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## Cable may drop two Amarillo stations

Two Amarillo television stations could be dropped from the Classic Cable service in Dimmitt on Oct. 6, the company announced Friday.

KVII-TV, Ch. 7, and KCIT-TV, Ch. 14 (Ch. 9 on the cable system), could be dropped by the company on Oct. 6. KVII has asked for one cent per subscriber per month; KCIT is requesting 25 cents per subscriber for "re-transmission consent" for a new Fox network.

"We don't want to have to drop either station," said Steve Smith, president of Classic Cable. "But if we have to pay them for their signal, we'll be duplicating what we get for free from Lubbock. We don't want our customers to pay for something their neighbors can get for free."

Smith, in a telephone interview from his Austin headquarters, said the company is "unwilling to pay for signals, given the poor coverage they have in the middle of nowhere."

Smith said he expects agreements will eventually be reached with the stations, but the company was required to give 30 days notice to customers that the stations will be dropped.

"I suspect they'll come around. Fox (KCIT-TV) is a weak UHF station and I can't see them risking loss of coverage," Smith said.

According to Pete D'Acosta, president of KCIT-TV, Dimmitt's 1,300 subscribers aren't in the middle of nowhere, but help make up "an important part of our audience."

"The system in Dimmitt is very important to me and to Fox 14," D'Acosta said in a telephone interview Tuesday from Wichita Falls.

He explained that Fox will introduce a new network, "FX," around Jan. 1. The 25 cents per subscriber would help pay some of the cost of starting the network and developing programming.

"It's not much different from what your system is doing with USA, TNT and others," D'Acosta said. "Your system pays those networks for rights, and they use that money for program development. That's what much of this 25 cents per subscriber will do."

D'Acosta said Fox plans to rebate seven cents per subscriber to current Fox affiliates.

"We'll gain a little as affiliates, but not much," D'Acosta said.

KVII-TV has been on the cable system since the system's inception in 1963-64.

"We don't feel it's right for any cable system to take our signal for free and sell it to you," said James McCormick, Ch. 7's general manager. "We're not asking for everything. We are asking for one cent per



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subscriber." McCormick said most systems pay 20 to 25 cents per subscriber to Cable News Network (CNN) and 60 cents per subscriber for ESPN, among various satellite-fed programs.

"If they take us off, they should cut your rates," McCormick said. "We were just trying to break the ice, but evidently cable companies across the nation have gotten together and said they weren't paying anything to any over-the-air broadcaster. We still want to negotiate with them, but how low can we go?"

McCormick said he felt KAMR-TV (Ch. 4) and KFDA-TV (Ch. 10) "gave away the farm" by not asking for payment

or in-kind services in return for systems carrying their signal.

"You have to sign a three-year deal according to the new law, so things might change then, but I still feel they gave away too much."

D'Acosta and McCormick are both holding huge trump cards they could use later in negotiations. Castro County is in the "area of dominant influence" for Amarillo stations. That means the Federal Communications Commission has deemed Dimmitt to be in the coverage area of Amarillo. That means the stations could handicap the local cable system's duplication of some channels.

KVII-TV is an ABC Affiliate, and its network programming is duplicated by KAMC-TV, Ch. 28 in Lubbock (Cable Ch. 3). KCIT-TV carries syndicated programs and offerings from the FOX network. The Fox programs are duplicated by Lubbock's Ch. 34, KJTV-TV. Because Dimmitt is in the Amarillo ADI, the stations could demand the local system "mask" the Lubbock stations when they carry the same programming as their Amarillo counterparts.

"That's certainly something we can do, but we don't want to force that issue unless we have no other choice," D'Acosta said.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

I'll take my crow with some steamed carrots and Jell-O, if you please. And serve it on a hospital tray.

Last week I reported that a friend got a bill for \$92,000 from an Amarillo hospital for a pre-op scope procedure, major surgery and a three-day stay.

I would have sworn that he said \$92,000.

But what he said was "Nine thousand, two hundred."

I was off by about \$82,800.

Joe Stevens, who can sometimes be found in the administrator's office at Plains Memorial here, almost spilled his coffee when he read the figure.

He got on the phone to the Amarillo hospital.

"Their bill was \$9,260.15," he said, "and they're auditing that because they think it looked a little high. They were doing an internal audit in the business office to make sure all the charges were justified."

Joe added, "This was just the hospital bill. I don't know what his doctors' bills came to."

As I listened to Joe on the phone, I was wishing I could pull every copy of last week's paper back from the PO boxes and newsstands and correct that figure. And I was kicking myself for not actually having looked at the bill to verify the total.

"Things like this reflect badly on all of us," Joe said. "People are always willing to believe anything bad about hospitals."

I can vouch for that. I didn't question the figure that I thought I had heard because we've grown so accustomed to hearing about gosh-awful health-care bills that we're inclined to accept any figure we hear, no matter how many zeros it has in it.

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I'VE GOT A NIBBLE!—Heidi Ramaekers pulls in her "fishing line" and inspects her "catch" at the annual Labor Day picnic in Nazareth Sunday. The "fishing hole" was one of several children's games scheduled at the CCD Building in the afternoon. Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Third 'Fiesta Day' celebration Saturday

Dimmitt's third annual Fiesta Day, celebrating Mexico's independence from Spain, will be celebrated Saturday from noon until midnight.

Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, will be the keynote speaker at 3 p.m. at the Castro County Expo Building.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship fund of the local chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Additional booths are available for \$25 each by calling 647-4571 through Friday.

Events kick off at noon at the Expo Building with food and craft booths and games. At 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., featured singer Josie Levias will perform. The local Ballet Folklorico troupe will perform at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Morales to speak at 3 p.m. Music will continue until 6 p.m., when the Ballet Folklorico San Patricio of Lubbock will perform.

At 8 p.m., a dance marathon will begin east of the courthouse, with a street dance from 9 p.m. until midnight featuring Los Tiburones de Dimmitt.

Food, craft and game booths that will continue throughout the day include toys, baseball cards, Mexican candies, woodcrafts, fabric, bingo, loteria, cow patty bingo, fajitas, barbecue, tripas, gorditas, chicharones, snow cones and tamales.

The Fiesta Day commemorates the traditional 16th of September holiday. On Sept. 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo launched the first fight for independence with his "grito." Hidalgo was captured by Spanish troops and executed in 1811, but his work was carried on by Jose Maria Morelos.

Mexico was finally granted its independence from Spain in 1821.

## Harvest shifting to higher gear

Most Castro County farmers have experienced an unusually dry growing season this year, but the majority of crops still look good.

"I've talked to several producers, and I expect most will see a good crop, just not a bumper crop," said Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). "I don't think we'll be setting any high yield records this year, but they should be about average."

The hot, dry weather this summer may have affected some crops, but where it will hurt producers most is in their pocketbooks.

"They've really had to put more water on crops this year, especially in weak water areas. We had a few producers who may have planted more than they could actually water," Abbott said.

### Corn

Corn harvest is underway in the county and should hit its peak sometime next week.

Abbott said an estimated 86,206 acres of corn will be harvested in the county this year and the "crop looked better than it's turned out, so far."

County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland said harvest is just getting underway along the southern edge of the county.

"Some moisture is high in the corn yet, and most producers will wait until it gets a little better," Ragland said.

"Tuesday was our biggest day (for corn harvest) so far," said Don Graham, manager of Dimmitt Agri Industries. "We're expecting things to pick up every day from now on. We still have some fields carrying more moisture than producers care to harvest."

He said the average moisture has been 26, with some early loads testing 17, "so there is some dry corn around."

Jarrel Sewell of Cargill Grain Division at Hart said loads delivered to his facility have averaged between 24 and 26 on moisture, with some testing as low as 17 and as high as 32.

Early indications are that yields will be down, especially on early loads, Sewell said.

Graham said he talked with one producer who expected his yields to be down about 1,000 pounds from last year. But Graham said that's about an average yield, because last year "was an unusually good year."

Sewell said the test weight has been down, but the corn has been "good grade" and the quality is good.

"Hopefully, the more mature corn will be better," Sewell said. "The hot weather in August allowed mites to move in and cause some damage."

### Beets

Sugar beet harvest will begin on Sept. 22, "if the weather lets us do it," said Dennis Printz, ag manager at Imperial Holly.

Producers digging the first beets this year will follow a "scheduled harvest," established by Imperial Holly.

"The crop looks good with average yields and sugar content is better than it's been," Printz said. "That's because of a combination of things—new varieties, work on plant population—things of that nature."

"If it's a normal year, we'll be through (with harvest) by Thanksgiving."

Abbott said about 15,000 acres of beets have been planted in Castro County.

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### Milo

Milo is "headed out," and it looks good, according to Ragland.

"We were lucky enough to stay away from insect damage this year. We did find greenbugs in some fields, but we didn't discover a lot of damage," he said.

A lot of dryland milo is planted in Castro County, and if it received rain, it looks good. If it didn't receive rain, "yields don't look promising," Ragland said.

Harvest should begin in late September or early October on the estimated 13,500 acres of milo in Castro County.

Abbott said producers had listed intentions to plant a combined 15,238 acres of milo, but weather conditions and other factors destroyed more than 1,700 acres.

### Cotton

If the weather holds, this could be a good cotton year in Castro County.

Most of the cotton planted here is irrigated, so it won't be adversely affected by the drought.

Abbott said Castro County producers signed up to grow more than 52,000 acres of cotton this year, but a portion of that was lost to hail, and only 48,500 acres is left to be harvested.

The crop is in the boll stage right now, Ragland said bolls are open now, but production in the plant has shut down.

"A week ago I had a producer ask whether or not he should water his cotton again," Ragland said. "I didn't recommend he water again. Some producers might need to water a couple more times, but it wouldn't pay most of them to do so."

Ragland said the main thing cotton producers are worried about now is when the first freeze will hit.

"If it (freeze) holds off until the middle of October, we should have a good crop."

He added that some growers may apply a defoliant.

## Hamburger feast set Saturday

In their ninth annual Beef Promotion Day, Dimmitt's Lions will cook and serve hamburgers to the public on the courthouse square Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature a "one-third pound hamburger deal for only \$3" to promote Castro County beef, according to project chairman Mark Bruegel.

Each serving will include a one-third pound hamburger with potato salad or potato chips, drink and "Beantime" beans supplied by Beantime Foods, Inc., of Plainview.

The Lions will set up their cookers, serving tables and ticket booth on the northwest corner of the square. Burgers will be served so that customers may either eat them at the Centennial Plaza, take them home or carry them to workers in the fields, Bruegel said.

The Lions Club started its annual "Beef Promotion Day" nine years ago to publicize the quality of Castro County beef. Through the years the club has served steaks, barbecue and hamburgers on the special day. The local cattle-feeding industry and related businesses cooperate by donating many of the supplies needed for the promotion.

Profits from the hamburger feast will help pay for such Lions Club projects as scholarships, eyeglasses for needy students, Boy Scouts, the Christmas food and toys program, etc.

## Weather

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

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Thursday	84	50	
Friday	92	51	.01
Saturday	82	49	
Sunday	89	50	
Monday	88	57	.04
Tuesday	75	57	
Wednesday	88	55	.03
September Moisture			.08
1993 Moisture			13.70

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# On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Howard and Maretta Smithson went to California with Clinton and Linda Smithson of Garland.

They visited with Howard's and Clinton's only living uncles.

The first uncle they visited with was Fred McCoy of Banning, Calif. Fred is the brother of Howard's and Clinton's mother, Maude. He is 81 years old.

The next visit was with 81-year-old Elmer Smithson of Fresno, Calif., a brother to the Smithson brothers' dad, Ben.

Other highlights of the trip included visits to the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon in Arizona; Hoover Dam and Las Vegas in Nevada; and San Joaquin Valley, Carmel, Pebble Beach and Golden Gate Bridge in California.

They took a guided tour through San Francisco and saw every point of interest in the town. They also stopped at Lake Tahoe.

After stopping there they headed back to Dimmitt, traveling through Utah and Colorado. They said it was an enjoyable trip, but they are glad to be home.

Rose Acker entertained with a backyard supper last Thursday evening. (But the flies were so bad, she decided to eat inside). Since it was Labor Day weekend, she decorated with red, white and blue. Flowers and dishes were in red, white and blue. She served hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, marinated zucchini squash, potato chips, broccoli dip, fruit salad and cookies. Those enjoying the evening were Charles and Rene Richard, Walter and Anita Schilling, William and

Rosetta Bellinghausen, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Clyde and Bobbi Damron, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Mary Acker, Mary Edna Hendrix and the Kinser boys. Vernice and Oleda were celebrating their birthdays.

Bernice Hill was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club which met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Bernice served lemon cookies for snacks and a coconut pound cake for dessert with the brown bag lunches. Bernice won high score and Johnnie Vannoy won second high. Others playing were Alma Kenmore,

Neva Hickey, Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Dugan Butler, Edith Graef, Emily Clingingsmith, Cleo Forson, Ferne Dickey, Ina Rae Cates, Susie Reeves and Mary Small.

Winston and Judy Waggoner entertained some of their family members over the weekend including their daughter and husband, Molly Gay and Joe Glenn Setliff of Lubbock, and Patti Waggoner and children, Lauren, Tyler and Tucker (Quentin had to work). They celebrated Tucker's fifth birthday on Sunday.

Anthony and Mary Mays and Wesley, Rhoda Mays, Scott and Sabrina Hiatt and children, Jennifer and Kimberly, enjoyed Labor Day weekend in Sierra Bonita. Jennifer had fun riding the go-carts at Red River. Others enjoyed the peace

and quiet in the mountains.

Arnold Acker and a friend came to Lubbock on business, so he called his mother, Rose Acker, to meet him in Plainview. Rose took Rosetta Bellinghausen with her and they met Arnold and ate at Furr's Cafeteria while enjoying a short visit.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Cleacy Winders Layman of Lubbock and Evanel Winders of Earth, who came with Dale and Marie Winders.

Our sympathy to the families of Jimmy Cluck, Weldon Bradley, Eunice Thornton, Stefanie Love and Donnie Davis.

Dr. Bob and Pat Brock of Palestine were in Dimmitt over the Labor Day weekend visiting with Bob's mother, Mable Brock. Their son, Reb Brock, is a football coach at Holland University in Las Vegas, N.M. and his team was playing Eastern New Mexico University. Bob and Pat went over for the game. Reb's team won 15-10. Bob and Pat brought their two grandsons, Logan and Tanner back to Dimmitt and then took them home with them for a two week's visit.

Dub and Dorothy Kenley from Tahoka were guests in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Paul and Barbara Kenley, over the Labor Day weekend.



**CLOSING IN**—Youngsters on horseback try to pop or capture each other's balloons during the "balloon race" at Fox's Kids' Rodeo Saturday afternoon, hosted by Donny and Janet McDaniel at their place east of Dimmitt. In center is Wesley Wright, who won the junior division contest; Cotty Mattox won the senior division balloon race. Approximately

70 youngsters from 5 through 12 competed in flags, balloon race, calf roping, calf riding, barrels, flags and dummy steer roping. This is the third year that the McDaniels have hosted the youngsters' rodeo at their arena, and a lot of friends and appreciative parents pitched in to help.

*Photo by Don Nelson*

## Design-a-sign contest is set

"Our 'welcome' is fading and we want to brighten it up," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

She said the tourism and promotion committee of the chamber has suggested updating the four "Welcome to Dimmitt" signs that are placed along the major roads coming into town.

"It is unclear whether we need to change our slogan and artwork, or if the signs just need a little uplift," said Roger Malone, chairman of the committee.

Committee members decided to sponsor a contest for sign designs. If a better slogan and artwork is submitted, then it will be adopted. Otherwise, the current signs will be repainted and fixed up.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 31, and winners will be announced at the 1994 Chamber Banquet. Design sketches should be in color if possible.

Things to emphasize in the signs include the current progressive attitude of Dimmitt, a humorous or friendly approach, and business opportunities or whatever image the designer feels should be projected.

## Women from Class of '74 will meet

Women from the Dimmitt High School Class of 1974 will meet Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dorothy Sheffy, 1000 Maple Street in Dimmitt to discuss plans for a 20-year reunion.

For more information contact Liz Murphy at 647-2047.

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Last week's winners:  
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# Police Calls

Gloria Galvan, 23, of Dimmitt, was arrested without incident Sept. 3 in the 100 block of S. Broadway on a harassment warrant concerning an Aug. 17 incident at Edwards' Laundry, 108 W. Jones.

The victim alleged that Galvan had called her on the phone asking about some tennis shoes. About 30 minutes later, the victim alleges that Galvan approached her at the laundry and threatened her.

Castro County sheriff's deputies are investigating three cases of criminal mischief reported in Nazareth on Monday night.

Deputies said a vehicle driven by a juvenile is alleged to have been turning donuts in the street. The vehicle kicked up gravel which broke out windows at the senior citizens center, Home Mercantile and a house. Deputies said there was a witness to the acts.

Deputies arrested two persons over the past week on warrants. Bobby Keith Tice, of Shallowater, was arrested in Potter County on local warrants for misdemeanor and felony driving while intoxicated charges.

Deputies also arrested Rita Martinez, 19, of Dimmitt on warrants for assault, bodily injury, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief. Martinez is free on bond.

Roland Stevens reported Tuesday that someone broke into a storage building near his house on U.S. Highway 385 south of Dimmitt. The culprits took several jars from the building and shot them in a field.

Deputies also said that two pigs reported stolen from pens northeast of Dimmitt had been found. The owner told deputies the pigs had

been misplaced.

Dimmitt police said a rifle reported last week as stolen from a pickup was found in the "victim's" house. A friend said he had taken it from the pickup and put it in the man's house without telling the owner.

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man told police he was assaulted by several persons wielding beer bottles and chains in an incident at Roadside Park on Monday night. The man has filed charges of aggravated assault with bodily injury.

Another less-violent assault was reported by a 39-year-old woman at the Roadside Park, on Sunday night.

Other reports included:

—A glazing panel broken out from the side of Dimmitt Middle School;

—A window broken out of a storm door at the Azteca Complex;

—Public disturbance in the 600 block of NW Sixth;

—Criminal mischief to a house in the 100 block of NW Ninth, including damage to a storm door, wooden door, windows and a hole in the kitchen wall;

—Golf clubs worth \$950 were stolen from a house in the 600 block of Oak on Sept. 3.

—Glass windows and screens were damaged at houses in the 700 block of Maple and the 600 and 700 blocks of W. Bedford on Sept. 4;

—CB radio, hood ornament and four baseball caps taken from a vehicle in the 800 block of W. Etter on Sept. 4;

—Simple assault at Bobcat Stadium at Friday's game;

—Terroristic threat in which a

person threatened to beat up a woman at the Azteca Complex on Sept. 5;

—A man was threatened by a man with a knife in the 400 block of W. Grant on Sunday night.

Accidents reported included a man driving in the 100 block of E. Jones at 7:35 p.m. on Sept. 3. The man reported that he was blinded by the sun and ran into a stop sign at the intersection of E. Jones and S. Broadway. Damage was minimal to the car and the sign.

Two vehicles received minor damage in an accident at 3:47 p.m. August 31 in the 400 block of NW Thjrd.

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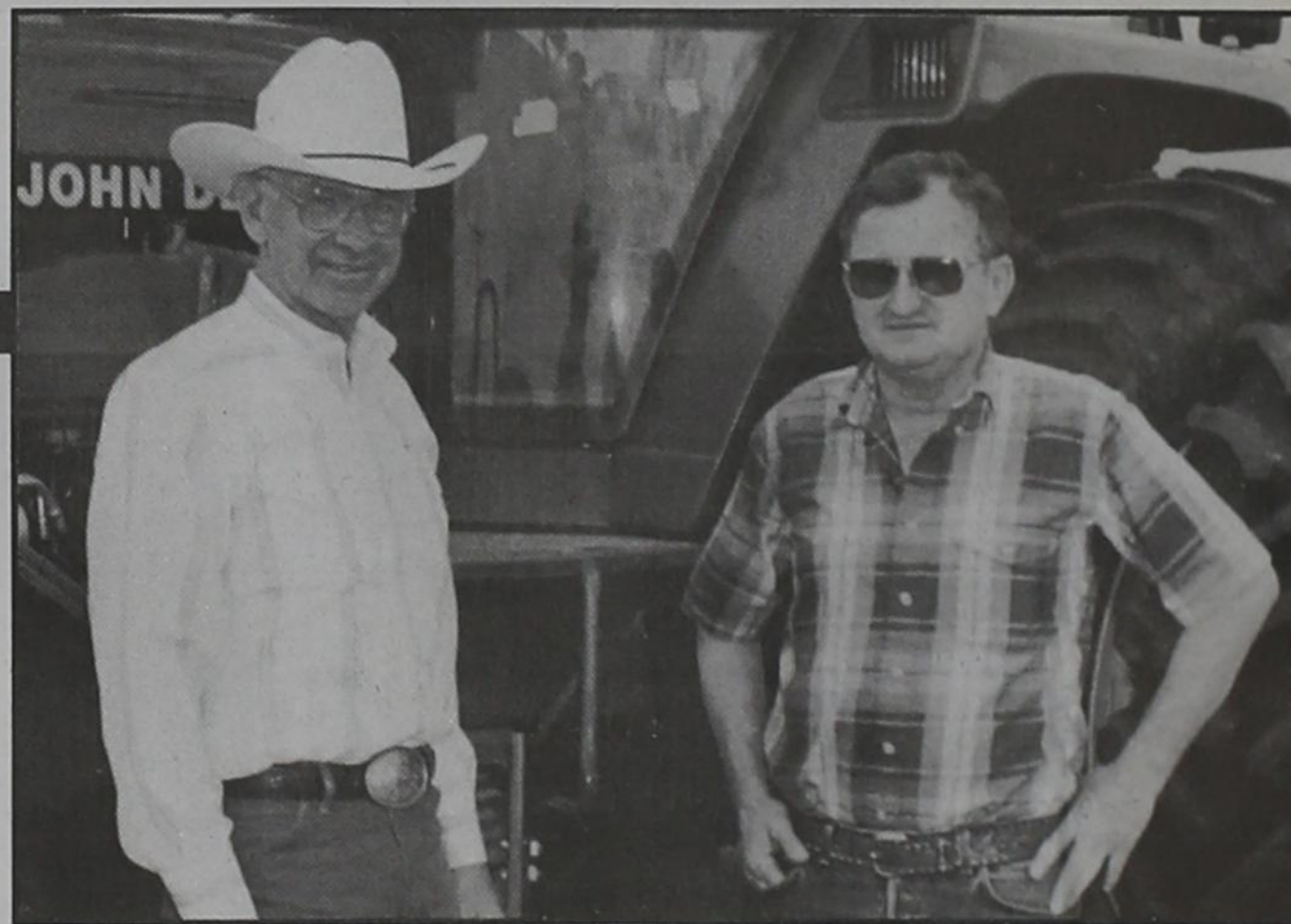
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### Castro County Hospital District

is pleased to announce a new service for area residents. A physician from Cardiology Associates of Lubbock, P.A. will be available at the hospital for clinical consultation.

