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## WEATHER FOR WEEK OF 3-09 THRU 3-015

Day	Hi	Lo	Precip	Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
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## Gruver celebrates opening of new recycling center

With the opening of the new recycling center, the city of Gruver is now able to recycle garbage that would normally be thrown away.

The grand opening, held on March 8, was centered around a ribbon cutting and information session designed to educate community members and local school children as to the benefits of recycling.

The Gruver Recycling Center is located next to city hall and will accept aluminum and steel cans, glass, plastics, paper, oil filters, and oil.

Children from the Gruver Elementary School were released from class to attend the grand opening. While they were there, the winners of a poster contest promoting recycling in Gruver were announced.

From Kindergarten Bonnie Frick won 1st place. The winners in first

grade are Ofelia Rodriguez-3rd, Laci Fitzgerald-2nd, and Colby Griffin-1st. In second grade Valerie Burnam-3rd, Brittany Claxton-2nd, and Laina Grotegut-1st won the contest. From third grade the winners are Chris Hillebrand-3rd, David Puebla-2nd, and Kalee Crawford-1st. The winners in fourth grade are Chris Perey-3rd, Dan Villegas-2nd, and Lori Swink-1st.

Door prizes, donated by local businesses, were also given away at the grand opening.

A can crusher donated by Bartlett's Ace Hardware went to Karen Smith. A pair of recycling bins donated by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce went to Frances Houghton and Robert Smith. Scott Houghton and Linda Walters won oil change pans given by the City of

Gruver. Cousins donated recycling cards that went to Diane Brown. Two movie rentals donated by Te Beest Video went to Beth Swink. Ida Hendricks won a change purse donated by Gruver State Bank. The Gruver Farm Supply donated a mug and a sun screen which was won by Donna Been and Victor Taylor. Gruver Farm Supply donated a number of sports bottles which were won by Rodger Ferguson, J.C. Harris, Donna Williams, Kimberly Seagler, Rhonda Williams, Betty Mathews, Betty Roberts, Carolyn Hicks, and Kathy Dillard. Gopher's donated sports mugs which were won by Peggy Dillow, Doris Pinkerton, John Cotter, Fred Miller, Teague Winger, Virginia Taylor, Lindy Weldon, Julie Williams, Peggy Elliott, Phyllis Haefner, Kathy Taylor, and Van Bradford.



**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT**-The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Gruver Recycling Center, located next to city hall, took place on March 8. Shown are the mayor and other town officials and recycling experts on hand for the festivities. After the cutting of the ribbon, the people of the audience could inspect the recycling center, followed by the drawing of door prizes.

## GHS and SHS name students to all-academic basketball team



**USING THEIR HEAD** - The Lady Hounds and Hounds had an impressive basketball season this year, but seven of the Lady Hounds' and five of the Hounds' players proved that they were also awesome off the court by making the all-academic team. They are (Back row l to r) Weslyn Maupin, Tara Shapley, Wendy Rodriguez, Tisha Ralston, Julie Meyer, Amber Murrell, and Kiki Carthel. (Front row l to r) Josh Mayhew, Jace Dawson, Aaron Frick, Travis Ferguson, and Ricardo Soto. (Photo by Chad Davis)



**BASKETBALL SMARTIES** - The Lynx and Lynxettes had seven athletes to make the all-academic team as well. Those using their brainpower are (Back row l to r) Dillon Miller, Jarod Huddleston, and Misha Davis. (Front row l to r) Carrie Burton, Lindsey Smith, Kelly Shieldknight, and Samantha Beasley.

Most people's idea of a superb athlete is someone who barely gets by in school, and is so called "all muscle and no brains". However, 19 fantastic Spearman and Gruver basketball players are putting that old saying under.

In addition to having great skills on the court, Kiki Carthel, Weslyn Maupin, Julie Meyer, Amber Murrell, Tisha Ralston, Wendy Rodriguez, and Tara Shapley, all Lady Hounds' players, honed in their skills off the court and made the prestigious All Academic Basketball Team.

The Hounds also had members of their team to achieve this greatness. Jace Dawson, Travis Ferguson, Aaron Frick, Josh Mayhew, and Ricardo Soto appeared for the honor.

It appeared that the Lynx and Lynxettes have also used their brain power as well, as they had two boys and five girls to make the team. Unfortunately for Spearman, no boys or girls from the senior class appeared. In the eleventh grade, Jarod Huddleston, Kelly Shieldknight, and Carrie Burton made the team, while Dillon Miller and Samantha Beasley were the only two sophomores to make recognition.

The freshmen of SHS also had two fine athletes with superior knowledge. Misha Davis and Lindsey Smith hit high numbers this year on the court and, apparently, in the classroom.

## Disaster training course to be held by Red Cross

The American Red Cross will be hosting a disaster training course for the residents of Hansford County on April 1 and 8. This training will enable participants to provide Red Cross assistance to victims of local disasters. Linda Duncan, Chapter Manager from the Gray County Red Cross, will be the instructor.

Introduction to Disaster will be taught on April 1st from 9 A.M. to noon and is a prerequisite to any of

## Board of Trustees meet in regular session at Pringle-Morse CISD

The Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, March 9, 1995. Board members present: Alan Leach, Betty Womble, Charlie Kiser, Clay Reid, Ron Womble, Lonnie Clemmons, and Clyde McCloy. Also present were Superintendent Beryl Sears and visitor Steve Shields.

All action items presented to the board passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Lonnie Clemmons and seconded by Ron Womble to approve the minutes of the February 14, 1995 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Clyde McCloy and seconded by Clay Reid to approve the March expenditures in the amount of \$18,885.89.

Betty Womble made a motion, which was seconded by Alan Leach, to approve the 1995-96 school calendar as presented.

Lonnie Clemmons seconded a motion by Ron Womble to approve the recommendations of the Pringle-Morse CISD Textbook Committee.

A motion was made by Charlie Kiser and seconded by Betty Womble to table the consideration of heating/air conditioning equipment.

The Finance and District Improvement Council reports were

given.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:40 pm as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Section 551.074 (Personnel). The Board ended the Closed Session at 10:17 pm.

A motion was made by Lonnie Clemmons and seconded by Charlie Kiser to approve Teacher Contracts for 1995-96 which passed 7-0.

Clyde McCloy made a motion

which was seconded by Clay Reid to approve the Librarian's Contract for 1995-96 which passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Womble and seconded by Alan Leach to approve the Business Manager's contract for 1995-96 which passed 7-0.

Charlie Kiser seconded a motion by Clyde McCloy to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm which also passes 7-0.

## Hansford Happenings

### Junior Meeting

The Junior Class parents will have a meeting March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria to discuss the Junior & Senior Prom/Banquet.

### Hansford Hospice Meeting

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the First State Bank of Spearman with Reverend Fernand Couture as the scheduled speaker.

### "Beehive"

The Amarillo Little Theater will put on a play called "Beehive" as a fund raiser for Perryton Chamber of Commerce at the Perryton High School Auditorium, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Come enjoy the great female singers of the 60's.

### Defensive Driving

Defensive driving will be March 15 and 16. Call the Chamber of Commerce Office for more information at 659-5555.

