Police study clothing in UK prostitute murder hunt LONDON - British police were examining items of clothing on Thursday for possible links to the murders of five women, as the mother of a prostitute killed 14 years ago said she could have been the serial killer's first victim.

#### Communists vow to step up attacks in Philippines

MANILA - Philippine communist guerrillas vowed to step up attacks on government security forces outside the capital to coincide with protests against attempts to alter the political system, a rebel spokesman said late on Wednesday.

UN watchdog looks into program benefiting Italians UNITED NATIONS - The internal U.N. watchdog will look into allegations that a U.N. office steered millions of dollars in contributions from the Italian government to projects benefiting Italian nationals and interests, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

#### Cubans wonder if they

will see Castro again HAVANA - Cubans are increasingly talking in the past tense about Fidel Castro, the man who governed their lives for 47 years.

#### Sen. Johnson undergoes surgery: source

WASHINGTON - Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota underwent surgery on Wednesday, a source said, after suffering what a doctor called "symptoms of a stroke." The actions prompted concerns about his fellow Democrats' razor-thin majority in the incoming Senate.

Less than 25 pct back Bush's Iraq strategy: poll WASHINGTON - Less than one in four Americans approves of President George W. Bush's handling of the Iraq war, according to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Wednesday that

#### Space station astronauts

mirrored other recent surveys.

abandon solar panel repair HOUSTON - Astronauts aboard the International Space Station abandoned troubleshooting efforts on a jammed solar panel on Wednesday, leaving it half extended, and went forward with the next steps in their mission to rewire the outpost's electrical system.

#### Sen. Johnson critical after brain surgery

WASHINGTON - Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson was in critical condition after undergoing brain surgery, the U.S. Capitol physician said on Thursday, an illness that could deprive Democrats of their precarious hold on the new Senate.

#### Astronauts wrestle with space station's solar panel

HOUSTON - Astronauts aboard the International Space Station ran into a jam trying to fold up one of the station's solar wing panels on Wednesday, a key step in the mission to rewire the outpost's electrical system.

#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician. but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

- Mark 2:16-17

#### VOICE OF THE WEEK

What do we want the Church to do? We don't ask for more cathedrals. We don't ask for bigger churches of fine gifts. We ask for its presence with us, beside us, as Christ among us. We ask the Church to sacrifice with the people for social change, for justice, and for love of brother. We don't ask for words. We ask for deeds. We don't ask for paternalism. We ask for servanthood.

- Cesar Chavez

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## Santa visits Spearman

Santa was in Spearman at First State Bank on Wednesday, December 13th for their 18th Annual Christmas Hot Dog Cookout, where he enjoyed visits from children of all ages.

Santa and Abigail look at Graham to see his reaction. during his first visit with Santa. Abigail and Graham are the children of Karen and Hartgraves Steve Spearman.

# Gruver Junior High Receives State Award

The Gruver Junior High School was presented an award from the Texas Business and Education Coalition for being one of the top 49 junior high/middle school's in the State of Texas over the past three years. The award was presented in Austin on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Following is a letter from Governor Rick Perry congratulating the Gruver Junior High School for being named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition's 2006 Honor Roll.



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye, that this certificate is presented to:

## Gruver Junior High

It is an honor to recognize your being named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition's 2006 Honor Roll.

In classrooms across the Lone Star State, the future of Texas is being built. Today, our state has no higher priority than ensuring that young Texans are empowered with the knowledge and skills to realize their full potential.

Students, your success is Texas' success, and I congratulate you on earning this outstanding achievement. Remember always that you are the Lone Star State's brightest promise for the future. You are Texans - no obstacle is insurmountable; no goal is unattainable. Yours is a future of endless opportunities, and I am certain that you will continue to excel.

Mrs. Perry joins me in sending best wishes.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 29th day of November, 2006.

Rick Perry Governor of Texas

#### LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

30. Northwest winds around 5 mph. FRIDAY - Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY - Sunny. Highs around 60. SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the tation 20 percent.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening hen becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around rain showers in the afternoon. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of freezing rain. Lows in the mid 20s. TUESDAY - Cloudy. Slight chance of freezing rain in the morning - then a slight chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Highs around 40. Chance of precipi-

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. WEDNESDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s.



Hot dog expert Bret Burgin keeps a close eye on novice Mike Pearson as he prepares hotdogs for the community dur-ing First State Bank's 18th Annual Hot Dog Cookout. Approximately 490 hot dogs were served to the community between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th.

# PTCI Upgrades Services in Spearman

Construction is underway to upgrade the current CATV/Telephone sysem to provide over 100 channels of Digital TV and upgrade PTCI's High speed Internet and Voice Services. This will allow PTCI to provide beter, more reliable service, with fewer interruptions. It also means an increased bandwidth capability for customers with data and Internet needs. Upon completion, this upgrade will enable PTCI to expand its present high-quality, state-of-the-art telecommunications services and features throughout Spearman.

## **Letters to Santa**

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 21st.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.)

In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 18th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com



I had several friends send me the following story. I am not sure who wrote it, but it is a great story about the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy, and God bless!

## There Is & Santa Claus

I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb. "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true.

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" she snorted. "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad! Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars.

That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said. "Buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping.

For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for.

I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all the kids knew Bobby Decker didn't have a cough and he didn't have a good coat. I fingered the tendollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked really warm, and he would like that.

"Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby." The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas. That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in Christmas paper and ribbon. A little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible. On a tag with a string she wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus."

Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers.

We parked down the street from Bobby's house. Then we crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were, ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team. I still have the Bible, with the coat tag for \$19.95 tucked inside.

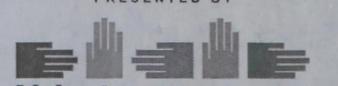
May you always have LOVE to share, HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS who care. And may you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus!

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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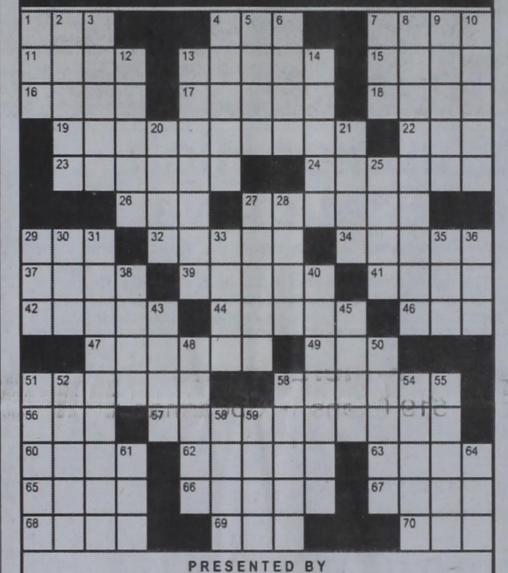
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- 13. Popular holiday beverage 15. Sonny and Cher and Blues
- Brothers
- 16. Bullets
- 17. Get up
- 18. Climber's destination 19. Christmas star
- 22. Am is to I as \_\_\_\_ is to we
- 23. Decorated
- 24. Drunk's speech?
- 26. Large coffee pot 27. Cold and treeless
- 29. Denotes a belief or principle 32. Santa's fifth reindeer
- 34. Number of days in Hanukkah 37. A journey
- 39. Sound Navigation Ranging
- 41. No pain, no what?
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- match 47. Thick, woolen trousers
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- 2. Composition speed, pl.
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- 4. Fatigued
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- 9. "A Visit from St. Nicholas"
- 10. Turkish monetary unit
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- 14. 1509 to 1547 for Henry VIII
- 20. Narcotics lawman 21. Adjutant
- 25. Jail on a ship
- 27. Campers' dwellings 28. Site of last Olympics in U.S.
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- Lanka 31. Reason to kiss?
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- 35. Step on it
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- 51. "Deck the Halls," e.g.
- 52. Excuse 53. Travolta to Danny as Newton-
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- economic organization 58. Christmas season

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# **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION Capital** State By Ed Sterling

#### **EDUCATION TOPS GOVERNOR'S** GOALS FOR 80TH LEGISLATURE

Aides for Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick - addressed a small group of newspaper editorial writers and publishers in a small forum Dec. 7 in Austin.

The three took turns talking about their bosses' goals for the upcoming legislative session, which begins Jan. 9. Kathy Walt, Perry's special assistant for communications, said the

governor is pleased that the outgoing 79th Texas Legislature's handling of school finance and property tax reform takes those issues off the back of the incoming 80th Legislature. Education continues to be Perry's highest priority, so he'll be working with the Legislature to increase higher education accessibility and

affordability, Walt said. Other Perry priorities:

 Increase border security and reduce crime. · Simplify the state's spending limit formula, which presently is tied to growth in citizens' personal income. Perry believes the formula should be based on population growth, instead, Walt said.

· Require state agencies to post detailed budgets online. · Amend the state constitution so that surplus tax dollars would be

eturned to taxpayers. • Require the state comptroller to publish the methodology for making Require universities and other state-supported institutions of higher

learning to publish detailed cost breakdowns for instruction and mainte nance and operations.

 Deliver on promise of property tax cuts. Solicit more citizen input on ways to accomplish property tax

appraisal reform.

Dewhurst to hit child predators Rich Parsons of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst's office said his boss is calling the next session "the children's session" because of plans to lower the boom on adults who commit sexual offenses against children by passing ougher laws.

Dewhurst wants to pass a Texas version of "Jessica's Law" - a Florida law that increased penalties against sex offenders whose victims are chil-

Dewhurst is proposing that a first-time offender convicted of a sexual

assault against a child under age 14 would get a 25-year sentence and lifetime monitoring after release. A second-time offender would be subject to the death penalty. Parsons said the 200,000 teachers and 300,000 support personnel in

Texas' public school system would be subject to background checks under Dewhurst's child-protection agenda. Speaker's rep focuses on budget Appropriations bills must originate in the House, so Don Green,

speaker Craddick's director of budget and policy, focused on money Green said Craddick believes the estimated \$15 billion surplus projected by outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is more like \$7

Green briefed the audience on the list of the state constitution's spending controls. He pointed out the overlapping mandates that budget writers must consider, such as those based on the state's economic growth,

the pay-as-you-go imperative, the welfare budget minimum and the debt service spending limit. Adding to the complicated task of coordinating the many mandates, Green said, is the fact that the writers of the state constitution could not have anticipated the Legislature's recent shifting of \$13 billion to \$14

billion in funding responsibility from local government to back to the Green said the increased need for Medicaid spending as the state population grows and as medical costs increase presents another conundrum

to be solved.

