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Professional Theatre Workshop Series Offered In Canyon

The Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, producer of TEXAS LEGACIES, now brings to the area the brand new Professional Theatre Workshop Series. Nationally and internationally accredited instructors will offer specially designed performance and technical classes that will be, for the first time, open to the public.

Video and contemporary dance classes with Maria Terranova on August 14 and 15, writing and improvisation workshops with Greg Atkins on August 8, 9 and 10, and voice over and interview sessions with Elliot Forrest on August 13 and 14 will highlight the Professional Performance Workshop Series lineup. All age groups are welcome, except the improvisation workshops are limited to early twenties.

"The Professional Theatre Workshop Series was created to bring highly-acclaimed professionals into the community for education," Sheila Blackburn, Director of Marketing and Public Relations said. "We are offering this for our TEXAS LEGACIES company members as an employee benefit, and we are sharing this unique and exclusive opportunity with the public."

Maria Terranova began her career as a dance captain/lead dancer for Walt Disney World. She has choreographed five Super Bowl half-time performances and the Atlanta Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Terranova has served as a judge for Star Search and Star Search International in both Hollywood and Orlando. As a performer she has shared the stage with the Backstreet Boys, N'Sync, Gloria Estafan and ZZ Top, among others.

Greg Atkins has written, directed and performed in numerous productions. Currently a consultant for the Entertainment Department of the Walt Disney Company, Atkins has also created shows for Buena Vista, Buena Vista International, Sony, Fox, Universal Studios, Paramount Pictures Motion Picture Group, Nickelodeon, Walt Disney Feature Animation and numerous corporate clients. He served as creative consultant for the ABC series *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, and his book *IMPROV!* is in its ninth printing.

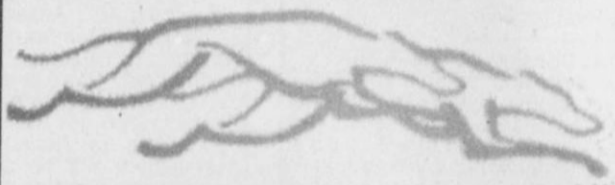
Elliot Forrest of New York is currently the host of *A&E's Breakfast With the Arts*. He has been the voice of programs and specials for CNN, reported entertainment news for Showtime, The Movie Channel, and FLIX, and has produced pieces for The E! True Hollywood Story and Celebrity Profile. He has interviewed such celebrities as Yo-Yo Ma, Alec Baldwin, Phil Collins, Christopher Reeve, and Shirley MacLaine. Forrest has his own production company, Forrest Productions, LLC.

"These classes will cover all sorts of theatrical interests and are designed primarily for those who wish to pursue a career in professional theatre," TEXAS LEGACIES Artistic Director Lynn Hart said.

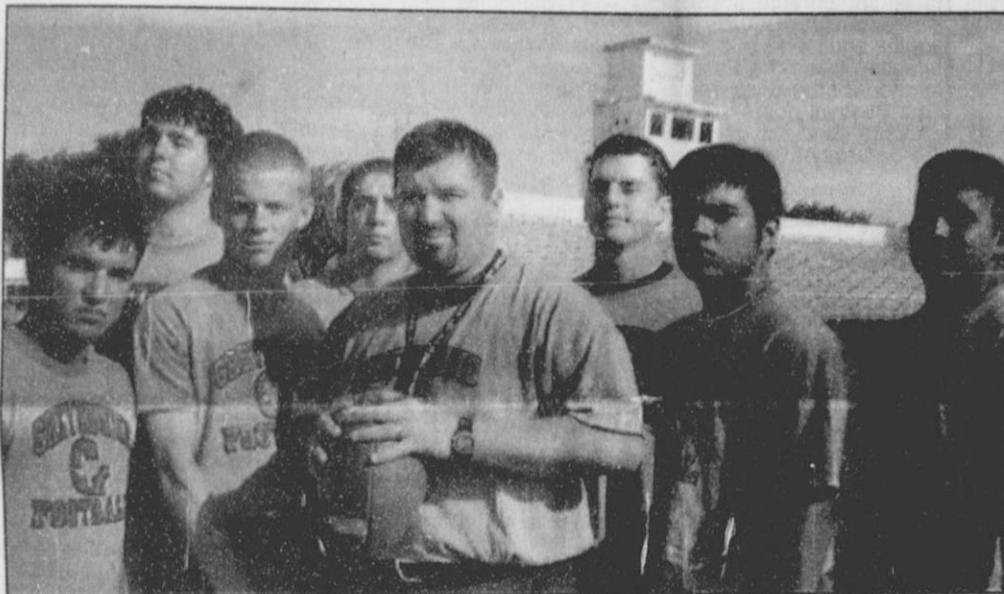
Enrollment fees for the workshops are \$10 per class. Pre-registration is necessary. Space is limited, and more information, including class times, is available by calling 806-655-2185.

Hounds, Lynx To Collide

The Hounds and Lynx will square off in their annual scrimmage classic to mark the beginning of the 2003-2004 football season Saturday evening, August 16, at 6 p.m. at Hound Stadium in Gruver.



Above: Spearman High's Garrett Martin (right) and Michael Lozano refresh after a noon football workout. Temperatures soared past the 100 degree mark on the first day of football workouts were predicted to be in the upper 90 degree range through the first week of fall practice.



Left: Surrounded by a pack of Hounds, Gruver High School Head Football Coach Bruce Bryant demonstrates skills to greyhound football players on the first day of workouts, Monday, August 4.



Zach Logsdon is ready to share the treats of summer with Gruver residents as he sells sweet corn from his family's farm.



Brian Gillispie (right) of the Spearman Lions Club presents Hansford County Library Director Sheri Benton a check donating the club's Tail Twister funds to the library. The Lions Club donates funds that have been collected from the fund each year to help with the library's operating expenses.



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Spearman ISD Class Schedule/Registration Schedule

Spearman High School Counselor Krista Baird has announced that high school students may pick up their schedules for the 2003-2004 school year at the following times: Seniors: Thursday, August 14, 2003, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.; Juniors: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.; Sophomores: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.; Freshmen: Friday August 15, 2003 - 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Students who have not yet picked up their schedules may do so between 10:00 and 11:20 a.m. on Friday.

New student registration for high school will be held from 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 15th.

Gruver High School students may pick up their fall schedules in the high school office on Wednesday, August 13. Seniors may come from 9-10 a.m., juniors from 10-11 a.m., sophomores from 1-2 p.m., and freshmen from 2-3 p.m.

Junior high students will be given their schedules on the first day of school.

Pre Kindergarten through fourth grade students new to the Gruver school system will register Monday August 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the elementary office. Registration for new students in grades 5-8 will be in the junior high office Wednesday, August 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Coming Next Week in our Back-To-School issue:

School Calendars • Sport Schedules
Back-to-School Ads • School Information

Our Deepest Sympathy

JEWEL TURNER

SPEARMAN - Jewel Turner, 94, died Monday, August 4, 2003. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2003 in Hansford Cemetery with Leonard Harper officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turner was born on July 21, 1909 in Lipoan, TX. She had lived in the area for 73 years. She married Ned Turner on July 26, 1929 in Gove County, KS.

She was a member of Spearman Church of Christ and was a past worthy matron of the Spearman Order of the Eastern Star No. 721. She was a member of the Arts and Crafts Guild, Dahlia Flower Club and Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; and her parents, Oscar and Alma Branch.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Turner and wife, Lil, and Loyall Turner and wife, Ginger, all of Spearman; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Spearman Children's Home, PO Box 475, Spearman, TX 79081.

MARY EVELYN HUTTON

MARLOW, OK - Mary Evelyn Hutton, 76, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at Duncan Regional Hospital in Duncan, OK.

Interment was at Marlow Cemetery in Marlow, OK under the direction of Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home of Marlow.

Mary was born May 6, 1927 in Marlow, OK. She married William Francis "Bill" Hutton in Lawton, OK.

She was preceded in death by her husband on September 22, 1974, and by her parents, Roy Elmer and Arra M. (Fincher) Dyer, and a daughter-in-law, Lita Wilson.

Mary returned to Marlow in 2000 after living in Spearman for 40 years. She worked as a manicurist for The-N-Place Beauty Shop and worked for Gordon's Drug Store as a cook and waitress. She enjoyed manicuring, cooking and watching TV. shows such as "People's Court."

She was survived by two sons, William Keith (Bill) Hutton of Marlow and Larry David Wilson of Hawaii; two sisters, Florence Bruner and husband W.O. and Charlene Dennis and husband Joe, all of Marlow, OK; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

From The Counselor's Desk

by Krista Baird, Spearman High School Counselor

Seniors need to be preparing for their future plans now. The following is a list of suggestions for senior students: Visit the counselor's office for updated information on colleges and scholarships

Review career plans and decide which type of school is right for your needs.

Visit some colleges and/or vocational campuses.

Narrow list to 3-5 schools.

Request catalogs and admissions information from schools you are interested in attending.

Spend some time searching for scholarships at these internet sites: scholarships.com, fastweb.com, collegeboard.com, collegenet.com, college-scholarships.com, and rpfunding.com.

Junior students should be doing the following:

Visit the counselors office for ACT information, high school course work, and college requirements.

Review high school coursework and activity plans.

Keep in mind colleges may look for the following:

Challenging coursework, strong GPA, involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer work, band, sports, other school organizations, church, other organizations or clubs.

Lunch Prices Announced By County Schools

Spearman and Gruver lunch prices for the 2003-2004 school year will reflect an increase.

Prices for Spearman schools will be: elementary - \$1.50, junior high - \$1.60, and high school \$1.75.

Breakfast at Spearman schools will be 75 cents for all students. Gruver lunch prices will be Pre-Kindergarten through fourth grade grade - 1.50 and fifth grade through high school - \$2.00.

Breakfast in Gruver schools will be \$1.00 for all students.

Pringle-Morse lunchroom prices will remain the same for the 2003-2004 school year with Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade at \$1.25 for lunch and fifth grade through high school at \$1.35. Breakfast is 75 cents for all students.

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

August 7 Birthday - Brandon Casdorff, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Carlie Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacobs

August 8 Birthday - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Garrard

August 9 Birthday - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dosssett, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Beville

August 10 Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Art Salazar

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lucio Vela, Mr. & Mrs. Riche Randall, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Brock, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lamb

August 11 Birthday - Autumn Bateman, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Ray Robertson, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James, Beulah Abston

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Junior Crossland

August 12 Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriquez Sr., Wade

Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Saldavar, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Tucker

August 13 Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Ethel Ellsworth, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald TeBeest

August 14 Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Monty Lusby, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lilley

August 15 Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Ruby Burger, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Billy Baker, Mr. & Mrs. David Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Murrell, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Logsdon Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Nicholson

August 16 Birthday - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sondra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Chuck Eaton, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sparks

August 17 Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensinger, Kimberly Boyd

Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Don Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink

August 18 Birthday - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Kenneth Burke, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. David Link, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deakin

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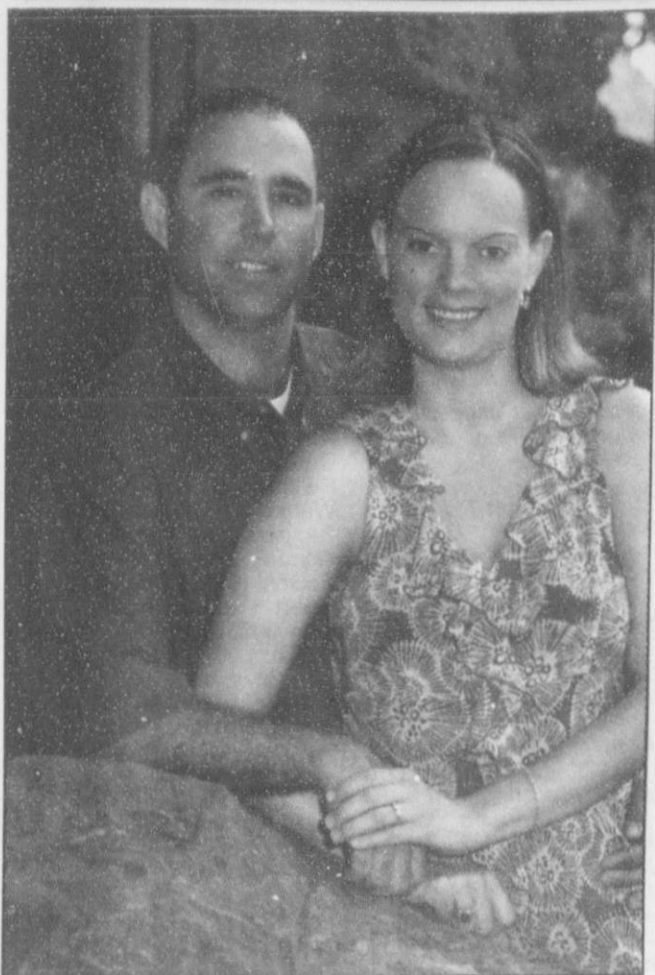
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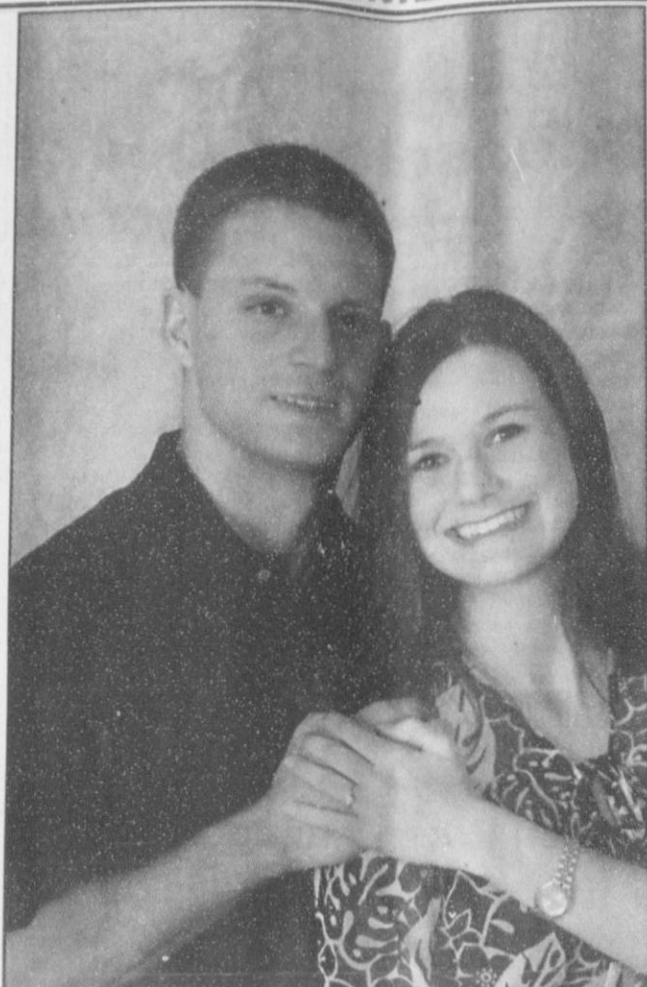
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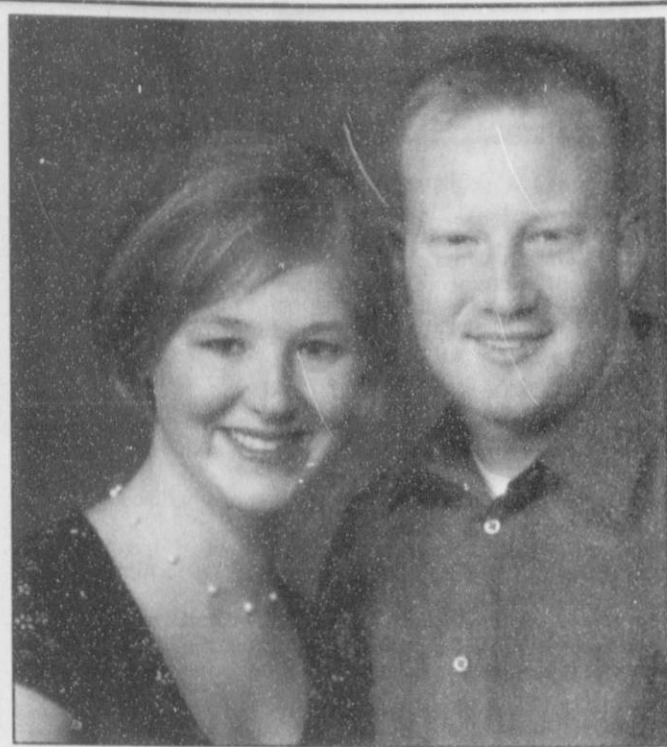
Engagement Announcement