### Quilt Raffle

The Golden Spread Seniors have tickets available for a blue Cowboy Star quilt to be raffled April 11th. For information contact Pearl Pierce at 659-3866.

### Family Night

The Hansford Manor is having Family Night, Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Country Gospel Singers from Perryton. The winners of the Kiss A Pig Contest will be announced.

### Chamber Banquet

Tickets for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Meeting can be purchased at the Chamber Office or call to reserve at 659-5555. Tickets are \$15 for Chamber Members and \$17.50 for non-members. Deadline for tickets is Monday, March 27, 5:00 p.m.

### Meals On Wheels

To sign-up for Meals On Wheels contact Ernestina Salgado at the Hansford County Hospital, 659-2535.

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# School Lunch Menus

**PRINGLE-MORSE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUE**  
**Monday, March 20**  
 Beef-n-mac, beans, salad, cornbread, cookie, and milk.  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
 Ham steaks, gravy, rolls, potatoes, broccoli-n-cheese, fruit, and milk.  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
 Sloppy joes, french fries, cloe slaw, dessert, and milk.  
**Thursday, March 23**  
 Mac-n-cheese, green peas, salad, rolls, jello, and milk.

**Friday, March 24**  
 Stew, sandwiches, fruit, ice cream, and milk.  
**PMISD BREAKFAST**  
**Monday-Cheese toast, toast, juice, and milk.**  
**Tuesday-Rasin toast, cereal, juice and milk.**  
**Wednesday-Sausage, waffles, juice, and milk.**  
**Thursday-Muffins, toast, juice, and milk.**  
**Friday-eggs, toast, juice, and milk.**

## Honor roll released for Gruver Junior High

The anxious kids of Gruver Junior High are up and ready for their summer break, and with only 12 more weeks to go, the following kids are still keeping up with their grades:

- FOURTH SIX WEEKS ALL A'S FIFTH GRADE**  
 Kade Carthel.
- SIXTH GRADE**  
 Holly Hart, Brad Holt, Brooke Salmans, Gisela Soto, Richard Stewart, Chad TeBeest, Miranda Thoreson, Brooke Bevell, Shea Lowe, Taos Weldon Casie Bridwell, Kallie Cluck, Monalisa Garcia, Tessa Yanke, and Cory Schneider.
- SEVENTH GRADE**  
 Randi Atwood, Dallas Henson, Annie Mayhew, Cayla Simon, Janae Watley, Esmeraldo Bravo, and Mary Puebla.
- EIGHTH GRADE**  
 Jennifer Duggan, Luke Johnson, Holly McCloy, Lauren Miller, Wesley Miser, Jason TeBeest, Matt

- Watlington, and Missy Johnson.
- ALL A'S AND ONE B FIFTH GRADE**  
 Kaylee Holt, James Duggan, Jacinda Perez, Brittney Morris, and Brian Goad.
- SIXTH GRADE**  
 Ashleii Barrera, Kimberly Boyd, Sammie Stavlo, and Seth TeBeest.
- SEVENTH GRADE**  
 Chelsie Hicks, Brenda Soto, Candice Casdorff, Krystle Deeds, Dan Odom, Lacie Osbourne, and Lindy Tolleson.
- EIGHTH GRADE**  
 Jennifer Lopez, Jeff McClure, Charlie Stavlo, Teresa Crow, and Erika Salmans.
- PRINCIPAL'S HONOR 95 OR BETTER IN ALL SUBJECTS**  
 Holly McCloy, Jennifer Duggan, Janae Watley, Brooke Salmans, Holly Hart, Shea Lowe, and Kade Carthel.



POSTER WINNERS-Shown are the winners (K-2) of the Gruver Recycling Center poster contest. Open to students in K-4th grade, the contest asked for posters encouraging recycling in Gruver. Winners shown are Bonnie Frick, Ofella Rodriguez, Laci Fitzgerald, Golby Griffin, Brittany Claxton, Valerie Burnam, and Laina Grotogut.

## Recycling Words

By MARGIE FAGAN  
 Spearman-Gruver Recycling Co-ordinator

Just how hard could it be to recycle newsprint? It's not and that's why recycling newspaper is the first choice of most people. Then are just a couple little rules.

Newspaper bundles have been tied with things as ingenious as old panty hose, wire, plastic grocery sacks and duct tape. Whoa! Reuse is great but not in this case. The best thing to bundle your newspaper with is nothing. The recyclers try to catch all the goodies before the paper heads for the shredder but things get missed. Tape can reek havoc with a paper shredder and ink from the deinking process can cling to the goo. If you must bundle, use a cotton or natural fiber string or a paper grocery sacks. Little bits of these items won't contaminate the paper.

Don't slip other types of paper in with your newspaper such as cardboard, excess paper bags, catalogs, magazines, phone books, and junk mail. I know it is a long hike from the newspaper bin to that mixed

paper bin, but you can do it. Burn those calories. Glossy ads like coupons have a clay base (really) and are not often compatible with the paper making process at many recycling mills. Colored non-glossy ads are OK so include all these inserts. The binding and the paper fiber of phone books make those unacceptable as well. Phone books need to be sent off to have their binding removed before they can be used.

Keep your paper dry. Wet paper gets moldy and mold clings to paper the same way it clings to that towel that your nine year old left in their bag after they went swimming three months ago. Mills won't buy moldy paper.

Don't recycle newsprint over 6 months old. The quality breaks down and the ink becomes difficult to remove.

We'd like to keep our good reputation for providing our recycler with a top-notch product. Give us a hand and thanks for recycling.

## Panhandle State to hold Pre-Enrollment Clinic

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University 1995 Pre-Enrollment Clinics are approaching. These clinics are for high school seniors and junior college transfers. Enrollment for the 1995 fall semester is completed at the clinics. OPSU offers out-of-state waivers to surrounding area students and an "open door" admission policy, with no minimum ACT score required.

The clinic dates are: Friday, March 24; Friday, April 21; Wednesday, June 21; and Wednesday, July 19. The clinics begin at 9 a.m. with registration in the OPSU Office of Admissions, Room 126 in Sewell-Loofburrow Hall, for students needing to take the placement exam. Registration for students not taking the placement exam is at 10 a.m. The placement exam will be administered at 10 a.m.

After lunch, which the OPSU cafeteria and snack bar will serve, an information session will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 1-1:30 p.m. From 1:30 to 2 p.m., the Office of Public Relations will be taking pictures to send to hometown newspapers. The pre-enrollment process begins during this same time with advisement by faculty advisors until 4 p.m.

The advantages of attending an OPSU pre-enrollment clinic include: a better selection of courses offered, individualized attention for each student, personalized advisement from an OPSU faculty member, and information sessions covering such topics as scholarships, financial aid, student services and activities, housing, athletics, peer counseling, placement, and tutoring. OPSU strongly emphasizes individual attention and faculty/student relationships while attending college.

To attend a 1995 pre-enrollment clinic at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, make a reservation by phone or mail. Send an official transcript at least three working days before a pre-enrollment clinic date, and send a copy of ACT/SAT scores. For reservations or for more information, please contact the OPSU Office of Admissions at P.O. Box 430, Goodwell, OK 73939 or call (405)-349-2611, extension 375 or 274.

