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By Don Nelson

From L. A. Hamilton of Sunny-side:

"Regarding your comments concerning men relinquishing a seat or opening a door for women:

"I want you to know it still does happen. When a man holds a door open for me, I look at him with a big smile and say either 'Chivalry is not dead' or 'I didn't expect a doorman!'"

"I'm rewarded with a big smile from the man. Nice!"

I'll give up a seat or open a door for Mrs. Hamilton anytime. It's always nice to get a kind response.

Most women will say, "Thank you." A man finds it a little irksome when he holds a door open for a woman and she breezes past as though he isn't there.

Women—ladies—such as Mrs. Hamilton make it easy to be courteous.

I don't know when I've received as much response as I've gotten from the column I wrote two weeks ago, about the need to learn and speak English if you're going to live in the US.

All those I've heard from have agreed with my viewpoint—many of them emphatically. But I'm sure there are those who disagree with me; there usually are. If we didn't disagree with each other once in a while, we wouldn't be using our noggin's.

Albert F. Arias, a federal law-enforcement officer in Amarillo, had a good article on the opposing viewpoint on the Other Opinion page of Wednesday's Amarillo Daily News.

Don't mention Notre Dame to Jimmy Ross, J. R. Brown, me or any of the other Teasippers around here. Also, don't mention Colorado to Jack Edwards, Bill Clark, Jim Wright or any of the other Aggies who abound here in startling numbers.

The Longhorns and Aggies both won the first halves of their games Saturday, which showed they had the better teams. They just ran out of gas in the third and fourth quarters. It wasn't their fault. It had to have something to do with the thin (or polluted) air and the spongy (or slippery) turf on those foreign fields.

Back in 1988 a burglar broke into Rayphard Smithson's barn and stole more than \$4,000 worth of equipment. Rayphard was told later that the burglar had sold his stolen equipment in Seminole for a little over \$400.

The same man reportedly burglarized five other barns in the area before he was tried, convicted and

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Lions will flip pancakes Friday

Dimmitt's Lions hope you'll leave the cooking up to them Friday night.

They'll stage their annual Pancake Supper in the DHS cafeteria before the Dimmitt-River Road football game, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

They'll serve pancakes, bacon, hot coffee, iced tea and milk—"all you can eat"—for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child under 12.

Servers will fill plates in the cafeteria line, then waiters will follow up with extra plates of pancakes and bacon for those who want seconds. Also, take-out plates will be available.

For those who are watching their diets, cholesterol-free margarine and sugar-free syrup will be available.

Chuck Braafladt, chairman, will oversee the bacon while Jack Edwards, Joe Josselet and George Rasor grill the pancakes. Other Lions Club members will work as ticket-takers, mixers, servers, waiters, dishwashers and pot scrubbers.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Lions Club, or at the door.

Proceeds will go to finance the club's service projects during the year.



CRYSTAL STEVENS KEEPS TWO BATONS GOING ... During halftime performance at Friday night's game

Photo by Don Nelson

New DHS twirler wows the crowd

By DON NELSON

Who is that pretty girl with the flashing batons, the sunrise smile and all those fancy moves?

She's Crystal Stevens, the new twirler with Dimmitt High School's Bobcat Marching Band. And her halftime performance alone is worth the price of a football ticket.

She was named "Miss Majorette of Texas" two years ago, and is a consistent placer in state competition. Last year she placed fourth in national competition held at the University of Notre Dame.

A junior in DHS, she moved here from Canyon in June after her mother, Janet, married Lonnie Strickland.

Crystal, 16, made her DHS debut at Springlake-Earth three weeks ago, and performed in Bobcat Stadium for the first time Friday night, doing such nifty moves as illusions, four-spins, toss illusions; toss cartwheels, splits, leg-holds and lay-backs—all while twirling one or two batons.

The 5-3 twirler with the long ponytail ("Not many twirlers wear their hair short") is an unexpected bonus to Dimmitt's band and football crowd. Previously, she attended Canyon High School, where she was the center twirler for the Soaring Pride Band.

"We knew last year, about February, that we were going to live here," she said. "I wanted to try out for twirler here, and knew I'd better apply soon. I tried out for Mr. Johnson (former band director) in May, and he said I could twirl. After he left, Mr. Bryan said I could twirl."

"She certainly is an excellent twirler, with lots of poise and confidence, and adds a lot to our program," Band Director Neal Bryan said. "She works hard, seems to work well with everybody else, and I appreciate her attitude."

That attitude includes an almost-constant smile. Many twirlers have to concentrate on smiling while they perform. For Crystal, it comes naturally.

"I've always been a smiling person anyway," she said. "It's something I do without practicing. I've never gotten a comment sheet back that said I didn't smile enough."

For those who ooh'd and ah'd over Crystal's two-baton routine Friday night, this word of advice: You ain't seen nothin' yet.

"Actually, I'll do a three-baton routine later, but we don't have the song ready yet," she said. "And at Homecoming (Oct. 20), I'll do a fire-baton routine."

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Board zeroing in on clinic projects

At its September meeting tonight (Thursday), the hospital board will zero in on three clinic projects that it hopes will lead to an effective, smooth-running health-care system for the county's residents.

One is the transfer of Hawkins Memorial Clinic in Hart. The board has been negotiating for several months to turn the operation of the Hart clinic over to a Lubbock hospital system to cut losses.

The Hart clinic's transfer will leave Castro County Community Clinics with just one major operation—the new Medical Center of Dimmitt, which is currently nearing completion on West Jones Street.

That's the main clinic project—and it's the one that will determine the future of the hospital district.

The board's building committee is expected to announce a completion date of sometime in early October. The committee will report on the status of equipment purchases, furnishings, etc., and perhaps recommend a start-up schedule.

When completed, the large new clinic will have three doctors—including two new ones—plus mid-level practitioners and a full nursing staff. The board expects the new clinic, in time, to turn the clinic system's financial situation around, help address the county's health-care needs and serve as a profitable feeder system for the district's flagship, Plains Memorial Hospital.

The third major item will be a new effort to adopt a scaled-down budget for the Castro County Community

Clinics.

The board refused to accept a proposed budget for the clinics six months ago, and conflicts over financial records led to the resignation of administrator Vince Moss. A follow-up audit showed the clinic system's finances were in critical condition, with most accounts receivable uncollected and many long overdue. Also, the clinics' losses were mounting.

The board named Arthur Bailey as the district's chief financial officer and ordered him to get a handle on the rural health clinics' finances. Bailey called in a "swat team" of accountants and clerks familiar with medical bookkeeping, insurance filing, etc.

After several months of cost-accounting and financial housekeeping, Bailey presented a revised budget proposal at a called meeting earlier this month. However, board members said they needed time to study the figures, and referred the six-page proposal to the budget committee for a recommendation.

In his proposal, Bailey trimmed the CCCC's original projected expenses for fiscal '96 from \$1.4 million down to \$812,463, but with anticipated revenues of \$398,500, the clinic system would still face a net operating loss of \$414,000 during the current fiscal year, which started May 1.

The board's budget committee is expected to make its recommendation tonight.

Tonight's meeting will begin at 7 in the hospital's Etie McDermitt Conference Room.

It's official: 'South Lake Park'

After a public naming contest and months of discussion that ranged from semi-serious to whimsical, the City Council Monday night settled on a descriptive place-name for the new family park on the south edge of town:

South Lake Park. But the vote wasn't unanimous. It was 5-2, with Johnny Ethridge, Gloria Hernandez, Carole Dyer, Don Sheffy and Charles Richard voting in favor of the new name. Roger Malone and Roy Garza voted against it—although they did it with a smile.

"Roy and I are both die-hard Houston Astros fans, too," Malone quipped later. "We hang together on lots of things."

Before the vote, Malone—the most prolific name-proposer on the council — made one last-gasp suggestion: "Charlie Park."

He gave his reason for the proposal in written form:

"When the first settlers here decided to attempt to organize this area into a separate county, they discovered that they did not have enough signatures as required on the petition. After using all the nearby ranchhands and asking people passing through to sign the petition, the names of other members of the community (horses) were used.

"On most teams of horses there was a horse named Charley."

"I am submitting the name CHARLEY PARK in honor of these hardworking, loyal individuals that became part of our unique local history."

At least, he said that was his reason.

But he couldn't get a second from his snickering fellow councilmembers.

Dyer made the motion to name it South Lake Park, although she admitted the name might be a bit

misleading. "It makes it sound like we've got a lot of lakes here," Dyer commented.

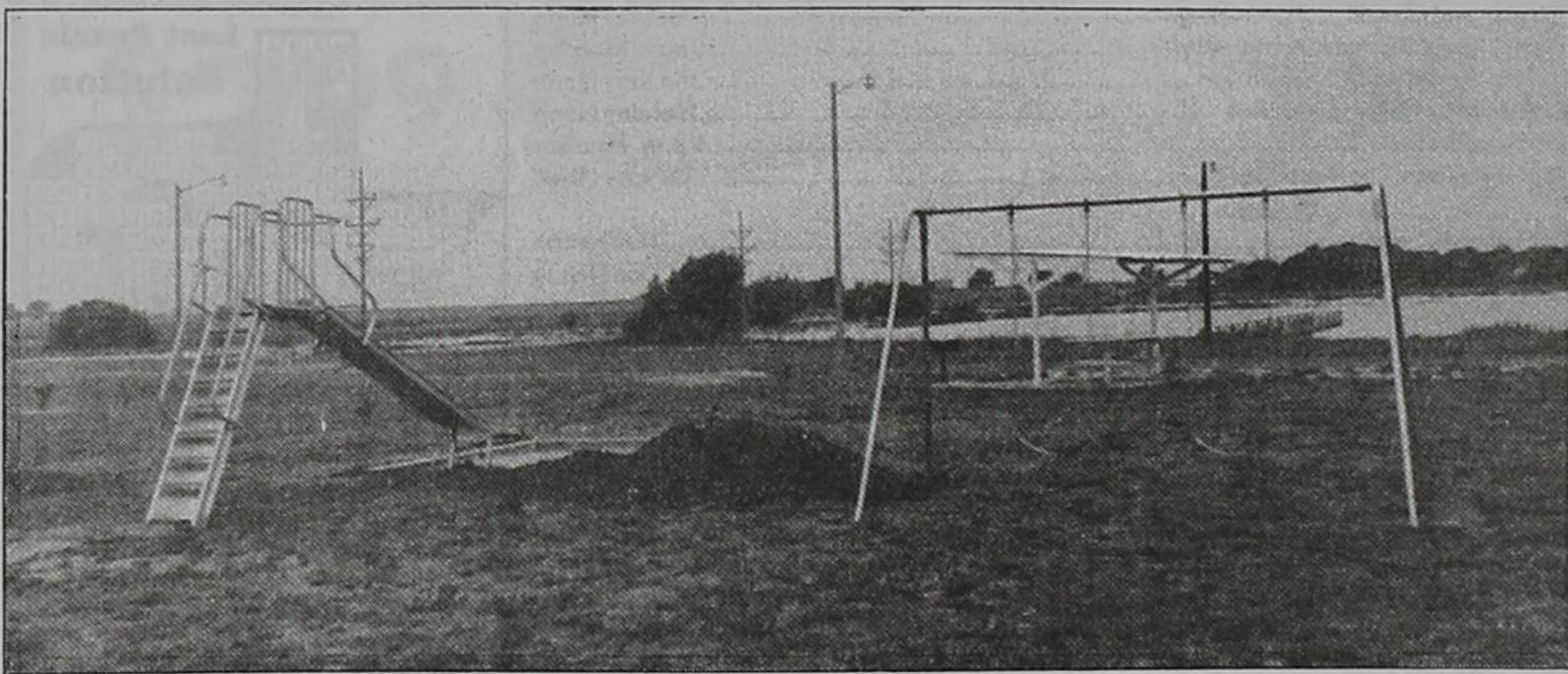
Several names of local pioneers (Continued on Page 14)

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	72	38	.01
Friday	39	36	.05
Saturday	56	37	
Sunday	82	41	
Monday	82	42	.03
Tuesday	67	47	
Wednesday	77	52	

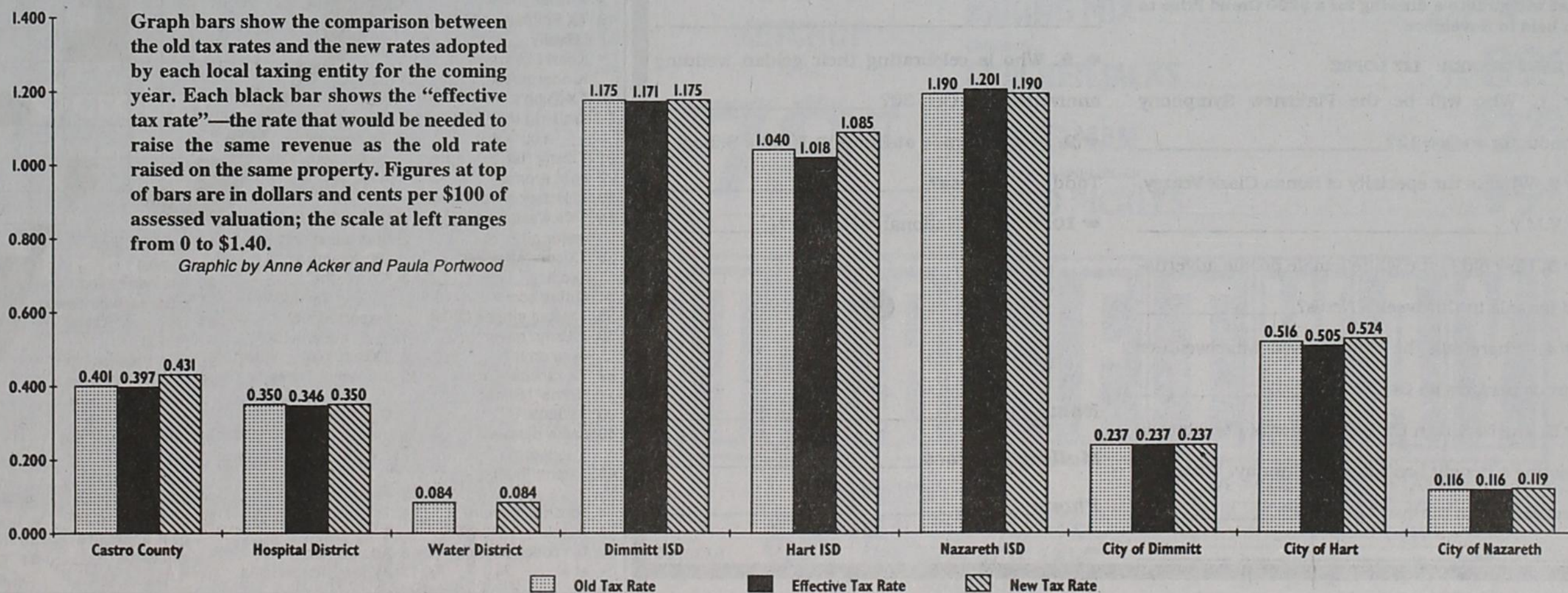
September Moisture 3.80
1995 Moisture 20.19

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



WORK IS CONTINUING on the city's new family park with the addition of this slide and swing set. In left background is one of eight spring-horses for children. Beyond the swing set are one of many covered picnic tables and the fishing pier. The park, built for both recreation and wetlands conservation, was officially named "South Lake Park" this week by the City Council. Photo by Don Nelson

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — James A. "Andy" Collins announced last week he would step down Feb. 1 as executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and go into private business.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported the governor's office had ordered an investigation into Collins' business dealings a week before he announced his resignation. A day later, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported no investigation had been ordered.

The situation left heads spinning on the prison agency's nine-member governing board. Ellen Halbert, vice chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said she was "very upset that the board was not told why Andy was leaving."

Collins said that in July he formed Professional Care of America Inc., a jail management firm to operate in Louisiana. Former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz and Jim Brunson, a former officer with N-Group Securities Inc., are listed as directors in Collins' firm. Hofheinz and Brunson said they resigned after lending their names for the incorporation papers.

Collins also said he is under contract with Hofheinz' Viewpoint Development Corp. to operate a jail for juveniles in La Salle Parish, La., if and when Viewpoint raises the private money to build it.

In 1994, a federal jury awarded more than \$79 million in damages to nine mutual funds that alleged N-Group and others fraudulently marketed bonds used to pay for the building of six private prisons, which the state of Texas purchased. Collins

was subpoenaed as a witness in the trial. He acknowledged that some of his testimony could be viewed as favorable toward N-Group.

Though Collins' private business plans were laid while he was head of the TDCJ, he said he did not work on them on state time and had not been paid.

Collins' annual salary as head of the state agency is \$120,000. He began as a prison guard 23 years ago and worked his way to the top.

Faith in Economy on Rise
Texas Comptroller John Sharp says consumers, investors and business owners appear to hold steady optimism that the Texas economy will continue to grow.

Texans' faith in the state economy is up 17.5 percent compared to a year ago.

"Consumer confidence, retail sales, new housing permits — up 26.6 percent in July — and the Texas Stock Index are the strongest components of this month's *Leading Texas Economic Indicators*," Sharp said.

