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Halloween activities scheduled

Three public Halloween events are planned at Dimmitt, Easter and Nazareth.

Dimmitt's annual Community Halloween Carnival, featuring food and game booths, will be staged at the Expo Building Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. A can of food also will be good for admission, according to the sponsoring Kiwanis Club.

Booth space is still available, and any organization wanting to operate a booth should contact Roger Malone at Dimmitt Printing Co., 647-3286.

The Easter Lions will stage their popular Spook House Saturday and Tuesday nights. The Spook House will open for thrills and chills at 7 o'clock both nights, and admission will be \$3 per person.

A Halloween Carnival in the Easter Lions Community Building will be included in Tuesday night's activities. The carnival will be open from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Nazareth Band Parents will hold their annual Halloween Carnival in the school cafeteria Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m., with games and activities for all ages.

A concession stand will offer curly-Q's, chili, Frito pies, hot dogs, homemade pies and drinks.



Villa invites youngsters

A special place to add to your list of trick-or-treat stops on Halloween Night is the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Residents are preparing homemade cookies, individually wrapped, to give to visiting "ghosts and goblins" Tuesday between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. Hot chocolate will also be offered.

"We want to help make the evening safe, secure and enjoyable for the children and the residents as well," Doris Frazier said. "The home is well-lighted and the parking lots are safe."

She added that there is no charge and all small children are welcome. The home is located at 1620 Butler Boulevard.



Fall crop yields are good

Castro County farmers are facing the same situation they have in past years—crops are good but the price is too low.

That's the opinion of most of the county's elevator operators.

Corn and soybean harvests are basically complete in the county, while milo is 80% complete in some areas and just getting started in others. Cotton is just beginning to trickle in and beet harvest is in full swing.

"If we can just get the right combination of a good production year and good prices at the same time it would be excellent," said Bill Clark at Dimmitt Agri Industries. "It just doesn't seem to work out that way, though. The crops were good this year, but the price wasn't nearly as good as it should have been."

"Everything looks good but the price," said Sport Byers at Sunnyside Grain Co. "The price is \$1 off

on cut corn and milo this year. When you take \$80 an acre off the price paid to farmers, they can't come out with much money."

Jarrell Sewell at Farmers Grain in Hart shares Byers' attitude. "Most of the yields and quality are real good—now if we can just get the price up . . . I'd really like to see the market improve."

"From what I can gather from talking to farmers it looks like it's going to be a 'money holding together kind of year,'" said Fred

Bruegel at Bruegel and Sons Elevator. "Overall I'd say everything looked okay this year. The farmer should make a little money, but it really hurt when they didn't make a wheat crop this year. If they would have, we'd have seen a pretty good year. The yields on everything else were good considering the dry summer we had."

"With the good weather we had we came out better than expected," said Jeff Dodson at Texas Sesame in Flag.

Crop updates follow:

Corn

Corn harvest is over and elevator operators say it was an average one.

"It was a good crop," said Bruegel. "Yields were normal and quality was excellent. Most of the yields I heard were 10,000 to 10,500 per acre, dried. That might be a little optimistic, but I think it's about

average."

"It was an exceptional corn harvest," said Dodson. "We finished up here Saturday and everything looked pretty good. We brought in more corn here than we have in previous years. The quality and yields were average to good."

In Sunnyside, corn harvest was aided by the rain in early September, according to Byers. He said the moisture kept farmers out of the fields long enough to help the crop mature a little faster, and as a result, it was drier than normal.

"The crop was excellent in quality and yields were running from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds per acre," Byers said.

For the first time in several years the hail missed Easter, and the yields and quality showed it. According to Eddie Matthews at Easter Grain, yields were running between 9,000 and 10,000 pounds per acre and the quality was "real good."

"It wasn't an exceptional year," (Continued on Page 14)

County proclaims 1991 centennial celebration

Monday, the Castro County Commissioners Court signed a proclamation declaring 1991 as a year of celebration in honor of the county's centennial birthday, and named Don Nelson and Bill Sava as co-chairmen of the centennial steering and planning committee.

The proclamation also pledged the county's financial support for the committee, if needed, although co-chairman Nelson said he felt most of the projects of the celebra-

tion could be self-supporting.

Nelson said additional committee members are being sought to represent every community in the county to get as wide a base of representation as possible.

Some of the ideas that have already been mentioned for the celebration include expanding the Follies '91 into a touring group; designing a permanent float to use in the separate celebrations held throughout the county and in neigh-

boring counties, as well; holding photo, art and beard contests; establishing a centennial chorus; designing a special centennial postmark to be used throughout the year; and a centennial sidewalk or patio made up of memorial bricks, similar to Amarillo's Centennial Plaza project.

Nelson noted that the main celebration is planned to coincide with the annual Harvest Days celebration, set for the third week in August.

In other business, County Judge Polly Simpson told the commissioners that the county's contract with the City of Dimmitt for providing jail space for city prisoners may need to be re-written.

She noted that the city pays the salary for the night dispatcher, and a per diem charge per city prisoner. She added that the city should have to help pay a portion of capital outlay expenses at the jail.

She told the commissioners that the county will consult with the city and more information needs to be gathered before any decision is made.

The commissioners approved a \$7,074 emergency expenditure for the Sheriff's Dept. to replace the base station of the radio commu-

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Absentee voting light

Absentee turn-out has been light so far in the two elections on tap for Nov. 7. The county clerk's office reported two mail-in requests and two in-person ballots cast in the state-wide constitutional amendment referendum. No absentee ballots have been cast yet in the local special election on the "Home Rule" question for Dimmitt.

Monday is the final day applications will be accepted by mail for absentee ballots, and Nov. 3 will be the last day for absentee voting in person. The absentee ballots may be obtained from the clerk's office for the referendums and at city hall for the special election.

County Democratic Chairman David Schaeffer announced this week that Election Precinct 2 election judge Garner Ball resigned and has been replaced by Phil Lemons. All other election judges and alternates remain the same as for the last general election.

The referendum ballots concern 21 proposed amendments to the state constitution. The special election will give voters in Dimmitt a chance to select the "Home Rule" form of government for their city.

If the voters choose to set up a charter for the city, then a 15-member commission will begin drawing up the document, which will also be submitted for voter approval at a later date.

The 15 commission members will be taken from those receiving the most votes on the Nov. 7 ballot, including those listed on the ballot and any write-ins that draw enough votes.

Adults attempt to lure pupils at school here

Whether it was an early Halloween prank, a case of mistaken identity, or a real threat, a Dimmitt Middle School fourth grader reported a carload of people at the middle school Monday afternoon who were asking children to get in the car with them.

The student reported to police that the people, two men and two women, were calling to students to come over to the car, and were saying, "Your mother told us it was okay."

She described the car as a large, older model, faded or light yellow in color. The people were described as Anglo, with the men dark-haired and the woman driver a blonde.

Middle School Principal Neal Bryan said the girl told her mother, who notified him and the police.

"The girl said she knew better than to go over there (near the car) and walked on down the street to where her mother was parked," Bryan reported.

Bryan noted that teachers were informed about the incident and were asked to caution students in a general way about approaching strange cars or people they don't know.

"If anyone else saw anything or knows anything about the incident, we hope they will let us or the police know about it," Bryan said.



'FALL BACK'—Jenna Steinle, 4, knows that before she can go trick-or-treating Tuesday night, she'll have to set the clock back Saturday night—

another hour's wait. Daylight Saving Time will end officially at 2 a.m. Sunday. Jenna is the daughter of Alan and Elaine Steinle of Dimmitt.

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	48	24	
Friday	61	23	
Saturday	75	32	
Sunday	79	33	
Monday	79	42	
Tuesday	78	42	
Wednesday	82	40	

October Moisture 0.18
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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Chamber Singers of Hereford presented a "Sentimental Journey" concert Sunday afternoon. Bobby and Bera Boyd, cousins of Kate Beecher; Avie Lewis, Jerry and Carolyn Jansa of Dimmitt; and Amy (McSpadden) Gilliland, a former Dimmitt resident; all are singing in this famous choir. They sang old familiar songs including *Somebody Stole My Gal, He's Making Eyes at Me, Sentimental Journey, Thanks for the Memories* and many more.

Flo Nichols of Tulia came by last week to bring me some information about the Progressive Study Club. It will sponsor a home tour and tea Nov. 14 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Homes on the tour will include Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reynolds' at 610 SE Second, Mr. and Mrs. Gary



Dimmitt Middle School has named four Cat Card Club winners for this week. They are Dominic Abalos, Mark Lumbreira, Joel Townsend and Jared Townsend. Winners of Cat Card privileges get to attend school-sponsored functions free during the week of their selection, and get to go to the head of the cafeteria line. Coupons for redemption are also offered by local merchants. Students are nominated by teachers, with final selection made by DMS Assistant Principal T.J. Parks.

Pro Family Forum

PRO FAMILY FORUM The local chapter of the Pro-Family Forum will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt. Amendments to be voted on in the November general election and other pro-family issues will be discussed at the meeting.

House's at 614 SE Second, Mr. and Mrs. Pat George's at 402 NW Sixth and Mr. and Mrs. Darwyn Metcalf, 229 Comanche Trail, where the tea and bake sale will be held. * **Gertie Waggoner** brought the devotional at Canterbury Villa Thursday morning. Her subject was "Christ Forgives, So We Christians Should Forgive." Richard Young sang *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* and Renise Blair sang *You Are My Lord and There's a Light Shining In the Darkness*. Others joining in the singing were Irene Carpenter, Ysleta Ball, Oma Dee Heard, Mauzee Youts, Connie Ivey, Nola Ivey, and Mary Edna Hendrix. Phyllis Mooney accompanied the group.

A lovely shower was held for Debbie Murdock and Doug Smith of Amarillo in the home of Kate Beecher Saturday. Guests were greeted by Beecher, the honoree and her mother, Wanda Murdock. Beth Welch of Lubbock and Terri Robinson of Hereford served fruit breads, fruit, coffee and hot cider.

The Farm Bureau held its annual meeting Saturday night. Cattle Call of Amarillo catered the meal. The board members' wives made homemade ice cream, Joe Lust was the master of ceremonies and Don Moore gave the invocation. Danna Ralston and Saul Salas gave brief reports of their Summer Citizenship Seminar, held at San Angelo State University. The special guest speaker was S.M. True, Jr., president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Johnnie Vannoy was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Sal DiCuffa won high score and Johnnie won second high. Others playing were Helen Braafadt, Ina Rae Cates, Dude McLauren, Elizabeth Huckabay, Nancy Gridley, Bernice Hill, Ferne Dickey, Cleo Forson, Neva Hickey, Virginia Crider, Emily Clingingsmith, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves and Alma Kenmore. The Friday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center with Polly Holland hosting the social gathering. Dorothy Elder was high score and Ina Rae Cates finished second. Others playing were Alma

Kenmore, Retta Cluck, Ruth Coleman, Cletha George, Betty Renfro of Amarillo and Edith Graef.

John Pitts of El Paso visited his mother, Ruby Ramsey in Dimmitt last week. John is a retired school teacher and he does some volunteer work at the hospital. Other family members came by to visit with him while he was here.

Sandra Honea of Plano spent a weekend in Dimmitt with her parents, C.A. and Oleada Hance. Her daughter, Shari Mason, and daughter Ashley of Dumas, met Sandra while she was here. They were here to visit C.A. during his illness. He has improved now and they appreciated all the prayers and concern shown to them during the time.

Some of the former Dimmitt residents who are now living in the San Francisco Bay area and have been heard from since the earthquake are Harry Jo and Sue Hance and their daughter Renea; and Juanita Womack Strebble. John Will and Flo Nichols heard from their son, Jackie, and his family. Marie Harris, talked with her granddaughter and she is okay. Louise Kemp's daughter, LaDawn, is okay. Debra Summers was alright as well.

The new pastor at the First Baptist Church, Bro. Paul Kenley, is a good preacher and singer. Richard Young and Bro. Kenley sang a beautiful special song, *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* on Sunday morning.

The WIFE organization has been keeping the Texas Corn Growers' booth open at the State Fair in Dallas this year. The ladies go in pairs and stay several days. They show videos on ethanol, hand out pamphlets on ethanol and corn, and give out recipes.

A very attractive corn and pumpkin display was set up by Lois Wales and Nell Ingram and received several compliments on it. Others going were Fran King, Gwen Bryant, Marie Winders, Betty Burrous, Mary Cluck, Dorothy Mayfield, Ysleta Ball, Oma Dee Heard and Mary Emma Matthews. Oma Dee Heard and "Lucille"

(Ysleta Ball) returned home Tuesday night from Dallas where they had been working in the Corn Growers booth at the fair. It was very hot the first three days, but cooled down Tuesday. They were kept busy handing out pamphlets and answering questions about corn in Texas.

Oma Dee's friend, Henry Greene, met them at the airport and took them to the fairgrounds in Dallas. He couldn't remember Ysleta, so he picked up Dan's name of Lucille. On Saturday night Nona Heard's daughter, Cindy Walden and her son, Stanton met them at the fair and took them to the Hawthorne Suite where they were staying. The met Cindy's husband, Steven and they all went out to eat at the Trail Dust. There's always a waiting line and it seats more than 650. We enjoyed very good food and entertainment.

On Sunday night Oma Dee's great-niece and her family, Kris and Darendra Cartrite, who recently moved from Amarillo to Garland, picked her up and she went to see their new home. They met Oma Dee's brother and wife who were in Dallas visiting their daughter and granddaughter. They all went out to eat. Ysleta went out with a friend.

On Monday, Henry Greene picked them up and took them to his country home near McKinney where they spent the night. They spent the night with Henry and his wife, Betty. Henry has the Cae and Dru Baskets in World Market, so he took them by his showroom to meet his daughter, who manages a ceramics showroom.

While at the fair, Oma Dee visited with some of Dan's relatives from Olney, some of her relatives from Detroit, Charles and Nancy Higgs of Dallas, Tommie Nisbett's cousin of Littlefield, George and Carolyn Sides, Harold Bob Bennett and Seth Ralston.

The trip is an experience as well as an educational opportunity for everyone. They said they got to meet lots of people and they are all very nice.

Kaye Stevens went to Albuquerque for the final weekend of the balloon fiesta. The trip was a birthday gift from her mother, Orlene Williams. She flew to Albu-

querque and spent the weekend with her sister - in - law, Barbara Wheat. They got up Friday morning and went out to Cutter field in the dark and was there for the balloon lift-off.

They both got some beautiful pictures of all the balloons going up in waves. They took in all the booths and bought some balloon souvenirs and ate good New Mexico green chili at 7 a.m.

After the balloons were off, they spent the day shopping. Barbara took Kaye to Dee's Cheesecake Factory for a birthday lunch. They had the BEST pumpkin cheesecake for dessert. On Saturday they went shopping again. They went to two movies Saturday afternoon. On Sunday they watched the final balloon lift off on television and spent the day visiting. Barbara cooked her "famous" green chili burritos.

Kay said next year she plans to take a ride in one of the balloons as

she's been close enough now to really get excited about it. This was the second time she'd been out to see the balloons, but it was the first time they went out for the actual lift off.

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Trickers and Treaters

Before the sun goes down Tuesday, they'll start tapping at your door. Sure, it may be early, and you may have just gotten home from work, but they can't wait. They've been anticipating it for too long, this Halloween custom called "trick or treat."