Melinda Kay Tigrett and Frankie Bell are engaged to be married. The ceremony will be held Saturday, August 16, 2003 in Fritch, Texas.
 The future bride is the daughter of Butch and JoDell Tigrett of Fritch. She graduated from Spearman High School, Spearman in 1997 and now attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Mindy is currently employed by Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.
 Frankie is the son of the late Cyndee Atkins, and the grandson of Clifford and Carmen Davis of Allen. He graduated from Moscow High, Moscow, Kansas, in 1993, and from East Central University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is currently employed by Farmers State Bank of Allen.
 The couple plans to reside in Allen.



Engagement Announcement

Wayne and Lynn Perrin of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Kay, to Mac Butts, son of Larry and Robbie Butts of Spearman, Texas.
 The couple will marry December 6, 2003 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.
 The bride-elect attends Texas Tech University and is employed by Texas Tech University System. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed by United Supermarkets, Inc. of Lubbock.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard John Booth wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kathryn, to First Lieutenant Wilson Rawlings McGraw. Wilson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James Robert McGraw of Cary, North Carolina.
 Katie graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and economics in May 2003 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.
 Wilson is a May 2001 graduate with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland with a bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Lt. McGraw is a U.S. Marine helicopter pilot currently stationed at NAS Whiting Field in Pensacola, Florida.
 The couple plans an October 11, 2003 wedding at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.
 Katie is the granddaughter of John and LoRee Booth of Spearman and Forest and Mary Lou Stockdale of Amarillo.

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 for
Anne Marie Pearson
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 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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You are invited to a
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Mindy Tigrett
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You are invited to a
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 Gwen Smith

You are invited to a
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 Mindy Tigrett & Frankie Bell - Aug. 9
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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I really do not know how to put this in words other than I am getting really tired of hearing all of the negative press on the major networks about the situation in Iraq. It is really bad, and although stories have been told about the morale of the soldiers being low, I am sure that some, if not most, of the soldiers are still proud of the job that they are doing in Iraq. Why does the press not run stories about soldiers such as these?

I also wonder if the soldiers that we are seeing interviewed are really saying what we are hearing or if we are hearing what the liberal press wants to push. Of course, I think that the press want to get President Bush's popularity rating down so that someone will have a chance in the upcoming election. But is that all that they are doing?

I feel strongly that the view that is being presented by the press is also promoting resistance in Iraq, and the end result is getting American soldiers killed. By saying that we are getting bogged down in another mess such as Vietnam, the resistance to our troops will only grow stronger not only in Iraq but around the world.

I was sickened by a US Senator on TV yelling "I am tired of our soldiers being killed. When will they get to come home. WHEN!" Yes, our soldiers want to come home, but they still have a job to do. President Bush said that we would be there until the job was done. He never promised a short term in Iraq. So why does the press think that we should come home now?

I think that we need to stand behind our President and our troops. Give them support, not question what they are doing or how long it takes. If we pulled out of Iraq now, the hatred for our country would grow to new levels that we have never seen before.

Thank you, President Bush, for not giving in to the pressure being put on by the press and the liberal politicians. I would like to see our troops come home too, but we must stick to what we are doing. Yes, I am sure we have and will make mistakes; we are human. But the biggest mistake of all would be to bring home our troops without doing what we set out to do. We just need to pray for them and us.

I wonder when he network news will realize why so many people are starting to watch other news programs for the news?

David Swink

Editorial

by Harletta Carthel

With the recent passing of Bob Hope, America lost more than an entertainer. It lost its definition of empathy.

Unlike some protesters of the Iraq war who want us to believe that merely saying "I support the troops" somehow lifts up our fighting men, Hope knew that support was an active verb.

For nearly six decades, where ever our soldiers were, Hope was there. To tell a joke, to bring a laugh, to give a moment of joy in a place of death and loneliness.

Hope never questioned the soldiers' mission or undermined their cause. He never gave his opinion of the war effort. To do so would have undermined his goal of seeing our troops through the tough times.

It's a lesson the activists today should heed. Protesting the war and supporting the troops are not compatible bedfellows.

Our troops needed Hope then, and we all need hope now.

Brown, Lowe Wed



Ashley (Brown) and Adam Lowe

Ashley Nicole Brown and Adam Lee Lowe were united in marriage June 14, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock with Russ Gibbs, minister of the Plainview Baptist Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Joan Brown of Spearman. The groom is the son of Mr. Frank Lowe and Ms. Kay Lowe of Del Rio, TX.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, two-piece white satin gown with symmetrical drape that featured a full skirt that gathered at the side. The brides' veil was a

tiara of tiny pearl beads with a simple silver veil lined with satin and trimmed with silver satin trim.

Her bridal bouquet was composed of 18 roses of red, yellow, and orange interspersed with baby's breath and tied with black and white ribbon.

Attending as Maid of Honor was Jennifer Neff of Spearman. She wore a black formal length gown and carried a bouquet of eight red, yellow and orange roses interspersed with Baby's Breath and tied with black and

white ribbon.

Bridesmaids were Kasey Dunning, of Spearman; Megan Murphy, of Austin, and Lindsay Fizegald, of Liberal, KS; all friends of the bride and Staci and Katy Lowe, sisters of the groom of Austin.

They also wore black formal-length dresses and carried bouquets identical to that of the Maid of Honor.

Flower girl was Haley Voss, cousin of the groom, and Ian Voss, cousin of the groom, both of Iowa.

Attending as Best Man was Chad Herron, friend of the groom of San Marcos, TX.

Groomsmen were David Meloncon of Lubbock, TX, Eric Rothe of College Station, and Aaron Hill of San Antonio, TX, all friends of the groom and Travis and Tracy Brown of Spearman, brothers of the bride.

Ushers were Monty Medanich and Jeremiah Phillips, friends of the groom and Derek Roberts of Del Rio, TX, step-brother of the groom.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception and dinner was held at Barcelona Courts in Lubbock.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in Health Organization Management.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Del Rio High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in finance. He is employed as a Commissions Administrator for Alamosa PCS in Lubbock.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

Pre nuptial courtesies included a bride and groom shower given by business friends in Lubbock, a wedding shower held April 26 in Del Rio, TX, a wedding shower held May 11 in Spearman, and a lingerie shower hosted by the groom's sisters Staci and Katy Lowe held at the Barcelona Courts in Lubbock.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Hadley and Sonja Reed attended the Cheyenne, Wyoming Frontier Rodeo where Hadley placed 6th in the first round of steer roping. Next they went to Deadwood, South Dakota where he placed 8th in the over-all steer roping.

Halee and Boyd Rice and children attended the Cutting Horse Meet at Fort Worth.

Tarin won the Junior Youth Scholarship Award in the Junior Cutting Division. Halee's parents, A. D. and Sharon Reed accompanied them to Fort Worth.

Dodie Beedy is recovering at home after undergoing surgery at the Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital on July 8th.

Dodie expresses appreciation to all, who have made her hospitalization and home recovery more pleasant.

Sheila Munday has been in Spearman for several days. Sheila lives in Trinidad, Colorado and has been visiting her aunt, Bennie Beeson in Hansford Manor.

Ronnie Lusby underwent surgery in the Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital on July 24 for a rare form of an equilibrium problem. Ronnie's wife, Donita is with him while he is recovering.

Guests of Olive Pendergraft over the week-end were Connie

and Mark Tindal. Connie is Olive's granddaughter. The Tindals live in Wichita, Kansas.

Olive's niece, Nancy Rush is spending the week with her. Nancy is from Medina, Kansas.

Dorothy and Walter Woolley are at home after spending 11 days in the cool at Fun Valley, Colorado. The weather there was ideal for resting, trout fishing, and just relaxing and soaking in the beautiful scenery. They had tremendous success at their fishing efforts.

The Schumann Family had a Cousin's Reunion at Monument Lake, Colorado August 1st thru the 3rd.

The weather was cool and the scenery was spectacular. Trout fishing and just relaxing around the campfire were the main activities.

Mary Haun Schumann was the "Trail Boss" by being the eldest there. Other people attending from Spearman were: Craig, Denise, and Tashi Schumann; Hank, Melissa, Sawyer, Mabry, and Judd Sutterfield; Shelly and Tanner Beedy; Ann and Maggie Pipkin. Attending from Morse were Cody, Abby and Mia Pipkin.

Brittini Sanders and Josh Schumann came from Amarillo.

Derrick and Koran Burnett from Houston and Sally Johnson from Wichita Falls also attended the reunion.

Denise Apodaca has undergone esophageal replacement surgery in Dallas.

She is currently undergoing tests to determine if there are any leaks in the replacement esophagus. If none are found, Denise will be able to begin to drink liquids and progress eventually to solid foods.

Her recovery necessitates her staying in Dallas, an expense not covered by insurance.

A fund for her medical expenses has been established at the First National Bank for those wishing to contribute.

For those wishing to send cards, her address is Denise Apodaca, St. Paul Hospital, 5900 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75235.

Stephanie Brock recently attended the sixth annual Rice Owl Women's Football Clinic on Saturday, August 2.

The clinic was held by head coach Ken Hatfield and his assistant coaches. Speakers included the coach and nine of his assistant coaches as well as equipment manager Jerry Fowler. Over 100 women attended and were able to learn about game plans, ask questions, and try on game day football equipment. The clinic was held at Rice Stadium in the "R" room.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Bergin Places at State Meet
Former resident Lauren Bergin recently took fourth place in prepared public speaking, junior division, in state FFA competition in Houston.

Bergin won first place in both area and regional competition to qualify for the state meet.

She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Bergin of Gruver.

Swink Ties for Tops in Bowling Contest

Kayla Swink tied for top place honors in the Texas Young Americans Bowling Association competition held in Longview.

The event was held over a period of several weekends with young bowlers competing in one of the scheduled weekends. Kayla and one other competitor tied for the top score during the competition to win the division 8 championship.

She is the daughter of David and Kim Swink of Gruver.

Pool Closing Undecided

The closing date of the Gruver City Pool has not yet decided. According to pool personnel, the date is dependent on the number of swimmers who continue to use the pool during the coming weeks.

Community Care Concerns

Several in our community are battling illness and continue to need the support, prayers, and good wishes of neighbors and friends.

Among those known are Art Salazar who has begun his second round of treatments Monday, August 4, Hugh Bell, and Don Evans.

Storage for Recycling Goods Nears Completion

A 30' x 30' storage addition has been added to the Gruver City Recycling Center.

The building, made possible through a grant to the city, will store baled cardboard and newspaper.

The new storage will allow Gruver to ship an entire load of

recyclable goods for a better price rather than adding Gruver items to the load of another recycling center which does not pay as well.

How Hot Is It?

The City of Gruver recorded two 100 degree and above days last week. On Friday, August 1, the mercury registered 100 degrees and 102 degrees on Sunday, August 3. The mercury was also at 102 on Monday.

GVFD Answers Call

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, on CRP land 10 miles west of Gruver, just north of Highway 15.

Shower To Benefit Family

A shower to benefit the Ronnie Lewis family who lost their home and possessions in a fire July 23, will be held at the Oslo Lutheran Church Saturday, August 16, from 2-4 p.m.

Gifts or donation will be picked up in Gruver by calling Ada Joyce Stedje, Jill Watson, or Stephanie Tyler.

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--August 4, 2003--31.16 feet (-0.20)

The Lake report came from Joan Hawkins this time. Jim and Mandy Derington are celebrating Jim's half a hundred birthday with a trip to Colorado. They are to be back Tuesday evening.

