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Commissioners meet to canvass votes

The Hansford County Commissioners' Court met twice in the last seven days. The first meeting was a special meeting, called to canvass the general election votes. The second was a regularly scheduled meeting that was held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The regular meeting was held on Tuesday instead of Monday to avoid conflicts with Veteran's Day celebrations.

The meeting to canvass the votes in the general election was attended by Commissioners J.T. Veneman and B.J. Renner. County Judge R.L. McClellan was the third member of the court present. The commissioners and the judge went back through the tally sheet of votes prepared by Amelia Johnson, county clerk, with the figures recorded by the precinct election judges.

In the end the judge and the commissioners found only one minor error in the clerk's tally. They corrected the error and declared the election results valid.

During the regular meeting the court took action on six matters. Three of these were the regular business matters of the treasurer's report; reading and acceptance of last meeting's minutes; and approval of payments of claims against the county.

The court decided to delay taking

any action on the Spearman landfill. In a letter dated Oct. 31, the city declined the court's \$4,000 offer for enlarging the new pit at the municipal landfill. The letter went on to say that the city will be exploring the alternative of disposing solid waste at the City of Perryton's landfill and closing the Spearman landfill.

After some discussion of the letter, the commissioners decided that no action on the matter was needed until Spearman closed its landfill. The commissioners said their feelings are that the county residents can use the Spearman landfill until the new pit is full. Commissioner Val Winger indicated this will take at least a year.

In further action the court nominated Don Townsen to serve as an appraisal district board member. They also decided to advertise for bids on a new car for the sheriff's department. Sheriff R.L. McFarlin informed the court they could use the same specifications as were used to seek bids on the vehicle purchased last year.

Those attending the regular meeting were the County Judge R.L. McClellan and Commissioners B.J. Renner, J.T. Veneman and Val Winger.



Spearman school students waved flags and applauded at the Extension Homemakers-sponsored Veterans' Day assembly. The assembly was held Monday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.



The Gruver Lady Hounds cross country team returned home Sunday to be welcomed by a crowd of family, friends and supporters. After a parade down Main Street the crowd met at Greyhound Stadium, where Tommy Cathey, GISD

superintendent, and Barry Haenisch, GHS principal, spoke words of congratulations and appreciation for the girls' first place effort at the state cross country meet.

Gruver Lady Hounds state champs

The Gruver Lady Hounds cross country team dug down deep from within and won the Texas Class A State Cross Country championship Saturday, Nov. 10 at Southwestern University in Georgetown, just outside of Austin.

It was a rabid group of fans who met the two coaches and eight girls on Sunday afternoon when they returned to the Greyhound Stadium parking lot. The speeches were many, the hugs were many, and everyone felt how special an occasion this truly was.

Coach Diana Bradshaw: "Cross country is not a spectator sport - it's great that there are so many fans here. These eight girls (seniors Elda Pando, Jennifer Hart and Meredith Runyan; and sophomores Cora Meyer, Kasey Davis, Brendy Brown, Monica Ward and Traci Crawford) gave a lot of sweat, and they have a lot of heart. They really had to dig down deep at Georgetown. But they did, and they left it out there on the course. I am very proud to be associated with the school and with this community of Gruver. I am so proud, and I love each of the girls very much."

GISD Superintendent Tommy Cathey: "I am speechless. You all don't know or understand how hard these eight girls reached down - it could very easily have been Nazareth who had won. But each girl reached out, grabbed a blue and gold jersey, and we beat them."

GHS Principal Barry Haenisch: "I am very proud of these girls and the two coaches (D.D. Bradshaw and Mike Banks), but I want to especially congratulate the senior girls, Elda, Jennifer and Meredith, who provided the leadership to get it done. This championship will be something special to them, as this is their last year at GHS."

Coach Banks, who is head basketball and track coach for the girls, relayed an interesting story. Prior to last year when the cross country program started, Coach Banks and Tommy Cathey went through the 50 or so applications they had received for cross country coach, and they selected Diana Bradshaw. Coach Banks was sure they had made the right choice. After two years at state, third place in 1989 and the championship in 1990, one would tend to agree with him.

This is the fifth state championship in athletics for Gruver High School teams in the history of GHS, including 1950, boys basketball; 1966, boys basketball; 1972, girls track and field; 1986, boys track and field; and 1990, girls cross country.

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51. Jennifer Hart	14:16
75. Monica Ward	14:55

Each of the girls was asked to state what the state championship means to them, and here are their eight responses:

by Kasey Davis
I really can't explain, in words or on paper, what winning the state championship means to me. It still seems as if it was all a dream. I don't think the realization of what we did hit me until we were coming into town. There were cars everywhere from four miles on, escorting us in. It was really sweet of all of the people to make such a fuss about it. I just want to thank all those who helped make this dream become a reality.

by Traci Crawford
Being state champions is the goal of almost all high school teams. This year, through lots of hard work believing in ourselves and leaning on each other our goal became a reality. There is no other feeling in the world like the one you get when

they announce that you are the state champions. It feels great to know that we are the best 1-A CC team in the whole state of Texas.

The fans make the win even more exciting with all their support and cheers. I can just imagine coming back to Gruver 10 years later and seeing my name still upon the gym wall.

Winning the 1990 CC state championship is one moment in my life I will never forget!

by Elda Pando
Winning State is the best reward for every hard step it took to get there. It made all the work and friendship just a little stronger and even more special.

State is an honor that is more than just wonderful to share, especially when you have a great team to share it with.

by Jennifer Hart
Winning the state championship will always be a very special moment for me, not just because we won, but because of the hardwork and dedication that we all put in to form a very special friendship between all of us.

by Monica Ward
Winning the State Championship is a dream that several people have, but very few accomplish. Once you have accomplished that goal, it will be one of the happiest times of your life.

You will also remember all of the
See champs page 7

Farm-city Week originated to foster understanding

GRUVER - The week of Nov. 15-22 has been designated as Farm-City Week in Hansford County and Gruver by virtue of a joint proclamation, signed recently by Hansford County Judge R.L. McClellan and Gruver Mayor Keith Gibson.

The special week has been set aside as a time to create better understanding between city and rural dwellers. National Farm-City Week originated in 1955 to foster understanding of the interdependence between rural and urban residents. Since its beginning, Farm-City programs have expanded to more than 18,000 communities in the United States, Canada and several other countries.

In signing the proclamation, both McClellan and Gibson agreed,

"The more that city and farm citizens understand each other's concerns and needs, the better quality of life we all will enjoy."

Farm-City Week points out the importance of agriculture in the state of Texas by acknowledging farmers' and ranchers' efforts to provide an abundant, safe food supply for the state and the nation. Farmers and ranchers, who comprise only about two percent of the U.S. population, feed the other 98 percent in this country along with residents of foreign countries. One American farmer can produce enough food and fiber for 114 people - 92 in the U.S. and 22 overseas.

Agriculture is one of the most dominant industries in Texas, with the state ranked first in sales of cattle and calves; first in sales of sheep and wool, goats and mohair; first in sales of cotton; and first in the value of farm real estate, number of farms and ranches and the amount of farm and ranch land.

Farm-City Week is also used to help make consumers understand the farmer's role in providing a safe food supply and in the economic impact on the state and the nation. Farmers and ranchers work to supply food high in nutrient content, while keeping chemical content as low as possible. The safety of the American food supply has been proven through FDA studies conducted over the past 27 years.

The agricultural production system in Texas is estimated to have an economic impact of about \$35 billion. The entire food and fiber production, processing and retail marketing chain has roughly twice that impact. However, only about 25 cents of each food dollar spent actually goes to the farmer. The rest pays for the food to be assembled, inspected, graded,

stored, processed, packaged, transported, wholesaled and retail.

Total agricultural production in the U.S. is now more than two and a half times as great as in 1930, with one hour of farm labor producing about 16 times as much food and other crops as in the 1920s. In re-

cent years, agricultural productivity per hour has been increasing three times as fast as industrial production.

Much of the efficiency of today's agricultural operations is due to advances in technology and increased farm inputs, which may lead to the assumption that farming is possi-

ble only through ownership by huge corporations. However, farming in America is still very much a "family business." Only three percent of America's farms are owned by corporations, and nearly all of those are actually family-held businesses. Foreign ownership of U.S. farmland amounts to less than one percent, half of which is forest land.

Lynxette CC team takes silver medal

The Lynxette cross country team went into the state cross country meet Saturday at Georgetown, looking for gold but settling instead for the silver medal.

According to reports they finished just eight points behind the first place Abernathy girls. Abernathy finished with 66 points and Spearman was second with 74 points.

The Lynxettes were led to their second place finish by Jill Lusby, who finished in the number 21 spot overall. She was followed by Haley Shieldknight (23), Joy Gafford (27) and Kimbre Townsen (31). Rounding out the Spearman finishers were Mary Cook (35), Gwen Benson (60) and Mendy Lasater (81).

The Lynxettes left Spearman about 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 after a school wide pep rally to cheer them on. After the pep rally the Lynxettes boarded the van they were driving to Georgetown, and were escorted down Main Street by the Spearman police.

