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Five Spearman High School art students received honors in the High Plains Art Festival on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the Roberts County Museum in Miami, TX. (Back, L-R) Jordanna Lozano placed fifth, Sami Cazares placed third, Katie Baehler placed second; (Front, L-R) Emily DeLaGarza placed fifth, and Michael Lozano placed fourth. See related story on page 5

## Senate Race Clear As Mud

by Harletta Carthel

There's a lot of muddy water in the District 31 Texas Senate race, and it's not all from mud-slinging candidates.

Teel Bivins' early exit from the Texas Senate, has not only caused a special election but a great deal of confusion among voters.

With the runoff election between Kel Seliger and Kirk Edwards for the Texas Senate, District 31 seat slated for February 17, 2004, a great many voters may think the matter of representation will be settled.

But it's not quite that simple. Kim Vera, Hansford County Clerk, explained that the runoff election will decide who will fill the unexpired term of Sen. Teel Bivins until January 2005, but the primary race next month will decide who will be the Republican nominee for the Texas Senate seat in the November 2004 election.

"It's very confusing," Vera said. "A lot of people will be surprised to find three other names on the March primary ballot for the senate seat along with the winner of the February runoff election winner."

One thing is for sure, the

winner of the February ballot will serve District 31 as state senator until January 2005. Whoever wins the race, Seliger or Edwards, will then have to run against Lee Gibson, Jesse Quakenbush, and Bob Barnes in the March primary. The person chosen in the primary will be the Republican Party's nominee

inee in the November General Election.

The Democratic side of things is a bit simpler. Elaine King Miller is the only candidate in the Democratic primary, and she will run against the Republican nominee, that is decided in the March primary.

## Run-Off For Special Election

Gov. Rick Perry set Tuesday, February 17th as the special election run-off date to fill the vacancy for Senate District 31.

Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will face each other in the runoff because they placed first and second, respectively, in the special election held January 20th.

Anyone registered to vote can participate in the runoff, even those who didn't vote in the January 20th special election.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kim V. Vera, 15 NW Court, Spearman, TX 79081, and must be received no later than the close of business on February 11th.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Hansford County Clerks Office in Spearman and the branch office at the City Hall in Gruver between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from February 9th-13th.

The special election will be held on February 17, 2004 at the City Hall in Spearman (Precincts 1, 5 & 6) and the High School Library in Gruver (Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9), beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

## FDIC, FBI Issue Warning Concerning E-Mail

At approximately 12 noon on January 23, 2004, FDIC Consumer Call Centers in Kansas City, Missouri, and Washington, D.C., began receiving a large number of complaints by consumers who received an email that has the appearance of being sent from the FDIC.

The email informs the recipient that Department of Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has advised the FDIC to suspend all deposit insurance on the recipient's bank account due to suspected violations of the USA Patriot Act. The email further indicates that deposit insurance will be suspended until personal identity, including bank account information, can be verified.

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Any additional information that you may have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of: Mail - Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Enforcement & Compliance Division, MS 8-10 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219; Fax - (202) 874-5301; Internet - http://www.occ.treas.gov; E-mail - occalertresponses@occ.treas.gov

## County Livestock Show Slated

The annual Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, in the Gruver County

Barn. Friday's show will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The

grand opening of the show and the lamb show will be held at 9:00 a.m. with the steer show following immediately.

The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9:00 a.m. - Swine show, 1:00 p.m. - judging contest, 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, and the winners of showmanship and commercial steer awards will be announced.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days.

2004 Department Superintendents are Steers - Jerry Williams, Ricky Thompson, Kevin Holt, Danny

Herrington, and Clay Reid; Sheep - Bret Burgin, Brent Stedje, and Travis Patterson. Swine - Clint Irwin, Kyle Nollner, Scot Martin, Lonnie Shields, Keith Hight, Kenneth Slough, Billy Brown, Dwayne Thompson, and David Harbour.

The 2003 Board of Directors are Brent Stedje, Lenny Pecha, Clay Reid, Kevin Holt, Clint Irwin, Kenneth Slough, Danny Herrington, Scot Martin, Bret Burgin, Dwayne Thompson, Kyle Nollner, Quentin Harper, Travis Patterson, Damon Goodheart, Ricky Thompson, Jerry Williams, Lonnie Shields, Burt Williams, Weston Born, and Scott Stedje

## Essay Scholarship Competitions

### Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an essay scholarship contest. The contest is open to all 2004 Spearman graduates.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is applying for the 2003-2004 Governor's Community Achievement Award through the Keep Texas Beautiful program. They are asking seniors interested in helping with the grant to write an essay on *Keeping Spearman Beautiful: by a Future Community Leader*.

The Chamber is hoping this essay contest will result in an awareness of their impact as leaders of the community to strive for beautification, and how it's importance can better the quality of life for everyone.

The essay deadline is March 15, 2004, and may be submitted to the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, 211 Main Street in Spearman.

### North Plains Groundwater Cons. District

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District announces the 2004 Scholarship Essay Competition. Any high school student who resides within the boundaries of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is eligible to compete. Students are asked to submit an essay on "Why is Groundwater Conservation Important?"

Three scholarship awards will be presented. The student submitting the first place essay will receive a four-year scholarship in the amount of \$4000 (\$1000/year). Second place will receive a \$3000 scholarship, and third place will receive a \$2000 scholarship.

Scholarship applications and scholarship rules can be obtained from the student's high school counselor's office, or can be downloaded from the North Plains Water District website at www.npwwd.org. Deadline for submission of the essays is April 1, 2004.

## March 9th Republican Primary

February 9th is the last day to register to vote for the March 9th primary election.

Early voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman and the branch office in Gruver City Hall from February 23rd through March 5th.

March 1st is the last day applications may be submitted for an early ballot by mail for the primary, runoff and the general elections. Ballots will be mailed beginning January 24th.

The primary election day will be Tuesday, March 9, 2004 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: Precinct 1: City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman; Precinct 2: Renner Ranch, 10175 Co. Rd. H, Spearman; Precinct 3: Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy. 15, Gruver; Precinct 4: Gruver High School Library, 405 Garrett, Gruver; Precinct 5: Assembly of God Church, 214 SW 6th, Spearman; Precinct 6: Spearman High School, 403 11th, Spearman; Precinct 7: Oslo Lutheran Church, 8605 Co. Rd. F, Oslo; and Precinct 9: Morse Community Building, 301 Main, Morse.

Two candidates filed for the Hansford County Judge position. Benny Wilson, who was appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Brown, and Cody Cazares.

Four candidates filed for the Hansford County Sheriff position, including Deputy Pete Ochoa, Deputy Gary Evans, Deputy Lance Swan and Spearman Police Officer Edward Mayfield.

Two candidates filed for the Tax Assessor/Collector position. They are Linda Cummings, currently serving as assistant tax assessor/collector, and Jackie Reed Nelson, an employee at First State Bank.


Three candidates filed for the Precinct 3 County Commissioner seat. They include Tim Stedje, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Kent Guthrie, as well as Charlie Bell and Ty Williams.

Butch Reed, County Commissioner for Precinct 1, County Attorney John L. Hutchison, 84th Judicial District Judge William D. "Bill" Smith and 84th Judicial District Attorney Clay Ballman are all running unopposed in the primary election.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.