The Index, which is produced by Sharp's office each month to help predict changes in the economy, registers 124.7, an increase of 2.1 percent compared to one year ago.

By comparison, Sharp said, the U.S. Index of Leading Economic Indicators is at 101, down 0.7 percent compared to one year ago.

"The U.S. Index has declined for six consecutive months, but the slowdown in the national economy has had only a slight effect in Texas," he added.

Clemons Latest to Switch
State Rep. Billy Clemons of Pollock last week shed his affiliation with the Democratic Party in announcing he had joined the Republican Party.

The six termier said he would seek re-election in 1996 for the seat representing the East Texas counties of Angelina, Houston, San Augustine and Trinity. His crossover cuts the Democratic majority in the state House to 86-64.

AIDS Toll Heavy in Prisons
During the last five years, AIDS has been the leading cause of death for incarcerated felons in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

AIDS has been the most frequent cause of death among inmates every year since 1990, with the ex-

ception of 1991, when cancer was the leading cause. As of August, 72 inmates had died of AIDS in 1995.

"The people that end up in prison are basically poor, inner-city and nonwhite, and they're young," said James W. Marquart, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "They've had crappy health care in the free world. That's what's going on in prison today."

Other Highlights

■ The House Banking Committee voted in favor of an amendment to a sweeping budget bill that would end the Texas ban on home equity loans. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Friendswood, would undo earlier legislation by U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, who has fought to preserve Texas' homestead protections for more than 40 years.

Public opinion on our schools

From *The Advocate*, publication of the Texas State Teachers Association:

Schools are becoming increasingly violent but it's not the schools' fault. The problem is parents and the family structure.

Schools across the nation are performing poorly, but the local schools are great.

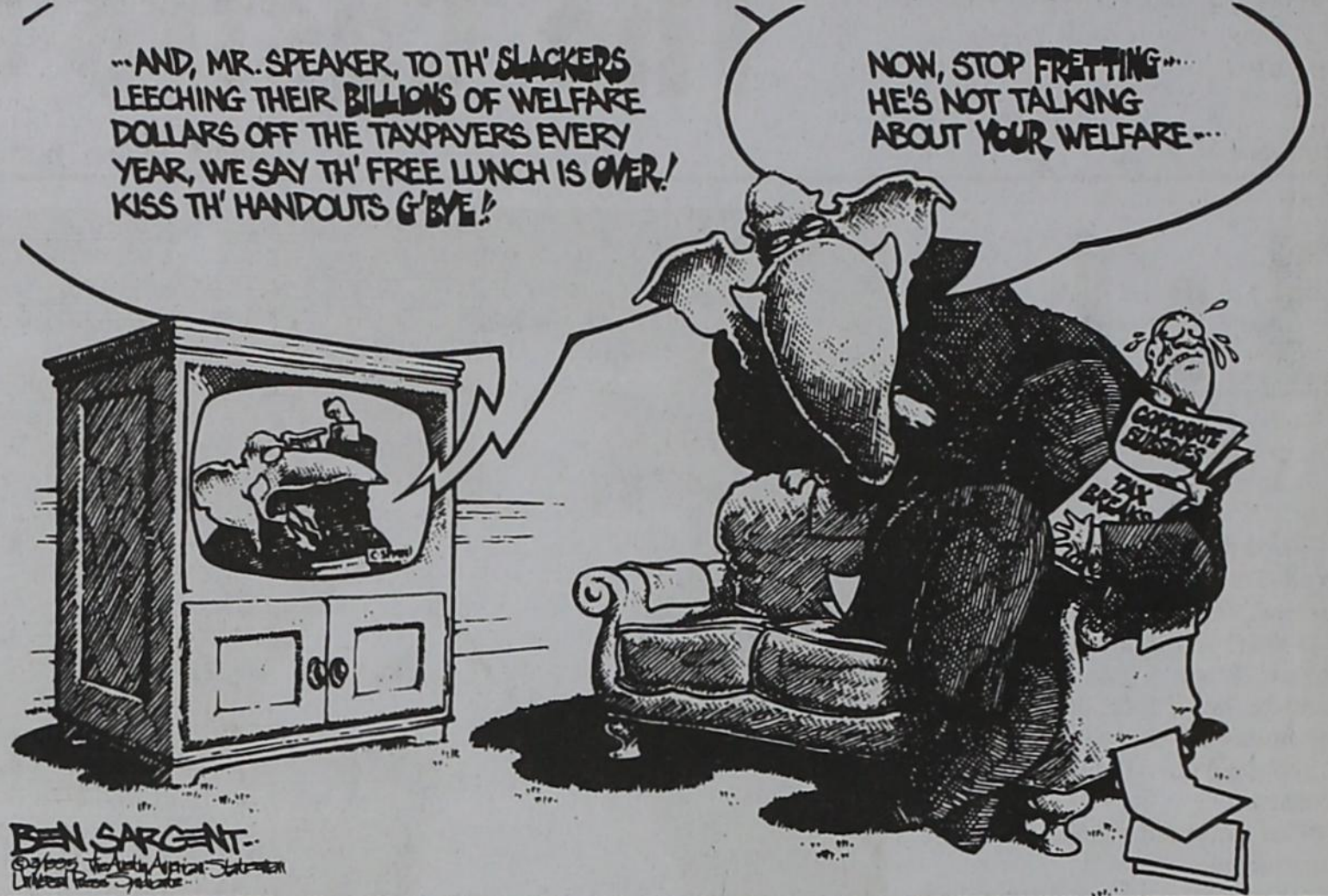
Vouchers are a bad idea.

That's what the public said in the annual Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitude Toward the Public Schools, released at the end of August.

The public also is "impatient for the higher academic achievement promised by the standards movement, unsure about current trends toward inclusion of special education students, solidly in support of some form of prayer in the schools, and generally in favor of vesting greater control of the schools in local rather than federal or state authorities," Gallup says.

As has been the case for the more than 20 years the question has been asked, 41% of the public—and 65% of parents—gave the public schools in their communities a grade of A or B.

Opposition to "allowing students and parents to choose a private school to attend at public expense" remains strong—33% in favor, 65% opposed—and even 54% of Catholics and 51% of parents of children who attend nonpublic schools are opposed.



On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Florene Leinen celebrated her birthday three times Sunday. Several friends went with her after church and had coffee, then the birthday group took her to Hereford to eat at the Sirlain Stockade. Members of the party were Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Charles and Rena Richard, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Leander and Clara Reinart, June Keelzer, Edna Reinart, Rosetta Bellinghausen, and Florene's daughter, Shirley Pope of Tampa, Fla.

Later in the afternoon a surprise birthday party was held in the home of Terry and Belinda Hill with Florene's sisters assisting with hostess duties—Virgie Gerber, Evelyn Hill, Dorothy and Leroy Pohlmeier, Delores and Denny Heiman, Linda Heck and children and the birthday group. They served hamburgers, chips and a Sunflower birthday cake with ice cream.

Louise Mears was the hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a sack lunch and a day of bridge. Louise served ice-box cookies for snacks and a pina colada coconut cake for dessert. Dude McLauren won high score and Alma Kenmore was second high. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Susie Reeves, Loranel Hamilton, Johnnie Vannoy, Ferne Dickey, Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Bernice

Hill, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates, Mary Small and Bill Thornton.

Genell Craig, Louise Mears and Dorothy Gilbreath went to Amarillo Sunday to visit Zay and Charlotte Gilbreath. Gary and Julie Gilbreath and their children, Christina, Zackary and Garrett from Dallas were there as well. Gary and family attended the Gruver High School reunion over the weekend.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Bill Izzard of Amarillo (son of Bob Izzard), James Dobbs of Summerfield, Edna Reinart of Hereford, Freddie Lynch of Audrey and Clint Ashley from Sanger. (Freddie and Clint were here for the corn harvest and had a little extra time since it rained and they couldn't get into the fields.)

Last week was the 1995 Week of Prayer for Texas State Missions. The theme this year is "A Matter of the Heart." The logo is a broken heart in concern for the lost in Texas. On Wednesday night Dr. Leon Joplin gave a wonderful testimony in word and song. Some of the songs were "We Have Come Into This Place to Worship You," "Jesus Love Me" and "People Need People." Bill Newland sang a special. Martha Jo Hyman and Dorothy Hopson and their committee were hostesses for the social hour. The serving table held delicious brownies, cookies and decorated

cookies in red, white and blue in the shape of a heart. The table was decorated in red, white and blue balloons that were in a basket of Texas bluebonnets.

On Friday the women of the First Baptist Church, Lee Street Baptist Church and Iglesia Bautista enjoyed a delicious luncheon of chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, hot rolls and a cherry dessert catered by Sharon Kinser. Dorothy Hopson and Sara Salinas presented a skit with Dorothy playing the part of Mary Hill Davis, the missionary, and Sara giving her testimony on her experiences in Partnership Missions. Bill Newland sang "Do You Really Care?" accompanied by Walter Maynard at the piano.

I would like to thank Maria and Hector, who witnessed my frightening experience and aided the policemen in capturing the two teenagers who snatched my purse from me as I was walking just three blocks! Also, thanks for all the telephone calls from friends who were concerned about my well-being — even long distance calls from former Dimmitt residents who still read the *Castro County News*. What does the victim get out of all this except worry, sleepless nights and a possible heart attack!

James and Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo., have spent a week in Dimmitt visiting her mother, Irene

Carpenter, her sister and brother-in-law, Floyce and Jimmie George, and other relatives. While James was busy with his cutting-horse activities, Joyce and Irene went to Wheeler to visit Irene's sister and brother-in-law, Inez and Lewis Wright, and came back by Amarillo to visit a sister-in-law. On Saturday Joyce and Irene went to Farwell to watch James perform with his cutting horse. He won third and fourth in three categories. On Sunday they went to Hereford to visit James's sister, Marie Bowen.

Jerry and Delores Heller had as their guests on Sunday Coby and his family and Mitzie and her friend from Lubbock.

The Dimmitt First Baptist Church hosted the area-wide State Missions Dinner and Rally Monday night. This is Texas Baptists' committed convention update, and Dr. Dean Dickens, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, was the speaker for the evening.

Jack and Doris Flynt recently attended the 77th national convention of the American Legion at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. There were many special events and activities around the theme, "World War II Commemorated."

The traditional National Convention Parade took place Sept. 2, the 50th anniversary of V-J Day, which focused on displays of vintage military equipment and World War II aircraft.

A special SkyConcert '95 included fireworks on the banks of the White River. A patriotic religious service was held Sept. 3, with a tribute to WW II veterans, including readings from Ernie Pyle, in addition to the traditional wreath-laying ceremony.

Among the many speakers for the convention sessions were Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown. Sen. Dole praised his fellow WW II veterans whom he hailed as "freedom's heroes and American patriots." Legion delegates were urged to double their efforts as the

battle nears to secure passage of the flag amendment in the US Senate. Other highlights of the convention was the presentation of the American Legion Distinguished Service Award by National Commander William M. Detweiler of Louisiana, to Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, USAF (Ret.), and his remaining crew of the Enola Gay.

Commander Detweiler was instrumental in the flap with the Smithsonian Institution over the display of the B-29 Enola Gay, and also active with the Citizens Flag Alliance group, whose goal is to allow the people to protect our flag from desecration by amending the Constitution.

Two cable television operations, the Military Channel and the History Channel, featured video productions of major World War II battles.

One of the highlights of the convention was the national commander's dinner dance where the Enola Gay crew was once again honored. The dance featured Nancy Hays and the Bobby Benson Orchestra with big-band sounds of the '40s, which brought back many memories of that era to all those who attended.

Fifteen women from Dimmitt and Lubbock met at the Wild Plum in Olton last week to celebrate the birthdays of Elva Forrester, Deanne Clark's mother, and Dorothy Hopson. Birthday cards were shared

and everyone had a fun time. Going from Dimmitt were Martha Jo Hyman, Margaret Parsons, Deanne Clark, Delores Heller, Carolyn Sides, Dorothy Hopson, Pam Joplin, Paula Graham, Elizabeth Graham (Don's mother), Marguerite Cole of Easter and Marguerite McLain of Hart.

Ruby Moultrie, formerly of Dimmitt, will perform a voice recital Sunday at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Levelland. She formerly taught music in the Dimmitt schools and directed the First United Methodist Church choir here. She is now a voice instructor at South Plains College.

Dimmitt residents attending the annual banquet of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission last Thursday evening in Amarillo were Mayor Wayne Collins, Don and Verbie Nelson, Don and Paula Graham, Bill and Deanne Clark, and City Manager Reeford Burrous and his wife Betty. They heard an address by House Speaker Pete Loney. An award was presented to the area's five legislators for their response and cooperation in representing the Panhandle area. State Sens. Tom Haywood and Teel Bivins and Reps. Smithee and Swinford were also present. Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Garrison of Hereford and Robert and Becky Jones of Friona, former Dimmitt residents.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Emma Jean King attended the regular meeting of the Republican Organization of Women (ROW) in Dimmitt last Wednesday. She received a state certificate for having served the most volunteer hours among Castro County members.

Last Wednesday, Hershel and Retha Wilson picked up their daughter, Daneen Travis and her son, Austin, from Dallas at the airport in Lubbock. The Traveses spent a few days visiting with the Wilsons. Daneen's

husband, David, is a deputy marshal and he was on duty.

On the way back from Lubbock, they put up a large birthday sign in Lonnie Wilson's front yard since his birthday was last Thursday. On Saturday a cookout was held at Hershel and Retha Wilson's to celebrate Lonnie's, Hershel's and Jessica's (Lonnie and Renee Wilson's daughter) birthdays. Others not already mentioned who were present for the celebration were Retha's mother, Zela Mae Epperson of Wolfforth; Debbie and Ken Elder of Lubbock and children, Adam Freeman, Brian Elder and Jeremy Elder.

The celebration also was for Hershel and Retha's wedding anniversary. Daneen and Austin Travis took Mrs. Epperson back to Dallas with them so she could visit with a son and his family for two weeks.

Billy King attended the gun show in Lubbock on Saturday. Emma Jean King went with him but sat in the car and read a book while he went through the show.

Melody and Walter Royce and children of Hobbs, N.M., spent last Sunday with David and Gay Sadler. They returned home Monday evening instead of Sunday evening as I reported last week. Melody is the Sadlers' daughter.

.05 of an inch of rain was received last Thursday night and a light shower and sleet was recorded Friday morning about 7:15. Another .10 of an inch of rain was received Sunday morning with fog.

The temperature reached 38 degrees last Thursday about 7:30 a.m., had dropped to 36 by 12:30 p.m. and soared to 40 by 4 p.m. I spent the day with my legs elevated and the heating pad on my left knee which gave me problems during the cold spell.

Ensilage harvest has been underway for two weeks and farmers continued cutting through Sunday despite the rain and fog. Some tried to cut Saturday and continued into the night, trying to save what they could.

Shower honors Wales Saturday

A bridal shower honoring Lisa Wales, bride-elect of Darryl Nelson of Dallas, was held Saturday morning in the home of Katy Wright.

The registry table in the entryway was decorated with crystal candle holders and the bride's book. Greeting guests were the honoree; her mother, Lois Wales; and Mrs. Wright.

The serving table featured a brass coffee service, a china tea service and a bouquet of gladiolus in a crystal vase. Stuffed mushrooms, pineapple rolls, fruit salad and cheese squares were served.

Mrs. Wright and the co-hostesses presented the honoree with a Cuisinart food processor.

Out-of-town guests included the honoree's sister, Kathy Carthel of Friona, and an aunt, Norma Dawson of Springlake.

Wales and Nelson will exchange wedding vows Oct. 21 in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

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People



PROUD SEAMSTRESS AND MOTHER Cathy Hill of Dimmitt (left) holds her daughter, Rachel, who is wearing an outfit which Hill created and entered in a "Make It With Denim" contest in Littlefield recently. The vest is made from denim and features an appliqued picket fence on the front and gingham cow and calf on the back. Cow buttons and other accents completed the vest, which the 18-month-old is wearing. For her first-place vest entry, Hill received denim furnished by American Cotton Growers.

Photo by Anne Acker

Hill's vest selected as best

Cathy Hill of Dimmitt won first place in the vest/jacket category in the "Make It With Denim" competition during Littlefield's recent Denim Days celebration.

Hill fashioned a blue denim vest for her daughter, 18-month-old Rachel, as part of an all-cotton outfit. The vest featured a tan plaid picket fence on front, cow buttons, with a gingham cow and calf on the back. The double skirt has a tan print outer skirt and tan plaid long skirt. All elements on the vest are appliqued with a blanket stitch.

Hill, who has lived here only since July, is a native of Springlake. Her husband, Johnny, is the new business manager for Dimmitt Independent School District.

Hill's daughter modeled the outfit during a denim style show at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall in Littlefield on Aug. 31. Approximately 225 people were present to see the latest fashions from more than 30 accomplished home seamstresses.

The "Dazzling Denim" Style Show was sponsored by We The

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Planned Parenthood sets open house, health fair

The Panhandle Planned Parenthood Association is planning special events for women in Dimmitt and Amarillo this week.