During the pep rally teachers, administrators and students impersonated popular country and western entertainers to sing an inspirational song to the Lynxette cross country team. Some of the

people and their impersonations were Linda Wilkerson as Naomi Judd, SISD Superintendent Larry Butler as George Strait and Kristie Ramon as Dolly Parton. Joining them were others including several members of the varsity football team as the "Good Ole Boys." They all joined together to sing the song "Friends in Spearman Texas," a takeoff of the Clint Black song "Friends in Low Places." The words had been rewritten by Hazel Shieldknight.

The pep rally ended with the traditional ritual of all the high school students raising joined hands above their heads and singing the school song.

THANKSGIVING DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

The Reporter-Statesman will be published Tuesday, Nov. 20 so that its employees may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family.

All advertising and stories for publication in that issue should be turned in to the Reporter-Statesman office before 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

The staff of the Reporter-Statesman appreciates your cooperation in observing the early deadline, and wishes its readers and advertisers a happy Thanksgiving.



Hansford County Judge R.L. McClellan and Gruver Mayor Keith Gibson came together to sign a joint proclamation declaring Nov. 15-22 as Farm-City Week in Hansford County.

WEATHER

Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
Fri	60	31	0.00
Sat	72	31	0.00
Sun	77	39	0.00
Mon	76	38	0.00
Tue	74	40	0.00
Wed	-	39	0.00



by John Scott
Church of Christ

Spiritually Speaking

I'M ONLY HUMAN
The Bible says about Jesus, "...He had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." (Hebrews 2:17,18).

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm only human?" Maybe you've said it yourself. What does it mean?

Sometimes it seems to be an angry warning: "Back off! Don't push me! I'm feeling pressured by your demands or expectations."

Sometimes it seems to be a pathetic excuse to justify our mediocrity or self-indulgence: "Everybody else is doing it, why shouldn't I?" or "Nobody else is doing it, why should I?"

It can be a painful realization: "I thought I could handle this. I thought I was strong...I was wrong. I'm only human after all."

These all seem to me to be what the psychologists call defense mechanisms. Strip away all the mind games and there is, at the

heart, a simple need to be understood: "Please be patient with me."

"The word 'human' is usually used to emphasize our imperfection, our vulnerability. A common fear for most of us is that we'll be rejected because of our weakness by someone who really doesn't understand. There is a persistent nagging doubt that, really, no one else has these problems with which I wrestle.

Does the above description of Jesus in Hebrews 2 fit your conception of God? Jesus Christ is God stooping to our level, paying the price with his own blood, sweat and tears so that we can know that at least one other human understands. So what is it you're wrestling with when you hear yourself say, "I'm only human?" Guilt? Anger? Self-doubt? Jealousy? Lust? Discouragement? Escapism into drugs or alcohol? Spiritual apathy? Hurt feelings? Jesus says, "I'm human...I understand. I knew how rotten you could be. I went to the cross for you anyway." Here's the best part. Jesus is not "only" human. GOD knows...He understands.

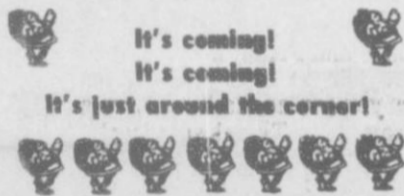
Driver caution urged

The Thanksgiving holiday has always been a day when we give thanks for the lifestyles we enjoy here in the United States—some things a lot of us take for granted, such as our freedom, good jobs, vacation and our automobile. Everyone agrees the automobile and all it has brought to this nation is marvelous, but it could be an instrument of suffering and even

death.

Major Vernon Cawthon, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety of Lubbock, stated, "This Thanksgiving holiday weekend, thousands more drivers will be on the streets and highways. Some drivers will only be going across town—others will be crossing several states."

Major Cawthon also said, "The Department of Public Safety wants you to have a safe and pleasant holiday, so if you are planning a trip out of town, check your car, the road conditions, the weather conditions, and your driving habits. Remember that the early darkness and heavy traffic call for more caution and less speed."



Two alternates . . .

Three named to band

by Alma Martinez
SHS band reporter

Spearman band members Robert Needham, Jeremy Willingham and Brad Delozier were named to the Five States Honor Band at the 13th annual Honor Band auditions, held Saturday, Nov. 10 at Goodwell, Okla.

Chosen as alternates to the prestigious band were Beverly Burton and Robbie Hummer.

Needham, son of Leslie and Don Needham, was named first chair baritone. Willingham, son of Duane and Billy Willingham, was named

fifth chair baritone. Delozier, son of Candi and Terry Delozier, took first chair timpani honors.

Burton, daughter of Duval and Shirley Burton, is first chair alternate alto clarinet. Hummer, granddaughter of Marlene Cook, is first chair alternate tuba.

The group will attend an all-day clinic Saturday, Dec. 8, to be followed by their performance in the Five States Honor Band concert. The clinic and concert will be held on the campus of Panhandle State University in Goodwell.



(photo by JoAnn Morton)

Members of the Spearman High School band were named to the Five States Honor Band Saturday, Nov. 10. They include (back row, l-r) Robert Needham, sophomore, first chair baritone; Brad Delozier, freshman, first chair timpani; Jeremy Willingham, junior, fifth chair baritone; (front row, l-r) Beverly Burton, senior, alternate, alto clarinet; and Robbie Hummer, freshman, alternate tuba. The Five States Honor Band will present a concert Saturday, Dec. 8 on the campus of Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Okla.

Blood drive scheduled

Gruver High School FHA is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school library.

Any adult who donates blood between the dates of Oct. 1, 1990 and Oct. 1, 1991 will become eligible to win a prize during Coffee Memorial Blood Center's "Blood Donor Sweepstakes." A total of six prizes will be given through drawings.

The more times blood is donated, the more chances there are to win. For example, the first donation earns one registration slip "in the hopper" for the drawing. The second donation earns two registration slips, the third earns three, and the fourth earns four entries.

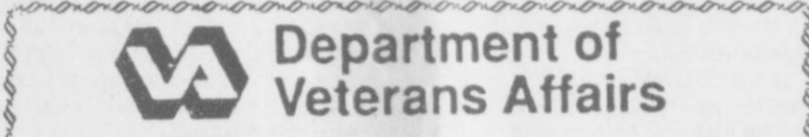
Blood donations can be made every 56 days. Donors should bring their donor registration cards with

them each time to validate the number of donations.

Prizes to be given away include an all expense paid trip for two to Puerto Vallarta consisting of five days and six nights at the Club Casa Del Mar Hotel, compliments of American Airlines and Crown Travel, plus \$500 spending money.

Furrs Inc. is providing a \$500 shopping spree; and Midwest TV & Appliance is providing a 10 cubic foot freezer, inside which will be one-quarter side of beef, compliments of Meatland.

Another prize is a 20 inch remote control color TV, compliments of Midwest TV & Appliance; and Taylor Petroleum is providing two prizes consisting of 100 gallons of gasoline each.



Editor's note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Is there a toll-free number for the Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Center?

A - Yes. You can call the VA Insurance Service at 1-800-422-8079 if you have questions or need any service performed on your VA insurance policy.

Q - Are common-law marriages recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs?

A - Yes, if the relationship was established in a state that recognizes common-law marriages.

Q - Can I get a release of liability from the VA if a non-veteran assumes my VA-guaranteed home loan?

A - If the buyer meets with Department of Veterans Affairs approval, you may be released from liability.

Q - I am an honorably discharged veteran of the Vietnam Era. I plan to retire shortly and I would like to buy a new home. I know that I was entitled to a VA-guaranteed home loan when I got out of the service, but I believe the time limit on this benefit has expired. Is this correct?

A - Loan guaranty eligibility is not subject to an expiration date.

Murder mystery screened here

"Presumed Innocent" is a crackerjack murder mystery that exploits visual and psychological elements reminiscent of 1960s American cinema. Stars of the film include Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy, Raul Julia, Bonnie Bedelia, Paul Winfield and Greta Scacchi.

The movie probes ethical behavior with seriousness and a sobering pace. Director Alan J. Pakula creates a stark and unwavering approach to his subject matter, and invents a main character who is utterly engrossing.

Harrison Ford is Rusty Sabich, a veteran prosecutor who still takes great stock in our justice system and truly believes in its ability to wield some truth now and then. However, he is not quite the idealist he was when he began his job. Perhaps the fact that he seems to waiver between belief and despair makes him ripe for what awaits

him.

When a colleague of his, a young woman (Greta Scacchi) with whom he had been carrying on a torrid affair, is found murdered, he is assigned to investigate the case. But soon, he himself becomes the prime suspect. There seems to be overriding evidence that he was in her apartment the night of the murder; most convincing is a drinking glass with his fingerprints on it. The glass could very well indict Sabich but never seems to materialize throughout the film.

The drinking glass is important, because its whereabouts becomes a metaphor for the ambiguity of Sabich's innocence. We never know until the last minutes of the film - whether or not he did murder his colleague. His innocence becomes more and more distant a possibility as his case unfolds. There is no getting around the facts: Sabich had become obsessed with Scacchi, and he made phone calls to her home up until the very last day of her life.

The only possible clue we have to his innocence is the fact that, while for Scacchi their affair had little to do with any feelings for him, he seems to have been torn up about

her sudden decision to end it. Ford is wonderfully vulnerable as the lover who cheats on his wife for no reason other than he was obsessed with his passion for Scacchi.

