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IN THE NEWS

IAEA meeting set to block aid for Iran atom reactor
VIENNA - The U.N. nuclear watchdog began a politically charged meeting on Monday that is likely to put on ice Iran's request for help with a heavy-water plant due to fears it could yield plutonium for atom bombs, diplomats said.

Afghan desert key to world security, says Blair
CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan - British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Monday flew to Afghanistan, where Britain's 5,000 troops are taking higher casualties than in Iraq on the frontline of a rising insurgency by a revitalized Taliban.

U.N. envoy urges Somali govt to talk to Islamists
BAIDOA, Somalia - A top U.N. envoy met Somali government leaders on Monday to try to revive foundering peace talks with rival Islamists, the latest bid to stop growing hostilities in the Horn of Africa nation.

Palestinians suspend talks on unity government
GAZA - Rival Palestinian factions suspended negotiations over the formation of a unity government on Monday after disagreement emerged over the distribution of key ministries, Palestinian officials said.

U.S. Mint hopes presidents encourage $1 coin usage
WASHINGTON - The U.S. Mint is hoping that Martin Van Buren and Millard Fillmore can do what Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea couldn't -- get Americans to use dollar coins.

Black Friday, Cyber Monday not as busy as most think
NEW YORK - "Black Friday" conjures up images of crowded malls, long lines and cranky shoppers, but the day after Thanksgiving did not even rank as one of the top five busiest holiday shopping days last year, according to a report released by MasterCard Worldwide on Monday.

Bloodshed piles pressure on Iraqi PM, Bush
BAGHDAD - More than 100 people were killed over 24 hours in Iraq and gunmen struck a fourth top politician in three days on Monday, piling the pressure on Iraq's government to act to stop the spiral of sectarian violence.

Nasdaq makes $5.1 billion bid for LSE
LONDON - U.S. stock exchange Nasdaq launched a 2.7 billion pound ($5.1 billion) offer for the London Stock Exchange on Monday to create a trans-Atlantic market, but the bid was rejected as inadequate.

Bank of America buys US Trust for $3.3 billion
NEW YORK - Bank of America Corp. , the No. 2 U.S. bank, on Monday said it agreed to buy U.S. Trust Corp., the private banking unit of Charles Schwab Corp. , for $3.3 billion to expand in the lucrative business of managing money for wealthy people.

Blackstone to buy Equity Office
NEW YORK - Private equity buyout firm Blackstone Group agreed on Monday to buy U.S. office building owner Equity Office Properties Trust in a deal valued at nearly $19 billion excluding debt.

Lowe's profit rises, but full-year outlook cut
ATLANTA - Lowe's Cos. on Monday posted an 11 percent rise in third-quarter profit, but a key sales measure weakened for the first time in five years as the cooling U.S. housing market hurt consumer spending.

Johnson wraps up Nextel Cup championship
Jimmie Johnson won his first Nextel Cup championship, finishing ninth in the season's final race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Verse of the Week

We urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

Voice of the Week

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.
- Coretta Scott King

Gruver Greyhounds Area Playoff Game

The Area Playoff Football Game for the Gruver Greyhounds will be on Friday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium on Friday, November 24th at 7:30 pm against Nazareth.

A Play-off Pep Rally will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at 11:50a.m. in the Varsity Gym.

Happy Thanksgiving

simple twists add a special touch to HOLIDAY CLASSICS

FAMILY FEATURES

At the heart of any holiday celebration is food. Certain tastes and aromas instantly conjure up images of the holidays, evoking memories of family, friends and seasons past. Everyone has a favorite dish, so hosts look for new ways to add special touches without snubbing tradition. According to a survey conducted by Equation Research, 81 percent of people say they look for new recipes to help put a fresh twist on holiday classics. And, while the main course tends to remain constant, cooks want simple ideas to bring new flavor and flair to appetizers, side dishes and desserts.

The classic Green Bean Casserole, which gets its unmistakable flavor from cream of mushroom soup, has been a mainstay on holiday menus for more than 50 years. To add a festive touch of color, mix in chopped red pepper. Using chicken broth instead of water adds rich flavor to Moist & Savory Stuffing. Pecans and cranberries lend a flavorful twist.

Of course, no holiday gathering would be complete without scrumptious desserts. Easier Than Apple Pie — a festive interpretation of the all-American favorite — showcases the classic tastes of apples and cinnamon in a simple, rustic tart. Or, trade in traditional pumpkin pie for Spiced Pumpkin Cake, an ultra-moist treat with spiced cream cheese frosting that will win rave reviews.

For more recipes that blend tradition and creativity, visit www.campbellskitchen.com, www.mccormick.com or www.swansonbroth.com.

Green Bean Casserole

Green Bean Casserole

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes 12 servings

- **2 cans (10 3/4 ounces *each*) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular *or* 98% Fat Free)**
- **1 cup milk**
- **2 teaspoons soy sauce**
- **1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper**
- **8 cups cooked cut green beans**
- **1 can (6 ounces) French's French Fried Onions (2 2/3 cups)**

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, beans and *1 1/3 cups* onions in 3-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until hot. Stir.
3. Top with remaining onions. Bake for 5 minutes more.

For a Festive Touch: stir in *1/2 cup* chopped red pepper with soup.

Onion Gratin

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 45 minutes
Makes 8 servings

- **2 pounds small whole white onions (about 30 to 32), peeled**
- **1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular *or* 98% Fat Free)**
- **3/4 cup milk**
- **1 1/4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (about 5 ounces), divided**
- **1/2 cup crushed corn flakes**

1. Arrange onions in 12 x 8-inch shallow baking dish.
2. Mix soup, milk and *1/4 cup* cheese in small bowl and pour over onions.
3. Mix corn flake crumbs with remaining cheese in small bowl and sprinkle over onions.
4. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly and onions are tender.

Try This Easy Method: For peeling small white onions, cut off ends of onions and place them in a bowl. Pour boiling water over onions and let stand for 5 minutes. Pour off water and then slip the skins off the onions.

Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes about 6 servings

- **3 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness *or* Certified Organic)**
- **5 large potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces**
- **1/2 cup light cream**
- **2 tablespoons butter**
- **Generous dash ground black pepper**

1. Heat broth and potatoes in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to boil.
2. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving broth.
3. Mash potatoes with *1/4 cup* reserved broth, cream, butter and pepper. Add additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency.

