### Suspected Somali pirate accuses US of torture

One of ten suspected Somali pirates captured by the U.S. Navy early this year accused on Thursday the United States of torture at the opening of a trial intended to deter rampant piracy off Somalia's coast.

### Iran warns oil could reach \$200 on sanctions

Global oil prices could hit \$200 per barrel if the United States pursues international sanctions against Iran, an Iranian official said on Thursday, although analysts passed the comment off as saber rattling.

Buried by bomb, mother saved lives in Qana Rabab Youssef managed to pull her son alive from the rubble in the Lebanese village of Qana. She could do nothing for her daughter.

Click away! Saudi Arabia allows public photography Saudi Arabia has lifted a ban on photography in public areas, part of a drive by the conservative kingdom's tourism organization to attract more visitors to the birthplace of Islam.

### New Yorkers urged to save power

Power utility Con Edison urged customers on the east side of Manhattan in New York city on Thursday to shut down non-essential appliances and equipment as the company copes with high demand during a lingering heatwave in the U.S. Northeast.

### Rumsfeld warns against early lraq troop pull-out

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned on Thursday against pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq prematurely, saying it would be seen as a victory by extremists who want to control a region extending beyond the Middle

### Atlantic storm forecast lowered to 7 hurricanes

A noted hurricane research team on Thursday reduced its forecast for the Atlantic hurricane season but said it would still be above average with 15 tropical storms, seven of which would become hurricanes.

### Anti-war candidate extends lead on Lieberman: poll

A novice anti-war candidate seeking the Connecticut Democratic Party's nomination to run for the U.S. Senate has extended his lead against three-term incumbent and 2000 vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman, a poll showed on Thursday.

### Ford doubles quarterly loss, hires M&A expert

Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday said its second-quarter loss was more than double what it previously reported due to higher pension-related costs and now expects its luxury unit to be unprofitable for the year.

### Time Warner's AOL eyes

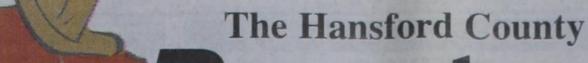
profit rise on free service Time Warner Inc. on Wednesday said its plan for AOL to offer free e-mail and Web services will generate higher profits starting next year, rejecting Wall Street concerns that the move could destroy the Internet division's main source of revenue.

### Starbucks shares drop on same-store sales

Starbucks Corp., the world's largest coffee shop chain, on Wednesday reported a 15 percent rise in quarterly earnings that met analysts' estimates, but July samestore sales results were below Wall Street estimates, and shares fell sharply after hours.

### Impact of oil on economy limited so far: Bodman

High crude oil prices have had some impact on U.S. economic growth but the pain is not on the level seen during the energy price shocks of the 1970s, U.S. Energy Secretary Sam Bodman said on Wednesday.





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**Gruver Welcomes** 

New K9 Officer - Barney

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# Gruver K9, Barney, makes first drug bust



On July 29, 2006, Spearman Police Officer Kevin Harris, after making a traffic stop, requested that Gruver Police Officer Andy Hill and K9 Barney respond to his location to sniff the pickup truck he had stopped. K9 Barney alerted on the right rear corner of the bed of the pickup truck, where a container was found containing a little over 1 gram of a substance that field-tested positive for crystal meth. The driver/owner of the vehicle was arrested and booked into the Hansford County Jail. This was K9 Barney's first official find. Officer Hill and K9 Barney have been working together on the street for three weeks, after being certified on July 6th.

### Peddy accepts position with State Comptroller's office

Alice Peddy, former Hansford County Chief Appraiser, has accepted a position as a field appraiser with the State Comptroller's office.

Ms. Peddy began in the tax profession with the Gruver schools in the fall of 1969. She received her Certified Tax Appraiser designation in 1977, and was appointed Chief Appraiser in March of 1981. She served in this position for 25 years. She is a certified instructor for the Board of Tax Professional

Throughout her career, she has received the Outstanding Achievement Award for TAAO North Plains Chapter (1999), CTA of the Year for the ICTA (2000) and the President's Award - TAAO (1996).

Ms. Peddy has two grown sons and six grandchildren. She is a member of the First Christian Church in Gruver, and enjoys gardening and sewing during her spare time.



Alice Peddy

New Braunfels, TX. The family left, and left Barney (then named Tekno) in the yard. He was rescued, and after some time in a Retriever Rescue kennel, was tested and adopted by the Canine Academy in Leander for training as a detection dog. His name at the Academy was Sammy, but was changed to Barney when Officer Hill decided to purchase him from

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"He's a great dog, well-trained and well-behaved, and works hard

On July 6, 2006, Gruver Police Hill. "During training and certifica-Officer Andy Hill and his canine tion, Barney showed his high profipartner, Barney, successfully com- ciency, both in narcotics detection pleted school in Leander, TX, and and tracking people. He enjoys are certified in Narcotics Detection working, and is happiest when he and Tracking. Barney, a Golden has a successful find. The Canine Retriever, was born December 20, Academy did a great job of getting 2003, and belonged to a family in Barney trained, and getting me trained to work with him as a

Gruver Police Officer Andy Hill and his K9 partner, Barney

Officer Hill would like to thank the following people and businesses for their contributions to cover the costs of buying Barney and the expenses of the two-week training: Aeroflight, Ag Partners, John Armes, Charlie & Margaret Bell, Robert & Kim Blevins, The Bort Agency, Lynn & Diane Boyd, CJ's Pizza, Del & Barbara Cluck, Monte & Katsie Cluck, Ronnie & Sam Cogdill, Will & Tifanee when he's working," stated Officer Crane, Bob & Cathy Davis, Dairy

Letter from Texas Comptroller

Oueen of Gruver (Rountable Corp.), Diamond M Water Well Svc. Kurt Etling, Frontier Feedyards, Harlan Gerardy, The Grotegut Family, Gruver Agri Products, Gruver Auto Parts, Gruver Grocery, Gruver ISD, Quentin & Kelly Harper, J&S Signs, Dave & Dixie Karlin, Knutson Farms, Wayne & Penny Kruse, Mike & Diane McLain, Dean & Saundra McNett, The Open Door, P Squared Farms, Real Estate & Rentals, Kenny & Brenda Red, Sew & Sew, Mike Schults, Bobbie Don & Jackie Smith, Sparks Brothers Spraying, Bill & Donna Stewart, Howard & Donna Thompson, Ricky Thompson, Bart & Alexa Thoreson, Ty's Welding, Dan & Merry Wheelock, Julie Williams Insurance Agency, Val & Marlene Winger

### This year's sales tax holiday for exempt from sales tax. Customers clothing and footwear begins at will receive the break on individ-12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 4,

the Academy.

and ends at midnight on Sunday, August 6. The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers millions in state and local sales taxes. This is one time hard-working Texans can keep their money in their pockets for their families' priorities.

I have been a strong advocate for the sales tax holiday since its inception and am pleased to do my part to ensure its success. I have enclosed a list of items for a quick reference and a flyer you can post in a prominent place in your store in advance of the tax holiday.

The list cannot include every possible item that qualifies for the exemption. If you have questions about items not shown here, please call my office at 1-800-252-5555.

Here are some highlights about the sales tax holiday:

\* The tax holiday occurs every year on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August. Qualifying items are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

\* Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be

### concerning Tax-Free Weekend ual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts each priced at \$99.99. But full tax is due on a

cannot be exempted. \* Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats or football pads, for instance, must pay sales tax. Athletic wear that is also used for participation in other non-athletic activities can qualify for tax exemption. For example, tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging

shirt sold for \$100; the first \$99.99

suits are worn during everyday activities and thus may be purchased tax free during the holiday. \* Also excluded from the

sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases and wallets; clothing rentals, such as formal wear and costumes; and repairs and alterations.