The audience is compelled to wonder about this man. Could his passion have led to an uncontrollable moment in which he could take another life? What about the passion he once felt for a justice system that has now turned against him? And, is "Presumed Innocent" a film about the subtle but pervasive betrayals in today's legal system, or about passion and betrayal outside such a system?

The film seeks out these very fine lines between what is betrayal and what is moral behavior. Yet the best part of "Presumed Innocent" is the tension that holds these questions in tow. Flash is not part of the agenda here, and light and dark images in this film clearly signal light and dark sides of the human soul. And until the very last moment, we never know on which side of the soul our hero stands.

"Presumed Innocent" is rated R for nudity and for sexual scenes and language.

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Brenda Dahl (left) follows in the footsteps of her first grade teacher, Linda Haight (right). Both teach first grade at Gruver Elementary School.

Gruver teacher inspires colleague

by Jean Ann Behney

"The first time I saw her was when she walked in my (class) room as a little bitty girl, all smilin' and bubbly," recalls Gruver first grade teacher Linda Haight.

"What I remember best is how she always made a big deal out of it when you did something special. I drew a Pinocchio with checkered socks and she had me take that drawing all around school to show everybody," adds Gruver first grade teacher Brenda Dahl.

Brenda was Linda's student that 1966-67 year and then she became Linda's classroom aide her senior year at Gruver High School. After graduation in 1978, Brenda went on to earn her B.S. in - what else? - education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. in 1981. At the end of her college training, she did her student teaching under - who else? - Linda Haight, at Gruver Elementary.

The past three years, Brenda has been Linda's colleague at Gruver Elementary. Both of them teach first grade.

"I would have guessed she'd go into education," Linda comments today. "She always liked all the other kids and was a class leader. After she helped me in high school, I really knew she'd go into teaching."

Linda herself was inspired to choose this career by other teachers - her mother, grandmother and a special high school speech instructor. Her grandmother taught in a one-room school house in Missouri, she says.

"I really decided I was going to be a teacher (when I was) in the third grade," says Linda. Twenty-eight years later, she rightfully claims, "You have to love it to stick with it."

Linda grew up in Tyrone, Texas, being graduated from Tyrone High School in 1960. She went on to earn a B.S. in education from PSU in 1963 and a master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1976.

Twenty-six of her teaching years have been at Gruver in the first grade level, the grade she prefers because, Linda asserts, "It's where they learn the very most and they're eager to learn! It's easy to teach first graders because of that attitude." (A quick peek into Linda's classroom reveals that her first graders love their teacher, too!)

Brenda describes Linda as an inspirational educator. "She's an excellent, excellent teacher who deserves a real tribute," she says with a proud smile.

Given their years in the classroom together, and now in classrooms across the hall from one another, one may well wonder if Linda's teaching style is emulated by Brenda. When this question is posed, both exchange a glance and burst out laughing.

Linda: "She probably has the same enthusiasm I have, but she's artistic where I am not. When I sing, the kids have to hold their ears!"

Brenda: "The biggest difference

is that she's the experienced one and I'm the inexperienced one."

Linda: "But you're more creative than I am."

Brenda: "But you're more...boisterous. You charge the kids up!"

Linda: "I am kind of high strung, where Brenda is more laid-back."

Popping into Gruver Elementary Principal Bob Burgoon's office with this same question reveals the two teachers' similarities and differences from another point of view. "Mrs Haight is a teacher who applies proven strategies in the areas of phonics and language arts and she's highly motivated. She has a lot of natural physical energy," he comments.

"Miss Dahl borrows some of her (Mrs. Haight's) strategies, but she has developed her own teaching personality in the classroom through her use of music," summarizes the principal.

Colleague and friend Dixie Karlin, a third grade teacher at Gruver, describes Linda Haight as "an exciting teacher who dances and does cheers. One day she got excited and kicked her leg and her shoe flew off and landed in her coffee cup! Her students have never forgotten that!" The cheerleader-style kick was Linda's enthusiastic response to a student's correct answer, which Dixie claims sums up Linda's feelings about student success very neatly.

Other professionals in the building praise Linda's great success in teaching young children to read. "She expects a lot of her students and she gets it!" was a frequent comment.

Brenda Dahl is the first to stand up to say she was very fortunate to have Linda Haight's tutelage over the years. As a teacher, Brenda says her own philosophy is "to reach out to the kids using different approaches to make learning fun for them."

This philosophy was undoubtedly inspired in part by the irreplaceable Linda Haight, who, Brenda says "is still teaching me."

Reporter's Note: Linda is married to Charles Haight, who teaches junior high math in Gruver. They have a son and daughter, Gregg and Tasha, who attend Texas Tech.

Brenda Dahl has taught for three years at Gruver Elementary at the first grade level. She taught fifth through eighth grade math and resource in Skellytown for four years prior to her move to Gruver, and also spent two years managing a music store. Her parents, Robert and Suelien, and her two brothers also live in Gruver.

The 'GISD' Of Things

by Barry Haenisch
GHS Principal

Texas has entered into a new program of testing school children. This testing differs from that done in prior years in one way: the test is designed to measure students' achievement at grade level and to measure students' ability to do higher order thinking. No longer is testing done to measure student mastery of minimum skills. Emphasis is now on mastery of material that is appropriate for each grade level.

The new test is called the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (referred to as TAAS). It is administered in October of each year to students in grades, 3,5,7,9, and 11. The test in the students' eleventh year is referred to as the Exit test. The TAAS test is in three parts: math, reading, and writing. All three sections of the TAAS Exit must be passed before a student may graduate from high school. The initial testing of Texas students with the TAAS test has been completed and initial results have been received at each school. The writing test was in two parts, a multiple choice test and a written composition. The written composition has not been graded nor reported, so this report is incomplete for writing.

Because the exam measures mastery of objectives students should know rather than minimum

skills, the Texas Education Agency predicted lower percentages of mastery than in earlier years. Their prediction of student mastery as demonstrated on the TAAS was this:

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	67	73	41
5	47	59	68
7	53	51	58
9	54	71	54
11	59	77	69

You are probably wondering, "How did our children in Gruver do on this test?" You can be proud of them! Gruver students scored above this prediction in every category and at each grade level. In fact, the least they exceeded the prediction was 16 percent, and the third graders surpassed the prediction in writing by an amazing 52 percent!

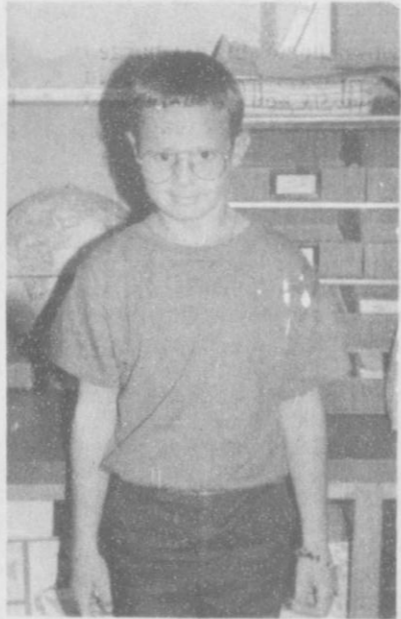
To give you more information regarding high school students, the actual mastery percentages are as follows:

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
9	91	94	89
11	93	93	100

From these results, it is obvious that Gruver school students do take their educational opportunities seriously, that Gruver teachers take their teaching responsibility seriously, and that Gruver parents work closely with the school. When the parent, child, and school work together, student success is guaranteed. Congratulations to all for these TAAS test results!



Speakers at the Spearman Veterans' Day assembly were (l-r) Ed Garner, Larry Butler, Pam Ledgewood and James Cunningham.



Jeremy Ledgewood led the singing of the National Anthem during the assembly.



So light-shy—and so ingenious—are some sea urchins that they pick up pebbles and hold them up to cast shadows when caught in flashlight beams.

Hansford Happenings

Hansford County Hearts and Hands, a hospice support group, invites all interested persons to attend its meeting Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gruver State Bank La Casita Room. Evelyn Shaw will present the program on hospice philosophy and admission criteria for hospice care.

The senior high United Methodist Youth will have their annual turkey dinner Sunday, Nov. 18 at 12:05 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Spearman First United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend and have turkey with all the trimmings. Cost of the meal is a donation to the UMY group.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of rural Guymon, Okla. will show their Norwegian pictures at Oslo Lutheran Church Sunday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. The public is welcome. Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches and cookies (Norwegian).

A holiday program entitled "Inspirations" will be presented by Texas-New Mexico Power Company Home Economist Gloria Roberts at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. The program location is the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center in Spearman. Holiday foods and craft ideas with a Victorian theme will be shared. Energy-saving hints and safety tips will also be presented. A recipe book will be distributed to those attending.

Spearman's Ministerial Alliance will present a special community Thanksgiving service Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Spearman First Baptist Church. Speaker will be Ray Cook, minister of Spearman First Assembly of God Church. The public is invited and encouraged to attend by Lealand Grimmer, president of the Ministerial Alliance. A collection will be received at the service to benefit local welfare and the Ministerial Alliance.