For Ultimate Mashed Potatoes: Stir *1/2 cup* sour cream, *3 slices* bacon cooked and crumbled (reserve some for garnish) and *1/4 cup* chopped fresh chives into hot mashed potatoes. Sprinkle with reserved bacon.

For Mashed Potato Medley: Substitute *3 cups* Yukon Gold potatoes, *2 cups* sweet potatoes and *2 cups* unpeeled red potatoes cut into 1-inch pieces for white potatoes.

Moist & Savory Stuffing

Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Makes 4 cups

- **1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness *or* Certified Organic)**
- **Generous dash ground black pepper**
- **1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped**
- **1 small onion, coarsely chopped**
- **4 cups Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing**

1. Heat broth, pepper, celery and onion in 2-quart saucepan over high heat to boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
2. Add stuffing and stir lightly to coat.

Savory Stuffing With Cranberries and Pecans: Stir *1/2 cup each* dried cranberries and chopped pecans into stuffing mixture.

Sausage & Mushroom Stuffing: Add *1 cup* sliced mushrooms to vegetables while cooking. Stir *1/2 pound* cooked and crumbled pork sausage into stuffing mixture.

To-Do — Pantry Check

Before making the grocery list, check pantry staples to ensure all holiday cooking and baking starts with fresh ingredients. Some items to check: spices, dried herbs, flour, sugar, chocolate, and nuts. Even soup and broth have expiration dates.

Moist & Savory Stuffing

Easier Than Apple Pie

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 20 to 25 minutes
Makes 8 servings

- **1 refrigerated pie crust (from 15-ounce package)**
- **1 egg white, lightly beaten**
- **3/4 cup sugar**
- **2 tablespoons cornstarch**
- **1 tablespoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon**
- **4 cups thinly sliced peeled apples (about 4 medium)**
- **1 teaspoon sugar**

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Prepare crust as directed on package. Place on foil-lined 12-inch pizza pan. If necessary, press out any folds or creases. Brush crust with about *1/2 of beaten egg white.*
2. Mix 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon in medium bowl. Toss with apples. Spoon into center of crust, spreading to within 2 inches of edges. Fold 2-inch edge of crust up over apples, pleating or folding crust as needed. Brush crust with remaining egg white; sprinkle with 1 teaspoon sugar.
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until apples are tender. Cool slightly before serving.

Easier Than Apple Pie

Spiced Pumpkin Cake

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 35 minutes
Makes 18 servings

- **1 package (18 1/4 ounces) yellow cake mix**
- **1 package (4-serving size) instant vanilla pudding mix**
- **1 cup canned pumpkin**
- **1/2 cup oil**
- **1/2 cup water**
- **3 eggs**
- **1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Cinnamon**
- **1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cloves**
- **Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting (recipe follows)**

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat all ingredients except frosting in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened, scraping side of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes or until well blended.
2. Pour into greased and floured 13 x 9-inch baking pan.
3. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack. Spread with Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting.

Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting: Beat 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened; 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened; 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract; and 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cloves in large bowl until well blended. Gradually add 1 package (16 ounces) powdered sugar (about 4 cups), beating until well blended after each addition.

Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Carolyn Cummings gave me the following entitled "What to be Thankful For. It is a prayer that was written by American novelist Louise Broomfield about fifty years ago. I hope you enjoy it.

What to be Thankful For

O Lord, I thank you for the privilege and gift of living in a world filled with beauty and excitement and variety.

I thank you for the gift of loving and being loved, for the friendliness and understanding and beauty of the animals on the farm and in the forest and marshes, for the green of the trees, the sound of a waterfall, the darting beauty of the trout in the brook.

I thank you for the delights of music and children, of other men's thoughts and conversation and their books to read by the fireside or in bed with the rain falling on the roof or the snow blowing past outside the window.

I thank you for the beauties of the four seasons, and of the churches and the houses built by fellow men that stand throughout the centuries as monuments to man's aspirations and sense of beauty.

I thank you for the powers of mind which find in the universe an endless and inexhaustible source of interest and fascination, for the understanding of so many elements which make life precious. I thank you for all the senses you have bestowed upon me and for the delight which they bring me. I thank you for my body itself, which is so wonderful and delightful a mechanism.

I thank you for the smile on the face of a woman, for the touch of a friend's hand, for the laughter of a child, the wagging tail of a dog and the touch of his could nose against my face.

I thank you for all of these things and many more, and above all I thank you for people with all their goodness and understanding which so far outweigh either vices, their envy, their deceits.

Thank you, God, for life itself, without which the universe would have not meaning.

And all of God's people said,
Amen.

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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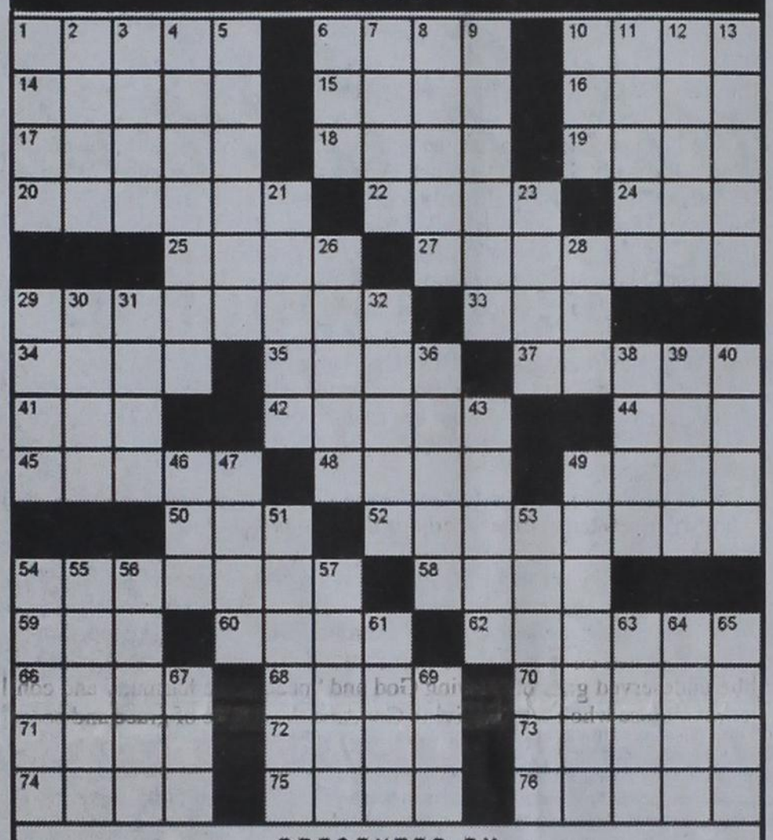