Effective March 1, Oklahoma Panhandle State University's operating hours will change from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday to 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Darrouzett Alumni prepare for next reunion

Darrouzett Alumni-It's that time of year to begin preparation for our next reunion. Our last reunion, July 1992, was an exciting time for all Darrouzett alumni in celebrating the first annual all-school reunion. At the alumni meeting, it was decided to hold a reunion every three years during the annual Deutsches Fest. In 1992, a very small annual staff, consisting of two students and one advisor, began compiling addresses of the Darrouzett Alumni. When the task proved too great for the small staff, local alumni jumped into the project which took many long hours of hard work.

Robert Dean Duke, Sr., president of the alumni said, "The attendance at our last reunion was out-

standing! It was great to see the old classes of the past, get together and reminisce about old times, memories, teachers and friends. I feel like everyone is looking forward to seeing each other again this year."

Changing life-styles and jobs leads to the relocation of families. This is why it is difficult to keep alumni addresses current. In only three years, the alumni directory is outdated. We are asking everyone, including family and friends who attended the Darrouzett School at any time, to send in your current address to: Darrouzett Alumni Association, Box 273, Darrouzett, Texas 79024. If you have any suggestions for us please send them to the above address. We're looking forward to seeing you in July.

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## Tucker/Jones unite in marriage



TRACI MICHELLE TUCKER



DAVID EDWARD TERRY and KIMBERLY MICHELLE NICHOLS

Traci Michelle Jones, daughter of John and Judy Griffin, also of the late David H. Jones, of Amarillo, wed David Lee Tucker, son of Mrs. June Tucker and the late Buck Tucker, of Spearman on February 18 at 7:00 pm at the Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Dr. Larry Payne, Pastor of the Coulter Road Baptist Church officiated in the double ring ceremony. Music for the ceremony was provided by vocalists Walt and Gayla Brown of Monroe, Louisiana, pianist Jody Purser, and Walt Brown on trumpet. The musical selections were Truett Voluntary, Canon in D, Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, and My Prayer For You.

The candlelight service was accented by brass candelabra decorated with wild smilax greenery and white bows.

Amber Roberts, cousin of the bride, and Kelcee Barkley, niece of the groom, assisted in the ceremony as candlelighters, and Brooke Purser registered guests.

Ryan Griffin, brother of the bride, and Scott Roberts, uncle of the bride, acted as ushers.

Beverly Hemphill, of Amarillo, a friend of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Angie Bivens, of Amarillo, and Jenni McCaslin, of Tulsa, both friends of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

The bridal attendants wore black floral brocade, tea length dresses and carried arm bolas of calla lilies and springer fern with bows of ivory on white brocade.

Matthew Tucker, of Spearman, the groom's brother, acted as best man, and Scott Barkley of Spearman and James Garcia of Odessa

were the groomsmen.

The groom's attendants wore black tuxedos.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with tails and a paisley white vest.

The bride wore a diamond white light cotton floral brocade with hand beaded pearl trimmed neckline, long sleeves and a basque waistline. She also wore a semi-cathedral train and a floral brocade bow studded with pearls-fingertip veil.

For the something borrowed she wore her mother's pearl earrings, and something blue was a garter which was handmade by a friend.

The bride was given away by her father, John Griffin.

The reception was held at the Coulter Road Baptist Church.

The bride's table had a gathered lace tablecloth with candelabra decorated with greenery, and her cake was a three tiered white cake.

Serving at the bride's table were Brook Purser and Deyonna Bryant.

The groom's table had a taffeta pleated cloth on which was a German chocolate cake.

Alison Roberts and Carla Barkley served at the groom's table.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

After February 26, the couple could be found at home in Amarillo.

The bride graduated from Amarillo High School and WTAMU in Canyon with a degree in business management. She is employed by Southwest General Contractors, Inc. in Amarillo.

The groom graduated from Spearman High School in Spearman. He is employed by GCR Truck Tire Center in Amarillo.

### Birth announcement

Chet and Tony Pittman, of Morse, are pleased to announce the new arrival of their baby son Paxton McCade.

Paxton was born in the County Memorial Hospital in Guyton, OK at 3:53 A.M. He weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces, and was 20 and half inches long.

He is the grandson of Frank and Lucy Pittman of Morse, and Melvine

and Elaine Magers of Guyton. He is also the greatgrandson of Erlis and Ethel Pittman of Spearman, Rosalie Cator of Gruver, Louise Williams of Makon, Missouri, Mildred Magers of Kurksville, Missouri, and L. J. and Sany Norman of Granite, TX.

Also, he has one great-greatgrandmother, Sylvia Salisbury, also of Kurksville.

## Terry and Nichols plan wedding nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nichols, of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Michelle Nichols to David Edward Terry, son of Reverend and Mrs. James Terry, of Lamesa, Texas.

The bride graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, and attended Midland College. She is currently employed at Chick-Fil-A in Midland.

The groom graduated from Gruver High School, and attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, with a major in Accounting/Business Administration. He is currently employed at Western National Bank in Odessa.

The wedding will be on March 18, 1995 at 6:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Mrs. Bob Shields nee Jill Hays Sunday, March 19 2:30 to 4 p.m. Morse Community Building Selections at Celebrate and Alco Given by hostesses

Please help us celebrate Lee Forester's 90th Birthday on Sunday, March 19, 1995 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Lakeview United Methodist Church 1201 Walnut Dalhart, Texas No gifts, please

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring T.I. and Kaisi (Foster) Harbour Saturday, March 18, 1995 3 to 4:30 p.m. Methodist Fellowship Hall Gruver, TX Selections at Gordon's, Celebrate, Alco, Main Street, Cousins, & Little Tiffanies To be a hostess contact Gyene Spivey at 733-2231 This is a combined Gruver and Spearman shower. Everyone is invited!

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# Chamber Chatter

by Cindy Blackman  
Chamber Manager



**SWEETHART BIRTHDAYS** - The Hansford Manor had eight sweethearts last February, as the folks of the place celebrated birthdays. They are: Mary Virden, Luda Duncan, Roy Blackman, Nina Evans, Virginia Frantz, Louise Beeke, Myrle Holt, and in front, VI Whiston.

Tickets for the annual Chamber banquet and meeting are selling fast. Call the Chamber office to reserve yours now.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce would like for its members to let us know your feelings concerning the Tort Reform issue that will affect all businesses. Below is a list of the 11-point proposal to reform Texas' Civil Justice Laws, as approved by the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors. A signed resolution will be sent to the Legislators showing our support of this Legislative issue. Without the active support of Chambers of Commerce throughout this state, we are concerned that our efforts to reform the Civil Justice Laws could fail.

### 1995 Legislative Agenda Summary

**1. Abolish Outrageously High "Punitive Damage" Awards**-Punitive damage awards must be limited to doubling the actual economic damages, and the same standard used in criminal cases ("proof beyond a reasonable doubt") should be used in civil punitive damage

cases, as well. Multiple awards of punitive damages against the same defendant arising from identical sets of circumstances must be prohibited.