The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will have their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Thriftway. Special orders can be called in to Anita Sumner or Clementine Renner.

Spearman FHA is taking orders now for "Irish Acres" pecans for holiday baking. Prices are \$4 per pound for pieces and \$4.50 per pound for halves. Orders will be received during the first week of December. Anyone wishing to purchase pecans from the Spearman FHA should contact any FHA member.

A 'Center'piece

by Ernestine Gray

Well, here we are mid-way into November with a brief appearance of old man winter - just showing us what we might be experiencing in the coming months. If you get too cold, just remember last June - that should warm you!

We had a good turn out for our fish fry hosted by First State Bank. As usual, it was delicious. We had 75 enjoying a bountiful meal. That fish almost jumped off the table onto our plates. Hope each one will express "thanks" to the people there.

A trip is planned to Hereford Senior Center on the 15th of Nov. to attend the "Festival of Trees." If you would like to go, give us a call. We will be leaving at 9 a.m.

On the 20th we will have the Texas-New Mexico Home

Economist here with a demonstration on their "Holiday Inspirations" at 10:30 a.m. Please come for an interesting presentation.

Also, in the evening at 6:30 First National Bank will treat us to our Thanksgiving dinner. We are so fortunate to have business people in our community showing our center such kindnesses.

Let's be sure to show them our appreciation. We still have our exercise classes at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Come join us in any of the activities you can and let's all have a "Happy Thanksgiving", remembering to show our gratitude to our Lord for each blessing and remember our people serving in the Middle East.

Pringle-Morse Menu

November 19 - 21
 Monday: Tacos, soft burritos, salad, tater tots, fruit, cookies, milk
 Tuesday: Fish, scalloped potatoes, spinach, cornbread, cake, milk
 Wednesday: Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, ice cream, milk
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST
 Monday: Cereal, toast, juice,

milk
 Tuesday: Pancake, sausage, juice, milk
 Wednesday: Donuts, toast, juice, milk
 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, all around the town!



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(photo by Joy Henderson)

Four generations attended a recent celebration in honor of Minnie Chesser's 90th birthday. They included (l-r) Sara and Rebecca Kelley, Beverly Kelley, Minnie Chesser and Ora Mae Heath.

Chesser honored

by Joy Henderson

The grandchildren of Minnie Chesser hosted a birthday party on the occasion of her turning 90 years old Sunday Nov. 11. Family and friends called between the hours of 2:30 and 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The granddaughters served refreshments of cake and punch with centerpiece of flower arrangements. Those serving were Frances Chesser Stevens of Mesa, Ariz.; Beverly Heath Kelley of Mesquite, Tx.; and Becky Chesser Montgomery and Tammy Chesser Osbourne, both of Gruver. Grandsons who were able to be here and

greet the guests included Keith Chesser of Chandler, Ariz., Gary Heath of Mesa, Ariz.; and Mickey and Roger Chesser of Amarillo. Other relatives and friends from out of town who registered were Dan and Opal Archer and Scott, Shirley, Daniel and Michael Archer, all from Perryton; Danna K. Archer and Rhonda Jo Boone, both of Houston; and Kermit and Verna Jo Boone of Lake Brownwood. From Amarillo were Rita Anderson, Marla Rogers and Velma Renner; and from Spearman were F.W. and Betty Thomas and Jewel Thomas.

Tales from Burma

by Charles Ridge, M.D.

On October 14, 1987, a Burma Air Lines plane crashed north of Rangoon. All aboard, including 14 Americans, were killed. The bodies were brought to Rangoon for identification and disposal. Since the dead are always cremated in Burma, there was no mortuary in this city of 2 1/2 million. The deceased were laid out on the floor of a downtown building. Two American forensics experts were flown in to identify the remains. The first thing they wanted to do was to embalm the bodies. Unfortunately, there was no embalming fluid in all of Burma. A 50-gallon drum had to be flown in from Bangkok.

Also, unfortunately, the only foreign flights allowed into the country were from Thailand and could only enter on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Burmese government refused to make an exception for

the embalming fluid. The forensic experts found only 13 American bodies. The other one had been inadvertently cremated by the local authorities, most of the other 13 were too far gone to be embalmed. The trick was to match bones to make sure they belonged together. They took the remains to the house where they were staying. Mike B. had just moved in. (It was the house where we later stayed.) He was sitting at the end of the dinner table, trying to eat a sandwich, when the two pathologists dumped the bones onto the table. "Let's see! I think this bone goes with this skull. Don't you agree?" "Yes, I think you're right."

And so the conversation went until all the remains had been identified for shipment back to the States.

School Menu

GRUVER SCHOOL

November 19 - 21

- Monday: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cake, hot rolls, milk
Tuesday: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, cheese, cookies, milk
Wednesday: Corn dogs, beans, fruit, cookies, milk
BREAKFAST
Monday: Cereal, fruit or juice, muffins, milk
Tuesday: Toast, peanut butter and jelly, fruit, milk
Wednesday: French toast sticks, fruit, peanuts, milk
"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"



Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Several years ago, we had a hired hand that left no doubts whatsoever that we had better be finished with maize harvest when deer hunting season opened down in South Texas. One year, we were still harvesting up to the last minute, but H.H. was loaded up and took off as the last truck rolled in to the elevator to dump. They took off and left their school age children here in the care of relatives or friends and I always think of them at this time of year because I imagine that wherever H.H. is, he looks forward to the opening of the season known as "The Deer Hunt" -

1:00 a.m. - alarm clock rings; 2:00 a.m. - hunting partner arrives, drags H.H. out of bed; 2:30 a.m. - throw everything except kitchen sink in the pickup; 3:00 a.m. - leave for the deep woods; 3:15 a.m. - drive back home and pick up gun. 3:30 a.m. - drive like heck to get to the woods before daylight; 4:00 a.m. - set up camp, forgot the tent; 4:30 a.m. - head into the woods.

6:05 a.m. - see eight deer; 6:06 a.m. - take aim and squeeze trigger; 6:07 a.m. - "click"; 6:08 a.m. - load gun while watching deer go over the hill; 8:00 a.m. - head back to camp.

9:00 a.m. - still looking for camp; 10:00 a.m. - H.H. realizes he doesn't know where camp is; 12:00 noon - fire gun for help, eat wild berries; 12:16 p.m. - fired all bullets, eight deer come back.

12:20 p.m. - strange feeling in stomach; 12:30 p.m. - H.H. realizes he ate poison berries; 12:45 p.m. - rescued; 12:55 p.m. - rushed to hospital to have stomach pumped.

3:00 p.m. - arrive back at camp to kill deer; 4:00 p.m. - return to camp for bullets; 4:01 p.m. - load gun, leave camp again; 5:00 p.m. - empty gun at squirrel that's bugging him.

6:00 p.m. - arrive at camp and see deer grazing in camp; 6:01 p.m. - load gun; 6:02 p.m. - fire gun; 6:03 p.m. - one dead pickup truck; 6:05 p.m. - hunting partner returns to camp dragging deer; 6:06 p.m. - repress strong desire to shoot partner; 6:07 p.m. - fall into fire; 6:08 p.m. - change clothes, throw burning ones into fire.

6:15 p.m. - take pickup, leave partner and his deer in woods; 6:25 p.m. - pickup boils over, hole shot in block; 6:25 p.m. - start walking; 6:30 p.m. - stumble and fall, drop gun in mud; 6:35 p.m. - meet bear; 6:36 p.m. - take aim; 6:37 p.m. - fire gun, blow up barrel, plugged with mud; 6:38 p.m. - wipe mud off face; 6:39 p.m. - climb tree; 9:00 p.m. - bear finally departs, wrap #6's and #1 gun around tree; midnight - home at last.

Sunday - watch football game on T.V., slowly tear hunting license into little pieces, place into an envelope and mail to game warden with clear instructions on what to do with it.

Has H.H. given up deer hunting

or will he go again next year?

Well, the list of visitors to Gruver this past weekend included several to the Henderson household. Scott, Paula and Dustin came in late Saturday evening to pick up a load of furniture and spend a few hours on Sunday. Then arriving in time for Sunday dinner, our daughter, Shari with Alicia and Wayne dropped in with guest Michael Smith. So, that made a wall-to-wall table full of hungry mouths to feed and, not knowing I was going to have so many, I dumped the ice tray Saturday so I could fill it with fresh ice. Anyhow, since three of our children and three grandkids were here, we counted this as being our Thanksgiving holiday.

Also, getting in a visit with grandson Branson Blackburn were Weldon and Elene Green. They took care of him while his mother, Mittie, was involved in taking a CPA exam in Lubbock last Thursday.

Those gad-about Ayres sisters and brother had a chance to travel down to the Denison area and points east to visit their sister Edith Bolanz and other relatives. Maelyn Ayres has a daughter that lives further east and also Brenda (Williams) Henderson that lives near Edith. Those going were I.W. and Maelyn Ayres, Pauline Winger, Vivian Green and Charman Lyle.

There were several visitors in town over the weekend for the purpose of attending the birthday bash of Minnie Chesser and will be listed elsewhere.

