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# THE GRUVER STATESMAN

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1986

## Citizens urged to write to EPA today!

The newly formed Citizens against Poisonous Pollutants held an executive meeting at the La Casita room in Gruver December 30th. There were 10 Committee members, 10 guests, and members of the TV and Newspaper media attending this meeting. Committee officers are: Barbara Stavlo-Chairman, Melyn Johnson - Secretary and Ila Jo Hart - Treasurer.

The agenda included report from Lynn Stedje who recently attended a conference with Jack Doege, Petroleum Geologist, in Dallas. Purpose of this conference was to discuss and exchange information on the proposed Mono-fill by ANR. Included also at this meeting were EPA representatives Jim Sales, Phil Charles and David Cohen. This meeting which took place on December 26th discussed the topics of environment, surface water, drainage water supply of the Ogalla formation.

The EPA will make a decision in February to approve or disapprove the ANR application.

Orval Allen of the North Plains Water District attended the meeting tonight in Gruver. The NPWD serves the counties of Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Sherman, Hansford, Moore and Harley Counties. Their attorney Rob Lemon has written up a resolution objecting to any type of waste dumping. This was mailed to the Railroad Commission, EPA and Texas State Water Commission. He was assured by the TSWC and RRC that they would support this.

Everyone concerned is urged to write the USEPA, Jim Sales at 1201 Elm St. Dallas, Texas 75270

An account has been opened at Gruver State Bank for anyone interested in donating to Citizens against Poisonous Pollutants (CAPP)

**A CAPP Meeting will be held**  
**January 11th, 10:00 a.m.**  
**at the Gruver High School.**  
**Beau Boulter will discuss the PCB**  
**situation concerning Hansford County.**

### NEW DIRECTORIES

Southwestern Bell Telephone will begin distributing its 1986 Gruver directories on January 8, 1986—but the real news is the colorful Sesquicentennial cover.

The artwork selected for all Texas directory covers this year is Arlington artist Bill Hall's work, "Texas Retrospect 1836-1986." The art is an oil wash montage which captures the spirit of 150 years of rich Texas history.

It was selected as the cover art from more than 500 paintings entered in Southwestern Bell Telephone's Sesquicentennial Directory Cover Contest.

The painting, which will appear on the covers of nine million Southwestern Bell Telephone directories to be distributed throughout Texas in 1986, features illustrations of people, places and events that helped shape the 150-year history of Texas, including:

Sam Houston, hero of the Battle of San Jacinto and second president of the Texas Republic; Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th U.S. President; the Alamo, "The Shrine of Texas Liberty"; Lone Star, The Texas state flag; Kicking Bird, the Kiowa Indian

who attempted to bring peace between the white man and the Indian; Henry O. Flipper, a Texas resident who was the first black to graduate from West Point; and Spindletop, the gusher near Beaumont that shot up in January 1901 making the beginning of the modern petroleum industry.

Inside the directory this year are 9 white pages and 22 yellow Pages including more than 1,166 listings.

"More than 1,070 directories will be distributed to customers from January 8, 1986 until January 15, 1986," said Gary Stevens, Manager-Community Relations for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. "If your friend across town gets a directory before you receive yours, please be patient since all directories are not delivered the same day."

Emergency telephone numbers have placed on the inside front cover of the new directory. In the "Customer Guide" at the front of the directory customers will find information on how to do business with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

The directory contains listings for the Gruver calling area.

### J.W. "Buck" Buchanan Seeking Re-Election



State Representative J.W. "Buck" Buchanan of Dumas this week formally announces his candidacy for re-election in the Texas 88th Legislative District.

The North Plains native has a long record of service in agriculture, civic and youth work, and has received a number of awards for his achievements, locally and regionally.

Buchanan is recognized as a leading authority on North Plains and Texas water resources and has worked in developing Texas water plans and legislation.

Representative Buchanan was elected in 1980 and again in 1982 and 1984 in his present tenure, but

had served 2 terms in the Texas House several years back. He serves on three permanent House Committees; they are Natural Resources, County Affairs and House Administration. He has been named by the House Speaker to serve on three interim committees to prepare recommendations on legislation at the next session in 1978.

"I believe that my experience to effectively serve the area. I will work to assure that the people of the 88th District have their needs heard and met in Austin."

Representative Buchanan devotes all of his time to his job as Representative in the District and in Austin and says of the office: "I have worked constructively in Austin for the Panhandle and I have worked to defeat legislation that served special interests or that increased State spending needlessly and carelessly. I am proud to have a record of being conservative and responsible, as my district expects me to be."

"I am asking your support and vote in the 1986 election on my record of serving the district," Buchanan adds. "I will be visiting over the district in the months ahead to keep abreast of the people's needs and wishes - and to ask and thank you for your support."

Political advertisement paid for by Ken Morrison, Treasurer, P.O. Box 635, Dumas, Texas 79029.

### Sparks services

Virginia Clista Sparks, 73 of Spearman, died Friday morning. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January the 4th at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman. Rev. Lane Boyd officiated. Burial was held at Holt Cemetery.

Mrs. Sparks was born at Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Survivors include her husband Raymond, of Spearman; Joyce Ray Haines of Carrollton, Texas; and Nadine Milton of Sunray, Texas; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Virginia was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman. She was united in marriage to Raymond Sparks November 13, 1931 in Spearman, Texas.

### Debra L. Soapes services held

Debra Lynn Soapes, 31, of Gruver died Wednesday.

Services were held at 3 p.m. in the First Christian Church with Gene Clack, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Spearman.

Miss Soapes was born in Perryton and was a longtime resident of Gruver. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include her parents, Clyde and Ina Soapes Sr. of Gruver; two brothers, Clyde Jr. of Gruver and Jessie of Waukegan, Ill.; two sisters, Alice Peady of Gruver and Brenda Crowley of Panhandle; and her grandmother, Mattie Belle Dyer of Spearman.

Memorials may be to the Memorial Fund of First Christian Church in Gruver.

### Hartsell

#### services held

Howard E. Hartsell, 70, of Spearman died Wednesday.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Boxwell Brothers Chapel in Perryton with the Rev. Marion Sparks, pastor of Calvary Temple, officiating. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. in Moscow Cemetery in Moscow, Kan.

Mr. Hartsell was born in Preston, Kan., and had lived in Spearman since 1957.

Survivors include a daughter, Reba Jones of Tulsa; two stepsons, Royce McClure and Ross McClure, both of Perryton; a stepdaughter, Rhonda Croley of Perryton; a brother, C.R. of Yakima, Wash.; five sisters, Dorothy Baldwin of Newton, Kan., Ruby Hipp of Rolla, Kan., Frances Morgan of Guymon, Okl., Hazel of Dodge City and Marge of Newton; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Come dance tonight

The Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club will dance tonight January 9th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Golden Age Center with Murry Beasley calling. Come join the fun!!

### HEART ASSOCIATION TO MEET

A meeting of the Hansford County American Heart Association will be held at the Community Building in Morse, Texas, Monday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m.



