

IN THE NEWS

Giuliani at Moussaoui trial
 Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani described the opening horrors of Sept. 11, 2001, to Zacarias Moussaoui's death penalty trial Thursday, saying he was unwilling to believe people were jumping to their deaths from the World Trade Center until he saw it with his own eyes.

Libby: Bush OK'd leak
 President Bush authorized leaking classified intelligence about Iraq to help justify the White House case for war, the indicted former aide to Vice President Cheney told a grand jury.

Codex recasts Judas
 Lost for centuries and bound for controversy, the so-called gospel of Judas was unveiled by scholars Thursday. With a plot twist worthy of The Da Vinci Code, the gospel — 13 papyrus pages bound in leather and found in a cave in Egypt — purports to relate the last days of Jesus' life, seen from the viewpoint of Judas, one of Jesus' first followers.

Ex-cops convicted in N.Y.
 Two highly decorated former detectives were convicted Thursday of moonlighting as hitmen for the mob in one of the most sensational cases of police corruption in New York history.

Immigration deal reached
 Senate Republicans and Democrats closed in on a last-minute compromise Thursday on legislation opening the way to legal status and eventual citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally.

Rep. McKinney apologizes
 Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., expressed "sincere regret" Thursday for her altercation with a Capitol police officer, and offered an apology to the House.

The wet coast
 A month of rain has pushed California rivers and reservoirs to capacity and threatened homes and crops, and forecasters predicted another storm to arrive before the weekend.

Gold hits 25-year high
 Gold bullion rose Thursday to a new 25-year peak near \$600 an ounce, and silver touched its highest price in more than 22 years, as a shaky U.S. dollar and firm oil prices fueled active buying.

Weekly jobless claims dip
 The number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits fell for a third straight week and longer-term unemployment slid in late March to its lowest level in more than five years, providing further evidence of a strong job market.

Retailers disappoint in March
 Cooler temperatures and a later Easter gave consumers little incentive to shop last month and left retailers with tepid sales for the second month in a row.

More WTC remains found
 Construction workers near the World Trade Center discovered 74 more bone fragments on a damaged skyscraper slated to be torn down later this year, officials said Thursday.

Fewer teens use drugs
 Drug use has edged downward among teens nationwide, with the biggest decreases driven by teens in the Midwest and South, according to a national survey on drug and alcohol use.

Schools ban flags
 Several schools in Colorado, Arizona and California recently banned the display of national flags and the wearing of clothing with patriotic symbols as the divisive national debate over immigration has brought angry confrontations between Latino and Anglo students.

Skilling to take stand
 In what could prove to be the decisive juncture in the government's trial of the two men accused of perpetrating a giant fraud at Enron, former CEO Jeff Skilling is expected to take the stand in federal court here today to testify on his own behalf.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week services will be held at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 29 S. Bernice, in Spearman on Monday-Friday, April 10th-14th. Services begin at noon and end at 1 p.m.
 The schedule for speakers is as follows: Monday - Bob Elder, First Assembly of God Church; Tuesday - Jim Medley, First Baptist Church; Wednesday - Derrel Evins, First United Methodist Church; Thursday - Beverly Cook, Faith Lutheran/Grace Presbyterian; Friday - Joe Garcia, Primera Iglesia Bautista.
 An offering will be taken at each service.



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Fires rage in Texas Panhandle

By Karen D. Smith, Amarillo Globe-News
 Firefighters were working at least eight different grassfires on Thursday, April 6th in the Texas Panhandle.
 According to DPS spokesman Wayne Bieghle:
 • Two fires are burning in Gray County — one 10 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70 and one northwest of Pampa. Residents of Lefors and Bowers City have been evacuated. Residents should go to the Knight of Columbus building at 318 N. Cuyler St. in Pampa.
 • A fire in Oldham County, south of Interstate 40 near Everitt Road, has been contained.
 • A fire on the Crawford Ranch in northern Potter County, threatened the Fain Natural Gas Plant but has skirted the facility.
 • A fire southeast of Allison in Wheeler County is still burning but has moved across the Oklahoma state line.
 • A fire is burning near Loop 335 and Eastern Street, threatening structures and burning at least one home.
 • A fire at Bushland Road and Hollywood Road northwest of the Amarillo city limits has been contained.
 • A fire in the vicinity of Highway 287 and Mobley Street caused the evacuation of residents in an area defined by Givens Street on the north, Highway 287 on the east, Mobley on the south and Arlie on the west. Residents have been directed to a crisis evacuation center at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at 555 E. Hastings St.
 Road closures:
 • Northbound Highway 87 is closed near River Road High School at Mobley Road, though the line might be moving, as needed, due to fires.
 • Southbound Highway 87 traffic is stopped at Four Way.
 • Highway 273 from Lefors to McLean and Highway 152 between Borger and Skellytown are closed due to low visibility caused by blowing dirt and ash left by previous fires.
 • Farm-to-Market Road 282 northwest of Pampa, Farm-to-Market Road 2375 near Lefors and Highway 749 between Bowers City and Lefors are closed due to smoke caused by fires.
 • Texas Forest Service has been called in to help. Two TFS strike teams are out in the area.
 • Two heavy air tankers are enroute from Albuquerque and Alamosa, N.M., to make air strikes on fires.