I hope that you find this information helpful. If you have questions about the sales tax holiday, please visit us online at http://www.window.state.tx.us or call us toll free at 1-800-252-5555

Sincerely, Carole Keeton Strayhorn Texas Comptroller

# exemption status during the sales tax holiday

Below is a selected list of items and their

### TAX-Free

Baby clothes Belts with attached buckles Boots - cowboy, hiking Caps/hats - baseball, fishing,

olf, knitted Coats and wraps Diapers - adult and baby Dresses

Gloves (generally) Gym suits and uniforms Hooded shirts and hooded and other fabrics

weatshirts Hosiery Jackets

Jeans Jerseys - baseball and football Jogging apparel

Neckwear and ties Pajamas Pants and trousers

Raincoats and ponchos Robes Shirts

Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakrs, tennis, walking

Socks (including athletic) Shorts

Suits, slacks, and jackets Sweatshirts

Sweat suits Sweaters Swimsuits

Underclothes Work clothes and uniforms

### TAXED

# Accessories (generally) - bar-

rettes, elastic ponytail holders. wallets, watches Backpacks

Baseball cleats and pants Belt buckles (without belt) Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders

Buttons and zippers Cloth and lace, knitting yarns,

Dry cleaning services Football pants Golf gloves

Handbags and purses Handkerchiefs Hard hats

Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports Ice skates

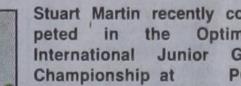
Jewelry Laundering services

Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel Pads - football, hockey, soccer,

elbow, knee, shoulder Personal flotation devices Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)

Roller blades and skates Safety clothing, glasses Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowl-

ing, golf



Long-drive champion

**Stuart Martin** 



Stuart Martin recently com-Optimist Golf PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Approximately 190 boys and 80 girls ages 16 to 18, representing 43 states, four

Canadian provinces and 28 nations participated in this year's tournament. The event began with a Long Drive Challenge, where Stuart captured the first trophey of the five day event by driving the ball 320 yards to take the Longest Drive championship

NOTICE!

### The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a

later date, as time and space permit. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

# LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with showers upper 60s. and thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of 60s. showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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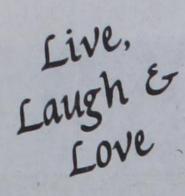
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by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Andrea Navarrete sent me the following entitled "Are you Jesus?" I found it very enlightening and hope you do, too.

# Are you Jesus?

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE !!!

He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight. CUSE-05

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay! ?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister..." He paused and turned to look back into those blind

eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would.

Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the word as life unfolds day to day.

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 Numbers 6:24-26 peace.

Catherine :)

# All Saints' Episcopal Church

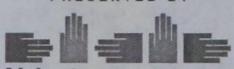


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or Art Maestas.

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- 1. Dunk it in a dip 5. Soviet Union and its allies
- formed Eastern 9. Open
- 13. Used in adhesives and synthetic rubber products
- 15. Snoopy's original owner
- 16. Slow running pace
- 17. Muslim God
- 18. Alight, past tense
- 19. Sound made to get attention 20. Home to Old Faithful
- 23. Step on it
- 24. Female
- 25. Sudden occurrence of disease 27. Alaskan national park famous
- for its fjords 30. Actress Loren
- 32. Video In Video Out
- 33. Racy
- 35. This Grand national park is named after the tallest one on the range
- 38. Individual unit
- 39. Porch
- 41. Pakistan's official literary lan- 30. Distinguishing feature of

42. Six of them are in 1 million

- 44. Edible pod 45. Part of a hammerhead
- 46. Gramophone-shaped award
- 48. Smelling organ, pl.
- 50. Popular Russian female name
- 51. Heart to Cupid 52. Female reproductive cell, pl. 53. Huge gorge in Colorado
- River 60. A la , with ice cream
- 62. Prayer leader in mosque
- 63. Hangman's knot
- 64. Augments
- 65. Australian palm 66. Short poems of pastoral life
- 67. Famous Loch in Scotland
- 68. Yemen port 69. It gets on a chimney sweep
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- Kavalier and
- 2. "The Man Without a Country" author
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- 4. Deep, prolonged sound
- 5. Nonchalantly unconcerned 6. Jaunty rhythm in music
- 7. A mixture or medley
- 8. Cats' favorite herb
- 9. Great mountain range in Europe, sing.
- 10. U2's 1987 hit album is namesake of this national park
- 11. Same as apse
- 12. Network of intersecting
- 14. Bantu language related to
- 21. Party members who supported American Revolution 22. Not counterfeit
- 26. Traffic jams
- 27. Flying toy
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- 29. "\_ \_ mister nice guy!" Great Mountains bordering
- Tennessee and North Carolina 31. \_\_\_ and terminer
- 32. As follows 34. Particle in A-bomb
- 36. Lyric poems
- 37. The female equivalent of a
- 40. Jodie Foster hid in this room in 2002 thriller
- 43. Spill the beans
- 47. Home to boats
- 49. Native of Oman
- 50. Call forth 51. He's in advertising
- 52. A sign 54. In the middle of
- 55. Back of the neck
- 56. Sign of assent, pl. 57. Cellist Ma
- 58. Capital of Norway 59. It's empty after children move
- 61. Suffix denoting female

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Gruver Cemetery Seeking Donations for Improvements** In the near future, the Gruver Cemetery Association will be adding roads and driveways to allow access and expansion in the new section of the cemetery. We are asking area citizens and those with loved ones interred in the Gruver Cemetery to make donations and memorials to help the committee complete the work that is needed and to maintain the ceme tery in such a way that reflects the honor and respect our loved ones deserve. For more information, contact Rick Barkley, President of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at (806) 733-2500. Please make all donations and memorials payable to the Gruver Cemetery Association, and mail them to Margaret Ralston, Treasurer of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 629, Gruver, Texas 79040.

Benefit Fund Established for Shelley Jean Pledger An account has been set up at First State Bank in Spearman to help the family of Shelley Jean Smith Pledger. Donations may be made at First State Bank.

Medical Fund Established for William Bettis A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank in Gruver for the William Bettis family. William was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Panhandle Crisis Center offers new Online Hotline The Panhandle Crisis Center is joining a new Online Hotline, where individuals seeking help due to sexual assault can chat live with trained volunteers giving secure crisis support to victims, their families and friends. The Panhandle Crisis Center is seeking volunteers for this Online Hotline. For more information, call Janice at 435-5008 or 1-800-753-

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic** The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on August 28, 2006. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Spearman Booster Club

Spearman Booster Club will meet Sunday afternoon, July 30th at 3:00 p.m. in the First National Bank Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be planning for the upcoming school year for all sports. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a parent of a child in sports or school to participate! We would love to have all interested! For more information contact Rick Howard, Kyle Nollner or Art Maestas.

Hansford County Circle of Friends

Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on August 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The event, featuring a steak dinner, auction and raffle, will be held at the O'Loughlin Center. Circle of Friends is a non profit volunteer rganization founded to support the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families with financial assistance in times of crisis and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research. For more information or reservations please contact Cathy Davis at 806-733-5061 or Barbara Stavlo at 806-733-2600. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to get the extra help he or she needs if the disability interferes with his or her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412. Our staff will answer your questions about early intervention.

8th Grade Graduation Pictures Available to Pick Up
The 8th grade graduation pictures are in and may be picked up at the
Spearman ISD Business Office, 403 E. 11th St., Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.- 12

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament has been changed from August 12th & 13th to September 16th & 17th. For more information, or to sign up, contact Keith Hight at 659-5555.

Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club to Meet Spearman Booster Club will met August 8th at 7:00 PM in the First National Bank Hospitality room. Finalize plans for the year and meet the players/band social. For more information call Rick Howard, Kyle Nollner

**Booster Club Ice Cream Social** Spearman Booster Club would like to invite everyone to a ice cream social to meet the Spearman Lynx Football players, Lynxettes Cross Country, Cheerleaders and Spearman Band on August 10th. The place is east side of the Spearman High School in the parking lot at 7 PM. Coaches and teachers will introduce students. Please come out and support the students.

**Gruver ISD Registration** Gruver schools will hold registration for the 2006-2007 school year on Tuesday, August 9th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pringle-Morse & Campbell's Team Up Pringle-Morse CISD School is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product labels that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise. For more information on how to be a part of Pringle-Morse CISD School's Labels for Education contact VeAnn Clark, at 806-733-2507 or mail labels to Pringle-Morse CISD, Box 109,

Morse, Texas 79062. Pringle-Morse ISD appreciates your support.

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# Happy Birthiday!