Teacher union releases report The American Federation of Teachers released a report titled Building Minds, Minding Buildings - Turning Crumbling Schools into

Environments for Learning. The Texas Federation of Teachers endorsed the report. Findings assert that such conditions as mold, high temperatures, overcrowding, poor air quality and vermin infestation in too many public schools must be

addressed immediately as a top educational priority. TFT president Linda Bridges said the AFT's comprehensive report on schools across the nation "confirms that the problem is widespread and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later."

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# Our Sympathy

GARLAND MONROE NICHOLS JR

LAWTON, OK - Garland Monroe Nichols Jr. was born June 27, 1945 in Perryton, Texas, to Cora Porter and Garland Monroe Nichols Sr. He passed away December 6, 2006 at Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 61.

Garland graduated from Spearman High School in 1963 and then attended Panhandle State University. He was married to Natividad Nichols (Guerra) at Panama. He was Staff Sergeant in the United States Army and retired as an E-6. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. After his retirement he worked for Buy 4 Less and later Wal-Mart.

He was preceded in death by his father, and one infant daughter. Survived by his wife, Nati, Lawton, OK; daughter, Corita Hernendez, Edinburg, TX; son, Garland Nichols, Lawton, OK; granddaughter, Nikita Nichols, Edinburg, TX; granddaughter, Jackie Hernendez, Edinburg, TX; grandson, Houstin Hernendez, Ediburg, TX; sister, Ruth Kizziar, Spearman, TX; sister, Nancy Kelley, Spearman, TX; mother, Cora Nichols, Spearman, TX; several nephews and nieces, special friend,

No Services are planned at this time. Arrangements were under

Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service.

IMOGENE WILLIAMS

GRUVER - Imogene Williams, 87, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Gruver First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Williams was born January 12, 1919, in Winters to Tom and Allie Carroll. She married E.A. "Boots" Williams on August 4, 1940, in Ballinger. He preceded her in death on November 18.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church and the Busy Hands Hobby Club.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a grandson, Clint Williams, on March 17, 2006.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Williams and Ronnie Williams, both of Gruver; a daughter, Day Nell Caddell of McKinney; two sisters, Wanda Edwards of Odessa and Allene Gamble of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081.

ROY ANSON WALKER

SPEARMAN - Roy Anson Walker, 79, died Sunday, December 10, 2006.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2006 in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Walker was born May 26, 1927, in Dalhart to Orville and Alice Walker. He married Essie Bell Tomlinson in 1946, and later married Verna Peacock in 1961.

Roy attended Gruver schools and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He farmed in Hansford County until he retired to Sanford, TX. He found great joy cooking for his family and friends. Roy was an avid rock and artifact collector. He loved gardening and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna Walker, in 2003; a brother, O.V. Walker, Jr.; and his parents, Orville and Alice Walker.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Walker of Albuquerque, N.M., and Allen Walker of Gruver; a daughter, Toni Walker of Albuquerque; a stepdaughter, Glenda Langwell of Dallas; a stepson, Larry Quinn Walker; a brother, Ross Walker of Gruver; three grandchildren; and his first wife, Essie Bell Roberts of Edgewood, NM.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

ELLA MAE HULL ROBSON

MONROE, LA - Ella Mae Hull Robson, 81, died on October 20, 2006 in Monroe, LA.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2006, in the chapel of Mulhearn Funeral Home, with Rev. Warren Eckhardt and Rev. David Worthington officiating. Interment was in Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Robson was born June 15, 1925 in Fargo, OK. She was a member of North Monroe Baptist Church and the Winsome Sunday School Class. She was raised in Spearman, TX, and graduated from Spearman High

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Robson.

She is survived by her children, C.W. Robson of Davis, OK, Richard Barnes of Waldo, AR, Barbara Fort of Pine Bluff, AR, Martha Sue Poole of Elk City, OK, Lyndia Sue Stokley of Monroe, LA and Terri Dabbs of Shreveport, LA; sisters, Anona Seitz and Margaret Novak both of Spearman, TX; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 greatgreat-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to North Monroe Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

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# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Rejoice! We study Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:1-6, Philippians 4:1-13, and Luke 3:7-18. Early in the reign of Josiah (640-609 BCE) Zephaniah tells the people to rejoice, the Lord has taken away the judgments against you. As we study this, we see that joy is the key to unlock ing the message of God. Isaiah tells the people to "Shout aloud and sing for joy...". The Lord's anger with His people has turned away and the Lord comforts them.

Paul, in prison, urges the Church at Philippi to stand firm in the Lord as if in battle. He asks two women leaders to reconcile and be of the same mind in the Lord. [Note that women in Macedonia in the first century, led congregations]. Paul tells all to Rejoice! He asks them not to worry about anything but to take everything to God in prayer, and the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Consider dear Christian that a recent medical study showed that those who are joyous of mind, who think in positive terms, have healthier hearts than those who are depressed and negative in spirit. Note too, that each morning as you arise, you have the choice to be joyful in the Lord or to be worried, crabby and Scrooge-like. How do we then achieve joyfulness? Paul says, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things". Try it, your heart will thank you. If you have difficulty being positive, practice, practice, practice. Remember Paul advises us, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"

John is the fore-runner of Christ. His message is Repent! The Day of the Lord is coming! John's preaching emphasized sharing and doing one's job in the manner it should be done. John the Baptist warned the people to repair their relationships with their neighbors, if they expected to stand with confidence in the judgment of God.

Rejoice the Lord is Come! Rejoice the Lord is Coming Again! May the Holy Spirit grant you the peace that passes all understanding that you may live in Joy!