Winds, low humidity raise fire concerns across West Texas

Critical fire weather is once again in the forecast Wednesday for the western Panhandle and Trans-Pecos area and for the western half of the state on Thursday. By Thursday, parts of West Texas could see wind gusts in excess of 50 mph, combined with relative humidity dropping as low as 10 percent.
 "The system will affect areas of the state west of Amarillo and Midland tomorrow and then spread across the middle of the state by Thursday afternoon," said incident meteorologist Phillip Manuel with National Weather Service. "Our main concern Thursday is west of a line from Wichita Falls south to San Angelo, and particularly the northern Panhandle."
 West winds will be sustained at 30 mph with gusts to 50, Manuel said. In the Guadalupe and Davis mountains, the winds will be sustained at 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph along the ridges. The Dallas-Fort Worth area south through the Hill Country will see 20 mph sustained winds with gusts to 30 mph.
 "In the Rio Grande Valley, heat is the issue," Manuel said. "From San Antonio to Del Rio and south, it will be closing in on the century mark, with winds at 15 to 25 mph."
 As this is Wildfire Awareness Week in Texas, Texas Forest Service reminds homeowners and communities to be proactive in their preparation for wildfires.
 "Wildfire is an urban issue," said Mark Stanford, chief of fire operations for Texas Forest Service. "Since Dec. 1, 85 percent of the large fires in Texas have been within two miles of a community. Texas has lost 423 homes and 15 lives. Take steps now by creating defensible space around your homes, and encourage your community to work together to become a Firewise Community."
 For more tips on wildfire safety or on community wildfire preparedness plans, log on to <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>. To learn about Firewise Communities/USA, log on to www.firewise.org.

Businesses reminded of April 17 deadline to file property tax renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 17. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2006. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.
 "Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Strayhorn said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, that places a greater tax burden on other hardworking business owners and homeowners."
 Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.
 If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.
 Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 17 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.
 The Comptroller's office also reminded owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 17 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2006.
 Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.
 For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at cpd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121. In Austin, call (512)305-9999. The Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/axforms/02-forms.html.

Disaster Recovery Center opening in Pampa

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is opening a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Pampa to help homeowners, renters, and business owners who suffered losses in the recent Texas Panhandle wildfires.
 FEMA announced earlier this week that wildfire victims in Gray, Hutchinson, Wheeler, and Roberts are eligible for individual assistance. The DRC's purpose is to answer questions and to help connect people with the resources that can assist in their recovery.
 Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) applauded FEMA for moving quickly to open a DRC in the region.
 "I think FEMA has done a good job in finding a location that should be fairly convenient for everyone needing to talk to someone about assistance," said Thornberry.
 Thornberry also offered the reminder that anyone seeking assistance through FEMA must register in order to be eligible. Those wanting to apply for assistance can call FEMA's toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).
 The DRC will be located at the Gray County Annex at 12125 E. Frederick in Pampa from Friday, April 7 through Thursday, April 13, 2006. Hours of operations will be:
 • Friday, April 7 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Saturday, April 8 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Sunday, April 9 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 • Monday, April 10 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Tuesday, April 11 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Wednesday, April 12 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Thursday, April 13 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 FEMA assistance can include rental assistance, reimbursement for hotel and motel expenses, cash grants for home repair and/or replacement, and help with disaster-related needs. Additionally, FEMA encourages individuals visiting the DRC to bring identification and copies of their insurance policies to expedite assistance.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 57. Windy, with a northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Windy, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South wind around 15 mph.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. South southwest wind around 15 mph.
 Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 53. South southeast wind around 15 mph.
 Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 80. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
 Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

DEADLINE

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.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Do you have at least 30 ft of space surrounding your home that is Lean, Clean and Green?

The objective of Defensible Space is to reduce the wildfire threat to your home by changing the characteristics of the surrounding vegetation.

Lean - Prune shrubs and cut back tree branches, especially within 15 feet of your chimney.

Clean - Remove all dead plant material from around your home; this includes dead leaves, dry grass and even stacked firewood.

Green - Plant fire-resistant vegetation that is healthy and green throughout the year.

Did You Know? Defensible space allows firefighters room to put out fires.

FIRE-RESISTANT ATTACHMENTS

Attachments include any structure connected to your home, such as decks, porches or fences. If an attachment to a home is not fire-resistant, then the home as a whole is not firewise.

