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County sets tax rate; adopts budget

Castro County Commissioners adjusted the budget for Precinct 1, raising expenditures by \$28,275; then adopted the Fiscal Year 1993-94 budget and set the effective tax rate at 36.8 cents during a called meeting Monday.

Commissioners met in a final budget workshop Monday morning before holding a public hearing on the proposed budget. Only one citizen spoke to commissioners about the budget—former Precinct 1 Commissioner Harold Smith.

After the hearing, commissioners unanimously voted to raise the effective tax rate by 8%, from 33.7 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to 36.8 cents; and adopted the budget, which includes \$2,186,279 in revenues and \$2,485,425 in expenditures in the county's General Fund and Road and Bridge Funds for each precinct.

Before voting on the tax rate and budget, commissioners discussed the proposed budget for Precinct 1 and after coming up with several problems that could need attention in the future, decided to budget more money in certain areas.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland, who was appointed to the seat after Harold Smith resigned on Sept. 14, told commissioners he planned to "do a lot of road building" and added that a lot of the precinct's equipment and its barn was in need of major repair.

Rowland defeated Smith in the March 1992 primary election, which was declared invalid because the county's redistricting lines had not been approved. Smith, who was being investigated by a Castro County Grand Jury for "official misconduct" resigned on Sept. 14.

After taking over as commissioner, Rowland inspected Precinct 1's property and equipment.

"I knew the equipment was in bad shape, but... there's a lot of work that needs to be done," Rowland told commissioners Monday. "And we've got to replace the skylights on the barn. The fence has to be fixed, too."

Commissioners raised expenditures for Precinct 1 from a proposed \$187,210 to \$215,485, increasing gross pay from \$90,100 to \$90,375; gas and oil from \$25,000 to \$30,000; vehicle and equipment maintenance from \$15,000 to \$30,000; building maintenance from \$2,000 to \$5,000; and weed control from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Commissioners also lowered the amount budgeted for expenses in the Dept. of Public Safety from \$8,470 to \$5,870. The deduction was made in

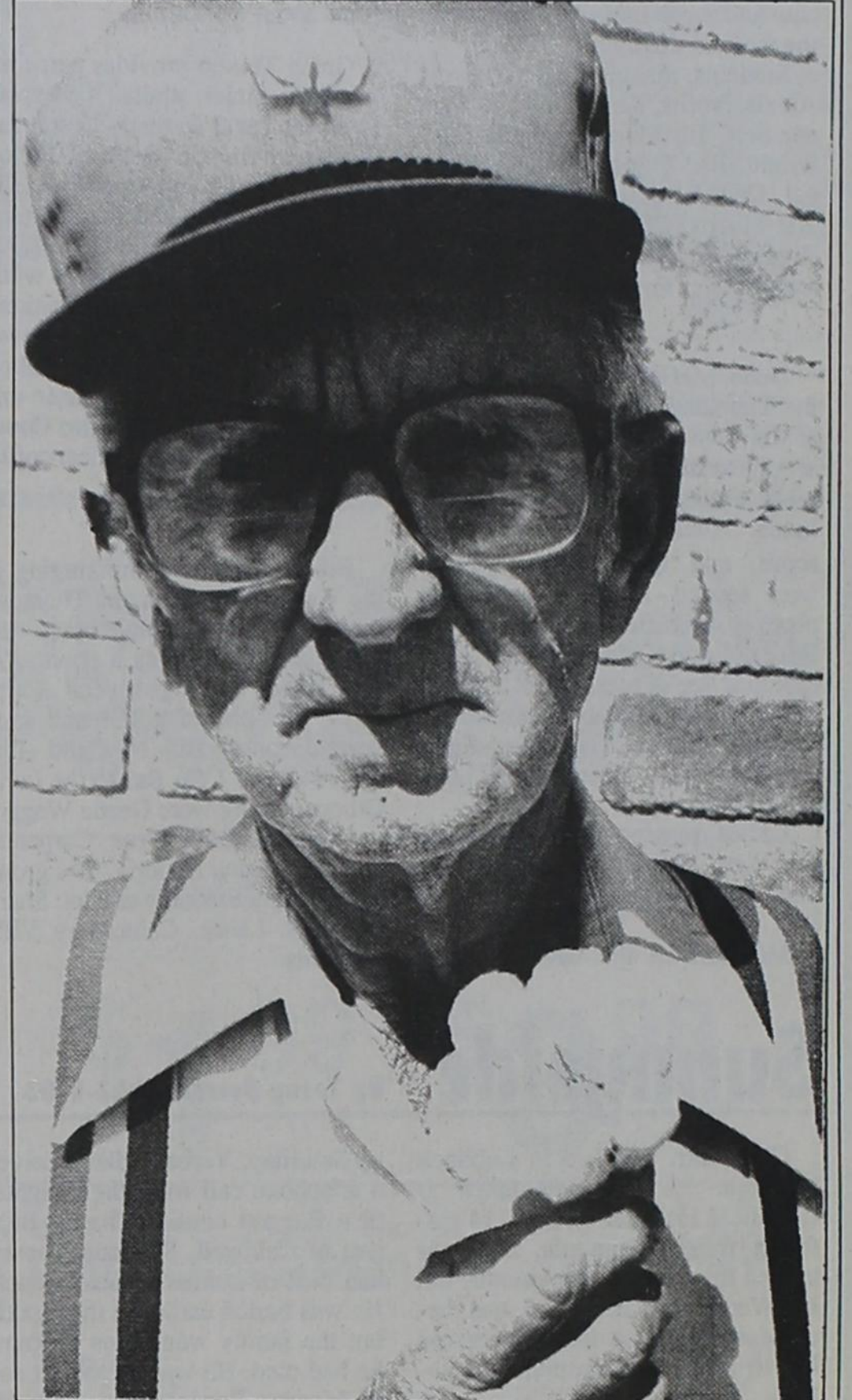
part-time help, because the position of secretary for the county office has been eliminated.

DPS offices in Castro, Parmer and Deaf Smith Counties will share a secretary, who will work out of the Hereford DPS office. Each county will pay a share of the secretary's salary with Castro and Parmer Counties paying for 10 hours each and Deaf Smith paying for 20 hours.

Here's a breakdown of the 1993-94 total budgeted expenditures for each county department, compared with those budgeted in 1992-93.

Department	1992-93	1993-94
County Judge	\$52,580	\$50,175
County Clerk	\$78,374	\$70,849
Surveyor & Vet. Admin.	\$4,472	\$4,472
242nd Dist. Court	\$36,725	\$36,725
Justice of the Peace	\$32,790	\$32,690
64th Dist. Court	\$34,100	\$34,100
County Attorney	\$29,682	\$10,300
Juvenile Probation	\$31,080.01	\$33,000
County Auditor	\$27,490	\$26,655
County Treasurer	\$28,757	\$28,160
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$66,151	\$61,230
Courthouse	\$167,432	\$168,402
Jail	\$77,440	\$69,940
Constable	\$18,867	\$18,967
Sheriff's Office	\$368,850	\$348,900
DPS	\$7,950	\$5,870
MH/MR	\$6,250	\$6,250
Extension Office	\$52,947.52	\$52,818
Expo Building	\$25,104.63	\$24,725
General Fund	\$500,974	\$656,760
Pct. 1	\$396,000	\$215,485
Pct. 2	\$182,900	\$188,065
Pct. 3	\$155,295	\$145,510
Pct. 4	\$257,797	\$195,377

SUPER BOLL



Buddy Adrian of Dodd shows off his big six-lock boll of cotton. The boll came from his field in far southwest Castro County and is the first six-lock boll Adrian has seen in his 66 years of farming. Photo by John Brooks

Dodd farmer grows six-lock cotton boll

Buddy Adrian was out scouting his cotton field down by Dodd last week when something strange caught his eye.

It was a large boll of cotton.

"I knew it had to be a five-lock boll," Adrian said. Adrian has seen a few five-lock bolls in his 66 years of farming in southwestern Castro County. This one, though, looked a little different, a little bigger than any of the five-lock cotton bolls he had seen before.

He walked up to the plant, knelt down, and was in instant awe.

It was a six-lock boll, the Holy Grail of cotton bolls in these parts.

"I didn't know what to do," Adrian said last Thursday at the Dodd Gin. "I just knelt there and didn't do anything. I've been farming for a long time but I've never seen anything like that."

The six-lock boll, as big around as a large man's palm, has been kept in a grip-lock plastic sack for gawkers at the gin, about 25 miles southwest of Dimmitt. Adrian shot a couple of Polaroids of the large boll and took them to last week's game night at the Earth Senior Citizens Center.

"I showed 'em the pictures at Senior Citizens and they still wouldn't believe it," he said. "I told them I was looking at it and still couldn't believe it."

"I didn't want to leave it growing in the field," Adrian, 75, said. "I didn't want to leave it out there and have something happen to it."

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By Don Nelson

Smith starts petition, wants federal judge's aid

"The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight."

—Theodore Roosevelt

DHS Head Football Coach Danny Chisum, speaking to the Lions Club last week:

"Our No. 1 goal in the athletic program now is for the kids to get an education. Academics and the classroom are the first priority.

"Some of our athletes are not giving academics the importance it deserves. We're trying to retrain and reprogram these kids' attitudes in this direction. For example, we're having a study hall at 7:30 in the mornings and for two hours every afternoon. We're trying to emphasize the fact that you have to go to your job and produce; that's one of the main facts of life. Going to school and learning—that's their job."

Let's see if I've got this straight now:

The Bobcats' won-lost record was 1-0, then 1-1, and now they're 0-3.

It's always demoralizing to have to forfeit a game that you've won.

But I'm proud of the way Dimmitt High School's coaches and administrators handled the situation. As soon as they discovered that one of our players was ineligible, they reported it to the UIL and took the consequences.

As I understand it, the real victim was the player involved. He didn't realize he was ineligible, and it took some investigating to determine whether he was or not.

The youth, one administrator said, was "devastated" to learn that he was ineligible and that his team would have to forfeit a game.

That's water under the bridge now.

Neither the forfeiture nor the two losses can erase the main fact of the DHS football season to date. Although they've come up on the short end of the scoreboard twice, the Bobcats have outgained every opponent so far.

They've made some mistakes and they've given up some big plays. That's what has beaten them. No defense they've played against yet has been able to contain them without some big breaks.

The boys are learning a complex new offensive system. Give them a little more time to polish their game, and they're going to be in the thick of the district race.

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Former Castro County Commissioner Harold Smith began circulating petitions Wednesday calling for the Commissioner's Court "to adopt a plan that the U.S. Justice Dept. will accept without the use of a redistricting attorney."

Smith, claiming he appeared at Monday's budget hearing as a private taxpayer, said he was unhappy over the way he was treated by commissioners.

"As a taxpayer, I'm now their boss," Smith said Tuesday. "They have to realize they work for me and the other 9,000 citizens of Castro County. I've offered to work things out with the commissioners' court, but if they want to fight me, then let's fight."

Smith had also wanted to petition for a tax rollback from the county's 8% increase, but a rollback can only be called if the increase exceeds 8%. The tax rate is now 36.8 cents per \$100 of value.

Redistricting precincts has been a siren song of Smith's since 1992, when the county's plans were thrown out by federal officials. Once the plans were disqualified, Smith was allowed to continue to serve on the court although he had

lost an election in the no-longer-valid Pct. 1 to Newlon Rowland.

Rowland was appointed Sept. 14 to fill the seat after Smith resigned his post. Smith's resignation followed questioning by the Castro County Grand Jury on Sept. 13.

Smith said this week the grand jury questioned him about the use of county equipment on private property and was going to indict him for official misconduct.

"I would like the federal government to investigate this real serious matter."
—Harold Smith

"If what I did was against the law, then they need to prosecute me. It shouldn't make any difference if I resign. They just wanted me to resign."

Smith has also written, but not yet mailed, a letter to Federal District Judge Mary Lou Robinson in Amarillo. Smith sent a copy of the letter by facsimile to the courthouse in Dimmitt on Tuesday, and a copy of the letter was given to the News.

In the letter, Smith said, "I was taken before the grand jury for investigation, because I followed the law..."

Smith also complained in the letter:

"Commissioners' Court filed on me (only) as a beat incumbent and then at a later time they acknowledged I was not a beat incumbent but continued to treat me as though I were.

"Since the Federal Court ruling, over 90% of my motions died from the lack of a second. They further bragged that I wouldn't of had that much money in my budget if they would of let me spend it as it was needed to maintain and rebuild the roads in Precinct 1.

"When the situation got real serious, I made a motion that we spend the money in my portion of the budget anyway they would permit me to do so; I did not get a second to the motion. I was ignored.

Smith, at the end of the letter, told Judge Robinson, "I was not allowed to do my duty as a county commissioner, and I would like the Federal Government to investigate this real serious matter."

Girl wins battle with cancer

Leticia Rodriguez is more grateful for the little things in life than most other nine-year-olds around.

Leticia has fought the good fight, against cancer, against her gosh-awful chemotherapy, and won.

"I'm glad not to be scared anymore," Leticia said Monday. She's glad to be back in school full-time after too long of in school/out of school. "It was hard going to school because people would make fun of me. I had no hair because of the chemotherapy, and it was hard for everyone else to understand."

Leticia is trying to get more people to understand cancer this month, including her peers. This is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month for the American Cancer Society, and Leticia will be talking to some of her peers during September.

"I want to tell them now that I am well and happy," she said. "I would like to talk to all of them and help them understand."

For Leticia, the hardest part of her ordeal was not the illness but the cure.

"I took my chemo for a year," she said. "The part I like best now is not being scared. I was very scared at first, scared of the long needles and the spinal tap."

Leticia was in the hospital for a month when she was first diagnosed, with her family staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock while Leticia was at Methodist Hospital.



Leticia Rodriguez

"When I first went to the hospital I couldn't get out of my room," she said. "Everyone who came in had to wear a mask and gloves. I didn't like their food, so I had to stay longer because I didn't eat."

Now, Leticia is chemo-free, medicine-free, and living life large.

"I have more candies and balloons now," she said. "I get to eat more lemons, and I finally get to ride my bike. I missed my bike. I like that most."

DHS plans Homecoming activities

Several Dimmitt High School classes have planned activities for this weekend as DHS celebrates Homecoming.

The annual Homecoming pep rally will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the DHS gym. The Class of 1973 will be honored at the pep rally. Members of the Class of '73 will meet at the DHS Home Economics department at 2:30 p.m., and will be honored at the pep rally at 3 p.m. After the pep rally, the class will meet with others at a reception in the Home Economics department.

After Friday's game with River Road, the Class of '73 will host a get-together, open to the public, behind Video Magic at Jones and Broadway. Admission will be by donation to defray expenses. The class will gather again Saturday at 7 p.m. behind Video Magic for a barbecue dinner, program

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Weather

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

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	76	38	
Friday	88	46	
Saturday	88	56	
Sunday	91	46	
Monday	87	44	
Tuesday	90	49	
Wednesday	90	57	

September Moisture 0.38

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Bobcats forfeit first win

Dimmitt has forfeited its season-opening victory over Lubbock Cooper after officials learned a Dimmitt player was over 19 years of age before Sept. 1.

The player was a substitute who had played a handful of downs during the 21-12 victory on Sept. 3 over Cooper and in the 14-6 loss at Amarillo Caprock on Sept. 9.

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On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sara Hill brought her third and fourth grade Gifted and Talented classes to the Castro County Museum on Sept. 14. Since she was interested in showing all of the old machinery, I asked Dale Winders, president of the museum board, to come and explain it to the classes.

Sara plans to take the classes to the Buckley farm later to see all the new and much improved machinery the farmers use today.

Students making the tour were Alexis Profit, Kelsey Welch, Tanner Self, Jill Merritt, Angela Cartwright, Rae Odom, Breanna Bruegel, Cliff Wright, Caitlin Buckley, Zac Morris, Chris Reynolds, Jason Riggs, Ashley Irons, Robert Casas and Jennifer Fuentes.

Dude McLauren was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served tortilla cobbler to be served with the members' brown bag lunch. Alma Kenmore won high score, and Emily Clingsmith won second-high score. Others playing were Bernice Hill, Dugan Butler, Louise Mears, Neva Hickey, Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Ferne Dickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Johnnie Vannoy, Helen Brafladt, Susie Reeves, Mary Small and Edith Graef.

Ladies playing Skip-Bo were Inez Lee, Nell Davis, Ocie Bolton and Lily Kunetka.

Members of the Green Thumb

organization met Sept. 15 at Rhoads Memorial Library for their annual meeting, with 54 persons from the area attending. Members came from Dimmitt, Plainview, Hereford, Tulia, Muleshoe and Floydada. Wendy Brown of Lubbock registered the members and Bill Hartenstein of Canyon conducted the meeting. He showed films about work safety.

Green Thumb provides part-time work for senior adults. It is sponsored by Texas Farmers Union and funded by the US Dept. of Labor. Green Thumb operates in 132 counties in Texas and two counties in New Mexico, allowing 1,000 senior workers to earn wages while assisting non-profit organizations. Local Green Thumb workers Jewel Connell (Rhoads Memorial Library), and Rosetta Bellinghausen and MAry Edna Hendrix (Castro County Museum) served cookies, coffee and lemonade.

Bill Newland led the singing at the Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning. Renise Blair gave the devotional by reciting a poem, *Rejoice*, and reciting several scriptures. She played guitar and sang several songs. Bill Newland sang *Where Could I Go But to the Lord*. Others singing were Gertie Waggoner, Ysleta Ball, Irene Carpenter and Mary Edna Hendrix. The group sang *Happy Birthday* to Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Lance, Canterbury Villa residents.

The family of Becky Bridges is hosting a birthday party for her at Canterbury Villa on Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mauzee Youts has returned from a two-week vacation in California. She flew first to the San Francisco Bay area, where she stayed in the home of a nephew and his family, Glenn and La Vonne O'Neal and Billy O'Neal. They ate at Spanglers, a famous fish restaurant. They visited Carmel and Prunedale

and took the beautiful 17-mile scenic drive around Pebble Beach.