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15. Exhibition
16. "Happily _____ after"
17. Administer
18. Shampoo brand
19. Atlantic organization
20. Camels little relative
22. Statistics interpret this
24. Positive or negative particle
25. Writes
27. Christmas firewood
29. Famous "Calypso" passenger
33. Pesky plant for pets
34. Stay out of its way
35. Contributions to aid the poor
37. ____ is to Great as Carta is to Charter
41. You're full if you already did this
42. Harp-shaped symbol
44. Be ill
45. Many do this at end of November
48. Exclamation of disgust
49. Additional
50. Three
52. Between the U.S. and Europe
54. Ought not
58. NBC character whose name is in show title
59. "____, the Beloved Country"
60. Calculate is to actuary as this is to editor
62. Sacred Egyptian beetle
66. Irish name of Ireland
68. Wading bird
70. Scandinavian gnome
71. Dwarf buffalo
72. Language spoken in Hokkaido, Japan
73. Usually dome-shaped
74. It empties after kids move away
75. Indian flatbread
76. Celebrity

DOWN

1. Elliptical
2. Prefix of collect
3. Singer Fitzgerald
4. Theory that states all matter is composed of tiny particles
5. Placed horizontally, like fish in the ocean
6. Used in counting cadence while marching
7. Canned
8. Ocean ____ cranberry juice
9. Jacuzzi
10. Bo Derek in 1979
11. "Of no ____"
12. Moi aussi
13. Pointed projection
21. Short dagger
23. G. W. Bush to Yale
26. Often comes with French, Italian or Russian
28. Victorian, e.g.
29. Room online
30. Hippocrates wrote one
31. Chemical synthesized from ammonia and CO2
32. Region of complete shadow
36. It's wiped clean with a fresh start
38. Heroic character in "Atlas Shrugged"
39. Not final or absolute
40. A Baldwin
43. Forced to bear the sky on his shoulders
46. National Institute of Health
47. You might be told to fly one if bothering someone
49. Blow up
51. Ocean south of India
53. Shallowest of the five oceans
54. Clooney in "Ocean's Eleven"
55. Often used to mark territory
56. Greek sandwiches
57. Shinbone
61. Singer Turner
63. Dice action
64. Sunburn aid
65. Shapeless form
67. Consume
69. Any star around which a planetary system evolves

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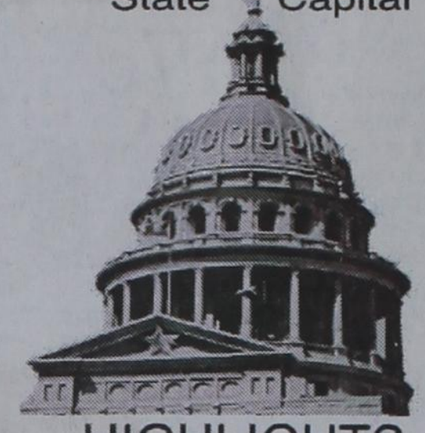

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

LAWMAKERS FILE 318 BILLS ON 80TH LEGISLATURE'S FIRST FILING DAY

Early filing of legislation for the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature has begun.

Some of the 181 members of the Texas Legislature (150 in the House and 31 in the Senate) got right to it, filing 318 pieces of legislation on Nov. 13, the first day they could put a bill in the hopper.

Lawmakers file about 10,000 bills in a regular, 140-day legislative session. It isn't a race to see who can file the most bills, but a few lawmakers are off to a quick start.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, led the pack on day one by filing 29 bills. Then came Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, with 21. In the House, big filers were State Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Richard Raymond, D-Laredo,with 17 bills each.

A sampling of subjects among the 318 early-filed bills:

- health care, prisons, crime, taxes;
- education, campaign contribution limits, raising the minimum wage;
- defibrillator, seatbelts, road signs and neck wear.

That's right: neck wear. Rep. Armando "Mando" Martinez, D-Weslaco, filed a resolution designating the bolo tie as the official State Tie of Texas.

Nelson, Branch, Sens. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-Laredo, Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Rep. Hubert Vo, D-Houston, each filed bills requiring schools to have an automated external defibrillator ready to use in case anyone goes into cardiac arrest at extra-curricular athletic events.

Republicans and Democrats apparently agree on the need for defibrillators, but the chronic tension between the two parties is as strong as ever.

Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is seeking another term to preside over the Texas House. While he has dissenters, Craddick claims to have pledges for more than the 76 votes he will need to remain as speaker. Sixty-nine of the 150 members of the House are Democrats.

An effort is brewing to back someone other than Craddick for the high post. Supposing Democrats hold together, it would take at least seven sympathetic Republicans to bring on another speaker.

The legislative session opens Tuesday, Jan. 9, and the bill filing deadline is 60 days later.

WRITERS CALL FOR END TO LOBBY TEAM

With Democrats coming into Congressional power in January and a "lame-duck" session in progress, Gov. Rick Perry's tax dollar-funded GOP lobbyists won't have the punch they once enjoyed at the U.S. Capitol under Republican control.

The Austin American-Statesman and other newspapers have called for an end to funding for those lobbyists, some of whom were associates or employees of criminally convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and indicted former U.S. Rep. and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

OFFICIAL SAYS UTILITY BILLS TOO HIGH

Jim Scogin, director of the Texas Council on Competitive Government, says the state's $200 million a year utility bill is too high.

The council has contracted with LPB Energy of Dallas to audit state agencies' energy-use and bookkeeping related to it, to look for ways to conserve energy use and to shop for better rates.

The goal is to cut the state's energy bill by 25 percent.

SENATOR TO FILE SMOKING BAN BILL

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he plans to file legislation to create a "Texas Smoke-free Workplace Law" banning smoking at all work sites and in all public places. Ellis made the announcement in conjunction with the 30th annual Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17.

LANDMARK BRIDGE TO BE RENAMED

The Austin City Council voted to rename Congress Avenue Bridge the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge in honor of the late governor who died Sept. 13.

The city placed a plaque on the bridge Nov. 16 and the official christening will take place later.

