


Good Neighbor Project Held
Spurlock are han dead bat Mettie Judd is raking leaves
Spurlock are trimming bushes.

## Note to Citizens of Stratford

The City of Stratford
employees have started cleaning up the alleys. If you have anything stored in the alley, you
should move it or mark it It is impossible to clean the alleys with material piled everywhere In order for the City to clean the alleys, you need to do your part. We will be running the alleys two (2) days a month. Please help us clean up Stratford.
Thanks! City Crew...Eddie, Earl,
World Day of Prayer
World day of Prayer will be
held on Friday, March 3, 2006 at
First Christian Church First Christian Church
Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited (men and women). Covered dish luncheon to be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m.
Still Time to Order Trees from SWCD
can still be ordered from the Sherman County SWCD until the first week in March. Please call $396-5517$ ext. 3 for more
information or come by the office to place your order.
Community responders \& Self Help Meeting To Be Held

Community Responders and Self Help meeting March 21, Station. This meeting will includ representatives from each church or designated shelter to discuss
Guidelines for shelter operations.

Annual Pancake Supper to Be Held

First United Methodist Men Annual Pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 5 p.m. to $6: 30$ p.m. at the
First United Methodist Church First United Methodist Church
fellowship hall. Free Will fellowship
Donation.

Relay for Life

Heather
Representative of Bailey, $\begin{array}{r}\text { Senior } \\ \text { American }\end{array}$ cancer Society, sent an e-mail of information to let anyone who is interested in participating in
Look Good, Feel Better Patient Class. These classes are small, so it will be first come, first served. Look Good, Feel Better:
Provides information to women undergoing cancer treatment to help them look and feel more
comfortable with changes in their comfortable with changes in their appearance. This program is
offered cosmetologists and health care professionals in a group setting. Please contact Heather if you want to attend at 806-353-4307 (office)
(mobile) or 806-433-6330

## LEPC To Meet

 Monday, March 6th
## Local Emergency Planning

 Committee will meet Monday, March 6, 2006, 5 p.m., StratfordFire Station. Fire Station. LEPC members
include city and county administrative officers, fir, EMS and medical representatives, law enforcement and school administration.
Contact Sandy Williams @
for firedept@xit.net
Pinewood Derby Scheduled
 a pinewood derby on Monday, March 13, 2006 at $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. We
will award place ribbons in the following 5 categories:

## Tiger Cub Wolves <br> Wears

Weebelos
Open Clas

## Fist

First place winners in each champion. Pinewood derby rules will be enforced. Each participant will receive a certificate. Come and join the fun!! For a complete
list of rules or with any questions please contact Laurie Spurlock @ please cont
$366-2772$.

Notice:
In honor of spring break the Sherman County Public movie on Thursday, March 9th at 2:00. Call 366-2200

## Notice:

The
Therman
Public
Library closed on Tuesday, March 7 th for the Primary
"Annie Warbucks" In Guymon March 3-11

The Guymon Community Theatre will present the musical and $10,11,12$. The performance will begin at $7: 30$ p.m. with the Sunday matinee at $2: 00$ p.m. For Reservations call 580-338-0019
Local Scholarships for Stratford High School

The time for local scholarships is quickly approaching. Local scholarships are often established in memory of a loved one or as a
service project for civic service project for civic
organizations. If you or your in sponsoring a local scholarship for a graduating senior at SHS, please contact Misti McBryde at -32.

ACT Test Deadline Approaching

For all junior students who are interested in taking the ACT Test in April, the postmark deadline for registration materials is March
3, 2006. Students may also 3,2006
register
www act w.actstudent.org and will be asked to provide a credit card number. Registration packets and review materials are

SPAGHETTI DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2006

## The Depot Museum will hos

 a Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 26 at the County Barnfrom 11:30 to 1:3 Free Will Offering Mark your calendar an Please come out and support the Museum
Thank You - The Museum Board
SHS Dinner Theater Sat. March 25th
Stratford High School Dinner Theater. It will be on Saturday
March 25 at $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. The dinner March 25 at $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. The dinner
and play will be at the Mary Alien Cafeteria. Tickets are 15.00 for adults, 10.00 for students and
7.00 for children 7 and under. 7.00 for children 7 and under.
Tickets are available from any Tickets are available from any
cast or crew members or at the school business office. The play
this year is "The Miracle Worker" it is the story of Helen Keller and her wonderful teacher Annie Sullivan. The cast this year is made up of some experience and some students just getting their feet wet in the world of acting. Annie will be played by veteran
actress Evan. Haile. She was actress Evan Haile. She was
named best actress at last year's named best actress at last year's
competition Helen will be played by Sinead Everett who is new this year. Captain Keller's role goes to Austin Riffe another veteran actor. Kate is played by Trenda Maiwald also new this year. Aunt Ev is portrayed by Yadira Rojas
also a rookie. Jake Lawrence has also a rookie. Jake Lawrence has
the role of James. This is his the role of James. This is his
acting debut. Viney is played by acting debut. Viney is played by
Whitney Garza who had a role her freshmen year in the OAP. We have an excellent crew that keeps the business of the play running smoothly. The Stage manger is Staci Hays Katelyn
Reed is running our lights and Reed is running our lights and
Brice Wright is our sound technicians. Emily Shafer is our
prop mistress. The understudies prop mistress. The understudies
are James Daniels, Chandra Hawkins, Lisa Walls, and Chandler Lutes. We hope you will make plans to attend this for the dinner you. The proceeds end students to send students to Speech