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Tuesday, September 21st at 1 p.m.

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- B.H. Lee, M.D., 647-2194
- Gary Hardee, M.D., 647-5162
- B.D. Murphy, M.D., 647-5255
- D.H. Patel, M.D., 647-2194
- Kelly S. Parrson, R.P.A., 938-2320
- Laura K. Schmid, R.P.A., 647-5162
- Liz Murphy, R.P.A., 647-5162

# Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Labor Day weekend parish picnic was very well attended by both young and old parishioners and area residents. The celebration offers a good chance to visit with out-of-town friends.

The parade began at 10 a.m. and all participants completed the route twice, giving spectators a second look at all the work which went into each float.

The theme this year was *All That Naz*, meaning "all those things that residents associate with being in Nazareth."

The American Legion Auxiliary's float won first place, Catholic Daughters' float was second, the Heritage Museum's entry was third and the Catholic Youth Organization's float earned honorable mention. Judges were Don Nelson, Vic Brockman and Jonalyn Jones.

An excellent beef dinner was served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to 826 people. A big thanks to Clyde Schulte and his crew who cooked and sliced the beef; and to Ethel Schmucker, co-chairman, and Teresa Birkenfeld, chairman of the meal. They offer a big thanks to everyone for their great cooperation in their specific jobs and for all the fresh garden produce which was donated. Thanks to the hamburger supper crew with Twila Williams, chairman, and Suzy Jones, co-chairman. They served between 950 and 1,000 hamburgers.

The afternoon was busy with many outdoor activities, children's indoor games, auction and flea market, firemen's benefit, raffle and a dance in the evening.

The graduating class of 1953 met at the 19th Hole Cafe Saturday evening to celebrate their 40th reunion. Present were Evelyn (Stork) Hill, Estelle (Hoelting) Keys, Grace (Schacher) Holly, Irene (Schacher) Acker, Mary Ann (Acker) Waltercheid, Gin (Burt) Huseman, Catherine (Backus) Huseman, Don Acker, Floyd Schulte, Clyde Hoelting, Edwin Schacher and Michael Schacher.

Not attending were Elmer Huseman and Phyllis (Acker) Podzemny.

They gathered a few statistics: Evelyn and Estelle traveled the farthest; Estelle and Floyd had the

most "gray" in their hair; Phyllis, Catherine and Gin had the most children with 10 apiece; Catherine had the most grandchildren with 31; Dennis and Irene each had been married 40 years; and Evelyn has held the most jobs. The group has 78 children between them and 108 grandchildren. "Least changed" was Don Acker and Irene Acker.

Emil Ehly is recuperating at home after being treated several days in High Plains Baptist Hospital for back injury problems.

Prayers are asked for Beverly Schulte's mother, Leotis McDaniel of Petersburg. She is a cancer patient in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Prayers are asked for Brenda Schulte's father, Zip Durrett, who is a patient in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

Sister Josella Birkenfeld, Sister Jane Francis Brockman and Sister DeChantel Hyland, all of Fort Smith, Ark., are here visiting with relatives.

Rose Birkenfeld's niece, Lucille Gardner and a friend from Wichita Falls, visited here recently. Rose's brother-in-law, Mike Birkenfeld and his wife, Audrey, of Rhineland, visited with relatives here over the weekend.

Rosena Albracht of Amarillo and daughter, Shirley Skarke of Umbarger visited with Albracht and Gerber relatives over Labor Day. They also visiting with Helen Backus at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, and with friends in Hereford.

Wayne Heiman, Denny and Pill Heiman, Rodney and Mona Schulte, Ted and Deanna Huseman, Darrin Heiman and a friend from Hereford, and Craig Huseman enjoyed a weekend in Ruidoso, N.M. recently.

Sue and Neal Dobmeier and family of Odessa and Jean Williams and boys of Nashville, Tenn., visited here with the Leonard Schulte family. Jean plans to spend a month here while her husband,

Lynn, is on tour with his band in California. Bernie and Lou Wethington and sons, and Don and Brenda Schulte and girls joined the family in hosting a dinner in Amarillo in honor of Leonard and Jimmie Schulte's 43rd wedding anniversary. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Bridget Birkenfeld was in Nazareth visiting with her father, Leslie Birkenfeld, and grandmother, Rose Birkenfeld.

Patrick Birkenfeld, son of Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld, is doing fine after undergoing treatment in Oklahoma for a heart problem. He is recuperating at home in Lubbock.

## DMS names honor winner

Omar Torres has been named "Student of the Week" in Mrs. Damron's fourth grade class at Dimmitt Middle School.

Omar is the son of Cristino and Maria Torres.

Omar's birthday is May 17, and is favorite book is *Saved By The Bell Crew*. "My school helps me be smart," said Omar, who loves baseball, pizza, and teradactyls. His wish is "that I could fly."

## CofC plans crafts show

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will hold its first arts and crafts show, *Gallery of Gifts*, on Oct. 23 at the Castro County Expo Building.

The show will take the place of the arts and crafts show which had been held each December.

It will be a "juried" show, and pictures of booth items must be submitted for approval in the show.

Brenda Bruton, chairman of the show, and her steering committee, Connie Morris, Paula Graham, Sherry Wilkerson and June Sutton, will be calling on Chamber members to help with the show.

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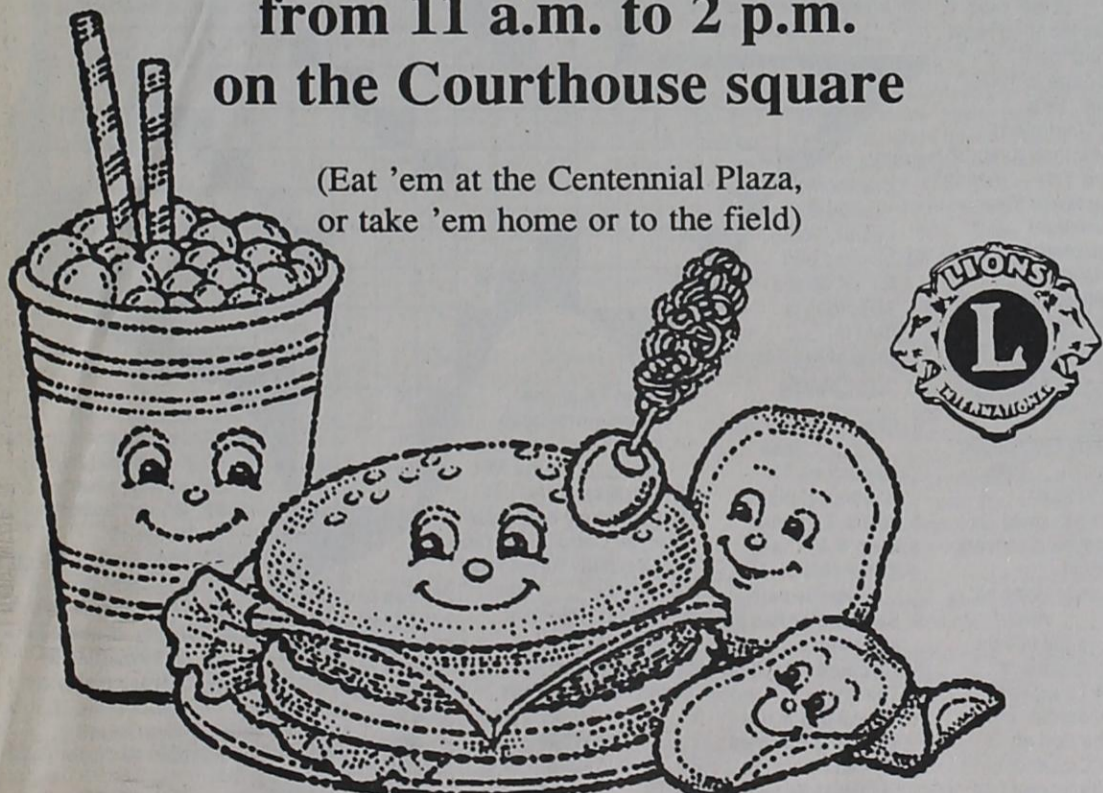
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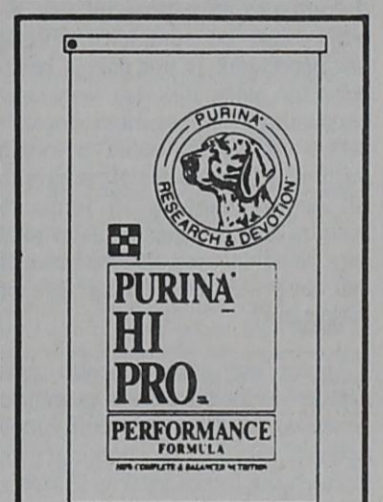
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## Guest editorial

### Playing the numbers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This editorial was printed in the Aug. 26 issue of *The Canadian Record*.)

Bill Sarpalius is touring the Panhandle these days facing an angry constituency which has been talked into believing that President Clinton's budget plan, which he supported, is going to destroy the American Dream.

If you believe that, you really have been dreaming. It's time to wake up and smell the con. The next time someone tries to tell you how much this new plan will cost you, notice how thick their wallet is. And if you're still waiting for trickle down, you might apply the same thickness gauge to your brain.

Remember David Stockman, director of President Reagan's Office of Management and Budget? In his 1986 memoir, *The Triumph of Politics*, he acknowledged that before the Reagan tax cuts, the budget had been relatively close to balanced and that the government was "fairly solvent." When Reagan took office in 1981, the national debt was \$994 billion and the Republicans were in control of the Senate. By 1986, the debt had more than doubled, and by the time George Bush left office, it had doubled again.

Regan's tax and budget legislation was a gift to the wealthy, awarded at the expense of every other income group. In the first four years, families earning over

\$200,000 made a net gain of \$17,000 in reduced taxes, while families making \$8,000 to \$13,500 experienced a net loss of about \$1,000 in lowered benefits and increased taxes.

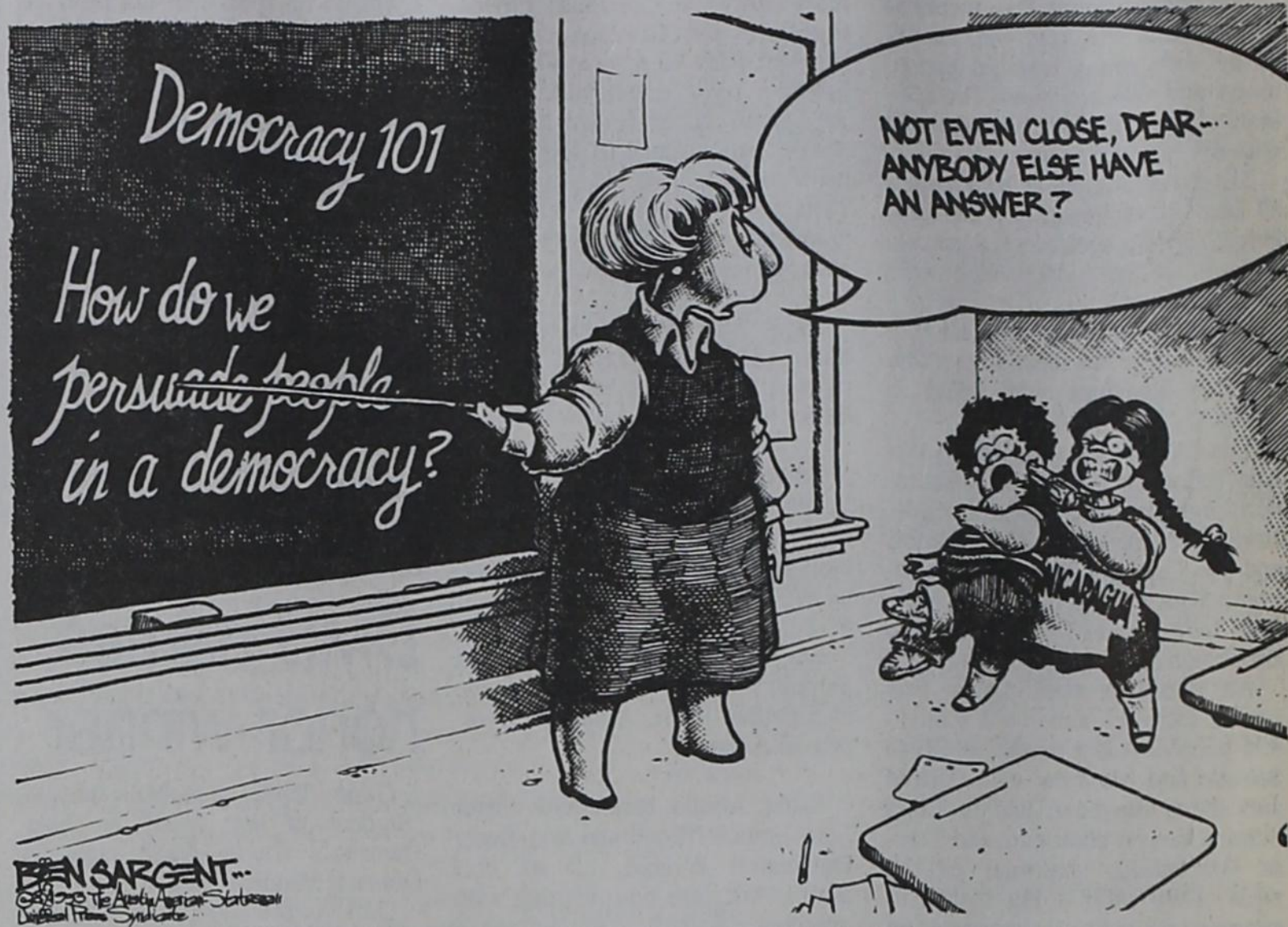
That's \$8,000 to \$13,500. . . You try living on it. Those families earning more than \$200,000 a year are the same ones who will feel the effects of the President's tax increase—and if that represents the middle class, then 99% of us folks are deeper in the economic cellar than most of us realized.

Tired of numbers? Don't really trust them? Then let's try some simple ones.

How many people do you know who cannot afford to own their own home? How many families in which both parents work? How many of those who can't afford to buy a home, or to make the payments on the one they own? How many people who hold more than one job? Earning less than one salary? Working longer than eight-hour days? How many of those who can't afford to buy a home, or a car, or groceries? How many people are uninsured or underinsured, or who cannot afford the insurance they have? How many of those. . . Well, you get the idea.

Now, how many of those—any of those people—are earning over \$200,000 a year?

The figure you end up with is the bottom line. And those people were well represented by Bill Sarpalius,



### Passage of NAFTA will hurt Americans, Mexicans

By CHERYL REYNOLDS

If you've been paying attention to the news media in recent months, then you've been hit by a barrage of stories about why the North American Free Trade Agreement is going to be good for working people in the United States.

But let me ask a couple of questions:

Have you noticed that the biggest supporters of NAFTA are wealthy businesspeople, corporate managers and politicians supported by wealthy political contributors? Does that make you feel more confident, or does it make you feel uneasy?

Consider the following recent incidents:

\* A group of Mexican truckers were recently fired in Juarez (across from El Paso) because they tried to form a union independent of the government-controlled unions. Their employer had been cheating them on pay, but the Mexican government refused to help them.

US Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio discovered that a company had set up a plant inside a Juarez prison using "free" prison labor to make products to sell in the US. But the US Customs service ruled the practice was fine because the prisoners "weren't manufacturing anything, they were just providing services!"

\* A US congressional delegation touring an industrial park in Matamoros (across from Brownsville) watched as a chicken drank some water from a canal alongside the maquiladora plant. After the chicken took its drink, it gagged and coughed up blood, then keeled over dead. Tests showed the canal water was polluted with mercury, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylenes, sulfur dioxide, methyl mercaptan and other dangerous chemicals.

Basically, NAFTA is not a trade treaty—it is an investment treaty for multinational corporations. It sets up the deal by which the wealthy and powerful can safely make larger profits on their transnational investments while protecting their money and property interests.

These incidents explain why so many of us are steadfastly opposed to NAFTA. The agreement, as negotiated with its weak side agreements on worker rights and environmental protection, is badly flawed.

In Mexico, the freedom to pollute the air, water and land saves multinational corporations billions of dollars. It also poisons Mexican workers and natural resources. NAFTA won't stop that.

Nor will NAFTA protect the rights of Mexican workers. Child labor, wages of 75 cents an hour, 80-hour work weeks without overtime pay, no sick leave or vacation time, no health benefits, no retirement, dangerous working conditions—these are the conditions of Mexican employment.

Supporters of NAFTA will tell you that cheap wages and low overhead in Mexico allow companies to hold down costs of consumer goods imported to the US. As a result, we'll save money.

But multinational companies already import many autos, electronic goods, clothes, etc., from Mexico. Have you noticed consumer costs decreasing? Actually, the companies pocket the savings and increase their profit margins. They do not—and will not—lower costs to consumers.

So just what would the NAFTA treaty protect? It protects investment money and property. If Mexico threatens corporate investments or property (patents, etc.), then NAFTA imposes severe trade sanctions.

The side agreements recently negotiated regarding worker rights and environmental protection provide no such trade sanctions. The side agreements have no teeth; they are political window-dressing intended to fool Americans.

If NAFTA was negotiated as it should be, it would integrate economic systems, social systems and labor and environmental protections—as is happening with the countries in the European Community. By focusing only on corporate investments and property, NAFTA fails to respond to human needs and is bound to cause heartache everywhere.

The cost to you and me could be our jobs. If the NAFTA deal is done, it will threaten the jobs of about 7.4 million US workers in manufacturing and spinoff industries. Corporations will move those jobs to Mexico. The rich will get richer—but at the expense of middle-class working Americans.

Meanwhile, NAFTA supporters keep talking about the millions of jobs NAFTA will create in the US. But when asked to be specific about those jobs—where? what kind?—they never have answers.

As it stands, NAFTA is a flawed deal. It treats human beings and the environment as less important than money and property, truly an upside-down priority of ethical values.

A NAFTA which protects human life and natural resources would be acceptable. The people of Mexico need that kind of partnership, and we in the US would support it.

But on Labor Day 1993, we say, "Not this NAFTA."

Cheryl Reynolds is president of the Amarillo Central Labor Council, the area federation of labor union members.

### Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027..)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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### A View From the Hill

By Congressman BILL SARPALIUS



If you currently have health care coverage for your family, you are one of the lucky ones.

Every month, two million people lose their health care coverage. Over the next two years, one out of every four Americans, or 63 million people, will be without health coverage at some point. The illness of a small child can financially devastate a family without health care coverage. Something has to be done about this crisis, and it has to be done now.

Since 1980, our nation's health costs have nearly quadrupled. By the year 2000, if the health care system is not reformed, one of every \$5 our nation spends will go to health care. It is the number one entitlement driving this nation further in debt.

Without reform, health care cost increases will eat up more than half of \$738 billion in new federal revenue expected over the next four years. Health care spending will rise from 14% of Gross Domestic

Product to almost 20% by the year 2000.

Rising health costs mean lower wages, higher prices for goods and services and higher taxes. The average worker today would be earning \$1,000 more a year if the cost of health insurance had not risen faster than wages over the previous 15 years. If the cost of health care continues at the current pace, wages will go down another \$650 by the year 2000.

In a review of the US economy, the International Monetary Fund has said that the new deficit-reduction program is a significant step, but added it is crucial that the new health care plan reduce the deficit further.

Congress soon will begin looking at different ways to attack the health care crisis. Finding a solution will not be easy, but every member of Congress is determined to do all that can be done to make sure Americans never again lose their health coverage.

The health care reform package must do several things. First, it must offer health insurance to those who don't have any, while at the same time, reducing the deficit over the coming years. The package also needs to limit increases in spending on federal Medicare and Medicaid programs, thereby again helping to reduce the deficit.

We must also work to improve the quality of health care. The system is biased toward specialty care, rather than more cost-effective preventive and primary care. The current system waits until you're sick before it starts to work. It should be promoting good health.

Let's also take into consideration the amount of paperwork that always must be completed. Filling out paperwork is not only a headache for most, it's also very time consuming. The average doctor's office spends 80 hours a month pushing paper. Nurses often have to fill out as many as 19 forms to account for one person's hospital stay. Wouldn't we all feel better if that time was used taking care of the patient?

Under our current health care system we have failed to guarantee American families the security they deserve. If we do nothing, we threaten the future security of every American family and business—and the long-term health of our economy. If we do nothing, costs will continue to rise and quality will continue to deteriorate.

President Clinton's health care reform package is still being finalized, and it is premature for me to say whether I support the package. But something needs to be done, and I believe this time, something will be done.

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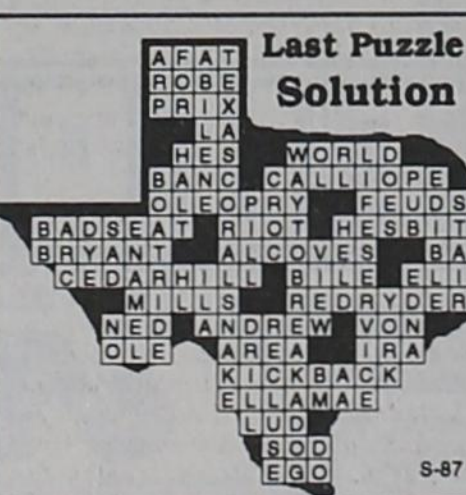


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**ACROSS**

1 Lubbock's Buddy Holly tune: "\_\_\_ On"

5 This Jack was in "The Texas Wheelers"

6 large birds raised on some TX ranches

7 Edwards Aquifer is \_\_\_ source of drinking water for San Antonio

8 TX Pride was '71 CMA \_\_\_ of the Year

16 Dallas Morning News banned them from front page in 1907

17 TXism: 'he's \_\_\_' (not alert)

21 TX Mandrell tune: "If Loving You \_\_\_ Wrong"

22 Olney hosts "One-Armed Dove"

23 TX rancher Chuck Norris was \_\_\_ weight karate champ

24 TXism: 'couldn't fight his way out of \_\_\_ bag'

29 TXism: "\_\_\_ up on" (study)

30 TX Lefty Frizzell hit: "Always \_\_\_ With Your Kisses"

31 Cisco h.s. class

32 biggest oil discovery was East \_\_\_

34 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not \_\_\_ Away"

35 Nolan's full initials recently done to Capitol's exterior

37 This Meredith was in "The Son of Davy Crockett"

38 TX Kite stroke

**DOWN**

13 West TX plains tribes were these

14 in '92 Cowboys were the \_\_\_ in the NFL

15 real ornerly

18 this school beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)

19 TX outlaw Ringo rode with the \_\_\_ gang

20 TXism: 'cold as a banker's \_\_\_'

22 TX Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)

24 Austin band: Asleep \_\_\_ The Wheel

25 Corpus Christi is 70 \_\_\_ cent water

34 penalty point tries by the Spurs (2 wds.)