HURRICANE AID NEAR $1 BILLION

Texas residents who suffered damage from Hurricane Rita in September 2005 have been approved to receive more than $984 million in disaster assistance, including grants from FEMA and low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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Thank you, Catherine

November 21

Birthday - Kaysha Cluck, Jackie Wilson, Jim Burch, Robert Janzen, Jody Robertson, Mark Pearson, Mrs. Jake Vernon, James Owens, Angie Salgado, Margie Alford, Matt Burnam, Denise Rojas, Victor White, Haley Coomen, Dawn Loomis, Brittanie Osbourne, Jody Robertson

Anniversary - M/M Johnny White, M/M J.L. Griffin, Ted & Cheryl Whitefield, Jose & Sylvia Tarango

November 22

Birthday - Garret Miner, Kevin Russell, Rusty Reed, Bonita Reimer, Phillip Janzan, Lesly Hayes, Nancy Morris, Russell Sheets, John David Bergin, Emily Lilley

November 23

Birthday - Steven Francis, Randy Karlin, Kim Venneman, Klint Venneman Cooper, Wanda Widener, Ronald Swan, LaDell Scroggs, Delores Rylant, Sara George, Mary Hart

Anniversary - Lesly & Maurene Stinson, M/M Jesse Francis, M/M Val Winger, M/M Greg Stork, M/M Steve Mitchell, Andy & April DeLaRosa, Ryan & LaShera McElhaney

November 24

Birthday - Brady Hart, Pablo Perez Jr., Danna Sue Floyd, Helen Gibson, Patty Younger, Duane Hart, James Jackson, Dana Garza, Lashera McElhany, Jamie Dawn Hanson, Stephanie Villalobos, Raymond Fairbank, Brianne Burkhammer, Georgia Holt, Teresa Page, Linda Weller, Elvin Wright, Sharon Arrington, Whitney Maestas

Anniversary - M/M Rex Casdorph, M/M David Imke

November 25

Birthday - Kasey Cazares, Tracy Logsdon, Krista Davis, Opal Wallin, Trudie Goodheart, Terrie Orr, Mike Hager, Melissa Moyer, Dustin Red, Kristi Holt, Carmen Roy, Sara Vela, Katy Mitchell, Jerry Moore

Anniversary - M/M Willis Boyd

November 26

Birthday - Lori Perez, Chad Stork, Mollie Holton, Tracy Vernon, Chris Stewart, Scott Barkley, Dale Red, Eldon Sparks, Aaron Brown, James Smith, Jorge Soto, Jr.

Anniversary - M/M Harlan Gerardy

November 27

Birthday - Jim Potts, Dorothy Evans, Marilyn Davis, Jackie Nelson, Monty Ross, Tony Pacheco, Susan Poole, Jesse Moreno

Anniversary - M/M Dale Wofford, M/M James Winger, M/M James Dorman, M/M Ty Williams

November 28

Birthday - Casey Smith, Clint Williams, Jeanie McClellan, Frank Shields, Patty Spoonemore, Thelma Ford, Caroline Schick, Jennye Womble, Pat Hamilton, Harley Murrell, Marie Belle Vargas, Rick Howard, Toni Pittman, Tammy Red, Darlene Curry

Anniversary - M/M Julian Rodriguez, M/M Steve Matthews

November 29

Birthday - Brian Presley, Steven Salazar, Wanda Wagner, Genna Floyd, Robert Browning, Ciria Vela, Ted Vela, Troy Lane Brown, Brenda Salgado, Amanda Burress

Anniversary - M/M Kermit Ford, M/M David Schick, M/M Jose Garcia, M/M Phil Tripp, M/M Brad Hart

November 30

Birthday - Cass Cooper, Roxane Holt, Rosie McClenagan, Judy Stedje, Miranda Thoreson, Adalyn Barnes, Dan Desimone, Don Maize, Jed Meisner, Mark Nelson, Judy Speck, Steve Harnish, Ernest Bowen, Eulalia Reyes, Mary Reyes, Marion Mitchell, Lisa Payne, David Reid, Cinda Haruch

Anniversary - M/M Lee Roy Mitchell, M/M Ross Walker, M/M Rick Harvey, M/M Luis Salazar

December 1

Birthday - Georgia Davidson, Robert Stayton, Peggy Archer, Debra Dennis, Peggy Ellsworth, Bill Martin, Brian Paul, Shane Vela, Eleen Wright, Sha Lynn Harris, Lynn Vela, Jennifer Neff

December 2

Birthday - Audrey Beasley, Don Dillow, Paul Stavlo, Mike Close, Sharon Freeman, Kristin Dunnihoo, Ginger McClellan, Dora Womble, Jana Price, James Terry, Amanda Gaines, Blare Title, Christi Cooper, Cecilla Favela, Frances & Jeffrey Davis

Our Sympathy

Oleta Bradford

Oleta Nolen Bradford, 77, a Paducah resident since 1946, passed away Friday Nov 17, 2006.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Monday Nov 20th at the First Assembly of God Church of Paducah with Pastors Freddie Stice and Carl Savage officiating. Interment will follow in Paducah's Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Oleta was born Apr 10, 1929 in Wapanucka, Ok to Joseph and Julie (Matney) Nolen. She received her early education in Oklahoma and on Sept 20, 1947 she married Myrl Bradford who passed away in 1978. Oleta was member of First Assembly of God Church and a very loving wife and mother and homemaker: but she also worked outside of the home. She retired from the Paducah ISD after 25 years of working as a food service supervisor. She also spent 8 years as a faithful and loving care giver to Myrtle Jones. In her quiet time she earned the reputation of a great cook, especially when it came to cooking cobblers. She was an avid Purple Martin bird watcher and Texas Ranger fan. She also enjoyed gardening and yard work. Oleta spent her lifetime loving and caring for her multitude of friends

Oleta was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 31 years Myrl Bradford, 2 brothers, Raymond and Dewey Nolen, 1 sister, Juanita Morrow. She is survived by 1 son Dale Bradford of Paducah, 2 daughters, Geraldene Savage of Paducah and LaDelle Greever of Spearman, 1 sister, Imogene Bradford of Paducah and 1 brother, Owen Nolen of Paducah, 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Joe Pat Westerfield

UTOPIA, TX - Mr. Joe Pat Westerfield of Utopia passed away on Friday, November 17, 2006 at the age of 70.

Funeral services were held at Living Waters Church in Utopia, TX on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 2 p.m. Interment followed in the Vanderpool Cemetery under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary of Sabinal, TX.

