

SHOWING OFF HIS ROAD DIARY is Texas Monthly's Dick J. Reavis. He and his Suburban have racked up over 84,000 miles on Texas blacktop since Jan. 1 and he expects to have recorded over 100,000 miles and every inch of Texas highways and farm-to-market roads by journey's end Dec. 31.

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Texas Monthly's Dick J. Reavis was a sight for sore eyes when he rolled into town the other day.

Dick J. and I had worked together in Dumas some years ago. Actually, more years ago than either he or I care to remember. But it was nice to visit and renew

an old friendship.

While he was here, he took a quick tour of the Hansford Manor Nursing Home and was impressed with what he saw -- rightly so, we might add with just a small touch of

He's had a busy year and it's not over yet. His Suburban turned 84,000 miles this week and another 1,000 will roll off before he leaves the Panhandle

Somehow, the idea of putting 100,000 miles on a vehicle in one year doesn't seem all that appealing to me. As it is now, I barely manage 500 to 600 miles a week -and that's too much in my book.

I have to compliment Jimmy Shieldknight. Yes, that's worded

Frankly, I'd rather fly.

properly. It seems Jimmy had a dinner party the other night for his employees. I found out about it accidently.

Naturally, I knew the reason I wasn't invited was simply an oversight on Jimmy's part.

After all, he's a busy man and he can't think of every little detail there might be.

And, being a dedicated journalist -- that means I can smell a free meal at 100 paces -- as well as a gracious man, I decided to forgive

Especially after I convinced Jim

### Monday last day to register for bond vote

Spearman ISD residents who have not yet registered to vote have until 5 p.m. Monday to register at the Hansford county tax-assessor collector's office in order to qualify for a Dec. 8 bond election.

Voters must be registered no later than 30 days before an election to be qualified to cast their ballot.

The Dec. 8 bond election is for a \$2.185-million project which includes additions to the Spearman elementary school and junior high campus, along with the demolition of the east wing of the junior high building.

The election will culminate a year-long study by SISD trustees on structural problems with the building.

### With a stop in Spearman for Dick J. Reavis . . .

### Texas writer tours Hansford county

a Texas Monthly writer brought him through Hansford county and Spearman twice this past week as senior editor Dick J. Reavis prepares to wrap up a year-long campaign which began this past

His goal is to cover every mile of highway in the state of Texas -- and that goes for not only state highways, but farm-to-market roads as

Toward that end, he's racked up over 84,000 miles on a specially purchased suburban. On January 1, it's odometer read less than 20

"I'm running about a week behind," notes Reavis on his journey. "So right now I'm driving seven days a week trying to catch

Another part of the goal is to have finished his over-the-road trip by December 31. This week he's in

the top counties of the Texas panhandle and next week it's down south a bit into the South Plains then over into the Wichita Falls country and down toward Dallas where his trip is scheduled to end.

But there's still a lot of counties between Hansford and Dallas and very few weeks between now and the end of 1987.

The Texas Monthly editor is no stranger to the Panhandle area. he spent a good deal of his life just a few miles from Spearman at Dumas.

He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock and went on to graduate from the University of Texas with a B.A. in philosophy. But he's a fourth-generation

journalist and a born and bred Texan so family tradition dies hard as is often the case in the Lone Star

Reavis took a couple of hours off his trek Thursday to visit in

Spearman where he toured Hansford Manor Nursing Home and grabbed a bite to eat.

In an interview at the newspaper office, the magazine writer shared some of his experiences on the roads across Texas this past year.

"There's a significant difference between the people of the Pan-handle and elsewhere in Texas," he observes. "People here are freindly and open, down south their friendly but it lacks the sincerity of the Panhandle."

Reavis has been writing a monthly travelogue for the Austinbased magazine and his articles have become a strong feature of the monthly periodical.

During his journies he has relied on his contact with local news media in gaining insights to the county he's visiting. While it's mostly been rewarding, there have been some frustrating times as

"TV people have been useless, he flatly declares. "They jump from market to market and never even know the area they're in. I've gotten most of my information and leads from local newspapers."

The veteran writer has a personal goal he's managed to work into his schedule as well -- that of taking a picture of every courthouse in the state. The Hansford county courthouse joined his collection Thursday.

The idea to travel every inch of Texas' paved highway system was Reavis'. He sold the idea to the powers that be at Texas Monthly and it has turned into a fairly good promotional piece for the magazine.

Better than that, it gives the writer the opportunity to do what he's always wanted to do. And, at somebody else's expense. That's where his fourth-generation report-

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Sunday, November 8, 1987

### To be considered Tuesday by city . . .

### Settlement reached in gas rate hike

Spearman city commissioners will be presented a negotiated settlement on a proposed rate hike request by High Plains Natural Gas Company at their regular session Tuesday evening.

The latest proposal of \$.895 per mcf (thousand cubic feet) follows a session between High Plains and a steering committee composed of five area city officials which was held Oct. 15 in Canadian.

That rate is well below the \$1.216 per mcf that High Plains had indicated they would seek in early July.

If approved by the five cities invovled -- Spearman, Perryton, Booker, Higgins and Canandian -the new rate would be reflected on bill received for December pay-

In addition to the rate hike, the settlement also calls for an allowance of 3.5 cents per mcf over the next 12 months to allow High Plains to recoup their cost in seeking the rate hike.

The proposed rate is a cost of service charge from High Plains and is a base to which a variable rate for actual cost of natural gas is added to arrive at a final billing

Spearman city commissioner Burl Buchanan served on the steering committee which negoatiated the rate with High Plains. Buchanan was chairman of the multi-city group.