Many of the younger clowns and ghosts and pirates don't seem to know what it's all about. Or if they do, they're too timid to say so. They sometimes become awfully mum at the crucial moment. Some of them even have to be coaxed and humored by the "victim" to collect their Halloween treats.

It gets to be more fun for a youngster after the first year or two, when you can go back to the same homes where you know they'll laugh and carry on and give you a treat.

There are those who resent the whole "trick or treat" custom, who resent being "ripped off" by children. In past years, a few sick souls who could not control their resentment or their hostilities have turned the harmless Halloween game into tragedy. It has happened only rarely, but one such incident in the whole nation is one too many.

Through the years, as a result of some of these tragedies, a set of "don'ts" has evolved for trick-or-treaters:

- Don't go trick-or-treating at strangers' homes.
-Don't eat Halloween candies or treats that aren't commercially wrapped, unless it's from your grandparents or a close friend.
-Don't eat any treats until your mother or daddy has seen them.
There's a set of rules for the parents of trick-or-treaters, too:
-Go with your children on their rounds. Make sure they hold hands and cross the street safely.
-If you're driving, go slowly on Halloween night and be especially watchful for youngsters moving about in dark costumes.
-Don't let any fire—such as a candle in a jack-o-lantern or the flame from a cigarette lighter—come in contact with a child's costume.
There comes an age for children to give up trick-or-treating. Many people don't appreciate unsupervised teenagers playing the game, unless they're neighbor children or "in the family."
For teenagers, there are other Halloween offerings. The Kiwanis Club will hold the annual Community Halloween Carnival Saturday night at the County Expo Building. And the Easter Lions Club will stage its Spook House Saturday and Tuesday nights, with a carnival added Tuesday night.
To all you little Halloween ghosts, goblins, clowns and monsters—we hope you have a fun-filled, and safe, Halloween!



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People

Bridal shower honors Murdock

Debbie Murdock, bride-elect of Doug Smith of Amarillo, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Kate Beecher Saturday.

Guests were greeted by Beecher, who presented them to the honoree and her mother, Wanda Murdock. Guests were registered by Carol Fletcher of Amarillo and Patti Price of Canyon.

The serving table was covered with an ecru cutwork cloth with brass appointments. A mauve and green floral arrangement and candles centered the table.

Beth Welch of Lubbock and Terri Robison of Hereford served fruit breads, fresh fruit, coffee and hot cider to the guests.

The hostesses presented the couple with a vacuum sweeper and several pieces of the bride's chosen pattern of stainless flatwear.

Out of town guests attending were an aunt, Mrs. Jack (Barbara) Godfrey of Plainview; a cousin, Mrs. Weldon Davis of Hart; Davis' daughter, Julie Reimond of New York; Teresa Hopping and her baby daughter from Hereford; and Maurice Carson of Hale Center.



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison

Couple to celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison of Floydada will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

The reception will be hosted by the couple's daughters and their husbands, including Elsie and Jim Black of Hart, Lucy and James Hanks of Houston, and Linda and Ronnie Griffith of Dimmitt. Co-hosts for the reception will be the couple's seven grandchildren including Glen and Kylene Black, Jason, Amber and Justin Griffith, all of Dimmitt, Jim and Janet Reed of Dumas, and John and Susan

Hanks of Houston; and their five great-grandchildren, including Heather and Corrie Black of Dimmitt, and Jake, Johnna and Joshua Reed of Dumas.

The former Lorraine Cruce and Alfred Harrison exchanged wedding vows in October, 1939 in Jack County.

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Tanya L. Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lee of Hart and Linda Lee of San Angelo, has been selected as an "Outstanding High School Student of America."

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Plains Memorial

It's a girl for Darrell and Jody Huseman of Nazareth. Tessie Jo was born Oct. 10 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches long. She has two older siblings, six-year-old Jason and five-year-old Shana. Her paternal grandparents are Arnold and Catherine Huseman of Nazareth. Maternal grandparents are Allan and Lola Leer of Sturgis, S.D. Her great-grandparents are Helen Backus of Nazareth, Virginia Leer of Mason City, Iowa and Helen Krutow of Hampton, Iowa.

Charles S. and Mary Ann Cotter of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Ashley Nicole Cotter, who was born Oct. 9 at 1:33 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 11 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has a paternal grandfather, Charles Cotter of Dimmitt; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Martinez of Dimmitt.

Mitchell and Kim Smiley of Friona are the parents of a baby girl, Blair Nicole, who was born Oct. 10 at 11:27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has two older siblings, six-year-old Kayla and three-year-old Ashley. Her paternal grandparents are Ron and Melba Smiley of Friona. Maternal grandparents are George and Aundrea Frye of Friona. Great-grandparents are Harland and Hertha Frye, Johnnie Boothe and LuCretia Bracken.

Nelsons win scholarships

Jan and Jill Nelson, both of Dimmitt, have been awarded scholarships from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Jan Nelson, a senior, is the recipient of the Marvin Wayne and Hazel Wiggins Lewis Endowed Scholarship.

The award was established by Mr. and Mrs. E. Ruel Nash of Lubbock in honor of Mrs. Nash's parents. This scholarship is awarded annually by the Student Aid Committee.

Jill Nelson has been awarded a Martin Murdock Memorial Scholarship.

This fund was established in memory of Martin Murdock, '34 by his widow and other friends. He was a member of the HSU board of development and was a loyal, devoted friend and alumnus of the institution.



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Moultrie to perform

Ruby Moultrie, former music teacher in Dimmitt, will be a featured performer in the South Plains College production of selections from the musical *Cats*.

The performances will be held tonight (Thursday) through Saturday in SPC's Tom T. Hall Recording and Production Studio. The shows begin at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but seating is limited and anyone interested in attending should contact SPC at 1-894-9611, Ext. 261 or 265 for reservations. Patrons are also asked to bring a canned food item, which will be donated to the Hockley County Food Box.

Moultrie, who taught kindergarten through third grade students in Dimmitt for two years, will perform "Memory" from the musical *Cats* during the three-day production by the SPC Symphonic Band and Jazz Singers. She is currently the voice instructor at South Plains College.

"The song "Memory" depicts an older cat who is looking back at the past and remembering what life has been like. It's a sad song," Moultrie said.

She holds a bachelor of music education degree from West Texas State University and a master's degree in vocal performance and sacred music from Southern Methodist University. She has just begun work on a doctorate degree in voice performance at Texas Tech University.

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Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Members of the Mike and Math Gerber families attended the 50th wedding celebration of John and Jennie Loyall in Kingfisher, Okla., over the weekend. Jennie is a daughter of Pete Gerber. Mass was celebrated Saturday night in St. Paul's Catholic Church with their pastor and Rev. Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark. concelebrating. A very impressive homily was given by Rev. Heiman, who is a very close friend.

A beautiful booklet was prepared for occasion by their son, Bill and his wife, Valeria. They were assisted by their daughter, Susan and her husband, G.L. Best. They described their parents with the quote, "They counted life by smiles, not tears; and their age by friends, not years." a reception and dance followed the mass. Attending from Nazareth were Toney and Mary Gerber, Leonard and Alvina Gerber; Henry, Ginger and Debby Gerber, Math and Rosena Albracht, Florence and Hilda Heiman, Isabell Skidmore and Jerome (Woelfle) Hill, all of Amarillo; and Jim and Shirley Skarke of Umbarger. On Sunday everyone attended a dinner and visited with all the Gerber relatives. Sister Jean Heiman also came with Father Harold and enjoyed all the festivities.

Toney and Mary Gerber drove to Woodward, Okla. on Thursday and visited with their son, Norbert, his wife, Helen and their family before going on to Kingfisher for the celebration.

Recent visitors in the home of Earl and Evelyn Backus were her children, Michael and Camille Albus and their children, Dustin, Ashley and Andrea of Hobbs, N.M.; Gary and Penny Albus and their son, Trey of Odessa; and Dan and Gail Sams and children, Lauren and London of Wheeler.

While here they celebrated Evelyn's birthday.

Congratulations to Steven and Mary Jean Wilhelm of Amarillo on the birth of a daughter, Megan Nicole, Oct. 2 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a three-year-old brother, Matthew. Her grandparents are Louis and Gin Huseman and Lavern and Ronnie Wilhelm, all of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Ozetta Wilhelm of Clayton, N.M.

Visiting in the home of Max Acker on Sunday were her family, H.D. and Myrtle White, Grace and Kim Kalka and her grandchildren, Colleen and David and their children, all of Amarillo; and Kenneth, Barbara and Renae Acker of Lubbock and their two foreign exchange students.

Myrtle is recuperating from a broken leg which she suffered five weeks ago during a tour in Europe.

Earl and Evelyn Backus spent last weekend in Dumas with Earl's family, Bert and Marie Venhaus and Lloyd and DaDell Bonds.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the Center Sunday. Several guests attended. Estelle Keys of Plainview was with her mother, Ella Hoelting. Viola Pohlmeier of Tulia came with her mother, Meta Stork. Eddie and Charleen Venhaus of Amarillo attended with their mother, Lizzie Hoelting. Bo and Clara Cowell of Amarillo came with their father, George Schacher. Edd and Leola Ramaekers came with their mother, Dora Albracht.

Evelyn Hill of Lubbock recently enjoyed a weekend in New York with her son, Brad, who is employed by a modeling agency there. They enjoyed watching two stage productions, "Phantom of the Opera" and "Me and My Girl." They ate breakfast at the Tavern on the Green, a restaurant in Central Park. They took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, and rode the subway to Times Square, Greenwich Village, Macey's, So-Ho and the Empire State Building. She said it was a great weekend that will be remembered.

Adeline Pohlmeier is home after spending several weeks in Tipton, Okla. with her family, Ray and Rosella O'Hanlon and children. She also traveled to Paris, Ark. with Tom and Sharon Pohlmeier and their family.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier flew to Dallas Thursday and spent several days with their family, Rob and Linda Kendrick and sons of Desota. They also visited with Lisa of Dallas and Jim and Jean Bell of Fort Worth.

On Friday night they attended a football game between Desota and Carver. Their grandson, Robbie Kendrick is quarterback for Desota, which made the game more interesting. LeRoy and Bob also found some time to go fishing—LeRoy even caught one!

Louise Braddock is home after spending a couple of days at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt for treatment.

Jerry, Tricia and Eric Rose, Keith and Virgie Gerber enjoyed the weekend with Gene, Susie and Jenny Gerber in Odessa. We attended Permian's homecoming football game with Dallas Jesuits Saturday afternoon. Permian won 46-0, giving them a 7-0 season record. The performance of the Permian 200-member band at half-time was fantastic.

Prayers are asked for Lynn Ehly, who is in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She is having blood clot problems in the shunt in her arm. She underwent her first dialysis on Monday and seems to be in good spirits. Her room number is 282.

Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

We have our monthly Lay Ministries Training Program today (Thursday) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Those who were absent last month or have yet to register for this program are urged to attend it.

We will have our first monthly CCD Workshop for kindergarten through sixth graders at the Azteca Complex Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Soltero Ramos, Stella Mendez and T.D. Martinez of St. John Nepomucene in Hart, will attend a Lay Presiding Workshop for worship in the absence of a priest, on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Umbarger.

All CCD teachers are urged to attend a catechetical workshop Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at ICC. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Jordan Grooms, director of the Christian Formation Office.

Wednesday is All Saints' Day, a day of obligation. Instead of classes, the first and second sessions will assemble in church at 4:15 p.m. for an All Saints' Day mass. Adults are welcome to participate in this Eucharistic celebration. There will be a CCD mass at 6 p.m. in Hart and a parish mass at ICC at 8 p.m.

The first annual punt, pass and kick contest was a success. Our goal was to show our kids that we care about them by giving them an afternoon a fun.

We wish to thank all the kids who participated from all over Castro County and about 50 or so spectators who gave their moral

support. We want to thank American Fructose, First State Bank, Wallace Motor Co. and Walt Hansen for sponsoring the event. We also want to thank the Dimmitt schools for allowing us to use their facilities and all the football players and volunteers who helped and encouraged these kids to do their best.

ICC HOLY CROSS SOCIETY

Presbyterian Church

There will be an Evangelism Workshop at the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock Friday night and Saturday.

Sunday school classes will be Sunday at 10 a.m.

"Attention: Humble Before God," will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at morning church worship services Sunday at 11.

Morning prayers will be Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

All Saints' Day will be observed Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

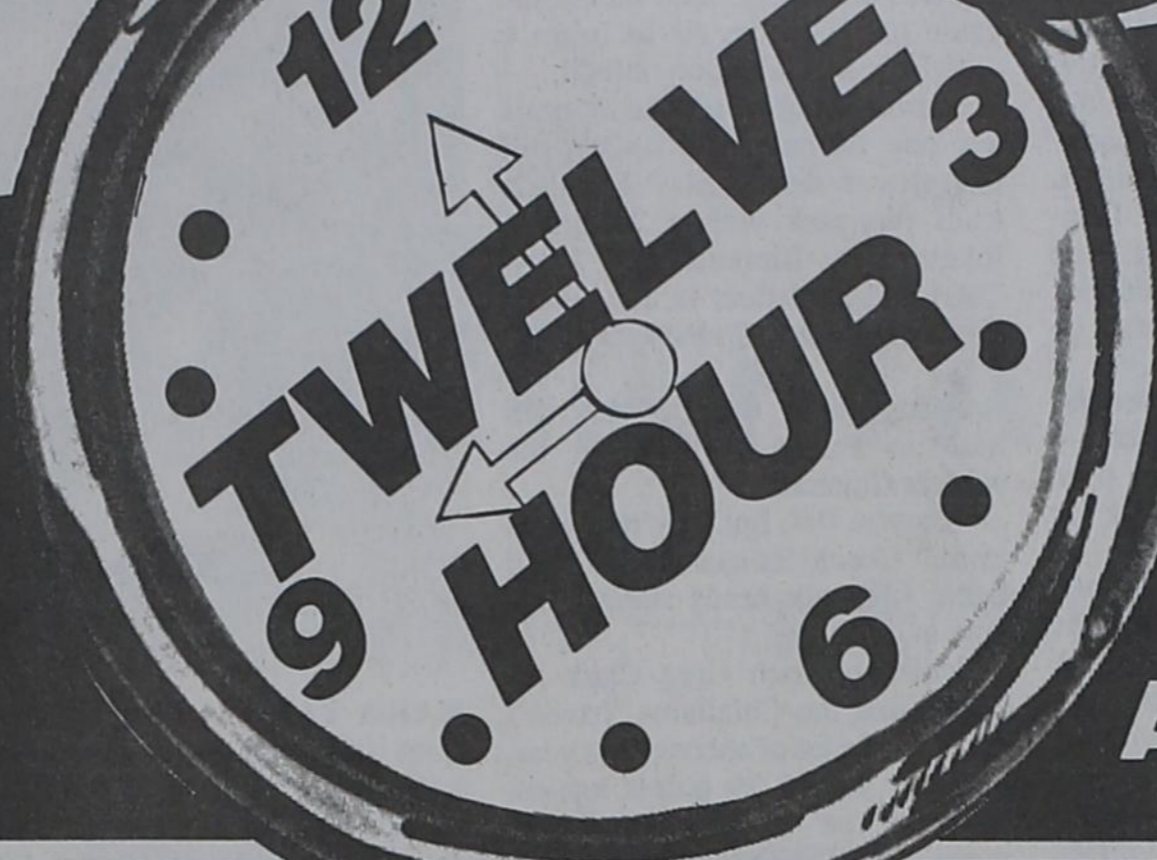
Vernon O'Kelly will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Nahum I Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt.