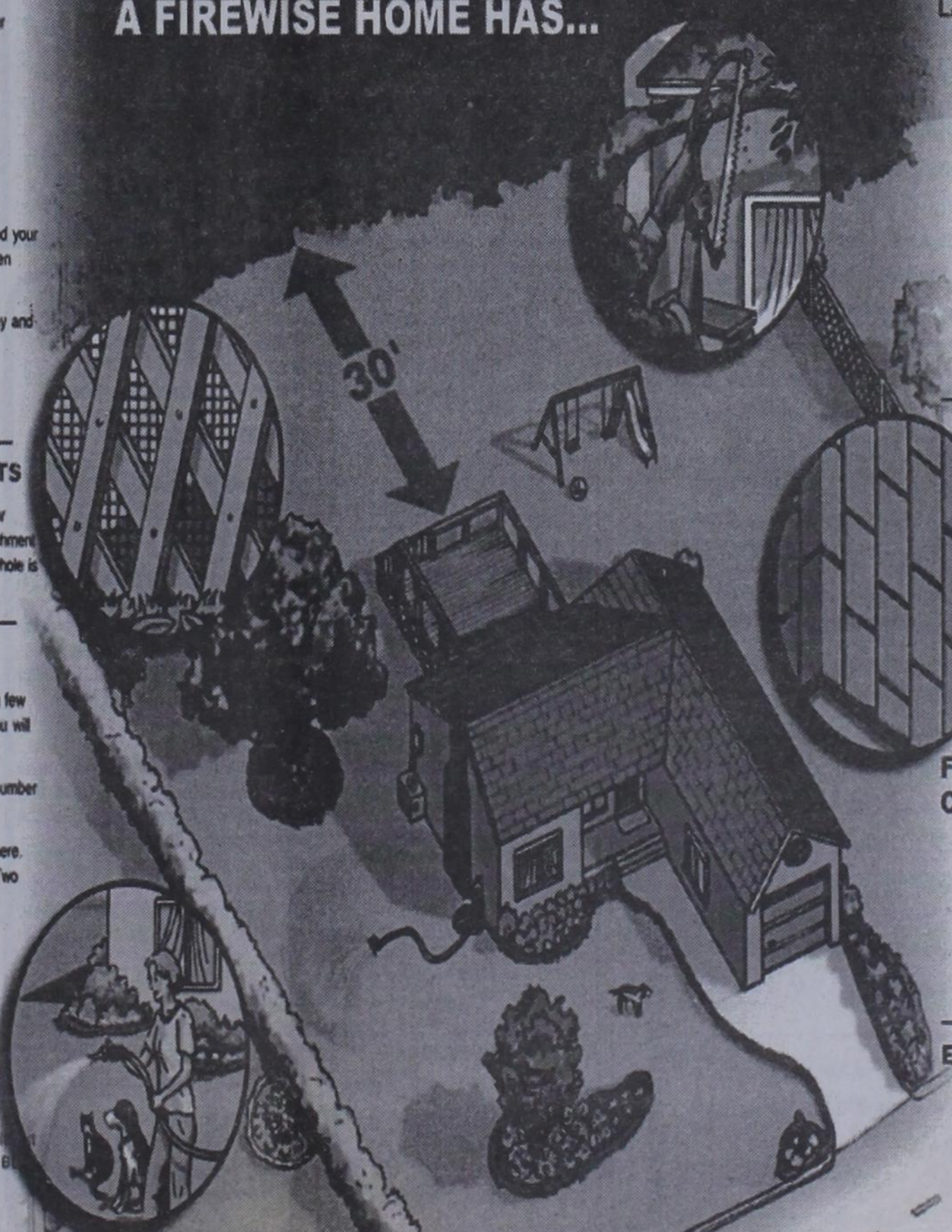
A DISASTER PLAN

The time to plan for a fire emergency is now. Take a few minutes to discuss with your family what actions you will need to take.

- Post your local firefighting agency's telephone number in a visible place.
- Decide where you will go and how you will get there. With fire, you may only have a moments notice. Two escape routes out of your home and out of your neighborhood are preferable.
- Have tools available: shovel, rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, and a 2 gallon bucket.
- Maintain an adequate water source.
- Have a plan for your pets.
- Practice family fire drills.

Did You Know? Evacuations for a wildfire can occur without notice. When wildfire conditions exist, BE ALERT.

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LEAN, CLEAN AND GREEN LANDSCAPING

With firewise landscaping, you can create defensible space around your home that reduces your wildfire threat. Large, leafy, hardwood trees should be pruned so that the lowest branches are at least 6 to 10 ft high to prevent a fire on the ground from spreading up to the tree tops. Within the defensible space, remove flammable plants that contain resins, oils and waxes that burn readily: Ornamental junipers, yaupon holly, red cedar, and young pine. A list of less-flammable plants can be found within this brochure.

Did You Know? Although mulch helps retain soil moisture, when dry, it can become flammable. Mulch as well as all landscaping should be kept well watered to prevent them from becoming fire fuel.

FIRE-RESISTANT ROOF CONSTRUCTION

Firewise construction materials include Class-A asphalt shingles, metal, cement and concrete products. Additionally, the inclusion of a fire-resistant sub-roof adds protection.

Did You Know? Something as simple as making sure that your gutters, eaves and roof are clear of debris can reduce your fire threat.

FIRE-RESISTANT EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION

Wall materials that resist heat and flames include brick, cement, plaster, stucco and concrete masonry. Double pane glass windows can make a home more resistant to wildfire heat and flames.

Did You Know? Although some vinyl will not burn, firefighters have found that some vinyl soffits can melt, allowing embers into the attic space.

EMERGENCY ACCESS

Identify your home and neighborhood with legible and clearly marked street names and numbers so emergency vehicles can rapidly find the location of the emergency. Include a driveway that is at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet - to provide access to emergency apparatus.

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Love

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My friend Brenton Haworth sent me the following. I hope you enjoy it.

Carrot, Egg and Coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

(Romans 8:15-17, NRSV)

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 :)

April - Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to focus on the protection and care of our most vulnerable and trusting resources - our children. Governor Perry has proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas.

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, individuals and organizations have joined during April to raise the public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Nearly 200,000 Texas children are reported as abused or neglected every year, according to Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. April is child abuse prevention month in Texas and in the nation.

"It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring," said Wendell Teltow, Executive Director for Prevent Child Abuse Texas. "This is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives."

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse, according to the state agency charged with protecting children.

"Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised," said Teltow. "But parent's are not alone. We need to raise the public's awareness of these distressing statistics," says Teltow, and to encourage people to become involved in the prevention of child abuse. One small, but public way of showing your support, is wearing a blue ribbon during April. Remember, children are helpless, you are not.

According to Prevent Child Abuse America forty-three percent of American parents report spanking or hitting their child, 37 percent report insulting or swearing at their child, and two percent report having kicked, bit or punched their child. More than 3 million children were reported to child protective service agencies as alleged victims of child abuse or neglect each year, and approximately 1 million of these reports are confirmed.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its forms. Its network works in a collaborative manner with community, state, and national groups to turn information into action by developing sound child and family oriented community-based prevention programs, public awareness activities, educational initiatives, and training programs. For more information, please call 1-800-CHILDREN or visit www.preventchildabuse-texas.org.

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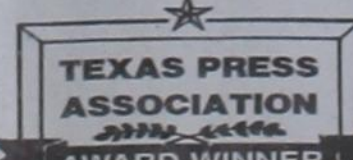
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Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

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 April 24, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. You send contributions to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 11th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Spearman Little League Sign-Up

Spearman Little League sign up for baseball and softball ends April 7th. Forms can be picked up at Cates Men and Boys Wear or Gordon's Drug. T-ball 6-7 year olds by July 31, 2006; Minor/Major Baseball 8-12 year olds; Girls softball 8-15 year olds and Junior baseball 13-15 year olds (need coach). Tryouts are April 9th at 2 p.m. & April 10th at 6 p.m. at Little League Park. Call Sharron Swan @ 659-1734.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Spearman Council #5552 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 2nd Fish Fry during Lent. The Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 7th from 5:30-7:45, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. cost will be \$6 for adults, and children under 10 eat free.