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

August 3 Birthday - Clay Gillipsie, Tyson Sparks, Mary Wisinger, Laurie Swenn, Kent Guthrie, Kenneth Coates, Olivia Salgado, Sam Abston, Dibrell Kirk, Racheal Garza, Tencha Cazares, Olivia DeSantiago, Maxine Little

Anniversary - M/M Don Schroder, M/M Shane Reagan August 4

Birthday - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Dawn Weaks, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill, Karen

Hartgraves Anniversary - M/M Joe Vanderburg, M/M Joe Bravo, M/M E.A. Williams, M/M Ronnie E. Williams

August 5

Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner

Anniversary - M/M J Garnett, M/M Roy Flowers, M/M Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

August 6 Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica

Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely Anniversary - M/M Murl Pearson, M/M Rocky Sharp, M/M Tim Stedje, M/M Mack

August 7 Birthday - Brandon Casdorph, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Marie Thomas, Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs Stephen Jacops

August 8 Billy Birthday Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell

Anniversary - M/M Leonard Garrard

August 9

Birthday- Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela

Anniversary - M/M Buddy Dossett, M/M Steve Bevill

August 10 Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck. Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela

Anniversary - M/M Lucio Vela, M/M Riche Randall, M/M J.L. Brock, M/M Erwin Wright, M/M Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson

August 11 Birthday - Autumn Bateman, McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James, Beulah Abston

Anniversary - M/M Gary Johnson, M/M Ervin Wright, M/M Junior Crossland

August 12 Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris Anniversary - M/M Rudy Saldavar

August 13 Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Ethel Ellsworth, Jim

Miller, Crystal Boyd

Anniversary - M/M Gary
Flowers, M/M Gerald TeBeest August 14 Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy

Nicholson, Mike Pack Anniversary - M/M Monty

August 15
Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary
Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Umphress, Sara Butt, Ruby Burger, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth

Anniversary - M/M Billy Baker, M/M David Hall, M/M Buddy Murrell, M/M Billy Logsdon Jr., M/M James Nicholson

# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the ninth week of Pentecost we learn more of the God who has entered our lives. Our lessons are found in Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 78:23-32, Ephesians 4:1-16 and John 6:24-36. In Exodus, the people murmur against Moses and Aaron. They are hungry and care not for the freedom and promises of God. Moses prays to God and God provides manna (bread) and quail. The Psalmist sings of this very event and the ingratitude of a stiff-necked people; more amazingly, he sings that God forgives these murmuring people.

In Ephesians, Paul sets forth the functions of the Church and of its members. Regardless of our race, culture, sex, or creed, we are all one in Christ Jesus. God is at working fitting all of us together into one body for His glory. We are given an explicit imperative to grow, and to grow up in Christ. No one is left out, we all have a role to play. We play that role by developing the Christian virtues of humility, gentleness, patience and love; and when we have cultivated these virtues we may attain that peace which passes all understanding in Christ Jesus. If we serve as an officer in the Church, we are charged to see that each Christian is so educated, so guided, so sought out when they stray, that each becomes what they should be in Christ Jesus. As we passed through the waters of baptism, we became 'babes in Christ', but dear Christian, Jesus expects us to 'grow up'; we were not called to vegetate.

Jesus is pursued by the crowd. They want to make him king because he has provided bread and healing. Jesus explains that His work is not to provide them with bread for their bodies, but "bread" [the word of God] for the salvation of their immortal souls. He reminds the crowd that Moses did not give the people bread [manna], God did. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Meditate on this the next time you participate in the eucharist [Lord's supper].

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# Our Sympathy

### IRENE B. REED

SPEARMAN - Irene B. Reed, 93, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2006 in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Wayne Coffin officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman

Mrs. Reed was born December 19, 1912, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was married to Arthur Reed. He preceded her in death in 1966.

She was a homemaker and a Methodist. Her grandchildren named her Cookie Grandma because she always had cookies in the cookie jar.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Reed and wife Rita of Spearman; a stepson, Don Reed and wife Wanda of Spearman; a stepdaughter, Mary King and husband James of Amarillo; a sister, Grace Simpson of Spearman; a brother, Wayne Coffin of Oklahoma City; a grandson, John Reed of Spearman; four granddaughters, Judy Reed and Jerry Raper of Fritch, Joann Schneider and husband Ken and Jackie Nelson and husband Tim, all of Spearman, and Janet Williams and husband Todd of Gruver; nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081 or Hansford Manor Empty Stocking Fund, 707

Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

### BELINDA GAIL FRANCIS

POTEAU, OK - Belinda Gail Francis, 38 of Poteau, Oklahoma, passed away July 28 at Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center in Poteau.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Heavener, OK on Sunday, July 20 with Rev. Sam Dyer, officiating. Pallbearers were her nephews, Jeremy Francis, Lance Francis, Travis Francis, Jason Pool, Tucker Pool, and Jake Pool.

Graveside services will be at the Shamrock Cemetery on Thursday, August 3, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jes Stafford, pastor of Eleventh St. Baptist Church in Shamrock officiating.

Belinda was born July 10, 1968 in Joliet, Illinois. She was a physical therapist and was currently a student studying OT. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Heavener, OK. She and her family had lived in Spearman prior ot moving to Poteau.

She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne, and one sister, Marie Louise Franks.

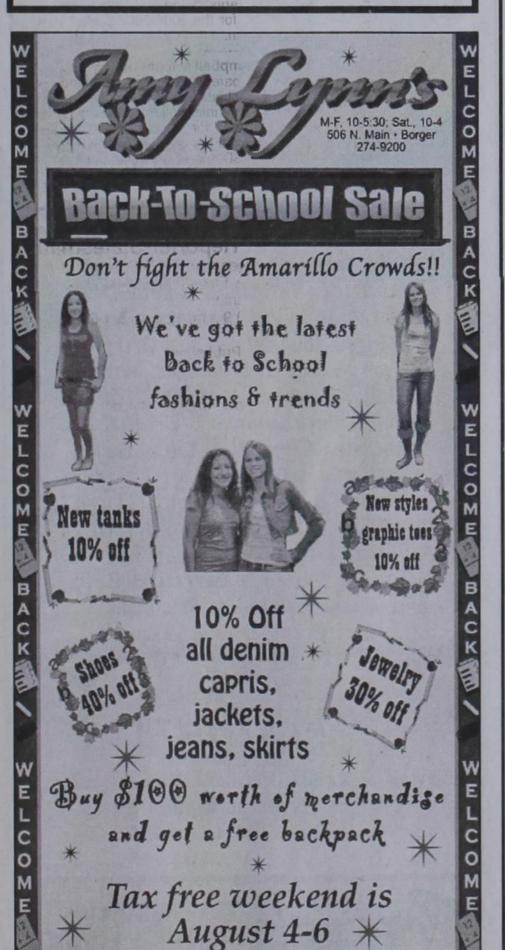
She is survived by her husband, Kip, of the home; a son, Jarry of the home and a daughter, Alicia also of the home; her parents, Larry and Connie Franks of Canadian and Sydnie and Greg Anderson of Farmersville, LA; two sisters, Julia Bird of Guymon, OK and Tiffany Beach of Canadian; two brothers, Larry Franks of Farmersville, LA and Joe Allen Franks of Canadian: numerous other relatives, friends and loved

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice - 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth: 7 Pastor - Bob Elder

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m.
Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m., Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Derrel Evins

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice · 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Dr. Timothy Minor

Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer · 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed Pastor - James Washburn

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th · 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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First Baptist Church 402 E.Broadway • 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m.. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

> **Church of Christ** Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

**Gruver United Methodist** Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m

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Mrs. Matthew Archer

Hillary Hunt Holmes and Matthew Reid Archer were united in marriage on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at seven o'clock in the evening at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Reverend Dr. L. James Bankston. Music was provided by the full choir of St. Paul's; Mark Edenfield, organist and choirmaster; and Ken Coleman, organist.

A reception followed in the ballroom of the River Oaks Country Club. Flower arrangements were designed by Lisa Tran; music was provided by the Grooves; and the event was documented by Kaye Marvins Photography. On the day before the wedding, Harriet Hart and Patsy Lesley, friends of the bride's mother, hosted a bridal luncheon at the home of Ms. Hart. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Brennan's of Houston.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Hunt Holmes and Harry Dadisman Holmes of Houston. She is the granddaughter of Edward and Julia Hunt of Egg Harbor City, New Jersey; Ruth Dadisman Holmes of Houston; and the late Reverend Harry Newton Holmes of Houston, who served as a minister at St. Paul's. The groom is the son of Robert and Anne Archer of Spearman, Texas. He is the grandson of the late H.H. Chevalier of Jefferson, Texas; and the late Dorothy Wells Chevalier, the late Oscar Earl Archer and the late Effie Pearl Hackley, all of Spearman. Flowers at the reception included small bundles of hay as a special tribute to the groom's hometown.

