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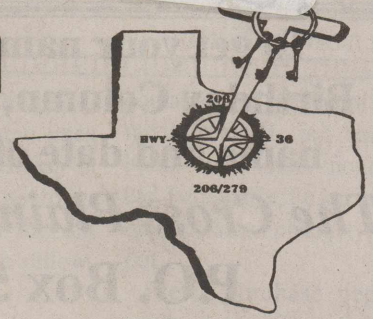
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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Charles Payne brought this composition of thoughts about being a parent to my office. It's by my favorite writer, Author Unknown.

If you are a parent, just the first line will grab your heart strings. Everyone thereafter is packed with truth and wisdom.

Parenting has been utmost in my mind since I've had my two grandsons living with me. It is sad when you can't be just their grandparent. Sometimes they act so great and I'm proud of their accomplishment. However, if they overhear someone compliment their behavior, they go the opposite direction. The boys have come a long way in 2 1/2 years.

They are becoming more independent and that helps. I try to praise them for good actions. They are curious about everything and full of questions. Believe me, there is NEVER a dull moment at my house.

Vanda Anderson

### "Reflections of a Parent"

Author Unknown

I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.

I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.

I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.

I can tell you the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation.

I can warn you about drugs, but I can't prevent you from using them.

I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.

I can teach you kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.

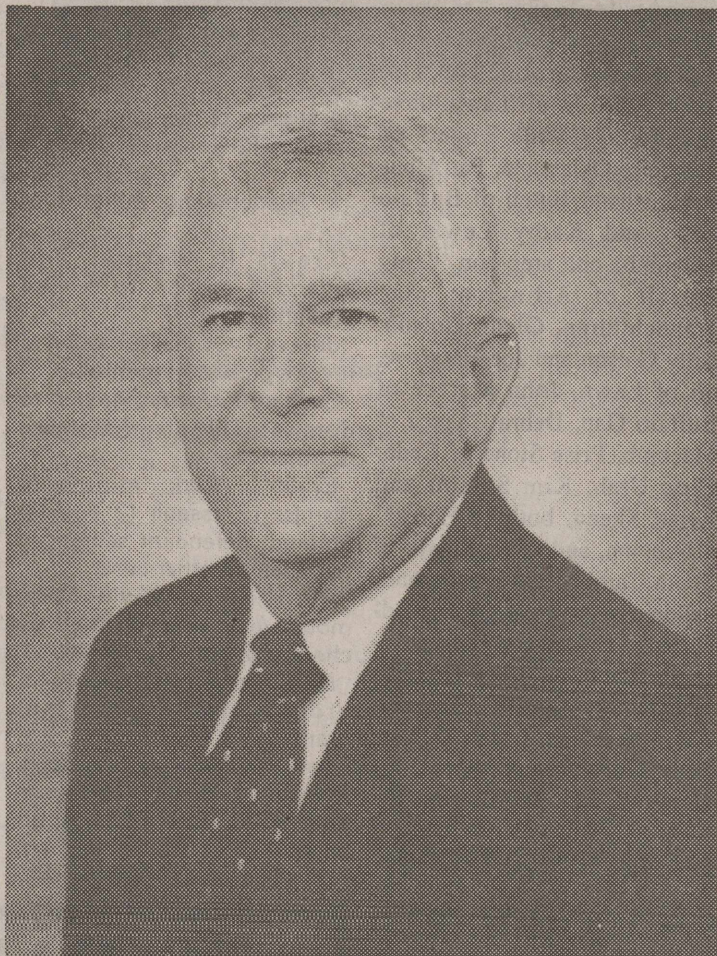
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral.

I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

I can love you with unconditional love all of my life...and I will.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JUDGE ROGER CORN

## County Judge honored for education efforts

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Corn was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy on November 15th at a reception in Austin.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names

as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas Program is Friday night, December 8. Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens Center as he arrives in Cross Plains on the fire truck.

We are combining a STEW SUPPER Fund-Raiser with the Christmas program this year. This is one of our annual fund-raisers each year to help with programs of our area, especially the children. We really need your help in order to have enough to meet all of the worthy requests and needs that come our way.

The Senior Citizens' Cake-Walk Fund-Raiser will follow our stew supper and drawings for turkeys and cash prizes.

Every child present will be able to visit with Santa and have his/her picture taken with him. In addition to the visit and free photograph with Santa, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for drawings

at the end of the program. (Additional photographs may be purchased for \$1 each.)

There will be drawings for twelve (12) turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 cash each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa.

There will be live and taped music to be enjoyed during the children's picture taking time. There is no general registration this year for the drawings so the only recipients will be the children (and those who purchase tickets for the stew supper fund-raiser). You must remain and be present in order to receive the prizes.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. Remember, Friday night, December 8, beginning at 6 p.m.!

Submitted by Bob Pipes



## IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the

Cross Plains Review by noon on December 13th.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole.

Watch for publication in the December 21st issue.

Mail To: Santa Claus  
c/o Cross Plains Review P.O. Box 519  
Cross Plains, TX 76443



## Cross Plains retail sales in 2006 ahead of 2005 sales by over 44%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments for 2006 are running over forty-four percent above 2005 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Carole Strayhorn reported the city's sales tax payment on Monday, November 13th.

Cross Plains' 2006 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$183,450.63, which is 44.07 percent higher than the \$127,333.92 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2005.

Payments to the city for November 2006 totalled \$18,633.84, up 35.16 percent from the November 2005 sales tax payment of \$13,785.54.

The November sales tax payments are for sales taxes paid by businesses in September and reported to the comptroller in October.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2006 started the year 6.37 percent higher than the 2005 payments. The city has received \$88,149.77 in 2006, while the 2005 tax payments to the city totalled \$82,869.76.

Baird's monthly payment for November 2006 totalled \$10,442.71, up 53.36 percent from the November 2005 total of \$6,809.22.