Good Neighbor Citizens Corps Project Held Councils in Action! Join In!
Local Modern Woodmen of America recently put their hands where their hearts are. On
February 23,2006 , members of February 2, 2006, members Modern Woodman Camp 12423 worked together to clean-up Elsie Lasley's yard. We raked, trimmed trees and bushes, cleaned flowerbeds and mowed.
After we finished we all met the First United Methodist Church for a pizza party. "How great it felt to do something for someone else!" said Shanda Davis. That summed it up for all 22 of us involved! A BIG thank you goes o all those who helped out. The next camp meeting will be at the
First United Methodist Church on March 21st. Jimmy Lanning will be speaking to us about carbon monoxide safety and we will be serving spaghetti with the
trimmings. Hope to see you!!
County Judges \& Commissioners Take Part in Conference at College Station

## COLLEGE STATION

 Sherman County Judge, Teri Beth Carter; and Sherman County Commissioners',Pemberton, Randy
Williame joined over 500 , Citizens Corps mission is to harness the power of every Idividual through education, raining and volunteer service to
make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of lerrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Everyone can do something to tesponsibility taking personal responsibility, training and volunteering to help our
Faith community. organizations and civic
organizations can participate to strengthen local programs and provide help during times of emergencies.
Sherman C Sherman County Citizens Corps has been accepted in the national
organization and is listed on the official website officia Sherman County has an activ group of citizens involved in this very important project and invites anyone interested in joining.
Next meeting will be Next meeting will be March 21 Station.
county Judges and Commissioner'
for the 48 Annual County Judges \& Commissioners' Continuing The XIT Rural Telephone Education Conference and its 55 th Annual Membership Educational Exposition at the meeting of its rural landline Hilton College Station Hotel and telephone members for
Conference Center on February Wednesday, March 8th. The Conference Center on February Wednesday, March 8th. The
$21-23,2006$.
meeting will be held at the Rita Included in the program were meeting will be held at the Rita
workshops on finane Coliseum. Rura
on workshops on thancial landline members' and invited
accounting and the Public Information Act, as well as
suests'-registration will begin at
sessions on sessions on bonds, investments, with a luncheon catered by Bar H he juvenile justice system and Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The election ethics. There were also menu will consist of roast beef, special sessions on disaster
mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,
response and risk management.
salad, and hot rolls. A delicious The annual continuing salad, and hot rolls. A delicious
chocolate cake with fudge sauce Tucation annual conterence at College chocolate cake with fudge sauce tation is sponsored by the V.G. will be served for dessert. This Young Institute of County wear, members and invited guests
Government, which is treated to a sit-down Government, which is part of dinner served by XIT's The Institute provides elected management and employees. county officials with information Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m. nd technical assistance and helps Patronage Capital Credit check ificials complete their state- will be handed out ducation minimum continuing include the remaining $57 \%$ of the "Texas is one of a small number 1996 allocation and $27.2 \%$ of the of states that requires all elected be given to qualifying members county officials to earn continuing upon registration at the annual
education credits," explained ichard O. Avery, Director of the meeting. Checks can only be Institute. "The Institute provides $\begin{aligned} & \text { given to the actual member or the } \\ & \text { authorized voting degate for }\end{aligned}$ authorized voting delegate for a ommissioners, judges, justices of have to be present at this meeting he peace, treasurers, tax assessor- to receive this refund. All checks, clecks through and district not given in person, will be onducted here in College Station The recipile after the meeting. and across the State." Rural Telephof the 2006 XIT Commissioners who attended Program will be announced Thi of the sessions during the is the seventh year that XIT his nference received sixteen offered this program to at least 6.0) hours of credit. County five rural members' graduating onference received 4 hours of will begin The business session dicial education.
welcome to the
with
with an introductio membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors the drawing of door prizes.
This year, approxim This year, approximately
$\$ 4,000$ worth of door prizes will dit Society To Meet March 2nd Red Hat Society will meet 2006 at $6: 30$ be given to attending members. p.m. at First Christian Church. There will be six grand prizes
There will be special awarded: $1-\$ 500$ Cash Prize and There will be special awarded: $\begin{aligned} & \text { ash }-\$ 00 \text { Cash Prize and } \\ & \text { entertainment. }\end{aligned}$ \$300 Cash Prizes and 2- $\$ 100$ Cont. on page 5

