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IN THE NEWS

**Paris conference pledges over \$7.6 bln for Lebanon**  
PARIS - Lebanon won more than \$7.6 billion on Thursday to help it cope with a debt mountain and recover from war -- and, some donors hope, to help its U.S.-backed government weather a growing threat from Hezbollah-led opponents.

**Israeli parliament approves Katsav's suspension**  
JERUSALEM - An Israeli parliamentary panel approved on Thursday a request by President Moshe Katsav to be suspended from duties after prosecutors drafted an indictment against him for alleged rape and other sexual misconduct.

**Iran's Khatami calls for calm heads in nuclear row**  
DAVOS, Switzerland - Former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami on Thursday called for calm heads to reduce building tensions between the United States and his country over its nuclear program.

**Five Turks charged in murder of editor**  
ISTANBUL - A Turkish prosecutor has said five people were charged in the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink, Turkish media reported on Thursday.

**Death toll in Beirut clash rises to four: TV**  
BEIRUT - The death toll in clashes between government loyalists and opposition followers at a Beirut University on Thursday rose to four, an opposition-run television station reported.

**Most U.S. workers not in "dream jobs," survey says**  
NEW YORK - More than four out of five U.S. workers do not have their dream jobs, which most people describe as work that is fun, according to a survey released on Thursday.

**McFerrin revives his "wonder voice"**  
BERKELEY, California - Ten-time Grammy-winning vocalist Bobby McFerrin can spontaneously invent complex jazz melodies, complete with bass and percussion, or transform his voice into a realistic horn or violin.

**Arab comedian skewers life in post 9/11 America**  
NEW YORK - Have you heard that Arabs in the United States are so heavily racially profiled that they are the new blacks, Dean Obeidallah asks during his stand-up comedy routine.

**Suspected stomach flu hits QE 2**  
SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - More than 300 passengers and crew aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2 were struck by a suspected stomach flu in recent days, U.S. health officials said on Wednesday after the world famous cruise ship docked in San Francisco.

**2007 State of the Union Address**  
On January 23, President Bush delivered his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. This year the Democratic response was given by Virginia Senator Jim Webb (D).

**Bush brought subdued tone to State of Union**  
WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush, bearing the weight of six years in office, down in the polls and under fire from all sides, is kicking off his last two years in office with a subdued, more humble tone. Gone was the swagger of years past, giving way to pledges to work with Democrats who he had kept at arm's length until they took control of the U.S. Congress.

**Bush speech to U.S. Congress full of firsts**  
WASHINGTON - It was a night of firsts for President George W. Bush's State of the Union address to Congress: a Democratic Congress, a woman seated in the speaker's chair and a lukewarm reception for his Iraq war comments.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Held

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Saturday, January 18, 2007.

A silent auction, featuring items donated by Spearman Chamber of Commerce members, began at 6, followed by a meal at 7 p.m.

Cass Lasater, Chamber President, welcomed everyone to the event being held at the O'Loughlin Center.

Beatrice Comp, the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce President, presented information about the events of the past year. She then recognized Byrnice Callaway as the Women's Division Woman of the Year.

The Women's Division Executive Board consists of Beatrice Comp, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Amanda Thompson, Tami Kunselman, Carrie Ceniceros, Julie Etchison and Keith Hight.

John Kunselman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Elberth "Dink" Dorton as the Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. He also recognized Prairie Motors as the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department's Employer of the Year.

Justin Boyd, Rotary Club President, recognized Jeannie Hand as the Rotary Employees of the Year.

PTCI was named the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year and Dr. Mark Garnett was named the Citizen of the Year.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors include: Mark Murray, Ed Hanson, Cindy Blackman, Cass Lasater, Haley Shields, Julie Etchison, Garold McDaniel, Donna McCubbin, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado (WDSOC), Tim Miner, Joann Dettmer, Alvin Byers, Teresa Barkley and Debbie Beck.

The speaker for this year's event was Ray Stone, "The Voice of the Cowboys." With the 33rd season of Dallas Cowboys cover-



Spearman Business of the Year

PTCI was named 'Business of the Year' at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, January 18th. Former Spearman Mayor Burl Buchanan (left) congratulates Travis Clark, of PTCI.

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age on a large radio network spanning Texas and neighboring states, Stone also speaks on the humorous side of the 46 year history of America's Team.

Stone provided a 30-minute fun program in which he also shared with the audience the benefits to all through shopping at home.

Ray Stone was born in Edna, Texas, attended school in San Antonio and for the past 29 years has called Dallas his home. Ray produced two different television programs in San Antonio and started the *Cowboys Football Report* in 1974 with 16 stations. At one time (1986-1987), Ray headed up the production of 8 different radio networks involving more than 1700 radio stations coast to coast.



Spearman Volunteer Firefighter of the Year

Elberth "Dink" Dorton was named the 2006 Spearman Volunteer Fireman of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 18th.