Fire Department Donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the various Fire Departments in Hansford county may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Department, Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081; Gruver Fire Department, Box 947, Gruver, Texas 79040 or Morse Fire Department, Attn: Gary Urban, Box 28, Morse, Texas 79062

Prairie Rivers Musical

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

Free Gardening Class

North Plains Water Conservation District (NPWD) is offering a free "Water Wise" Gardening and Drip Irrigation for Homeowners Class on April 22 at the NPWD offices, 603 East 1st Street in Dumas. Participants will learn how to have beautiful landscapes that require less water and are suited to the panhandle climate. The class will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and participants will receive free materials and software. Contact Rhonda Artho at (806) 935-6401 or artho@npwd.org to sign up.

Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship

The Tri-State Rodeo is accepting donations for the Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship. Donations may be mailed to: Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship, Tri-State Rodeo, PO Box 1414, Canyon, Texas 79015. For more information, contact Craig Cooper at (806) 733-5200.

Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m in Miami at the United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main. There will be a pot luck meal followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Friends and families are welcome.

Aggies Unite For Distinctive Tradition

Former students of Texas A & M university will assemble in Morse, Texas on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster to honor all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year. This year's Muster of the High Plains Texas A&M will begin at 7:00 PM at the Morse Community Center. Over the years, Aggie Muster has grown to be one of Texas A&M's most revered traditions. Muster honors the memories of A&M men and women whose deaths prevent them from answering Roll Call at this year's Muster. The Muster is more than just a ceremony; it is also an annual way for Aggies to renew the loyalty and unity which constitute the foundation of their friendship for each other as well as their love and devotion for their school. A hamburger cookout will precede the Muster ceremony. Cost is \$10 per plate for those over five years of age. RSVP's are requested by April 15. contact Casey or Leah Mueller at (806) 274-2759 or by e-mail at cdm1956@yahoo.com.

Gruver High School Rodeo Set

Gruver High School Rodeo Club is sponsoring a Tri State High School Rodeo, Saturday, April 15th, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Gruver Rodeo Arena approximately 4 miles east of Gruver on Highway 15. This rodeo is also co-sanctioned with Texas High School Rodeo, Region I.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Set

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday, April 17th at 11:30 am for a luncheon and business meeting. The meeting will be in the home of Auxiliary president, Judy Nelson, at 130 Nelson Road (of the Gruver Highway). The Auxiliary has only two scheduled business meetings each year so members are encouraged to attend if all possible. Visitors and potential new members are also welcome. The business will include discussion concerning funds raised from Operation Christmas Greeting. For more information about auxiliary contact Judy Nelson, President at 659-3608, Verna Brown, Vice-President at 659-3646, Mary Fern Terry, Treasurer at 659-2342, Verna Gail Keim, secretary at 659-2796 or Sandee Smith, Christmas Card Chairman at 659-5041.

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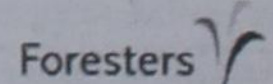
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Happy Birthday!

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

April 6
Birthday - Margaret Ralston, Trey Roberts, Jerry Sparks, Eddie Rogers, Cindy Patterson, Bailey Lee Patterson, Redonna Moore, Cameron Kunsleman, Douglas Barnes, Tim Wooley, Ann Sheets, Oberto Balderama Jr.
Anniversary - Dale & Onie Moyer, Kenny & Brenda Red, M/M Skipper Beal, M/M Emit Schmidt

April 7
Birthday - Margaret Bell, Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brogdon, Beth Lesly, Denise Torrea, Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laurie Beth Stedje, Seth Clemmons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce, Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans
Anniversary - M/M Donald Jackson, M/M Monty Cassidy

April 8
Birthday - Cami Shapley Jenschke, Damon Goodheart, Julie Ortega, Shenell Taylor, Brandon Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Garcia, Isaac Herndon, C.A. Davis, Jennifer Laxson, Jim Deakin, Dalton Ortega

April 9
Birthday - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo
Anniversary - M/M Keith Burgess

April 10
Birthday - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings,

Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas
Anniversary - M/M Donnie Osbourne

April 11
Birthday - Harlan Gerardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Jamie Renteria

April 12
Birthday - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson
Anniversary - M/M Sonny Nollner

April 13
Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Clete Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reising, Gaylord Cook
Anniversary - M/M Rey Burgess

April 14
Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez
Anniversary - M/M Ronnie Lusby, M/M Daniel Harvey

April 15
Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner
Anniversary - M/M Victor Soto, M/M Wally Berner

April 16
Birthday - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriguez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Matt Anderson
Anniversary - M/M Mitch Hoover

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

This Sunday may be celebrated as "Palm" Sunday or as "Passion" Sunday. The lessons for Palm Sunday are Mark 11: 1-11 and Psalm 118:1-22/19-29. We are studying Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:1-13, and Mark 14:1-15:47.

Isaiah holds up the "suffering servant" who stands up before his enemies. The Psalmist shows one who is spent with sorrow, who is an object of scorn, and yet can say, "Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love".