## OBITS

JAMES M. "JIM" MELTON 1925-2006

GROVE - James Melton, 80 and Mattie Jane Glen Melton wa born March 16, 1925 in Delaware 2006 at Integris Grove General Hospital.
Mr. Melton was employed as a carpenter until his retirement. He was united in marriage to Joyce
E. Warman December 18, 1945 in Syracuse, Kan. Mr. Melton was a member of the Afton American Legion and he enjoyed fishing
and working in his garden. Mr. and working in his garden. M.
Melton was a U.S. Army veteran. Melton was a U.S. Army veteran.
Survivors include: his wife Joyce of the home; his children, Richard Melton of Stratford, Texas, Tim Melton of Byers, Colo., Sharon Osborn of Grove, Annie Jane Singleton of Evant,
Texas, Chester Melton of Grove, Texas, Chester Melton of Grove, Randy Melton of Stratford,
Texas, Jesse Melton of Miami, Texas, Jesse Melton of Miami,
Okla., Terry Barrows of Dalhart,, Texas, Sherry Paryot of
Arlington, Texas, Jerry Melton of Stratford, Texas, Joyce York of Ottawa, III., Ronnie Melton of Dalhart, Texas and Dollie Ketcher of Seligman, Mo.; numerous
grandchildren and
greatgrandchildren. Also surviving is a ister, Elizabeth Peterson of Grove, a sister-in-law, Amanda Batterton and her husband Guy and a brother in law, Art Warman and his wife Irene, all of Canon City, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Melton was Jimmie Lee Melton; a daughter, Connie Jean Melton; and a greatgrandson, Tyler Evan Adams. Funeral services were held Friday, February 17, at the First
Christian Church, Grove, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Woodrow Ross and Randall Coffin officiating. Interment with military honors followed at the Olympus cemetery. Memorial contributions of Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home, $7 U \mathrm{~S}$. Main, Grove, OK Home,
74344.

Clois Duane Vaughn Aug. 12, 1932-Feb. 10, 2006

Clois Duane Vaughn age 73 , Marble Falls died at his home in Buchanan Dam after a short battle with cancer, Clois was born on Aug. 12,1932 in Vernon, to Jude
and Lila Skelton Vaughn and was married to Dorothy Hopper on June 30, 1951 in Lorenzo, Tex.
Clois served two years in the
U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and had a career in law enforcement that spanned 36 years. During that time he was a
Sherman County Deputy Sheriff and later was elected Sheriff of Sherman County,, a position he held for 18 years. During the last stage of his law enforcement career he was an LCRA Ranger, He spent the last seven years of his life at the Shady Oaks RV
Park where he and his wife Park where he and his wife
Dorothy spent some of their happiest times.
Clois is survived by his wife Dorothy four children; David and wife Brenda of Harker Heights, Tex., Janet McKenzie and husband Glenn of Temple, Jerry wife Sharon of Radeliff Ky , Also surviving is granddaughter Stephanie Lee Vaughn, who lived


## Kerrick News

Terry and Barbara Schoonover visited in Woodward, OK, Sunday with her cousin Randy and Lorene Danner.
Things were Things were rather quite around Kerrick last week.

## Vote

## Donna Giilenwaters spent several days in hospital. They finally decided that she had food poisoning! As of Monday she better. <br> ```Jo June McDaniel and Marylou``` McDaniel went to SCOT last <br> 

GINA JONES
COUNTY \& DISTRICT CLERK

SHERMAN COUNTY

Pol. Ad Pd. For By Gina Jones. P.O. Box Stratford. TX $7908+$

am Jessica King Audrain, I am married to Pistol Audrain
and we have 3 daughters. I am the daughter of Keith and Tami King and I have lived in Stratford for 18 years, where I graduated from Stratford High School. Ihave been the Justice Court clerk for the Justice of the Peace for the past $21 / 2$ years. As Justice Court clerk, I work closely with the Justice of the Peace and I feel that I have received the training and experience necessary to perform the duties of the office. I clerk for the Judge during trials and am knowledgeable of trial proceedings. As the Clerk, I have also had the opportunity to assist the Justice of the Peace on an inquest. If given the opportunity to serve the peaple of Sherman County as Justice of the Peace, I will devote full time to the position. I would appreciate your vate on March 7, 2006.