Ramon Cantu said that more of the turkey hens and their poulters are running in big groups now. He counted as many as 30 in one flock. The turkeys are usually found behind the dam area, and they have a favorite spot to loaf on top of the picnic tables under the shelter. He said it took cleaning the tables three different times to have them ready for the First Baptist Church of Spearman on Sunday evening.

Joan said the Texas Highway Department is ready to pave the road from the entrance to the office parking lot. She thinks they can do it so slick that gravel won't fly at windshields.

For people interested in

showing their kids or grandkids the beautiful scissor-tailed flycatchers, one pair has been seen near the old entrance to the Park. Their four fledglings have hatched, so it is a good time to see the young. They don't grow the long tails until later. A pair has also been seen near the present entrance, and a third pair has been seen below the restrooms on the office side.

In a column called Age Rage in the Amarillo News-Globe Jim Holston wrote of how delicious yucca pods are sautéed. I have sampled them raw and didn't like the flavor. He mentioned Mesquite bean jelly and that he understood that cowboys chewed on the sweet tasting Mesquite bean pods while working cattle. I had not found any references to people chewing on them. Maybe someone will educate me as Leon Bagwell and others did about the edible seeds from the Devil's Claw plant.

Howdy Neighbor Day Talent Show needs you

Sarah Ledford, Howdy Neighbor Day Talent Show coordinator, is looking for talent, and you may be just the one she's looking for.

The HND Talent Show will start at 4 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 20 at Fritch City Park, said Ledford. At 3:30, there will be a gospel group to entertain.

If you or your group would like to compete in the Talent Show, call Sarah at 806-857-3015 or 806-273-9912. Prizes will be awarded.

Karla Burgin of Fritch is preparing a wonderful lineup of entertainment to perform from the beginning of Howdy Neighbor Day in the park to 3:30 p.m., prior to the Talent Show.

Everyone in the Panhandle area and beyond is invited to attend Howdy Neighbor Day and to be in the Talent Show.

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Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

Japanese Trade:

After a year's worth of deliberations, Japanese officials announced their decision to increase tariffs on U.S. chilled beef imports to 50 percent from 38.5 percent, effective August 1. NCBA strongly believes this increase is a misguided use of international trade safeguard measures. Any increase in imports reflects simply a return of consumer demand for beef to normal levels, following the September 10, 2001 discovery of BSE in Japan. NCBA joined forces with the USDA and the U.S. Meat Export Federation to rebuild consumer confidence in Japan, and invested \$9 million in campaigns. Now, the U.S. cattle industry is being penalized for our investment in rebuilding Japan's beef demand. Japan historically

represents the top U.S. export market for beef and beef variety meats. To impose these high tariffs will harm both U.S. beef producers as well as a wide range of Japanese consumers. The unnecessary increase in the price of beef for Japanese consumers will negate important progress in mutually beneficial trade between our nations. NCBA will continue negotiations to fight this unwarranted increase.

Cattle Industry Conference:

Nearly 1,000 cattle producers from across the country gathered in Dallas last week for the 2003 Cattle Industry Summer Conference. During in-depth issues forums on Thursday, producers had a chance to discuss key issues before committee meetings. At Saturday's meeting of NCBA's Board of Directors, resolutions were passed on issues dealing with cattle health, live cattle marketing, country-of-origin-labeling, environmental management and conservation programs, and nutrition. These new resolutions and policy initiatives will serve as a "road map" for NCBA staff, members, and state affiliates. For more details on each issue

discussed, please contact NCBA's D.C. office.

Country of Origin Labeling:

One of the 'hot topics' discussed in Dallas was country of origin labeling. The subject of one of Thursday's issue forums, and a key issue raised in Joint International Markets and Live Cattle Marketing committees, producers on all sides of the issue came together to discuss next steps and how NCBA should proceed. NCBA members agreed to direct the

Washington D.C. staff to petition the USDA to immediately develop and implement a voluntary "born, raised and processed" country of origin labeling certification program. In the event that no changes can be made to the current law to benefit producers, NCBA members agreed that they will seek an extension of the current voluntary guidelines until a workable labeling program can be implemented. In addition, NCBA will create a task force representing all industry segments and USDA. This group will develop a workable program to be used as a guide and model for compliance with the requirements of the country of origin labeling law.

Rangeland Monitoring:

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is supporting public lands ranchers' need for enhanced rangeland monitoring, according to an agreement signed at last Friday's meeting of the Public Lands Council (PLC) and Federal Lands Committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in Dallas.

The Memorandum of Understanding, signed by USFS Chief Dale Bosworth and PLC President and Montana cattle producer K.L. Bliss, details a cooperative rangeland monitoring program which will provide for more accurate information to be collected regarding the condition of forage and rangelands within National Forest Service

grazing allotments. The PLC and NCBA are currently working with the Bureau of Land Management on a similar program.

Chile/Singapore Trade:

The Bush administration's drive to open world markets to American goods and services gained momentum with House approval of free trade agreements with Singapore and Chile late last week. The deal with Chile passed by 270-156, and Singapore's by 272-155.

For cattle producers, Chile is a prime candidate for increased export market opportunities. This major trade agreement with Chile will do away with long-standing trade barriers on our exports. It cuts tariffs and opens markets for U.S. beef and beef products. Chile is not a large cattle-producing nation, and they import a majority of their beef and beef products—a prime candidate for marketing top-quality U.S. products.

Healthy Forests:

The Senate Agriculture Committee has voted to go with the House bill on Healthy Forests, as all parties agree that this is a priority of this Congress. The bill will be now available for floor consideration. NCBA and the Public Lands Council are extremely supportive of the President's Healthy Forest initiative, which will facilitate more effective management of potential threats to forest health such as fire and disease.

Seven Stewardship Awards:

Cattlemen, as individuals and as an industry, are actively working to protect and improve the environment because they know environmental stewardship and good business go hand-in-hand. Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP) winners are prime examples of how environmental management benefits both the cattlemen's bottom line and the resources in their care.

Established in 1991 by NCBA, and sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, the program provides an opportunity for the beef industry to showcase the stewardship and business practices that exist together on progressive farms and ranches. The seven regional winners of the 13th Environmental Stewardship Awards have been selected and will be formally announced to the public early next week.

Death Tax:

NCBA continues to work with the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition to discuss strategy for death tax legislation in the Senate. NCBA scored a major victory for cattle producers and small business owners when the House passed legislation June 18 that calls for permanent repeal of the Death Tax, by a vote of 264 to 163.

Congressional Schedule:

The House of Representatives is out for summer recess. The Senate is expected to recess August 4.

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HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT proudly presents the Employee of the Month



Susan Lawrence, CNA, is HCHD's Employee of the Month for August 2003.

Ms. Lawrence, who works in the Manor, has been employed by the District since September 6, 2001. She received nominations from four coworkers.

Some examples of why they nominated her include:

- * On scheduled days off she volunteers to work if staffing is short
- * It is obvious she enjoys her work and the Manor Residents
- * Her good attitude is an excellent example for others
- * She is reliable, dependable, and professional
- * She is a morale booster

Other nominees were: Gina Biggers, Hospital RN; Roberta Bridwell, Manor CNA; Sam Cogdill, Manor CNA; Anna Navarrete, Business Office; Ernestina Salgado, Manor Activities Assistant; Jeanne Swan, Manor LVN; Melissa Taylor, Manor LVN; and Toby Joe Truby of the Radiology Department.

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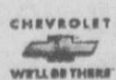
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Gillaspie, Hargis Chosen to Participate in Texas Baptist Student Music & Missions



Callie Hargis (left) and Mindee Gillaspie were chosen to participate in Texas Baptist Student Music and Missions.

Mindee Gillaspie of Spearman, and Callie Hargis of Morse, were chosen to participate in Texas Baptist Student Music and Missions (TBSMM), formerly Texas Baptist All State Choir. TBSMM is an organization created to provide motivating, inspirational, and life-

talented students to receive special, in-depth training, as well as fellowship with other Christian youth of like talents and interests. The Office of Music and Worship of the Baptist General Convention of Texas sponsor this ministry.

TBSMM convened on the campus of Houston Baptist University, July 7-13, 2003. The choir performed concerts at Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, and First Baptist Church, Baytown. They also sang the national anthem at the Astros baseball game on July 11th.

Beginning in 2003, TBSMM incorporated participation in mission projects into the weekly activities. The students were divided into teams of 15 to 50 and then ministered in their assigned location. Mission opportunities were available at various churches in the area, as well as Gano Mission Center, Fletcher Mission Center, Salvation Army, Star of Hope, and Houston Food Bank.

The week concluded with the choirs leading worship at Williams Trace Baptist Church, Sugarland, and Park Place Baptist Church, Houston.

Mindee, daughter of Dick and Leann Gillaspie, is a 2003 graduate of Spearman High School. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall. Callie is the daughter of Kent and Robin Hargis of Morse. Callie is a sophomore at Gruver High School.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Spearman ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/18/2003 in high school library located at 403 East Eleventh Street Spearman, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.087500*	\$1.587500	\$6.100	\$1.595
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.780000	\$0.110900*	\$1.890900	\$5.737	\$1.958
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.110900*	\$1.610900	\$4.882	\$1.718

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$36,981	\$37,954
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$21,981	\$22,993
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.587500	\$1.610900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$348.94	\$370.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$21.45

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 2.072300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 2.072300.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,586,716
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Pringle-Morse CISD Board Minutes

The Board of Trustees for Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District met in Regular Session on July 17, 2003.

Trustees present: Jerry Crowl, Jerry Hart, Clyde McCloy, Carolyn Shields, Jon Mark Tolleson, Robin Wilson, Betty Womble. Administration present: Superintendent Kent Hargis, Business Manager Page Speck

A quorum was established and President Jerry Hart called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

There were no public comments and/or audience participation.

Superintendent Hargis, Business Manager Speck, and the Board of Trustees modified and adjusted the proposed 2003-04 budget. By general consent, the next meeting will be August 14, 2003. The Board will have a public meeting to discuss the 2003-04 budget and proposed tax rate, as well as adopt the 2003-04 budget on August 25, 2003.

Betty Womble moved to approve the June 19, 2003, board minutes: Jon Mark Tolleson seconded the motion, and it carried 7-0.

Business Manager Speck presented the financial report, which consisted of a budget update, cash position, and a review of monthly expenditures.

Jon Mark Tolleson moved to use Pension Concepts, Inc., to administer the Section 125 Cafeteria payroll plan for the 2003-04 school year; the motion was seconded by Jerry Crowl and carried 7-0.

Betty Womble moved to purchase employee standard life and supplemental policies from Canada Life Insurance

Company for the 2003-04 school year: Clyde McCloy seconded the motion, and it carried 7-0.

No action was taken regarding the selection of financial auditors for the district.

Jon Mark Tolleson moved to approve the 2003-04 substitute list of teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and custodians. Jerry Crowl seconded the motion, and it carried 7-0.

Betty Womble moved to adopt 2003-04 district goal and superintendent goals, the

motion was seconded by Jerry Hart and carried 7-0.

In his report, Superintendent Hargis reported the majority of summer maintenance projects have been completed, the installation of new computers and hardware for district business service, a "hacker" problem necessitating the purchase of new router, etc., and announced that the school year will start August 18, 2003.

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 11:00 p.m.

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Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and to waive any formalities in quotes received. Hansford County Hospital District is not required to select the lowest quote, but shall take into consideration other factors such as ability to service the contract, past experience and ease of transition/access of service for hospital employees. Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to negotiate with any finalist after the proposals have been received and evaluated.

Hansford County Hospital District, at its sole discretion, may elect to accept a proposal for one, two or three years based upon the terms and conditions offered in the proposal.

To obtain a general information page, an employee census indicating currently covered employees and dependents, copy of the current plan benefits and prior claims history, please contact:

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GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE - Spearman: 317 S. Hazelwood; Saturday, August 9th, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Scanner, Hoover vacuum, 4-man tent, household items, little girl & ladies clothes, books & toys, other items. 1(8-7-03)B

SUPER RUMMAGE SALE - Spearman: Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice; Saturday, August 9th, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fantastic find! Men's, women's, teen's clothes, shoes, dishes, more! 1(8-7-03)P

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) is currently accepting bids on property owned in Gruver, Texas. The property is described as: Lot 1-5, Block 44, Original Town, Gruver, Texas, Hansford County. The subject property is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Broadway and King Street in Gruver, Texas. The actual appraisal, dated February 15, 2003, may be seen at www.hchd.net. Bids must be sealed and addressed to Steve Hartgraves, CEO, Hansford County Hospital District, 707 Roland, Spearman TX 79081-3499, and clearly labeled as "Property Bid." Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2003. Bids will be opened in the CEO's office September 9, 2003 for analysis purposes. Bids will be acted upon at the September 2003 Board of Director's meeting of HCHD. Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed the best proposal for Hansford County Hospital District. 2(7-31-03)B

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Campus Preparation/Staff Development Day
 Bad Weather Day
 Comp Day
 Begin six weeks
 End six weeks
 Holiday
 2-hour early release

GRUVER ISD 2004

1st Six Weeks = 29 days 2nd Six Weeks = 29 days
 3rd Six Weeks = 27 days 4th Six Weeks = 29 days
 5th Six Weeks = 30 days 6th Six Weeks = 30 days
 Total School Days 180 Preparation/Reserve 7 days Total days = 187

August 2003	September 2003	October 2003	November 2003
December 2003	January 2004	February 2004	March 2004
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Holiday
 Staff Development
 Weather Day
 High In Water
 End Six Weeks

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Staff Prep/Student Holiday
 Bad Weather Day
 New Staff Inservice
 Staff Inservice/Student Holiday
 Begin six weeks
 End six weeks
 School Holiday
 Report Cards Out
 Early Out for Everyone

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program would like to take this opportunity to thank these KIDS KAMP camp sponsors and community volunteers for their help in making this summer's activities a huge success. With a total of 20 camps held May 27th through August 7th, the total attendance was 572 kids!

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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced a settlement with Farmers Insurance Group that requires the company to refund an estimated \$2.4 million to about 13,000 Texas motorists who may have paid more for vehicle repairs than was required under their policies. (Note: this settlement is not related to a proposed \$117.5-million settlement with the state involving allegations the company deceived homeowners and misused credit scoring data.)

