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Gruver says yes Palo Duro Dam project

By PHIL MILANO

Voters in six Panhandle cities approved a Palo Duro River Authority proposal to sell \$22.3 million in bonds to build a new dam and water reservoir north of Spearman by more than a 4-1 margin Tuesday.

The mandate comes one month after the Texas Water Development Board agreed to loan \$22.3 million to the PDRA to finance construction of the reservoir on Palo Duro Creek north of Spearman in Hansford County.

The final vote was 1,855 for and 449 against, according to a spokeswoman for the PDRA.

Hansford County totals, including absentee votes, were 1,210 for and 246 against, while in Hutchinson County, Stinnett voters approved the plan by a 153-19 margin.

In Moore County, Dumas approved the project 353 to 153, Sunray voted yes by a 65-25 margin and Cactus — with the lowest voter turnout — approved with 12 for and one against. Moore County absentee vote totals were 62 for and 5 against.

The project will provide water to the Panhandle cities of Spearman, Gruver, Dumas, Sunray, Cactus and Stinnett. These cities currently supply their water needs with water from the Ogallala Aquifer, but authorities have warned those wells could be depleted somewhere between the year 2000 and the year

The river authority plans to construct a dam that would form a reservoir with a capacity of 60,900 acre feet. About 5,630 acre feet would be used for municipal purposes, according to PDRA officials. The Palo

Duro Reservoir should be completed by 1993 and will be filled by runoff from Palo Duro Creek and its tributaries.

The financing plan calls for the water board to buy \$22.3 million in PDRA general obligation bonds that will not completely mature until 2012

The maximum annual debt service required for the bond issue is slightly more than \$2 million, according to Reg Arnold, TWDB development fund manager.

Based on the river authority's 1986 assessed valuation of \$1.6 billion and assuming a 95 percent collection rate, a tax rate of 13.06 cents would be sufficient to meet annual debt service requirements, he said.

The tax rate, however, will not be set by the election, Arnold said, as the bond issue presented to voters is an unlimited tax bond.

The bond Issue victory culminates more than 50 years of planning. The Spearman Lions Club asked Hansford County commissioners as far back as 1935 to look into the project.

However, it was not until 1973 when action on the project escalated with the creation of the PDRA by the Texas Legislature. The state gave the PDRA power at that time to build a dam and reservoir, and planning since then has involved the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

I ians for the development of water recreational facilities also are being studied, but the current bond money cannot be used for those projects. The river authority hopes to obtain funds for the recreational facilities from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or through local revenue bonds.

Precincts	Yes	No	Total			
1-2-5-6	870	80	950			
Gruver	203	144	347			
9	27	16	43			
Absentee 8	11v	6	116			
Stinnett	153	19	172			
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Dumas	353	153	506			
Morse Co	62	5	67			
Sunray	65	25	90			
Cactus	12	1	13			
Total	1855	449	2304			



The Gruver Greyhounds were very surprising at Wheeler last Friday night. The dogs held the Mustangs to a 2-1 score. The Wheeler Mustangs are rated #1 in the state.

This Friday night the Greyhounds will host the Beaver Dusters. The scrimmage will begin at 5:00 p.m. Fans are urged to attend and support our local team.

Angels Place 1st



T-Ball, K-3rd grade, First Row-Lexy Spivey, Jennifer Burnam, Yuki Bort, Amber Murrell, Cori Lowe, and Crystal Hennessee.

Back Row-Amy Grubbs, Kimberly

Wagner, Kacee Foster, Denise Hennessee, Monica Garcia, and Kara Hathaway. Coach-Deena Murrell.

Asst. Coach-Jimi Burnam, with the help of Mike Burnam.

Ground-breaking September 5th

State of Texas Hansford County Hospital District

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District was held on August 14, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hospital Board Room.

Present: - Jack Okes, President, Alton Ellsworth, Vice President, Leslie Barkley, Sec-Tres., Jerry Hunt Dwight Hutchison, and John Trindle. Administration; - Dennis Robertson and Dan Powers, C.M.R.

