

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Orin and June Brock and Orin's brother, Claude and Myrtle Brock of Pampa, left early on Oct. 1 for a trip to Chantilly, Va.

They were the guests of Jerry and Lynn Belknap and children after arriving Tuesday. On Wednesday they caught the Metro and went to Washington, D.C. They spent the day seeing all they could in the Smithsonian Mall. On Thursday Jerry drove them into Wash-

ington where they were scheduled to take a tour of the White House, but they couldn't because the First Lady of Samoa was visiting there. They went on to the Washington Monument and waited in line for their tour to get underway. As they were ready to get on the elevator, the guides stopped everything and said they would have to wait another 30 minutes because they were clearing the area so the First Lady of Samoa could go up. After going up and looking Washington over,

they caught a tour bus and traveled around Washington.

Early Friday morning they went to Hyde Park, N.Y. While there they toured F.D.R.'s home and the Vanderbilt Mansion. On Saturday morning they left for New York City. In New York City they toured Fifth Avenue, China Town and Harlem. Then they went to the World Trade Center, where they went up to the 107th floor. From there they could see all of New York. They saw the Statue of Liberty.

After that they traveled back to Chantilly and Sunday they left for Jasper, Ala. In Jasper they met Claude and Orin's cousin, Zan Brock, who took them around. The highlight there was the First United Methodist Church. The building was made of marble tone and has a large dome of stained glass. This dome was very beautiful. The building also featured stainted glass windows which were donated in

memory of various people. From there they returned home.

Era Heckerson was hostess to the Thursday bridge club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. Virginia Crider won high score and Johnnie Vannoy was second high.

Brenda and Bill Allen have been in Lubbock visiting his folks, Brenda's brother, Monty Dollar. Brenda also visited her dad in Amarillo. She picked up her mother, Lucille Dollar, who had been visiting her brothers and sisters families in North and South Carolina. Brenda came home with Lucille and left Tuesday to go back to Anchorage, Alaska.

Robert and Frances Duke have recently traveled to Galveston to visit Bob and Jeanette and their grandchildren, Daniel, Bethany and Joshua. They helped Joshua celebrate his first birthday Oct. 7.

They returned home through Duncanville, Richardson and Southlake, where they visited with Larry, Lori and Ashlee. They also

visited with Frances' sister and brother-in-law and three brothers and their wives. While there they visited a niece and her husband, whose 16-month-old daughter recently died.

Frances and Robert returned home Tuesday night and reported that the weather had been just beautiful.

The Moore family reunion was held Sunday.

The group met for food and fun at the Odd Fellow Lodge Hall.

Those attending were J.B. and Thelma Moore, C.J. and Omega Johnson, Arthur and Christell Wilcox, Roy and Christeen Taack, Don and Carolyn Moke, all of Dimmitt; Orval and Sammy Hughlett of Bartlesville, Okla.; Stacye Hughlett of Tulsa, Okla.; Jeffrey, Kim and Taylor Hughlett of Houston; Janis Williams of Napa, Calif.; Dawna and Courtney Taylor of Modesto, Calif.; Heath Hestand of Mesa, Ariz.; Larry, Gale, Kimberly, Steven and Rebecca Moore of Altus, Okla.; Chereene Johnson of Plain-

view; Carla Dennis of Lawton, Okla.; Darla Johnson of Friona; Stan and Lindy Wilcox, Scott, Missy and Shayla Wilcox, all of Hereford; Doug and Mary Moke, Shawn, Lisa and Shane Moke, Sherrie, Randy and Morgan Sims of Amarillo; Jackie, Colleen and Brandi Byrd of Crane; Mike and Christie Holland of San Angelo; Ronnie and Kay Davis of Crane; Bundy and Jeanette Moore of Hollis, Okla.; and Zane and Veola Payne of Odessa.

The annual event was originally held to celebrate the birthdays of the late Charity Moore, her son, J.B. Moore and daughter, Omega Johnson.

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Nazareth By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Cyril and Mitze Brockman enjoyed having their family home for homecoming weekend. Pierce's wife, Pat and their son Jerad of Dallas were here, but Pierce was unable to make it. Those here were Tony of Midland, Cyrilla of San Antonio, Lance of Lubbock, Perry and his wife Margo and Stephanie. Perry and Margo will be leaving today for Seattle, Wash. where he has temporary assignment. Mitzie's aunt, Nancy Conrad of Amarillo, and Alma Conrad, also joined the

family for lots of fun, visiting, games and plenty of good food.

Mitzie, Perry and Margo flew to Dallas this week and spent a few days with Pierce, Pat and Jerad.

Matthew Alan, son of Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, was baptized Sunday afternoon in Holy Family Church with his uncle, Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld of Hereford, officiating. Sponsors were Keith and Kim Birkenfeld. Enjoying supper at the Birkenfeld home after the baptism were Rev. Darryl, Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld, Keith and Kim, Meta Stork and Virgie Gerber.

Charley and Bev Hill recently spent the weekend in Wichita Falls with Traci, who is a student at Midwestern State. They watched Traci and the basketball team scrimmage a team from Oklahoma.

Bob Hochstein of Luling spent some time here with his mother, Mae, who is recuperating from surgery.

Lucy Leinen is home after having surgery last Tuesday at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. Her daughter, Arlene Steffens of Slaton, came home with her for a short stay. She is doing very well.

Joshua Adam, infant son of Roger and Deanna Schulte of Lubbock, was baptized in Holy Family Church Sunday morning with Rev. Brendan Sherry officiating. Sponsors were Doyle and LaDawn Schulte. Enjoying dinner at the Clyde Hoelting home after the baptism were Rev. Sherry, Roger and Deanna Schulte, Doyle and LaDawn Schulte, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Leroy and Dana, Kent Hoelting of Amarillo, Cheryl of Canyon, Kelly of Lubbock, Jeff Presnall of Claude and the baby's

great-grandparents, Liz Hoelting, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Vincent and Louise Braddock, Ann Schulte and Janet Schmucker.

During the afternoon, a baby shower was given for Joshua at the home of his aunt, Ethel Schmucker. He received many useful gifts.

A CYO outdoor mass on the

Holy Family Church grounds was held Sunday with Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld officiating. It was well attended by CYO members and parents Sunday afternoon. The occasion marked the initiation of the freshman members into the organization. A hamburger cookout and games followed.

Letter Voters urged to study issues

DEAR EDITOR:

I know very few people who feel that abortion is right. Some of these same people will say that they don't want homosexuality to be politically protected and accepted as an "alternate lifestyle." My neighbors don't want criminals who are sentenced to life without parole set free on weekends. Would you support school-based clinics passing out birth control devices to your children without your knowledge or consent?

These issues are all supported by the Democratic Party platform for this year's election. Admittedly, both parties are immoral and corrupt and we should fight such garbage when it appears in any party or we will surely drown in it.

I think a person's values rather than his political tradition should determine the way he votes. We tend to stay with the comfortable and familiar, but in this election as never before, our family life and our moral values are at stake. Some

will disregard their values and vote for the party rather than the man because they have "always" been affiliated with a particular party. Their party tradition may have been passed down through several generations.

I'm not an expert on politics, but I am familiar with the moral issues of this campaign, only a few of which have been mentioned here. In my estimation the moral values of our nation should far outweigh the economic and political policies as we make our choice of the men to lead us into the 1990's.

Please examine the platform of each party to see what it supports. If you don't know what the platform of each party is, the party headquarters will gladly supply this information. Study what each party and each man stands for and then pray for God's help to make the right choice.

ALYSE ROSS

ICC Happenings

The Diocesan Ministries Program begins today (Thursday) in Nazareth from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There will be a group leaving from the church at 6:30 p.m. We congratulate the 62 members who have signed up for the training. (48 from ICC and 14 from St. John Nepomucene, Hart).

The infant's baptism preparation class will be at 9 p.m. Friday in the rectory.

Maria Lopez, Maria Sepeda and Mollie Moya will be attending a retreat on evangelization at the Emmanuel Prayer Town this weekend.

Members will be asked to nominate candidates for election to the Pastoral Council this week.

On Tuesday, All Saints Day, (a day of obligation) there will be a mass at 6:30 p.m. The mass for All Souls will be celebrated Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

November is the month for special remembrance of the dead. You can remember your loved ones by putting their names on the envelope cover in the vestibule. They will be remembered at all Dimmitt and Hart masses during November.

The ICC youth will have a dance Friday, Nov. 11, from 9 to 12 p.m. at the Expo Building. Music will be provided by Scooty. Only students in grades 6 and up will be admitted. Admission is \$3 per person.

Presbyterian Happenings

There is a Sunday school class for everyone. The adult Bible class meets at the manse. All other classes meet at the church at 10 a.m.

"Devotion and Emotion" is the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the morning church worship service at 11 a.m.

Following the morning service there will be a congregational meeting to elect officers for 1989. After the meeting there will be a family covered dish dinner and Halloween party. Everyone is asked to come in costume depicting some Biblical or historical character—not as ghosts, witches or goblins.

Dr. Louis H. Evans Jr., senior minister of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., will speak at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

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

"Service and Adoration," Mark 14:1-11, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

World Communion Day is Friday, Nov. 4.

Pro-Family Forum

Dr. E. Arnold Isaacs of the Texas Dept. of Health will present a program on AIDS at the Pro-Family Forum meeting next Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Hale County State Bank in Hart.

The public is invited to attend.



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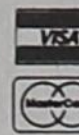
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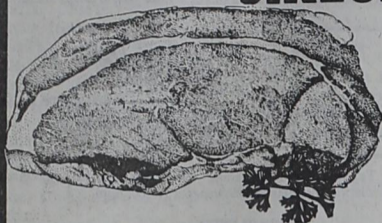
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People



Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Ewing

Ewings to celebrate fiftieth anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Ewing will be honored on their 50th anniversary with a reception Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The reception, which will be hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren, will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Mr. Ewing married the former

Edna Behrends Oct. 29, 1938, in Clovis. The couple have lived in Castro County for 50 years.

The Ewings' children are Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Ewing of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller, June Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ehly and Mr. and Mrs. Jody Watts, all of Dimmitt. They have seven grandchildren.

Auxiliary to honor its charter members

The charter members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be honored at the group's tea Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the hospital.

Those attending the come-and-go event should enter the hospital through the southeast entrance.

All charter members and anyone interested is invited to attend.

According to the Auxiliaries' original list of members, which is dated in 1964, life members of the group are Mrs. H.H. Carlile, Leola Haberer, Mrs. W.E. Kirkpatrick, Hazel Merritt, Mrs. Ralph Q. Perry, Mrs. Edgar Ramey and Mrs. Kay Roberts.

Among the charter members on the list are Herman Acker, Paul Acker, Garland R. Adams, Raymond Annen, C.W. Anthony, Charles E. Armstrong, James W. Bates, Elmo Bell, Ed Bennett, J.W. Benson, Cordye H. Birdwell, J.M. Birdwell, Harold Bischoff, J.D. Blackburn, Hugh Blaylock, Truett Boothe, Lon Boothe, R.B. Boren,

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Choir members are all-region

Michelle Hardee and Susan Waggoner of Dimmitt earned all-region choir honors recently and will perform with the all-region choir in Pampa Nov. 19.

Hardee earned all-region honors in the high school division while Waggoner qualified in the junior high girls division.

Mary Ann Triana qualified for all-region as an alternate.

Calico

By Terri Loudder

Why can't real life be more like a soap opera?

Think about it. Soap Opera people don't do laundry, they don't get runs in their pantyhose and they don't sit around in their favorite sweats folding t-shirts and watching daytime television like the rest of us poor slobs.

What if we could be more like them?

The only time we would eat at home would be at a formal catered dinner party. We'd sit around an elegantly appointed table with only our diamonds glistening more than the crystal and no one would say "Pass the pizza," or "Is there anymore Hamburger Helper?"

When we were sick, instead of leaning over the stove while we fix dinner and hoping the steam would clear our sinuses, we would linger on designer sheets in a Gucci peignoir while a concerned friend brought us hot herb tea. No puffy eyes, no red nose—just a slight "Camillesque" cough and the ever-lingering threat of that dreaded soap opera disease—amnesia.

Which brings me to another big advantage of soap opera life. You have a bad year—chalk it up to amnesia. The rent's overdue and you haven't paid the phone bill. "Oops! I had amnesia!" (You also have the added advantage of being able to blame things on an evil twin.)

Then there are the joys of soap opera children. They're born in a gripping episode in early fall. In January they run through the room on a couple of shows as toddlers just long enough to catch a hug and some quality time from stage Mom and stage Dad. In mid-March they appear for a few days as junior high students and by late July, they emerge as young adults having crises of their own. And the real beauty of soap opera children is that, while they are young, you never see them. They're always upstairs! Whether their parents are coming in to discuss that evil vixen who does volunteer work at the youth center, or going out to a hospital gala, the kids are upstairs.

And there's never a mess. (Of course the upstairs must look just awful from all those kids being stuck up there through their entire childhood!) Everybody, and I mean everybody, has a maid. Even the maids have a maid!

Soap opera people aren't stuck with plain old ordinary names either. Soap opera fellas get tough, macho exotic handles like "Duke," "Frisco" or "Roman." And the women. How often do you go the grocery store and bump into a "Gabrielle," a "Caliope" or, my personal favorite, "Egypt."

But, my favorite reason for living that soap opera fantasy would come on one of those days when I just didn't feel like getting out there and facing my routine.

Picture it—the alarm goes off and a beautiful woman emerges from the bedroom in a pale blue dressing gown of tissue silk and imported lace. Every golden strand of hair in place, her makeup is flawless and she is smiling. Then, she glides into the kitchen to make breakfast, a deep resonant voice whispers into the off-stage microphone, "In the absence of Terri Loudder, the part of the wife and mother will be played by Egypt Nile."

And nobody knows the difference! Now that's what I call living!

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens Menu

MONDAY—Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, English peas, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY—Roast and gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY—Kraut and sausage, potatoes and gravy, beets, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY—Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn on the cob, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY—Barbecued beef tips, potato salad, brown beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

Who's New?

It's a girl for Jeff and Jennifer Howell of Dimmitt. Samantha Ann Marie was born Oct. 12 at Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford at 4:28 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Martin. Paternal grandparents are Marie Howell of Dimmitt and the late George Howell.