Richard Young will be the welfare chairman for November.

Museum meeting set

The board of directors of the Castro County Historical Museum Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the museum.

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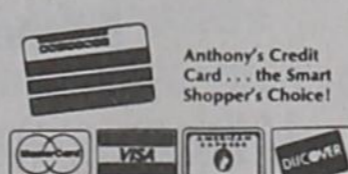
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Sports

Bobcats earn big win over Littlefield

The Bobcats may have been 10-point underdogs, but they didn't play like it.

Playing on Littlefield's home turf, they took command of the game early and forged a 14-0 halftime lead, then held on for a big 14-6 victory.

The win boosted the Bobcats into second place in the District 2-AAA standings.

It was Dimmitt's first football victory over Littlefield since 1976, the last year the Bobcats went into the playoffs.

"We tell the kids, 'If you just keep working hard and believing that good things will happen, they'll happen,'" Coach Army Salinas said. "I think one of the biggest things to come out of the game was that, after a long, long drought, our kids came out of it knowing they can compete with anybody."

Salinas said mental attitude made it possible for the young Bobcats—composed mostly of sophomores and juniors up from last year's junior varsity—to defeat the perennially tough Wildcats.

"Last year, our team didn't realize we could beat them until the second half, and it was too late," Salinas said. "This time the boys went into the game knowing we could beat them. It was a big win for us, and one we really needed."

After Littlefield's opening kickoff, the Bobcats mixed eight running plays and five passes to march 76 yards for their first touchdown, with quarterback Freddy Martinez tossing a nine-yarder to James Flores for the score. Robert Ruiz's extra-point kick was barely wide, leaving Dimmitt with a 6-0 lead.

The drive ate up more than half

of the first quarter, and featured an 18-yard pass from tailback Oscar Velasquez to Ruiz, a 12-yard aerial from Martinez to Michael Ethridge, a 12-yard run by Velasquez and a nine-yard burst by Johnny Ortegon.

Littlefield fought back with a nine-play, 37-yard drive to Dimmitt's 27, but Ruiz ended it there when he wrapped up the Wildcats' Michael Smith for no gain on fourth-and-five.

Four plays later—on the second play of the second quarter—Ortegon broke into the clear over right guard and raced 61 yards for Dimmitt's second TD, aided by crisp downfield blocking. Martinez kept on a quarterback option right and dived into the end zone for a two-point conversion to put the Bobcats ahead by 14-0 with 11:25 remaining in the second.

The Bobcats threatened again late in the second when James Flores took a 21-yard pass from Martinez at the Littlefield 40 and ran it to the Wildcats' 11-yard line. But the drive fizzled after a Dimmitt penalty and four incomplete passes.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Wildcats put together their only scoring drive, marching 75 yards in 14 plays, with senior tailback Michael Willard doing most of the work. Willard carried the ball on the final six plays of the drive, getting a crucial first down with a two-yard gain to the Dimmitt 2 on second effort and powering over left tackle for the TD two plays later, with 7:55 remaining in the game. The Wildcats mishandled the ball on the extra-point kick attempt, leaving the score at 14-6.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Bobcats kept possession the rest of the game, driving 59 yards to the Littlefield 20 before the clock ran out. Martinez took the final snap,

dropped to the ground as the final seconds ticked off, then hurled the game ball into the air to begin a wild Bobcat celebration onfield.

Although once-tied, the Bobcats are one of only two teams still unbeaten in district play. Floydada leads the pack with a 2-0 mark, followed by Dimmitt with 1-0-1, Tulia and Littlefield at 1-1, Muleshoe at 0-1-1 and Friona at 0-2.

Friday night the Bobcats will head to Friona to take on the winless Chieftains.

"They're 0-7, but they're a good team," Coach Salinas said. "We'd better keep our heads straight and tend to business."

Scouting coach Greg Clark reported that the Chieftains "haven't had a whole lot of success this year, but they scored 29 points against Tulia in the second half Friday night and came off the field pumped up as though they had won the game, so I expect them to be 'up' for us Friday."

Friona's passing game could be deadly, Clark said.

Statistics

	DIM	LIT
First Downs	11	10
Rushing Yards	194	121
Passing Yards	86	17
Total Plays-Yards	57-280	42-138
Passes Comp/Att	4/16	2/10
Passes intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Punts-Avg	3-30	2-29
Penalties-Yds	5-45	3-25

Dimmitt	6	8	0	0	—	14
Littlefield	0	0	0	6	—	6

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
D—James Flores 9 pass from Freddy Martinez (kick wide), 5:39
Second quarter:
D—Johnny Ortegon 61 run (Martinez run), 11:25
Fourth quarter:
L—Michael Willard 2 run (kick failed), 7:55

Individual Statistics

Dimmitt Rushing—Johnny Ortegon 20-126 (1TD), Oscar Velasquez 13-43, Freddy Martinez 7-24 (1PAT), Armando Arce 1-1.
Passing—DIMMITT: Freddy Martinez 3/14-0-68 (1TD), Oscar Velasquez 1/2-0-18.
LITTLEFIELD: Chad Merrifield 2/10-2-17.
Dimmitt Receiving—James Flores 3-68 (1TD), Robert Ruiz 1-18.
Dimmitt Kicking—Raul Jackson 0/1 PAT.
Dimmitt Defense — TACKLES: Michael Ethridge 8, Jesus Quiroz 7, James Flores 6, Larry Leivas 6, Armando Arce 5, Luciano Quiroz 5. SACKS & MINUS YARDAGE PLAYS: Larry Leivas 2, Robert Ruiz 1, Jesus Quiroz 1. FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Johnny Ortegon 1, Ryan Hardee 1. INTERCEPTIONS: Armando Arce 1, Michael Ethridge 1.
Records: Dimmitt 4-2-1 (1-0-1); Littlefield 3-3-0 (1-1-0).



HARD YARDS—Dimmitt fullback Oscar Velasquez (44) gets three hard-earned yards against Littlefield's defense in the first quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA game at Littlefield. Making the stop are the Wildcats' Larry Don Campbell (30) and Joel Rodgers (82), with Eddie Robison

(70) and Michael Willard (33) closing in. The Bobcats recorded a 14-6 victory, Dimmitt's first over Littlefield in football since 1976, the last year the Bobcats went into the playoffs.

(Photo by Dena Nava)

"They threw for 270-plus yards against Tulia," he said.

The Chieftains have lost by 35-0 to Littlefield and 41-29 to Tulia. In pre-district play, they lost to River Road 14-12, to Brownfield 51-3, to Canyon 21-0, to Dalhart 14-3 and

to Hart 15-13.

Coach Salinas is more concerned with what the Bobcats do than with what the Chieftains do Friday night.

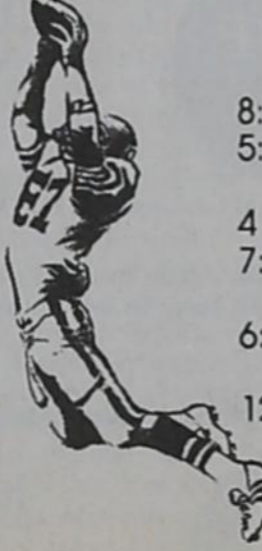
"We play to improve each week," he said. "We play to our

own level, not to anyone else's. We've got three tough weeks ahead of us. If we don't want to hang up our helmets on Nov. 10 (the final district game), then we'll have to keep getting better and better every game."

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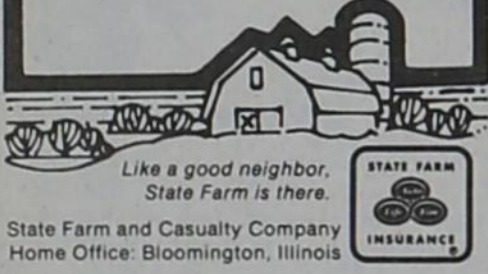
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Harris Picks

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- Dimmitt 17 over FRIONA
- FLOYDADA 13 over Littlefield
- TULIA 13 over Muleshoe
- Hart 2 over OLTON
- FARWELL 17 over Lockney
- Abermathy 17 over HALE CENTER
- Happy 6 over NAZARETH
- SPRINGLAKE-EARTH 19 over Kress
- SUDAN 29 over Vega

Freshman games cancelled

Dimmitt High School has cancelled the freshman football team's three remaining games.

Coaches said that both physical and academic casualties forced the cancellations.

The Freshman Bobcats started the season with a smaller-than-usual squad, lost several players to injuries, and this week lost several more to classroom grades under the

no-pass, no-play rule.

The team finished with a 1-4-1 record, and was 1-1 in district play.

Coaches said the remaining eligible freshmen will play on the junior varsity squad the rest of the season.

The combined JV squad will play Friona here today (Thursday) at 6 p.m.

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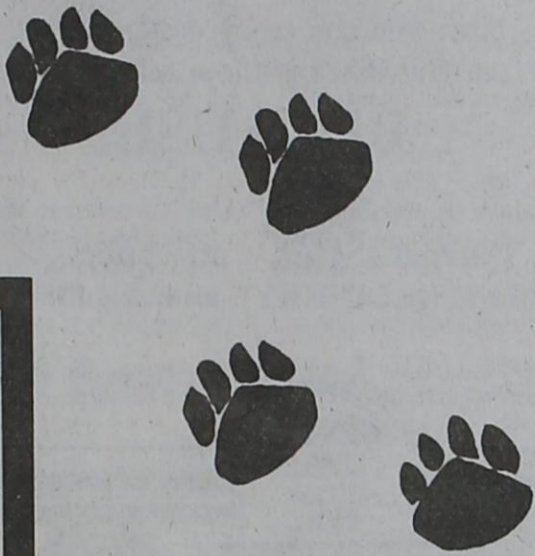
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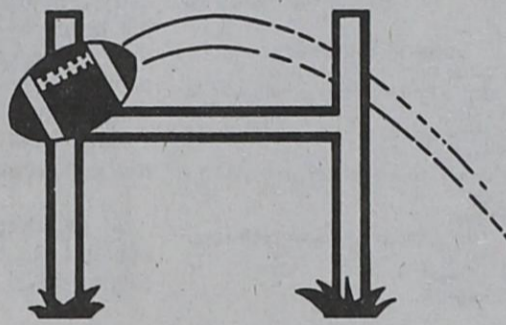
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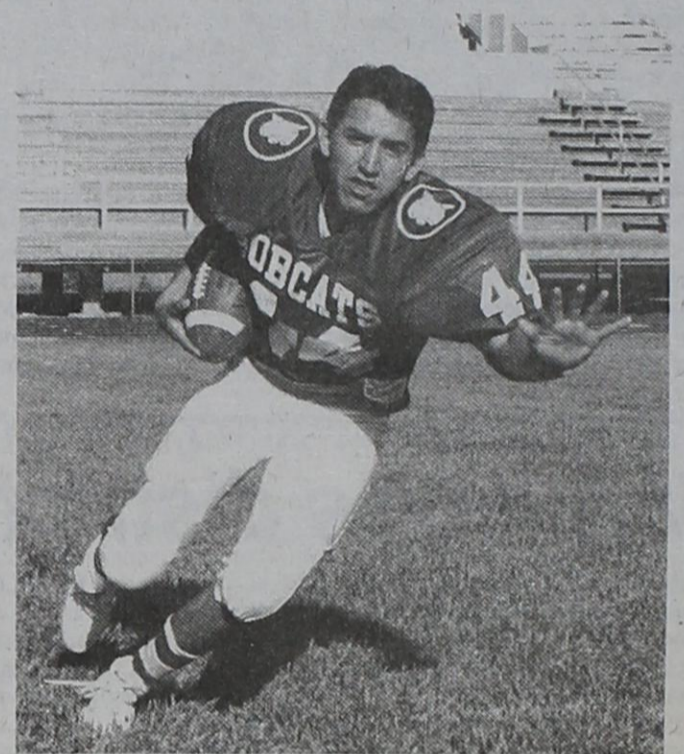
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 October 27—*FRIONA, There..... 7:30 p.m.
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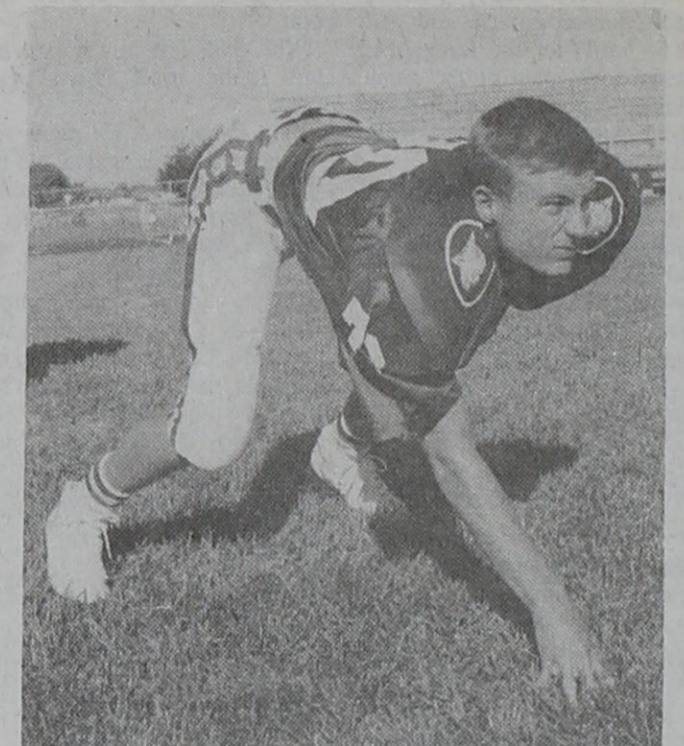
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 JV 6, Abernathy 12; 9th 6, Farwell JV 22
 JV 0, Olton 8; (no freshman game)
 JV 18, Muleshoe 6; 9th 16, Muleshoe 20
 JV 30, Littlefield 28; 9th 20, Littlefield 12
 October 26—*Friona, Here (JV only)..... 6:30 p.m.
 November 2—*Floydada, There (JV only)..... 6:30 p.m.
 November 9—*Tulia, Here (JV only)..... 6:30 p.m.

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8th 28, River Road 0; 7th 26, River Road 16
 8th 42, Abernathy 0; 7th 14, Abernathy 0
 8th 12, Olton 20; 7th 26, Olton 6
 8th 12, Muleshoe 0; 7th 6, Muleshoe 0
 8th 28, Littlefield 8; 7th 20, Littlefield 6
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Swifts' turnovers lead to Springlake-Earth win



ZAC HATLA (86) reaches out for a Michael Schmucker pass between two Springlake-Earth defenders in third quarter action Friday night, but the pass slips through his hands, forcing the Swifts into a long third down situation. Nazareth was plagued by turnovers in the game, and lost its second district game 29-0 at Springlake-Earth.

By CINDY ALBRACHT

Seven turnovers in the first half plagued the Swifts Friday night, and Springlake-Earth capitalized on the errors, shutting out the Swifts 29-0 at Wolverine Stadium.

The Swifts got off to a bad start, letting the Wolverines score on their first drive.

Jaime De La Garza spelled doom for the Swifts from the opening kickoff.

He broke loose and raced 33 yards for Springlake-Earth's first touchdown with 6:39 left in the opening stanza. Julio De La Garza booted the extra point and the Wolverines were on top 7-0.

Bad luck followed the Swifts on their next possession.