**2. Make Consumer Protection Laws Apply To Consumers Against The Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA)** was enacted in the early 1970's to give consumers legal recourse in small transactions. The DTPA has been expanded far beyond its original intent and is now abusively applied in pure business-to-business transactions and to professional services relationships. Parties with legal representation should be able to voluntarily waive the provisions of the Act.

**3. Limit Liability To A Defendant's Own Percentage Of Fault-In Texas**, parties who are found even fractionally at fault can be forced to pay 100% of the award. This is not only patently unfair, it encourages the naming of numerous defendants (sometimes hundreds) by plaintiffs who are leveraging fear of this rule into expensive settlements, regardless of fault.

**4. Make It Safe For Doctors To Practice Medicine In Texas**-Doctors refusing to practice in Texas and doctors practicing expensive and

unnecessary "defensive medicine" are only two of the negative side effects of lawsuits against physicians. Frivolous lawsuits must be deterred, and excessive recoveries must be curbed.

**5. Reverse Texas' Reputation As Delivering Great Lawsuit Venues**-Lawyers and plaintiffs from all across the nation exploit Texas' reputation for outrageous civil justice awards, and Texans' tax dollars are used to try every single case. Inside the state, loose venue rules permit personal injury lawyers to "forum shop" their cases into selected "killing field" counties having little or no connection to the case.

**6. Deter Frivolous Lawsuits**-Businesses, particularly small businesses, operate in constant fear of frivolous lawsuits costing thousands of dollars in legal fees to defend. A Litigation Accountability Act must be adopted which allows judges to penalize lawyers and parties who bring frivolous lawsuits.

**7. Eliminate "Junk Science" In The Courts**-Testimony of "professional witnesses" is given every day

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## Nikol to perform violin concert at local church

Dr. Margaret Nikol, who was born in communist Bulgaria, will be at the Oslo Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 19 to give a violin concert and also give a Christian witness about her experience in Bulgaria. She will be on hand during the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday night she will be present at the Morse Baptist Church at 6 p.m., and on Monday night she will be at the Gruver United Methodist Church during services at 7 p.m.

Dr. Nikol was born into a pastor's family and learned firsthand about anti-Christian religious persecution at a young age. Her father was jailed because he preached the Gospel, and Margaret's family suffered greatly during those difficult times.

Before she was born, her mother prayed for seven years that she would be blessed with a child, who

would be musically talented and serve the Lord with that gift. In time, God honored her mother's heart-felt desire.

In spite of the anti-Christian persecution endured by the family, God placed Margaret in some of the best schools behind the Iron Curtain training professional musicians.

After studying in Bulgaria, she enrolled at the University of Moscow, where she earned her Doctor of Musicology degree and studied violin with David Oistrach.

After winning a European violin competition, Dr. Nikol was officially assigned to work 13 years in East Germany as a concert violinist.

Because of her determination to stay faithful she was forced in 1982 to make her dramatic escape to the West. Since then, she has lived in the United States.

## Out at the Lake

Lake Depth - March 13, 1995 - 18 feet and 11 inches

Helen Fisher sent me a copy of March 8, 1995 *The Circuit Writer* put out by First United Methodist Church of Spearman with an article by Jeff Lust, Pastor marked in red ink and with a note that said "I thought you would enjoy this." Pastor Lust was out of town when I called his office for permission to quote, but seeing no harm in it, I will go ahead.

March 3 he had cabin fever and decided to go out to Palo Duro Lake, thinking it would be pretty in the snow. "And it was! Thousands of ducks were on the water, three Blue Herons made sure to stay away from me, a covey of Bobwhites foraged for food. But the real fun was north of the dam."

There he took the nature trail down the canyon where you are soon out of view of the road. "The cold air felt invigorating, life-giving. I wondered how wild animals liked cold and snow. As I rounded a bend I caught a glimpse of a blue bird. Surely not, I thought. Slowly I approached a cedar that had about a dozen male and female mountain bluebirds eating the berries, as well as a few robins. A tweet behind me sounded like a woodpecker - yes, a downy woodpecker. As it flew away I glanced up the canyon and saw two mule deer near the top. They watched me for a minute and walked away."

The wind was howling over the top of the canyon, whistling through the cedars. My feet were really cold and wet now. I knew I needed to head for the pickup. But I paused and thanked God - for his healing, comforting presence, for the company of the animals, for the beauty of his creation. God is Good, Jeff."

Thank you, Pastor Lust. Maybe your experience will challenge some of the rest of us to go for a hike on a less than ideal day and also be rewarded

You may remember, I didn't that the Mountain Bluebird male is the one with the blue breast, as well as body and wings. The Western Bluebird has a blue throat but a rusty patch on his back, as well as breast. The Eastern Bluebird has a blue back, rusty breast, and rusty throat.

## Extension News

By Peggy Winegarner  
Hansford County Extension Agent

Thinking of buying a computer for your home, small business or as a present for your student who will soon be off to college?

How do you know what features to look for and what is a reasonable price?

Tuesday evening, March 28, from 7-8 pm, Weldon Floyd, Computer specialist for Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will present a program on 'Choosing a Computer' for your home or small business.

This program will be of special interest to the first time buyer. Minimum requirements for the

computer system and tips on analyzing computer advertising will be given. The question and answer session should also prove helpful.

Those interested may wish to stay for a demonstration on uses of a modem for Internet and Gopher application.

The free program will be held at the Fellowship Hall, Church of Christ, 121 Haney, Spearman.

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**SILVER ANNIVERSARY** - Members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman, along with other area residents payed tribute to Father Fern Coulture last Tuesday night. Father Fern celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood with mass and a meal. In the photo above several members of the Roman Catholic clergy pose with him. Pictured (from left) are Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, Reverend Raymond Crosier, Father Fern, and Monsignor Joseph Tash. In the photo to the side Father Fern opens a gift while several guests look on. (Photos by Daniel Ramos)



## Father Fernand Couture celebrates 25th anniversary in the priesthood

Father Fernand E. Couture, of Spearman, along with friends, family members and other clergymen gathered Tuesday night to celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Father Fern, as he is known around the communities of Spearman and Gruver, was ordained a Catholic priest on March 14, 1970 and on Tuesday he was honored for his service to the community and the priesthood.

In honor of his silver anniversary, a mass and dinner were held

on the Spearman High School campus. Some 300 persons from throughout the Panhandle area attended the Spanish and English service in the auditorium. And then they gathered in the gymnasium for a meal.

The celebration was led by Most Reverend Leroy Matthiesen who serves the Panhandle as Bishop of the Amarillo Diocese.

Also participating in the ceremony were Monsignor Joseph Tash of St. Thomas in Amarillo; Monsignor Harold Waldow, chaplain at

St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo; Monsignor Francis Smyer of St. Mary's in Amarillo; Reverend Rex Nichols of Immaculate conception in Perryton; and Reverend Raymond Crosier of St. Anthony in Dalhart.

The ceremony was also broadcast over KRDF-98.3 radio for those Hansford County residents who couldn't attend.

For details on Father Fern's life see Helen Fisher's 'Among The Neighbors' in today's issue.

can Cardinal.

