemos buscando la manera de garantizar la seguridad del agua, el aire, y los suelos, y al mismo tiempo mantener una economía fuerte para los agricultores y ganaderos de Texas. El consumidor tiene derecho a que sus alimentos sean los más seguros del mundo y seguiré trabajando para que eso continúe así.

L. P. "Pete" Patterson, Democrat



I am a life-long farmer and rancher and I have served on the Texas House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock for 21 years. I am presently in my fourth term as Chairman of that committee. I also serve as Chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference Agriculture Committee.

To put in place an inspection system to guarantee that food imported into Texas meets the same standards of purity and safety that food produced in this country meets. This would ensure that Texans know the food they feed their families is safe and it would also protect Texas farmers from unfair competition from foreign producers who have no restrictions on the use of chemicals or additives.

I support the Soil and Water Conservation Board and other agencies monitoring land and water use for environmental concerns. I will continue to encourage research programs under USDA to protect land from wind and water erosion. I encourage development of new crops such as kenaf, which provide methods of fiber production without over-cutting woodlands. I have also proposed a program to inspect imported food to ensure they meet our regulations regarding chemicals and additives.

Toda la vida he sido ganadero y agricultor y he sido miembro durante 21 años de la Comisión Legislativa de la Cámara de Representantes de Texas sobre Agricultura y Ganadería. Actualmente estoy cumpliendo mi cuarto período como presidente de esa Comisión. También presido la Comisión sobre Agricultura de la Conferencia Legislativa del Sur.

Poner en funcionamiento un sistema que garantice que los alimentos que importamos a Texas cumplan con las mismas normas de seguridad y pureza que la que exigimos para los alimentos producidos en el país. Esto les daría a los texanos la seguridad de saber que los alimentos que le den a sus familias son seguros, y también protegería a los agricultores de Texas de una competencia injusta de productores extranjeros que no tienen restricciones sobre el uso de químicos o aditivos.

Apoyo el trabajo de la Junta de Conservación de Aguas y Suelos y de otras agencias que llevan un control ambiental del uso del agua y de los suelos. Continuaré apoyando a los programas de investigación bajo los auspicios del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos para proteger los suelos de la erosión por aguas y viento. Apoyo el desarrollo de nuevos cultivos tales como el kenaf, que ofrecen métodos de producción de fibra sin tener que sobre-cortar nuestros bosques. También he propuesto un programa para inspeccionar alimentos importados y asegurar que cumplan con nuestros propios reglamentos relacionados al uso de químicos y aditivos.

Jimmy T. LaBaume, Libertarian

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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: \$92,217.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

What would you like to accomplish most during your term in office? (75 word limit)

What should be the role of citizens and public-interest groups in the decision making process of the Railroad Commission? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Qué es lo que más desea lograr durante su mandato?

¿Cuál debería ser el papel del ciudadano y de los grupos de interés público en el proceso de toma de decisiones del Comisionado de Ferrocarriles?

Tony Garza, Republican



As Governor Bush's Secretary of State, I worked to ensure the integrity and openness of Texas' elections. As County Judge, I worked to make local government more accountable and fiscally responsible. As Railroad Commissioner, I would be guided by my conservative philosophy, and "hands on" experience running a state agency.

Public safety and public health will remain my principle objective as the next Railroad Commissioner. The Commission's prime responsibility is the oversight of the Texas energy sector, which provides over 400,000 jobs and pumps \$60 billion dollars into our economy. I'll strive to protect the environment and expand opportunities for all Texans who depend on the energy sector. I'd like to help create the safest, most productive energy and transportation sector in the nation.

My candidacy is about common-sense government that is responsive and accountable. Texans can best run Texas, and private citizens, industry and public interest groups need to be heard at all levels of government. Fact is, I'm very much a free-market conservative who believes that business can create more jobs and opportunities for Texans when government stays out of the way. After all, the marketplace is all of us.

Como Secretario de Estado del Gobernador Bush, me ocupé de asegurar la integridad y la transparencia de las elecciones de Texas. Como Juez de Condado, trabajé para que el gobierno municipal fuera más responsable y tuviera una mejor administración fiscal. En mi labor como Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, me orientaría mi filosofía conservadora y mi experiencia práctica como director de una agencia del gobierno estatal.

La salud y seguridad del público continuarán siendo mis objetivos principales como el próximo Comisionado de Ferrocarriles. La responsabilidad principal de la Comisión es supervisar la industria de energía de Texas, que provee mas de 400,000 empleos y contribuye \$60 mil millones de dólares a nuestra economía. Me dedicaré a proteger el medio ambiente y a procurar nuevas oportunidades para todos los texanos que dependen de la industria de energía. Mi deseo es ayudar a crear la industria de transporte y de energía más segura y más productiva del país.

Como candidato, propongo un gobierno orientado por el sentido común y responsable. Nadie puede ocuparse mejor de Texas que los texanos. En todos los niveles de gobierno deben poder participar los ciudadanos, las industrias, y los grupos de interés público. El hecho es que soy un conservador convencido de las ventajas del libre mercado, que cree que el sector privado puede crear más empleos y más oportunidades para los ciudadanos de Texas cuando el gobierno se bace a un lado. Al fin y al cabo, el mercado somos todos nosotros.