**R.L. McFarlin**  
Sheriff of Hansford County  
P.O. Box 68 • 806-659-2512  
Spearman, Texas 79081  
Tx #0980000

### \$200.00 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the theft from the Bryan Jones Farm.

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Jr. is informing the citizens of Hansford County that there have been several farm thefts in the county. These have been thefts of drills, tools, saddles and bridles. The thefts have taken place in isolated places. Also, the Sheriff would like to inform the citizens of several burglaries in Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hemphill counties that have taken place at residences along the main highways. These thefts have involved jewelry, guns and household items.

Sheriff McFarlin advises the community to take extra care in making certain their homes are locked and if anyone notices anything unusual let the sheriff's office know.

Dr. C.Y. King, Cardiovascular Surgeon, of Amarillo, Texas, will be the guest speaker at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

## OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM



### HANSFORD COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 11 - Stationmaster's House Museum Open

House & Quilt Contest

FEBRUARY 1 - Sesquicentennial Celebration

7 p.m. - Gruver Auditorium

### UNITED STATES SENATORS

**LLOYD BENTSEN, D-Houston**  
Attorney. LLB—University of Texas. 2-11-21. C—1948-54; S—1971-present.  
Room 703 Hart Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 • 202/224-5922  
Room 912 Federal Building, Austin, Texas 78701 • 512/482-5834  
Suite 4026 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77002 • 713/229-2595  
Room 7C30 Earle Cabell Building, Dallas, Texas 75242 • 214/767-0577  
Environment and Public Works; Finance; Joint Economic Committee; Select Committee on Intelligence; and Joint Committee on Taxation

**PHIL GRAMM, R-College Station**  
College Professor, Businessman. BBA, PhD (Economics)—University of Georgia. 7-8-42. C-1979-1985.  
Room 179 Russell Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 • 202/224-2934  
216 W. 26th, Ste. 106, Bryan 77801 • 409/779-9613

### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**BEAU BOULTER, R-Amarillo**  
Attorney. BA—University of Texas, JD—Baylor Law School. 2-23-42.  
1427 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515 • 202/225-3706  
3416-E Olsen Blvd., Amarillo 79109 • 806/359-8574  
Thirteenth District—Archer, Armstrong, Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger  
Budget

### TEXAS SENATE

**BILL SARPALIUS, D-Hereford**  
Teacher, Business & P.R. BS—Texas Tech, MS—West Texas State. 1-10-48. S—1981-present.  
P.O. Box 7926, Amarillo 79114 • 806/622-2502  
Dist. 31—Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler

### TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**J. W. BUCHANAN, D-Dumas**  
Retired. High School. 3-20-08. H—1959-1963, 1981-present.  
P.O. Box 808, Dumas 79029 • 806/935-9058  
Dist. 88—Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Roberts, Sherman, Wheeler  
Sen. Sarpalius

The mailing address for all Senators in Austin is:

P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas 78711

The Mailing Address for all Representatives in Austin is:

P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769

### Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Del Cluck of Gruver announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Nanette, to Mr. Thomas David Haines, Jr., of Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. Haines is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Haines, Sr., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A March 1 wedding is planned in the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Miss Cluck graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, with a Bachelor of

Business Administration degree in tar Board and Phi Kappa Phi. She is employed with Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley in Amarillo.

Mr. Haines received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in Norman, Oklahoma. He is associated with Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley in Roswell, New Mexico.

### Karen's Kozy Korner

Some people say the New Year's resolutions - like diets - are made to be broken. If that were the case, a resolution to lose weight would be doomed.

But if you're serious about becoming fit and shedding extra pounds, it doesn't have to be that way. Applying some goal-setting techniques can help you fulfill this New Year's resolution.

A goal states specifically what you want to have, get, do or be. It's not enough to say you want to change the way you eat and exercise. What and how do you want to change? Do you want to snack less? Get daily exercise? Feel better and have more energy?

Avoid setting your goals according to the values of others. Your friends may want you to lose weight for appearance sake, but perhaps your real concern is improving your health. You'll have a better chance of reaching goals that are based on what's most important to you.

Put your weight and fitness goals in writing. This will help you move from having a vague wish for the future to making a commitment.

Set both short-term and long-term goals. Reaching short-term goals will give you a feeling of success as you move along and contribute to your long-term goal. So, for example, if your short-term

goal is to get some exercise every day this week, accomplishing that will help you reach your long-term goal of making exercise a habit.

State your goals positively and visualize yourself having already achieved each goal. For instance, instead of "I would like to get more exercise," your goal might be better stated "I am walking for 30 minutes each day after work, and it's adding relaxation and exercise to my life."

Finally, set some target dates for reaching your goals - but be realistic. The goal of fitting into a size smaller clothing may not be a realistic one for the next week, but could be a goal for six months from now. Target dates can create a challenge within you and help you think and act with a sense of urgency.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES REGARDLESS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL, RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGION.

#### Happy Tears?

Why does mother do all she can to help daughter catch a man, and then cry at the wedding?

-Chatter, Connellsville.

You are cordially invited to a wedding shower honoring Mrs. Clifford Neil McGarraugh III [nee Karla Latta] January 11, 1986 10:00 - 11:30 First State Bank

Hostesses  
 Verna Strawn Glenda Guthrie  
 Mary Dixon Sheryl Meek  
 Judy Nelson Marti Garnett  
 Eulalia Blankenship Wynell Hager  
 Judy Friemel Toni Archer  
 Kay Vernon Martha McRee

Selections at Sacks and ChaLor's  
 9s-2tc 13-1tc

#### FOR MORE HELP

If you need more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

#### HOW TO GET HELP

If you purchased a lot for your home or mobile home and it is not living up to the developer's claims, you may get help from our Consumer Protection-Housing section in Austin at (512) 475-1081.



#### SEWAGE TREATMENT

Sewage treatment plants serve some developments, especially those with smaller lots, and are licensed by the State Health Department. Often larger-lot subdivisions (those with lots of an acre or more) are adequately served by septic tanks. Attorneys who have dealt with septic tank problems tell me that it is unwise to purchase a home or locate a mobile home in a subdivision served by septic tanks if the lots are less than one acre in size. The smaller lots are in jeopardy of being overrun by sewage from neighboring lots when septic tanks are placed too close together.

Diana Kay was born December 30, 1985 at 7:25 p.m. at High Plains Baptist in Amarillo, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs, 1/2 oz.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Scales of Borger, Texas. Parental grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Riddle of Borger, Mr. Perry Scales of Stinnett. Maternal grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bonham of Gruver, Texas.

Great grandparents are: Mrs. Jesse Scales of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Payne of Dumas, Texas and a great-great grandmother, Mrs. Vera Bryan of Burkburnett, Texas.

#### Doesn't Add Up

One of life's mysteries: Why the girls with the least principle draw the most interest.  
-Tribune, Chicago.

#### Happy Tears?

Why does mother do all she can to help daughter catch a man, and then cry at the wedding?  
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Woodsy Owl says Only Nature Should Paint Rocks!

Give a hoot. Don't pollute.

Forest Service, U.S.D.A.

# Your New Year's Goal: An IRA in 1986

## DEVELOPING YOUR GOAL FOR THE NEW YEAR

There is an important way you can help your financial strategy now and at retirement time.

It's with an IRA. Individual Retirement Account from First National Bank in Perryton.

You can help now because it's the biggest tax break ever. Every wage earner can subtract up to \$2,000 yearly from your gross annual income with an IRA. Married couples with a non-working spouse may deduct up to \$2,250 or when both work up to \$4,000.

## PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Of course, at the First National Bank in Perryton your IRA is protected up to \$100,000 by the FDIC. And, we charge no maintenance fee.

## REACH YOUR GOAL

Then an IRA helps you later because your money draws interest at the highest rates available until you start making withdrawals at retirement. It is remarkable how much momentum an IRA can gather as you head towards retirement. If you start before 30 it can accumulate more than a million dollars.



**1st** First National Bank  
 Perryton, Texas  
 806/435-3676  
 Member FDIC

### Winter Sale

30% off

Ladies Fall & Winter Shoes

Handbags - 30% off

Childrens Shoes 30% off

Sale starts

Sat. Jan. 4, 1986

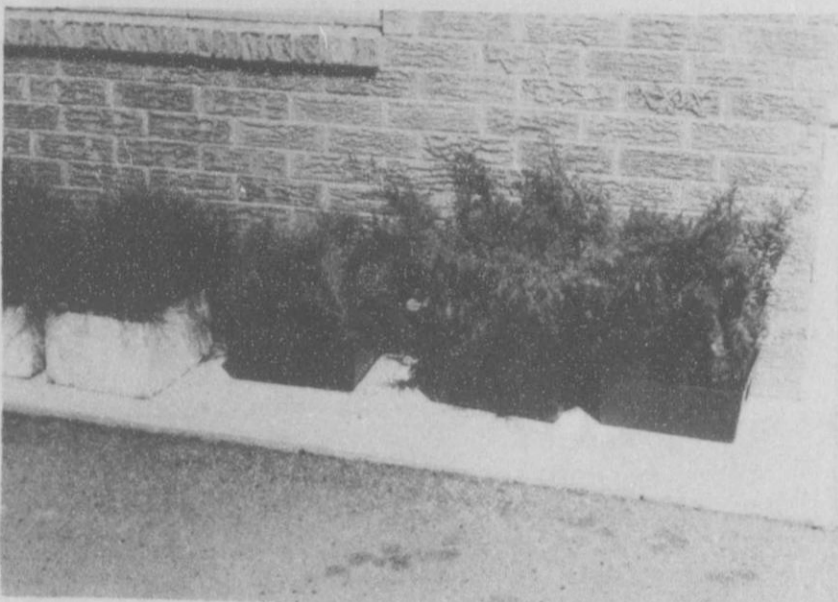
**Boyd's Family Shoes**

209 Main Street

Spearman, Texas



# Windbreak seedling program



trees with a top height of 4-10' and are sold in multiples of 30 at a cost of \$35.

Deciduous shrubs available include Honeysuckle, Lilac, Plum and other species. These are bare root plants 10-30' in height and are sold in multiples of 100 at a cost of

\$40. Several popular deciduous trees including Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash and Cottonwood are also available.

Order blanks are available at the Soil Conservation Service office which is in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building at 505 W. 11th in Spearman. SCS personnel are available to assist with the planning of your windbreak. Place your order early to assure the best selection of species available.

The Hansford Soil & Water Conservation District is again sponsoring a windbreak seedling program. These young trees are available to rural landusers for establishing farmstead and feedlot

windbreaks. Evergreen species available this year include Rocky Mountain Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine and several other species. These are potted

★  
**Parents,  
Parties,  
and the  
Law**



Q. Are the police ever called out to assist parents when their child's party has gotten out of hand?

A. Yes. Most problems arise at parties involving high school age children and usually in situations where parents are absent. The two major problems at these parties are uninvited guests and the consumption of alcohol. I recall one incident in which a fifteen-year-old was rushed to the hospital near death because of the amount of vodka he had consumed. Again, this happened at a party where no adults were present.

Q. What are parents' responsibilities when their child has a party in their home?

A. Most parents are ignorant of the law in this regard. Many have called the police department to inquire about their responsibilities. Parents should know that there are criminal charges that can be brought for serving alcohol to minors and for risking injury to minors. Penalties of up to one year in prison, fines ranging up to \$1,000, or both, may result if a parent is caught allowing minors to consume alcohol.

Q. What advice would you give to parents who want to allow their child to have a party?

A. First there must be parental supervision. Parents are legally responsible for what happens to minors in their home. Second, do not allow alcoholic beverages to be served. Limit the number of guests and let the party be "by invitation only." A word-of-mouth general invitation brings party crashers.