—The City of Clyde reported the year 2006 city sales tax payments were 8.34 percent ahead of the 2005 payments of the tax. Clyde's 2006 sales tax payments have amounted to \$383,169.15, while the 2005 sales tax rebates were \$353,647.81.

The city's monthly sales tax check for November 2006 was \$45,760.51, up 37.01 percent from the \$33,397.78 payment made in November 2005.

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2005	2006
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$127,333.92	\$183,450.63
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$13,785.54	\$18,633.84

—The City of Putnam reported the 2006 payments to the town totalled \$13,526.82, up 6.99 percent from the 2005 payments to the city in the amount of \$12,641.91.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 2006 was \$1,286.69, down 8.64 percent from the November 2005 payment of \$1,408.47.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2006 in Callahan County are up 15.92 percent ahead of the 2005 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2006 amounting to \$668,296.37 while the 2005 payments to the county towns totalled \$576,493.40.

The tax rebate in Callahan County for the month of November 2006 was \$76,123.75, up 37.40 percent from the November 2005 payments to the county towns totalling \$55,401.01.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00% including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.)

Cross Plains collects 1.75% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 0.75% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam Collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

## REVIVAL

Coming Soon to Hwy 206 Baptist Mission

Hwy 206 Baptist Mission (North Main Street and Hwy 206 in Cross Plains) will be having a Revival, Thursday, November 30th-Saturday, December 2nd. The Revival will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

Dwaine Clower will be the evangelist and there will be special music everynight.

There will also be a meal provided on Saturday, December 2nd.

Everyone is invited!

6819 (home) 254-725-6123 (school).

Dollar General also has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you so much for helping the children of our community.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

## Project Pride to hold Regular Monthly Meeting

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The public is always welcome. Submitted by Era Lee Hanke

## Callahan County has reinstated burn ban

Callahan County has reinstated its burn ban effective Monday, November 20, 2006.



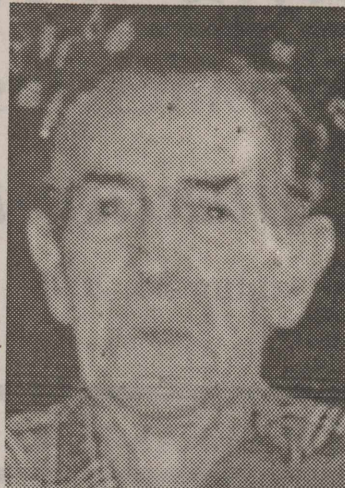
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# OBITUARY



JUNIOR FORD, SR.

LAWN-Junior Ford, Sr., 84, died Thursday, November 23, 2006, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 26, 2006, in Cross Plains Cemetery, with Rev. Graham Gutting officiating and directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Junior was born February 6, 1922, to John A. and Retha Beeler Ford, in Cross Plains. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1939 and enlisted in the US Army in 1940. He served in Europe during WWII in Company B, 142nd Infantry, 36th Infantry Division until 1945. Following the war, he farmed with his father in Cross Plains and also worked at the Cross Plains Post Office. He was an accountant for International Harvester in Denison for several years before moving to

Brownwood. He moved to San Angelo in 1976 and worked for Lamar Signs until his retirement. Since 2002, he had lived with his son, Junior Ford, Jr., in Lawn. He was a member of Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Lorene Ford Patterson; grandchildren, Nicole Zigler, Vanessa Stanley and Jamey Gregston; a very special cousin, Claudie Beeler; his first wife, Jean Ford Trinkner; and his second wife, Tommy Lee Spain Ford.

Survivors include one son, Junior Ford, Jr. of Lawn; three daughters, Carole Rogers of Macomb, Oklahoma, Pat Albus and husband Butch of Buffalo Gap, and Kathy Lewis of Macomb; one step-son, Craig Powell of Arlington; nine grandchildren, Glenn Golson, Billy Golson and Joe Hargrove, all of Lawn, John Marcee of Buffalo Gap, Debra Chavez of Macomb, Priss Stone of Cedar City, Utah, Kim Solomi and Kristi Skeen, both of Harrah, Oklahoma, and Chris Sherin of South Carolina; 39 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Pallbearers were Charles Waggoner, Lonnie Switzer, Alvin Hutchins, Glenn Golson, Billy Golson, John Marcee, Joe Hargrove, and Bob Golson.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**Marriage Licenses**  
Jon L. McNabb of Bedford and Terralynn Swafford of Clyde.

**Misdemeanor Filings**  
John W. Nesmith, failure to identify.  
Douglas J. Taillon, possession of marijuana.  
Edward L. Foreman, theft.  
JoAnn O'Neal, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Amelia Kinser, possession of marijuana.  
Roman A. Mendez, possession of marijuana.  
Moises R. Gonzales, DWI.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
Travis R. Byram, 2nd amended motion to revoke probation.  
James J. Connally, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Zachary P. Austin, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.  
Erick L. Park, motion to dismiss to assault (2 counts) granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.  
Kimberly L. Willingham, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.  
Danielle Rose Velasquez, order to obtain warrant granted.  
John Nesmith, plea of guilty to failure to identify, 15 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$231 court costs.

**Civil Filings**  
Cathryn Nicole Briscoe Keith vs. Christopher Daniel Keith, divorce.  
Paula Lea Bailey vs. Doris Black Barr, damages.  
Carlos T. Juarez vs. J. B. Hunt Transport, Inc. and Robert Frazier, damages.  
Bobby Coffman and Kate E. Coffman, divorce.  
Shane Edward Nixon vs. Cecilia Marie Nixon, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**  
Ieric Rogers vs. Newton C. Vance, Inc., default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5000 from defendant.

**Criminal Minutes**  
Lauren K. Coy, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Nancy J. Chapman, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**Pastor: Walter Pope**  
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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Bible Study...7:00 PM

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Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599  
Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

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**NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

**Bill Armstrong - Pastor**

## National Methamphetamine Awareness Day Announced

The Federal Government partners with non-profit organizations to prevent future meth users and help those who are currently addicted. The Department of Justice recently announced the creation and sponsorship of National Methamphetamine Awareness Day, which will be observed on Nov. 30, 2006. The event is an effort to generate awareness about the damaging effects of meth abuse on individuals, families and American communities.