Guests - Bob Cox, Cox/Croslin, John Hutchison, Attorney, Tommy Gumfory, Attorney, Carla Gumfory, Kaye McFarlin, DON, John Reynosa, Robert Reynosa, Jerry Reynosa, John Cruz, Billy Miller, George Young, Gary Strickland, and Mike Hogan.

The meeting was called to order by Jack Oakes, President.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There being no change, Leslie Barkley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dwight Hutchison, and approved by a vote of 6 for, 0 against.

Mr. Oakes noted to all, that the Board had a full schedule, and asked that all please keep their remarks brief. Mr. Oakes then asked Mr. Powers to discuss the projected figures that was used at the last meeting that determined loss revenue. This being done, Mr. Powers also noted that we had gone back to our figures prior to ever talking with any architects, to see what revenue would be generated by the addition.

Mr. Oakes again reminded all present that a final contract has not been awarded.

Mr. Oakes then requested that anyone present wishing to be heard by the Board, please keep their remarks to 20 minutes. Mr. Oakes then asked Mr. Reynosa or his representative to speak to the Board. Mr. Gumfory, counselor for Mr. Reynosa, noted that the Reynosa Construction Company

had been in business for 16 years, that they had completed, without litigation or loss days, all their contracts. He also presented letters of recommendations and a letter from their insurance agent. Mr. Reynosa made several comments regarding days and Mr. Hick's statement. Mr. Gumfory noted the projected revenue was on the optimistic standpoint. He also noted some litigations against the Strickland firm. Mr. Gumfory also asked the Board to give serious consideration to Mr. Reynosa's bid. Mr. Oakes asked Mr. John Hutchison if days were not an important point. Mr. Hutchison stated that time was money. Mr. Cox also commented that days was a part of the bid form. Mr. Gumfory thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear.

Mr. Strickland was then given the opportunity to speak to the Board, he stated that they had been in business since 1948, and he felt they had given the best figure possible and days is considered a part of the contract. Mr. Strickland's company does an annual business of approximately \$16,000,000, and that they had many projects that are repeat call backs 2 or 3 times. Mr. Strickland stated they would not run another business down and thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Cox discussed and showed the Board the Specifications Book, that is considered part of the Bid package and covered several points in it with the Board.

Mr. Leslie Barkley made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Dwight Hutchison, and approved by a vote of 6-0. A motion was made by Jerry Hunt,

seconded by Leslie Barkley, to come out of Executive Session, approved by a vote of 6 for, 0 against.

During the Executive Session, legal documents and contemplated lidigation was discused with the Board by

John Hutchison, Attoryney.

Mr. Oakes noted that there was no

action taken during the Executive Session, and a short recess was then taken.

After a return to order, a motion was made by Alton Ellsworth, seconded by Dwight Hutchison to award the contract to the low bidder Reid & Gary Strickland Co. This was approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Annual Budget hearing was then held with Mr. Powers presenting the 86-87 budget. A vote to approve the budget was made by John Trindle, seconded by Leslie Barkley, and approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Board then took up the business of setting the tax rate. Mr. Powers presented 4 options for the Board's consideration.

The Board, after careful consideration, decided to go with option #4, which set the tax rate of .262 cents. A motion was made by Leslie Barkley, seconded by Alton Ellsworth, and approved by a vote of 6-0 to approve the rate.

The Board wanted to express their sincere gratitude to all the staff for their support and sacrifice during our time of extremely low census.

The Gurver ambulance contract was then presented to the Board and after some discussion, a motion was made by Dwight Hutchison to accept this contract, seconded by Jerry Hunt, and approved by a vote of 6-0.