The settlement marks the ninth such settlement obtained since 2000 with major auto insurers, emphasizing again that companies such as Farmers may not deceive motorists who pay deductibles and make proper claims for vehicle repair work.

This unlawful practice known as "betterment," an insurance industry term, involves supposedly increasing the value of a policyholder's vehicle by paying for repairs with better or newer parts. Companies such as Farmers have routinely reduced the amount to be paid to the motorist for repairs by an amount believed to equal the improved value of the vehicle because upgraded parts were installed, such as new rather than rebuilt transmissions.

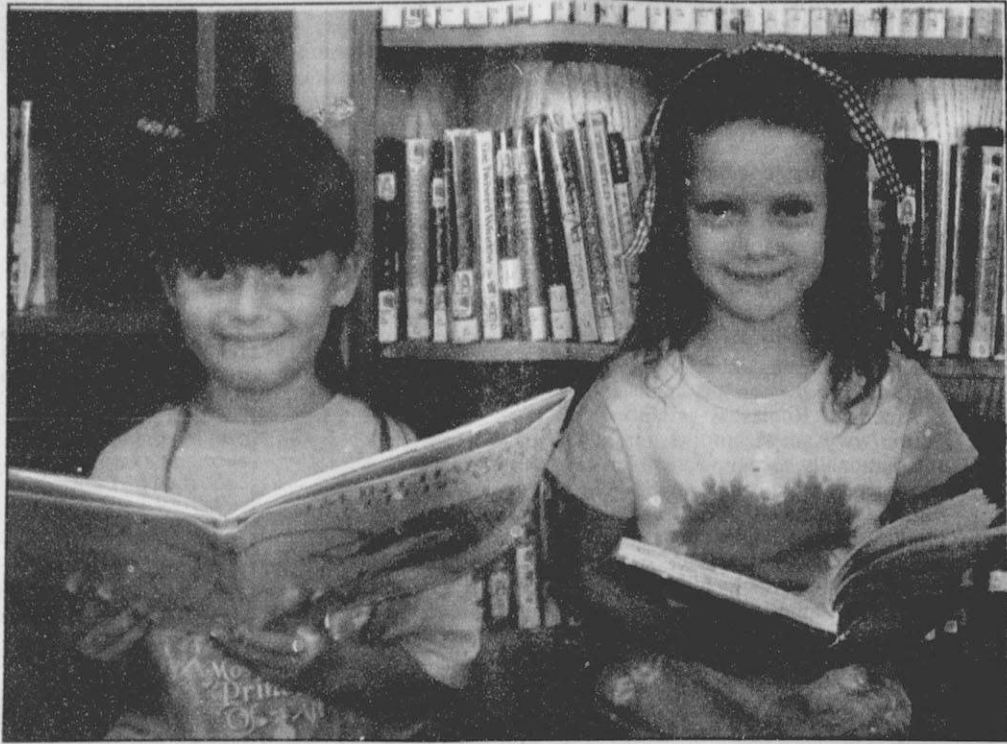
"Companies have used this perceived loophole in the standard Texas auto policy to rationalize their way into consumers' pocketbooks," said Attorney General Abbott. "They reasoned that if they increase the value of their policyholders' vehicles, then they should be able to deduct an amount for improving the value of the vehicle. Auto policies in Texas just do not allow for this kind of deception and we're fortunately seeing a turnaround in the industry."

Under the settlement, Farmers will continue to refrain from deducting for betterment on its policyholders' claims. The company agrees to refund the amount charged for betterment, plus interest, to policyholders who had an auto repair claim paid from Feb. 14, 1996, to the present.

Farmers will mail checks directly to policyholders who had electronic estimates that indicated the company made these deductions for betterment. For those policyholders whose deductions cannot be identified through electronic estimates, Farmers will mail notices requesting that eligible persons make a written claim.

If a policyholder makes a written claim, Farmers will review the claim file and send a refund check if the file indicates the company deducted for betterment. Farmers agrees that this settlement will not affect its insurance rates. Farmers will also pay \$175,000 in attorneys' fees and other expenses to the Attorney General's office.

Since 2000, the Texas Attorney General's office has also obtained betterment settlements with State Farm, Nationwide, USAA, Geico, Travelers, Safeco, Sentry and Liberty Mutual insurance companies for an estimated \$7.9 million in total refunds. Several betterment lawsuits against other insurers are still pending.



Hansford County Bookmark design winners Vanessa Vela (left) and Slade Garnett enjoy reading a good book.

Bookmark Contest Winners Announced

Vanessa Vela and Slade Garnett were the winners for the Hansford County Bookmark Contest held this summer. The bookmarks designed by the six-year olds will be sent to Amarillo for printing and will be available for distribution in libraries throughout the Panhandle this fall.

The Hansford County Library and Community Resource Coordinator joined forces once again this summer to provide children age 3 through

second grade with a summer reading program. This year's theme was "Mission Possible - Spy A Book".

Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, and Sheri Benton, Hansford County Library Director, would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's program a success. A special thanks to high school volunteers, Maribel Moreno and Joanne Tang.

Sales Tax Holiday Can Be Money-Saver

by Linda Anderson, lw-anderson@tamu.edu

Christmas doesn't really come in August, but some Texas shoppers might feel that way.

For the fifth year, the annual Sales Tax Holiday on Aug. 1-3 - shortly before the start of the school year - will allow families to stock up on some back-to-school items without paying sales taxes, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension financial planning and family economics specialist.

"Certain items priced at less than \$100 each may be purchased tax-free," she said. Those items include many clothing items such as baby clothes, coats and wraps, dresses, gym suits and uniforms, jackets, robes, sweatshirts, shirts, sweaters, underwear and certain kinds of shoes.

According to figures from Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, shoppers can expect to save a total of \$43.8 million in sales tax this year - \$34.6 million in state sales taxes and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

On her Web site, Strayhorn wrote: "The holiday provides exemptions from state and local sales taxes on most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100, which will save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend." (Go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/> and click on the link to Tax Break for Texans.)

However, Granovsky cautioned, many items are not tax-free, not even on Sales Tax Holiday. "The Texas Legislature has not approved Comptroller Strayhorn's frequent recommendations to include backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children on the Tax Exempt List," she said.

Consumers will be able to save money the first weekend of August, Granovsky said, "but only if they play it smart. Just because sales taxes won't be collected from selected items is no reason to go on a buying spree. The best savings will result from careful comparison shopping."

Her advice to shoppers is:

- Carefully compare prices. Consumers should know where, in their communities, they are most

likely to get the best prices for specific items.

- Look for reduced prices. When items are on sale or clearance, prices can be significantly lower than regular prices.

- Pay no sales tax. By shopping for specific items on Sales Tax Holiday, consumers can save money.

By combining all three tips, "careful comparison shopping can help consumers find sale items whose original price tag may have exceeded the \$100 per item limit the Texas Sales Tax Holiday Exemption provides on Aug. 1, 2 and 3," Granovsky said.

"Consumers who are price-sensitive know when a mark-down is a good deal," she said. "Some stores may offer special sales and promotions to get people to shop, but this may not be true for every store."

But remember, Granovsky said: Even when shopping at sales, consumers should keep their own personal finances firmly in mind. "The allure of sales and 'saving money' can lead some shoppers to buy more than they can afford. Shoppers should (plan) ... and set spending limits to avoid overspending."

For more information on family finances, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Science Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Family Economics.

Pearson Places In National Cutting Event

Mark Pearson of Spearman placed 13th in the National Cutting Horse Association' Cutting Spectacular July 8 - 27 in Fort Worth.

Pearson was riding his horse, Little Jerri Sox for the competition, the pair compiled a score of 205 for the 13th place.

The winner in the event with 221 points was Wayne Long and She's A Cuttin' Cat from Decatur, TX.

Chambers Resigns as Gruver Chief of Police

John Chambers resigned as Gruver's Chief of Police, effective Thursday, July 24, 2003.

Chambers began his tenure with the Gruver Police Department December 19, 2002.

Having served with the Hawley (TX) Police Department, Chambers had 10 years of law

enforcement experience prior to his move to Gruver.

A search has begun for Chamber's replacement. Gruver currently has one police officer, Dec Mayfield, who began work earlier this summer.

Comptroller Strayhorn Announces 2003 Sales Tax Holiday

Comptroller Strayhorn Announces 2003 Sales Tax Holiday
Shoppers can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced today.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday. It's the one time where hard-working Texas families get to keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities. The fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August," Strayhorn said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 1-3 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Strayhorn has repeatedly called on the Legislature to add backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children to the Tax Exempt list; they have failed to do so.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, the annual three-day event has saved Texans an estimated \$150.2 million in sales tax, including \$118.5 million in state sales tax and \$31.7 million in local sales tax.

"During these tough economic times, I believe Texas families will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther," Strayhorn said.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_237_2_03.html#holiday.

Below is a selected list of items and their exemption status during the sales tax holiday.

TAX-Free

- Baby clothes
- Belts with attached buckles
- Boots - cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys - baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks, and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Underclothes
- Work clothes and uniforms

TAXED

- Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
- Backpacks
- Baseball cleats and pants
- Belt buckles (without belt)
- Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
- Buttons and zippers
- Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
- Dry cleaning services
- Football pants
- Golf gloves
- Handbags and purses
- Handkerchiefs
- Hard hats
- Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
- Ice skates
- Jewelry
- Laundry services
- Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
- Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
- Personal flotation devices
- Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
- Roller blades and skates
- Safety clothing, glasses
- Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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My Dad, Gerald Ritchie, send me the following article entitled, "Why God Created Children." Although there is great truth in the article, I'm quite sure he didn't experience it with me! (Ha, Ha!)

Why God Created Children

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle.

Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve...we have forbidden fruit!!!!"

"No Way!"

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants.

A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam said

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

But there is reassurance in the story!

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

Things To Think About

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.

2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.

3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

6. We child proofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

Advice for the Day: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home.

And Finally: If you have a tension headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children."

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

High Plains Public Radio Adds American Routes to Saturday Schedule

High Plains Public Radio is pleased to announce an addition to the current diverse schedule of music, news and information programming available on the weekends. American Routes from the University of New Orleans becomes part of the Saturday lineup on August 2, airing from 2-4 pm.

HPPR Director of Operations and Programming Tony Stout says, "American Routes is a unique program which offers a huge variety of musical styles and genres along with insightful interviews and commentary on the American music scene. It's hosted by one of the foremost experts on American music in the country. We're very pleased to be able to offer this program to our listeners."

HPPR will continue to offer Silver Rails, a regionally produced folk music program every Saturday afternoon. "We want to always maintain a healthy contingent of regionally produced programming," says Stout. "It's important to our listeners to be able to call up and say, 'I'd really like to hear some John Gorka or Bonnie Raitt; would you play that for me?'" Adding American Routes to the schedule allows us to keep that regional presence and offer our listeners a chance to learn more about the roots of popular music and popular roots music."

Produced in New Orleans, American Routes features a broad range of American music -- blues and jazz, gospel and soul, old-time country and rockabilly, Cajun and zydeco, Tejano and Latin, roots rock and pop, avant-garde and classical. Now celebrating its HYPERLINK "http://www.americanroutes.org/fifthyear.html" 5th anniversary on the air, American Routes explores the shared musical, historical and cultural threads in these American styles and genres, and how they are distinguished.

American Routes is produced and hosted by HYPERLINK "http://www.americanroutes.org/about.html#/" Nick Spitzer. An internationally recognized folklorist, Nick has served as host and producer of the award winning Folk Masters and American Roots 4th of July concert series; documentary, record, film and festival producer for the Smithsonian Institution and PBS; and independent cultural producer for NPR's All Things Considered. He currently teaches folklore and cultural conservation at the HYPERLINK "http://www.americanroutes.org/about.html#" University of New Orleans.

For more information about American Routes, contact HPPR at 1-800-678-7444 or visit the High Plains Public Radio site at www.hppr.org.HYPERLINK "http://www.hppr.org/" www.hppr.org.

High Plains Public Radio is heard in Perryton on KTOT 89.5 FM; in Amarillo at 94.9 FM and at 91.3 in Panhandle, Claude and Washburn.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Top of Texas Senior Star Search

The Hilltop Senior Citizens Association of Amarillo is looking for Senior Talent. We extend an invitation to anyone who is fifty-five (55) and older to join in the fun. Talents of singing, dancing, storytelling and other special talents are encouraged. Auditions will be held each Monday from 1-5 p.m. at Hilltop Senior Citizens Center in Amarillo, 1311 N. Taylor Street. Some exceptions will be considered with submitted video of participant's performance. Please call (806) 376-9511 to schedule an audition, or for more information. The final performance and presentation will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2003, where the 2003 Senior Star from the Top of Texas will be named! This performance will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center, North Exhibit Hall at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children (under 12).

Wheatheart Wheat Conference To Be Held

The Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the fifth annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference Thursday, August 7, 2003. The conference will be held at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Registration is \$5.00 and begins at 8:30 a.m. All area wheat producers are invited to hear Extension and industry specialists cover a wide range of topics related to wheat production and marketing. Lunch will be provided and three CEU's will be offered to all attending private, commercial and noncommercial applicators. Door prizes, including a BBQ smoker, will also be given away. For more information, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.

Coin Collectors' Show

Golden Spread Coin Club will sponsor its annual collector's show and sale Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, 2003, in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center. Admission to the show is free. Over 75 dealer tables will feature items including coins, gold, silver, jewelry, stamps, knives, antique glassware, and collectibles. Dealers from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, and Texas will be represented at the show. Free hourly door prizes will be given away both days of the show. In addition, a drawing for a \$20 Saint Gauden's gold coin will be held Sunday, August 17, at 5 p.m. Tickets for the coin drawing will be available at the door for a donation to the club. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For additional information, please contact Ted Winton at 806-352-9291 or from Nela Runkel at 355-1702. A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to the West Texas A&M University scholarship fund. The Golden Spread Coin Club is a nonprofit organization whose main purpose is to promote the knowledge of coins and the hobby of numismatics to the general public.