Tuesday's meeting will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

An executive session to discuss personnel will also be held at the meeting in an ongoing re-evaluation of the city's job classification and pay plan.

A consulting firm presented its findings in another executive session held Oct. 27. These findings were accepted in open session by the council and city manager Jim Murray was authorized to meet with department heads to firm up salary recommendations from the different departments.

Following the executive session, ners will consider authorizing salary increases to city employees as presented by Mur-

In other action, the council will also put the finishing touches on revenue sharing expenditures to the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's group and to Families in Action.

### Vet's Day program slated

The 17th annual Veteran's Day Program, sponsored by the Extension Homemakers Council, will be presented at the Spearman varsity ym on the junior high campus Wednesday in the community's

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with presentation of colors by

annual observance of the ocassion. Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551.

### PDRA eyes first land purchases

The first parcels of land toward building a 60,900 acre foot water reservoir in Hansford county may be purchased by the Palo Duro River Authority at their next meeting this Tuesday in Spearman.

That meeting will be held in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building beginning at 2 p.m.

An executive meeting for a discussion with the PDRA's legal counsel is also contemplated, the agenda notes.

Board members will also approve the 1986-87 audit; contract for the 1987-88 audit;

Consider authorizing the general manager to transfer or invest funds held by the water authority;

Consider employment of an oil and gas well working interest appraiser, hear a report on the archealogy testing contract.

### Amarillo man announces for

#### state senator An Amarillo cattleman has an-

nounced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for 81st District State Senator, according to a press release from the campaign headquarters of Teel Bivins.

The Republican candidate will be

in Spearman Monday morning at 11 a.m. on a campaign trip through the area.

A reception will be given in the meeting room of the First State Bank in Spearman.

Both the pledge to the U.S. flag

and the Texas flag will follow. The Spearman high school band will present the National Athem and a welcome will be made by Spearman school superintendent Larry Butler.

A speech will be given by Nancy Garms followed by presentations of tribute by both the Spearman high school and junior high school choirs and bands.

Steve Rogers, pastor of the Spearman Union Church will offer the benediction.

The program will be closed out by the playing of "Taps".

their 1987 mile harvest.

cooperating with farmers' desires,

past five years at Hansford county's official weather station, KRDF-FM in Spearman, shows that the time may be ripe for that first freeze, however.

came last year on Oct. 12 when the morning's low was set at 29

The latest came on Nov. 10, 1983 when a 25 degree mark set the day's low temperature.

Other first freezes saw a 32 on 1984 was the first that year. In 1985, a low of 29 was recorded on Nov. 2 to mark the first freeze.

So far this fall, temperatures have dipped below the 40 - degree level only five times -- all of those in October with a range of 37 to 39

Still building on the wetest year in the last decade, October rain clouds dumped another 1.44 inches

The total precipitation recorded for Hansford county through the end of October was 25.35 inches, reports the weather station.

### Farmers wait first fall freeze While Friday's cool snap and

rainy weather gave vent to the first real feel of fall in Hansford county, area farmers are still waiting for that first killing frost to clean up Once again, the weather isn't

A look back at records over the

The earliest freeze recorded

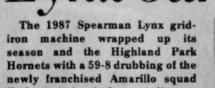
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of moisture on Hansford soil.

### See "REPORT", p-2 In lopsided season finale . . . Lynx bury Hornets, 59-8

Newcomb's honor.



Ivey, who was catering the affair,

to fix me a plate and put the cost on

Shieldknight's tab -- it's easy to be

gracious under circumstances such

So, Jimmy Shieldknight, my

Before I became a county com-

missioner over in Moore county,

one of the things I never could understand was how government-

al entities always seemed to be

able to buy things cheaper than

Part of it, of course, is the bid

situation. Another part is the fact

that governments don't have to pay

either state of federal taxes on

In some cases, this drives the

cost down greatly. My first reaction

was to blame suppliers for putting

what appeared to be the "screws"

compliments, kind sir. The meal

was both delicious and appreciat-

as these.

individuals.

Friday evening in Lynx stadium. Before a sparse hometown crowd, the Lynx unleashed a scoring flood which included touchdowns through the air, on the ground, a pair of defensive markers, a safety and even a score by

tackle-place kicker Matt Tucker. For an even dozen senior members of the Lynx varsity it was not only the end of the season, but their career finale Friday night as

well. Special recognition was given the Spearman seniors by the

partisan hometown crowd. Seniors Brett Davis, Will Black, Alan Beeson, Stan Brandt, Monty Ross, Chris Lopez, Norman

Scroggs; Charles Roper, Scott Swan, Keith Benson, Kevin Nelson and Jeff Gustin made their final bows before their fans at Friday's 1-AA

In special pre-game ceremonies, the mothers of all the players were presented roses by the varsity squad and were given special

recognition. And Ernest Newcomb was presented with a new Minolta automatic focusing camera by the SHS cheerleaders, a gift made possible by contributions from Spearman

game upped the Lynx's See "LYNX", p-6



SPEARMAN FAVORITE ERNEST NEWCOMBaccepts a new automatic focusing camera from SHS cheerleader Paige Pittman during special pre-game ceremonies at the Spearman-Highland Park contest Friday night.

The camera was purchased from contributions to a special fund in

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### Lynx junior varsity blanks Wolves, 30-zip

The Spearman junior varsity Lynx closed out their season on a winning note as they romped past Dalhart, 30-0, Thursday evening in Lynx stadium.

The win leaves them with an 8-1 season record and a share of the district junior varsity crown.