On the first play from the line of scrimmage, quarterback Michael Schmucker tried to hand off to

Harold Verkamp, but Verkamp fumbled the ball and Ryan Smallwood snatched up the loose ball for S-E on the Nazareth 32.

A pass completion from S-E quarterback Craig Jones to Nelson Taylor moved the Wolverines 6 to the five-yard line. On third-and-three, Jones tried to run into the end zone, but dropped the ball. Lynn Nelson was there and recovered for the Swifts on Nazareth's three-yard line.

Nazareth's luck didn't last long, however. On the next play Verkamp dropped the hand off and S-E recovered on Nazareth's one-yard line. Jaime De La Garza pushed through the line for the score and Julio De La Garza's PAT was good, giving the Wolverines a 14-0 lead in the first period.

The next set of offensive series were muddled ones. The ball changed hands, via fumbles, three times, putting the Wolverines in scoring position. On second down, Jimmy Garcia sprinted five yards through the middle for the TD. Julio De La Garza's extra point effort was good and the Wolverines expanded their lead to 21-0.

In the second quarter the Swifts luck again took a turn for the worse when Brian Schmucker attempted a carry. The ball was stripped out of his hands by Tony Chacon, who then proceeded to race 43 yards for another touchdown. Julio De La Garza's kick failed, but the Wolverines held a comfortable 27-0 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter the Swifts couldn't put together a successful scoring drive.

With six minutes left in the

game, it looked as though the Swifts had scored when Brian Schmucker ran 83 yards into the end zone, but a yellow flag fluttered to the ground and the touchdown was called back to the seven-yard line because of a holding penalty. On second-and-eighteen, Michael Schmucker attempted to pass, but was pressured and dropped in the end zone for a S-E safety.

Statistics

	NAZ	S-E
First Downs	8	13
Rushing Yards	138	176
Passing Yards	8	64
Total Offense	146	235
Passes Comp/Att	1/9	4/11
Passes Intercepted by	0	4
Fumbles-lost	4-3	3-3
Punts-Avg.	3-34	6-28
Penalties-Yards	6-55	8-69

Nazareth	0	0	0	0	0
S-E	21	6	0	2	29

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
S-E—Jamie De La Garza 33 run (Julio De La Garza kick)
S-E—Jamie De La Garza 1 run (Julio De La Garza kick)
S-E—Jimmy Garcia 6 run (Julio De La Garza kick)
Second quarter:
S-E—Tony Chacon 42 interception return (kick failed)
Fourth quarter:
S-E—Safety

Records: Nazareth 4-3, 0-2; S-E 2-3-2, 1-1

Hart drops district game to Lockney

Hart's district struggle continued Friday night, and the visiting Longhorns couldn't get on track, losing to Lockney 30-0 in a District 3-AA contest.

Lockney jumped on Hart early, then coasted to the victory, shutting out Hart for the first time in two years.

Lockney took the opening kickoff and marched 71 yards to the Hart end zone. Lockney tailback Michael Monroe got the call and raced 54 yards for the Longhorns first touchdown play of the game with just 2:53 gone. The extra point by Joe Louis Guerrero was good and Lockney held a 7-0 lead.

Hart's first possession ended with a fumble and Lockney took advantage of the miscue to score its second TD.

Monroe pushed his way into the end zone from three yards out as the first quarter ended. With the

addition of Guerrero's PAT, Lockney took a 14-0 lead.

Hart's offense continued to be its own worst enemy. A good drive ended when a strong pass rush forced an interception on Lockney's nine-yard line.

Lockney capitalized on the turnover, scoring on a 54-yard pass play from Louis Perales to Gilbert Ruiz mid-way through the second period. Guerrero booted the extra point.

With 5:39 left in the first half, Hart found itself down by 21 points.

Hart threatened to score right before the first half ended, but time ran out, killing the Horns' hopes.

Hart gave up 200 yards on offense in the first half and only mustered 59 of its own.

The second half was a complete switch—as far as statistics were concerned. Lockney picked up only 58 yards on offense while Hart moved the pigskin for 117.

Hart proved that statistics don't win the ballgame, however. Coach James Mireles' squad couldn't ca-

pitalize on the many opportunities they were handed in the second half.

The first opportunity came when the Lockney center snapped the ball over his punter's head. Hart took over on the 15-yard line, but Hart running back fumbled the ball back to Lockney two plays later.

On its next possession, Hart's

Statistics

	HART	LOC
First Downs	9	12
Rushing Yards	123	146
Passing Yards	43	112
Total Offense	166	158
Passes Comp-Att	3-8	5-8
Passes Intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles-lost	6-4	2-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	5-33
Penalties-Yards	3-23	7-65

Hart	0	0	0	0	0
Lockney	14	7	0	9	30

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
L—Michael Monroe 54 run (Joe Louis Guerrero kick)
L—Monroe 3 run (Guerrero kick)
Second quarter:
L—Gilbert Ruiz 55-yard pass from Louis Perales (Guerrero kick)
Fourth quarter:
L—Safety
L—Perales 1 run (Guerrero kick)

Individual Statistics

Rushing—HART: Craig Skiles 6-21, Danny Reyna 10-26, Robert Garcia 4-48, Jay Davis 8-25, Marin 2-3.
Passing—HART: Jay Davis 3-8—43, Ricky Ojeda 0-1.
Receiving—HART: Daniel Ramirez 2-26, Ricky Ojeda 1-17.
Records: Hart 4-3, 0-2; Lockney 3-3-1, 2-0.

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Lamesa 29, ROOSEVELT (1-6) 16
SLATON (3-4) 20, Cooper 11
Canyon 44, RIVER ROAD (2-5) 14
Farwell 23, AB'NATHY (3-4) 7
Hale Center 12, OLTON (1-6) 6

HART OPPONENTS

SPR-EARTH (2-3-2) 29, NAZ (4-3) 0
FARWELL (7-0) 23, AB'NATHY (3-4) 7
HALE CTR. (2-3-2) 12, OLTON (1-5-1) 6
Plains 40, ANTON (0-7) 0
Vega 16, HAPPY (2-4) 6
Tulia 41, FRIONA (0-7) 29

NAZARETH OPPONENTS

FARWELL (7-0) 23, Abemathy 7
Lockney 30, HART (4-3) 0
VEGA (4-3) 16, HAPPY (2-4) 6
SUDAN (7-0) 65, KRESS (3-3) 0
PETERSBURG (3-4) 17, Sundown 15
Plains 40, ANTON (0-7) 0
Hale Center 12, OLTON (1-5-1) 6



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Cross country teams race to regional berths

Three county cross country teams are headed to regional after finishing first and second at the district races Saturday and Monday. The Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes repeated as district champs in the 2-AAA and 3-A two-mile races, respectively. The Nazareth Swifts qualified for regional with a second place District 3-A finish Monday.

Dimmitt's girls outran the pack Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in

Lubbock, capturing six of the top nine places, including first and second place by Halley Bradley, 12:04; and Renea Harman, 12:53. The team combined for 19 points, far ahead of Floydada's 60-point second place finish.

Nazareth's girls finished first with 27 points while Petersburg came in second with 69 at the 3-A race Monday at the Littlefield Country Club.

"We ran well. The times were better overall than last year," said

Sandy Heiman, Nazareth's coach. "Christy's (Birkenfeld) time was six seconds better than it was last year at district, and she won that race, too."

Birkenfeld led the Swiftettes, finishing first with a time of 12:09. Nazareth placed five runners in the top ten including Noel Johnson, fifth, 12:32; Janay Johnson, sixth, 12:33; Monica Kleman, seventh, 12:34; and Jill Pohlmeier, eighth, 12:35.

The Swifts, who also competed

at the Littlefield Country Club Monday, ran the three-mile race with five runners finishing in the top 20. They were led by Jeff Hacker's eighth place finish. Adrian Farris, B.J. Klein, Bill Hochstein and Bobby Wilhelm all crossed the line before the 20th-place runner. The team came in second with 69 points. Springlake-Earth was first with 21 points.

Individual results from each race follow:

Bobbies

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Dimmitt, 19; 2. Floydada, 60 3. Tulia, 69; 4. Muleshoe, 103; 5. Friona, 128.

TOP 10: 1. Halley Bradley, Dimmitt, 12:04; 2. Renea Harman, Dimmitt, 12:53; 3. Elisa Suarez, Floydada, 13:01; 4. Monica Garcia, Dimmitt, 13:05; 5. Rosie Enriguez, Dimmitt, 13:09; 6. Linda Suarez, Floydada, 13:14; 7. Beatrice Ramos, Dimmitt, 13:15; 8. Becky Rodriguez, Dimmitt, 13:24; 9. Amie Ray, Littlefield, 13:29; 10. Marlo Latham, Tulia, 13:33.

Swiftettes

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Nazareth, 27; 2. Petersburg, 69; 3. Sudan, 89; 4. Springlake-Earth, 89; 5. Kress, 146; 6. Amherst, 171; 7. Cotton Center, 185; 8. Lazbuddie, 189.

TOP TEN: 1. Christy Birkenfeld, Nazareth, 12:09; 2. Misty Porter, Petersburg, (no time available); 3. Yolanda Garcia, S-E, (NTA); 4. Christina Martinez, Petersburg (NTA); 5. Noel Johnson, Nazareth, 12:32; 6. Janay Johnson, Nazareth, 12:33; 7. Monica Kleman, Nazareth, 12:34; 8. Jill Pohlmeier, 12:35.

NAZ RUNNERS & TIMES: Stephanie Farris, 12:53; Dana Schulte, 12:55; Ashley Hoelting, 13:17; Darlene Heck, 13:22; Lisa Ball, 13:23; Chris Wethington, 13:52; Natalie Schmucker, 13:57.

Swifts

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Springlake-Earth, 21; 2. Nazareth 69; 3. Amherst, 73; 4. Spade, 75.

TOP FIVE: 1. Jamie De La Garza, S-E, 16:08; 2. Jesse Hernandez, S-E, 16:39; 3. Henry Samarron, S-E, 17:11; 4. John Ramsey, Petersburg, 17:18; 5. Ricky Niets, S-E 17:48.

NAZ RUNNERS: 8. Jeff Hacker, 18:30; 12. Adrian Farris, 19:23; 14. B.J. Klein, 19:25; 16. Bill Hochstein, 20:02; 19. Bobby Wilhelm, 21:01.



DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Dimmitt Bobbies captured the District 2-AAA cross country crown Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Team members include (bottom, from left) Rosie Enriguez, Becky Rodriguez, Renea Harman and Christina Velasquez; (middle, from left) Beatrice Ramos, Monica Garcia and Halley Bradley; and (top, from left) coaches, Lucretia Shropshire and Richard Wood.

JVs win 30-28 thriller

Quarterback Lincoln Stewart completed a 28-yard scoring pass to Roger Gauna in the final seconds of the game, then hit Gauna again with a two-point conversion pass with no time remaining to lift the JV Bobcats to a 30-28 come-from-behind victory over Littlefield last Thursday.

The JV Bobcats are now 4-3 for the season and 2-0 in district play.

In addition to the thrilling finish, the game featured eight touchdowns, a safety and a 90-yard

7th, 8th teams top Littlefield

Dimmitt's 7th and 8th graders both posted football victories over Littlefield there last Thursday.

The 8th Grade Bobcats won, 28-8, as Salinas threw two TD passes—a 35-yarder to Velasquez and a 25-yarder to Lewis. Lewis also scored on a 65-yard run and Mirelez scored on a four-yard blast. Salinas passed to Castillo for two two-point conversions.

Top Dimmitt rushers were Lewis with 140 yards and two TDs and Mirelez with 80 yards and one TD. Salinas had a great night passing,

return of a blocked PAT kick for two points.

Stewart opened the scoring with a 15-yard run in the first quarter to put Dimmitt up by 6-0.

Littlefield went ahead 7-6 later in the first, then scored a two-point safety and another TD in the second to take a 15-6 lead.

Dimmitt got the two points back when Mark Rogers blocked the extra-point kick after Littlefield's second TD. Stewart scooped up the live ball and raced 90 yards for two

completing five of five for 75 yards, two TDs and two PATs.

An outstanding defensive effort highlighted the 7th Grade Bobcats' 20-6 victory.

Derrick Thomas scored all three Dimmitt TDs on runs of 30, 17 and 11 yards, and finished the game with 200 yards on 21 carries—an average of almost 10 yards per tote. Johnny Flores also turned in a good running game as he gained 80 yards on 10 carries and notched a two-point PAT run.

Dimmitt points, making it 15-8. Stewart scored again late in the second to narrow Littlefield's lead to 15-14.

After a scoreless third quarter, Dimmitt went out front again when Stewart hit Gauna with a four-yard scoring pass. Monty Moore caught a Stewart pass for a two-point conversion to give Dimmitt a 22-15 lead.

Littlefield retaliated with back-to-back touchdowns to take a 28-22 advantage.

Dimmitt put together a final drive late in the fourth and, with seven seconds left, Stewart hit Gauna with the 27-yard scoring pass that tied it up. The two joined forces again for the two-point conversion after the clock had run out.

Stewart completed 10 of 13 passes for 128 yards. Gauna caught six of them, Casey Summers two and Monty Moore two. Top rushers for Dimmitt were Chris Cowen with 40 yards on eight carries, Stewart with 9 for 40, Moore with 11 for 21 and Gauna with 1 for 16.

Dimmitt had 245 total yards to Littlefield's 214.



JV SPEEDSTERS—The Dimmitt junior varsity team won the district cross country title Monday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Pictured (back, from left) are Coach Richard Wood, Wendi

Ethridge, Ada Williams, India Thomas, Poppy Thomas and Coach Lucretia Shropshire; and (kneeling, from left) Michelle Schumacher and Renee Garcia. Not pictured is Imelda Perez.

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Holly Sugar to expand its acreage, operations

Holly Sugar started its operation in Hereford 25 years ago and has been a major industry for Deaf Smith and surrounding counties ever since.

Castro County farmers have contracted 4,000 to 5,000 acres of sugar beets to Holly Sugar this year, according to Dennis Printz, agricultural manager for Holly, and the addition of a new receiving facility in the county should save some local farmers transportation costs on this year's harvest.

Holly Sugar, a branch of Imperial Holly, is planning on expanding its operation to highlight its 25th year in business and the new receiving facility, located between Dimmitt and Nazareth on Hwy. 86, is part of that expansion.

Ken Chambers, a spokesman for

Imperial Holly's corporate offices in Colorado Springs, Colo., recently told the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association board that the expansion plans for Holly will carry into the 1990's.

The company's tentative three-year plan calls for expanding planted acres from about 37,000 this year to 42,000 by 1992. Chambers added that the company hopes to expand overall acreage by 22% over the next seven years.

"We'll probably see additional plant improvements to meet the additional acres, also," Chambers said.

Holly's recent expansion plans include the establishment of two new beet receiving stations near Nazareth and Kress.

The Nazareth station is capable

of accepting 4,000 tons of beets per day.

"The two new receiving stations will really benefit growers in those areas," said Bill Cleavinger of Wilford, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "They will provide a delivery point for many new growers and save many other growers hundreds of dollars in transportation costs."

"We see the new stations as a strong indication that Holly is determined to enhance its operations here."

Chambers said Imperial Holly has installed a new palletizer, funded cooperatively by Holly and TSBGA, and a valve packing system to enable the company to ship more tonnage of refined product in less space.

"The new equipment will enable us to lower our sales costs," Chambers said.