Joe B. Henderson, Democrat



I have 28 years experience in law and business, writing and interpreting complex rules and regulations. During this span, I have served as a prosecutor, state trial judge, and have owned and operated two small business in regulated industries. Most importantly, I am not bound by any special interest obligations.

My goals are to: streamline the administrative procedure to cut costs; increase pressure on NAFTA truck traffic to meet U.S. safety standards; improve rail safety, particularly at crossings; accelerate clean-up of plugged and abandoned wells; seek legislation requiring Railroad Commissioners to be subject to judicial campaign finance requirements; and support Comptroller Sharp's legislation abating the severance tax on marginal wells when the price of oil is less than \$18 per barrel.

The public's interest should be paramount. The nature of the process favors industries affected. To remedy this imbalance, the Railroad Commission should not only encourage, but actively seek, the input of public-interest groups. The public would also benefit from having an independent, pro-consumer Commissioner, un beholden to industry. These groups should serve as "watchdogs" for the public interest on matters of public policy. This can be achieved through intervention and amicus-type input.

Tengo 28 años de experiencia como abogado y empresario, redactando e interpretando leyes y reglamentaciones de gran complejidad. Durante este tiempo, he sido procurador, juez estatal de primera instancia, y he sido dueño y director de dos pequeñas compañías en industrias reglamentadas por el gobierno. Más importante aún, no respondo a ningún grupo de intereses especiales.

Mis objetivos son: racionalizar el procedimiento administrativo para eliminar costos; aumentar la presión en el tránsito camionero del TLC para hacer valer las normas de seguridad vigentes en los Estados Unidos; mejorar la seguridad ferroviaria, sobre todo en los cruces ferroviarios; acelerar la limpieza de pozos petroleros abandonados y tapados; apoyar una ley que le obligue al Comisionado de Ferrocarriles a cumplir con las restricciones de financiamiento de campañas políticas judiciales; y apoyar la ley propuesta por el Contralor Sharp que reduce el impuesto de cesantía de un pozo marginal cuando el precio del petróleo es inferior a \$18 por barril.

Nada debe ser más importante que proteger los intereses del público. El sistema tal como funciona favorece a los intereses de las industrias afectadas. Para remediar este desequilibrio, el Comisionado de Ferrocarriles debería no solo alentar, pero debería también buscar la participación activa de grupos de interés público. El público también se vería beneficiado por un Comisionado independiente y pro-consumidor, sin compromisos con los sectores industriales. Tales grupos de ciudadanos deberían participar como "vigilantes" del interés público en temas de política social y gubernamental. Esto puede lograrse por medio de la intervención y de la participación jurídica por terceros con opiniones del tipo amicus.

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Jim Spurlock, Libertarian



I believe that one of the most important qualities that the Railroad Commission as a regulatory agency should recognize and encourage is the free enterprise ethic that made this country the largest economic engine in the world. I believe my 16 years business ownership to be vital.

My main goal would be to reduce or eliminate the extent possible, the tendency of the present commission to create through regulatory practices a near monopolistic, non competitive arena of operation for the industries under it's control. If a more competitive environment could be created, especially among the railroads, I believe we would see a much effective product produced for the use of the citizens of Texas.

There should be no question that the Railroad Commission exists to serve and benefit the individual citizens of Texas and should be totally accountable to that citizenry. Any decisions should be held up to scrutiny and any citizen should have access to the Commission and the right to a full answer to legitimate concerns that arise. I have heard that this is not always the case at the present time.

Creo que una de las cualidades más importantes que el Comisionado de Ferrocarriles como agencia reguladora debe saber reconocer y alentar es la ética de la libre empresa que hizo de este país la economía más dinámica del mundo. Considero que mi experiencia de 16 años como empresario es vital.

Mi objetivo principal sería reducir o eliminar lo más posible la tendencia de la presente comisión a crear, mediante prácticas reglamentarias, un campo de operaciones casi monopolístico y anti-competitivo para las industrias que están bajo su control. Si es posible crear un ambiente más competitivo, sobre todo entre las compañías ferroviarias, creo que podríamos producir un producto mucho más eficiente para los ciudadanos de Texas.

No debería existir la menor duda que la Comisión de Ferrocarriles existe para servirle y serle de beneficio a los ciudadanos individuales de Texas, y que debería saber responder plenamente a los intereses de dicha ciudadanía. Todas las decisiones deberían poder estudiarse y todo ciudadano debería tener acceso a la Comisión y debería tener derecho a que se responda plenamente a cualquier inquietud legítima que se presente. He oído decir que no siempre ocurre así en la actualidad.

Texas Supreme Court Justice

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Serves as a member of the court of highest appellate jurisdiction in civil matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, and others. Salary: \$110,000.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

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

Do you believe that judicial records related to health and safety of the public and the operation of government should be public record? Please explain. (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Desea que se cambie la manera de seleccionar jueces y/o el proceso de campañas electorales para jueces?

¿Considera que los expedientes del sistema judicial relacionados a la salud y a la seguridad del público y a las operaciones del gobierno deberían ser de información pública?

PLACE 1

Craig T. Enoch, Republican



Served as Presiding Judge, 101st District Court-Dallas County; Chief Justice, 5th District Court of Appeals at Dallas and in 1992, became a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court. In the Texas State Bar preference poll, I recently received the most votes of any candidate for the Texas Supreme Court.