Paul addresses the problem of disunity in the faith community. One thing which causes disunity in the church is our desire for personal prestige. When our desire for prominence leads us to extol our "witness", to put down others so that we can look better, to covet the prominent places at worship services. Another thing which causes disunity is our own selfish ambition, "I" should be the teacher, "I" should be the worship leader, "I" should be the bishop, "I" should be ... Paul warns the Philippians of these bringers of disunity. Paul then reminds us of those things that unite us. We as Christians live in Christ Jesus, and if Christ is within us we cannot succumb to "self". The Christian love which we possess is of such a nature that it must be shared, and unites us with all in the faith community. The Holy Spirit works with us for our betterment and the good of the faith community. Paul reminds us of the sacrifice of Jesus, His humbleness His obedience. If we emulate our Master, we cannot exist in disunity. Paul then urges us to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling". This means that we should work to "complete" (perfect) our salvation by living the life of freedom that God has provided us through His grace and the Holy Spirit has strengthened through faith.

This has been "passion" week. "Passion" is not that which I felt as a young man on a date to a drive-in movie or one might feel reading a "Harlequin" romance. The Latin root of "Passion" means to suffer, to endure suffering and pain. Jesus was no pansy, no soft push-over. Jesus in the Garden praying for the cup to be removed from Him, sweated blood and water and was wrenched in His being. His suffering was real. The nails that pierced His hands and feet were long and real. The five wounds to His body were real. The thorns piercing His head were real. The stripes of a hundred lashes were real. The voice crying, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" was real. This "Passion" is not a movie, it is real.

May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus as we look forward to the miracle of Easter.

Our Sympathy

PEGGY HARDING ROBERTS

DALHART - Peggy Harding Roberts, 80, died Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in First Presbyterian Church with Dick Brooks, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery by Horizon Funeral Home.

Peggy Jean Harding was born Nov. 6, 1925, in Byers to E.P. and Eula Bea Goble Harding. She grew up around Bowie, and graduated from Canyon High School in 1943. Peggy attended West Texas State College and on March 31, 1945, she married Dwayne Roberts in Clovis, N.M. They lived in Fort Chaffee, Ark., prior to moving to Dalhart.

Peggy worked at the Dalhart Clinic for Dr. Cunningham for 25 years. An active member of First Presbyterian Church, and elder of the Presbyterian Women's Association, Peggy was also a member of the Busy Mrs. Club and loved to play 42 with the ladies 42 Club. She was also a member of the Twin Mirrors Camping Club and was camp host at Columbine Park, Red River, N.M., for many years. Peggy loved the mountains and enjoyed fishing. Peggy's family will always remember her as the "Heart & Soul of our family" and she will be dearly missed. They also want to express a special "Thank-You" to the staff at Coon Memorial Nursing Home for their loving care of Peggy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Drennan Kiser and Jessie Harper; and a brother, Jerry Harding.

Survivors include her husband, Dwayne L. Roberts; a son, David and wife Pam Roberts of Dumas; two daughters, Le "Letha" and husband Rudy Rivas of Canyon and Kathy Smith of Dalhart; seven grandchildren, Kim and husband Tommy Jones of Dalhart, Misty and husband Rick Rueda of Canyon, John and wife Monika Roberts of Hawkins, Heath and wife Leigh Ann Smith of Dalhart, Martha and husband Paul Spelman of Houston, Alex and wife Jennifer Rivas of Antioch, Tenn., and Becky and husband Jim Arwine of Lacey, Wash.; seven great-grandchildren, Kylie Jones and Zackery Jones and Flynn Smith and Clay Smith, all of Dalhart, Calvin Rueda and Madilyn Rueda of Canyon and Rylan Roberts of Hawkins; a sister, Martha and husband Dale Jones of Pringle; a brother, John Harding of Cannon City, Colo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

LEROY A. REEVES

WAKA - LeRoy A. Reeves, 84, died Monday, March 27, 2006, in Perryton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Perryton Mennonite Church with the Rev. Don Stoll officiating. Burial will be in Waka Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Reeves was born in Wauneta, Neb., to Elmer and Ada Nuding Reeves, and lived in Waka for 60 years, moving from Colorado Springs, Colo. He married Bonnie Elledge on June 4, 1944, in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife of Waka; three sons, Harley Reeves of Reno, Nev., Keith Reeves of Blairsburg, Iowa, and Douglas Reeves of Perryton; a daughter, Carolina Cogdill of Amarillo; a sister, Fayette Karr of Colorado Springs; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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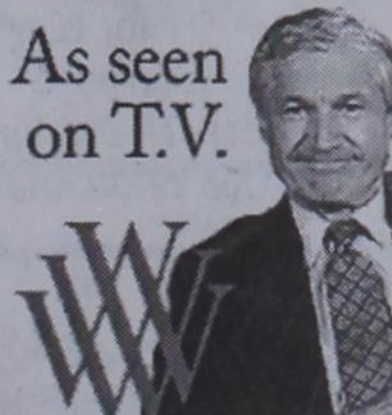
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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



April 3, 2006 - Lake Level- 22.39 feet

The lake and park area are coming to life! Some green grass and weeds are showing, the trees are growing leaves or buds, the temperature is rising, and people are coming out to enjoy it. The picture of the Pelicans, was taken last week. They are still here today (Monday). They are big and white, and are noticeable from across the lake.

The fishing has been really good, for some, this week. Wednesday, Kent Ruble caught fourteen Blue Catfish, the largest weighing 27 pounds. Others have caught catfish, too. I think most are using shad for bait. Near the deep water, or the creek channel seems to be the best. I have not heard of Walleye or other fish being caught, yet.

The warmer weekend brought

more visitors out this week. The R.V. campers are enjoying the parks. There were four campers behind the dam, and one on the south side, for the weekend. The restrooms will be open Easter weekend. Please remember, there is a **fire ban** in effect. Absolutely no campfires area allowed, until conditions change.

Two new sightings this week include a red fox near the office entrance, and the first flock of turkeys, in the same vicinity.

I would like to again brag on the Scouts, who cleaned the lake area, and the highway, last weekend. It is amazing how much trash can be picked up in a short time, with a small army of people. Ramon, Alfredo, and I, continued the cleanup last week, in some other area. The lake area is in much better shape, now. Please help us to keep it clean.