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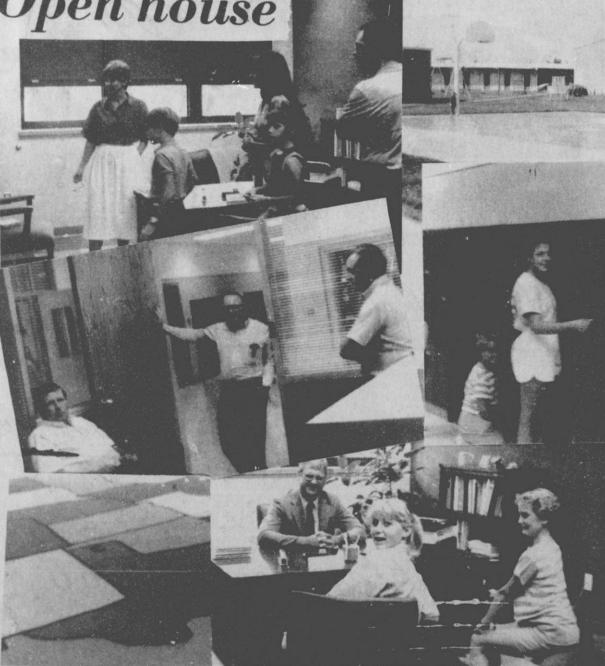
The monthly bills were presented to the Board for their consideration.

After review, a motion was made by Jerry Hunt to pay the bills, seconded by John Trindell, and approved by a vote of 6.0.

vote of 6-0.

Mr. Oakes and Mr. Powers advised the Board about their conversaion with Dr. Fred Taylors' possibility of coming to Spearman. Mr. Powers will be meeting with Dr. Taylor on the 27th of August to work out a contract that is agreeable to all. The Board authorized Mr. Powers to preceed with negotiations in getting Dr. Taylor to Spearman.

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The recently completed remodeling of the Gruver Jr. High building has brought honors among the Architectural profession in the state of Texas. Bill Duncan, junior high principal was notified last week that Richard Geer who represents the BGR Architects that photographs of the school would be on exhibit at the School Administrators Convention to be held in San Antonio in September. In an interview with Mr. Geer, we learned that Gruver Jr. High was chosen for the category consisting of a blending of New Ideas with the old. In this case, using the outer walls, the inside was completely reconstructed with safer and more

convenient utilities.

If you were able to attend the open house hosted by the members of the school board, Jack Weldon, the superintendent and Bill Duncan, you got a very good idea of why the Gruver building was chosen for this "Unusual category. The old gymnasium has been renovated and now is a spacious library which also includes storage for audio visuals. Another unusual feature is replacement of the stairways with rumors of an elevator to be installed. The computer room and the science lab will be the envy of other

All school personnel have been busy

during the unmer months getting the supplies etc. ready for the 1986-87 school year by transferring all the supplies that were removed before construction could begin in June 1985. There had also some new landscaping, shrubbery, and flowers added to

complete the "New Look".

Congratulations to all those involved in the area of education of our children for this new facility. Comments from most of the 500 plus who attended the Open House Sunday were very favorable and several were of the opinion that they wouldn't mind going to school again.

Xi Psi Kappa Meeting

Xi Psi Kappa members and their families recently held it's annual Family Picnic at the Country Home of Diane and Mike McLain. An obstacle course and relay races were ran by children and adults as well, followed by a delicious meal cooked out on the coals. Homemade ice cream topped the menu which was enjoyed by the families of Monte Cluck, Dennis Stedje, Rick Barkley, Bart Thoreson, George Odom, Jerry Hunt, Danny Henson, Joe T. Venneman, Mike McLain, and Dave Barkley. Special guests were: Bessie Mitts and Tara Shapley in attendence.

Revival

Revivial Planned -- September 7-10 First Christian Church

Dr. David Darnell, First Christian Church, Plano, TX. will be bringing our messages at the evening worship and at the noon luncheons and studies. He will be using the book of Mark as his text.

Leading our worship and bringing our special music will be Terri Lynn Weaver of Dallas, TX. Terri Lynn was a country-rock nightclub singer before she gave her life to Christ. Now she sings only for Him!

We extend an invitation to everyone to come and join us for this time of worship, study, and rnewal. Plan now to join us September 7-10 at the First Christian Church.