A release from the Justice Department reads, "National Methamphetamine Awareness Day is a coordinated effort not only to reach potential meth users with a message of prevention, but also to educate current users about the programs available to them."

A new study from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) continues to show that individuals in the 18-25 age group are the most likely to be using methamphetamine. They make up the largest percentage of the 1.3 million people who used meth last year.

A person using meth may experience irritability, fatigue, headaches, anxiety, sleeplessness, confusion, aggressive feelings, violent rages, cravings for more meth, and depression. They may become psychotic and experience paranoia, auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, and delusions. The paranoia may lead to homicidal or suicidal thoughts.

The Department is partnering with other governmental agencies as well as non-profit organizations to help carry the message and increase the impact of the efforts.

As one of the nation's largest and most successful drug rehabilitation and education programs, Narconon Arrowhead has been effectively dealing with meth users for many years. The program, which is part of a worldwide network of centers using the drug-free rehabilitation methodology developed by American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard, uses a very thorough and complete body detoxification procedure to help eliminate stored meth residues. The result is a former addict becoming more himself to be able to think clearly enough to address problem areas in his life and find alternative solutions to them instead of turning back to the drug.

According to one former meth user who has been drug-free for over five years, "I know I would have been dead or in prison if it weren't for Narconon. It was different from anything I had tried before, and it worked."

To find out more about Narconon Arrowhead or to get help for a loved one in need during this Holiday Season, log on to [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com) or call 1-800-468-6933.

For more information about National Methamphetamine Awareness Day you can visit the Department of Justice website at [www.usdoj.gov/methawareness](http://www.usdoj.gov/methawareness).

**Thank You!**

I would like to thank the voters of Callahan County for their support and encouragement during the Election. I promise as your new County Clerk to uphold the Honesty and Integrity of the office. Again thank you for your votes.

Donna Bell,  
Callahan County Clerk Elect

Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Donna Bell, Baird, Texas 79504

**First Baptist Church**  
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11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wednesday  
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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

## Hats Off To The Cottonwood Historical Association

The Cottonwood Historical Association (CHA) is forever involved in something to keep our community of Cottonwood humming and happening. In addition to Phillip and Bryan Bennett the members are involved in other continuous duties to keep the property that belongs to the community in repair and in safe condition. Other officer members of the Association are, Herman Weaver-President, Beverly Brown-Vice President, Beth Bogue-Secretary/Treasurer, R.T. Peavy and Joe Terstege.

In addition to the two cemeteries, which they maintain, and administer, the Historical Association is responsible for the old Post Office, the old Cottonwood Methodist Episcopal Church South building, and the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association held on the First Week-end in May.

The Member-Association is also involved in publishing a Memorial History Cookbook. The recipes and history are being prepared by a Cookbook committee composed of Teri Brown, Carol Bennett, Beverly Brown, and Gary Bennett. It will be sent to the publisher in the very



**WORKING HARD**—Phillip Bennett (left) and Bryan Bennett (right) made repairs to one of the cemetery gates.

near future.

The officers and board members do a very good job and no one in Cottonwood is allowed to die and be buried here without their permission.

### Christmas Party This Friday

Other items of note is the upcoming Community Christmas Party to be held on December 1, 2006. Everyone in the Cottonwood Valley has been invited to come out and get acquainted, so, please show up. The time is 6:00 p.m.

The Quilting Club will entertain Nora Odom's 3rd Grade Class this Thursday at 9:15 a.m. The

children have been learning about quilting and will be observing the regular meeting of the Cottonwood Quilting Club. The Quilting Club will be finishing the Rehab Quilt and will deliver it to the KTAB Auction for the West Texas Rehab Center this coming Saturday.

*(To place a news or personal item in this column please call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail cwb5@airmail.net or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. If I don't know about it, I can't and won't print it.)*

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 4 - 8

**MONDAY** - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Ranger Cookie, Crackers

**TUESDAY**- Teriyaki Chicken, Buttered Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Applesauce, Bread

**WEDNESDAY** - Meatloaf, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cheesecake, Roll

**THURSDAY**- Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Corn, Peas & Carrots, Cake, Bread

**FRIDAY**- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Potato Soup, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Lemon Pudding

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Comments: Tumbleweeds, candy canes, candle holders lines with cranberries—Christmas is coming and it won't be long. Please put a penny in the old man's hat, if he hasn't a pillow, then God Bless you.

### Happy, Joyous Merry Christmas

Christmas is coming on fast and furiously. I heard Santa is already having his sleigh retreaded. That is a good idea, since he has a lot of traveling to do.

Here is a suggestion for a Christmas decorations—some you can produce and a few you may wish to purchase. I found some in a book on decorations and others I was privileged to see at various gatherings over the years featuring different ethnic customs, traditions, etc.

Large containers of information, a bit of sparkle, and a swirl or so of that very special Christmas magic and you can create something beautiful.

Here's a creation I have used once that was lovely, plus a great conversation piece appropriate for a Christmas theme. It also is a splendid centerpiece.

Choose a pot or other

container; a 3 pound coffee can; a medium sized pot of ivy, bamboo, or other potted plant, etc. Personally, I used an ivy in a medium sized plastic type flower pot.

Then purchase peppermint candy canes. The multi-striped sugar candy sticks may used, however they don't have that peppermint smell, nor are they quite as stunning.

With a dry cloth, wipe clean the outside of the pot, hot glue the wrapped canes vertically to the pot with the crook extending outward. Cover the entire pot, keeping them all straight and close together. Check the project the next morning to be sure the canes are secured.

Choose a ribbon from your Christmas color scheme. When I was a child the predominant colors were red, green or blue. These days additional colors are used for the holiday season. In the range of red, the colors are luxurious as well as sophisticated and include burgundy, maroon, wine and similar colors. These can be used alone or coupled with other colors such as navy blue, white and gold.