The bride wore a couture gown designed by Kenneth Pool for Amsale. The strapless ivory satin gown had a squared drop waist and flat-front full skirt and was adorned with pearl and crystal beading on

the bodice and chapel-length train. Her gown was complemented by an ivory cathedral-length veil, custom-made for her by Lazaro, appliquéd with pearls and crystal beading. She carried a round bouquet of white and ivory roses and a piece of lace from the wedding dress of her maternal grandmother.

Ashley Elizabeth Holmes, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Bridesmaids Christiane Joneson Chambers, Mary Allene Holmesly, Dora Beatriz Martinez, Brooke Alyson Richie, Gabrielle Anne Sitomer and Lori Anne Fixley Winland. The bridesmaids wore chocolate brown strapless floor length dresses of duchess satin with bustled skirts and covered buttons that ran the length of the dress. They carried bouquets of green hydreneas and white roses.

Cass Lasater, childhood friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Chad Gardiner, Darin Donald Hawkins, Phillip Sanders, Brent Marcus Marnell, Jonathan Smith and Casey Weidenmiller.

Michael Debusk, Roger Ryman, Jr., William James Swallen, Robert Williams and Colin George, stepbrother of the bride, served as ushers. Carrie Pearson Clark and Rainey Ches Smith served as guest book attendants. Readings at the ceremony were given by Lisa Pounds DeRosa, Tamara Lynn Oriot and Andrea Lynn Claire, sister of the groom. Trent Claire, Morse. nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer; and Amy Claire, niece of the groom, served as flower girl.

The bride graduated from The Kinkaid School and Duke University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Public Policy Studies and Women's Studies and was president of Panhellenic and a national officer of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She received her Juris

Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is currently an associate in the corpo-Baker Botts L.L.P.

A&M University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, magna cum laude, in Accounting. He received his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University Pennsylvania Law School, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He is currently an associate in the global projects section of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Africa, Hillary and Matt and their sion. dog, Duke, will make their home in Houston, Texas.

# Holmes, Archer wed Campbell, Parks wed



Mrs. Gerald Parks

LaDonna Eve Campbell of Fritch and Christopher Gerald Parks of Morse were united in marriage on July 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John's Catholic Church in Borger. Rev. Patrick Carathers of St. John's Catholic Church in Borger officiated the ceremony.

LaDonna is the daughter of Hugh Campbell of Pampa and Liz Reno of Fritch. Chris is the son of Wade and Rosemary Parks of

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Hugh Campbell and her brother-in-law, Pete DeLuna.

The matron of honor was Christy DeLuna of Stinnett, sister of the

Best man was Dustin Parks of Austin, brother of the groom.

The flowergirl was Natallie DeLuna of Stunnett, niece of the bride. The ring bearer was Cayden DeLuna of Stinnett, nephew of the

Candlelighters were Jake, Isaac and Sarah Elliott of Fritch, former rate and securities law section of students of the groom. Ushers were David Cruz of Stinnett, friend of The groom graduated from the couple; Matt Ware of Fritch, Spearman High School and Texas student of the groom; and Chase Parks of Morse, brother of the

The sanctuary was adorned with two standing candelabras, graced by additions of white silk roses, orange blossoms and greenery. Additional decorations were two large baskets of white and meloncolored silk Calla lilies, roses, gladiola and baby's breath. Aisle markers were made of white rib-Following a honeymoon in bon, roses, baby's breath and illu-

The silken bridal bouquet was made of melon-colored roses and green leaves, white illusion, and melon and white ribbon streamers. The matron-of-honor's bouquet and mothers' corsages were made of similar silk flowers. The father's, bridegroom's and best man's boutonnieres were also of silk in the bride's chosen color of

The bride wore a sleeveless, halter-neck, princess-line bridal gown made of white peau de soie. The gown was adorned at the bodice, the hem, and down the center back with crystal beading, which carried onto the chapel-length train. A delicate white veil of crystal-beaded white illusion was crowned by a sparkling gold tiara.

Music was provided by organist Lauree Beth Stedje of Oslo, TX, harpist Brianne Stedje of Oslo, and soloist Amy Fish of Lawrence, KS. Scripture was read by Chase Parks of Morse.

A reception, catered by Paula Clemmons of Morse, was held following the ceremony. Two white candelabras and urns, adorned with white and melon-colored flowers served as decorations for the reception. In addition, a white bridal arch was festooned with white silk flowers, illusion and greenery.

The bride's cake was a threetiered white wedding cake decorated with white and melon-colored roses created by Stacy Mitchell of Borger. The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake in the shape of the state of Texas.

LaDonna is a 2001 graduate of West Texas High School in Stinnett, and a 2005 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a BS in interdisciplinary studies. She is an elementary and special education teacher, previously in Fritch, and now at Canadian ISD.

Chris is a 2000 graduate of West Texas High School, and a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a BS in applied communications. He is a secondary speech, theatre, debate coach, previously in Fritch, and is now the UIL Coordinator, speech, theatre and debate coach for Canadian

Hostesses included Rowena Apacible of Austin, Lawanna Hart of Stinnett, Sarah James of Panhandle, Amy McCollum of Roanoke, TX and Tammy Graves of Sugarland. Hosts include David Graves of Sugarland and Jacob White of Fritch.

Following a wedding trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Canadian.



### Engagement Announcement

Greg and Carla Drennon of Stinnett wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kasandra Jo Drennan to Donnie Lynn Davis. Donnie is the son of Scott and Debbie Davis of Morse.

Kasandra is the granddaughter of Roy and Karen May of Stinnett and Kathy Louis Dodson of Fritch. Donnie is the grandson of Lynn Davis of Morse and Edith Persinger of Oberlin, Kansas.

The couple plan a September 24, 2006 at at Three Falls Cove, Bugbee area, at Lake Meredith.

Kasandra is a graduate of West Texas High School. She earned an associate of science in education at Amarillo College and currently attends West Texas A&M. She is employed at the Borger Community Activity

Donnie is a graduate of West Texas High School. He is employed at the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A reception will be held following the wedding at Three Falls Cove.

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Terry McCann & Michael Witten

Hillary Holmes & Matt Archer

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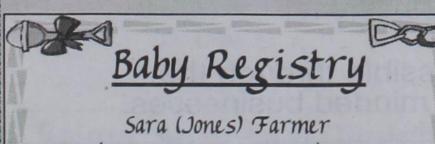
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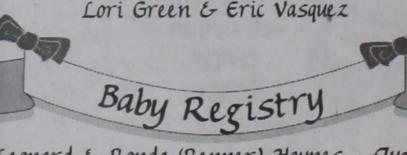
invite you to share the beginning of our new life together when we exchange marriage vows on Saturday, the Twelfth of August Two thousand and six at seven-thirty in the evening Palo Duro Lake at the Gazebo Spearman, Texas

Reception immediately following

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crossland request the honor of your presence at the ceremony in which their daughter

Jessica Carin and Matthew William Dunnihoo son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunnihoo will vow their lives to one another and become united as on in Christ on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at half past six in the evening First United Methodist Church 407 Haney Spearman Reception immediately following

at the Bunkhouse Restaurant



Leonard & Ronda (Renner) Haynes - Aug. 5 Xyler & Stephanie (Bynum) Bates Luis & Maria Carbajal



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# Region 16 to host **At-Risk Conference**

Area educators and interested community agencies and individuals are invited to participate in the Thirteenth Annual At-Risk Conference, Opportunities, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Sponsored by Region 16 Education Service Center, West Texas A&M University and Amarillo Independent School District, the conference will open with remarks from Texas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Shirley Neeley, and a welcome from John Bass, Region 16 Education Service Executive Director.

The event will feature three nationally-known including Fox News Weekend Live anchor, Brian Wilson, Wilson, who grew up in Odessa and got his first television job at KAMR in Amarillo, has covered the nation's Capitol for the past 20 years as a news correspondent. In Bright, Bored, Couldn't Be Bothered, Wilson will offer strategies and share his own experiences as a kid with a high IQ and no real emotional or discipline issues who nearly flunked out of high school.