With the forecast of additional acres ahead, Chambers noted that the company hopes to install new "pile ventilation" systems to facilitate the expanded production.

"We're looking to have a beet pile ventilation pilot program in 1990," said Chambers. "Such systems will enable us to handle the additional tonnage without having to increase our slicing capacity."

As far as long-term plans are concerned, Chambers said that Imperial Holly has a never-ending goal of increasing its beet quality.

"Our objective is to increase the sugar content of beets by 1/10 of 1% or more annually over the next seven years," he said.

"Growers in this area have done an excellent job of producing quality beets and we hope to continue that tradition in the future," he said.

Chambers said the strong market beet growers have enjoyed the past year has kept local nets high for

farmers. "Prices have jumped by about 20% since last year," Chambers said. "That increase was certainly welcomed by all of us. There are indications that 1990 will also see good markets."

Letter

'Their future is at stake!'

Dear Editor:

"The Decade of Destiny for America's Children" is the theme for the Concerned Women for America's 10th Anniversary Celebration Conference.

The secular humanists have boldly stated that, "By the year 2000, we will... raise our children to believe in human potential, not God." Evidences of this are all around us. This is 1989, only 10 years and 2 1/2 months until 2000. Who will save the children? Your children and grandchildren and mine???

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Featured speakers include Dr. Tim La Haye, minister, author and president of familylife seminars; Mrs. Beverly La Haye, founder and president of Concerned Women for America; and Dr. James Dobson, author, and president of Focus on the Family.

For more information call Darla Stewart, 647-2547 or Denise Gerber, 945-2511.

DARLA STEWART

Panhandle Transit acquires new van

Panhandle Community Services now has a new van available for citizens of Castro County who need a ride.

Just call 647-3244 with 24-hours notice, and the Panhandle Transit van will come to your door and take you where you want to go for a nominal charge of 50 cents per one-way trip within Dimmitt or seven cents per mile for out-of-town trips in most cases, with a minimum charge of \$1 for distances less than 14 miles.

Residents of Hart and Nazareth would have to pay the out-of-town rate.

This is a public transportation service and there are no eligibility requirements and no restrictions, according to Bob Whorton, director of the transportation department for

PCS.

Currently the van only comes to Dimmitt on Tuesdays, and if demand is great enough, on Thursdays. But other days may be fitted into the schedule if enough advance notice is given. The same vehicle is used in Tulia. Service is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Whorton said that many of the calls they receive are for taking people to out-of-town doctors, but he emphasized that the service is for every transportation need people might have.

"We'll take them to the store, for beauty appointments, to the bank, to the lawyers, to a restaurant, or for a visit with friends or family," Whorton said.

"This is not a welfare program," he noted. "I'm afraid some are reluctant to use our services because they think it's 'welfare,' but this is a public service program funded through the US Dept. of Transportation and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation from their Section 18 program."

He went on to say that everyone could have occasional need for a transportation service. "Since there aren't any taxis in Dimmitt and bus service is no longer available."

Whorton said one PCS station-wagon is still in service, and noted that there are two local drivers who serve Dimmitt and Tulia. They are Gary Barnett and Ann Schacher. Area Coordinator Flo Shufflin of

Tulia said that Castro County can also share the use of a van that serves Deaf Smith County. Castro County contributed \$750 towards the purchase of that van.

"If local ridership increases enough, then additional days of service will be scheduled," Whorton said.

"Many riders comment that the Panhandle Transit enables them to retain some measure of independence, when they would otherwise be forced to depend on family, friends or neighbors who are busy with their own lives," Shufflin said. "Many people will choose to stay home, rather than ask for rides."

She noted that PCS has coupon books for sale for \$5 each, containing 10 coupons, with each coupon good for a one-way trip worth 50 cents.

"Give someone you know the means of choosing less isolation, a chance to get out and about," she said.

Whorton said that very few calls are received from Castro County, and he feels that not enough people are aware of the availability of the service.

"Studies have shown that a minimum of 10% of the general population is in need of transportation at one time or another, which would be 1,000 people for Castro County," Whorton said.



NEED A RIDE? This new van is now available through the Panhandle Community Services for all citizens of the county. (Front, from left) Local PCS driver Ann Schacher and PCS Area Coordinator Flo Shufflin receive the keys to the van from

Castro County Judge Polly Simpson. The county helped fund a portion of the purchase of another van like it. Others viewing the van are (back, from left) Commissioners Dale Winders, Jeff Robertson, Vincent Guggemos, and Harold Smith.

Contel to acquire McCaw Cellular

Contel Corp. has announced that through its subsidiary Contel Cellular Inc., it has signed a definitive agreement with McCaw Cellular Communications, Inc. to purchase McCaw's cellular telephone properties in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama for approximately \$1.3 billion.

The acquisition, which would be the largest in Contel's 28-year history, is expected to be completed by early 1990, following regulatory

approvals. Contel said the acquisition is aimed at gaining additional controlling interests in the Sun Belt cellular markets that have favorable business and economic demographics.

Charles Wohlstetter, chairman of the board of Contel and Contel Cellular, said "This acquisition affirms our intention of being a major long-term operator in the cellular communications business, which will be a primary growth vehicle for Contel over the next decade."

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DISD names planning group

Forty-two people have been appointed to the district-wide long range planning committee for Dimmitt's Independent School District, and Chuck Braafladt and A'Llan Bradley were named as co-chairmen.

The appointments were confirmed Tuesday night at a special called meeting of the DISD school board. The co-chairmen of the committee were selected by the board from among the committee members.

The planning committee will have its first meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Members of the school board will meet with the committee, present them with a "charge," allow them to ask questions, and then "leave them to their task."

The committee will be charged

with reviewing the school's present facilities and future needs, and bringing recommendations back to the school board by Feb. 1.

"We will gladly allow them access to all school facilities and records, except, of course, student and personnel records," said David Schaeffer, school board president.

All committee members are urged to attend the first meeting, as sub-committee assignments will be made. The board has suggested sub-groups to study future facility needs, present needs for renovations, equipment needs, and financing methods.

"The key to the whole thing is the finance committee," said Board Member James Sims. "We already know what is needed and what we would like to have, and we assume the committee will come to similar

conclusions. The question will be how to finance it."

"If they (the committee) come back to us and say the school needs certain things and they are adamant about it, and we call for a bond election, we want a committee that will be strong in relating to their peers and who will be able to explain those needs to the community," Schaeffer said.

Committee members are: James Alexander, Jerry Annen, Charles Axtell, Ray Bain, Ysleta Ball, Chuck Braafladt, Jim Bradford, A'Llan Bradley, Shari Bradley, Steve Buckley, Wayne Collins, Clyde Dameron Jr., Ed Freeman, Elva Garcia, Paul Garcia, Gary Hardee, Norman Hays, Belinda Hill, Sara Hill, Pam Josselet, Jerry Matthews, Linda Maxwell, Rita McDaniel, Charlie McLean, Celso Medrano, J.H. Myatt, Dan Nelson, Don Nelson, Donny Nelson, John Nino, Seth Ralston, Helen Richardson, Hermenia Salinas, Beth Schulte, Debbie Schumacher, Richard Stahl,

Charlie Summers, Eddie Sutton, Joyce Thomas, Carter Townsend, Mike Wardlaw and Reta Welch.

In other business, the board agreed to let five members of the DHS Spanish Club and their sponsors use a school van to attend a Spanish language workshop Nov. 3-5 in Fort Davis at the Prude Ranch. The students raised the \$50 each needed for the trip.

Buffalo Lake hunt is planned

Approximately 2,000 acres at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge at Umberger will be open to the hunting of ring-necked pheasants by permit only in December.

20 permits will be issued for each hunt day—Dec. 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17—by computer drawing, and each permit will be for hunter selected and one guest.

Only one entry per name will be accepted and there is no choice for hunt days. Hunters will be notified of their hunt day when selected. Permits must be in the hunter's possession while hunting, and aren't transferable. Individuals will be notified by mail and will be required to check in at the refuge headquarters to pick up their hunting permit on the day of their hunt. Persons not drawn will also be notified by mail. Permits of no-show hunters will be issued at 1 p.m. the same day on a first-come, first-served basis. All Texas state hunting regulations will apply and a valid Texas hunting license is required along with the refuge permit. Licenses aren't available at the refuge and there are special refuge regulations which also apply.

Hunters selected may hunt from 9 a.m. to sunset.

Those wishing to enter the drawing should send their name, address and daytime phone number to Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 228, Umberger, Texas 79091.

Closing date for the drawing is Nov. 17 and hunter selection drawings will be held Nov. 20.

Anyone who needs more information about the hunt or how to enter the drawing for permits should contact the refuge headquarters at 806-499-3382.



Lisa Nelson

Lisa Nelson is honored

Lisa Nelson was named Senior Class Favorite during McMurry College's Homecoming celebration.

The daughter of Stanley and Connie Nelson of Dimmitt, Nelson was also honored at halftime of the homecoming game in Indian Stadium.

Nelson is a senior speech pathology major at McMurry College. She has been a member of the student government for three years, is active in Indian Insight, is a member of Alpha Psi Sorority, was class favorite her freshman and sophomore years and was runner-up for the honor her junior year.

She is the granddaughter of Gail Nelson of Dimmitt and Johnny and Harriett Goodwin of Beaver, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Huckabay of Dimmitt.

In Case of Emergency

Until Dimmitt secures the 911 emergency number, persons needing to report an accident, fire, etc. or who need medical attention should call the following numbers:

- 647-2222
- 647-4444
- 647-2191

Obituary

Olin L. LaPlant

Funeral services for Olin L. LaPlant, 64, of Liberal, Kan., the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Friday afternoon in the First Christian Church of Liberal, with Dr. John Louchs, pastor, officiating.

Military graveside rites were held at the Ames Cemetery in Ames, Okla.

Mr. LaPlant died Oct. 17 in Wichita, Kan.

Mr. LaPlant was born in 1924 at Ringwood, Okla. He married Nellie Simmons in 1946 in Enid, Okla. He graduated from Ames High School and was an Army veteran of World War II. He moved to Dimmitt in 1946, where he engaged in farming until 1955. He moved to Liberal in 1957 from Enid. He owned and operated LaPlant Carpet and Tile from 1971 until 1987. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Liberal, and of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3166.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Larry of Woodland Park, Colo., and Dennis of Garden City, Kan.; two daughters, Linda Smith of Ogden, Utah and Mary Watson of Garden City, Kan.; a brother, Virgil of Ephrata, Wash.; two sisters, Rosalie Hawkins of Dimmitt and Evelyn Bradford of Dumas; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

More about

County proclaims ...

(Continued from Page 1)

cations system without going out for bids.

A house in Hart owned by the county was sold to Fernando Lujan, who submitted the high bid of \$11,500 cash.

The commissioners accepted bids received on property being sold to pay back taxes, subject to acceptance of the bids by the Dimmitt school district. The lots were sold for \$3,000 to Hyman Farm Service and for \$350 to Dimmitt Agri Industries.

Computer indexing of the microfilm system being installed in the clerk's office will be delayed until arrangements can be made for suitable software.

Police Calls

Two 18-wheelers making pre-dawn runs collided broadside under the Bedford-Broadway signal light in Dimmitt at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The collision sent one of the drivers to the hospital and caused heavy damage to both tractor-trailer rigs.

Rayford Scott, 46, of Oklahoma was ticketed for running a red light. Clayton White, 57, of Amarillo was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital with a head injury. Police reported that he was treated and released.

Police said Scott was westbound on Highway 86 with a load of meat from Excel and White was southbound on Highway 385 with a load of milk from Plains Creamery, when the two trucks collided at the intersection. The milk truck had to be towed away. The meat truck could be driven enough to get it out of the roadway.

A 35-year-old Lazbuddie man remained in jail Tuesday on felony charges of burglary of a habitation. He was arraigned Tuesday morning, and bond was set at \$5,000.

The charges stemmed from an incident Sunday night in which the suspect was apprehended in the process of entering a home in the Dodd area. The Sheriff's office reported that the man had a knife in his possession. He was stopped before anything was taken, and the occupant of the house, who was at home at the time, was not injured.

Two pickups taken from Hill Feed Lot north of Hart on FM 168 a couple of weeks ago have both been recovered. One was found in Canyon the following day after the theft was reported. Only some tools were missing from the pickup.

The second pickup was found Monday night beside a road three miles northeast of Olton. The motor had been removed and the vehicle was set on fire. The incident is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Dept.

Sunday night at about 10:45 p.m., a 21-year-old Dimmitt man

and his brother allegedly harrassed a local girl and her family, and one of them reportedly slapped the girl. The suspect also was alleged to have assaulted the girl's boyfriend, hitting him on the arm with a baseball bat. Police said the suspect complained that he had been hit on the head with a brick several times in the altercation. The suspect was arrested on public intoxication charges.

Randy Furr of 304 W. Etter in Dimmitt told police his Ford pickup had been taken from his home sometime early Sunday. He discovered the pickup stuck in the lake bottom off of FM 3215. The front of the vehicle was damaged, with repairs estimated at \$900. Another \$100 in damage was done to the tool box in the back. A plastic tool box valued at \$30 was taken, along with other items valued at a total of \$150, Furr reported. On its path to the lake, the vehicle struck and damaged a utility pole guidewire. Investigation is continuing.

Rae Casey of 811 W. Andrews told police last Wednesday afternoon that someone had taken the lawn mower from the back yard of her home. She valued the mower at \$200. It was taken sometime between Oct. 13 and Oct. 15.

Roger Gauna, a student at Dimmitt High School, told police last Thursday that someone broke the glass out of the driver's window on his 1978 Chevy van while it was parked at the school the same day.

Two of the convenience stores in town had some problems Saturday and early Sunday. Early Saturday morning three Hispanic males reportedly entered the Town & Country Store and demanded beer from the clerk, who refused. The men allegedly struck the clerk, knocking him down, and then struck him with a metal barrel lid.

Saturday evening a suspect entered Allsup's, and walked out with a bottle of correction fluid, ignoring the clerk's demand that he pay for the item, valued at \$1.39.

Early Sunday, a clerk at Allsup's reported that three suspects entered the store, ate three sandwiches, announced they would not pay, and walked out. The food was valued at \$6.66.

Carlos Corrales Ontiveros, 21, of Dimmitt was cited for failure to yield right of way while turning left and for not having proof of liability insurance after a two-car accident last Thursday afternoon.

Ontiveros had been driving his 1982 Ford Futura east in the 200 block of East Bedford and attempted to turn left onto Northeast Third Street. He turned in front of a 1989 Ford Crown Victoria being driven west on East Bedford by John Alan Holschaw, 45, of Decatur, Ala., and Holschaw's vehicle struck the right rear fender of Ontiveros' car.

Damage to Holschaw's car was rated light, while Ontiveros' car had moderate damage. No injuries were reported.

Two pickups sustained light damage in a side-swiping accident the afternoon of Oct. 17. No injuries were reported. A 1986 Ford driven by Eddie Wade Adams, 44, of Dimmitt, and a 1983 Chevy driven by James E. Busby, 24, of Thaxton, Miss., were both heading west on East Bedford, when Busby attempted to change lanes and his pickup struck Adams' vehicle, police reported.

A 1981 Chevy Citation owned by J.C. Mays of Dimmitt was left unattended momentarily at the Dimmitt Post Office parking lot, and was damaged by an unknown vehicle on Oct. 17 around 2:50 p.m.

Two cases of assault involving family violence were handled by police in the past week, one last Thursday and one early Sunday.