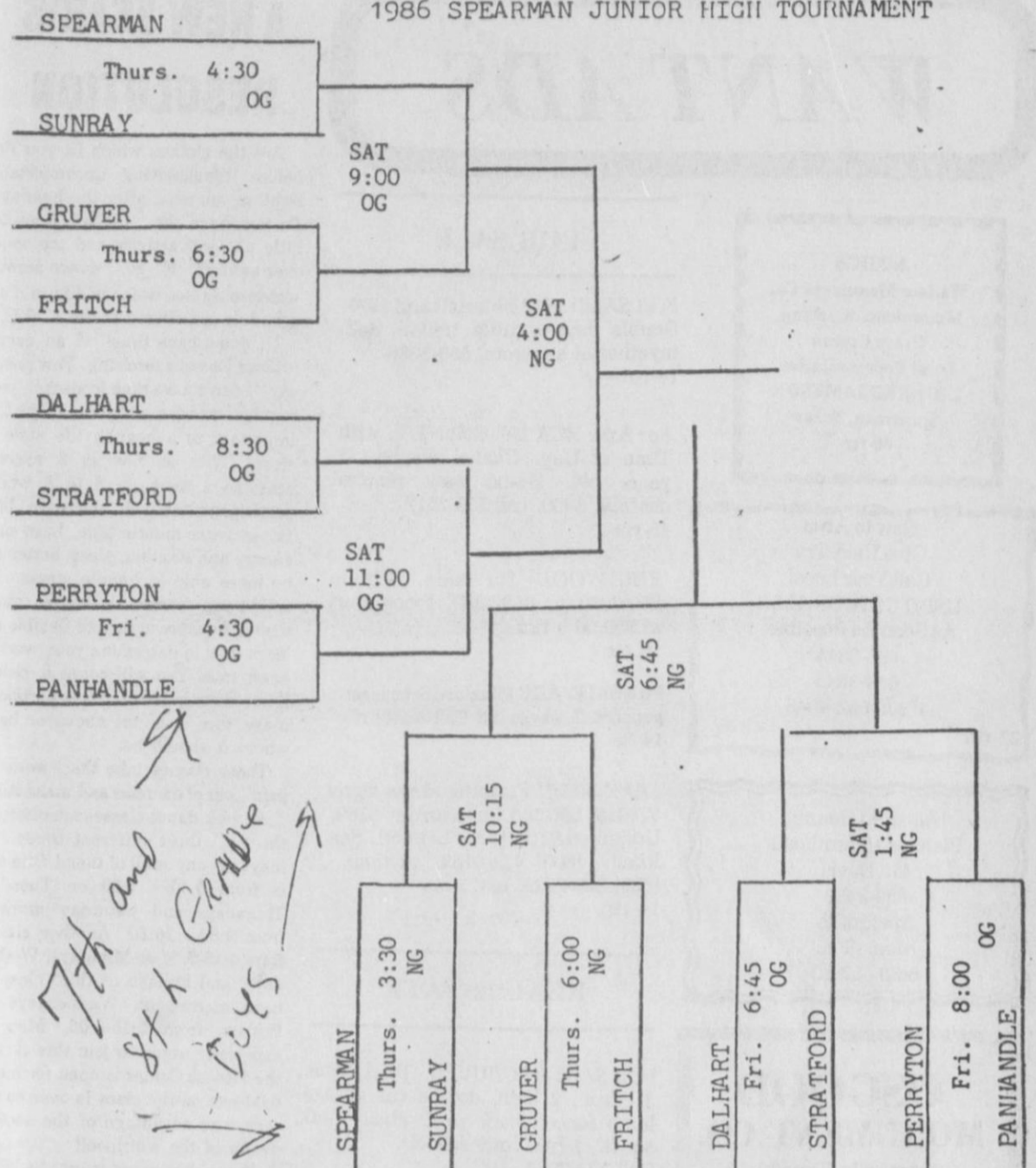
Source - *Texas' War On Drugs*

## PIG SHOW BEST in the WEST

On January 4, 1986 the Gruver FFA hosted the Best in the West Prospect Pig Show. Jim McMangal judged the show which consisted of 46 pigs from the Panhandle area. The grand champion prospect hog was shown by Brad Clay of White Deer, Texas and the Reserve champion prospect hog was shown by Amy Morris from Mobeetie, Texas. We would like to give our

special thanks to the following businesses and people for their donations: Bort Agency, Gruver Ford, Sluder Evans, Gruver Lumber, Little Tiffanies, Gruver Insurance, Gruver Farm Supply, Double "D" Fertilizer and Feed, Karen Sparks. Without these donations we could not have had this successful event. Thanks Gruver for your support.

### 1986 SPEARMAN JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT



#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Teenage drug problems appear in 6 to 12 months; in adults in 3 to 4 yrs.
- In up to 90% of child abuse cases, alcohol is a significant factor.
- Children of alcoholics are four times as likely to develop substance abuse problems.
- Bottom line on cocaine. Everyday 5,000 more Americans try cocaine for the first time. 25 million are users. American Medical Association found that coke, when used regularly, maybe more lethal than heroin. Our government data reports that the number of cocaine deaths in '79-'80 were 129 to 456 in '83-'84. 16% of high school seniors reported using cocaine.



# IV's BARBECUE Hungry Cowboy

10:00 a. m. until 9 p. m.

Monday through Saturday---

## Now Open

1020 South Hiway 207 - Spearman, Texas

Closed Sunday

Phone - 659-5151



May your home ring out with success and health for the New Year. Sincere thanks and best wishes for our patrons.

## Hansford County Farm Bureau

806-659-3133

**MELVIN  
BRADLEY**  
BOX 578  
307 W. DAVIS  
SPEARMAN, TEXAS 79061



TEXAS FARM BUREAU  
INSURANCE SERVICES

## IV's Hungry Cowboy now open

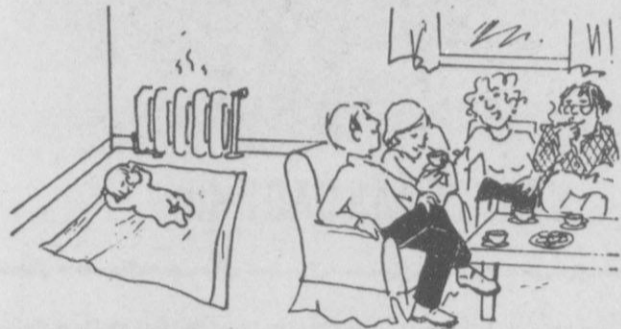
IV's Hungry Cowboy opened Saturday morning, January 4th at 10 a.m. The beautiful new cafe will feature Mr. and Mrs. Ivey's outstanding ribs, slaw, beans ham, and all of the trimmings. Their new cafe is located on the Borger Highway in the building formerly used by the Drive-In Theater. You are invited to stop in this Saturday

and eat at the Hungry Cowboy. The dining room features a circular fireplace, several tables, and a beautiful western type motif.

### MARKETS

WHEAT	\$2.91
MILO	\$4.05
CORN	\$2.70

## A question of burning



### New Baby [Jill, 2 months]

How It Happened  
Margie and Dan were so proud of their new baby. Only a few months old, Jill could do so many things—hold her head up, laugh out loud, hang on to things, laugh back at you when you giggled and tickled her tummy.

Over Christmas they went to spend the holidays with Dan's parents. One afternoon they were visiting some old friends and showing off the baby. "Why don't you stay for dinner?" the friends said. "Jill is sleepy and needs a nap," Margie said. "We'd better not." "She can sleep right here," one of the friends said. "We'll put a blanket on the rug and she can sleep over in that corner." Dan and Margie decided to stay. They fed Jill and put her down on the blanket. She went right to sleep.

About two hours later, Jill woke up. She seemed happy lying on the blanket, studying her feet, so they left her there. All of a sudden Jill let out a cry. Dan and Margie jumped up and ran over to the corner. Jill had turned over on her back and struck her arm against the hot radiator. They put cool water and on the burn and rushed Jill to the hospital.

After they were sure she was going to be all right, Margie said "You know, she never rolled over before. We're going to have to watch her carefully so that we always know what she can really

do!"  
Child developed large full blister at shoulder. She was taken to the emergency room and admitted to the pediatric ward, where her wound was cleaned and bandaged. After two days of care, the wound

continued to be clean; she was discharged and returned daily to the clinic for dressing changes. Her burn healed in two weeks, leaving slight scarring.

### Questions

What hot surfaces are in your home?  
Medical Record  
2nd degree burn to right shoulder/upper arm.  
Hospitalization  
2 days.



Ada Joyce Stedje looks at the state bird. Ada Joyce made this costume of a mockingbird to be

### GRUVER GIRLS WIN:

The Gruver girls won a thriller at Greyhound stadium Tuesday night. They defeated the Booker lady Kiowas by 10 points, 39-29. Dala Shapley and Anne Potts hit 11 points for the lady Hounds.

The Gruver boys lost a heartbreaker by 1 point, 41-40! Trevor Williams hit 14 for the Greyhounds and Clay Smith hit 9.

The district play has now started for all of the Gruver teams.

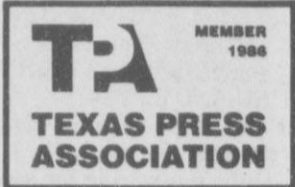
### Shakespeare bibliography finds a new home at Texas A&M University

COLLEGE STATION — Folks in Aggieland are making much ado about something — becoming the new home to the World Shakespeare Bibliography and its 50,000 computerized entries of authors who have written or been written about because of the Bard.

The resource center, headquartered

at Penn State University for almost 20 years, is responsible for the annual Shakespeare bibliography published by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington.

Since moving to Texas A&M University in August, the four-member bibliography staff has been busy arranging its computer files and thousands of books, articles and printed pieces of information pertaining to Shakespeare, his work and its depiction in film and on stage.