Seminar Offered

Amarillo College, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, is conducting two Small Business Tax Workshops on September 10, 17, & 24, 1986 and again on October 8, 15 & 22, 1986. The workshops will be held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Room #210, Building A, West Campus, Amarillo College, 6222 West 9th Avenue,

A STATE OF THE STA Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Turney request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lisa Kay Chris William Dorman Saturday, the thirtieth of August Nineteen hundred and eighty-six at seven o'clock in the evening First Baptist Church Gruver, Texas Reception to follow CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE

New Program Can Help Local Businesses Grow

SPS provides electric service in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising the Panhandle and south plains of Texas, much of eastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle, and southwest corner of Kansas.

Our region has a lot of firms--big and small--who may discover with the help of this survey that the markets or services they need are in their own backyards, or not far from it, Gibson

The survey asks for information about products, services, employment, transportation and other vital

factors, Gibson said. The information about specific firms will be kept in strictest confidence, he said. Great care will be taken that potential competitors do not become aware of details that another firm does not want

'We're not trying to get into the details of everybody's business," Gibson said. "If we find an opportunity for growth or cooperation, we'll let both parties know that it exists and then step back, letting them carry forward as they wish."

This program is one of many in

which SPS is involved that encourage economic growth. The company also works with local chambers of commerce and other organizations to attract outside industry to the region.

Spurring economic growth from within this area is the goal of an extensive new program being developed by Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS).

Within the next two weeks, many industries throughout the SPS service area will be receiving a survey designed to provide a base of information about the needs and the services of these firms. Chambers of commerce and development foundations are involved in the program. Rural electric cooperatives who purchase wholesale power from SPS will be seeking participation from their customers.

"The idea is to help cross-match firms in this area with other firms in this area with whom they can do business or otherwise cooperate," said Gary Gibson, vice president of maketing at SPS. "We want to keep dollars and jobs from going outside this region hen they don't have to. Woking together we can help existing industry spark the internal growth that our area needs, especially now."

Nationally, 85% of new jobs are created by existing businesses that expand locally, Gibson said.

'The more firms that participate in this survey, the greater good it can do-for those firms and for their employees and communities," he

Texas DPS Report

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of July, our troopers investigated 8 fatal accidents, 92 personal injury accidents, and 106 property damage accidents. There were 9 persons killed and 188 persons injured in these accidents.

Sgt. Charles Henderson of Borger stated, "In Hansford county, our troopers investigated 0 fatal accidents in the month of July. O persons were killed and 0 persons were injured in these accidents.'

For additional accident information, contact the Amarillo Highway Patrol Office (Phone #806 359-4751)

Prepared and distributed by the Safety Education Service, Region 5, Lubbock.

Engagement Announced



Deborah Wilson & Larry Birdsill

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Wilson of Gruver, Texas announce the engagement and the approaching marriage of their daughter Deborah to Larry Birdsill the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birdsill of Guymon. Deborah graduated from Gruver High School and Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas, with a degree in Civil Engineering. She is employed by the State of Oklahoma Transportation

Department. Larry graduated from Guymon High School and from Liberal, Kansas, Voc-Tech with a Micro Processor

with the Curtis Mathis Co, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wedding is scheduled for August 30, 1986, at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 3:00 p.m. with Father David Lafferty officiating. After the wedding they will be at home in Edmond, Okla.

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Amelia C. Johnson, County & District Clerk
Applications taken until Thursday, August 28th, 5:00 P.M.

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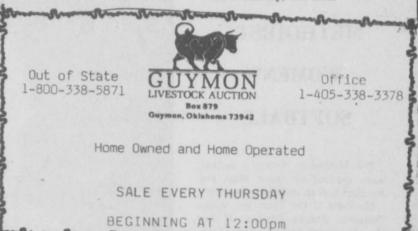
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Dwight Hutchison, seconded by John Trindle, and approved by a vote of 6-0. Ground - Breaking for the new Manor Addition is tentatively set for Friday, Sept. 5th, at 2 p.m. Jack Oakes, President Leslie Barkley, Sec-Tres.