Castro County Planned Parenthood will hold an open house Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. to promote good health care for women and stress the importance of preventive health care.

Planned Parenthood invites everyone to tour the clinic at 210 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt and meet Lupe Flores, county coordinator, to learn more about the services and health information available through the office.

And on Saturday, the Panhandle PPA will participate in a "Women's Health Fair" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Western Plaza Shopping Center in Amarillo.

Purpose of the Women's Health Fair—believed to be the first ever in this area—is to underscore the importance of women's comprehensive and preventive health care. Participating health providers and community agencies will offer free information and health screening for women of all ages. Health professionals will present seminars throughout the day, focusing primarily on women's health issues.

Historically, women have been society's caregivers, playing a key role in keeping families and communities healthy and functional. That is why it's important for women to take care of themselves. Yet

women often neglect their own health.

According to national health studies, only one woman out of every three has an annual physical exam, 54% of women over 50 have not had a mammogram, and nine out of 10 women over age 75 have osteoporosis. Although women live longer than men, they experience more disability and disease.

To help counter these trends, Planned Parenthood offers physical exams, Pap smears, screening for anemia, diabetes and hypertension, pregnancy testing, family planning methods, and cancer screening.

Planned Parenthood also offers medical referrals, one-on-one confidential counseling, and sexuality education programs and information. It also provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, including the HIV/AIDS virus.

"Our Dimmitt office has been helping women take care of themselves since 1971," said Phyllis Bodewin, PPA county director. "Last year we served over 550 women in Dimmitt. This clinic was founded and is supported by concerned leaders of this community who realize the importance of access to affordable health care for women."

Planned Parenthood serves underinsured families in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, and relies on area health professionals for continuity of service.

4-H'ers model fashions at South Plains Fair

Four Castro County 4-H'ers modeled garments they constructed as part of a 4-H clothing project this weekend in the South Plains Fair at Lubbock.

The junior 4-H'ers participating included Jennifer Wilhelm and Cinnamon Trotter, both members of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club; and Lesley Brockman and Kimberly Brockman, both members of the

Nazareth 4-H. Each of the girls also modeled in a fashion show held in conjunction with the Castro County Fair.

The girls represented Castro County in the 4-H Fashion Follies extravaganza Sunday at the Panhandle South Plains Fair. The fashion show was held in the Fair Coliseum and youth from 20 counties participated.

Scouts to hold meeting tonight

Boys between the ages of 7 and 10 (grades 1 through 5) and their parents are invited to attend the Haynes District's *School Night for Scouting* tonight at 7:30 at the Scout Hut, located at the corner of Third and Lee Streets in Dimmitt.

All boys and their parents, regardless of prior scouting experience, are welcome to attend.

A registration fee will be collected. Scouting is about friends, fun, personal growth and development.

For more information contact Pete Buchholz at 1-806-291-0711; Gary Hunter at 647-3695; or the South Plains Council office at 806/747-2631.

Plainview Symphony sets initial concert for Oct. 12

The Plainview Symphony Orchestra will perform its first concert of the season Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

The program will be classical and will include excerpts from the 19th Century light opera, *The Beautiful Galatea*, and the *Concertante for Flute, Clarinet and Orchestra* by Danzi, featuring Mary Karen Clardy on the flute and Nancy Sanders on clarinet.

Other program selections will be the *Carnival of Venice*, the Prelude to Act I of Verdi's *La Traviata*, and *The London Symphony* by Haydn. Gary Garner will be the conductor.

Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for students.



Elaine J. Wilhelm and Clifford K. Hillin

November vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilhelm of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elaine, to Clifford K. Hillin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hillin of Houston.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1981 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Amarillo College in 1989 with an associate degree in nursing. She obtained her vocational nursing certificate in 1982. She is employed as an emergency room nurse at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Jenks High School in Oklahoma in 1988. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in geography. He is a teacher with the Amarillo Independent School District.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Amarillo.

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Marilyn
By Marilyn Neal
CEA-Home Economics



Now that the "newness" of the school year has worn off, families are getting back in their normal routine.

"I'm sorry to say that conflicts and arguments with friends and families are quite often part of the routine for school-age youngsters," said Marilyn R. Neal, Castro County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. "These conflicts help youth become aware of the rights and needs of others. They are very normal parts of childhood development."

This type of conflict is common during childhood; it occurs more frequently when children are siblings of the same sex and near the same age.

While some behavior always concerns parents, conflict is especially worrisome when children are in self-care of latchkey situations.

Learning to get along and deal with this kind of conflict takes time, since children don't really have all the mental and verbal skills to do it independently until they reach early adolescence. Although part of learning to get along comes as the child grows, parents and families also play an important role.

If your children are left at home, you can help by establishing clear rules of accepted behavior. When household procedures are not clear, arguments are likely to rise. A parent should write down the family rules and post them in a place that can be seen daily. Define who is in charge, what that person's responsibilities are and what is to be done if a conflict is not easily resolved.

In addition, children should be encouraged to develop good communication skills. Encourage them to express their feelings and views in acceptable ways. Teach them to listen carefully to others and ask questions if they don't understand. When this type of communication goes on all the time, it's easier for children to express themselves and listen to others' views.

Children should be allowed to solve problems on their own. Parents often impose their solutions when children have a problem. While this

takes care of the immediate conflict, it does little to give them practice in handling future problems. Often when children resolve their own conflicts, the solution seems unfair by adult standards, but the process solving is much more valuable in their development than an equitable solution.

Some basic steps children can follow in solving problems include finding out if there is a problem; talking about what makes them angry and listening to the other side; thinking of ways both people can be happy and keep thinking up ideas until one works; and if agreement isn't possible, taking a time out to reassess the situation.

These steps can be posted in your home as a reminder of how the process works.

Practice with children by pretending. Too often parents try to teach children acceptable methods to handle a conflict during the heat of an argument. Children will learn better if they are presented a hypothetical situation at a calmer time.

For example, bring up a problem during dinner conversation and have the children think of ways in which it can be solved. Then discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each. This kind of help will allow children, when alone, to begin working with each other at getting along.

For more tips on parenting and family communication, contact Neal at 647-4115 or drop by the Extension office in the basement of the courthouse in Dimmitt.



It's a boy for Joey and Stephanie Waldo of Nazareth. Their son, Spencer Ryan, was born at 8:25 p.m. at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 21-3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Glen and Wynelle Waldo of Wheeler and Robert and J'Lyn Ryan of Seminole. Great-grandparents include Luella Albrecht of Phoenix, Ariz., Opal Ryan of Hawley and J.A. and Wilma McDonald of Electra.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Ledwina (Albracht) Pohlmeier, 86, of Fillmore, Calif., who died last Wednesday. She is survived by her husband, Alfred; two sons, Joe Ed and Larry; three daughters, Emily, Martella and Della; a brother, Andrew of Reseda, Calif.; and four sisters, Mary Brockman of Canyon, Adeline Pohlmeier of Amarillo, Christina Hoelting of Nazareth and Veronica Heiman of Alto Loma, Calif.

Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier flew to California last week for Ledwina's funeral. They enjoyed visiting with family members.

The Catholic Order of Foresters'

"matching funds" benefit breakfast will be held at the Nazareth Community Hall on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. The all-you-can-eat meal will be \$4 for adults with children 5 and under being served free. Proceeds will benefit the T-K Ranch in Bowie where Buck Buchanan is living. The Christian facility is run by the state.

Prayers are asked for Vincent Guggemos, who, along with his daughter, Dorothy, will travel to San Diego, Calif., then will take a shuttle bus to Tijuana, Mexico each day for three week's of treatments.

Prayers also are asked for Leonard Schulte, who is a patient at St. An-

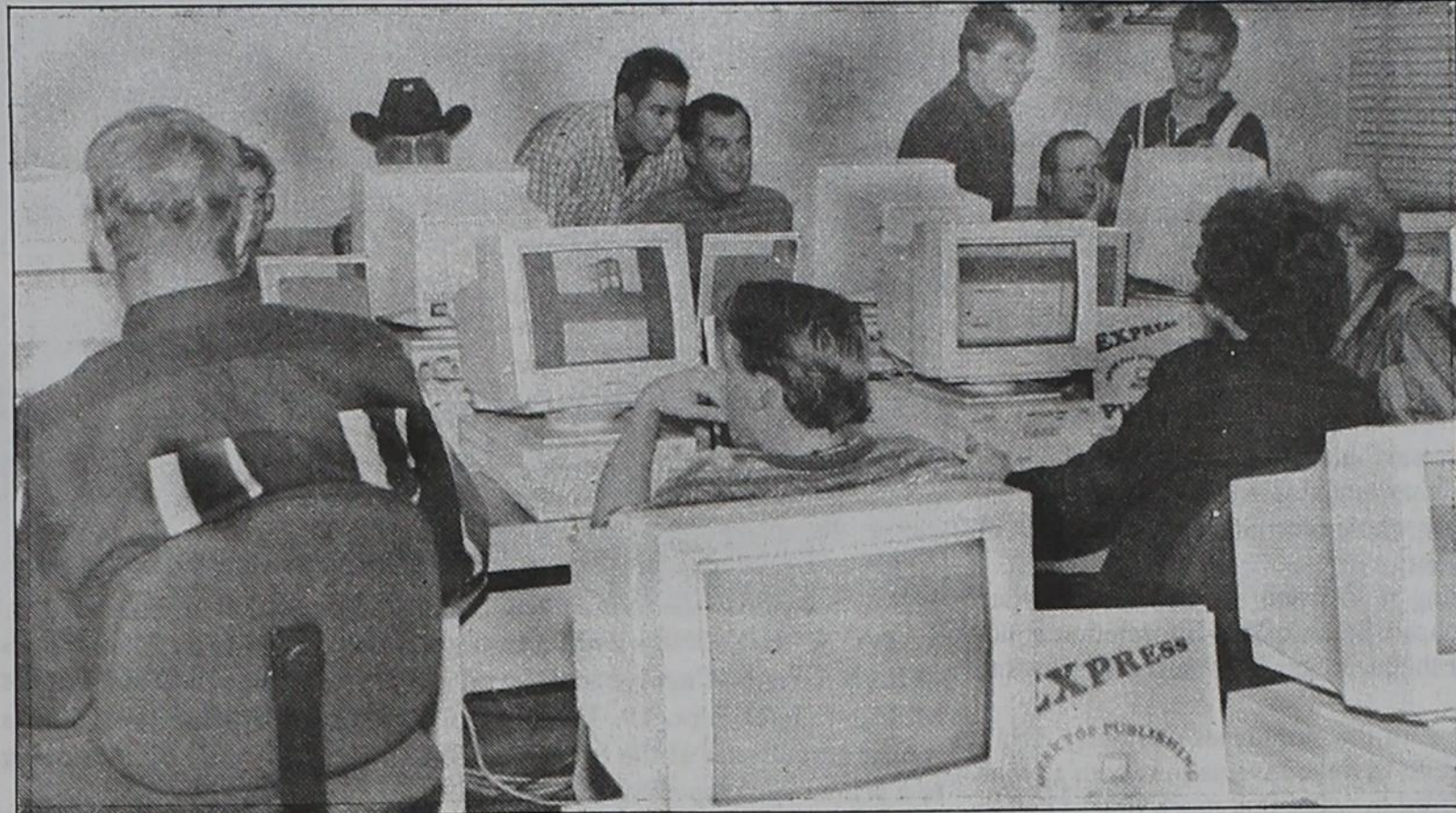
thon's Hospital in Amarillo.

On Sept. 2 and 3 the town of Rhineland celebrated 100 years as a community. Joe Decker, who is older than the town at 102, was grand marshal of their parade. His sister, Mary Decker Redder, 95, was the oldest Rhinelander. Four other ladies, all in their 90s, rode a special float in the parade, which included 125 floats. There was a wonderful turnout for the celebration with 1,200 people being fed at the Saturday evening meal and a few less at the Sunday noon meal. All of Joe Decker's sisters and brothers were present, including Mary Redder of Rhineland, Lena of Fort Worth, Frank of Albuquerque and Rose

Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Many other family members from Nazareth celebrated the weekend in Rhineland with relatives.

Msgr. Stanley Crotchiola is now a resident at the Panhandle Retirement Home. He would appreciate a visit or card from parishioners in Nazareth as he served as pastor of Holy Family Church for many years.

Florene Leinen was honored on her 75th birthday with a surprise party on Sunday at the home of Terry and Belinda Hill in Dimmitt. Family and friends enjoyed the evening. Florene's daughter, Shirley, will spend several days with her this week before returning to Tampa, Fla.



ON THE ROLL AGAIN--Parents get a glimpse of computer files created by their children in this microcomputer class. The visit was a part of the open house Sept. 19 at Dimmitt High School. The evening

was set on a "mini-schedule" of a typical day for the students, with parents visiting each class attended by their children. There was a good turnout at the event, according to a school spokesperson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Benefit breakfast planned Sunday

A matching funds benefit breakfast for the T-K Ranch will be held Sunday in Nazareth.

The fundraiser is being sponsored by the Nazareth Catholic Order of Foresters and all proceeds will benefit the Christian ranch at Bowie, where Lynn "Buck" Buchanan is a resident.

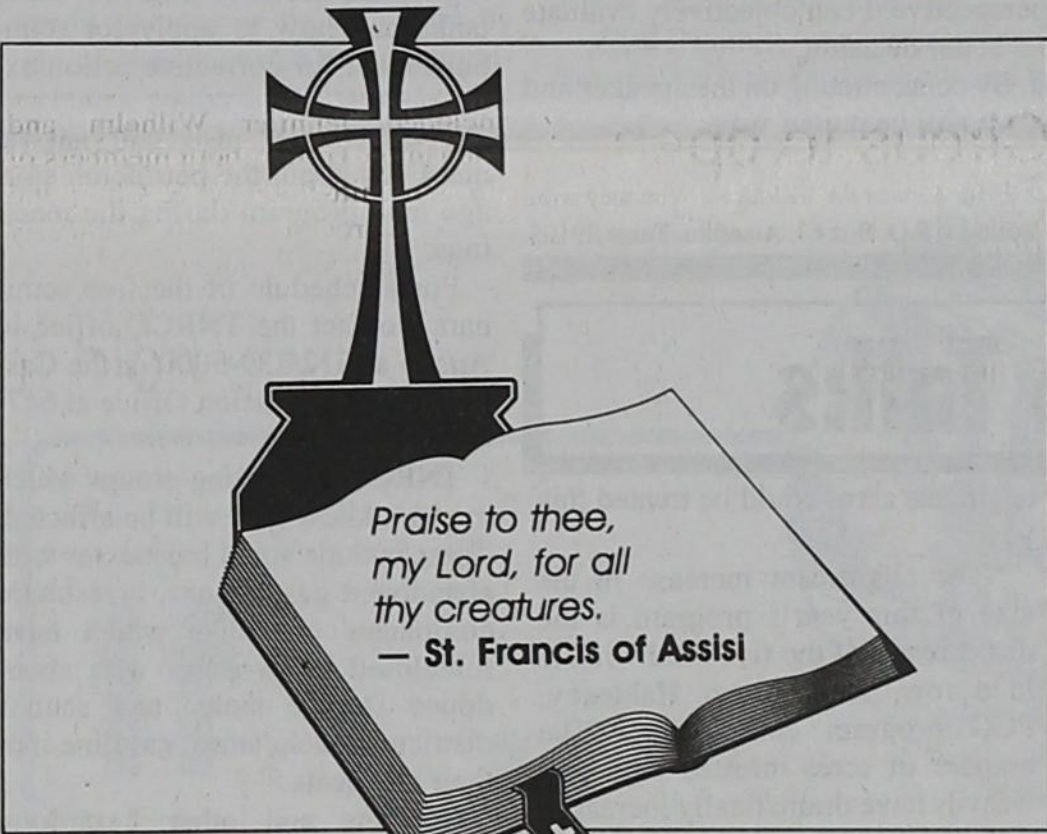
The full breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and all the trimmings.

It will be served from 7 a.m. to 12 noon at the Nazareth Community Hall. Plates for the all-you-can-eat breakfast will be \$4 each, with children five and under being served free.

Buchanan also will be attending the breakfast and the public is invited to stop by and visit with him.

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

The Value of Listening



A few weeks ago Sue and I were enjoying a quiet evening at home. I had been thinking about our marriage of 25 years. It seemed to me that most of our petty arguments and minor skirmishes were the result of one of us not listening to the other.

I decided to verbalize my thoughts. "I don't think I can recall any fuss we've had in recent years that wasn't caused by one or the other of us not listening." I said to her, "I believe we'd be happier and live more fulfilling lives if we'd take time to just listen carefully to each other."

"We hear," I summarized, "but we don't listen." About this time my bride looked up from her book and said, "I'm sorry dear, what were you saying?"

Three keys to better listening

Many top executives credit their success to building good communication skills. Since listening is a principal element in communication, we can be more successful if we become better listeners.

At this point we need to make certain that we understand the difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is physical; listening is mental. Assuming we have no physical impairments, we hear 100% of the time. Unfortunately we may listen only a small percentage of the time.