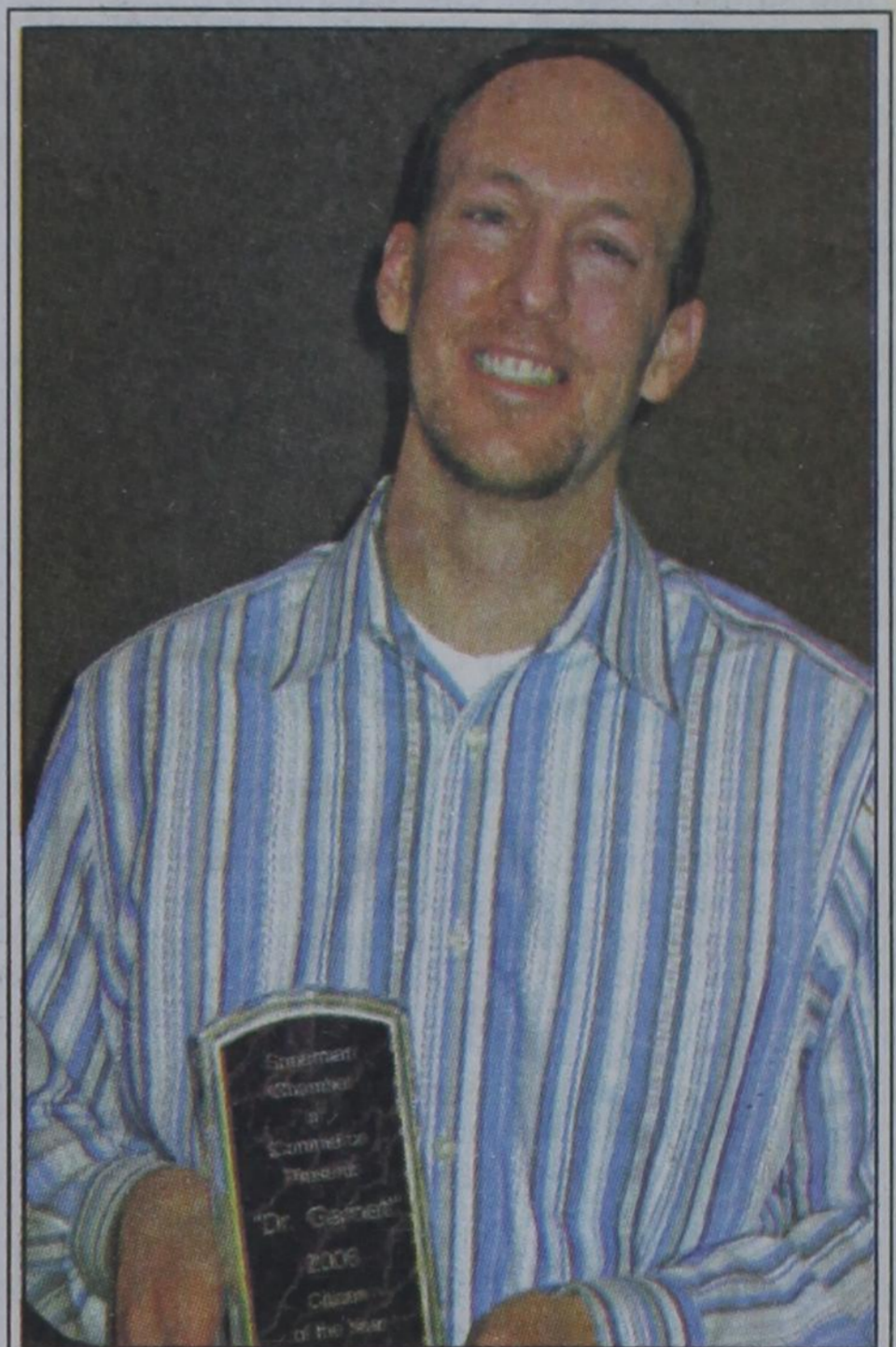


Sanders Named Teacher of the Year

Brittini Beedy Sanders was named the Teacher of the Year for B.B. Owen Elementary School. She has taught kindergarten for three years at B.B. Owen Elementary in the Lewisville ISD, in The Colony, Texas.

Peers nominated and chose Brittini for this award. She felt incredibly honored to be among the nominated teachers. After receiving the majority of votes, she is extremely proud to represent her school as the Teacher of the Year awards ceremony. The Teacher of the Year competes at the district, state, and finally the national level.

Brittini is the wife of Phillip Sanders. Phillip and she are graduates of Spearman High School. She is the daughter of Shelly and Jeff Beedy, and the granddaughter of Mary Schumann and Dodie and Brad Beedy.



Spearman Citizen of the Year

Dr. Mark Garnett, D.O., was named the 2006 Citizen of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 18th.

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Rotary Club 2006 "Employee of the Year"



Rotary Club President Justin Boyd congratulates Jeannie Hand on being named the Spearman Rotary Club 2006 Employee of the Year.

Jeannie Hand was named the Rotary Club 2006 Employee of the Year. Jeannie is no stranger to work. She has worked in the food industry all of her life. She takes the time to know everyone by their name, and remembers what they want each time they return.

She has taken it upon herself on more than one occasion to see that shut-ins are taken care of and, although her employer does not offer these types of service, she makes sure they get their food by delivering products herself on her break or after hours. She has also been known to get herself so involved with her customers that she has even done laundry for them on her personal time.

Regardless of the time of day, if customers need to be helped, Jeannie is ready for service.

Ruth Gilbert goes on record as saying that Jeannie is the type of employee that any employer would be fortunate to have. "I know that I can leave my business in her care, and she is going to take care of it to the best of her ability. I don't need to be worried because she will always treat it as her own."

Within the past year, Ruth became ill and was unable to be at work for long periods of time. Without the passion she has for her job and her employer, the Palo Duro Supper Club would not have been able to stay open.

When she is not working, she is spending quality time with her family and friends. Her family states that her grandchildren are one of the most true loves of her life.

The Rotary Club of Spearman would like to congratulate Jeannie Hand on being named Employee of the Year. Jeannie has been an employee of the Palo Duro Cafe since 1991, and by the current owner since 2003.



Ray Stone, "The Voice of the Cowboys," was the guest speaker at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

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The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

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Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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My dear friends Tommy and Sandy Russell sent me the following story. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your time and support over the past ten years.

**Thank You for Your Time**

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"  
"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.  
"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.  
"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture. Jack stopped suddenly.

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked. "The box is gone," he said. "What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.

Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved:

"Jack, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser."  
"The thing he valued most was... my time"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days.

"Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.  
"I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.

1. At least 2 people in this world love you so much they would die for you.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way..
3. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
4. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
5. You mean the world to someone.
6. If not for you, someone may not be living.
7. You are special and unique.
8. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
9. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.
10. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
11. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
12. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.
13. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

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 :)

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THE GRAMMYS

ACROSS

1. Indicates pitch on musical staff
5. Its "Losing My Religion" won a Grammy in 1991
8. Meat and potatoes in the morning
12. Network of nerves
13. Curly-leafed, cabbage-like vegetable
14. He received most Grammys ever
15. Race track
16. Wading bird
17. Anna Pavlova's skirts
18. First Grammy recipient for Rap Performance
20. In a little while, old-fashioned
21. "Leave me \_\_\_!"
22. Denotes the middle
23. Resident of last U.S. state to host Olympics
26. Don't open her box!
30. Apprehend
31. First Grammy Record of the Year recipient
34. Miners' bounty, pl.
35. Examine
37. Big head
38. Flirtatious stares
39. Shirley MacLaine's 1963 character
40. Gnostic's intuitions
42. Spermatozoa counterpart
43. Small bytes
45. He won a Grammy and Oscar in same year
47. Type of sweet potato
48. A symbol of "The Simple Life"
50. Awkward and stupid people
52. ;
56. Grammy Awards organization
57. T on a test
58. Spicy burrito sauce
59. It is now AK Steel Holding Corporation
60. CCCP
61. Knight's breastplate
62. German "Ich \_\_\_" for "I eat"
63. Spelling competition
64. Plant anchor