The only ones I have listed as being sick or having surgery are Frances Cearley and Bill Goldsmith. I think they have been able to return home. Also, Aaron Frick and Chad Brown are hobbling around on crutches after receiving injuries. Since I don't know the circumstances, you will have to get the details from the boys or families involved.

A recent birth announcement from James and Ann Dorman is that Dennis and Beverly (Dorman) Bennett have a new son. He is Cason Andrew Bennett, born November 6 and weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Congratulations to all.

Kauffman named GHS Student of Month

by Gretchen Lowder

Christopher Kauffman, 18 year old senior at Gruver High School and son of Edith and Roy Kauffman, was recently named Student of the Month for the month of November.

Kauffman has taken an active role as a student throughout his high school years. He has been a member of the GHS band for four years and he served as the drum major for two years. Being elected president of the band this year has given Kauffman a chance to show his outstanding leadership qualities which have been a major factor in the band's success.

Although he is not a member of the high school choir, he has gone to state choir competition for three years and has taken voice lessons for almost two years. Kauffman has a great love for music and intends to make it a part of his life in the future as well as in the present.

Music is not the only area in which Kauffman excels. He was inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year, and take his grades very seriously. His future plans include attending college at the University of North Texas or

Harding University in Arkansas to major in accounting and possibly minor in music. Kauffman wants to use his schooling to start a CPA firm, but he hopes to make music a part of his life in the future as well, possibly through his church choir.

Through the influence of his grandmother, Kauffman says he has learned to go through life and deal with whatever it gives him. "She was a woman of great strength and I always looked up to her," said Kauffman. "I would love to possess just a portion of the strength she had."

Perhaps the influence of his grandmother, his commitment to school and his outlook on life have served to make Kauffman the outstanding student he is now. Although many of his friends say he is optimistic, he doesn't credit optimism for his "take it as it comes" view of life. "I don't think it's optimism or pessimism," said Kauffman, "it's just realism."

Kauffman is looking forward to his future as a college student and hopes that with the education and support he has received from GHS, he will go on to be a success in the working world and throughout the rest of his life.

GHS student blood donors can win car

Gruver High School students who donate blood during the Nov. 28 blood drive will be eligible to win a new car compliments of Ron Clark Ford.

The blood drive, sponsored by the Gruver High School FHA, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school library.

Any high school student who donates blood between Oct. 1, 1990 and Oct. 1, 1991 is eligible to win the car in the drawing held by Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Potential donors must be age 17 (with parental consent) or over. Each donation made within the time period specified earns more chances to

win. For example, with the first blood donation, one registration slip goes into the hopper. At the second donation, two registration slips go into the hopper. The third donation earns three entry slips, and the fourth gets four slips. Donations can be made every 56 days.

Donations can be made at the Nov. 28 high school blood drive and can also be made at Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 Coulter in Amarillo, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. High school enrollment will be validated.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Nov. 14, 1985
The Gruver Greyhound Marching Band, under the direction of Bruce Collins, won a 2nd in state.

10 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Nov. 13, 1980

Coretta Ralston is the artist of the month for November. She has lived in Gruver 27 years and has studied under Ruth Hutton and Beth Phelps. She specializes in rose maling, tole painting and china painting.

15 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Nov. 13, 1975

JV Greyhound cheerleaders for 1975 were Kelley Hart, Angie Johnson, and Shelly Hinton. The 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders were Lisa Johnson, Devyn McLain, Marsha Fairbanks, Marsha Davidson, Renee Lamberson and Shelly Sparks.

THANKS
Our many, many thanks to each one of you for your prayers, calls, cards, the food you have brought in, and care and concern you have shown me and my family during this lengthy illness I have been through.
With God's help, loving family and friends from all the community, I can only improve.
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Lynx district co-champs

The varsity Lynx football team confounded preseason football prognosticators by finishing the regular season as co-champions of District 1-AA.

At the beginning of the season, almost every preseason poll picked the Lynx to finish last in the district. But they sewed up their district co-championship last Friday night, at home, with a 22-9 victory over the Stratford Elks.

The Lynx earned their victory by grabbing an early lead and then taking advantage of Stratford's mistakes when the Elks tried to be more aggressive on offense. According to coach Don Mullins, the Elks' standard offense is to run the ball between the two tackles for "three yards and a cloud of dust." With the Lynx gaining an early lead on two first quarter TDs, the Elks were forced to open up their offense to try to catch up.

The Lynx scored their first TD using five plays to go 59 yards. The drive included a 21 yard run by Tim Dooley. After his run, Dooley finished the drive by connecting, on a halfback pass play, with Chad Riggins for a 17 yard TD. The two point PAT fell short.



Christmas is in the air!

Spearman's second TD was set up with a pass interception by Joel Shields. He picked the Elks' quarterback pass off on the Elks' 48 yard line. From there the Lynx offense drove to the Elks' goal in 10 plays. The drive was capped by Lynx quarterback Khris Kelp, who sprinted around left end for a 13 yard TD. Brandon Vanderburg ran the ball for a successful two point PAT. This put the score at 14-0 in favor of the Lynx.

The Lynx defense kept pace with the offense in the first half of the game as well. Tim Kizziar had a solo quarterback sack, and Dallas Trospen and Edgar Nava teamed up for another. Lonnie Gallegos recovered an Elk fumble.

Despite the best efforts of the Lynx defense, the Elks managed two scores in the second quarter. Their first score was a two point safety. Their second score was a 60 yard TD drive that ended with 48 seconds left in the half. Their successful PAT kick left the score 14-9 in favor of the Lynx.

The score stayed that way through the third quarter. Even though the ball stayed on the Stratford side of the 50 yard line, a succession of penalties and turnovers kept the Lynx from scoring until the start of the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter scoring drive actually started at the end of the third quarter. The drive covered 58 yards in eight plays. It appeared to be stalled when a holding penalty

left the Lynx on the Elks' 22 yard line on third down and 17 yards for a first. On the third down play, Kelp hit Shields with a pass on the 12 yard line, and Shields rambled the rest of the way into the Elks' end zone. A successful two point PAT run by Kelp put the score at 22-9 in favor of the Lynx.

The Lynx defense kept the Elks at bay for the rest of the fourth quarter. In doing so they caused the Elks to fumble twice and intercepted the Elk quarterback once. Shields recovered one of the fumbles and Trospen recovered the other. The interception was made by Vanderburg.

With this 22-9 victory over the Elks the Lynx were District 1-AA co-champions. Because their only district loss was to West Texas, the other co-champion, the Lynx will fill the district's number two spot in the state tournament bracket. The number two team plays the champion of District 2-AA in the first round of the tournament. That team is Wellington.

Spearman will play Wellington in Canadian Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Spearman has been designated as the visiting team for that game. When asked about the Lynx' chances of beating Wellington, Mullins stated, "We'll have to play the best game we can."

With the way the Lynx surprised everyone this year with their district win, they could put it all together and beat Wellington.



A tired but happy Lynx team gathers for finish the season as District 1-AA co-congratulations after beating Stratford to champions.

Perryton hosts Lynx roundballers

The Perryton Rangers hosted the Spearman Lynx J.V. and Varsity in Perryton on Tuesday, November 13. The final score was in favor of the Rangers 53 - 37. The Lynx coach is Wendell Neff.

Justin Boyd led the starters by scoring 8 points, followed by starters Jason Varnon with 6, Wesley Dyess with 4 and Brady Reed with 2. Mike Hagar was also a starter.

Other players scoring in the game were Kevin Williams with 8, Robert Womble with 5, and Clint Townsen with 4. Other Lynx players on the court were Brad Butler, Chuck Cook and Cass Lasater.

In Lynx Varsity action, starter Cody Pipkin led in scoring with 9 points followed by starters Ross Jarvis with 5, Shawn Tanner with 4, Russell Shaver with 3 and Alan

Howell with 1.

Also scoring for the Lynx were Chris Strawn with 3, and Mark Eakin and Sherman Jones each

with 2. Darian Hawkins also saw some court action.

The Lynx Varsity lost to the Perryton Rangers by a score of 70 - 29.



A Lynx running back breaks several tackles as he tries to gain some additional yards.



Chad Riggins tucks the ball in close and tries to gain additional yards after catching a screen pass from Khris Kelp. Tino Garcia (66) hurries upfield to throw a much-needed block.

**Congratulations
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 19, 1990, GTE Southwest Incorporated ("GTE-SW") filed revisions to the company's tariff pertaining to the features and associated equipment for providing emergency number services (9-1-1).

In this filing, GTE-SW proposes to modify its existing 9-1-1 tariff and to add more than 200 new service offerings. The new items of service and equipment in this application have been added to meet the company's increasing 9-1-1 customer demands and to allow GTE-SW to compete more effectively in the 9-1-1 equipment market.

The product line in the new offerings consists of a mini-computer and specialized console package for larger communities, as well as a personal computer with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) display for smaller communities. (ANI displays a caller's telephone number on the emergency dispatcher's computer screen.) In addition, the product line will include ANI and Automatic Location Information (ALI) display units compatible with, and similar to, those offered by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and other local exchange carriers in Texas. (The ALI feature displays a caller's address on the computer screen.) The rate charged existing 9-1-1 customers may be revised at the expiration of their contracts with GTE-SW if the proposed tariff is approved.