Isn't Christmas decorating FUN?????

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## Attorney General wins ruling to keep 'Texas Open Meetings Act' intact

PECOS—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott applauded a sweeping decision by U.S. District Judge Robert Junell late Tuesday as the best news yet that the Texas Open Meetings Act is alive and well, constitutionally, and must be respected by all public officials as a beacon for openness.

"This law requires openness in conducting the public's business; it's that simple. I am pleased Judge Junell exhibited the clarity of mind to uphold one of democracy's greatest treasures," said Attorney General Abbott. "Public officials who seek to skirt the law governing public meetings, while asserting their right to 'free speech,' are not acting in the spirit of democracy and we must never tolerate these acts in a free country."

In his ruling, Junell disagreed with a number of allegations brought by former Alpine city council persons that the open meetings law restricts or chills "free speech" of public officials who are acting in their official capacities. In October 2004, a quorum of the council, Avinash Rangra, Anna Monclova, Manuel Payne and Katie Elms-Lawrence, exchanged private emails about an engineering design contract for water improvements in the city, including discussion about

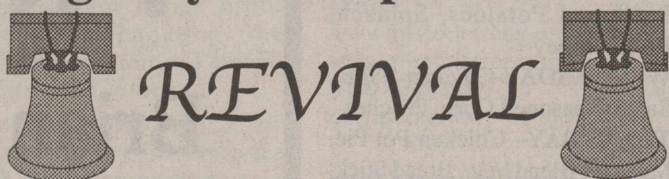
the best candidate for the job. A few days later, the council convened a public meeting to discuss the same issues.

In reviewing the email incident, the resulting indictments that were dismissed by the Brewster County District Attorney, and the subsequent legal challenge brought by the council persons, Junell cited several past cases. In one from Kansas Supreme Court case, he noted that customary private discussions of governmental affairs among citizens are always protected, but "everything changes ... when a person is elected to public office." The judge emphasized that, because closed speech by public officials threatens democracy, the open meetings act "simply requires speech to be open and public."

Junell also overruled allegations that the open meetings law is overly broad in its application or vague on its face, pointing to long-held test that among publicly deliberating bodies, there can be no informal discussions. "There is either formal consideration of a matter in compliance with (the law), or an illegal meeting," he wrote in his decision.

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas filed a friend of the court brief in support of the Attorney General's position in the case.

## Highway 206 Baptist Mission



November 30 - December 2

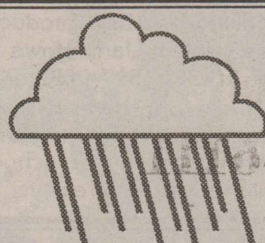
Dwaine Clower, Evangelist

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOWCASE - 2006

December 7th - 8th - 9th

Thursday.....10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Friday.....10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Saturday.....10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

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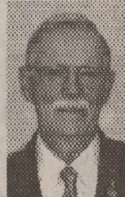
## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes

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In the funnies' B.C. comics, the question for "the Book of Phrases" is: (what is) "Living on the edge?" — and the answer is, "Humpty Dumpty's last known address!"

Some people "live on the edge" in a bad way, and some people "live on the edge" in a good way. Some people seem to live the life of a dare-devil, some live the life of crime, some live the life of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die" — or "tomorrow you won't die." All of these are "living on the edge" in a bad way.

Others "live on the edge" in a good way. Paul and many others of the New Testament days did. They were always on the edge of being arrested, imprisoned, perhaps even executed, for defying warnings to "not preach the gospel." Read through the book of Acts and note how many times they were threatened, even with their lives, but "living on the edge," said, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). I wonder if we would be that "edgy"?

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Jessica Hernandez  
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John Long  
Benny Callaway  
Darrell Collier  
Tracy (Erwin) Terrill

**DECEMBER 3**  
Amanda Dunaway  
Jeremy Box  
Mary Frances Walker  
Dana Jean Dimitri  
Mrs. J.D. Moore  
Bobby Porter  
Darin Apple

**DECEMBER 4**  
Michael Duane Franke  
Paul Perkins  
Rhonda (Wilcoxon) Fritz  
Wayne Bishop  
Scott Odom  
Larry Blankenship  
Judy Casey  
Lynn Hutton  
Clifton Bay Kirkham  
Shelby Jean McWilliams

**DECEMBER 5**  
R.T. Peevy  
Christy Rene Spooone  
Bobby Harris  
Darwin Breeding  
Annette Roberts  
Kathy Sohns  
Jenna Kay Teague  
Cheryl (Franke) Hollis  
Jimmy Glenn Kelly

Mary Ann Reed  
Mindy Melissa Watson  
Jeffery Calhoun  
Delany Ames  
Britton Dukes

**DECEMBER 6**  
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Debbie (Havens) Clements  
Johnny Johnson  
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell  
Phillip Perry  
Frances Mote  
Katerina Ring  
Shawn Weathermon  
Christi Burrhus  
Dana Miller

**DECEMBER 7**  
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Imo Jean Clark  
Mrs. Anne Burris  
Michael Dean Wilson  
Roy Richey  
Estaline Gilmore  
Allan Clark  
Glen Lawrence  
Mimmie Reynolds  
Lovey Nichols  
Christopher Michael Wheeler  
Ann Marshal Burns  
Frankie Hyles  
Nancy Pancake

**DECEMBER 8**  
Johnny Glenn Clay II  
Judy (Gibbs) Steele  
Neva Joyce Dillard  
L.L. Morgan  
Mrs. Perry Jennings  
Elmer Casey  
Garrett Stephens  
Juanita Smith

## FFA Chapter Wins District Sweepstakes

On Monday, November 13 the Cross Plains FFA Chapter participated in the Big Country District Leadership contest held at Cisco Junior College. Cross Plains had a total of eleven teams take part in the contest. Results of the contest were as follows:

**Junior Chapter Conducting-1st Place**, team members: Zach Snell, Tiffany Holland, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Melissa Black, Jake McCutchen, Ceirra Odom, Shasta Bacon, Cody Sliger and Kayla Lawrence.