35 sane or clear

37 TXism: 'spittin' image of'

38 Paris hosts Chili du \_\_\_ Chili Cookoff

40 TX Hagman show: "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"

41 Andrews AM/FM

44 Galveston movie: "Capricorn \_\_\_"

47 Texans were \_\_\_ after '93 Super Bowl



**FIRST-PLACE FLOAT** in Nazareth's Labor Day parade Sunday was this creation by the American Legion Auxiliary. The float followed the celebration's theme of "All That Naz," and featured something from life in the city—trophies, a replica of the church, farming, school activities and more.

The organization received \$100 for its first-place entry. Second place and \$75 was presented to the Catholic Daughters and third-place and a \$50 prize was awarded to the Nazareth Heritage Museum.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Sunnyside

By Tereny Bowden, 647-5703

.40 inch of rain was received Monday morning. On Aug. 31 at 6:30 a.m. it was 54 degrees with high wind; at 8:30 a.m. it was 56 degrees with wind still high. Sept. 1 it was 48 degrees at 8 a.m.

Randy Bills took R.V. Bills to the emergency room in Dimmitt on Wednesday night. He was not hospitalized but was treated about two hours. He was doing okay Monday morning. Richard and Larry Bills also went to be with him.

Billie and Emma Jean King had a house guest Aug. 16-18, Alice Collyer of Fort Worth. She spent each of those nights with them and visited in Dimmitt and Flagg with other friends.

Tereny Bowden attended the Castro County Historical Commission meeting Thursday at Rhoads Memorial Library. It was the regular quarterly meeting. The attendance was small, but several items of business were taken care of. Glenda Turnello and children

Jazz and Alex of El Paso spent the Labor Day weekend with Glenn and La Wanda Wilson and Melinda and Brian Thomas. Alan Turnello was hunting with a friend.

Billie and Francis King attended a gun show Saturday morning in Lubbock. Emma Jean and Mary visited.

Harold Temple of Wayland filled the pulpit Sunday. Mrs. Temple came with him and brought special music. The revival will be Sept. 12-15. If you like music, you should attend. Donna Clark, wife of the Rev. Glenn Clark, will have charge of all the song services. They will be using the sound system as well as some other instruments she is bringing. A fellowship meal will follow each service.

Billie and Emma Jean King visited in Earth with Marshall and Kaye King to help Lincoln and Emma Jean King celebrate their birthdays. They will be celebrating Kaye's soon.



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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1993

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Texas Legislature to provide for the issuance of bonds for the state financing of start-up costs for historically underutilized businesses. The amendment provides that the legislature by law may establish a Texas historically underutilized business capital growth and start-up fund. The money in the fund may be used without further appropriation and only for a program established by the legislature to aid in the start-up costs of a historically underutilized business, as defined by the legislature. To carry out the program, the legislature may issue up to \$50 million of general obligation bonds to provide funding. The legislature may require review and approval of the issuance of bonds, the use of the bond proceeds, or of the rules adopted by an agency to govern use of the bond proceeds. Bonds authorized by the amendment constitute a general obligation of the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the issuance of \$50 million of general obligation bonds for the recovery and further development of the state's economy and for increasing job opportunities and other benefits for Texas residents through state financing of the start-up costs of historically underutilized businesses."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 86 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature, by general law, to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of real and personal property used, constructed, acquired, or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed rules or regulations adopted by any environmental protection agency of the United States, Texas, or a political subdivision of this state for the prevention, monitoring, control, or reduction of air, water, or land pollution. The amendment applies to real and personal property used as a facility, device, or method for the control of air, water, or land pollution that would otherwise be taxable for the first time on or after January 1, 1994. The amendment does not authorize the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real or personal property that was subject to a tax abatement agreement executed before January 1, 1994.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to promote the reduction of pollution and to encourage the preservation of jobs by authorizing the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real and personal property used for the control of air, water, or land pollution."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to clear land titles in which the State of Texas relinquishes and releases any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an undivided one-third interest in and to the lands and minerals within the Shelby, Frazier, and McCormick League (now located in Fort Bend and Austin counties) arising out of the interest in that league originally granted under the Mexican Colonization Law of 1823 to John McCormick on or about July 24, 1824, and subsequently voided by the governing body of Austin's Original Colony on or about December 15, 1830. Title to such interest in the lands and minerals is confirmed to the owners of the remaining interests in such lands and minerals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim in a fractional interest, arising out of the voiding of an interest under a Mexican land grant, to the owners of certain property in Fort Bend and Austin counties."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 49 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prohibit a state personal income tax without voter approval and would dedicate the proceeds of any income tax, if enacted, to property tax relief and education. The amendment provides that a general law enacted by the legislature that imposes a tax on the net incomes of natural persons, including a person's share of partnership and unincorporated association income, must provide that the portion of the law imposing the tax not take effect until approved by a majority of the registered voters voting in a statewide referendum held on the question of imposing the tax. The referendum must specify the rate of the tax that will apply to taxable income.

The amendment also provides that a general law enacted by the legislature that increases the rate of the tax, or changes the tax in a manner that results in an increase in the combined income tax liability of all persons subject to the tax, may not take effect until approved by a majority of the registered voters voting in a statewide referendum held on the question of increasing the income tax. The referendum must specify the manner in which the proposed law would increase the combined tax liability of all persons subject to the tax. The legislature may repeal, or amend without increasing, a tax approved by the voters without submitting the amendment or the repeal to the voters. If the legislature repeals a tax approved by the voters, the legislature may only reenact the tax without voter approval if the effective date of the reenactment of the tax is within one year of the effective date of the repeal of the tax.

The amendment also provides that, in the first year in which an income tax is imposed, and during the first year of any increase in the tax, not less than two-thirds of all net revenues from the tax shall be used to reduce the rate of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes levied for the support of primary and secondary education. In subsequent years, not less than two-thirds of all net revenues of the tax shall be used to continue such ad valorem tax relief. The net revenues of the tax remaining after the dedication of money for reduction of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes shall be used for support of education. The maximum rate at which a school district may impose ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes is reduced by an amount equal to one cent per \$100 valuation that the school district's ad valorem maintenance and operation tax is reduced by the minimum amount of money dedicated under the amendment, provided that a school district may subsequently increase the maximum ad valorem maintenance and operation tax rate if the increased maximum rate is approved by a majority of the voters of the school district voting at an election called and held for that purpose. The portions of the amendment relating to dedicating tax revenues to reduce the rate of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes apply on or after the first January 1 after the date on which an income tax takes effect, except that if the income tax begins to apply on a January 1, the amendment applies to ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes levied on or after that date.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting a personal income tax without voter approval and, if an income tax is enacted, dedicating the revenue to education and limiting the rate of local school taxes."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 18 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of sheriffs. Currently, the constitution authorizes the legislature to prescribe the duties, perquisites, and fees of office, but not the qualifications for the office of sheriff.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of sheriffs."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of county surveyor in Jackson County. The amendment also provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the county surveyor to be transferred to the county officer designated by the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment abolishing the office of county surveyor in Jackson County."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 57 proposes a constitutional amendment that repeals article XII, section 6, of the Texas Constitution, which currently provides that no corporation shall issue stock or bonds except for money paid, labor done, or property actually received, and that all fictitious increase of stock or indebtedness shall be void.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment repealing certain restrictions on the ability of corporations to raise capital."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the commissioners court of McLennan County to call an election to abolish the office of county surveyor. The office of county surveyor will be abolished if a majority of the qualified voters of McLennan County voting on the question favor the abolition. If the office of county surveyor is abolished, the amendment requires the maps, field notes, and other records in the custody of the county surveyor to be transferred to the county clerk of McLennan County. After abolition, the amendment also grants the commissioners court of McLennan County the authority to employ or contract with a qualified person to perform any of the functions that would have been performed by the county surveyor if the office had not been abolished.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county surveyor in McLennan County."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to article VIII, section 13 of the Texas Constitution that would modify the provisions for the redemption of real property sold at a tax sale. The amendment deletes current language in article VIII, section 13 that allows the legislature to provide for the sale of property without trial to pay for delinquent taxes. It also states that the deed to the new owner vests a good and perfect title subject only to redemption as set out in this amendment or impeachment for fraud. Language is added limiting application of the current two-year redemption period to former owners of residence homesteads and land designated for agricultural use sold for unpaid taxes. When property is sold as the result of a suit to enforce collection of unpaid taxes, the amendment would allow the legislature to limit redemption to property used as a residence homestead or designated for agricultural use at the time the suit was filed. The amendment creates a second type of redemption for former owners of real property when property is neither a residence homestead, nor designated for agricultural use. These owners would have a six-month period in which to redeem their property by paying the amount of money paid for the property, including the Tax Deed Recording Fee, all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs paid plus an amount not exceeding 25 percent of the aggregate total. The amendment applies to redemption of properties sold at a tax sale for which the purchaser's deed is filed on or after January 1, 1994. For redemption of properties sold at a tax sale for which the purchaser's deed was filed before January 1, 1994, the former law is applicable and remains in effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to modify the provisions for the redemption of real property sold at a tax sale."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that adds a

new section 49-b-2 to article III of the Texas Constitution. This new section provides that, in addition to the general obligation bonds authorized to be issued and sold by the Veterans' Land Board (the "Board") by sections 49-b (\$950 million) and 49-b-1 (\$1.3 billion) of article III, the board may provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed \$750 million to provide financing to Texas veterans. \$250 million of the bonds authorized by this new section shall be used to augment the Veterans' Land Fund (the "Land Fund"). The Land Fund shall be used by the Board to purchase lands situated in Texas owned by the United States government, an agency of the United States government, the State of Texas, a political subdivision or agency of the State of Texas, or a person, firm, or corporation. The lands shall be sold to veterans in quantities, on terms, at prices, and at fixed, variable, floating, or other rates of interest determined by the Board. Lands in the Land Fund that are offered for sale to veterans and that are not sold may be sold or resold to the purchasers in quantities, terms, prices, and rates of interest determined by the Board.

New section 49-b-2 creates the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II (the "Housing Fund II"), and \$500 million of the general obligation bonds authorized by the section shall be used for the Housing Fund II. The Housing Fund II is a separate and distinct fund from the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund (the "Housing Fund") established under section 49-b-1 of article III. Money in the Housing Fund II shall be administered by the Board and shall be used to make home mortgage loans to veterans for housing within this state in quantities, on terms, and at fixed, variable, floating, or other rates of interest determined by the Board. The principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by this section for the benefit of the Housing Fund II shall be paid out of the money of the Housing Fund II. The principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by section 49-b-1 of article III for the benefit of the Housing Fund shall be paid out of money in the Housing Fund. If there is not enough money in the Land Fund, the Housing Fund, or the Housing Fund II, as the case may be, available to pay the principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by this section or by sections 49-b or 49-b-1 of article III, there is appropriated out of the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds that mature or become due during that fiscal year.

If the Board determines that assets from the Land Fund, the Housing Fund, or the Housing Fund II are not required for purposes of the fund, the Board may transfer the assets to another of those funds or use the assets to secure revenue bonds issued by the Board. The revenue bonds shall be special obligations of the Board and payable only from and secured by receipts of the funds, assets transferred from the funds, and other revenues as determined by the Board and shall not constitute indebtedness of the State of Texas or the Board. The Board may issue revenue bonds from time to time, which bonds may not exceed an aggregate principal amount that the Board determines can be fully retired from the receipts of the funds. The revenue bonds shall be sold in forms, denominations, and in installments, and bear a rate or rates of interest as the Board determines.

The general obligation bonds authorized to be issued by the Board by this section or by sections 49-b and 49-b-1 of article III shall be issued and sold in forms and denominations, on terms, at times, in the manner, at places, in installments, and shall bear a rate or rates of interest the Board determines. The bonds shall be incontestable after execution by the Board, approval by the Attorney General of Texas, and delivery to the purchaser.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing issuance of \$750 million in general obligation bonds to augment the Veterans' Land Fund and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund and to fund the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment relating to the duties of trustees of local retirement systems which provide retirement and related disability and death benefits for public officers and employees and that do not belong to a statewide retirement system. The amendment provides that the

board of trustees of such a system shall (1) administer the system of benefits; (2) hold the assets of the system for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the system; and (3) select legal counsel and an actuary and adopt sound actuarial assumptions to be used by the system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing that the trustees of a local pension system must administer the system for the benefit of the system's participants and beneficiaries."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 23 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that any person accused of a violent or sexual offense committed while under the supervision of a criminal justice agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state for a prior felony may, after a hearing and evidence substantially showing the guilt of the accused, be denied bail pending trial. If the accused is not, however, accorded a trial within 60 days from the time of his incarceration upon the accusation or indictment, the order denying bail shall be set aside unless a continuance is obtained upon the request of the accused. In the amendment, the term "violent offense" means murder, aggravated assault (if a deadly weapon was used or exhibited during the commission of the assault), aggravated kidnapping, or aggravated robbery. The term "sexual offense" means aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, or indecency with a child.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting the denial of bail to certain persons charged with certain violent or sexual offenses committed while under the supervision of a criminal justice agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes a constitutional amendment that amends article VII, section 17(a), of the Texas Constitution to provide that, of the \$100 million currently appropriated by that section for the use of public institutions of higher education during each fiscal year, those institutions may also utilize this money to pay for acquiring, constructing, or equipping or for major repair or rehabilitation of buildings, facilities, or other permanent improvements, or capital equipment used jointly for educational and general activities and for auxiliary enterprises to the extent of their use for educational and general activities. For the five-year period beginning on September 1, 2000, and for each five-year period thereafter, the legislature, during a regular session that is nearest, but preceding, a five-year period may, by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house, increase the amount of the \$100 million constitutional appropriation for the five-year period. The amendment also reflects name changes that have been made to some of the institutions of higher education for which such funding is available. The amendment adds the Texas State Technical College System to those institutions eligible to receive such funding, but limits its allocation of the annual appropriation to 2.2 percent of the total appropriation each fiscal year. The amendment also provides that each governing board authorized to participate in the distribution of money under article III, section 17, may also issue bonds and notes for the purposes of refunding bonds or notes issued under that section or prior law for the purposes of acquiring capital equipment, library books and library materials, paying for acquiring, constructing, or equipping or for major repair or rehabilitation of buildings, facilities, other permanent improvements, or capital equipment used jointly for educational and general activities and for auxiliary enterprises to the extent of their use for educational and general activities. The amendment deletes language in article III, section 17, which authorizes the legislature to designate a single agency to issue such bonds or notes in lieu of the governing bodies, and to transfer to that agency the authority to collect and pledge money to the payment of such bonds and notes as directed by the governing body of each eligible institution. Funds appropriated under article III, section 17, may not be used for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing, or rehabilitating buildings or other permanent im-

provements that are to be used only for student housing, intercollegiate athletics, or auxiliary enterprises.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the amount and expenditure of certain constitutionally dedicated funding for public institutions of higher education."

### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment that adds a new subsection (e) to article III, section 49-h, of the Texas Constitution. The new subsection provides that, in addition to the amounts authorized by subsections (a) (\$500 million), (c) (\$400 million), and (d) (\$1.1 billion) of section 49-h, the legislature may authorize the issuance of up to \$1 billion in general obligation bonds and may use the proceeds of the bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new corrections institutions, including youth corrections institutions, and mental health and mental retardation institutions and for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those corrections and mental health and mental retardation facilities. The amendment also provides that the provisions of subsection (a) of section 49-h, relating to the review and approval of bonds, and the provisions of subsection (b) of section 49-h, relating to the status of the bonds as a general obligation of the state and to the manner in which the principal and interest on the bonds are paid, apply to bonds authorized by this amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for projects relating to facilities of corrections and mental health and mental retardation institutions."

### PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the county commissioners court of a county to call an election to abolish the office of county surveyor. The office of county surveyor is abolished if a majority of voters of the county voting in the election approve the measure. If the office of county surveyor is abolished, the maps, field notes, and other records of the county surveyor are transferred to the county officer or employee designated by the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to permit the voters of a county to decide, at an election called by the commissioners court, whether to abolish the office of county surveyor in the county."

### PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 44 proposes an amendment to article III, section 49-i(b) of the Texas Constitution, which currently limits the principal amount of bonds outstanding at one time for the Texas agricultural fund to \$25 million and for the rural microenterprise development fund to \$5 million. The amendment would raise the principal amount limit for the Texas agricultural fund to \$100 million. The amendment would also make the principal amount limit for each fund apply to the total principal amounts of both bonds and notes issued or sold rather than just the principal amounts of bonds outstanding at one time.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing up to a total of \$100 million in bonds and notes to be issued or sold to finance the Texas agricultural fund for providing financial assistance to develop, increase, improve, or expand the production, processing, marketing, or export of crops or products grown or produced primarily in this state by agricultural businesses domiciled in the state."

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# People



Raiford Malone and Michele Bradley

## Malone, Bradley to wed

Lou Ann Hays Bradley of Denton and Michael R. Bradley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michele Bradley, to Raiford Malone, son of Dr. and Mrs. David H. Malone.

The couple plan to exchange vows at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Southmont Baptist Church in Denton.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Denton High School. She is a senior at University of North Texas in Denton and currently is manager of the Candy Haven in Denton.

The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Denton High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology this year from University of North Texas. He is employed by Calhoun Middle School in Denton as an instructor of physical education and girls' athletics.

## Breast screening clinic set Monday

A breast cancer screening clinic will be offered in Dimmitt Monday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Exams will be performed by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or 806-359-4673.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. This includes the x-ray, physical breast exam, and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Dept. of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

The community outreach clinic is operated under the breast cancer screening program of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital, both of Amarillo, and the Mobile Mammography Unit will be here.

Early detection of breast cancer is the major goal of cancer control. The clinic will provide low-cost screening mammography, which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self examination, and a mammogram.

Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection, which is best done by following the guidelines recommended by

the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer.

The guidelines are to learn and perform breast self examination every month, have a physical examination every year, and have a mammogram according to the following recommendations by age: one baseline mammogram by the age of 40, a mammogram every one to two years for those age 40 to 49, and yearly mammograms for those over 50.

## PCS may help pay for utilities

Panhandle Community Services has funds available to help with utility bills for eligible homeowners.

"If you have had a crisis within the last 30 days, we may be able to help with your gas and/or electric services," said a spokesperson for PCS.

PCS will consider a case if an applicant has had unusually high medical bills, unusually high car repairs, unusually high utility bills, has lost a job or benefits have run out, or has had unusually high funeral expenses or emergency travel.

To determine if an applicant is eligible, PCS requests the following information: proof of household income, social security cards for all household members, unpaid gas and electric bills, and a written statement describing the crisis.

The service will end Sept. 30, according to PCS.

For more information, contact PCS at 114 West Jones in Dimmitt or call 647-3244 for an appointment.

## Hospice offers help

Crown of Texas Hospice will offer a bereavement and support group seminar Monday evenings in September at the Blue Room of the Hereford Senior Center.

The seminar is available at no charge to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years, regardless of the cause of the loved one's death.

The seminar will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Center, 426 Ranger in Hereford, on Sept. 13, 20 and 27. "Dealing with the death of a loved one is one of life's most difficult and stressful experiences," said Shalea Smith of Crown of Texas.

## Scholarship deadline set

Students interested in applying for the Coca-Cola Scholars Program must submit their applications by Oct. 31.

Under the program, high school seniors may compete for 50 four-year, \$20,000 scholarships and 100 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships, which may be used for tuition and expenses at any accredited US college or university.

Selection is based on leadership, achievement and commitment, both inside and outside the classroom.

More information about the scholarship may be obtained from the scholarship coordinator at local high schools.

## 4-H banquet set Oct. 25

The Castro County 4-H Council will hold the county 4-H achievement banquet on Oct. 22 at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Recognition will be given to all 4-H'ers who participated in projects during the 1992-93 year.

"We feel that it is very important to recognize each 4-H'er for their yearly accomplishments," said County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "Once again, we will have a 'Parade of Champions' lineup at the banquet. Each 4-H'er who placed in the top four in any event during the past year is asked to complete a recognition form and return it to the Extension office before 5 p.m. on Oct. 1."

For more information on the banquet, contact Neal at the Extension office at 647-4115.



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## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from September 9 to 17.

### DIMMITT

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

**FRIDAY:** Barbecue on a bun, black-eyed peas, fried okra, ice cream and milk.

**MONDAY:** Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Burritos, whole kernel corn, lettuce and tomato salad, chocolate pudding and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Bean chalupas with cheese, shredded lettuce, corn on the cob, cookies and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, wacky cake and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Barbecued Polish sausage, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, fruit, rolls and milk.

### HART

**THURSDAY:** Fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, carrot sticks, brownie and milk.

**MONDAY:** Hamburgers, French fries, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips, green beans, whipped potatoes, rolls, peach cobbler and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, pickle spears, cornbread muffins and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Enchilada casserole, salad, corn, tostados, pudding and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Pizza, salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

### NAZARETH

**THURSDAY:** Burritos and chili, cheese, carrot sticks, grapes and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot buttered bread, gelatin and milk.

**MONDAY:** Nachos, tossed salad, watermelon, peanut butter cups and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chalupas, lettuce and cheese, cauliflower, fruit cocktail and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, pudding and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, hot rolls, grapes and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Ham, fried okra, black-eyed peas, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.



**EQUESTRIAN SPECIALISTS**—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Rusty McDaniel, Kori Bagley and Kodie Bagley, show off trays, mugs and other prizes received at the Big 5 Horse Show's awards banquet, which was held in August in Amarillo. The trio earned several awards and were recognized for successes during the year.

Photo by Anne Acker

## 4-H horsemen are honored

Kodie Bagley of Dimmitt and her mare, *Blue Tattoo*, earned "All Around Mare—High Point Halter Mare" honors at the Big 5 4-H awards banquet in Amarillo recently.

Bagley was presented with a 14-karat and sterling silver belt buckle.

Bagley also received several other honors along with her younger sister, Kori Bagley, and Rusty McDaniel, both of Dimmitt.

Kodie Bagley received three sil-

ver trays, including a first-place award in "Mares, 5 and Over," second-place for "Western Showmanship, 15-18" and third-place for "Western Horsemanship, 15-18." Bagley also placed fourth in "Western Pleasure" for 15- to 18-year olds and she earned a mug for that honor.