After serving his first parish at St. Anthonys of Burlington, Vermont, he returned to Rome as Assistant Superior of House Studies; then assigned Superior of House at Montopli, Italy.

After returning to the U.S. and

## Gruver CTA to award scholarship

The Gruver Classroom Teachers' Association (CTA) is searching for a recipient of its annual scholarship fund.

Eligibility and requirements for college students to follow are the following: the recipient must be a Gruver High School graduate; he or she shall have completed at least 60 hours of accredited college course work; the person must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; recipient must be a declared education major; an official transcript must be submitted with the application; and the application must be submitted by July 1. Mail application to Gruver ISD, Attn. Gruver CTA, Box 747, Gruver, Texas, 79040.

The CTA Scholarship Committee will be designated as a standing committee consisting of the three officers.

The committee will submit their recommendation to the CTA at the August meeting (or the first meeting of the year).

By majority vote the CTA will approve the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and money will be awarded following that meeting.

The Gruver Classroom Teachers' Association will be awarding their annual college scholarship next August.

For more information contact the GISD Superintendent's Office.

living in St. Louis, he was sent to Argentina. Shortly, a coup overthrew the government there and extreme antagonism and danger to the Church followed. After three difficult years of persecution, the mission was closed.

He returned, in 1979, to Alton, Illinois, where he was a hospital chaplain for two years.

For twelve years he was sent to various parishes, mostly where there were problems, but he felt fortunate in that he could be close to his ill mother. The duties were demanding but rewarding and his life was enriched by them.

A friend, who was a bishop in a Texas Diocese, required that he serve in Texas, so that brought him to Spearman.

Space does not permit the many interesting details in trying to mention some of the "highlights" of his life, seems there were no "lowlights". Father Fern has preached sermons in four languages, served a wide variety of people in various situations, and never once regretted an-

swering the Call. To those who may feel that he is over-qualified for this small parish, he replies that he is quite happy here, in fact, "Here this Fern is planted".

It is the fervent hope of this small community that for the next 25 years, Hansford County will be sharing his wit, compassion, understanding, and knowledge.

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Last week the national media gave considerable attention to the anniversary bombing of Tokyo by the U.S. Walter Mondale, the representative of the present Administration, and this country, attended the observance and was shown apologizing, abjectly and profusely, for the U.S. bombing.

One wonders if he also apologized for the U.S. winning the war?

...  
An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.

-James Branch Cabell

## Mayor Buchanan declares "Hire The Older Worker Week"

Mayor Burl Buchanan signed a proclamation declaring March 12-18 as "Hire The Older Worker Week".

For the past thirty years, Green Thumb, Inc. has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older, economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through local community service employment and training

projects. As viable manpower resources for their community-based organizations, participants maintain their independence as productive members of society. Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

Each year "Hire the Older Worker Week" spotlights the contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities, and experience. According to Diane Cowan, program director, "During this important week, March 12-18, let us recognized and

highlight the work force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future."

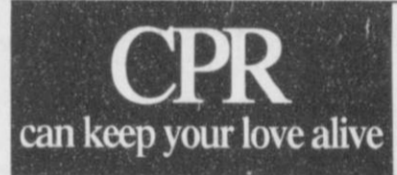
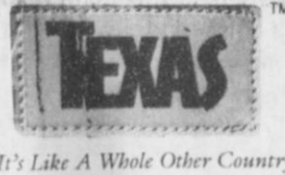
Green Thumb, Inc. encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during "Hire the Older Worker Week", but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business!

The proclamation signed by Spearman's mayor supports the program and urges employers to consider the hiring of older workers.



**PUTTING IT IN WRITING** - Hire the older worker week was proclaimed and put in writing by Mayor Burl Buchanan last Friday, March 10th at City Hall. The Proclamation states that age-worthy men and women must be given the opportunity to share their older years of experience, such as in the Conservation aspect, with others as they work. Mayor Buchanan is seen here signing the important document, while Floydean Gallin of the Golden Spread Center, Avo Gray of the Natural Resources Conservation Services, and Rick Harrell, NRCS District Conservationist, looks on. (Photo by Chad Davis)

## Neighbors CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4



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Dr. Holland, a family physician, earned Diplomate status by passing the ABFP's certification examination, an intense written test of the physician's abilities in pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry, prevention and other aspects of family practice.


The specialty of family practice combines the latest in medical technology and knowledge with the personal and continuing care of traditional general physicians. Family physicians are trained to work in all major areas of medicine and can treat 85 to 90 percent of the health care needs of patients of all ages.

The ABFP examination is offered to physicians who have completed three years of family practice residency training after medical school. Currently, there are 421 family practice training programs in the United States.

ABFP Diplomates must continue to demonstrate their competence in the specialty by taking recertification exams every six years. Family practice was recognized in 1969 as a medical specialty by the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical Specialties, and it was the first specialty to require its Diplomates to take recertification exams at regular intervals.

Most of the more than 40,000 physicians who have achieved ABFP Diplomate status are members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The AAFP is a national association that offers educational, legal and lobbying services to more than 79,000 family physician, family practice resident and medical student members.

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# At The Buzzer

By Chad Davis

Well I didn't quite make last week's paper, due to space problems again, but for those of you who actually read this column, it is back again this week.

Still trying to be consistent, last week's question was - Who was Tonya Harding's bodyguard? I had several people, young and old alike, to stop me and see if they knew the answer. Much to my surprise, no one knew this over-publicized riddle. This was a shock. The most talked about subject, next the O J trial, and no one knew. For those of you wandering, it was Shawn Eckardt. Next week's question - Who was the only person elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame? Sounds like an easy one, but be careful, it's probably not who you think.

ATB

I am going to devote the rest of this column this week to someone

who is more than a volunteer and more than a sports writer. I would never try to put myself in a category with this man, due to his superior knowledge of sports and common knowledge. Bob Bort, the backbone of Gruver sports, told me last Friday that he will not be writing his column or for that matter anything else.

This may shock several people in Gruver or even in Spearman, but Bob believes it is time for him to quit. Understandably, he wants to spend more time with kids, and as several people know, he goes to the hospital in Big Spring often, so writing would only complicate things. In fact, as you read this, he is currently at the hospital. I'm sure everyone wishes him a speedy recovery, and I am very sure that For the Sport of It and the man who wrote it, will be missed. So it goes. . . .

## Gruver Hounds take 3rd at Panhandle meet

The Gruver Hounds were up and running this past weekend, as they took a fantastic 3rd place in the Panhandle Relays with 89 points. The Hounds were real impressive at the meet by only allowing tough track teams like Pampa, who scored 89 points, and Panhandle, who scored 102 points.

Individually, the Hounds were almost unstoppable, especially Aaron Frick. Frick and his amazing arm not only took first place in the shot and disc, but he also set two new school records in both. Frick chunked a 53' 1/2", and also 161'10" in the disc.

Bailey Barkley also took home the gold, as he puffed all the way for the win in the 3200 m run. He went on later to run a 5:02.9 1600 m for 2nd place. High-flying Wylee Maupin took another first place for the Hounds by jumping 6'4" in the high jump. Maupin also competed in the triple jump, in which he took 6th place with a jump of 39'1".