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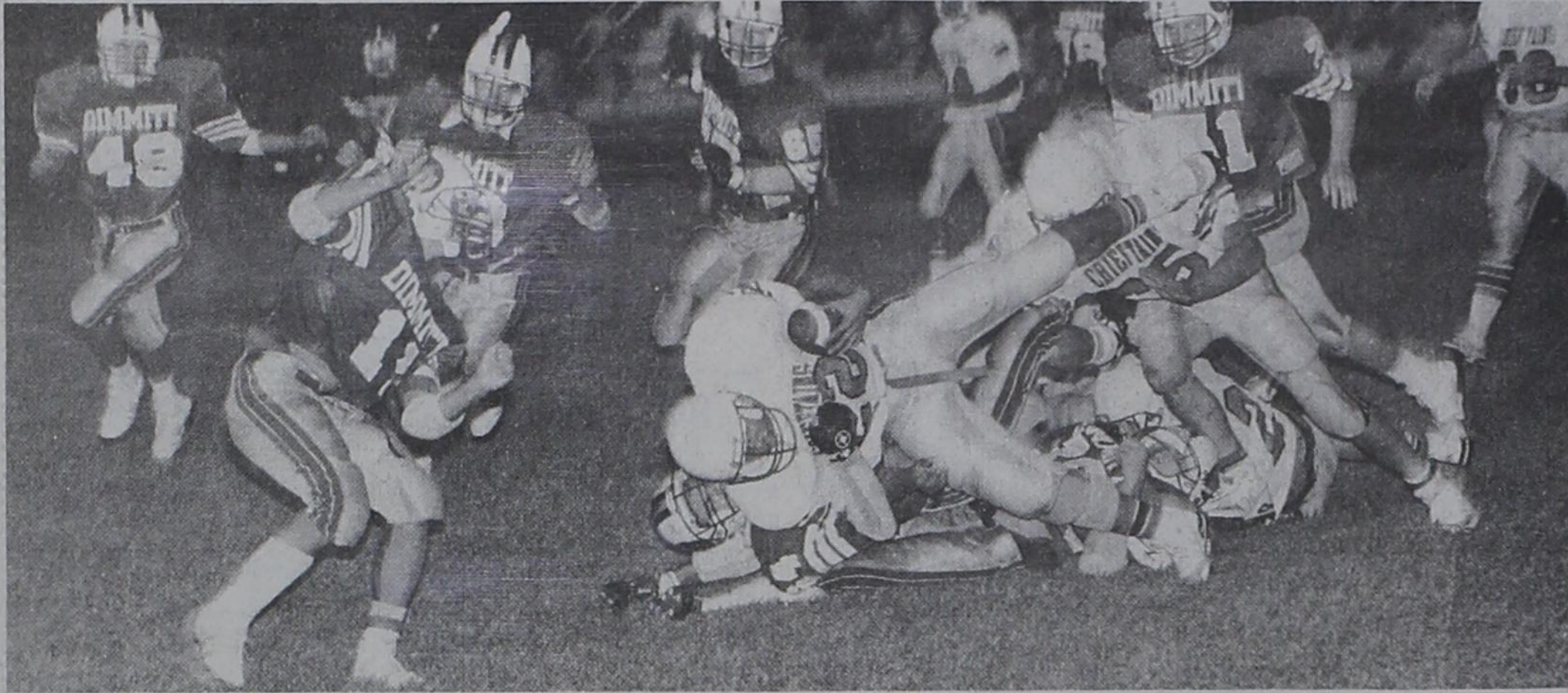
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Sports



FLIPPIN' OUT—Friona tailback Andre Duran (22) is flipped to the turf for no gain, courtesy of Dimmitt's Chad Davis and Justin Nelson (buried in the pile-up), in the third quarter of Friday night's district game here. Other Bobcat defenders converging on the runner include

Emilio Arce (11), Mat Bradley (48), Ryan Hardee (65) and Aaron Odom (71). The Bobcats won the game, 27-12, who hike their season record to 7-1 and their district mark to 2-1.

Cats win slugfest, 27-12

Clay Lytle threw three touchdown passes and Kelly Howell rushed for 154 yards as the Bobcats knocked off Friona's Chieftains, 27-12, in a District 2-AAA game here Friday night.

It was a slugfest for a while as the two teams scored five touchdowns within 12 minutes of the first and second quarters. But when Friona's main ball-toter, senior fullback Ben Osborn, was ejected from the game as the Chieftains threatened just before halftime, it was all over but the shouting.

The Bobcats took a 21-12 lead to the locker room at halftime and added an insurance touchdown in the third.

Howell broke the game's first long run late in the first on a left sweep up the sideline that went 49 yards, from the Dimmitt 33 to the Friona 18. Two plays later, Lytle lofted a pass to Kevin Petty in the end zone, who made a falling, over-the-shoulder catch for the first TD. Raul Jackson kicked the extra point. The scoring drive covered 73 yards in seven plays.

Friona struck back within a minute on a 32-yard pass from quarterback Cody Burney to Jacky Lafuente and a 35-yard touchdown run up the middle by Osborn, who finished his play with a somersault in the end zone. The Chieftains used only four plays, including two

no-gainers, to cover 67 yards on the scoring drive. The Bobcat defense blocked the extra-point kick, making it 7-6 with 2:04 left in the first.

After Oscar Velasquez returned Friona's kickoff to the Dimmitt 33, Howell, Emilio Arce and Chad Davis shared the chores to advance the ball to the Friona 23. From there, Lytle tossed his second touchdown pass, this time to Howell, who ran into the corner of the end zone as time ran out in the first quarter. Jackson kicked the PAT to make it 14-6.

Friona responded with an 11-play, 70-yard drive, with Osborn—who did most of the carrying—getting a stand-up TD from two yards out. The senior fullback tried a two-point conversion to tie, but the Dimmitt line stopped him, and it was 14-12 with 6:47 remaining in the second.

It took the Bobcats just six plays to cover 76 yards and score again, with Howell gaining 54 yards on three totes. Howell went over right guard untouched from three yards out for the touchdown and Jackson kicked his third extra point of the night to make it 21-12.

The Chieftains fought back again, advancing from their own 34 to the Bobcat 19 in six plays, aided by a 15-yard Dimmitt penalty. Then Osborn gained nine yards to give Friona a first-and-goal at the 10, but a stew that had been simmering boiled over after the play, and the refs ejected Osborn and Dimmitt's Jason Griffith from the game.

"I can't say just who he mixed it up with, but the game film showed that Jason was nowhere near the play," Dimmitt Coach Army Salinas said.

After the fracas, the Chieftains

lost 11 yards on four plays and a motion penalty, and the Bobcats took over at the 21 as the half ended.

The Bobcats opened the second half with an eight-play blitz that covered 65 yards for their fourth touchdown. With Dimmitt facing a third-and-15 at the Friona 27 after a 10-yard holding penalty, Lytle winged his third TD pass of the night when he found Arce open with 7:21 remaining in the third. Jackson's extra-point kick was good but Dimmitt drew a penalty for having 12 players on the field, and his second kick was wide left, leaving the final score at 27-12.

The statistics were almost a dead heat except for the number of plays run and the final score. Dimmitt

Statistics

	DIM	FRI
First Downs	13	17
Rushing Yards	229	217
Passing Yards	76	72
Total Offense	305	289
Passes Comp/Att	5/14	4/21
Passes Intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-Avg	5-40.2	5-32.8
Penalties-Yds	4-45	10-85
Dimmitt	14	7
Friona	6	6

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
 D—Kevin Petty 16 pass from Clay Lytle (Raul Jackson kick), 2:56
 F—Ben Osborn 35 run (kick blocked), 2:04
 D—Kelly Howell 23 pass from Lytle (Jackson kick), 0:00
Second quarter:
 F—Osborn 2 run (run failed), 6:47
 D—Howell 14 run (Jackson kick), 3:51
Third quarter:
 D—Emilio Arce 27 pass from Lytle (kick failed), 7:21

Individual Statistics

Rushing—Dimmitt: Kelly Howell 16-154, Emilio Arce 8-51, Chad Davis 7-28.
Passing—Dimmitt: Clay Lytle 5/13-1-76; Kevin Petty 0/1-0-0.
Receiving—Dimmitt: Kelly Howell 2-33, Emilio Arce 1-27, Kevin Petty 1-15.
Records: Dimmitt 7-1, 2-1; Friona 1-7, 0-3

used 47 plays to get 305 yards, 13 first downs and four TDs, while Friona ran 66 plays for 289 yards, 17 first downs and two scores.

"We weren't working on 11 cylinders offensively, like we were before, and we need to get that going again," Coach Salinas said.

"I thought we played aggressively, and well, and hard," he added, "but we didn't play with very much emotion at all, and you've got to have all four elements working for you. We were possibly a little flat because of last week's game, but we can't afford to be anymore."

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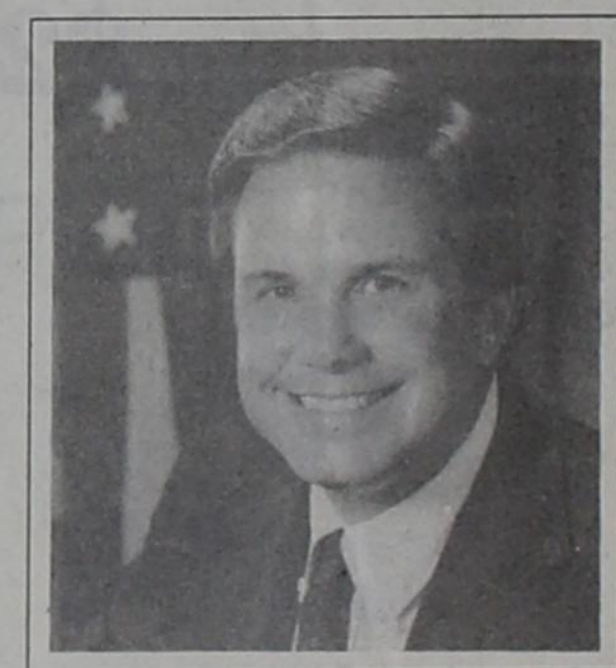
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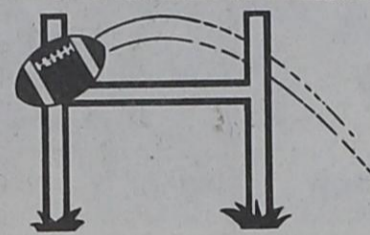
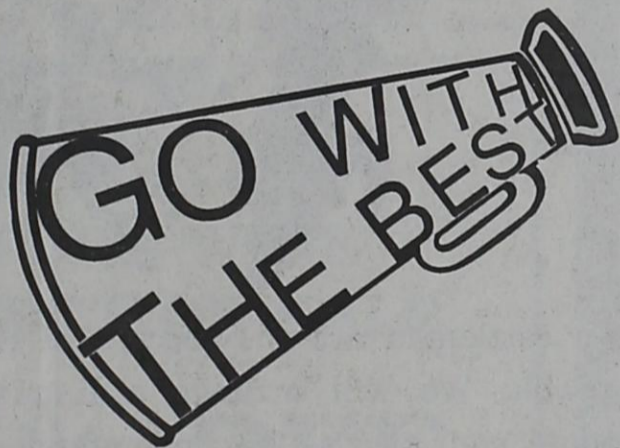
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Sept. 2.....	Bobcats 26, Roosevelt 0
Sept. 9.....	Bobcats 34, Slaton 14
Sept. 16.....	Bobcats 21, River Road 3
Sept. 23.....	Bobcats 37, Abernathy 7
Sept. 30.....	Bobcats 41, Olton 0
Oct. 7.....	*Bobcats 20, Muleshoe 14
Oct. 14.....	*Bobcats 6, Littlefield 27
Oct. 21.....	*Bobcats 27, Friona 12
Oct. 28.....	*FLOYDADA, There.....7:30
Nov. 4.....	*TULIA, Here.....7:30

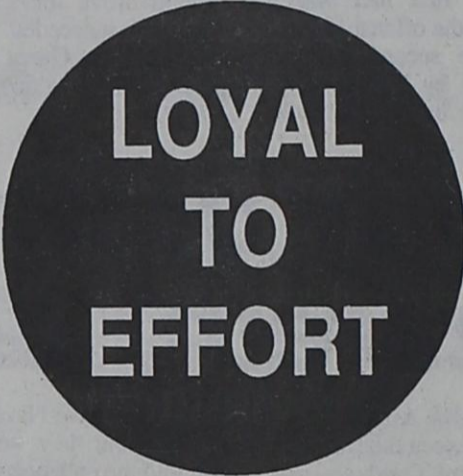
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Sept. 1.....	9th 20, Hart JV 6
	JV 47, Roosevelt 0
Sept. 8.....	9th 34, Slaton 0
	JV 26, Slaton 0
Sept. 15.....	9th 14, River Road 0
	JV 41, River Road 8
Sept. 22.....	JV 23, Abernathy 8
Sept. 29.....	JV 42, Olton 6
Oct. 6.....	*9th 28, Muleshoe 14
	*JV 41, Muleshoe 0
Oct. 13.....	*9th 29, Littlefield 0
	*JV 35, Littlefield 7
Oct. 20.....	*9th, 23 Springlake-Earth JV 0
	*JV 40, Friona 0
Oct. 27.....	*FLOYDADA, Here.....5:30
Nov. 3.....	*TULIA, There.....5:30

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Sept. 15.....	7th 36, River Road 6
	8th 0, River Road 32
Sept. 22.....	7th 0, Abernathy 0
	8th 0, Abernathy 0
Sept. 29.....	7th 14, Olton 0
	8th 12, Olton 8
Oct. 6.....	*7th 14, Muleshoe 6
	*8th 20, Muleshoe 12
Oct. 13.....	*7th 40, Littlefield 0
	*8th 24, Littlefield 14
Oct. 20.....	*7th 28, Friona 0
	*8th 34, Friona 0
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Horns lose key district game

By TERRY PITTMAN

The Longhorns playoff hopes were slightly dimmed, but not put out Friday night, when the Olton Mustangs recorded a BIG district win at Longhorn Stadium.

The Longhorns and Mustangs fought hard, but the difference in the game was Hart's failure to score from close in.

Hart kicked off and watched Olton move to its 30-yard line with the help of a couple of big pass plays. Hart's defense toughened up and stopped Olton on downs and the Horns took over.

Hart put together a good drive and marched to Olton's 19 before giving the ball back. Both teams traded punts and the game was scoreless through 18 minutes of play.