DOWN

1. One time backup singer for Michael Jackson and 9-time Grammy winner
2. Jeans maker Strauss
3. Et alibi
4. Agricultural laborer in Arab countries
5. Won Nobel Peace Prize with Peres and Arafat
6. Last 8 in college basketball
7. Encloses patio
8. "Ain't no friend of mine," according to Elvis
9. Lowest female singing voice
10. Nonlethal police gun
11. Her counterpart
13. Geisha's outfit
14. Red wine on a tablecloth?
19. Prissy to Scarlett O'Hara
22. West actress
23. Remove the pins
24. Lollygag
25. Goal of Manhattan Project
26. Opposes the cons
27. Acrylic fiber
28. Superman
29. State in northeastern India
32. Vision aid
33. "Four score and seven years \_\_\_"
36. Top '90s R&B singer
38. Relating to the heaviest metal known
40. Diamond, e.g.
41. Spookier
44. Cowboy's rope
46. Different arrangements of atoms but same weight
48. As such
49. Clown's job
50. Argo's propellers
51. Dangerous race
52. Half a ticket
53. Nike's swoosh, e.g.
54. Medley
55. Empty when kids leave
56. No in Scotland

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HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

CHIEF EXEC'S  
OUTLINE PRIORITIES  
IN INAUGURAL SPEECHES

It was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-than-planned-for crowd moved inside the Capitol.

Texans and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in. Both men made speeches broad in scope, so broad, in fact, their words, to many ears, belied grander political ambitions.

Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society and outlined his agenda for his second full term as governor.

He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting property tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect taxpayers.

He also echoed a theme that has a Washington, D.C. ring to it: "Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

Diverging here for a moment on the subject of bipartisanship and possible higher aspirations, the governor flew to the nation's capital with Texas Democratic congressional representatives to meet with other Democrats.

The Washington, D.C., Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual mid-term redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office.

Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with emphasis on his "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

Speaker reassures ex-challengers

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told The Dallas Morning News, in effect, he's holding out the olive branch to members of his own party. Craddick, R-Midland, was re-elected speaker after Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, dropped his challenge.

Pitts threw his support behind Craddick when it was decided the vote for the speakership would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot.

Earlier, Pitts and another former challenger, Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, individually expressed the need for a change in atmosphere in the House, because transparency and bipartisanship in the legislative process had eroded under the speaker's tenure.

Craddick said he would do a better job of communicating.

State unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

To illustrate the improvement, the unemployment rate in November was 4.7 percent, and a year ago, in December 2005, the rate was 5.2 percent.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 15,600 jobs in December as Texas employers continue adding jobs.

Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 213,200 jobs, and Texas employers have added jobs for 27 consecutive months, the agency reported.

Senator proposes smoking ban

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would file legislation banning smoking in all public buildings in Texas.

Ellis is looking for a House sponsor of his bill and expects to file his version this month.

Eighteen states have laws banning smoking in public buildings.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 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 January 29, 2007. 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 for an appointment.

### Gruver Chamber Scholarship Calendar

Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendars are available for sale at the City Hall for \$10.00. Make checks payable to Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendar Fund.

### Hansford County Stock Shows

The Hansford County Stock Show will be January 26th & 27th in Spearman. The show starts at 7 a.m. with weigh in of lambs and steers - lambs showing at 9 a.m.

### Child Care Providers Seminar

A Child Care Providers Seminar will be held Saturday, January 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beaver County Fairgrounds in Beaver, Oklahoma. This seminar is open to the public, child care providers, parents, etc. Topics include: Reaching for the Stars, Bringing Literacy to Life, The 10 Gifts, Miracle Hill, I Can Problem Solve, and Math and Science Activities for the Young. Certificates will be presented for up to six hours of required formal training for licensing and Stars Program hours. A \$5 non-refundable fee will be charged, which includes the noon meal. This fee is due with the registration form by January 19th. A \$10 non-refundable fee will be charged for registration forms postmarked after January 19th. For more information and registration forms, please contact the Beaver County OSU Extension Service at 580-625-3464. Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or status as a veteran, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

### Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

### Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Hansford County Library Thriftshop Donations

The Thriftshop that helps support the Hansford County Library accepts donations of any usable kitchen or household items, clothing, furniture, toys, etc. Donations may be brought to the Thriftshop Monday through Friday during library hours - Summer 10-5 and during the school year 10-6. The Thriftshop is staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time to sort and price items as well as keeping the Thriftshop open each Saturday afternoon. All donations are appreciated, but please keep in mind that items must be in good enough condition for resale. The community has been extremely generous in recent weeks, and our volunteers have been putting in extra hours sorting and pricing. The Hansford County Library is grateful for the support of the residents of Hansford County on this project, but we ask that you consider our volunteers limited time when bringing in donations by making certain that any items donated are in resale condition. Also, if you bring in small appliances or electronics, our volunteers would appreciate a note attached to the items saying if they are in good working condition or not. If you have questions about the type of items that are accepted, please feel free to call the library at 659-2231.

### Working in Windows XP

Learn to use the Windows Operating System most effectively. In the Windows environment, you will learn to switch between and quit programs, create folders, edit, and saving the files, learning your way around the internet and emails. This class will be a 4 week class beginning Thursday, January 25 with the last class on Thursday, February 15. The class is in room 101 at Spearman High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$45. To register for this class or more information call the Community Resource Office, Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, ext.1005. This class could advance to an intermediate level.

### Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at 9th and Quinn in Guymon. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for morning refreshments, which will be provided by the Guymon members. The morning program will be presented by the Elkhart members. The afternoon program will be "Strip Poker" with Helen O'Hair. To participate in Strip Poker, you must bring 3"x width of fabric strips of fabric in increments of 5 with a maximum of only 25 strips to play 5 games. dues are \$20, payable at the meeting, for anyone wishing to join. Visitors and guests are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite pot luck dish to share for lunch.