As the Court's liaison to the Commission of Judicial Efficiency Task Force on Judicial Selection, I have recommended changes in judicial selection to the Legislature. Most Texans believe partisan elections of judges is not appropriate for picking judges who should interpret the law, not impose their political agenda. Consequently, in an effort to build consensus for meaningful reform, the task force recommended to the most recent Legislature a retention election system to replace partisan elections.

Texas' Supreme Court has been at the forefront of openness in Court proceedings. In 1990, the Court promulgated Rule 76(a), the most far reaching rule on open court records in America. While some problems exist with the breadth of Rule 76(a), particularly privacy rights of individual litigants, I support the rule's concept. Additionally, the Court was one of the first to open state courts to cameras. I wholly support the Court's direction in this area.

Fui Presidente del Tribunal del Distrito 101, en el condado de Dallas; Presidente del Tribunal de Apelaciones del 5to Distrito en Dallas, y en 1992, fui elegido Juez de la Suprema Corte de Texas. En una encuesta reciente del Colegio de Abogados de Texas, recibí el mayor número de votos de todos los candidatos de la Suprema Corte de Texas.

Como representante de la Suprema Corte al Grupo de Trabajo sobre Selección de Jueces de la Comisión sobre Eficiencia Judicial, le he recomendado a la legislatura ciertos cambios relacionados a la selección de jueces. La mayoría de los texanos cree que una selección partidaria de jueces no es la manera correcta de escoger a los jueces que deben interpretar la ley, y no imponer su agenda política. Por lo tanto, con el afán de crear el consenso necesario para una reforma sustancial, el grupo de trabajo le recomendó al último congreso un sistema de elecciones de retención de jueces para reemplazar al sistema de elecciones partidarias.

La Corte Suprema de Texas ha estado en la vanguardia de procurar una mayor transparencia en los procedimientos de la Corte. En 1990, la Corte promulgó el Reglamento 76(a), el reglamento más avanzado relacionado al acceso del público a los documentos oficiales en Estados Unidos. Aunque existen ciertos problemas con el alcance del Reglamento 76(a), en particular con respecto a los derechos de privacidad de los litigantes, apoyo el concepto del reglamento.

Mike Westergren, Democrat



Judge Westergren has a record of nearly three decades of public service, from JP to District Judge. As a judge he has presided over many and varied high profile cases, enjoying a good reputation as exemplified by being named Outstanding Judge of the Year '95-'96.

Yes, as long as the method arrived at is fair, which at the very least means it would have to insure that all segments of society have a chance to have a judge that looks like them. The most critical change is to improve the Fair Campaign Practices Act in order to minimize the impact of special interest money.

Absolutely, subject only to very narrowly defined and minimally exclusionary privilege, such as intellectual property and trade secrets. Phone records should be available to anyone, anytime and any place. No exception is needed because any communication relative to a pending case is prohibited by the rules against ex parte communications.

El Juez Westergren ha cumplido casi tres décadas en la función pública, desde Juez de Paz hasta Juez de Distrito. Como juez ha oído muchos casos, algunos de muy alto perfil, y goza de una buena reputación como lo atestigua su designación como Juez Sobresaliente del Año 95-96.

Sí, siempre y cuando el método que se use sea justo, que por lo menos significa que se debe asegurar que todos los segmentos de la sociedad tengan una oportunidad de tener un juez que se parece a ellos. El cambio más importante es mejorar la Ley de Prácticas Justas en las Campañas Electorales para poder minimizar el impacto de las contribuciones de los grupos de interés especial.

Definitivamente, aunque con pocas y muy estrictamente definidas excepciones para casos de propiedad intelectual y secretos comerciales. Los registros de llamadas de teléfono deberían estar a disposición de cualquiera, en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar. No se necesitan excepciones porque cualquier comunicación relacionada a un caso pendiente está prohibida por las reglas de procedimiento que no autorizan ninguna comunicación ex parte.

PLACE 2

Harriet O'Neill, Republican



Appointed by Governor Bush to 14th Court of Appeals; highest rated judge on Court in Judicial Evaluation Poll (91% approval rating); former District Court Judge; one of the highest rated Civil District Judges in 1995 Bar Poll; 10 years trial attorney and mediator; founder of court literacy outreach program.

I would not support a proposal that bypasses the voters' right to elect judges. However, positive changes should be made to prevent unqualified candidates from being swept into office. For example, independent judicial elections could be held so that voters could concentrate on the judicial races. Efforts to inform the voters about candidates' qualifications should be actively promoted.

Yes. Although such records are exempt from the Open Records Act, judicial records unrelated to the court's deliberative or decision-making process that relate to the public's health and safety and the operation of government should be subject to review.

Nombrada por el Gobernador Bush al 14o Tribunal de Apelaciones, recibió la evaluación más alta de todos los jueces en la Corte en la consulta sobre la evaluación judicial (con una tasa de aprobación del 91%); ex Juez de Tribunal de Distrito; una de los Jueces de Distrito del Fuero Civil con la más alta distinción en una votación del Colegio de Abogados en 1995; 10 años de experiencia como abogada y mediadora; fundadora del programa de los tribunales de apoyo a la alfabetización.