## Karyn L. Plank selected

Harry H. Phillips, President of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, today announced that Karyn L. Plank has been selected as Executive Vice President of the Association. Plank succeeds Mary Nordsven who resigned last month to move to North Dakota. Plank is an Amarillo native and a 1977 graduate of West Texas State University. She was formerly employed by Mesa Petroleum Co. as administrative assistant to the president. Plank and her husband, Daryl, have one daughter, Kelly.



Big Bird (Ada Joyce Stedje) gives Janie Kunselman a big kiss. The two will be featured in the Hansford County Sesquicentennial Celebration this year.

Also Janie Kinselman announces that the Sesquicentennial Band is rehearsing and will be ready to present their 1st Musical in Gruver in the near future.

Sandy Spivey has her Sesquicentennial painting on display in the Gruver State Bank.

# Fall and Winter Clearance

30 to 50% off  
Sale

in progress

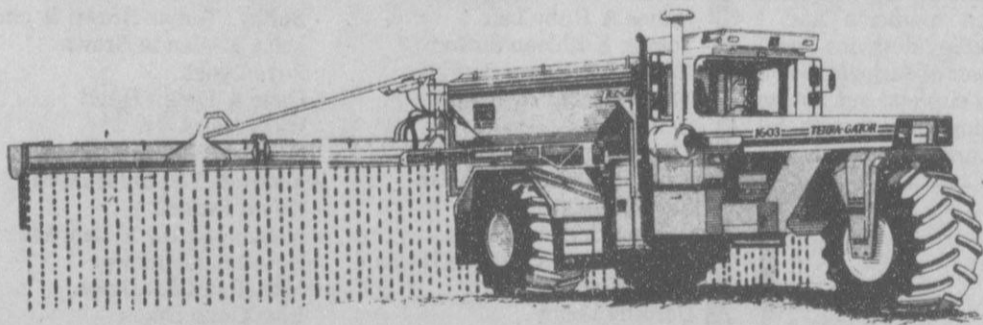
J.G.'s

306 Hancock

Spearman, Texas

659-3424

## TOP DRESS YOUR WHEAT NOW FOR MORE BUSHELS AT HARVEST



Liquid fertilizer, such as 28% UAN Solution, is priced as low as we have seen in years. A top dress application of liquid fertilizer has proven to be a cost effective method of increasing yields at harvest. Also herbicides, such as 2, 4-D or Glean can be applied right along with fertilizer. We cannot forecast how long fertilizer prices will remain at these levels, but you may want to seriously consider making a decision on your fertilizer needs as soon as possible, while there is plenty of time, product, and equipment available.

See your fertilizer specialist at the Perryton Equity.

# EQUITY

435-4016

## Sesquicentennial Committee met Friday

The Hansford County Sesquicentennial Committee met at noon on Friday, January 3 at the Cattleman's Supper Club to make final plans for the open house of the Stationmaster's House Museum. The Open House will be Saturday, January 11.

Also during the Open House there will be a Quilt Block Contest. sion office (859-2030) or 733-2901) for instructions. The blocks will be due in the Extension office January 6 for they will be judged. They will then be displayed at the Museum during the Open House. The public

will vote as to which block they would like to represent the county in the Panhandle Plains Museum Quilt.

Come celebrate with the songs of Texas on February 1, 7 p.m. in the Gruver, School Auditorium. The committee has planned an evening of interesting entertainment. History and song will be combined with local talent to help celebrate the Sesquicentennial. If you would like to be involved call Janie Kunselman - 659-2631.

We need the names of the people who lived at Old Hansford and

citizens of Hansford County 85 and older. Please call Rubyjo Wilbanks -3084.

The dates for the special activities planned out for 1986 are shown on the Stationmaster's House Museum Sesquicentennial Calendar. The calendars are on sale now for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 at the Stationmaster's House Museum, Chamber of Commerce office, First State Bank, First National Bank, Library or the Tax Office in the Courthouse.

### A&M dean says worry about why kids can't pass not why they can't play

COLLEGE STATION — Rather than worry about why students can't play, parents should be concerned about why they can't pass, says the dean of the Texas A&M University College of Education.

"Something is wrong with the system," said Dean C. Corrigan. "Recent figures show that a large percentage of Texas high school students are failing one or more courses. If half of a doctor's patients died somebody would start asking questions about the way medicine was being practiced."

Corrigan's comments came at the end of the first six week grading period in which the state's no-pass, no-play rule makes students ineligible for extracurricular activities if they fail to pass all subjects. Reports from throughout the state indicate many students failed to maintain their eligibility.

Corrigan was critical of the heavy emphasis on test scores as a measure of student worth.

"One of the most frightening aspects of the current emphasis on testing is that the push for high test scores may become a device for weeding students out of the school system," Corrigan said. "The worst thing that could happen is in five years the average SAT score or state mandated test score increases and we learn that the reason for the increase is that the 20 percent of the students who needed help the most were pushed out of school."

Corrigan, who served on the state-wide Perot committee which proposed the no-pass, no-play standards that were incorporated into state law, said if students can't pass the tests, educators should examine the curriculum and teaching methods as well as students.

"We've got to stop blaming the victims," he said. "The aim of a school is to help young people succeed academically. We must make our schools better, not just tougher. Success is the primary motivator for quality, not threat."

"Our schools are supposed to help all children become all they are capable of becoming," said Corrigan. "If they have worked as hard as they can in school they should not be made to feel like failures for life."

### Community disaster plan aids redevelopment and reduces future losses

COLLEGE STATION — During the emotionally-charged days following a major hurricane, local governments are often so swept up in pressing issues that redevelopment occurs in high risk areas without proper planning, says a Texas A&M University researcher who studies community response to disasters.

"People tend to redevelop even more rapidly after a hurricane," said Dr. Philip Berke, an architectural research scientist, in response to inquiries prompted by Hurricane Gloria. "Local authorities have the authority to manage development, but people urgently want back into their homes, businesses want to start selling their goods and water systems need to be restored. With these pressing issues, long

range plans and orderly reconstruction often is tabled."

Because of these pressures, he said, communities need to prepare in advance for natural disasters. Communities that are best prepared seem to come through a disaster with less chance of loss of life and less total damage to highways, water systems and residential development, Berke said.

Berke believes both federal and local governments should be more concerned with reducing future losses than with financing the same kinds of development in the same low-lying, high-risk areas.

## ON THE GO WITH JOY

Well, I've completed 2 of my New Year's resolutions or as I like to put it - accomplished 2 of my goals for 1986, but since this is the first Tuesday after the holidays and it is cold out there, I'm finding it difficult to get out there and get the news gathered. But since "The Boss" said STOP THAT PIDDLING AROUND AND GET BUSY. I said OK if you insist. I think that the main problem is that while I was doing without a vehicle for several weeks, I had to borrow some of these old wrecks that we have parked as semi-junk and the newspaper employees didn't know what I was driving. So, they couldn't find me and thought I had quit and left town. But who can afford to leave town? I couldn't get to 4 corners south of town before I'd run out of money.

Back to the subject of junk vehicles. If they only knew how many times I nearly fell out of the "Ole Yeller" when I turned a corner because I couldn't latch the door. Then, the next week I got demoted again to a vehicle that I didn't dare leave city limits in. Then maybe the next week, I'd have a different vehicle and The Boss couldn't find me again. Wonders why he didn't let me borrow his - or better yet give me one for Christmas. Anyhow, I've got my trusty Lincoln back but somehow or another, it got into a scape with a pipe and is losing some of its' paint. Plus a six inch gash when it tried to budge a trailer.