Kori Bagley's horse, *Nova's Own*, was third in "Poles, 15-18," and fourth in "Barrells, 15-18" and "Stakes, 15-18." She also was re-

cognized for competing in team roping.

McDaniel won a host of awards from showing *Blue Otoe*, and *Joker's Lad* during the year.

With *Blue Otoe*, he won second place in "Western Horsemanship, 9-11" and third place in "Western Pleasure, 9-11." *Joker's Lad* earned the youngster first place in "Grade Geldings, All Ages," second place in "Western Riding, 9-11" and second place in "Reining, 9-11."

## PAs help with healthcare access

Elected officials on the federal, state and local level have been wrestling with the question of how to provide men, women and children with quality, affordable health care.

Physician assistants provide an answer to the health care access problem, according to Kelly S. Parrson, a registered physician assistant of Dimmitt. Parrson is working with the rural health clinics established this summer in Dimmitt and Hart.

Parrson said the physician assistant profession is one of the fastest growing health careers in the coun-

try. The US Department of Labor projects the number of PA jobs in the United States will increase by 44% through the year 2005.

PAs can provide a broad range of medical services that, in the past, were performed only by licensed physicians. PAs take medical histories, perform physical examinations, order and interpret tests, make diagnoses, establish and carry out treatment plans, suture wounds and write prescriptions. In 1992, PAs handled over 149 million patient visits.

Over 25,000 PAs work in the US today, and over 50% provide primary care with supervision by licensed physicians.

About 70% of all physician assistants work in public and private clinics and medical offices. PAs also serve as commissioned officers in all branches of the military and served in Operation Desert Storm. Three former medical corpsmen transferred the skills they learned in the military to a civilian

profession, beginning the first PA program at Duke University in 1967.

To become a PA, an individual must graduate from one of 57 accredited programs in the United States. A typical physician assistant program runs 102 weeks, compared to 153-196 weeks for a medical student. Texas also requires that a PA be registered with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. A physician must be registered to supervise the physician assistant.

Texas will soon require PAs to pass a national certifying board examination. PAs are required to accumulate 100 continuing medical education credits every two years and to retake the certifying exam every six years to maintain certification.

Parrson said a physician assistant's education costs about one-fourth the cost of a medical student's education, and a PA's salary is about half that of a family doctor.

## Hart youth advances to national 'pedal pull'

Four-year-old Berry Clinton of Hart and 6-year-old Brittany Nelson have qualified for the national "Pedal Tractor Pull," which will be held in Omaha, Neb.

Clinton, son of Kinney and Deb Clinton of Hart, won his division in the first-annual Texas State Pedal Pullers meet recently in Lockney.

Clinton and Nelson earned the trips to state after winning their age division contests during the Hart Days celebration in August.

Nelson is the daughter of Bryan and Toni Nelson of Springlake, granddaughter of Vic and Dana Nelson of Dimmitt and great-granddaughter of Shirley Nelson of Hart.

Also placing in the 4-year-old division was Chase Black of Nazareth, son of Chad and Tammy Black, who finished third.

Other competitors were Melanie Davis, daughter of Doyle K. and Darla Davis of Hart, who placed third in the 8-year-old girls' division.

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# Sports

## Bobcats top Cooper, 21-12, in opener

By JOHN BROOKS

Suppose you're Dimmitt head football coach Danny Chisum.

It's your first game at the new school, and you've been worried about this game for five months.

You win the toss. Lubbock Cooper has to kick off to your team. You've been working on the kickoff return for two weeks, with your starting running backs Derrick Thomas and Guy Lewis back on the 10, ready to return the kickoff.

Your stomach, your head, your heart are pounding, partly from excitement, partly from fear. Cooper's Erich Snook kicks off. Thomas catches the ball at the 13. He heads up the field, breaks a couple of tackles, spins twice at the 40 to get free from two more Pirates, then angles up the field for an 87-yard return.

Phil Thrasher kicked the extra point, and Chisum's charges led, 7-0, 15 seconds into the ballgame.

Everything's rosy, right, coach?

"Actually, returning the opening kickoff like that is one of the worst things that can happen to your football team," Chisum said Sunday. "When your team runs that first one back, you have a little letdown mentally. After the extra point we talked about that, about not letting down. Then we stopped them and I thought, well, everything will be alright. Then we fumbled and let them get right back in the game."

"Of course, you never turn down those kickoff returns. I'll happily take six points and be faced with the team keeping its intensity."

Chisum's Bobcats regained their composure, enough to record a 21-12 Parents' Night win last Friday at Bobcat Stadium.

Cooper and Dimmitt showed there was lots of polish work left for the season: Dimmitt lost four fumbles, Cooper lost two; there were 10 punts; and 22 penalties marred the game.

Despite the problems, Chisum was "awful pleased with the effort."

"I was pleased we kept our heads when we could have gotten out of control," Chisum said. "We just made so many mistakes...They could have been gamebreakers, but we overcame the mistakes and won the game."

"Our defense played pretty good, but there is lots of room for improvement. We made some big plays we had to have and held them back."

Noseguard Jimmy Casas made three of the biggest plays, recovering a fumble at the Cooper 23 midway through the first quarter, harassing quarterback Michael Smith throughout the game, and sacking Smith at the end of the third quarter, causing a Pirate fumble to set up the Bobcats' last touchdown.

Dimmitt wasn't able to take advantage of Casas' first big play, a recovery at the Cooper 22. On the first play, quarterback Tait Crow was sacked; on the second, he was hit as he tried to pitch to Thomas, and the Pirates recovered at their own 29.

Cooper ran four plays and punted, but Dimmitt's Guy Lewis fumbled to the Pirates at the Bobcat 27. The Pirates took 13 snaps before halfback Brent Ritter took the ball 12 yards on a counter trap to bring the Pirates within a point, 7-6. The PAT kick was hooked far to the left.

Neither side threatened the rest of the first half, and Cooper was held in check on the second half's first possession. On its first possession of the second half, Dimmitt was in business after Lewis took a Crow handoff at the Bobcat 27 and headed for the right sideline. He made two pirouettes to avoid tacklers before going out at the Cooper 39. The drive stalled four plays later on downs at the Pirate 30.

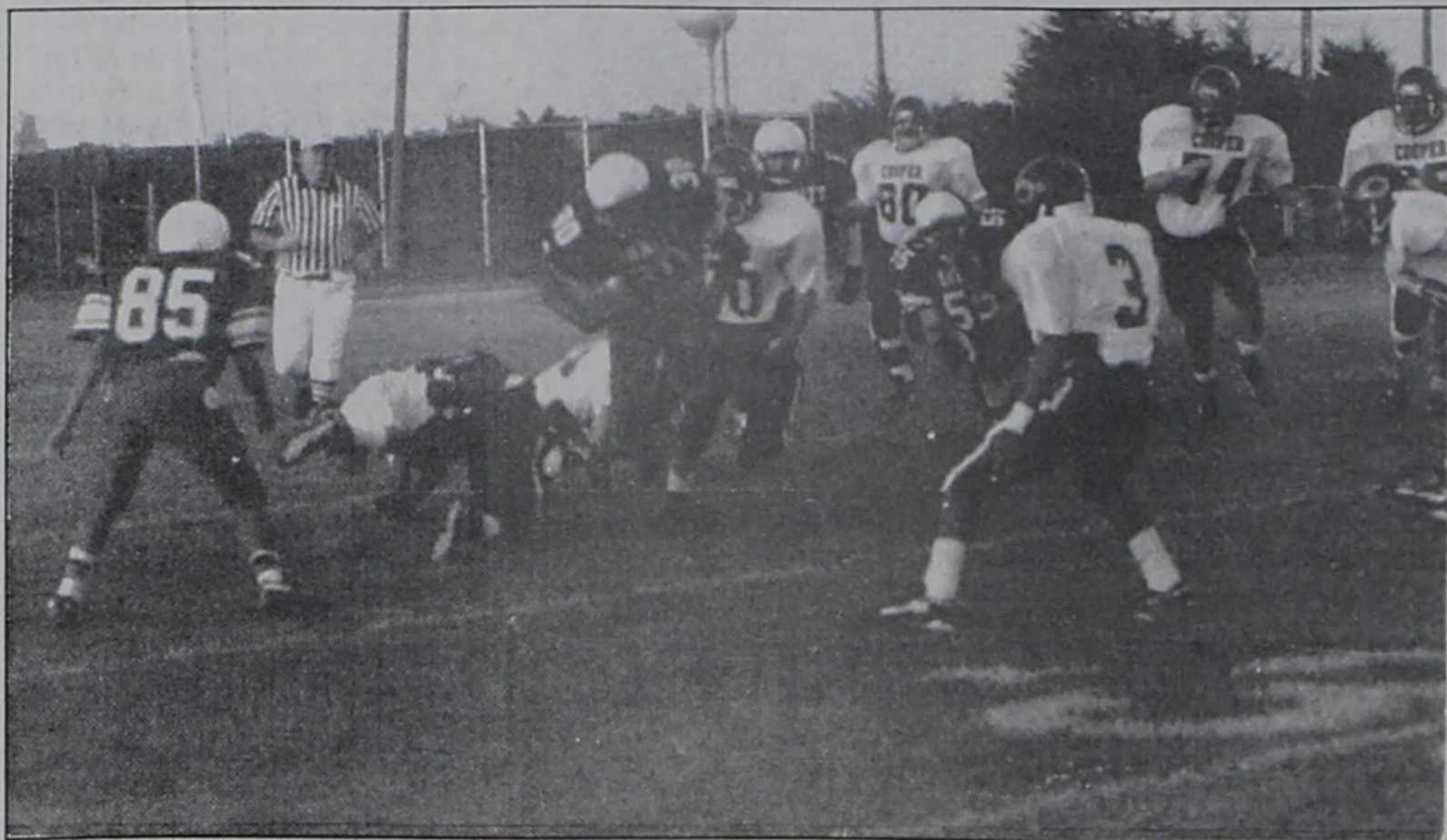
Cooper, too, was held at bay, punting the ball away to set the 'Cats up at their own 39.

That's when things got really weird for awhile.

Crow hit wide receiver Raymond Limas with a pass at the Cooper 35, and Limas ran to the 19 before being stopped. Cooper was called offside on the next two plays, but the Bobcats (for a moment) were a yard short of a first down. Once corrected, the Bobcats had first-and-goal at the Cooper nine. After two plays, and a two-yard loss, Cooper was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct, giving the Bobcats another first-and-goal at the Cooper six.

Dimmitt gained two yards, but a procedure penalty and a sack of Crow by Cooper's Snook and Brian Aleman moved the Bobcats back to the 19.

Except... Cooper was called for a face-mask personal foul on the tackle. After the play, a Cooper and a Dimmitt player tangled for a



**READY TO RUMBLE**—Dimmitt Fullback Guy Lewis (30) is ready to break loose for yardage in the first quarter of Friday's season opener against Lubbock Cooper at Bobcat Stadium. Cooper's Mario Trevino (3) is ready to help with the tackle,

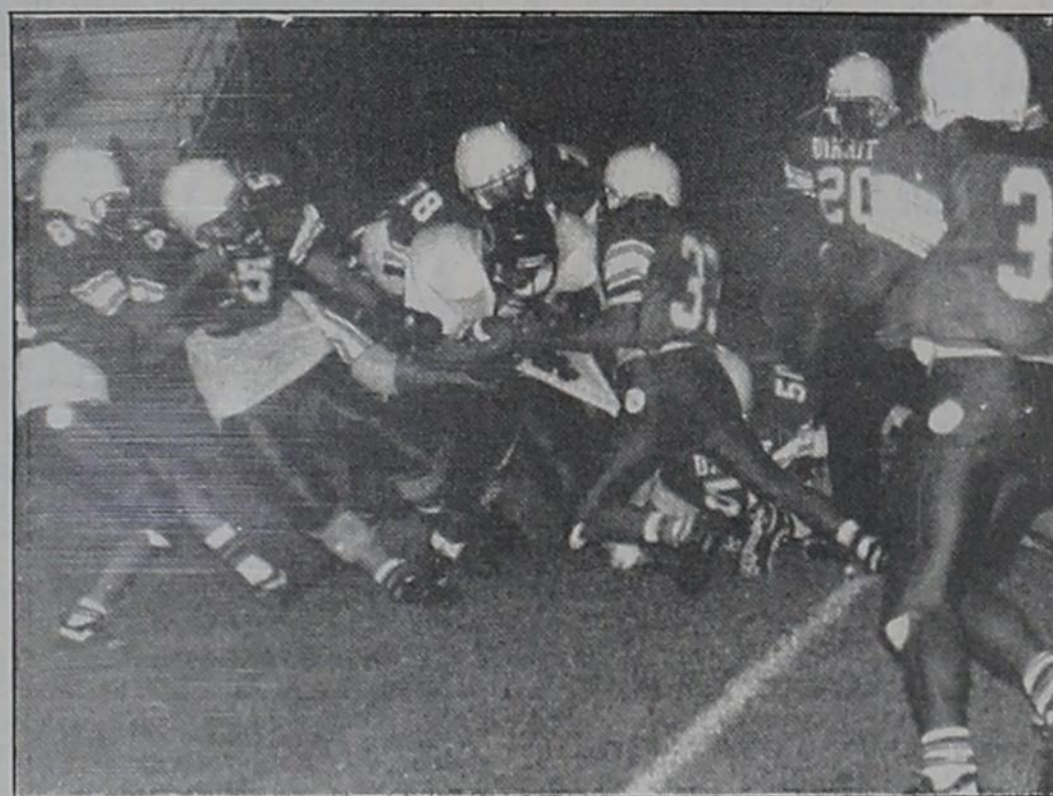
while Dimmitt's Ben Perez (85) and Stacy Musick (55) prepare to help Lewis. Lewis picked up 56 yards on 16 carries to help the Bobcats to a 21-12 win.

Photo by Art Ortega

moment. The two players were tossed from the game, but their actions resulted in offsetting penalties. The facemask foul did count, though, giving the Bobcats a first down at the Cooper 12.

Except... The officials failed to reset the chains, which had not been used during the previous play because it was third - and - goal. After Lewis gained nine yards on the next two carries and Dimmitt was close to a first down, the officials realized there were no measuring sticks marking the yard to gain for a first down. The chains were reset near the place where the new series started. Thomas picked up two yards on the next play, giving the Bobcats another first-and-goal at the Cooper one. Crow pushed through with 1:32 left in the third, and Thrasher's PAT kick gave the Bobcats a 14-6 lead.

Casas's sack forced a Cooper fumble, giving the Bobcats the ball at the Pirate 29 to end the third quarter. Lewis scooted 11 yards to end the quarter, then took a screen pass from Crow 19 yards on third-and-15, going to the Cooper 4. Three plays later, Dimmitt flooded the right side with four receivers, and Crow hit Thomas with a pass in the right front corner of the end zone.



**BULLDOGGED** — Lubbock Cooper running back George Salas is bulldogged by several Dimmitt defenders during Friday's season opener at Bobcat Stadium. Stopping Salas are, from left, Raymond Limas (84), Stacy Musick (55), Justin Stroud (78), and Joe Juarez (33). Standing by to help with the stop are Derrick Thomas (20) and Guy Lewis (30). Dimmitt downed Cooper, 21-12.

Photo by Art Ortega

### Game at a Glance

	DMT	CPR
First Downs	14	9
Rushing Yards	98	73
Passing Yards	71	85
Total Offense	169	158
Passes Comp/Att	4/9	5/13
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	5-2
Punts-Avg.	4-36	6-37
Penalties-Yds	7-37	15-111

Cooper	0	6	0	6	—	12
Dimmitt	7	0	7	7	—	21

### Scoring Summary

**First quarter:**  
Dimmitt—Derrick Thomas 87 kickoff return (Phil Thrasher kick)  
**Second quarter:**  
Cooper—Brent Ritter 12 run (kick failed)  
**Third quarter:**  
Dimmitt—Tait Crow 1 run (Thrasher kick)  
**Fourth quarter:**  
Dimmitt — Thomas 5 pass from Crow (Thrasher kick)  
Cooper—Decarlo Flores recovered fumble in end zone (run failed)

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing**—DIMMITT: Thomas 14-59, Guy Lewis 16-56, Stephen Villanueva 1-0, Tobin Bassett 1-0, Tait Crow 4-(-17). COOPER: George Salas 17-37, Manuel Delacruz 3-31, Brent Ritter 5-26, Michael Smith 7-(-7), Bruce McCasland 2-(-14).  
**Passing**—DIMMITT: Tait Crow 4/9/0, 71 yards, 1 TD. COOPER: Michael Smith 4/12/1, 85 yards.  
**Receiving**—DIMMITT: Raymond Limas 1-42, Guy Lewis 1-19, Derrick Thomas 1-5, Steven Villanueva 1-5. COOPER: Steven Haley 4-28, Isaac Moreno 1-57.

## Pizza supper is scheduled

The Dimmitt Booster Club will hold a pizza supper Monday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Pizza Hut in Dimmitt.

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## Freshmen dump Mules

Dimmitt High School's ninth graders staked Muleshoe to a 7-0 lead, then reeled off 24 unanswered points for a 24-7 win on Sept. 2 at Muleshoe.

Coaches Bobby Feaster and Mike Self said the Dimmitt defense allowed an early score, then shut Muleshoe down the rest of the way. Dimmitt's defense was led by Kalem Thomas, Colby McDaniel, Juakin Dominguez and Santos Oliveros.

Dimmitt cut the lead to 7-6 in the first quarter on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Jason Nino to Conrado Saucedo. Joey Flores put the 'Cats ahead for good just before halftime with a 45-yard run.

In the third period, Santos Oliveros raced up the middle 45 yards for a touchdown, then Nino connected on a 10-yard pass to Saucedo to round out the scoring.

Coaches praised Conrado Saucedo, Joey Flores, Jason Nino, Michael Reyes and Santos Oliveros for their play on offense.



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## Schedule and Scores

### VARSITY

Bobcats 21, Lubbock Cooper 12	
Sept. 9—Amarillo Caprock, There.....	8:00
Sept. 18—Alpine, at Seminole.....	2:00
Sept. 24—River Road (Homecoming), Here.....	8:00
Oct. 1—Canyon, Here.....	8:00
Oct. 8—*Littlefield, There.....	7:30
Oct. 15—*Tulia, Here.....	7:30
Oct. 22—*Muleshoe, There.....	7:30
Oct. 29—*Frona, Here.....	7:30
Nov. 5—*Floydada, There.....	7:30

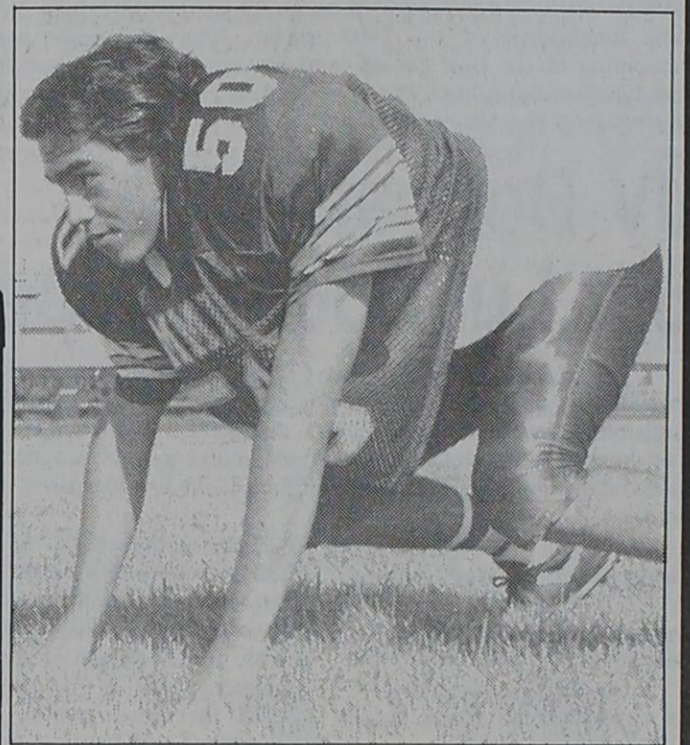
### FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

JV 24, Lubbock Cooper 0; Freshmen 24, Muleshoe 7	
Sept. 11—Amarillo Caprock (JV Only), Here.....	10:30
Sept. 16—Floydada, There.....	5:30-7:00
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

Sept. 16—Floydada, Here.....	5:30-7:00
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
Oct. 21—*Muleshoe, There.....	5:30-7:00
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# Longhorn defense buries Bulldogs, 26-0



JASON AVEN streaks upfield on an 85-yard punt return for Hart's first touchdown of the 1993 season. The TD came with 5:37 remaining in the first period, and Raynea Garcia booted the extra point to give the Longhorns a 7-0 lead en route to an impressive 26-0 shutout over the Anton Bulldogs. Photo by D'Lynn Hankins

Hart's defense dominated football games in 1992 and the 1993 unit has started off doing the same thing.

Hart didn't just beat Anton Friday night in the 1993 season opener, the Longhorns virtually shut down the Bulldogs' offense enroute to a 26-0 win.

"We were very pleased with our defense," said Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm. "Anton had several turnovers, and our defense deserves a lot of credit for that."

Anton gained only three first downs and accumulated a mere 64 yards on offense.

Meanwhile, Hart's offense was doing a number on the Bulldog defense, racking up 304 yards—all on the ground.

"We did a good job rushing, but we need to incorporate a little more of the passing game into our offense," Wilhelm said.

Hart's leading rusher was Cesar Salas, who picked up 131 yards on 16 carries. Hart also received good performances from fullbacks Israel Garcia, Adan Carrasco and Barry Washington.

Wilhelm also credits a lot of the Longhorns' success to the performance of the line.

"Our people up front on defense—Manuel Minjarez, Israel Garcia and Fernando Garcia—really had a big impact on our total defensive scheme. And linebackers Harvey Robledo and Chris Hernandez had big games, too."

Urbina led the team with seven tackles. Minjarez caused one fumble, recovered another and had six tackles. Garcia recovered a fumble, sacked Anton's quarterback twice and had six tackles. Hart also recovered two more fumbles.

Anton's last hope to score was ended when J.R. Lee of Hart picked off a pass and returned it 45 yards as time expired.

Hart quarterback Jason Aven put his team on the scoreboard early, fielding a punt, then faking a reverse to Washington before taking off around the right end. He picked up blocks by Fernando Urbina, Raynea Garcia and Israel Garcia and that was enough to allow him to break free for an 85-yard touchdown with 5:37 left in the first quarter. Raynea Garcia booted the PAT for a 7-0 Hart lead.