I believe there are three key elements involved in improving your listening skills. The first key is to concentrate on what others are saying. We must focus on the message to ensure that we not only hear but also understand.

It is not possible for most of us to concentrate on two things at once. To listen effectively, stop talking, stop writing and stop reading. Devote your full attention to the speaker. Make eye contact and send signals to let the speaker know you're listening.

Barbara Walters is one of the highest-paid interviewers on national television. She once described her interviewing technique as asking a question, shutting her mouth and listening with her whole face. She concentrates all of her attention on the other person's answer.

The second key to effective listening is to listen selectively. Everyday hundreds of messages bombard our senses. Some of this information is not useful to us. Learn to tune out some of the messages and, on occasion, some of the messengers.

I once worked in an office where one of the employees obviously didn't have enough to do. This person carried on trivial conversations with anyone who would listen. Since I could not afford to waste that much time, I had to listen selectively. Sometimes I don't listen at all.

I'm not implying that we shouldn't be sociable. Just recognize socializing as socializing, and don't confuse it with work.

The third key to improving our skills is to listen objectively. Everyone with whom we communicate has a bias or reason to influence us. Therefore we need to consider the speakers' reasons for expressing their viewpoints.

We should weigh our conversations mentally to determine the speakers' points of reference. What is it in for them? What axe do they have to grind?

For example, let's assume I am considering a new car purchase. If I ask a salesperson, he or she might respond with an emphatic, "Yes, buy now." It would be to his or her benefit to sell me a new car. However, my auto mechanic might say, "No." He would prefer that I keep my old car that may need frequent repair. By understanding the perspective, I can objectively evaluate each response. This will help me make a better decision.

We can develop better listening skills. By concentrating on the speaker and by listening selectively and objectively, we will be on our way.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Cotton Talks

Plains Cotton Growers kicked off the 1995 Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Program, starting what it hopes will be the end of the boll weevil on the Texas High Plains.

Pilots and aircraft are reporting to their operational bases in Lamesa, Floydada, Big Spring, Seminole and Post for final installation of monitoring and guidance equipment to be used on the program.

Each of the 31 aircraft being used on the program will be equipped with the Satloc Global Positioning System hardware and software.

Preparations for the program began early in the summer when cotton fields in 22 High Plains counties were located and plotted on maps to be used during the program's treatment phase. In all, more than 15,000 fields totaling approximately 2.4 million acres were mapped.

Early season trapping helped the program get a feel for what type of boll weevil pressure could be expected by the time treatment operations began. At this time, an extensive gridwork of traps are in place, or are being put out as rapidly as possible after some weather delays.

Initial trap catches and manual surveys indicate that 1.5 to 1.6 million acres of cotton could be treated in the first application. This total would exceed the largest spray program ever completed in the 32-year history of the PCG control program.

The 1965 program treated 1.5 million acres. Up to five million

aggregate acres could be treated this year.

"The significant increase in the size of this year's program is the direct result of the five mild winters in a row," said Roger Haldenby, PCG program coordinator. "The number of acres infested with boll weevils have dramatically increased during the 1995 crop year. However, the foresight of High Plains cotton producers who recognized this building threat and overwhelmingly approved the formation of the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will allow us to fight back against the pest."

Haldenby adds that the 1995 program's "control zone" stretches some 225 miles from north to south and 130 miles from east to west. Carrying out such a large program takes the cooperation of many individuals and agencies.

While the PCG Diapause Control Program is not run by the federal government, USDA does help out in several important areas.

The first is cost-sharing, mainly through the loan of government vehicles to be used on the program. This year 49 vehicles are on loan from USDA and will be operating throughout the area.

The second is through the operation of the environmental monitoring plan, which helps ensure that the High Plains program is as environmentally friendly as possible. Soil, water and vegetation samples are taken throughout the control zone and these samples are sent to Gulfport, Miss., for analysis in the National Research Analysis Laboratory.

"We look forward to taking this first step towards eliminating the boll weevil as an economically damaging pest to cotton on the High Plains," Haldenby said. "This is the first year of a three-year plan to position the area for full-scale eradication. It will help us prevent the pitfalls and problems that have been encountered in other areas of the state. I firmly believe that the success of this program is vital to the future of cotton production on the High Plains."

Correction

The American Maize - Products Co. has renewed a scholarship for Michael Jeter, a junior animal science major from Friona, because of the grade-point average he is maintaining in college. A story in the *News* last week about the awarding of one new American Maize Scholarship and the renewal of two others incorrectly listed Jeter's first name as Brian.



AND ON THIS ONE--Todd Jansa goes over one of his school papers with his parents, Carolyn and Jerry, at the open house held at Dimmitt Middle School Sept. 19. Todd is a fourth grader in Mrs. Wardlaw's room. Attendance at the event was "better than last year's," according to a school spokesperson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Owners of petroleum storage tanks can learn laws at meeting

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) will offer a series of 31 free seminars across the state to help tank owners determine whether they have petroleum storage tanks which should be registered, how to register those tanks and how to apply for reimbursement for corrective action expenses.

TNRCC staff also will answer questions about the petroleum storage tank program during the meetings.

For a schedule of the free seminars, contact the TNRCC office in Austin at 512/239-5000 or the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

TNRCC is targeting groups which may not know they will be affected. These include small businesses with abandoned gas stations, investment companies or banks which have foreclosed on property with abandoned storage tanks, and school districts which store gasoline for their bus fleets.

Gasoline and other hazardous substances that can leak from these tanks can pollute water resources. More than 17,500 spills and leaks have been reported to TNRCC and there are five to seven new reports every day. More than 11,000 tank owners have submitted claims for reimbursement for clean-up costs associated with these releases. Claims totaling \$281 million have already been paid.

It costs an average of \$126,000 to remove a single leaking petroleum storage tank and clean up the soil that surrounds that tank. Tank owners and operators who are required to remediate a site are eligible to apply for reimbursement from the TNRCC's Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Fund.

Petroleum storage tank owners who have not registered their tanks with the TNRCC by Dec. 31 will be ineligible for reimbursement in the event of a spill or leak. Owners of unregistered tanks will be responsible for all costs of corrective action.

In addition, since deductibles on reimbursement claims will begin rising on Dec. 23, 1996, storage tank leaks should be reported as soon as possible to avoid additional costs.

Vet clinic welcomes new doctor

Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic has announced the association of Ronda Clark-Veazey, D.V.M., with its local staff.

Her specialties include small animal and exotic animal medicine and surgery. Her office hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lopez receives national award

Three landscape architecture students from Texas Tech University, including Gerardo Lopez of Dimmitt, recently scored national awards in the 1995 American Society of Landscape Architects Student Design Competition.

Lopez won a national first place for his plan entitled "Manzanar," a proposal to interpret the historical site and structures of a World War II relocation camp for Japanese-Americans, owned by the National Park Service, in the Owens Valley of California.

Jury comments included: "Strong form, good circulation, good plan. Tourism is emphasized but not encouraged."

Lopez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose A. Lopez of Dimmitt. He earned a B.L.A. degree in May from Texas Tech's College of Agricultural

Sciences and Natural Resources.

The student team of Ronnie Stafford of Garland and Rebecca Webster of Lubbock earned a commendation for their developmental proposal, "Breedlove Dehydration Facility."

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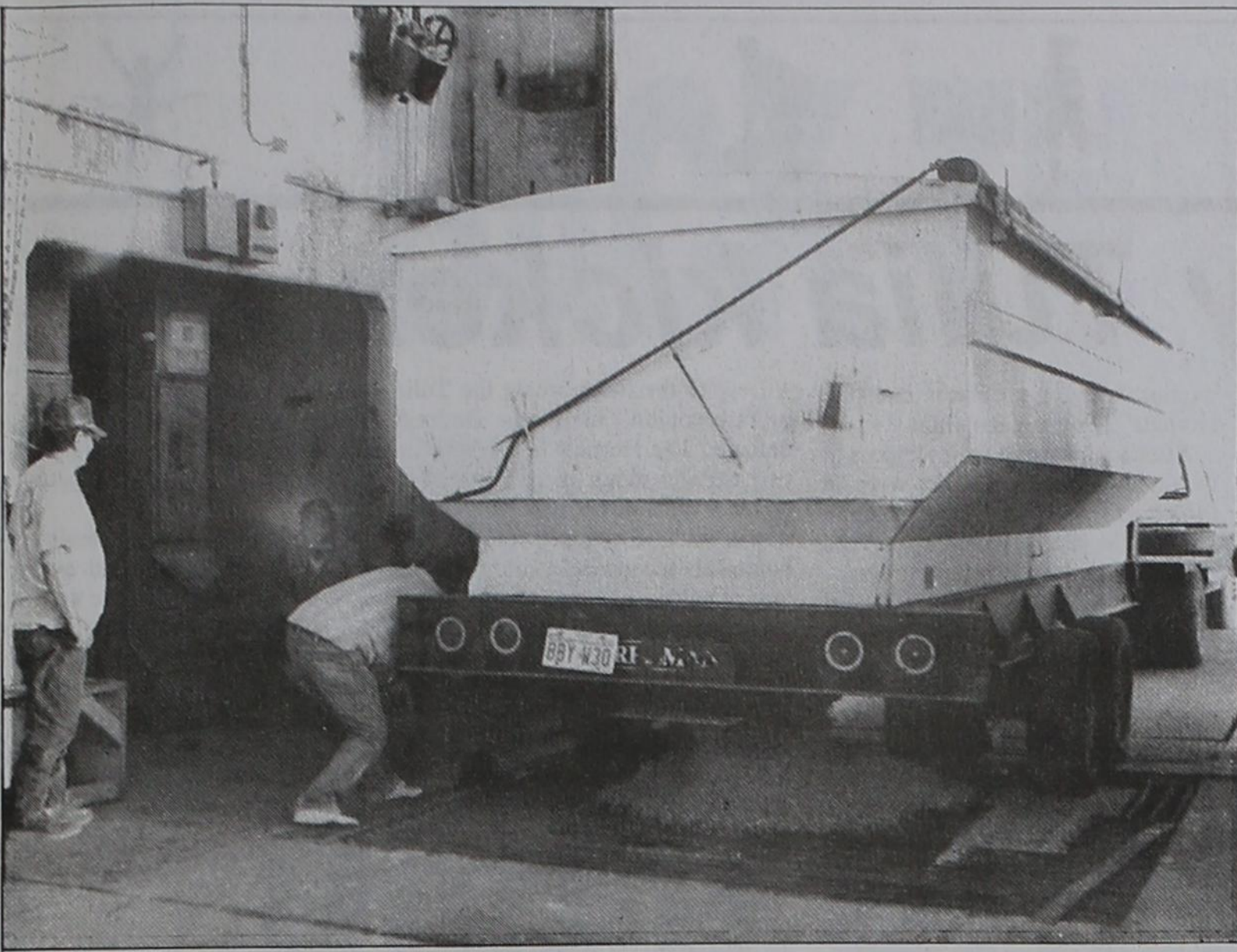
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CORN HARVEST is in full swing now, with trucks and trailers lining up at county elevators. Here, workers unload a gondola trailer at Dimmitt Agri

Industries' South Elevator Monday. Local grainmen say they anticipate a typically big harvest with average yields.

Photo by Don Nelson

Police Calls

Three thefts were reported in Dimmitt during the week.

Laverne Bernethy, 713 W. Stinson, notified the Dimmitt Police Dept. Saturday morning that a money bag containing \$150 had been stolen from a garage sale.

Lonnie King, clerk at Town & Country convenience store, 406 N. Broadway, reported to police late Tuesday night that someone had taken a \$100 bill that was on the counter.

Kristie Schacher, 111 NW 11th St., complained to police Sunday morning that someone had entered her home and had taken a compact disc, a \$10 roll of quarters and her telephone calling cards.

A 32-year-old Clovis woman and a 15-year-old Dimmitt girl filed complaints of kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping with city police Saturday night, saying that a suspect had taken them in a vehicle without their consent.

A 16-year-old Dimmitt youth reported to police Saturday morning that someone had broken the passenger-side window of his 1979 Ford Thunderbird by throwing a rock at it. The incident reportedly occurred at the intersection of

OM teams set meeting

The Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams will have an organizational meeting Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

All interested students in middle school and high school and any interested adults are encouraged to attend.

"We especially need coaches if we are going to continue this program at the same level as in the past," said a program spokesman.

OM Coordinator is Pat Keith. Anyone interested in helping with the OM program is asked to contact her or Wayne Proffitt, an OM coach. Keith can be reached at 647-4537 and Proffitt may be reached at 647-3128 or 647-2357.

Those unable to attend Sunday's meeting may still participate by contacting Keith or Proffitt.

"We are especially looking for a coach to work with all of the teams in the area of the spontaneous competition," Proffitt said. "It might be a good activity for a retired person, because it could be time-consuming."

Proffitt said some experience with OM would be helpful but not necessary.

"We really need to recruit some coaches. We can have additional teams if we can line up coaches for them," Proffitt said. "We appreciate all of the support from the community that our program has had in the past and look forward to another successful year."

The American Heart Association says that every year at least 250,000 people die of heart attack within one hour of the onset of symptoms and before they reach a hospital. The tragedy is that many of them might have been saved.

Northwest 12th and West Andrews Streets.

An 80-year-old Dimmitt woman complained to police Tuesday that an unknown person has been harassing her on the telephone. Police are investigating.

Booked into the county jail during the past week were a 35-year-old

Dimmitt man on a warrant alleging terroristic threats; a 43-year-old Hart man and a 26-year-old Plainview man on theft-by-check warrants; a 25-year-old Dimmitt man on a hold for the Border Patrol; a 33-year-old Dimmitt man on a charge of family violence; and a 19-year-old Coronado Acres man on a public intoxication charge.

Growers should monitor nitrate levels in forage

Cooler, wet weather has settled over the Panhandle area during the past week, but before that the area experienced a lengthy hot, dry spell which was conducive to nitrate accumulation in crops such as haygrazer, sorghum and other forages.

The cool, overcast conditions won't alleviate the problems, either. According to Castro County Extension agents, they have fielded several calls about nitrate levels in sorghum, haygrazer and millet-type forages which are being harvested or grazed now.

Nitrates accumulate because a lack of moisture, sunlight and temperature limit the plant's ability to metabolize nitrates into amino acids and protein. This problem occurs on both fertilized and unfertilized forages. Nitrogen fertilization will enhance the problem because of the increased quantity of nitrogen available to the plant.

Plants such as pigweed, Russian thistle (tumbleweeds), Johnsongrass and others are nitrate accumulators

and can be a source of toxicity. Nitrates will not disappear once a plant is cut and baled or ensiled.

Another problem that may occur with the rain and cooler temperatures that we are now experiencing is prussic acid or cyanide poisoning in the sorghum-type forages. The problem will be seen in new growth that is initiated after the improved growing conditions. The primary concern here is with grazing livestock. Prussic acid will disappear once forage is cut for hay or silage.

If problems with grazing cattle arise, be sure and determine whether the problem is from nitrates or prussic acid. Your local veterinarian should be of some assistance with isolating the cause of the problem.

Forages can be tested by the TVDML in Amarillo or other commercial labs. Feeding and grazing guidelines can be developed based on these tests.

For more information call Ted McCollum at 806/359-5401 or Dr. Halliburton at 806/353-7478.

CFSA to post list of eligible voters for committee elections

A listing of persons eligible to receive ballots in the upcoming county Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) committee election will soon be available at the county CFSA office, and farmers may begin nominating people for offices on Oct. 5.

Elections will be conducted by mail ballot between Nov. 24 and Dec. 4. Voters can request ballots at the county CFSA office. CFSA is an agency of the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) and it administers farm commodity, crop insurance and con-

servation programs for farmers and makes farm ownership and operating loans.

Anyone who is of legal voting age and has an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, and who is eligible to participate in any CFSA program is eligible to vote in the county CFSA committee election. The spouse of an eligible voter also qualifies to cast a ballot.

A person under legal age can vote if he or she runs a farm. A legal guardian who runs a farm for a child

can vote for that child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, age, color, religion, handicap or national origin.

A person may cast a ballot in any county in which he or she is an eligible voter, but a voter may not vote in more than one local administrative area in a county or area. If an eligible voter has separate farm interests in more than one local administrative area in the same county, special care must be taken to see that only one ballot is issued to that voter.

Private pesticide applicators must renew licenses by Dec. 31

Private pesticide applicators who were certified before Jan. 10, 1989, have until Dec. 31 to renew their certification or apply for a private license.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that certification be renewed every five years for private pesticide applicators, such as farmers who use restricted or state-limited use pesticides on their crops.

Two options for renewal are available. Applicators may obtain 15 continuing education units (CEUs) in laws and regulations and one credit in integrated pest management by Dec. 31, and repeat this process every five years. Applicators who cannot meet the Dec. 31 deadline have the option of applying for a license. To become a private licensed applicator you must take the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's private applicator training course, pass the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's (TDA) private applicator test and apply for a private applicator license which includes a \$50 fee.

Continuing education units may be obtained by completing TDA accredited courses or by applying for credit through appropriate college credit courses or training held by out-of-state sponsors including universities, national associations or the

federal government.