They went to Roseville to visit a sister-in-law, Mae O'Neal, saw the grape vineyards and toured a candle factory. They went to Virginia City, Nev., to visit a niece and her family, Annabelle and Bill Shelly. They attended the ostrich and camel races, where Annabelle was riding. The ostriches and camels pull little carts.

Mauzee went on to Los Angeles to visit other relatives, George and June Lawrence, and all of their family for a get-together. They all went to the Lawrence Welk Ranch

at Escondido, where they ate and shopped. They went to Oceanside where they enjoyed seeing the ocean. They took Mauzee to the airport and she flew home. Phyllis and Bob Mooney met her in Amarillo and took her to the home of Gerald and Janice Davis, where Janice had prepared a birthday dinner for Mauzee.

Oleta Gollehon went to Ardmore, Okla., on business, and then to Plano to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Johnnie Poer. They always eat at several famous restaurants and one day they enjoyed a breakfast brunch. They saw one show, *Age of Innocence*.

Oleta came by Paducah to visit Ann and Weldon Rogers. Ann is recuperating from knee surgery and is doing well now.

A beautiful bridal shower was given Sept. 18 in the lovely home of Maxine Tidwell for Lori Glidewell, bride-elect of Cody Allen. Lori, Maxine, Cheryl Glidewell and Mrs. Allen greeted the guests. Lori's sister, Amy, served fruit, cinnamon rolls, coffee and hot punch to the many guests. Mrs. Newman from Denton was among the guests. I visited with Mona Borchardt of Tulia, a long-time family friend.

Jack and Doris Flynt have just returned from Pittsburgh, where they attended an American Legion convention. Doris's daughter, Kim, visited this weekend from Dallas.

Bill and Deanne Clark flew to San Francisco recently with Deanne's mother, Elva Forrester of Lubbock, for a Lane family reunion in Visalia. Deanne's sister, Susan, met the threesome for the reunion. The Clarks and the Harises feted Mrs. Forrester with birthday dinner on Wednesday at the Depot before they departed.

Republican Women meet

Castro County Republican Women held its first meeting of the fall at the home of Doris Flynt on Sept. 15.

Members received legislative packets, took a straw poll on 1996 presidential candidates, and signed thank you notes to Lubbock and Amarillo TV stations for refusing to air *NYPD Blue*.

Patsy Franks, CCRW president, and Deanne Clark were elected delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women's state con-

vention in November in Corpus Christi. Dorothy Hopson and Emma Jean King were elected alternates.

Clark encouraged the guests to join other conservatives in their quest for more morality and a focus on individual incentives from the governments. Ladies were encouraged to run for office and to join the bandwagon for a growing Republican party.

Salads and cake were served to 31 ladies, including 13 guests.

Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Deacon Jerome and Margaret Brockman, and Deacon Al and Leona Maurer were honored at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo Sunday as our diocese honored all its deacons in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the Catholic Church.

A public reception at the Diocesan Activity Center followed the scripture service.

Catechetical Sunday was observed in Holy Family Church on Sunday, and it provided an opportunity to acknowledge the volunteers who teach our children in the CCD program — kindergarten through 12th grade.

Congratulations to Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld who won first prize of an American Airlines trip for two to anywhere in the United States where the carrier flies. This was the top prize awarded in a benefit auction for the Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University Sunday in Umbarger at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Our sympathy to the family of Louis "Bud" Steiert, 73, who died early Friday morning at his home after a very lengthy illness. Funeral mass was read Monday morning in Holy Family Church with Father Neal Dee officiating, assisted by Deacon Al Maurer. Burial followed

in Holy Family Cemetery.

Ray and Mattie Swirczynski and Sister Jane Frances Brockman visited with George and Mary Brockman last Monday at the Golden Care Nursing Center in Canyon.

Max Acker, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier enjoyed a surprise 60th birthday party for Jane (Albracht) Roberts Saturday evening in Amarillo at the Tascosa Country Club.

Kenneth Kleman of Littlefield is reportedly doing fine after being treated for finger burns he received in an accident on the job at Lamb County Electric.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Cleo Carr, 71, died in Lubbock on Sept. 15. She was taken to Littlefield Hospital on Sept. 14 suffering from pneumonia. She was treated there for the pneumonia, but by Wednesday her heart had become involved so they transferred her to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

They had lived in Springlake for a long time, but before that they had lived in the Sunnyside Community. Cleo didn't drive, but Darrell Carr brought her to church at Sunnyside anytime she felt like going and he could get off work.

Services were held at the Sunnyside Church with the Rev. David Fletcher of Jayton officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bobby Broyles of the First Baptist Church of Earth. First Church also furnished the choir, organist and pianist, and First United Methodist Church of Earth furnished the choir director. Pallbearers were all from Sunnyside: Ezell Sadler, Gerald Elkins, Hershel Wilson, Glenn Wilson, David Sadler and Lee Bradley.

Services were Saturday at 10 a.m. with burial in the Springlake Cemetery. Dinner was served at the Sunnyside Church following the graveside services. Again it was a partnership meal between Sunnyside and FBC Earth. Probably others were also involved. About 75 were served. Headquarters for the family was David and Kathy's house, seven miles west of Earth. Iva Jean Miller and daughter Lisa of Tennessee arrived Thursday. Cleo's brother, his wife and daughter came in Friday from Oklahoma. Naomi and her husband Grady Hubbard and children Erin and Donald of Lubbock came up as their jobs and school allowed. David and Kathy have Amanda and Wesley. Earth FBC took supper in to them. It sure pays to have neighbors.

Just after getting home from the church after the meal and cleaning

up Saturday, Verba Sadler received a telephone call from the daughter of a Baggett cousin, Chester Baggett of Caldwell. She said Chester had died of a massive heart attack. He was buried earlier in the month, but the family wanted us to know he had died. He was the oldest son of Monroe Baggett who, with his family, lived in the community for a few years (probably in the late 1930s).

Rev. A.C. Hamilton of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton. He is not completely over the shingles yet, possibly because he keeps pushing instead of resting. He had been to a Homecoming at Date Street Baptist Church on Saturday, and said Jerry James told him to tell the people at the church hello for them. He said Edith and Noretta James were also there. All still live in Arkansas. Odell James died June 6.

We received .15 inch of rain on Sept. 14. It was 36 degrees at 6:30 a.m. Sept. 15 with 44 degrees at 7:45 a.m. Sept. 16.

The revival ended Sept. 15 and it was during the fellowship meal that followed that the call came that Cleo had died earlier in the day.

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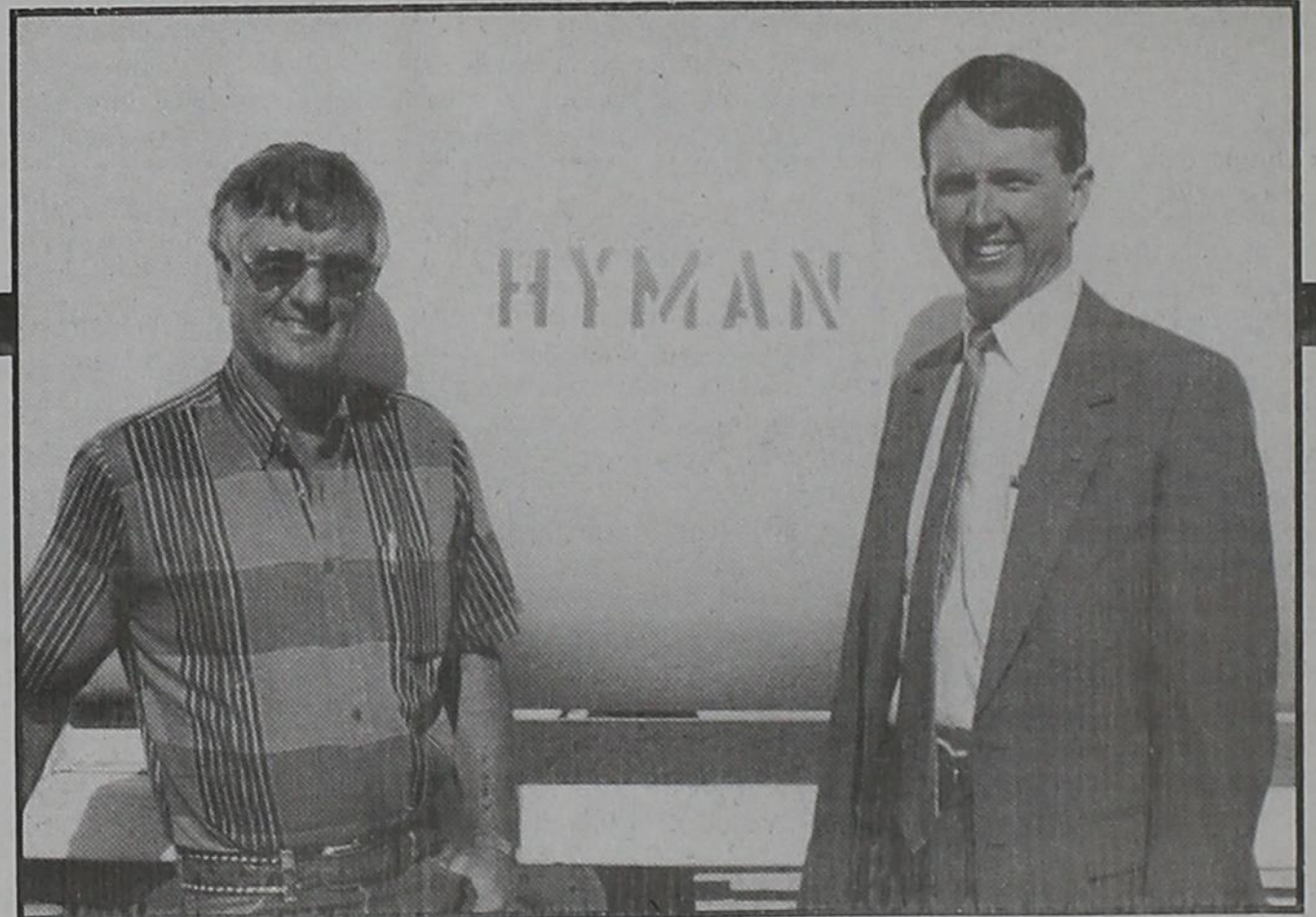
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Police Calls

Castro County sheriff's deputies caught two burglars in the act Friday night at a house and small feedyard east of Dimmitt.

Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld said he received a tip that a burglary was planned at a small feedyard owned by Bruce Fuller, three miles east of Dimmitt off SH 86. At 9 p.m., Fitzgearld and three deputies traveled to the site and saw a vehicle near the feedyard taking gas from an overhead fuel storage tank. The officers waited for the vehicle to leave, then stopped it on SH 86.

Two men, both from Dimmitt, were charged with felony burglary of a building and misdemeanor theft charges.

Deputies also investigated an assault and criminal trespassing incident at a trailer parked at the Sunnyside Gin at 12:05 a.m. Sunday. Deputies said the victim (2 1/2 months pregnant) reported that a woman struck her in the face, then held her down on a bed.

Deputies are also investigating the theft of a wire roller, worth \$900, from a barn near Dimmitt, and a fight among several persons who appeared to be intoxicated. The fight was in the 700 block of Ave. B in Hart and is still under investigation by Hart Marshal Barry Sanders.

Deputy Don Williams said the Sheriff's Dept. is working a higher number of "hot" and forged checks, and urged merchants to take more precautions when dealing with customers.

"Merchants must get full identification on every check," Williams said. "We can't do our job if merchants don't do theirs. Merchants can help themselves if they will take a little time and get adequate information on everyone who writes a check."

Dimmitt police were busy over the past week, with six arrests reported.

A woman with addresses listed in Dimmitt and Hart was arrested for theft under \$20 when she left from a Dimmitt store without paying for a woman's billfold. She was questioned by a store employee about the billfold, and the employee summoned police.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for family violence assault after a woman told police that the man had hit her twice in the head after an argument over their children.

A Dimmitt woman, 40, was arrested for thwarting the compulsory

school attendance law. Police said the woman had been warned several times by school and law enforcement officials about the state law on school attendance.

A woman, 44, was arrested for criminal mischief over \$200 and under \$750. A woman told police she had rented her daughter's house to the suspect in December. When the suspect moved out, there was significant damage to storm doors, storm windows and inside walls.

A 24-year-old man was jailed for family violence assault. Police said the victim reported the suspect had hit her in the stomach, on the back and on the head, and had threatened to hit another family member. The suspect had left the house in a car which was stopped a few blocks away by Dept. of Public Safety Troopers Bryan Witt and Ron Morgan. Officers said the suspect told them, "I was hungry, there was no dinner made, so I beat her up." The man was booked into Castro County Jail.

Other reports included another family violence assault; bicycle stolen from the 400 block of SW Fifth; a lawnmower was taken without consent in the 400 block of NE Fifth; a driver left a convenience store without paying for gasoline; criminal mischief in the 300 block of SW Fifth; someone drove onto a man's freshly-planted lawn, causing about \$600 in damage; arson in the 100 block of E. Halsell, where someone set dry weeds on fire and left; and a stolen \$20 food stamp bill.

Accidents in the city included: —Two neighbors from the 600 block of SW Fifth were involved in a minor accident at SW Fifth and Jones on Sept. 15. One of the drivers pulled in front of the other, and a woman was cited for failure to yield right of way to the pickup going west down Jones and turning onto SW Fifth.

—On Sept. 15, a Lubbock man was cited for failure to control speed after his car collided with another car at FM 3215 and U.S. Highway 385.

—A Dimmitt man's pickup received slight damage from a turning semi-trailer truck at Broadway and Bedford on Saturday.

SPIDER SILK HAS BEEN used as cross hairs in telescopes.

A SEAL ONLY SLEEPS at intervals of 1.5 minutes.



ON THE ROOF — Hart Elementary School Principal Darla Underwood-Baggett took her perch on the school's roof last Thursday as part of the "Principal's Challenge," sponsored by Rhoads Memorial Library. Thirty-five students from Hart participated in the library's summer reading program, and for each student signed up, Underwood-Baggett agreed to spend two minutes on the roof. Her 70-minute "time" was served between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Photo by D'Lynn Hankins

Christmas lights can be ordered

Dimmitt business owners are encouraged to make plans now to join in the annual *Light Up Christmas, Dimmitt Style* campaign.

Strings of white lights may be purchased through the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524. The lights may be purchased for \$1.25 per foot, and extra bulbs are included with each order. If you need additional bulbs, the bulbs may be purchased for 30 cents each with a minimum order of 1,000.

Heller said the lights may be installed by individuals, or persons may be hired to install them. The lights should be attached with silicone and screws.

TAAS, TEAMS registration due Tuesday

Individuals who are no longer in school and who have not met minimum expectations on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) or Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests may retake those tests Oct. 19-21.

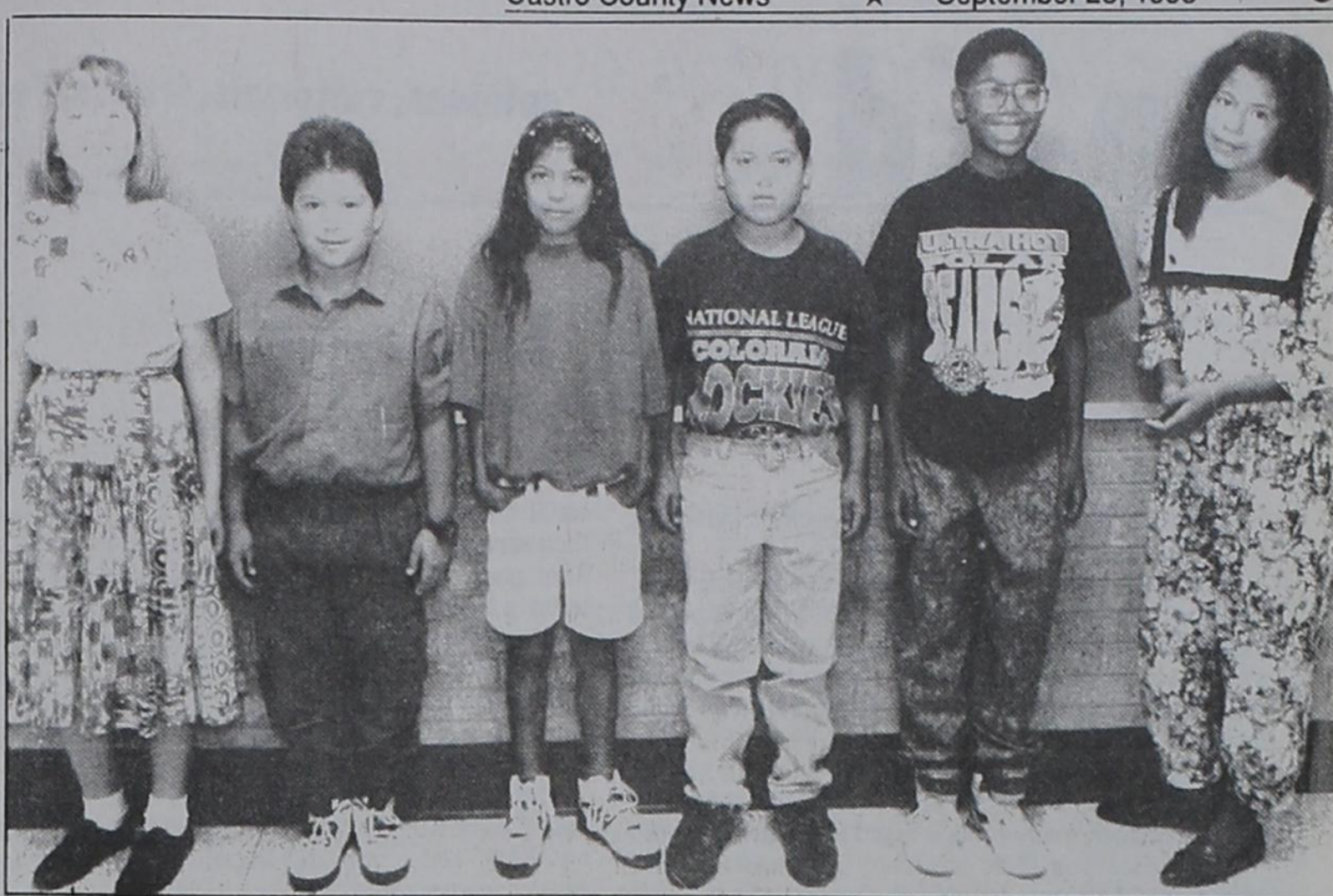
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students of the month were recently announced at Dimmitt Middle School. Nominated by teachers for the award in September were (from left) fourth graders Benny Pompa and Jenny Robertson; fifth graders Amanda Rodriguez and Jacob Castillo; and sixth graders Lupita Rodriguez and Randy Porter.