Mychal Wynn, recognized as one of the country's most preeminent experts on student achievement and student improvement, will open the sessions with Increasing Student Achievement for Student's At-Risk: Working with Identifiable Subgroups. Over the course of 20 years, Wynn has worked with superintendents, administrators, teachers and parents throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda. An honor graduate of Boston's Northeastern University.

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Wynn has written 16 books, from Abilene Christian University including The Eagles Who and Texas A&M University. Thought They Were Chickens.

Motivational speaker Marcus Nelson will close out the afternoon session with Beyond Rhetoric. As a living example of poor circumstances and hard work, Dr. Nelson looks at public education from the perspective of an at-risk student. A former teacher and principal, he currently serves as Associate Superintendent of Instruction in the Judson Independent School District, outside of San Antonio. He holds three graduate degrees

The conference will also include numerous exhibitors and booths with representatives from community programs.

Cost of the conference is \$15, which includes lunch and refreshments. Participants may register on-line at www.esc16.net. Limited on-site registration will be also be accepted between 8 -9 a.m., when refreshments and exhibits will be

For further information, contact Elaine Wells at 677-5123.

Each summer the Spearman Chamber of Commerce selects three Yards of the Week. The yards are selected by members of the board each Sunday.

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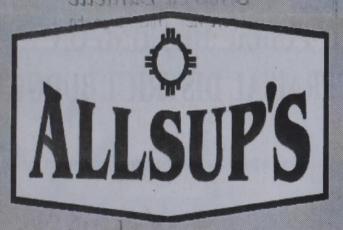
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sonal standard of laws because of

his office. It is more than personal

when he is found with an open con-

tainer in public. The DA was at his

place of employment, a county

courthouse, where he was at the

very least violating the open con-

tainer law. I've never known of

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excuses in his letter remind me of a

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Tuesday, July 12 edition of the

Amarillo Globe when he said, "The

report is accurate". In the report,

Corrections Officer Jack Council

states more than once that Ballman

was "intoxicated to the degree that

he was a danger to himself and/or

others and as result of that intoxica-

tion was not permitted to drive..."

Council changed his story in sup-

port of Ballman's story. It's inter-

esting to note that about two weeks

ago, Mr. Council became unem-

ployed at the Hutchinson County

that she mailed a freedom of infor-

mation request for a written report

and dash cam video of the incident

to the Stinnett Police Department.

She was told that nothing was

reported in writing or on tape. I

aliens to land and not be reported.

Amarillo. In almost a year,

views. Please print it for your read-

Glenn Baxter

Ballman's DWI was never been

What's amazing to me is a story

Betty Holland called me to say

When the report became public,

Ballman's story was shot full of

cookie jar for the second time.

What was he thinking? His

courthouse.

including drunk driving.





Picture Prairie Rattlesnake taken by Frank Edwards

Lake Level--July 31, 2006--18.43 feet (-0.32)

This week there was one RV during the week behind the dam and one during the weekend on the office side of the dam. Jim said he was still seeing lights at night from a few people who are fishing then. Otherwise, he said nothing much went on at the Park and Lake.

Jim did note that he had seen half a dozen rattlesnakes crossing the highway at night last week at different times. This is the time of year that the females give birth to their young. Many reptiles lay eggs, but rattlesnakes produce baby snakes in numbers up to 20. Contrary to myth the venom of a young snake is just as potent as the venom of a mature snake.

Once again we have a photograph by Frank Edwards. He recently took this picture of a prairie rattlesnake near a gas well in a prairie dog town north of Gruver. As a pumper on gas wells he has learned to be observant and careful where he steps around the wells he checks. This time he looked down and saw the this snake coiled about two inches from his boot

The prairie rattler, as a defense tactic, holds still and hopes that its camouflage will allow it to go unnoticed. If it is seen, it will usually try to get away. If that doesn't work, the snake will become aggressive.

A rattlesnake is supposed to be able to strike only a distance of one third to one half of its body length. Since prairie rattlers rarely get over 4 feet in length, you would presumably be safe 24 inches from it

Frank uses a shovel to get the snake to strike until it is tired. Then he gets close for the shot. I wonder if snakes ever get a second wind?

load. 18-pound box - \$18.25.

Alco in Perryton

Thursday., Aug. 10th - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. www.CunninghamPeaches.com

# Letter to the Editor

### DA Ballman's DWI report never reported to DPS Crime Records in Austin

by Glenn Baxter

Clay Ballman, 84th District Attorney was convicted of DWI in July 2005. He was photographed, fingerprinted, booked and widely publicized in the news. A year later, on July 10, 2006, there were no records posted on the Texas Department of Public Safety Crimes Record Service. WHY?

A spokesperson at DPS in Austin stated, "It is the County Clerk's responsibility to report the information (judgement/ conviction record) to DPS. It would be the county he (DA Ballman) was prosecuted through which in this case would be Hutchinson. We can go to Hutchinson County and make sure the record is completed."

I spoke to the chief deputy at the Hutchinson County Clerk's office and asked what was their procedure for processing a DWI conviction. She responded, "We complete a DRN (form) and send that to the

When asked, "When someone is convicted of a DWI, how long does it take to process it to Austin DPS?" The response was, "Within a few

days following the judgement." The next question was, "How does the County Clerk's office explain how it took a year to process Ballman's judgement to DPS in Austin?"

She responded, "I don't know why it takes them (DPS) that long...that information is sent and the DPS just didn't get it in their system," she responded.

I asked, "Do you have proof suppose Stinnett is a safe place for when that information was sent?" Her response was, "If we had that document that was sent, yes we reported by Channel 10 News in do have proof.

"Is it right that your documentation (judgement) comes from the court? It would come from the County Court. Are you're saying it comes from Judge Worsham's court," I asked.

"Yes and ninety percent of the time it's no longer than a week that it takes to get to them (Austin). We follow process procedure and if the documentation is here we send it."

she said

"Did the DPS contact you about Clay Ballman not having a record,"

"Yes, and we sent them documentation a week ago."

Next, I called Judge Worsham and asked, "Why weren't Clay Ballman's records sent to DPS in Austin. His response was, "I wouldn't have the slightest idea. That was not in my court, it was transferred out of court. I would think the court that tried the case which was out of Oldham County would be responsible for sending the records. It was tried with a different prosecutor and a different judge."

Next, I called Oldham County Clerk's office and was referred to an assistant to Kent Birdsong, County Attorney. She explained, "It (Ballman's case) might have been tried here but we don't have records of it. It would be the responsibility of Hutchinson County to send those records to DPS Austin. The judgement would be in the Hutchinson County Clerk's office. The only think that took place in Oldham County was the trial in Judge Allred's court. When there's a special prosecutor, nothing is kept in our clerk's office.

Who dropped the ball? Where does the responsibility lie in failure to send in Ballman's judgement to

Screen 1

Barnyard:

The Original

**Party Animals** 

Thousands of DWI judgements have been sent through the County Clerk's Office during the DA's 10 years tenure in office. DA Ballman knows the system.

What rational person wouldn't suspect that special privilege was given to the District Attorney? What about average Joe's with first time DWI convictions placed on their records in one week following their judgement? They are burdened with higher auto insurance rates. And when they apply for a job, the DWI permanent conviction showing up in a background check may prevent them from being

Who's on first? It seems that no one wants to take responsibility for failure to process Ballman's

Have equal rights and civil liberties been violated through the court system in Hutchinson County? Was there a conspiracy? Maybe this is the question that citizens should be asking the Texas Attorney General and Texas Rangers.

This news update was published on www.goodkindthings.com with DA Ballman's most recent alcohol incident report at the parking lot Hutchinson

Screen 2

The Devil

Wears Prada

PG-13

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Colorado Peaches from Palisade! reported to DPS Crime Records in Austin. I wanted to find out if this was some special privilege that only District Attorney's receive. I

thought the story would fit well into a magazine article I'm writing, so I called DPS Austin and those involved in the Hutchinson County Court System. I am submitting what I have written based on telephone inter-

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 14, 2006 at 4 p.m. at the appraisal district office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget: \$300,332

The total amount of decrease from the current year's budget

6,214

The number of employees compensated

under the proposed budget

The number of employees compensated under the current budget

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

> Hansford Appraisal District 709 W 7th Ave Spearman, TX 79081-3407 806-659-5575 or 800-372-5411



# DAILY LUNCH BUFFET

Tues.-Fri., 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday - TexMex; Wednesday - Soup; Thursday - Home-Cooking; Friday - Fried Chicken

Sunday Lunch Buffet

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11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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212 Main Street · Spearman · (806) 659-2089 Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.;

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-NOTICE-

We will be closed Thursday, August 10th-Monday, August 14th.