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Summer has fast slipped by, and it has been an extremely busy one for Gruver Library. If you have not had a chance to come in and get a good book to read, hopefully you will have the opportunity soon. One of our new books now available is John D. MacDonald's BARRIER ISLAND. One of America's most popular and respected writers, returns with a novel in the tradition of CONDOMINIUM. Here is a gripping story about a multimillion dollar land swindle- and the brave, stubborn man who uncovers it - in the fragile barrier islands off the Mississippi coast. Ten miles out in the Mississippi Sound, just after dawn, a small seaplane with hidden registration numbers lands near an elegantly outfitted cruiser. An envelope stuffed full of hundred dollar bills changes hands: from Tucker Loomis, a local real-estate tycoon, to an important government employee. Small threats are exchanged, a big favor purchased. and the fuse is lit on a series of shocking events that will ultimately explode into violence and betrayal in the booming town of West Bay, Miss. For Tucker, Loomis is a man who, in his pursuit of money and status and power, recognizes no barriers at all. 1. His latest scheme: an eleborate ruse to get the federal government to buy back fragile Bernard Island from him for many times its real value. He'll go to any lengths to make sure that nothing and no one comes between him and his payoff and to start with, he's bought off many of the most influential men and women of West Bay, including an important realestate broker named Bern Gibbs. But Gibbs has a partner, Wade Rowley one of the few determined and uncorrupted men left in the community - who's convinced that buying and selling land don't have to be a form of theft or environmental rape. As he watches Bern get drawn deeper and deeper into Tuck Loomis' schemes, Rowley decides to find out for himself the truth about the Bernard Island.

What he finds out is even worse than he had imagined: Loomis had not only corrupted the powerful; he's also exploited and endangered the weak. There's Wilbur Barley, recipient of Tuck's hundred dollar bills, whose plans are long-range but whose luck is short-term: Helen Yoder, Tuck's who can't quite decide where her real loyalties lie; Ezra Feeney, a night watchman who works for Loomis and who has somehow managed to purchase a \$95,000 parcel of Bernard Island on his paltry salary.

As the favors expected begin to exceed the favors given, as the stakes are raised higher than onyone has dreamed possible, as first one dead body turns up and then another, the lies and perfidy that have brought Loomis to power in West Bay begin to unravel, and his desperate countermoves sweep us toward a forceful and surprising climax.

A powerful story of the confrontation of two determined men, a fascinating look at politics, of land in the booming Sun Belt, BARRIER ISLAND is above all a novel about decency and greed, good and evil, about the barriers we build inside ourselves to govern our behavior and how those barriers are eroded - one of the strongest novels yet from one of America's most admired and prolific

Just one of many good books for your reading pleasure. Come in and browse around!

Gruver City Library 2:00 - 6:00 Monday through Friday "Check it out" We will be closed for Labor Day, Sept.

National Association of Bank Women

The Texas - Oklahoma Panhandle Group of National Association of Bank Women (N.A.B.W.) quarterly meeting will be held Saturday September 6, 1986 at the First National Bank of Guymon in Guymon, Oklahoma.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a business meeting and luncheon.

Jimmie Main, Vice President and auditor, Garden National Bank, Garden City, Kansas will present a module on "Listening" and how to use effective listening in daily life.

The National Association of Bank Women has more than 30,000 members and is the only association which represents the interests of

women financial executives. It's programs are for the purpose of encouraging professional excellence and career growth for all women in the financial world.

Please contact Tess Walters, First National Bank of Amarillo, 379-5326 for information concerning membership in N.A.B.W. and registration for the meeting.

Local contact: Margaret Ralston Gruver State Bank

METHODIST WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

The Methodist Women's Softball team, coached by Bessie Mitts and Jon Hart had an undefeated season. Members of the Team are: Alexa Thoreson, Andrea Bayless, Mickey Maupin, Peggy Barkley, Janie Lara,

Cynthia Henson, Debbie Odom, Regina Barkley, Dee Williams, Sandy Foster, Christy Johnson, Karie Sparks, Eva Holt, Mary Tim Shook and Judy McCloy.

President Ford to speak at Boulter Reception

President Gerald Ford will be urging voters to re-elect Congressman Beau Boulter (TX-13) this year when he speaks at a Dessert Reception on Friday, September 5th at the Amarillo Hilton Inn.

The Dessert Reception, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Hilton Atrium, is \$25 per person and the public is invited to attend. Joining President Ford in honoring Congressman Boulter will be David and Roger Otwell, and Miss Rodeo Texas, Stacy Cook of Spearman.