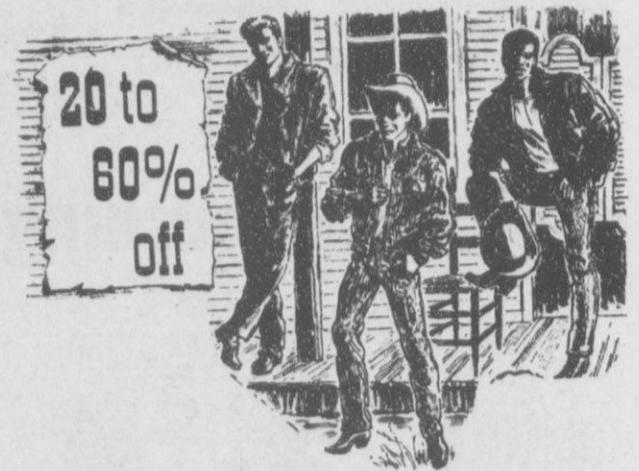
Boy Have I got good news for those of you who like to see me in trouble! Do you remember me telling you about the letter I got from the IRS about the middle of December? About a mistake they had made when they sent me a refund way back in May? About how they would send me a letter later stating how much to pay them back and the due date? About how I was praying for money from somewhere to pay them back but please God not another refund from the IRS? Guess what? I got the letter from them 2 days before Christmas. I owe them \$500 plus interest due by Jan 2, 1986.

But guess what again? Another member of my family received a check through the mail from the IRS for a Tax Refund 1983 and boy! Could I use that money! Well I don't exactly trust that unexpected money and I may hide this envelope until I have time to find out if this is another mistake on the part of the IRS that we will have to pay back plus interest or can we keep it.

Anyhow I've run out of uncler and indigestion medicine and I need some free legal advice and I am get me a pair of dark glasses, a cane, and a tin cup and set out on the street and beg. First though, let it get a little warmer.

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If you would like to join in donating to the work the Auxiliary will be doing in 1986, please send your contributions to "Operation Christmas Greeting" Helen Etter, Box 1045, Spearman, Texas, 79061 and list the way you would like your name to appear on the Christmas list.

## A CAPP Meeting will be held

January 11th, 10:00 a.m.

at the Gruver High School.

Beau Boulter will discuss the PCB

situation concerning Hansford County.

## DRINKING AND DRIVING IS DOUBLE TROUBLE

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"The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end."

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### Winter Driving Tips:

With less daylight hours and more adverse weather conditions ahead, safe driving habits are a must.

Leave enough room between you and the car in front of you to make an emergency lane change. Watch for tail lights of the vehicle two cars in front of you. Be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary.

When waiting at a red light, wait a few seconds before proceeding on a green light. The driver coming through the intersection may be speeding up to beat the red light.

Leave your headlights on low beam when approaching other vehicles at night. If the approaching car has its headlights on bright, glance to the right side of the road and avoid looking directly at the oncoming lights. This will prevent you from becoming momentarily blinded.

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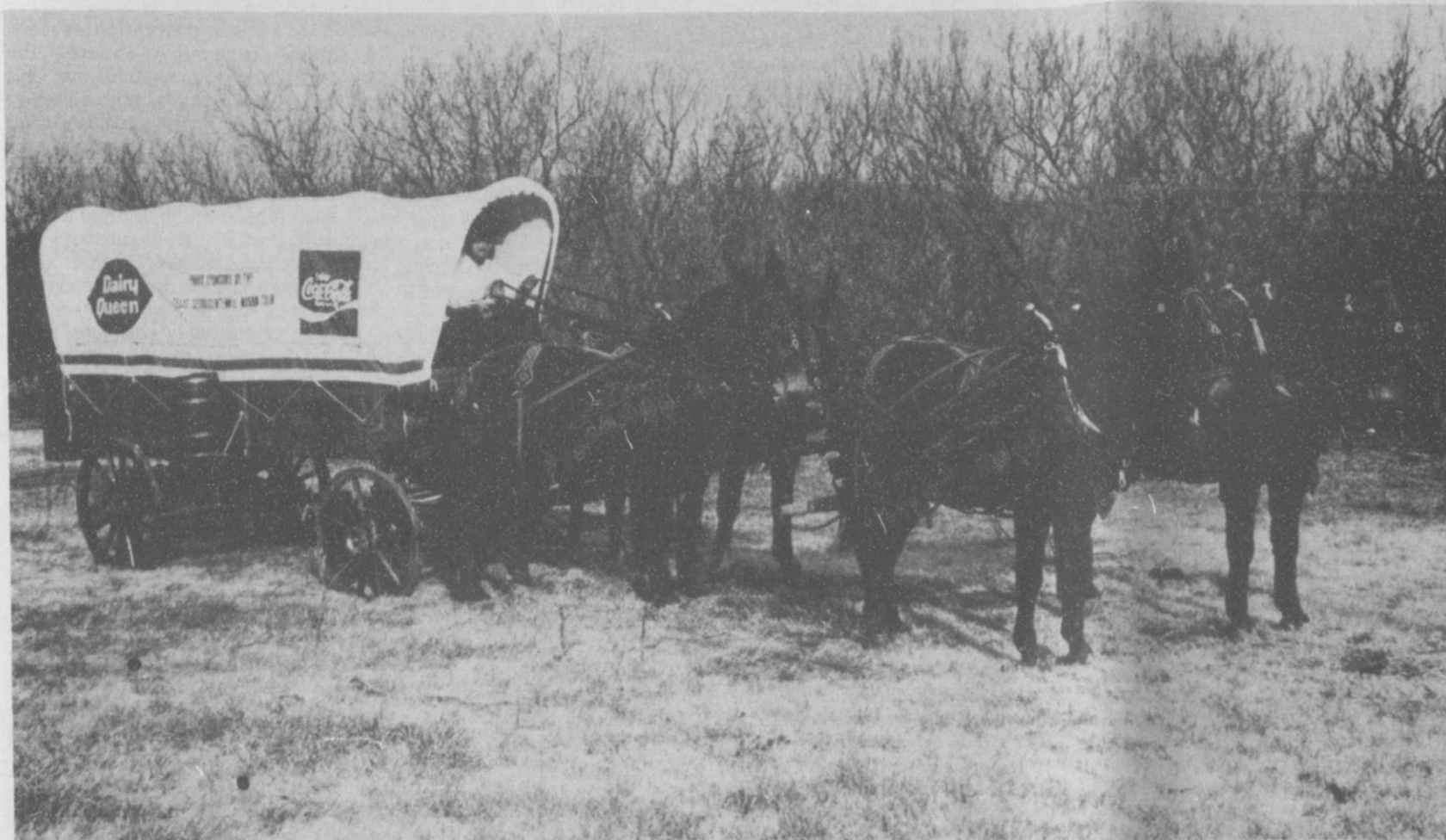
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# Rawhide move - 'em out



The Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council and Coca-Cola are joint sponsors of this authentic Prairie Schooner, which leaves Sulphur

Springs on January 2, as part of the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. The wagon, provided by White Diamond Enterprises, will be pulled

more than 3,000 miles with teams supplied by Dallas Hill Country Mules, Inc., before arriving in Fort Worth on July 3, 1986. It proceeds from

Dairy Queen and Coca-Cola promotional activities will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

Texas Dairy Queen and Coca-Cola have teamed together, hitching their respective corporate wagons to the "star" of the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration -- the "Circle Texas" wagon train.