The Mustangs ground game wasn't working, so they took to the air again. Olton Quarterback Junior Garza split the Hart secondary completing a 73-yard pass for the game's first score. Garza's PAT made the halftime count 7-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

Although the first half was a defensive battle, the offensive game exploded in the second half. A good kick return by Daniel Ramirez gave Hart the ball on their own

36. Four plays later Larry Brown exploded around the right side for a 21-yard touchdown run. Junior Washington's PAT knotted the score at 7.

Olton came right back, using just two-and-a-half minutes and eight plays to score. Garza scored from two yards out, but the drive was aided by Hart's only penalty—a 15-yard late hit, and Olton regained its lead, 14-7.

After moving the ball 63 yards to the Olton 1 on its next drive, Hart's offense was unable to break the plane of the goal line and turned the ball over to Olton on downs. This was the first of three times during the game that Olton's goal line defense kept the Longhorns from scoring after moving inside the 20.

The game wasn't really out of Hart's reach until a second touchdown pass from Garza to Hernandez was completed with 4:04 left in the game.

Hart took the kickoff and gave the ball right back to Olton when a long pass intended for Steve Lee was intercepted on the 43-yard line.

Olton drove for another touchdown and succeeded with 46 seconds left when Garza added another TD and PAT to finalize the score at 28-7.



END ZONE CELEBRATION—Hart's Larry Brown (23, center) receives a hearty congratulations from teammates after he races 21 yards around the right end to knot the score at 7 against Olton Friday night in Hart. The Longhorn defense was unable to control Olton's explosive offense, and lost the key district matchup 28-7.

Happy downs Nazareth, 22-0

By LORELEA ACKER

The rivalry between the Nazareth Swifts and Happy Cowboys was evident Friday night at Cowboy Corral, and Happy had to fight tooth and nail and score 19 points in the final stanza, to clinch the victory, 22-0.

Last year the Swifts lost the chance at a playoff berth to the Cowboys by one penetration after tying the game at 16, and this year's Swifts were determined to make Happy fight for the win.

Nazareth recovered the ball on the opening kick off after a Happy fumble and took over on the Cowboy's 28-yard line. The Swifts were unable to move the ball and handed it back to Happy.

Nazareth's defense was also able to stall Happy's offense in the opening period and the first quarter ended scoreless. The ball changed hands six times and five penalties were called in the stanza.

Midway through the second quarter, happy's Cory McCarley broke loose on a 26-yard run before being taken down by Nazareth's Lynn Nelson at the 12, but it was fourth down and the Cowboys had to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Jesse Sosa with 23 seconds left in the first half.

A Happy penalty in the third quarter gave the Swifts the ball on the Cowboy 19. An 18-yard pass to

Bryce Hatla gave Nazareth the ball on the 1, but they were unable to push into the endzone in four tries.

With just a minute left in the third stanza, Happy's Sosa ran for a 40-yard touchdown, only to have it called back to the 50 on a penalty.

Although down by just three points entering the final period, the frustrated Swifts lost their edge. Sosa picked up Happy's first touchdown on a four-yard run at the 10:50 mark and added the extra point, giving Happy a 10-0 lead.

Two minutes later, after three consecutive penalties on the Swifts forced them to punt, Happy Quarterback Marty Middleton ran the ball in from 34 yards out to extend Happy's lead 16-0. Sosa's extra point try was wide right.

On the next series, a pass interception by the Cowboys was quickly righted as Nazareth's Blaine Johnson recovered a Happy fumble, but once again, the Swift pass was intercepted and happy took advantage. Middleton connected with McCarley in the endzone to put Happy up 22-0.

JV Bobcats blast Friona

Dimmitt's Junior Varsity scored 20 first-quarter points en route to a 40-0 shutout over Friona last Thursday.

The JV Bobcats followed with six points in the second, six in the third and eight in the fourth while rolling up 480 yards offense—317 passing and 163 rushing.

Quarterback Freddie Martinez had his best passing game yet, completing 16 of 20 for three TDs and an average of almost 20 yards per completion.

As usual, Martinez divvied up among a bunch of receivers. Michael Ethridge caught four passes for 79 yards and two TDs, Miguel Ontiveros five for 86, Filiberto Alafa two for 72, Roger Gauna two for 40, John Ortegon two for 34, and James Flores one for six yards and a TD.

Martinez also ran for a touchdown and a two-point conversion, and Mikkel Holm was two-for-two on extra-point kicks.

Henry Rocha scored Dimmitt's first TD on a three-yard run, and Miguel Ontiveros scored on a 10-yard jaunt as the JV Bobcats finished with three touchdowns by rushing and three by passing.

On defense, the JV Bobcats held Friona to 128 yards. Big defensive plays included an interception by Daniel Espinosa and fumble recoveries by Arthur Velasquez and Henry Rocha.

The victory hiked the JV Bobcats' overall record to 7-0 and their district mark to 3-0.



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Freshmen defeat Springlake's JV

The Freshman Bobcats' latest victim was the Springlake - Earth Junior Varsity last Thursday, 23-0.

Dimmitt's freshmen rolled up a whopping 499 yards of offense on 45 plays. Leading the way were Armando Arce, who rushed for 90 yards, caught passes for 90 yards and threw a 45-yard pass to Robert Ruiz; and Billy Ray Thomas, who completed 10 of 14 passes for 208 yards.

Ruiz opened the scoring with a 28-yard field goal in the first quarter. Arce followed with a 20-yard TD run and Thomas with a 19-yard scoring jaunt to make it 15-0.

In the second quarter, Thomas got Dimmitt out of a hole with pass completions to Richard Newman and Monty Moore, then teamed with Arce on a 52-yard touchdown pass. Thomas ran for a two-point conversion to close out the scoring at 23-0.

The freshman defense held S-E to 137 yards.

The victory hiked the Freshman Bobcats' record to 6-0.

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Bobbies claim 2-AAA crown

Dimmitt's girls cross country team captured its first-ever district title and the boys team finished second at the district meet held Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Both teams will advance to regional.

Renea Harman led the Bobbies, capturing the first place individual medal with a time of 13:02. Heather Moore finished seventh in 13:44 to round out Dimmitt's top ten finishers. Others placing were Christina Velasquez, 11th; Becky Rodriguez, 12th; Sydelle McDonald, 15th; Kim Spring, 21st; and Delisa Moreno, 25th.

The girls regional tournament will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 and Coach Richard Wood said "regional is going to really be tough."

The Bobcats were led in the three-mile race by Justin Shultz, who finished 10th with a time of 19:12. Other Bobcats placing included Chris Cowen, 11th; Roger Gauna, 12th; Robert Casares, 13th; Coby Moke, 16th; Bryan Stewart, 22nd; and Ruvaldo Quintero, 24th.

Muleshoe won the district title and Floydada finished third behind the second place Bobcats.

The junior varsity girls also captured the district crown, with Tessie Chavers, Poppy Thomas and Beatrice Ramos finishing second, third and fourth, respectively. Linda Mora finished eighth, Tessie Newton came in ninth, Leslie Shippy was tenth and India Thomas finished 11th for the Bobbies.



DISTRICT CHAMPS — Dimmitt High School's junior varsity cross-country team proudly show the district championship trophy which they won at Mae Simmons Memorial Park in Lubbock Saturday. From left are Coach Richard Wood, Tessie Newton, Linda Mora, Leslie Shippy, Tessa

Chavers, Poppy Thomas, India Thomas, Beatrice Ramos and Coach Lucrecia Shropshire. The district title ended the cross-country season for the JV girls. The varsity girls' team also won district and will compete in regional Saturday, Nov. 5.

Cats fighting for playoff spot

"Our fate is in our hands now," Coach Army Salinas said as his Bobcats prepared for Friday's trip to Floydada.

With just one district loss, the Bobcats could clinch a playoff berth with victories over Floydada and Tulia in their two remaining regular-season games.

The Whirlwinds have lost to both Littlefield (20-7) and Tulia (14-0), and will have to beat the Bobcats to keep their hopes alive for a three-way tie for second place.

The Whirlwinds have a 4-4 record, but they haven't lost to anybody by much. Canyon edged them by two points, 14-12, and Idalou by one, 7-6. They've beaten Roosevelt 14-0, Lockney 35-0, Abernathy 21-13 and Muleshoe 20-6.

"They run the wishbone offense, and they run it very well," Coach Salinas reported. "They run a multiple-5 defense and do a lot of things with it—you never know where they're going to be."

Junior quarterback Grant Stovall (5-11, 145) guides Floydada's wishbone, "and they have a real good running back—No. 24—but he's not on the roster and we don't know his name," Salinas said.

A good fullback is a "must" to make the wishbone work, and Floydada has one in scrappy little Frank Suarez, a 5-6, 145-lb. junior.

"They have some good kids in the line and some real good backs behind them," Salinas reported.

With just two games left in the regular season, the playoff race in the well-balanced district could go down to the wire.

Littlefield and Tulia both have 3-0 conference records, and will meet Friday night at Tulia in the spotlight game. With a 2-1 conference record, the Bobcats are still very much in the playoff hunt. Only Muleshoe and Friona, with 0-3 marks, are out of it; they'll play for fifth place Friday night at Muleshoe.

The district race could still end with Littlefield or Tulia winning it

outright, or in a three-way tie for the championship (Dimmitt, Littlefield and Tulia), with Tulia or Dimmitt winning the sole right for the second playoff berth, or in a three-way tie for second place between Dimmitt, Tulia and Floydada.

Kickoff time at Floydada Friday night will be 7:30.

Longhorns

Hart's loss to Olton Friday night will make their bid for the playoffs a little tougher, but with two games remaining, "a lot can happen," said Coach James Mireles.

Hart travels to Hale Center Friday night and has to come away with a victory to stay in the playoff hunt.

Although Hale Center hasn't won a game yet this year, anything can happen and Hart isn't taking the Owls lightly.

The Owls lack experience and

depth due to graduation and students moving, and the bulk of their running game falls into the hands of a freshman, Dwayne Johnson. Returning from last year's 4-6 team are sophomore quarterback Albert Gomez, guards Pete Hooks and Jessie Marlin and tackle Jeff Wilson. Hooks, Marlin and Wilson all won second-team all-district honors last year.

Swifts

Nazareth hopes to stifle Kress's offense and notch a district win Friday night when the teams class in Kress at 7:30 p.m.

Kress' Wing-T offense revolves around one man — Lupe Huerta, who rushed for more than 700 yards a year ago and leads the Kangaroos this year. From his defensive back position, Huerta is also a threat. He led District 1-A South Zone in interceptions last season with 10.

Swiftettes win district

Paced by freshman Christy Birkenfeld, the Nazareth Swiftettes captured another district cross country crown Tuesday at the Littlefield Country Club, qualifying them for regional.

The Swiftettes 30 point team finish was 46 better than second place Springlake - Earth, who finished with 76.

Birkenfeld won the race in 12:15.53 to take the individual gold medal. Janay Johnson, Stephanie Brockman and Monica Kleman finished sixth through eighth for the No. 1-ranked Swiftettes, who have won five straight state championships. Other team members running were Dana Schulte, Linda Birkenfeld, Shana Birkenfeld and Tami Ball.

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7th, 8th teams shut out Friona

Dimmitt's 7th graders scored 22 points in the first quarter en route to a 28-0 victory over Friona last Thursday, and the 8th grade Bobcats won a 34-0 shutout.

The 7th graders now own a 6-0 record, and the 8th graders have a 4-1-1 mark.

In the 7th grade game, Guy Lewis scored two touchdowns, Mario Castillo one and Anthony Mirelez one. Aaron Salinas threw two-point conversion passes to Arthur Flores and Castillo. Lewis finished with 77 yards on seven carries. Dimmitt scored 22 points in the first quarter and six in the third.

In the 8th grade game, Kyle Hanes carried 14 times for 176 yards and Michael Garza toled 12 times for 113 yards, and they scored two touchdowns apiece. Barrera scored eight points on a TD and a conversion run, and Casey caught a pass from McDaniel for a two-point conversion.

A combination 7th-8th grade team played Springlake-Earth last Thursday and dropped a 20-0 decision.



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Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Mrs. C.G. (Iris) Ballard died Friday morning in Plains Memorial

City contracts for police cars

The Dimmitt Board of Aldermen voted at its last meeting to buy two new police patrol cars from Wallace Motor Co. of Dimmitt.

Wallace was the lowest of two bidders, offering to sell the city two new Fords with heavy-duty equipment and special police packages for a total of \$25,750.18.

The other bidder was Stevens Chevrolet-Olds of Hereford, which offered two Chevrolets, similarly equipped, for \$26,947.70.

The two new patrol cars will replace two 1983 Fords which City Manager Reeford Burrous described as "worn out." Wallace offered \$1,570 trade-in for the two used cars.

Hospital. A native of Oklahoma, she married C.G. Ballard in Frederick, Okla., and moved to Castro County in 1945. Funeral services were Monday afternoon in Foskey-Flemins Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ken Cole of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt officiating.

Rev. David Fletcher and Teeny Bowden attended the Llanos Altos Baptist Association annual meeting in the First Baptist Church at Springlake Tuesday afternoon as messengers. They visited with Tom Parson of north of Friona and with Weldon McElreath of Buckner Children's Home of Lubbock. Tom and Ruth are former members of the Sunnyside church, and they have adopted two more of their foster children. Weldon's father was a former pastor here.

Phyllis Mooney of Dimmitt played the piano for the church services Sunday morning and again Sunday night since the pianist was away. Her daughter, Janice, plays the piano in First Baptist Church in

Amarillo. I watch the 8:30 program each Sunday, but I didn't know she played there.

Dr. Myles Sadler and Amy of Lubbock visited with Willie Mae and Embree R. Sadler Saturday and had a late dinner with them.

Hershel and Retha Wilson have attended the revival services at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt this week, and have had Bill and Vickie Murphy as their guests all week. Bill led the singing and Vickie played the piano. Rev. David and Debra Fletcher and Harmony visited with them Thursday morning and attended the revival services Thursday night, along with Hadley and Haley.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson have kept their grandchildren all week and they have had the flu. The Wilsons brought Jazz Turnello to church with them Sunday morning.

Gary and Linda Marr, Brady and Coby and Jim Bob and Kaye Martin, Alan, Cynthia and Sarah, all of Lockney, had supper Saturday with

Rev. David and Debra Fletcher, Hadley, Haley and Harmony.