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**Bob Boxwell** 

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

December 14 Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Eddie Sandra Grover, Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine

Anniversary - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork December 15

Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa

December 16 Birthday - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

Anniversary - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odom,

M/M John Purvines December 17

Birthday - Bobbie Novak, Patsy Bevill, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas

Anniversary - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley, Steve & Karen Hartgraves December 18

Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, M/M Dwayne Hart, M/M Dave Karlin

December 19

Birthday - Steve Bevill, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossett, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Ruby Katherine Walton, Thornton

Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20 Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittni Beedy Sanders, Nikolas, Alicia Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans

Anniversary - M/M William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, M/M

Dale Jones December 21

Birthday - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriquez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans, Elaine Bain

Anniversary - M/M Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, M/M Bob Tolleson, M/M Kenneth Slough, M/M Steve Duncan, M/M Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally

December 22

Birthday- Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominquez

December 23 Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook,

Lavon Reid Anniversary - M/M Marty Rasor, M/M Byron Peddy, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Bevill

December 24 Birthday - Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld, Gabby Bravo, Chris Bravo, Don Floyd Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, . & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, M/M Gary Davis

December 25 Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass

Anniversary - M/M Red Byrd, M/M Bart Baker

December 26 Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris

Anniversary - M/M L.T. Wright, M/M Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

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**Computer Classes** 

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program is considering computer classes starting in January. Classes in word processing, excel and internet, all at different level, will be offered. If you would be interested in a class call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233. Teachers from the district will be teaching the class.

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.

**Gruver Kindergarten Christmas Program** 

Gruver Kindergarten Is Presenting "Bob Humbug The Christmas Grump." The school is invited to the kindergarten dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Parents and commu nity are invited to the performance on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

**Adult ESL Classes** 

Adult ESL Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Spearman High School (Room 112, take south entrance). The instructor will be Dana Saylor, Spearman Elementary ESL teacher. There is no charge for this class.

Texas Star Ball

The Singles Ministry of Hillside Christian Church is sponsoring the Texas Star Ball! It will be dinner and a Christian New Year's Eve Dance at the HCC Student Ministry Building, 6100 Soncy, on December 31, 2006. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., with dancing until 12:30 a.m. The dress code will be modest and casual. Tickets are \$16 for one and \$30 for two. This fee includes dinner, program, and dance. We are inviting area wide married couples and singles. Tickets must be reserved by noon Thursday December 28, and paid for by Saturday, December 30. our special guests for the weekend dance lessons and ball will be pro dancer, choreographer and teacher Wiley Hicks-Simpson and his wife, Michele, from California. The event will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment. More information about the dance lessons and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis (457-4986) or Danny Mize (457-4951) at Hillside Christian Church. Since the church office will be closed the week of December 25-29, be prepared to leave a message and receive instructions about paying for tickets that week.

Meet the New Panhandle State University Head Coach

Oklahoma Panhandle State University is hosting a reception for Mike Wyatt, the new head football coach. The event will be held in the Guymon Classroom located at Fifth and Roosevelt on Friday, December 15 from 4:30-6 p.m. Plan to join us for light refreshments and welcome Coach Wyatt back to the Panhandle!

"Back in Control" Parenting Classes

A "Back in Control" Parenting Training will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 1500 S. Taylor Street in Amarillo. Registration is ag 8:45 a.m. and the class will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The class is sponsored by STAR (Services-To-At-Risk) and the instructor will be Janice James, MA, QMHP, UCAP Coordinator. There is no charge for the class. Limited seating is available. To register, call 359-2005.

**Crisis Center Needs Volunteers** 

The Panhandle Crisis Center is in need of volunteers to work at its donation center one to three hours, one day a week, sorting clothing and other donated items. The crisis center gives the items donated to the center to its clients free of charge. To volunteer, contact Janice at the crisis center, 435-5008.

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 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 an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

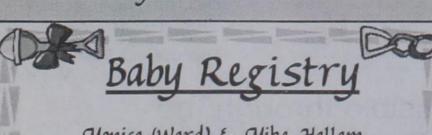
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### Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pipkin of Spearman, Texas, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Jewel, of Harrison, Arkansas, to Mr. Jonathan William Taylor, also of Harrison, Arkansas. Mr. Taylor is the son of Tom and Kim Gentry of Harrison, Arkansas.

The wedding will take place at 3 p.m. on February 24, 2007, at Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Harrison, Arkansas with the Rev. Tommy Turner officiating.

A reception will follow at the Hotel Seville in Harrison, Arkansas. The couple will plan to make their residence in Soldotna, Alaska.

Kara is currently a Kitchen Coordinator at Doulos Ministries in Branson, Missouri. She received her BA in Spanish from texas A&M University at College Station.

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## Engagement Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Sterling, Colorado are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Nichole Murphy of Greeley, Colorado to Joel Chad TeBeest of Thornton, Colorado.

Chad is the son of J.P. and Amy TeBeest of Gruver and the grandson of Leona Stavlo of Gruver. He is also the grandson of the late Joel Stavlo and the late Ted and Trudie TeBeest.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Sterling High School and will graduate from the University of Northern Colorado in May of 2007 with a degree in Psychology and Music.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2005 graduate of Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is presently employed by Prototype Casting, an engineering firm in Denver, Colorado. He is also pursuing a Master's Degree in Engineering Technology Management from Colorado School of Mines.

The couple is planning a December 30, 2006 wedding at Sterling Berean Church in Sterling, Colorado. Friends and family are invited to attend the 4 p.m. wedding. A reception will follow at the Ramada Inn Courtyard in Sterling.