This filing has been assigned Docket No 9667. The hearing on the merits is scheduled for February 25, 1991, at the offices of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this docket is December 31, 1990.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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For the Sshort of it

by Bob Bort

A while back I wrote a piece criticizing Odessa Permian High School for placing too much emphasis on its football program and intimating that the football graduates of GHS were better students than the football graduates of PHS. Permian and Midland Lee High Schools were recently featured in a television news report and the two schools went to great length to show that their football players are also excellent students. Needless to say, the two schools have come under great criticism from the entire media, local and national, and not just Bob Bort.

I stand by my original article which criticized the Permian program for placing too much emphasis on football. It was not my intent, however, to say there are no football players at Permian who are also good students. I still would say I would take GHS football graduates over PHS football graduates.

The 7th-8th-JV football scores

Champs from page 1

hard work and determination it took to become State Champions. I promise, it does take a lot of this to achieve your goals. Through this, each of us became very close as a team. I think working as a team has a lot to do with winning.

I am already looking forward to next year and going back down State to defend our 1st place title.

It feels really great to know that our CC team is the best in 1A, but it took a lot of hard work and determination to achieve that title.

Our team consisted of eight girls that gave their all, not only at the meets, but also every day in practice. There are two things it takes to be a winner at this sport: one, you definitely have to be in shape and also you have got to have a lot of desire.

We believed in us, and so did the community. It takes all three to be state champs.

I'd like to thank everyone for supporting us, we could not have made it otherwise. We hope to bring back another one of those State Champs trophies next year, but to do so we have got to believe.

It's really hard for me to put into words how it feels to be 1-A state champions. It really hasn't even sunk in yet for me. One thing's for sure though, it's going to take me a while to come down off "cloud

from this past Thursday are as follows. Gruver 7th 6, Sunray 7th 0; Sunray 8th, 36-0; and Sunray JV 15, Gruver JV 12. The 7th grade finished 5-2-1 and the 8th grade 3-5. The JV did not win a game this year, but they were a much better team at the end than at the beginning.

A couple of notes: In the 8th grade game, Aaron Frick dislocated his ankle, and he will be out for awhile. It was not broken, and that is good news. He is doing fine.

According to coach Jim Davis, in the 7th grade game Jason Ward made an "NFL-quality catch" of a pass from Bailey Barkley on the Gruver drive for the only touchdown. That catch came on a 4th and 4, and was the key play in the drive. Power back Max Frick gained well over 100 yards and had a tremendous game.

Congratulations to Geronimo Ortega for being named honorable mention player of the week in the game with Claude. Geronimo rushed for 65 yards and had three

quarterback sacks. Carey Kauffman also had three quarterback sacks, and Max Davis and Billy Crawford each had one, for eight total quarterback sacks.

This week Geronimo rushed 21 times for 87 yards, Brady Pool, 10-90, and Booker's star running back, Rafael Tudon, was held to 26-70.

Here are my picks for this week: Saturday, Nov. 17-Southern Methodist at Texas Tech (Red Raiders, 35-21) Texas Tech will close out their season with a big win.

Sunday, Nov. 18 -Dallas at Los Angeles Rams (Cowboys, 24-23) Being a 49er fan, I am quite naturally a Ram hater. Take the Cowboys in an upset.

For the year, I am 17-12-1 for a percentage of .583.

I won't be predicting basketball games regularly this year, except for a few rare occasions. Remember, the games are played on the football field and on the basketball court, not on paper. Claude would never have beaten Shamrock, Stratford would never have beaten West Texas and Sunray would never have beaten Stratford if the predictions were all that mattered. I predict games for fun, knowing they don't matter a hill of beans toward the actual outcome...

With that said, here are my predictions for this week.

Friday, Nov. 16-Gruver at White Deer (Hounds, 71-59; Lady Hounds, 49-39). Remember, this is only for fun, and I hope both teams win 90-10. But I think both the boys and girls will do very well this season. The big games are the girls at Borger, and the boys at Dumas on Tuesday, Nov. 20. That will be a good measure of the strength of both teams this year, as Borger and Dumas are much larger schools, and it is a credit to the Gruver basketball program that they are scheduling games like this. But remember, I am just a big fan!

Congratulations to the Gruver Lady Hounds cross country team and to head coach Diana Bradshaw. They have brought home the fifth athletic state championship in Gruver High School team sports history, and the second for the Lady Hounds. They have certainly established a solid cross country program that their opponents will have to reckon with in the future.

The Gruver Lady Hounds would like to especially thank the Spearman CC team for the cheering they did for Gruver. Thanks!

Hounds fall short one yard

by Bob Bort

With only three seconds on the clock and no time outs left, the Hounds ran one last play from the Booker Kiowas' one yard line Friday night, Nov. 9 at Greyhound Stadium. It was a blast play off tackle, and Geronimo Ortega appeared to have dived into the end zone for the winning score. But the referee ruled otherwise, saying he was stopped at the one prior to crossing the goal line. It was a very tough "loss" for the Hounds.

Because Claude had upset Shamrock 14-13 Friday night, a Hounds victory over the Kiowas would have meant a playoff spot for the Hounds. They would be playing unbeaten Farwell this week in a class A bi-district game.

The tie meant Booker wins the second playoff spot from district 1-A, and the Kiowas thus will be playing Farwell, not the Hounds.

"The kids played as hard as they could play," coach David Steele said Saturday. "It was the best effort I have ever had as coach on the football field."

The Hounds scored first in the second quarter, to go up 7-0. Brady Pool had a nice 44 yard jaunt through the middle of the field to sustain the drive. Hound Field General Matthew Hoel carried the ball into pay dirt himself on a quarterback keeper from the one yard line. Trevor Shipley split the

uprights with the PAT.

But Booker came back to tie the game 7-7 with a two yard run in the third quarter.

The Hounds started their would-be game winning drive with about a minute and a half left, from their own 19-yard line. Hoel hit Kevin Spivey with two key passes to sustain the drive. One of those passes came on a 4th and 10.

With 0:37 left, Hoel hit Brady Pool over the middle and he carried it to the Kiowas' 22 yard line. Then with 0:15 left, Hoel hit Shannon Pool at the one yard line but he couldn't quite fall into the end zone as he was tackled. That left time for only one more play, as Ortega appeared to give the Hounds victory, but the referee ruled otherwise.

There was one more touchdown that "might have been" for the Hounds. Shannon Pool almost got his name in the record book as the

first half clock expired. He intercepted an errant Kiowas' pass at the goal line and returned it 83 yards to the Kiowas' 17 yard line before he was caught and tackled.

Here are the stats:

B	0	0	7	0	-	7
G	0	7	0	0	-	7
G-Matthew Hoel 1 run (Trevor Shipley kick)						
B-Brady Miller 2 run (Jose Tudon kick)						
B						G
12			First Downs			12
163			Yards Rushing			191
105			Yards Passing			68
268			Total Offense			159
6			Pass Completions			4
11			Attempts			13
1			Interceptions			1
5-26			Punts-Average			4-26
2-0			Fumbles-Lost			0-0
4-30			Penalties-Yards			6-28
Rushes-Yards: Brady Pool, 10-90, Geronimo Ortega, 21-87, Rafael Tudon, 26-70.						

Houndball delayed

The start of the 1990-91 Gruver Greyhound JV and varsity boys' season has been delayed.

The scheduled openers on Tuesday, Nov. 13 against Miami at Greyhound Gym were cancelled because the Miami Warriors 6-man football team is in the state playoffs

this week. Coach Tim Garland will send his troops out for their first games (junior varsity and varsity) at White Deer the evening of Friday, Nov. 16. Their first home game will be Tuesday, Nov. 27 against the Sunray Bobcats.

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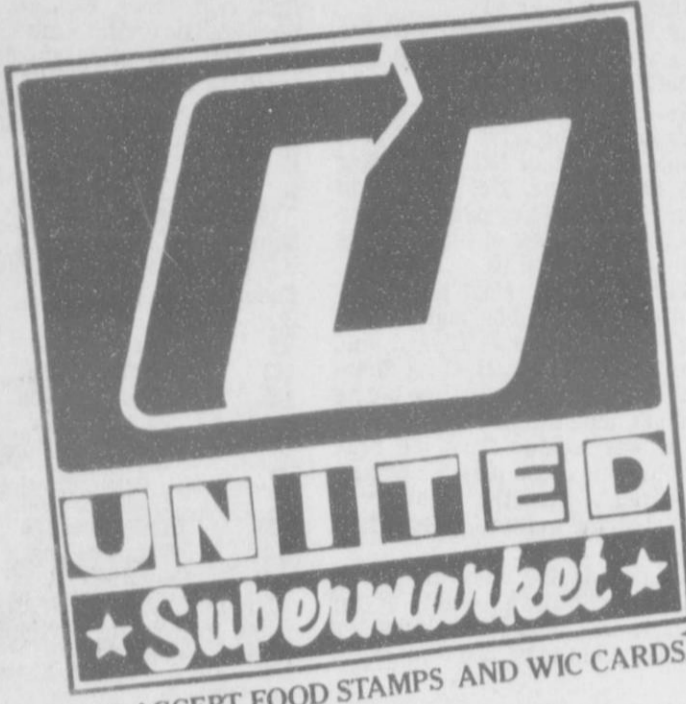
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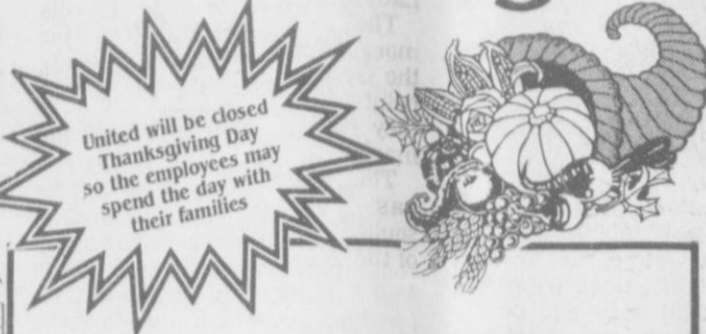
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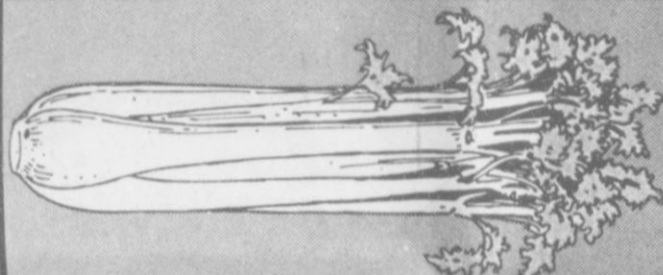