Hadley Fletcher went with Zeke Cleavinger, his mother and sisters to Portales last Saturday to visit with their relatives.

Teeny Bowden attended the delayed quarterly meeting of the Castro County Historical Commission Thursday afternoon in Rhoads Memorial Library. She, Clara Vick and Rose Acker shared with the group the tape of the US ambassador to Italy, Maxwell Rabb, showed the gifts they received and shared pictures of their visit at Nami with Dr. Sannibale, his wife Dora and others at their country home, the POW reunion at Pesaro, the detour north to see the tomb of Mussolini and his family, and of Rome and the convent where they stayed. At another time they will show the rest of the pictures, 15 more rolls.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the relatively new Country Opera in Hereford Saturday night. Different bands play for 30 minutes, and Verba's group participated. Weldon

Bradley accompanied them.

James Norrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Norrell, and his daughters, Becky and Kathy, all of Leveland, visited with them in the Sunday morning services.

Judy Damron is getting some on-the-job training in her class at Wayland. She has been going to the fourth grades in the schools as an observer, and later she will observe higher grades.

Doug Loudder and other directors of Dimmitt Agri Industries attended a convention in Corpus Christi Wednesday and Thursday.

Jackie Clark attended as a director. They left Tuesday with several wives accompanying them, including Judy Loudder. After the meeting they visited with Judy's brother until Saturday, then met with Tom and Yvonne Messer of Houston and Alton and Betty Loudder at Lake Livingston for the weekend.

Ezell and Verba Sadler met Patricia Powell of Canadian in Amarillo and did some shopping as well as visiting. J.B. Henslee of Hale Center came over Thursday and went to music at Farwell with the Sadlers.

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Parents, teach your children about Jesus, who admonished us to *let the little children come unto Him*. Our Lord would remind us that the little ones are precious to the Father. We invite you to take the children to church this week.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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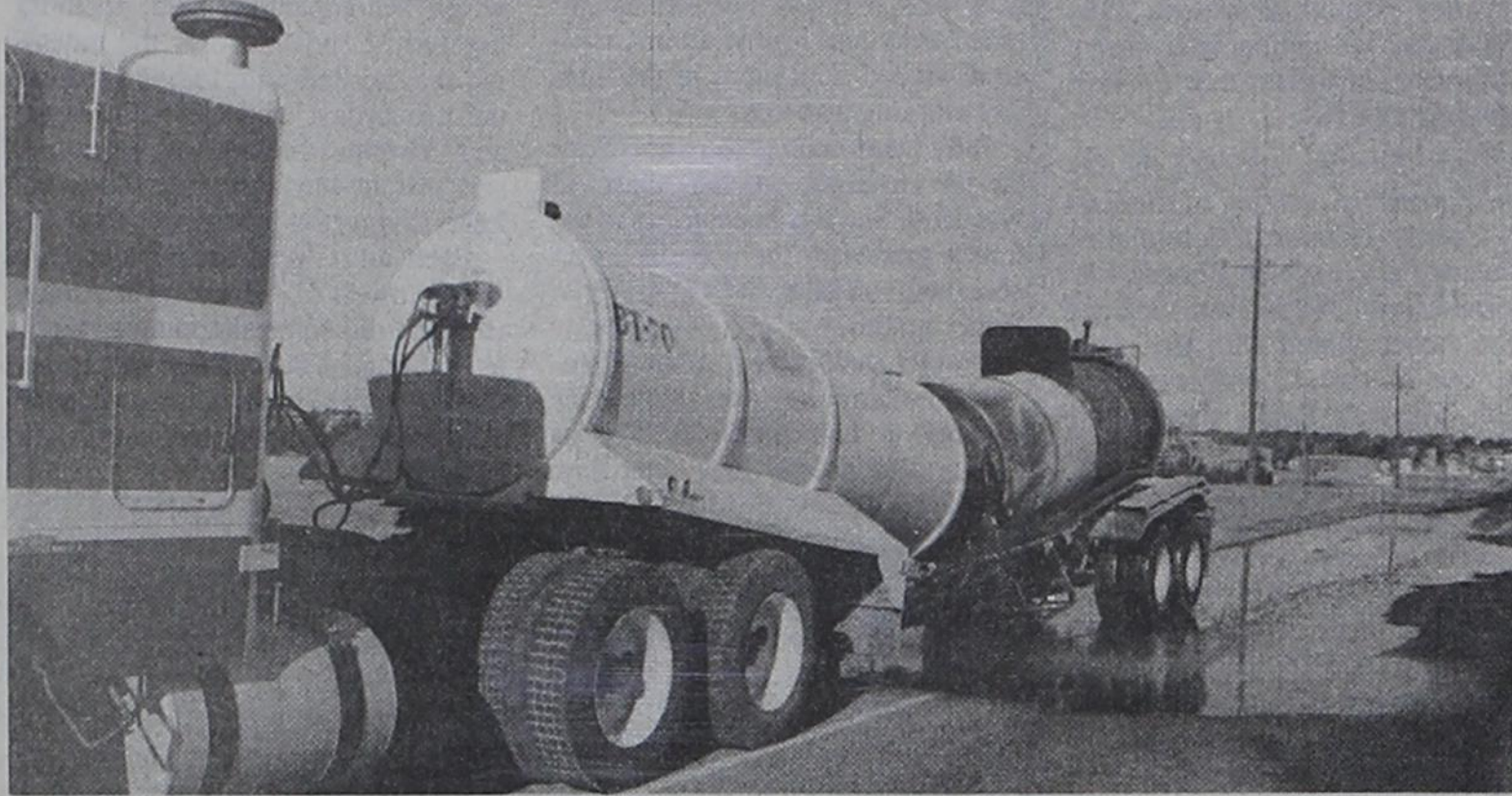
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Fire Dept. washed the liquid cattle feed off the highway as it spilled, and Braafladt was able to salvage part of the 4,000-gallon load by pumping it from the ruptured tank to another tanker rig.

Senate repeals diesel fuel tax

The US Senate has repealed a requirement that forced off-road users of diesel fuel to pay a tax they did not owe, then file for a refund, according to Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen's legislation would allow off-road users whose equipment uses diesel fuel but is operated away from highways to buy their fuel at the wholesale level,

where they would not have to pay the 15.1 cents per gallon tax.

The provision also would allow them to receive refunds plus about 11% interest on the diesel fuel taxes they have already paid this year.

"Enactment of this legislation will save farmers, fishermen, drilling contractors and other off-road users of diesel fuel nearly half a

billion dollars over the next three years," Bentsen said.

"These people were handed an unnecessary burden — in effect, they were required to provide interest-free loans to the government — and I'm glad that Congress has taken action to turn that around," Bentsen said.

The Senator said the problem arose when the collection point for the tax was changed from the wholesaler to the pump last year.

"The government proposed a change in the tax law, aimed at curbing tax cheating by highway users of diesel fuel. But one of the results was that these off-road users of diesel fuel had to pay the tax at the pump, then file for a refund," Bentsen said.

"They found needed funds tied up while they waited for the government to return to them funds they should not have been forced to pay," Bentsen said.

"This action changes that. It removes that burden and allows the people affected by this provision to obtain refunds plus interest on the diesel fuel taxes they've paid this year," Bentsen said. "That's only fair."

Meeting to cover new payment limitation laws

A regional meeting to discuss changes in payment limits to farmers will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West in Amarillo.

Featured speakers at the meeting will be Norvell Breedlove, chief of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service common compliance division and Kelly Head, ASCS program specialist.

The meeting is sponsored by the ASCS, Texas Wheat Growers, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In the last session of congress, a law was passed changing the definition of a "Person" in determining payment limits to farmers. The new definition of a person eases payment restrictions on family operations while closing loopholes that have allowed so-called "Christmas Tree" operations, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension farm management economist. The change may result in a number of farms having to restructure their

current organization to stay within the new definition.

All farmers planning to participate in the 1989 farm program need to file their farm organization structure 60 days before the April 1, 1989 deadline in order for the County ASCS Committee to approve it. Producers need to understand the new definition, pay particular attention to the approval dates and work closely with their local ASCS offices, said Robert Boyle, Potter County ASCS Director.

ASCS News

By SCOTTY ABBOTT
County Exec. Director

Signup for the 1988 disaster assistance program began Oct. 3 and will continue through March 31, 1989.

Disaster payments may be made for crop losses that have occurred as a result of drought, excessive moisture, or hail, including insect infestation, heat or plant disease

FHWA lowers alcohol level

The Federal Highway Administration has introduced a blood alcohol-concentration standard of 0.04 percent for all commercial motor vehicle operators today (Thursday).

This level already applies to airline and railroad workers, but nearly all states adhere to a 0.10 percent standard for motorists, including truckers.

The new rule comes under the 1986 national licensing standards law which includes forbidding drivers to hold licenses issued by more than one state and requiring that anyone who drives a truck weighing at least 26,000 pounds, or any vehicle regardless of weight that is carrying fuel, fertilizer or pesticide, have a commercial license. License applicants must also pass a road test using the type of vehicle they intend to drive on the job.

Second graders receive awards

Second graders at Richardson Elementary School were presented spelling awards for the first six weeks of school.

Students receiving honors were:

THAMES' ROOM — Lindsey Welch and Miranda Turner.

MATTHEW'S ROOM — Cherry Saucedo, Nathan Keller, Eva Martinez, Tara Mays and Luis Silva.

BROWN'S ROOM — Brenda Flores, April Reyes, Cassie McLean, Alta Reyna, Felie Rodriguez, Robert Sepeda, Mandi Wiseman and Wesley Wright.

EVAN'S ROOM — Taryn Hays, Beau Hill, Monica Ortiz, Holly Reyna, Tonya Robertson, Olivia Rodriguez and Kurt Webb.

KELLAR'S ROOM — Heather Wise, Lisa Lopez, Eric Gamez and Ralph Enriquez.

COLLINS' ROOM — Melinda Reyes.

resulting from these conditions. Crops eligible for the 1988 Disaster Program include participating program crops, non-participating program crops, soybeans, sugar beets, peanuts and non-program crops. Crops ineligible for disaster payments are the second crop planted after failed acreage that is not considered planted to the second crop, crops that mature for harvest in 1989, nursery crops, sod and flowers and any crop that would mature in 1988, but was affected by a disaster in 1987.

Disaster payments will be available to eligible producers on crop losses which are greater than 35% of expected production. Producers whose gross income exceeds \$2,000,000 for the most recent annual income tax return will be ineligible to receive any disaster payments or deficiency payment forgiveness.

Advance deficiency payments may be retained on any loss of production up to 35% of the crop's expected production if a request is made at your local ASCS office and the final deficiency payment rate for a crop is less than the payment rate used for making advance deficiency payments. If you did not request advance deficiency payments during the 1988 Farm Program Signup, you have until

next Thursday, Oct. 27, to request an advance payment be made. In order to qualify for advance deficiency payment forgiveness, you must request that advance deficiency payments be made.

Producers who request disaster payment forgiveness must agree to obtain multi-peril crop insurance for 1989, for the applicable crop, if the farm's loss of production for the crop is greater than 65% of normal and crop insurance is available for the crop in the county.

Producers who request disaster payments or deficiency payment forgiveness for WHEAT, have until Monday to come to the County ASCS office and make application for disaster payment or deficiency payment forgiveness for wheat and provide a copy of the application for multi-peril crop insurance for the 1989 wheat crop.

The final sales closing date for fall seeded small grains has been extended to Monday. Disaster payments will not be paid nor 1988 advance deficiency payments forgiven, if multi-peril crop insurance is required and not obtained. Acreage reports and production evidence must be submitted in a timely manner to allow county committee's to make insurance requirement determination before insurance closing dates.



What's Cooking

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Oct. 27-Nov. 4.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, butter, Jello and milk.

FRIDAY — Beef stew, cornbread, cinnamon rolls, pears and milk.

MONDAY — Witches on a broom, spider legs, creatures, midnight and ghost.

TUESDAY — Pizza, whole kernel corn, blackeyed peas, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Barbecue on a bun, pinto beans, dill spears, peach cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans rolls, honey butter and milk.

FRIDAY — Crispiotes, Ranch Style Beans, corn on the cob, fruit cocktail and milk.

HART

THURSDAY — Enchilada casserole, tortillas, salad, corn, pineapple cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Chicken strips, yeast rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, apple cobbler and milk.

MONDAY — Goblin burgers, Pumpkin Cheese, Broom Stick potatoes, Hay Stack

Salad, Black Cat Plums and milk.

TUESDAY — Beef Stew, cornbread, tossed salad, peaches, peanut butter cookies and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hot dogs, cheese, Ranch Style Beans, new potatoes, peach cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Chili beans, cornbread, tossed salad, applesauce, chocolate cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Batter fried fish, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, apple cobbler and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY — Burritos and chili, coleslaw, green beans, Jello and milk.

FRIDAY — Fried chicken, broccoli, hot buttered bread, chocolate pudding and milk.

MONDAY — Lasagna, corn, applesauce, hot rolls, Halloween cookies and milk.

TUESDAY — Pizza, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, chocolate cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, pineapple cake and milk.

THURSDAY — Chili dogs, coleslaw, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY — Ham, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk.

Local constable attends seminar

Castro County Constable James Dobbs recently attended a 20-hour school in Amarillo, conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center at Southwestern Texas State University in San Marcos.

Correction


In the outline for the picture of the Nazareth Homecoming Queen and court in last week's issue, Gwen Hoelting was incorrectly identified as Tracy Drerup. Hoelting was the girl in the far right of the picture.

The News regrets the error.