From 2:59 a.m. Saturday to 12:31 a.m. Sunday, six men were arrested for either public intoxication or DWI.

PROCLAMATION REGARDING CASTRO COUNTY'S CENTENNIAL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

Castro County Commissioners Court, meeting in regular session on October 23, 1989, do hereby enter this proclamation designating that the 100th birthday of Castro County is to be celebrated in 1991 and proclaim that this is an event to be enjoyed and celebrated by every resident in Castro County, and therefore proclaim that a Centennial Committee be designated on this day to plan, schedule and delegate authority to conduct the activities that will make a significant and memorable event in history for every resident of Castro County, and therefore Castro County sanctions this event and pledges to support the Centennial Birthday Celebration with financial support in the 1990-91 budget.

Signed this 23rd day of October, 1989.

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Local bands earn II's in UIL marching contest

County high school marching bands earned "excellent" and "average" ratings at the UIL marching contests.

The Hart High School band competed in the Region 16 marching contest Oct. 17 at Texas Tech University's Jones Stadium and earned a Division II or "excellent" rating.

On Saturday, the Bobcat Band from Dimmitt High School and the Swift Band from Nazareth compe-

ted in the UIL marching contest at Borger High School's stadium.

In the Class AAA contest, Dimmitt earned a Division II rating for its performance. Class AAA schools qualifying for regional were Canyon and Tulia, both with Division I or "superior" ratings.

Nazareth also earned a Division II rating at the contest. Class A schools which qualified for regional were Sunray and White Deer.

Homecoming hits Nazareth

Nazareth High School's Homecoming royalty will be crowned tonight (Thursday) and Friday. The week-long Homecoming celebration draws to a close Friday when the Swifts take on longtime district rival, Happy.

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Swift field.

Other activities during Homecoming week include the annual parade and pep rally tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Swift Field. During the pep rally the Spirit King and Queen will be crowned. This year's candidates are Nikki Schulte and Brian Schmucker, seniors; Shelly Albracht and Wade Hoelting, juniors; Tracy Drerup and Marcos Gonzales, sophomores; and

Natalie Schmucker and Adrian Faris, freshmen.

A chili supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria next Thursday before the pep rally.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at 7 p.m. Friday night during pre-game activities at Swift Field.

Homecoming Queen candidates are Kirsten Birkenfeld, senior; Cindy Albracht, junior; Christy Birkenfeld, sophomore; and Jamie Hatla, freshman.

The Nazareth Swift Band will name its king and queen during halftime of the Nazareth - Happy football game.

More About

Fall crop yields are good ...

(Continued from Page 1) but it could have been worse," Matthews said. It was an average year for the farmers here.

"We had very good weather, good yields and a good quality production on corn this year," Clark said.

Sewell said Hart's harvest was "pretty fair," with yields coming in all ranges, anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds.

Milo

The milo in Castro County looks pretty good so far, but it's going to take a while before harvest is complete in the county.

Bruegel and Dodson say the harvest in their areas is 70% to 80% complete and Byers reports they are through with it at Sunnyside. Everyone else is just beginning to receive loads now.

"The quality and test weight look good," Bruegel said. On the dryland and semi-dryland crops, yields are running 3,000 to 3,500 pounds. On irrigated milo, yields are running as high as 6,000. People just don't irrigate the crop like they used to, though. Most of the farmers give it one or two shots of water and call it irrigated."

Sewell said he's taken in a few loads in Hart, but the moisture is a little wet right now and the quality is okay.

"After the freeze the milo finally got started," said Matthews. Everything looks real good, but I haven't heard any yield reports yet."

"We had our last milo customer Sunday," Byers said. "We didn't get but one patch in, but was good and dry. It yielded 8,000 pounds per acre, about average. We just don't have much milo out in this area."

Soybeans

Reports on the county's soybeans vary from "excellent" to "not too good."

"We don't really raise enough soybeans to know what the yields are, but most that we've received are making about 30 to 50 bushels per acre," said Bruegel. "The crop looks like it's excellent in quality and yields have been fair."

"Our yields have been down a little, about 40 to 50 bushels per acre," Sewell said. "We're about 80 to 90% through with soybeans and the quality looks good."

"The soybeans here are not too good," Matthews said. "The yields were just 20 to 30 bushels per acre. A few isolated cases were a little better, but not much."

Dodson said the beans they have received are about average in quality. "The yields are probably a little below average, but we still have a week to ten days left on harvest."

"I've heard of one patch of soybeans that yielded 52 bushels an acre. That's good," Clark said. "Harvest is practically over, and it's been a good one."

Cotton

The first freeze Oct. 17 may not have been the best thing for the county's cotton crop.

The crop has turned black, but the bolls haven't opened up yet, and that has some gin operators worried.

"We're afraid we may have lost some of the top cotton to the freeze. We won't know anything for sure until it tries to open, but the bolls may not be any good inside, said Randall Small at Castro Co-op Gin.

"We've just barely started getting cotton in. We ginned 20 bales yesterday (Tuesday) and we will be picking up modules out of the fields today (Wednesday). Most of this stuff is pre-sprayed. The rest of the crop needs sunshine and dry weather so it will open up. I think this will be a pretty fair run for cotton, though," Small added.

"The freeze might have damaged a lot of the bolls. Only time will tell," said Scott Rice of Hart Producers Co-op Gin. "Some of the fields that have been treated are opening up, but the others haven't. We haven't had any cotton brought in yet, but I think we might get started by the end of this week or the first part of next week."

Jim Bradford at the North Gin, said they received their first load Oct. 17, but cotton really won't begin to come in until next week.

"Lust Farms brought in our first cotton and it made about 900 pounds or 1 3/4 bales per acre," Bradford said. It would be great if it all makes that! I'm a little worried about the cotton that froze. Most of it's not opening up like it should."

The first cotton bale in the county was ginned by Dodd Gil Oct. 10, according to Pansy Collings. Ronnie Haberer produced the crop and the bale weighed 475 pounds with the grade at 41-33-36. Collins said the first bale was bought by Mills Cotton Co. of Littlefield.

Clay Davis at Flag Farmers Gin said the cotton isn't opening up as quick as he thought it would after the freeze and they haven't started harvesting the crop yet.

"We may need another hard freeze before it starts to open. It's not reacting very quick after the hard freeze we had here. Some people reported a low of 22 degrees. The cotton looks dead, but the bolls just aren't opening up," Davis said.

"I'm still optimistic, though. The price is holding up okay and it should be a pretty decent crop if the bolls open."

Sugar Beets

The weather has been very cooperative with beet diggers so far and everything is moving right along with the sugar beet harvest.

"What we're seeing so far is a good, quality crop," said Dennis Printz, agricultural manager for Holly Sugar in Hereford.

"Our agriculturists are receiving good cooperation from growers, who of course, are eager to get beets out of the field."


Holly will be operating on a scheduled harvest through Wednesday, when it will begin storing beets at its eight receiving stations and the Hereford plant.

Printz said the company hopes to have this year's sugar beet harvest completed around Thanksgiving.

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1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.
3. You must be registered to vote.
4. You may register to vote at any time. However, in order for you to vote in a particular election, your application for registration must be postmarked or received by the registrar at least 30 days before that election.

AMENDMENT 1

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT THE SALARY OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY AND TO LIMIT THE SALARY OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE TO NOT MORE THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

Explanation

Salaries for legislators, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the lieutenant governor are set in the Texas Constitution, therefore requiring voter approval to be changed. This proposed constitutional amendment would change the current salaries by setting the salary of the members of the legislature at a figure equal to one-fourth of the salary of the governor, whose salary is set by law. The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor would each receive an amount equal to one-half of the governor's salary. The lieutenant governor would no longer receive the governor's salary when serving as governor.

The proposed pay raise for legislators and the speaker of the house would take effect when the 1991 legislative session begins. The increase for the lieutenant governor would take effect in 1991 on the first day of the term of office.

Currently members of the legislature receive a salary of \$600 per month, a per diem (daily allowance for food and lodging) of \$30 for each day during the regular and special sessions of the legislature, and mileage at the rate set by law for state employees. The speaker and the lieutenant governor presently receive the same pay as legislators. The governor's pay for the current fiscal year is \$91,600.

Arguments For

- The last legislative pay raise was approved by voters in 1975. It fixed salaries at \$7,200 a year. Inflation has reduced that figure to a worth of only \$3,300 in 1975 dollars. Among the 10 most populous states, legislative pay averages \$32,000 a year, and Texas ranks last. Texas legislators no longer meet for only 140 days every two years. Complex issues require longer hours, special sessions, and much work during the interim between sessions. The current low salary is not sufficient to compensate members of the legislature adequately.
- Poor pay and lack of time to hold normal jobs have made it almost impossible for the average citizen to serve in the Texas Legislature. It is time for the people of Texas to realize that the era of the part-time legislator no longer exists. Only one legislature in the past 20 years met for the minimum 140 days.
- We need to pay our legislators a reasonable income in order to attract high-caliber talent. Tying the pay raise to the governor's salary keeps legislators' salaries in line with the current cost of living and eliminates the need to amend the constitution each time the matter of legislative pay comes up.
- With increased financial and time pressures, it becomes harder for legislators to remain independent from lobbyists and political contributors. Legislators rely on contributions to pay for non-reimbursable expenses. Adequate pay would reduce legislators' reliance on contributions.

Arguments Against

- Texas lawmakers are not so poorly compensated that they need a 224% raise. Lawmakers continue to earn salaries in the off year when they are not in session, and they are reimbursed for living and office expenses.

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- Legislators receive a generous retirement plan which they control through adjusting judicial pay, to which it is linked. Lawmakers also have enhanced opportunities for business and employment because of their prestige.
- There is nothing wrong with maintaining the time-honored Texas tradition of the part-time citizen legislator. It ensures that only those legislators who are sincerely interested in government service seek election. By continuing to earn a living in their communities, legislators remain in touch with the citizenry and are more likely to hear about and understand their concerns.
- By automatically adjusting salaries to conform to the governor's salary, which is set by the legislature, the proposed amendment would eliminate voters' control over legislative pay raises. Attempts to raise salaries in recent years have failed because the electorate has been able to affirm its opposition to the proposals.

AMENDMENT 2**Wording on the Ballot**

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$500 MILLION OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR WATER SUPPLY, WATER QUALITY, AND FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES.

Explanation

The \$500 million of bonds proposed by this amendment would be issued by the Texas Water Development Board for the following purposes: \$250 million for water supply projects, \$200 million for water quality projects (wastewater treatment), and \$50 million for flood control projects. Most of the bond proceeds would be used to continue existing programs through which the Water Development Board lends money to cities and water districts at rates lower than they could obtain elsewhere, with the borrowers making full repayment to the state.

Up to \$100 million could be used for subsidized loans and grants to provide water and wastewater facilities in economically distressed areas of the state. Needs for these subsidies have been identified in studies of the *colonias*, rural subdivisions in counties along the Texas-Mexico border. As these studies show, many *colonias* lack indoor water service, and some have no drinking water supply. Most have inadequate sewage facilities. Subsidies would also be available to residential areas with similar problems in several other Texas counties where income is 25 percent below the state average and unemployment is 25 percent above the state average.

Subsidized loans would be made to counties, cities, water districts, or nonprofit water supply corporations to provide water and sewer services in accordance with minimum state standards. Water conservation and use of local labor would be encouraged.

The amount of the state subsidy would be based on residents' ability to pay a portion of project costs through water and sewer rates. Counties and cities where state subsidies are provided would be required to prohibit new residential developments that lack adequate water supply and sewer services.

Arguments For

- Many thousands of Texans have no safe drinking water supplies and no sanitary means of sewage disposal. The serious public health problems created by these conditions must be addressed. State financial assistance should be provided in areas where residents cannot pay the full costs of water and wastewater facilities that meet minimum health standards. This proposed amendment would make \$100 million available for state cost-sharing for these urgently needed facilities.
- The rest of the \$500 million of water development bonds would be used to extend present programs that provide loans to local governments. Many cities and water districts have been able to keep their water and wastewater rates lower by financing new facilities through the Texas Water Development Fund. Local costs of flood control projects are also reduced by use of this fund.

Arguments Against

- Aid to the *colonias* should be provided through appropriations of state funds, rather than through a bond program. Interest costs make bond financing about twice as expensive over the long term as cash appropriations. Bond repayment costs for the subsidized loans and grants will cause future drains on the state's General Revenue Fund.
- There is no need for additional authorizations for water development bonds at this time. Of the \$980 million in bonds authorized by voters in 1985 and 1987 for water supply, water quality, and flood control, \$689.5 million have not yet been issued.

AMENDMENT 3**Wording on the Ballot**

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY, WITH GOALS OF INCREASING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS, THROUGH STATE

FINANCING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF TEXAS PRODUCTS AND BUSINESSES.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to issue a total of \$75 million in general obligation bonds to provide venture financing for small businesses, new products, and agricultural enterprises. This could include up to \$25 million for the Texas Agricultural Fund to provide financial assistance for production, processing, marketing, or export of Texas agricultural products grown by small agricultural businesses; \$5 million for the Rural Microenterprise Development Fund to foster the creation and expansion of small businesses in rural areas; \$25 million for the Texas Product Development Fund to encourage development and production of new and improved products; and \$20 million for the Small Business Incubator Fund to stimulate small business growth through loans and grants.

Revenues for all four funds would come from bond proceeds and loan repayments, as well as other sources such as royalties, dividends, investment income, and other revenues deposited by the legislature. The general obligation bonds authorized by the amendment would have first call on state funds not constitutionally dedicated to other purposes.

The Texas Agricultural Fund, Texas Product Development Fund, and the Small Business Incubator Fund were established by the 70th Legislature in 1987, but in 1987 voters defeated a proposal to authorize \$115 million in general obligation bonds for the programs. In addition to authorizing the \$75 million in bonds, the current proposal would reduce the Texas Agricultural Fund from \$100 million to \$25 million and would add the Rural Microenterprise Fund at \$5 million. The Texas Product Development Fund would be increased from \$15 million to \$25 million, and the Small Business Incubator Fund would be increased from \$10 million to \$20 million.

Arguments For

- The capital that would be provided by this proposed amendment is needed to preserve the state's agricultural economy, which accounts for 20 percent of all jobs in Texas but is suffering from an on-going farm crisis. The Texas Agricultural Fund established in 1987 can provide loans to agricultural businesses that cannot get financing elsewhere, but it needs the \$25 million in seed money that this proposition would authorize in order to get the program off the ground. The Rural Microenterprise Development Fund would assist small businesses serving rural areas that might otherwise lack necessary supporting services.
- Two-thirds of all new jobs come from new businesses. The Texas Product Development Fund and the Texas Small Business Incubator Program can provide a shot in the arm for economic recovery, but they require the funding this proposed amendment would authorize in order to foster innovative products and services. This model has worked well in other states.
- The state cannot lose any more money than it puts in. Each fund is structured as a revolving loan fund so that the state will get its money back with interest.

Arguments Against

- The Texas Constitution calls for a "pay as you go" philosophy, which is undermined by this type of amendment. The state already has almost \$7 billion in bonded indebtedness and authorization for even more. Increasing bonded indebtedness risks higher interest rates and may compete with local public works projects.
- It is better to promote economic growth by investing in education rather than these bond programs. Quality education attracts new businesses to locate in Texas.
- The state should not compete with private lenders, and particularly should not venture into speculative territory avoided by private lenders.