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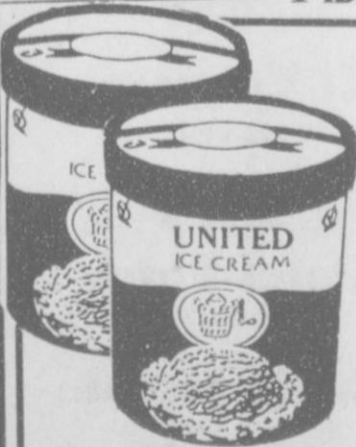


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Lady Hounds win blowout

by Bob Bort

With 1:10 left in the first half, the score between the Gruver Lady Hounds and the Lady Warriors of Miami was tied at 23-23 Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Greyhound Gym. Then all sorts of good things happened for the home team which finished with a 68-45 blowout victory.

Freshman Wynn Maupin hit a jumper to give Gruver a 25-23 lead. Following a pair of free throws by soph Traci Crawford, freshman Anissa Ryan hit a pretty 3-point set shot. She then stole the ball and fed Maupin who scored again, and the Lady Hounds led 32-23 at halftime.

The Gruver girls added eight more straight points at the start of the second half, for 17 straight points and a 40-23 lead. From there they coasted to the final 23 point margin.

This year's Lady Hounds team has four freshmen and four sophomores making up two-thirds of the roster. Maupin led the ladies

in scoring with 19 points, and senior Marci Roberts added 12. Ryan had three pretty 3-pointers for nine total points. Maupin was 7-10, and 5-7 in free throws.

It was that old nemesis "Turnover" that haunted the Lady Hounds early in this game, as they fell behind quickly 8-2. But this team's outstanding young talent, with the leadership of seniors Roberts, Jennifer Hart and Eva Babbs, could have the sky as the limit in what they can accomplish. The talent this team possesses will make it an easier task for third year Lady Hounds Head Coach Mike Banks to put a winning team on the floor.

In the junior varsity game which preceded the main Lady Hounds varsity attraction, the Gruver girls whupped up on Miami 54-21. Freshman Sara Jones started each half with pretty 3-pointers, and it was no contest. Gina Hoel led the team with 14 points scored, and Sharlet Slough added 10.

JVG					
M (0-1)	03	17	21	21	
G (1-0)	19	27	46	54	

3-point shots-Sara Jones (2)
M-Jennifer Underwood-8, Jennifer Sober-6, Shilo Wheeler-4, Colbi Cowan-3.

G-Gina Hoel-14, Sharlet Slough-10, Sara Jones-9, Shanna Jarvis-7, Nancy Alvarez-4, Angela Sistrunk-4, Monica Ward-4, Kasey Davis-2.

M (0-1)	12	23	29	45
G (1-0)	11	32	49	68

3-point shots-Anissa Ryan (3)
M-Kam McDowell-17, Krista Kriebbal-14, Lori Goodman-4, Amanda Morris-4, Dee Ann Locke-2, Brandee Stribling-2, Tandy Thompson-2.

G-Wynn Maupin-19, Marci Roberts-12, Anissa Ryan-9, Holly Venneman-6, Traci Crawford-5, Cora Meyer-5, Stacey Williams-5, Mika McLain-3, Eva Babbs-2, Jennifer Hart-2.



The Spearman High School student body gathered in the middle of the varsity gym to raise joined hands in support of their Lynxettes cross country team.



The Spearman High School varsity cheerleaders include (back row, l-r) Mary Nelson, (front row, l-r) Mendy Lasater, Marci Cook, Lisa Lillard, Suzanne Sanders, Kyla Womble, Randi Renner and Trixie Pearson.

GJH girls open b-ball season

by Bob Bort

The Gruver Lady Hounds 7th and 8th grade basketball teams travelled to Dalhart Monday, Nov. 12 to do battle with the Lady Wolves junior high teams, who took three games from Gruver.

In the 8th grade game the Lady Hounds, who were 15-0 last year, tasted defeat for the first time and will be looking to start a new streak. They may have a return engagement later this year with Dalhart in the Spearman Tournament.

The 7th grade has so many players, they have scheduled four or five "B" games this year. That way all the players can play.

7th Grade

G (0-1)	0	01	03	11
D (1-0)	6	20	29	33

D-Kiki Carthel-4, Tara Shapley-2, Molly McLain-2, Julie Aguilar-2, Myriam Alvarez-1.

D-Bush-9, Watkins-6, Prater-6, Whitehurst-4, Sewell-3, Snead-2, Green-2, Gerber-1.

8th Grade

G (0-1)	8	22	28	30
D (1-0)	4	16	33	45

3-point shots-Jona Boney (1)

G-Kaycee Haenisch-15, Kim Venneman-4, Lacy Barkley-3, Jona Boney-3, Julie Meyer-2, Tisha Ralston-2, Monica Garcia-1.

D-Batton-22, McMeen-8, Johnson-6, Andrews-4, Wombly-3, Albrecht-2.

7th "B"

G	2	4	06	08
D	6	8	13	17

G-Janet Morales-4, Teresa Bernal-2, Robbi Mathews-2.

D-(unavailable).

Lynxette cagers play Perryton

The Varsity Lynxettes played at Perryton on Tuesday, November 13. The score was 44-48 in favor of the Perryton Rangerettes. The Lynxettes are coached by Jim Kirkland and Richard North.

Joy Gafford was high scoring starter with 8 points and starters Mendy Lasater and Jill Lusby made 3 points each and starters Laura Pearson and Kyla Nelson made 2 points each.

Other players scoring were Tamri Townsen with 13, Michelle Garnett with 11, and Melodie Schumann with 2.

Adding support on the court were Bonnie Thompson, Gwen Benson, and Cindy Melton.

In 7th grade action the Lynxettes won 28 - 21 against the Perryton Rangerettes. The high scoring starter Kara Townsen led with 18 points along with starters Tiffany Bruning with 6, Kelly Shieldknight and Lacie Baker each scoring 2. Carrie Burton was also a starter for the game.

Other players seeing action were Kim Healey, Crystal Boyd, Katherine Pipkin, Summer Riggins and Virginia Barrera.


The Spearman 8th grade girl's basketball team hosted the Perryton Rangerettes here on Monday, November 12. The final score was in favor of the Lynxettes 34 - 13. Susan Davis is the coach.

Ashly Shieldknight led the scoring with 14 points, followed by starters Lyndee Cook scoring 4 points and Kiki Kelp and Mandi Lair each with 2 points.