Both Spearman and West Texas completed the year with one district loss apiece, leaving the title shared between the two teams.

Edward Mayfield passed for two TD's, Scott Wilkerson and Edgar Nava ran in two more and Dalhart was cornered for a pair of safeties to account for Thursday's scoring by the Lynx jv.

Mayfield tossed a 30-yard pass play to Joel Shields and a 29-yard pass play to Gerald Blan.

Ironically, the two safeties provided bookends for Thursday's scoring spree with one opening the scoring for Spearman in the first quarter while the last one closed out the 30-point spread for the Lynx in the final stanza of play.

Dalhart took the opening kickoff and found themselves in deep trouble following three consecutive losses against a raging Lynx defensive unit.

When they went to punt, the ball sailed over the head of the punter and out of the end zone for an automatic safety. With 9:11 on the clock, Spearman held a 2-0 edge.

Following the free kick from the 20-yard line, Spearman took over on their own 49 and Mayfield and company quickly marched down to the Dalhart 30-yard line.



First Christian Church

29 South Bernice Street November 9, 1987 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hostesses Boyd Ruth Bryan Martha Boyd Jeanie Laughlin Beth Phelps Nita Bynum I Mary Brock

From there, the Lynx jv signal caller found Shields for the 30-yard pass completion.

With 2:32 remaining in the first quarter, Cody Reynolds toed the PAT kick and Spearman held a 9-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, Spearman set up shop on their own 45 and moved in down to the wolves 29 where a competion to Blan netted yet another TD.

Reynolds PAT boot failed to hit the mark this time, but with 7:10 remaining before the half, Spearman had jumped out to a 15-0 lead.

The offensive unit proved themselves for Spearman Thursday evening and put together an 81yard drive in the third quarter of junior varsity play.

Starting from their own 19, the Lynx jv'ers marched convincingly downfield to the Dalhart 13 where Nava did the final honors, taking the 13 steps for the touchdown. The PAT kick failed again, but

Spearman held a 21-0 score with 5:17 showing on the third frame The final few points came in the waning minutes of the ball game.

Spearman forced Dalhart to punt from their own end zone and hauled the ball in on the Wolves 33 Wilkerson slashed off the final seven yards to put the final marker on the boards. Reynolds PAT was

good and the score stood at 28-0

### Age 26 is milestone

with 2:43 left in the game.

Men who turn 26 during the remainder of 1987 will be reaching an important milestone according to the Selective Service System.

Young men born in 1961 were required to register with Selective Service in July of 1980 when President Carter reinstituted the registration requirement. These men turn 26 in 1987. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept a young man's registration after he has reached his 26th

Texas has registered nearly one million men since 1980.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dalhart's receiver caught the ball on his own 2-yard line and accidently stepped back into the end zone and kneel-

That resulted in another safety -just five seconds elapsed on the scoreboard clock with 2:38 left in the game.

"The kids played a super game and had a great season," declares

Lynx jv head coach James Mireles. "Keith Clark was our defensive spark plug all year long.'

Clark has defensive captain for the Lynx jv squad and worked the quickside linebacker slot in the Lynx jv's 5-2 defensive alignment.

"We really appreciate the parents, too," notes Mireles. 'They gave the kids a lot of support this year."

8th graders finish at 5-2 . . .

### Lynx edge Highland Park in 12-8 thriller

Lynx kept a fans on the edge of their seats as they put together two TD's in the waning minutes of play for a theatrical come-from-behind 12-8 win over host Highland Park Thursday evening in Amarillo.

The eighth grade Hornets shoved across their lone marker in the first half and it appeared they might take the win into the lockers after the game until an 18-yard pass play from Brian Beck to Chad Riggins with 1:22 left in the game put Spearman out in front for good.

"The whole bunch of kids have done a real good job for us this year," declares head coach Ken Rutherford of his second-place district team.

The Lynx eighth graders finished the year with a record of 5-2. Trailing by that omnipresent 8-points, Spearman managed to cross into double stripe territory

early in the fourth quarter. But a try for a 2-point conversion was stopped short and Spearman still trailed by a 6-8 count.

Late in the final frame, the Lvnx mounted an offensive shove, taking the ball from their own 40-yard line down to the Highland Park 25.

But disaster struck when Spearman fumbled at that point and it began to appear the Hornets would weather the storm as time continued to tick off the clock.

On their first play from scrimmage, however, Highland Park returned the favor and the ball with

a fumble of their own. Almost miraculously, Spearman had the ball back on the 25 with a first down and 10 situation.

Three plays later, facing a third and seven. Beck found Riggins for the go-ahead TD and the score went to 12-8.

While the 2-poing attempt was short again, the Lynx had their win as they managed to contain Highland Park for the remaining few moments of the ball game.

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#### REPORT

to individual consumers. Actually, they're doing all taxpayers a favor by helping keep the cost of governments as low as

After all, knock off the taxes and cut the price just a bit and that means the cost of government goes down. If the cost goes down, we don't have to pay as much tax into that government.

Of course, I see it and I understand it. That doesn't keep me from being jealous, but it should at least make me appreciate what some wholesaler is doing for me -- helping keep my taxes lower.

I guess what it boils down to is the fact that we can pay it at the consumption level, or we can pay it at the tax level. But, as in all economic situations, it will be paid.

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#### WRITER

er heritage really shows through. The former Panhandle resident's forced pace has him totaling over 2,000 weekly miles after a flu-bug laid him up for a week and put him behind in his travels.

He'll wrap up his top of Texas trek this week and then head on south to undertake the final leg of his year-long journey.