Hart increased its lead by six points in the second quarter on a 1-yard dive by Israel Garcia. The Longhorns ground out 60 yards in seven plays to reach paydirt. The Longhorns tried for the two-point conversion, but were stopped short of the goal line and had to settle for a 13-0 lead.

One of Anton's turnovers enabled Hart to start its third scoring drive midway through the second quarter. Anton's Clint Conkin lost control of the ball on his own 19-yard line and Hart pounced on it.

Hart fullback Adan Carrasco capped off the three-play, drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the score 19-0.

Hart ran more than eight minutes off the clock before closing out its final scoring drive in the fourth quarter. Adan Carrasco broke into the end zone from a yard out and Raynea Garcia booted the extra point to give the Longhorns their 26-0 win.

## Game at a Glance

	HRT	ANT
First Downs	19	3
Rushes-Yards	56-304	26-63
Passing Yards	0	1
Total Offense	304	64
Passes Comp/Att	0/4	1/2
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	6-4
Punts-Avg.	3-26	5-41.5
Penalties-Yds	11-90	9-85

Hart	7	12	0	7	—	26
Anton	0	0	0	0	—	0

## Scoring Summary

**First quarter:**  
HART—Jason Aven 85 punt return (Raynea Garcia kick)  
**Second quarter:**  
HART—Israel Garcia 1 run (run failed)  
HART—Adan Carrasco 8 run (run failed)  
**Fourth quarter:**  
HART—Carrasco 1 run (R. Garcia kick)

## JV Bobcats shut out Lubbock Cooper

Dagon Newton scored two touchdowns and picked up 157 yards on 16 rushes as the JV Bobcats dumped Lubbock Cooper's junior varsity, 24-0, Sept. 2 at Cooper.

Dimmitt scored a touchdown in each quarter, while the defense had one goalline stand and six different defenders caught Cooper runners behind the line for losses.

## Here's how our opponents fared

**DIMMITT OPPONENTS**  
AMA. CAPROCK (0-1) 20, San.-Fritch 34  
ALPINE score not available  
RIVER ROAD (1-0) 17, FRIONA (0-1) 15  
LITTLEFIELD (1-0) 14, CANYON (0-1) 7  
TULLA (1-0) 13, Panhandle (0-1) 10  
MULESHOE (1-0) 35, Morton (0-1) 14  
FLOYDADA (1-0) 14, Lockney (0-1) 13

**HART OPPONENTS**  
SUNDOWN score not available  
CLAUDE (0-1) 6, Clarendon 29  
PLAINS (1-0) 64, FARWELL (0-1) 12  
KRESS (0-1) 6, Whiteface (1-0) 18  
BOVINA (0-1) 14, Vega 34  
SUDAN (1-0) 53, OLTON (0-1) 12  
NAZARETH (1-0) 28, LCHS 21

**NAZARETH OPPONENTS**  
HAPPY (1-0) 25, H'LAND PARK (0-1) 0  
TEXICO, N.M. (0-2), Jal 40  
VEGA (1-0) 34, BOVINA (0-1) 14  
FARWELL (0-1) 12, Plains (1-0) 64  
KRESS (0-1) 6, Whiteface (1-0) 18  
SUDAN (1-0) 53, Olton (0-1) 12  
HART (1-0) 26, Anton (0-1) 0

Toby Crow caught a one-yard pass from quarterback Jason Wooten in the first quarter, and Newton gave Dimmitt a 12-0 halftime lead with a 10-yard run in the second quarter.

In the third period, Newton ripped off a 60-yard run to give the JV 'Cats an 18-0 lead.

Joey Martinez ended the scoring with a one-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Coaches Lanny Crow and Gus Ortiz praised "the entire offensive line," which helped Dimmitt gain 258 yards. Running back Albert Charles had seven rushes for 82 yards, and Wooten completed two of three passes, including the touchdown.

On defense, coaches praised Charles, who had two interceptions, and Drew Musick, the leading tackler who also picked up three tackles for losses behind the line.

The JV Bobcats will be home Saturday at 10:30 a.m., hosting the Amarillo Caprock JV.

## Tae kwon do student fares well at meet

Rita Ramos of Dimmitt won the "Outstanding Student Award" at the Lubbock Tae Kwon Do championship meet, held Aug. 28.

Ramos also finished second in sparring and third in forms.

Ramos will be competing in a meet in Dallas-Fort-Worth in October.

She is the student of Loopy Crox of Hereford.

## Booster Club meets Tuesday

The Dimmitt Booster Club will hold meetings each Tuesday night at 7 in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

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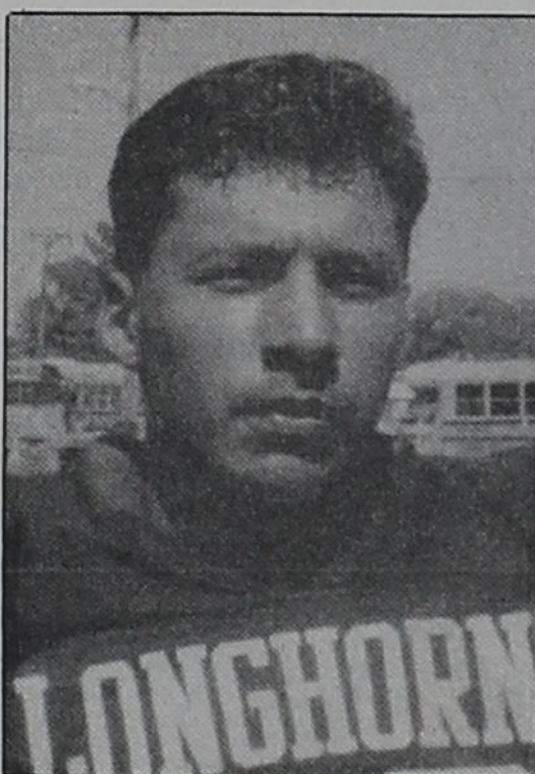
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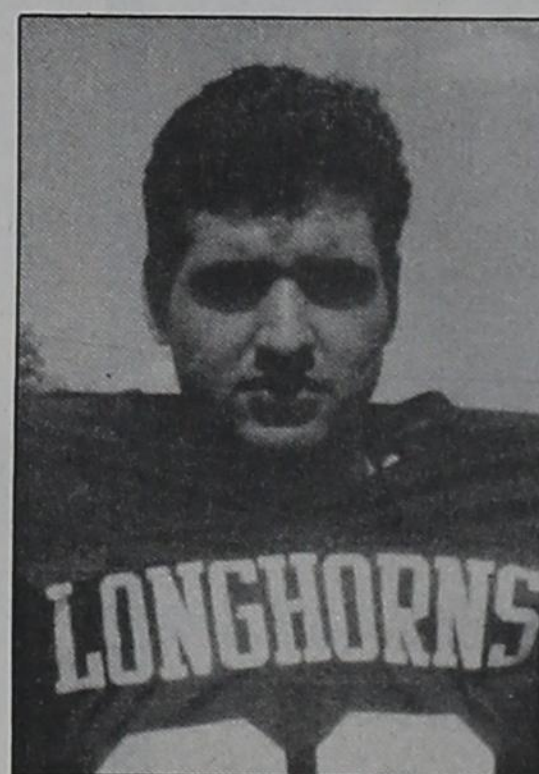
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# Swifts rally in final seconds to beat LCHS, 28-21

By SCOTT BROCKMAN

The Nazareth Swifts' offensive philosophy is to "take what the defense gives," and Friday night, Lubbock Christian's defense gave up a game-winning touchdown with less than a minute left in the game.

Facing a third-and-four situation from Lubbock Christian's 15-yard line with 44 seconds left in the game, Swift quarterback, sophomore Gaylon Schilling, faked a handoff to both of Nazareth's running backs, then fired a bullet to junior tight end Scott Brockman in the end zone to give the Swifts the lead and final 28-21 victory.

"Lubbock Christian wasn't doing a good job of covering Scott all night, and he was able to make some big plays for us," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

Brockman caught four passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns, intercepted two passes and recorded six tackles for the Swifts. Schilling completed 10 of 13 passes for 167 yards and two TDs.

Nazareth's offense gained 296 yards, including 129 on the ground; while its defense limited Lubbock Christian to 263 yards — 147 rushing and 118 passing.

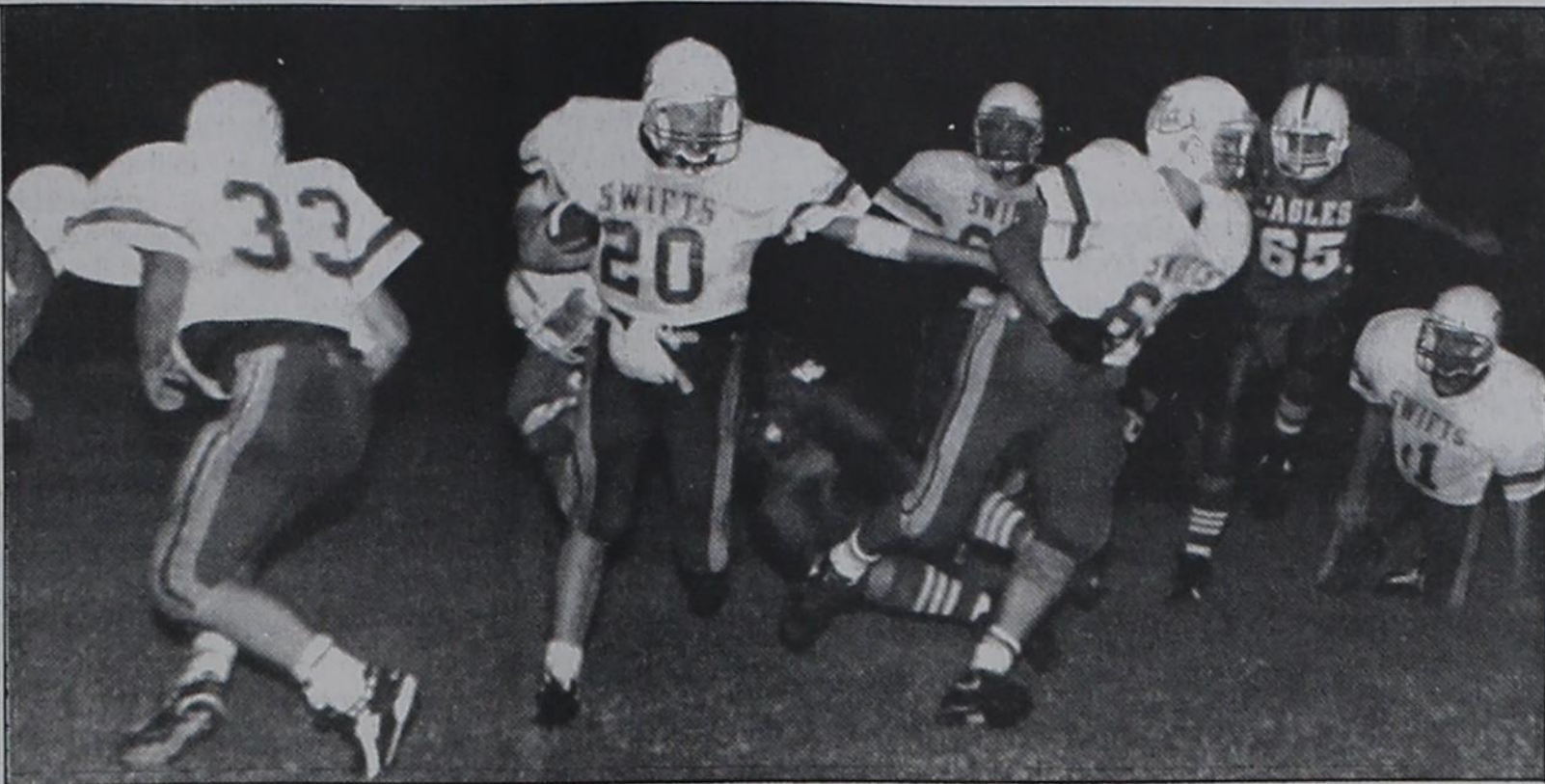
Nazareth trailed the Eagles for most of the game and found itself down by 12 points in the first quarter.

Lubbock Christian took the opening kickoff and on the first play from scrimmage, tailback Shawn McClain, who was a factor in each of the Eagles' scoring plays, took a pitch from quarterback Jeff Raymond and threw a 62-yard touchdown pass to Brad Sullivan, only 13 seconds into the game. McClain missed the extra point, but LCHS held a 6-0 lead.

The Swifts' offense couldn't move the ball on its first possession and punted back to Lubbock Christian.

The Eagles moved the ball into Nazareth territory before failing to convert a third-down play, and McClain lined up to kick a field goal, but it as short and Nazareth got another chance.

But the Swifts committed the



**FINDING THE OPEN FIELD**—Nazareth tailback Nick Johnson (20) gets good blocks from Morgan Heck (33) and other teammates and finds room to pick up three yards to the Swift 41-yard line with 10:58 left in the third quarter Friday night. The

Swifts traveled to Lubbock to take on the Lubbock Christian Eagles, and Nazareth came out on top, 28-21. Johnson scored one of the Swifts four touchdowns—a 3-yarder in the second quarter which gave Nazareth a 14-12 lead. Photo by Anne Acker

first of their five fumbles on the next drive when Schilling fumbled the snap and the Eagles pounced on the loose ball on Nazareth's 27-yard line.

Lubbock Christian worked its way down the field and culminated the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run by McClain with 3:34 left in the first quarter. McClain's extra point failed leaving the score 12-0, Lubbock Christian.

"When they (Lubbock Christian) scored early, it really fired them up, and it took us a while to settle down," Price said. "We played a better team than we were prepared for."

Nazareth finally got on the scoreboard on its next offensive possession.

Schilling moved Nazareth 75 yards, highlighted by two big plays: a 27-yard pass to senior receiver Joey Schacher and a 27-yard run by senior fullback Morgan Heck.

Heck's run moved the ball to Lubbock Christian's 5-yard line. Senior tailback Nick Johnson picked up the final five yards, scoring from the 3 with 11 seconds left in the first quarter. He booted

the PAT to narrow the Eagles' lead to 12-7.

Nazareth took its first lead of the game with 3:22 left in the half when Schilling found Brockman for a 43-yard pass completion and touchdown. Johnson's extra point gave the Swifts a 14-12 advantage.

Lubbock Christian wasn't content being down at halftime, though, and drove into field goal range on its next possession. Four runs by McClain—including a 48-yarder—and a 6-yard touchdown by the runningback, gave Lubbock Christian an 18-14 advantage with 2:59 left in the quarter.

Nazareth had a shot to score late in the half, driving deep into Lubbock Christian territory, before time expired.

The third-quarter was a defensive battle, with neither team mounting a significant drive.

McClain broke the stalemate midway through the period when he booted a 32-yard field goal to give his team a 21-14 lead.

After that it was all Nazareth.

Schilling found Brockman again, this time for a 15-yard pass play which moved the ball to the Eagles' 24-yard line. A 6-yard run by Schilling moved the chains to the 18-yard line, then Heck got the call. He broke free and raced 18 yards for the score. Johnson's kick was good to tie the score at 21.

receiver broke several tackles and was eventually dragged down after a 19-yard gain, then another 15 yards was added on to the play after the Eagles were flagged for a late hit. That moved the chains to the Eagles' 22-yard line and Nazareth had a first down. A two-yard run by Heck and a four-yard gain by Johnson moved the ball to the 16-yard line and Nazareth called a time out with seconds left in the game.

Schilling then completed the game-winning pass to Brockman in the end zone with seconds left in the game.

Lubbock Christian lost any hope to scoring again when Bermea caused a fumble, which was recovered by junior Jaret Schulte. Schilling took a knee for the final two plays to give the Swifts the win.

Price emphasized two points after the game.

"Number one, we failed and number two, we succeeded," Price said. "We failed to improve, which was our goal every week. We didn't look as good as we did against Lorenzo in the scrimmage. Number two, we succeeded because we won. This victory does go down as a 'W'." Price said.

"We're glad to get out of the game with a win. We had way too many mistakes. But we have a young team and I was glad to see them stick together and come from behind to win."

He added that he was impressed with the way the defense played in the second half, allowing the Eagles a mere three points.

"I was proud that we never gave up. We showed a lot of heart. In the first half we let them get a jump on

us. McClain really had a big first half, but in the second half we wore him down."

Nazareth's defense was led by Heck, who finished with 11 tackles. Schilling and Jon Johnson finished with seven each and Brockman, Schulte and junior Bryan Charanza each recorded six.

### Game at a Glance

	LCHS	NAZ
First Downs	9	11
Rushes-Yards	39-147	29-129
Passing Yards	118	167
Total Offense	265	296
Passes Comp/Att	4/11	10/13
Passes intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	5-4
Punts-Avg.	3-31	4-27
Penalties-Yds	11-95	5-55

Nazareth	7	7	0	14	—	28
LCHS	12	6	3	0	—	21

### Scoring Summary

**First quarter:**  
LCHS—Brad Sullivan 62 pass from Shawn McClain (kick failed)  
LCHS—McClain 3 run (kick failed)  
NAZ—Scott Brockman 47 pass from Gaylon Schilling (Nick Johnson kick)  
**Second quarter:**  
NAZ—Johnson 3-yard run (Johnson kick)  
LCHS—McClain 6 run (kick failed)  
**Third quarter:**  
LCHS—McClain 32-yard field goal  
**Fourth quarter:**  
NAZ—Morgan Heck 18 run (Johnson kick)  
NAZ—Brockman 15 pass from Schilling (Johnson kick)

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing** — NAZ: Nick Johnson 14-67, Morgan Heck 6-53, Gaylon Schilling 10-9.  
**Passing** — NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 10/13-0-167.  
**Receiving** — NAZ: Scott Brockman 4-99, Joey Schacher 2-32, Brad Keel 2-28, Morgan Heck 1-8, Nick Johnson 1-0.  
**Fumble Recoveries** — NAZ: J.J. Bermea and Jaret Schulte 1.  
**Interceptions** — NAZ: Scott Brockman 2.  
**Tackles** — NAZ: Morgan Heck 11, Jon Johnson and Gaylon Schilling 7, Jaret Schulte and Scott Brockman 6.

Records: Nazareth 1-0, LCHS 0-1

## Scott Brockman nabs Class A player honor

Nazareth tight end Scott Brockman has been named the *Amarillo Globe News'* Class A Player of the Week.

Honorable mention Class A honors went to Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling and Hart's Adan Carrasco and Jason Aven. Derrick Thomas of Dimmitt was an honorable mention honoree in the Class AAA poll.

Brockman, a 6-2, 170-lb. junior, caught four passes for 99 yards, including touchdown receptions of 47 and 15 yards.

His 15-yard TD came with less than a minute left and gave Nazareth a 28-21 victory over Lubbock Christian High School.

Brockman made a couple of big plays on defense, also, recording two interceptions and six tackles.

"Lubbock Christian wasn't doing a good job of covering Scott all night and he was able to make some big plays for us," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

Schilling, Nazareth's 6-2, 170-lb. sophomore quarterback, completed 10 of 13 passes for 167 yards, including the two TD passes to Brockman.

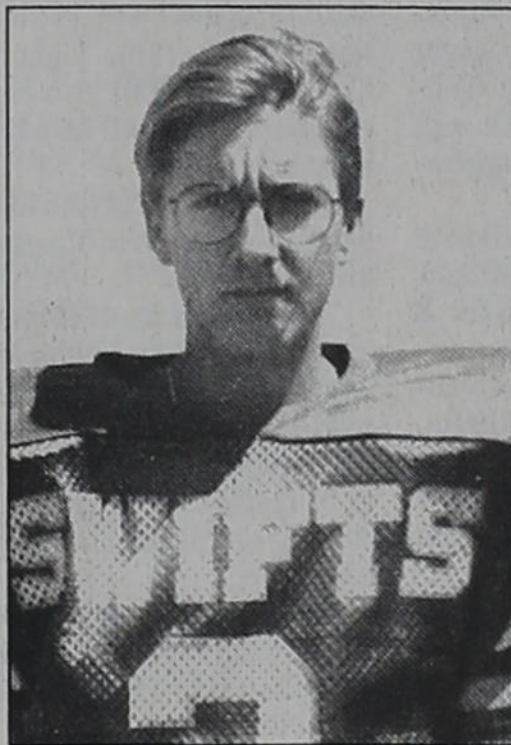
Hart quarterback Aven returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown and teammate Carrasco rushed for two TDs in the Longhorn's 26-0 victory over Anton.

Thomas took the opening kickoff Friday night and returned it 87 yards for a touchdown, then later caught a five-yard touchdown pass to lead Dimmitt to a 21-12 win over Lubbock Cooper. Thomas also carried the ball 14 times for 59 yards.

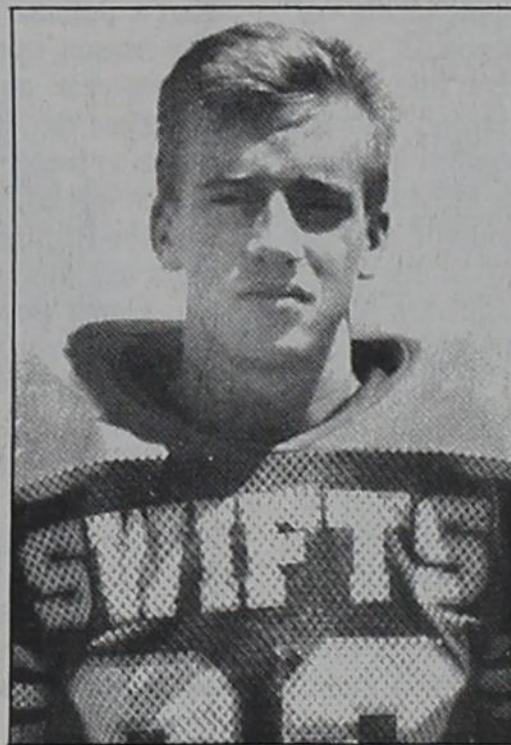
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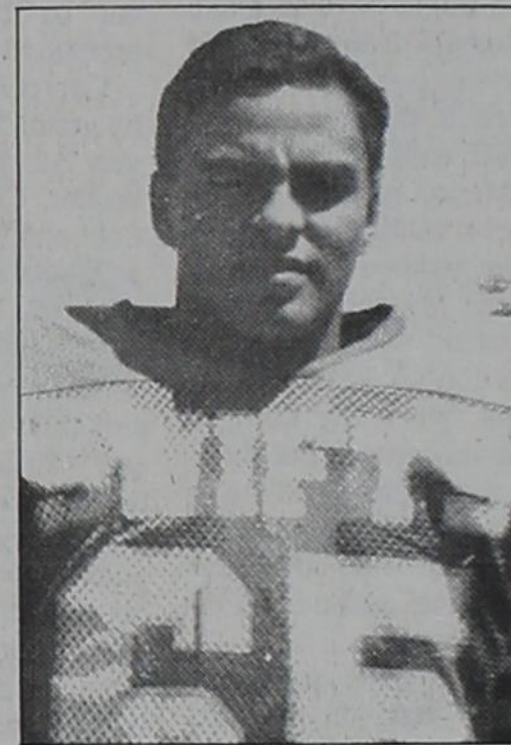
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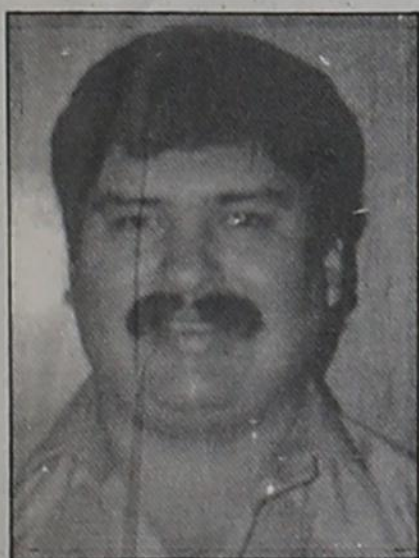
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# Teams going for second-straight sweep

Castro County's three varsity football teams will be going for their second wins of the season tonight (Thursday) and Friday after sweeping the first week's action.