As co-sponsors of the Texas Wagon Train Association, and joint sponsors of one of the lead wagons in the train, Dairy Queen and Coca-Cola are re-emphasizing their collective and long-standing commitment to the people of Texas.

"These two companies have been part of the Texas lifestyle for more years than most of us can remember," says Richard Thayer, president of the Texas Dairy Queen Operators Council. "Long before there were fast food establishments on every corner in Texas, there was Dairy Queen. We've grown up with this State, and we're proud to be part of its heritage. And look at Coke," Thayer continues, "Coke is such an inbred part of the Texas culture, people use the trade name as a generic description of all soft drinks." "Because of our 'Texas Connection' we felt it was incumbent upon both of our companies to support this historic event in a show of appreciation to all the

citizens of Texas," Thayer adds.

There's no question that the citizens of Texas who live along the 3,000 mile wagon train route will appreciate the Dairy Queen/Coca-Cola Sesquicentennial wagon, supplied by White Diamond Enterprises of Glen Rose, Texas, the wagon is an all-weather, steel-rim wheel Prairie Schooner which will be drawn by a four-up team of black draught mules.

The wagon will be decorated with the co-sponsor's identification marks in compliance with the regulations of the Texas Sesquicentennial Association, and colorful harness pom-poms will adorn the team during all Desquicentennial festivities.

In addition to the Sesquicentennial wagon, Dairy Queen and Coke have contracted with White Diamond for all of the services necessary to support the wagon throughout its six month journey. A camp manager, a cook, a wrangler and several teamsters will provide food and lodging for Dairy Queen/Coca-Cola personnel as well as bedding and feed for all of the animals.

"White Diamond was chosen as

our supplier because of their previous experience in civic events and their outstanding performance in parade participation," Thayer noted.

"It's a big job, but we're proud to be a part of this exciting event," says Peggy White, president of White Diamond. "We'll be supplying a motor home that sleeps six, a horse trailer and six outrider horses, a shuttle van to transport our client's personnel, a camper and trailer for the crew, a pick-up truck and a back-up team of mules for the wagon."

"When you consider the logistics of providing food, shelter and feed for six months, and all the details that must be ironed out, it makes you wonder how the pioneers ever made it across the country. It's truly amazing," White declares.

Because many Dairy Queen and Coca-Cola personnel are expected to participate intermittently in the wagon train, as it passes through more than 120 different cities and towns, White Diamond is also providing two surreys and outrider accommodations for local promotion of the event.

"The Sesquicentennial Wagon

Train creates a number of opportunities for Dairy Queen and Coca-Cola," Thayer points out. "We're just now putting the finishing touches on a promotional program that will benefit many Texas citizens. Since the details have not yet been formally announced, I can't be specific except to say that 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, and will be distributed among children's hospitals throughout the State of Texas."

"We're also planning to videotape many of the wagon train activities to air on the Telethon between May 31 and June 1, on Texas television stations."

When asked about the philanthropic motivation behind tying the Texas Sesquicentennial the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Thayer said, "We may not all be cowboys, but we are all Texans, and Texas spirit of unselfish cooperation is what made this State great. We're just trying to insure that the Texas spirit will continue for another 150 years."

## Texas Most Wanted



Robert L. Crawford



Nancy Ann Pineda

TEXAS MOST WANTED  
FUGITIVE #51  
For Release On Or After January 4, 1986

HOUSTON, Texas -- Police officials say Nancy Ann Pineda and Robert Louis Crawford are out to prove that a pen is mightier than a sword, or a .45 automatic for that matter.

Pineda and Crawford have been leading Texas law enforcement officers on a merry chase in the past year. In the process they have run up several pages of outstanding felony warrants on a variety of Theft by Check and Forgery charges.

Catching up with the pair has been no easy matter for investigators, since they have had to wade through an unbelievable number of aliases and bad check cases.

Pineda and Crawford have used more than 25 aliases between them and all indications are that they haven't run out of imagination yet.

Pineda, 27, is no stranger to law enforcement officers in the Houston area. She has been convicted of forgery and theft in the past and was on parole when she had her latest series of run-ins with the law. Now she is also wanted as a parole violator.

She is described as being a white female of Hispanic descent, 5-7, 130 to 145 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. She often wears glasses.

Crawford is a black male, 38 years old, who is confined to a wheelchair. But investigators say that hasn't slowed him down or made him any less dangerous. Law enforcement officials have been warned that Crawford often carries a sawed-off shotgun under the seat of his wheelchair.

The pair of travelling fugitives allegedly stole several shipments of money orders from check printers in Los Angeles County and Santa Barbara, California.

Investigators say giving the pair that many blank checks was like giving Jack the Ripper a new scalpel.

The pair were traced to detectives back to Texas after Crawford was released from the Chino Correctional Institute in California. They were able to obtain Texas driver's licenses using some of their aliases and opened several bank accounts using these false identities, investigators say.

Using their aliases, the pair allegedly cashed a large number of worthless checks and obtained credit cards under assumed names.

They have left a wide path of financial destruction in their wake. Investigators estimate that merchants and banks have lost at least \$98,000 to the pair.

This week Pineda and Crawford have been added to the Texas Most Wanted list. Rewards of up to \$1,000 each are being offered for information leading to their capture.

Catching them will be no small feat. Just identifying them has been a major chore for detectives. Pineda, alone, has 18 known aliases. Among the most commonly used are Nancy Ann Acosta, Shelly Calkins, Jennifer Durcan, Jenny Warlick, Sieglinda Watkins, Carolyn Wright, Marjorie Ann Reed, Karrie Boswell, Natalie Andres and Sandra Hester.

Crawford hasn't been quite as creative. He only has seven aliases, with Ernest Clark, Melton Mims, Richard Crawford and Ernest Clark being the most common.

Crawford is 6-0, 180 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes and once worked as a tax consultant.

Anyone having any information about the pair of fugitives is asked to call the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council toll-free at 1-800-252-8477 or their local Crime Stoppers program. In all cases, callers do not have to reveal their identities.

Texas Most Wanted is a cooperative program between the Department of Public Safety and Texas Crime Stoppers programs.

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As of December 30, 1985, the Department of Public Safety reported that Nancy Ann Pineda and Robert Crawford are wanted on Theft by Check and Forgery warrants out of Harris County.

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Exploring a new hobby? The Yellow Pages will tell you who can teach you to play the tubs, knit a sweater, or make homemade

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chocolates. Looking for an afternoon's fun? Turn to the Yellow Pages for locations of entertainment centers like movie theaters, ice and roller rinks, fitness clubs — everything from ski resorts to swimming pools. You can check out the closest one to you or check out one you've never been to. Many listings include hours of operation.

Because the Yellow Pages are conveniently cross-referenced, all you need is one word to start your search. Want to go horseback riding? You can check under "horses," "stables," or "riding" — they'll all work. The Yellow Pages are alphabetical, so near each listing of an activity you'll find sources of any special equipment you might need, whether it's riding boots or tap shoes.