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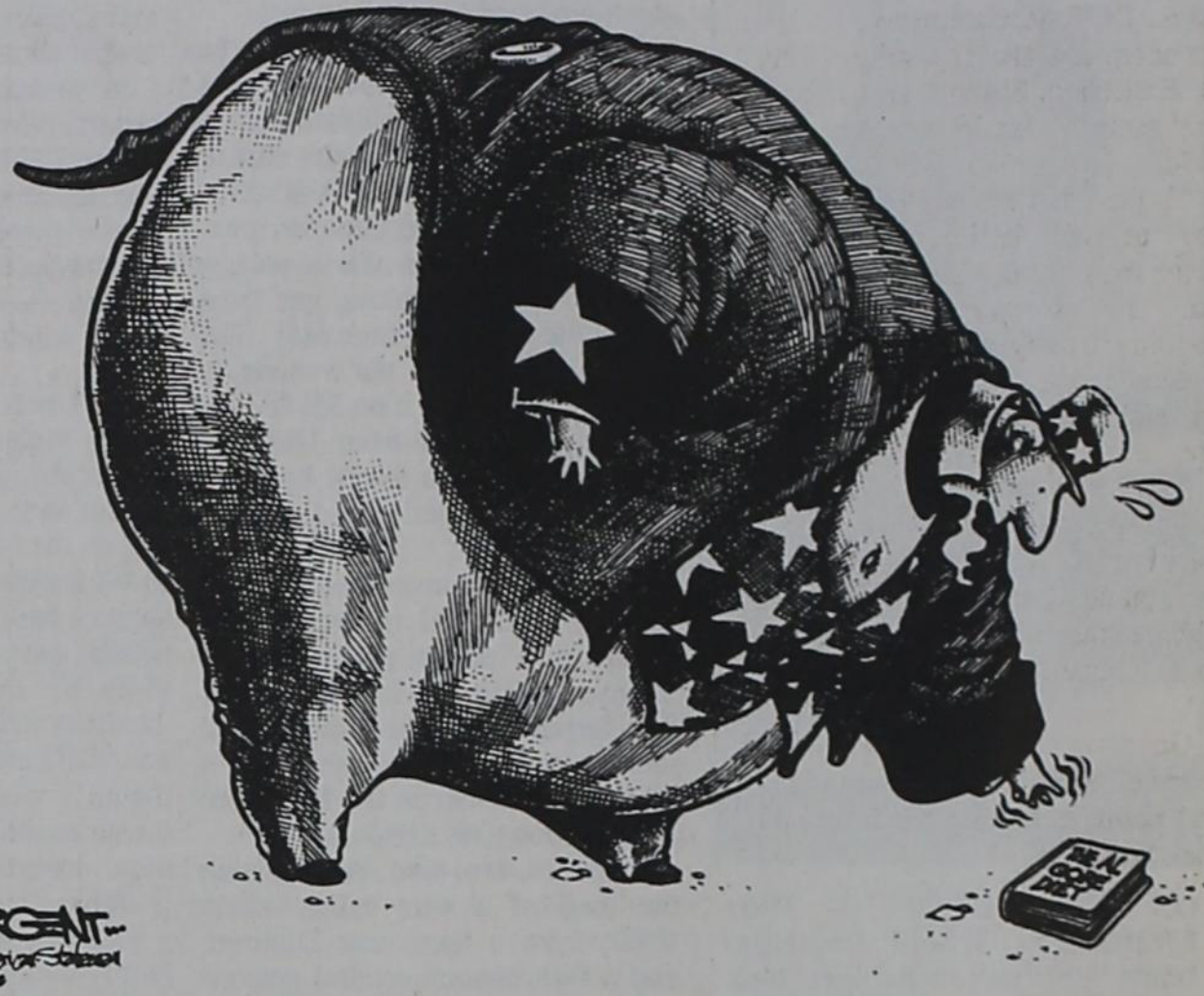
Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

What is news?
It's different things to different people. That's part of the "fun" we have in this business.
Sometimes we cringe a little when we see the results of "news judgment" by some of our brethren in the media. At times it seems that no matter how liberal we feel about some issues, there's always someone out there who would make Ronald Reagan look like Jesse Jackson.
Here's an example: In the story in last week's *News* about the county's \$40,000 civil rights settlement with a Hart teenager, many folks cringed about the \$40,000.
I guarantee you there are many journalists around who would look you straight in the eye and tell you that was not the biggest part of that story. To them, the important part was the fact that the Texas Open Records Act and Freedom of Information Act were imposed by the county's two newspapers to get the information released. That's selfish journalism, "We did it for you" journalism that just doesn't wash with some people.
Don't get us wrong: It was highly important that the information had been wrongfully withheld from the public (not just the media) and that we worked to get it free.
As important as that was, that was not the most important part of the story. The most important part, the part that had the most impact, was that our county (that means us) was out \$40,000 of our money. (Yes, part of it came from insurance, but our money went to pay premiums.)
A friend has remarked twice in the past week that last week's *News* was so depressing. It was: The \$40,000 settlement by the county, Harold Smith's resigning, 22 indictments by our grand jury, tax rate increases, the city water rate increase, and, for sports fans, two football teams losing.

That stuff comes in cycles, it seems. One week we'll have two or three of those "bad" news stories, then rock along for a while with run-of-the-mill stuff. That goes for the good news, too, like you'll see on today's front page.
Some weeks we don't have to work too hard; other weeks we have to pedal like the devil to fill the space between the ads. Through it all, we have to use some common sense, some judgment, and some horse sense to produce a darn good newspaper.
The news is what impacts your life. Why was it done? Why will it help me? What will be the effect on my life? Those are the questions we must try to answer in every story in every issue.
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This Friday, I'll be one of those "old" people at the Dimmitt High School gymnasium at the Homecoming pep rally.
I can remember back when I was in high school; all those people from the 20-year "honor" class were so old.
Not any more.

There will be about 30 of us out there, out of a class of 62 that graduated. This is a class that has been through more turmoil than any other DHS class I know of. We lost four close friends in high school, and have lost some since. We've been to more funerals than class reunions, and it's toughened us a little more than perhaps we should be. Many of us in the Class of 1973 have been through personal hells, tragedies and sufferings that no one should have to endure.
There's not a one of us who will be out there Friday who want your sympathy. We would, however, appreciate your prayers: for those who are there, for those who aren't, and for the families and friends of those who couldn't.



Reinventing government is a long overdue idea

By US REP. BILL SARPALUIS

The title of the report basically says it all: *From Red Tape to Results, Creating a Government That Works Better and Costs Less.*

It is the report of the National Performance Review, an intensive six-month study of reinventing the federal government.

I believe the report, which was unveiled Sept. 7, is long overdue, and I hope that the majority of its recommendations will ultimately be implemented. After all, this report is about change in the way the government works, and change is what many voters asked for when they elected President Clinton.

The recommendations in this report yield \$108 billion in savings over a five-year period. Specific changes proposed in the agencies and departments of the government would produce \$37 billion of the savings, with the remaining \$71 billion resulting from government-wide changes. We are taking action to put America's house in order, to prove to the American people that we can treat their tax dollars with respect.

The National Performance Review is comprised of four main principles: the government should cut red tape, put the customer first, empower employees to get results and cut back to basics, much like how large corporations run their companies — at least the successful ones.

The National Performance Review cuts red tape by simplifying the budget process and moving to biennial budgets that would mean Congress only goes through that process every other year. Budgets would be based on policy and fiscal guidance and performance agreements between the president and agency heads. We would do away with the detailed accounts and allotments that prevent managers from spending where it's needed, and sometimes spending too much where it's not needed.

We will continue to cut red tape by decentralizing personnel policy, to give managers the tools they need to manage effectively, such as the authority to hire, reward and fire.

Procurement will be streamlined in an effort to reduce the waste built into the process the government uses to buy \$200 billion a year in goods and services. And we will unravel much of the red tape that binds the government's local offices, giving them the chance to spend more time meeting their customers' needs and less time dealing with bureaucracy.

The second part of the National Performance Review deals with putting customers first, "customers" being the taxpayers. We need a new customer service

contract with the American people, and then that contract needs to be fulfilled. All federal agencies will be required to put customers first by asking them regularly how they view government services, what problems they have encountered, and how they would like services improved. Agencies will be forced to compete for their customers' business, and in cases where competition isn't feasible, government monopolies will be turned into more businesslike enterprises.

The National Performance Review then goes on to show us how empowering employees will get results. Decision-making power needs to be given to those who do the work, and layer upon layer of managerial overgrowth should be scraped away. Federal employees need to be given better tools for the job, and federal offices need to be better places to work. The kind of results every employer wants only come from satisfied employees.

The fourth part of the National Performance Review is cutting back to basics. Congress will look at eliminating programs that aren't needed, the programs that are obsolete, duplicative and those that serve special, not national interests. The report recommends consolidating food safety, law enforcement and employment training programs. It recommends that the President have greater authority to cut items from spending bills. It recommends that agencies have greater freedom to set fees and greater ability to collect delinquent debts. The report also recommends that the government improve services and cut costs by using electronic government — the delivering of benefits electronically, developing better data bases, and even allowing people to pay taxes by credit card.

Chances are some recommendations in this report will never see the light of day, but I predict most of them will be approved. The National Performance Review has done something that similar efforts failed to do; it's not just about getting rid of waste, it's also about fundamental and dramatic changes in the way government works. It truly is a dramatic start at reinventing government. American businesses have realized that in order to stay competitive, increase profits and satisfy their customers, they must make some changes. It's time the government took that approach.

Rethinking local TV news

Patricia Stevens in the *American Journalism Review*:

Do you watch local news? If you're like a lot of people I talk with, you're turned off by much of what you see, and you've turned off the television. I think people are being driven away from the set simply because most of the news reported by local stations doesn't affect their lives.

Take a look tonight. You can bet you'll see at least one of the following: violent crime (with close-ups of blood stains); a car truck or train (take your pick) accident (twisted metal, more blood); an abused dog, cat or duck; a sex scandal (extra points for clergy member, teacher or politician). You get the idea. From city to city, the depressing, demeaning and devastating make up our nightly local news diets.

It's apparent to me that too many local news directors are taking their cues from the tabloids, ignoring what matters and stuffing the news with easy titillation. There's a brisk, nationwide traffic in videotape originating from the lurid, flashy WSVN newscasts in Miami, as news managers try to copy that station's style and success.

Why don't they switch on the successes they'll find broadcast in their own markets every day? Have they watched "60 Minutes?" or "20/20?" Or how about that network news leader, ABC's "World News Tonight?" In my opinion, ABC succeeds in part because it emphasizes the "why" of the news. "Why" is the most neglected "W" of the five great journalistic "Ws." It's that extra step that gives the viewer some perspective, and it's not always depressing.

ABC's "American Agenda" segment could easily be adapted at the local level. Sometimes the ABC segment actually soars with its lyrical quality. It takes a look at life as we live it—sometimes complex and gritty, sometimes simple and delightful.

Then there's ABC's "Person of the Week," those weekly vignettes of people — sometimes famous, oftentimes not. But they all make a difference with their lives. People like that exist in every city in the world. Stories like this should be done at the local level.

These successful network programs also carry a style and personality that make us want to watch. The great broadcasters have always had that, from Murrow to Ellerbee to Kurlalt. Local stations have people with

flair, too. People who can write and produce with style, but who are too often discouraged from using their talents by a rush for 15-second voice-overs and cosmetic live shots. We hear rubrics like, "No picture, no story," or "That's a newspaper story, not good TV." Horsefeathers! Good people can craft "newspaper" stories into effective, important video.

Good production values make television more interesting to watch, but too often local producers let content disappear into a cacophony of MTV-style visuals and noise. Slashing, flashing, booming, but no information. How often do you watch a local television newscast and at the end wonder, "what was that about?" Or did you just feel exhausted and not know why?

Viewers wonder why they seem to be getting news they already know about. In a good many instances, they are. What they're seeing are stories that ran in the morning newspaper. Drop in on almost any morning editorial meeting at a local television news shop and you'll find morning newspapers circled and highlighted with stories that will show up on the evening newscast.

What local news departments desperately need is more enterprise reporting. The problem is, many local television reporters don't have a clue how to investigate a story. I'm not talking Watergate—just knowing what's going on in your city and putting it on the air before it makes it into the papers.

Economic pressures have helped intensify this local rush to ruin. With audiences dropping, with pressure on upper management to maintain profit margins, stations have demanded that fewer people fill more air time. After trying to root out waste and inefficiency, news directors turn to speed and productivity. Pressured assignment desk editors and reporters to for what's quick and easy—the stuff crackling on the scanner or something they can "hose down" in a hurry.

Do viewers want hosed-down news? The evidence suggests they'll reach for their remote controls, searching for something else on those 55-plus channels. And local news will be left in a spiral of collapse — quick fixes, screeching teases, dazzling graphics—while their viewers look in vain for a report on what matters to them.

Patricia Stevens was the first woman television news director in the US and is managing editor for 15 stations in Conus Communications.

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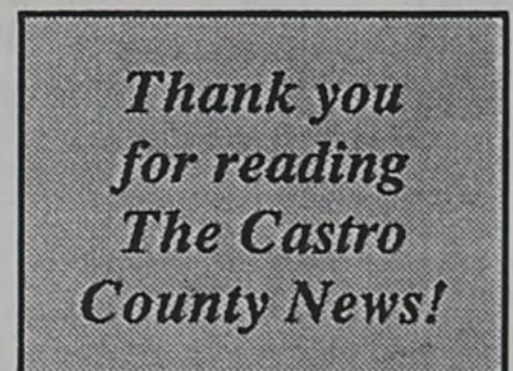
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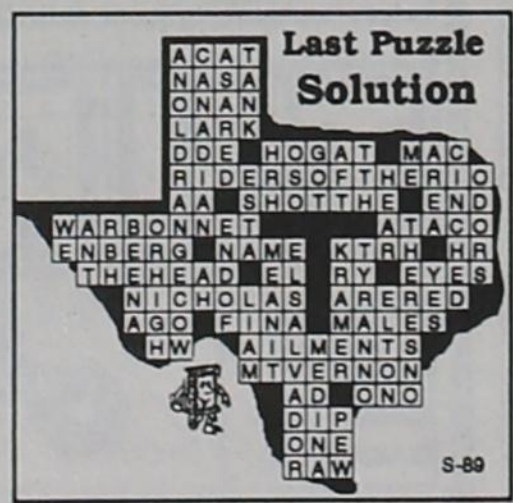
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- bogus TX oil and gas sold in '91 telemarket
- Orbison sang "She's A Mystery"
- medicinal plant grown in the Valley
- TXism: "as hard as putting up a _____ in a windstorm"
- "Gig _____ Aggies!"
- San Angelo was named for one
- this TX English was on Lawrence Welk show
- TXism: "it's _____ cats and dogs"
- TXism: "got _____ as big as Texas" (kind)
- San _____
- WWII book: "Texas _____ War"
- Dublin plant uses _____ water to wash Dr. Pepper bottles
- TX Forrest played Hondo on this show held at 22 across: "Texas Mardi _____"
- fin on Gulf sharks
- TXism: "flush _____" (hunting phrase)
- former Fort Worth mayor Willard
- Copperas Cove newspaper
- "Giant" star Liz was also this queen
- this Warren was in "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid
- TXism: "wouldn't know him from _____"
- illegal block in the back
- TXism: "it'll kill it or _____" (strong medicine)
- TXism: "two peas in a _____" (alike)
- TX Audie Murphy was a _____ in WWII
- makes eyes at
- Chico, Fenix and Paso
- star of film "Silkwood" that was shot in Dallas
- explosive used by TX oilfighter "Red" Adair
- athletic assoc. of Mid-western State
- TX Janis Joplin sang "Blues"
- TXism: "_____ in his ways" (inflexible)

DOWN

- runs between Rusk and Palestine: _____ Texas _____
- cattlemans John Chisum's county
- early Fort Worth publisher Carter
- Wise Co. "Antique Auto Swap _____"
- this Columbus ship replica came to TX in '92
- flies into DFW
- TX convenience store: Stop _____
- TXism: "limp as a dish _____"
- TXism: "scarce as grass around _____"
- malicious look
- Houston space agency
- Norris has martial _____ program in Houston
- TX Light Crust Doughboys tune: "When _____ Round-up Time In Heaven"
- Garth tune: "What She's Doing _____"
- film: "Gone _____ TX"
- this TX Dexter sang "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)
- TX creek: Yo _____ Digo
- Abilene TV station
- TXism: "_____ to snuff"
- TX inn: _____ Quinta
- _____ it in stone"
- this Whelan starred in "San Antonio"
- this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
- TXism: "speaks cow like a _____" (rancher)
- Fiesta Diez y _____
- Erle's lawyer (init.)
- 46 on hwy. 82: _____ Jo
- TXism: "sticks like a _____ stamp"
- TXism: "it's root hog _____ die"
- younguns favorite
- "one _____ one Ranger"

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More about Boll . . .