### Frank Phillips College Community Choir

The Frank Phillips College Community Choir begins its Spring 2007 rehearsals Monday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC Fine Arts building, room FA-28. (The choir did not meet January 15 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.)

### Spearman High School Band Garage Sale

The Spearman High School Band is sponsoring a HUGE GARAGE SALE! Do you like multiple family garage sales? This is a 20 Family Garage Sale! The sale is Saturday January 27th in the High School Cafeteria from 8 am- 4 p.m. No early birds. Please come and help support this hardworking students trying to earn money for their upcoming trip to San Antonio

### Hospice Training Class

Hansford Hospice Volunteer Training Classes will begin on February 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Spearman, Texas. To sign up for the classes or more information, please call 659-5811. These classes provide excellent training for anyone interested in learning more about the Hospice program.

### Health Care Screening

Accolade Home Care is holding a Health Care Screening consisting of blood pressure monitoring, oxygen level and blood sugar level on January 29th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alco in Spearman. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

## Edwards, Brock Wed



Mrs. John Brock

John is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Warren of Dallas (formerly of Borger) and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Brock of Spearman.

Shannon Bailey of Corsicana was the vocalist for the ceremony.

Maid of Honor was Amy Kay Edwards, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Angie Coomes of San Antonio, Ann Hastings of Dallas, Kady Culwell of Dallas, Camille Ip of Ft. Worth and Janna Brock of Spearman, sister of the groom.

Flowergirl was Jade Wilson of Stephenville and the ringbearer was Reid Harrell of Spearman.

Best men were Jordan Brock of Oklahoma City and Jeff Brock of Dallas, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Lance Baker of Lubbock, Andy Hall of Scottsdale, AZ, Chase Fishback of Lubbock and Eric Edwards of Stephenville, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Caleb Stone of Abilene and Brady Herbert of Waco, cousin of the groom.

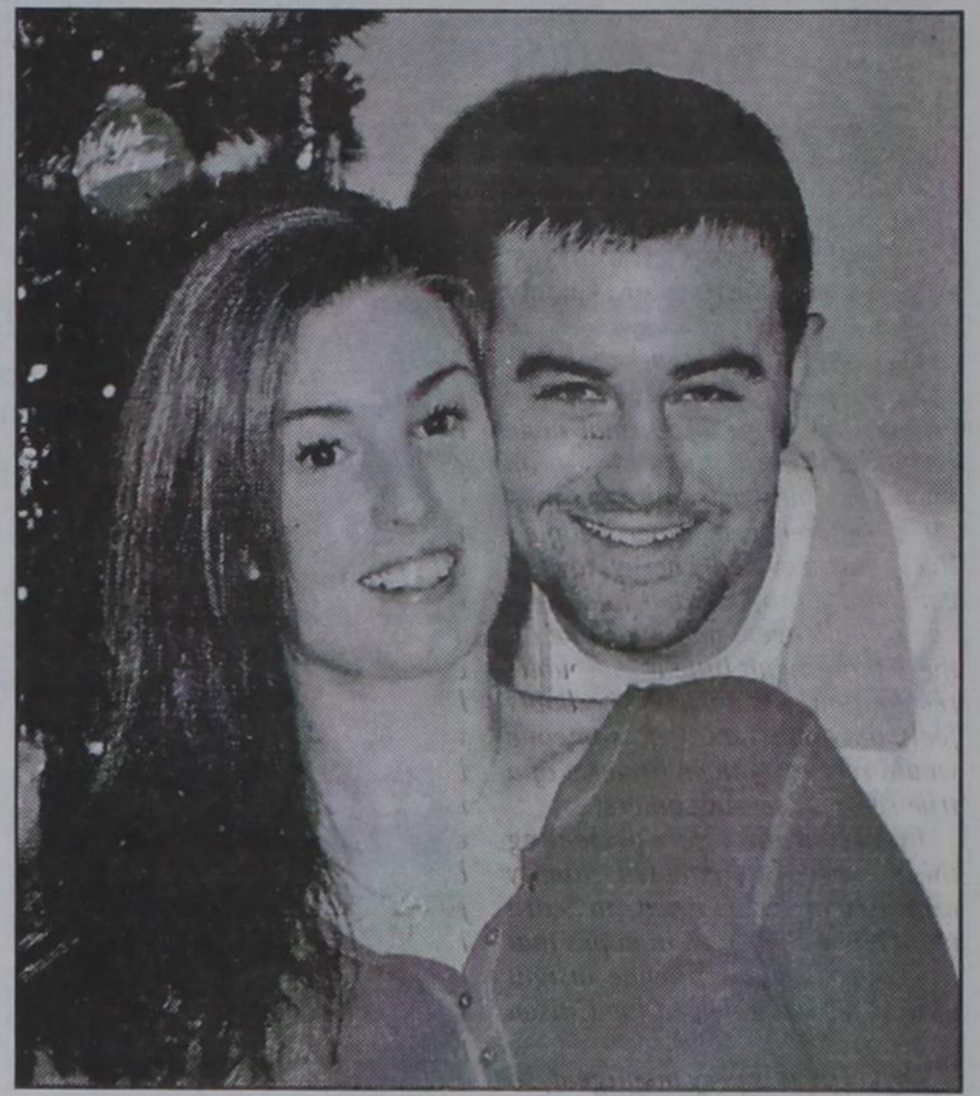
The house party included Cookie Lonergan, Jessica Muncey, Kelci Brock and Meredith Ward.

A reception was held in the church fellowship center. Payton Harrell of Spearman, handed out rice packets during the reception.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Abilene. Courtney is a math teacher at Mann Jr. High in Abilene and John is a senior finance major at Abilene Christian University, and will graduate in May.

Courtney Jean Edwards and John Christopher Brock were united in holy matrimony on December 30, 2006 at 5 p.m. The ceremony was held at the Graham Street Church of Christ in Abilene, with Jim Brown of Stephenville, uncle of the groom, officiating.

Courtney is the daughter of Randall and Kay Ann Edwards of Abilene and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.Y. Owens of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Chappell of Abilene.