TDA regional offices will provide weekly testing during October for licensed pesticide applicators.

Those choosing to apply for a license must first obtain private applicator training from Texas Agricultural Extension Service county agents, and then take a private applicator exam. Those obtaining licenses will automatically receive the required 15 continuing education units to bring their certificate up to date; however, this is a one-time only provision for certificate renewal.

Licensed private pesticide applica-

tors may supervise others who use restricted or state-limited use pesticides on crops. Certificate holders may not supervise others using these types of chemicals.

County agents statewide will provide training, while TDA will conduct license testing. If necessary, testing may continue weekly through the end of the year at TDA's regional offices.

For more information on training, contact your local county Extension agent, or information on testing contact TDA's regional office at Lubbock, 806/799-8555; or at Amarillo, 806/358-7285.

McCormick's Duroc judged reserve grand at Tri-State Fair

Jay McCormick of the Dimmitt FFA drove his Class 3 Duroc to a first-place finish in its class, then won the Breed Championship and finally finished as reserve grand champion of the Amarillo Tri-State Fair barrow show last week.

McCormick also showed a third-place Duroc in the same class.

The Dimmitt youngster showed several barrows in the show and he

also placed with others.

He won first place and reserve breed champion honors with a Class 3 Cross and showed another animal in the Cross breed and finished third in Class 1. He entered a White and Other Pure Bred entry in Class 2 and it placed third.

In the Hampshire show, McCormick's Class 2 entry finished sixth.



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Sports



Bobcats booted by Tulia kicker, 6-0

By JOHN BROOKS

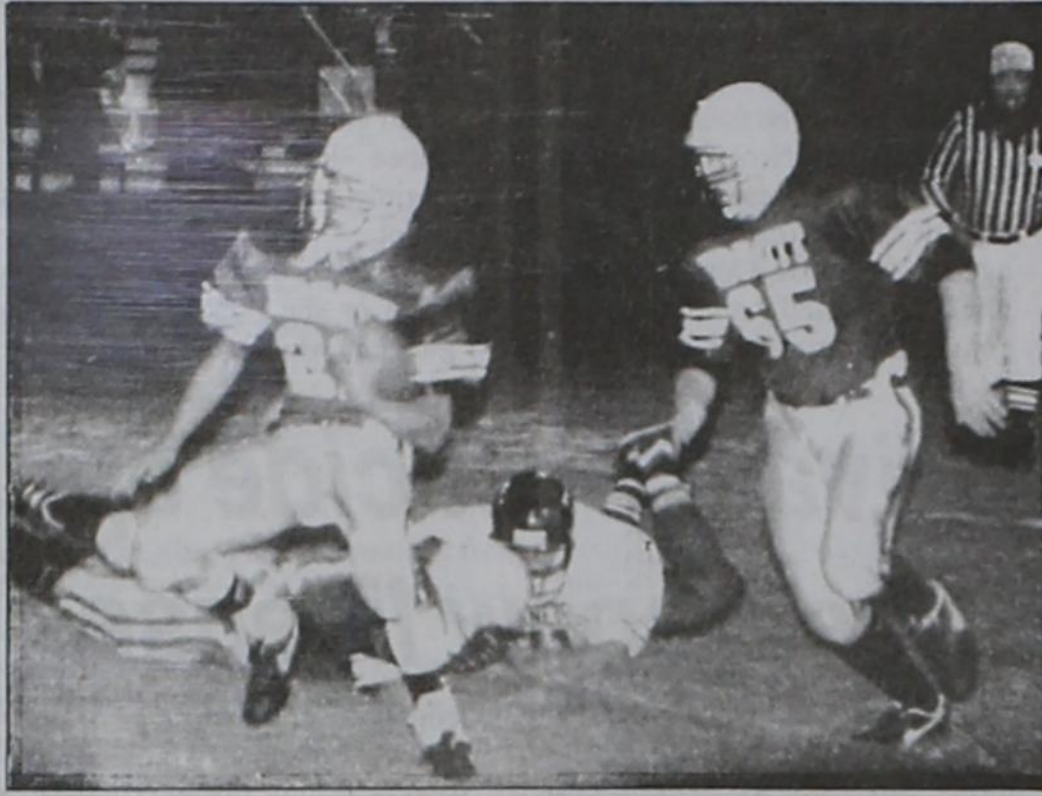
Tulia field goal kicker Daniel Gibson had a heyday with a brisk south wind at his back in the second quarter Friday.

Gibson nailed a 36-yard field goal with just over three minutes to go in the first half, then added another with 16 seconds left before intermission to give the Hornets a 6-0 win over the snakebitten Dimmitt team at Bobcat Stadium.

The teams spent much of the night punting or retreating or advancing by penalty. There were 11 first downs total in the game, with five of those coming by penalty. That old joke about the referee having the most yardage almost came true as neither team's defense bent much during the night. There were 21 penalties for 176 yards, to go with 15 punts and six turnovers.

Coach Danny Chisum was bitter about the performance of the Bobcats. It would not have been so bad, Chisum said, if not for the Bobcats' sparkling night a week before against Sanford-Fritch.

"It was an awfully frustrating night," Chisum said. "We knew in the pre-game warmups we were in a little bit of trouble. We were not focused and we were busting stuff in pre-game. I got after them a little bit during the pregame. I talked to them a little while before we came out and then I left them alone to see if they could get their minds on business. I talked to them again before we came out and I thought we were ready to go."



FIRST DOWN—Dimmitt runningback Oscar Rueda (21), chaffered by guard Colby McDaniel, picks up 10 yards for a first down at the Tulia 33 with 15 seconds left in the first half here Friday night. The Bobcats were never able to score, and the Hornets won it with two field goals, 6-0.

Photo by Joel Townsend

"We got out on the field and it was easy to see we were really mentally out of it on offense. We were making mistakes we hadn't made all year. We busted some of the simplest plays and blocking assignments. It was a team effort. All 26 of us were guilty."

Chisum said there were 15 plays when the Bobcats lined up in the wrong formation or ran the wrong play.

"One time I sent in a running play that became a passing play by the time it got to the huddle," Chisum said. "It didn't get changed by the

quarterback. We just weren't ready to play, and it's really a shame."

The Bobcats were playing without starting fullback Dagon Newton, who suffered a calf injury in Dimmitt's 35-0 win over Sanford-Fritch the week before. His replacement, Toby Crow, had 29 yards on the night, including Dimmitt's longest gain from scrimmage without a turnover.

The Bobcats' long gainer of the night was a 28-yard run by halfback Oscar Rueda in the third quarter, but he fumbled at the end of the play and Tulia recovered at the Dimmitt 40.

Two plays later the Hornets fumbled—ironically, after an eight-yard gain by halfback Zachary Ramos—and Dimmitt defender Zeke Nino recovered at the Tulia 40.

As was the case often during the night, the Bobcats couldn't do a thing with the big break. The Bobcats had taken the brisk 25 mph south wind in the first quarter and forced three Tulia punts in the period. The Bobcats started two series at the Tulia 36 and another at the Tulia 43 in the first

quarter, but got no closer than the Hornets' 22 during the night.

After squandering their chances in the first quarter, the Bobcats were on the short end of the field position stick in the second quarter. That led directly to Tulia's two field goals.

A 50-yard punt and a 10-yard blocking penalty against Dimmitt pinned the Bobcats at their 15 with 4:33 left in the half. On second-and-nine, quarterback Joey Martinez lost two yards and the handle on the football. Tulia recovered at the Dimmitt 14 with 4:05 left in the half.

The Hornets lost five yards on a procedure penalty and couldn't make up the difference in three rushing plays. On fourth-and-15, Gibson nailed a 36-yard kick with 3:27 left in the half for a 3-0 lead.

Dimmitt was pinned deep in its own end after a deep Tulia kickoff, and set up to punt from its 17. Punter Chad Ellis was supposed to kick the ball, but it didn't work out that way.

With a Tulia rush coming in, Ellis tried to run near the Bobcat end zone. As he was about to be tackled, he flung the ball downfield. That resulted in an intentional grounding penalty that moved the ball inside the Dimmitt 2, first down for Tulia.

"No way did we call a fake punt," Chisum said. "We had a breakdown in our blocking, and Chad tried to do something good."

Despite the huge break, the Tulia offense couldn't budge the Dimmitt defense. The Hornets lost a yard on two rushing plays, then Ellis batted down a third-down pass. On fourth down, with 16 seconds left, Gibson booted his second field goal for a 6-0 lead at halftime.

On their second series of the third quarter, the Bobcats looked to be on their way to the lead. After an offensive pass interference play moved the ball back to the Dimmitt 12, Rueda took a pitch and went around the left side. As he broke past the 40, Rueda dropped the ball, which Tulia fell on.

Two plays later, though, Zeke Nino returned the favor by recovering a fumble and returning it to the Tulia 40. The Bobcats shot themselves in the foot with a holding call and a quarterback sack, and had to punt the ball away.

Tulia drove smartly down the field, going from its 19 to the Bobcat 17. Two big procedure penalties helped stymie the Hornets, and Arturo Silva intercepted a pass at the Dimmitt 16 to end the threat.

Tulia never threatened again, but neither did the Bobcats, who never snapped the ball from beyond their 27 the rest of the game.

"Tulia had doubled up on our split ends in the first half, and we couldn't really throw the ball then," Chisum said. "In the second half we got into

single coverage and couldn't get the ball to them. We had the patterns and threw the ball to the wrong place on some and to the wrong people on others.

"We just made every possible mistake we could make and every big play we needed to execute we messed up. What makes things so much more frustrating is the same people who don't play well on offense play a super game on defense. It's been hard for people to score on us, and we just need to work on scoring some ourselves."

	DIM	TULIA
First Downs	4	7
Rushing Yards	52	150
Passing Yards	6	33
Total Offense	58	183
Passes Comp./Att.	2/15	1/4
Passes Int. By	1	1
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	2-1
Punts-Avg.	6-39	9-33
Penalties-Yards	8-75	13-101

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: DIMMITT—Oscar Rueda 8-32; Toby Crow 7-29; Albert Ewing 5-10; Dewayne Espinoza 3-7; Joey Flores 1-6; Kalem Thomas 2-6; Jason Wooten 6-(-6); Joey Martinez 5-(-16); Chad Ellis 1-(-16).
Passing: DIMMITT—Joey Martinez 2 of 9 for 6 yards; Jason Wooten 0 of 5; Chad Ellis 0 of 1.
Receiving: DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 1-10; Albert Charles 1-(-4).



OPTION RIGHT — Dimmitt quarterback Joey Martinez (17) picks up yardage on an option keeper in the second quarter of the Bobcats' game against the Tulia Hornets here Friday night. Both

teams had trouble making their offenses click, and the Hornets won it with a pair of second-quarter field goals, 6-0.

Photo by Joel Townsend



GERONIMO!—Dimmitt end Chad Ellis stretches for a pass that's just out of reach at the sideline during the first quarter of the Bobcats' game against Tulia here Friday night. The visiting Hornets won the game with two field goals, 6-0.

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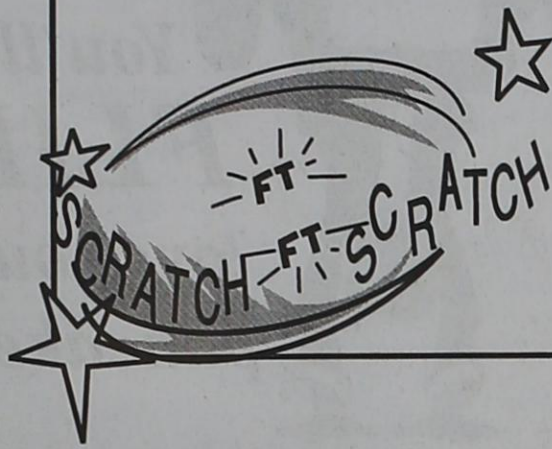
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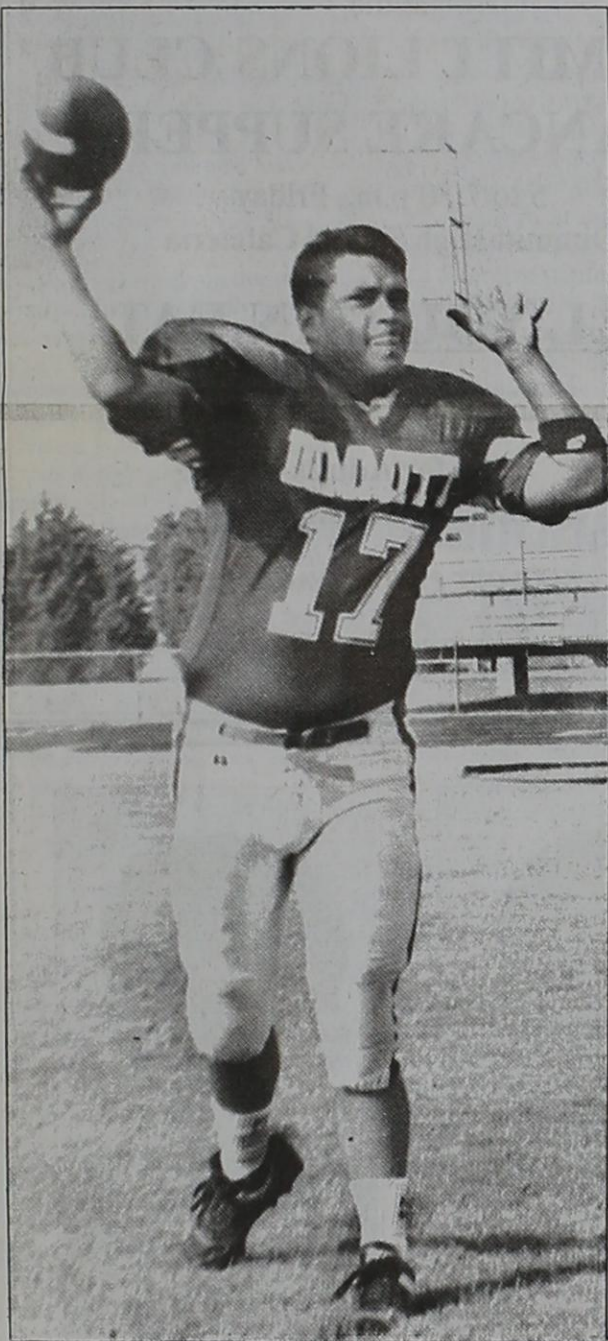
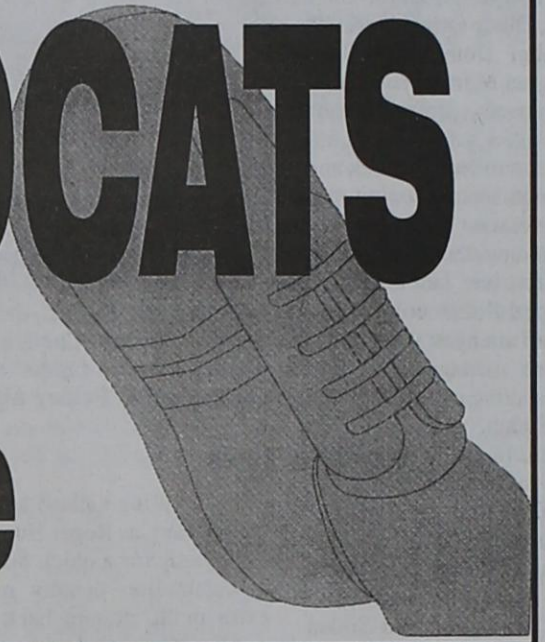


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BOBCATS			
Bobcats 0, Springlake-Earth 19			
Bobcats 35, Sanford-Fritch 0			
Bobcats 0, Tulia 6			
Sept. 29 River Road	Here		8:00
Oct. 6 Slaton	There		8:00
Oct. 13 Floydada*	There		7:30
Oct. 20 Shallowater* (Homecoming)	Here		7:30
Oct. 27 Friona*	There		7:30
Nov. 3 Muleshoe*	There		7:30
Nov. 10 Littlefield*	Here		7:30

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

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Freshmen 12, Idalou 6; JV 14, Springlake-Earth 0			
Freshmen 26, Sanford-Fritch 0; JV 18, Sanford-Fritch 0			
Freshmen 27, Tulia 0; JV 18, Tulia 0			
Sept. 28 River Road	There		5:30-7:00
Oct. 5 Slaton	Here		5:30-7:00
Oct. 12 Floydada*	Here		5:30-7:00
Oct. 19 Shallowater*	There		5:30-7:00
Oct. 26 Friona*	Here		5:30-7:00
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Nov. 9 Littlefield*	There		5:30-7:00

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8th 22, Sanford-Fritch 14			
7th 44, Tulia 0; 8th 18, Tulia 6			
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'Horns swat Hornets in offensive slugfest

After years of frustrating performances against the Sudan Hornets, Hart finally put a good game together and it resulted in a big upset of the state-ranked Hornets Friday night.

Hart took advantage of numerous Sudan turnovers—the same way Sudan has taken advantage of Hart miscues in previous years—and made the Hornets swallow their second loss in a row, 27-19.