Will Hansford county or Spearman be mentioned in his article? "I never know what's going to show up," notes Reavis. "I write about six pages and they trim it back to four without consulting me on what I think is important.'

The writer laments what he considers the demise of the rural towns in Texas. he feels that rural communities are either spending too much time trying to act like big cities or apologizing for not being a big city.

"Houston and Dallas leave me cold," he states. "Give me rural Texas anytime.'

True to his beliefs, Reavis lives in a small community outside of Austin where he has a home he's been remodeling with his own hands.

"I haven't got a lot done on it this year," he laughs. "I took one week and worked on it, otherwise I haven't even seen it."

His weeks since the first of the year have been spent on the road and in motels across the state. His bout with the flu was spent in a motel in Ft. Stockton. A special log he keeps of his

travels is now several inches thick and he carries an extra just in case his first one runs out of pages before he runs out of highway. The log has his route marked in

special maps which have been prepared for him by the American Automobile Association. These maps show the counties

where he's planning on being and lists the highway numbers that he drives as well as the communities he's going to be going through.

Whenever he can, he gets a postmark from the postoffice in the community he goes through and the Spearman post office is now in his log as well. "This isn't something I can

honestly say I've been dedicated he smiles. "Post offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and I've missed a lot of them that way.

There's also the problem of

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locating the establishments. Reavis notes that he doesn't go out of his way to find them.

"If they're in plain sight and not closed, I get a postmark," he laughs.

Meanwhile his journey across every inch of Texas blacktop continues and, barring any unforseen happenings, Reavis will reach his goal by December 31.

The remaining few counties and the country he's passing through will be chronicled in the final articles he'll be writing for the magazine.

Those articles will continue on into next year.



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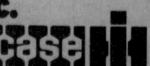
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### man dies Friday

Funeral services for Ada Brummett Flowers, 83, of Perryton -mother of Orvil Brummett of Spearman -- will be held Monday morning at the First Christian Church in Perryton.

Services will begin at 10:30 with the Rev. Tracy L. Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mrs. Flowers died Friday. Born Oct. 29, 1904 in Toulon, Ill., she had lived in Perryton since 1920.

She was married to Harry Brummett in July, 1923. He preceeded her in death in 1961. She married Roy Flowers in May, 1965. Mr. Flowers died in 1986.

Mrs. Flowers was a member of the First Christian Church in Perryton. Memorials are requested to a favorite charity or to the First Christian Church.

Survivors include her son Orvil; two step-sons. James Flowers of Canadian and Bryant Flowers of

### Mother of Spearman SISD agenda is routine

Routine items make up the bulk of a scheduled Monday evening meeting of the Spearman ISD board of trustees in the meeting room of Spearman high school.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. that night with the board to hear a financial report by Orville Latham as well as a summary of tax collections.

Under new business, an AIDS policy will get its first reading; bids will be received on a station wagon;

Trustees will consider approval of appraisers for the current school year and will look at moving the meeting date in December to the 10th to avoid conflicts with a Dec. 8 bond election.

The cross country budget will be

Five grandchildren, nine greatgrandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Arrangments are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perry-

received along with trustees looking over the regional and state cross country meets.

An executive session for the annual review of school superintendent Larry Butler will also be held by trustees.

In other action, Butler will make his monthly reports and give an update on the upcoming bond election.

Gasoline bids for November will be accepted at the meeting along with a librarians' report and the presentation of the November school calendar.

### DID YOU KNOW?

· Currently there are more than 50,000 nuclear weapons in existence. The U.S. nuclear testing program costs about \$700 million a year. More than \$100 billion has been spent on nuclear weapons development.

• 42 of our underground tests have vented radiation into the atmosphere. Fallout from one test in Nevada was detected in Minnesota

### Jaycees salute Texas war dead

The Fort Worth Jaycees will present a Salute To Texas War Dead on Veterans Day, November 11, at the Capitol building in

For the Salute, The Jaycees will read the names of all the war dead from Texas. It's a long list.

It is the goal of the Jaycees to recognize these people individually for their sacrifice and to make sure that it is not forgotten.

The reading will begin in the rotunda building at 12:01 a.m. and will continue until all the names are

The Jaycees would like the list to be as comprehensive as possible. To be sure that the name of your loved one is included, send a postcard with the name, home of record, conflict and approximate date of death to the Fort Worth Jaycees, W. T. Waggonner Bldg., Ft. Worth, Tx., 76102. You may also call 817/336-0696.

### County commissioners hold Monday meeting

Hansford county commissioners will meet in regular session Monday morning with an 11-item agenda facing them -- and items ranging from routine matters to boilers will be discussed.

Included in the meeting which begins at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom of the Hansford courthouse will be the canvasing of Tuesday's amendment balloting.

Commissioners are also expected to discuss the fencing off of a pair of county roads in southwest Hansford county on a parcel of land owned by Jack Hart.

Both roads have been maintained by the county for several years with one a dedicated road and the other a county road by prescription, notes county judge R.L. McClellan.

In other matters, commissioners

will designate a place for foreclosure sales; look over an road easement for Phillips Petroleum;

Discuss an easement for GTE. consider participation in the State Capitol Building restoration; consider an order to amend the definition of the work week;

And discuss the heating boiler located in the court house. The current heater is leaking, causing the pilot light to go out, notes the judge.

The current boiler is almost 17 years old and commissioner's had the tubing rolled last year when a leak developed.

The leak is so severe now that the burner is filling up with water as well, adds McClellan.

About six percent of all American households now have computers.

### THANK YOU, ERNEST NEWCOMb ...



### for caring and sharing with us.

All the people from the First National Bank and from all around Spearman truly appreciate what you've been doing over the years.