## Notice To Voters

Voters who have not received the new blue voter certificate should contact the Hansford County Tax Office (659-4120) immediately. The deadline to register or make any changes in voter registration to be eligible to vote in the March primary is Tuesday, February 9th.



## A Time For Love

Monday, February 9th is the last day to submit photos to be included in the Reporter-Statesman's Valentine picture page. Photos of your children, grandchildren, sweetheart, spouse or special valentine will be published in the February 12th newspaper.

The cost is \$14 per picture (must be pre-paid). Pictures that require a larger space will be slightly higher.

Bring your pictures and information to the Reporter-Statesman office during business hours (we are closed on Fridays).

Your pictures will be available for pickup after the Valentine weekend. Any size photo is okay.

## New Texas Traffic Laws

submitted by Gary Ellsworth

On September 1, 2003, a number of new Texas laws went into effect. Among them were two traffic laws.

**Texas Transportation Code 545.157: Passing Authorized Emergency Vehicle.**

It is unlawful in Texas, when approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using visual signals (four alternately flashing red lights - two front/two rear, and emit a light visible for 500 feet in sunlight), to drive in the lane closest to the emergency vehicle while driving on a highway or street with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle unless you are directed to do so by a police officer; or if you have to travel in the lane next to the emergency vehicle, you must slow to a speed of 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit or you must slow to a speed of 5 miles an hour if the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less.

This new law requires drivers nearing a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights activated, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer to:

1. Vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, if the highway has two or more lanes traveling the direction of the emergency vehicle; or
2. Slow to a speed not more than 20 miles per hour (mph) less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or more; or
3. Slow to a speed not more than five mph when the posted speed limit is less than 25 mph.

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

Please note the "or" in the law. In other words, on a two lane highway (i.e. Hwy. 207 to Stinnett), you need only lower your speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

**Texas Transportation Code 502.409: Altered or Obscured License Plate.**

It is unlawful in Texas to have anything attached to or covering a license plate, even if the covering material is clear. The plate must be plainly visible and can not have an illuminated bracket, sticker, decal, emblem, or insignia that is not authorized by law and that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers on the plate or the name of the State. Nothing is allowed to obscure the letters or numbers on the plate, the color of the plate or another original design feature of the plate.

The State of Texas has posted a directory of all new laws that went into effect on Sept. 1, 2003, with links to the text of each law. ([http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlo/reports/daily/78R/eff0901\\_summary.htm](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlo/reports/daily/78R/eff0901_summary.htm))

Live,  
Laugh  
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Sandy Russell sent me the following story. It was written in 1990 by Dr. Moorehead, a minister, author, and former pastor of Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, Washington.

**The Paradox of Our Time**

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

**Chamber Accepting Business of the Year & Citizen of the Year Nominations**

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2004. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

**Business of the Year**

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004.

**Citizen of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

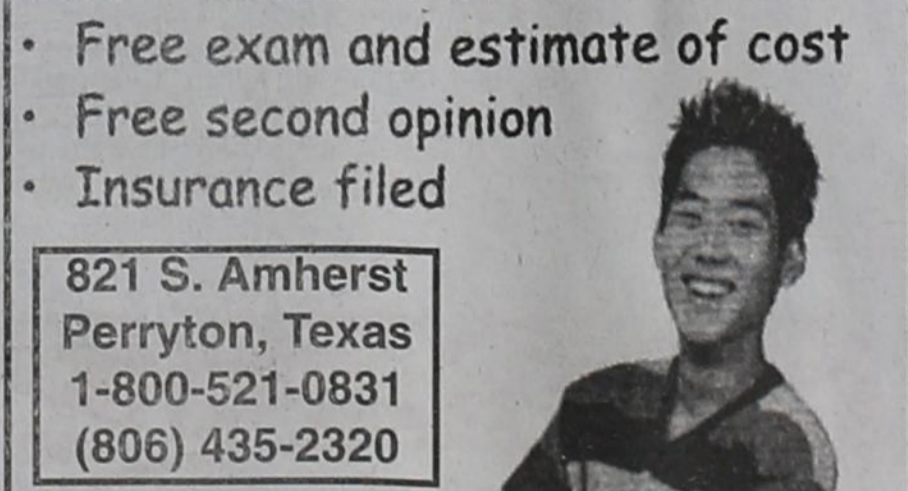
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**HANSFORD HAPPENINGS**

**Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary**  
The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

**Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD**  
Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

**Rotary Club "Employee of the Year" Nominations**  
The Spearman Rotary Club is currently accepting nominations for "Employee of the Year". This award will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday, February 28th. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Jason Cantrell or any Rotary Club member, or may be mailed to: Rotary Employee of the Year, Box 492, Spearman, TX 79081. Nominations must be received on or before February 15, 2004.

**Chamber Business & Citizen of the Year Nominations**  
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center. Call the Chamber office at 659-5555 for more information.

**Hospice Bereavement Support Group**  
A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

**Conversational Spanish Classes**  
Conversational Spanish Classes will begin Thursday, February 5, 6:30-8:00pm in room 112 at Spearman High School. Dana Saylor, ESL teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary will be teaching this class. There is still room for students. If you are interested, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233 to sign up for the class. Conversational Spanish class will be very basic depending on your profession and need. The cost of the class is \$35.00.

**Gruver ISD Community Meeting**  
Gruver ISD will host a Community Meeting in the Cafeteria on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in exchanging information about an open Pre-Kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year is encouraged to attend.

**Hansford County Livestock Show**  
The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 13th and 14th in the Gruver County Barn.

**AARP Offers Free Tax Help**  
AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 3rd through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

**Brownie Troop Sells Girl Scout Cookies**  
Brownie Troop 920 of Gruver will be selling Girl Scout cookies at Lowe's in Spearman on Saturday, February 7th from 2-5 p.m.

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic**  
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on February 26, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Public Hearing Scheduled On Trans-Texas Corridor**  
The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a series of public hearings throughout the state in February regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor to gather public comments and opinion on possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor. A hearing will take place in each county during February. In Hansford County, the meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the Hansford County Law Library in Spearman at 1:30 p.m. A network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone called the Trans-Texas Corridor will be built to move people, goods, utilities - and even ideas - through the state safely and faster than ever before.

**PANHANDLE PLANNER**

**Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers**  
The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

**St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant**  
The 12th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. For more information, contact Dana Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at 256-5337 after 6 p.m.

**Miss Irish Rose Pageant**  
Shamrock, Texas will host their Annual St. Patrick's Celebration on March 19-20, 2004. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose. This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 and 19, and who are currently enrolled in high school. Contestants do not need to live in the Shamrock or Texas area, nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. For further information, please send a SASE on or before February 18, 2004 to St. Patrick's Association, Attn: Betty Lee, PO Box 588, Shamrock, TX 79079, or call Betty Lee after 6 p.m. at (806) 256-2897, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501.

**Auditions Scheduled for Lone Star Rising**  
Auditions for Lone Star Rising, a musical celebration of Texas produced by the Center for Texas Culture, are scheduled for Feb. 7th in Borger and Feb. 8th in Amarillo for singers, dancers and actors who want to earn money and possible college credit. Technicians are also needed. Auditions in Borger will be held in the Borger Community Activity Center on the Frank Phillips College campus on Feb. 7th from 2-6 p.m. Auditions in Amarillo will be held at the Hess School of Dance, 3109 W. 27th, on Feb. 8th from 2-6 p.m. Singers should prepare a song on CD or tape for accompaniment. Actors should present a two-minute prepared monologue, and dancers need to come prepared to follow steps that will be taught at the auditions. Dance auditions will occupy the first 45 minutes of auditions, followed immediately by singers, actors and technicians. For more information, contact Debbie Powers at (806) 677-1706.