Pete Rose to Be Guest Speaker at YMCA

Pete Rose will be the guest of honor and featured speaker at the first annual YMCA All-Star Sports Festival to be held Saturday, August 16, 2003. The All Star Sports Festival will begin with a baseball clinic Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Amarillo's Dilla Villa, and is being underwritten by the Amarillo National Bank. The first 300 kids will receive a signed baseball card from Pete Rose. Following Rose's talk, he will be available to sign autographs and local coaches will be available to talk to kids and answer questions. Cost of the baseball clinic is \$5 for youths ages 6-18 and \$10 for adults. Children 5 and under are admitted free. The Festival will continue Saturday evening on the floor of the Civic Center Coliseum in Amarillo from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Festival doers will enjoy sports activities, unlimited "ball-park fan" food and drinks, and a live and silent auction. Cost for the Saturday evening event is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple.

HOSPICELINK Offers Aid for Terminal Illness and Bereavement

HOSPICE LINK help people needing information and education about hospice care and makes referrals hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national toll-free telephone number is 88-331-1620. HOSPICE LINK is a service of the Hospice Education Institute, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1985. There is no charge for any HOSPICE LINK service. Since taking its first call in 1986, HOSPICE LINK has helped literally hundreds of thousands of people in facing the challenges of coping with end-of-life issues. For more information about the Hospice Education Institute and its many programs and services, please call 800-331-1620 or 207-255-8800, e-mail the organization at hospiceall@aol.com, or write to Three Unity Square, P.O. Box 98, Machiasport, Maine 04655-0098. HOSPICE LINK lines are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, Eastern time.

Breast Cancer 101

In an attempt to better serve our patients, The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has revamped the Breast Cancer 101 support group. Breast Cancer 101 is a support group for women who are currently receiving treatment for breast cancer. What was formerly a monthly support group is now a four-part cancer education series with a different topic discussed each week. The series repeats the same topics each month. The August schedule is: August 4th, 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Breast Cancer Overview & Surgical Options; August 11th, 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer; August 18th, 5:30-7 p.m. "Women in Touch" Support Group (Different topic each month); August 25th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Body Image and Sexuality (spouses invited). All classes meet in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre. For more information, contact Nancy Rudolph, Breast Health Nurse Navigator at (806) 359-4673, ext. 173.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

ACT Registration Date Nears

The next ACT Assessment will be administered September 27, 2003. College-bound high school students must register for the exam by August 22, the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 5, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can get registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org. The ACT Assessment will be administered again October 25, 2003. Registration deadline for the October test date is September 19.

Medical Fund Established for Denise Apodaca

A fund has been established for the medical expenses of Denise Apodaca at the First National Bank of Spearman. Denise was airlifted to St. Paul Hospital in Dallas where she is undergoing tests before a possible reconstructive surgery of her esophagus. Her address is St Paul Hospital, 5909 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas (no zip code provided). Her phone number is 214-879-2351.

Local Church Seeks Support in MS Walk

Primera Iglesia Bautista de Spearman will be aiding the National Sclerosis Society by joining in its annual walk effort to raise funds. Members of the church participating in a six-mile walk September 27, 2003 in Dumas are seeking sponsorship pledges from Hansford County residents. Those interested in joining the effort the conquer Multiple Sclerosis may contact Sally Vaquera 659-5035, Margie Vaquera 664-5594 or Primera Iglesia Bautista 659-3991.

Breast Cancer Screening

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on July 28, 2003. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar

A Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, will be held August 6-7, 2003 at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive, in College Station. The seminar is offered to provide participants enough information on tax and estate planning matters to help them make difficult estate planning decisions. A thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses will be given by Dr. Hayenga. Registration information may be obtained by calling Sharon at (979) 845-2226. Registration cost is \$100.00 per person.

Spearman Band Camp Schedule Announced

July 30th and 31st - Student Leadership 9 a.m.-12 noon at Ms. Holland's house Drum major, officers, student leaders, and squad leaders will attend. August 1st - Flags, eighth and ninth grade band students, Leadership group - 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., at the high school band hall. Marching and playing fundamentals will begin. August 4th-8th - All band members, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m. at the high school band hall.

Gruver to Host 73rd Annual Alumni Homecoming

The classes of 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, and 2003 will be honored at the 73rd GHS Homecoming, set for September 26, 2003. A supper will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. At 7 p.m., the Alumni King and Queen will be crowned with the crowning of the 2003 Homecoming Queen following. At 7:30 p.m., the Gruver Greyhounds will host the Claude Mustangs. Following the ball game, an all-alumni dance will be held at the Sparks Brothers hangar in Gruver. Alumni dues of \$10 are payable at the supper or by mail to Treasurer Pat Irwin, Box 944, Gruver, TX 79040. Dues and profits of the organization support the GHS Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Spearman First Baptist Church Slates Service at Lake

The First Baptist Church of Spearman will hold its evening service at the pavilion below the dam at Palo Duro Lake Sunday, August 3, at 7 p.m. The 4Given quartet from Stratford will be singing and leading the worship service. 4Given is a Christian which has been spreading god's word in song for over six years. They competed July 25 in the 2003 National Christian Artist Talent Search in Denver. The group is composed of Mike Cummings, a fire fighter from Amarillo who is filling in as a music director at the First Baptist Church of Stratford, Brad Thiessen, the athletic director and head football coach of Stratford High School, Randy Hunsaker, the Stratford band director, and Greg Wright, a Stratford farmer. Bring a picnic meal for you family, and join us for this special service. A love offering will be taken for the quartet.

Panhandle Exploration Getaway

Tickets are now available at the Spearman chamber of Commerce for Panhandle Exploration Getaway. By taking a chance on the getaway package, you can take a break from daily life, see the beauty of your own "backyard," meet your neighbors and go on a shoestring budget! Winner of the Panhandle Getaway package will be drawn August 26th. Certificates and coupons for bed and breakfasts, dining, and entertainment in the Panhandle are included in the winning package. Tickets are \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, or a baker's dozen (13) for \$10.00. All proceeds will benefit the Baby's Coming Shop, specialty redemption baby shops located throughout the Panhandle. A visit to a shop is the culmination of two Care for MOMs and 2Cares for babies, health related programs, administered to the Coalition of Health Services funded by grants from the Texas Department of Health and the March of Dimes.

Frank Phillips College Off-Campus Registratic..

Off-campus registration will be held on Tuesday, August 12th from 5-7 p.m. at the Spearman High School Distance Learning Room. August 18th is the first day of class. For more information, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

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IDA R. LOWRY HENDRICK

GRUVER - Ida R. Lowry Hendrick, 85, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, in Guymon, Okla.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2003 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Family burial was at 11 a.m. in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Hendrick was a member of First Baptist Church of Gruver. She was a longtime employee and supervisor at the Gruver school cafeteria.

She married Henry Lowry in 1957. He died in 1974. She married Bill Hendrick in 1980 and he died in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Deakin of Gruver; two sons, Larry J. Lowry of Dumas and Tom Lowry of Valley View; three brothers, Tom Fleming of Nevada, MO, Richard Fleming of Fort Scott, KS, and Ralph Fleming of Accokeek, MD; two sisters, Naomi Lawrence of Nevada, MO, and Marilyn Shaffer of Topeka, KS; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Gruver.

PETE VERA SR.

SPEARMAN - Pete Vera Sr., 72, died Friday, July 25, 2003.

Mass was at 10 a.m. Monday, July 28, 2003 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Burial was at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Westlawn Cemetery, Borger. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Vera was born in 1931 in Benavides. He lived in Spearman since 1959. He married Toni Ramirez on November 24, 1951. She died in 1998. He married Guadalupe Munoz on June 19, 2000.

Mr. Vera was a farmer and rancher, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Isabell McLeod of Fritch, and Elvira Hill of Amarillo; four sons, Pete Vera Jr., Johnny Vera and Reuben Vera, all of Spearman, and Will Vera of Elk City, OK; four brothers, Gilbert Vera, Salvador Vera and Jesse Vera, all of Alice, and Raymond Vera of Corpus Christi; four sisters, Hermelinda Garcia and Juanita Lopez, both of Alice, Maria Barnett of Corpus Christi, and Bertha Soliz of Houston; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Box 127, Spearman, TX, 79081, or Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX, 79081.

American Cancer Society Launches Cancer Survivors Network Online

With one click of the mouse, or by dialing a toll free number, cancer survivors and caregivers can seek support from coast to coast. The Cancer Survivors Network, created by the American Cancer Society is a community for cancer survivors and caregivers. From diagnosis, cancer becomes a part of a survivor's life and a caregiver's life experience. The Cancer Survivors Network unites all people touched by cancer. Survivorship can be an opportunity for personal growth and renewal of spirit.

The link to the Cancer Survivors Network is located on the American Cancer Society's Web site www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read, or download pre-recorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

Other options include creating a personal homepage to share stories and get connected to others, participate in chats and discussion groups, and communicate with other survivors and caregivers via email. Cancer Survivors Network also offers suggested books, articles, Web sites, support groups and organizations and allows access to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Resource Center for cancer information.

No matter how cancer touches your life, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Survivors Network can help. Call or log on right now.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

July 31

Birthday - Mary Ruth Connelly, Bonnie Jones, Kathy Vanlandingham, Danna Close, Sherry Brand, Jessie Burke, Jody Harnish, Hector Nava, Mike Slater, Ronnie Lusby, Cary Collier, Cecil Biggers, Jennifer Marrs, Cody Reynolds, Nancy Garcia

Anniversary - Doug & Shannon Barnes

August 1

Birthday - Lisa Link, Kyle Irwin, Frankie Leatherman, Annie Mayhew, Gyene Spivey, Benjamin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Ronnie Williams, Tommy Lovett, Jo Brown, Leann Swan, Yvonda Stokes, Anita Clemmons, Kevin Kirk, Rob Barber, Kelli McWhirter, David Swan, Jim Scarborough, Kiki West, Hershey Martin, Joyce Crooks, Alfonso Cenicerros, Larry Trosper, Patricia Quillin, Gabriel Lopez, Sara Wright

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Minter, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Cathey, Jr.

August 2

Birthday - Eddie Clemmons, Mary Brock, Frosty Hickerson, Dirk Umphress, Colby Griffin, Earl Griffin, Daniel Bort, Yuki Bort, Misty Vera, Roland Graeber, Neely Hicks, Ryan Wells

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Billy Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hays, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ralston

August 3

Birthday - Clay Gillispie, Tyson Sparks, Mary Wisinger, Laurie Swenn, Kent Guthrie, Kenneth Coates, Olivia Salgado, Sam Abston, Dibrell Kirk, Racheal Garza, Tencha Cazares, Olivia DeSantiago, Maxine Little

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Schroder, Mr. & Mrs. Shane Reagan

August 4

Birthday - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Dawn Weaks, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

Joe Vanderburg, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bravo, Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie E. Williams

August 5

Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J. Garnett, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

August 6

Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Helen Prachar, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Murl Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Stedje, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Hoel

August 7

Birthday - Brandon Casdorff, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Carlie Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacobs

August 8

Birthday - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Garrard

August 9

Birthday - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dossett, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bevil

August 10

Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irbek, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Art Salazar

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lucio Vela, Mr. & Mrs. Riche Randall, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Brock, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lamb

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A serious illness or injury can jeopardize your good health, but it doesn't have to mean financial jeopardy, too. Very few health insurance policies cover the cost of long-term care, so people often end up paying for expenses directly out of their pockets. If you're not prepared for the possibility of needing long-term care, consider these facts:

- 76% of Americans don't expect to need long-term care!
- 43% of people aged 65 will actually need nursing home care at some time in the future!
- \$56,000 is the nationwide average annual cost of nursing home care!
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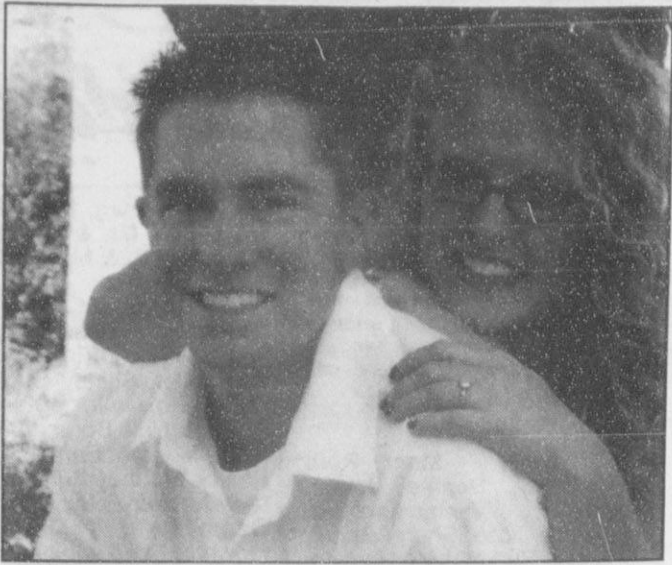
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Capitol Highlights



by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

This Friday, August 1, marks the six-month anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy. Below is a column from Sen. Hutchison commemorating the anniversary.

Remembering Columbia

On February 1, 2003, millions of Americans awoke to the heartbreaking news that the Space Shuttle Columbia had been destroyed while reentering the earth's atmosphere. Texans were profoundly affected by the tragedy because the shuttle disintegrated in our wide-open skies, scattering wreckage throughout the northeast part of our state.

August marks the six-month anniversary of that terrible tragedy. It is a time to remember, but it is also a time to reflect on the triumph of the human spirit that rose from the ashes of the Columbia.

When Texans learned of the disaster, they didn't stop and ask, "Why us?" They said, "How can we help?" They pitched in with gestures large and small. People in Sabine, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties, areas that bore the brunt of the disaster, rose to the occasion to assist in the recovery efforts.

More than 600 volunteers descended upon the east Texas community from around the state to begin the monumental task. Game wardens, fire fighters, sheriffs and forest service employees arrived at their own expense to help. The local National Guard unit canceled its

scheduled training that first weekend and lent a hand. Restaurants and grocery stores provided free meals to volunteers. Business, schools and community organizations solicited donations and rounded up food, water and supplies to keep the command center running. Churches offered the homes of their members to relief workers seeking a warm bed after grueling 12-hour shifts. Local hotels and bed and breakfasts donated lodging for the out-of-town workers. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members volunteered countless hours.