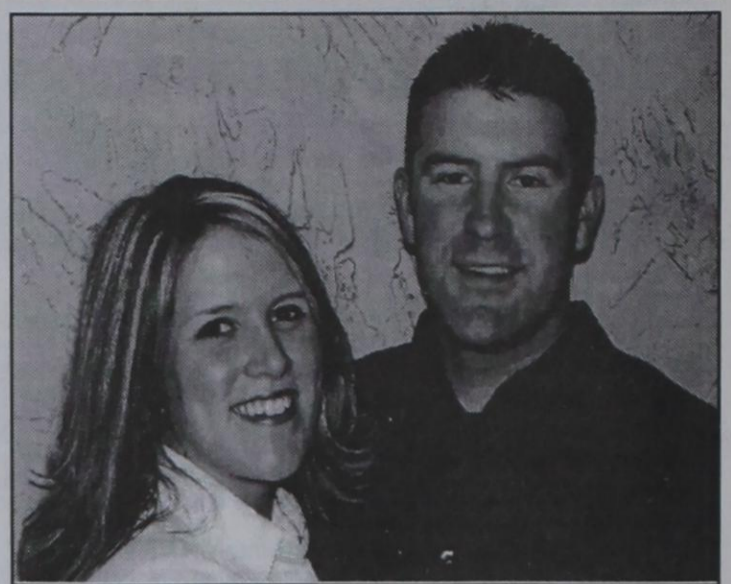
Lowe, Weller Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lowe Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Bryn J'Kae Lowe to Aaron Dwain Weller. Aaron is the son of Linda and Dwain Weller of Gruver.

Bryn is a 2003 graduate of Gruver High School. She attending WTAMU in Canyon, Texas and pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing.

Aaron is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School. He earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Agriculture Business from WTAMU in 2005. Aaron is currently employed in Gruver by Ag Partners of Gruver.

Bryn and Aaron will make their home in Gruver.



Morgan, Potts Engagement Announcement

Kerry Morgan and Patricia Morgan of Amarillo Texas announce the engagement of their daughter Kendra Louise to James Clark Potts. James is the son of Joe and Cathy Potts of Gruver, Texas.

Kendra graduated from Amarillo High School in 2000 and from West Texas A & M University in 2004 with a BA degree in Marketing. She is currently a graduate assistant coach for WTAMU's women's volleyball program pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration. James graduated from Gruver High School in 1999 and West Texas A&M University in 2003 with BS degree in Social Science. He is currently a teacher and coach at Randall High School.

The couple plan to wed June 17, 2006 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo, Texas.

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from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of

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Love, Charlie & Dawn



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have supported me throughout the pageant. Thanks for the donations and ad purchases. I truly appreciate your funding and encouragement. A special thanks to my parents, Sally and Angel, brother Steven, and sisters Irene, Dedee and Ariha.

Thanks again, Claudia Vaquera

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Camille Campbell & Kyleer Barkley - May 6

Shannon Glockner & Chad Scarborough - May 7

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Brianne Burkhammer & Erick Eslick - June 24

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 Terry McCann & Michael Witten - June 3
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Baby Registry

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14	Chandler Miner	So
15	Conrad Curry	Jr
20	Tyler Lane	Sr
21	Stephen Salazar	Sr
22	Matt Messer	Sr
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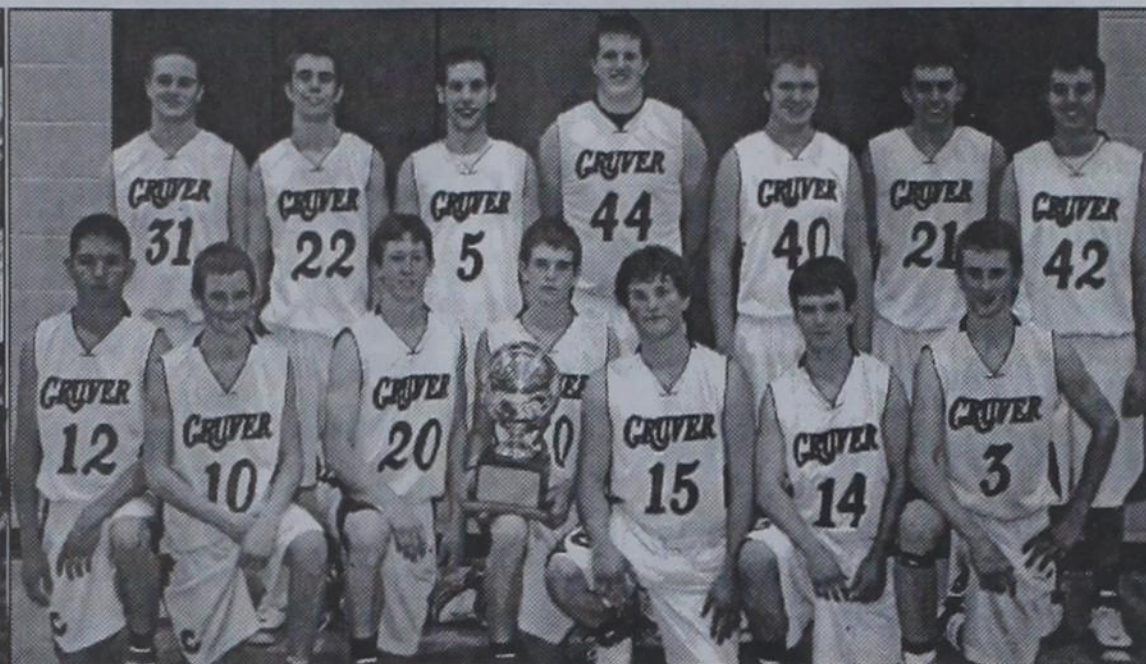
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Texas Cooperative Extension Sets Beef Cattle

Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a beef cattle conference for 10 a.m. April 7 at the Big Spring Livestock Auction, located at 500 N. Birdwell Lane.