## JV Hounds finish in 5th place at Panhandle

The JV boys of the Hounds accompanied their fellow varsity tracksters to Panhandle relays this past weekend, and since so much talent is on the varsity it is hard to imagine the team could have done well, but in fact, they all placed quite impressively. The team finished 5th overall, but with competitors like Boys Ranch, who took first, Panhandle, Pampa, and Tascosa, 5th is pretty outstanding.

Daniel Bort and Travis Bayless were the only two Hounds to take home a gold in the meet. Bort used his new pole to vault for a first place of 11'. Bayless triple jumped an extended 37' for his first place glory. Not only did Bayless place on the triple jump, but he also took home 5th place in the long jump as well. Juan Bravo was just within 2' of Bayless, as his mark of 35' landed

## Lynx Varsity track team places 2nd at Canadian

Although the Spearman Lynx track team is out for spring break this week, the terrific athletes of the team were quite astounding this past week at the Canadian track meet, as they captured the 2nd place spot with 112 points.

Heath Archer, who is remembered by many fans as a basketball star, finished 1st in the meet with a 6'2" propel over the high jump bar. The other high jumper, Brent Collins, landed on the mat, after a 4th place jump of 5' 10".

Josh Furlow, one of the Lynx's fastest sprinters, had an awesome day with two 1st place finishes. Furlow had a speedy time of 10.88 in the 100 m sprint, and another super-fast time of 23.53 in the 200 m run.

Shawn Moore, who is remem-

bered as the running back king, flung himself to new heights in the pole vault, with bounce of 10' 6" to take home the silver medal. Britt Savage and Alan Huddleston also cleared 10' 6" to take 3rd and 4th place, but because Moore had fewer misses than the two, he took the higher placing.

Coyt Tigrett hit the runway three times in the triple jump, and for his concentration, he captured the 2nd place medal, with a leap of 39' 5 1/4". Dillon Miller also competed in the triple jump, as he landed on the 37' 6 3/4" mark to give him sixth place. Tigrett and Miller did it again in the long jump, as Tigrett kicked up sand on the 19' 6" mark for a 4th place ribbon, while Miller

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# Gruver Varsity girls tie for 5th at Panhandle

Gruver varsity girls began their track season last weekend, March 10th and 11th, at the Panhandle Relays, after missing the weekend before due to bad weather, and for this being the first meet of the season, the girls did quite well by tying for 5th place with Claude with 70 points.

The girls were helped with efforts by the 400 m Relay team, who finished with the gold with a time of 54 seconds flat. Those lighting fast girls were Tara Shapley, Weslyn Maupin, Autumn Bateman, and Amber Murrell.

## Lynxettes place 6th at Canadian track meet

Despite missing last week because of bad weather, the Spearman Lynxettes' track team put on their warm-ups for the first time this season at the Canadian track meet, and for a team with very little personnel, the mighty Lynxettes did fairly well by placing 6th overall, with 24 points.

Ashley Shieldknight and her soon to be regional-qualifying discus throw placed 1st in the meet, with a best toss of 119'5". This senior thrower has been to the regional meet in Abilene since she was a freshman, and this year it already looks as though she will make a fourth straight trip.

## JV Lynx grab 4th at Canadian track meet

Thanks to efforts by super-throwers Eric Varnon, Jamie Townsen, and Tom Kirk, the Spearman Lynx Junior Varsity team finished with 70 points and a 4th place finish this past week at the Canadian track meet.

The tossers of this team really put great efforts and gave the Lynx several points, as four of them placed in the disc and shot. Varnon took control of the disc by heaving out a 123' 3/4" toss to give him the gold. Townsen captured the shot ring, as he had an excellent throw of 37' 1" for 1st place. Townsen also hit well on the disc with a 107' 4 1/2" chunk for 3rd place. Finishing up the places on both events was Tom Kirk. Kirk placed 4th in the disc with a toss of 106' 8 3/4", and he went on to place 2nd in the shot, right behind Townsen, with a super throw of 36' 9".

Speedsters Jason Holton and Jeremy Blan took most of the running events by being part of a relay or doing it by themselves. Holton placed 2nd in the 200 m run with a lighting fast time of 25.16. He also placed 5th in the 100 m with a time of 12.05. Blan took the 5th highest spot of runners in the 200 m with a nice time of 25.72. Holton, Blan, and fellow teammates, Clint Goodman and Travis Beasley, captured the 3rd place spot in the 400 m relay sprint.

Goodman also went on to win 5th with a time of 2:25.56 in the 3200 m long distance run, and 5th again, but this time in the shorter 800 m run.

Blan proved in the meet that he could not only run around the track, but that he can also hit the long jump pit, as he placed 6th with a leap of 16' 5".

Michael Covington was the only other Lynx to place in the meet, by hitting the height of 5' 4" in the high jump, and nabbing the number 6 spot.

The JV Lynx will travel with the Lynx this weekend, as they go for competition at the West Texas track meet in Stinnett.

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Also, Joni Hart contributed her points to the total by placing 2nd in the 400 m dash, with a time of 69.06. In addition, Amy Gillispie also placed 2nd in the 300 m hurdles.

Two more girls, Autumn Bateman, who placed 3rd, and Erica Blount, who placed 4th, did real well in the 100 m dash, with times of 13.8 and 14.6.

Only one Lady Hound, Myriam Alvarez, placed in the long-distance running events, as she took home 3rd in 3200 m with a time of 14:47.

The 800 m relay and the 1600 m relay also proved to be two more Gruver spots, with the 800 m team

taking 3rd with a time of 1:59.1, and 1600 m team taking 5th with a time of 4:42. Tara Shapley, Amy Gillispie, Weslyn Maupin, and Autumn Bateman make up the 800 team, while Amy Gillispie, Joni Hart, Amber Murrell, and again, Weslyn Maupin are the runners on the 1600 m team.

Only one girl, Shapley, placed in a field event. Shapley jumped 30'6"

to grab 5th place in the meet. Crystal Christian, who competed in the 100 m and 300 m hurdles, Laura Garcia, who competed in 800 m and 1600 m run, Steffany Simon, who competed in the 800 m run, Shannon Acker, who competed in the 400 m run, and Kathy Slough, who is unfortunately injured, make up the rest of Lady Hounds' speedsters.

## HANSFORD COUNTY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b>TRACK</b>	
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March 17-18	Gruver at Stinnett Relays (HS & JHS)
March 17-18	Pringle-Morse at Stinnett Relays
<b>GOLF</b>	
March 17	Spearman Girls at Booker Invitational - 9 a.m.
March 18	Spearman Boys at Booker Invitational - 9 a.m.
March 17	Gruver Girls at Booker Invitational - 9 a.m.
March 18	Gruver Boys at Booker Invitational - 9 a.m.
<b>TENNIS</b>	
March 17-18	Spearman Boys & Girls at Plainview Tournament
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## Townsen places 1st at Canyon tennis tourney

Kara Townsen carried on the Townsen family tradition of winning in tennis this past week at the Canyon Tournament, by winning 5 straight matches and bouncing her way to first.