**Junior Skills-3rd Place**, team members: Tiffany Bell, Lili Vasquez and Sahara Parker.

**Junior Quiz Team-2nd Place**, team members: Zach Snell, Tiffany Holland, Amanda Dunaway, and Emily Foster.

**Junior Creed Speaker-5th Place**, Cody Sliger.

**Senior Chapter Conducting-4th Place**, team members: Hailey Biggs, Jacob Estes, Mykea Douglass, Krista Phillips, Andrew Poole, Emily Harris, Betty Mathews and Emma Bennett.

**Senior Skills-2nd Place**, team members: Clay Koenig, Brock

Cooper and Cody Hyles.

**Senior Quiz Team-1st Place**, team members: Mandy Rose, Krista Phillips and Jacob Estes.

**Senior Creed Speaker-5th Place**, Emily Harris.

**Radio Team-3rd Place**, team members: Mykea Douglass, Thomas Estes and Kaelen Martinez.

**Job Interview-3rd Place**, Tiffany Walker.

**Public Relations-2nd Place**, team members: Hailey Biggs, Christiana Burrhus and Tiffany Walker.

The teams that place 1st or 2nd advanced to the Area IV contest to be held on Saturday, November 18 at Tarleton State University.

There were a total of 16 schools that participated in the district contest. Points were awarded for placing in each contest to determine the Sweepstakes winners. Results of the Sweepstakes were as follows:

- 1st Place - Cross Plains (90 pts)
- 2nd Place - Cisco (64 pts)
- 3rd Place - Coleman (61 pts)
- 4th Place - Jim Ned (58 pts)
- 5th Place - Merkel (48 pts)

## Cross Plains FFA Competes at Area IV Leadership Contest

On Saturday, November 18 the Cross Plains FFA competed at the Area IV Leadership Contest held at Tarleton State University. Cross Plains had a total of five teams participate in the contest. Results of the contest were as follows:

**Junior Chapter Conducting-1st Place**, team members: Zach Snell, Tiffany Holland, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Melissa Black, Jake McCutchen, Ceirra Odom, Shasta Bacon, Cody Sliger, and Kayla Lawrence.

**Junior Quiz Team-3rd Place**, team members: Zach Snell, Tiffany Holland, Amanda

Dunaway and Emily Foster.

**Senior Skills-5th Place**, team members: Clay Koenig, Brock Cooper and Cody Hyles.

**Senior Quiz Team-6th Place**, team members: Krista Phillips, Jacob Estes, Hailey Biggs and Andrew Poole.

**Public Relations-6th Place**, team members: Hailey Biggs, Christiana Burrhus and Tiffany Walker.

Teams that placed 1st or 2nd will advance to the State Leadership Contest to be held on Saturday, December 2 at Sam Houston University in Huntsville.

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**DECEMBER 4-8**  
**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

#### LUNCH

**MONDAY**- Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese, Tater Tots, Fresh Pineapple  
**TUESDAY** - Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken Fajita, Salad, Seasoned Corn, Peaches  
**THURSDAY**- Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veg., Bread Stick, Mixed Fruit  
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### Immunization Clinic to be held in Cross Plains

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

**Monday, December 11**  
**Baird Cafetorium**  
400 West 7th  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Cross Plains Housing Authority**  
233 North Main Street  
2 - 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 13**  
**Clyde First Baptist Church**  
216 Austin  
10 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

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## Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program Adds Certification in the Areas of Math and Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2007-2008 Alternative Certification Program for Math and Science teachers will be accepted until **February 16, 2007**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be Math and/or Science teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following

admission requirements:  
**Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.**

For **additional admission requirements**, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's Math and/or Science or EC-12 Special Education programs contact:

**John Steven (325) 675-8603**  
or  
**Janice Hill (325) 675-8605**

## Initiative to put Automated External Defibrillators in all Texas public schools

Earlier this week, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst brought forth an initiative to put Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in ALL Texas public schools. Why wait for an emergency to occur, be prepared and equipped with the tools to help save a life! Each year we see more and more heart related emergencies occurring in our school systems.

Whether it is an athlete that collapses on the practice field or a teacher that experiences a heart attack in the classroom, it is important that your school campuses are prepared and equipped with before a disaster happens at your school. It is proven that AEDs save lives—during a cardiac emergency, it is proven that for every minute an AED is not used, chances of survival decrease 10 percent.

The American Red Cross can assist our local schools in creating or strengthening an AED program—from facilitating the purchase of the life saving AEDs

to training on how to use them. With the help of the American Red Cross, your school can get started on improving the safety today. American Red Cross emergency preparedness courses and products can help you:

- Prepare students, administrators and staff to respond confidently to unexpected situations and emergencies;
- Equip students, administrators and staff with the information and skills to help keep them safe in the event of an emergency; and
- Minimize the impact of disasters or emergencies on or near campus.

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**Prevent Debt during Holiday Shopping Season  
Take Charge America Offers 5 Tips to  
Help Keep Your Spending In-Check**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Nov. 27, 2006)—Millions of consumers may find that their open hearts will lead to empty wallets this holiday season.

Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency, says shoppers don't need to go broke in order to spread some holiday cheer.

"Many Americans have a misconception that the best gifts have to cost a lot of money," he said. "You can show your love and affection without driving yourself further into debt."

Consumers are expected to spend an average of \$791.10 each on holiday merchandise this year, according to the National Retail Federation. Sullivan says shoppers who charge their holiday purchases will ultimately pay much more.

"The interest alone on credit card purchases can become a huge burden," he said. "I've seen many people get credit-card-statement-shock when they examine just how much money they've accumulated in interest - all money they originally hadn't planned to spend."