AMENDMENT 4**Wording on the Ballot**

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT PROPERTY OF NONPROFIT VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution clearly defines the types of property that the legislature may exempt from taxation. These include public property used for public purposes, churches, cemeteries not held for private or corporate profit, solar or wind-powered energy devices, all buildings used exclusively for school purposes, and public charity institutions. All other exemptions are expressly made "null and void." Because the constitution does not specifically authorize an exemption for property owned by veterans' organizations, the Texas Attorney General in 1982 ruled unconstitutional a section of the Tax Code exempting certain veterans' organizations if the property is not used to produce revenue or gain. In 1983 a proposition exempting from ad valorem taxation the property of certain veterans' organizations and also of certain fraternal organizations was placed on the ballot and was defeated by voters.

Arguments For

- This proposition is necessary to create uniform exemptions for veterans' organizations as the legislature originally intended. At present, the

organizations are subject to local tax appraisers' interpretations of "purely public charity" under the Tax Code and there is no uniform statewide treatment.

- Without this exemption, many veterans' organizations must cut back their services or ask their communities for more support. Some would be unable to survive.

Arguments Against

- This proposition would raise the tax bill for other taxpayers who would have to pay higher taxes to make up the difference. Although many veterans' organizations provide commendable services, other organizations that provide similar services are not automatically exempted from paying property taxes. The voters have already clearly demonstrated that they do not want this exemption.
- Organizations that qualify as legitimate charitable organizations are already able to obtain exemptions; a blanket exemption is unnecessary and opens the door to misuse by organizations whose purpose may be to engage in social or profit-making activities rather than purely charitable ones.

AMENDMENT 5

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION, AND FAIR TAX TREATMENT FOR TEXANS WHO EXPORT GOODS TO OTHER STATES AND NATIONS BY RESTORING AND ALLOWING, ON A LOCAL OPTION BASIS, AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS IN TEXAS ONLY TEMPORARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLING, STORING, MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, OR FABRICATING.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would enable the legislature to exempt from ad valorem (property) taxation any goods, wares, merchandise, and ores that are in the state no more than 175 days for processing or manufacturing purposes. This exemption does not include oil, gas, and petroleum products.

This proposition would allow counties, school districts, junior college districts, and municipalities to override all or a percentage of the exemption by taking action to do so. To override the exemption for 1990 and subsequent years they must act before January 1, 1990. To override the exemption beginning in 1991 they must act before April 1, 1990. A jurisdiction that chooses to override the exemption may later rescind that decision and exempt the property; however, once a local jurisdiction has exempted the property, that decision is irrevocable.

This proposed amendment would restore, with a local option to participate, the "freeport exemption" for goods in transit that was in effect for many years but was declared unconstitutional in 1986. A similar issue was submitted to voters in 1987 and was defeated by 44,340 votes out of 2,025,088 votes cast. The current proposition differs from the previous one in that it exempts goods originating in the state as well as those coming into the state.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would make it possible for the legislature to reinstate a tax exemption that has already proven its value for economic development. Many jobs were created for Texans by exempting from taxation property brought into or acquired in the state to be assembled or processed and then shipped out of state, such as fabric to be made into clothing, or components for computers.
- Texas is the only state that has neither an inventory exemption nor a goods-in-transit exemption of any kind. Such an exemption was recommended by the Select Committee on Tax Equity so that Texas could compete economically with other states.
- Local taxing entities could avoid the loss of property tax revenue by exercising their local option to maintain the tax. If they allow the exemption to take effect, they will see gains in economic activity that will balance any loss in revenues.

Arguments Against

- This exemption would cost local taxing districts millions of dollars in lost revenues. This would result in higher taxes for the remaining taxpayers, or reduced services in local or educational programs to taxpayers. The time frame for waiving the exemption is too short to allow local governments to take advantage of it.
- Leaving the "freeport" tax a local option would result in uneven policies statewide. The legislature should have followed the recommendation of the Select Committee on Tax Equity to offset the "freeport" exemption with a local motor-fuels tax or sharing of a revised franchise tax.
- Oil, gas, and petroleum products are a major part of the Texas economy and ought to be included in the "freeport" exemption.

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AMENDMENT 6

Wording on the Ballot

AUTHORIZING THE MEMBERS OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

Explanation

Under Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, terms of government offices are limited to two years unless a longer term is authorized elsewhere in the constitution. Since the terms of hospital district governing board members are not set elsewhere, they fall under the two-year limit. If this proposed amendment is passed, it will allow the legislature to set the terms of these board members at up to four years.

Arguments For

- Because terms of office are usually staggered, the two-year term of office forces many hospital districts to hold elections every year. Such frequent elections cost the districts money that could be better spent on health care, and they result in a proliferation of elections which attract few voters. Less frequent elections would save hospital districts money and might result in better voter participation.
- This proposed amendment would allow for greater continuity on hospital boards. Over the years, many amendments allowing longer terms for state offices have passed, and the two-year term of office has become the exception rather than the rule for local districts.

Arguments Against

- Short terms keep hospital district board members accountable to the public. The cost of the elections is minimal compared to the value to the public of assuring that board members will be responsive to their desires.
- Hospital districts have been operating successfully for years with the current two-year terms. It is not necessary to tinker with the constitution to change this system.

AMENDMENT 7

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICER, BEFORE ASSUMING OFFICE, SIGN A WRITTEN OATH STATING THAT THE MEMBER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OR THE OFFICER DID NOT ENGAGE IN BRIBERY TO OBTAIN THE OFFICE.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution requires that members of the legislature, and all other elected officials, take the following oath or affirmation: "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God." The secretary of state and all other appointed officials take a similar oath.

This proposed amendment would remove from the above oath the section referring to bribes and rewards and place similar words into a written statement which the elected and appointed officers listed in the ballot wording must sign and file with the secretary of state before taking the oath or affirmation. The member or official would then repeat the following oath or affirmation when being sworn into office:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God."

Arguments For

- The bribery provisions contained in the 1876 Texas Constitution reflect the reaction to the corrupt Reconstruction period and are not appropriate in more modern times. The shorter oath would be more fitting to the spirit of celebration of modern-day swearing-in ceremonies.
- The bribery provisions are not removed from the process, but rather are placed in a written statement to be signed prior to taking the oath. This method allows for serious reflection on these statements but in a less public setting.
- The President of the United States takes an oath of office that is 35 words long. Other states use similarly short oaths. The current oath in Texas is nearly three times as long.

Arguments Against

- Legislators and others have been repeating this oath for more than a century. This is a harmless enough thing to do and is not worthy of the time and

AMENDMENT 7 (continued)

expense necessary to add another proposition to an already unwieldy number of proposed amendments.

- The ballot language is misleading in that it implies that the bribery provision of the oath of office is a new requirement when it has been a part of the oath since 1876.
- Recent media reports concerning ethical issues in government would indicate that this is not the time to discard language from an oral oath that requires members or officials to state publicly that they have not taken bribes or promised rewards.

AMENDMENT 8

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO FACILITIES OF CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS, YOUTH CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION INSTITUTIONS AND FOR THE EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES.

Explanation

This proposed constitutional amendment would add an additional \$400 million of general obligation bonds to the \$500 million of such bonds approved by the voters in 1987, to build additional prisons, Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities, and Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) facilities and to undertake renovations. This new bond proposal would also allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to spend \$5.8 million to purchase and renovate a building in Austin in order to expand its headquarters. Additional proposed allocations are \$197.8 million to the Texas Department of Corrections for approximately 5800 beds and additional renovations, \$48.5 million to TDMHMR, and \$16.9 million to TYC, leaving \$131 million unallocated at this time.

Arguments For

- Lack of prison capacity is impeding law enforcement efforts and undermining the deterrent effect of prison on criminal activity. Even though there will be about 15,000 new prison beds available when all the 1987 bond funds are spent, statistics on crime and recidivism rates projected for the next three decades indicate that without the additional 5800 beds called for in this bond proposal, future needs will not be met. Texas do not want dangerous criminals who belong in prison held in local jails for lack of space in state facilities.
- Using bonds to finance construction makes fiscal sense for long term investments such as prison facilities because it stretches the payment period over many years. Texas' bond debt is among the lowest in the nation and this necessary expenditure would add little to it.

Arguments Against

- Texas will not be able to build enough prison beds to meet projected needs without adding enormous debt service and operations costs to our annual budgets. Debt service alone on this proposed bond program amounts to more than \$38 million annually from 1991 to 2010, for a total of more than \$800 million. These interest payments come directly out of the state's general revenue and must be paid before any other appropriations can be made. It would be fiscally wiser to spend at least this much money on proven alternatives to incarceration, including programs at the community level such as education, drug and alcohol programs, etc., before investing such a large amount in bricks and mortar.
- Since 15,000 new prison spaces will be available by the end of 1991 and the 1989 Legislature has appropriated more money than ever before for community alternatives to incarceration, it seems logical at least to postpone additional construction for several years to see if these cost-effective programs work.

AMENDMENT 9

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO ORGANIZE AND COMBINE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES THAT PERFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNCTIONS.

Explanation

The 71st Legislature passed legislation creating a new agency by combining the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Paroles (both executive agencies) with the Adult Probation Commission (a judicial agency). This new agency, the Department of Criminal Justice, will have a nine-member board appointed by the governor. Judges are eligible for appointment to the board. Each former agency will become a division within the new Department of Criminal Justice.

This proposed constitutional amendment is designed to eliminate possible conflict with the constitutional requirement for the strict separation of powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. In the past, the courts have ruled that parole is an executive function, while probation is

granted and administered by the judicial branch. This proposed amendment would allow these executive and judicial functions to be performed by the same agency. It is anticipated that consolidation of these three agencies will occur on January 1, 1990, regardless of the passage or defeat of this proposed amendment.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would ensure that the combination of functions could occur without violating traditional interpretations of the separation of powers clause of the constitution. It would also give voters the opportunity to voice their opinions on the merits of consolidation.
- The various parts of the criminal justice process – incarceration, probation, and parole – are obviously related to one another. A single agency would provide a statewide overview of criminal justice policy, promoting efficiency by allowing the reorganization and streamlining of the complex criminal justice system.

Arguments Against

- Separation of powers among the three branches of government was established by the Founding Fathers to provide checks and balances to protect the individual against the uncontrolled power of government. This proposed amendment would sweep away many of these restraints in the name of government efficiency by combining agencies with clearly defined executive and judicial authority, without sufficient consideration of the potential implications of that change.
- No independent analysis of possible benefits or drawbacks exists to provide evidence that consolidation would create a more efficient and cost-effective criminal justice system. The agency responsible for planning and research in criminal justice matters was not even made part of the new agency. The Sunset Advisory Commission considered and rejected the idea of consolidation as recently as 1987.

AMENDMENT 10

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE OR PERMIT COURTS TO INFORM JURIES ABOUT THE EFFECT OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME AND ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION ON THE PERIOD OF INCARCERATION SERVED BY A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would expand the existing constitutional power of the legislature to enact parole laws to include laws that require or permit courts to inform juries about the effect of good conduct time and eligibility for parole, thus making what is currently in a law part of the constitution.

In November 1987, the Court of Criminal Appeals struck down the statute that required judges to instruct the jury about state laws on parole and good-conduct time, saying that it violated the separation of powers required by the Texas Constitution. The court felt the statute was an attempt by the legislature to direct the judiciary to interfere with the parole power which is held exclusively by the executive branch. This proposed amendment would give the legislature the authority in question.

Arguments For

- Sentences imposed by jurors are often affected by how jurors perceive laws on parole and good-conduct time based on a vague understanding of the issue derived from media reporting of a few sensational cases. Thus jurors may impose sentences that are too harsh or too lenient.
- Presently juries are not allowed to consider such information, but they do anyway. Passage of this proposed amendment would allow them to have factual information about the effects of good-conduct time and parole. Such information helps jurors determine sentences they believe are adequate.
- There is no evidence that the instructions to the jury on parole and good-conduct time would lengthen the sentencing phase of a trial.

Arguments Against

- Judicial instruction about the existence of laws governing parole and good-conduct time will create more, not less, confusion among jurors because, at the end of such instruction, the judge must also instruct the jurors NOT to consider the extent to which these laws would affect the particular defendant whose punishment is under consideration by the jury. The penalty phase of jury trials would lengthen as defense attorneys would want to introduce evidence explaining how the parole and good-conduct time laws are applied.
- This proposed amendment would lead to longer prison sentences based on juries' fear of early release of prisoners. Overcrowding of prisons would result, creating just the situation jurors want to avoid: early release.
- It is difficult to explain adequately the complicated system of parole and good-conduct time within the confines of jury instruction allowed under the law because it is impossible to forecast how these provisions would affect a defendant's future actions and how the Texas Department of Corrections and the parole board would view these actions.

AMENDMENT 11

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO SET THE AMOUNT OF PER DIEM RECEIVED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE AT THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES AS A DEDUCTION FOR LIVING EXPENSES INCURRED BY A STATE LEGISLATOR IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Explanation

The compensation for legislators is set in the Texas Constitution at \$600 per month with an additional \$30 per diem (daily allowance for food and lodging) paid during regular and special sessions. This proposition would amend the constitution to eliminate the fixed \$30 per day payment and change it to a floating amount equal to the maximum federal income tax deduction allowed for state legislators on legislative business. Per diem is paid only when legislators are in Austin. Legislators also are entitled to reimbursement for legislative expenses, and for mileage at the rate set for state employees. They have a budget for office, staff, printing, and postage. They may also have officeholder accounts to defray expenses connected with legislative duties.

Arguments For

- The \$30 per diem allowance was adopted in 1975, and inflation has cut its purchasing power to less than half the original level. The \$30 per diem does not adequately reimburse legislators for the costs incurred in legislative service.
- A good way to keep per diem reasonable and in line with the cost of living is to tie it to the federal income tax deduction. By so doing, the per diem will be increased or decreased according to changes in the economy. This formula has been relatively stable and does not fluctuate greatly.
- When per diem is not adequate, it opens up the opportunity for lobbyists to cover costs incurred by legislators. This can result in public policy that favors those who can afford to help legislators with their expenses.

Arguments Against

- At \$30 per day, legislators receive approximately \$900 per month while the legislature is in session. This amount is in addition to the regular salary of \$600 per month. This amount is adequate for the citizen legislator.
- Per diem for state legislators should not be tied to the federal allowance. The state has no control over the amount of the federal allowance, which is based on expenses incurred by state legislators all over the country. It does not necessarily reflect the cost of living in Texas.
- Changing the per diem will not solve the problem of lobby influence. Lobbyists spent \$1.35 million in 1988 when the legislature was not even in session.

AMENDMENT 12

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR USING THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND AND ITS INCOME TO GUARANTEE BONDS ISSUED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Explanation

As amended in 1983, the Texas Constitution authorizes the legislature to use the Permanent School Fund (PSF) and its income to guarantee bonds issued by local school districts. This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to use the PSF to guarantee bonds issued by the state to aid school districts. Up to \$750 million in revenue bonds could be outstanding at a time. Loans could be made to a school district to refund its outstanding bonds or to purchase a district's bonds. Funds could be used to buy or build items used for classroom teaching, including equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and buildings with a useful life of more than two years. The funds could not be used to buy land or build facilities used for extracurricular activities. There could be a requirement for the district to provide matching funds, or a limit on the amount of aid received by any one district could be imposed. Any payment made from the PSF would be reimbursed from the state treasury. The amount of any delinquent loan would be deducted from the district's next Foundation School Fund payment.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment could save school districts \$10 million a year by lowering their costs of borrowing money. Because the state would be able to issue a larger amount of bonds at one time than could a school district, it would enjoy relatively lower issuance costs, such as attorneys' and underwriters' fees. Because the bonds issued by the state would be guaranteed by the PSF, they would receive much higher ratings than bonds issued by a school district.
- This proposition would promote equalization because it would provide some help to poor schools. Large districts already have high bond ratings and would probably not receive aid from this amendment, if it is approved.
- Providing state support for construction would address concerns about the constitutionality of the state's school funding system. (Texas is one of 10 states which does not currently provide state funding for school construction.)