Hart silenced all critics Friday night when they wowed the fans with touchdown after touchdown.

Coach Blair Brown felt that the key to stopping Sudan was to control the ball and keep it away from the Hornets' explosive offense.

Hart did just that. Behind the blocking of Felipe Guerrero, Gabe Montemayor, Dusty Ortiz, Armondo Minjarez, Abel Dominguez, Juan Romero, Miguel Martinez and Matt Huerta, Hart used a ground attack which netted 253 yards on 54 attempts, they controlled the clock and handed Sudan its second consecutive defeat of the season.

At the beginning, the game looked to be a defensive battle. Hart's defense stopped Sudan cold and the Hornets punted after just three plays. Hart's offense managed one first down before stalling and punting the ball back to Sudan.

Then Sudan, in methodical fashion, used a combination of running and passing plays to move down the field and culminated the drive when Jerimi Bourland found Heath Harper for a 23-yard touchdown play. Justin Bellar's kick was good and Sudan took an early 7-0 lead.

Hart came right back, chewing up seven minutes off the clock in a drive that featured "smash mouth" football. Hart runningbacks Raynea Garcia and Jeremy Card ran straight at the Sudan defense behind Hart's huge offensive line. Moving the ball on the ground to the Sudan 13, Hart's John Welps then completed the drive with a pass to J.R. Lee. Lee caught the pass in the flat, then juke and jived his way past Bourland for a 13-yard score. Hart's extra point attempt was wide, leaving Sudan on



WHOA!—A Sudan defender snags the jersey of Hart's Jeremy Card and holds on for dear life during the two teams' shootout in Sudan's Homecoming game Friday night. Card gained 122 yards on 25 carries as the Longhorns won a long-sought victory over the defending state semifinalists, 27-19. Photo by David Knox

top, 7-6. The ensuing kickoff spelled trouble for Hart, as Roger Huey returned it 80 yards for a quick Sudan score. A celebration penalty moved the extra point attempt back 15 yards and the kick sailed wide.

Facing a 13-6 deficit in the second quarter, Hart refused to give up, striking back with a quick TD of their own. Lee, not to be outdone by Huey, returned Sudan's kickoff 80 yards, but was stopped short of the goal line at the Sudan 10. Three plays later Felix Rocha took a handoff from Welps on a reverse play and dove into the endzone. Garcia added the point-after and the score was knotted at 13 in the second stanza.

Sudan struck again when Bourland completed a 25-yard pass to Huey, who used some nifty run-

ning to turn the pass into a 57-yard touchdown, giving Sudan the lead once again. A missed extra point left it 19-13, Sudan, with six minutes left in the half.

After receiving the ensuing kickoff, Hart mounted another time-consuming drive, mixing tough running with two key third-down passes from Welps to Lee and Huerta. Welps plunged in from three yards out to seal the drive with a TD and Garcia booted the kick for a 20-19 Hart advantage.

Sudan threatened to score again with 52 seconds left in the half after Huey broke open a run before he

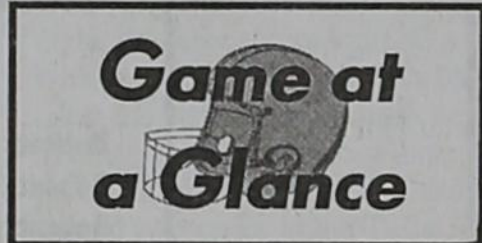
was dragged down inside the Hart 20. Two huge defensive plays by Welps and Rocha, including deflected passes, kept the Hornets from adding to their score.

Hart enjoyed a good second-half beginning when the Horns marched down the field to Sudan's 10 after the kickoff. Hart challenged the heart of Sudan's defensive unit and came out on top, even though the drive stalled at the 10 without any points. The Horns used up precious minutes off of the clock before Sudan regained possession.

Sudan moved the ball to midfield, then caught a case of fumbleitis. The first of three Sudan fumbles gave Hart the ball, but the Horns couldn't move and punted. The weak kick gave Sudan excellent field position, but another fumble killed Sudan's hopes when Hart's Roy Gonzales recovered the free pigskin.

Hart continued following its ground attack game plan and slowly worked its way downfield in another time consuming drive. This one was capped by a 6-yard run by Garcia to give Hart its final victory margin, 27-19.

Sudan had one more chance to score, but Hart's defense stuffed ballcarriers on three straight plays, then Minjarez batted down a desperation fourth-down pass to give Hart the ball back with 4:15 left in the game.



	HART	SUDAN
First Downs	14	10
Rushing	253	119
Passing Yards	71	144
Total Offense	324	263
Passes Comp./Att.	5/10	6/11
Passes Int. By	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Punts-Avg.	1-31	1-28
Penalties-Yards	7-40	4-25

Hart	0	20	0	7	—	27
Sudan	7	12	0	0	—	19

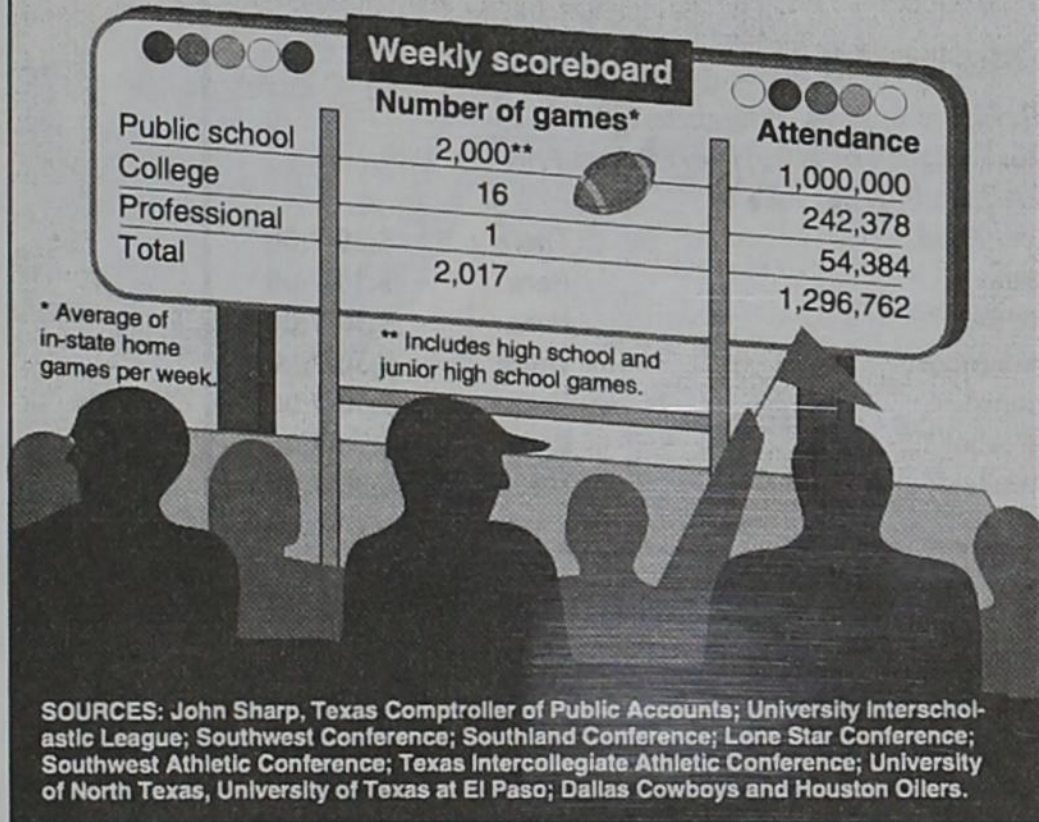
SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
SUDAN—Heath Harper 23 pass from Jerimi Bourland (Justin Bellar kick).
Second Quarter:
HART—J.R. Lee 13 pass from John Welps (kick failed).
SUDAN—Roger Huey 85-yard kickoff return (kick failed).
HART—J.R. Lee 13 run (Raynea Garcia kick).
SUDAN—Lee Ray 56 pass from Bourland (kick failed).
HART—Welps 3 run (Garcia kick).
Third Quarter:
HART—Garcia 6 run (Garcia Kick).

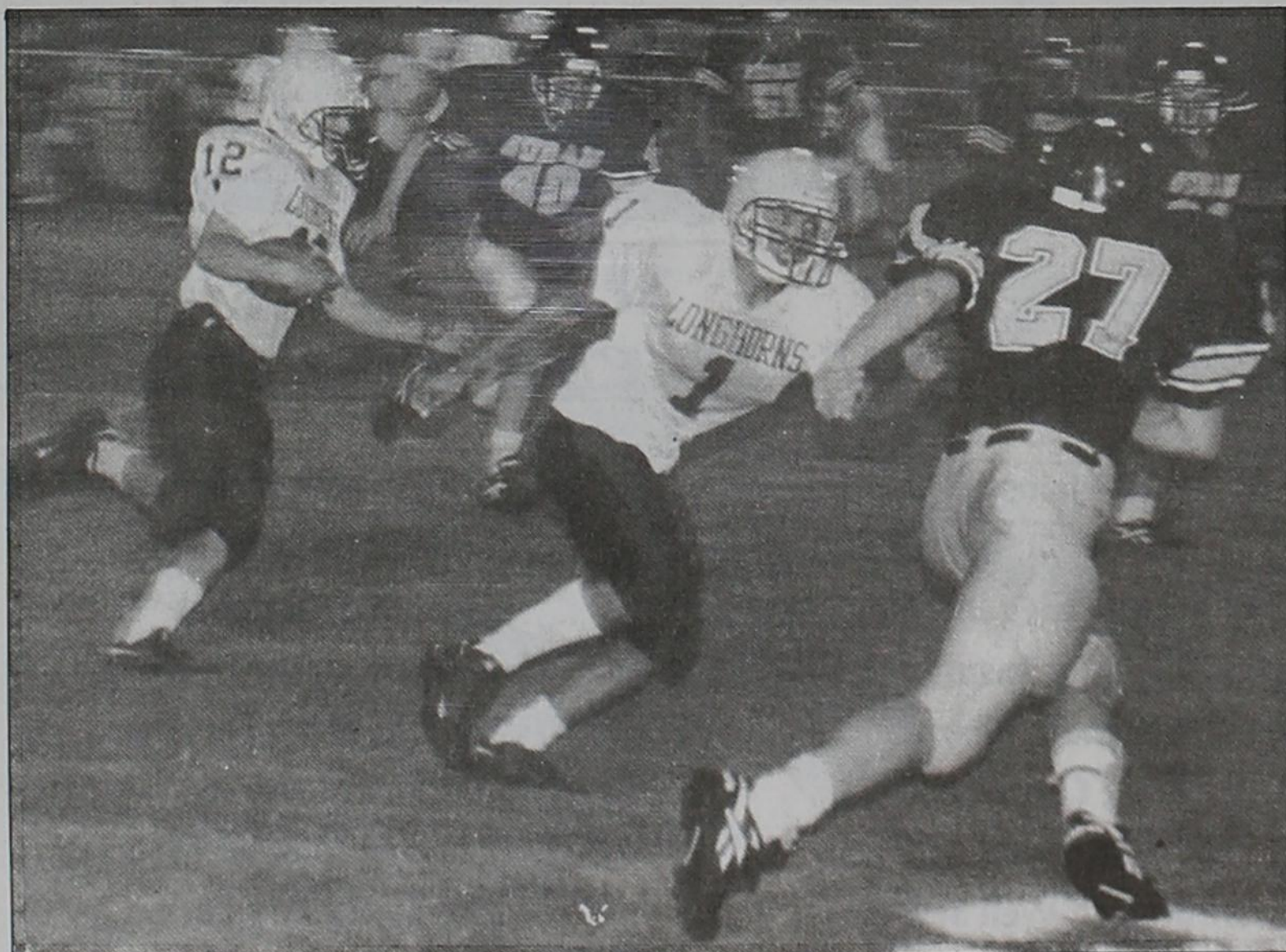
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TURNING THE CORNER—Hart runningback Jeremy Card (12) gets a clearing block from wide receiver Felix Rocha (1) as he turns the corner against the Sudan Hornets' big defense Friday

night at Sudan. The Longhorns posted a big 27-19 victory to remain undefeated and spoil the Hornets' Homecoming. Photo by David Knox

From then on it was all Hart ball control. Garcia and Card gained yard after yard as minute after minute ticked off the clock. Before the final buzzer sounded, Hart had driven to Sudan's 10 and threatened again.

The outpouring of emotion on the field by fans and players alike following the victory brought to an end years of frustration for Hart as it

finally managed to topple the Hornets.

Of Hart's 253 yards rushing, Card picked up 122 yards on 25 carries and Garcia managed to gain 92 yards on 21 attempts. Welps completed 5-of-10 passes for 71 yards, with Lee catching four of those passes for 52 yards.

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Hart opens district play Friday; 'Cats, Swifts hope for victories

Hart hopes the experience it gained in its three victories this season have built the team's confidence enough to boost the Longhorns through district play, which begins this week.

Hart will meet longtime rival Abernathy in the 3-AA opener Friday night at Longhorn Stadium with the opening kick set for 7:30.

Meanwhile, Dimmitt and Nazareth continue in non-conference play, with the Bobcats hosting River Road and the Swifts traveling to Petersburg. Both games will begin at 8 p.m.

River Road at Dimmitt

Two teams trying to find their offensive legs will face off Friday night at Bobcat Stadium when the Bobcats host the Wildcats.

Gone from River Road are quarterback Jeff Davis and a great corps of receivers that led the Wildcats to the playoffs. Back is a good chunk of the defense and memories of a passing attack that killed a bunch of teams, including the Bobcats, over the past two years.

"They will still try to pass the ball a lot, maybe 70% of the time," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "They run the ball pretty well, but they will only run it enough to keep us honest."

"Their quarterback can't throw it quite as well as the (Jeff) Davis kid did, but he's still pretty good. The Pitt brothers who moved up their last year from Tulia are really their two biggest offensive weapons, and they still don't mind throwing the ball at any time from anywhere on the field."

Doing the throwing this year will be Rowdey Lundegreen to Wendell and Jesse Pitt, and wideouts Blake Ward, Darren Kunkle and Nathan Reynolds.

The Wildcats will also feature big noseguard Jerry Dixon (6-3, 295) and two-way lineman Jeremy Stowe (5-11, 210).

"They did change up their defense this year and will basically be in a 4-3 this year," Chisum said. "They haven't changed their offense much (basically a one-back) but they might run the 'I' a little."

Chisum is more worried about his Bobcats in light of last week's loss to Tulia.

"I knew there would be times this year when we wouldn't play well, but I never expected anything like last Friday night, especially in light of how well we played against Sanford-Fritch," said Chisum.

Chisum said fullback Dagon Newton should be back this week, and no other injuries were sustained last week.

Abernathy at Hart

Hart is riding high after its big victory over state-ranked Sudan Friday night and the Longhorns want to carry that momentum through the next seven games—all District 3-AA contests.

The Longhorns begin district play this week when they host the Abernathy Antelopes. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. at Longhorn Stadium.

Hart is undefeated with a 3-0 mark and wins over Anton, Nazareth and Sudan. Abernathy is 1-2, with losses coming to Slaton and Shallowater. The Lopes topped Roosevelt in their only victory.

Hart isn't the only 3-AA team to have an undefeated record headed into district play. So do Lockney and Springlake-Earth. Hale Center is undefeated, too, but has had to settle for two wins and a tie this year.

The Longhorns will have to be in top form each week to hang onto their dream of advancing far into the playoffs, and they can't afford to overlook the Antelopes, who struggled on the gridiron in 1994 and

Buffalo Lake notes new hours

Buffalo Lake Wildlife Refuge will begin winter public access hours Sunday.

During the winter, the refuge will be open to public access from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. The public entry gate will lock at 6 p.m. and visitors should plan to be off the refuge by this designated closing time.

Winter hours begin Oct. 1 and end March 31 each year.

Refuge office hours continue to be 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

have gotten off to a slow start in 1995.

Abernathy has been known to have an explosive offensive attack. Just ask Slaton. On Friday night Abernathy ran up 14 points on the Tigers before Slaton got untracked and shut down the Antelopes for the rest of the game to take a 27-14 win.

Abernathy started off their scoring spree with a safety, then got rushing touchdowns from B.J. Petillo (5-10, 190) and Josh Hemphill (5-9, 170).

Petillo is a "must-stop" as far as the Longhorns are concerned. He is one of the main cogs in Abernathy's I-formation attack, handling the snaps at quarterback. Hemphill starts at fullback and the two charge ahead behind experienced linemen Adam Garcia (5-7, 195), Jody Schapp (5-9, 195), Ezequiel Cantu (5-9, 180) and Cliff Harkey (5-11, 185). Receivers include Larry Hernandez (5-6, 145) and Byron Hughes (5-10, 145).

On defense, Abernathy's linebacking corps is its strength, with all three returning with loads of experience. They include Oscar Delgado (5-9, 170), Billy Hernandez (5-6, 150) and Michael Rosas (5-5, 165). Harkey and Petillo are defensive ends.