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in the community for the visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and prayers during my illness. I am truly blessed to ive in a community that is so caring.

My family and I would especially like to thank Leanne Walker, Jenny Neff and Lisa Munoz for checking on me the morning I became ill. We would like to say a special thank you to the EMS staff for their care, to Dr. Hierholtzer and the Hansford Hospital employees and nursing staff

for their care and immediate attention to my illness. Thank you,

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### Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 85th birthday. enjoyed all the good wishes at my party and also all of the cards you have sent me. It is great to live in Spearman! Thanks, Peggy Archer

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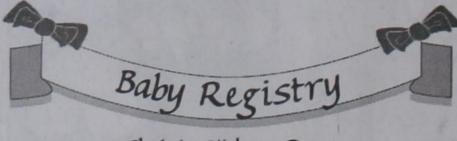
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had been seeing a lot of geese and ducks, but this morning he had not seen many. More eagles have knew were new, because they had not yet developed the white heads. His big news was a new sighting of the cougar.

Mountain Lion Seen Up Close

"I Have Seen the Mountain Lion Club" has two new members. December 3, Coy Kelley and his grandson Dustyn Kelley were east around noon.

of a cougar.

When he lamented to Dustyn that he didn't have a camera to take Jim reported this morning that a picture of it, his grandson told the ice on the Lake had thawed. He him he did. His new cell phone was the kind that also took pictures. By that time it was too late.

Coy Kelley is a contract pumper. come. He had seen three that he He has been traveling the by ways in this area since 1961 without spotting a lion. The occasion was doubly meaningful because he shared it with his 8 year old grand-

The Handbook of Texas

We are fortunate to have the Handbook of Texas in the Hansford Library. An extra bonus of the house on the Jake Vernon is that it is on line. It is a joint projplace in the Kimbell Community eet of the General Libraries at the University of Texas at Austin and Coy had stopped and was open- the Texas State Historical ing a gate, when he saw what he Association. As with much of writfirst thought was a coyote sneaking ten history there are mistakes in it. through the foot high grass about A mechanism is provided to report 25 yards away. He quickly realized errors or corrections that need to be the head was wrong, the body too made. There are a number of mislong, and the three foot long tail takes that I am going to ask for was not that of a coyote but instead help in correcting in the next col-

# Insufficient Funds to perform

the Guymon Main Street sponsored Christmas Concert and Dance on Saturday, December 16th at Pickle son and snacks and drinks are pro-Creek in Guymon. Bringing their versatile music, which includes everything from jazz, folk, soul, the door. disco, R & B to country and classic rock, the concert and dance is offered. Audrey Brooks is the going to be enjoyable for everyone. teacher for the western two-step, The forte of this band is playing waltz, and swing on Friday, Dec. music for all ages.

they have been seen at many local events and as the opening act for such artists as Steve Wariner, Johnny Rivers, Jerry Jeff Walker, The Beach Boys and Creedence Clearwater. They have also represented this area in Austin during "Panhandle Appreciation Day". Their busy schedule includes 50+ events a year. They have become very popular in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, Dallas and Fredericksburg.

Amarillo Globe News readers survey voted NSF the best band of 2003-04-05 and 2006. Band members include: Chuck Alexander on Bass and Vocals, Mary Lyn Halley on Guitar and vocals, Vic Richardson on Drums and Dean Yates on Guitar and vocals. The band began in 1993 with Alexander, Halley and Yates playing together. They added Richardson as the drummer in 1997. They attribute their longevity to their "love of music and the friendship between them". "It is not about us," says Alexander, "it is about everyone else having a good

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time with Insufficient



Insufficient Funds is playing for Funds on Dec. 16th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at Pickle Creek in Guymon. Admission is \$25 per pervided. Call 580-338-5838 for your tickets. Tickets are also offered at

Dance lessons are also being 8th and 15th at the building at the A favorite band in the top of the Hitch Pioneer Arena Panhandles and surrounding areas, rodeo grounds. The lessons are from 6:30 to 7:30 and you may attend one or both and singles are welcome. No reservations are needed, but there is a charge of \$10

The Christmas Concert and Dance is funded through the Oklahoma Arts Council.

## **BASKETBALL**

## **Gruver Hounds & Lady Hounds**

DATE	OPPONENT	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 15	@ Spearman	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
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High school and junior high school band members auditioned in November, and came together Saturday to rehearse and present a performance at Guymon High School. The students represent Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas.

Spearman High School senior Sara Barnes was the recipient of one of the scholarships. Sara plays the clarinet. She is the daughter of Doug and Shannon Barnes of Spearman.



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# America's Best and Brightest Announced for 2005-2006 Academic Year

Educational Communications, Inc. (ECI), the premier publisher of honor and recognition publications in the academic and educational fields, announces honorees for each of its 2005-2006 editions. The honorees were published in the annual editions of Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High Among America's Teachers.

The annual publications' purpose is to publicly recognize outstanding high school students, student-athletes, college students, and teachers for their distinctive achievements and participation in extra-curricular and community activities. Past honorees have included students who grew-up to become successful politicians, Olympic athletes, military leaders, and even an American Idol runner-up.

at Educational Communications Inc. states "We're pleased to present this year's honorees and congratulate each of them on their exemplary achievements. These honorees from your community - represent the top 5% students and teachers and educators in this country. They are the best and the brightest in the nation and deserve the recognition which is a direct result of hard work, dedication and high standards."