Your pictures of our children and grandchildren have graced our lives and, thanks to you, will continue to be a treasured part of our memories for years to come.

Ernie, you've earned a special place in the hearts of our residents. You've done it by giving without expecting anything in return. It's only fitting that you now are the recipient rather than the giver.

First National Bank is proud of the small part we played in holding the money for your camera fund. It's from people such as yourself that we learn the true meaning of caring and sharing.

We're looking forward to seeing the pictures you take with your new camera as are many others in Spearman.

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#### Services held for sister of resident

Funeral services for Edna Pierson, 83, of Hardesty, Ok. -- sister of Bob Driscoll of Spearman -- were held Thursday afternoon at the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardes-

Mrs. Peirson died Tuesday. Services were conducted by the Rev. Joe Hill, pastor of the First Baptist Church and the Rev. Randy Caddell, former pastor.

Burial was at the Ranger Cemetery by Henson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pierson, born at El Reno, moved to Range Community in 1907. She was married to Edgar F. Pierson in 1920 at Hansford, Texas, He died in 1969.

Survivors include two daughters, Elsie Blaggand Clarice Gilbert, both of Hardesty; two sons, Albert Vernon Pierson of Hardesty and Alvis "Pete" Pierson of Adams; a sister, Rose Wilkins of Hardesty; a brother, Bob Driscoll of Spearman, Tx.; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. 

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Spearman, TX 79081

- Sister

### Report given at Pampa

A Thursday meeting in Pampa will provide area parties with a special Mainstreet Project report which has been headed up by the city of Pampa.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Nona Payne conference room of the Pampa Community building located at 200 North Ballard in Pampa.

The report will be a summation of a 6-month research project by Dr. Jerry Johnson of Johnson, Moore, Kelly and Associates from Baylor University.

The project was a consumer attitude survey and was conducted throughout the Panhandle region.

The meeting is open to the general public and Johnson will be available to answer questions following the report.

### **Ex-Hansford** couple to be given reception

A former Hansford county couple -- Jack and Rosa Lee Hendrix -will be honored at a reception hosted by their children Nov. 15 at the United Methodist Church in Hardesty, OK.

Children of the couple are Cynthia DeArmond of Spearman. Shanna Shryrock of Turpin and Rene Avent of Panhandle.

Hendrix recently retired from Equity Grain in Hardesty after completing over 28 years with the

The Nov. 15 date also coincides with Mrs. Hendrix's birthday. The public is invited to attend.

#### Markets

	100
Milo	\$2.95
Wheat	\$2.32
Corn	\$1.90

We will be closed on

Wednesday,

Nov. 11th for

Veteran's Day



Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sintas of Spearman, announce the engagement of their daughter. Jennifer Marie, to Guadalupe Renteria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Renteria of Spearman.

Ms. Sintas is a 1987 graduate of Spearman high and is currently attending Frank Phillips college to become a registered nurse.

Guadalupe is a 1984 graduate of Spearman high. He is currently employed at Five Star Equipment in Spearman.

A January 2 wedding is being planned.

#### Plans announced for Greek tour

The Panhandle State University Humanities Department announced this week plans for its annual summer tour. The 1988 10-day trip will take place in Greece, and will include a three-day cruise of the Greek Islands.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Panhandle State University Humanities Department, (405) 349-2611 EXT 256 or calling Kathryn Bayless 349-2270 or Dr. Jesse Hankla 349-2458, tour directors.

# Engagement Announced

**GUADALUPE RENTERIA** 

during her stay. Charlotte Jackson and Loretta Cook of Chalor's attended the Spring Apparel Market in Dallas

part of last week. They returned late Wednesday evening. To keep the young ladies of Spearman second to none in Bridal and Prom attire they purchased many lovely dresses. They also

Congratulations to Wanda Wag-

ner on having the winning recipe in

the "First Annual Pheasant Cook-

Off' at the Amarillo Civic Center

The contest was co-sponsored by

the Amarillo Chamber of Com-

merce and the Texas Department

of Agriculture. Wanda won a trip

for two from American Airlines to

Her winning recipe was publish-

ed in the Amarillo Daily News on

Wednesday. She was also inter-

Ila Mae Buchanan returned from

Redondo Beach, Cal., on Monday.

She had been visiting her sister for

about ten days. She reports no

earthquake tremors where she was

last Saturday.

anywhere in the U.S.

viewed on T. V.

bought other special occasion dresses. Elsewhere there have been reports of the recent activities of the

County Judge and Commissioners. So now the ladies report. Barbara McClellan accompanied R. L. to Houston where he attended the Probate Judges College. After it ended, they drove to Port Lavaca

and visited their son, Bill. In San Antonio the County Judges and Commissioners convention was being held.

One day the ladies attended an Importation Style Show and a luncheon in the "Mexican Market'

At another luncheon for them, beauty salon techniques were demonstrated using models from the audience. Glenda Renner was chosen for the hair dressing.

Other than Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. Renner, Linda Venneman and Marlene Winger attended.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Harper are Mr. and Mrs. Kester Pennell. They are enroute to their home in Joplin, Mo., from hunting in Colorado.

She is a cousin of Carroll's. Others whom they will visit are the Tony Harpers and David Armes in Gruver.

Concerning neighbors in and out of the hospitals: Johnie Gaither underwent surgery at St. Anthony's week before last and reached home last Saturday. He is expected to be off work for another month.

### Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

To brighten the unpleasant week was a visit by their son and his wife. Buddy and Debbie Gaither of Clovis during his confinement.