**Prairie Rivers Musical**  
The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

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**Thank You**

We want to thank you for your love and support shown toward our family during the recent loss of our father and husband, Dallen Scroggs.

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, donations, food and visits.

We are blessed with a wonderful community with lots of caring people.

May God bless each of you!

LaDelle and Darrell Scroggs; Bruce and Julie Howell

**Thank You**

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for each of you in our community for the support you extended to us at a time when we needed you. Thank you.

Thank you for the prayers, food, flowers and any act of kindness on your part.

Thank you to the hospital staff and ambulance crews.

Thanks again for your prayers - God hears and answers.

Benny, Joyce & Marvin Byers and Family

**Thank You**

Since my illness, the outpouring of love and encouragement has been amazing. The prayergrams, cards, calls, visits, food, and every other nice thing has been so appreciated. I'm getting stronger every day and am well on the way to good health again. I'm so glad I live in such a caring community.

Thank you again,  
Mary Dixon

**Thank You**

I would like to thank the Hansford Hospital staff, Dr. Garnett and Dr. Sharma for their help and concern during my recent illness. I would especially like to thank the volunteer EMS, Spearman Police department and Hansford Sheriff's department for their quick response. They were here within minutes of my calling, and were so helpful. I would also like to thank the girls who cleaned up my house for me while I was in the hospital.

Everyone so gracious. I can't say enough about the wonderful care and concern expressed to me. Spearman is a great town to live in.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Graves

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor,  
My wife, Gwyn, and I want to thank our friends and supporters who worked tirelessly in my senate campaign to represent the people of District 31. Our family is humbled by the support I received from the voters throughout the district, but more importantly, those from Midland who know us best.

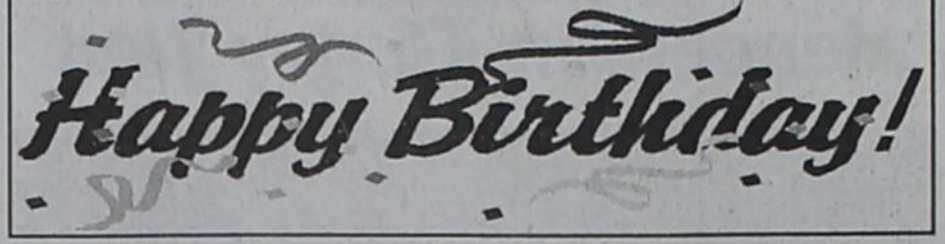
I apologize for not being able to deliver a win for you. With that being said, I believe it best for the people of this district that I withdraw from this race so that my supporters will feel no further obligation to me.

We believed from the beginning of this campaign that the people from both ends of the district could come together to elect a State Senator worthy of the office and I trust the voters to make that decision. Our supporters are capable of making a good choice without my guidance and therefore, at this time I do not plan to publicly endorse a candidate in the run-off.

My goal has always been that when the election is over we can all work closely together to promote both the traditional family values and the economic needs of the entire district. With the deep roots we have in both the northern and southern parts of the district, my family and I stand ready to do just that by providing our full support to our next senator.

Thanks again to all of those who put their trust in me with their vote.

Don Sparks



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**February 5**

**Birthday** - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy

**February 6**

**Birthday** - Erica Blount, Larry Irlbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradley Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Wayne Shook, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Curt Fitzgearld

**February 7**

**Birthday** - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisefeld

**February 8**

**Birthday** - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Herndon

**February 9**

**Birthday** - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles, Betty Scribner

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest

**February 10**

**Birthday** - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Perry Dixon

**February 11**

**Birthday** - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Herb McClellan

**February 12**

**Birthday** - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacobs, Walter Postoak

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Buck Tidwell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

**February 13**

**Birthday** - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Rojas

**February 14**

**Birthday** - Alice Goodman, Ti Harbour, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Laura Umphress, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Stufferfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Kip Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, Mr. & Mrs. Omar Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. Salomon Tarango, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Swink, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Holland, Mr. & Mrs. Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Joseph Weaks, Garrett & Mika Gumfory

**February 15**

**Birthday** - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, Kirk Adams, J. P. Prouty, Juanna Rosales, Colby Bedell, Rick Finley, Colleen Burkhammer

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Biles, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Norton

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Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church**  
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
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Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
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### Henderson, Gurley Wed



Salee and David Gurley

Salee Jennifer Henderson of Houston and David Michael Gurley of Houston were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening, January 3, 2004, at St. Willibrords, The Old Church in Munich, Germany. The Rev. Thomas Jean-Pierre Pellaton of The Church of the Ascension officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Earl Henderson of Freising, Germany. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Williams of Gruver, Mrs. Nell Henderson of Morse and the late Edwin Earl Henderson of Morse. She graduated from Sherman High School and Texas A&M University at College Station. She received her professional degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Texas at Pan American in Edinburg. She practices in gastroenterology at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Don Gurley of Plano, Texas. Grandparents are the late Catherine Kelley of Dallas, the late David Lancaster of Little Rock, Arkansas, Corma Pogue of Alma, and Bobby Gurley of Waxahachie. He graduated from Robinson High School and Texas A&M University at College Station. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and is employed as a systems engineer at Cisco Systems, Inc in Houston.

Attendant for the bride was Meredith Leigh Blaydes of Newark, Delaware as maid of honor.

Serving his brother as best man was Jonathan Alan Gurley of Houston. Programs were presented by Rachael Gurley of Plano, sister of the groom.

Scripture readings and special prayers were offered by Thomas Supercinski, Ben Gress, and David Steinbach, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Samuel A. Henderson of Durham, North Carolina and Samuel Gurley of Plano, brothers of the bride and groom respectively.