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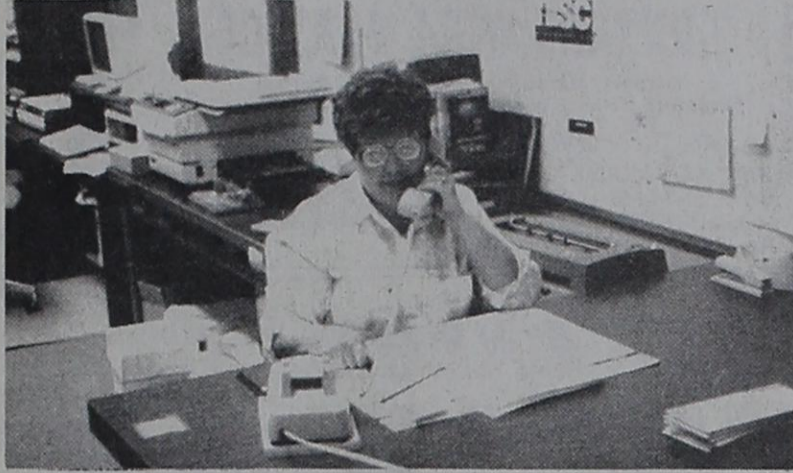
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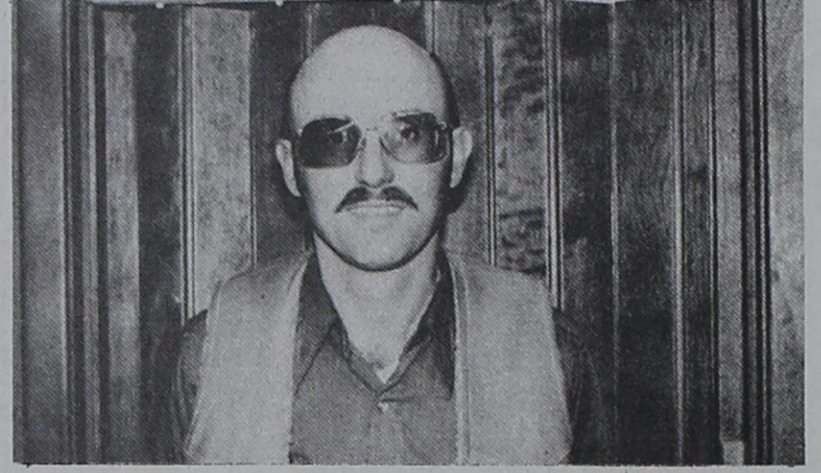
QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER 1988



Lilly Nicholson has served as District Clerk/Technician for the Running Water SWCD since May of 1980. She has assisted with the GPCP, ACP, CRP, and Windbreak Tree programs. The District wishes to thank her for the good job she has done and the dedication shown over the past years.



Lynn Ehly, (above) has served as Bookkeeper for the Running Water SWCD since 1968. We congratulate her on her 20 years of service to the district and commend her on the good job she is doing.



The Running Water SWCD, Castro County, SCS personnel, and district farmers would like to offer their thanks to Mr. Charles Axtell (above) who served on the Running Water Conservation District's Board of Directors from 1982 through 1988 as Director of Zone 4. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and assistance that Charles has provided the district for the past five years.

The Castro County SCS staff is made up of (L to R) Gary Hunter, who came to Dimmitt as a Soil Conservationist in 1981 and has served as the District Conservationist since 1985; Earl Behrends, who became the SCS Technician in April of 1988; Tom Bierman, who joined the Dimmitt Field Office staff as a Soil Conservationist in October of 1987; and Mike White, Soil Conservationist who was brought on board in January of 1988. We encourage you to call upon any of the SCS personnel to assist with your soil and water conservation problems and practices.



The purpose of the Running Water SWCD, with headquarters in Dimmitt, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and rangelands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting private rights of landowners.

The Board of Directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies, and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with the governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

We encourage area farmers and ranchers who may have a question, problem, or suggestion to contact their director.

The members of the Running Water SWCD are as follows: Arnold Huseman, Chairman, Zone 1; Ernest Brockman, Zone 2; Clarence Behrends, Zone 3; Bob Phipps, Zone 4; and Coby Gilbreath, Zone 5.

The Running Water SWCD had another outstanding year in carrying out a sound conservation program. The past year the Running Water SWCD assisted in the completion of the following work:

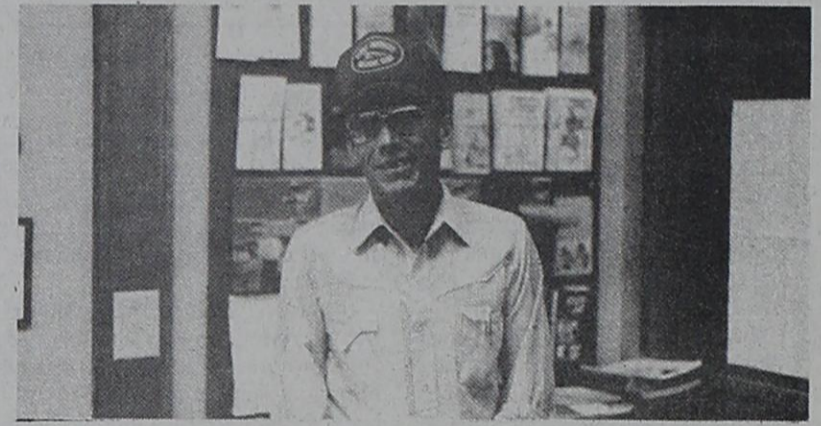
	Number	Acres/Feet
Landowners assisted	420	
Operators applying conservation practices	284	
Cropland with conservation being applied		40,320 Acres
Rangeland with conservation being applied		8,000 Acres
Acres of pasture planting and range seeding	(aprx)	13,600 Acres
Terraces installed		19,636 L.F.
Irrigation pipelines installed		60,991 Feet
ACP referrals serviced	39	
GPCP contracts	10	9,536 Acres
Diversions installed		4,626 L.F.
Waterways installed		14.2 Acres
Field and farmstead windbreak trees	5700	

Conservation winners in 1988 were: Leonard Wilhelm, Conservation Rancher of the Year; Lois Wales, Conservation Homemaker of the Year. (We are extremely proud of Leonard and Lois, they both won in the regional contest.)

Poster Winners: Jerad Birkenfeld, first; Brittany Sheffy, second; Kimberlea Grossman, third.

Essay Winners: Lorelea Acker, first; Susan Waggoner, second; Johnny Rutkowski and Kimberley Spring, third (tied). (Johnny Rutkowski also won second in the regional contest.)

Replacing Charles Axtell is Mr. Bob Phipps, (below) who was recently elected as Director of Zone 4. Bob farms in the Southwest part of Castro County and will be representing the farmers of Zone 4 while working with the Running Water SWCD for the next four years. We would like to welcome Bob to the board and are looking forward to working with him in the future.



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Police Calls

A charge of unauthorized use of cable decoding was filed last Thursday against a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman who lives on Northwest Sixth Street.

A cable installer for Dimmitt TV Cable Co. notified city police that a customer on the same block had complained that her cable service was out of order, and when he checked the problem he discovered that her lead-in cable had been cut and connected to another cable leading to the woman suspect's home nearby.

Sharon Ellison, a high school student, reported to city police last week that someone had burglarized her 1977 Blazer while it was parked at her home, 401 NW Eighth St. Stolen from the vehicle were a men's size X-large Levi denim jacket, a blue denim shoulder bag with brown leather patches, a blue vinyl wallet containing \$12 cash, miscellaneous papers, a checkbook and driver's license. Ellison estimated the value of her missing articles at \$87.

Mildred Sheffy, 705 W. Bedford St., reported last week that someone had stolen a \$300 Sears lawn mower from her garage.

Mark Nutt notified police Friday

that someone had smashed the driver's side window of his pickup while it was parked at 103 W. Andrews and had stolen a .22-caliber Marlin semi-automatic rifle with a 4X9 scope sight. The rifle was mounted on a gun rack inside the rear window, Nutt said. He estimated the value of the rifle at \$99 and damage to the window at \$150, and gave the names of two possible suspects.

A 1984 Blazer owned by Juan Enriquez was damaged by a hit-and-run driver while it was parked in the 500 block of Southeast Second Street Saturday. Witnesses told city police they thought the other vehicle was an older model Ford pickup. Police are still investigating.

Manuel Lopez, 510 S. Broadway, reported to city police Saturday that someone had taken the registration sticker from the license plate of his pickup.

George Eugene Donnell complained to police Saturday that four male suspects had knocked a hole in the rear panel of his El Camino and had thrown rocks and bottles at his vehicle. Donnell told police that

one of the suspects had damaged his vehicle earlier and that he had gone to talk to the suspect about it when the incident occurred. The police department advised him to see the district attorney about signing a complaint.

One of the suspects in the car-bashing incident also was the subject of a neighbor's complaint about ongoing noise and commotion at his residence, police said.

A 50-year-old Dimmitt woman was the subject of several different

police reports during the week. First she complained of being assaulted by another woman at a downtown night spot last week, then on Friday she and a 53-year-old man were filed on by city police on a charge of causing a disturbance at a pool hall on East Bedford. After her release from jail Monday, the Sheriff's Dept. served a warrant on her for violating her probation on a theft-by-check conviction.

The Castro County Jail has had

18 inmates four different days this month, including Monday. The lowest single-day population of the jail during the month was 10, and

the average for the month was 14.4 inmates, Sheriff Lonny Rhynes reported. The jail's rated capacity is 15.

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Obituaries

Iris Ballard

Iris A. Ballard, 78, of Dimmitt, died Friday morning at Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Monday in Foskey-Flemin's Funeral chapel with Rev. Ken Cole, pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Flemin's Funeral Home.

Born in Tillman County, Oklahoma, Mrs. Ballard moved from Frederick, Okla., to Castro County in 1945.

She married C.G. Ballard July 19, 1929, in Frederick. She was a housewife and a member of the Flagg Home Demonstration Club. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bob, in 1985.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Monty Joe of Dimmitt; two daughters, Eileen Barryman of Hereford and Blanche Whatley of Deming, N.M.; two sisters, Lometa Barnett of Hollis, Okla., and Aline Hannah of Oiledale, Calif.; a brother, Harold Clifton of Hollis; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the High Plains Eye Bank.

Tony Smithers

Services for Tony Smithers, 20, of Dimmitt, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. J.L. Bozeman, retired Baptist Minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Hereford's Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Smithers died Monday when the car he was driving was struck by a train near Friona.

He was born and raised in Hereford and was a member of the Temple Baptist Church there. He was presently living in Dimmitt and worked at Millard Wholesalers in Friona.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeeRoy Smithers of Hereford; a sister, Elisa Smithers of Florida; a step-brother, Chris Arellano of Hereford; his grandmothers, Mrs. Walter Tolpitts of Wallowa, Ore., and Mrs. Elisa Soto of Mexico.

Velma Thompson

Services for Velma Phillips Thompson, 80, of Ada, Okla., were held Tuesday morning in the Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Voss, minister, officiating.

She died Oct. 22 at a hospital in Ada.

Born Sept. 20, 1908, in Rayland, she graduated from Olton High School in 1927. She married Joe Thompson in 1927 in Olton. She moved to Ada in 1971 from Colgate, Okla. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt and had been involved in the First Baptist Church of Fitzhugh, Okla. She was a supporter of the Oral Roberts ministries in Tulsa, Okla. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Charles of Fitzhugh; three daughters, JoAnn Gordoni of Norman, Okla., Norma Coffey of Hereford and Myrna Rhendasil of Lewisville; two sisters, Clio Jolly of Plainview and Della White of Albuquerque, N.M.; 8 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons were pallbearers.

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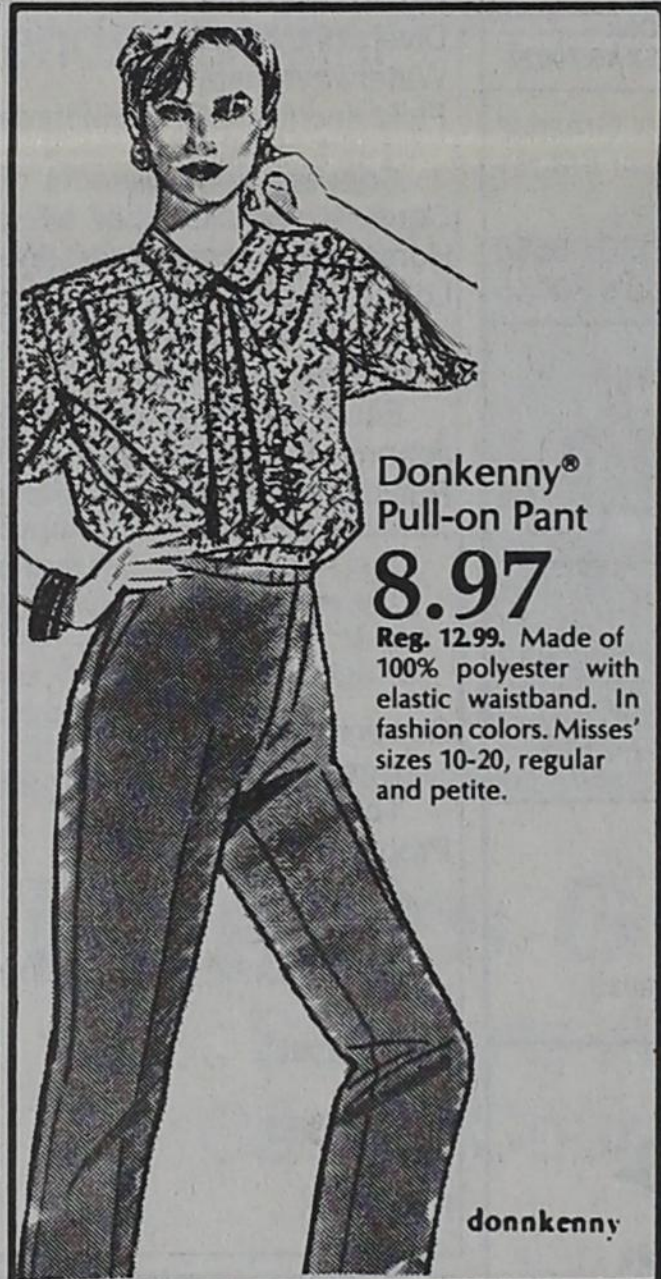


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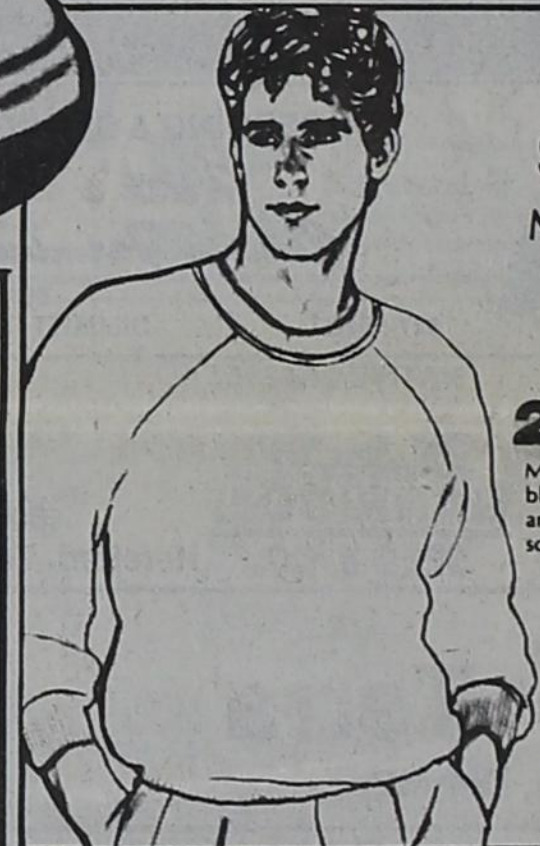


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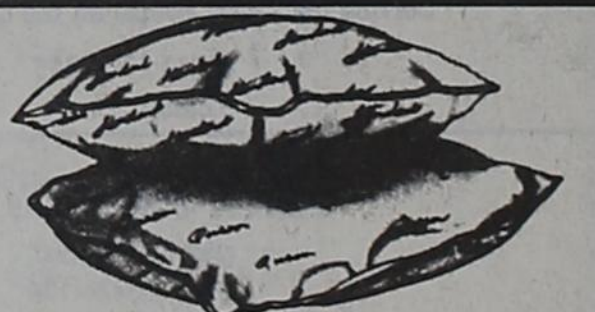
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STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

U.S. SENATOR





Six-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the U.S. for at least 9 years. Among duties: as a member of Congress, participates in making laws which are deemed necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested to Congress by the U.S. Constitution. Salary: \$89,500.