- This program would be self-financing and voluntary. No bonds would be issued by the state unless school districts requested aid from the proceeds.

Arguments Against

- A pool for state bond proceeds would be created with the possibility that no one would use it because the current bond guarantee program is sufficient to meet school district needs.
- This proposed amendment does not promote equalization because districts that need the most help are too poor to participate in this bond cost-saving program; they need direct state aid. The school financing system should include funding for facilities, and this amendment would not do that.
- The items for which bonds could be used are defined too broadly, so school districts could use long-term bonds to finance purchase of short-lived items. In addition, although the implementing legislation would only authorize up to \$750 million, that limit could be raised in the future by amending the statute by a simple legislative majority, thus evading the constitutional restriction requiring voter approval of general obligation bonds.
- Persons knowledgeable about the bond market say this proposed amendment is useless because small school districts can sell their own bonds cheaper than they would be able to borrow from a bond bank.

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AMENDMENT 13

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CRIME VICTIMS.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would guarantee constitutional protection of certain rights for crime victims. Victims' rights would include fair treatment, respect for personal dignity and privacy, and reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

Upon request, the crime victim would be allowed to confer with a representative of the prosecutor's office and in certain circumstances be present at court proceedings. If the accused were convicted, victims would be entitled to receive information about the sentence, imprisonment, and any subsequent release from prison.

Victims would not be entitled to participate as parties in a proceeding or to contest the outcome, nor would they have standing to sue state attorneys, judges, law enforcement officers, or agencies for failure or inability to provide these rights.

Arguments For

- Providing a constitutional guarantee of rights for victims of crime to balance against the rights already guaranteed to persons accused of crime would ensure a more equitable state criminal justice system. Victims should have rights too.
- Crime victims sometimes want to be present at court proceedings, but defense attorneys routinely have them excluded as potential witnesses to keep them out of the jury's sight. If this proposed amendment were passed, victims would have a right to be present even if they were to testify unless the judge determined their testimony would be materially affected by hearing other testimony.
- Crime victims often have felt deprived of information about the prosecution, sentence, imprisonment, and/or subsequent release of the person accused of the crime against them. If this amendment were passed, victims of crime would be guaranteed the right to obtain such information throughout the court proceedings.

Arguments Against

- This proposed amendment is not necessary because it would just duplicate what the 69th Legislature passed into law in 1985, with the enactment of the Texas Crime Victims' Act. The constitution already is too long and confusingly cluttered with amendments without another unnecessary one.

AMENDMENT 13 (continued)

- The witness exclusion rule is one of the oldest rules governing trials, having its roots in biblical scripture (Isaiah). Allowing victims/witnesses to attend court proceedings and hear testimony of other witnesses would prejudice the trial against the accused, opening the door to increasing numbers of appeals.
- State prosecutors have enough difficulty securing convictions of persons accused of crimes without the problem of crime victims asking for information and explanations about something as complex as our criminal justice system. They should be allowed to do their job with minimal distraction.

AMENDMENT 14

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING A DISTRICT ATTORNEY SERVING IN FORT BEND COUNTY TO BE ELECTED AND SERVE A TERM IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY GENERAL LAW FOR CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Explanation

This proposition would amend the constitution to allow an election for the newly created office of district attorney serving Fort Bend County to be held at a different time than the constitution currently prescribes for district-attorney elections. The district attorney would still serve a four-year term. To make this possible, the proposition would amend the constitution to have the election of the district attorney serving Fort Bend County governed by the law that relates to the election and term of office for criminal district attorneys. Related legislation passed by the 1989 Legislature, which creates the new posts of county attorney and district attorney serving Fort Bend County and which abolishes the current post of criminal district attorney, will not take effect unless this proposed amendment passes.

The constitution calls for county attorneys and district attorneys statewide to be elected to four-year terms, with the next election to be held in 1992. Criminal district attorneys across the state are also elected to four-year terms, with their next election to be held in 1990.

If this proposed amendment passes, legislation will be implemented that creates two posts and abolishes one post in Fort Bend County. The post of county attorney for Fort Bend County would be created, and commissioners court would appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the new post from January, 1991 until the 1992 election, when Fort Bend County voters would elect a county attorney for a four-year term at the time the constitution calls for such elections.

The accompanying legislation would also create the post of district attorney serving Fort Bend County. According to the constitution, the governor would fill this vacancy by appointment until the next election, scheduled for 1992. The proposed amendment would instead allow voters to choose the Fort Bend district attorney in 1990 and for the usual four-year term. The result would be that the terms of office of the county attorney and district attorney in Fort Bend County would be staggered instead of their elections being held in the same year as the constitution currently prescribes for these offices statewide.

The other major effect of the accompanying legislation would be to abolish the current post of criminal district attorney in Fort Bend County. The constitution does not allow a county to have both a county attorney and a criminal district attorney.

Arguments For

- This proposition and the accompanying legislation would allow voters in Fort Bend County to choose their new district attorney in a reorganization for efficiency that would create two posts and abolish one in this fast-growing area.

Arguments Against

- Rather than making a single exception for the district attorney serving Fort Bend County, the arbitrary staggering of local office terms by the Texas Constitution should be repealed. Adding an exception to a provision that has no real meaning would just increase the clutter in the constitution.

AMENDMENT 15

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT AND REGULATE RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution prohibits lotteries and gift enterprises, but permits nonprofit organizations to conduct bingo games for charitable purposes on a local-option basis. The proposed amendment would permit qualified charitable and non-profit organizations to conduct raffles for charitable purposes. Enabling legislation forbids cash prizes, places a limit of \$25,000 on the value of prizes, and requires that the lottery be managed by the organization itself rather than by agents hired for the purpose.

Arguments For

- Many nonprofit organizations sponsor raffles to raise money for charitable purposes, unaware that this constitutes a third-degree felony. Law enforcement officials are reluctant to prosecute charities for unintentional violations. The law should be consistent with common sense and practice.
- Charitable giving in Texas has been hurt by the state's economic downturn and by changes in the federal income tax laws for charitable donations. Charities are having to find more creative ways to raise funds. This proposed amendment would support them in that effort.
- By approving an amendment in 1980 to allow charities to conduct bingo games, Texans have already endorsed giving community groups the right to raise funds for charitable causes. This amendment would enable the legislature to permit well-regulated raffles for charity, with reasonable safeguards against abuse.

Arguments Against

- This proposed amendment puts the state in the position of endorsing one more form of legalized gambling and could set a precedent for others such as a state lottery. Studies show that legal gambling leads to increases in illegal gambling.
- Charities should not raise money from gambling. Texans should be concerned about the increase in "charitable gambling." It is poor policy to involve school children and well-intentioned adults in gambling by encouraging them to sell raffle tickets.
- There is no machinery for regulation of raffles to ensure that sponsors are in fact "qualified" organizations, that they are complying with state law, and that no abuse is involved.

AMENDMENT 16

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GRANTING TO THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN HOSPITAL DISTRICTS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC WELL-BEING IN A MANNER INDEPENDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution currently allows the legislature to provide by law for the creation and operation of local hospital districts, which must then be approved by local voters. The constitution presently requires a separate legislative authorization for each hospital district. If passed, this proposed amendment would allow the legislature to enact a general law under which hospital districts could be created by local voters without specific legislative authorization. The general hospital district law needed to implement the amendment has already passed the legislature.

The proposed amendment would also change the current requirement that creation of a hospital district must be approved by a majority of **taxpaying** voters in the district to a requirement of approval by a majority of **qualified** voters in the district.

Arguments For

- A hospital district has local taxing authority and provides a local service. Creating, abolishing, or changing such a local entity should be left to the local voters, who are most concerned and most knowledgeable.
- If the proposed amendment is passed, local residents will not be forced to wait until the legislature is in session before they can begin the process of establishing a hospital district. Sometimes the wait can be more than a year, a delay that can create real problems in an emergency.
- The requirements for hospital districts set forth in the companion legislation to this amendment are the same as those usually used in the bills creating hospital districts. The proposed amendment and the companion legislation would only remove the legislature from the process, changing nothing else.

Arguments Against

- Hospital districts have extensive powers, including taxation, issuing bonds, and the power of eminent domain. The creation of each of these important entities should be considered individually by the legislature.
- The current requirement of a separate bill for each hospital district ensures that a local consensus on the district is formed, and potential problems are faced, before legislation is passed and the issue is brought before the local voters.
- If passed, this proposed amendment could lead to the hasty creation of hospital districts to solve specific problems that do not really require such districts.

AMENDMENT 17

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC FIRE-FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS TO PURCHASE FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, TO AID IN PROVIDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW, AND TO EDUCATE AND TRAIN THEIR MEMBERS.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would permit the legislature to authorize the use of public money to provide scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to municipal fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and publicly supported organizations that provide equipment or training to fire departments. The legislature has already passed implementing legislation for the proposed amendment. The fire department emergency program would be under the jurisdiction of a seven-member Fire Department Emergency Board appointed by the governor, composed of five members involved in fire service activities and two members representing the general public.

Arguments For

- Many small communities have no fire protection or are served by fire departments that operate with outmoded equipment and untrained personnel. These communities lack alternative sources of funding for fire protection services. Some areas are too sparsely populated to incorporate to create a municipal fire department or so poor that a rural fire-prevention district cannot generate sufficient revenue even at the maximum property-tax rate allowed by law.
- Under the implementing legislation, aid to eligible local fire-fighting organizations would be distributed according to need as determined by a board including members nominated by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association and the Association of Fire Fighters. Therefore, this proposal should not promote rural versus urban conflict because any municipal or volunteer fire department would be eligible for a grant if it were otherwise unable to purchase necessary fire-fighting equipment or adequately train and educate its members.
- Increased fire protection in one area of the state would benefit all areas since the fire insurance rate is set statewide according to statewide losses to fire damage.

Arguments Against

- A fire department emergency program is not necessary. Other mechanisms such as rural fire-prevention districts already exist to raise revenue locally to finance fire-fighting operations in rural and undeveloped areas.
- Municipalities that received money from the program probably would just reduce their own tax support for fire protection, thus shifting the cost from local taxpayers to state revenues without a net gain in funds for the local fire department.
- The fire-fighting assistance program that would be authorized by this proposal would have a negligible impact on the level of fire insurance premiums statewide. Relatively few policies are written for rural areas compared to urban areas so a decrease in losses due to fire in rural areas would be of minor importance in setting the base rate. Furthermore, local fire-fighting capacity and the local incidence of loss due to fire have a greater effect on a homeowner's fire insurance premium.

AMENDMENT 18

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN TIME LIMITATIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEXAS AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION BONDS.

Explanation

In November 1985, Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas Water Development Board to issue \$200 million of agricultural water conservation bonds. Provisions for the issuance and use of these bonds were to be specified by the legislature. A four-year time limit for issuance of the bonds was included in the 1985 amendment. This proposed amendment would remove that time limit.

Also in 1985, the legislature appropriated \$5 million for a pilot program of low interest loans for agricultural water conservation equipment. This money has been used by the Water Development Board for loans to water districts, which have then lent the money to farmers. Most loans have been used to purchase water-efficient sprinkler systems that minimize evaporation losses and reduce water use by an average of 20 percent. No defaults on loan repayments have occurred.

In May of this year, the legislature passed a bill providing for the implementation of the \$200 million agricultural water conservation bond program. This legislation authorizes the Water Development Board to use bond proceeds for loans to groundwater districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, and similar districts for the following purposes: to improve the water

efficiency of existing irrigation systems, to prepare irrigated lands for conversion to dryland conditions, or to prepare dryland farms for more efficient use of rainfall.

Under the proposed conservation program, districts could make improvements to their own conveyance systems, such as lining canals to reduce seepage, or they could lend money to individual farmers. Land-contouring to reduce runoff is one measure that could be used by dryland farmers.

Arguments For

- Texas needs all the water it can save. Because irrigation accounts for 60 percent of Texas water use, agricultural water conservation could be an important factor in stretching water supplies. In some instances, water saved by irrigators could help meet pressing municipal water needs.
- More efficient use of water is essential to the economic future of Texas agriculture. Much of Texas receives amounts of rainfall that are inadequate or barely adequate for the production of crops. Groundwater supplies on which farmers rely are being depleted. Proven agricultural water conservation practices can help farmers continue to grow crops with limited amounts of water, and experience with the 1985 pilot program shows that loans will be repaid.

Arguments Against

- State bond money should not be used for financial assistance to individual farmers. Texas should reduce its debt, rather than setting up new programs to spend now and pay later. New increases in state debt could result in lower ratings for the state's general obligation bonds and thus in higher borrowing costs for all state bond programs.
- If water conservation measures are cost-effective, farmers and irrigation districts will be able to implement these measures by borrowing from banks or other private sources. The state should not compete with commercial lending institutions to provide these loans.

AMENDMENT 19

Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INVEST THEIR FUNDS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to designate the types of investments that political subdivisions can make. Currently the Texas Constitution specifies the types of investments that jurisdictions may and may not make, and any changes in allowable investments must be made by constitutional amendment.

The Texas Constitution prohibits cities, counties, and other political subdivisions from becoming stockholders in private corporations, associations, or companies. In a 1988 ruling regarding the Public Funds Investment Act of 1987, the attorney general interpreted this to mean that political subdivisions are prohibited from placing their funds in such cash investment instruments as money market mutual funds or bank trust funds.

If this proposal passes, political subdivisions will be able to invest funds in accordance with the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act, which was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1987 and amended in 1989. Political subdivisions include cities, towns, counties, public school districts, state-supported institutions of higher education, conservation and reclamation districts, hospital districts, fresh water supply districts, and nonprofit corporations acting on behalf of these entities.

The Public Funds Investment Act specifies the types of investments that taxing entities are permitted to make. These include obligations of the U.S. government and the State of Texas, as well as those of other states, agencies, or political subdivisions that carry investment ratings of A or above. Also permitted would be SEC-registered money market mutual funds and bank common trust funds that invest exclusively in investments that are permissible under the act. Investments must be made in accordance with a written policy approved by the governing body of the jurisdiction.

Arguments For

- It is important to give lawmakers the ability to respond to changing financial developments, federal tax law, and economic conditions. What seemed safe to the writers of the constitution may now be risky because it does not provide adequate diversification for public investments. It is cumbersome to have to amend the constitution every time a new financial instrument becomes available and, in any case, the level of detail necessary to ensure safe, timely, and flexible investment policies for public funds does not belong in a state constitution.
- Cities and other jurisdictions must make the most of available cash resources in order to lessen the impact of property taxes. The types of investments specified under the Public Funds Investment Act would enable these jurisdictions to get better returns on their investments, save money on record keeping, and have the liquidity necessary for good money management.

Arguments Against

- The writers of the constitution wanted to ensure that public money would not

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