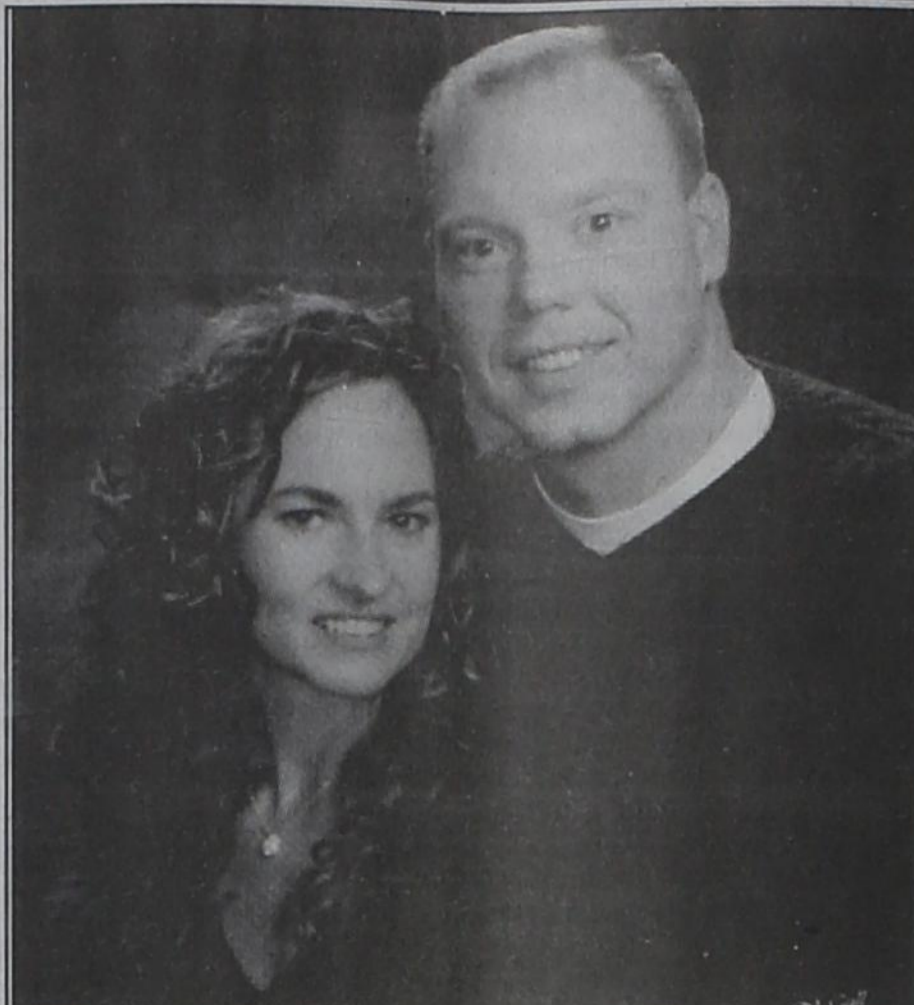
Wedding music was under the direction of Fredrick Mayer and was presented by Manfred Gebert, organist and Joan Lauren Campbell of the Munich Opera, as soloist.

A reception and dinner were held at the Mandarin Oriental following the ceremony with the bride's parents as hosts.

The couple is at home in Houston after a wedding trip to Isla Baleares, Palma de Mallorca and Madrid, Spain.

The groom's parents were hosts to a rehearsal dinner on the eve of the wedding at Geisel's Vinothek in Munich.

A lingerie shower was hosted by friends of the bride in Houston and a couples shower was given by business friends in Houston. The Sunday school class at Second Baptist Church in Houston hosted a wedding shower. A dinner to honor the couple was held by friends in Waco and a reception in Plano was hosted by friends and family.



### Engagement Announcement

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Keim of Clovis, NM announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kerry Anne Keim, of Lubbock, to Timothy Wade Robins of Lubbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Robins of Fritch.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, March 6, 2004 at 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Lubbock. The reception will be at The Lubbock Club.

Kerry is a 1995 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. She is employed at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Timothy is a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Masters of Physical Therapy Degree. He is employed at Caprock Sports Rehab Center in Lubbock.

Kerry is the granddaughter of Verna Gail Keim of Spearman and Jackson Crum of Perryton.



### Engagement Announcement

Lon and Linda Sultemeier of Melrose, NM are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Jo, to Bill Jack Pittman. Bill Jack is the son of Bill and Ginger Pittman of Spearman.

Christi is a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing and is currently employed by the Amarillo Heart Group.

Bill Jack is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is employed by Pittman and Sons.

The couple are planning a March 6, 2004 wedding at the home of Bill and Ginger.

### Recek, Odom Wed



Mrs. Kenton Odom

Miami, FL, Tatum Schilling of Lubbock, Cheryl Fletcher of Dallas, Darby Simek of West Point, Jill Weller of Houston, Lindsey Karcher of El Paso, and Dana Dickey of Huntsville, AL. Flower girl was Jessica Recek of La Grange.

Best Men were Dan Odom of Lubbock and Grant Odom of San Diego, CA.

Groomsmen were Miles Ragland and Matthew Recek of Austin, Kevin Spivey of San Antonio, Christopher White of Lubbock, Travis Recek of Midland, Will Etheredge and Clint Vincent, both of Dallas.

Soloist were Mindy Croom, Bunnie Hodges, and Dan Griadot. Kathy Simek of West Point and Lynsey Adkins of Chilton read scriptures.

A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the UT Alumni Center. Members of the house party included Amanda Alisha, and Arica Keilers of West Point, Amber Simek of College Station and Victoria Recek of Bryan.

Hank and Maxine Holub of West Point lead the grand march.

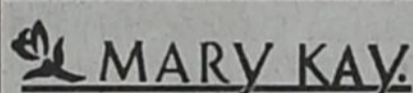
The bride is a graduate of McCallum High School in Austin and Texas Tech University where she earned a degree in Recreation Therapy. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is employed at the Austin State Hospital as a recreation therapist and is in graduate studies at Texas State University.

The groom is the son of Debby Odom of Gruver and Mr. and Mrs. George Odom of Dalhart, TX. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. George P. Odom, all of Gruver.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a Mori Lee gown with a richly-beaded satin bodice and dropped waistline. The satin A-line skirt flowed into a pleated back skirt and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of red roses, included were her mother's rosary and grandmother's handkerchief.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Aleece Craig of Lake Tahoe, CA. Bridesmaids included Rachel Moyle of

Following their wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, the couple is at home in Austin. A rehearsal dinner on the eve of the wedding was hosted by the groom's parents at Cele General Store.



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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Music Club To Sponsor Concert

A talented brother and sister duo, known as the Buddy and Tina Wright Band will present a concert at the school auditorium Saturday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The event is being brought to the community by the Gruver Music Club.

## Sympathy Extended

The community expresses its sympathy to the Gary Evans family.

Graveside memorial services were held last week for Nellie Albrecht, Nellie's mother.

## Absentee Balloting to Begin

Absentee balloting in the runoff election for Texas Senate Seat for District 31, is set for Tuesday, February 17 will begin February 9 and run through February 13 at City Hall in Gruver.

## Last District Game Slated

Friday's games at Sunray will mark the end of the regular district basketball season.

The Hounds, who had a 6-1 record with games with Stratford on Tuesday, February 3, and Sunray, February 6, remaining to be played, have the best record, with Sunray in second with a 5-2 record.

The Lady Hounds, who clinched a double over time win over Vega Friday night, January 30, also have a 6-1 record with two games remaining. They are tied for first place with Sunray and Stratford.

## Same Old, Same Old

The UIL alignment for the 2004-2006 academic years was announced Monday, February 2.

Although there was speculation in the Amarillo Globe News that Stratford, who reported 185 students, might go move to a 2A district, that was not the case.

Stratford will remain in District I-IA for football and basketball along with Gruver (who reported 135 students), White Deer, Booker, Vega, and Sunray.

# Spearman High School Art Students Dominate High Plains Art Festival

The High Plains Art Festival was held on Saturday, January 24, 2004, at the Roberts County Museum in Miami, TX. Eight schools from across the panhandle competed for cash prizes from some 72 entries, in five divisions: adults (19 yrs. and above), young adults (15-18), juvenile (11-14), elementary (6-10) and beginning (0-5).

Five of the eight Spearman High School students entered placed in the competition. The students were under the direction of Mr. Gerald Scovel.

Acting as sole judge was Mr. Michael Grauer, the prestigious curator of art for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Mr. Grauer commented on the outstanding abilities of student work he saw exhibited during the show. He also commented on the bold and daring work of students usually attributed to college students.