No apoyaría una propuesta que obviaría el derecho de los votantes a elegir sus jueces. Sin embargo, deberían implementarse cambios positivos para evitar que un candidato no apto para el cargo sea elegido sorpresivamente. Por ejemplo, se podrían tener elecciones judiciales separadas para que los votantes puedan concentrarse sobre las elecciones de los jueces. Se deberían promover activamente los esfuerzos para informarle a los votantes sobre las calificaciones de los candidatos.

Sí. Aunque la Ley de archivos abiertos no abarca dichos documentos, los expedientes judiciales que no tengan relación con el proceso de deliberación o de toma de decisiones de la corte y aquellos documentos que afectan a la seguridad y salud del público y al funcionamiento del gobierno deberían poder ser consultados por el público.

Rose Spector, Democrat



Six years ago, I became the first woman ever elected to the Texas Supreme Court in its 150-year history. Prior to that, the people of Bexar County elected me five times to the district and county court benches, where I served as a trial judge for 18 years.

I support the election of judges. However, these elections should be less time-consuming and far less expensive. Once judges have initially been elected, the voters should have the opportunity to retain them or remove them from office. The next session of the Legislature should consider allowing the people of Texas to vote on changing the way judges are selected.

I support the Texas Supreme Court's action, by rule, in mandating broad public access to court records related to "the general public health and safety, or the administration of public office, or the operation of government." Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 76a. All records relating to a judge's expenditure of public monies should be open to the public; judicial deliberations must remain confidential.

Hace seis años, fui la primera mujer elegida a la Suprema Corte de Texas en 150 años de historia. Previamente, los ciudadanos del Condado de Bexar me habían elegido cinco veces como juez de distrito y de condado, adonde fui juez de primera instancia durante 18 años.

Apoyo la elección de jueces. Sin embargo, estas elecciones deberían ocupar menos tiempo y ser mucho menos costosas. Una vez que los jueces han sido elegidos inicialmente, los votantes deberían tener la oportunidad de retenerlos o de removerlos de su función. El próximo congreso estatal debería considerar permitir que el pueblo de Texas vote para cambiar la manera de seleccionar jueces en el estado.

Apoyo la decisión de la Suprema Corte de garantizarle al público el acceso a los expedientes judiciales relacionados a "la salud y seguridad general del pueblo, o a la administración de una función pública, o a las operaciones del gobierno." Reglamento 76(a) del Código de Procedimientos Civiles de Texas. Todos los documentos relacionados al gasto de fondos públicos por un juez deberían estar abiertos al público; las deliberaciones de los jueces deberían permanecer secretas.

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PLACE 3

Greg Abbott, Republican



2 1/2 years experience as Justice on Texas Supreme Court - originally appointed by Governor Bush and elected in 1996 with 87% of vote; 3 years experience as State District Judge; Texas Constitutional Law Professor at UT Law School; highest rated judge in all Houston Bar Polls.

Tengo 2 años de experiencia como Juez en la Suprema Corte de Texas -fui nombrado originalmente por el Gobernador Bush y elegido en 1996 con un 87% del voto; 3 años como experiencia como Juez de Distrito Estatal; Profesor de Derecho Constitucional en la Universidad de Texas; el juez con la evaluación más alta en todas las encuestas del Colegio de Abogados de Houston.

Texans have the constitutional right to elect judges. However, I support a change in the current system that would reduce or eliminate the amount of money involved in the campaign process and that would allow judges to spend more time doing their job rather than campaigning.

Los texanos tienen el derecho constitucional de elegir sus jueces. Sin embargo, creo que se debería cambiar el sistema actual para reducir o eliminar las cantidades de dinero que se gastan en el proceso electoral y que les permitiría a los jueces concentrarse en su trabajo y no en la campaña electoral.

Government belongs to the people and should be open. That's why I joined the Texas Supreme Court opinion in *General Tire v. Kepple* where we stated that court records must be made public if they concern "matters that have a probable adverse effect upon the general public health or safety, or the administration of public office, or the operation of government." This reaffirms Rule 76a issued by the Texas Supreme Court.

*El gobierno le pertenece al pueblo y debería ser un proceso abierto. Es por ello que firmé la decisión de la Suprema Corte en el caso de *General Tire v. Kepple*, en el cual dijimos que los documentos judiciales deben ser de libre acceso al público si tienen relación a "temas que podrían afectar adversamente la salud o seguridad general del público, o el funcionamiento del gobierno." Esto reafirma el Reglamento 76(a) emitido por la Suprema Corte de Texas.*

David Van Os, Democrat



Twenty-two years representing real people at all levels of the legal system, administrative, trial, and appellate. Highest possible attorney peer review ratings in *Martindale-Hubbell* (AV rated) and *Best Lawyers in America*. My background as a small-firm lawyer representing people, not corporations, will add balance to the Court.