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A six-lock boll of cotton is as easily found as a needle in a haystack. Dr. John Gannaway, a cotton agronomist at the Texas Agricultural Extension Station at Lubbock, said there's a six-lock boll in every field.

"I just don't have the time to look at every boll in every field," Gannaway said. "Let me assure you, this is very rare. It is not common by any means."

Gannaway, who said he has seen an eight-lock boll, seemed very impressed with the find.

"You hear talk of a 'six' every now and then," Gannaway said. "A lot of times it's influenced by the environment, and everything is just right at that one spot. It's quite a find. I hope he takes good care of it."

Gannaway said there is no need to try to take the seed from the boll and plant it, hoping for more six-lock bolls.

"If every boll on the plant were six-lock bolls, then I'd say yes, let's do it. Bring it to me and we'll do it absolutely right," Gannaway said. "But with just one six-lock boll, no, it most likely would just come out with a lot of four- and five-lock bolls."

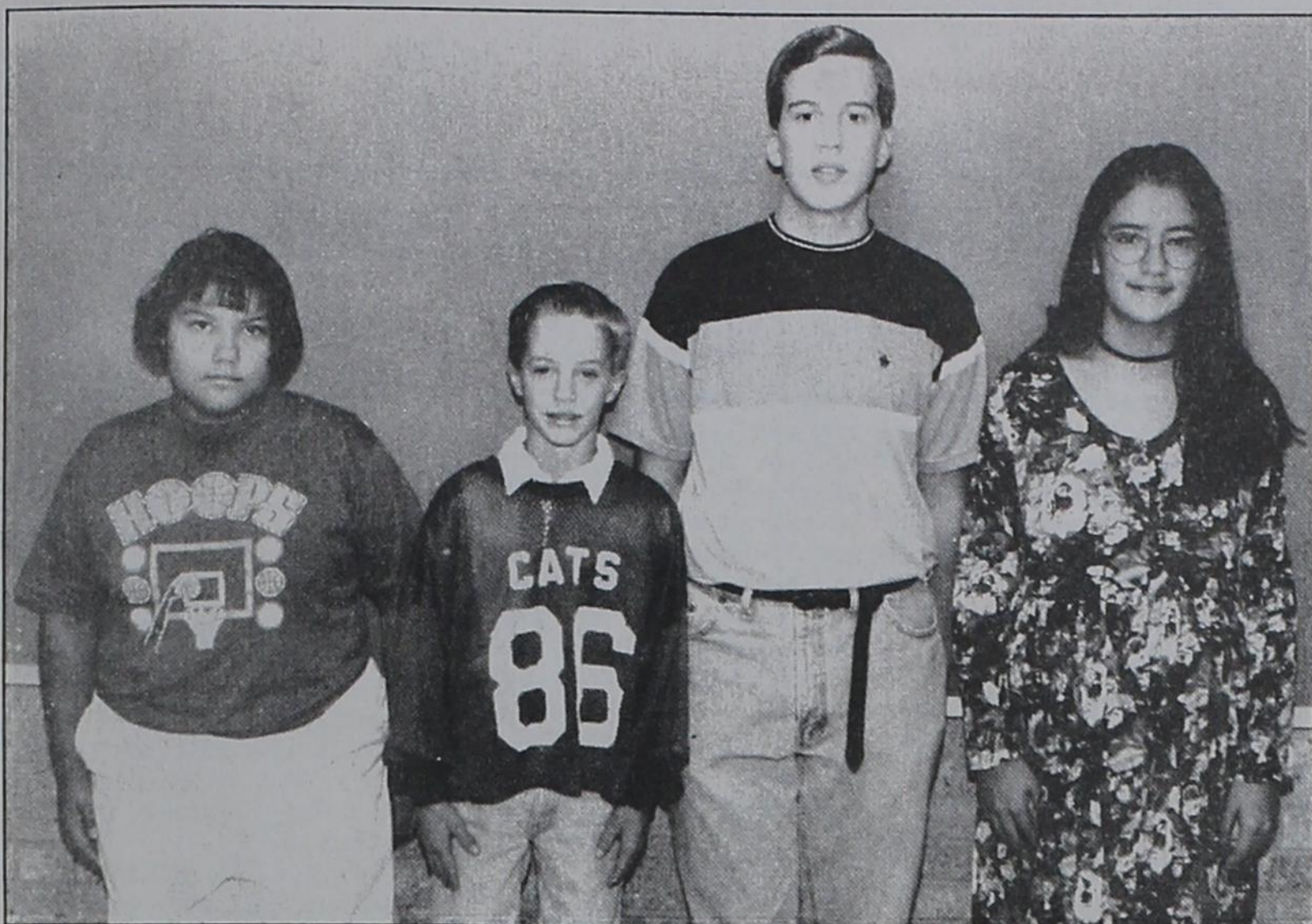
Buddy doesn't want the seed or anything else taken from it.

"I'm gonna keep it," Adrian said. "Two or three wanted to pick the seed out of it, but I don't want to tear it up. I'm gonna have my son (Lonnie Adrian, a professional photographer in Muleshoe) take some pictures of it, then I'm gonna get a special display box for it."

Harris Picks

Here are the Harris Rating System's picks on this week's games in the area. Home teams are listed in capital letters.

- River Road 9 over DIMMITT
- Nazareth at Texico (Not rated)
- Hart 16 over CLAUDE
- Dalhart 10 over FRIONA
- Tulia 1 over SANFORD-FRITCH
- REAGAN CO. 36 over Floydada
- LUB. ROOSEVELT 4 over Muleshoe
- Childress 1 over CANADIAN
- Perryton 24 over PANHANDLE
- Littlefield 7 over DENVER CITY
- HAPPY 25 over Anton
- Whiteface 10 over FARWELL
- Petersburg 30 over KRESS
- Sudan 7 over PLAINS
- MOTLEY COUNTY 12 over Lorenzo
- O'DONNELL 3 over Forsan
- Shallowater 11 over ABERNATHY
- S'Lake-Earth 41 over MORTON
- OLTON 1 over Hale Center
- LOCKNEY 1 over New Deal
- Crosbyton 13 over TAHOKA
- IDALOU 9 over Spur
- Post 23 over RALLS
- SEAGRAVES 29 over Sundown
- GRUVER 11 over Highland Park
- WEST TEXAS 26 over Boys Ranch
- STRAFTFORD 6 over Spearman
- Sunray 12 over VEGA
- Clarendon 28 over White Deer
- Wheeler 16 over BOOKER
- Amarillo 20 over DUMAS
- Ama. Palo Duro 1 over LUB. ESTACADO
- Plainview 23 over AMA. TASCOSA
- SA CENTRAL 15 over Lub. Coronado
- Borger 6 over LUBBOCK
- Monahans 5 over LUB. MONTEREY
- Ama. Caprock 2 over CANYON
- RANDALL 11 over Lamesa
- Hereford 3 over FRENSHIP
- VERNON 9 over Pampa
- ANDREWS 34 over Levelland
- Big Spring 2 over SNYDER



TOP STUDENTS AT DMS—Seventh and eighth grade students of the month were announced by faculty and administrators at Dimmitt Middle School. Honored for September were (from left) seventh graders Olivia Rodriguez and Wesley Wright, and eighth graders Ysela Gonzales and Jeff Riggs. Photo by John Brooks

SPS okays rate reduction

Southwestern Public Service has reached a rate settlement that will reduce its overall retail rate by 2.9% beginning Oct. 15.

The agreement between SPS and the Public Utility Commission of Texas calls for a summertime rate differential that will result in higher rates in the summer months than during the winter.

"This settlement resolves the expensive litigation process of a rate hearing which began Aug. 31 in Austin," said SPS President Coyt Webb. "Our electric rates already are the lowest of all investor-owned utilities in the state. Now they will be even lower."

SPS officials were still dismayed that the agreement "ignores the fact SPS is the most efficient utility in the state," said SPS Vice President Gerald Diller.

"They were proposing reductions of around \$30 million to rates that are already the lowest in Texas," Diller said. "We acknowledged

Sales tax rebates up

Sales tax rebates issued to Dimmitt and Hart for September reflected a slight increase, according to figures released by the State Comptroller's office.

Dimmitt's September rebate was \$27,002.83, up 14.02% from 1992's September payment of \$23,681.43. For the year, Dimmitt's rebates are .13% higher through September. The total-to-date this year is \$223,878.98 while the 1992 total through September was \$223,572.20.

Hart's payment of \$1,296.66 was 3.68% over the September 1992 payment of \$1,250.61. Hart's yearly total is \$12,785.96, up 9.55% from the 1992 total of \$11,670.51.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on July sales and reported to the comptroller in August by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

some reduction could result as a reflection of today's falling interest rates, but all along contended that the levels of reductions being requested by some parties were unreasonable and unjustified."

Different classes of customers will receive different reductions: residential customers will see a reduction of about 2.3%; industrial rates will go down about 3%; and commercial rates will be reduced an average of 3.4%.

Right now, an SPS residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt hours (kwh) pays \$64.72. Under the new rate schedule, the price for 1,000 kwh will decline 5.3% to

\$61.29 for the months of October through May, once the new rate schedule is in full effect. During June-September, the price will rise nearly 1% to \$65.29.

"SPS has long opposed seasonal changes in rates for our residential and commercial customers, which result in higher rates per kwh during the summer when our customers generally use the most electricity," Diller said. "However, in order to satisfy state-favored conservation ideas, SPS has agreed to implement a four-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour winter/summer rate differential for residential customers."

Leave act helps employees balance work, family duties

The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) took effect on Aug. 5 for most eligible employees.

FMLA will provide more than 45 million US workers greater flexibility in balancing work and family responsibilities when they must attend to family or serious medical needs.

Since publishing regulations implementing FMLA in the *Federal Register* on June 4, the department has been conducting an extensive public education outreach campaign to make employers and employees aware of the new law and to explain their rights and responsibilities when it takes effect.

"August 5 marks an important turning point in our efforts to promote family-friendly, high-performance workplaces, which are essential to our ability to compete effectively in a global economy," Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich said.

"The Family and Medical Leave Act is the first piece of legislation to become law under President Clinton. The Administration understands the day-to-day lives of working families, and has demonstrated its commitment to families by ensuring job security and continued health insurance coverage for workers when they need to meet family responsibilities," said Reich.

FMLA covers all public sector employers and private sector employers of 50 or more employees. The new law grants eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave per year — with health insurance coverage maintained during the leave — for birth or adoption of a child or for the serious illness of the employee or an immediate family member. Accrued paid certain circumstances. Upon return from FMLA leave, an employee must be reinstated to his or her original job or an

equivalent job with equal pay, benefits, terms and conditions of employment.

To be eligible for FMLA leave, an employee must have worked for a covered employer for at least a total of 12 months, for at least 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and must work at a location where at least 50 employees are employed within 75 miles. Advance notice by employees of the need for FMLA leave is required when it is foreseeable; the employer may require medical certification to support leave requests for serious health conditions.

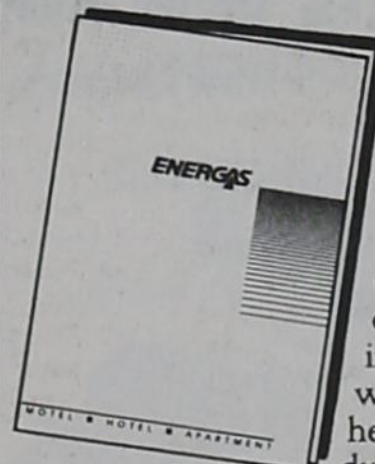
FMLA does not supersede any state or local law which provides greater family or medical leave protection. It also does not affect any other federal or state law which prohibits discrimination.

FMLA's enforcement procedures parallel those of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The act is enforced by the department's Employment Administration Wage and Hour Division.

Wage and Hour Administrator Maria Echaveste said, "We used an unprecedented approach to develop user-friendly FMLA regulations and informational materials, based on extensive communication with all interested parties. We believe this will make implementation of the new law easier for everyone. We will continue to work with all interested parties to assure that FMLA's benefits are realized as soon, and with as little difficulty, as possible."

All covered employers must post a notice informing their employees of their rights under FMLA. Single copies of the notice, which may be reproduced, are available free of charge from local offices of the US Dept. of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

Here's another necessity for your apartment.



If you are living in an apartment or duplex, this may be the first opportunity you've had to experience the terrific benefits of having natural gas in your home. You will find that for heating your home during cold weather, for hot water, or for cooking, nothing beats natural gas for convenience, economy, and efficiency.

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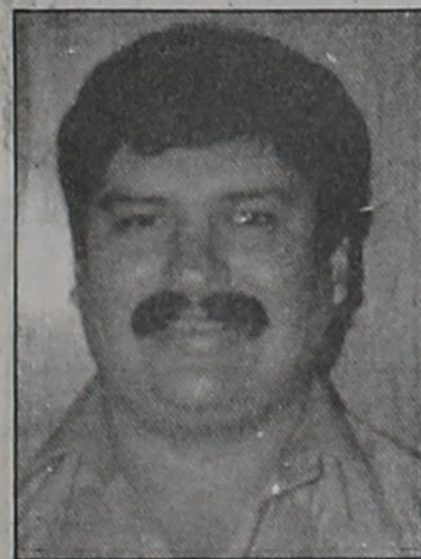
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I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN—After living in Dimmitt for almost 30 years, Concepcion Quinonez officially became a US citizen on Sept. 14. Mrs. Quinonez shows off her certificate of naturalization, which she received in Amarillo. She was five months pregnant when she moved to Dimmitt from Mexico with her family.

Photo by Brian A. Brooks

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, honey butter and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and cheese pizza, corn nuggets, pork and beans, orange and milk.

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomato, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dogs, corn on the cob, carrot sticks, dill spears, peanut butter bars and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, fried okra, crackers, pink applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips and gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, rolls, butter, honey and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham and cheese sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, lettuce, fruit salad and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas, salad, pinto beans, blackberry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, salad, tostados, peaches, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY: Tacos, salad, pinto beans, rice krispie bars and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, hot rolls, baby carrots and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, cranberry sauce, green beans, applesauce, dessert and milk.

MONDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Baked potatoes with chili and cheese, broccoli, pears, hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onion, pickles, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Two graduate from WTAMU

Two Castro County students were among the first graduating class of West Texas A&M University at the summer commencement on Aug. 19.

Jennifer Brockman of Nazareth received her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies, and Kristi Kelley of Dimmitt earned her bachelor of science degree in radio-television.

Sherman is recognized

Austin Sherman, son of Ola Fay Sherman, is the Dimmitt Middle School Student of the Week. Sherman is a student in Mrs. Damron's room.

He was born June 14 in Plainview and he enjoys art in school.

His favorite book is *Brother to the Wind*, his favorite food is pizza and his favorite animal is a dog.

He admires Michael Jordan and he hopes to become a basketball star. He says he plays football well.



The Book Shelf

By CINDY POTTORFF
Rhoads Memorial Library

Storytime is here again. Fridays at 10 a.m., Storytimes are being offered to preschoolers at the library. In addition, Storytimes are being taken to Head Start classes in Hart and Dimmitt. Children at Pybus Preschool also are visited with a story once a week.

Contact the library for more information on Storytime. Cargill Grain of Hart is supporting the programs by providing materials.

For interested adults, we have a number of new science fiction titles.

Harvest of the Stars by Poul Anderson is a tale of epic proportions about a renegade corporation, Fireball, versus an oppressive regime, the Avantists. Fireball is run by an electronic ghost, Anson Guthrie. Although he lives in an electronic box, Guthrie retains all his salty personality traits—and the loyalty of Fireball employees. When the Avantists decide to play dirty with Guthrie, he plays dirty, too. The result is an international war... and much, much more.

Ever wonder about what led Dr. Leonard McCoy to leave his country-doctor yearnings and head into space? *Shadows on the Sun* by Michael Jan Friedman explains why McCoy left Earth. And, of course, there's a problem to solve: the USS Enterprise is supposed to

help solve a problem on the planet of Ssan. A cult of professional assassins is rising to overthrow the government and destroy the Federation's alliance.

A motley cast of humans assembled in Alan Dean Foster's *Car-A-Lyst* is responsible for the future of mankind. Action moves from a movie cast to the Manu rainforest in Peru to an alien world and back again, just for starters. The odd part is that this is believable. Even more odd is the fact that a master race, the Shiharaneth, appear as cats and not once do the humans (or other alien species involved) realize the cats are anything more than pets. Or that the Shiharaneth are having their own little war, with the future of the human race hanging in the balance.

Couple feted at local shower

Brandon and Valerie Cox were honored with a wedding shower on Saturday at the home of Garner and Ysleta Ball in Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by the bride; her mother, Betty, and Sharon Cox, mother of the groom. Guests were served fruit breads, fruit, and almond tea.

Special guests were the mother and sister of the bride of Portales, N.M.; the grandmother, mother and sister of the groom, of Dimmitt; and the groom's aunt of Hereford.

Hostesses presented the couple with money to purchase a washing machine.

Glidewell honored at bridal shower

Lori Glidewell, bride-elect of Cody Allen, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Maxine Tidwell on Saturday.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Tidwell, the honoree, the bride-elect's mother Cheryl Glidewell, and Alice Allen, the prospective groom's mother.

A large floral arrangement on a dark green velvet table runner and silver appointments decorated the serving table.

Any Glidewell, sister of Lori, served coffee, fresh apple punch, miniature sweet rolls and fresh fruit to guests. Teresa Snider of Olton registered the guests.

Out-of-town guests included Marlis Allen of Dalhart, Merle Sherill of Dalhart, Stephanie Abernathy of Tulia and JoAnn Newman of Denton.