<p>QUALIFICATIONS – 50 word limit Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.</p>	<p>QUESTION 1 – 75 word limit What means would you support to reduce the federal deficit?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 – 75 word limit What should be the role of the federal government in assuring the availability of food, housing, health care, and other essential human services?</p>	<p>QUESTION 3 – 75 word limit Given public concern about the influence of political action committees and about campaign costs, what changes, if any, would you suggest in the financing of congressional campaigns?</p>
 <p>Republican Beau BOULTER</p> <p>As a U.S. Representative, I have established a conservative record that reflects the concerns of Texans about higher government spending and taxes. Texas needs leadership that says "no" to higher spending and taxes. I have exercised that leadership, as my spending record is among the best in the House.</p>	<p>The federal budget deficit has contributed to the decline in American productivity by creating higher interest rates and an unstable economy. We must cut unnecessary governmental spending at all levels in order to reduce the federal budget deficit. Tax increases will only encourage escalating government spending and perpetuate tax and spend policies. Cutting huge spending programs and restoring fiscal responsibility to our government will result in lower interest rates, lower unemployment and a growing economy.</p>	<p>The federal government has usurped the role traditionally filled by our churches and private organizations in guaranteeing that the basic needs of all Americans for effective care can be met. Uncle Sam needs to return many of his social responsibilities to our localities, because he can neither afford them nor perform them as efficiently as our community organizations. I strongly advocate restraining federal social policies while furthering federal proposals which encourage private initiatives to flourish.</p>	<p>I believe that the American people have a right to know how campaigns are financed and by whom. But the Democrat-led efforts in Congress toward so-called "campaign finance reform" have been nothing more than an attempt to reelect incumbent Congressmen at the taxpayers' expense. We should guard against Congress' abuse of its power to spend taxpayers' money every bit as much as we guard against the influence of PACs.</p>
 <p>Democrat Lloyd BENTSEN</p> <p>I currently represent Texas in the U.S. Senate, chairing the Finance Committee; I have also served as Hidalgo County Judge and U.S. Representative. A native Texas educated at the University of Texas, I am a rancher and businessman. I was a B-24 Squadron Commander in World War II.</p>	<p>Emphasis must be on spending cuts, but we must not become so enmeshed in bickering over HOW to reduce the deficit that whenever we got down to specific proposals that would achieve substantial reductions, support eroded from either the left or right. The budget and trade deficits, and the lack of an effective national energy policy threaten the fragile economic recovery in Texas.</p>	<p>Federal, state and local governments must cooperate to provide essential human services. But limits imposed by the federal deficit challenge us to find innovative approaches. My catastrophic health insurance plan, which I hope will be signed into law this year, is one example. It offers an essential service to older Americans facing longterm illness and the financial ruin that often results. But it is an optional, self-financing plan that adds nothing to the deficit.</p>	<p>I have supported numerous campaign reform measures over the years, including the Boren-Goldwater bill and the revised version of S. 2. We need tougher limits on PAC contributions and bundling plus other reforms. The 1974 law included my amendment to bar contributions by foreign nationals. I also introduced legislation to offset the impact of destructive negative campaigns by so-called independent groups.</p>
 <p>Libertarian Jeff DAIELL</p> <p>I have a degree in Government, and an understanding that a combination of economic freedom, civil liberties, and a non-interventionist foreign policy will bring about an America of Liberty, peace, Justice, opportunity, and equality. My fellow Libertarian nominees share this latter qualification.</p>	<p>If the Federal government has any legitimate functions, they are to provide for the common defense and protect natural and Constitutional rights. Reducing the Federal Government to the minimal size needed to provide these services would erase the deficit completely. Such a move would also eliminate the means by which the privileged "tilt" the economic playing field to the disadvantage of the rest of us.</p>	<p>The main reason for the unavailability of these goods and services, and the inability of many Americans to afford them, is political interference in the economy, which inevitably favors the privileged and the friends and supporters of politicians. I favor legislation repealing Federal laws, taxes, regulations, and policies hampering the production and provision of these goods and services and the ability of individuals to purchase them.</p>	<p>One way to partially offset PAC influence would be to eliminate restrictions on individual contributions, but the only way to really eliminate graft and corruption is to reduce the size, power, expense, and scope of the Federal Government. If members of Congress have no favors to sell, no one will buy. Limitations on political contributions and spending violate natural and Constitutional rights. I am one candidate with no ties to special interests.</p>


RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Six-year term. Must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas for at least 12 months. Must be at least 25 years old and have no interest in the railroad. Among duties: administers laws governing rates charged by express companies, contract motor freight companies, and buses within the state; administers state law pertaining to regulation of natural gas and liquified petroleum gas industries; establishes reclamation requirements for mined lands (coal and lignite); sets allowable production of oil and gas; regulates exploration for and production of thermal energy. Salary: \$72,233.


FULL TERM

<p>QUALIFICATIONS – 50 word limit Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.</p>	<p>QUESTION 1 – 75 word limit What changes, if any, do you advocate in the Railroad Commission's regulation of water quality, surface mining of lignite, and transportation of hazardous materials?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 – 100 word limit During the last legislative session an attempt was made to exempt the Railroad Commission from compliance with the state law that bans commissioners of regulatory agencies from meeting in private with parties involved in cases the commissioners will be regulating. What is your position on this issue?</p>
 <p>Republican</p> <p>Ed EMMETT</p> <p>Solid Energy and Transportation Experience: Chairman, Texas House Energy Committee; Texas' representative on national panels on energy; 4-term member, House Transportation Committee; native Texan with working experience in energy industry. Leading proponent of truck safety and economic deregulation. B.A. (Economics) - Rice University; M.A. (Public Affairs) - University of Texas.</p>	<p>Texas transportation industry should be forced to at least meet federal safety standards. As a legislator, I passed law requiring trucks to cover loose loads. Even more attention should be given to trucks and trains carrying hazardous material.</p> <p>The Commission should promote the use of natural gas and minimize coal usage in Texas. Less strip mining and acid rain. More attention should be given to older pipelines and disposal pits to assure water quality.</p>	<p>During my legislative career, I fought for a stronger energy industry, lower shipping rates, and stronger truck safety standards. Those are the issues of importance which should be discussed with all Texans. Commissioners should be policy-makers, not merely pseudo-judges serving to protect the status quo. Too many loopholes are in the present law. Railroad Commissioners should be prohibited from accepting contributions from parties in contested proceedings. The Railroad Commission should focus more on setting energy and transportation policies that benefit the state as a whole. Presently, the rules benefit special interests and the lawyers who represent them.</p>
 <p>Democrat</p> <p>James E. (Jim) NUGENT (Incumbent)</p> <p>I have degrees in both engineering and law, 18 years experience in the Texas Legislature, 30 years of general law practice, nine years service on the Commission, and a record of fairness and honesty. I am the only Commissioner with more than two year's experience on the Railroad Commission.</p>	<p>We must continue strict enforcement of our water quality standards.</p> <p>I am satisfied that surface mining of lignite and subsequent land reclamation practices show successful results and are adequately regulated.</p> <p>We must continue to increase safety in the movement of hazardous materials. The Commission recently adopted new regulations for movement of hazardous materials by rail, and we're developing new motor carrier regulations. As the Legislature grants us broader authority, I'm sure we can increase effectiveness.</p>	<p>There is no need for Commissioners to meet privately with parties involved in pending contested cases. The evidence presented in a formal hearing -- open to the public -- should be the basis for determination of contested matters.</p>
 <p>Libertarian</p> <p>Richard DRAHEIM</p> <p>I studied economics and political science at the University of Toledo, and at Hillsdale College, Michigan. I managed the Austin branch of a national moving company, learning first hand that the Railroad Commission forcibly over-charges the consumer, harms the small businessman, and helps privileged monopolists by outlawing competition.</p>	<p>Government should protect someone's water from pollution. Bureaucracy is not the best way to accomplish this. Compliance with a regulation is sometimes used to remove the guilty from full liability. Bureaucracies are too prone to being corrupted by powerful special interests. A judge and jury is less likely to be corrupted. We should not force Texans to pay higher prices for electricity merely because the Sierra Club does not like the looks of surface mines.</p>	<p>The legislature's motivation for the old law is correct. It recognizes a problem with regulatory bodies; they too often regulate for special interests and against the freedom of the public. But the old law will not stop this. The monopolists and corrupt politicians are not stupid enough to get caught conspiring at their private meetings. The only workable solution is free-trade and open entry into the market. It must be made legal again for the consumer to pay lower prices. We must eliminate the power of the TRC (the Texas Rate-fixing Cartel) to outlaw competition against the monopolists.</p>
 <p>New Alliance</p> <p>Reynaldo LOZANO, Jr.</p> <p>A cannery worker who has been involved in community affairs since 1971. Substitute teacher, member of labor organizations and unions, and volunteer at several social programs.</p>	<p>The commission must take a leadership role in protecting rural communities from toxic waste disposals and transportation of hazardous materials. We need to solve the problem of the colonias who are now lacking clean drinking water and to stop the contamination of our water. Greedy corporations should take responsibility for ecological damages to our land and our water.</p>	<p>All meetings with parties involved in pending or future contested cases should be made in public.</p>

UNEXPIRED TERM



 <p>Republican</p> <p>Kent R. HANCE (Incumbent)</p> <p>Texas Railroad Commissioner 1987-present; member U.S. House of Representatives 1979-85; Texas State Senator 1975-79; graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas Law School; practicing attorney 1968-78 and 1985-87; Professor, Texas Tech University.</p>	<p>I support continued strict enforcement of our water quality standards and expansion of our abandoned well plugging program.</p> <p>The Railroad Commission's surface mining of lignite and subsequent reclamation activities are working and should be continued.</p> <p>Transportation of hazardous waste is a serious concern. The Railroad Commission's rail safety program has substantially increased rail safety in Texas and this program needs to be expanded in the area of hazardous materials transport.</p>	<p>I believe the current law protects the citizens of the state. The presentation of evidence in contested cases should be made at public hearings with all interested parties having the right to be present.</p>
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 <p>Democrat</p> <p>Clint HACKNEY</p> <p>I have served as a State Representative since 1981, serving on both the Energy and Transportation Committees. I currently chair Energy. I have experience with the operation and budget of the Railroad Commission, since I carried legislation reorganizing the agency. I also serve on the South/West Energy Council.</p>	<p>Since I announced my candidacy, I have made the safe transportation of hazardous materials by rail a priority. Texas leads the nation in the number of toxic rail spills. At the Texas Railroad Commission, we currently do not have even one trained inspector of hazardous materials equipment. As a commissioner, I would move immediately to have trained personnel in this area.</p>	<p>I oppose any Commissioner meeting with a single party to a regulated matter. However, it does appear that two commissioners should be able to have discussions on broad subjects as they sit down to lunch or share a plane ride, such as whether the Iran-Iraq cease-fire will affect the price of oil, without being in violation of the Open Meetings Act for failure to post notice prior to their conversation.</p>

CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, UNEXPIRED TERM

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the U.S., a resident of Texas for 12 months, a practicing lawyer or both a lawyer and a judge of a court of record at least 10 years prior to election. Salary: \$79,310. Supreme Court handles only civil cases on appeal from the district courts and the courts of civil appeals.


<p>QUALIFICATIONS - 50 word limit Please describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.</p>	<p>QUESTION 1 - 100 word limit There is increased concern about the size and number of campaign contributions made by lawyers and law firms to judicial candidates. Do you think this is a problem? If so, what solutions do you propose?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 - 75 word limit Which of the following methods of selecting judges for statewide office do you favor? Please explain your choice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • merit selection • nonpartisan election • partisan election (present method)
 <p>Republican</p> <p>Tom PHILLIPS (Incumbent)</p> <p>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas Jan. 1988 to present District Judge, 280th District, Houston, 1981-1988 Trial Attorney, Baker and Botts, Houston, 1975-1981 Briefing Attorney, Supreme Court of Texas, 1974-1975 J.D., Harvard Law School, 1974 B.A., Baylor University, 1971 Board certified in Civil Trial Law</p>	<p>Yes. The size and number of campaign contributions is the most important issue in this race. Public confidence in the fairness and integrity of the Supreme Court has been eroded by large contributions given to some judges. To help restore confidence and avoid even the appearance of impropriety, I have voluntarily imposed a \$5,000 limit on campaign contributions that I will accept from any individual or committee. A majority of my contributors are non-lawyers, and a majority of my total contributions come from non-lawyers.</p>	<p>Our current system of selecting judges is a disgrace and should be changed. I believe the Legislature should place limits on campaign contributions, adopt non-partisan elections, shorten the election process and propose a constitutional amendment to permit some judges to be voted on by retention or rejection elections. These reforms would both enhance public confidence in our judicial process and increase public participation in judicial selection.</p>
 <p>Democrat</p> <p>Ted Z. ROBERTSON</p> <p>JUSTICE - Supreme Court of Texas, 1982 to present. ASSOCIATE JUSTICE - Fifth Court of Civil Appeals, 1976 - 1982. DISTRICT JUDGE - 95th Judicial District, 1975 - 1976. JUVENILE COURT JUDGE - Dallas County, 1969 - 1975. PROBATE COURT JUDGE - Dallas County, 1965 - 1969. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Dallas County Chief Civil Department, 1960 - 1965.</p>	<p>I do not view the size and number of contributions from lawyers and law firms as a problem. An individual either possesses integrity or he/she does not. If someone can be influenced by a contribution, the size or number of contributions is no longer of importance.</p>	<p>We now elect our judges. This is a precious right few people anywhere have. I cannot imagine any reason why we should give up the right to elect our public officials. Do we no longer have the confidence in ourselves to elect our public officials? I think we do. We should keep our present system. To do otherwise would be to squander the right we have fought so hard to protect.</p>


JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the U.S., a resident of Texas for 12 months, a practicing lawyer or both a lawyer and a judge of a court of record at least 10 years prior to election. Salary: \$78,795. Supreme Court handles only civil cases on appeal from the district courts and the courts of civil appeals.