"Experienced", "Mature", "Committed to Sherman County"
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Baby Shower Given for Bonnie Vandiver
Bonnie Vandiver was honored with a Baby Shower Sunday, February 26, 2006 in the home of rana Pemberton. Shown above left to right are Patricia Butler, Debbi Vandiver, Bonnie and Cherry Dollins. Bonnie is married to Greg Vandive

## Health $\begin{gathered} \\ \text { Co Beauty }\end{gathered}$

Aromatherapy Massage Soothes And Banishes Stress (NAPS)-One pleasant way ${ }^{B_{0}^{2}}$
deal with daily stress and fatigue sands of years, holistic therapies such as aromatherapy massage have been used as a way to re-
fresh and recharge the senses. A daily massage with scent Al can help dissolve with scented stress and toxins. The benefits to be expected from this calming
daily ritual include: - Increased circul cially to nerve endings - The whing of the mhysiology the whole physiology

- Calming for the
- Lubrication of the joints
- Increased mental alertness purities from the body
- Softer, smoother skin
- Increased levels of stamina
through the day

A favorite scented oil used for aromatherapy massage combines
olive oil and orange blossom oil is well known for its healing properties, both when taken internally and used to lubricate the
outer body, while orange blossom outer body, while orange blossom
oil is a scent that has been used as a stress reliever for years. Together, olive oil and orange
blossom offer luxurious skin conblossom offer luxurious skin con-
ditioning with the added benefit of ditioning with the added benefit of
soothing stress-reduction. Described as a delicacy for the
skin, combinations of these oils skin, combinations of these oils
such as those found in the Olive


My name is Penny (Fedric) Gilbert and I am running on the Republican Ballot for Justice of the Peace in Sherman County. My family has lived in Sherman County for 5 generations. I have been employed by the Sherman County Sheriff's office as a Dispatcher/Jailer for the last 5 years, gaining experience work ing with Deputies, City Police, DPS, 911 gency call outs. Booking in prisoners and working with bonding companies. Entering and processing Warrants into the DPS-NCIC and TCIC systems and processing Civil Papers. I am already certified a Full Access TCLOSE operator and have 20 years experience in Bookkeeping and Administrative positions.
I am Honest, Accountable and will represent a fair impartial administration of justice. I will be available for magistrate duties and inquest at all hours. I am dedicated in putting all of my efforts into learning every aspect of the duties to fulfill my obligations to the "People" of Sherman County
of Sherman County.

## First Assembly of God evin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fultow Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Study 7:00 <br> The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Christian
Rev. Walter Ree
5th \& Main
Sunday School 9:45
Sunday School 1:45 am (nursery) Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir $6: 50$ p.m. Adult Choir 8 First United Methodist
First United Me
Rev. Gene Wein
520 N. Main
unday School 9:20 am
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am Junior High UMY 5:00 pm enior High UMY 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master 6th \& Pearl
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Church of Christ
Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd \& Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist
James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 Iv. message
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service -7:30 p.m.
First Baptist
396-5554
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School - $9: 30$
Worship Service - 10:30
Adult Choir Practice - 6:30
Wed.-Children-6:00, youth-7:00
La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am
Miercoles (Wednesday) Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am a Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm Susninos Durante El Servicio.

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THE PARABLE OF KINGDOM TREASURE
What do you love more than anything else? What do you prize most fully? What has the greanestst value in oy your liferf do you prize tize
any number of things. Or it might be someone very special . dither case, Jesus Christ brings perspective to our cearthly treasures. "The kinglom of heaven ispsective to to our earthh
the field, which a man found and hidid and from jow hiden in goes and sells all that he has and and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like has, merchants seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, hee enting and sold all that he had, and obught it" (Mathew 13 3:44-46.) These are eowerfiul
parables. I know people who are just like that. They cannot parables. I know people who are just like that. They cannot
imagine life outside the kingdom of God without Jesus Christ. The kingdom of heaven is of ultimate value. For one thing, being a member of this kingdom puts a whole new perspec
on life. Bickering over clothes and money seems incidental. For another thing, the rules or lawo of the kingsom on heaven
bring stability to life. Imagine what our society would be like if bring stability to life. Imagine what our society would be like if
vintues like honesty, integrity and chastity were the norm rather virtues like honesty, integrity and chastity were the norm rather
than the exception. Imagine
be like. Imagita advertising and polt families would be like if if love ruled would rather ee like. Imagine what fanimilies would be like if ove ove ruled rather The kingdom of heaven brings love and peace, kindness and genteness, joy and patience. These things trully are of ullimate value. They are treasures. All the gold and silver in the world
cannot bring satisfaction withent these cannot bring satisfaction without these eternal riches.
Perhaps you need to discover the supreme value of the kingdom Perhaps you need to discover the supreme value of the kingdom
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## Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer

 Pastor Roberto Frescas 205 N. Poplar - Hwy 28 Escueia Dominical 10 a.m. Serbicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church Pastor Roy Harris Community Building Sunday Morning - $11: 00 \mathrm{am}$. Sunday Rvening-6:09 p.m.
Prayer Meeting $7: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday


Sr. Division students competing in the Spelling Bee are Heidi Brooks, Tyler. Wright, Braden Sr. Division students competing in the Speling Bee are Heidid Brooks, Ty
Hamilton, Sunny Russell, Jace Delgado and Mark Hand. (Story on Page 5)

Junior High students who participated in Spelling bee are left to right-M'Lynn Wells, Ty
Seward, Alex Asher, Terra HâheQ FFivideê Rojas and Meghan Brooks. (Story on page 5 )

## VOTE STEVE BASKIN FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE SHERMAN COUNTY

PCTS. 1, 2, 3, \& 4 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SHERMAN COUNTY

GRADUATE OF TEXAS A \& M UNIVERSITY HISTORY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FAIR, IMPARTIAL, TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SHERMAN COUNTY
WILL LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE,
WHY IT HAS BEEN DONE,
AND MAKE CHANGES IN J. P. OFFICE IF NEEDED TO PROVIDE BETTER, MORE ECONOMICAL SERVICE TO THE


## YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT APPRECIATED

VOTA PARA STEVE BASKIN PARA LA OFICINA DE JUSTICIA DE LA PAZ EN EL CONDADO SHERMAN
VIVE' EN EL CONDADO TODA MI VIDA HISTORIA DE SERVICIO VOLUNTARIO SERE JUSTO A TODOS LOS GENTES

## GRACIASPARA SU VOTA E SUPORTA

When someone in the community has need, some people give of themselves and lend a helping hand. That's why VALOR Telecom created the Communitr Leoder Scholarships: to recognize loca youth dedicated to ocademic achievement and the strengthening of community through volunteerism.

Our Community Leader Scholarships were created in 2004. This sping, 12 local high schol seniors in our service oreos
will receive $\$ 1,000$ scholarshin VALOR Telecom believes in the volue of personol contributions to community personol conntibutions to community. youth who hove excelled with their hearts, minds and honds.

For more information or on opplication, visit your local high school counselor's office or the Community Connection section ot www.volortelecom.com


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4. Sea Change by Robert B. Parker
5. Gone by Lisa Gardner
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12. Death Dance by Li Fairstein Kava
Kava Necessary Evil by Alex 14. More Than Friends by Barbara Delinsky
15. The Camel Club by David
Baldacci Baldacci
16. Ange
16. Angels and Demons by Dan
Brown
17. Knife of Dreams by Robert Jordan
18. Turning Angel by Greg lies 19. On the Run by Iris Johansen To check the availability of these
items go to items go to
lib.org/stratford/index.htm

- Next click on
"Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call $366-2200$ and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for
you.
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Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for
members' grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded
that they must be present to win. that they must be present to win.
The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.
According to the bylaws, a
written notice will be mailed from written notice will be mailed from the business office not less that
ten nor more than twenty days ten nor more than twenty days
before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 17th.
A quorum must be present in
order for the business meeting to order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total
number of the Cooperative's number of the Cooperative's
members, fifty members or two members, fifty members or two
percent of the members present, percent of the members present,
whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.
The officers and board members are: James Spurlock, President; J.W. McClellan, Vice President; Gary Finch, SecretaryTreasurer, James R. Wilson, E.H.
Little, Floyd French, Kenneth Little, Floyd French, Kenneh
Stanley, T.F. Baskin, III, and Walter E. Lasley.
On February 2, 2006, the Nominating Committee consisting of Valerie Diller, Carl French, Ed Lathem, Nick Olson, A.E Pronger, Jr. and Wallace Bridwell met at the headquarters of XIT
Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for - three directorships. A.E. Pronger, Jr was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County - E.H. Little and Barry - Gary Finch, and District III, Sherman County - T.F. Baskin III. Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephon service. All members must b present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is
permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vot is allowed per membership. XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its
membership in order to provide the best possible service to its members. XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 55th Annual Meeting Celebraion and making of your Cooperative.
"To Kill a Mockingbird to be Presented
Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to announce the opening
of one of the great classics in American literature, To Kill Mockingbird, March 2-12 2006. This "modern masterpiece" is based on Harper
Lee's novel and Lee's novel and has been Christopher Sergel. This touching story is a classic of theater literature. Its themes are
still as relevant today Trouble looms in a small town as Atticus Finch defends a young black man wrongfully accused of a grave crime. As Atticus becomes the center of controversy, the town is in
turmoil and his daughter Scout turmoil and his daughter Scout
discovers the true greatness of discovers the true greatness of
her father. ALT has cast a large and diverse group of local talent for this show. Show Dates are
March 2, $\mathbf{3 ,} 4,9,10,11$ at 8:00 pm and March 5 and 12 at 2:30 pm. You don't want to milassic!
clat Tickets
Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) $355-9991$. Tickets may also be reserved
online by emailing online by emailing
jeffeamarillolittletheatre.org. For additional information,