Nazareth at Petersburg

Nazareth has used its open week to allow injured players some recuperation time and is now ready to get back into action.

The Swifts will be looking for win #1 when they travel to Petersburg Friday night. Kickoff in the non-conference game is slated for 8 p.m.

Nazareth, 0-2, has been struggling with injuries and inexperience this season, but Coach Rick Price feels things will finally start to come together for the Swifts this week.

The Swifts should welcome back starting tailback Coby Schacher this week. He went down with a knee injury early in the season opener and hasn't played since. Still absent from the defensive starting lineup will be Jerad Birkenfeld, who suffered a broken arm against Hart.

"We had some hurt ankles, sore knees and bruises, but we're pretty well over those things now," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "The

National wildlife refuges to be spotlighted Oct. 8-14

Oct. 8-14 will be National Wildlife Refuge Week to celebrate the National Wildlife Refuge System.

President Theodore Roosevelt established the first National Wildlife Refuge in 1903—Pelican Island in Florida — to protect herons, egrets and other colonial nesting birds. President Roosevelt established 50 additional refuges during his term of office, nearly all to protect species threatened with extinction.

Today, that legacy has grown to more than 500 refuges, located in all 50 states and several US territories.

Managed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the national refuges range in size from a half-acre to 20 million acres, and include every kind of ecosystem in the country, from deserts and mountains to swamps and remote islands.

Most refuges were established to provide habitat for migratory birds, whose fall migrations will be in full swing in October. Among the best-known refuges in the Panhandle-Plains area are the Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Uamburg, winter home of thousands of migratory waterfowl, and the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, where thousands of sandhill cranes spend the winter.

The National Wildlife Refuge System is the only system of its kind in the world, dedicated to wildlife and to conserving wildlife habitats.

Dimmitt eighth grade outscores Tulia, 18-6

Dimmitt scored two first quarter touchdowns en route to an 18-6 win last Thursday over Tulia in an eighth grade contest.

Justin Sutton scored in the first quarter on a one-yard run. Later in the period, Fredrick Traylor added a two-yard run.

In the third quarter, Sutton cemented the win with a 32-yard run. Daniel Flores led Dimmitt's offense with 110 yards on 10 carries.

open week came at a good time."

Petersburg, 1-2, has suffered losses to Lockney and Hale Center, while managing to beat Crosbyton, 15-0. In the Buffaloes' three games, they have managed to score 28 points, but have allowed 56.

Petersburg relies heavily on its running game and its big backs, 6-3, 210-pound tailback Chris Travis; and 6-0, 200-lb. fullback Jesse Ovalle. Quarterbacking the Buffs in the Pro-I formation is Justin Blair (5-9, 140). In last week's 36-6 loss to Hale Center, Blair connected with receiver Raymond Hernandez (5-8, 140) for an 11-yard touchdown, the Buffs' only points of the game.

Travis was responsible for the Buffs' touchdown against Lockney the week before. He rushed 81 yards on 18 totes and scored on a 10-yard jaunt. He ground out a 167-yard rushing performance in the season opening victory over Crosbyton and had one touchdown run in the game. Ovalle managed 66 yards rushing against Crosbyton.

But while Petersburg has a lot of size in the backfield, the speed is not there, and Price said the Buffs' runningbacks will be a lot slower than backs on other teams the Swifts have played.

While Petersburg is a predominantly running team, Price said the Buffs will fake the run and the run a bootleg, and "they do it well."

Petersburg's line is big, too, anchored by returning starter Jesse Ruiz (6-1, 175). He is joined in the trenches by Daryl Stephens (6-2, 190), guard Josh Martin (5-8, 160), tackle Eddie Esparza (6-3, 215), and guard Chris Garza (5-6, 150). Brandon Carr (6-2, 220) is the starting center.

Defensively, the Buffs like the 5-2, with Esparza Carr at guard and Travis at middle linebacker. Martin is a defensive back and Jay Weaver is a strength at the defensive end slot.

"Petersburg has a good, solid defensive team," Price said. "They've got an exceptional crew of linebackers—really big, physical kids who can get to the ball. We hope there are some things that our offense will be able to do to take advantage of their secondary," he said.

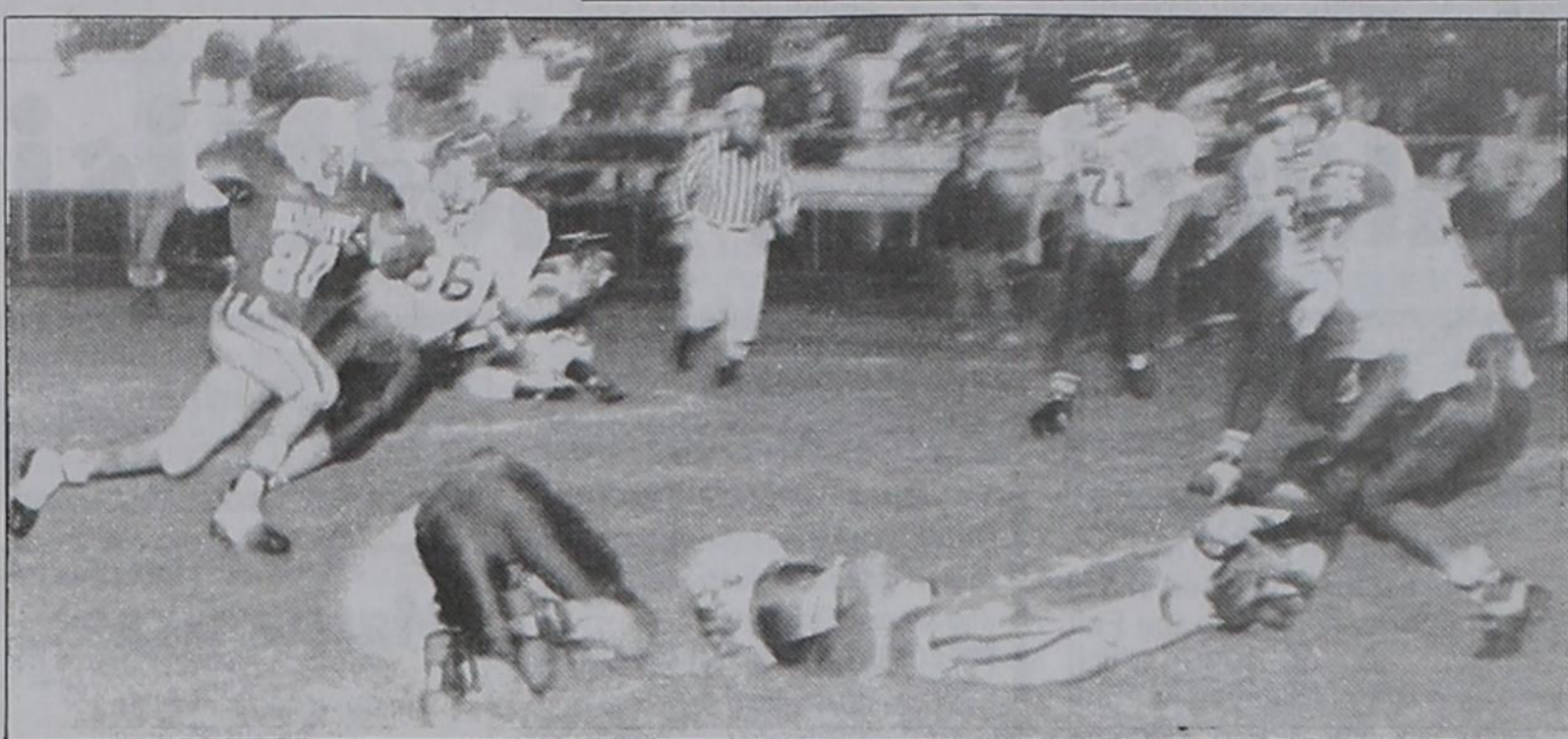
Later in the period, Jerry Thomas caught a 35-yard pass from Hill for a touchdown. The PAT failed, leaving Dimmitt ahead at halftime 27-0.

In the third period, Jaime Lafuente scored twice. The first touchdown was on an 85-yard run, and was followed by Buckley's run for the two-point PAT. The second score came after Tulia's touchdown when Lafuente returned the kickoff 80 yards.

Lafuente had 178 all-purpose yards, according to coach Cory Lynch.

"Jerry Thomas and Beau Hill also had good games running with the ball," Lynch said. "We had blocked punts by Stacey Villanueva and Aaron Arguijo. The entire 'D' played very well."

The freshmen are now 3-0 and will play today (Thursday) at River Road.



BIG GAINER — Dimmitt runningback Albert Ewing reels off a 12-yard gain in the third quarter of the Bobcats' game against Tulia here Friday

night. However, the Bobcats were unable to mount a scoring drive and the Hornets won it with a pair of field goals, 6-0.

Photo by Joel Townsend

Dimmitt—or was it Naz—girls win team title in Amarillo meet

The Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes placed first and second in Saturday's Amarillo Invitational Cross Country meet.

Or was it second and first?

No one knows for sure, but the Swiftettes have five medals that total 60 points. Dimmitt had 75 points. But the final team totals have Dimmitt in first and Nazareth in second with 77.

Nazareth placed runners in fourth, ninth, 13th, 15th and 19th, according to the medals they brought home from Amarillo. Dimmitt placed just three in the top 20—Shawna Kenworthy in fifth, Sandra Torres in 12th and Summer McLean in 17th. Dimmitt's next two runners finished in 21st and 22nd, according to meet records.

Freshman 'Cats roll past Hornets

Dimmitt's freshman Bobcats rolled to a 27-0 halftime lead en route to a 41-6 victory last Thursday at Tulia.

Beau Hill scored twice in the first quarter. The first scoring play was a 25-yard run; he later scored on a two-yard run. After the second TD, Derek Buckley threw to Aaron Arguijo for two extra points and a 14-0 lead.

In the second period, Jaime Lafuente scored on a nine-yard run. Luis Silva added the PAT kick for a 21-0 lead.

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GOP Women pick delegates

Castro County Republican Women elected Emma Jean King, Mary Lou Schmucker and Deanne Clark last Wednesday as delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women's state convention to be held in Amarillo Nov. 10-12.

Alternates elected were Patsy Franks, Gwen Bryant and Irene Wilhelm.

Amy Fuller and Marcella Flores reported on their experiences as Girls State delegates. They said they made new friends and overcame anxieties of flying and heavy schedules. Amy ran for office several times and came close but was defeated. Both girls said they had their appetite for government stimulated.

Cyndy Reynolds presided at the meeting at K-Bob's Steak House in the absence of President Cindy Rohrbach.

A work crew stayed after the meeting to assemble bookmarks with the Texas pledge to be placed in the welcome packets at the convention.

Sixteen members and three guests were present.

"Somewhere in the shuffle they just lost Tiffany (Schmucker)," said Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton. "They handed her a 19th place medal, but didn't put her placing down and didn't count her among our top five. They picked up our sixth place runner, Kira Ball, instead. And she finished 48th. If you change that 48 to 19, we finished first."

Hampton said he had talked with meet officials about Schmucker's placing and they agreed to check their records, but he hadn't heard anything at press time. He did say team plaques hadn't been awarded yet.

Hart girls also ran in the meet, placing sixth behind the second-place finish of Isela Minjarez.

County runners claimed 12 of the top 25 places in the girls' meet—if you count Schmucker in that number.

Hart boys finished fifth overall and the Bobcats placed two runners in the top 20.

Carie Wethington led the Swiftette contingent, placing fourth in 13:28. Tanya Wethington finished ninth with a time of 13:46; Misti Ball was 13th in 13:51; Sara Birkenfeld was 15th with a time of 14:00; and Schmucker was 19th with a time of 14:06.

The Bobbies' top runner was Kenworthy, who was fifth with a time of 13:35. She was followed by teammates Torres in 13:51; McLean, 17th, 14:06; Amy

Matthews, 21st, 14:08; and Stephanie Hinojosa, 22nd, 14:10.

Hart took Minjarez' second-place finish and built upon it to finish sixth with 228 points. Also placing among the top 25 for the Lady Horns was Laura Rincon, 14th, 14:00.

In the boys' race, Hart's Mario Guzman was seventh with a time of 18:28. Jerome Larra of Dimmitt was clocked at 18:53 for 10th place and teammate Joey Flores was 17th in 19:03. Eric Montemayor of Hart was 25th, finishing the race in 19:27.

In the junior varsity division, the Swiftettes were second with 60 points behind Canyon, which had 19. More than 300 girls competed in the race.

Team members were Jayme Schmucker, ninth, 14:22; Lynsey Hoelting, 13th, 14:27; Celina Braddock, 16th, 14:31; Amy Pohlmeier, 29th; Lori Maurer, 35th; and Trina Johnson, 38th.

Camp participants to perform Friday

The 85 youngsters who participated in the cheerleading camp held in Dimmitt Saturday will perform during half-time of the Dimmitt Bobcats Varsity football game Friday night at Bobcat Stadium.

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22-Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting
every Tuesday in Dimmitt. For more
information please call 1-800-359-3131.
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23-Lost & Found

FOUND: TWO YEARLINGS. Call Robert
Hawkins at 938-2206. 23-25-2tc

24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank everyone who visited,
sent flowers, cards, called and encour-
aged my mother during my recent illness.
A special thanks to Ken, Steve, Dr. Hill
and staff.

FROM SUGAR
24-25-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank everyone for their
prayers and concerns while Virgil was in
the hospital. And for the food that was
brought by the house for the children.
A special thank you to Dr. Hardee, Dr.
Claborn and the wonderful staff at Plains
Memorial Hospital for the special care that
was given to Virgil.
Last, but not least, a very special thank
you to our families and friends who helped
take care of our children while Virgil was
in St. Anthony's in Amarillo.
May God bless each and everyone of
you.

VIRGIL, SHIRLEY,
CODY, THOMAS & ANNA
24-25-1tp

25-Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court is
now accepting bids on the remodeling of
the restrooms and parking area at the
Castro County Expo Building to meet ADA
Standards. Bids should be submitted to
the County Judge, Castro County Court-
house, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, on or be-
fore October 6, 1995. Bids will be opened
October 9, 1995, at 9 a.m. at Commis-
sioners Court. Castro County reserves the
right to reject any or all bids and the right
to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER
Castro County Judge
25-24-2tc

The feeling of friendship is
like that of being comfortably
filled with roast beef; love,
like being enlivened with
champagne.

—Samuel Johnson



Here are the school lunch menus for
Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of
Sept. 28 to Oct. 5.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of chicken and
dumplings, corn dog on a stick or *beef and
bean burrito with chili; pork and beans, potato
salad, *arroz Mexicano; *tossed salad with
dressing, *fruited gelatin or orange wedges;
homemade biscuits, old fashioned cornbread
or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and
*milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets,
Monterey casserole or beans and rice with
sausage; Fideo Mexicano, *whole new pota-
toes or baked beans; tossed salad with dress-
ing, *haystack finger salad or cantaloupe; *hot
wheat rolls, old fashioned cornbread or saltine
crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk,
punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with
gravy, lasagna with ground beef or ham and
cheese sandwich; *mashed potatoes and gravy,
broccoli, cheese and rice or southern collard
greens; tossed salad with dressing, *haystack
finger salad or chilled fruit cocktail; *hot
cheese rolls, flour tortillas or crackers; apple,
banana and orange; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of poor boy steak,
*hoagie submarine or taco salad; potatoes au
gratin, *onion rings or tomato and okra
gumbo; tossed salad with dressing, *coleslaw
or taco condiment salad; *hot wheat rolls, old
fashioned cornbread or flour tortillas; apple,
orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger
on a roll, green enchilada casserole or grilled
cheese sandwich with a bowl of chili,
*Mexipinto beans, rice pilaf or potatoes;
tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad
or cucumber and tomato salad; flour tortilla,
white bread or crackers; apple, orange or
banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of chicken and
dumplings, corn dog on a stick or *beef and
bean burrito with chili; pork and beans, potato
salad and *Arroz Mexicano; *tossed salad
with dressing, *fruited gelatin or orange
wedges; homemade biscuits, old fashioned
cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or
grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets,
Monterey casserole or beans and rice with
sausage; Fideo Mexicano, *whole new pota-
toes or baked beans; tossed salad with dress-
ing, *haystack finger salad or cantaloupe; *hot
wheat rolls, old fashion cornbread or saltine
crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk,
punch or tea.

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

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, green
beans, mashed potatoes, variety of cobbler, hot
rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Burritos, corn, pickles, cheese
wedge, pudding and milk.

MONDAY: Corn dogs (elementary), burri-
tos or chalupas, macaroni and cheese, pickles,
fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken fajitas (elementary),
beef fajitas or burritos, refried beans, salad,
pineapple and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger (elementary)
or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce,
tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Tacos (elementary) or burri-
tos, Spanish rice, salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Char steak (elementary) or barbe-
cued wieners, baked potato, salad, rolls,
brownie and milk.



NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Corn dogs, green beans,
applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: Spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls,
pears and milk.

MONDAY: Chili dogs, pork and beans,
peaches and milk.