Doll club sets show Saturday

Plainview Doll Club will sponsor its 12th annual doll show and sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Building on South U.S. Highway 87 in Plainview.

Mike Warren of Merkel will appraise two dolls free of charge, and there will be a drawing for dolls and related toy items each hour.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. New dolls, old dolls, reproductions, porcelain, bisque, composition, crocheted, china and other doll types and related items will be for sale.

Proceeds from the sale are used to provide goods for less fortunate persons in Hale County during the Christmas season.

Bride-elect is honored with shower

Yvette Cromer of Houston, bride-elect of Scott Hill, was honored with a shower Saturday, Sept. 11, in the home of Patricia Braafladt.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Braafladt, the honoree and her mother, Suzette Cromer of Dallas; and the prospective groom's mother, Sara Hill.

The serving table was covered with a mirror table runner and it held a floral centerpiece and brass appointments.

Guests were served by Tiffany Braafladt, Stacy Wilson and Whitney Crum.

The 30 hostesses assisting Mrs. Braafladt with the shower presented the honoree with bed linens, china and a food mixer.

Out of town guests were Geraldine Cox of Lubbock and Evelyn Hill of Amarillo, grandmothers of the groom; Sue Sides and Meryle Sides, both of Lubbock, and Norma Walden of Hereford.

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Who's New?

Out of Town
It's a girl for Reyes Jr. and Angie Sandoval. Their daughter was born Aug. 30 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, weighing 4 lbs., 15 oz. and measuring 18-1/2 inches. She has been named Danielle Alexis. She has a big brother, Matthew. Her paternal grandparents are Reyes Sr. and Ramona Sandoval of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparent is Jesusa Silva of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Feliciano and Micaela Sandoval of Donna, Tomas and Vidala Mora of Petersburg and Joaquina Silva of Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. Robin Ballentine (she's the former Kim Vercueil, an American Field Service student in Dimmitt) are the parents of a baby girl, Natalie Ballentine, who was born Sept. 15 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Natalie weighed 7-1/2 pounds and was 21 inches long. Her American grandmother is Martie Benton of Dimmitt.

Driving course set Saturday

A defensive driving course will be offered in Dimmitt Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the City Hall.

Cost for the course is \$25 and is payable when registering that morning.

For more information call 647-2409.

Baker is UMC campus liaison

Jamie Baker, daughter of James and Sandra Baker of Dimmitt, has joined the staff of the Polytechnic United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Baker began her part-time job as campus liaison on Sept. 1. Prior to that she was involved in planning sessions for the fall programs.

Baker, a junior at Texas Wesleyan University, has been active in the life of Poly Church during the last two years. She has sung in the choir, led children's times and participated in Campus Church Connections, the church's program for students. This year she will be a member of Polyphonics Bell Choir. Baker was raised in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1991.

Her campus activities include Wesleyan Singers, Alpha Phi Omega, Omega Chi and Texas Wesleyan's Religious Life Council. She also serves as the recital manager for the music department.

Baker also has hosted a booth for Poly Church at the school's organizational fair.

She is a social science major and is minoring in music at Texas Wesleyan.



Jamie Baker



STUDENTS RECEIVE TALENT HONORS — Several Dimmitt Middle School students were recently recognized by the Duke University Talent Search for their special skills in the classroom. Seated, from left, are Heather Wise, Wesley

Wright, Kurt Webb and Lindsey Welch. Standing, from left, are Robert Sepeda, Beau Hill, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz and Christina Fiero.

Photo by John Brooks

Nine honored in Duke search

Nine seventh graders at Dimmitt Middle School have qualified for the 97th percentile or above in math, verbal or total battery on a standardized achievement test. The tests were taken last spring when the students were sixth graders.

The students are Heather Wise, Monica Ortiz, Lindsey Welch, Christina Fiero, Robert Sepeda, Kurt Webb, Wesley Wright, Beau

Hill and Rusty McDaniel.

Each of the students scored at the 97th percentile or above in math, verbal or total battery on a standardized achievement test. The tests were taken last spring when the students were sixth graders.

The program assists youths who have excellent math, verbal or general intellectual ability by providing them with information about their ability and about education options

that may be beneficial to them.

The students will have the opportunity to take either the SAT or ACT, tests usually reserved for high school juniors and seniors. While far too difficult for the average seventh grader, these tests are helpful in identifying the abilities of the very bright seventh graders who are already scoring at or above the 97th percentile on achievement or aptitude tests.

Prayer vigil is held here

Dimmitt young people and adults gathered around flagpoles at two Dimmitt schools and the Castro County Courthouse for the annual "See You at the Pole" prayer vigil on Sept. 15.

Twenty-two persons met at the courthouse, where Reeford Burrous had the group give sentence prayers for the children and schools of the nation. The Lord's Prayer was recited and *God Bless America* was sung.

Harold Maxwell, Randy Scroggins, Joe Wall, Norma Conard, the Rodney Millers, the James Kiloughs, the Pete Stewarts, the Reeford Burrouses, the Danny Rices, Coby Gilbreath, Wayne Proffitt, Deanne Clark, Martha Jo Hyman, Karen Sheffy, Mary Jo Birdwell and Bill Newland met at the courthouse.

Adults joined with young people at Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School. Serving doughnuts and orange juice at DHS were Barbara Scroggins, Kathy Webb and Ed and Betty Freeman. At DMS were Barbara Hudson, Dveine Wall, Yvonne Wakefield, Karon Moss, Sara Salinas and Charles Doss.

Farrier gives 4-H program

Bob Walters presented a program on horse shoeing at the Sept. 14 meeting of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club.

Three new members joined the club at the meeting, with 21 members present. After the meeting the 4-H'ers enjoyed refreshments.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Happenings
Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown Friday.

Chamber sets crafts show

Names of craftsmen who might be invited to participate are still being sought for the first *Gallery of Gifts* arts and crafts show, Oct. 23 at the Castro County Expo Building.

The show is sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and will replace an arts and crafts show which had been held in the past in early December.

Because it is a juried show, pictures of booth items must be submitted for approval.

Committee members working on the show include Brenda Bruton, Connie Morris, Paula Graham, Sherry Wilkerson and June Sutton.

Artists and craftsmen needing information about entries may call the Chamber office at 647-2524.

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"Christian Responsibility for World Peace" is the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.

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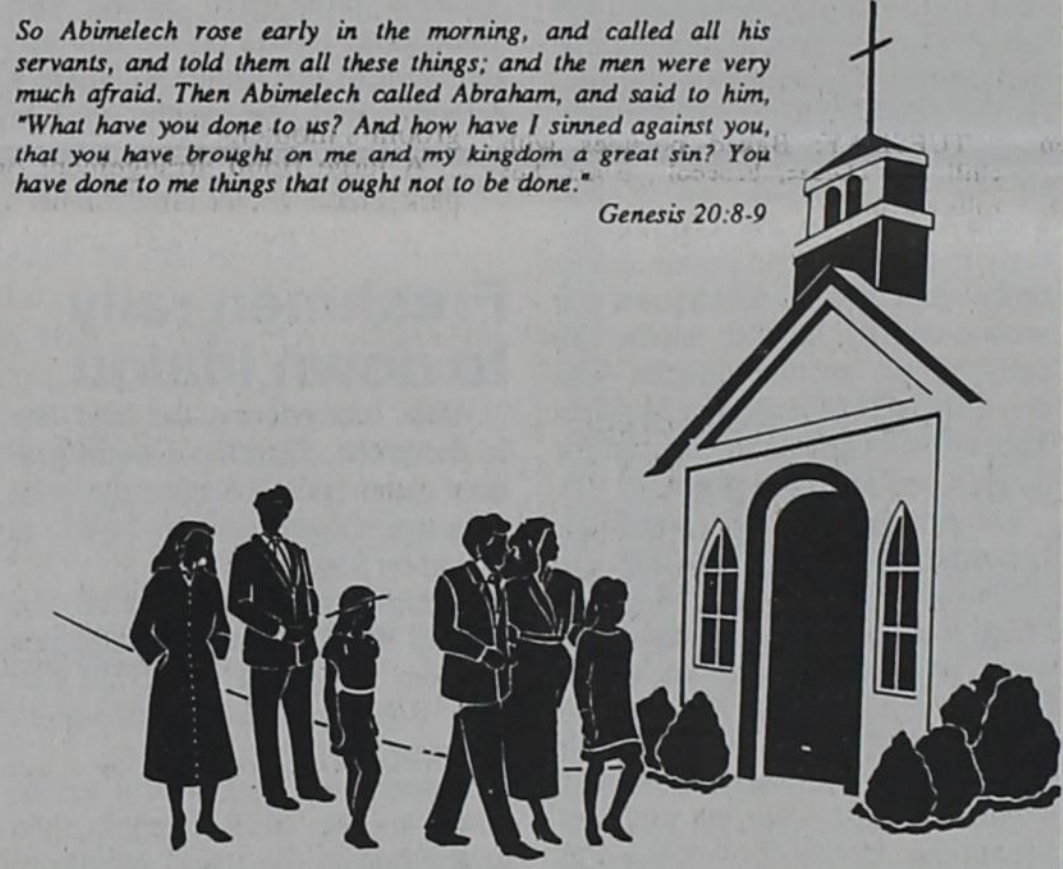
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Sports

Bobcat bobbles give Bucks win Saturday

Game at a Glance

By JOHN BROOKS

Okay, let's get all the puns about all of the unforced Dimmitt fumbles in Saturday's 36-13 loss to Alpine at Seminole out of the way right now.

—Dimmitt is not considering an endorsement from the Butterfinger candy bar folks.

—The Bobcats will be trying to get a grip on things after losing two straight games they should have won.

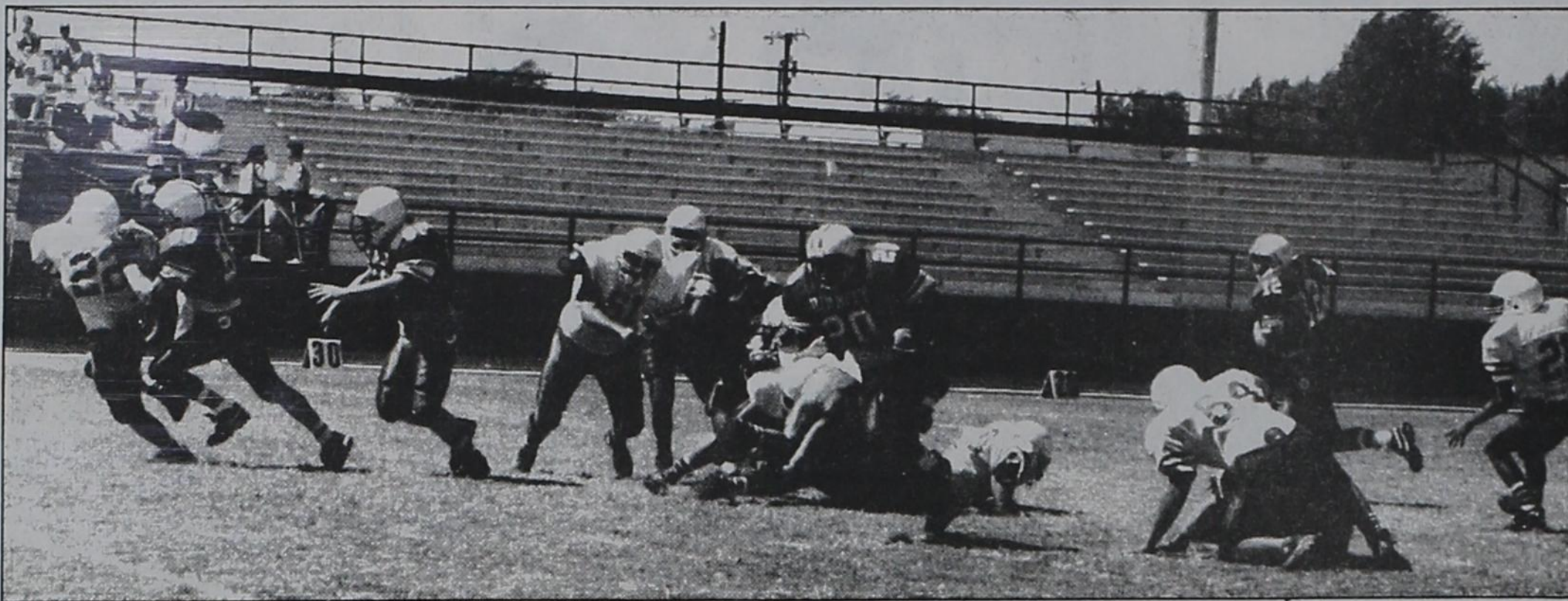
—Dimmitt coaches are trying to get a handle on the team's situation, including why the Bobcats have been fumble-prone and why the squad takes a little nap in the wrong places.

—And, hold on to your hat for this, a rare penalty for offensive facemask put Dimmitt in a daze from which it never recovered.

"I've never been involved in a game like this one," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "We couldn't hold onto the ball, with no defensive pressure on us—that's not easily explained. We changed our punt receiving so we would have three back deep instead of two and still wouldn't catch punts in the air."

"And I have never, ever, seen a penalty for offensive facemask. Never. We could overcome those things if we could stay focused, but there were a lot of cases where we could have been looking at going 50 yards and we had to go 80 instead. We have got to work on our focus and our concentration."

The Bobcats shot themselves in the foot more often than Barney Fife, losing three of six fumbles. Three of the six were unforced—the ball just popped out. Once, Tait Crow recovered a bad snap, and another time a hard Alpine hit forced the ball free, but Dimmitt recovered both of those. A third Dimmitt fumble came on a handoff that never connected between Crow and fullback Guy Lewis. That came on the first drive of the game, when the Bobcats had moved from their own 20 to the Alpine 37. The loose ball was recovered by the Bucks, who took four snaps to go 63 yards. Facing third-and-12 at the Bucks'



TRUCK ROUTE—Dimmitt's line opens a truck-sized hole for tailback Derrick Thomas (20) in the first quarter of the Bobcats' game against Alpine Saturday in Seminole. While guard Jimmy Casas (50) throws a clearing block against Alpine's Luis Espinosa

36, quarterback Ben Gallego hit end Mark Lister for 13 yards and the first down. On the next play, Gallego threw to halfback Marcos Rodriguez. The defensive back responsible for Rodriguez slipped, and Rodriguez went untouched into the end zone. The Bobcats blocked the PAT kick, leaving Alpine with a 6-0 lead 5:32 into the first quarter.

Dimmitt couldn't take advantage of good field position and punted away from its own 48. Two plays later, Dimmitt was behind 14-0. On second-and-7 at his own 33, halfback John Keeler took a pitch from Gallego, went to the west sideline, jumped over a diving Dimmitt defender and outran everyone to the end zone. For the PAT, Gallego threw to end Hector Fuentes.

The Bobcats kept the ball the next 7:21, going from its own 10 to the Alpine 24 before turning the ball over on downs. Dimmitt stayed on the ground, alternating between running backs Derrick Thomas and Guy Lewis. Thomas converted a fourth-and-1 at the Dimmitt 42 early in the drive, and Lewis almost broke free for a touchdown on second-and-10 at the Alpine 32 early in the second quarter. The drive stalled at the Bucks 24 when Thomas and Crow were stopped for no gain on successive plays.

Dimmitt held, though, and finally scored on its next possession.

On second down at the 50, Lewis broke into the clear and had more room to roam, but the ball somehow came free. It was recovered at the Bucks 43, good for a Dimmitt first down. Lewis redeemed himself a moment later, when he took the ball at the Alpine 31 and raced to the one, where he was tripped up. Crow scored on a keeper on the next play, and Phil Thrasher's PAT narrowed the gap to 14-7.

8th graders blow past Whirlwinds

Dimmitt's eighth grade football team scored twice in the first half and defeated Floydada 12-0 in the season opener Sept. 16 at Bobcat Stadium.

Quarterback Zack Matthews scored both touchdowns: a 49-yard keeper in the first quarter, and a 69-yard run in the second quarter. Matthews had eight rushes for 145 yards in the game as the 'Cats racked up 210 yards on the ground.

On defense, Matthews and Jason Hall each intercepted Floydada passes. Other defensive standouts included Rudy Alaniz with 10 tackles; Joey Garza with nine tackles; and Timothy Proffitt with six tackles and a fumble recovery.

The eighth graders also won the fifth quarter scrimmage against Floydada, three touchdowns to none. Terrence Sherman scored two touchdowns and Cory Hopson one TD for Dimmitt.

Dimmitt, with help from an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Alpine, held the Bucks on the first possession of the second half, and the Bobcats had moved the ball from their own 28 to the Alpine 42. On first down, Thomas broke free of his pursuers and appeared to have clear sailing into the end zone when the ball again squirted loose. This time Alpine recovered, going to work from its own 25.

Dimmitt held the Bucks, who almost had a halfback pass intercepted by free safety Raymond Limas. On fourth down, an Alpine punt went uncaught, rolling for 60 yards to the Dimmitt 16.

That almost didn't matter. Lewis almost scored on the next play, but that's where that rare offensive facemask flag came in.

Lewis broke free behind two tremendous blocks on the left side and went to the Alpine 8, where a defender with the angle on him tripped him up. Just as jubilant Dimmitt fans were thinking the

Freshmen rally to down Idalou

After surrendering the lead late in the game, Dimmitt's ninth graders came back to score the winning touchdown for a 16-14 win at Idalou on Sept. 16.

Dimmitt, now 2-0, took an 8-0 lead in the first half when Santos Oliviero scored on a 50-yard run. The Bobcats added a two-point conversion.

Idalou came back with a touchdown in the third quarter, then scored late in the fourth quarter to get ahead, 14-8. On the ensuing kickoff, Oliviero caught the ball at the Bobcat 10-yard-line and went 90 yards to score with 1:53 to play. The two-point conversion play gave Dimmitt the win. The freshman Bobcats are now 2-0. Idalou fell to 2-1.