## Engagement Announcement

Steve and Susan Florence of Ocean Springs, MS and Fred Brown of Cokeville, TN wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Renae Brown, to Chase Lamb. Chase is the son of Lori Lamb of Greenville, TX and Perry Lamb of Gulf Port, MS.

The couple plan to wed March 10, 2007 at Chez Charles Place in Ocean Springs, MS.

The bride-elect graduated from Mount Juliet High School in Mount Juliet, TN in 1997.

The prospective groom is a 2001 Gruver High School graduate. They will make their home in Ocean Springs, MS, where they have a contractors business.

## It's a Girl!

Harlie Kate Brabham was born Friday, January 5, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Dave and KiKi Brabham of Temple.

Grandparents are Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver and Dale and Linda Brabham of Reno, Nevada.

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# 2006 Citizen of the Year

Dr. Garnett was named the 2006 Spearman Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

Following is the recognition speech, given by Steve Hartgraves, Administrator for Hansford County Hospital District:

Dr. Garnett has made contributions to this community that are beyond the scope of normal civic responsibilities; has made an impact on the community by making a difference in other people's lives; has devoted energy toward community projects and has overcome challenges; and has done all these things with little or no public recognition ... and would probably feel uncomfortable if someone would recognize them because of a true sense of serving others.

In preparation for presenting this award, I contacted family members of Dr. Garnett, to learn more about their past in hopes that it would somehow provide insight to how he was selected for Citizen of the Year.

Dr. Garnett is very intelligent, so it was no surprise to learn that when he was a young boy, and his parents would ask him to do chores around the house, he would "hide-out" by pretending to need to go to the bathroom. While in there, he would spend long stretches reading... or if the bathroom was occupied, the nearest closet would do. What a creative way to get out of doing chores. (It's amazing what you can learn by calling people's relatives!)

Growing up in Spearman created the foundation of deep rootedness in this community and love for

the people who live here. While in Spearman schools, he played basketball and football. I'm also told that he was somewhat of a cowboy. One sunny afternoon on the family farm, he was practicing his roping, while his brother was innocently riding a 4-wheeler. "What a great opportunity to see if I can hit a moving target," he thought, and proceeded to rope his brother. It only took one throw and a slight tug to successfully pull his brother off the back of the 4-wheeler and on to the ground. The fight was on.

When he left Spearman to go to college, and there he met his sweetheart and future wife. They would work toward gibber dreams of post baccalaureate education and starting their family. After achieving extensive formal education and beginning their family, it was time for he and his family to return home and continue building on his hometown roots and start what would become a thriving medical practice.

Earlier I mentioned the characteristics of a Citizen of the Year... and now I would like to give you a few examples.

Dr. Garnett has served the medical needs of this community for nearly 6 years. During his time with Hansford County Hospital District, Dr. Garnett has made a positive impact on countless families throughout the surrounding areas. Many of the contributions made by Dr. Garnett go unnoticed... that's because they occur in the middle of the night - taking emergency Room call or meeting patients at his clinic after hours.

Dr. Garnett puts his heart and soul into this community every day. I remember one evening as I came home from work, my wife, Karen, was in tears about our daughter, who was only weeks old. Being our first child, we worried about every little thing... "is she breathing?" ... "does that place look right?" ... "is she supposed to make that sound?" But today was different, something just didn't seem right, so Karen called Dr. Garnett's clinic. After a few seconds on the phone, Dr. Garnett said, "I'll just swing by

there on my way home and take a look." Neither of us could believe our luck - the doctor was coming to our house. (Where we lived before moving to Spearman, it took two weeks just to get an appointment.)

The last story I'll share with you is about going above and beyond. A few years ago this community lost one of its physicians (Dr. Sharma). As a result, Dr. Garnett was the sole provider of health care services for the entire county. To further explain, this basically means that

every time there was a clinic patient or emergency room visit, he was there. For almost an entire year, Dr. Garnett took responsibility for our health ... all of us. To clarify even further, there are about 6,000 people in Hansford County. The clinics see an average of 1,100 patients each month, and last year there were over 1,700 ER visits. During that time, Dr. Garnett never complained - or missed a single day of work.

Mark Garnett, D.O. practices at the Palo Duro Medical Clinic, 712

South Roland in Spearman. He completed his medical degree at the University of Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Kansas City, MO. He completed his internship in Family Practice at the University of Wyoming, and completed his residency there, too. Dr. Garnett is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice.

He is married to KC, and they have five children, Maren, Peyton, Cade, Levi and Jeb.

## PRINGLE-MORSE CONSOLIDATED ISD STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,211,505	\$ 22,735	\$ 2,234,240
5800	State Program Revenues	154,772	20,709	175,481
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	114,340	114,340
5020	Total Revenues	2,366,277	157,784	2,524,061
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0011	Instruction	683,686	62,226	745,912
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	34,369	254	34,623
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,333	7,859	13,192
0023	School Leadership	63,836	559	64,395
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	46	-	46
0033	Health Services	8,614	-	8,614
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	159,256	1,020	160,276
0035	Food Services	-	85,172	85,172
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	14,568	-	14,568
0041	General Administration	149,355	584	149,939
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	168,412	1,019	169,431
0053	Data Processing Services	66,140	892	67,032
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	860,502	-	860,502
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	12,939	17,714	30,653
6030	Total Expenditures	2,227,056	177,299	2,404,355
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	139,221	(19,515)	119,706
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7915	Transfers In	-	19,515	19,515
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(19,515)	-	(19,515)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,515)	19,515	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	119,706	-	119,706
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,617,638	-	1,617,638
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,737,344	\$ -	\$ 1,737,344

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## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

During this time of discovery, we study Jeremiah 1:4-19, Psalm 71, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, and Luke 4:21-30. Jeremiah is called by God as a prophet; Jeremiah gives God many reasons why he should not be a prophet. In a recent study, 90 percent of Lutherans rarely or never speak to another about their faith in Jesus. They prefer to "live" their faith. Of those Lutherans going to church three to four times a month, 40 percent never talk to anyone about their faith. Jeremiah was a believer, but he did not want to talk about his faith. If he lived today, Jeremiah could be Lutheran. Jeremiah was reluctant to speak of God, he was not reluctant to live for God. Are you "reluctant" to speak of your belief, dear Christian?