Wining second place, and receiving a cash award of \$70, was sophomore Katie Baehler. She presented a stippling poster with multi-color version of the Toulouse-Latrec poster, Moulin Rouge. It was noted for its detail work.

Placing third, and receiving a cash prize of \$55, was senior

Sami Cazares. Her rendition of Matisse's "La tristesse du roi" was complimented by Sami's own framing creation.

Taking fourth, and receiving a cash prize of \$40, was senior Michael Lozano. Michael's acrylic painting of Mona Lisa caught the eye of many a passer-by due to its comical nature.

Receiving the fifth place ribbon were freshman Jordanna Lozano and senior Emily DeLaGarza. Due to the outstanding work of both young ladies, a tie was created to honor both artists. Jordanna used a Frankenthaler-style in her acrylic painting, while Emily created a Van Gogh version of a French room in the 1800's.

Other SHS art students exhibiting art work were Chris Cudd, Emily Longoria and Christen Ferguson. The curator of the museum expressed that the student works were of such high quality, he wished he could have given more awards.

Mr. Scovel honored former Spearman art teacher, Mrs. Jane Henton, by telling the judge that the previous instructor had formed a wonderful background for the students, allowing him to build on an already strong foundation.

# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Former Spearman Police Chief, Larry Kenealy, now in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, spoke with his wife, Carolyn recently.

He is now at the Vabnica Border crossing in Kosovo because it includes 150 kilometers of green border with two nations, Macedonia and Albania. His unit has confiscated over 100 kilograms of almost pure heroin during the past two months. This past week they netted 70 kilos.

Kosovo is one of three main routes for drug smuggling to Europe and the United States. Larry's unit is training Kosovo and has the first specialized unit trained for the Green Border. These officers are trained in ski patrol, mountain climbing and rescue as well as police work, special investigations, and document analysis. Their trainees have done so well that the Prinzen police request their services when there is a special job to be done.

While enroute to and from his work, Larry has had to work two major accidents. The icy weather and roads caused several injuries. The electricity is on sometimes four hours, then off three so candles are a necessity. Their internet phones are off more than on so their communication is undependable for timing. Larry plans to come home for a visit in March. His tour of duty will be finished in October of 2004.

Marva Delk is completing the circle of residence by moving back to Perryton where she has sold the Delk home as her parents have been living in Perryton for some years. Marva has retired from her career of teaching Special Education. She taught here and several other schools during these years.

Spearman wishes Marva the best of luck and expression for years of services here.

Julie and Kent Hendrix of Irving, Texas are the proud new parents of Harrison Kole Hendrix. He was born on January 4, 2004 at 10:04 a.m. Kole weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz and was 20 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Donnie and Jeannie Jones of Morse, TX and Dattel, N.M. Paternal Grandparents are Irene Hendrix of Madill, OK and Foy and Joann Hendrix of Denison, TX. This is the ninth great grandchild for Ira and Ouida Harbour.

Jeannie had the blessing of staying with the new family for two weeks while Danny Womble helped Donnie at the ranch.

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

## Correction

The political ad *Swan Announces Bid For Hansford County Sheriff* in last week's issue of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman stated "He graduated in 1991 with an associates of Science Degree in Kinesiology from West Texas A&M University."

It should have said - "He graduated in 1991 with an associates of Science Degree from South Plains Junior College. In 1996, he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology from West Texas A&M University."

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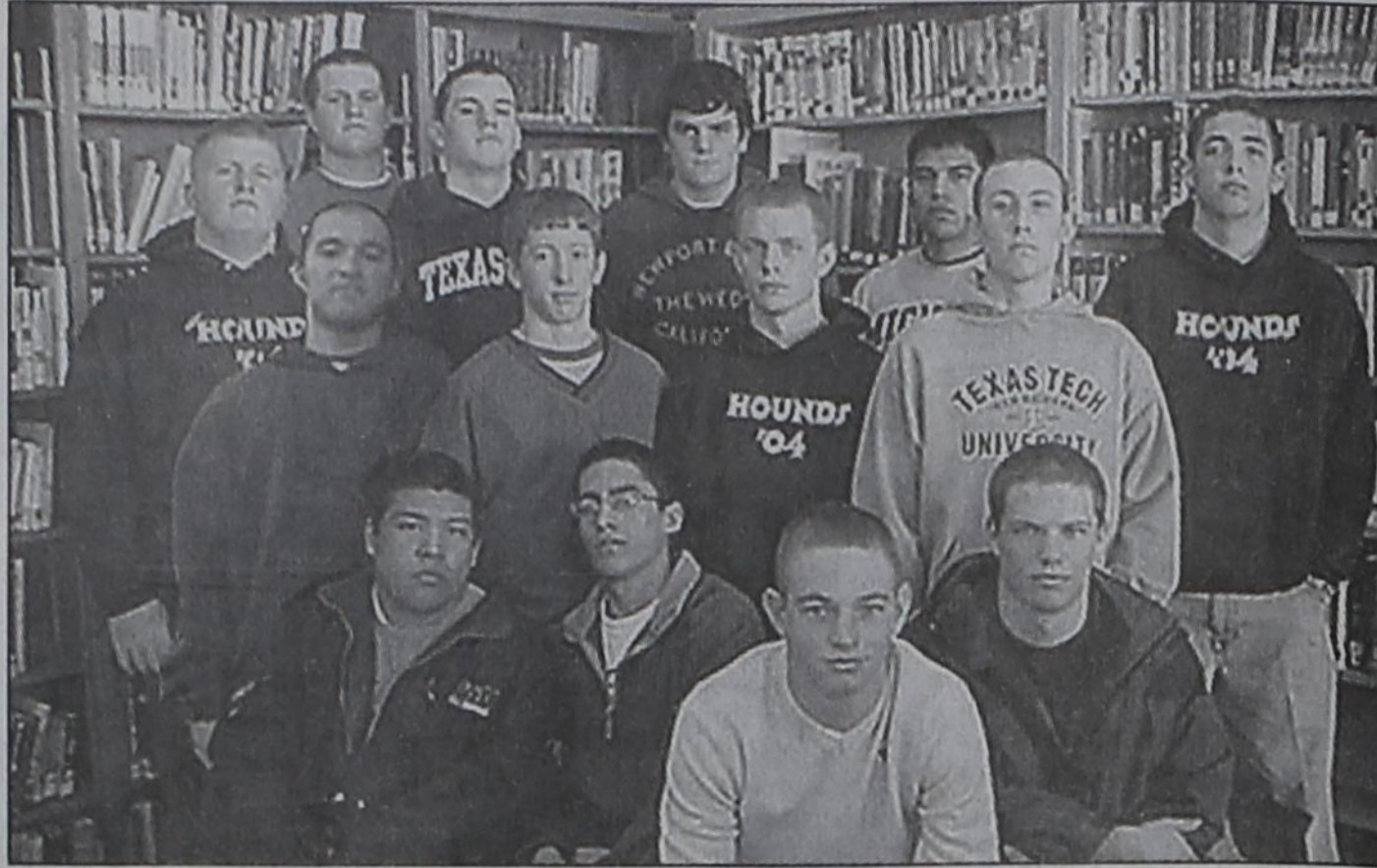
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GHS All-District Football

Sixteen members of the Hounds football team were named as All-District picks. 1st Team Offense: Offensive Line - Hutch Reed, Punter - Manny Lopez... 2nd Team Offense: Running Back - Salvador Luciano, Tight End - Cody Mac Been...