Dimmitt coaches Self and Feaster singled out offensive stars Oliviero, Jason Nino, Tony Gonzales, Colby McDaniel, Luis Nino, Jessie Lopez and Josh Roberts. Defensive standouts were Joey Flores, Kalem Thomas, Joaquin Dominguez, Albert Ewing and Mattias Hernandez.

(22), Thomas gains 12 yards on the play. Although the Bobcats outgained Alpine on the ground, 309-254, the Fightin' Bucks—state quarterfinalists last year—won by a 36-13 count. Photo By Art Ortega

Bobcats had 'em on the ropes, the ball came back.

"You sure can't see anything on the video," Chisum said. "It looks like the kid they called it on had his hands high on his chest, but nowhere near his facemask." What also rankled Chisum was that the flag was thrown far away from where Lewis was running.

"To me that would be like a holding call," Chisum said. "If it has an impact on the play, then call it. I don't understand how they can call that on us at a point where the block has no impact on the run, and they hold us all day and get holding called very seldom. There were some flat takedowns that should have been called and weren't, especially if we're going to get called for offensive facemask."

The penalty was called at the 31, which meant the Bobcats were right back where they started, first-and-10 at the 16. Dimmitt couldn't get a first down this time, and Crow had his punt blocked. Alpine recovered at the Dimmitt 32 and took just two plays, again, to score. On first down, Keeler ripped off a 28-

JV falls short vs. Whirlwinds

Dimmitt's junior varsity reeled off 12 points in the final quarter, but came up short in a 14-12 loss Sept. 16 at Floydada.

"Our execution and intensity weren't there in the first half," said coaches Lanny Crow and Gus Ortiz. "We had several adverse situations that caused us to miss assignments and lose focus."

After spotting Floydada a 14-0 halftime lead, Dimmitt came back on a 46-yard pass from Joey Martinez to Albert Charles to close the gap to 14-6. Later, Dagon Newton scored on a five-yard run. The second touchdown was set up by a punt blocked by Charles and recovered by Chris Abalos.

Coaches praised Charles and Martinez on offense, where the Bobcats picked up 104 yards rushing and 61 passing yards. Defensive standouts included leading tackler Fermin Sanchez, Chad Rogers, Chad Ellis and Jason Wooten. The JV Bobcats are now 2-1.

yard run, then Gallego kept the ball on the option on the next play, going four yards to score with 2:20 left in the third period. Keeler's PAT run gave the Bucks a 22-7 lead.

Alpine held the 'Cats again, and took five plays to go 50 yards. Running out of the wishbone, Gallego, Rodriguez and Keeler kept the Bobcats guessing, and Keeler picked up the final 10 yards with 10:40 left to play. Audio Molinar added the PAT kick for a 29-7 lead.

"We just fell asleep there for about 10 minutes on the game clock and let them go from 14-7 to 29-7," Chisum said. "I don't know what more we could have done. We called a timeout to try to wake them up, but we can't be out there in the huddle with them. We're looking for someone to take charge out there, be a leader and wake up some people when we start to fade out a little. We need someone to fill that role, but no one has stepped forward yet."

Dimmitt was able to hold Alpine at bay next time, stopping the

(Continued on Page 14)

	DMT	ALP
First Downs	17	12
Rushing Yards	309	254
Passing Yards	38	78
Total Offense	347	332
Passes Comp/Att	6/14	3/6
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	1-0
Punts-Avg.	3-11	5-33
Penalties-Yds	6-55	9-85
Dimmitt	0	7
Alpine	14	0

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
Alpine—Marcos Rodriguez 51 pass from Ben Gallego (kick blocked)
Alpine—John Keeler 67 run (Hector Fuentes pass from Gallego)

Second quarter:
Dimmitt—Tait Crow 1 run (Phil Thrasher kick)

Third quarter:
Alpine—Gallego 8 run (Keeler run)

Fourth quarter:
Alpine—Keeler 10 run (Audio Molinar kick)
Alpine—Fred Cano 8 run (Molinar kick)
Dimmitt—Derrick Thomas 58 run (pass failed)

Individual Statistics

Rushing—DIMMITT: Thomas 24-166, Guy Lewis 14-114, Tait Crow 9-18, Steven Villanueva 4-6, Joe Juarez 2-5. **ALPINE:** John Keeler 11-148, Ben Gallego 7-40, Marcos Rodriguez 10-34, Fred Cano 2-19, Luis Espinosa 5-12, Tony Pallanez 1-4, Danny Villanueva 1-(-3). **Passing—DIMMITT:** Tait Crow 6/14, 38 yards. **ALPINE:** Gallego 3/6, 78 yards.

Receiving — DIMMITT: Guy Lewis 1-18, Raymond Limas 2-8, Derrick Thomas 1-7, Max Moore 2-5. **ALPINE:** Marcos Rodriguez 1-51, John Keeler 1-14, Mark Lister 1-13.

Here's how our opponents fared

DIMMITT OPPONENTS
RIVER ROAD (3-0) 25, CAPROCK (1-2) 20
FRIONA (1-2) 7, CANYON (0-3) 0
LITTLEFIELD (3-0) 47, Seminole 7
Childress 21, TULLA (2-1) 20
LUBBOCK COOPER (2-1) 37, MULE-SHOE (1-2) 22
Hamlin 27, FLOYDADA (2-1) 20

HART OPPONENTS
Sunray 20, CLAUDE (1-2) 13
PLAINS (3-0) 41, Forsan 6
Turpin, Okla. 14, FARWELL (0-3) 3
KRESS (1-2) 28, Lorenzo 0
Springlake-Earth 56, BOVINA (0-3) 0
SUDAN (2-1) 41, New Deal 7
NAZARETH (2-1) 34, Highland Park 6

NAZARETH OPPONENTS
Emice, NM 44, TEXICO, NM (0-3) 6
VEGA (3-0) 26, Boys Ranch 12
KRESS (1-2) 28, Lorenzo 0
Springlake-Earth 56, BOVINA (0-3) 0
SUDAN (2-1) 41, New Deal 7
HART (3-0) 35, Olton 21

7th graders open careers with big win

Dimmitt's seventh graders started their football careers on a high note Sept. 16 with a 34-6 shellacking of Floydada at Bobcat Stadium.

Dimmitt picked up 256 yards of offense while limiting the Whirlwinds to 80 yards in the game.

Dimmitt ran up 18 points in the first quarter, with a 56-yard run by Beau Hill on the first play from scrimmage. Rey Oliviero scored next, on a 38-yard run, and Luis Silva closed out the quarter with a 13-yard reverse into the end zone.

In the second quarter, Dimmitt extended its lead on a 36-yard run by Oliviero. DMS tacked on a two-point run by Jerry Thomas on a reverse. Hill closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter when he ripped off a 54-yard run. The two-point conversion was scored on a pass from Derek Buckley to Rusty Wooten.

DMS coaches praised the offensive work of Hill, Oliviero, Buckley, Wooten, Silva and Wesley Wright. Defensive standouts were Jerry Thomas, Jaime LaFuente, Wesley Wright and Andy Prieto.

Dimmitt won the fifth quarter scrimmage, four touchdowns to none. Stacey Villanueva scored two touchdowns, while Brandon Allison and Ben Coleman also scored touchdowns.

"It was a great overall job by both teams," said Coach Ty Johnson. "We saw a lot of good things from the players."

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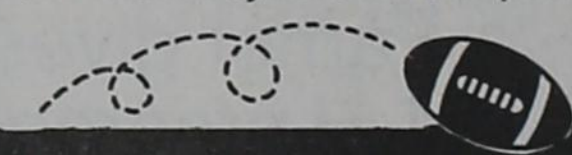
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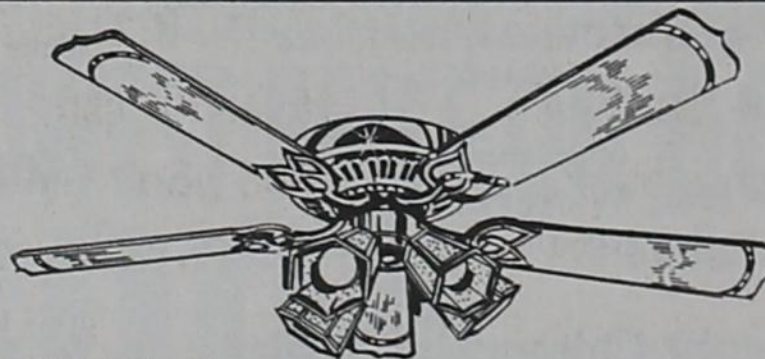
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Oct. 8—*Littlefield, There.....	7:30
Oct. 15—*Tulia, Here.....	7:30
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Nov. 5—*Floydada, There.....	7:30



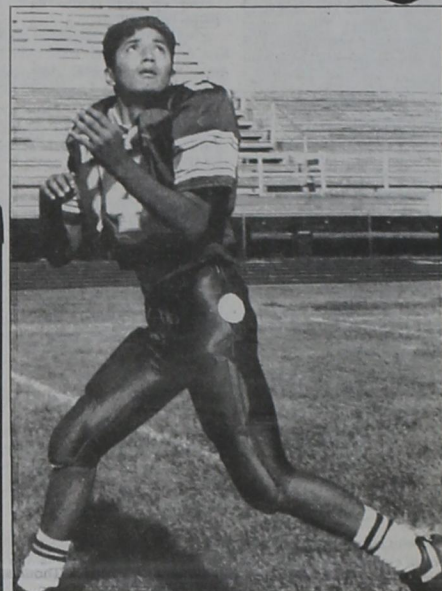
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JV 24, Lubbock Cooper 0; Freshmen 24, Muleshoe 7	
JV 24, Amarillo Caprock 0	
JV 12, Floydada 14; Freshmen 16, Idalou 14	
Sept. 23—River Road, There.....	5:30-7:00
Sept. 30—Canyon, There.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 7—*Littlefield, Here.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 14—*Tulia, There.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 21—*Muleshoe, Here.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 28—*Frona, There.....	5:30-7:00
Nov. 4—*Floydada, Here.....	5:30-7:00

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th 12, Floydada 0; 7th 34, Floydada 6	
Sept. 23—River Road, Here.....	5:30-7:00
Sept. 30—Canyon, Here.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 7—*Littlefield, There.....	5:30-7:00
Oct. 14—*Tulia, Here.....	5:30-7:00
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Swifts force seven turnovers in 34-7 win

By SCOTT BROCKMAN
Nazareth's defense picked off six Highland Park passes and recovered one fumble while its offense racked up 344 yards enroute to a 34-6 win Friday night at Swift Field.

The Swifts improved to 2-1 on the year while Highland Park fell to 0-3.

Nazareth's defense limited Highland Park to 232 yards offense—118 on the ground and 114 through the air. The defensive unit was paced by Jaret Schulte, who recorded eight tackles and a fumble recovery; and Morgan Heck and Scott Brockman, who picked up seven tackles each. Colby Pohlmeier picked off three Hornet passes while teammates Scott Brockman, Nick Johnson and Brad Keel intercepted one apiece.

Nazareth's offense achieved success also, operating under the direction of quarterback Gaylon Schilling, who completed 10 of 15 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown, and rushed for another.

One of the Swifts' goals in Friday night's game was to improve their running game. They accomplished that, thanks to tailback Johnson and fullback Heck, who gained a combined 190 yards and rushed for three touchdowns. Johnson accounted for 104 of those yards while Heck picked up 86.

Nazareth receivers also had a big night. Keel caught five passes for 70 yards, Brockman hauled in two for 20 yards, Pohlmeier had one for 28 yards and Joey Schacher caught a big 38-yard touchdown pass.

"We definitely improved from last week," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "This was a good win for our team."

Nazareth took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in 10 plays, culminating the long drive with a 38-yard touchdown pass from Schilling to Schacher with 6:42 left in the opening period. Johnson booted the extra point for a 7-0 Nazareth lead.

Highland Park moved the ball well on its opening drive, also, highlighted by a 37-yard run by Jay Dickerson, which moved the chains into Nazareth territory.

That drive was halted when Hornet quarterback Justin Proffitt completed the first of six passes to Nazareth defenders—this one to Pohlmeier.

But Pohlmeier didn't get far before he fumbled the ball and Highland Park recovered it.

The Hornets got another two plays off before Proffitt threw the ball away again, this time to Brockman.

Nazareth couldn't capitalize on the Hornet mistake, and had to punt.

But Nazareth's secondary came through again. After a couple of plays, Pohlmeier snatched his second Proffitt pass, and this time the Swifts made it count.

Starting from the Hornet 48, the Swifts moved the ball toward the end zone in a hurry. A 16-yard run by Heck and a 14-yard pass completion from Johnson to a diving Keel highlighted the drive, which was capped with a 2-yard touchdown run by Johnson with 8:15 left in the second stanza. Johnson added the PAT to give his team a 14-0 lead.

The Swifts huddled on the field before kicking off, then went deep into their bag of tricks and pulled out an onside kick play which

worked like a charm.

Despite the excellent field position, the Swifts weren't able to find the end zone and punted. Brockman's 35-yard kick was marked out-of-bounds on Highland Park's 8-yard line and from there Nazareth's defense took over.

Proffitt fumbled on the next play and Jaret Schulte was there to make the recovery for the Swifts on the Homet 6-yard line.

Schilling was dropped for a 2-yard loss, but he made up for it by turning a broken play into an 8-yard touchdown jaunt with 5:36 left. Johnson added the extra point for a 21-0 Nazareth lead.

After stopping Highland Park's offense, Nazareth got the ball back and drove to the Hornets' 25 before running into a roadblock. Johnson set up for a field goal, but the kick was blocked by the Hornets.

Highland Park's lone score came late in the first half, when Proffitt found Raymond Gonzales for an 18-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 21-6.

Nazareth didn't let up in the second half, either.

After stopping Highland Park's first drive, Nazareth took over and drove 79 yards for another touchdown.

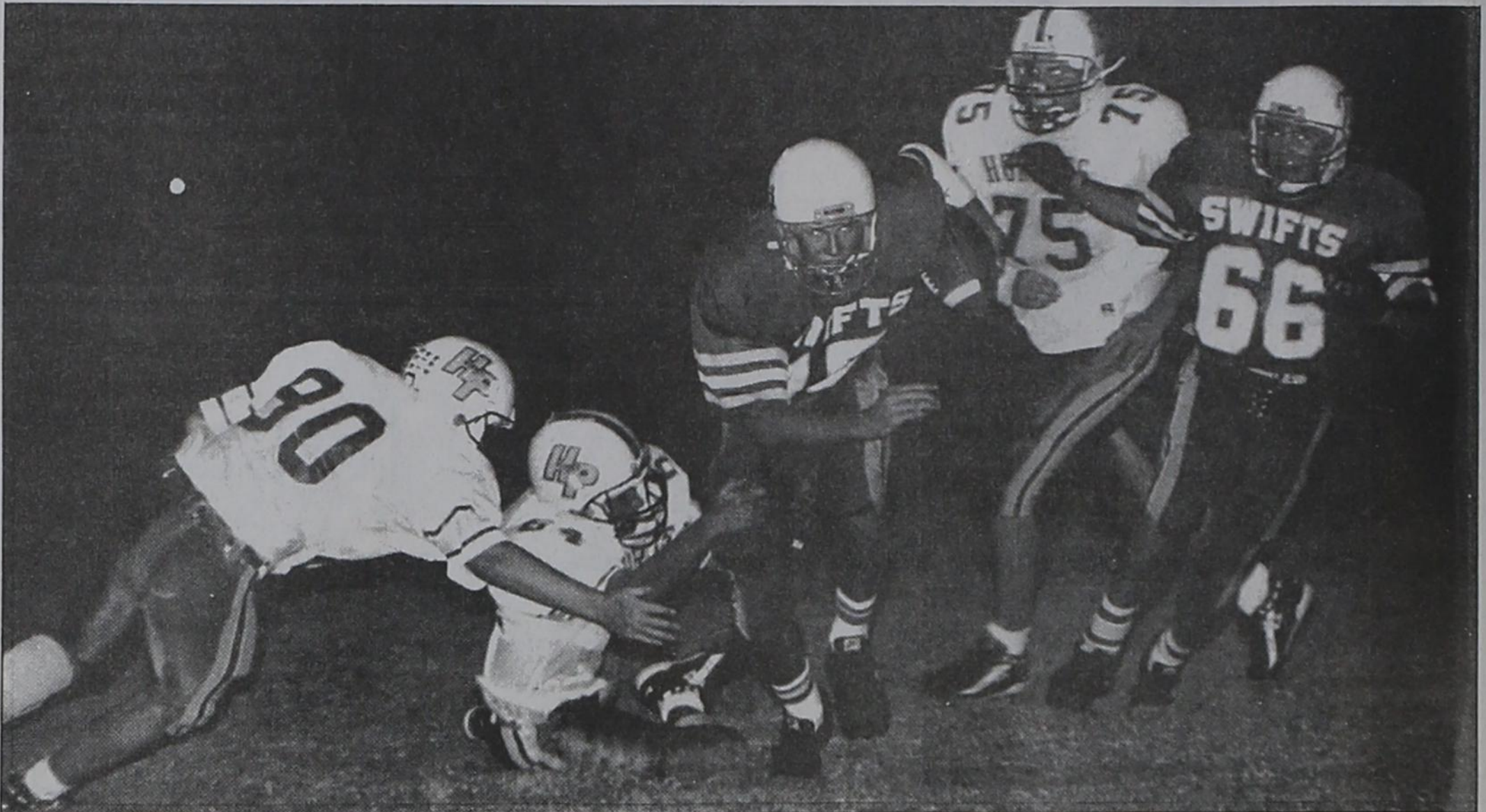
A reverse allowed Johnson to scamper 24 yards for six points. A two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the score 27-6.