In spite of the construction, Coach Steve Walker stated that this year's basketball camp was a success. Pictured above are the 2nd, 3rd adn 4th grade particilpants: (front row from left) Halee Miesner, Ashley Vasquez, Tori Bennett; (middle row from left) Callie Yarborough, Jordan Lopez, Kayla Servantez, Brantly Shields, Taylor Varnon; (back from left) Vanessa Vela, Brooke Walker, Tyann Hight, Kate Lieb, Payton Harrell

Pictured at right are the 5th & 6th grade participants: (front from left) Katie Miesner, Ashley Keim; (back row from left) Kelsea Miller, Jennifer Crowl, Kyla Walker



The hardest part is asking for help.

The easiest part is getting it.

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Pictured above are the 7th, 8th and 9th grade participating for the 2006 summer basketball camp: (front from left) Nikki Boyd, Morgan Ashmore, Shi-Ann Bates, Ashton Comp; (Middle from left) Britani Vasquez, Channing Burgess, Ayana Rosales, Preslee Baker, Lexi Batton; (back from left) Whitney Maestas, Leanna Espinosa, Andi Linn Scarborough, Rosa Ortiz, Anna Sowder, Lauren Patterson, not pictured is Tylo Farrar.

### Clyburn named District President-Elect

Tina Clyburn, principal at Wright Elementary in Perryton ISD, was named District 16 President-Elect for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Clyburn and her fellow officers from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state were installed at the association's July Leadership Conference.

"TEPSA's leaders are committed to Texas children and educators. They represent their communities and state with pride," said Executive Director Sandi Borden.

Since 1917, TEPSA has served Texas principals and supervisors. TEPSA has more than 5,300 members. These administrators supervise more than 150,000 teachers who direct the activities of more than 2.5 million PreK-8 school children.

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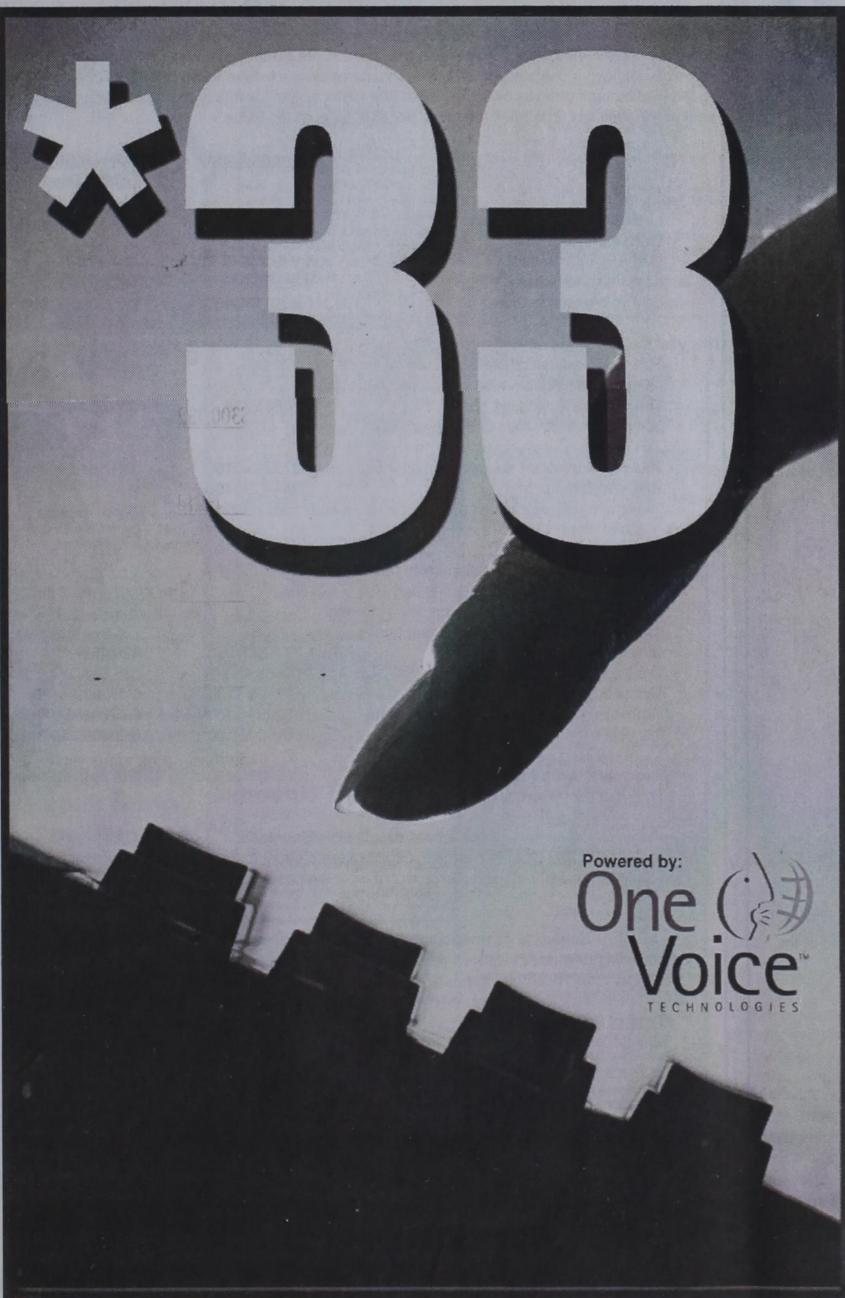
Friday - Shrimp

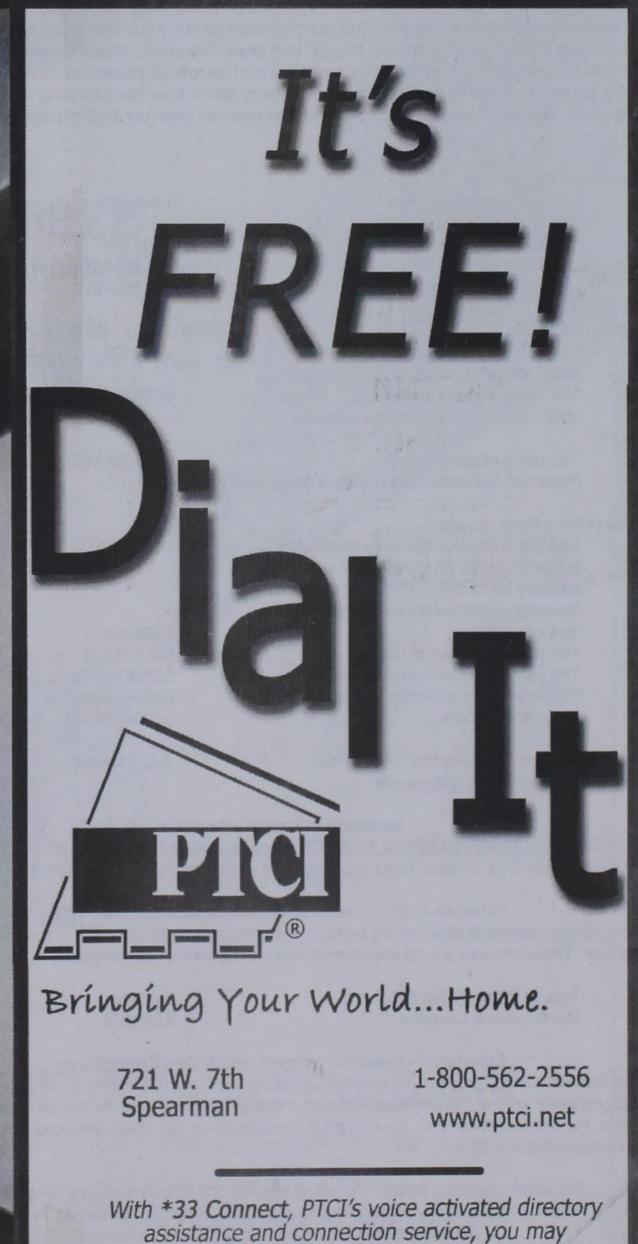
Saturday -Catfish

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### Wheatheart Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference to be held

The Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree, Hansford, hutchinson, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the 8th annual Wheatheart Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference on Thursday, August

The conference will be held at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and programs begin at 9. All area wheat and stocker cattle producers are invited to hear Extension and industry specialists cover a wide range of topics related to wheat and stocker cattle production and marketing. Plus, 3 CEU's will be provided for all attending with a pesticide applicator license.