Sherman County Spelling Bee Held
Twelve Jr. High students participated in the Sherman County Spelling Bee in Texhoma on Wednesday, February 16. In Alex Asher, Meghan Brooks, Alax Asher, Meghan Brooks,
Haydee Rojas, Tyler Seward, Terra Hojas, Tyler Seward,
M'Lynn Wells-s-I $\quad$ and Mrynn Wells-Jr. division County Champion. Contestants in Hamitton, Tyler Wre Braden Delgado, Mark Hand, Sunny Russell-runner-up and Heidi Brooks-Sr. Division County
Champion. By winning the Sherman quanty Spelling Bee. Heide
qualifies the Rer Spelling Bee which will begional Saturday, March 25 in the Branding Iron Theatre on the West Texas A\&M Campus. The winner of the Regional contest National Spelling bee which will be held in Washington, D.C., May 29-June 2, 2006.
Congratulations to M'Lynn and
Heidi, and to all the They represented Stratford very weyl.

Love your neighbor; yet pull down your hedge -Benjamin Franklin

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the est interest. -Benjamin Franklin
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an ounce of commercial saffron.
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-Benjamin Franklin
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Animals chosen as pets differ around the world. Japanese children
lame mice and teach them to dance to music, while in Australia, chil-
dren sometimes make pets of kangaroos.

## Vote

## Come Meet \& Greet our <br> New Police Chief At the City Hall on March 9, 2006 From 1-3 p.m. <br> Refreshments will be Served

## The Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting

 on March 7, 2006 concerning the planning of future projects.This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's Input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district

The meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at $6: 30$ p.m.
It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N , Ballard
In the M.K, Brown Room, Pampa, Texas.
The meeting will cover transportation plans for all) areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment. The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 17, 2006. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at $806.356,3249$. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these necds.

> Re-elect David Swinford: Former Public School Teacher \& School Board President
Voted for a new $\$ 2,300$ across-the-board teacher pay raise, more funding for local schools, school property tax cuts a to close the loopholes in our stato's current school finance system.

Married 41 years; daughter is a teacher and son is a minister • Iretess advocate for family values, linlted govemment \& lower taxes - Co-authored Amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman - Authored major - Current Chairman of the Texas House State Aftars Committee $\bullet$ Former Chalr of House Govermment Reform \& Agricullure/Llwestock Commiltees • Tasked by Gov. Perry to carry illegal immigration reform legistation<br>Cducation and Health Facilmies<br>Funded by Swinford Legisiation:<br>- Texas Tech Hearin Sciences Center<br>- Texas Tech HSC School of Phamacy<br>- Amarillo Tectinlcal Center<br>now comer<br>- Amarllo colleoe Camous in Mocre Countr<br>Endorsed by Senator Kel Selijer Agas. John Smithee \& Warran Chisum; WhA; Teras Right-To-Lie; Teus Commiessioner af Agriculture Susan Cambs; © others<br>SAVD