Pohlmeier picked off his third pass of the game on the Hornets' next drive, and it didn't take long for the Swifts to score again.

A 28-yard pass to Pohlmeier moved the ball to the Hornet 1-yard line and that final yard was covered by Heck. Johnson booted the PAT for the 34-6 score.

Neither team managed to break the barrier of the goal line in the fourth quarter, but the Hornets came close. Twice they penetrated into Nazareth territory, but both drives were killed by interceptions, one each by Johnson and Keel.

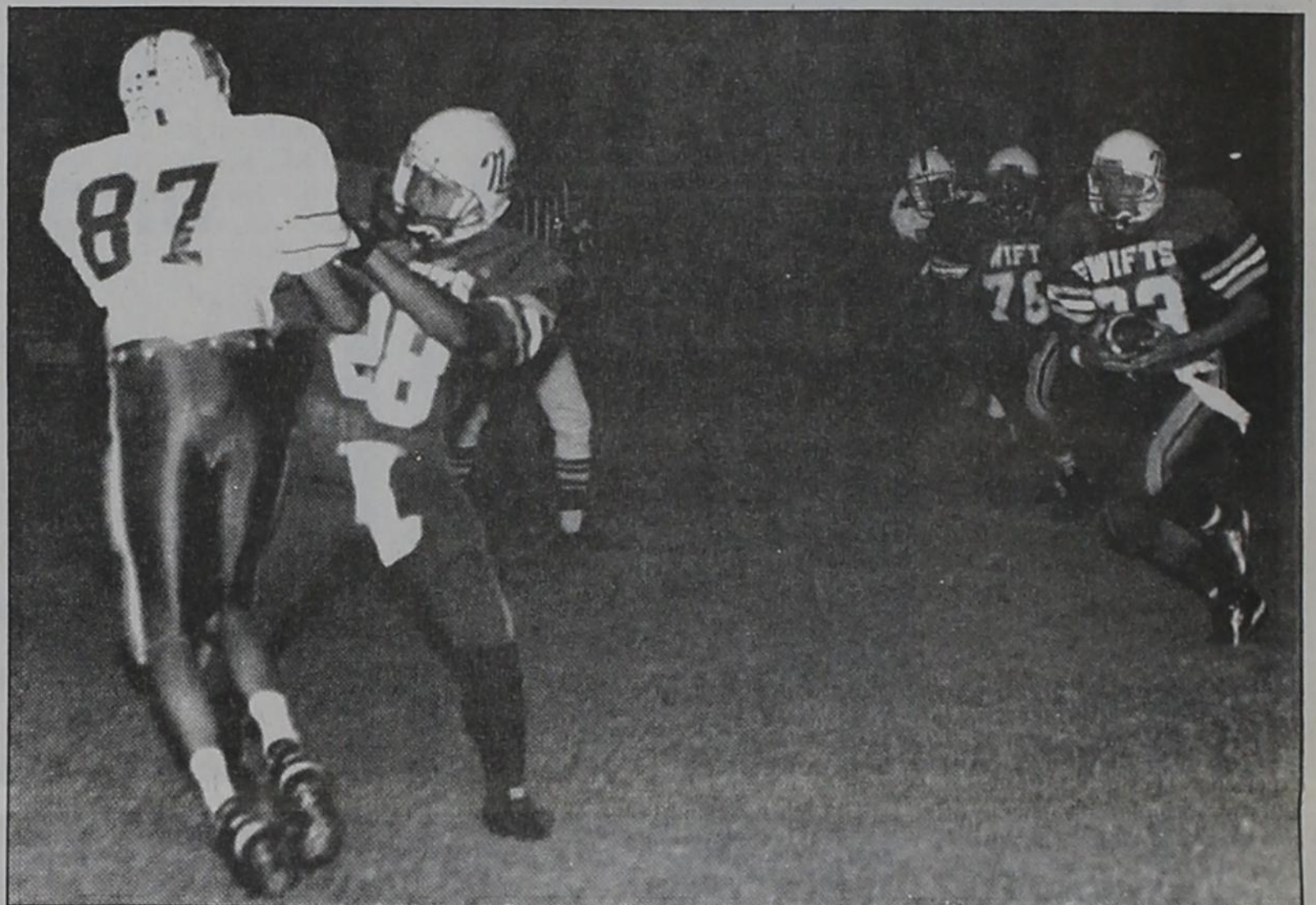
The Hornets managed to move to the Nazareth 5-yard line late in the game, but a tough Swift goal line stand forced a 7-yard loss on a fourth-down play.



ELUDING THE DEFENDERS—Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling (15) lunges forward and breaks free from Highland Park defenders Aaron Lamkin (80) and David Hackett (64) to score an 8-yard touchdown. Schilling's run and Nick Johnson's ensuing kick gave the Swifts a 21-0 lead with 5:36 left in the first half. Also pictured are Highland Park's Billy Grissom (75) and Nazareth's Jaret Schulte (66). Nazareth went on to win the game, 34-6, and holds a 2-1 record. Photo by Anne Acker

DAYLIGHT!

Fullback Morgan Heck of Nazareth (33) hits an open hole and takes advantage of a block thrown up by teammate Colby Pohlmeier (28) against Highland Park's Preston Rider (87). Heck turns the opening into a 14-yard gain and first-down at the Highland Park 36-yard line with 8:02 left in the game Friday night in Nazareth. The Swifts took the opening kickoff and traveled 80 yards before scoring with 6:42 left. The Swifts went on to win the game, 34-6. Heck carried the ball 14 times for 86 yards and a touchdown. Pictured in the background is Nazareth's Ryan Hoelting (76), one of the linemen responsible for opening the hole for Heck. Photo by Anne Acker



Game at a Glance

	NAZ	HP
First Downs	17	10
Rushes-Yards	42-186	29-118
Passing Yards	158	114
Total Offense	344	232
Passes Comp/Att	11/16	12/28
Passes intercepted by	6	0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Punts-Avg.	4-28	3-33
Penalties-Yds	6-55	7-50
Highland Park	0	6
Nazareth	7	14

Scoring Summary

First quarter:
NAZ—Joey Schacher 38 pass from Gaylon Schilling (Nick Johnson kick)
Second quarter: NAZ—Johnson 2 run (Johnson kick)
Schilling 8 run (Johnson kick)
HP—Raymond Gonzales 18 pass from Justin Proffitt (Kick good)
Third quarter:
NAZ—Johnson 24 run (kick failed)
Morgan Heck 1 run (Johnson kick)

Individual Statistics

Rushing—NAZ: Nick Johnson 17-104, Morgan Heck 14-86, Gaylon Schilling 9(-5), Jon Johnson 1-5; Coby Schacher 1(-4).
Passing—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 10/15-0-144, Nick Johnson 1/1-0-14.
Receiving—NAZ: Brad Keel 5-70, Scott Brockman 2-20, Nick Johnson 1(-4), Morgan Heck 1-6, Colby Pohlmeier 1-28 and Joey Schacher 1-38.
Fumble Recoveries—NAZ: Jaret Schulte (1)
Interceptions—Colby Pohlmeier (3), and Nick Johnson, Scott Brockman and Brad Keel (1).
Tackles—NAZ: Jaret Schulte 8, Morgan Heck and Scott Brockman 7, Alston Farris and Jon Johnson 6.
Records: Nazareth 2-1, Highland Park 0-3.



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Cross country

Teams finish in top 10 at Hereford

Cross country teams from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth competed in the Hereford Invitational Saturday, with each team finishing among the top 10 in the 25-team field.

Hart had the best showing, placing sixth with 218 points. Dimmitt placed eighth with 252 points while Nazareth followed in a close ninth-place with 256 points.

The leading county finisher was Christina Robledo of Hart, who finished the two-mile course at Veterans Park with a time of 13:26.70. Misty Ball of Nazareth was seventh with a time of 13:28.50. Nazareth's Carie Wethington finished 13th with a time of 13:35.55 and Amy Ethridge of Dimmitt placed 16th in 13:48.05.

The meet was won by Canyon, which compiled 23 points. Stratford was second with 95; Muleshoe was third with 110; Sanford-Fritch, fourth, 152; Perryton, fifth, 198; Bovina, seventh, 239; and Gruver, 10th, 290.

In the junior varsity division, Hart runners placed sixth with 190 points while Nazareth finished 10th with 280.

Big second half lifts Hart over Olton, 35-21



BIG PLAY—Hart fullback Israel Garcia (40) races up the sideline for a 28-yard gain after catching quarterback Jason Aven's first pass in the Longhorns' game against Olton Friday night at Hart. Pursuing him is Olton's Roger Sandoval. This play carried to the Mustangs' 17-yard line,

and on the next play Aven broke through for the Longhorns' first touchdown to give Hart a 6-0 lead just 3:31 after the opening kickoff. The Longhorns went on to win, 35-21, to remain undefeated.

Photo by Don Nelson

Hart overcame a slow first half by outscoring Olton, 21-9, in the final 24 minutes for a 35-21 victory Friday night in Hart.

Hart scored first. And Hart scored second. But that 12-point lead didn't hold up in the first half, as Olton reeled off 14 unanswered points to take a 14-12 lead into the locker room at intermission.

Hart roared back in the second half, though, and before Olton knew what had hit, Hart was up 28-14.

Hart's defense allowed more than it has all year, giving up 270 yards and 12 first downs. But when big plays were needed, the Longhorns were there, picking off passes, recovering fumbles and blocking field goals.

The Longhorn offense piled up 361 yards on the ground and 31 yards through the air, led by senior tailback Cesar Salas, who gained 162 yards on 19 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 60 yards. Teammate Israel Garcia picked up 73 yards on nine totes and quarterback Jason Aven gained 76 yards on 12 carries.

Hart won the toss, but elected to kick off. That was a good choice, because Hart's defense swarmed all over the Mustangs, throwing the ball carriers back for a 3-yard loss and forcing a punt.

Hart's offense ran just four plays before finding one which broke the stalemate on the scoreboard.

The Longhorns' first touchdown was set up by a 28-yard pass play from Aven to Israel Garcia, which moved the ball to the 17-yard line. On the next play, Aven took the ball on an Option play and raced 17 yards around the left end for the score with 8:29 left in the first quarter. The extra point failed, leaving the score, 6-0, Hart.

Olton took the kickoff and put together a 69-yard drive before Hart's defense put a stop to the momentum. After failing to convert a third-down play, Olton elected to try for a field goal, but the kick was blocked by Hart's Manuel Minjarez and Alberto Barron recovered the loose ball.

After trading possession a couple of times, Olton finally got a drive going, but once again Hart's defense put a kink into the Mustangs' hopes. Hart's Carlos Urbina intercepted a pass and this time the Hart offense made it count.

Hart put together a five-play, 57-yard drive which was capped off by a 27-yard run by Israel Garcia. The kick failed again, but Hart had jumped out to a 12-0 lead with 6:56 left in the first half.

Olton got on the scoreboard later, capping off a six-play, 65-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run.

Hart had an opportunity to score again, but this time it was the Mustang defense which came to the rescue, picking off a pass.

That play gave Olton new life.

On the next play Olton's quarterback sailed a pass up the left sideline and the receiver caught it in full stride, scoring from 64 yards out. The kick was good to give Olton its first lead of the game, 14-12, with 56 seconds left in the half.

After the break, a fired-up Longhorn offensive unit took the field and regained control of the game for good.

Aven picked up his second touchdown with 1:15 gone in the third quarter and Raynea Garcia kicked the extra point to give Hart a 20-14 lead.

Two possessions later, Hart found the end zone again.

This time it was Salas, who took the handoff on a fourth-down play and raced around right end for a 3-yard TD with 7:53 left for a 28-14 lead.

After that Olton went to the air in an attempt to make up for lost ground, but nothing worked.

Hart's secondary allowed nothing.

Olton did get into the end zone one more time, but it was thanks to a quick-thinking defensive player, who scooped up a loose ball after a

Hart fumble, and raced 40 yards into the end zone. That cut Hart's lead to seven points, 28-21.

But Hart had another big play of its own left in its bag of tricks. Salas followed linemen on the right side of the line of scrimmage, found daylight and raced 60 yards for the decisive touchdown. R. Garcia's kick was good for a 35-21 Hart lead with 4:52 left in the game.

Unbeaten Longhorns are hunting fourth win

Dimmitt hopes to end its losing streak before a Homecoming crowd Friday, while Nazareth travels west to meet the Texico, N.M. Wolverines and Hart tackles the Claude Mustangs.

All three games will start at 8 p.m. CDT.

Hart at Claude

Hart is looking to extend its win streak to four Friday night when it travels to Claude for a Class A showdown between two 1992 play-off teams.

The Mustangs are loaded with experience, featuring 17 returning lettermen, including seven offensive and seven defensive starters.

Hart's defense has played well in its first three games and it will be tested again this week.

The Mustangs have put some points on the board this season, posting a 27-20 win over Motley County. But they have lost to Clarendon, 29-6 and Sunray, 20-13.

Claude's offense returns quarterback Rusty Baker (5-10, 170), fullback Ray Brittain (5-8, 175), running back Bobby Fouquet (5-10, 175), guard Russ Gunter (5-10, 210), tackle Mike Arnold (6-3, 240), center Denver Greeson (5-11, 210) and tight end Chris Stoffle (5-11, 195).

Baker scored both of Claude's touchdowns Friday night against Sunray—a 5-yarder and a 1-yarder.

Under new coach Donnie Snodgrass, Claude has a new offensive scheme—the I formation, and it has switched to a Split 6 on defense.

Experienced veterans returning to the Mustangs' defensive lineup are Stoffle and Brittain at linebackers, Josh Minkley (5-8, 145) in the defensive backfield, Greeson at noseguard, defensive ends Fouquet and Gunter and Brad Brown (5-10, 200) at defensive tackle.

River Road at Dimmitt

What you are about to read is history.

River Road is 3-0.

This is the first time the school has started a football season 3-0. Granted, the school has only been playing varsity football for about 15 years, but it's still a high note for coach Craig Shores and the Wildcats.

"They're tough," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "They beat Caprock (25-20) last week, and they beat Friona and Panhandle. They've had a lot of things go right for them, where we haven't had. Maybe we can change both teams' luck this week."

River Road will run a one-back offense and try to spread the ball on the Bobcats. "Their tailback (Troy Sanders) is a real good kid with great balance, and they have a couple of wide receivers who have legitimate sprinter's speed. They'll give us some problems there, because we don't have anyone that fast. Their quarterback (Jeff Davis) throws the ball well and has a good knack for putting the ball where it needs to be. They'll try to spread

the field on us and open some seams for their running back."

Sanders was named the Player of the Week by the *Amarillo Globe News* this week, and is the Class 3A honoree for the second-straight week. Against Caprock, he carried 30 times for 203 yards.

On defense, the Wildcats will run a "50."

"They make several adjustments, including going into a 4-3. We have pretty simple blocking rules, but they're so new to our kids we have to really concentrate," said Chisum. Standouts on defense for River Road include Sanders and Copen Smith at linebacker, Jesus Diaz at noseguard, and Cody Melton at defensive end.

Chisum is more concerned about his own charges.

"We made unbelievable improvement in our offensive line last week, but we need to continue to improve. The whole team is headed in the right direction, we just have to keep on working," Chisum said. "We may be going through a time where some of these young men are having a few doubts, but they have to realize that this is just like the real world. You're going to face some adversity, you have to face some tough times. We just have to keep going and keep getting better."

"We're facing some tough teams including this week. Canyon's not as bad as what they've shown, and look at district right around the corner. Littlefield and Tulia are awful good, Floydada is playing awfully well, Friona is improved and Muleshoe is putting points on the board.

"We would like to keep the format we've got right now where our freshmen are all together on one team, and our sophomores and some of our juniors are on one team. We may not be able to keep doing that, and that's going to be up to our kids. The ninth graders are playing well and our sophomores are playing well. We need our juniors and seniors to start playing well or it could be just like the real world. Your boss can only tell you so many times you have to keep getting better. One day it gets to the point where your boss has to go a different direction and you get a pink slip. We need our juniors and seniors to stay focused for a whole ball game, keep improving and play well, or we could have sophomores and juniors up here taking their places."

Nazareth at Texico, N.M.

Nazareth will cross the state line Friday to take on New Mexico's Class A Texico Wolverines, a 1992 playoff team which was hard hit by graduation but still returns a couple of experienced players at skill positions.

Game time is 8 p.m. (Central) in Texico.

The Swifts are playing without starting quick guard and linebacker J.J. Bermea (150-lb. senior), who was out with back problems last week and isn't expected to return for another week or two. He is

being replaced on offense by Ron Backus, a 150-pound junior; and on defense by Alston Farris, a 170-pound junior guard.

Texico has yet to see a win in the young season and it has been outscored by a combined 18-120, but Nazareth Coach Rick Price said the Wolverines' losses have come at the hands of ranked Class AA teams in New Mexico—losing to Dexter, N.M., Jal, N.M. and Eunice, N.M., 44-6.

The Wolverines' favorite offenses are the Veer and Wishbone, and they run the Option out of both formations.

Headlining a list of returning starters for the Wolverines are quarterback Joel Barba, offensive guard Calloway Clark and fullback Corey Horner.

The Wolverines' offensive front line is inexperienced, but those players average about 195. Clark is the lone returnee and he is joined by sophomores Casey Stewart, Adam Buford and Larry Tomlinson; along with freshman Leroy Salinas.