Lunch will be provided and several door prizes will be given away, including a barbecue smoker and grill. There is no charge to attend the

For more information about the conference, you may contact the Texas event. Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.

### **Frances Cudd Memorial Radio Auction** benefits Golden Spread Senior Center

In honor of Gene and Frances Cudd and their support of the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center and The O'Loughlin Center, this year's annual radio auction will be called: The Frances Cudd Memorial Radio Auction to benefit the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center. The radio auction will take place on two Saturday mornings, August 19th & August 26th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and it will be broadcast over KXDJ radio in Perryton. This event has been the major fundraiser for The Golden Spread Center for at least 14 years, and the board is accepting donations for this year's auction. In the past, used cars in good working condition, large furniture items, hand-crafted items and creative trips, dinners or events have been key to the success of this event. Please contact any board member or call Kathy Bryant at The O'Loughlin Center by calling 659-3030 to donate items, and mark you calendars for this special

### **Hansford County Circle of Friends**

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in Support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. It will be at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17th in the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. There will be a steak dinner with all the fixin's, an auction, and raffle.

We will be raffling off a metal gazebo, it can be seen at Gruver City Hall. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Gruver City Hall or from Cathy Davis, Ginger Pittman, Jackie Pearson, or Barbara Stavlo. Other auction items include a diamond necklace donated by Graham Brothers of Amarillo, chuck wagon meal for 16, ribeye dinner for 14, hand-painted china, overnight stays, and much more!

Circle of Friends is a non profit organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of the cancer center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families with financial assistance in times of crisis and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research.

For tickets or more information call Cathy Davis at 733-5731 or Barbara Stavlo at 733-2600.



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Estaremos ofreciendo entrevistas en el O'laughlin Center 502 S. Brandt en la ciudad de Spearman Texas, el dia Miércoles 9 de Agosto de las 9:00 de la mañana a las 2:00. Vengan y llenen una solicitud para empleo !



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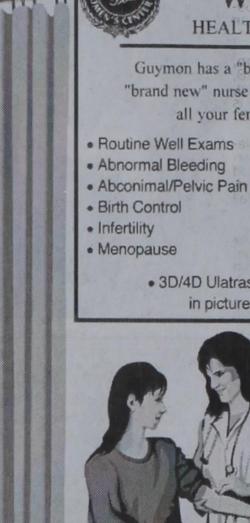
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We will be in Spearman, Texas interviewing on Wednesday August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come by and fill out an application! O'laughlin Center 502 S. Brandt



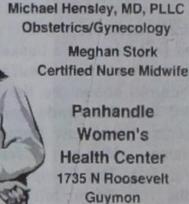
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# 2006 Property Tax Rates in **Hansford County Hospital District**

This notice concerns 2006 Property tax rates for HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. I presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last	year's	tax	rate:

Last year's operating taxes	1,506,540
Last year's debt taxes	0
Last year's total taxes	1,506,540
Last year's tax base	444,858,561
Last year's total tax rate	0.338656/\$10

### This year's effective tax rate:

This year's adjusted taxes 1,506,671 (after subtracting taxes on lost property) This year's adjusted tax base 637,638,235

0.236289/\$100 This year's effective tax rate (maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing)

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) This year's adjusted tax base

(after subtracting value of new property)

This year's rollback rate for each fund

This year's total rollback rate

1,509,138 637,638,235 This year's effective operating rate 0.236676/\$100 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate 0.255610/\$100 this year's debt rate 0.000000/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.236289 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2005 taxes by \$245.

### Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Maintenance & Operation

Balance

0.255610/\$100

3.548,519

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Hansford County Hospital District spent \$20,930 from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$2,467.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman Tx 79081. Name of person preparing this notice: Linda Cummings

Title: Tax Assessor-Collector Date prepared: July 25, 2006

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General Fund

		General Fund	Bridge Fund
Last y	ear's tax rate:		
	Last year's operating taxes	1,773,748	424,171
	Last year's debt taxes	0	0
	Last year's total taxes	1,773,748	424,171
	Last year's tax base	445,539,949	442,767,223
	Last year's total tax rate	0.398112/\$100	0.095800/\$100
This ye	ear's effective tax rate:		
	This year's adjusted taxes	1,771,242	423,459
	(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
	This year's adjusted tax base	637,668,439	635,014,977
	(after subtracting value of new property)	50000	
=	This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.277768/\$100	.066684/\$100
	Total effective tax rate	0.344452/\$100	
	(maximum rate unless unit publishes notices an	nd holds hearing)	
This y	ear's rollback tax rate:		
	Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after		
	subtracting taxes on lost property and		
1	adjusting for transferred function, tax increment		
	financing, and/or enhanced indigent health	1 771 010	100 150
	care expenditures)	1,771,242	423,459
30	This year's adjusted tax base	637,668,439	635,014,977
=	This year's effective operating rate	0.277768/\$100	0.072019/\$100
X	1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	0.299989/\$100	0.072019\$100
+	this year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
=	This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.299989/\$100	0.072019\$100
	This year's total rollback rate	0.372008\$100	

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HANSFORD COUNTY adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.344452 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2005 taxes by \$474.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Maintenance & Operation

Balance 2,619,400

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Hansford County Auditor certifies that Hansford County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning July 31, 2005, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hansford County Sheriff has provided nformation on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman Tx 79081. Name of person preparing this notice: Linda Cummings

> Title: Tax Assessor-Collector Date prepared: July 21, 2006

### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 208 Cluck, Gruver - 3BR, 2B, 2CG Brick Home, 2160 sq ft., many updates. Call 806-733-

TFN (04-27-06) B FOR SALE: 416 Spearman - 4BR, 2B, CH & A, new carpet, new paint, close to school, Call 330-0364 TFN(06-08-06

FOR SALE Cotter, Spearman: 3/1, Home, 1 CG, Central H/A Recent updates and new carpet. Call 806-330-0453 or 806-330-0568

TFN(06-15-06)B FOR SALE: 1115 S. Bernice, Spearman - Nice brick, 3BR, 2B home; fenced back yard, central heat/air, 2CG, large shop in back, new sprinkler system. Call (806) 352-3452 or (806) 259-2614. TFN(7-06-06)B FOR SALE: Spearman - 3BR, 2B,

2 car attached garage brick home. Ready to move into! Call (806) 659-5057 or (620) 697-4060 for an appointment.

FOR SALE: Nelson Addition, Spearman - Very nice 3BR, 2B, 2CG, with lots of extras. Large lot, fenched backyard, shop - home is ready to move into. Call 659-3646. TFN(7-27-06)B

FOR SALE: Lubbock - Doublewide mobile home - 3BR, 2B, carport, cellar, fenced yard, covered deck & porch, large storage building on 1 1/2 acres in Lubbock. Call 659-5041.

FOR SALE: 314 Womble, Gruver - 3BR, 1 1/2B, baesment, garage, fenced yard, corner lot. Call Dwain at 800-687-9998. TX LIC RE Agent. 4(8-3-06)P

### FOR RENT/LEASE

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: Pittman-Shieldknight building - all sizes available. Call 659-5588 or 659-3399 for more information.

TFN(01-27-05)B FOR RENT: Home for rent, 7 miles SW of Spearman on 207, 3 BR, 2B, Garage, very, very quiet- call 806-679-6787

TFN(06-01-06)B FOR RENT: Two Bedroom Apartment, \$375.00 \$300.00 deposit, Water Paid, No Pets. 659-9971.

TFN(7-06-06)B FOR RENT: Effeciency apartment utilities paid. Call 659-2247. IFN(8-10-06)B

FOR RENT: Effeciency apartment at 119 S. Snider (first house south of radio station). Very clean, new furniture, carpet, microwave oven, carport & much more. Quiet neighborhood. If interested, call 659-2039,or come by. TFN(8-10-06)B

### **EMPLOYMENT**

HELP WANTED: Frontier Feedyard north of Spearman is accepting applications for experienced Cowboys. Must have horses & tack. Also accepting application for processors. Call (806) 882-4251 or apply in person, ask for John. TFN(7-20-06)B



Spearman Property EX- 504 Roland - 3BR, 2B, storm shelter, stg bldg.