Sullivan has five tips to help shoppers stay out of debt:

**Make a List** - Compile a list of all the holiday gifts you plan to purchase, and stick to the list. This can prevent you from purchasing extras, both big and small. Remember, all those trinkets can add up to big bucks. Your list should also include your max spending limit for every item. If you have to ship gifts to people on your list, be sure to consider the size and weight of gifts as you make your list.

**Keep the Plastic at Home** - If

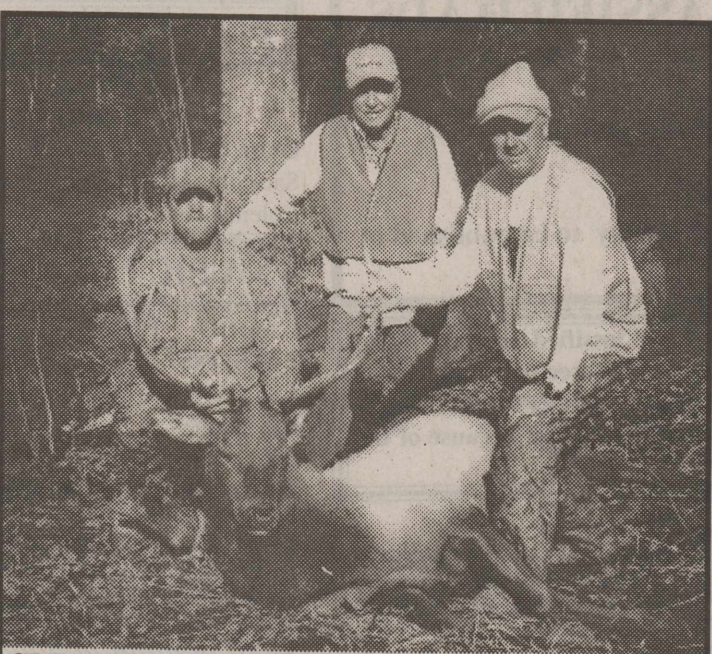
carrying your credit card presents too much of a temptation to over-spend, leave it home. If you do bring your card, charge only gifts you can afford to pay off when the statement arrives. Just remember that you will be charged interest on any balance you can't pay off immediately.

**Gifts from the Heart** - A thoughtful gift doesn't have to empty your wallet. Loved ones are often touched more from gifts of the heart. Create a scrapbook, recipe collection or CD of special songs. You can also volunteer your time helping those less fortunate in honor of someone you love.

**It's Better to Give than Receive** - When you are holiday shopping, don't squeeze in unnecessary purchases for yourself. These items can add up quickly. Remember to stick to your list.

**Go Online First** - Scope out prices online before you head to the stores. This way, you'll know where to go for the best deals. If you purchase your gifts online, remember to calculate additional shipping and handling costs into your holiday budget.

**About Take Charge America** Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. TCA offers a variety of services including financial education, credit counseling, and debt management. To learn more about TCA or its programs please call 1-800-823-7396 or visit [www.takechargeamerica.org](http://www.takechargeamerica.org) < <http://www.takechargeamerica.org/> >



**GREAT HUNTING**—Two local men enjoyed a week of Elk hunting in Payosa Springs, Colo. Porcius Potter (left) and Jim McKay (center) of Cross Plains, Eric Pechacek of Clyde and Bob Howell of Abilene hunted elk in the San Juan Forest west of Wolf Creek. Porcius Potter was the only successful hunter taking a 900th Bull Elk. It took all four men several hours to bring the animal off of the mountain.

**Texas air quality improves dramatically in past 20 years**

AUSTIN—An impartial review of Environmental Protection Agency data shows dramatic improvement is being made in Texas' air quality, and the air is cleaner today than it was 20 years ago.

Issued today (October 27, 2006) by the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas (CCTFT), Making Progress 2006 highlights the following air quality improvements the EPA found in Texas and neighboring states:

- Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) concentrations have decreased 17 percent and are at their lowest levels in the past 20 years.
- Sulfur dioxide (SO2) concentrations in Texas have been slashed by almost 60 percent since 1982.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) concentrations are 57 percent lower than in 1982 - and are at their lowest level in the past 20 years.
- Ozone (O3) levels have been reduced 10 percent and are lower than concentrations in 1980.
- Particulate matter 10 (PM 10) concentrations are about 30 percent lower in Texas and southern and western states than in 1988.

These improvements occurred during a period when rapid population and business growth in Texas sharply increased the demand for power, and generation from coal-fueled electric suppliers rose accordingly.

"There has been a lot of discussion lately about the state's need for increased electric generation and the power plants that have been proposed to meet this growing demand. During this public debate, a flurry of assertions has been made about the air quality in Texas," said

CCTFT Administrative Director Donna McDonald.

"But the facts recorded by the Environmental Protection Agency, and contained in *Making Progress 2006*, belie the rhetoric. Texas air quality is steadily getting better and, if new pollution control technology is employed, it will continue to get better," she said.

A recent environmental study commissioned by the Texas Quality concluded proposed new coal-fueled power plants will improve air quality in Texas by replacing older power plants with newer, more environmentally efficient ones. The new plants will have some of the lowest SO2, nitrogen oxide and mercury emissions in the nation and they will be 80 percent cleaner than the average U.S. coal plant.

"TCEQ and the Texas Public Utility Commission deserve credit for helping set Texas on a path that has resulted in both a decrease in the level of pollutants in the air and a marked decline in the emissions that affect the concentrations of these pollutants," McDonald said.

"The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas pledges to work with the state of Texas to insist that new pollution-control technologies are implemented so we can continue the trend of improving air quality in Texas," McDonald said.

*The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas is a privately funded 501 (c) (6) organization whose mission is to bring clean coal technologies to Texas and to secure funding for projects that will reduce air emissions and keep energy affordable.*

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**Commissioners' court meets Nov. 13th and Nov. 20th**

Callahan County Commissioners' Court held two brief commissioners' court meetings on Monday, November 13th and Monday, November 20th at the commissioners' courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

At the November 13th meeting, County Judge Roger Corn reported attending a meeting on the Baird Depot restoration project. The starting date for the restoration is November 20th, and the restoration should be completed by July 25, 2007.