Speakers and their topics are: Economic Study of Keeping Replacement Heifers; Leases, and Current Market Trends; Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist, San Angelo; Herd Bull Evaluation, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton; Animal Health, Kevin Johnson, sales representative, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Abilene, and Animal/Premise ID, Carpenter.

The program will conclude with a catered lunch courtesy of Fort Dodge Animal Health.

There will be two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units offered in the "general" category.

For more information and to RSVP, call the Extension office in Howard County at (432) 264-2236.

Panhandle Restaurant Association Meeting

The Panhandle Restaurant Association, a Texas Restaurant Association chapter, will host a dinner meeting April 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifth Season Inn, 6801 W. Interstate 40, Amarillo, Texas. All restaurant owners and operators in the Panhandle area are invited to attend to learn about

TRA and the activities of the TRA Education Foundation.

Bob Westbrook, chairman of the TRA Education Foundation, and owner of CiCi's Pizza in Tyler, is the guest speaker. Westbrook will provide information on the activities of the foundation at the local and state level. "Restaurateurs will learn what the Foundation does to promote career awareness and professionalism at the secondary school level," said Kevin Hawkins, owner of Bourbon Street Café and president of the Panhandle Restaurant Association.

Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to Monika Barbee at 806-683-1544.

Personnel Management Issues Addressed

Managers dealing with issues from hiring and retaining employees to conflict resolution can get some advice from the experts during a Personnel Management Conference scheduled April 25-26.

The conference, developed especially for agricultural enterprises, will be held at the Ritz Airport Plaza Hotel and Conv. Center, 7909 Interstate 40 East in Amarillo. It will start at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 3 p.m. April 26.

Some of the top personnel management experts in the country will address multicultural workforce issues and legal considerations, as well as other subjects. The two-day conference is designed to help managers deal with human

resources, which are the most important part of a business.

A discounted registration fee is available through April 15. The first registration within a business is \$125; each additional participant from the same business is \$100. Registrations postmarked after April 15 will be \$150 each.

For more information, including a registration brochure, visit <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu> or call Margaret Freeman at (806) 677-5600.

Gus Birdwell Elementary Lynx Star Award

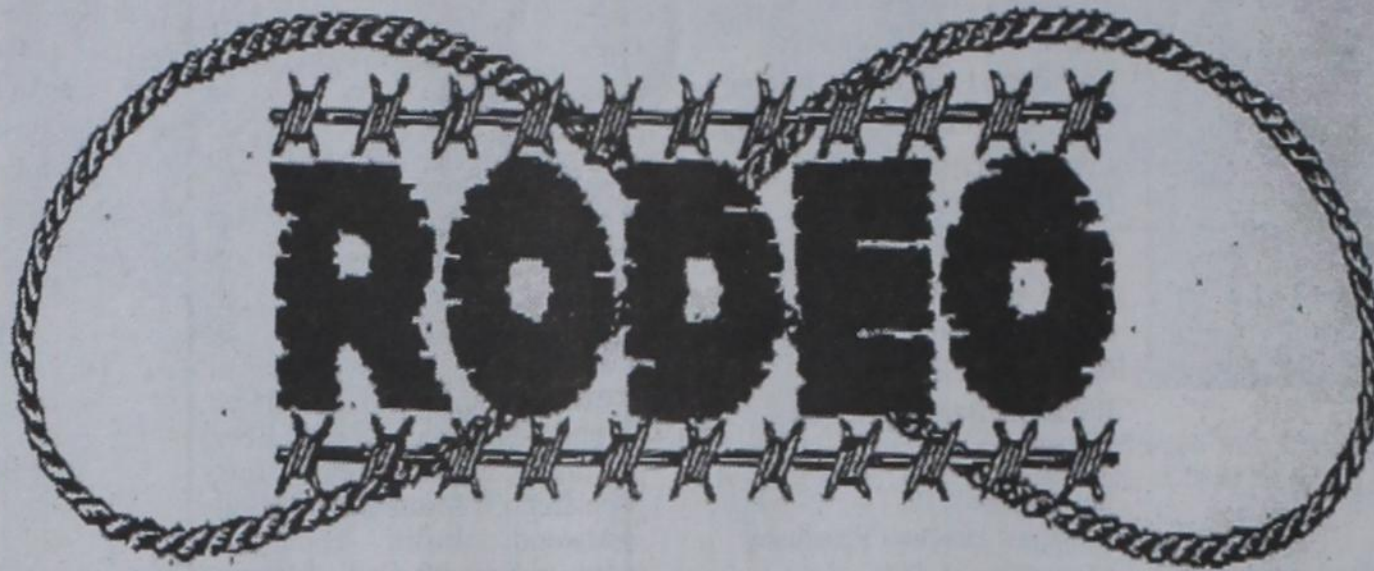
Gus Birdwell Elementary has a program called the Lynx Star Award. This award is given each Friday. Each month has a different theme, and each week there is a different character trait that is discussed.

Teachers pick a student from their room each week who has

worked hard on the trait for that week.