The Psalmist sings of God his rock of refuge, his fortress. When God grants the Psalmist His protection then the Psalmist sings, "my mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation, all day long, though their number is past my knowledge."

The Corinthians are having problems maintaining "unity" in the Church. In our study we saw that Paul ranked all of God's gifts as equal and necessary for the welfare of the Church. In our last lesson, Paul promised to talk about the "higher" gift. This week's lesson is Paul's beautiful passage on love. He tells us that spiritual gifts are nothing if they are utilized without love. You can study a life-time and find something new each time you read this passage. See if you can find fifteen attributes of Christian love. If we Christians are the "body of Christ" on earth, then love is the blood that keeps the body alive. Love is nothing less than the epiphany of God.

Jesus quotes Isaiah 61:1-2a, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to announce the release of the captives, and the recovering of the sight of the blind, to set at liberty those who have been bruised, to proclaim the year of the Lord." It is significant that Jesus does not quote the last part of Isaiah 61:2b "and the day of the vengeance of our God." When Jesus indicated that God had also been concerned with the welfare of Gentiles, the mood of the crowd changed and they sought to kill him. The AHA! here is that Jesus has announced the arrival of the reign of God in this world. In the words of an old blues song, "The day Love came to town."

May the Holy Spirit relive your reluctance to share the joy of living in Christ Jesus.

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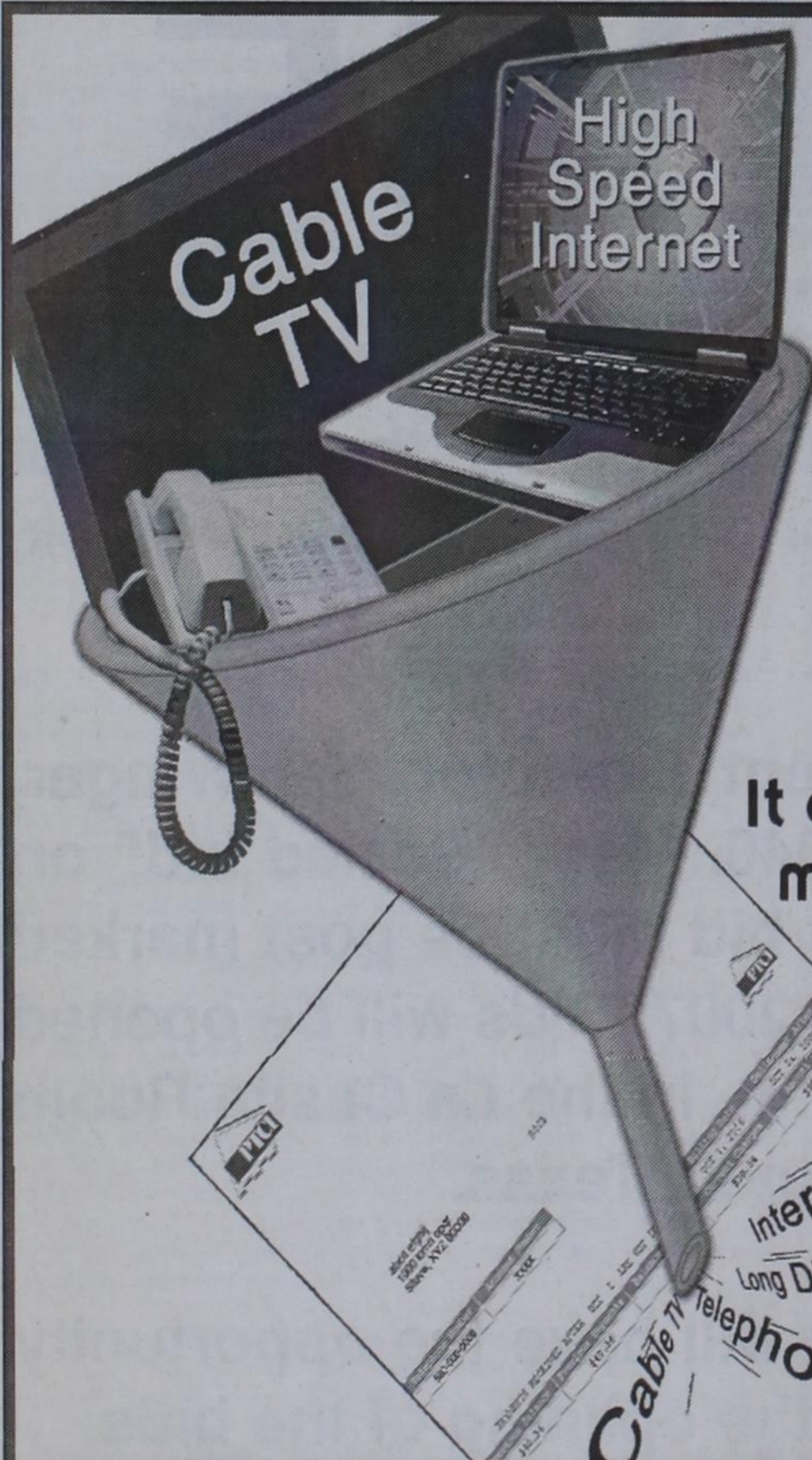


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### North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Manager Takes New Position

Richard Bowers, General Manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) informed the Board of Directors of the District that he had accepted the position of General Manager for the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District. The District is located in Burnet County which is located approximately 60 miles northwest of Austin, Texas.

Bowers became the manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in January of 1987 and replaced Orval Allen who retired in June of 1987. Bowers stated that he had enjoyed working for the District and had seen many changes during his 19 years as manager. He said that both the statutes governing groundwater districts and the rules, amendments and development of new rules has been a very enjoyable experience. The Rules of the District were amended in 1995 and again in 2005.

Bowers stated that groundwater issues in Texas have been addressed every session of the

Texas Legislature since 1989 and with the passage of Senate Bill 2 in 1997 and subsequent legislative changes, the job of local groundwater districts has become a very serious matter. He also stated that the Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District have been very diligent in their job of adopting rules that address water use and regulation of that use, in a way never imagined fifty years ago when the District was created.

Prior to moving to Dumas in 1987 Bowers served a manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District from 1978 through December of 1986. He said "I have been involved in groundwater management for 28 years and have enjoyed every aspect of it. This is probably the reason I am so excited about having the opportunity to help start a new district."