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SCHOOL NEWS. There will be no school Friday, February 13. The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14, in the Gruver County Barn. The San Antonio Stock Show will be held February 16th-20th. The TAAS Writing Retest will be given Tuesday, February 24th; the TAAS Math Retest will be given Wednesday, February 25th; the TAAS Reading Retest will be given Thursday, February 26th. The TAKS 9th grade Reading test and the TAKS 10th & 11th grade English test will be given Tuesday, February 24th. Spearman High School: The band solo and ensemble contest will be February 6 and 7, at West Texas A&M University. The Spearman ISD Board of Directors will meet on Monday, February 9th, at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Thursday, February 12th is the last day of the fourth six weeks. Spearman Jr. High: The band solo and ensemble contest will be held February 6 and 7. An immunization clinic will be held Thursday, February 12th from 10:30-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m. February 12th will be the end of the fourth six weeks. Gus Birdwell Elementary: An immunization clinic will be held Thursday, February 12th from 10:30-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Valentine parties will be February 12. Gruver High School: The ACT test will be administered in Gruver on February 13th. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. Students are urged to be present by 7:45 a.m. Gruver Jr. High: Report cards will be given for the fourth six weeks, February 19. Gruver Elementary: Valentine parties will be held Thursday, February 12. Extended days to prepare students for upcoming TAKS tests will be February 16-19 for fourth grade writing, and February 23-26 for third grade reading. The TAKS test for fourth grade writing will be February 24. A book fair will be held in the library February 17-20. February 18 will be picture day. The second grade will present the play "Little Grunt" Friday, February 20. Pringle-Morse CISD: Valentine parties will be held the morning of Thursday, February 12 with an early out slated for 12 noon. Brought to you by these sponsors: All Occasion Flowers, MurMur's, Celebrate, HANSFORD IMPLEMENT COMPANY, SIMPLE SIMON'S PIZZA & ANITA'S VIDEO MADNESS, THE HANSFORD COUNTY REPORTER STATESMAN.

# Meetings & Minutes

## Spearman ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a regular meeting on December 8, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

Mr. Will Jarvis, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

### HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF

No one came before the board.

### RECOGNITION OF STATE QUALIFYING CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 2003 State Qualifier Cross Country Team and coach Kyle Short were recognized for their accomplishments in advancing to the regional and state meet. The Cross Country team consisting of Ashlee Flowers, Macy Harbour, Melissa Lesly, Sonny Parker, Tabatha Shields, Lindsey Short and Claudia Vaquera placed eighth at the state meet. A reception followed in their honor.

### ACTION ITEMS

Approved consent items: 1. Minutes of the AEIS and FIRST Hearings and regular meeting of November 10, 2003; 2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$116,955.55.

Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Golden Spread Sales Company for the month of January 2004.

Approved difference in amount of \$901.29 in insurance settlement to Jeff Beedy for damage to car wash.

Approved changes to Elementary written composition grading policy as presented.

Reviewed the annual BE/ESL report for 2002-2003.

Reviewed the 2001-2002 annual dropout report from TEA showing Spearman ISD with only one student as a dropout.

Recognized Larry Murphy and the Business Office for early implementation of TASS Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34) to TASS.

Discussed classification by Texas Workers' Compensation Commission identifying Spearman ISD as a Hazardous Employer in accordance with Texas Labor Code Section 411.01 through 411.050.

The claims represent injuries with eight or more days of lost time for the period of April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. Mr. Sumner added that these injuries represent three cafeteria employees with non-life threatening injuries. As a result of being considered a Hazardous Employer, the district will be required to provide mandatory safety training for all support staff as well as conduct a safety audit. If no further injuries are reported for a one-year period, the Hazardous Employer label will be removed.

### INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEMS

The student enrollment for Spearman I.S.D. was 735 as of December 8, 2003. This is down four students from our October count.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the substitute teacher report from October 20 to November 18, 2003. The total amount paid for substitutes through November 18th was \$15,305.00.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the Second Six Week's Staff Perfect Attendance report.

Staff Development Logs were provided from each campus for the second six weeks. Mr. Sumner indicated that the number of staff development activities has been substantially decreased from last year due to the district's financial crunch.

Mr. Sumner informed board members of the Board Facility Planning Workshop scheduled with Paul Trautman on Thursday, January 8, 2003 beginning at 6 p.m.

### CLOSED MEETING

Personnel Matters & Deliberation Regarding Real Property

### RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

Consider Request for Extended Sick Leave

Approved request by Karen Hartgraves for extended sick leave.

### CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS

Accepted resignation of Amy Mesneak (elementary school librarian) effective at the end of the first semester.

Accepted resignation of Susan Kelly (elementary school principal) effective at the end of the first semester.

Mr. Sumner will seek to find "temporary/interim" replacements for both positions to serve for the remainder of the school year. Later in the spring, both jobs will be posted and individuals hired to begin the 2004-2005 school year.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

## City of Gruver

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session on December 10, 2003 at 5 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Mark Irwin, City Manager Linda Weller, Commissioner Chad Logsdon, and City Secretary Mark Washburn present. Present by phone connection was Commissioner Johnnie Williams.

Approved by the commission were the minutes of the last meeting held on November 12, 2003 and the payment of bills for the month of November 2003.

Also passed was Resolution 05-03 authorizing the submission of a FY2004 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Ordinance #298 passed, establishing a Program Response and Recovery Phase of Comprehensive Emergency Management.

Resolution 06-03, Nominating Chad Logsdon as a Director to the Board of the Hansford County Appraisal District, also passed.

The Hansford Hospital District accepted the City of Gruver's bid for the purchase of the Gruver Clinic building and property at 201 E. Broadway St. Commissioner Chad Logsdon authorized the City Manager to complete the transaction of the purchase.

## Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met for their Thanksgiving Social on November 20th at the First State Bank.

Everyone brought a dish of wonderful food. The members brought their husbands as guests to the festivities. Doyle Jackson gave the blessing and everyone ate until they were pleasantly full.

After scrumptious desserts, everyone played crazy bridge. A wonderful time was had by all.

Those attending were: Dickie Allen, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Irvin and Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Roy and Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, Doyle and June Jackson, Don and Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Clay and Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Eugene and Judy Yarbrough.

## Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met on December 11th in the home of Dickie Allen for their annual Christmas party. The tables were decorated beautifully and the food, prepared by the Christmas Party Committee, was delicious.

After the wonderful meal, gifts were exchanged.

President Margarette Evans installed the new officers by giving them the tools to make a garden and build a stronger club. Club was adjourned with everyone visiting.

Those present were: Dickie Allen, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

## Stationmaster's House Museum

Members of the Stationmaster's House Museum recently had their annual holiday supper at the El Vaquera Restaurant in Gruver. Helen Boyd, Chairman of the Museum, welcomed special guests Billy and Sybil Miller, Dink and Carma Dorton, and Bill and Marilyn Been.

Billy and Sybil Miller were this year's King and Queen for the museum. Dink Dorton was recognized for his volunteer service to the museum. Marilyn Been has been assisting as caretaker of the museum, to fill in for Reba Hunter, when she cannot be there.