PLACE 1

QUALIFICATIONS & QUESTIONS SAME AS FOR CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT




 <p>Republican</p> <p>Paul MURPHY</p> <p>For more than seven years, as a Justice on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, I have basically performed the functions of a Supreme Court Justice; that is, researched legal issues, applied the law, authored over 700 opinions, and participated as a panel member in formulating approximately 1500 others.</p>	<p>Yes, I perceive a problem. However, I believe this is an issue peculiar to the legislature and the voters. This matter has been and will be debated by individuals, organizations and the media. There are no issues in a judicial political contest other than qualifications, experience and integrity. I prefer, as a judicial officer, and I think it appropriate, to refrain from engaging in that debate. Our function is to use our energies to interpret and apply the law, impartially, diligently and fairly, not lobby or sway public opinion.</p>	<p>I personally believe the manner in which judges at any level are chosen is a decision for the legislature and voters. Judicial officers should not lobby. Recently, two members of the Texas Supreme Court resigned so they could freely speak out and lobby on this issue.</p>
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 <p style="text-align: right;">Democrat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lloyd DOGGETT</p> <p>17 years legal experience; voted best qualified 1988 State Bar Poll; qualified; authored 124 state laws as Texas State Senator, 1973-1985; named "Outstanding Young Lawyer" Austin Young Lawyers; briefing attorney, U.S. Judge Roberts, 1971; Associate Editor Texas Law Review, second highest bar exam score; top graduate U.T. Business Administration, 1968.</p>	<p>Yes, on this key issue, I want immediate reform, and differ completely with my opponent, who accepts huge contributions. Nobody should be permitted unfairly to dominate our judges. To avoid such an appearance of impropriety, I have already begun reform by restricting individual contributions and declining all PAC's. Working with public interest groups, I want new laws setting reasonable contribution limits and providing statewide distribution of informational materials about judicial candidates. This will encourage greater public participation to hold judges accountable. My personal commitment is to ensure that our laws are never twisted or misconstrued to take advantage of anyone.</p>	<p>The best way to ensure that judges are held accountable by the people is through the election system. An appointive system would remove public participation, but not politics. Political power and influence would simply be concentrated unjustifiably in the hands of fewer people. It is better to reform our current system then to abandon our decisionmaking to some elite group not generally representative of our people. A competent, qualified, and accountable judiciary is my objective.</p>



PLACE 2

 <p style="text-align: right;">Republican</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nathan HECHT</p> <p>B.A., Yale University, honors graduate; J.D. with honors, SMU; Hatton Sumners Scholar; Editor, Southwestern Law Journal; partner, Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely law firm; Dallas Outstanding Young Lawyer of Year Award; Judge, 95th District Court; presiding judge over Dallas courts; Justice, Court of Appeals; highly rated in bar polls</p>	<p>Yes. Can a judge who takes \$25,000 or more from one person treat that person just the same as everyone else? Why would one person give a judge outrageously large contributions if he didn't expect to get something in return? Across the country, people are asking, "Is justice for sale in Texas?"</p> <p>The Legislature should limit the maximum contribution that can be given a judge, and the total amount a judge can spend on a campaign. Until the Legislature acts, I will voluntarily limit individual contributions in my race and will not accept any contribution that makes me appear unfair.</p>	<p>Elected or appointed, judges should be chosen only on merit. Big campaign contributions have made selecting judges a "Name Game" costing millions in TV advertising. Integrity, experience and fairness are qualifications for a good judge, not a familiar-sounding name and lots of money. Texans do not want biased, unqualified judges. Reforms like contribution and spending limits should help. The best reform is for voters to elect good judges whose character cannot be questioned.</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;">Democrat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bill KILGARLIN (Incumbent)</p> <p>Incumbent Justice, Texas Supreme Court, 1983 - present; Judge, 215th Judicial District, 1978 - 1982; Member, Texas House of Representatives, 1959 - 1961. Extensive writing of legal periodicals, including articles on contempt of court, recusal and disqualification of judges, sanctions for discovery abuse. Recipient, 1985 State Bar President's Special Award for Outstanding Service.</p>	<p>Yes. Whether there is any impropriety because of the size of the campaign contribution there is a potential for appearance of impropriety. Few people aside from attorneys have any interest in judicial campaigns. The problem is not unique to the judiciary; all candidates should have an imposed limit on contributions and on expenditures, thereby preventing a wealthy candidate from financing his own campaign. Moreover, judicial campaign contributions should not only be limited by the amount per individual, but no large firm should be able to increase the size of its contributions by listing them in the name of various partners.</p>	<p>I favor the present system, with certain modifications. The elective system is far superior to the appointive (so-called "merit selection") which has the potential for back-room politics and appointing of incompetent judges in order to pay off campaign indebtedness. I am unalterably opposed to an appointive system which would deprive the electorate of this state the opportunity to participate in the selection of judges.</p>



PLACE 3

 <p style="text-align: right;">Republican</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charles Ben HOWELL</p> <p>Honors graduate, law school; practicing attorney, 30 years; elected district judge, 1980; re-elected, 1982; elected, Court of Appeals, 1984; nominee for Supreme Court, 1986 and 1988--bigger victory every time. Dallas resident many years. Married 34 years to former Patricia Smith; three married daughters, graduated Baylor, Texas Tech, UT Austin.</p>	<p>My opponent has taken thousands of dollars from claims lawyers to put his face on television. Charles Ben Howell won't be there; I don't believe in these tactics. Recently, my opponent took \$27,500 from lobbyists while their case was under consideration. Then, he voted for--guess, who? The lobbyists. Charles Ben Howell won't sell out to lobbyists. My opponent even issued a decision calculated to embarrass me, Charles Ben Howell. Sure, we need reasonable contribution limits, but the crying need is INTEGRITY. Without INTEGRITY, our whole system will collapse. Officeholders with INTEGRITY will refuse contributions that breach INTEGRITY.</p>	<p>Democracy will work if given a chance!! The problem is that the Supreme Court has been captive to a single political party for too long. I favor cleaning up the system we have before substituting lifetime judges, the system that the "reformers" are pushing. The obvious reform is to take all party labels and levers off the ballot and require that people vote for the individual. Unfortunately, the vested interests make this reform impracticable.</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;">Democrat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raul A. GONZALEZ (Incumbent)</p> <p>B.A.-U.T.; J.D.-U. of H.; LLM-U. Va. 3 years, Justice, Supreme Court. 3 1/2 years, Justice Court of Appeals, 3 years, District Judge. Also served as a federal prosecutor, defense attorney and lawyer in private practice.</p>	<p>Yes, I do think we have a problem and we have lost credibility as a result of it. In order to remove the appearance of impropriety, I propose that the legislature limit the amount of contributions for all state wide elected officials and explore public funding of elections.</p>	<p>I prefer the present method. Current problems can be lessened by caps on contributions tied in with public funding. There are problems with nonpartisan elections and merit selection and I am not willing to substitute one set of problems for another.</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;">Libertarian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calvin W. SCHOLZ</p> <p>Sixteen years of civil and criminal trial practice, high levels of understanding wide ranges of laws, proven high abilities, high energy levels, fairness and compassion, persistent unbiased attitudes, business, civic, and family experiences, and the lack of political obligations qualify me for this office.</p>	<p>Encouraged favoritism from receiving funds from those asked to judge with impartiality is an inescapable conflict. Lost credibility and appearances of impropriety have reached everyone's attention. It is our professional duty to provide leadership in suggesting ways to improve the integrity of our judicial system. Suggested ideas include practical, fair and uniform regulation of maximum campaign donations and expenditures, donations by individuals and specified groups only, uniform comparative public information disclosures posted in an exclusive posting place in each county seat, registration of all donations over a certain amount, and the requirement that the identity of all donors be kept anonymous.</p>	<p>A nonpartisan system solves the incurable problems of partisan elections and when combined with equal education of the electorate allows the public to vote responsibly. Political preference is unrelated to an unbiased judge's performance and by its inherent power structure defeats the requirement of neutrality in the judicial system. The merit system invites patronage, decreases citizen control, and transfers power to nonjudicial governmental branches which further erodes our vital separation of powers doctrine.</p>

PLACE 4, UNEXPIRED TERM

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 <p>Republican Barbara G. CULVER (Incumbent)</p> <p>For fifteen years, I was County Judge of Midland County. During the next ten years, I was a District Judge. Since February, 1988, I have been a Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. So, I am the only candidate in this race with judicial experience.</p>	<p>In order not to give the appearance of impropriety, I am limiting my campaign contributions to no more than \$5,000.00 from any person, company, or political action committee. My opponent is receiving large contributions from special interest groups. The legislature could set a limit on campaign contributions. By voluntarily limiting the amount of any contribution, I am making it clear to attorneys and others that my vote cannot be bought. My credibility is not for sale.</p>	<p>I prefer the present system of judicial selection - popular election. With six places to be filled on the Texas Supreme Court this year, I urge the voters to study the candidates and to cast informed votes November 8. I favor any legislative enactment which would improve the judicial selection process we now have.</p>
 <p>Democrat Jack HIGHTOWER</p> <p>Thirty-six years' legal and public service experience, including one term as State Representative, six years as District Attorney, 10 years as State Senator, 10 years as Congressman and 18 months as First Assistant Attorney General have provided extensive legal knowledge and a comprehensive understanding of the Court's responsibility.</p>	<p>Whether these types of donations are a problem or not, it gives the appearance of impropriety. Unfortunately, lack of voter interest in judicial races has for many years placed the burden of campaign funding with attorneys. This is now changing. I recommend placing limits on campaign donations for all state races similar to those for federal campaigns and shortening the campaign season through later primaries to reduce the costs of campaigns. I have placed a \$5000 limit on personal contributions to my campaign.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the legislature and the voters to decide if changes are needed in the way judges are selected. I believe that judges are best held responsible under the elective system. There are shortcomings in all of the methods now being used by the various states. Campaign reforms which can be achieved through legislation offer the best and most immediate response to the problems of our current method.</p>

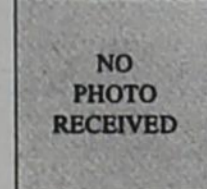
PLACE 5, UNEXPIRED TERM

 <p>Republican Eugene A. COOK</p> <p>Incumbent justice; 22 years of legal experience; former professor of legal ethics; three times selected by State Bar one of most outstanding lawyers in Texas; Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; President-elect, Houston Bar Association; Board Certified in Civil Trial and Family Law; Past Chair, State Bar Grievance Committee.</p>	<p>Yes, to the extent that excessive contribution amounts may create an appearance of impropriety. I propose that the legislature study the issue of judicial campaign financing and consider establishing limits, as I have, on the amount of individual contributions from lawyers as well as non-lawyers.</p>	<p>The present system of selecting our judiciary should be continued provided greater efforts are made in educating the electorate on candidate qualifications.</p>
 <p>Democrat Karl BAYER</p> <p>I have 12 years experience as an attorney dealing with environmental, business, administrative, and tort law and understand all issues are not simply black and white. I've written both Federal and State legislation and understand the proper role of the legislative, judicial and executive branches.</p>	<p>For too long, voters have been turned off by the "appearance" of a conflict of interest between the Supreme Court Justices and lawyers that practice before the court. That is why I have taken the unprecedented position that I will not accept any campaign contributions from attorneys who have cases pending before the Texas Supreme Court or Political Action Committees. I have also decided not to accept contributions over \$5,000 from an individual, nor more than \$20,000 from attorneys within a law firm.</p>	<p>In a referendum 84% of the voters favored the partisan election of judges. I share that faith in the ability of the people to select judges who will fairly interpret the laws of this state. I am opposed to taking this power from the people and placing it in the hands of a few which is an elitist system open to abuse and political pressure, and unaccountable to the voters being governed.</p>


PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas for at least 12 months, a practicing lawyer or both a lawyer and a judge of a court of record at least 10 years prior to election. Salary: \$79,310. The Court may receive only criminal cases involving confinement and/or fines exceeding \$100 from the county and district courts.

QUALIFICATIONS & QUESTIONS SAME AS FOR JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

 <p>Republican David A. BERCHELMANN, Jr.</p>	<p>NO REPLY RECEIVED</p>	<p>NO REPLY RECEIVED</p>
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 <p>Democrat</p> <p>Mike McCORMICK</p> <p>Seven years as Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; named outstanding Texas Judge, 1984; former Executive Director, Texas District and County Attorney Association; Assistant District Attorney; and Briefing Attorney to Court of Criminal Appeals. Author of the two most recognized reference books in Texas Criminal Law.</p>	<p>The concern revolves primarily around the Supreme Court and not the Court of Criminal Appeals. Historically, candidates for this Court have rarely received contributions totaling more than \$20,000, which is less than most local judicial candidates spend. The problem is really one of an appearance of impropriety which can be solved only by limiting the size of campaign contributions or establishing a method of public financing of judicial races. As long as judges must participate in the elective process, they must have funds available to campaign. I do not believe that public financing of judicial campaigns is forthcoming.</p>	<p>Judicial races are often determined by which political party is in power, which candidate has the most money, who has a familiar name, or which name appears first on the ballot. Qualifications should be the most important criteria used in selecting judges. Presently, I would support a system whereby candidates are screened for qualifications prior to being placed on the ballot, and nonpartisan elections held on a date separate from other elections.</p>

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS



Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas for at least 12 months, a practicing lawyer or both a lawyer and a judge of a court of record at least 10 years prior to election. Salary: \$78,795. The Court may receive only criminal cases involving confinement and/or fines exceeding \$100 from the county and district courts.