The Otwell Twins, who appeared on the Lawrence Welk Show for seven seasons and are presently working on Welk's Christmas special, will be performing for reception guests. The Otwells, from Tulia, have just released a video entitled "One Nation Under

Rodeo Boys Ranch

The 42nd annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo will be held this Labor Day weekend when over 200 young cowboys compete for belt buckles and for the titles of Junior and Senior All-Around Cowboys. Several popular specialty acts will include a wild steer race, FFA project parade and calf scramble. Even the five and six year old boys will be seeking applause during barrel races on stick horses. Up to 10,000 people are expected to attend this nationally famous rodeo on Sunday, August 31, and Monday, September 1.

Rodeo action will begin at 2:30 both afternoons. Riding clubs from area communities will join the award-winning Boys Ranch Honor Patrol during the rodeo grand entries. The Boys Ranch Alumni wil also be represented as part of their annual reunion. Many of the Ranch's boys will be playing in the rodeo band, selling concession items or helping in other ways to make this year's event successful.

Reserved bleacher seats are still available for \$3.50 each. General admission tickets are \$2.50 and children (6-12) are admitted for \$1.00. Barbecue plates will be prepared and served by the boys for \$3.50 at noon each day. The public is also welcome to attend the Sunday morning chapel service at the Ranch at 10:30, and

rodeo dress is appropriate. The Boys Ranch Rodeo is the only one of its kind in the nation with boys of all ages riding professional rodeo stock. Further information and reservations are available by calling (806) 372-2341, or by writing P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas '79174.

Wheat	Markets	\$2.05
Milo		\$3.25
Corn		\$2.10
	Weather	
Date	Hi	Lo
22	87	64
23	86	67
24	87	65
25	86	64

Engagement announced



Erin Colwell

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Colwell of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin to David Bergin son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bergin,

Miss Colwell is a graduate of Kansas State University and works for the Texas Department of Human Services as a social worker.

Mr. Bergin is a graduate of Texas A.M. and works for Caprock Indus-

A September 27th wedding is planned.

Spanish Benefit

Dance a Success

Any kind of contest is tough especially when there are lots of people competing. There are three girls from Spearman that are in three different contests, yet are all working together to raise money for each category. These are the only ones entered from Spearman, but they have competition from other area twons. The title that these girls will receive in all three categories will be "Reyna".

Lecticia Vela, 17 years old daughter of Aurora Vela and the Late Willie Vela, is participating in the El Centro Contest in Perryton. All the money that Leticia collects will be used by the ElCentro of Perryton. Their money is to help all those families with finanical difficulties and so that utilities will not be "turned off". The winner for "Reyna" of El Centro will be crowned September 13, 1986 in the Exposition Center on HWY 15 in Perryton.

Maria Luisa Vela, 4 year old granddaughter of Aurora Vela and the late Willie Vela, is participating in the 'Reyan' contest of the St. Peter's

Catholic Church of Guymon. She is running in the little girls category. Denise Rojas, 17 year old daughter of Oscar and Dennis Rojas, is running for 'Reyna' of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Guymon in the teencategory. This contest that Maria Luisa and Denise are in is a fund raiser for St. Peter's Catholic Church, so all the money will be used as funds for the Church. The crowning for these two different categories in the same contest will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Guymon on October 18, 1986.

All three girls have been working as a group raising money equally on their behalf. The support that they have received, so far, from all the Spearman locals has been very much needed and appreciated. As one of their group events, Leticia, Maris Luisa and Denise decided to ask Los Turrys--the local Spanish Band that is very, very good--to be the main attraction in this dance. The members of the band include, Jose Luis Moreno Sr., Sergio Vargas, Sr., Arturo Vargas, Sr., Pedro Vargas, Sr., and Jose Vargas all from Spearman and Victor Medina from Perryton. The dance was held Sunday, August 24 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The dance was a great success, people from Spearman, Perryton, Gruver, Waka, Morse, Guymon, and other surrounding towns, all enjoyed the music as well as the menudo for supper. There were not any problems as many Spanish dances are "known" for, it was just a great dance with alot of fellowship and eating supper was even nicer. Los Turrys are a very popular band, they play in Spearman, Perryton, Guymon and other Oklahoma towns, in Kansas towns like Garden City, and of course, other Panhandle towns in Texas. This dance was the most successful event that Leticia, Maria Luisa and Denise have thought of.