He was a member of Living Waters Church in Utopia and Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University. He married Nancy Thompson in San Antonio, TX on April 29, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Thompson Westerfield of Utopia; two daughters, Tina Westerfield Randall and her husband, Dr. Mark Randall of Taipei, Taiwan and Lisa Westerfield Feldman and her husband, Harry of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Cindy Mauldin and her husband, Tom, of Utopia; a son, MAx Westerfield and his wife, Gina, of Dallas; and a stepson, Steve Thompson, and his wife, Barbara, of Utopia; four grandchildren, Pierce Westerfield, Bailey Westerfield, Miles Randall and MAtt Randall; five stepgrandchildren, Thomas Mauldin, Marisa Mauldin, Philip thompson, Mark Thompson and James Thompson; and a great-grandchild, Connor Croix Murphy Mauldin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mickey and Rebecca Westerfield and a brother, Paul Westerfield.

Memorials may be made to Living Waters Church, PO Box 534, Utopia TX 78884-0534.

E.A. "Boots" Williams

GRUVER - E.A. "Boots" Williams, 92, died Saturday, November 18, 2006.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2006 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry and Gene Fletcher officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Williams was born June 15, 1914, in Cooke County. He had lived in the area since 1943. He married Imogene Carroll on August 4, 1940, in Ballinger. He was a farmer and a former Gruver city councilman. He attended First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Clint Williams, in 2006.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jerry Williams and Ronnie Williams, both of Gruver; a daughter, Day Nell Caddell of McKinney; a brother, L.A. Williams of Gruver; a sister, Jackie Smith of Granbury; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081 or St. Jude Hospital, Attention: Memorial Department, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Tatum Bennett Renteria

CANYON - Tatum Bennett Renteria, infant of Canyon, died Tuesday, November 14, 2006 in Amarillo.

Graveside services were at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Tatum was the infant child of Noe (Nick) and Tina Renteria.

Survivors include her parents of Canyon; her grandparents, Robert and Becky Resor of Wellington and Carl and Janeen Baumgardner of Amarillo; and her great-grandparents, Wilbur and Betty Kemph of Lefors.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We have studied through the season of Pentecost, and this week on Christ the King Sunday we reach the answer we have sought. We study in Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, and John 33-37 to find that the God who has intervened in our lives is none other than Christ the King. In 552-551 BC [the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon] Daniel is given a vision of the Ancient of Days (God) seated on His throne in heaven. God is approached by one appearing as a Son of Man who is given dominion, glory and kingship that all people nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion shall be everlasting. We have read, dear Christians, of our savior who often referred to himself as "son of man". Is this "He" who has intervened in our lives? The Psalmist sings a hymn of praise to, "The Lord God is King, He is robed in majesty".

John of Patmos writes to the "seven churches in Asia". He uses the number seven many times, perhaps because the number seven was considered as "complete" or "perfect". The seven churches named are fairly close together and except for two were located on main Roman roads; thus, any letter sent to these churches would be quickly shared with other churches. John was writing to all churches in all times but especially to the persecuted churches of the first century. John sends them "Grace" all the undeserved gifts of a loving God and "peace" the harmony and concord of those who serve the living God, and the source of grace and peace is the God who exists in the past, present and future. For John, Jesus Christ is the God who loves us, who redeemed us, who made us a kingdom of priests. Consider dear Christian that the root word for priest is "pontiff" which means bridge. We are "bridges" dear Christian between our God and our neighbors. How much traffic are you bearing?

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is being examined by Pilate, "Are you King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world". The Jews of this time looked for a Messiah who would be King of this world; the Romans were careful to subdue or remove all who would be a threat to their political power. Jesus' actions had political consequences, but His Kingdom is spiritual.

So dear Christians we arrive at the end of our journey through the season of Pentecost. We find at the end of our search Jesus, the Christ. Jesus the King of our lives. Jesus is King of our successes and our failures. He is with us always.

May the Holy Spirit give you grace, peace and mercy that you too may act as a "pontiff".

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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
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Spearman FUMC Choir to host Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The FUMC Chancel Choir will host the annual community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church serving from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Tickets are $7.00 for adults with children 6 and under free. Advanced tickets are available from any choir member or can be purchased at the door on the day of the dinner. Take-outs will be available by calling 659-5504 by 10:30 AM. Come join us for the best eating in town featuring, turkey, dressing, salads, with all the trimmings and the most luscious pies and desserts!!! Please enter through the double doors on the west side of the church where you can purchase tickets or pick up the takeouts meals. Thank you for supporting our choir and we know you will enjoy the wonderful meal.

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.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, 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.

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.

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.

Gruver's Adopt-A-Tree Decorating Project

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to once again help make our City Park a beautiful place for the Holiday Season by adopting a tree to decorate.

The Chamber along with City of Gruver employees have just completed a project in the park where all new underground wiring has been laid and outlets placed at each evergreen tree. This will help with the problems in the past of blowing fuses and overloading the system. If you would like to dedicate your tree in memory or in honor of someone special or just send a Holiday Greeting from your family, church group, organization or business please put a sign at the base of the tree with your chosen message.

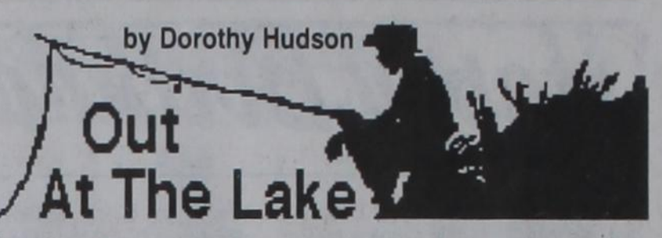
As always the Chamber appreciates everyone's efforts in making Gruver a beautiful place to live.

Thank You!

This is my attempt to all the wonderful people of the Panhandle. Touched by God's grace, I am blessed with my friends who visited, prayed and held my family's hand during my recent surgery. Thank you to the many who provided food, called, offered to run errands, sent cards, sent flowers, etc. (the list of kindness goes on and on).

Also, I am blessed to have the privilege of being employed at a faculty that has highly qualified and caring employees who provided optimum medical care. Thanks to my colleagues, I am recovering and can pick up my life where I left off.

Sincerely,
Sharon Sutton



Lake Level -- November 20, 2006--17.46 feet (-0.14)

Kent Ruble caught a big blue catfish on shad from the bank this week. It looked like a record beater, but when Jim weighed it on his certified scales, the 29 pounds was just under the 29.53 pound fish caught by Joey Sharp at the Lake August 22.