Also at the November 13th meeting, Max Verzele, Rural Development Manager with the USDA Rural Development attended the meeting to present the summary of programs available through the organization.

The minutes of the October 23rd commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

Other agenda items from the November 13th commissioners' court meeting included:

—Judge Corn called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Those present included Commissioner Precinct #4 Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tommy Holland and Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks. Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer and Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk were also present. Also present was Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner-Elect Precinct #4. Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer was unable to attend the November 13th meeting.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

The commissioners' court also met Monday, November 20th. Agenda items brought during the November 20th meeting included:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Judge Corn.

—The minutes of the November 13th commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—During time set aside for public comments, Judge Corn announced Tammy Walker, Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector, was chosen Tax Assessor/Collector of the Year by the Texas Tax Assessor/Collectors Association on November 14th. Mrs. Walker displayed her plaque and all officials at the meeting complemented her for such an honorable award.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the canvass for the Tuesday, November 7th General Election. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

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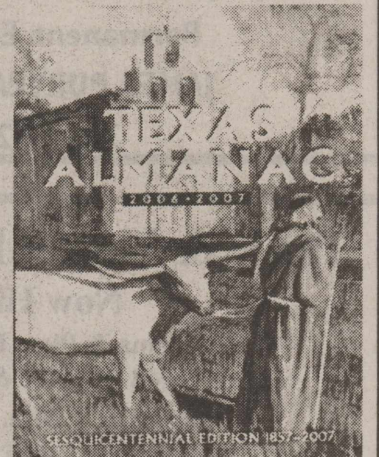
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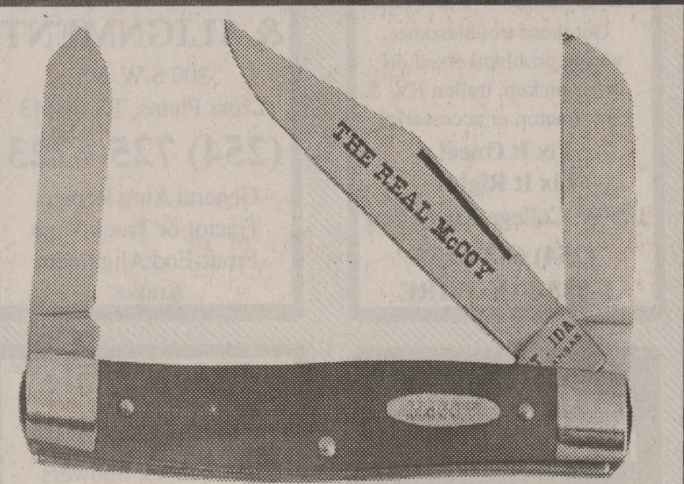
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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### I Will Make You An Offer

I'm going to make you an offer that I'm hoping you can't refuse. Here's the deal. I'm going to tell you about my dog. Then when I see you, you can tell me about your dog or your fishing trip or your golf game or you can show me your vacation pictures or photos of your grandkids. I'll listen to you for just as long as it took you to read this story.

"A dog never makes it his business to inquire whether you are in the right or in the wrong, never asks whether you are going up or down life's ladder, never asks whether you are rich or poor, silly or wise, sinner or saint. You are his pal. That is enough for him." Jerome K.

I have vowed to be more like my dog. Each day when my faithful canine companion goes outside, she is so excited to see the outdoors. She can't wait to sample the new day. She rejoices in having another chance to walk the earth. I need to be more like my dog.

She is the official greeter at the front door. She's an overzealous, drooling greeter. She's a good dog, but she does have her bad habits. I have my bad habits, too. I try not to drool though.

She eats things she shouldn't. I do, too. She snores. So do I. She's a few pounds overweight. So am I. She likes tennis balls. I like meatballs. She likes the sound of the refrigerator door opening. I like the sounds of Billie Holiday and Louie Armstrong. She licks herself in front of company. I lack the flexibility. She has conspiracy theories involving squirrels. I have conspiracy theories involving liver pudding. The dog and I are sensitive, caring creatures. Poco is no Rhodes Scholar.

She's more of a roads scholar. She doesn't play tug-of-war. She doesn't like confrontations. If you try to play keep-away with her, you keep it.

She makes up for whatever she lacks with her boundless enthusiasm. She is always happy to see me when I come home. She jumps and runs in circles. It's her patented spin-move. It's her dance. Her dance of joy.

I need to say a little prayer each day, wherein I ask to become the kind of person my dog thinks I am. Andy Rooney once said that the average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

Poco does not gossip. She doesn't complain, except when I forget to let her back in the house or when I deny her toes which she loves to bite. She doesn't sulk or bear a grudge. She forgives, quickly and completely. To err is human. To forgive is canine. She never worries about who will be winding her wristwatch after she's gone.

She's a good listener and gives me good advice. She talks to me. Poco expects good things to happen to her. She is like Seneca, who said, "Nothing is so wretched or foolish as to anticipate misfortunes. What madness it is, expecting evil before it comes."

Poco would have liked the old Roman philosopher. Plato said that a dog has the soul of a philosopher. To Poco, the whole world is a smell and each day is a wonder. Each stroll into a different room offers an endless variety of pleasant surprises.

Poco is just happy to be alive and to have people who love her. I feel the same way.