Viola Boyd is recovering from surgery involving knee replacement at St. Anthony's Hospital. She has been in the hospital for about two weeks.

Her daughter, Winnie Carol Allen has been in Amarillo with her most of the time, and reports they are hopeful of bringing her home early next week.

The probable calf-roping champion of the recent old-times rodeo in Amarillo was side-tracked last Thursday. Travis Reger who was practicing at the arena in Spearman, had roped two calves in good time, when the third one struck him, injuring his knee.

The accident required surgery at St. Anthony's last Saturday. He is recuperating at home now and making plans for the contest next

Details are sketchy regarding the vehicle accident involving a former Spearman resident, Robert Archer.

Friends report that the accident occurred near Buffalo Lake and Robert sustained extremely severe injuries.

He is in I.C.U. in a Lubbock Hospital. His mother now lives in Perryton with his sister.

Bringing back old memories was the appearance of Dan True last Saturday and Sunday on the weather report on Channel 10. He now lives in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Jewel Kenyon visited old friends in Spearman Tuesday and Wednesday. Jewel finished high school here, being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brandt. She now lives in Portales.

### **AIDS** town hall meeting Tuesday

A town hall meeting on AIDS will be staged by the Texas Department of health at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening in the Spearman high school auditorium, one of five such meetings to be held in the Pan-

Included in the meeting will be a video presentation entitled "What Aids" and a slide presentation.

Questions from the public will be answered by David Hoehns of the

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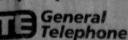
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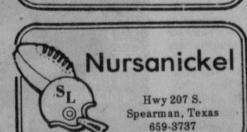
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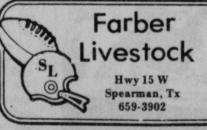






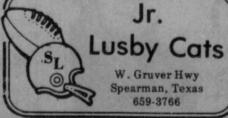
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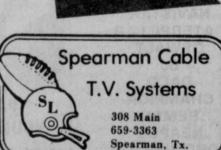
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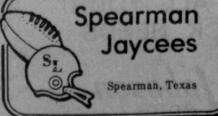












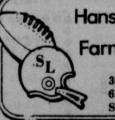


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### Employers have toll free call

Mary Scott Nabers, Commissioner Representing Employers at the Texas Employment Commission announced today that a statewide toll free line has been installed in her office.

The number 1-800-TEC-MARY, is the first free access to be made available for people wanting to directly contact her state office. Commissioner Nabers represents

### Hansford Y Harvest Ball set Saturday

The annual Hansford Y Harvest Ball is less than a week away with a special dinner and dance scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday evening in the Five Star Implement building on Hwy 15 just outside of Spearman.

336,000 Texas employers.

"With these tough economic times business men and women need and want assistance more than ever", Commissioner Nabers said. "I believe this will be a much appreciated service."

Commissioner Nabers receives over 100 calls a day from employers and /or employees.

Most are seeking answers to employemnt law issues and tax questions or want information on statewide services that are avail-

\$100 per couple and given purchasers an opportunity to win either a 7-day Caribbean cruise or a \$750 ring.

The dance will feature an Amarillo band and all proceeds from the annual event will go to the Hans-

### Lynx dominate Highland Park...

season record to 5-3-1 and left in the second quarter with Mike them 3-3 in district 1-AA play.

The Hornets, meanwhile, finished the year without a win at 0-10, including an 0-6 district record.

Of the 209 teams in class AA in the state of Texas, Highland Park was dead last all year long in this, their first season of varsity gridiron

In a game which saw the scoreboard clock run without stoping from near the beginning of the second quarter on through the remainder of the game, a talented crew from Spearman dominated all facets of play.

The lone Hornet score came off

Tyree hitting flanker Joe Fields for a 26-yard TD strike.

Jody Byas ran a reverse to cross over for the 2-point conversion with 2:35 remaining before halftime, but Spearman held a commanding 38-8 advantage despite the Hornet touchdown.

The opening score of the game came with just 2:51 run off the first-quarter clock when senior signal caller Davis hit Nelson for a 17-yard touchdown pass.

Matt Tucker provided the PAT kick and the Lynx had jumped out to a quick, 7-0, lead.

Following the kickoff, Highland Park found themselves in deep trouble following a series of losses back to their own 4-yard line.

Attempting to punt from that spot, Hornet kicker Tyree saw the ball blocked by a hard-charging Spearman defensive unit and the ball flew out of the back of the end zone for a 2-point safety.

With 7:56 still showing on the first quarfter scoreboard, Spearman had jumped to a 9-zip advan-

But that score wasn't to stand long. Following their free kick from their own 20, Highland Park found themselves pitted against the patented Lynx offensive unit which began operations from its

Spearman covered the distance in only three plays -- and a Lynx TD blast by Brandt was called back along the way -- with Davis stepping off the final three yards to

With 7:18 left in the first stanza, Tucker's PAT boot was good and the Purple and White held a 16-0 lead with the scoring avalanche yet to come.

Following the kickoff and a Highland Park punt, Spearman began oeration from their own 45.

Six plays later, facing a fourth and goal from the 5-yard line, the Lynx lined up for a 22-yard field goal attempt by Tucker.

But the snap from center bounced on the ground and an alert Tucker picked up the ball and rambled in for the TD with 3:23 remaining in the first quarter.

The snap on the PAT attempt hit the ground again and this time holder Davis picked up the ball and went around end for a 2-pointer. That set the score at 24-0 for Spearman.

Again it was kickoff by the Lynx, then punt four plays later by the Hornets.