Other players scoring in the game were Kortney Henton with 6, Molly Blackman with 4, and Traci Martin with 2. Other Lynxettes helping with the action were

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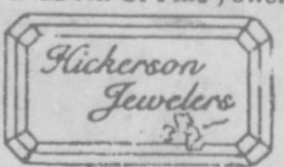
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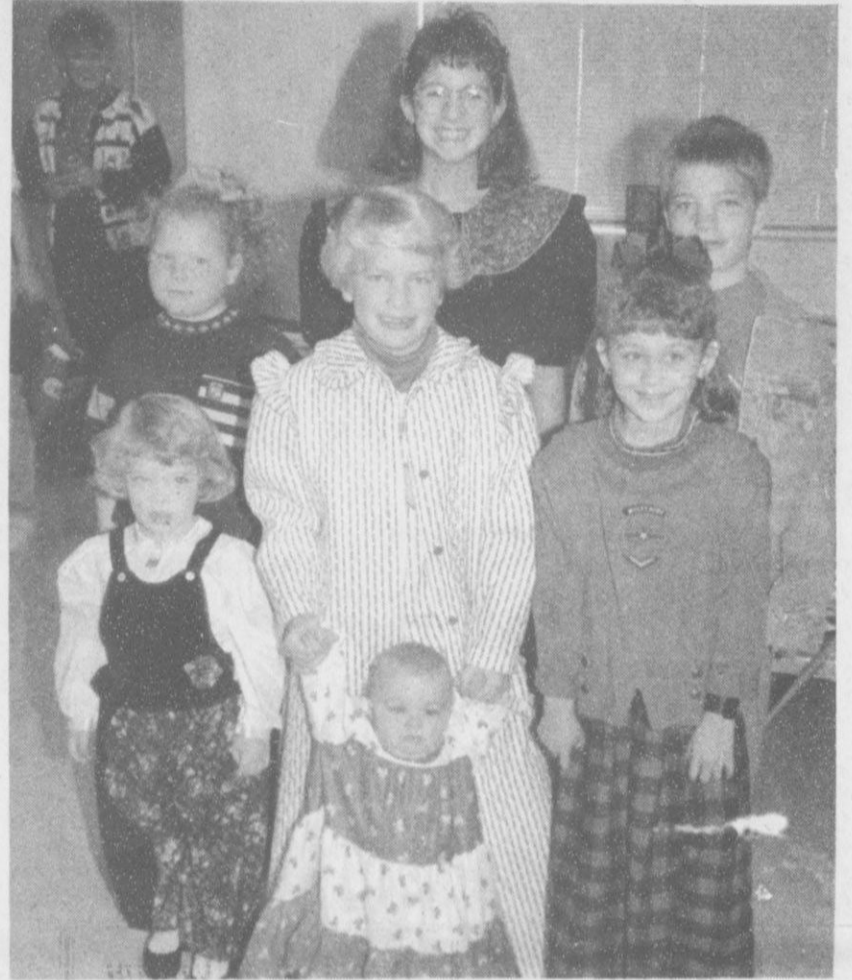
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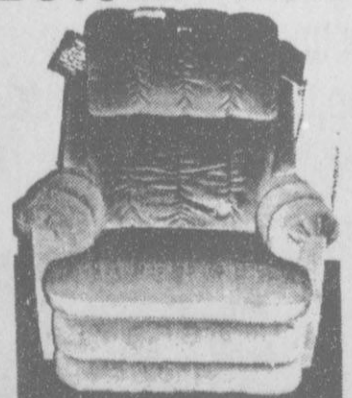
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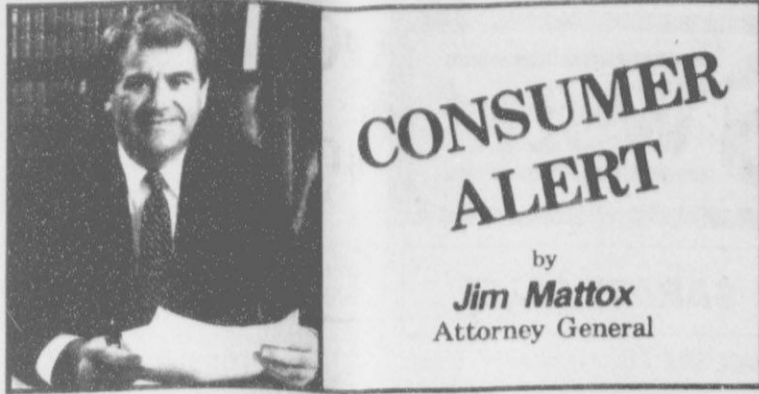
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CONSUMER ALERT

by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

Tenants Have Rights, Responsibilities

In Texas, the law governing residential renters' rights is an intricate blend of centuries-old common law and recent acts of the legislature. Both landlords and tenants should be aware of the basic rights, and responsibilities, to which each is entitled.

A rental agreement may be written or oral, although the written lease is more common. Be sure to read any agreement carefully before signing it. If the tenant and the landlord agree to any change in the agreement, both should initial the change. In case of a dispute, the terms written in the agreement will usually be enforced.

Promises made in an oral agreement — by the landlord or the tenant — are just as enforceable as those in a written agreement. If there are no promises made beyond an oral agreement to rent for a specified amount of money, the rules set out by the legislature and the courts will apply.

Under the ancient "covenant of quiet enjoyment," the landlord cannot evict a tenant without cause or otherwise disturb the tenant's right to live in peace and quiet. The landlord also has a duty to see that a tenant is protected from other tenants' wrongful behavior.

Unless the rental agreement provides otherwise, the landlord cannot enter the premises without the tenant's permission. However, most written agreements provide that the landlord may enter to make repairs, show the property to prospective tenants, etc.

Under Texas law, a tenant has a right to demand that the landlord repair any condition which materially affects health and safety — unless the tenant waives this right in writing. The only exception is for conditions that are caused by the tenant due to negligence, carelessness, abuse or accident — unless the "accident" is due to "age or deteriorated condition."

If the landlord fails to make needed repairs, a tenant must follow certain procedures. The landlord should be told exactly what needs to be repaired — preferably by certified mail.

If repairs are not made within a reasonable time, a second written notice should be sent requesting a written explanation for the delay in making the repairs. A tenant does not have a right to withhold rent because of the landlord's failure to make repairs and must give seven days notice of intent to move for failure to make repairs.

If repairs are not made within seven days of receipt of the second notice, a tenant can file suit for one month's rent, plus \$100, plus actual damages (if any), plus court costs and attorney fees.

It is illegal for a landlord to retaliate against a tenant for complaints about necessary repairs. By law, a security deposit cannot be withheld without a valid reason. The landlord must return a deposit within 30 days, if the tenant gives the landlord a forwarding address.

Valid reasons for withholding all or a part of the security deposit include abnormal damage beyond "normal wear and tear"; rent owed the landlord; or a violation of the rental agreement (not giving required notice that you are moving, for example). Landlords who keep deposits "in bad faith" are liable for \$100 plus three times the amount of the deposit.

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Minding Your Own Business
by Don Taylor Director, PSBDC

Small business enjoys a good reputation. People usually think of entrepreneurs as honest, hard-working and ethical. My experience in working with hundreds of small businesses reinforces this reputation. In addition, I believe that business ethics play a vital role in small business success.

Our free enterprise system was founded on principles of conduct that have become blurred today. Insider trading scandals, the savings and loan industry boondoggle, and business and political graft have become the norm. The message is clear: Cheat, if you have to, but win at any cost.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I don't believe that cheaters are ever winners. One of the greatest joys that I derived from owning my own businesses was knowing that I built them honestly. However, following the principles of honesty and integrity is not always easy.

Ethical Dilemmas
The following incidents are true-life examples that area business people have shared with us. The names and genders have been changed for reasons of confidentiality.

Joe had an opportunity to hire his competitor's area manager. The manager promised to bring Joe the competitor's customer lists, pricing policy and sales records. This information would help Joe's struggling business. Should he hire the manager?

Frequently, Mary is paid in cash for her work. Her business is not very profitable, and she wonders if it would be okay to spend the cash and not report the revenue. Mary's friends have told her that the Internal Revenue Service is corrupt and already collects too much tax money. Should Mary report the cash?

Bill just closed a big loan at the bank. A few days after the papers were signed, he noticed a large error. The bank inadvertently omitted the largest piece of equipment used to collateralize the loan. Should Bill point out the error?

A Three-Point Check

The answer to many ethical questions can be found in a new book written by Kenneth Blanchard and Norman Vincent Peale. In "The Power of Ethical Management," they suggest using a three-question test to establish ethical behavior. The questions are: 1) Is it legal? 2) Is it fair to all? 3) Would I be happy if the whole story was made public?

These three questions make it easier to tackle any issue that involves questionable ethics. "Is it legal" establishes a minimum criteria. If it is against the law, don't get involved. The fairness question asks if it would be okay if I were on the receiving end of the deal. The third question asks if it would be all right if the whole story was printed on the front page of the local newspaper.

The ethical dilemmas faced by Joe, Mary and Bill become fairly simple decisions using this test method. While it is legal for Joe to hire the manager, the manager's proposal is not fair to all parties. The information that the manager will bring to Joe's company will give Joe an unfair advantage. Joe would not want the situation reversed or made public knowledge.

Mary's dilemma is answered by the first question. Not reporting cash income is tax evasion, a punishable crime. Even though we may not like the IRS, the law says that we must pay taxes on all income.

Bill's situation may not involve legality. However, the question of fairness certainly is relevant. It will not be fair to the bank if the error is not reported. Bill can further his good working relationship with the bank by pointing out the irregularity.

Many of life's toughest problems can be solved by asking the ethics test questions. It is legal? Would I want everyone to know about it? One of the best comments I've heard on the subject of ethics is that there is no right way to do a wrong thing.

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Obituary

Rosie Waide
PERRYTON - Rosie Waide, 77, died Saturday, Nov. 10.

Mrs. Waide, born in Trousdale, Kan., had been a Perryton resident for 63 years. She married Earl Waide in 1929 at Balko, Okla. He died in January. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Eastern Star and was active in several china and porcelain painting clubs.

Survivors include a son, Ronnie Waide of Canyon; two sisters, Iva McIlhany of Spearman and Maida

Bailey of Shawnee, Okla.; a brother, George French of Kalispell, Mont.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 13 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Edward Allsup, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Ochiltree Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be to the Gene Waide Scholarship Fund or First United Methodist Church.

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