PLACE 1


QUALIFICATIONS & QUESTIONS SAME AS FOR PRESIDING JUDGE

 <p>Democrat</p> <p>Charles F. (Chuck) CAMPBELL (Incumbent)</p> <p>J.D. SMU School of Law, 1969, Board Certified Criminal Law Specialist, since 1975, Elected County & District Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, Judge - Court of Criminal Appeals - 6 years; 1 year completed toward LL.M. degree in judicial Process, University of Virginia.</p>	<p>I do not think that there is a problem currently with reference to the Court of Criminal Appeals, since the all-time record funds raised by a candidate was \$48,000.00. However, the potential for abuse is certainly available. For future abuses I would recommend contribution caps and possibly even state funding of judicial elections.</p>	<p>I would favor nonpartisan election of judges to be held in "off" election years or "odd" election years. The judiciary would not only be placed on a completely separate ballot, but the voters could concentrate solely on judges races rather than legislators, etc.</p>
 <p>Libertarian</p> <p>Egon Richard TAUSCH</p> <p>As an attorney practicing in Texas for twelve years, a life-long student and teacher of the Constitution, and a former officer in law enforcement, I have always been concerned about the issues which are threatening to destroy our criminal justice system.</p>	<p>The right of citizens to contribute to candidates whom they trust, must be protected. However, contributors have no right to personal influence over judges. A system can be developed which will insure that all contributions be, and remain, anonymous, by channelling through a state entity. Enforcement would involve stiff criminal penalties for intentional exposure to and/or collusion with the candidate, as in direct bribery, in addition to the forfeiture of identifiable contributions. Truly civic-minded contributors will not be discouraged.</p>	<p>A non-partisan election which is timed so as not to coincide with state-wide elections for other offices, would provide greater opportunity for voters to know the candidates, their qualifications and judicial philosophies.</p>

PLACE 2

 <p>Republican</p> <p>Tom RICKHOFF</p> <p>Seven years, Federal Prosecutor; Department of Justice Organized Strike Force and U.S. Attorney Chief, Law School Professor. Eight years, District Judge; all felonies including Capital Murder trials. Vietnam Combat Brigade Volunteer as Judge Advocate Captain, now LTC. Reserve. 44 year old father of five.</p>	<p>Yes. When a \$1,000 lawyer/contributor looks across the bench every judge feels the discomfort. In San Antonio we have a lawyer who brags about his alleged financial control to the public and his clients. The abuses are too obvious to ignore any longer. Spending limits won't control some. I favor non-partisan, Missouri Plan elections. My opponent, the incumbent, is the most liberal member of this Court and as an advocate for criminal defendant's rights would never have been appointed by a panel. This obscure downballot court is too remote to voters.</p>	<p>The Missouri Plan. The ballot question is: Should Judge Rickhoff be retained? If not retained a merit selection panel selects a list of qualified candidates from which the Governor selects. I watched as my father served under both elective and non-partisan systems. Judges should not solicit funds to stay in office.</p>
 <p>Democrat</p> <p>Chuck MILLER (Incumbent)</p> <p>I have six years experience as the incumbent. Previously I presided over 800+ criminal trials (including 250 jury trials) as a Dallas County Criminal Court judge. One of only 25 Texas judges who is a Board Certified Criminal Law Specialist, I have also taught criminal law at S.M.U. Law School.</p>	<p>The public trust in a fair, unbiased and unbought judiciary must be maintained. Our sense of fair play is offended by special interest groups (PACs), lawyers and litigants giving tens of thousands of dollars to judges as political contributions and then asking those judges to decide a case their way. But campaigning is necessary since the public wants to cast an informed vote and it's unlikely that tax dollars will be made available to pay for the informing. Contributions must therefore be limited to maintain the public's confidence, and a consensus of \$5,000 per law firm or PAC is emerging.</p>	<p>Nonpartisan election of judges seems best. Merit selection works in some states, but the reality here is that Texas voters don't want to give up their right to elect Texas judges. However, the judiciary should be above partisan politics (There is no Democratic or Republican justice, only American justice). Judicial candidates should run on their own merit, not on the current popularity of a political party, especially since Texas political parties can't screen their candidates.</p>

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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Libertarian</p> <p>Carol CAUL</p> </div> </div> <p>I have the requisite knowledge, skills, stamina, and managerial experience to meet both fairly and efficiently the responsibilities of this office. I have a profound respect for the law and theories underlying our criminal justice system. I owe no allegiance through past associations to either prosecution or defense attorneys.</p>	<p>Campaign contributions potentially allow candidates to make their qualifications and positions known to the voters. Solely "name identification" candidates will always be a threat in democratic elections by the people. The only acceptable check against that threat is the freedom of concerned citizens, be they the League of Women Voters, lawyers, or law firms, to assist all, some, or none of the candidates. Any state imposed limitation on contributions should be applied without discrimination to all potential contributors and for all offices. Any imposed public financing should be limited to items similar to this League of Women Voter's guide.</p>	<p>I think it is easier for citizens to insure that qualified judges meet standards of impartiality directly through elections rather than indirectly through the appointive process. There is no demonstrable proof that elections impair the ability of qualified jurists to adhere to precedent in interpreting everchanging laws. I favor nonpartisan elections for statewide judges with the proviso that some "ranked preference" voter system be used to minimize the threat of single issue candidates.</p>

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

FOR

AGAINST

AMENDMENT 1 (Wording on Ballot)

The constitutional amendment and/or clarification providing that federal reimbursement of state highway dedicated funds are themselves dedicated for the purpose of acquiring rights-of-way and constructing, maintaining, and policing public roadways.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This proposed amendment would constitutionally stipulate that federal funds received by the state as reimbursement for state monies expended on interstate highway projects and certain other highway projects would be dedicated and used only for right-of-way acquisition, construction, maintenance, and policing of public roadways. Currently, by statute, all state revenues received from motor registration fees and three-quarters of the taxes on motor fuels and lubricants are dedicated funds used to purchase rights-of-way and construct, maintain, and police public roadways. The Texas Legislature established a State Highway Fund and all funds dedicated to highway-related uses must be deposited in this fund. During fiscal year 1987, this fund received \$2.537 billion and, of that amount, \$837 million came from federal reimbursement.

ARGUMENTS FOR

This proposed amendment would ensure that federal funds intended for use on highway projects could not be tapped for non-highway use. In the last legislative session, lawmakers "borrowed" \$280 million from the highway fund for non-highway uses.

Since highway projects are often long-term (5 or more years to completion), administrators need to be certain that funds will be available to complete long-term highway projects. Constitutionally dedicating these federal funds to highway projects would provide the assurance that highway funding would not be jeopardized by future legislative actions.

Population growth and increased traffic have exceeded earlier predictions, which will result in the need for increased highway expenditures. The people of Texas expect good roads, and tourism could be harmed if roads are not maintained in top condition.

Highway spending generates jobs and ensures the mobility of people and products. As Texas's economy recovers, it is important to provide a well-maintained and efficient highway system that is backed by a dependable funding source.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

The ballot language is misleading since it refers to a "clarification," thus implying that this proposed amendment would not make any significant changes. In fact, constitutionally dedicating these funds would prevent the General Revenue Fund from borrowing money that might be needed to cover cash shortfalls. The \$280 million borrowed from surplus in the highway fund is to be repaid with interest beginning September, 1989.

Money in the state treasury earns interest that goes to the General Revenue Fund unless the money is constitutionally dedicated for a particular purpose. Constitutionally dedicating these federal funds would prevent the interest on that money from going to the General Revenue Fund. The shortfall created in income would have to be replaced with tax revenue.

By defeating this proposed amendment, Texas taxpayers would send a strong message to the powerful highway lobby that highways, although important, should not be placed above all other state spending priorities.

Texas should not add another dedicated fund to the constitution. The large number of such funds already in place limits budget flexibility and makes the budget process unwieldy.

FOR

AGAINST

AMENDMENT 2 (Wording on Ballot)

The constitutional amendment establishing an economic stabilization fund in the state treasury to be used to offset unforeseen shortfalls in revenue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This proposed amendment would create an Economic Stabilization Fund in the state treasury. The special fund would receive one-half of the surplus money in the general revenue fund at the end of each biennium. Whenever net receipts from oil or gas production taxes exceeded those in the fiscal year ending August 31, 1987, 75% of the difference would be transferred to the fund. The legislature could appropriate additional amounts to the fund but the total amount in the fund could not exceed 10% of the general revenue received in the previous biennium.

Money could be transferred from the fund to cover a temporary cash deficiency in general revenue but would have to be returned by the end of the biennium. If the comptroller forecasts a deficit in general revenue for the biennium, the legislature, by a three-fifths vote in both houses, could appropriate money from the fund to be used for purposes for which general revenue funds were appropriated in the previous session. If the comptroller predicted lower revenues for a succeeding biennium compared to those available for the current biennium, the legislature, by a three-fifths vote, could use the economic stabilization fund to make up the difference. Reductions in revenue caused by a change in tax rate or base could not be replaced in this manner. By a two-thirds vote, the legislature could appropriate amounts from the economic stabilization fund at any time and for any amount.

ARGUMENTS FOR

An economic stabilization fund, or "rainy day fund," would even out the wide fluctuations in state revenue that have occurred recently. This fund could be used to maintain vital state services without raising taxes in times when the economy is poor as well as to alleviate temporary cash flow problems. The size of the fund is limited to avoid tying up too much money.

The state budget would be less dependent on the oil and gas industry if a portion of windfall revenue is set aside when energy prices are high.

Many states competing with Texas for new industries have some form of budget stabilization fund. A more stable state budget would make Texas more attractive to the business community and improve the state's credit rating.

Establishment of a mandatory state savings fund removes the temptation for the legislature to spend all available money and provides a check on the indiscriminate growth of state government.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

Increases in state revenue should be invested in education, transportation, and other state services needed to diversify and strengthen the economy, not squirreled away in a contingency fund. Otherwise, Texas will remain a one-industry state.

Texas should not add another dedicated fund to the constitution. The large number of such funds already in place limits budget flexibility and makes the budget process unwieldy.

The baseline for revenue from oil and gas production taxes is specifically set in 1987 dollars, making no provision for the effects of inflation. Tax increases will be maintained even if oil prices go up because this proposed amendment decreases the revenue benefits to the state. If Texas has a budget surplus again, the excess money should be returned to the taxpayers.

A constitution should contain general principles of government and a broad outline of government functions. This proposed amendment is another example of a wordy, overly detailed provision that belongs in a statutory code rather than in the state constitution.

FOR AGAINST

AMENDMENT 3 (Wording on Ballot)

The constitutional amendment to provide for the investment of the permanent university fund, the permanent school fund, and public employee retirement systems in the Texas growth fund created by the amendment, which will directly create, retain, and expand job opportunity and economic growth in Texas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment would amend the Texas Constitution to create the Texas Growth Fund, a trust fund through which the Permanent University Fund (PUF), the Permanent School Fund (PSF), the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), the Employees Retirement System (ERS), and other state pension systems could make investments directly related to employment opportunity and economic growth in Texas.

The constitution also would be amended to remove restrictions which limit PUF and PSF investments to specified types of stocks, bonds, and securities, and to allow these funds to be invested in any fashion, subject to the prudent-person standard. This standard requires that trustees exercise "the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing that persons of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of the funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of the fund capital."

Each participating permanent fund or retirement system could invest up to one percent of its value in the Texas Growth Fund. At least half the fund would be invested in stocks or bonds involving the construction, expansion, or modernization of business facilities in Texas. Up to ten percent of the fund could be devoted to "venture capital" investments, including new or small businesses, and ones with the potential for rapid growth, applied research leading to the formation of new businesses, and new processes or products.

ARGUMENTS FOR

Allowing the PUF and PSF to be invested subject only to the prudent-person standard would give the fund trustees the flexibility they need to increase return on investment of the funds without exposing the funds to undue risks.

More income for PUF and PSF would allow the state to reduce its reliance upon

tax revenue to finance education. Greater diversification of fund investments would reduce risk by spreading it over a wider range of investment alternatives.

The Texas Growth Fund would allow the pension and trust funds to target as much as \$285 million for job creation and economic growth in Texas. This would encourage corporations to move here and make companies now operating in Texas more competitive.

Encouraging new ventures and nurturing their growth would help Texas maintain its entrepreneurial climate and ensure a vibrant economy into the new century. Many other states have established similar funds to encourage internal economic growth.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

Removing constitutional limitations on investment and allowing funds to be invested subject only to the prudent-person standard would weaken the financial soundness of the state pension and trust funds by exposing them to greater risk. Texas's universities, public schools, teachers, state employees, and retired public employees depend on these funds for support. The funds should be governed by the most conservative investment policies to ensure a secure source of income.

The ballot wording is misleading because it fails to indicate that this proposed amendment would eliminate restrictions on investing the PUF and PSF. The ballot language also implies that the Texas Growth Fund would greatly affect the economic growth of Texas when actually the amount realized from the maximum investment of the fund would not have a significant effect on the vast Texas economy.

The large number of dedicated funds already in place in the constitution limits budget flexibility and makes the budget process unwieldy. Texas should not add another dedicated fund to the constitution.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

- *You must be a citizen of the United States.
- *You must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election.
- *You must be a resident of the county or political subdivision on the day of the election.
- *You must be registered to vote.
- *You may register to vote at any time, but your application must be postmarked or received by the registrar at least 30 days before an election in order for you to vote in that election.

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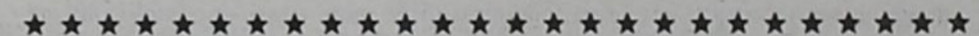
- *After you register, you will receive a certificate/card which you will present at the polling place in order to vote.
- *The current voting certificate is white.
- *If you did not receive a white voter registration card in 1988, your name has been purged from the list of voters. In order to vote on November 8, you must re-register by October 9.
- *You will receive a new certificate every two years as long as your voter registration is not cancelled under some provision of law.

LOST OR MISPLACED CERTIFICATE

- *If you lose or misplace your certificate, notify the voter registrar in writing that your certificate has been lost or misplaced, and he or she will issue you a replacement certificate.
- *You may vote without your certificate at the polling place by signing an affidavit that you do not have your certificate with you.

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