This time Spearman found itself deep in their own territory as time continued to run off in the first quarter of schoolboy football play.

But 79 yards and 12 plays later -and finally on into the second period of play -- Shawn Cook ran over from the Hornet 1-yard line for another Lynx TD.

Tucker's PAT boot was good again and, with 10:20 remaining before halftime intermission, the score stood at 31-0 for Spearman.

Shortly thereafter, the game's timekeeper was given instructions to keep the clock running through all situations except for called time

That still didn't stem the Lynx

scoring bltiz against the hapless Hornets. Will Black intercepted a pass and returned it 24 yards for yet another touchdown, this with 8:28 left in the second stanza.

Tucker's kick was good and the Lynx found themselves holding a 38-0 score advantage.

Highland Park inserted their lone score of the night b efore the first half clock ran down, but the Lynx carried that 38-8 lead into the halftime lockers with the knowledge that there was more yet to come.

The Lynx were to add three more TD's in that time-abbreviated second half -- two in the third stanza and another in the final frame to account for their scoring.

Alan Beeson capped a 71-yard drive with a 4-yard run to open scoring in the second half.

That drive took four plays and included a 46-yard run by Brandt. Tucker's PAT kick was true, and, with 9:38 on the clock, Spearman held a 45-8 lopsided lead.

Later that same frame, Haskell Garrett stepped in from the Highland Park 1-yard line for another Lynx TD tally.

That plunge capped a 73-yard,

### Questions & Answers

Q--I am a Vietnam veteran, and I believe I was exposed to Agent Orange when I was on active duty in southeast Asia. What does the Veterans Administration offer in the way of examinations and health care?

A--Since 1978, the VA has operated the Agent Orange Registry Program for Vietnam veterans who are concerned about possible health effects of Agent Orange. Veterans who participate in this program receive a comprehensive physical examination and complete a questionaire about their service in Vietnam. The veteran is advised of the results which are entered into the Agent Orange Registry. The examination can help to detect any illness or injury the veteran may have, regardless of origin, and may provide a basis for follow-up. Vietnam veterans are encouraged to request an Agent Orange examination at their nearest VA health-care facility.

Q--I have questions about my recent Agent Orange examination. Whom should I talk to about my concerns?

If you have any questions about your Agent Orange examination, contact the environmental physician at the VA medical center where you had the examination.

### Hospital Report

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Mark Brown, Delores Rylant, and Kathy Reid.

Dismissed were: Juanita Boxford, Brad Butler, and Roy Russell. 6-play drive which included a 33-yard romp by Mark Garcia. With 1:39 showing in the third period, Tucker's PAT boot lifted the score to 52-8.

Cook put the icing on the Spearman season finale cake when he returned a Highland Park interception from the Hornet 29 with 10:26 left in the game.

Again, Tucker's point-aftertouchdown kick was good and the final was set at 59-8.

Spearman's domination was underscored in the game stats as they racked up 19 first downs to Highland Park's two first downs.

The Lynx rushed for 321 yards in the time-abbreviated contest and Davis hit on three of four passes for one TD and another 51 yards.

Spearman finished the night with 372 offensive yards while the defense held the Hornets to 24 yards rushing, another 47 passing for 71 total yards.

The Lynx defense also intercepted Tyree three times, twice for touchdowns as the Hornet signal caller hit on three of 10 attempts.

A total of eight Lynx runningbacks put yardage together Friday night with Brandt the leading ball carrier, gaining 127 yards on 11

Beeson added 67 more on nine totes while Garcia finished with 51 yards on five carries.

#### GAME STATS

	CAN TAN	INK
First Downs	19	2
Rush Yds	321	24
Pass Yds	51	47
Total Yds	372	71
Pass Md/Attm	3/4	3/10
Pass Int By	3	0
Fum Rec By	0	1
Pen/Yds	6/50	1/7

### 'King and I' to be WTSU

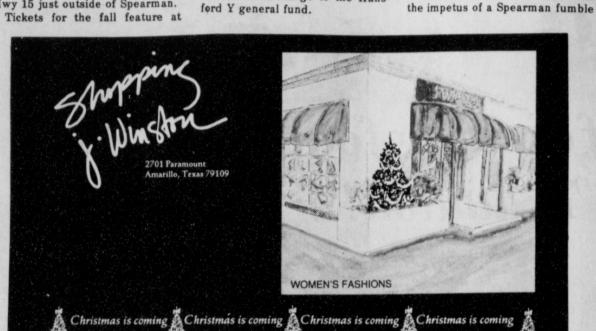
### musical feature

The West Texas State University Branding Iron Theatre will present one performance per day from Nov. 12-15 of the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I." performances are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday's performance will start at 3 p.m.

Tickets to the production are \$5 per person and may be purchased in advance or at the door. Advance tickets are currently available in Room 180 of Mary Moody Northern Hall on the WT campus.

Set in Bangkok, Thailand in the year 1862, "The King and I' is an entertaining story dealing with love, education, slavery, faith, tradition, life and death. The King of Slam, played by Meadows Foundation guest artist Tim Seelig, hires and English school teacher named Anna Leonowens to teach his children.





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#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Hansford County Hospital District is now accepting sealed bids on some items in storage that are no longer of any use to the Hospital District. All bids must be specific as to the item wanted, and all bids must be for an individual price. Each bid must state the number of items you want if there are more than one item for sale.

All bids must be received no later than November 20 1987. On items of quantity, the highest bidder will have first choice, second highest bidder will have second choice, etc.

Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. For information regarding any of the items to be bid, contact Ken Freeman, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at

All bids must be addressed to: Hansford County Hospital District, Attn: Albert La Rochelle, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081.