And you can use the Yellow Pages to unearth resources you never knew your community had. Try looking up some key words — you may be surprised at what you'll find. "Amusements" might yield water slides, miniature golf, or a go-cart track. "Balloons" could send you soaring into the clouds on a champagne flight. An offbeat museum. A hay ride. An historic house. A winery tour. A river cruise. Fifteen minutes of wandering through the Yellow Pages can give you ideas for a year's worth of fun.

# ARE PCBs REALLY HARMLESS ?

Are PCBs Really Harmless?  
by Thomas W. Hale, PhD,  
Pharmacologist  
Texas Tech University School of  
Medicine at Amarillo

In the current controversy concerning a toxic waste dump for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), we should minimize the potential dangers of these compounds. The issue is more than political; it bears greatly on the health and welfare of animal and human life for a wide area surrounding the proposed site.

A large body of scientific data suggests that life-long exposure to PCBs or their contaminants may ultimately prove harmful.

PCBs are a group of chlorinated hydrocarbons that were first introduced into U.S. industry in 1929. Their physical properties of chemical stability, low volatility, and nonflammability led to their widespread use in electrical capacitors, hydraulic and lubricating fluids, and transformers. Some estimates are that by 1970 over a billion pounds of PCBs had been produced and sold in the United States.

By the 1960s, with development of assays for PCBs, it became apparent that these compounds were classic environmental pollutants because they were widely distributed in sediment from oceans, in lakes and finally in human fat tissue. Because of the extreme chemical stability of these

compounds, their enormous affinity for fat tissue in mammals, and because they are destroyed only to a limited degree in mammals, these compounds typify biomagnification. That is, they tend to build up in the food chain of all mammals and progressively accumulate in humans and other species. The insecticide DDT is another pesticide that builds up in the food chain to such a degree that it has almost destroyed the eagle population in the U.S.

Three industrial accidents have occurred in the past 18 years in which human foods were contaminated with PCBs -- one in Japan in 1968, another in Michigan in 1973, and one in Taiwan in 1979. Since the outbreak of "Yusho Poisoning" in Japan, where over 1000 people were poisoned with rice oil contaminated with PCBs, interest in these compounds that persist in our environment has been mounting. Most of our knowledge of acute and chronic PCB toxicity has been derived from these poisonings. Contamination of dairy cattle feed in Michigan in 1973 spread the compounds to a large number of humans. A number of studies concerning the transport of PCBs into human breastmilk resulted from this contamination.

A good deal of the difficulty in studying these compounds has been determining the poisonous

component. Unfortunately, most PCB fluids contain a wide variety of

polychlorinated hydrocarbons. The difficulty is to decide which component is most and least toxic. For instance, the PCB oil in Japan contained a significant amount of PCDFs, also called polychlorinated dibenzofurans, which are many times more toxic than certain PCBs. Therefore, the potential toxicity of the PCBs must likewise include estimates of the toxicity of the "minor" components such as the PCDFs as well.

Because of the potential danger of these compounds, there are no reliable data on the disposition of PCBs in humans. In other words, we don't know exactly what goes where and how fast it disappears. Animal studies have demonstrated clearly that the PCBs can be absorbed orally, from pulmonary circulation, and by penetration through the skin. Distribution throughout the body is rapid, but the PCB is finally stored for long periods in fat tissue. Because the PCBs are metabolized very slowly, they have the potential to stay in the human body (and accumulate) for many years. Blood levels (and many of the symptoms) from the Yusho poisonings in Japan have remained detectable for over 9 years and probably are still detectable. We should further remember,

that although the blood level may be small, much higher levels exist in the fat tissue, and only small amounts ever penetrate to the blood stream where they are detected. In other words, just because the blood levels are low, doesn't necessarily mean that the levels stored in various parts of the body are similarly low.

Studies in animals have demonstrated that the acute toxicity of PCBs is rather low when administered as a single dose. However, after a latent period of 5-6 months of continuous exposure a wide variety of symptoms begin to occur.

In humans, fetal toxicity is of particular concern. Two of the Japanese mothers had stillbirths, and almost all of the exposed mother's offspring had abnormal skin pigmentation. Therefore, PCBs are obviously transported to the fetus. Many of the infants from this group were small for gestational age when born. A number of studies in animals have demonstrated a significant degree of spontaneous abortions and birth defects after chronic exposure to PCBs. At the present time, we do not know the degree of transport of PCBs to fetal tissue, nor the amount required to produce significant teratogenesis (birth defects) during the early stages of fetal development. Although small in comparison to the mother, the amount of PCBs in fetal circulation may be large in comparison to the fetus. As with many drugs, exposure to PCBs during the early stages of development may find the fetus particularly vulnerable.

Several PCB mixtures have been shown to be carcinogenic (cancer causing) in laboratory animals. Therefore there is potential for concern in human populations exposed over long periods of time. Studies thus far suggesting a possible link between PCBs and cancer have been limited by small sample size and exposure to other carcinogens in our environment (such as smoking). One study by the National Institute of Occupa-

tional Safety and Health found no relationship between PCBs and cancer. At the same time, this study was criticized because it only

reviewed 15 years following exposure. Many substances (particularly asbestos) are latent carcinogens, and may require as many as 20 to 30 years to induce cancer.

**KNOWN TOXIC EFFECTS OF PCBs IN LABORATORY ANIMALS:** Hepatic Cancer, Spontaneous abortions, Stillbirths, Acneform skin lesions, Liver enzyme changes, Ocular lesions, Damage to pericardium.

A number of other biological changes have also been noted in humans and animals following chronic exposure to PCBs. The blood level of triglycerides (fats) strangely increases, whereas other important blood proteins that con-

increasingly contaminated with these compounds. Because the PCBs typify biomagnification and are metabolized to only a limited degree, all species exposed will inevitably continue to amass larger

concentrations during their lifespan. Therefore, in contrast to their acute toxicity, their subacute and chronic biohazard appears to be of much greater concern. Although at present, we do not have enough data to positively correlate years and the degree of exposure, to risk of disease, the insidious buildup of these compounds in human beings throughout a lifetime of exposure could prove to be perilous.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$2.85
Milo	\$4.05

## NOTICE

Notice of Meeting of the  
Governing Body of  
City of Gruver

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the governing body of the above named city will be held on the 9th day of January, 1986, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall at 108 East Broadway Street, Gruver, Hansford County, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

1. Open meeting
2. Read and approve minutes of December 12 and 30 meetings.
3. Discuss sand in water system
4. Discuss a city clean-up campaign
5. Approve bills

Dated this the 6th day of January, 1986.

City of Gruver  
By City Manager

trol fat metabolism tend to fall (High Density Lipoproteins) which could lead to enhanced arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) after a number of years.

In summary, the potential toxic-

city of the polychlorinated biphenyls (and their contaminants) must be examined from two different aspects. First, what is the potential damage from an acute single episode exposure. And secondly, what is the potential toxicity from a chronic life-long exposure such as from a polluted environment.

When viewed as a single episode or an acute exposure, we presently consider their toxicity to be rather limited. However, when viewed as environmental pollutants, all mammals who live in that environment become chronically and

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