Campaign Hotline: 808-934-0018
campalgnedavidswinford.com Page 6 reading class is beginning a new no Crv in conjunction with Black History Month.
Everyone is looking forwar Spring Break. It comes early for us this year, March 6-10. Classes will resume on March 13 . Mrs. Teig's classes are working on resumes and doing have actual interviews to Thursday and Friday.
The library computers were very busy on Friday. Mrs. Glass had every one of her classes working either in the computer
lab or on the library computers. Mrs. Teig brought two classes to the lab
Mrs. Brownlee's 5th grade math is taking their 2nd
Benchmark this week. This will help Mrs. Brownlee to know what each child needs to be able to pass the TAKS Math test that is on April 4. Fifth graders have to pass the math test to pass fifth
grade. We will be starting after
school tutorials the week after spring break. Mrs. Brownlee will send home notes to those that have to stay for these.
Her 6th grade math is working on percents, decimals, and fractions now. We are changing
from one to the other and back again. We will be figuring sales tax later this week. Our sixth grade TAKS math test is not until April 18, so our 2nd benchmark test isn't for a few weeks.
Mrs.
Mrs. Glass's Biology and
Environmental Environmental Science classes are working on benchmark rests
this week to help them prepare for the TAKS test. Her Anatomy for the TAKS test. Her Anatomy
and Physiology classes are researching gastric bypass
surgery. They've been in the library using the computers to research their topic, and I can
tell you they've found some tell you they've found some
informative articles and also some very educational pictures.
You should hear some of their You should
The new Chief of Police and Sergeant Penfold of the Stratford Police Department, City Manager Scan Hardman and City Judge Cindy Jackson gave an informative presentation to
the high school students on Monday. They explained different classes of
misdemeanors and felonies, and then told the consequences of breaking each of these laws.
Thanks to our local officials for taking the time to share this information with to share We've experienced some trouble with the color printer in graciously agreed to take it to Amarillo Computers and then picked it up and brought it back
to us. We're still having some trouble with it, so I guess it has to go back to the doctor! was held for the students in Grades 5-8 on Thursday. Local $\begin{array}{ll}\text { and Amarillo Price } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Departments } & \text { presented the }\end{array}$ program.

Glass, china, and reputation are


One today is worth two tomorrows.
-Benjamin Franklin
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Managing Our Groundwater Resources
North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Hold Election for

North Plains
North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's (NPWD)
Board of Directors has called for an election to be held on May 13, 2006. The election will be for electing a Director in Precincts $1,2,3$ \& 4 of the District. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the
Groundwater
Conservation District, and Directors work to accomplish the purposes of the District.
The formation of Groundwater Conservation Districts was authorized by the Texas
Legislature in 1949 to conserve Legislature in 1949 to conserve
and protect the underground and protect the underground
water resources of Texas, and to prevent waste of the groundwater that is so important to the state.
The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection,
recharging, and prevention of recharging, and prevention of
wastel vofea thel groundwater consistent with the objectives of the Texas Constitution. The purpose of the District is achieved through rules, education programs, District provided services and through mutual cooperation of local, state, and
federal agencies. The District federal agencies. The District
issues water well permits, collects groundwater permits, collects
information, performs water quality analyses, provides a number of well system tests and other services. Extensive databases are used to store, groundwater information for the District. It is the belief of the
District's residents and the board District's residents and the board
of Directors that of Directors that groundwater is
best managed locally throug best managed locally through a
groundwater conservation district. groundwater conservation district.
This belief is realized by the adoption and implementation of a management plan outlining the goals, methods and procedures to be utilized in the management of
Distriet ? $\geq$ \& The District is cifriently
governed by a seven member elected Board of Directors. Each Director is elected from a defined area within the District for a fouryear term. The elections are held on the first Saturday in May of each even-numbered year in
accordance with Chapter 36 of accordance with Chapter 36 of
the Texas Water Code and Texas the Texas Water Code and Texas
Election Code. The terms are Election Code. The terms are
staggered providing for the staggered providing for the
election of four Directors and two years later the election of three
Directors. The Board develops and adopts the rules, programs and practices of the District. The Board hires the staff, sets the
annual budget, and determines the annual budget, and determines the operations of the District. The following Director Precin are scheduled for this election:
Director Precinct No. 1 is all
area within the District and the area within the District and
within Dallam County. Tom Mellema is currently serving as director.
Director Precinct No. 2 is all within Hartley County. Phil Haaland is currently serving as Director.
Director
Shermansts County. Wesley Spurlock is currently serving as Director.
Director
Director Precinct No. 4 is all the area within the District and within
Moore County. David Moore is Moore County. David Moore is
currently serving as Director. Mr. currently serving as Director. Mr.
Moore has announced that he will not seek re-election.
The eligibility requirements to be a candidate are the same as for
other locally elected positions (city commission or school board). The first day to file for a
place on the ballot is February 11 , place on the ballot is February
2006. and the last day to file is
5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2006 The last day to file as a write-in candidate is March 20, 2006. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the election, the Groundwater
Conservation District, or the Conservation District, or the
NPWD Board of Directors may contact the District office at 80 Artho@npwd.org
Anyone wanting to file as a A young partridge is called a candidate to have their name