State and local agencies operated seamlessly to deal with the tragedy and ensure recovery efforts ran smoothly and efficiently. The local community came together in an unprecedented way. Texans gave of their time, efforts and finances to help piece together the tragedy and put their community, and our entire nation, on the road to recovery.

The outpouring of generosity comes as no surprise. Texans are known for our big hearts and welcoming arms. When tragedy literally rained down upon us, it was instinctive to respond with charity, generosity and kindness.

While many questions surrounding the accident are still being investigated and measures preventing future tragedies are being undertaken, it is the question of "What's next?" that must still be addressed. What's next for space exploration? What can we learn from venturing into the unknown?

It is that thirst for knowledge

that led us to explore space in the first place. Our curiosity, sense of wonder and desire to improve life on earth prompted us time and again to defy the odds. And our efforts have resulted in life-saving discoveries, technological advancements and improvements in our everyday lives.

Satellites, smoke detectors and bar-code scanners provide a few examples of everyday technologies that were developed through our space program. NASA has also contributed to the defense of our nation by pioneering space-based and satellite imagery applications that have been critical to helping our military pinpoint the enemy on the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. NASA is also helping to develop the next generation of the unmanned aerial vehicle, the Predator, a remotely controlled aircraft that allows us to see the battlefield, find the enemy and send in precision-guided munitions without endangering troops. Perhaps our greatest achievement has been

in the field of medical science. CAT scans and MRIs are revolutionizing our ability to detect tumors early and save lives. Neither technology would be possible without NASA research.

From 1803, when Lewis and Clark set out to explore the unknown lands of the west, to 1969, when Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon, the spirit of exploration has shaped our history and our culture. It has kept our economy thriving through the use and production of the fruits that research. It is a spirit embodied by Texans and knit into the fabric of our rich legacy of independence, which we must preserve.

As we commemorate the anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and honor the seven lives cut short, we grieve with their families, celebrate their memories and pledge to renew our zeal for space exploration and hunger for the unknown.

Engagement Announcement

Robert and Evelyn Coffman of Borger announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lindsay Catherine to Nicholas Craig Vinson, son of Craig and Beverly Vinson of Spearman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bob and Bobbie Coffman of New Caney, TX and Jodie and Peggy Brock of Borger, TX.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Bob and Jane Vinson of Spearman and Bob and Janette Whitford of Lubbock, TX and the late Paul Albus.

The couple plan an October 17, 2003, at the Grace Fellowship Church in Borger.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Borger High School and a May 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed at Grace Fellowship Church.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Spearman High School. He is employed by Zachry Construction Company of Borger.

The couple will reside in Borger.

Thank you

The family of Kirby Johnson would like to express a sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped us through this difficult time. Whether you gave of your time, food, prayers, a memorial, a card, a visit, or by attending Kirby's service, it was greatly appreciated, and you will never know how much it meant to us.

A special thanks to the Pringle-Morse community for being there for us. Your support and concern was second to none. Kirby was always proud of being a Pringle-Morse Cougar.

Also, to the ladies of the First Assembly of God Church in Spearman, you were all so special to Kirby. Thank you so much for everything.

To Kirby's classmates and friends at Gruver High School, thanks for your love and kindness you have shown us. Kirby would have been proud of you.

God Bless each of you,

Allen and Janice McCloy; Kenton and Jared Johnson

You are invited to a
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honoring
Mindy Tigrett
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You are invited to a
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bride-elect of Rett Simmons
on Saturday, August 9, 2003
from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
in the home of Eleanor Wright
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It's A Girl!

Jon and Mary Olsen, and big sister Faith, are pleased to announce the birth of Kristen Evonne Olsen. Kristen was born July 17, 2003 at 3:50 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 8.7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mary F. Olsen and the late Burton Olsen of Oslo and Dwight and Susie Odell of Boise City, OK. Great-grandparents are Bill and Evonne Moore of Canadian and Ruth Odell of Woodward, OK.

Bridal Registry

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Honoring the legacy of early day settlers in Hutchison County, descendants of T.I. and Ollie Harbour gathered on July 12, 2003. Keith and Kin traveled from Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, New Mexico, California and Texas to the Morse Community building. A bountiful meal was prepared and served by Paula Clemmons.

The entire affair was a backdrop for pranks, reminiscing, and awash with "gab". Several shared family quotes. The quote that most remembered was by T.I. himself - his morning call "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give you the Light" Ephesians 5:14.

Those attending the long to be remembered affair were: Ira and Quida Harbour, Donnie and Jeannie Jones, Julia Hendrix, Robert and Iris Harbour, Mary Nel Webster, Phillip and Lisa Harbour, David and Robbie Reed, Thad, Amy, Travis & Trevor Reid, Frank, Belinda (Webster) Dillan and Brandy Craig, Leroy and Lee Smith, Larry, Joyce and Kade Smith, Ramon, Brena (Smith) Kynleigh and Margyn Vela, Les, Connie (Smith) Brian, Lance, Sylvia and Josh, Kristen, Kamy, and Heather Weis, Glan and Avis Smith,

Monty Harbour, David, Mary K, Lena and Jacob Harbour, Roy, Denise, Macy and Dane Harbour, C.W. and Jerry Johnson, Charles (Tony) Corrine, Courtney and Joseph and Thomas Isaiah.

Friends calling by were Sylvia Fleenor, Bob Fleenor, J.D. Hester, Dorothy Buzzard and Gwendolyn Smith.

Much activity seems to be going on at Spearman schools - could be many students are

learning the old adage "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" originated by some student.

Opal Ging Reber, Oklahoma City, was in Spearman to attend the funeral of her aunt, Ila Mae Buchanan last Thursday. The Ging family lived in Spearman for many years. Opal is a graduate of Spearman High.

She was accompanied by two nieces, Bonnie Garner of Cleo Springs, Ok., and Ruth Miller of Florida.

Ila Mae and J.B. were married in the Ging home in Spearman.

R.N. Sam Cogdill, with daughters, Brandon and Brandi Cogdill, recently spent a few days in Mineral Wells. They were guests of Sam's parents - Billy and Margaret Mahan. Also, Sam and children visited with her sister and her family.

The announcement of the birth of Lilly Madison Shields is made by her parents Maria Vela and Will Shields. She arrived on July 23, 2003 at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. Her weight was 8 lb., 8-1/2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She joins a brother, 23 month old Dalton Shields. Her maternal grandmother is Aurora Vela of Spearman. Paternal grandparents are Frank Shields and Sherry and Mike Franklin, all of Guymon.

June Edwards Weant, formerly of Spearman was here July 16-18th. She stayed with her granddaughter, Tammy Herndon. She also visited Irene Edwards of Hansford Manor. She had stayed with daughter, Sherry Franklin of Guymon through July 21st. June now lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Pringle-Morse Students Take Wins At Track Meets

MIAMI TRACK MEET

Pringle-Morse students competed May 28 and 29 at Miami. Results of the meet are as follows:

Girls: 2400 M. Run: Beatrix Ortiz; 1200 M. Run: 1st - Tara Shields, 4th - Beatrice Ortiz, 5th - Elizabeth Martin; 800 M. Run: 4th - Eva Carol McCloy, 5th - Elizabeth Martin; 400 M. Dash: 5th - Tara Shields, 6th - Eva Carol McCloy; 200 M. Dash: 6th - Eva Carol McCloy; 100 M. Hurdles: 6th - Tara Shields; High Jump: 5th - Eva Carol McCloy; Long Jump: 5th - Eva Carol McCloy; Discus - 4th - Jimmilee McCloy, 5th - Sara Barnes; Shot Put - 5th - Sara Barnes

Boys: 200 M. Dash: 2nd

Austin Zimmer; 100 M. Dash: 1st - Austin Zimmer (12.68); 200 M. Hurdles: 4th - Chase Parks; High Jump: 1st - Austin Zimmer (5'); Long Jump: 1st - Austin Zimmer (16'11"), Pedro Bonilla; Triple Jump: 1st - Pedro Bonilla, 3rd - Chase Parks; 100 M. Run: 6th - Pedro Bonilla; 800 M. Run: 1st Pedro Bonilla (2:16), 5th - Marcus Wilson, 8th - Tanner Six; 1200 M. Run: 1st - Pedro Bonilla (3:54), 6th - Tanner Six

DISTRICT TRACK MEET

The Pringle-Morse District Meet was held April 3.

Girls: Triple Jump: 6th - Elizabeth Martin; 200 M. Dash: 5th - Eva Carol McCloy; 400 M. Dash: 4th - Eva Carol McCloy; 800 M. Run: 3rd - Eva Carol

McCloy, 4th - Elizabeth Martin; 1200 M. Run: 2nd - Tara Shields, 3rd - Elizabeth Martin, 4th - Beatrice Ortiz; 2400 M. Run: 2nd - Beatrix Ortiz; 100 M. Hurdles: 1st - Tara Shields; 400 M. Dash: 5th - Tara Shields; Long Jump: 4th - Tara Shields; High Jump: 5th - Eva Carol McCloy; Triple Jump: 4th - Beatrix Ortiz; Discus - 2nd - Jimmilee McCloy, 5th - Sara Barnes; Shot Put - 5th - Sara Barnes

Boys: 200 M. Hurdles: 1st - Chase Parks 34.33, 3rd - Marcus Wilson; Triple Jump: 2nd - Chase Parks, 3rd - Marcus Wilson; 1200 M. Run: 1st - Pedro Bonilla, 4th - Tanner Six; 800 M. Dash: 1st - Austin Zimmer (26.76); 100 M. Dash: 1st - Pedro Bonilla, 3rd - Marcus Wilson; Long Jump: 1st - Austin Zimmer (17' 1 1/2"), 2nd - Pedro Bonilla; High Jump: 1st - Austin Zimmer (5' 2")



Lake Level--July 28, 2003-- 31.36 feet (-0.41)

As I write this late Monday afternoon, Gruver has just had an inch and a quarter of rain, but the bad news is that so far there has not been rain south of the Palo Duro Feedlot where the Harris family live. I called Jim and found the rain fell mostly south of the Lake. We can hope a wider area will be covered before it is over.

With the heat this week, Jim reported there was not much activity at the lake. Marti Garnett rented the shelter Thursday for a group and the Baptist

Youth from Spearman had it Saturday evening. Some fishermen are fishing at night, but Jim did not know what they are catching. A few campers were out.

Big news for Jim and Mandy was the return of the Painted Bunting to their feeder for the third summer. Other years it had come in June.

The newsletter from the Panhandle Bird Club said several had been spotted this summer in the Panhandle. Indigo and Lazuli Buntings had also been

seen. I would be happy to see any one of the three.

Jim has seen still another bobcat. This one was near the pay booth at the entrance. It was reddish and well spotted.

When I heard that Dr. Lee Bob Harper had seen a mountain lion two or three months ago in the breaks of Wolf Creek east of Perryton, I immediately thought of how his grandfather Bob Cluck had wanted so badly to see a mountain lion. Lee Bob was driving along a county road between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning when the cougar crossed the road in front of him.

Lee Bob stopped and the lion crossed and stood on a big rock to look him over. Lee Bob surmised the lion was a yearling out on his own without too many survival skills, as he was gaunt and in very poor condition. He was half again as big as a bobcat. The nice thing about this sighting was that he got a good long look and knew exactly what he had seen.

So many times the observer gets only a glance and is left wondering if he actually saw a lion.

Thank you

I want to say "thank you" to all who helped make my 95th birthday the best one yet! All of the personal visits, cards, calls and best wishes were so well received. I had a great day! Spearman has the most wonderful people, and I'm so proud it is my home.

Raye Gibson and family

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Cazares Meets With Governor, Legislators

Cody J. Cazares, whom was considered as a possible candidate for State Representative, recently spoke with Governor Rick Perry and several legislators about issues facing this year's legislative session and the special session called for July to address congressional redistricting.

One of the pressing issues that Cazares spoke with the Governor about was school finance. Governor Perry has already said that he will call another special session in either the fall or early next year to address school finance.

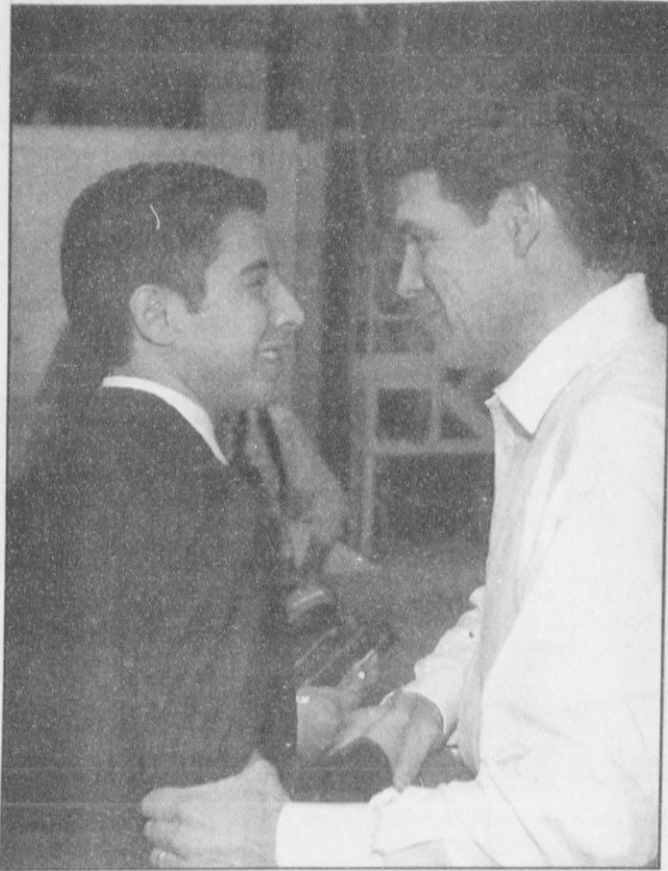
"I told the Governor that several of the schools in our district have already reached the cap on local school taxes of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation and now that we are all committed to overhauling the system we need to be smart about how we go about doing it," said Cazares. "The Governor is from West Texas too, so he knows that the schools are the center of our communities out here and we have to do whatever it takes to keep them running adequately."