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2 - 36" solid core wood doors

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### The Energy Wire

Washington -- Big-ticket energy taxes -- an oil import fee and a gasoline tax -- gained a higher profile last week as Congress and the Reagan administration bargained on ways to cut the federal budget deficit in the wake of the Wall Street crash

Of the two, the gas tax appeared to stand the better choice.

Although an import fee also has been mentioned widely in national media as a way to attack both the trade and budget deficits, Energy Secretary John S. Herrington last week again shut the door on the tariff option.

Herrington told the National Petroleum Council that necessary exemptions for Mexico and Canada would poke too many holes in the fee for it to be effective.

A top aide to a senator in the budget negotiations said Energy Department officials have privately indicated that Herrington believes a gas tax will result from the discussions. Like an oil import fee, a gas tax is viewed as a measure to reduce the trade deficit by cutting down demand for growing oil imports while also raising revenue

to ease the budget deficit. The federal gasoline tax currently is 6 cents per gallon.

In a lead editorial headlined "Time for the Gas Tax," The Washington Post said the tax should be increased to curtail imports.

"With the world's chief source of imported oil threatened by unending war in the Persian Gulf, it's mindless simply to let the country's dependence keep drifting upward," said the Post, which has editorialized strongly in the past against an import fee that would stabilize and raise domestic oil prices.

Time Magazine, covering the Wall Street crash, offered only six "ways to get out from under" the deficits and put an energy tax at the top of the list. It described an oil import fee as "a twofer" that would cut both deficits, but said a gasoline tax would be an "alterna-

In a New York Times column strongly supporting an import fee, Times columnist William safire said the tariff would be a "bold action" that would act as a strong tonic for the financial markets.

He said the fee would have the added attractions of lowering worldwide oil prices and cutting into income for Iran's war effort while pulling "our own oil industry out of the doldrums." However, less favorably for the industry. Safire said a new windfall profits tax could be levied on domestic producers to make up for some of the extra benefits of a \$10 per

The Energy Wire/Doug Williamson

Oklahoma

barrel flat fee.

A gasoline tax, Safire noted, "would dampen the economy while generating no new gasoline production.'

The American Petroleum Institute, which has opposed the gas tax along with other industry trade groups, put out an analysis in August that showed the gasoline tax hitting consumers the hardest in states with the smallest populations, based on gasoline consumption percapita.

The top 10 states in gasoline consumption per capita were Wyoming, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Nevada, North Dakota, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas and Georgia with Montana and New Mexico tying for tenth.

The analysis said the tax is unfair "from a geographical standpoint."

Washington -- Energy Secretary John S. Herrington turned the tables on a questioner last week at a meeting of an influential industry advisory group on U.S. energy

Richard J. Gonzalez of Austin, Tx., a member of the National petroleum Council, wanted to know why the Reagan administration would not support an oil import fee at least on growing U.S. oil imports from the Middle East.

He noted that large cutbacks could be made in the U.S. trade and budget deficits with a fee as low as a nickel per gallon, or \$2,10 per barrel, exclusively on Middle Eastern crude. The deficits have been at the center of economic agitation over the past two weeks causing the slide on Wall Street.

Gonzalez challenged Herrington's position that necessary exemptions for Mexico and Canada would sharply reduce effectiveness

In answer to Gonzalez, Herrington noted that Middle Eastern oil imports to the United States are a small percentage of the country's overall supply. More dramatically, he asked for a show of hands from the 128-member group.

Who favored Gonzalez's idea and who opposed it?

The result showed a sharply divided industry, one reason that the path for an import fee in Washington has been so rocky. Only four members of the group lifted hands in favor of the idea while the majority of hands went up either in opposition to the proposal or as undecided.

In a meeting with reporters at the Energy Department a day earlier, Herrington seemed to make plain that the administration at this time sees no urgency about helping the domestic industry.

He cited new reports from major oil companies that third quarter profit levels were sharply higher than a year earlier. While earnings by Exxon were up only 1 percent, third-quarter profits from Mobil were up 75 percent and profits

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more than tripled at Shell.

Herrington noted that profit pictures were far different than last year when oil prices were 40 percent lower and that the situation had changed markedly since the Energy Department earlier this year issued its "Energy Security" report outlining measures that could help a struggling domestic

"I don't see an imminent return to the policies we were talking about" to aid the industry in the Energy Security study, said the secretary. However, he said the administration still favors crude oil windfall profits tax repeal.

Herrington seemed satisfied with the current state of the industry and noted, after having just returned from a two-week trip to visit leaders of Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern oil countries, that the world oil price is likely to stay in the range of \$18 per barrel.

"It was pretty clear to me . . .they intend to support an \$18

price," said Herrington. Scott L. Campbell, director of the DOE office of policy, planning and analysis, told a meeting of independent oil and gas producers in Austin on Oct. 13 that he would carry a message back to Washington about the need for oil price

stability. Judging by Herrington's remarks, that message either did not get through or the administration is convinced that when Mobil is happy, everybody's happy.

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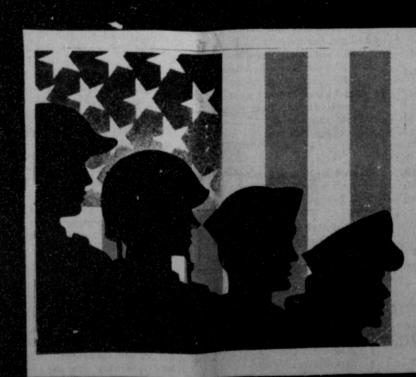
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