*Durante veintidós años he representado al ciudadano común en todos los niveles del sistema legal, tanto administrativo como, de litigio y de apelación. Recibí el más alto reconocimiento de mis colegas en el anuario *Martindale-Hubbell* (con evaluación AV) y en el anuario *Los Mejores Abogados de Estados Unidos*. Mi experiencia como abogado de un bufete pequeño, representando a los ciudadanos y no a las corporaciones, contribuirá cierto equilibrio a la Corte.*

This is a really a question for the legislature, and for the people through Constitutional amendment, rather than for the judiciary. However, my personal opinion is that the members of the Supreme Court should be elected from nine single-member districts. This would (1) reduce the costs needed for effective campaigns, (2) make the judges and candidates more visible to the voters, and (3) increase diversity on the Court.

De hecho este es un tema que debe resolver la legislatura y el pueblo, mediante una Enmienda Constitucional, y no el poder judicial. A pesar de ello, mi opinión personal es que deberían elegirse los miembros de la Suprema Corte de nueve distritos electorales con un juez por distrito. Esto (1) reduciría el costo necesario para una campaña eficaz, (2) les daría mayor visibilidad a los candidatos con los votantes y (3) resultaría en un mayor grado de diversidad en la Corte.

Absolutely yes. The Supreme Court should open its administrative records fully to the public without further delay. The Court should resist all efforts to seal court records relating to health and safety of the public or to the operation of government.

Definitivamente, sí. La Suprema Corte debería abrirle completamente sus expedientes administrativos al público sin dilación alguna. La Corte debería resistir todos los esfuerzos de sellar los archivos judiciales relacionados a la salud y a la seguridad del público o a la operación del gobierno.

PLACE 4

Deborah Hankinson, Republican



Justice, Texas Supreme Court, appointed by Governor Bush, 1997; Justice, Dallas Court of Appeals, 1995-1997; J.D. *cum laude*, SMU School of Law, 1983; civil trial and appellate attorney, 1983-1995; Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law; B.A. with distinction, Purdue University, 1973; M.S., UTD, 1978; Special Education teacher, 1974-1980.

Juez, Suprema Corte, nombrada por el Gobernador Bush, 1997, Juez, Tribunal de Apelaciones de Dallas, 1995-1997; J.D. cum laude, Facultad de Derecho de la universidad SMU, 1983; abogada en materia civil y de apelaciones, 1983-1995; Certificada por la Junta de Abogados Civiles de Apelaciones, B.A. con méritos, Universidad de Purdue, 1973; M.S. UTD, 1978; maestra de Educación especial, 1974-1980.

Yes. While campaign finance reform has corrected past abuses by requiring that judges have broadly-based financial support to be elected, expensive campaigns must still be conducted with funds necessarily raised from potential participants in court proceedings. To eliminate this problem, facilitate the initial selection of highly-qualified candidates, and make judges accountable to voters, judges should be appointed with voters having the right to decide whether to retain them in office.

La reforma de cómo se financian las campañas ha logrado corregir los abusos que ocurrieron en el pasado, obligándole a los jueces a conseguir una base de apoyo más amplia. Aún así, las campañas de alto costo requieren todavía fondos que necesariamente provienen de posibles litigantes en la corte. Para eliminar este conflicto, y facilitar una selección inicial de candidatos altamente calificados, y para que los jueces sean responsables con el electorado, debería cambiarse a un sistema de nombramiento inicial de los jueces, dándole la opción a los votantes de votar para decidir si guardarlos o no en su función.

Yes, because I believe in open government. However, our founding fathers realized, and history has proven, that an independent and principled judiciary is vital to maintaining our democracy. Therefore, records relating to the courts' deliberations and decision making process must be confidential to protect the integrity of that process.

Sí, porque creo en el gobierno abierto. Sin embargo, nuestros padres fundadores se dieron cuenta, y la historia ha probado, que un poder judicial independiente y fundamentado en los principios es de vital importancia para mantener nuestra democracia. Por lo tanto, los documentos relacionados al proceso de deliberación de los jueces y al proceso de toma de decisiones deberían mantenerse en secreto para proteger la integridad de dichos procesos.

Jerry Scarbrough, Democrat



I have broad experience as a lawyer, elected judge, small business owner, husband, parent, grandparent, and lifelong member of my community. I am a board certified personal injury specialist. This unique combination of experiences qualifies me to serve and will bring much needed diversity to Texas' highest civil court.

Tengo una amplia experiencia como abogado, juez elegido, dueño de una pequeña empresa, esposo, padre, abuelo, y miembro de muchos años de mi comunidad. Soy especialista en daños personales certificado por la Junta de Abogados con dicha especialización. Esta combinación única de experiencias me ha preparado para servir y me permitirá aportarle un grado de diversidad que mucho se necesita en la más alta Corte en materia civil de Texas.

Yes. Voters criticize the current system because they do not believe in partisan judicial elections. Political philosophies are the root of every race, and includes judges' races. Our problem is the flow of money to candidates from lawyers and parties that have litigation pending before the courts. Our current system of electing judges should continue, however, contributions should be capped and limited to individuals only. It is a good system that could be improved.

Sí. Los votantes critican el sistema actual porque no creen en elecciones judiciales partidarias. Las filosofías políticas son la raíz de toda elección, incluyendo las elecciones de jueces. Nuestro problema es el flujo de dinero a los candidatos de los abogados y de las partes litigantes que aparecen ante las cortes. Deberíamos mantener nuestro sistema actual de elección de jueces, pero debería fijarse un límite a la cantidad de las contribuciones y deberían permitirse solo las contribuciones de individuos. Es un buen sistema que podría mejorarse.