The Character Trait for March 31st was *Being Honest: Telling the Truth*. The winners were Veronica Mendoza, Stephanie Hernandez, Macy Brecheisen, Cade Garnett, Omar Mendoza, Michael Borunda, Anahi Mendoza, Adilene

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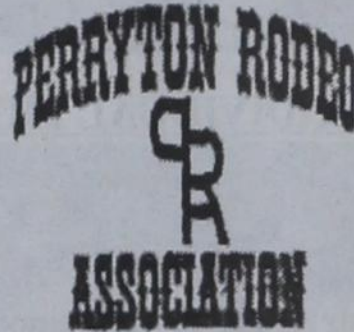
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PIANO LESSONS: Piano lessons by Wanda Smith, Registration begins Monday, January 23; beginners to advanced, 730 Cotter Drive or call 330-0391
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Income Tax Preparation: Richard Gaines in conjunction with AARP is preparing free income tax returns for all Elderly, Low and Mid- Income people, each Tuesday from 1-5 at the Hansford Co Library through April 11th
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 78313
APPLICATION North Plains Chemical Co. of Gruver, has applied to the Texas commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 78313 which would authorize operation of their Anhydrous Ammonia Storage Tanks located at 304 North First, Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminant: anhydrous ammonia.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 8, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Gruver City Hall, 108 East Broadway, Gruver, Hansford county, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public viewing in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comment is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

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may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. 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 those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If a request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request the hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TECQ, P.O. box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from North Plains Chemical Co. of Gruver, P.O. Box 250, Gruver, Texas 79040 or by calling Mr. Glen Walkup, Compliance Plus at (806) 996-3774.
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Local student named Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team Co-Captain 2005-2006

The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), the oldest and largest youth rodeo organization in North America, has named Rachel Holt, a senior at Gruver High School as a co-captain of the prestigious Wrangler high school All-Star Rodeo Team.

RACHELLE was selected to the team by a vote of her fellow Wrangler All Star team members.

The NHSRA and Wrangler created the Wrangler High School All Star Team in 1998 to recognize over 1,200 high school student athletes across the United States, Canada and Australia for their leadership qualities, academic performance and athletic achievements. The Wrangler High School All-star Team is fashioned after the prestigious Wrangler Championship Pro Rodeo Team, which includes rodeo superstars like Ty Murray, Joe Beaver,

Charmayne James, Dan Mortensen, Speed Williams, and hall-of-famer jim Shoulders. Similar to their professional counterparts, members of the Wrangler High School All Star team wear official Wrangler competition apparel consisting of Wrangler Twenty X shirts embroidered with the team logo, Twenty X competition jeans, and a 10X Wrangler felt hat. Of this group, a select few have been chosen co-captains to serve in a team leadership capacity.

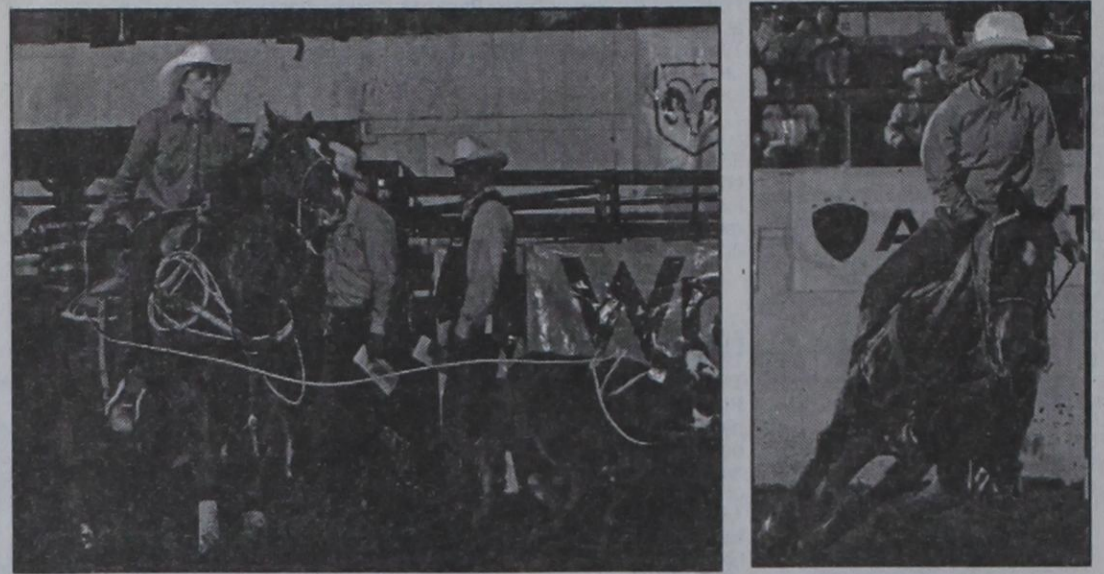
"We are extremely proud to have this fine group of young athletes lead the Wrangler High School rodeo team," said Karl Stressman, Wrangler special events manager. "Their impressive accomplishments will no doubt serve them well as representatives of the sport of rodeo in the coming year."

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The National High School Rodeo Association is the world's largest rodeo organization with over 10,000 members in 39 states and five Canadian Provinces and Australia. The NHSRA originated more than 50 years ago to promote education, North America's great western heritage, and the sport of rodeo. For more information on the NHSRA visit their official web site at www.nhsra.org or call 1-800-466-4772.

Gruver High School Rodeo Club is sponsoring a Tri State High School Rodeo Saturday, April 15th, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Gruver Rodeo Arena approximately 4 miles east of Gruver on Highway 15. This rodeo is also co-sanctioned with Texas High School Rodeo, Region I.



Hansford County Represented in OPSU's Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo

Oklahoma Panhandle State University held it's Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo this last weekend. There were two young people from Hansford County that participated in these events.

Kaylee Holt, an Oklahoma State University student from Gruver, Texas, placed first in the championship round of the barrel racing and took first place in the aggregate scoring. Kaylee is the daughter of Ronda and Kevin Holt of Gruver.

Evan Schmidt of Morse and Aaron Loewe used their bullfighting skills to protect the bull riders from the stock. Schmidt broke his leg in the line of duty on Friday night and the latest report indicates he will fully recover. Evan is the son of Emit and Monica Schmidt of Morse.



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