When I talked to Jim at nine o'clock this Monday morning, he said that despite the cold there were 3 fishermen out.

Jim is not sure where the eagles are roosting. Other years they have always roosted on the Gibner side, and they may this year, but he said a lot of those cottonwood trees have fallen on that spot.

There has been a big crow migration this year with a large flock stopping for awhile at the Park.

I have mentioned that several have found the Park to be a good place to ride their mountain bikes. Kitty and Frank Edwards, while visiting their daughter Jocelyn and her family in Alabama, found that many of the bikers there were getting a thrill from riding at night. It sounded like fun to Frank, so he fixed lights on their bikes, and they came out to the Park north of the dam to give it a try. Kitty noticed she was riding by some black furry creature. She then realized it was a skunk and decided night riding was not for her.

In 2001, a novel "Moon Medicine" by Mike Blakely caught my eye as the major part of it was set in the mid 1800's in our area. The author promised to do a sequel or sequels to finish the story. This summer the second novel came out, but without the former Sunday book page in the Amarillo Globe-News to keep me abreast, I have just now read the book. The new book is "Come Sundown". A review will come next week.

We will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

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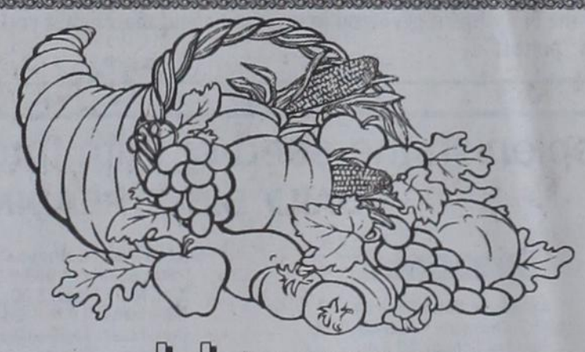

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Hansford County Students of the Month

Spearman High School has chosen seniors Saylee Flowers and Bryan Thomas as the September Students of the Month.

Saylee is the daughter of Gary and Karla Flowers. She has one older sister, Ashlee.

She is active in basketball, tennis, cross country, the National Honor Society and BIGS in School. She has received the following awards while attending Spearman High School: Academic All-District and 2nd Team All District in Basketball (2005 & 2006), World Geography Award, Chemistry 1 Pre-AP Award, Pre-Cal Award, Physics AP Award, English 3 AP Award, and was a Regional Tennis Qualifier in 2005 and 2006.

Her hobbies and interests include basketball, tennis and hanging out with friends.

After graduation, Saylee plans to attend college at the University of North Texas in Denton and major in accounting.

Saylee said what she likes best about Spearman is the people. "Everyone is so supportive of us in all the things we do."

What she likes best about Spearman High School is knowing everyone and knowing the teachers care about the education of their students.

She said her most influential teacher was Mrs. Johnson.

Bryan is the son of David and Suzanne Thomas.

He is active in NITRO, First Baptist Youth, basketball, golf, speech and the fall play. While attending Spearman High School, he has received the following awards: Ag Award, January 2006 Student of the Month Award, All-District Honorable-Mention in basketball.

Bryan is interested in ministry work, sports and music. He enjoys playing guitar and would like to visit a foreign country like Germany.

He plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, majoring in ministry.

Bryan likes the people of Spearman best because whenever your going through trouble there is someone there to help you. What he likes best about Spearman High School is the teachers because he feels they work hard to make sure their students learn.

His most influential teachers have been Mr. Murdock, Coach Holt, Mrs. Graham, Coach Ashmore and Dr. Robinson.

Justin Thompson was named the September Student of the Month for Gruver High School.

The senior is a semifinalist in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Justin is the son of Shawn and Dwayne Thompson. He has one brother, Seth, who is a junior.

Justin is vice-president for the senior class and the National Honor Society. He participates in varsity football, track, UIL and serves as manager for the basketball team.

Justin was the UIL state champion in physics, a state qualifier in number sense and brass ensemble. He enjoys reading, playing football and collecting coins.

Justin enjoys the slow pace of a small town and appreciates the ability to participate in everything and know everyone at Gruver High School.

After graduation, Justin plans to attend Texas A&M, majoring in Aerospace engineering.

Justin likes the slow-pace of a small town and the opportunity to participate in everything and know everybody at Gruver High School.

He says all of his teachers have been influential to him.

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Gruver FFA Advances to Area Competition

The Gruver FFA competed in District leadership development events this past weekend. Events competed in were Jr. Creed, Jr. Quiz, Jr. Chapter Conducting, Sr. Creed, Sr. Quiz, and Radio Broadcasting. The teams competed against twelve different schools from around the local area. Booker, Canadian, Follett, Ft. Elliot, Higgins, Miami, Pampa, Perryton, Spearman, Sunray, Wheeler, and White Deer make up the rest of the Top O' Texas District.

Team Results

1st Jr. Creed- Drew Mireles

3rd Jr. Quiz- Blake Fitzgearld, Parker Grotegut, Caleb Miller, and David Sanchez

2nd Jr. Chapter Conducting- Cory Graves, Parker Grotegut, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Rily Urban, and Jake Wills

1st Sr. Creed- Lynn Vela

1st Sr. Quiz- Jimmilee McCloy, Travis McDowell, Charles Slough, Victoria Vela

8th Radio Broadcasting- Roman Rodriquez, Tanner Sherrill, Jake Wills

The Jr. Creed, Jr. Chapter Conducting, Sr. Creed, and Sr. Quiz advance to Area competition this weekend and will compete against teams from Lubbock north. Area 1 consists of 88 different schools ranging from six man to 5A. Please take time to congratulate these students on a job well done.

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Nov 30-Dec 2	Fritch Tourney		TBA	TBA	
	Gruver J.V. Tourney	TBA	TBA		

DATE	OPPONENT	7G	8G	7B	8B
Nov 27	@ Vega	4:00	6:00	5:00	7:00

Spearman Lynx

DATE	OPPONENT	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Nov 28	Texhoma, OK	6:30	5;00	8:00	5:00
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Miami Varsity Tourn			TBA	TBA
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Gruver JV Tourn	TBA	TBA		

DATE	OPPONENT	7	8	9
Nov 27	Fritch (G-H, B-T)	5:00	6:00	7:30

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Enrollment Period for Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Ends Dec. 31

by Linda Anderson

It's that time of year again. No, not the holiday season, although that's coming too. It's time for the annual open enrollment period for Medicare Part D, otherwise known as the prescription drug benefit, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist. The open enrollment period is from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 each year.