Absolutely. I am a firm believer in open government and this includes virtually every aspect of judicial records. The only exceptions would be the most private and personal family type records, including adoptions. Records concerning the health and safety of the public and the operations of government should be wide open for public inspection. Our courthouses should be places of revelation, not concealment.

Definitivamente. Creo firmemente en el sistema de gobierno abierto y esto incluye casi todos los aspectos de los expedientes judiciales. Las únicas excepciones serían para los documentos más privados y de orden personal o familiar, incluyendo los registros de adopción. Cualquier documento que afecte a la salud y a la seguridad del público y al funcionamiento del gobierno debería ser de total acceso y consulta del público. Nuestros tribunales deberían ser lugares de esclarecimiento, no de encubrimiento.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. 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: \$109,000.

What qualifies you for the office you seek? (50 word limit for answer to this question)

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

How would you balance competing interest between protecting the rights of the accused and ensuring public safety? (75 word limit)

¿Qué calificaciones tiene para el cargo para el cual se postula?

¿Desea que se cambie la manera de seleccionar jueces y/o el proceso de campañas electorales para jueces?

¿Qué haría para asegurar la protección de los derechos del acusado y al mismo tiempo garantizar la seguridad pública?

PLACE 1

Mike Keasler, Republican



District Judge since 1981; over 16,000 felony cases. Top half in total dispositions and jury trials over last fiscal year. Leader, domestic violence, gender fairness, and race fairness education. Twelve years Assistant D.A.; from 1973-80 no defendants acquitted by my juries. UT Austin—B.A., 1964; L.L.B., 1967.

Juez de Distrito desde 1981; más de 16,000 casos de delito mayor. Durante el último año fiscal, fui uno del 50% de jueces de distrito que más casos atendieron con una resolución final o que fueron procesados con jurado. Líder en cuestiones de violencia familiar, igualdad para los sexos, y en educación sobre un trato justo para los grupos raciales. Fui Fiscal asistente de distrito durante doce años; desde 1973-1980 ningún acusado fue juzgado no culpable por jurados en mi tribunal. Egresado como B.A. en 1964 de la Universidad de Texas en Austin, y como abogado en 1967.

As Chair, State Bar Judicial Section; Dean, Texas Judicial College; Chair, ABA Conference of State Trial Judges Ethics Committee; Faculty, National Judicial College; Chair, Dallas County Juvenile Board, 1985-86; Presiding Local Administrative Judge, 1988, have worked to make our system more responsible and responsive. For elections. Against single-member districts.

Como Jefe de la Selección de Jueces del Colegio Estatal de Abogados, Decano del Colegio de Jueces de Texas; Presidente de la Comisión de Ética Judicial de la Conferencia de Jueces Estatales de Primera Instancia; Profesor del Colegio Nacional de Jueces; Presidente de la Junta de Protección de Menores del Condado de Dallas, 1985-1986; Juez Administrativo en jefe en lo local, 1988. he trabajado para que nuestro sistema sea más responsable y más capaz de responder a la ciudadanía. Estoy a favor de las elecciones, y en contra de distritos electorales unipersonales para los jueces.

As Chair, Dallas Bar Association Criminal Law Section, 1987, and former Senior Felony Chief Prosecutor, understand that public safety should not be sacrificed to over protect the rights of criminals. Felons should not be set free by high courts who interpret the law too liberally, compromising Texas families' safety.

Como Jefe de la Sección de Derecho Penal de la Asociación del Colegio de Abogados de Dallas, 1987, y ex Fiscal en Jefe de Delitos Mayores, entiendo la necesidad de no sacrificar la seguridad del público para proteger los derechos de los delincuentes. Los culpables de haber cometido delitos mayores no deberían ser puestos en libertad por las cortes superiores que interpretan demasiado liberalmente la ley, poniendo a riesgo la seguridad de las familias de Texas.

Charles "Charlie" Baird, Democrat



After eight years of service, I am the Senior Judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals and the author of more than 750 opinions. In addition to my law degree, I received a Master of Laws in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia in 1995.

Luego de ocho años de servicio en la Corte, soy el Juez de mayor antigüedad en la Corte de Apelaciones en Materia Penal y el autor de más de 750 decisiones. Además de mis estudios de abogacía, obtuve una Maestría en Derecho de Procedimiento Judicial de la Universidad de Virginia en 1995.

Each election cycle, the people of Texas lose qualified judges because the voters are unaware of the qualifications of each candidate and, therefore, vote on the basis of party affiliation alone. Partisan politics should be removed from the judicial selection process because there is no Republican or Democratic justice, only justice for all Texans. Consequently, I support the nonpartisan election of judges, which removes partisanship but retains accountability.

En cada elección, el pueblo de Texas pierde a jueces calificados porque los votantes no conocen las calificaciones de cada candidato, y por lo tanto votan siguiendo su afiliación partidaria exclusivamente. Debería eliminarse el factor de política partidaria del proceso de selección de jueces porque no existe una justicia Republicana o Demócrata, sino una sola justicia para todo texano. Por lo tanto, apoyo la elección libre de afiliación partidaria de los jueces, que elimina el factor de favoritismo partidario, pero conserva el elemento de responsabilidad judicial con el electorado.