Who's Who Among American Who Among American High

the 40th Annual Edition of Who's Honor Societies, Leadership

private and parochial high schools. youth groups and service organizations are invited to nominate students who have achieved a "B" grade point average or better, and who have demonstrated leadership in academics, athletics or extracurricular activities. The 40th edition of Who's Who Among American School Students - Sports Edition, High School Students includes The National Dean's List, The 367,913 honored students from Chancellor's List and Who's Who 15,574 schools. This year's honorees included the following: Gruver - Felicia Bettis, Conrad Curry, Kellyn King, Matt Messer, Justin Thompson, Seth Thompson, Vicki Vela and Jessica Schmidt: Spearman - Cha'tae Avila, Crystal Bridwell, Ashley Close, Ashley Dick, Lance Fishburn, Brynr Garnett, Kegan Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Sharon Haney, Karina Hernandez, Emily Hood, Kylee Howard, Jake Leicht, Maribel Moreno, Ryan T Ramon, Kyla Carol Lynn Martens, Publisher Reed, Si L Tang, Brett Winegarner.

The 5th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition was developed using similar criteria with the added component of athletic accomplishments. It lists 35,267 honored students from 7,157 schools. This year's honorees included Matt D Messer, Gruver High School and Crystal N Bridwell, Spearman High School.

The National Dean's List and The Chancellor's List

The 29th Annual Edition of The High School Students and Who's National Dean's List includes 153,676 college students from School Students - Sports Edition 2,873 schools. This past year's More than 7,000 nominators nominators included college selected the students included in Chancellor's, Dean's, Professors, Who Among American High Organizations, Athletics Director,

School Students. Each year, public, Performing Arts Organizations and other adult leader who has dedicatother education professionals. Together, they have nominated their students who have earned "Dean's List" honors or comparable academic and leadership achievement while they are college students. If a formal "Dean's List' does not exist at their institution. the nominators recommend select students with a "B+" grade point average or are in the upper 10% of their class. This year's honrees for the National Dean's List included: Gruver - Luis U Ramirez, WTAMU; Spearman - John Christian Brock, Abilene University; Caleb Gillaspie, WTAMU and Robyn G Townsend, Frank Phillips College.

The 2nd Annual Edition of The Chancellor's List is comprised of 19,473 graduate students from 1,264 colleges and universities. The student nominations are received from a similar pool of nominators as The National Dean's

#### Who's Who Among America's Teachers

The educators listed in the 10th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers include the nation's best and most respected educators in the country. The 10th edition features 156,059 educators from 38,566 schools. This year's honorees included: Gruver - Mrs. Darlene M. Curry, Gruver High School and Mrs. Mary Henson, Gruver Independent School; Pringle-Morse CISD - Mrs. Monica Schmidt, Pringle Morse CISD; Spearman - Mrs. Jan Howard, Spearman Elementary.

Students included in the publications are invited to nominate a current or former teacher, coach or ed their time to light the fire and light the path of success for students. School boards, peers or local communities may also nominate

#### **About Educational** Communications, Inc.

Established in 1967, Educational Communications, Inc. (ECI) is the premier publisher of honor and recognition publications in the academic and education fields. The organization's objective has remained unchanged for over 40 years - to provide positive affirmation of student achievement, support higher education, and "Honoring Tomorrow's Leaders

In 1968, the organization felt the need to help students - whose financial situation may preclude them from pursuing a college education - to locate and obtain scholarships, which would help them to fund their college education. From that vision, the Educational Communications, Inc. Scholarship Foundation® was created and that year ten students were awarded \$400 each. Today, the foundation awards a minimum of \$150,000 and has awarded over \$4,000,000

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#### 2006 Disrict 1-A All-District Football Team Coach of the Year: Terry Felderhoff, Gruver

1st Team Quarterback: Diego Luciano, Sr. Running Back: Chandler Miner, Jr. Wide Receiver: Tucker Williams, Sr. (Unanimous) Tight End: Drew Grotegut, Sr. Offensive Line: Charlie Slough, Sr. (Unanimous) Defensive Line: Travis McDowell, Sr. Linebacker: Jake Wills, Jr. (Unanimous)

Secondary: Diego Luciano, Sr.; Tucker Williams, Sr.

2nd Team

Fullback: Tony Lora, Jr. Center: Travis McDowell, Sr. Offensive Line: Jake Wills, Jr.; Lorenzo Torres, Jr. Defensive Ends: Tanner Sherrill, Jr. Linebackers: Lorenzo Torres, Jr.; Drew Grotegut, Sr.; Chandler

**Gruver Honorable Mention** 

Offensive Line: Justin Thompson, Sr. Linebacker: Tony Lora, Jr. Secondary: Seth Thompson, Jr.

Miner, Jr.