"They don't try and do anything fancy, just basic zone and straight

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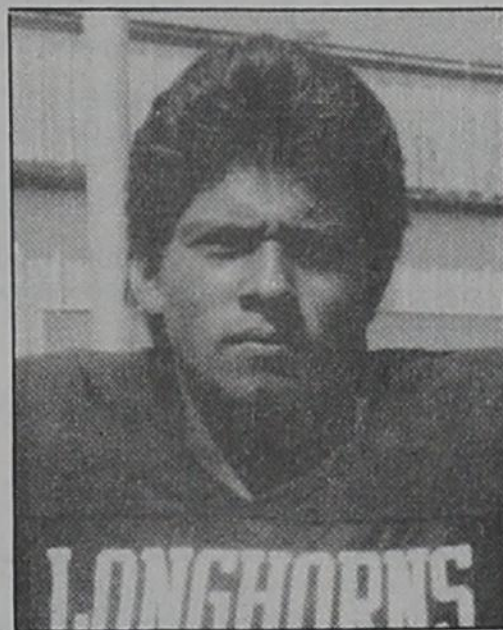
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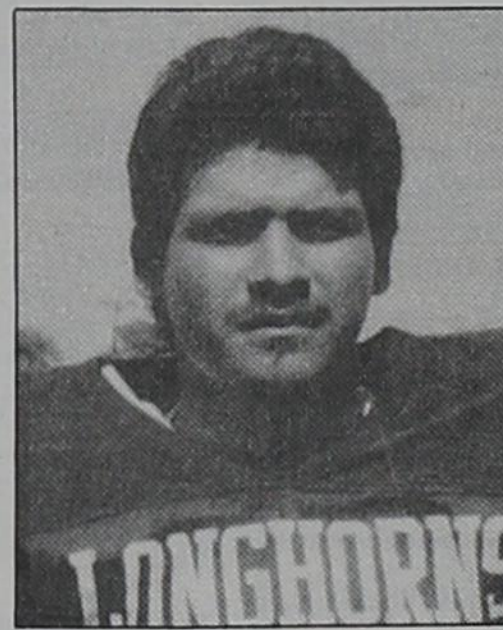
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CATTLE COMPETITORS—Kristin Hales of Nazareth, left, and Brian Simpson of Dimmitt, right, competed recently in the 1993 TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge, held at the Amarillo Livestock Auction and West Texas A&M University. Sponsored by the Texas



Cattle Feeders Association, the Junior Fed Beef Challenge allows students to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry by feeding a pen of three steers.

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Waste pesticide collection is set in Hereford

Ag producers can do their part in protecting the future of Texas' environment by bringing waste pesticides to a free collection in Hereford on Wednesday.

Old, obsolete, cancelled, banned, suspended or otherwise unwanted pesticides will be accepted at a special pesticide collection station Wednesday, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn, located south of US Highway 60 on the Dairy Road.

Pesticide applicators are encouraged to bring in any unwanted pesticides they may possess. This disposal opportunity is free with no questions asked. Commercial disposal costs for a single 55-gallon drum of pesticide could cost as much as \$2,000.

The collection opportunity, which can save pesticide applicators thousands of dollars in commercial disposal fees, is one of six collection days scheduled statewide. The events are sponsored by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

All formulations of agricultural pesticides will be accepted, with the exception of 2,4-D, Silvex and pentachlorophenol, fertilizers and explosives.

Empty pesticide container recycling also will be offered. Empty containers, both metal and plastic, must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed, in order to be accepted.

More than 300 tons of waste pesticides have been collected in 12 similar collection days held across the state.

For more information, contact J.D. Ragland at the county Extension office, 647-4115.

Commercial drivers need to comply with Texas law

In the nearly 33 months that Texas-based commercial motor vehicle drivers have had to study for and take the tests necessary to receive a commercial driver license (CDL), some 412,000 persons required to have the license have done so.

"We're concerned, though, that some drivers in our state who are required to have a CDL don't yet realize that they are now considered commercial drivers," Inspector John Hall, who administers the Texas Dept. of Public Safety's Commercial Driver License program, said.

"The law requires some drivers who previously did not meet the criteria of a commercial driver to get a CDL," Hall said.

"For instance, a person who drives a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more people (including the driver) now is considered to be a commercial driver, and that could include drivers of vehicles used by churches and day care facilities," he said.

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety began issuing commercial driver licenses in September of 1990 and the law mandating that drivers of certain classes of vehicles obtain a commercial driver license went into effect April 1, 1992. The Texas law was implemented to conform to the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 that, among other things, makes it illegal for an operator of a commercial motor vehicle (truck or bus) to have more than one license. In addition, it defines who is categorized as a commercial driver.

The law also makes a CDL mandatory to drive a vehicle that weighs more than 26,000 pounds or carries certain hazardous materials. There are exemptions for farm, military, emergency and personal-use recreation vehicles.

"The law also helps prevent abuses by interstate and intrastate commercial drivers, who in many instances had multiple licenses and could spread traffic offenses over different states to circumvent license suspension or revocation," Hall said.

"A driver could use whichever license was most advantageous if stopped by a law enforcement officer or asked to produce one so that

a potential employer could check a driving record," he said.

The federal law set up a national registry for commercial driver licenses in order to track in which state a person is licensed. Also, the registry allows driving records from other states to be combined with a driver's home state driving record.

The new law imposes stricter penalties on commercial drivers who violate certain traffic and alcohol/drug laws.

The law also gives Texas the authority to use traffic convictions from other states to suspend a CDL and adopts the federal criteria for disqualification of commercial motor vehicle operators.

Since the law went into effect nearly 15 months ago, DPS and other law enforcement agencies have issued citations to persons who do not have a CDL but were required to. CDL suspensions/disqualifications for various lengths of time have been taken against drivers of commercial vehicles.

Anyone needing a CDL or with questions about the CDL law should contact the nearest DPS Driver License Office.

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Forfeit . . .

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Dimmitt Independent School District officials said they learned of the player's age after receiving a note from the University Interscholastic League that the player's birthdate was July 1974 on the eligibility list submitted by Dimmitt officials to the UIL. Dimmitt officials said other information in the student's file listed his birthdate in 1975. According to official birth records, the student was found to have been born in 1974.

Students must have been born after Aug. 31, 1974 to be eligible to participate in UIL events during this school year. There are excep-

tions occasionally made for students who were held back in earlier grades because of language or learning difficulties.

Dimmitt school officials said the mix-up was not the student's fault, and that the student honestly believed he was only 18 years of age.

Coach Danny Chisum informed his players about the forfeits on Friday. Dimmitt officials also called officials at Lubbock Cooper and the District 2-3A Executive Committee. No punitive action is expected to be taken against Dimmitt. There is also no penalty to be imposed by the UIL since Dimmitt officials discovered the mistake and reported it immediately.

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and dance. The Saturday event is open by invitation only.

The DHS Class of 1953 also plans to attend the pep rally, the annual FHA spaghetti supper and football game. Saturday, the class will host a reunion and steak dinner at the Senior Citizens Center for all classes from the 1950s. Registration fee (including the steak dinner at noon) is \$10 per person.

The Classes of 1962, 1963 and 1964 will also attend the pep rally. The classes will present a football signed by members of the Dimmitt teams and coaches of that era. The ball, found at an area flea market, will be presented in honor of those classes. It had been signed in 1963 in memory of the late Harold Golden.

Students at DHS have been wearing special clothing during the week. Today (Thursday) will be Purple and White Day, and Friday is Decked Out Day. Prizes have been awarded by the DHS Student Council for the best outfits.

Special events began Wednesday night with the pinning ceremony at Bobcat Stadium. Flame Queen and King candidates included seniors Jennifer Fuller and Edward Silva, juniors Marta Arredondo and Dustin Buckley, sophomores Amy Ethridge and Tucker Schumacher, and freshmen Tawnee Matthews and Colby McDaniel.

A parade through the halls of DHS will be held today (Thursday) at 3:10 p.m., and the Homecoming pep rally will be Friday at 3 p.m. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned Friday, and candidates include Selma Montalvo, Lorena Silva and Amy Wooten.

Tickets are available from any FHA member or will be available at the door for the annual FHA spaghetti supper at Richardson Elementary School.

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Bobcats . . .

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Bucks on downs at the Bobcat 23. The Bobcats lost three yards on the next series, and the Bucks again blocked a punt, driving the ball out of bounds at the Dimmitt 21. Four plays later, Fred Cano scored on an eight-yard run with 3:17 to play, and Molinar's kick gave the Bucks a 29-point lead.

On the next possession it appeared Dimmitt was going to be stymied again, with Crow forced to punt from the Dimmitt 27. This time, the Bucks missed the ball but roughed Crow, giving Dimmitt new life at its own 42. On the next play, Thomas raced 58 yards, untouched and without a fumble, to close the gap to 36-13. A PAT pass attempt to Tobin Bosssett was over his head.

The Bobcats, for the third straight week, dominated their opponent in the stats. Dimmitt out-rushed Alpine, 309-254, and had fewer penalties.

"If we can play without turnovers, if we can stay focused and move the football, we will be okay," Chisum said. "Alpine was no patsy; they were picked to beat us by 17 points and they did when you throw in our turnovers and mistakes."

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blocking. They don't pull much," Price said.

Joining the veterans in the backfield are Johnny Salinas and Bobby Winegeart, each who saw some playing time in 1992.

"Texico's backs aren't bad. They're not the biggest or fastest we've faced this year, but if they get loose on the outside they can be dangerous," said Price.

He said Texico's main offensive threat will be Barba and Salinas, but added his Swifts should have success by using several different defensive looks.

Texico's main defense is the 52, and the front line is "fairly big." Price said the linebacking corps is "decent," but the secondary could be susceptible to the Swifts' passing game.

"I don't think they've really played a good throwing team yet," Price said.

Obituaries

Maxine Edwards

Maxine Edwards, 66, of Tahoka, died Sept. 15, 1993.

She was the mother of Jack Edwards of Dimmitt.

Services were held Friday in the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Martin Gregory, pastor, the Rev. Paul Kenley of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and Jessie Hodge officiating. Burial followed in Terrace Cemetery by White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edwards was born in the T-Bar community in Lynn County. She attended Brownfield schools. She married H.W. "Sam" Edwards in 1946 at O'Donnell. She worked at the Lynn County Appraisal District for several years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jill Baker of Canadian; two sons, Jack L. Edwards of Dimmitt and Jody G. Edwards of Amarillo; a sister, Janel Franklin of Tahoka; a brother, Dee Howell Lindley of Lubbock; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka.

Wayne Holmes

Wayne Holmes, 60, of Muleshoe, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 1993.

He was the brother of Carolyn Maxwell of Dimmitt.

Services were held Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Curtis Shelburne and the Rev. Stacy Conner officiating. Cremation followed by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Holmes was born in Abilene and married Joyce Heidman in 1967 in North Carolina. He had lived in Muleshoe since 1974, moving from Norfolk, Va. A 19-year veteran of the Muleshoe Police Dept., he had been chief since 1985. He was a past president of the youth activities committee in Muleshoe and active in other youth activities. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bryce Holmes of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; three daughters, Joy Harris of Plainfield, Ind., Jacque Ledgerwood of Masawa, Japan, and Jessie Holmes of Hereford; a brother, Claude Holmes of Levelland; two sisters, Alice Elliott of Fort Worth and Carolyn Maxwell of Dimmitt; and five grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Stanley McCall of Chelmsford, Mass.; a daughter, Jackie Martin of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two brothers, Lloyd Cook of Lumberton and Bob Cook of Clements, Calif.; a sister, Joquitta Boyd of Gentry, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Foundation.

Bud Steiert

Louis "Bud" Steiert, 73, of Hart died Friday, Sept. 17, 1993.

Mass was said Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with the Rev. Neal Dee, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Steiert was a lifetime resident of Hart, born Oct. 16, 1919. He married Irene Sharum on April 11, 1961 in Fort Smith, Ark. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, American Legion Post No. 528, and Knights of Columbus. He was a retired farmer and a veteran of the Army Air Corps in World War II.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Alice Steiert of Amarillo, Joan Teer of Montgomery, Anna Holder of Kermit and Judy Steiert of Lubbock; two brothers, Anthony Steiert of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pete Steiert of Hart; two sisters, Mary Stuben of St. Louis, Mo., and Ann Braumhardt of Amarillo; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tommy Wethington, Darrell Lacy, Herman Birkenfeld, Lawrence Schmucker, Ed Ramaekers and Francis Wilhelm. Honorary pallbearers were members of American Legion Post No. 528 and the Knights of Columbus.

The family requests memorials to Holy Family Catholic Church.

Nelda Watson

Nelda D. Watson, 58, of Dimmitt died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1993.

Graveside services were held Monday in Westlawn Memorial Park with Shawn Thomas officiating. Burial was directed by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

She was born Aug. 9, 1935 in Littlefield and moved to Dimmitt from Portsmouth, N.H., in 1992. She married Orville Watson on Oct. 6, 1956, in Lovington, N.M.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Stanley McCall of Chelmsford, Mass.; a daughter, Jackie Martin of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two brothers, Lloyd Cook of Lumberton and Bob Cook of Clements, Calif.; a sister, Joquitta Boyd of Gentry, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Foundation.

Social Security in Castro County

By MARY JANE SHANES

Another school year is here. If you are a student receiving Social Security benefits, you should know that your check generally stops when you turn 18. They can continue until your 19th birthday if you are still in elementary or high school.

When you attend an elementary or secondary school that meets state requirements, you are considered a full-time student if you are enrolled for at least 20 hours a week in a course of study lasting at least 13 weeks.

You may also qualify if you participate in any of the following kinds of education programs: GED; job training or community action programs sponsored by the Federal government; work incentive programs; ROTC; work-study programs; vocational schools; home schooling, or independent study in some states. Some schools outside the US may qualify under certain circumstances. Your Social Security office can answer questions about your school.

If you are enrolled in a correspondence course you are not considered to be a full-time student unless you are unable to attend regular classes for a portion of the school year due to circumstances beyond your control.

You may still receive benefits during a vacation from school if you plan to return to school and the vacation is no more than four calendar months.

If you are receiving Social Security benefits, we'll notify you a few months before your 18th birthday about what you need to do to show that you are in school so we can continue your checks. A new application isn't usually necessary, but you must complete a form that asks about your school attendance. Generally, before your 18th

birthday your Social Security checks are sent in the name of a parent or guardian. After you turn 18 we can pay checks directly to you.

In 1992, over 1.3 million full-time students from 18 to 19 received monthly student benefit checks from Social Security on the record of a parent who was receiving retirement or disability benefits or on the record of a parent who had died.

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Letter writer in Monday's *Amarillo Daily News*, under the heading, "Sarpalius Sold Out District on Budget Vote":

"A 4.3-cent-per-gallon increase for fuel not only affects us at the gas pump but also at the grocery store. Farmers and businesses who use energy to produce and transport goods will pass these fuel costs to the consumer in higher prices."

Yeah, right. When it comes to passing fuel costs on to the consumer, those farmers are really ruthless.

By the way, where were all these moaners when the 5-cent-per-gallon fuel tax was passed under Reagan? Or when another 5-cent-per-gallon fuel tax was passed under Bush?

Wayne Collins, John Brooks and I got to see all three of our local varsity teams play last weekend. Hart and Nazareth both were playing at home Friday night, and Dimmitt didn't play until Saturday.

So Friday night we took a "county football tour."

If we could do it again, we would reverse the order of games we saw. We started at Hart, and the Longhorns were trailing Olton 12-14 at halftime. We had to huddle three-up and agonize for a few minutes before tearing ourselves away to go to Nazareth.

As it turned out, the Swifts already had their game in hand by halftime. They were leading Amarillo Highland Park, 21-6, and went on to win by 34-6.

The Longhorns won their game in the second half, 35-21.

Coach Rick Price's Swifts and

Coach Danny Wilhelm's Longhorns are class acts again this year.

One of the most enjoyable parties Verbie and I have ever attended was the one in the backyard of Dan and Hazel Nelson's home last Thursday night.

The honored guests were Ulla Jonsson Bohman of Sweden; her youngest son, Jakob; her mom and dad, Gunnel and Georg; and her older sister, Ann. Ulla was our AFS exchange student in 1979-80, and Dan and Hazel are her American parents.

This was some hamburger cook-out. More than 60 people showed up, toting their own chairs, and E. M. Jones had his industrial-grade cooker fired up. The crowning touch, though, was a live band—"Texas Country" from Hereford (some of the same guys from the original "Frio Trio" and "Easter Opry").

The band was missing its drummer (he was playing with the Hereford High School Band at a game that night) and one of their three female singers. But the group sounded great anyway, and kept the music going for three hours or so.

Dan couldn't keep from giving the singers a little bass-type help on some of their songs, and, well, I couldn't either. (Dan and I aren't kin but we might as well be, since we seem to share about the same amount of ham.)

Gunnel Jonsson took to the electronic keyboard for a too-brief set of Swedish polkas, and later made a heartfelt talk (with Ulla translating), thanking the people of Dimmitt for their kindness to her daughter. Gunnel also said she understood Ulla's love of Dimmitt, because she herself would like to just stay here and not go home.

Ann Jonsson spent most of her time videotaping the proceedings, but at one point she sat down next to Verbie and said, "This is all so exciting that I've got goose-bumps!"

Just about everybody visited with just about everybody during the evening, playing musical chairs all around the backyard. There were plenty of burgers and soft drinks (not a drop of booze) and big cookies and Italian cream cake and coffee. But mainly there was a lot of fellowship, music and total enjoyment.

The face of Dimmitt is changing along North Broadway, for the better.

The new Hays Company building is a really attractive addition to the business district. And across the street south, next to the Energas office, the First State Bank is building a little half-block park that's going to really enhance the neighborhood, too.

Most of us have never built a business building in Dimmitt. This is the third for the Hays family through the years. The earlier two buildings (completed in '57 and '76) are still attractive and still in use.

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Glenn Schumacher (left) accepts Tech-A&M football tickets and 50-Yard Line Restaurant gift certificate from Dimmitt Manager Lloyd White

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We're proud that one of our customers was a Grand Prize winner in the regional contest. Thanks to ALL our customers who entered!

P.S.—You can still be a big winner if you take advantage of our big Jones-Blair Paint Sale, which continues through Sept. 30!

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