One cannot assume that protecting the rights of the accused leads to a lack of public safety. The Bill of Rights to our Constitution, the guide for all of my judicial decisions, established a fundamental harmony between the sanctity of our liberty and the protection of our citizens. Consequently, in a society governed by the rule of law, these two ideals are intertwined and are not mutually exclusive.

No se puede suponer que la protección de los derechos del acusado automáticamente conduce a una falta de seguridad pública. Las Enmiendas de Derechos del Ciudadano de nuestra Constitución, que son la guía para todas mis decisiones como juez, establece una armonía fundamental entre la inviolabilidad de nuestra libertad individual y la protección de nuestra ciudadanía. Por lo tanto, en una sociedad donde rige el estado de derecho, estos dos ideales están entrelazados y no son mutuamente excluyentes.

PLACE 2

Cheryl Johnson, Republican



I became a lawyer after 10 years working in other fields, clerked on a federal appeals court, have practiced for 14 years, am board-certified in Criminal Law, and have insight into another point of view within in the criminal justice system through my husband, a retired police officer.

Me formé como abogada luego de 10 años de trabajo en otros campos, fui secretaria judicial en un tribunal federal de apelaciones, he ejercido como abogada durante 14 años, tengo un certificado de especialización en derecho penal, y tengo una visión más amplia del sistema de justicia penal por mi marido, un agente de policía jubilado.

Political philosophy should be expressed in the legislative process, not by judges attempting to apply a political bias to the choices made by the Legislature. I prefer non-partisan selection, which tends to emphasize judicial philosophy. We also need to revise the law to require from judicial candidates meaningful experience beyond merely a minimum age and time as a licensed attorney.

Las diferencias de filosofía política deberían expresarse en el proceso legislativo, no por jueces que traten de aplicarle una preferencia política a las decisiones tomadas por la Legislatura. Prefiero una selección de jueces no partidaria, porque ésta tiende a enfatizar las diferencias de filosofía política. También debemos revisar la ley para exigirles a los candidatos judiciales una experiencia significativa más allá de una edad mínima y cierto tiempo ejerciendo la profesión de abogado colegiado.

Strict adherence to constitutional requirements is required. Appellate courts are charged with ensuring that due process was observed; if it was, the conviction will be affirmed. When law-enforcement agencies consistently follow constitutionally-required procedures, convictions are consistency upheld. When law-enforcement agencies cut corners, in an understandable effort to get offenders out of society, appellate courts must, as required by the oath to uphold the Constitution and laws, intervene to defend constitutional rights from erosion.

Se necesita un cumplimiento estricto a los requisitos constitucionales. Los tribunales de apelación tienen la responsabilidad de asegurar que se haya cumplido con el procedimiento debido; y en caso de que así haya sido, la culpabilidad del acusado sería avalada. Cuando las agencias policiales cumplen de manera sistemática con los procedimientos que exige la constitución, entonces de manera sistemática también son avaladas las decisiones de culpabilidad del acusado. Cuando las agencias policiales tratan de acortar el camino, por más comprensible que sea su intento de sacar del medio social al delincuente, los tribunales de apelación deben intervenir, en cumplimiento de su juramento a defender la Constitución y las leyes, para evitar la erosión de los derechos constitucionales.

Winston Cochran, Democrat



I have over 18 years of criminal appeals experience, as both a prosecutor and defense counsel. I have been counsel on over 230 published Texas criminal cases (and hundreds more unpublished cases). That includes over 25 death penalty cases. I have served as a district court special master.

Tengo más de 18 años de experiencia en apelaciones penales, como fiscal y como abogado defensor. He litigado más de 230 casos publicados de Texas (y cientos de otros casos no publicados). Esto incluye más de 25 casos de pena de muerte. He sido magistrado especial nombrado al tribunal de distrito.

We should divide Texas into nine regions, each electing a Supreme Court justice and a Court of Criminal Appeals judge. This would: (1) make campaigning less costly and reduce the perception that "Money talks;" (2) allow voters to know the candidates better; and (3) promote election of more minority judges. I favor keeping party labels and am proud to be a Democrat. I like Internet campaigning; our site is <http://home.swbell.net/wcochran>.

Deberíamos dividir a Texas en nueve regiones, para que cada una elija un juez de la Suprema Corte y un juez de la Corte de Apelaciones en Materia Penal. Esto (1) abarataría el costo de las campañas y disminuiría la percepción de que "el dinero manda;" (2) le permitiría a los votantes a conocer mejor a los candidatos; y (3) promovería la elección de más candidatos de grupos minoritarios. Estoy a favor de mantener las afiliaciones partidarias y estoy orgulloso de ser un Demócrata. Me gusta conducir una campaña por internet. Nuestro sitio web es <http://home.swbell.net/wcochran>

One case at a time. A judge is not supposed to be pursuing an agenda. I have substantial experience on both sides, I understand both sides, and I will be fair to both sides. One current problem the court is the "Yogi Bear" approach: some of the judges think they are "smarter than the average bear" and have been deciding cases on bases which were not argued by either party. I won't do that.