Dimmitt will face Caprock tonight at 8 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. On Friday, Hart goes to Sundown while Nazareth travels to Happy to play the Cowboys.

## Dimmitt at Caprock

Amarillo Caprock will be vying for its first win of the year tonight (Thursday) when it hosts Dimmitt at 8 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Longhorns fell last week to Sanford - Fritch, 34 - 20. Dimmitt will try to run its record to 2-0 after last week's 21-12 win over Cooper.

Caprock, long the doormat of District 3-5A, is in its fourth year in District 1-4A. They have fared little better, though, going 0-5 the first two years and 1-4 in 1992.

Preston Smith was hired away from an assistant's post at a San Antonio school four years ago to try to reverse Caprock's fortunes. Smith led the Wheeler Mustangs to two state championships and has a career record of 102 - 54 - 4. At Caprock, he's 6-24.

Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum didn't send scouts to the Caprock-Fritch game; he and his assistants reviewed several videos of the Longhorns over the weekend to pick up their personnel, plays and tendencies.

"I felt it was more important to have all of our coaches here with me Friday than to have them off scouting somewhere," Chisum said. "They're still trying to get to know me, to know my system and the way we need to do things."

The Thursday game forced coaches and players to give up their Labor Day holiday, moving schedules ahead and putting quarterback-defensive end-punter Tait Crow at risk of not being able to play.

"We think Tait will be able to go, but it's kind of questionable right now," Chisum said Sunday. "He's got turf toe, and we'll be keeping him off of his feet as much as possible to try to get him ready to go Thursday." Coaches will be taking a shoe to High Plains Sports Medicine's offices on Thursday for special padding before the game.

"If we had to go right now, we'd be in real trouble," Chisum said. "We'll just keep an eye on everything, but we might have to make some adjustments Thursday. We are only carrying two quarterbacks (Tobin Bossett is the backup) and three defensive ends (Crow, Stacy Musick and Mario Castillo).

"We've been putting in a new system and we've been trying to go slow so all the players will completely understand what we're trying to do. We don't have all of it in, by any means. We really need as much time as we can get, but we'll be okay. If we improve as much from the first game to the second game as we did from the first scrimmage to the second scrimmage, we'll be great."

Dimmitt will try to do things differently this year: the Bobcats fell to the Longhorns, 20-7, in the second game of 1992. Caprock is

bringing back some veterans from last season.

"Running back Johnny Martinez is extremely fast (and has over 1,600 yards in his career), and they run the trap really well with him," Chisum said. "You have to tackle him, really wrap him up, or he won't go down."

Last year, Martinez scored two touchdowns and piled up over 100 yards against the Bobcats. Martinez entered the game as a backup, and started the next eight games for the 'Horns.

Newcomer Chris Mason will start his second game at quarterback for the Longhorns.

"On the film we've seen, he has been an extremely accurate passer," Chisum said. "He doesn't throw the ball deep, but his accuracy makes up for that. They run the Wing-T and he doesn't run the ball very

Mason's receivers will include returning split end Alfredo Flores, wingback Rey Morales, Jessie Diaz and Derrick Gardner.

Chisum doesn't expect Caprock to do a lot of stunting on defense, unless the Longhorns fall behind like they did last week.

"They played pretty straight up against Fritch until late, when they started playing all types of games with their defense," Chisum said. "I feel Cooper had a better secondary than what we'll see from Caprock. I know Cooper played man-to-man on us, which you just don't see this time of the year. Cooper had an excellent secondary, but Caprock might be a little vulnerable back there."

Cornerback Steve Atchley is the only veteran in the secondary.

Bryan McCormick (5-9, 160) is Sundown's starting tailback.

"Overall, I think Sundown will be better than they were last year. They're big across the line—maybe not as big as they were last year, but they're still big. And they are a lot quicker. I expect a different team. They've got a new coach and a new system."

Sundown will run an offense featuring multiple sets. Wilhelm said Sundown will line up with split backs, in an I formation or it will run the option or throw the ball.

"We're going to have to be ready to defend against the option and get a good pass rush going. Our secondary will have to be in position when they decide to throw the ball, too."

Sundown's starting offensive line is big and it features returning

guez (6-10, 165) and Calderon will start at tackles and Green is the noseguard. Lopez and Wilson will be defensive ends. McCormick will join Bocanegra at linebacker and Willard will start at cornerback. Newcomer Ricky O'Canas will be the second safety.

## Nazareth at Happy

The Happy Cowboys finished the 1992 season with a 6-5 mark in the playoffs and this year's team is loaded with returnees from that squad.

That worries Coach Rick Price of Nazareth, whose Swifts will travel to Happy Friday night for a showdown with the Cowboys. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. at Cowboy Corral.

The two teams squared off in a defensive struggle last year, with Nazareth coming out on top, 15-12.

And Nazareth's defense will have to be in top form for the Swifts to post a victory this year.

"They are an offensive threat from several different areas," said Price. "The guy who really scares us is the quarterback, Justin Dempsey (6-0, 185). He can throw well, and if a receiver's not open, he'll take off with it himself. He's strong and he's tough to bring down."

Dempsey fired a 15-yard touchdown pass to Trey McGehee and a 10-yard scoring toss to Todd McCarley in Friday night's 25-0 win over Highland Park and he guided the Cowboys to a 21 first-down and 340-yard offensive show. The senior quarterback earned second-team all-district honors in 1992, when he compiled a combined 1,700 yards rushing and passing.

Price said McGehee, a 5-11, 165-lb. split end, is Dempsey's favorite target.

"He (McGehee) is very fast and they love to go to him—they like to hit him with a deep pass, then when your defense backs up, they'll bring him in on shorter yardage plays. He's a big threat."

Joining Dempsey in the backfield are returning starters Michael

Moore, a 5-6, 155-lb. fullback; and Todd McCarley, a 5-7, 160-lb. halfback who scored on a 5-yard run against Highland Park. Both backs gained good yardage in 1992, with Moore racking up 900 and McCarley accounting for 1,000.

"Stopping McCarley and Moore in the backfield is going to be very tough," Price said. "Both are strong runners and are capable of breaking free."

He added that Happy has been trying to throw the ball more than it has in the past, and has been utilizing a one-back set.

"They've run a little option and Wing T with traps and sweeps and they do a pretty good job of it," Price said.

The Cowboy's offensive line is big compared to Nazareth's, with Randy Phillips, a 5-10, 225-lb. tackle, anchoring the front. Joining Phillips on the line is guard Mike Bonds (6-2, 170), center Jarrett Maroney (6-1, 210), tackle Mike Coile (5-10, 220) and guard Chuck Fulkerson (5-6, 175). Tight end Steve Stevens (5-11, 170) on the strong side gives Happy a very experienced front line, Price said.

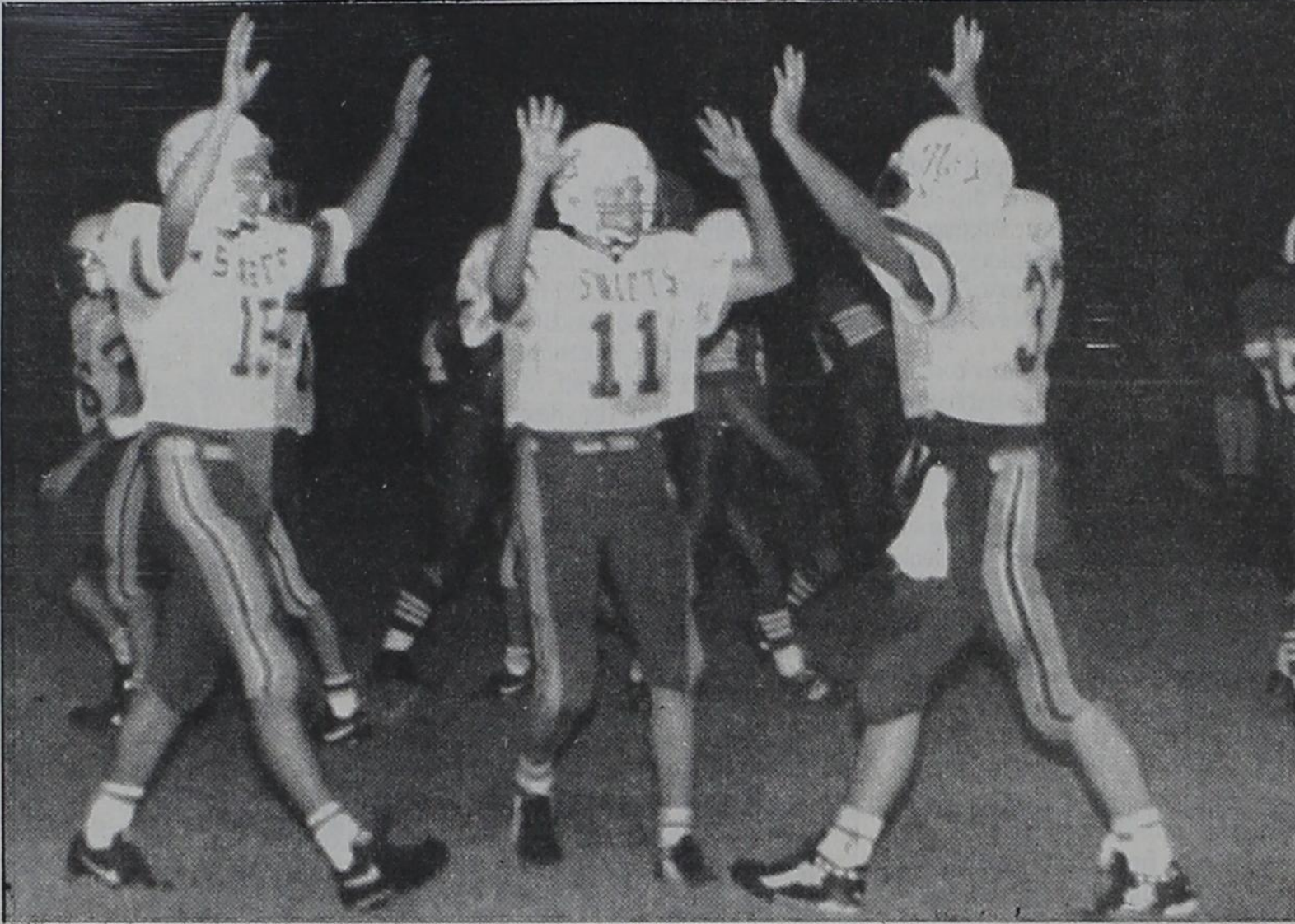
Compared with Nazareth's front line, which doesn't include a single player topping the 200-lb. mark, Happy should have a distinctive size advantage.

Price said Happy's 44 stack defense looks tough, especially the line, which has good sized players including Fulkerson, Moore, Coile and Bonds, who reclaiming their positions from last year. McCarley, McGehee and Dempsey will start in the secondary and Coy Alexander (6-2, 160), Phillips and Stevens will be the linebackers.

The Cowboys' defense shut out Olton in the second scrimmage of the year and blanked Highland Park Friday night in the season opener, so the unit has achieved success already in the young season.

Price said the Swifts will have to cut down on mistakes to beat Happy Friday.

"We're going to be emphasizing fewer turnovers this week, along with reading the keys and gang tackling," Price said.



**END ZONE CELEBRATION** — Nazareth quarterback Gaylon Schilling (15), Scott Brockman (11) and Morgan Heck (33) celebrate in the end zone after the Swifts scored one of their four touchdowns against Lubbock Christian University Friday night. Nazareth came from behind in the

fourth quarter and scored the winning touchdown with less than a minute left in the game to claim a 28-21 victory. Schilling threw for two touchdowns — both to Brockman, and Heck rushed for one.

Photo by Anne Acker

well. Against Fritch he was hit pretty hard and coughed up the ball three times. It'll be up to our defensive line to be sure and watch for the trap and the counter trey, but be sure and put plenty of pressure on the quarterback."

Caprock's offensive line is led by guard Ryan Hazlewood, a three-year starter who doubles at linebacker. Chris Hill is moving from tight end to tackle, and will also fill a linebacker slot in Smith's 4-3 defense. Hill intercepted a Crow pass in last year's game.

"They're both real good and are probably their best football players," Chisum said. "Their weak link on the offensive line might be at center, so it could mean (nose-guard) Jimmy (Casas) will tie up one of their guards in a double team. That could hurt Caprock even more because they'll lose a guard leading the sweep, but Hazlewood and Hill are so good that their sweep should still be pretty good."

## Hart at Sundown

Hart's defense destroyed Anton in the season opener Friday night and first-year coach Danny Wilhelm hopes the defensive unit will continue to improve and be aggressive each week.

And the Horns' defense will face a tough test this week against Sundown. Game time is slated for 8 p.m. at Sundown.

"The Roughnecks are a well-rounded team," said Wilhelm. "They have a total team concept. There's not one individual player who's outstanding, the whole team works together to be good."

Wilhelm expects Sundown to be a challenge for his secondary because the Roughnecks like to throw the ball, and they've got two quarterbacks, juniors Luis Lopez (5-9, 170) and Kyle Motheral (5-9, 155),

tackle Oscar Calderon (5-11, 210), guard Bryan Green (5-10, 210) and tackle Dee Hogue (6-3, 245). Filling the other guard position will be Joey Hernandez (5-10, 160) and starting center will be Jason Williams (5-11, 180). Tight end Paul Comer (5-11, 200) also has starting experience and will be a threat Hart must honor.

The Roughnecks like to run a 5-2 defense which Wilhelm said is "similar to Hart's."

"They run a lot of slants—nearly every play. They like to run stunts with their linebackers and they send safeties and corners on blitzes. Our offensive line is going to have to be ready to pick up those players coming on blitzes and stunts," Wilhelm said.

Sundown's defense is experienced with returning starters Justin Bownds (5-9, 155) at cornerback, Juan Bocanegra (5-10, 155) at linebacker and Max Mitchell (6-1, 175) at free safety. Adam Rodri-

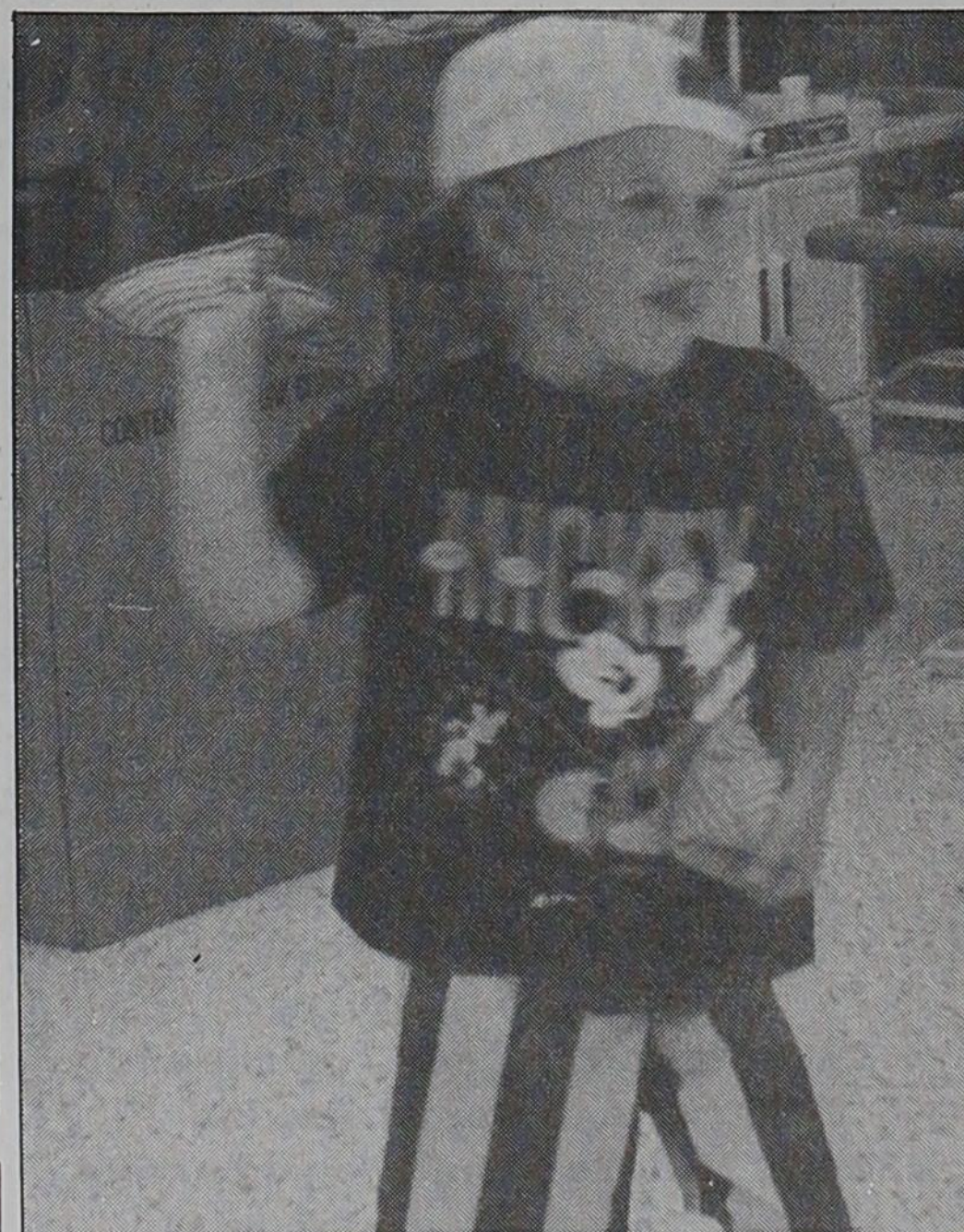
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**READY, AIM, FIRE!**—Dustin Schulte takes aim at a wooden clown's head, hoping to place his bean bag through its mouth Sunday during one of the children's games held in conjunction with the annual Labor Day picnic in Nazareth.

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## Church Happenings

# Class of '43 has reunion



**CLASS REUNION**—The Dimmitt High School Class of 1943 held its 50th-year reunion celebration Aug. 13-14. Class members present included: (from left) Raymond Mobley, Hazel (McMahon) Mobley, Harriett (Huckabay) Goodwin, Elizabeth Huckabay (class teacher), Glen Merritt, Sue (Sheffy)

Merritt, Rex Sheffy, Mary Nell (Earnest) Kelley, Mary E. (Behrends) White, Jim Dyer, Natalie (Reynolds) Harrison, G.D. Caison, Jo (Broadstreet) Stanley, Joy (Cluck) Smith, Joe Hastings, and Callie (Hicks) Wagley. Not shown is class member Bill Graham.

Photo By Garner Ball

### Ministerial Alliance

Pedro Gonzales will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Ezra 3:7-13 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10. "Don't Criticize Each Other's Convictions" will be the subject of

Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11.

The Session will meet Monday at 7 p.m. and special guests will be Rev. Charles Tekyl and Rev. Beverly Cook.

Youth will "See You at the Pole" on Wednesday at 7 a.m.

"The Importance of Total Commitment" will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

# Methodist Women plan conference

The United Methodist Women of the Northwest Texas Conference will hold their annual meeting Oct. 1-2 in Borger.

The meeting will be held in the First United Methodist Church at Borger, and it will be hosted by women from the Pampa District.

Theme for the conference will be "Confronted By Christ-Empowered By The Spirit."

During the meeting, new officers will be elected and installed and a memorial service will be held in memory of United Methodist Women who have died during the past year.

Joyce Hill, staff person related to the world in Latin America, Women's Division, general board of Global Ministries, will be the keynote speaker. She is a graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon and George Peabody Col-

lege in Nashville, Tenn. Bishop Alfred Norris will be speaking on Saturday morning at the annual meeting.

In July 1992, Bishop Norris was assigned to serve the Northwest Texas and New Mexico conferences.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1 and the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. that day. It is scheduled to conclude at 12 noon on Oct. 2.

A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 1 in the Garden Room, and a limited number (200) of seats are available. Cost for the dinner is \$6 per person if reservations are made by Sept. 22, or \$7 if paid at the time of registration. Reservations should be sent to Donna Echols, 200 N. McGee, Borger, 79007; or call at 273-7583.

# FFA'ers win at Fredericksburg

Mandi Moore, a Junior FFA member from Dimmitt, took Grand Champion honors with her Crossbred barrow at the Gillespie County Fair in Fredericksburg recently.

The animal also won Breed Champion honors and was named first place in the heavyweight division for Crossbred barrows. Moore received a \$500 cash award, as well as a stein, a belt buckle and a ribbon. The judge commented that the animal was "truly outstanding and the ultimate market hog of the show," according to Dimmitt High School FFA sponsor David McCormick.

Moore also showed the sixth place Hampshire barrow and the seventh place Chester White barrow.

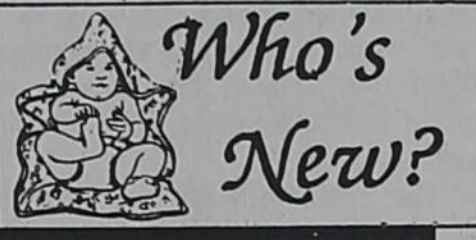
FFA member Tucker Schumach-

er showed the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion animals in the OPB (Other Pure Breeds) Class at the show. He received a stein, ribbons and cash awards, as well. The two animals were judged first and second in the heavyweight division of the OPB Class.