Townsen beat Hand of Dimmitt, 6-1, 6-4, Ruthwell of Childress, 5-4, 6-1, Schmucker of Nazareth, 7-5, 6-3, Goddard of Friona, 7-6, 6-0, and Spillman of Wellington, 6-4, 6-1.

Bill Pittman and Chad Wilkerson combined their talents again this week, to take 3rd place in the boy's doubles. The combo beat Heatwolfe/Barnett of Canadian, 6-2, 6-3, Schulte/Charanza of Nazareth, 6-4, 6-4. The did lose their next match to Hughs/Helton of Memphis, 3-6, 3-6, but they went on to beat Ashley/Hiemstra of Canadian, 6-4, 6-3.

Blake Beedy was again hot this week in the boy's singles division. He beat King of Friona, 6-3, 6-2, and Porter of Sunray, 7-6, 6-3. However, he did lose his next two matches to Farris of Nazareth, 2-6, 2-6, and to Hoelting of Nazareth, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, but he did capture 4th place.

The girls duo of Misha Davis and Kasey Dunnihoo took home the consolation championship. They lost their first narrowly match to Castro/Crump of Ralls, 4-6, 6-4, 1-6. They came back in the next three matches against Stephens/Baker of Sunray, 8-4, Burge/Kane of Wellington, 8-6, and Urritia/Miller of Memphis, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Ashley Brown beat Baker of Friona, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, but she dropped the next match to Spillman of Wellington, 4-6, 1-6.

Kortney Henton lost her two matches by a small margin Johnson of Memphis, 0-6, 3-6, and to Fangman, 4-8.

The girl combo of Erin Atwood and Crystal Boyd won their first match to Ahrhart/Renner of Friona, 6-2, 6-1, but lost their next to Pohlmeir/Durbin of Nazareth, 1-6, 1-6.

Josh Bynum won his first two matches against Sylvestri of Friona, 7-6, 6-4, and DeLaFuente of Hart, 6-3, 6-2. Unfortunately, he lost his last match to Hoelting of Nazareth, 4-6, 2-6.

The Lynx and Lynxettes will play again the 25th at Canadian.

## Lynx CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

jumped out for a sixth place 19'. Miller also ran well in the 100 m sprint, as he stole the 6th place spot, with a time of 11.80.

In the throwing department, Matt Gafford did what was expected of him. Gafford chunked a 44' 8 1/2" shot put, to give him a fourth place, as well as a massive throw of 135' 9 3/4" in the discus, for a bronze medal. Gafford's teammate, Jason Bibitzke, also placed in the meet, with a toss of 122' 3", to give him sixth place.

Jason Villines, the Lynx long distance man, place 3rd in the 3200 m run, and 2nd in the 1600 m run, with a time of 5:22.19. Mark Parker also ran the distance, as he came in 5th place in the 1600 m run.

The relay teams for Spearman, which are made up of the Lynx's best runners, finished in the top six places for both the 1600 m relay and the 400 m relay. Collins, Michael Witten, Phillip Sanders, and Furlow, all combined and sprinted their way to a 3rd place finish and time of 46.1. Collins, Tigrett, Sanders, and the other Sanders, Martin, teamed up and sprinted their way into a 5th place finish in the 1600 m run.

The Lynx will make the trip to Stinnett this weekend for the Comanche relays. As in most cases, preliminaries will begin Friday, and field events and finals will take place on Saturday.

## Panhandle Crisis Center Report

by Mary Frances Ellzey

The big playground equipment for the Shelter has arrived and remains only to be assembled. What a boon this will be! Two or three smaller pieces will follow, and great will be our rejoicing. Many thanks to our warm-hearted donor.

The annual musical fund raiser for the Crisis Center will be presented on April 7 at the Perryton High School Auditorium. Titled BEEHIVE, it is a combination of poignant monologues about the pains and joys of the 60's, plus a delightful clutch of 60's songs. The 60's were a decade of monumental changes, both artistic and political. We oldie goldies are sure to vibrate with nostalgia, and the "youngsters" are sure to be amazed: You mean my mom and pop did and said that? Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The Shriners will serve a pre-performance baked potato dinner for \$5.

Now for the bad news: Our choice Shelter Director has resigned to take charge of another valuable community service, the Satellite Center. She has done a splendid job for us and maintained a consistently happy demeanor at all times. Quite a gal! We'll miss her sorely. Another loss is our Outreach Person in Hansford County. She too is taking another community service job in her county. Her reports were always inspiring to us board members. We'll miss her too.

This, of course, also means that we are looking for two women to take their places. Please phone the Crisis Center if you are interested.

We are continuing our plea for volunteer workers. They are absolutely vital to our services. It we have as many as 15 such volunteers, each one will probably be committing only one or at most two days a month to being instantly available for help. Remember, we have an excellent training program for those of you who know nothing about such services. As a superannuated volunteer myself, I guarantee that you'll immediately be aware of the value and the gratification of your work. Call the Crisis Center for more information. 435-5008

Remember the story in last

month's report about the physician who, back in the 1840's recognized what was causing the high incidence of puerperal fever ("childbed fever")? Death usually ensued after only 24 to 48 hours of infection. It has become so rare that nowadays no one has even heard of it! My story than was recalled from something I had read some fifty years ago. I've researched a bit since then, and here are the results: The doctor was Ignatz Semmelweis, a Hungarian, who pioneered asepsis (antiseptic cleanliness) in a Vienna hospital in the 1840's. He was so ridiculed for his insistence that the doctors wash their hands in a big bowl of carbolic acid solution (diluted with water) before attending a woman in childbirth that in 1854 he resigned from the hospital and returned to Pest, Hungary. There, continuing ridicule drove him to such depression that he committed suicide in 1865. He was 47 years old.

Why am I harping on this? Because he pushed an important new idea, which has only fairly recently been recognized as of prime importance. And I want to push another important idea. It's an idea whose time has come: the teaching of child-rearing skills. Though the idea has been around for a long time, it has only now come to a truly feasible degree of maturity. We've gone the entire gamut, from severe discipline to permissiveness to "Back in Control." Now we are engaged in Positive Discipline. I want to recommend the excellent parent training classes that are going on under Mrs. Shattles' direction each Saturday. One of these days we will quit deriding the idea that child rearing can, and must, be universally taught as a vital skill. We must realize that the very best way to stop the increasing toll

of rebellious and resentful behavior of our young people is to provide the supportive discipline that prevents the development of the rebellion and resentment.

The parallels between the ridicule aimed at Semmelweis' pioneering efforts and the ridicule aimed at learning parenting skills are very similar. One of these days we'll wonder at our "primitive" ways of child rearing. Let's hasten the day!

The PCC offers services free of charge to men or women who are victims of domestic violence, whether physical or "merely" verbal. We give counseling, support, and information to these victims, plus a shelter to those who feel themselves to be in danger at home. We are available for help 24 hours a day a 435-5008. If you want information only, call us from 9:00 am to 5 pm. For those who must call us long distance, use the toll-free number 1-800-753-5308.