Because last year the prescription coverage raised so many questions, Cavanagh offered some advice for those enrolling. Since many of the plans are changing, anyone who is already enrolled needs to check current coverage to make sure it's still what they need, she said.

Current and potential enrollees should check the various plans for amounts of monthly premiums, any changes in deductibles and/or co-payments, and any changes in formularies or drugs that will be covered, she said.

"Some plans will be raising their premiums; some will be lowering them," Cavanagh said. Current participants need to "review their plans for 2007 and compare them to other plans to make sure it's still the best fit for them.

"If you don't want to make any changes and the plan is still the best available, you don't need to do anything," she said.

However, if changes in enrollment do need to be made, Cavanagh added, they must be made before Dec. 31. The new plan goes into effect on Jan. 1.

AARP recommends even earlier enrollment. A bulletin on the agency's Web site (http://www.aarp.org) recommends enrollment by Dec. 8 "to ensure that their correct plan details will be in pharmacy computer systems by Jan. 1."

Other changes can be expected in next year's coverage too, Cavanagh said. Costs are going up. The annual deductible has risen from $250 to $265; the coverage limit from $2,250 to $2,400; and the out-of-pocke limit from $3,600 to $3,850.

That means once an enrollee's covered drug costs have reached $2,400, he or she pays all drug costs until his or her out-of-pocket costs reach $3,850 - the infamous 'doughnut hole,' where most plans provide no coverage, Cavanagh said.

This year, however, enrollees can get some help covering those expenses, she said. Some plans will offer coverage for the doughnut hole. Enrollees who think they will reach the coverage gap should check into those plans.

Investigating plans and coverage shouldn't be as confusing this year as it was last year, she said.

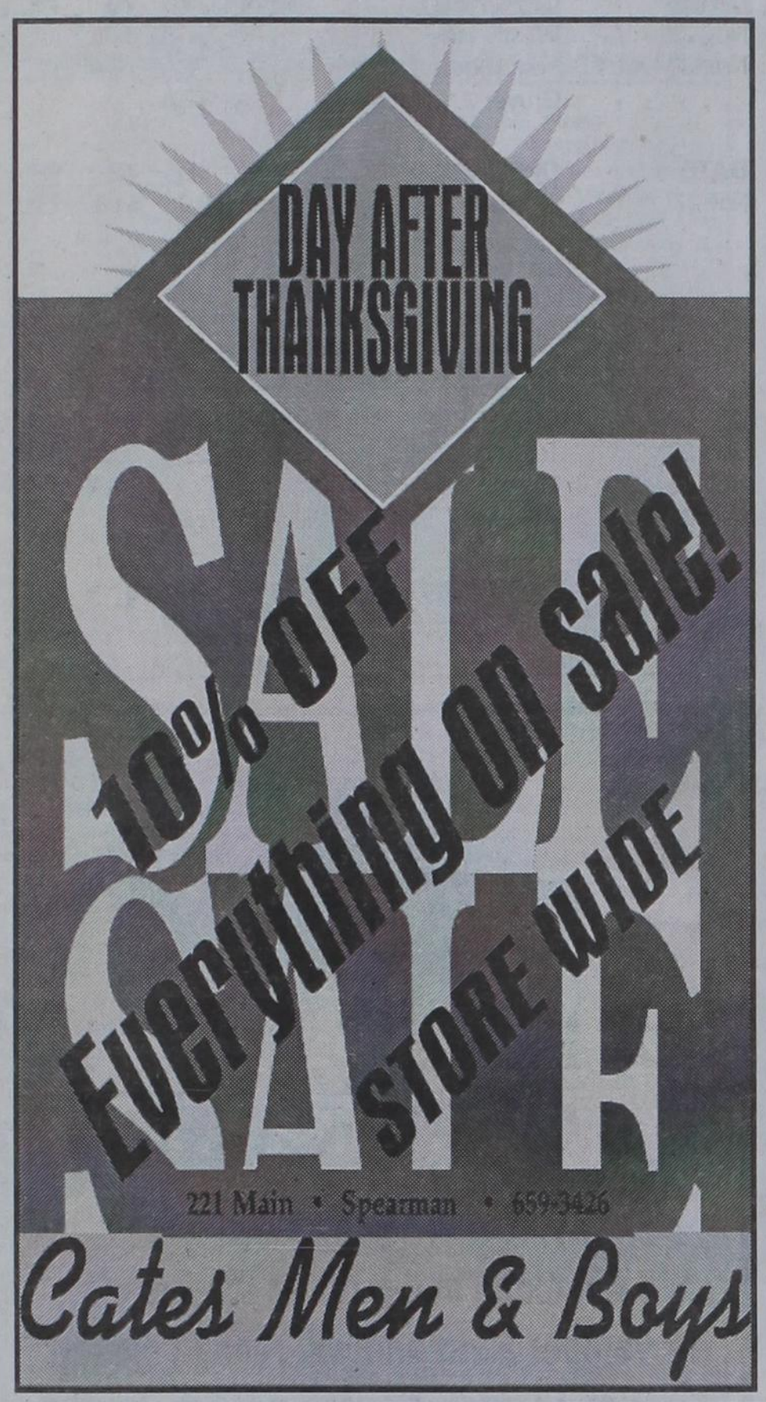
"People learned what to take into consideration last year, so it may be easier to compare plans (this year)," Cavanagh said. "Everything starts fresh on Jan. 1 - you meet new deductibles and work up. A lot of people didn't get to the doughnut hole last year because their prescription costs were not that great."

If someone doesn't use that many prescriptions drugs, why should he or she have to sign up for this coverage?

"You don't have to sign up," Cavanagh said. "But if you don't sign up when you're first eligible and you don't have comparable coverage, you will pay a higher premium (penalty)" if you ever do want to enroll.

"If you've already got at least as good coverage, you don't need to enroll."

For more information on plans, coverage and enrollment, visit the Web at http://www.medicare.gov/ .