Bowers stated that the move to the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District is an exciting opportunity for him. The District was created by Senate Bill 967 during the 2005 regular legislative ses-

sion. The Board of Directors of the District have been working on the Management and Conservation Plan required by the Texas Water Code and are in the process of the development of Rules for the District. Bowers will be working with the Board in finalizing the Management Plan and adopting Rules. Bowers stated that the Board told him they had found a location for the office of the District but expected him to do the rest. Bowers will be the only employee of the District at this time. He also stated that the move to Burnet will allow him and his wife Gwen to live a little closer to some of their children and grandchildren who live in the Houston, Texas area.

The Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will be accepting application for the position of General Manager of the District through February 1, 2007. Information may be obtained from the District web site at: <http://www.npwd.org>

### 2006 Hansford County Stock Show



The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 26th and 27th in Spearman, Texas.

Friday's show will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9 a.m. with the steer show following immediately. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. - Swine show; 1 p.m. - judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, with the presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards.

Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine and steer.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

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Personas mayores de 65 años o dishabilitados pueden aplicar para mas exenciones. Usted tambien obtiene un tope de impuestos para el total de sus impuestos escolares si usted cumple 65 años de edad durante 2007. Personas de 65 años o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su distrito de valoracion en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus impuestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continuan a pesar del aplazo con interes de 8% anual, pero no se hace esfuerzo de abrir un juicio hipotecario durante el aplazo. La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas le podra dar mas informacion.

#### VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS

Usted puede calificar para una exencion del los impuetos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administracion de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar. El distrito de valoracion solamente nesisita documentacion el primer año de calificacion o se su tasa de incapacidad cambia.

#### TERRENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoracion/tasacion como terreno agricola disminuye el valor imponible del terreno. Se valora el terreno basandose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y-raices. Obtenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoracion. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva aplicacion.

#### SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitudes se pueden conseguir en el distrito de valoracion mas cerca de usted o del La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas, en el 1/800-252-9121 Tambien se incluye solicitudes para exenciones totales para organizaciones religiosas.

#### DUENOS DE PROPIEDAD PERSONAL

La ley ahora require que Ud. haga una declaracion de propiedad personal. Debe hacer uan declaracion de propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equip utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaracion incompleta o falsa, se le pueda imponer una multa de 10 a 50 por ciento. La declaracion se puede obtener en el distrito de valoracion local.

Contact Hansford Appraisal District  
709 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spearman, Texas  
806-659-5575

**Choice of these Entrees**

- Shrimp in Butter & Cream Sauce over Wild Rice and Seafood Chowder
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SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Permanent Trust Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,670,355	\$ 65,508	\$ 458,227	\$ 914,013	\$ 6,108,103
5800 State Program Revenues	1,623,702	-	-	91,511	1,715,213
5900 Federal Program Revenues	19,011	-	-	602,661	621,672
5020 Total Revenues	6,313,068	65,508	458,227	1,608,185	8,444,988
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	3,694,630	-	-	402,630	4,097,260
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	116,745	-	-	1,547	118,292
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	27,217	-	-	9,108	36,325
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
0023 School Leadership	329,006	-	-	2,000	331,006
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	143,476	-	-	1,208	144,684
0033 Health Services	53,437	-	-	500	53,937
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	219,818	-	-	70,440	290,258
0035 Food Services	14,384	-	-	326,155	340,539
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	277,309	-	-	858	278,167
0041 General Administration	461,684	-	-	1,542	463,226
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	832,997	-	-	4,792	837,789
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	25,520	-	-	15,145	40,665
0053 Data Processing Services	72,570	-	-	458	73,028
0061 Community Services	35,370	-	-	500	35,870
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	117,000	-	-	225,000	342,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	848	-	-	574,330	575,178
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	148,815	-	4,215,448	-	4,364,263
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	48,700	-	-	-	48,700
6030 Total Expenditures	6,622,026	-	4,215,448	1,636,213	12,473,687
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(308,958)	65,508	(3,757,221)	(28,028)	(4,028,699)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	18,859	18,859
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(18,859)	-	-	-	(18,859)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(18,859)	-	-	18,859	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(327,817)	65,508	(3,757,221)	(9,169)	(4,028,699)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,482,885	1,329,808	11,460,655	37,197	16,310,545
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,155,068	\$ 1,395,316	\$ 7,703,434	\$ 28,028	\$ 12,281,846

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the fuel saving described in this advertisement.

### Device may increase gas mileage

Boston - National Fuelsaver Corp. has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds platinum vapor to the air and fuel entering the engine.

Since platinum allows non-burning fuel to burn, the Gas Saver's platinum increases the percentage of fuel burning inside the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Theoretically, burning 22%

more of each gallon inside the engine converts directly into 22% more miles per gallon.

Because unburnt fuel is pollution, this 22% of each gallon normally burns when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter-muffler. Unfortunately, the fuel that burns in the converter-muffler, or anywhere else outside of the engine, cannot improve miles per gallon.

After a five year study, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon and raising octane, making the premium fuels unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joe Robinson, the developer, commented: "Since the government concluded its study, we have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life by cleaning out the carbon than buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call:  
1-800-LESS-GAS  
1-800-537-7427

## Feed Grains Marketing Seminar Rescheduled

by Kay Ledbetter

"Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Feed Grains" has been rescheduled for Feb. 12-13 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The seminar, initially scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22-23, has been moved in anticipation of poor weather conditions, said, Dr. Steve Amosson, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The course will be taught by Amosson of Amarillo and Dr. Mark Waller of College Station, both Extension economists.

The course is designed for producers needing help in establishing

a marketing plan for their feed grains operation in the midst of recent rising prices are invited to attend a two-day seminar, said

"The volatility in the feedgrains market has truly been remarkable," Amosson said. "The increase in ethanol production has and will change the market dynamics for years to come. It will affect the balance between industrial, feed and export use."

The course will allow producers to discuss and analyze these changes and develop a good marketing plan for the upcoming year, he said.

Producers can learn about fundamentals, technicals and seasonal

trends in cash, basis and contracts, Amosson said. They also will learn to evaluate pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and cash marketing tools, such as cover calls, spreads, storage hedging and windows, he said.

The short course is a part of the Advanced Topic Series hosted by Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, Amosson said.