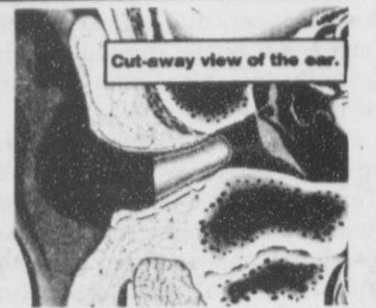
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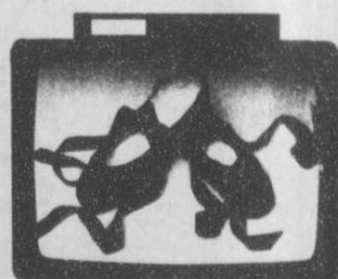
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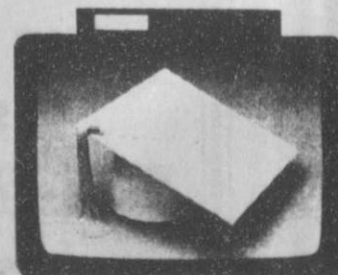
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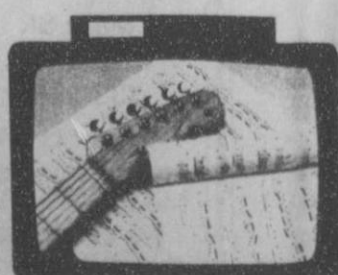
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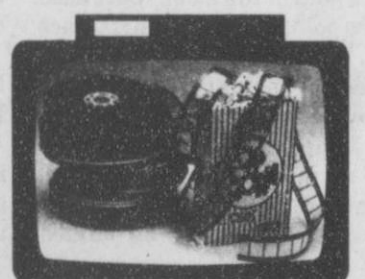
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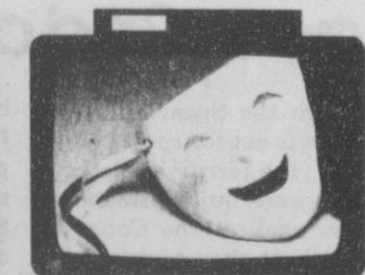
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# Obituaries



**Elida Lydia Ramon Sandoval**

SPEARMAN-Elida Lydia Ramon Sandoval, 48, died Monday, March 13, 1995.

Services were held Tuesday at 10:00am at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Fernand E. Couture officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Bros. Funeral Home Inc.

Mrs. Sandoval was born in Robstown, TX, and has lived in this area for 27 years moving from

Clovis, NM. She married Miguel Sandoval, Jr. in 1968. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Miguel Sandoval, Jr. who died in 1992.

Survivors include her parents Ernesto and Elvira Ramon of Clovis, NM; three sons David Ramon, John Sandoval, and Pete Sandoval of Clovis, NM; three daughters Michelle Sandoval and Mona Sandoval of Spearman and Tina Shott of Grants, NM; six sisters, Jesusa Bautista and Maria Tais of Clovis, NM, Rosa Ramon of California, Sylvia Ramon and Diana Ramon of Joplin, MO, and Erma Ramon of Amarillo; and five brothers, Ernest Ramon and Issac Ramon of Clovis, NM, Pete Ramon and Louis Ramon of Joplin, MO, and Thomas Ramon of Minnesota; and seven grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Frank Dominguez, Benny Bautista, Albert Cordova, Benny Apodaca, David Baca, and John Sandoval.

Family request memorials to be sent to Hansford Hospice.

## Spiritually Speaking

by Martin Gauby, Pastor Waka Church of the Brethren

On a recent trip to a neighboring state on Church business, I ran into the winter storm which we experienced here. It was a very cold and windy day as a bus load of high school students stopped at a shopping center for lunch. There was a band competition being held in a nearby high school. As the other students left hurriedly for lunch, two young men went to the side of the bus and began practicing their pitching and catching. I marveled at their commitment and discipline. I hope they have a very good baseball season.

This caused me to rethink my own commitment to the causes to

which I want to give my life. The Christian faith calls for a great deal of commitment, but it also gives marvelous resources for us to make these commitments, and with God's help, to keep them.

The season of Lent is a great time to consider commitments to our Risen Lord! Some may give up certain things on Lent, and that may have special meaning as a token of self discipline. Far more important, may we use this season to examine ourselves before God, make the new commitments which we should make, ask His forgiveness for commitments we have not kept, and with the power we receive from a life of prayer and worship, recommit ourselves to the work of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

## Red Cross CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

paid and volunteer staff to serve as Damage Assessment workers to obtain and report damage assessment information and provide operational support on disaster operations.

April 8th is the date set for the course Emergency Assistance to Families from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. The purpose of this course is to enable Red Cross paid and volunteer staff and representatives of other community agencies to meet the emergency needs of families on an individual basis following a disaster in

a chapter setting. The course is designed to help the participants develop the interviewing skills, knowledge, attitudes, and relationships necessary to meet the disaster-caused needs of individuals and families.

All courses, regardless of their date, will be conducted at the Extension Homemakers Club Room at 309 N. Bernice in Spearman.

To sign up for these courses, contact Bonita Campbell or Reta Baldwin at 435-8175 weekday mornings.

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in Texas courts by people who are unqualified and who espouse theories that are unreliable and at odds with substantive science, medical, or technical knowledge. This element of the judicial system needs a complete overhaul.

8. Unclog The Texas Civil Court System-The litigation process is too cumbersome and costly. The Supreme Court should adopt rules to streamline the litigation process. Mediation should be encouraged, and abuse of pretrial discovery and trial procedures must be stopped.

9. Limit Contributions To Judicial Candidates-Current election practices give the appearance that wealthy attorneys purchase special status before judges when they make large campaign contributions to their campaign funds. Limits should be placed on how much individuals can give to judges, and steps should be taken to lessen the appearance of impropriety that arise when attorneys practice before judges to who they have given substantial campaign help.

10. Protect Public Servants Performing Their Official Duties-Lawsuit threats against public servants degrade the quality of service to every Texan. We must give these employees, especially those in the public safety field, the confidence to do their jobs without the fear of personal liability.

11. Injured Parties Protection Act-It is unfair for a personal injury

attorney to receive a 40% contingent fee on a case involving severely injured persons (e.g. \$400,000 on a \$1 million dollar claim) if the plaintiff attorney only spends a few hours of time on the case. Contingent fees should not be charged on early settlement offers and then only on net recovery in excess of the settlement offer. This would reduce windfall attorney fees without affecting the injured party's access to the court, or reduce the incentive of attorneys to settle quickly or proceed to trial, if necessary, to vindicate a plaintiff's rights.

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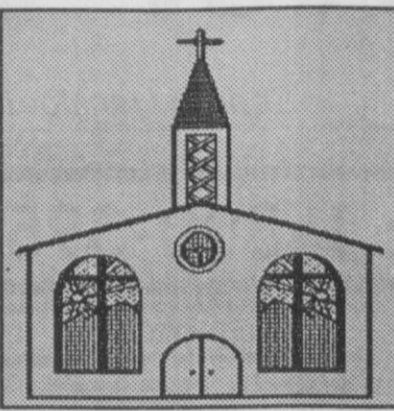
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