Schumacher also showed the first place middleweight Crossbred and the sixth place Chester White.

FFA member Jay McCormick had the first place lightweight Hampshire, third place heavyweight Yorkshire and sixth place Crossbred.

In the Gilt Show, Jay McCormick showed the third place lightweight and the third place heavyweight among the Hampshire gilts, and the fourth place heavyweight Crossbred gilt.

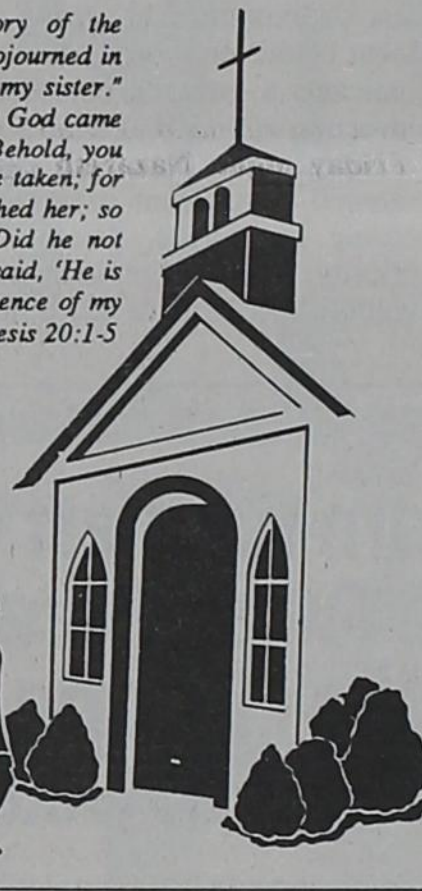


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It's a boy for Andrew Bermea and Rachel Rivera of Dimmitt. Their son was born at 1:03 p.m. on Sept. 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 8 lbs., 5.2 oz., was 21-1/2 inches long and has been named Marcus Bermea. Paternal grandparents are Irma Rivera and Juan Jose Rivera of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Carolina and Elias Bermea of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Teresa and Albert Rivera of Dimmitt, Butch and San Juana Olvera of Nazareth, Ramon Sr. and Felipa Bermea of Tye. Great-grandmother is Benita Oltivero of Raymondville.

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**GRAND CHAMPION BARROW** at the Gillespie County Fair in Fredericksburg is this Crossbred barrow, shown by Mandi Moore, a member of the Dimmitt Junior FFA. Moore won a buckle and a ribbon, as well as a stein and \$500 cash.

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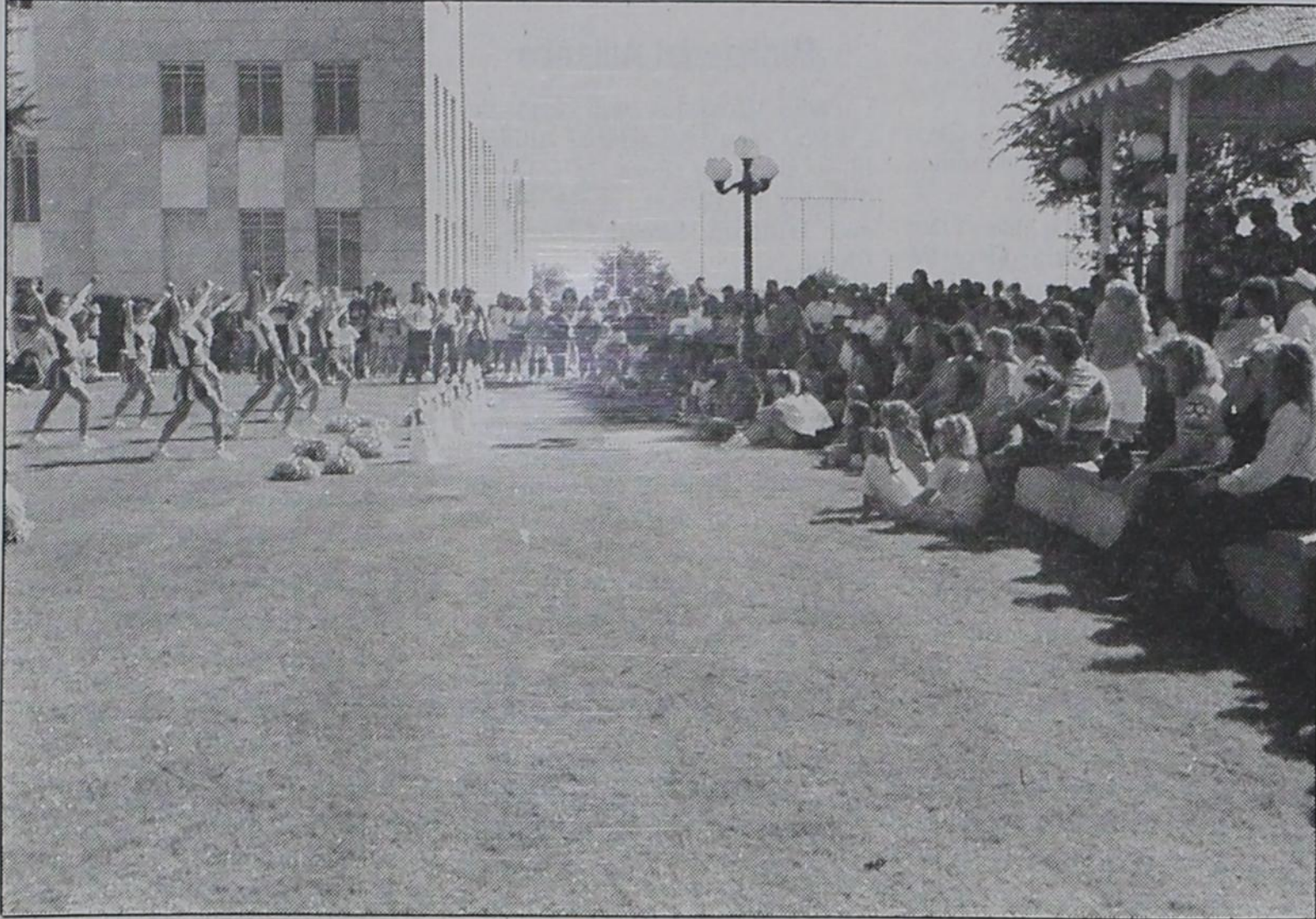
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Photo by Linda Maxwell

## FCD reports strong earnings

Strong earnings highlighted the Tenth Farm Credit District's first six months of 1993, according to financial results released recently.

The district comprises the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 48 Federal Land Bank Associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and 17 Production Credit Associations in Texas and New Mexico.

The bank and its affiliated associations reported net income of \$58.8 million for the six-month period, up from \$6.1 million for the first six months of 1992. Of the increase, \$20 million was due to a one-time charge incurred in 1992 to comply with changes in the way in which post-retirement benefits are reported. Discounting the one-time charge, the district's income was up \$32.7 million over the same period last year.

Lower funding costs, a reduction

in nonearning assets, gains on the sale of bank-owned properties and the cumulative effect of a change in accounting for income taxes also contributed to the district's earnings.

"We are particularly pleased about the trends we are seeing in the rural real estate markets," said Bank Chief Executive Officer Arnold R. Henson. "We are observing continuing signs of improving real estate markets in the district, as evidenced by our \$5.2 million increase in net gains on the sale of bank-owned properties during the last six months. The strong movement of our properties, we believe, indicates a growing confidence in investing in rural real estate."

Nonaccrual loan volume also showed significant improvement during the period. A top district priority, the reduction in nonaccrual volume was 18%, or \$21.6 million,

in the first half of the year.

During the second quarter, the district made its first Fannie Mae loan, a new program aimed at broadening the financing options for rural home buyers through Federal Land Bank Associations. Also, district Production Credit Associations announced a fixed-rate equipment financing program, with options for three-year or five-year terms.

Combined loan volume at June 30 was \$3.5 billion and district assets totaled \$4.2 billion.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$288 million and \$686 million for the second quarter and first six months of 1993, respectively, as compared with combined net income of \$201 million and restated combined net income of \$444 million for the same periods of the prior year.

## Researcher may have found cure for wet weather blight

A research associate at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) in Lubbock may have discovered the missing link to one of the most prevalent diseases in cotton on the High Plains.

Looks often can be deceiving, and prior to Dr. James Mertely's breakthrough, wet weather blight was considered to be synonymous with a fungus called aschochyrium, which causes the disease in other parts of the world. However, the research plant pathologist believes he now has isolated the problem as a bacterium, rather than a fungus.

Wet weather blight is a condition in cotton that occurs when weather is cool and damp and cotton plants are relatively young. Mertely said there wasn't much wet weather blight this season, but enough to find a few specimens for isolation purposes.

"The problem with wet weather blight is that it doesn't occur every year," said Dr. John Gannaway, cotton breeder at TAES. "It responds to the environment and is almost totally dependent on environmental conditions."

Mertely began his work on the wet weather blight problem two months ago when he started making isolations from plants that had wet weather blight symptoms. These symptoms include small, purplish spots on the lower leaves of the cotton plant that often turn black and ultimately cause the plant to die.

From these spots, Mertely isolated a bacterium which came from most of the spots he looked at and appeared to be the same time after time.

"This practically implicates the bacterium to be associated with the spots," said Mertely.

He sent the isolates to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab in College Station where a positive bacterium identification was made.

Mertely continued to study the

bacterium by increasing it in the laboratory and contaminating seedling plants from the TAES greenhouse. He learned from this experimentation that he could replicate the same wet weather blight symptoms seen in the field.

"The bacterium I infected the plants with produced the same kind of purplish spots we were seeing in the field," the researcher said.

Wet weather blight is a real problem in this part of the country for cotton growers and often is responsible for the loss of an entire cotton crop. In 1992, the High Plains lost some two million acres of cotton, much of it to wet weather blight, said Dr. Kater Hake, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Lubbock.

"Historically, we have replanted as many, if not more acres due to wet weather blight than we have hail storms," said Gannaway. "It's probably cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars in terms of replanting."

Although Mertely's discovery will require further verification from other researchers, it's possible that he has solved a significant problem in cotton that has eluded researchers and cotton growers for years.

He has made it possible to now focus on control measures for the blight, Hake said.

"In fact, as soon as the weather cools this fall, late-planted cotton will be used to test several control strategies," Hake said.

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# Insects of Interest

By **ANDY WILLIAMS**  
Extension Agent  
Pest Management

All of the Integrated Pest Management program scouts have returned to school recently.

They did an excellent job and worked extremely hard throughout the entire summer. I will continue to monitor the fields as closely as possible throughout the remainder of the growing season.

Very hot conditions again prevailed the last of August in Castro and Lamb counties. Most of the cotton in the scouting program is looking excellent, and has approached cutout. Corn continues to rapidly dry down in these hot days. Sugar beets look good, but reports of an increase in beet armyworms, and *Cercospora* leaf spot have increased this past week. Sorghum continues to do well, but monitoring for headworms should begin. Soybean podworms should also be scouted for this week.

Beet armyworms and *Cercospora* leaf spot have been seen more frequently in area sugar beets recently. Beet armyworms are usually associated with hot dry weather, and can cause extensive damage. *Cercospora* leaf spot causes nearly circular spots that are light to dark brown with reddish purple borders. Heavily infected tissues coalesce, turning the tissue yellow and then brown, eventually causing the leaf to die. Depending on the chemical fungicide used and the rate, it should be applied every seven to 14 days.

Soybean podworms (corn earworms) should be scouted for in soybeans at this time. Female moths lay eggs on the terminal of the leaves of soybean plants. The young larvae feed for a few days and then move down the plant to feed on developing soybeans. Large populations during pod-filling stages can produce yield losses by feeding on pods. Infestations are most common where alternate hosts

such as corn, sorghum, and cotton are grown.

Most irrigated cotton in the scouting program has approached cutout and is generally looking excellent. Cutout has occurred because the boll load is consuming all of the carbohydrates produced by the leaves. The fields with a high boll set could be targets for harvest-aid chemicals, to prevent early matured open bolls from deteriorating. With high yield potentials, producers often tank mix Prep and a defoliant to promote boll opening and defoliation.

Several questions have been asked about watering cotton at this point in the season. These high evapotranspiration rates seen lately are making the cotton stress from about mid-day on into the afternoon. According to Dr. Kater Hake, Extension Cotton Specialist, it is desirable to see a little wilt at the end of the day. Soil moisture reserves need to be depleted in order for the heat units and a slight water stress to hasten crop maturity.

A heavy cotton bollworm egg lay occurred the last of August in the area cotton. Spray applicators have been extremely busy trying to keep up with the many acres of cotton needing application. It has not been uncommon for fields to have upwards of 70,000 eggs per acre and small larvae ranging from 3,000 to 12,000 per acre. Row water cotton that is cutout compared to the more lush cotton under pivots seemed to be less attractive to the bollworm moths, and therefore reflected less egg lay and larvae survival.

In general, aphid populations still remain light, but some fields have moderate infestations. An aphicide added to the pyrethroids will be very beneficial. It is known that the pyrethroids used for bollworm control will flare aphid populations. How much a flare up of aphid numbers, or the amount of yield loss is unknown. A table can

be obtained from my office that lists chemicals suggested for bollworm and aphid control. One chemical not listed for aphid control is Furadan. Furadan recently received a state label for aphid control at the half-pint rate. It is recommended to be used at a rate of 4 to 6 ounces per acre. Use all appropriate safety precautions for this product listed on the label. Furadan cannot be mixed with an oil which is frequently used with many of the pyrethroids by most applicators, so water must be used as the carrier.

Most area corn is drying down very rapidly, due to these hot dry days. Watering the corn at this stage has decreased dramatically. However, adequate moisture is essential to maintain potential grain weight until kernels are mature. The grain maturity line and soil moisture blocks can aid in making an accurate decision. Generally, irrigation can be discontinued when a field reaches 50% down line and has a full profile of water.

Southwestern corn borer moth activity greatly increased in the area pheromone traps recently. Careful monitoring for eggs and larvae should continue especially in the late-planted fields. Insecticides

should be applied when 20% to 25% of the plants are infested with eggs or newly hatched larvae. Check for egg masses to determine the potential infestation and the correct timing of insecticide application.

Spider mite infestations have greatly declined. Mite feeding after full dent will not cause yield loss, but may contribute to premature plant lodging if mite feeding damage is severe and the crop is stressed. Mite feeding will not slow dry-down of the grain.

As the adult corn earworm moths emerge from the area corn, egg lays will begin on the sorghum leaves and heads. Larvae of these moths vary in color from pale green to almost black, with longitude stripes running along the back. Early planting and practices that encourage the development of beneficial insect populations aid in the control of earworms. Planting "open-headed" sorghum hybrids also tends to reduce the occurrence of larvae in sorghum heads. Begin inspection of sorghum heads soon after flowering and continue until the soft dough stage is reached. To determine the economic injury level, see the chart below.

**ECONOMIC INJURY LEVEL FOR CORN EARWORM IN SORGHUM  
BASED ON NUMBER OF LARVAE PER PANICLE**

Control cost(\$) per acre	Crop value (\$) per acre									
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	260	
2	.5	.4	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	
3	.8	.6	.5	.5	.4	.4	.3	.3	.3	
4	1.0	.8	.7	.6	.6	.5	.4	.4	.4	
5	1.2	1.0	.9	.8	.7	.6	.6	.5	.5	
6	1.5	1.2	1.1	.9	.8	.8	.7	.6	.6	
7	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	.9	.8	.7	.7	
8	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	.9	.8	.8	
9	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	.9	.9	
10	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	

## Filing deadline is Sept. 17 for quality loss adjustment

Applications for quality loss adjustments on several crops must be filed by Sept. 17.

"Producers haven't been coming in to fill out their applications," said Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. "I know they're busy in the fields, but this is something they need to take care of because the deadline will be here soon."

Quality loss adjustments may be made for wheat, corn, barley, oats, grain sorghum, upland cotton, soybeans, sunflowers and sugar beets for crop years 1990 to 1992.

Production may be adjusted for crops on a farm because of low quality for two of the three years (1990, 1991 and 1992).

For example, if a producer received disaster payments for a production loss on a farm for 1990 and 1992, then he could not file for a quality loss which occurred in 1991, Abbott explained.

The operator must file the application by Sept. 17. Owners signatures must be obtained by Oct. 1 if the quality loss application is the first filed for a farm for a particular crop.

Production evidence showing grade factors must be submitted by Oct. 8.

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# Birdwell named 'Rookie of Year'

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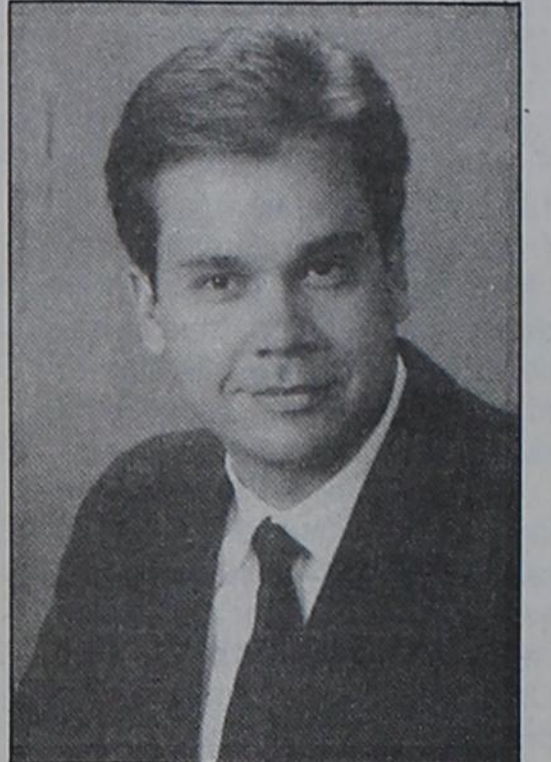
E.C. Roark, agency manager for State Farm in Amarillo, recently announced the honors Birdwell won.

Roark said that Birdwell has been ranked No. 1 in Texas and No. 18 in the US among Top New agents.

The Rookie of the Year award is based on production, attitude and good work ethics, and is awarded to the top new agent in North Texas, which includes the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Birdwell has also qualified for the Millionaire Club, State Farm's award for Outstanding Life Insurance Production in both 1991 and 1992 and the National Convention in 1992. Other industry awards Birdwell has received are the Texas Leaders Round Table, National Sales Achievement Award, and the National Quality Award for the

years 1992 and 1993. Birdwell started as a State Farm agent on March 1, 1991, and had completed two years of training. "Congratulations for a great first two years," Roark said.



Russel Birdwell

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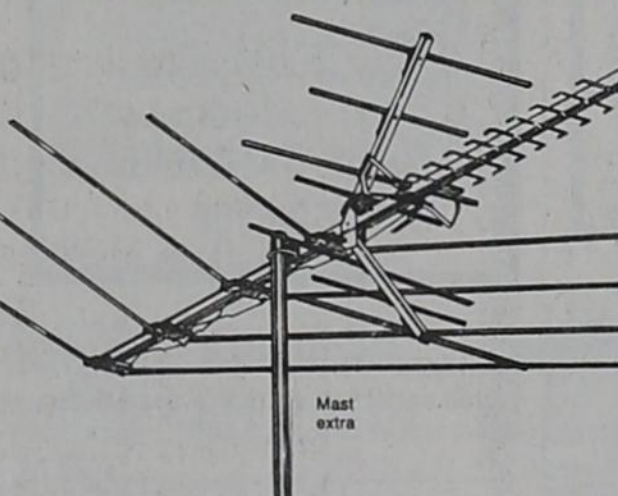
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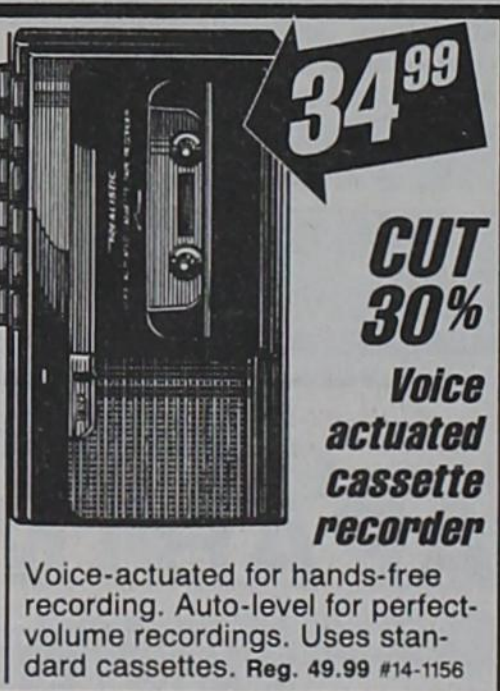


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You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 242nd Judicial District Court in the Castro County Courthouse located in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 4th day of October, A.D. 1993, and then and there to answer the Petition of CASTRO CO-OP GIN, INC., in Cause No. 93-08-B-6679-CV, styled CASTRO CO-OP GIN, INC. vs. R.R. DULIN, ET-AL, in which CASTRO CO-OP GIN, INC. is Plaintiff and R.R. DULIN and G.M. ETTER, Trustees of the Bedford Town and Land Company, a joint stock company, unincorporated, and further complaining of the successors and substitute trustees of the said Bedford Town and Land Company, whose names are unknown, complaining of BEDFORD TOWN AND LAND COMPANY, a joint stock company, unincorporated, whose place of residence is unknown, and complaining of the stockholders and the unknown stockholders of Bedford Town and Land Company, a joint stock company, and further complaining of the officers and directors of Bedford Town and Land Company, whose names are unknown, and the successors in office, whose names are unknown, and complaining of the agents and representatives of the said Bedford Town and Land Company, and further complaining of E.S. JONES, E.F. HALSELL, G.M. ETTER, R.R. DULIN, A.R. ANDREWS, J.B. STINSON, R.L. BELSHER, W.H. BEAN, W.C. DIMMITT, H.G. BEDFORD, J.W. HINTON, W.F.