Jennie Blankenship, Chairman of the Historical Commission presented the Johnnie Lee with a plaque to show appreciation for his service to the Historical Commission and the Museum for the Years 1962 to 2003. Johnnie has always been willing to help in any capacity needed.

Members present for the occasion were Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey, Don and Lynanne Maize, Harry and Hazel Stumpf, J. D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Don and Wanda Reed, Irwin and Helen Boyd, Charles and Joanne Eaton, Jennie and Sonny Blankenship; Johnnie and Joann Lee, and Reba Hunter.

## Gruver ISD

Members present for the regular Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2003 included Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavio, Brent Stedje, Davin Winger, Dwayne Thompson, and Superintendent.

Absent was board member Buddy Lowe.

Visitors received were Randy Reid, Cody Cazares, Diane Brown, and Matt Branstine.

Matt Branstine, GJHS Principal, reported that Gruver Junior High placed first in the ULL Academic meet while elementary principal Diane Brown reported that Gruver Elementary placed second in overall competition.

A report on the "FIRST" report for the 2001-2002 District Status at Superior Achievement was presented by Randy Reid, business manager.

Superintendent David Teal reported that the Academic Excellence Indicator System gave Gruver an Exemplary rating for the 2002-2003 school year.

After approval of the substitute list, the following items were discussed by the board: the setting of the next regular meeting for January 22, 2004, the student enrollment number of 397, a windpower update, the future projected revenue and tax rate, the superintendent's evaluation form, and the first reading of Update 71.

Randy Reid presented the new nepotism ruling, a roof project update, and the finance report.

Buddy Lowe arrived at 7:36 p.m. and the board entered executive session at 7:40 p.m. Open session began at 8:07, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

## City of Spearman

The City of Spearman met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 70 SW Court, on December 16, 2003 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present: Ron Antalek, Brian Gillispie, Don Reed, Alfred Avila and Charles Elliott. Staff present: City Manager Robert Patrick and City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado.

Call To Order At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge Mayor Benton gave the invocation and also led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### Consent Agenda

Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 18, 2003.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste,

sales tax and water/wastewater reports for November and the natural gas report for October.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for November and the current cash position.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on November 28, 2003;

and Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for November and the natural gas report for October;

and Approve the bills payable for November in the amount of \$209,028.02 and the current cash position. Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

### Regular Agenda

Consideration of Ordinance #745, an ordinance establishing a program response and recovery phase of comprehensive emergency management; acknowledging the office of Emergency Management Director; authorizing the appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and providing for the duties and responsibilities of those offices; identifying an operational organization; granting necessary powers to cope with all phases of Emergency Management which threaten life and property in the City of Spearman, Texas; authorizing cooperative and mutual aid agreements for relief work between this and other cities or counties and for related purposes.

Motion was made by Antalek to adopt Ordinance #745 which establishes an emergency management plan. Second by Reed. Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of Resolution #4-03, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Spearman, Texas, authorizing the submission of a FY2004 Solid Waste Grants Property Application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and authorizing the City Manager to represent the City in all matters pertaining to this application.

Motion was made by Elliott to approve Resolution #4-03. Second by Gillispie. Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of appointing or re-appointing one director to the Hansford County Appraisal District Board.

Motion was made by Antalek to re-appoint Ginger Turner for another two-year term as the City's representative to the Hansford County Appraisal District Board. Second by Reed. Motion unanimously carried.

### Other

No action taken.

### Adjourn

Motion was made by Elliott to adjourn and second by Gillispie. Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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## College Corner

**Tarleton State University**  
Tarleton State University recently released the names of students receiving degrees during winter commencement exercises held in December. Among the graduates was Brea Daneen Archer of Spearman, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sport Studies.

**University of North Texas**  
Dustin Barber of Spearman was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of North Texas School of Community Service. Barber is majoring in Behavior Analysis, with a minor in Sociology.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete twelve or more hours during the Fall 2003 semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

**West Texas A&M**  
Degrees were officially conferred on 437 West Texas A&M University students during fall

commencement exercises Dec. 13 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 350 baccalaureate and 87 master's degrees.

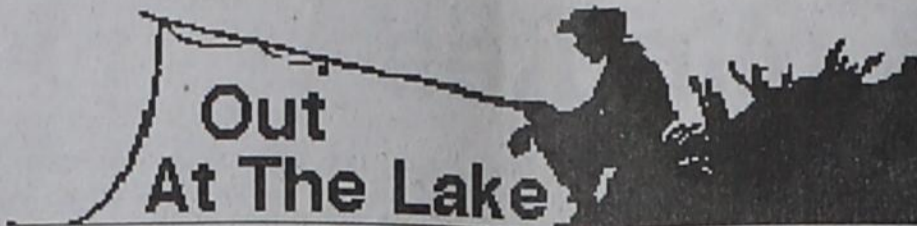
The graduating class represented 14 states and 67 Texas cities and towns.

Graduates from Gruver included Amber L. Holland, BS in Interdisciplinary Studies; James C. Potts, BS in Social Sciences; and Jody K. Robinson, BBA in Management. Graduates from Spearman included Keith R. Winegarner, BBA in General Business.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

Julie Scroggs Howell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, OK on December 13, 2003. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

Julie is the daughter of LaDelle Scroggs and the late Dallen Scroggs of Spearman.



Lake Level--February 2, 2004--26.95 feet (-0.11 feet)

Jim saw the 4 mature and 2 immature eagles together one morning the past week. They were divided between the trees and the ground. I asked Jim if the ones on the shore were feeding on a goose. He replied that only one was feeding, and he couldn't tell on what.

Jim and Mandy made a trip to Lubbock this weekend to see the new grandson, Hart Grason Derington. Despite his early arrival, he is at home now and doing fine.

The Sunday Amarillo Globe-News mentioned that the state record walleye, weighing 11.8 pounds, had been caught at Lake Meredith. Our fishermen don't seem to fish for walleye often, but we must have some record breakers at Palo Duro.

Daniel Harris reports seeing an armadillo and a porcupine at separate times lately that have taken over abandoned beaver homes in the now dry section of the Palo Duro Creek north of

Morse. This was a first for him to see an armadillo on the creek. Both odd little animals at his approach scurried for their dens.

The first volume (A-D) of Encyclopedia of Buffalo Hunters and Skinners by Miles Gilbert, Sharon Cunningham, and Lee Reminger came out last April.

Cleon Roberts was writing Charley Newell Shot! at the same time, and I was sending Hansford County material to both.

I plan to get a book for each of the 3 county libraries, but when I get an address where the books can be bought I will include it in the column.

Vol. 1 has 286 pages and will include Bob and Jim Cator and Billy Dixon.

Marshall Cator invited me over when Miles Gilbert interviewed him about the Cators. Miles had done a lot of work at the Panhandle-Plains Museum on the Cator papers, so he was able to ask Marshall good questions. It was a memorable day for me.

## MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

We began our week with church services led by the First Christian Church of Gruver. Thank you for sharing your time with us.

In exercise class on Monday morning, exercises were performed to the music of *Crocodile Rock* and *Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree* for a couple of songs. The rest of the hour was interspersed with music, trivia, and exercises.