A fee of \$125 will cover instruction, materials and lunch. For more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600 or visit the Master Marketer Web site at <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>.

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**ASSETS:**

Cash and Due from Banks	3,633,007.82
Certificate of Deposits Purchased	10,094,000.00
U.S. Agency or Sponsored Agency Securities	17,518,678.50
Municipal Bonds	8,456,546.30
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>36,069,224.80</b>
Federal Funds Sold	1,375,000.00
Loans	50,270,725.64
Less: Unearned Income and Reserves	(512,945.06)
<b>LOANS NET OF RESERVES &amp; UNEARNED INCOME</b>	<b>49,757,780.58</b>
Federal Reserve Stock	60,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	313,200.00
Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. Stock	2,000.00
Other Nonmarketable Equities	1,195.00
Premises and Fixtures	1,531,640.74
Accrued Revenues Receivable	895,867.79
Other Assets	2,286,311.54
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>95,925,228.27</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Public Funds Deposits	25,027,994.65
All Other Deposits	60,489,475.80
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>85,517,470.45</b>
Borrowed Funds	642,741.48
Other Liabilities	1,644,230.08
Capital Stock	1,000,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
FASB 115 Unrealized Capital Adjustment*	(61,888.39)
Retained Earnings	6,182,674.65
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL &amp; SURPLUS</b>	<b>8,120,786.26</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>95,925,228.27</b>

\* Realized only if all "Available for Sale Securities" were sold on statement date.

Signed and Attested this 16 day of January-2007

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**Spearman Fire Department Employer of the Year**

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department honored Prairie Motors as the Employer of the Year. Pictured are the owners of Prairie Motors - Jeff Beedy, left, and Dick Gillaspie, right.



**Spearman Business of the Year**

PTCI was named 'Business of the Year' at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, January 18th. Pictured are some of the PTCI employees.

Related story on page 6.

**LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST**

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.	of snow showers. Highs around 40.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain in the evening - then a slight chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.	MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.
SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 40.	MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 19.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 18.	TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.
SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance	TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
	WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.



**ANNUAL MEETING**

of  
**SOUTHWEST PIONEER WINDMILL ASSOCIATION**

at  
**First United Methodist Church**

**12:00 noon**

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2007**

Meal will be hamburgers, furnished by the Spearman Lions Club.

Dues for 2006 are \$10 and may be mailed to:  
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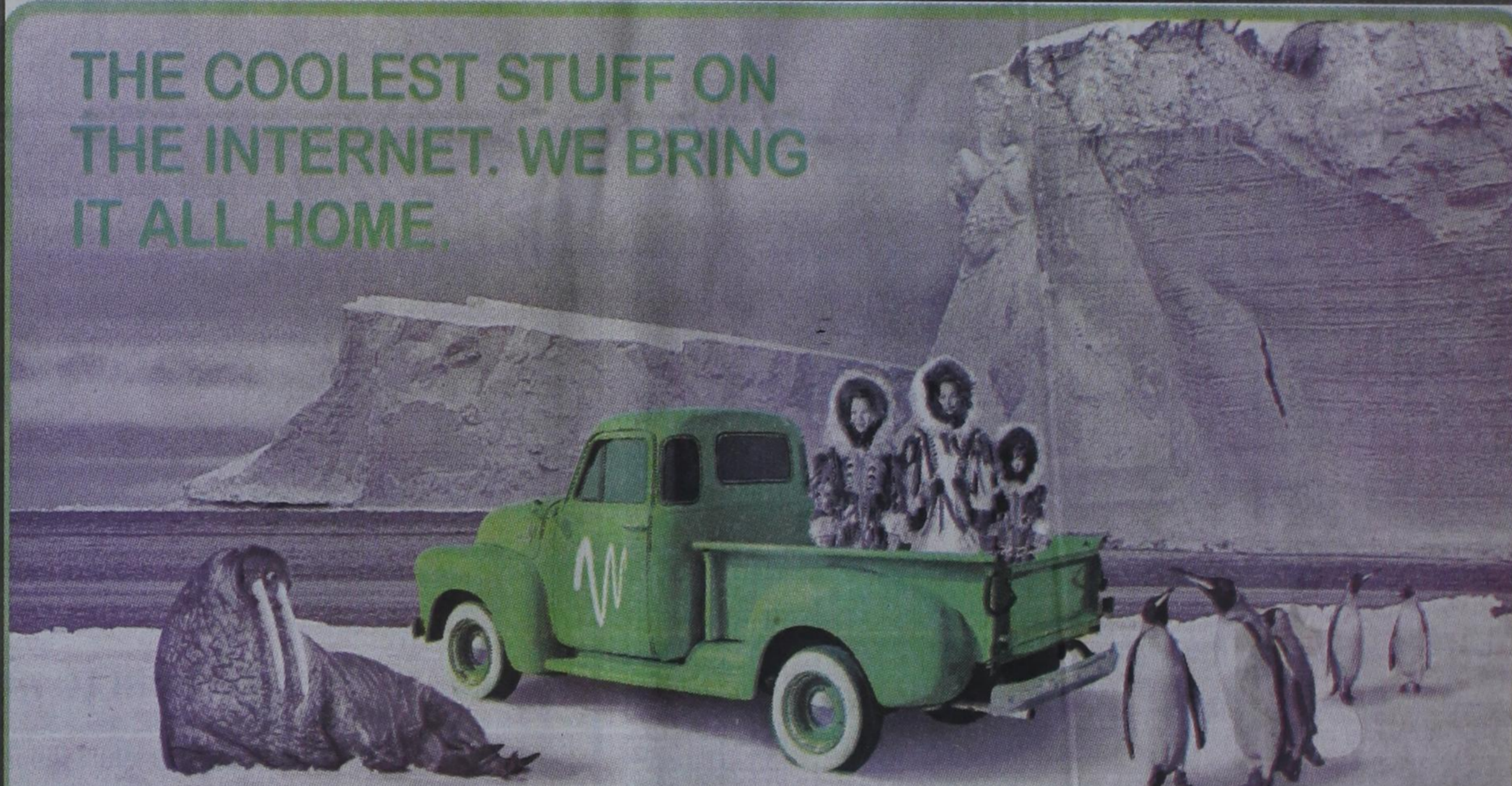
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