WOODARD, J.H. GRIFFIN, W.F. COOPER, JOHN R. GRIFFIN and RUFUS BEDFORD, and if any of the individual Defendants hereinabove named were ever married, complaining of their spouse, whose name is unknown, and if any of the above named Defendants are deceased or their spouse is deceased, complaining of the heirs, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each, all and everyone of the Defendants hereinabove named, and further complaining of all persons, firms or corporations owning or claiming any interest in the lands and premises hereinafter described, are Defendants. The said Petition filed on August 19, 1993, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit involved the determination of fee simple title to property claimed by Plaintiff by limitations located in Castro County, Texas, to-wit:

A 4.22-acre tract of land out of the South part of Section Number Twenty-five (25), Block M-10-A, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 5/8-inch steel rod, located in the Southwest line of Highway 385 from which a 5/8-inch steel rod set for the Southeast corner of Section No. 25 bears South 45 deg., 47', 30" East 216 feet and East 1,007.9 feet;

THENCE North 45 deg., 47', 30" West 177.2 feet to a 5/8-inch steel rod set at the intersection of the Southwest of South Street and the Southwest right-of-way line of US Highway 385 for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE North 89 deg., 21', 30" West along the South line of South Street, a distance of 1-419.1 feet to a steel shaft set for the Northeast corner of the Third Tract of land awarded to Jack R. Cowsert by a Final Judgement recorded in Vol. 105, Page 327, Deed Records, Castro County, Texas;

THENCE South 02 deg., 06' West, 126 feet to a 1/2-inch steel stake set for the Southeast corner of said Cowsert tract;

THENCE South 89 deg., 31', 30" East 1,550.6 feet along the North line of a tract previously conveyed to the Castro Co-op Gin, Inc., by Deed, recorded in Vol. 111, Page 337, Deed Records, Castro County, Texas, to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 4.22 acres of land, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 19th day of August, 1993, at Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

JOY JONES  
 Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas

BY: JOYCE THOMAS  
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The Dimmitt High School Class of 1953 will sponsor a "Back to the Fifties" reunion on Sept. 24 and 25 at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

Members of classes who graduated from DHS in the 1950s are invited to attend the reunion, which will coincide with Dimmitt's Homecoming celebration.

Plans are being made for all classes to get together and visit and renew friendships.

On Friday Sept. 24, the group plans to attend the pep rally, then the spaghetti supper, which will be sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America. The football game also is on the list of activities. (Both the meal and game are "on your own" and the pep rally is optional).

Those attending the reunion are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Senior Citizens Center. A steak dinner will be served at 12 noon and visiting is planned in the afternoon. Registration fee for Saturday is \$10, and that includes the steak dinner.

Nelson earns degree from Texas A&M

Justin Lee Nelson of Dimmitt was awarded a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Texas A&M University in College Station.

He received his degree during August commencement exercises at the University.

Wildlife class names new officers

The Wildlife Management 1 class of the Dimmitt chapter of the Future Farmers of America elected officers at a recent meeting.

New officers include Tye Baca, president; Greg Fuller, vice president; Mandi Davis, secretary; Tucker Schumacher, treasurer; Guy Lewis, reporter; Jason Wooten, sentinel; and Chad Rogers, parliamentarian.



THE NAZARETH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1953 held its 40-year reunion over Labor Day weekend. Those gathering at the 19th Hole Cafe for the meal and reunion. Those attending were (back row, from left) Edwin Schacher, Floyd Schulte, Clyde Hoelting, Dennis Heiman, Irene (Schacher) Acker, Evelyn (Stork) Hill and Don Acker; and (seated, from left) Michael Schacher, Gin (Burt) Huseman, Grace (Schacher) Holly, Catherine (Backus) Huseman, Estelle (Hoelting) Keyes and Mary Ann (Acker) Walterscheid. Photo by Anne Acker

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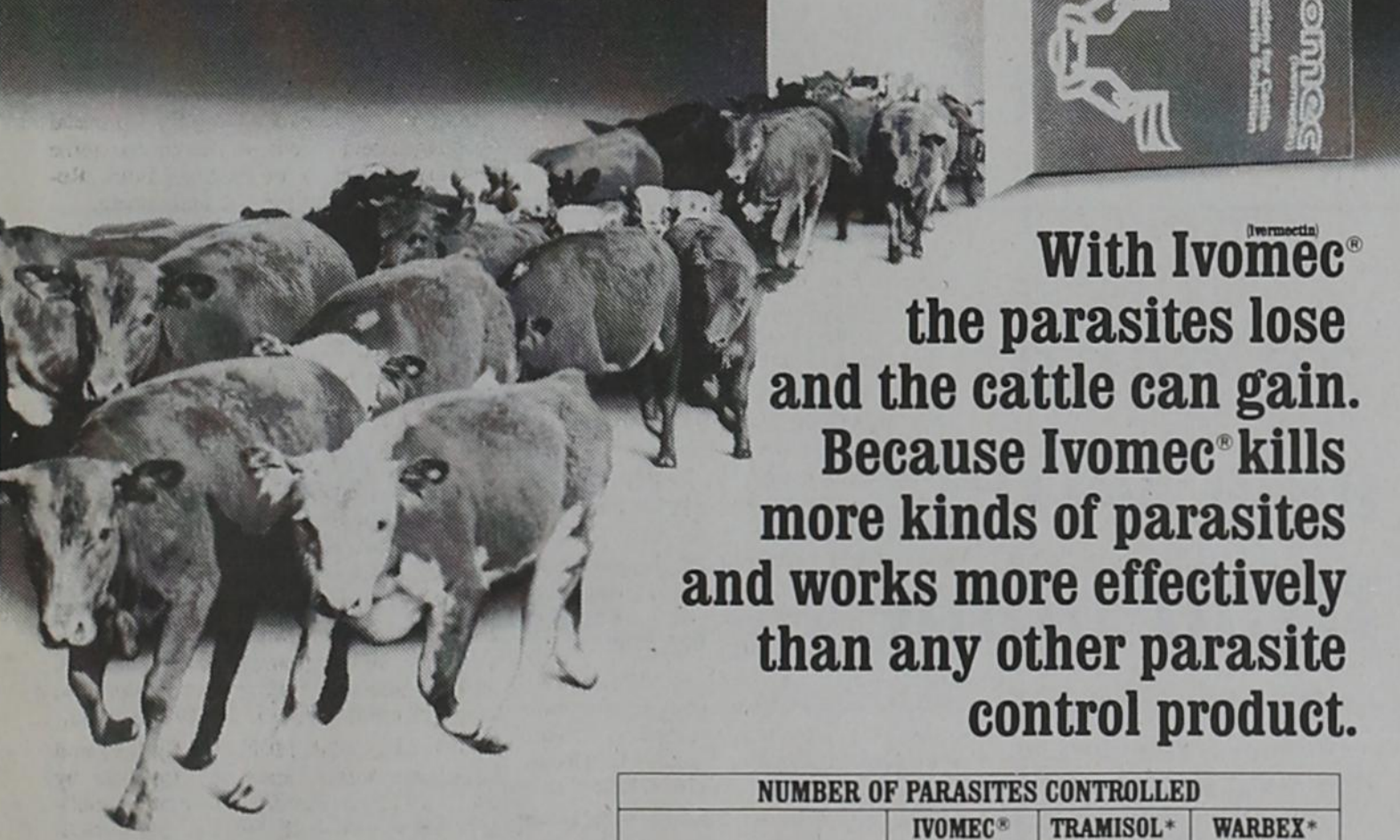
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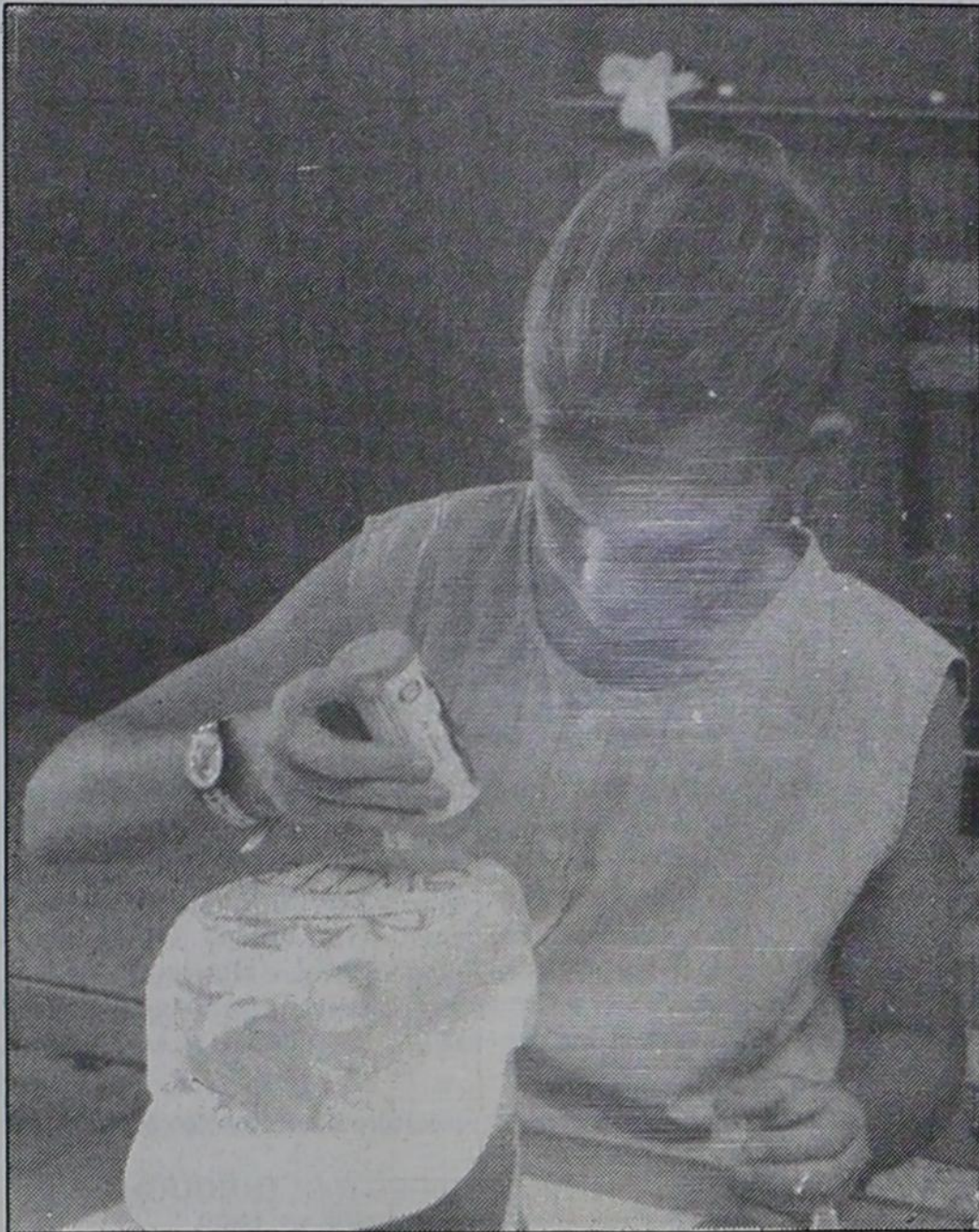
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**SWIFT BOOSTER** Whitney Hoelting decorates a hat showing her support of the Nazareth Swifts at one of the children's games Sunday afternoon during the annual Labor Day celebration. The hat decorating booth was popular among youngsters attending the day's events, along with the children's bingo, "plinko" game and more.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Obituaries

### Ethel Lacy

Services for Ethel Lacy, 85, longtime Hart resident, were held Monday morning in the First Baptist Church at Hart with Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Lacy died at 4:05 p.m. last Thursday in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Hollis, Okla., and lived in Spade before moving to Hart in 1944. She married W.C. Lacy on Nov. 27, 1926, in Littlefield. He died on Dec. 14, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Hart.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bill Lacy in 1976 and Tommy Joe Lacy in 1937.

Survivors include three sons, Bob Lacy of Clovis, N.M., Darrell Lacy of Hart and John Lacy of Lubbock; a daughter, Jo Ann Dezonnia of Dallas; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, including Denny, Daniel, Mike, Carl and Randy Lacy, Darrell Lacy Jr., Robert Lacy Jr. and Chuck Riddles.

Honorary pallbearers were her granddaughters, Belinda Ann Young, Sandra Kay Holton, Lisa Schulte and Debbie Thornton.

### Stephanie Martinez

Stephanie Rose Martinez, one-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Martinez of Hereford, died Monday, Sept. 6, 1993.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford with the

Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld, pastor of San Jose Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Stephanie was born Aug. 30, 1993, at Canyon, and was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sebedra of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Martinez Sr. of Dawn; and her great-grandparents, Martina Ybarra of Donna and Benigno Ramirez of Mission.

### E. Merle Weathers

Rev. E. Merle Weathers, 85, of Canyon, former pastor of a Summerfield church, died Saturday at his residence.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Canyon First Baptist Church with Rev. Travis Laduke, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dalhart, officiating.

Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Canyon under the direction of Holley Funeral Home.

Mr. Weathers married Cecile Lightfoot on July 28, 1928, in Floydada. He attended Wayland Baptist University and Howard Payne College in Brownwood. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a minister and pastored in Center, Sandhill, Cotton Center, Summerfield, Aiken, Sterley, Fairview, Groom, Panhandle, Merkel, Morse, Vigo Park, Wayside, Clovis, N.M. and Stinson, Okla. He retired in 1973, and continued to serve as interim pastor at Shamrock, Happy and Amarillo churches.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Nelda Jacks of Lubbock; a sister, Mary Dee Lee of Lubbock; and a granddaughter.

## Ag producers can receive refund on fee

Agricultural producers who have paid a special \$5 licensing fee on their farm vehicles since Jan. 1, 1992, are now entitled to a refund of that money under House Bill 1287.

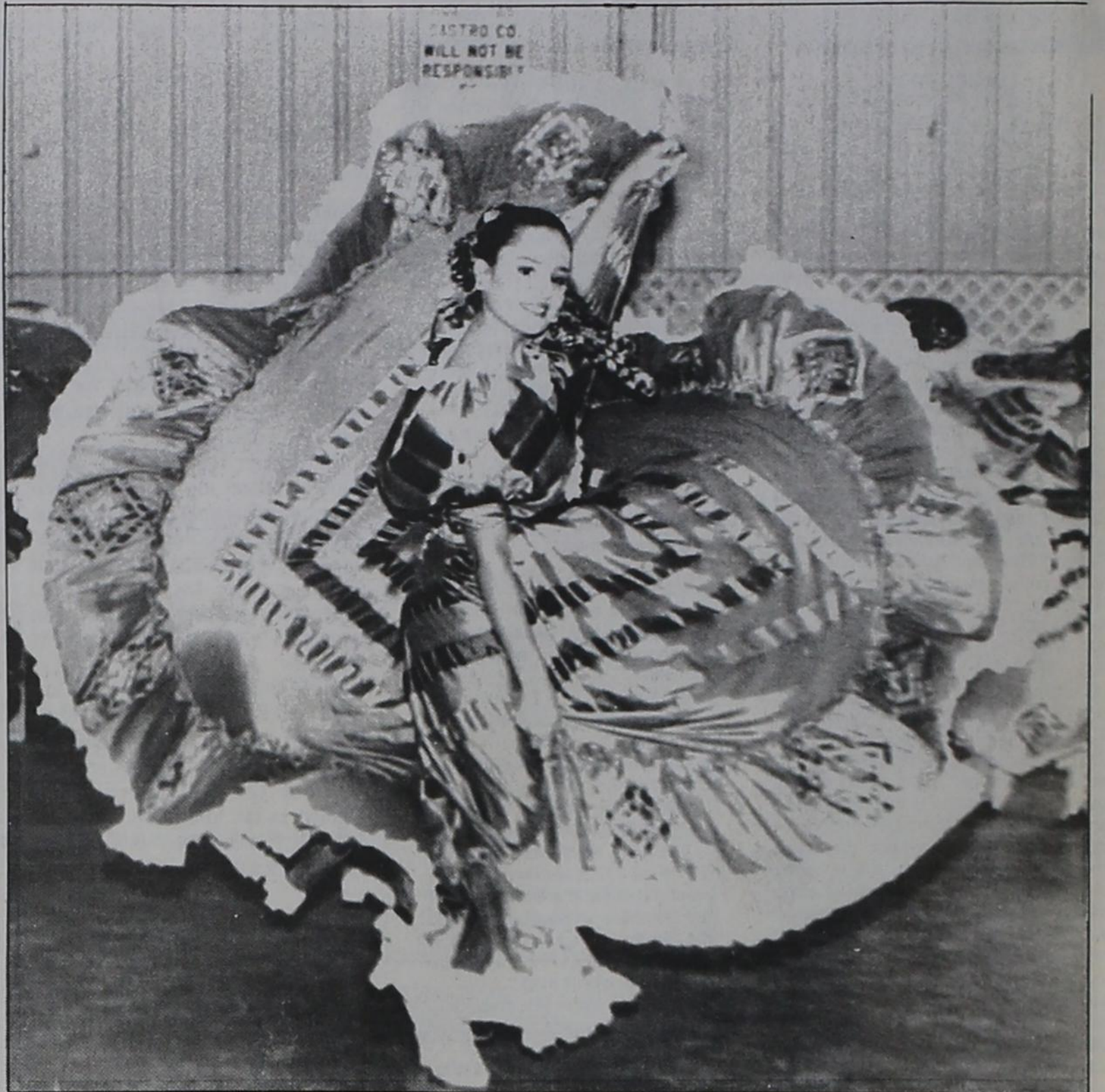
Under HB 1287, which went into effect on Sept. 1, the State Comptroller's Office must refund the fees which agricultural producers paid to fund the Young Farmers Loan Guarantee Program, administered by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

Producers who paid the \$5 fee between Jan. 1, 1992 and Aug. 31, 1993, have until Nov. 1 to apply for refunds from the county tax assessor-collector's office.

As of Sept. 1, the \$5 fee on farm vehicles became a "voluntary assessment." The tax assessor will still charge producers the fee, but those producers will be eligible for a refund of that fee a month later.

"We have to collect it, deposit it, then we can refund it," said Billy Hackleman, Castro County tax assessor-collector.

The state comptroller's office developed a refund application which can be filled out at the tax assessor's office.



**DANCERS A FIESTA FEATURE**—Dancers like this one from Ballet Folklorico de San Patricio of Lubbock will be back to entertain at the third annual Fiesta Day celebration Saturday at the

Expo Building in Dimmitt. The Lubbock troupe will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, while the local Ballet Folklorico will dance at 2 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## More about

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Anyway, my friend's bill from the Amarillo hospital was only \$9,260.15, and the cost review may bring it down. He showed his original bill to me this week. To our untrained eyes, it appeared that they had charged him twice for the post-op observation room, at \$307 a whack.

In addition to his Amarillo experience, he had five days' total in Plains Memorial in two separate stays for the same illness. The local hospital bill was \$3,600.

And this week he received his first doctor's bill. It was from the surgeon, and was for more than \$2,000.

That's almost \$15,000 so far. My original premise still stands. We definitely need to get a handle on spiraling health-care costs.

The Hart Days celebration for 1994 is alive and well, thank you.

Not only will Hart Days continue next year, with Jerry Miller as the coordinator; the planning committee also is hoping to build a stage, picnic tables and maybe even a pavilion on property donated to Hart Days by former Hart teacher and businesswoman Jewell Slade-Bennett.

The Hart Days Committee has almost \$2,000 in its checking account plus \$4,000 in CD's after a profit of \$545 from Hart Days 1993, according to treasurer Aurelia Perez.

To avoid another conflict with Dimmitt's Harvest Days celebration, the Hart Days Committee has set a new, standing date for Hart Days: the last consecutive Friday and Saturday of July.

The sign on the side of the Payn-Save Food building will be repainted to promote the new celebration date year-round. The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is thinking about helping with the repainting cost.

Thanks to everyone involved in this show of rededication and cooperation. Now we can all enjoy Hart Days in "The Town With a Heart" in late July, then the county fair and Harvest Days in Dimmitt a couple or three weekends later.

From the ideas and comments of Hart Days Committee planners, as reported in last week's *Hart Beat*, I suspect that Hart Days 1994 may be the biggest and best yet.

After the "Naked Twenty" from Floydada were arrested last month in Louisiana, it was too wild a story to simply report. The story begged for commentary by comedians and newspaper columnists, who had a field day.

For instance, columnist Roddy Stinson in the *San Antonio Express-News* turned it into a sweeping, if humorous, indictment of all West

Texans. Ralph Smith brought in a copy of it.

Here's what Stinson had to say: "What an unappreciative and sacrilegious world this is.

"Twenty Pentecostals from Floydada, a small community north of Lubbock, got in their cars and headed toward Florida.

"Along the way, God spoke to them and told them to get rid of their belongings. So they chucked their clothes and all of their cars except one and kept driving east in their birthday suits.

"Through a series of unfortunate events, they were exposed in Vinton, La., where police officers made them get dressed.

"Someone notified the media, and the bare-bottomed Pentecostals became grist for the mills of national commentators and comedians, including several local wags, who called this column to chortle.

"CALLER: 'Twenty naked Pentecostals in one car should give new meaning to that old hymn, *Close to Thee*.'

"CALLER: 'When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be bare.'

"Those are the only cracks I can print.

"Prophets often are ridiculed—and rarely appreciated—when they first appear.

"A few minutes ago, I searched the newspaper's computer files and

read every story that has been written about the nude religionists.

"Nowhere in the reports did anyone praise them or point out that they were able to do something that millions of other deeply spiritual people have not been able to accomplish: Escape from West Texas.

"The law enforcement officers in Floydada and Vinton didn't mention this.

"Nor the Pentecostals' Floydada relatives.

"Nor even the 'district superintendent of the United Pentecostals,' who wanted the world to know that the nude group's church wasn't connected to his denomination.

"God either showed only the Naked Twenty the way out of the Wilderness or he told all West Texans, 'Strip and skip,' and only the Naked Twenty heard, understood, undressed and vamoosed.

"My money is on option two.

"First, I believe in the fairness of Heaven.

"Second, I believe that over a long period of time, persons who live west of Fort Worth, north of San Angelo and south of Texline lose a significant number of their marbles.

"I hesitate to give specific examples, but I don't think it will hurt anyone's feelings if I point out that Texas House Speaker Pete Laney is

from Hale Center, 35 miles west of Floydada.

"Laney also is a graduate of Texas Tech University, the educational institution that serves the marbleless area.

"There is no way under God's desert sun that Pete *et al* would have been able to handle a message from a higher intelligence.

"So the Almighty spoke to Sammy and Danny Rodriguez, the Pentecostal preachers who led the Naked Twenty out of the dusty, barren and generally uninhabitable West Texas wasteland.

"The Lord moves in mysterious ways, His saving grace to perform.

"Or, in this case, his rescuing purpose to illustrate.

"They (the Pentecostals) made statements like the devil was after them and Floydada was going to be destroyed if they stayed there,' Floydada Police Chief James Hale told reporters after investigating the exodus of the Naked Twenty.

"But I'm guessing he concocted that story to make them look bad.

"It would be a complete waste of time for Satan to destroy part of West Texas.

"How could anyone tell?"

That's Roddy Stinson, c/o *The San Antonio Express-News*, PO Box 2171, San Antonio, TX, 78297-2171.

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