Cazares also met with the chief of staff of Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano), who sponsored a school finance measure in the Senate that would cut the property tax in half and would create an expansion of the sales tax base.

"Senator Shapiro has been very creative in coming up with a plan to tackle school finance and that's just what we need right now. I look forward to seeing what comes out of her committee once the ball gets rolling for a special session," said Cazares.

On other matters, Cazares paid a visit to neighboring Representative David Swinford (R-Dumas) to discuss legislation that he was sponsoring for a massive government overhaul that would generate \$350 million in revenues and savings by streamlining state agencies.

"After facing a \$9.9 billion shortfall in the state budget this year this is exactly the kind of thing that our Representatives in Austin should be doing...coming up with a way to cut wasteful spending so that we have the money to pay for things that



Cody J. Cazares (left) is shakes hands with Texas Governor Rick Perry during a recent visit to Austin.

really matter such as teacher's pay raises and insurance." Cazares also discussed congressional redistricting with Perry and Swinford.

"I strongly believe that it is the responsibility of the legislature to redraw congressional districts and not a three-judge panel in east Texas that isn't even elected. Texans want their representatives to live up to their constitutional responsibility and that's why Governor Perry has called a special session to address it," said Cazares.

Cazares met with Representative Phil King (R-Weatherford), chief sponsor of the redistricting legislation, to voice support for his efforts.

"I know that there's going to be a lot of changes once the maps come to the committee but the bottom line is that it's something the legislature is constitutionally required to do and I know that the majority of

Texans acknowledge that," said Cazares.

"The Democrats say that they are astonished that the Governor is willing to spend \$1.7 million on a special session for this, but had they stayed home to take care of their business instead of running off to Ardmore then a special session probably wouldn't be necessary."

Although Cazares is not currently a candidate for State Representative he is obviously still active in state and national politics.

"Just because I'm not running office doesn't mean I can't continue to voice my concerns and that of my neighbors. I think it's the responsibility of all citizens to keep their elected representatives accountable and to voice their concerns. That's what I'm doing now and I'm going to continue doing it," said Cazares.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Student Receives AP Recognition

Cassie Myatt, GHS 2004 senior, was notified last week that she may receive possible college credit on her outstanding score on the Advanced Placement Biology test taken in the Spring of 2003.

Any score of three or above is eligible for possible college credit and also earns a cash reward for the student's school.

This is the third consecutive year, AP Biology teacher Amy TeBeest has had one or more students to earn possible college credit and the state stipend.

In the two previous years, the cash reward earned by the students was used to purchase lab equipment for GHS science labs.

Junior High Student Receives State Honor

Seth Thompson received state recognition in ceremonies in Fort Worth for his achievement as a seventh grader on the ACT Test, a test normally taken by college-bound high school juniors and seniors.

Seth was one of 4,000 students statewide who received the recognition of the 24,000 students taking the test. The 24,000 students was also an elite group whose scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) earned them an invitation by the Duke Talent Find Program to take the test.

Seth is the son of Dwayne and Shawn of Gruver.

Sympathy Expressed

The community was sad-

dened by the death of Ida Lowrey Hendrick.

Mrs. Hendrick is fondly remembered by many who grew up in the community for her years of service to Gruver school children in the school cafeteria.

Gruver Business Relocates

Hair dresser Leticia Salazar has relocated to 213 Main Street in Gruver. Her business number is 733-2505.

Shower to Aid Family

A replacement shower for the Ronnie Lewis family who lost their home and possession in a fire Wednesday, July 23, will be held Saturday, August 16, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall of Oslo Lutheran Church.

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department was at the scene for over five hours as they helped to battle the blaze which was north of Gruver just over the Texas County Line.

Guymon Fire Chief Ed Kirtley had high praise for the Gruver fire fighters.

"They arrived just in time with their tanker so we could control the fire. We appreciated all the help from Gruver..." Kirtley said.

Damage estimates for the home and possessions was set at \$130,000.

Donations prior to the replacement shower time may be left at TeBeest Video in Gruver. For those unable to attend the shower, Ada Joyce Stedje, Stephanie Tyler, or Jill Watson may be called to pick the items up.

Get Well Wishes

A speedy recovery is wished to Reagan Haynes following her tonsillectomy.

Weather Station Functioning

The City of Gruver's weather equipment was repaired just in time Monday, July 28, to record a cloud burst that netted the city 1.14 inches of rain. The high Monday was 97 degrees.

Looking Back - In July 2001, the City of Gruver recorded its 15th day of 100 degree or higher temperature on July 30.

Stedje Family Hosts Bus Tours

Four generations of the Stedje family in the Oslo Community again hosted two bus tour groups of World Wide Country Tours (www.countrytours.com) with a visit to the Texas wheat fields during harvest.

Jan Stedje and her family helpers fed the tour groups homemade chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, bread, pies, and more in the field with the harvesters.

The bus tour group included visitors from Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The eight-day tour began in Amarillo, traveled to Oslo, and then proceeded to the Santa Fe Trail and the Santa Fe before ending in Amarillo.

The tour was developed and packaged by Guymon Convention and Tourism Director Melyn Johnson. This is the fifth year Country Tours has included the harvest package in their catalog.

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

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| <p>PROPOSITION 1
(HJR 68, Section 1)</p> <p>HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans Land and Veterans Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans Land Board to use assets in certain veterans land and veterans housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."</p> | <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 2
(HJR 51)</p> <p>HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 5
(SJR 25)</p> <p>SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 3
(HJR 55)</p> <p>HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 6
(HJR 23)</p> <p>HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 4
(SJR 30)</p> <p>SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 7
(HJR 44)</p> <p>HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 9
(HJR 68, Section 2)</p> <p>HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 10
(HJR 61)</p> <p>HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 11
(HJR 85)</p> <p>HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 12
(HJR 3)</p> <p>HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 13
(HJR 16)</p> <p>HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 14
(HJR 28)</p> <p>HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 15
(HJR 54)</p> <p>HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 15
(SJR 42)</p> <p>SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 16
(SJR 42)</p> <p>SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 17
(HJR 21)</p> <p>HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 18
(HJR 59)</p> <p>HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 18
(SJR 45)</p> <p>SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 19
(SJR 45)</p> <p>SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 20
(SJR 55)</p> <p>SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 21
(SJR 19)</p> <p>SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 21
(SJR 19)</p> <p>SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 22
(HJR 84)</p> <p>HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 22
(HJR 84)</p> <p>HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.</p> <p>The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."</p> |

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Texas FSA Announces Authorization for Managed CRP Haying and Grazing

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for producers due to changes brought about by the 2002 Farm Bill.

Hansford County Farm Service Agency, announced today that managed haying and grazing would be allowed on CRP lands began July 2. The starting date is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood

rearing season in the state. The ending date will be October 25, 2003.

Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the new haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation

Service or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent for acreage that is hayed or grazed.

Under this program, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2006. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

The managed haying and

grazing option will give producers a useful tool to help them better manage their lands. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife ben-

efits. For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Commodity Groups Recognize Texas FSA Employees for Outstanding Service to Agriculture

The state's leading agricultural commodity groups have presented Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees with an award recognizing the agency for timely and efficient implementation of 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act programs.

"We want to recognize Texas FSA employees for their commitment to delivering new federal farm programs to our producers," said David Gibson, Executive Director for the Texas Corn Producers Board. "We feel FSA has an active State Committee and we also recognize the key leadership role of John Fuston, [State Executive Director for Texas FSA]. Most of all, we want all employees from the county to the state level to know that we appreciate their efforts."

According to Dale Artho, a board member of the Texas Grain Sorghum Association, the award presentation was a joint effort by Texas Cotton Producers, Inc., Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Grain Sorghum Association and Texas Wheat Producers Association, to recognize Texas FSA employees for insuring all eligible producers across the state are able to maximize their farm program benefits.

To date, the collective efforts of FSA's 870 County Office employees has resulted in delivery of \$899 million in federal farm program benefits to Texas farmers and ranchers since the Farm Bill legislation passed in May of 2002.

FSA's Fuston said, "Over the years FSA has become a stronger service organization because of the valued relation-

ships developed among the commodity groups." Fuston added he hopes the relationships continue to grow and enhance the effectiveness of the agency in the future.

According to Gibson and other commodity representatives, Texas FSA employees have consistently provided quality service to the state's producers despite a decreased work force and increased work load generated by the Farm Bill.

Texas FSA's accomplishments are significant because the new farm legislation

requires producers to make business decisions that will financially impact their operations for the next six years.

In the first phase of farm bill implementation, Texas FSA successfully processed 119,459 farms during the six-month Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) sign-up which ended in April of this year. The new DCP provisions allowed producers to update their bases and yields for the first time since 1985 - providing an opportunity for farm program payments to reflect improve-

ments in farming practices and advancements in related technology.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time we've presented an award of this type, but the new Farm Bill is more complicated than the previous, and Texas FSA is to be commended for the efficient and professional manner in which they deliver farm programs to the state's producers," said Artho.

Texas FSA received this honor in Richardson on June 28, 2003 at the annual convention of the Texas Association of FSA County Office Employees (TASCOE).

For more information on FSA programs, visit our national Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Cook Family Holds Reunion

The Cook Family Reunion was held June 28, 2003 at Palo Duro Lake, with a luau theme.

Family members enjoyed volleyball, horse shoes, hula dancing, beach balls, the hot potato game, and eating together.

Prize certificates were given to Ben and Donna Cook of Gruver for the oldest couple and for having the most children attending the event.

Bob and Crystal Cornwell of Roman, Montana won the certificate for traveling the farthest, Audrey and Bobbie Lamm of Perryton, TX won a certificate for the youngest girl there while Little David Brooks of Perryton won the certificate for hula dancing.

Those attending were Ben and Donna Cook, Rex Cook, Al and Sherrie Williams, Brooke Stafford, Little David and Anita Brooks, Mickey Gross, Ashley Hall, Starr and Joe Beltran, Nicholas Kalin and Zachary L'Esperance, Carrie Cook, Audrey and Bobbie Lamm and family, Sandra Eaton, from Montana were Lori Brickman and family, Haley Soto, Rita and Allen Burk, Kyra Kay, Brandon, and Crystal, and Bob Cornwell, Connor Lee Cassandra Tadich, Allen and Dee Dee Cook and family, Cathy and Robert Hagerman and family, Joshua Brown and family, Pete and Mary Vincent, Scott Vincent and family, David Vincent and family, Marlene Cook, Wanita McBride and family, Alicia and Dewayne Davis and family.

There were two grandchildren who were not able to attend the event. Justin Kent and Cory Bunk. Coey is serving in Iraq. We all pray for his safe return home soon. A big thank you to all who attended.

Alfalfa Workshops Set in August at Three Lubbock Area Sites

Crop producers, cattle raisers and grass farmers who are interested in alfalfa should mark Aug. 7, 12 and 13 on their calendar.

Those are the dates for three alfalfa workshops sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Alfalfa Council.

"These half-day workshops will cover a wide variety of production topics - anything from varietal selection, fertility and irrigation to weed control and entomology," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at the Texas A&M University System's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. "Each workshop will also include a visit to a nearby field, where participants can review scouting techniques and insect pests."

Each workshop begins with registration at 8 a.m. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Custom hay and dairy industry representatives will lead a discussion on how alfalfa producers can achieve optimal hay quality.

Registration costs \$10 per person and includes lunch and a book of alfalfa publications put together by Extension and the Alfalfa Council. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at least one day in advance.

Those who attend can qualify to earn 2.5 CEU's (continuing education units), including one unit in Integrated Pest Management, Trostle added.

Here is the workshop schedule:

Aug. 7 - Lamb County Ag Exposition Center on U.S. 385, two blocks north of U.S. 84. Contact Kent Lewis in the Extension office in Lamb County at 806-385-4222.

Aug. 12 - Dawson County Community Building at South 8th and Houston Streets in Lamesa. Contact John Farris in the Extension office in Dawson County at 806-872-3444.

Aug. 13 - Bar-H Restaurant at 1010 East Highway 54 in Dalhart. Contact Mike Bragg in the Extension office in Dallam County at 806-244-4434.

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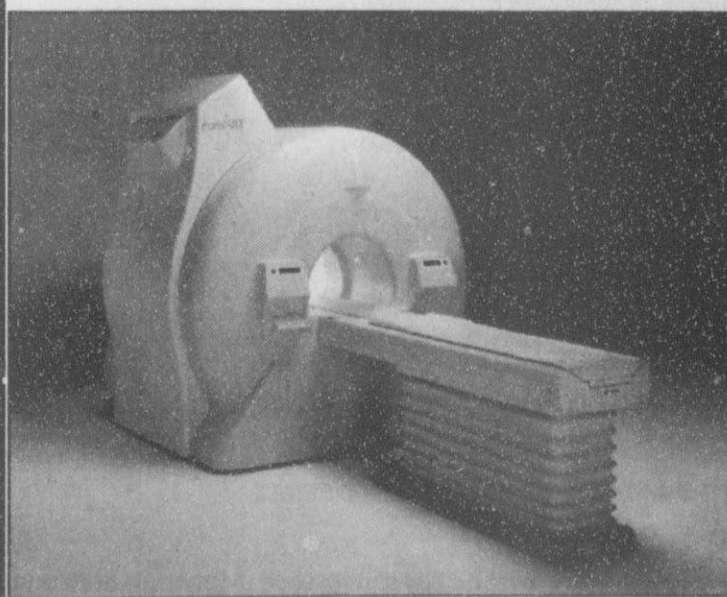
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City of Gruver

Meeting in regular session May 14, the commission received visitors Mark Washburn, Gruver City Secretary; Robert Blount, Gruver Director of Public Works; John Chamber, Gruver Police Chief; and Johnnie Daniels, of Amarillo Truck Center.

The commission approved the motion to award the bid for a new trash truck to Amarillo Truck Center in the amount of \$101,999.00.

A motion to approve the financing of the new trash truck through Gruver State Bank was tabled.