District 1-A Academic All-District Team

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Monday evening. Each year the banquet recognizes each student that has competed in leadership development events and various other FFA activities. The district also elects officers for the upcoming year. Banners were given out to top placing teams in several different categories including:

Junior Creed - Drew Mireles -1st District, 5th Area 1

Junior Ouiz - Blake Fitzgearld, Parker Grotegut, Caleb Miller, David Sanchez - 3rd District

Jr. Chapter Conducting - Cory Graves, Parker Grotegut, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Rily Urban and Tyler Wills - 2nd District, 12th Area 1 Sr. Creed - Lynn Vela - 1st

District, 10th Area 1 Sr. Quiz - Parker Grotegut,

Jimmilee McCloy, Travis McDowell, Charles Slough and Victoria Vela - 1st District, 10th Area 1

Radio - Roman Rodriquez, Tanner Sherrill, and Jake Wills -8th District

This was only the beginnig of the fun for Gruver FFA Monday night. Jimmilee McCloy competed in the district talent contest along with Lynn Vela and Tanner Sherrill

The Gruver FFA attended the competing for district and area as district secretary and ran for Top O' Texas district banquet offices. Lynn came out on top of the votes and was elected to serve as Top O' Texas District president. Tanner Sherrill completed his year

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Area 1 office. Tanner narrowly missed serving Area 1 as an officer. Please take time to let the FFA students know you are proud of them.

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The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the following for donating to "Operation Christmas Greeting" instead of mailing greeting cards. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies for Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor, that are not budgeted items. Previously purchased items include a popcorn popper, furniture, a faux fireplace for the Manor, and thermometers, tables, chairs, and other items for the Hospital. Money to help purchase physical therapy equipment has also been donated.

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## **Cunningham Named BBBS** August Volunteer of the Month

Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This award recognizes a "Big" "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Cunningham, 79, has been cated, dependable volunteer.' matched with his Little Brother, Marcos, through the organization's school based program, Bigs in Schools, in Spearman since September, 2003. They meet once a week during the school year.

"He's nice. I like him. I have a good time with him," Marcos, now in sixth grade, said. "We read and play a lot of games. James is cool. I like everything about him. I'm not in trouble as much."

One of Marcos' favorite things is to hear about Cunningham's many adventures. He has really enjoyed seeing photos of James as a student and a soldier. "These days they can usually be found playing dominos, which James may come to regret teaching Marcos since he is able to beat him now!" Lopez said.

"In every entry in his weekly contact log over the years James reported that he sees improvement

James Cunningham has been in Marcos," Lopez added. "He named August Volunteer of the always sees the positive in this boy; he is always in his corner.'

Cunningham was one of the who has connected with the agency's first school volunteers in Spearman; he was matched with his first Little Brother in 2001. "James has a heart for helping children," agency case manager, Kimberley Lopez, said. "He is a wonderful role model and a dedi-

Marcos is one of 25 Spearman students matched through the Bigs in Schools program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016 or toll free at 1-877-716-

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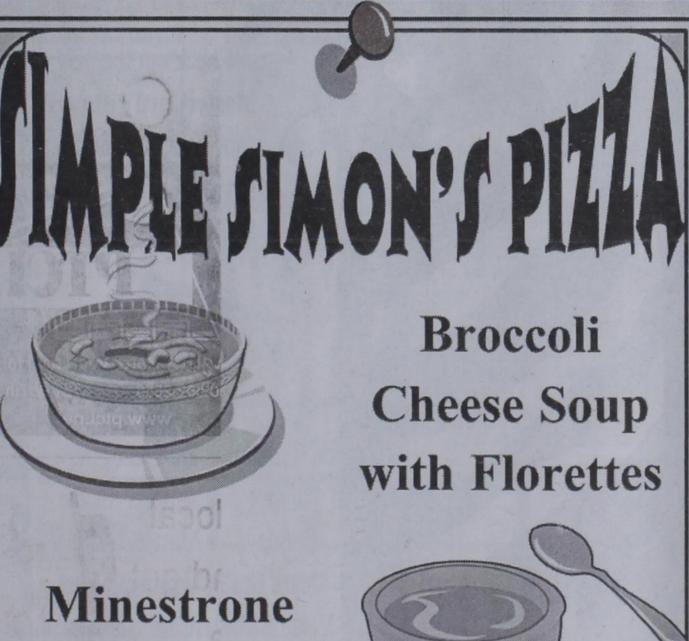
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#### **Electric May Be Cheaper Than Natural Gas** When Farmers Water Crops This Spring

Producers who irrigate crops can make converting their watering systems to electricity pay at current natural gas prices, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, told producers attending the Farm Management Symposium during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show on Nov. 30 that, while several factors must be considered, converting irrigation systems to electricity would be the most economical thing to do at this time.

"It appears to pay to convert to electricity at the lighter lift rates, 200 feet, when natural gas prices reach \$4 per mcf (million cubic feet) and at the deeper lift rate, 500 feet, when gas prices exceed \$5 per mcf." Amosson said.

Currently gas prices are around \$8 per million cubic feet and most producers are looking at a 500-foot lift to bring water to the surface in their irrigation wells, he said.

"While we expect these rates to come down somewhat, the probability of them going below the breakeven is questionable," Amosson said.

The advantages of electricity are lower motor prices; lower lube, maintenance and repair; and a longer useful motor life, he said.

At 500 feet, the electric motor is expected to last for 15 years and cost \$6,600, compared to a natural gas engine that costs \$20,000 with a 12-year life span, Amosson said.

The \$5-per-mcf breakeven includes the cost of conversion. which is expected to be around \$9,000. However, it does not include the cost of line extension fees that may be required if threephase electricity has to be run to the pivot system, he said.

While the line extension fee varies, Amosson figured a cost of \$15,000 would add another \$1 per mcf to the breakeven figure, making it \$6 per mcf on the 500-foot

lift, still well below the current natural gas prices.

"At \$8 natural gas, we would anticipate being able to recover the conversion costs and a that of the new motor in three to four years," he said. The addition of the line extension fee would make costrecovery time a little longer.