Un caso a la vez. Un juez no debería estar apoyando una agenda particular. Tengo bastante experiencia en los dos lados, y comprendo a los dos lados, y sabré ser justo con las dos partes. Uno de los problemas actuales de la Corte es el fenómeno del "Oso Yogi"; algunos jueces creen "ser más listos que el comián de los osos" y han estado tomando su decisión sobre bases que no fueron argumentadas por ninguna de las dos partes. Yo no haré lo mismo.

PLACE 3

Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Republican



Law degree (J.D.), University of Kansas, 1972; Masters Degree (L.L.M.), University of Virginia School of Law, May 1998; Assistant District Attorney; Defense Lawyer; Municipal Judge; Teacher, Texas Christian University; Justice, Second Court of Appeals 1989-1992; Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals 1993-present; Criminal Law Lecturer.

Título de abogado (J.D.) Universidad de Kansas, 1972, Maestría en Derecho, (L.L.M.) Escuela de Derecho de la Universidad de Virginia, Mayo 1998; Procurador Asistente de Distrito; Abogado Defensor; Juez Municipal; Maestro, Universidad Texas Christian; Juez del Segundo Tribunal de Apelaciones 1989-1992; Juez de la Corte de Apelaciones en Materia Penal 1993-a la fecha; Instructor de Derecho Penal.

For the last two sessions of the Texas legislature I have worked with Senator Robert Duncan to try and pass judicial reform legislation. I believe that the present system needs some changes in order to elect the best and most qualified to the appellate courts. I also believe that Texas voters should always have the right to cast their ballots to elect their judges. Therefore, I support merit election legislation.

Durante las dos últimas sesiones de la legislatura de Texas he trabajado con el Senador Robert Duncan para tratar de conseguir la aprobación de una ley de reforma del poder judicial. Considero que debe cambiarse el sistema actual para poder elegir a los mejores jueces y a los más calificados a los tribunales de apelación. También creo que los votantes de Texas deben tener siempre el derecho de elegir sus jueces por votación. Por lo tanto, apoyo una ley de elecciones basada en el mérito.

As a member of the Rules Committee of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, I feel that the committee's recent amendments to the Texas Rules of Evidence and Rules of Appellate Procedure have gone a long way in trying to balance the defendant's right to a fair trial and society's right to convict those persons who violate our laws. I think the Court is doing a good job.

Como miembro de la Comisión de Reglamentos de la Corte de Apelaciones en Materia Penal, siento que las recientes enmiendas de la comisión a los Reglamentos de Texas sobre Pruebas y a los Reglamentos de Procedimientos de Apelación han logrado en gran parte equilibrar los derechos del acusado a tener un juicio imparcial con los derechos de la sociedad de culpabilizar a aquellos individuos que violan la ley. Creo que la Corte está haciendo bien su trabajo.

Larry S. Perry, Libertarian



Have practiced law in Texas for 20 years, including both civil and criminal cases; a life-long resident of Texas and very familiar with the laws, customs, and attitudes of Texans; sensitive to the need to uphold the protections guaranteed to all residents by both the Texas and U.S. Constitutions.

He ejercido la profesión de abogado en Texas por 20 años, en materia penal y civil; he vivido toda mi vida en Texas y tengo muy buen conocimiento de las leyes, costumbres y actitudes de los texanos; soy sensible a la necesidad de hacer valer las protecciones que les garantizan las constituciones de los Estados Unidos y de Texas a todos los residentes.

The present method of selecting judges by partisan elections should be altered by: making all judicial elections be non-partisan; limiting the dollar amount that a judicial candidate can spend (directly or indirectly) on elections; requiring that all judicial candidates meet certain strict qualifications in terms of education, experience and temperament; requiring that only persons residing in Texas (or within the judicial district) be allowed to make campaign contributions for any judicial race.

El método actual de selección de jueces por elecciones partidarias debería modificarse haciendo que todas las elecciones sean no partidarias, eliminando el monto en dólares que puede gastar un candidato (directa o indirectamente) en su elección, exigiéndoles a todos los candidatos a juez a cumplir con ciertos requisitos estrictos en cuanto a educación, experiencia y temperamento, y obligando a que solo aquellas personas que residen en Texas (o en un distrito judicial) puedan contribuir a cualquier campaña electoral judicial.

The protections guaranteed to all persons in criminal proceedings protect all persons from certain governmental actions in criminal proceedings. These protections must be vigorously and jealously guarded by the courts in order that they are not trampled by the government's drive to protect the public from the actions of law breakers. The courts are the last line of defense against our elected government's zeal to react to the electorate's clamor for a crime-free society.

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Arlington	817/472-5982	Lubbock	806/744-0023
Austin Area	512/451-6710	Marshall/Harrison County	903/938-0146
Bay Area	281/648-0929	Midland	915/686-8707
Baytown	281/427-1947	Montgomery County	409/321-0623
Beaumont	409/866-8780	Pearland Area	281/485-3895
Brazos County	409/776-2015	Plano/Collin County	972/964-3335
Cleburne Unit	817/558-8302	Richardson	214/470-0584
Comal Area	830/620-6200	San Antonio Area	210/521-5496
Corpus Christi	512/883-2287	San Marcos Area	512/353-3595
Dallas	214/688-4125	Sherman	903/892-6162
Denton	940/591-0408	Tarrant County	817/336-1333
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