Also passed was the motion to declare the following items as surplus property: a 1974 GMC Truck, a 1981 trash truck, a Gallion roller, a 6' John Deere mower, 1987 Chevrolet Suburban, a 1982 Chevrolet bus/van, an Epson DFX-5000+ printer, a 60,000 lb. trailer axle, and a 300 gal water tank.

The purchase of the clinic building from the Hansford Hospital District died due to lack of a motion.

City of Gruver

Meeting in regular session, the Gruver City Commission tabled action on several measures. Among them, the Ambulance Service Contract, police personnel issues, and the hospital clinic building bids.

Present for the meeting were Robert Blount, John Chambers, Mark Irwin, Johnnie Williams, and Chad Logsdon.

Gruver ISD

Meeting in regular session Tuesday, June 10, the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees approved several measures including the English as a Second Language findings from the April visit, Ben E. Keith as the cafeteria food supply provider, Gruver fuel as the fuel provider, and seven extracurricular days for FFA students.

Other measures approved were the approval of the depository bid from Gruver State Bank and the 2003-2004 school lunch prices.

No action was taken on the custodial supply bids. The superintendent's report consisted of the roof update, weight room progress, the legislative update, the 2003-2004 budget, the first reading of DEC (local), the Hansford County Appraisal District budget, the financial report, and a report on revenue and expenditures.

The July monthly board meeting was set for July 7.

After a one hour closed session to discuss personnel, the board entered into open session to accept the recommendation of David Teal to hire Carmelo Acevedo with a one year probationary contract for the 2003-2004 school year.

Newcomers of Spearman

The Newcomers of Spearman organization would like to welcome the following new residents to Spearman: Alan and Michele Beeson, Beverly Humbert, Mike Terry, Lorne and Karen Servantez and Kerry and Carrie Hanlin.

Newcomers of Spearman is an organization that provides information and support for an easier transition, and to welcome the new women of Spearman.

Lunch meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church located at 123 S. Bernice.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Gruver ISD

Meeting in regular session, the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees approved a \$12,000 expenditure for the Gruver weight room and hired Nevill Manning to represent the school in possible roofing litigation.

Present were members Paul Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, Jody Irwin, Davin Winger, Buddy Lowe, Jr. Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, and Superintendent David Teal.

Visitors were Matt Branstine, Randy Reid, Mindy Davis, and Nevill Manning.

The decision to hire Nevill Manning followed a one hour and 39 minute executive session of a private consultation with an attorney.

President Terry Sherrill appointed Dwayne Thompson and Brent Stedje to the roof project committee.

In the motion made by Paul Stavlo to approve \$12,000 in weight room expenditures for the 2003-2004 school year, the motion carried in a 4-3-0 vote.

Mindy Davis gave a written report on extracurricular meals, and Matt Branstine made a report on textbooks.

The following discussion items were reviewed: the second reading of DEC (local), the 2003-2004 budget, setting the date for the next meeting for August 12, the financial report, and a revenue and expenditures report.

City of Gruver

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session July 9, 2003, with Mayor Mark Irwin, Commissioner Johnnie Williams, and City Manager Linda Weller present. Not present was Commissioner Chad Logsdon.

Also present were City Secretary Mark Washburn and Police Chief John Chambers.

Passed by the commission was a motion to approve an easement with Jones Energy for the pipeline installation on airport property.

Two measures were tabled including the financing agreement with Gruver State Bank for the purchase of a new trash truck and a resolution to continue the ambulance service contract with Hansford County.

There was no action taken on a possible bid on the Hansford Hospital Clinic building.

Hansford Hospice

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met Monday, July 14, at the Gruver State Bank La Casita Room, with vice president June Jackson presiding.

A report was given by Linda Lieb on the bereavement support group at Stinnett followed by a report by Rosetta Barrera that Muriel Boyd and Mary K. Harbour would serve as kitchen

coordinators at the hospice unit.

Barrera expressed a need for a special pulse oximeter which would be used to manage patients' oxygen levels and pulse rates. Hospice needs one for new nurse, Sharon Whitefield.

Garland Hopper moved that one be purchased, and the motion was seconded by Doyle Jackson, and then passed by the group.

The next meeting of the volunteers will be August 11, 2003, in Spearman.

Judy Yarbrough presented a very interesting program on making butterflies and shred her personal experience with Hospice.

The meeting was adjourned with hugs.

GHS Alumni Assoc.

The Gruver High School Alumni Association met in the home of Mark and Pat Irwin July 10, 2003, to plan the September 26th GHS Alumni Homecoming events.

Although much of Homecoming is in the planning stages, it was decided that a supper with a new menu will be held prior to the ball game in the school cafeteria, and the alumni dance will immediately follow the ball game on Friday night.

Treasurer Pat Irwin reported that the group is short on funds and will gladly accept \$10 dues at any time.

Proceeds from the Alumni Association support the homecoming activities and the GHS Alumni Scholarship. The inner of the 2003 scholarship is Kasey Cazares.

Members present for the meeting were J. P. TeBeest '73, Toni Atwood '73, Debbie Deeds '73, Lisa Salmans '73, Pat Irwin '73, Bob Davis '73, and Paige Speck '83.

Alumni officers for the year are President Lisa Salmans, Vice President Toni Atwood, Treasurer Pat Irwin, and Secretary Paige Speck.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at noon at the Hungry Cowboy. Present were: Missie Bates, Jason Cantrell, Lenny Pecha, Justin Boyd, Robert Patrick, Cindy Scribner and Gina Gillispie.

President Missie Bates called the meeting to order. The minutes and financials of the last meeting were accepted.

Golf committee chair Justin Boyd gave a report. The Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 9th and 10th. Gina gave a report on T-Box sponsors for the following contacts: North Plains Insurance, Hansford Hospital, Jason Cantrell (Hansford Farm Bureau), First National Bank, Athena Energy, Cargill, Golden Spread Sales, Prairie Motors, Brown, Graham Co., Boxwell Brothers and Equity. Other contacts will be made before the next golf committee meeting. Jason ordered the caps from Jo's This 'N That. Lenny will check with the Hungry Cowboy to order food.

The next golf committee

meeting will be July 24th at noon at the Chamber office.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Verna Brown July 17th. with President Margarette Evans opening the meeting with roll call of a "Family Handed-Down Recipe."

The minutes and treasurers report were given.

Verna Brown won the potted plant, specimen and arrangement.

Eloise Renner gave a very interesting program on "Dining during the Depression".

Present were Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

The next meeting will be August 7th. in the home of Betty Jean Davis.

Spearman Police Department Report for June

Calls/Contacts - 494, Citations - 24, Warnings - 56, Arrests - 15, Accidents - 1.

Types of calls: Criminal Trespass, Assist other agencies, Harassment, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Minor in Consumption of Alcohol, Lockout, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Loud Music, Criminal Mischief, Fighting, Assault, Theft, DWI, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine, Terroristic Threat, Possession of Prohibited Weapon, Reckless Driver, DWI Minor.

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Last week was another busy week for the residents of Hansford Manor.

They started the week by gardening. They have vegetables and flowers planted around the building. They are involved in the weeding and watering of the plants. Next they were taken to town to different stores to do the various shopping chores that they had to do. All that wanted to go were invited.

On the 22nd we got our blood to pumping with music.

That is so much fun! The residents play different instruments such as bells, cymbals, tambourines, sticks and bells with the music. It gets to rocking around here. That afternoon seventeen residents attended Resident Council.

Resident Council is a body of government (so to speak) within the Manor comprised of the residents. The activity calendar for the next month is introduced and voted on. Complaints are aired within this meeting as well as praises. I am glad to report that the praises outnumber the complaints. Residents also present a menu to be served as a resident choice meal during the next month. Also, ballots are passed out and the residents vote on Resident of the Month and CNA of the month for the next month. Residents are encouraged to add their input in relation to the daily activities of their lives here.

On Wednesday mornings the residents are served donuts from Kountry Donuts-yum yum before starting their bible study. In the afternoons we work on crafts. Right now we are working on bullfrogs and butterflies for the month of August to decorate the bulleting boards with.

Thursday started off with a sing along in the morning and bingo in the afternoon. Friday morning we had Newscurrants and in the afternoon we had the monthly birthday party. Verna Strawn furnished the music and entertainment for the party and the Auxiliary ladies furnished the pies.

I noticed that my man "Willie" was kind of pouting in the corner so I drug him out onto the dance floor. He really likes to dance. If he wasn't such a stick I would dance with him more. Another gentleman thought he was a stick too so he cut in on him and we danced a round. The residents think that is really funny. "Willie" is a mop that I put clothes on and made into my dancing partner.

Then--the highlight of the week was ---we loaded up vans, cars and pickups with 36 people and went to the Lake Merideth Ampitheater to see Lone Star Rising. All of the residents that went seemed to enjoy it. The scenery was beautiful and the actors have put much time and practice into this drama. We were greeted at the parking lot by attendants that helped us to transport the residents down into the theater. We truly were treated like royalty. After the drama the cast came up to introduce themselves and Neil Hess himself was there to visit with us. It was a very pleasant evening. We had many volunteers not only giving of their time but also of their vehicles and muscle power to make this possible.

We are very appreciative of all who went.

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The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 6, 2003, at the appraisal district office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$290,780
The total amount of decrease over the Current year's budget	+ 3,000
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	5

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Two Gruver Students Receive Lone Star Degrees

Nick Slough and T Jay Sherrill received the Lone Star Degrees at the 75th annual FFA Convention in Houston July 8-11. Other FFA members attending were Timber Barkley, Jessica Montgomery, Garrett Miner and sponsor Weston Born. The Gruver FFA Chapter was one of 17 of 975 state chapter with a one ag teacher to be recognized with the Golden Horizon Award for excelling in FFA at the local, state, and national level. Keynote speakers at the convention included State Ag Commissioner Susan Combs, Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Vice President Dr. Miles McCall, and Texas FFA member and National FFA Western Region Vice President Dustin Clark.



Lindsey Allen, State FFA President, presents the Lone Star Degree to T Jay Sherrill (above) and Nick Slough (below).



Panhandle Community Services Receives New Transportation Van

A KIA mini van purchased through the efforts of the Panhandle Community Service Transportation Department and the county judges of three counties will provide transportation services for residents of Hansford, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree counties.

Judge Jim Brown of Hansford County along with Judge Willis Smith of Lipscomb County and Judge Ken Donahue of Ochiltree County were part of the effort to secure the new vehicle which will be stationed in Perryton but will offer transportation for residents of each of the three counties.

The new van is one of over 70 vehicles in the 26 county area of the Texas Panhandle which provides public rural transportation to communities lacking accessible transportation services.

Both local and out-of-town transportation is provided, with an in-town ride needing a 24 hour request and an out-of-town ride requiring a week prior notification. A nominal fee is charged for both services.

The van makes two trips per week to Amarillo for medical purposes.

In addition, the Panhandle Community Services offers a utility program to assist the elderly and low income families



Panhandle Community Services has a new mini-van that will offer transportation services to residents in Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hansford Counties. The van is the newest of a fleet of 70 vehicles that PCS operates in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. From left to right are Judge Willis Smith of Lipscomb County, Judge Jim Brown of Hansford County, Judge Ken Donahue of Ochiltree County, Sherri Bustillos, local PCS coordinator, and Johnny Raymond, executive director of the Amarillo PCS office.

with utility bills when funds are available.

The program is funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

There is a rental assistance program funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Families In Training (FIT) which assists single mothers and low income families for continuing their education. More information maybe obtained by contacting the PCS Perryton office, 806-435-2478.



Space Camp

West Texas A&M University and the Texas Aviation Historical Society hosted an Air and Space Camp July 28 through August 1 on the WTAMU campus. Campers got the chance to view a glider and a hot air balloon as part of the camp. NASA curriculum. Anthony Renteria, kneeling, of Spearman, learns about the operations of a glider plane from pilot Colleen Koenig while fellow campers Corben Waters of Bovina and Samantha Hassell of Amarillo listen in.

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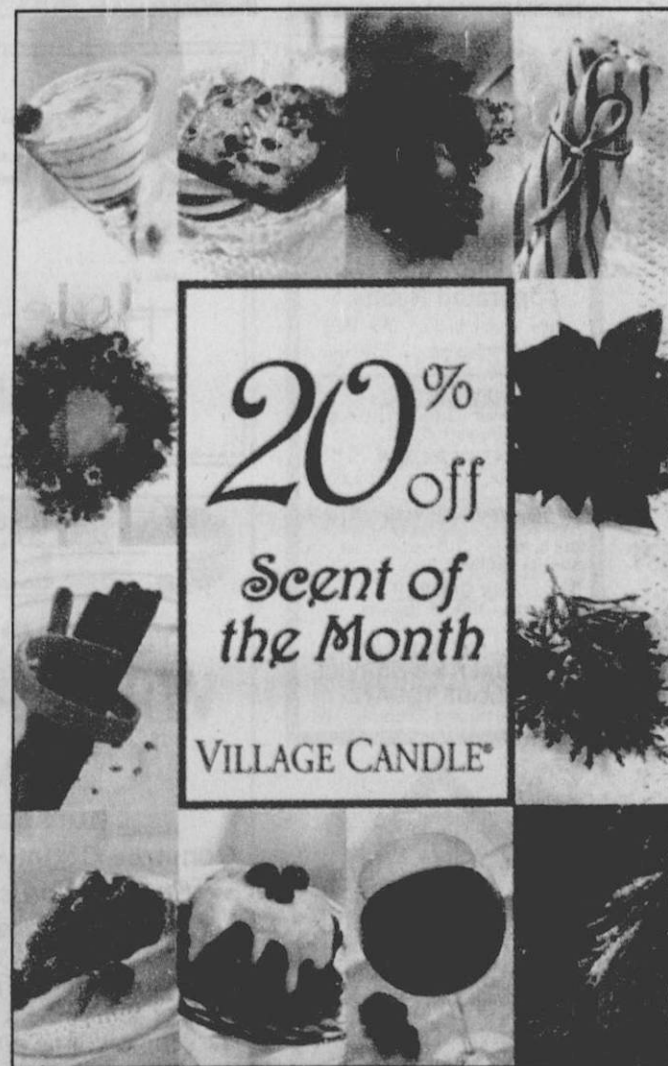
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