The support that you, the people, give these girls is greatly appreciated. So lets as a community, keep supporting these three girls because it would be great to have 3 local "Reynas" reigning for a whole year. There are still lots of other fund raisers that these girls still have including Mexican food fresh off the stove which is one of the local favorites. If you want to help these girls and find out what they are selling or raffling, please give them a call: Leticia and Maria Luisa Vela call 659-5270, for Denise Rojas call 659-2158.

Hospital

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Clois Baker, Alva Garner, Leo Garcia, Dennis Rojas, and Deanna Kenny.

Dismissals are: Minnie Chesser, Claude Crossland, Minerva Vela, Mary Ooley, Jackie Reed, Mildred Daily, Andrew Bort, and Carl Kizziar.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC SAFETY

Officials of the Texas Department of Public Safety estimate that 43 persons could be killed in traffic accidents across the state during the Labor Day

The 78-hour holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Agust 29 and eands at midnight on Monday, September 1.

"During this period, the Department will have additional troopers on duty," Adams said. "We know that some drivers will be determined to violate the traffic laws. DPS officers will be taking enforcement action against as many violators as they can to increase the safety factor for law abiding motorists.'

Adams said the final fatality count for the 1985 Labor Day period was 52. "Twenty-one of the 52 deaths

resulted from traffic accidents in which speed or DWI was a contributing factor," Adams pointed out. "That's why our officers will be concentrating on these violations dur ing the upcoming Labor Day week-

Adams said the DPS deeply appreciates the positive response shown by Texas motorists to the safety belt

"We'd like to mark the first anniversary of the seat belt law by having far fewer fatalities occur than our statisticians have estimated for the holiday period." Adams said.

During the July 4th holiday period earlier this summer, 8 of 9 persons killed in motorcycle accidents had not been wearing helments.

"Though only those motorcyclists 18 and younger are required to wear protective head gear, statistics show overwhelmingly that helmets save lives," Adams said.

As part of the increased driving awareness program, the DPS will furnish revised fatality counts to the news media during the Labor Day

Texas History?

Members of the Hansford County Historical Commission have been approached by some local citizens, asking to have a class on Texas History. The Sesquicentennial Year for Texas seems to have sparked an interest for those who never attended school in Texas and want to know some of it's history.

The Historical Commission is considering such a class, if there is interest. Mr. G.W. Robinson, former history teacher in the Spearman Schools and present Chairman of the Commission, is willing to hold the classes. There would be no testing, and no cost, other than a minimal contribution to the Commission.

There are bound to be those who did not attend school in Texas who would like to learn more about the state in which they reside. If you are interested in such a class, please contact one of the members of Hansford County Historical Commission

Classes would be held this fall, 1986, once or twice a week from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is for the adults in the community.

Contact by September 1, 1986, one of the following; Spearman:

G.W. Robinson, Clementine (Mrs. B.F.) Renner, Rubyjo (Mrs. J.D.) Wilbanks, Sylvia (Mrs. T. Ray) Robertson, or Juanita (Mrs. J.L.) Pierce.

Helen Boyd (Mrs. Irvin), Joyce Johnson (Mrs. Wm.L.), and Melba Rasor (Mrs. Aubrey).

Morse:

Jenny Blankenship (Mrs. Sonny).

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Gruver, Texas, at the office of the City Manager up until 1:00 PM, September 11, 1986, and then publicly opened and read. The city is seeking bids on the following natural gas pipe:

12,000 feet of four inch IPS, PE 2306, plastic pipe which meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in currently approved ASTM-D2513 specification "Thermoplastic Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings", SDR 11.5.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantagious to the city.

All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Poly-Pipe Bid"

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, PO Box 947, Gruver TX 79040-0947.