TUESDAY: Mexican casserole, tossed
salad, sopapillas, fruit cocktail and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, green
beans, apple cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes
and gravy, carrots, rolls, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos, corn, rolls, applesauce
and milk.

**Local 4-H'ers are planning
to celebrate Texas 4-H Sunday**

Castro County 4-H'ers will begin celebrating National 4-H Week Sunday,
which has been designated as Texas 4-H Sunday.

During National 4-H Week Oct. 1-7, 4-H programs throughout the United
States will hold a variety of activities to make the public aware of what 4-H is
all about. Many activities are being planned for Castro County, according to
Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent, and information can be ob-
tained at the Castro County Extension Office in Dimmitt.

"In Texas, some clubs use this week to recruit new members, while others
sponsor various educational events," said Dr. Nelson Jacob, 4-H youth devel-
opment specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "It's a good
time to promote 4-H and let everyone know all about the program and its value
to the community."

In Castro County, youth between the ages of 5 and 19 participate in the 4-H
program. Besides the technical knowledge and skills learned with individual
projects, 4-H members participate in leadership, citizenship and community
service programs.

With the help of more than 65,000 volunteers, the 4-H program has become
an integral part of the education of more than 450,000 urban, suburban and
rural youth in Texas.

Recognition of the Texas 4-H youth development program reached all the
way to the governor's office in 1993 when Gov. Ann Richards signed a procla-
mation declaring May 24 as 4-H Day in Texas.

The proclamation was signed in addition to resolutions passed by both the
Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

The declaration honors the Extension 4-H program for 85 years of providing
learning experiences to help young Texans get knowledge, develop life skills
and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directed, productive and
contributing members of society.

Earlier this year, the US Senate also honored the 4-H program nationwide
with the passage of Senate Resolution 100, declaring April 5, as National 4-H
Day.



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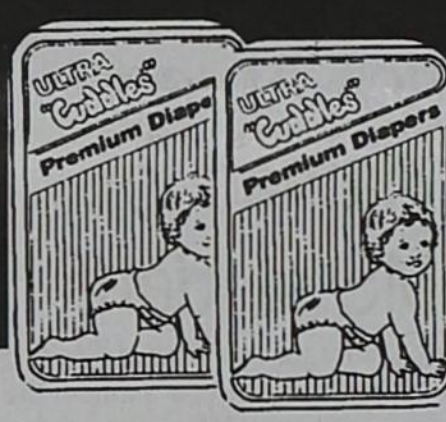
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School's computer lab beginning
Oct. 9.

The series will consist of six
separate courses of two or three
evenings apiece, each dealing with
a different aspect or program of
computer operation.

The classes will be taught by
Richard Spears of the Castro Coun-
ty Sheriff's Dept.

Students may take any or all of
the six courses for an enrollment
fee of \$15 per course, which in-
cludes a course workbook and a
certificate of completion. Class pe-
riods will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Anyone interested may contact
Spears at the Sheriff's Dept., 647-
3311, for detailed course descrip-
tions or to enroll. Class size will be
limited, Spears said.

Courses include:
*Computer Basics: Introduction
to Computers*, Oct. 9-10.
Beginning DOS, Oct. 16, 17, 19.
Beginning Windows Version 3.1,
Oct. 23, 24, 26.

*Word Perfect (DOS and Win-
dows Versions)*, Nov. 6, 7.
*Using Computer Spreadsheets in
Windows*, Nov. 13, 14.

*Developing a Windows Data-
base*, Dec. 4, 5, 7.

**Hotel reservations
needed for Houston
Livestock Show**

Anyone interested in reserving a
hotel room in Houston for the 1996
Houston Livestock Show should
contact Cassa McCormick at 647-
4334.

Hotel reservations must be made
soon, and they are difficult to get,
McCormick said. If there is no an-
swer at the number above,
McCormick asks that the caller leave
a message.

Obituaries

Helen W. Adams

Services for Helen Waldrop Adams, 84, of Hereford, mother of Martie Benton of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in Restland's Abbey Chapel in Dallas with Rev. Charles Cook, minister of Elmwood United Methodist Church of Dallas, officiating.

Burial followed in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Local arrangements were by Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mrs. Adams died Friday at Hereford Care Center.

She was born in Pilot Grove and graduated from Whitewright High School. She married William "R.C." Adams in Dallas in 1927. He died on Oct. 25, 1973. She was a dietary planner and lunchroom manager for the Coca-Cola Syrup Plant and retired after 20 years of service. She moved to Dallas to Edom in 1972, and then moved to Hereford in 1989. She was a charter member of the Lover's Lane United Methodist Church, the Bob Tate Sunday School Class, the Women's Society and the National Association of Letter Carriers Women's Auxiliary #28.

Survivors include two daughters, Benton and Jan Smith of Longview; a sister, Lena Young of Whitewright; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nephews and a niece.

The family asks that memorials be made to Edom Baptist Church in Edom.

Bernie N. Fincher

Bernie N. Fincher, 78, of Tulia, former Hart resident, died Sunday.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in Wallace Funeral Home Chapel with Walt Ellis, pastor of Forest Hill Baptist Church in Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Tulia's Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Fincher was born in Idabel, Okla., where he grew up and attended school. He married Muriel Sanders in 1940 in Love County, Okla. They lived in Wellington, Amarillo and Hart before moving to Tulia in 1970. He farmed all his life. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two sons, James William Fincher in 1944 and Dale Fincher in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ken Fincher and Jack Fincher, both of Canyon; a sister, Imogene Riche of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



First Christian Church

A picnic in Palo Duro Canyon is set for Sunday following the morning worship. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no evening worship service at the church.

The Wednesday Bible study on Oct. 4 will cover the fourth lesson in the study book on Timothy.

Members are reminded to save labels from Campbell's soup and Swanson's products and place them in the box at the church for Alpha Christian Children's Home to get credit toward the purchase of a van.

The Women's Council will have a bakeless bake sale at the October meeting. All are encouraged to participate.

Singers sought for Christmas music program

Local singers are invited to join a community choir that will perform the cantata, "A Christmas Festival," Dec. 17.

Rehearsals are being held at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through October. Joint rehearsals will begin Nov. 1 at the First Baptist Church.

The Christmas musical will feature the Methodist Handbell Choir, a children's choir and a drama group in addition to the community choir, according to Bill Newland, First Baptist Church music director.

"You won't have to go to Amarillo or Lubbock for a big Christmas musical this year," Newland said. "We'll have one right here."

The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Silvano Guerrero

Silvano Guerrero, 84, of Olton, father of Ignacia Reyna of Hart, died Tuesday.

Services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church with Rev. Martin Pena, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Guerrero was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He moved to Olton from Mexico in May.

He married Lionidez Martinez in 1930 in San Luis Potosi. She died in 1994. He was a retired farmer and a Catholic.

Survivors include five sons, Carmen Guerrero and Juan Guerrero, both of San Luis Potosi, and Anselmo Guerrero, Benito Guerrero and Leonardo Guerrero, all of Olton; five daughters, Cesaria Garcia and Maria Gomez, both of Olton, Ignacia Reyna of Hart, and Andrea Cruz and Carmela Almaguer, both of San Luis Potosi; two sisters, Irinea Oliva and Francisca, both of San Luis Potosi; a brother, Pablo Guerrero of San Luis Potosi; 51 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Sybel Moberly

Graveside services for Sybel "Hootie" Moberly, 75, of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in Prairie Haven Memorial Park in Hobbs with Rev. Matthew T. Robinson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hobbs, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Chapel of Hope. She died Monday in Lea Regional Hospital.

She was born March 18, 1920, in Merlin, and moved to Hobbs from Dimmitt in 1962. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hobbs.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Curtis of Hobbs; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Services, Inc., or to the American Heart Association.

Erica Abrego is named top DMS student

Erica Abrego, daughter of Chi and Eva Abrego, has been named the Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

She was born in Hereford on April 1, 1986. Among her favorite things are spaghetti, the book *Babysitter's Club* and the "nice teachers" at Dimmitt Middle School. She says she is good at gymnastics and would like to improve her English.

When she grows up, Erica would like to be a doctor. She likes to read in her spare time. She admires and respects her parents and her favorite animal is the rabbit.

7th graders blitz Dobbers

Dimmitt's seventh graders won their first football game last Thursday, a 44-0 win over Tulia at Bobcat Stadium.

Dimmitt rolled up 275 yards on offense. Standouts recognized by Coach Dean Price included Ben Ruiz, B.J. Hill, Emmanuel Jaramillo, Buddy Birdwell and Jonathan Stevens.

Ruiz scored two touchdowns and two two-point conversions. Jaramillo had two TDs, and Samuel Espinoza added a touchdown. Daniel Proffitt had a touchdown and a two-point run, and B.J. Hill had a two-point conversion.

Jason Reyes led the defense with an interception. Price said the whole defensive unit played well, and singled out Daniel Proffitt and Tony Sifuentes.

"This team made great improvement from their first scrimmage to this game. This team has great potential if they can play as a team," said Price.

The team will host River Road today (Thursday) at about 5:30 p.m.

THE TERM "ACADEMY" is derived from the name of an olive grove, said to have belonged to the mythological hero Academus, outside ancient Athens where Plato taught philosophy. Gradually, it came to mean a college, or a higher school, and today it is applied to a place of learning or any association formed for literary, artistic, musical or scientific pursuits.

More about 1:1

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sent to prison.

Rayphard never got his stuff back, but he did get a judgment for its value, which the convicted burglar was ordered to pay.

Last month Rayphard got this letter from the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice:

"Dear Sir/Madam:
The above named individual has been issued a discharge certificate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and is no longer under our jurisdiction.

"The total restitution owed to you was \$4,381.95. You have been paid \$50.66 to date. There will be a final payment of \$9.34, leaving an unpaid balance of \$4,321.95.

"The State Comptroller's Office requires an updated application for accounts which have been inactive for 18 months. To receive your final payment, please complete the attached application for vendor identification form only on those lines checked in red and return.

"Agency processing time is approximately eight weeks from the date on which we receive the completed forms. If you have any questions, please contact this office."

Yeah, Rayphard has a question: "What's the use of having the Department of Criminal Justice?"

"In 10 years a university may not bear much resemblance to the traditional concept of a university," says Dr. Russell Long, president of West Texas A&M.

The reason: Interactive video. A professor will be able to give his classroom lecture while students in remote classrooms watch, listen and ask questions through voice-activated, two-way TV.

"The future of higher education can basically be reduced to two words: technology and cooperation," Dr. Long said in a talk to the Dimmitt Lions Club last week.

"The technology is no good without cooperation. It's possible today to network the entire Texas Panhandle so there is a single delivery and receiving system to serve local schools, governments, hospital districts and people.

"I think this technology is going to change the whole face of higher education," he said. "The change is going to be dramatic."

It also may be necessary. College costs are spiraling, and both the

colleges and the students are going to have to come up with a way to afford it.

Ten years ago, Dr. Long said, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$2,700 per student in a state university. That paid 90% of the university's cost of delivering its service to the student; the student paid the other 10%.

Today, the state appropriates \$2,200 per student, or 75% of the cost. The student now pays 25%.

Many students from middle-class and lower-income families can't afford that extra expense on top of the increased costs of books, food,

housing, etc.

That's why Dr. Long now spends 60% of his time on the road, raising funds for scholarship endowments to try to counter the legislative trend.

"There are two ways we can look at higher education," Dr. Long said. "One is to consider it a privilege that benefits the individual. The other way is to consider it an investment that benefits society."

"I'm worried about the end result, 20 years from now, of the policy of making higher education more expensive for the student," he said. "Those who do not have ac-

cess to our public universities because of the cost, but who might have had, will not be making the contributions to society 20 years hence that they would be making if they had had access."

Maybe it's time for us to take full advantage of the available technology.

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She's been twirling since she was in the sixth grade, and still takes lessons — from Bethany Tolley, in Lubbock, every other Saturday. She practices an hour or two a day to polish her technique.

One benefit of moving from Canyon to Dimmitt was that she didn't have to have new costumes.

"It comes in handy—a lot—to still get to use my purple-and-white costumes," she said.

Another big benefit of living here, Crystal said, is the people.

"I love it here," she said. "I like Dimmitt much better than anywhere I've lived, mainly because the people are so nice. It's so much fun because the people are so friendly here."

Crystal just may start a twirling tradition in Dimmitt.

"There are some younger girls here who said they want me to teach them," she said, "and I think I'll work with them when I can find a place that's indoors, with a high ceiling."

Meanwhile, she'll keep wowing the crowd at the Bobcat Band's halftime shows.

County hears complaint from Expo Building renter

Castro County Commissioners breezed through a light agenda Monday morning, approving the amount of fees which may be charged by sheriff's deputies or the constable for serving citations and other things, and hearing a complaint from a LULAC representative about the county's policy on refunding deposits on the Expo Building.

Mary Lou Lumbrera, LULAC representative, told commissioners her organization had rented the Expo for a celebration on Sept. 16. On Sept. 17 she said they cleaned the building, then turned the key in to Expo supervisor Howard Smithson, asking him to check things over to make sure everything was cleaned to his satisfaction.

Lumbrera said Smithson told them the stove wasn't cleaned properly among other things. She said they offered to go back and clean, but couldn't agree on a time when they and Smithson could meet at the building.

Smithson hired someone to come in and finish cleaning, then kept \$21 of LULAC's \$200 deposit on the building to pay for the cleaning costs.

Commissioners upheld Smithson's decision to keep the \$21.

Attorney Rex Easterwood visited with commissioners during the open

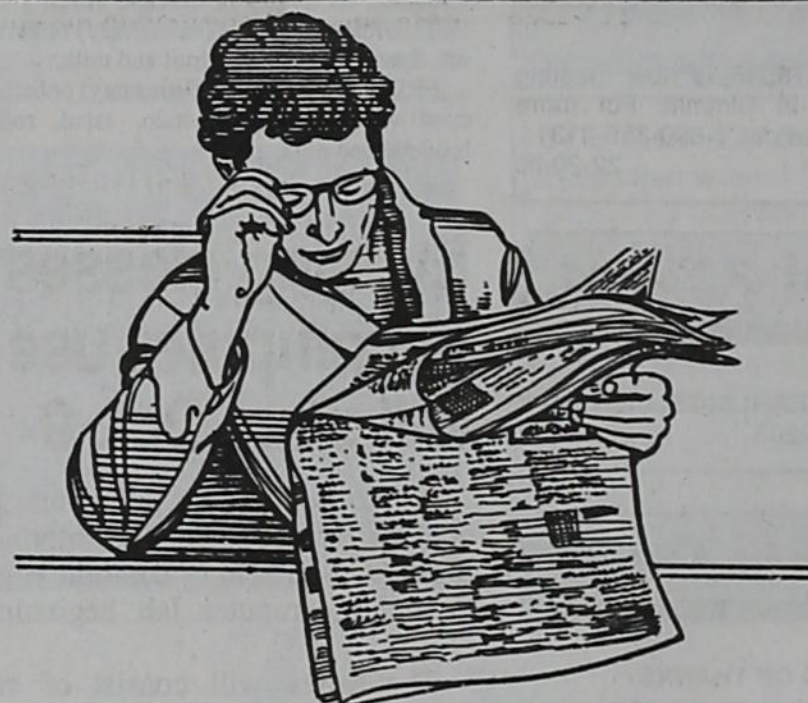
forum.

At a recent court meeting, Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos had asked County Attorney Jerry Matthews about finding an attorney who would be willing to represent the county on a contingency basis in filing a suit against MALDEF to reclaim some of the expenses the county was out on the last redistricting battle.

Guggemos told Easterwood he felt like the new voting precincts finally approved by the Justice Dept. were still not legal because the number of voters in the precincts are not even.

"We've got 200 fewer voters in Pct. 1 than in Pct. 4. What's fair about that?" Guggemos said. "This suit cost us a bundle. Attorney fees got to be very expensive—about \$400,000—and I would just like to try and get some of that money back. Easterwood told commissioners it would be "next to impossible" to try and recover anything based upon the history of the case.

"My problem is with your going back and trying to recoup losses for a case that you agreed to settle on," Easterwood said. "I think you'll have a problem recovering anything, and you'll have a problem finding an attorney to take the case on a contingency basis."



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and prominent citizens had been submitted for the park, but all were ruled out for one reason or another.

The park's construction was financed partly by a federal grant to preserve a wetland. The city's main contribution to the project has been labor and equipment use.

The project alleviated a flooding problem on Highway 385 north of the playa lake. A drainage system was constructed, and a paved access road was built from the highway to the park.

The lake was dredged to hold more water—but it wasn't enough. Four inches of rain within a week in June swelled the lake, put the fishing pier underwater and inundated the built-up biking-jogging track that encircles the lake.

Work on the park continues. Buffalo grass and seedling trees have been planted, covered picnic tables have been built, and playground equipment is being installed. The latest additions are children's spring-horses, a soft-landing slide and a swing set.

Natural lakeweeds are being nurtured to attract migratory waterfowl, and the Parks & Wildlife Dept. plans to stock the lake with crappie and catfish.

Also, Mayor Wayne Collins is looking for some domestic ducks and geese to become permanent residents of the new park.

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