By Al Batt and BHW  
God's Work Ministry Dwayne Savaya

## Angel Food Dec. Menu, Specials

The Angel Food Ministries December Menu includes:

- (1) 4 lb.\* IQF Drums & Thighs
- (1) 2 lb. Italian Lasagna Dinner
- (10) 4 oz. Beef & Bean Burritos
- (1) 2 lb. Chicken Breast Tenders
- (1) 12 oz. Philly Steak Portions
- (1) 24 oz. Breaded Breast Filets
- (1) 16 oz. Ground Turkey
- (1) 16 oz. All Meat Hot Dogs
- (1) 16 oz. Pinto Beans
- (1) 1 lb. Rice
- (1) 7.5 oz. Corn Muffin Mix
- (1) 24 oz. Potato Wedges
- (1) 16 oz. Carrots
- (1) 16 oz. Cut Corn
- (1) 1 lb. Pinto Beans
- (1) 3 lbs. Apples
- (1) 12 oz. Omelette Starter (onions, peppers, sausage)
- (1) Dozen Eggs
- (1) Dessert Item

\*IQF - Individually Quick Frozen  
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- Special #1...\$19.00....** (1) 5 Lb. BEEF COMBO BOX - 1 lb. T Bones - 2 8-oz, 2 lb. Pure Ground Beef Patties - 4 8-oz, 2 lb. NY Strips - 4 8-oz.
- Special #2 ....,\$19.00....** 1 (4 lbs) New York Strip Steaks (8-oz filets)

**December 2006 Holiday Specials**  
(Available only with the purchase of a regular \$25 Food Box)

**Holiday Assorted Fruit Box - \$24.00** - Each assorted box con-

- tains 5 Ruby Red Grapefruits, 4 Golden Delicious Apples; 4 Blush Pears; 6 Florida Oranges; 6 Tangerines; 4 Red Delicious Apples; 4 Rome Apples; 4 Navel Oranges; 6 Tangelos

**Holiday Gift (Meat & Cheese) Box - \$16.00** Each Gift Box Contains: 1 8-oz Summer Sausage, 1 8-oz. Beef Salami, 1 8-oz. Beef Sausage, 3 7-oz. Cheeses (Pepper Jack, Smoky Cheddar, Sharp Cheddar)

**Holiday Stuffed Chicken Breast Combo - \$18.00** - Each box contains: 4 6-oz Chicken Cordon Bleu, 4 6-oz. Chicken with Broccoli and Cheese, 4 6-oz. Chicken Kiev

**Holiday Gourmet Coffee Gift Special - \$16.00** Each box contains: 1 12-oz. House Blend, 1 12-oz. Hazelnut Cream, 1 12-oz. Guatemala Antiquate

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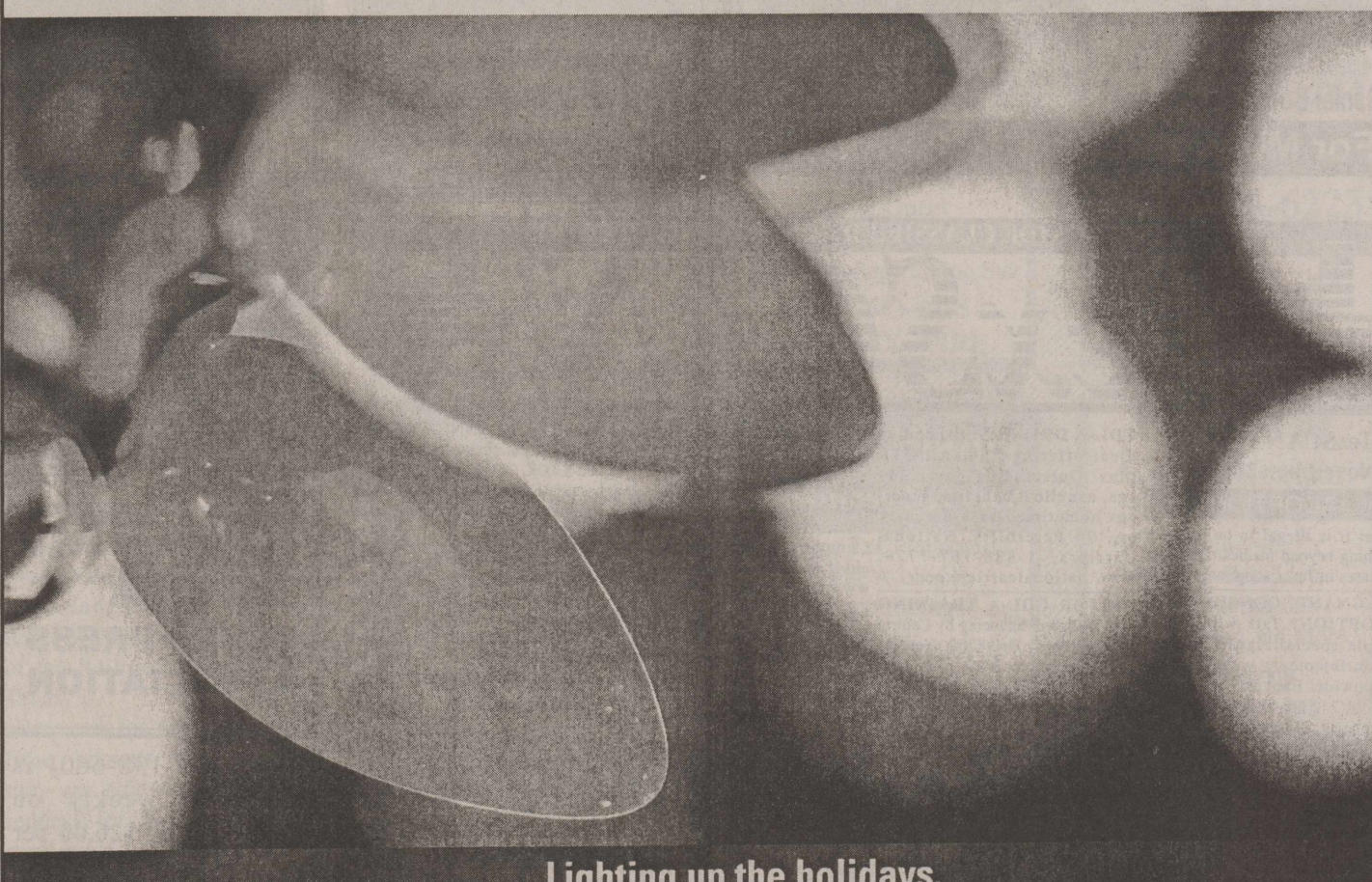
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