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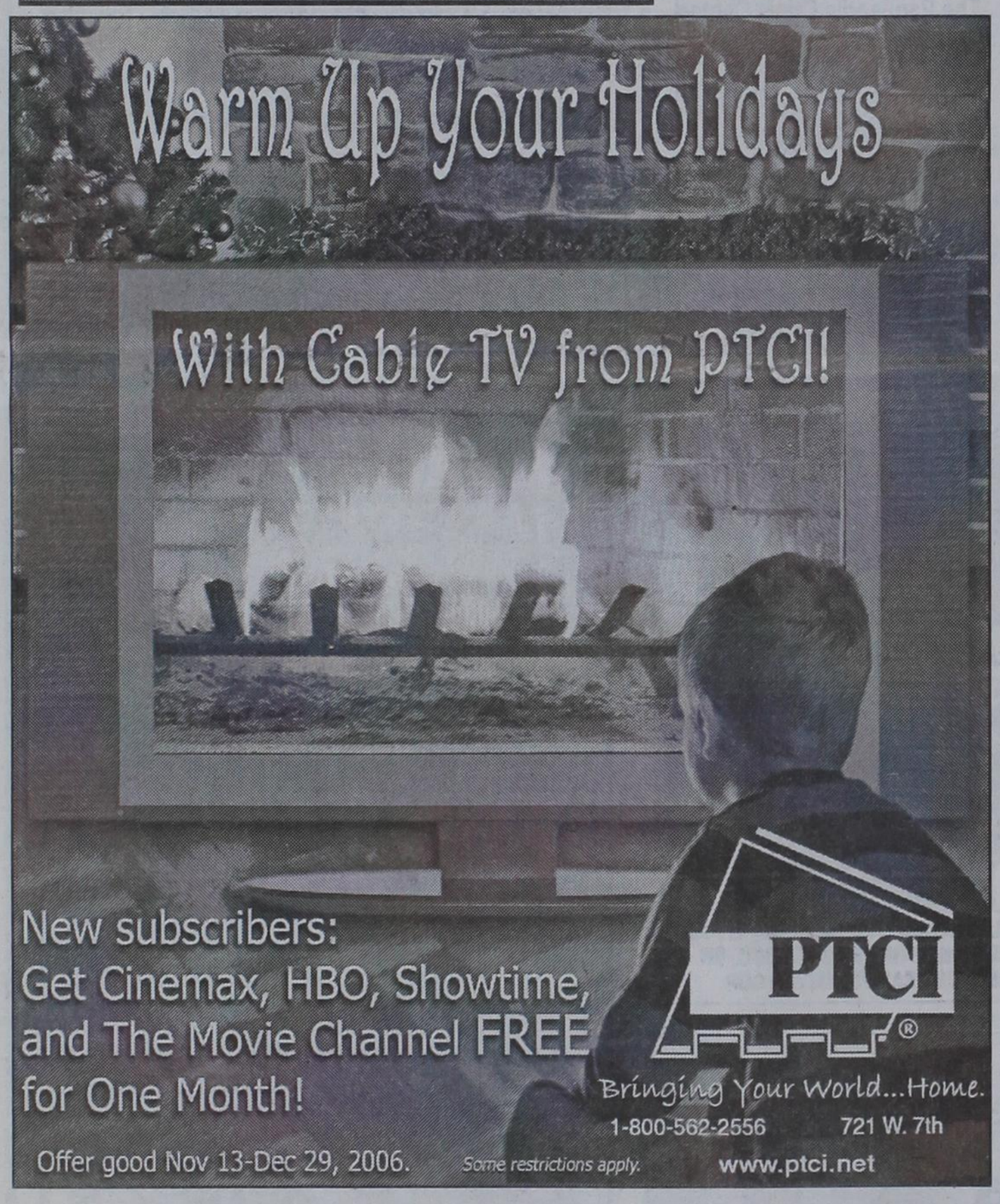

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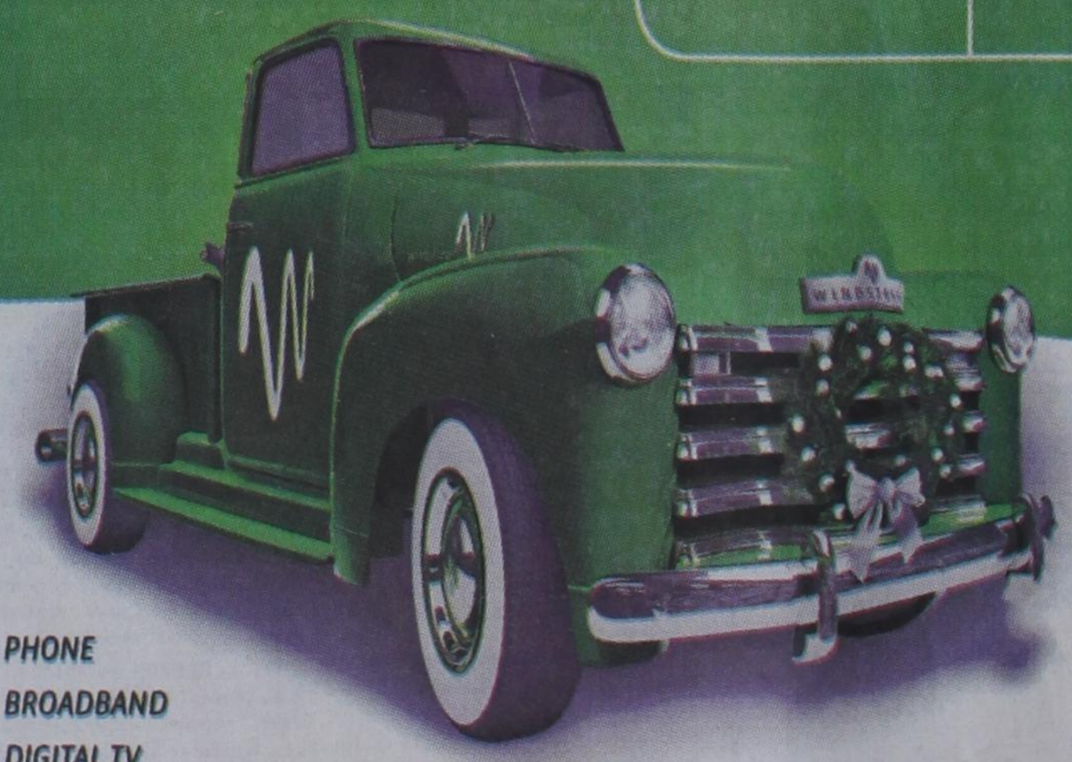

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