Monday afternoon was filled with taking care of business at the Manor with Resident Council. Twenty residents participated. One item of business was the election of new officers for the 2004 year. Viola Thompson was elected to be the new president and Helen Fisher was elected to be the new Vice-President. These are important offices as the state surveyors interview them concerning many different issues in the nursing home setting. We applaud them and appreciate them for serving.

Also elected was Tubby Hays as the Resident of the Month for February and Kim Hawley as CNA of the month. Congratulations to both of you!

Tuesday was filled with music in the morning with the Musercise rhythm band.

That afternoon, we had a cake walk. That is a lot of fun as the music stops and everyone scrambles to get on a number. When the number is drawn, the

winner is awarded a little cake. I have noticed that some numbers are luckier than others. I think that number 4 was drawn at least 10 times. We all scrambled to get up to the number 4 before the music went off.

Wednesday morning was filled with Bible study and coffee and donuts. Thank you Ann Whitaker for sharing your time and the Word with us. It is a very pleasant morning with fellowship and friendship.

That afternoon the glue, sequins, and glitter was all over the activity room as we scurry to complete the valentine boxes for Valentine's Day. They are really turning out pretty. Each one is different as each resident can decorate it to suit their individual taste.

Thursday and Friday were filled with training for the winter olympics, bingo and the Current News.

Thursday morning we practiced horseshoes and the bean bag toss. The ever faithful auxiliary hosted bingo Thursday afternoon.

Friday afternoon was filled with Mexican Train Dominoes and other games. We are looking forward to a fun Valentine season. We have many special things in the works.

I hope to be able to tell you about some of the really special events coming up in our next issue!

## January Milestone Meal Honorees

Each month the HCHD employees who have anniversaries of dates of hire are invited for a special lunch in the Board Room with the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Hartgraves.

January honorees are: Janie Kunselman, 13 years; Angie Salgado, 13 years; Carmen L'Esperance, 1 year; Gabriela Enriquez, 3 years; Rosa Ortiz, 10 years; Vibhu Sharma, MD, 3 years; Deremy Fleetwood, 1 year; and Maria Rodriguez, 1 year.

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January 2004 Milestone Meal Honorees: (Front Row, L-R) Janie Kunselman, Angie Salgado, Carmen L'Esperance, Steve Hartgraves, CEO; (Back Row, L-R) Gabriela Enriquez, Rosa Ortiz, Vibhu Sharma, M.D.; (Not Pictured) Deremy Fleetwood and Maria Rodriguez

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LEGAL NOTICE

Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel Oil and Gas Docket No. 10-0237673 Austin, Texas February 2, 2004

In RE: Conservation and prevention of waste of crude petroleum and natural gas in the state of Texas

NOTICE OF HEARING on the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. to consider an exception to statewide rule 38 Wilmeth "A" lease, well No. 2 Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N (Marmaton),

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This hearing will be held to consider the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. for an Exception to Statewide Rule 38 for its Well No. 2, Wilmeth "A" Lease, 653.0 acres, H&GN RR Co./F.C. Wilmeth Survey, A-902, Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N. (Marmaton), Hansford, N. (Morrow) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County, Texas, being 3 miles in a northwest direction from Gruver, Texas.

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IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify. ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received by the Office of General Counsel no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512)463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

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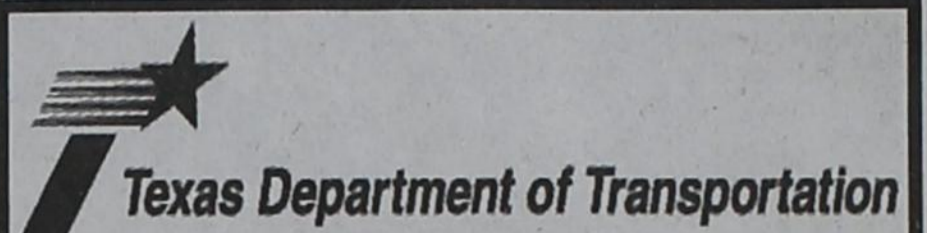
to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512)463-7327 or TDD No. (512)463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it

includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. 4(2-5-04)B



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Date: February 17, 2004

Place: Hansford County Courthouse Law Library

Time: 1:30 p.m. (presentation and public comment)

Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

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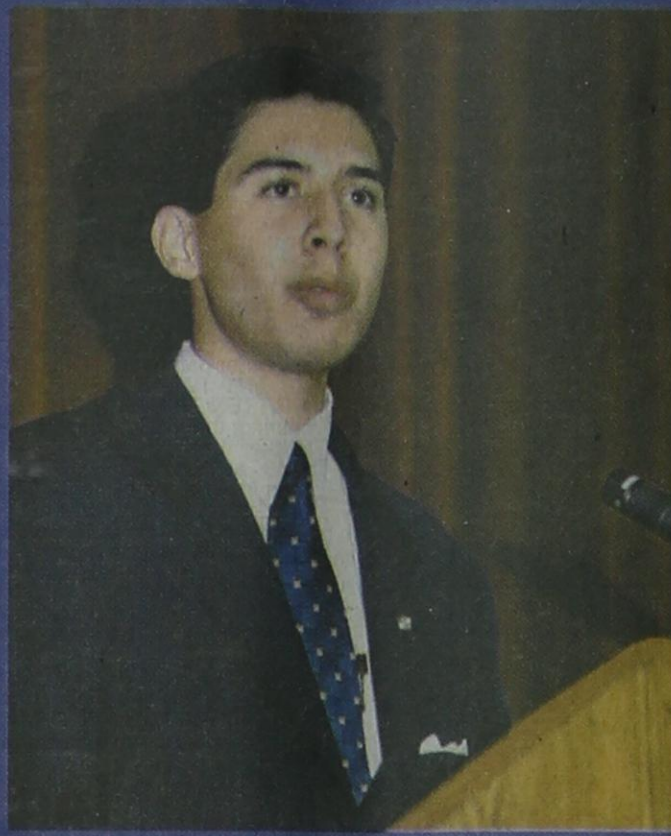
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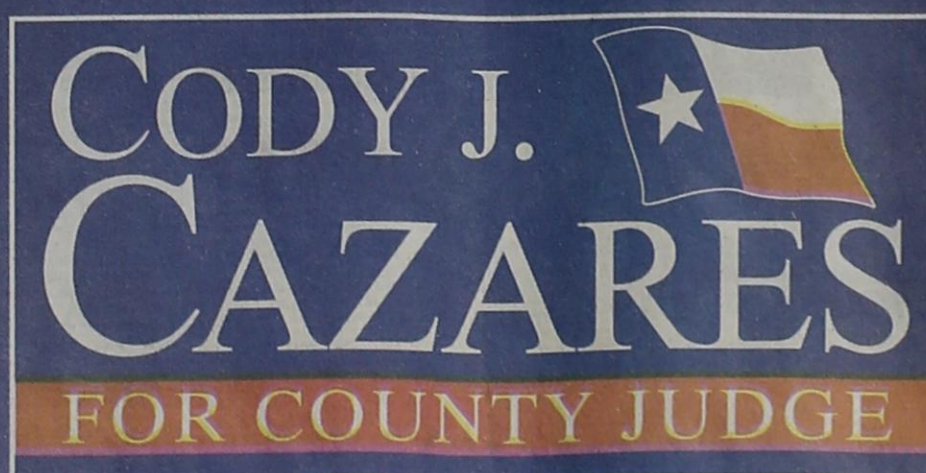
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