Gruver Property EX-505 King - 3BR, 1 3/4 B, carport, newly remodeled 313 Richardson - 2BR, 1B **BIG REDUCTION!** 806 Richardson - 2BR, 1B, 5

302 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot House for Rent in Gruver -3BR, 2B

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We can see individuals from Hansford County anytime upon request. Call 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308 to set up an appointment in Hansford County. We operate a safe place for victims and their children to stay in times

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Memorials Accepted

HELP WANTED: Frontier Feedyard is accepting applications for an experienced mill operator. Contact Kevin or Budy at 806-882-4251 or come by for an application.

2(8-3-06)B **HELP WANTED:** Sunray Coop has several positions open in Gruver's Elevator and Office. Apply in person at the Gruver Branch 108 N. Hwy 136. Must be able to pass drug test and speak English. 3(7-27-06)B

### MISC

FOR SALE: VERY NICE Merits "Pioneer 4" scooter: Four-wheel scooter, adjustable seat height, telescoping seat, height & width adjustable arms, fold-down back, flip-up arms, adjustable steering column, headlight, turn signals, hazard lights, horn, includes charger. Sold new for over \$3,000 - asking \$2,000. Call 659-3477. 2(7-27-06)

FOR SALE: A large tool box full of Craftsman tools, large cabinet with 6 drawers, some new & some antique tools, drills, sanders and many other things. Call 659-3423, or stop by 1007 Archer in Spearman. 2(7-27-06)P

### **SERVICES**

PIANO LESSONS: Students or adults. Call 659-5790. 1(8-03-06)B

### GARAGE/ESTATE SALE

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 724 Steele Dr., 12-ft. trampoline, Spearman. household items, clothing, few pieces of furniture, lots of misc!

1(7-27-06)B GARAGE SALE/BAKE SALE: Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m.-?; Union Church Fellowship Hall - 31 S Endicott in Spearman. Lots & lots of everything! Sponsored by Fireproof Youth Group. MP3 player will also be raffled. 1(7-27-06)B

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE FORECLOSURE SALE Poperty located at

602 Womble inn Gruver, Texas This property will be foreclosed a public foreclosure sale between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on August 1, 2006 at the Hansford County Courthouse steps in Spearman. For more information, see the notice of substitute trustees sale posted at the Hansford County Courthouse.

1(07-27-06)B

NOTICE OF SALE BY SEALED BID The City of Gruver has a 1999

Ford Explorer for sale by sealed bid. The vehicle can be inspected at 108 E. Broadway, Gruver, Tx. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "1999 Ford Explorer Bid" and be sealed. Bids will be accepted at City Hall or may be mailed to City of Gruver, PO Box 947, Gruver, Tx 79040-0947 up until August 18 at 1 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened, recorded and awarded to the highest bidder. 2(08-03-06)B

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

First State Bank is accepting sealed bids on a 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan. Bids must be in written form and submitted by August 15, 2006. For more information contact Lenny at 659-5565. First State Bank reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Hansford County, Texas will meet on the 14th day of August, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the law library in the courthouse in the city of Spearman, Texas. The subjects for disucssion and/or action includes the following to be heard at 11 a.m.:

1. Public hearing concerning Reinvestment Zones to include the mutual termination of Tax Abatement Agreement between Hansford County and Great Plains Windpower signed November

2. The Creation of County-wide Reinvestment Zone for electrical wiind energy.

3. The approval fo Tax Abatement Agreement with John Deere Credit concerning JD4 Wind Tubrine

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will hold a budget hearing at 10 a.m. on August 16, 2006 in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas, on a proposed budget for 2007 (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007) in the amount of \$2,993,978. The Proposed Budget is on file with the County Clerk for examination.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT RENEWAL AND MAJOR AMENDMENT PERMIT NO. WSW325

APPLICATION AND PRELIMI-NARY DECISION. ConocoPhillips Company, located northest of the city of Borger on State Highway Spur 119, Hutchinson County, Texas, operates a petroleum refinery facility and has applied to the Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a

permit renewal and major amendment for the continued operation of an underground injection well for dispposal of hazardous/nonhazardous waste adn to request change of Injenction Zone and Injection Interval depths relative to ground level, using measured depths from well drilling. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 28, 2005.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a perliminary decision that these permit, if used, meet all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permits are available for viewing and copying at the Hutchinson County Library, 625 Weatherly Street, Borger TX 79007.
You may submit public com-

ments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to



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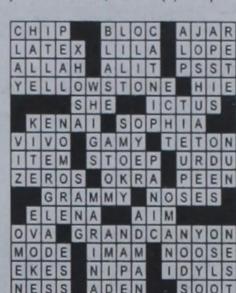
Written public comments and requests for a public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087 within 45 days from the date of newspaper publications of this notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CON-TESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and materialor significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or requested to be on the mailin glist for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearingn or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised durnot withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearingn request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled

Commission meeting. MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for th is specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the per-



ing the public comment period and manent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Cerlk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this spe-

cific application. INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEDQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. "Si desea informacion in Espanol, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040." General information about the TCEQ can be found our web site

www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from ConocoPhillips Company at PO Box 271, Borger TX 79008 or by callinng Ms. Denise Jett, at (806) 275-1507

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"Fun Night at the Park" featur- teaches young people to act as a the sponsorship of The American ing ranch.

There will be teams made up of Spearman on Saturday, August four kids each. These teams will compete in four timed events. "Steer Doctoring", "Steer Branding", "Wild Cow Milking", Ranch Rodeo for young people and "Pony Express". All "live"stock will be handmade Pokey will bring some of his wooden cows, steers and horses, kids per team) and registration NO lives animals are used.

> In 1998 "Pokey's" Junior Ranch Rodeo's became a part of the WRCA World Championship November in Amarillo, Texas. Approximately twelve rodeos are held around the four state area to qualify teams for the championships. There are usually thirty teams competing in Amarillo. In

Quarter Horse Heritage Center and

Young people may register at 6 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park. A table will be clearly marked for this purpose and adults will be there to help them. There is a \$5 entry fee per person (\$20 per team). Information for teams (4 forms are available from Judy Tindell (659-2662 or 659-3653) or at B&B Sales Co.

All proceeds from the WRCA Ranch Rodeo held each year in Junior Ranch Rodeo will be donated to Hansford Hospice in Spearman. Donations to Hospice are welcome.

> Mark your calendar now for this fun-filled evening in the Park!

### Decoding "The DaVinci Code"

Was Jesus married? Is there a woman in Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper? Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Sam Collins will go head to head with the summer blockbuster based on the best-selling novel The Da Vinci Code.

during the 2006 fall semester. He will discuss the existence of God and the evidence that Jesus is God as well as answer the many questions that Dan Brown's immensely popular and controversial novel has raised.

Collins' will offer the course Christian Evidences

The course will use multiple sources in the search for the answers to these questions, including the Bible and materials from Rose Publishing, a publisher of Bible reference materials.

The course will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-9:15 a.m., and students can earn up to three credits for the class. For more information about the course, contact Collins at 580-349-2555. For a ocmplete 2006 fall class schedule, visit www.opsu.edu and click on the link to the 2006 fall schedule. Contact Admissions office at 580-349-2611 or toll-free at 1-800-664-6778

### **Clyburn named District President-Elect**

Tina Clyburn, principal at Wright Elementary in Perryton ISD, was named District 16 President-Elect for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Clyburn and her fellow officers from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state were installed at the association's July Leadership

"TEPSA's leaders are committed to Texas children and educators. They represent their communities and state with pride," said Executive Director Sandi

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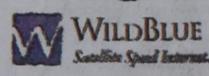
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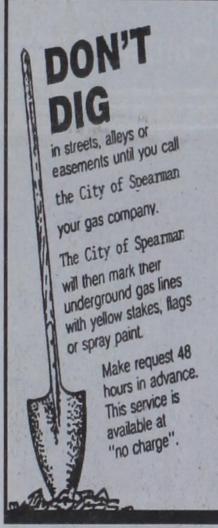
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JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE

MONSTER HOUSE

THE ANT BULLY PG - Animate

PIRATES: DEAD MAN'S CHEST PG-13 - Johnny Depp, Kiera Knightley

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