Looking at the natural gas futures, Amosson said the outlook indicates gas prices may fall, but not enough in the next several years to keep this from being the most viable option.

He is, however, looking at the possibility of combining electricity with a wind-powered electric irrigation system.

"We're in the final stages of completing the analysis looking at the feasibility of wind-electric hybrid systems," he said.

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The Petition of MARGARITA ELIZA VAQUERA, Petitioner,w as filed in the 84th JUDICIAL DIS-TRICT of Hansford County, Texas on November 17, 2006 against VAQUERA, ARMANDO Respondent(s), in cause numbered CV04838 and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARGARITA ELIZA VAQUERA & ARMANDO VAQUERA." The suit

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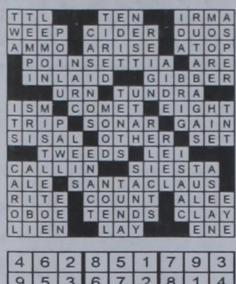
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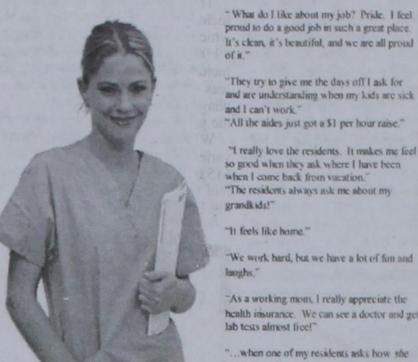


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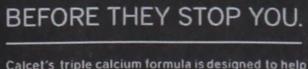
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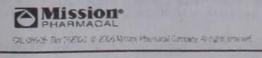


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# Journey through Vietnam

by Jo Nell Sheets

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They took a bus trip across county to Ha Log Bay, where they took a cruise out to the Gulf of Tonkin. This is a very pretty area. They next took a flight down to Hue where they toured the imperial citadel and several tombs of past emperors, as well as markets and shops.

They then traveled by motor coach to Da Nang, enjoyed the countryside. Their hotel was on China Beach. It was very pretty,

but had been ravaged two weeks of Vietnam. A cross country bus earlier by a typhoon.

By bus they traveled to the city of Hoi An, A UNESCO World Heritage Site built many years ago by Dutch, Chinese, Portuguese & Japanese traders.

From there they went to rural Hoa Chau to see life in a small farming community. All of the rice farming and harvesting are done without mechanization, only water buffalo.

They took a flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Mihn City) where they visited the Cu Chi Tunnels. The jungles have regrown since agent orange. Some of the ingenious traps remain for show and tell. This was a somewhat chilling experience.

Back in Saigon they enjoyed shopping, dining, sight seeing, even taking motor scooter rides with the locals. Saigon is by far the most modern city in Vietnam, though still many more scooters and bicycles than cars.

There is one highway the length

tour and motorized sampans took them on to the Mekong Delta.

Early one morning they went out on a boat on the Mekong river among the local buyers and sellers of all kinds of fruits and vegetables. The food was good, though we didn't drink the water. The hotels were 5 star, and very com-

Jo Nell and Claude Sheets are pictured at right during a cyclo ride. The cyclo (xich lo), or the pedicab, short for the French cyclo-pousse is a three-wheeled bicycle with a rickshaw-style passenger carriage mounted on the front. The driver pedals from behind leaving the passenger's forward view unobstructed (except, of course, for all the other cyclos and motorbikes on the road.)





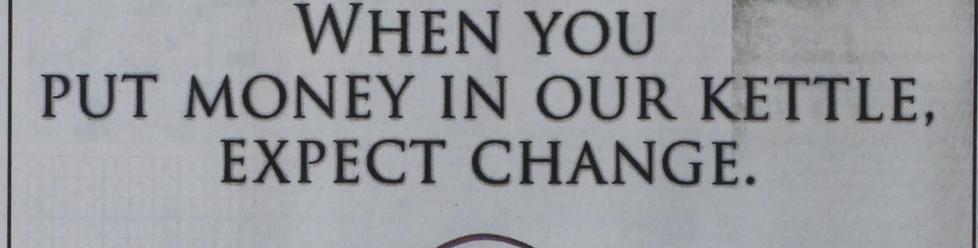
#### MADD 2006 "Tie One On For Safety" Holiday Campaign

Registry, traffic fatalities in the Texas Panhandle accounted for 32% of deaths from injuries in 2003, and were the number one cause for hospitalization related to injuries, accounting for 45%. 3,877 people were killed in traffic crashes in the State of Texas during 2003, another 26,717 were injured. Many of these injuries and fatalities could have been avoided had the victims been waring seat belts.

Preventing this type of accident, particularly during this time of year, is in the interest of all Americans. MADD has long championed a cause to put an end to drunk driving. The RAC, the organization coordinating the trauma services system for the Texas Panhandle, also wants to work toward reducing deaths and injuries caused not only by drunk driving, but as a result of people not waring their seat belts.

In an effort to reduce the carnage, and to encourage the public to become actively involved in the fight against during driving, the RAC is joining the effort and will be distributing 6,000 MADD ribbons in the region to concerned citizens through hospitals and EMS services in Panhandle communities. The ribbons are to be tied in a visible place on vehicles to remind

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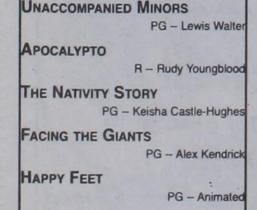
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