Youth are Invited to Apply for State Water Camp

The annual Texas State Youth
Water Camp will be held this year Wo July $13-19$ in Monahans, Texas. Any high school student residing in within the North
Plains Water District (NPWD) is invited to apply for the camp and all expenses to attend the camp will be paid
Water District. Water District.
The camp,
Texas comp, cosponsored by the Natural Resource Conservation Service, is a week long adventure in learning about water and water resources. Youth who attend the camp get to take
field trips and learn about new field trips and learn about new
technologies in water related fields, as well as participate in hands-on projects with others at the camp. In addition, the youth will hear from speakers and experts who have experience with water and water conservation, and
there is also time for recreation there is also time for recreation
and play with the other young and play with the other young
people who are attending the camp. Attendees will learn about industrial, municipal, agricultural, recreational, and home water use during their week long adventure. In 2005, Matthew Skalsky of Dalhart attended the camp.
Mathew reported that he learned Matthew reported that he learned
a great deal and made some good a great deal and made some good
friends during his week long stay in Monahans. North Plains Water
in tar District paid Matt's registration fee of $\$ 150$ for the camp, as well as paying his travel expenses to Monahans and back. Anyone
wanting more information on the camp or wanting to submit an application can find information at the Ward County Texas Cooperative Extension website at http//ward-cotamu.edu/.
Once at the website
Once at the website, you can
click on the water camp link to click on the water camp link to
find more Information. The ind more Information. The
deadline for application is May 26, 2006. The phone number for he Ward County office is (432 943-2682/4112.
information can also be obtained by contacting Rhonda Artho at
the NPWD office at 806-9356401 onat artho@npwd.org

Twice Baked Idaho Potatoes with Broccoli and Che
Serves 8 4 medium Idaho potato $1 / 2$ cup light sour cream
2 tablespoons $2 \%$ milk 2 tablespoons $2 \%$ milk pepper, salt, nutmeg
2 cups cooked broce 2 cups cooked broccoli,
chopped chopped
$1 /$ cup white onion, chopp 1 cup low-fat cheddar

Preheat oven to $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Bake potatoes directly on
e middle oven rack for 60 minutes.
While potatoes are still hot, cut in half lengthwise. coop out the interior flesh
of the potato into a bowl.
Add sour cream, milk and Add sour cream, milk and
seasonings and mash until
smooth.
Stir in
Sheese.
Turn oven down to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
Using a spoon, gently fill Using a spoon, gently fill
the potato shells with the potato mixture. Place filled
potatoes on a baking sheet and bake for 18-20 minutes.
Nutrition Information per Serving: calories: 149, total fat: 2.9 g , saturated fat: $1.6 \mathrm{~g}, \%$ of calories from
fat: $17 \%$, $\%$ of calories fries rated fat: $99 \%$, protein: 7 g , carbohy-
drates: 25 g, choolesterol: 8 mg dietary fiber: 4g, sodium: 198mg
Visit the Idaho Potato Commission Web site, www.idahopotato com, for more information on the potato recipes; and www.5aday.or
for information on eating a colorfil for information on eating a colorfu
variety of fruits and vegetables.

Tart words make no friends; a poonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of
vinegar. -Benjamin Franklin
placed on the ballot should contact the District office at 603 East 1st Street, P.O. Box 795,
Dumas, Teas 79029 or by Phene Dumas, Teas 79029 or by phone:
(806) $935-6401$ or ( 800 ) $456-3026$ and 5:00 p.m.. Monday through Friday.

WATER ON THE ROAD:

## TURN AROUND

DON'T DROWN
Floods are one of the most
common
common hazards in the United
The National Weather Service and the Governor's Division Emergency Management are urging people to learn the dangers of driving into flooded roadways

Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge. Roads weaken under floodwater and drivers should proceeds cautiously after would proceeds cautiously after road may collapse under the underestimate the power of road may collapse
floodwater. These are the facts:
weight of the vehicle. Six inches of water will reach NWS and GDEM officials also the bottom of most passenger say that if your car or truck stalls cars, causing loss of control and in floodwater, the best advice is possible stalling. to get out quickly and move Twelve inches of water will higher ground. Betty yet, when float many cars. Two feet of rushing water will Around, Don't Drown. Saving
arry off pick-up trucks, SUVs your life is a simple as choosing and most other vehicles. an alternate route.


Exactly who started using curling irons remains a mystery but records indicate that the Romans in the reign of Emperor TTtus, A.D.
79 to 81 , employed little hollow tubes filled with boiling water for that chore.


The first college basketball game using five-player teams took
place in lowa City, Iowa on Jan. 16, 1896. The University of Chicago
defeated the University of lowa 15-12.

15 Years, 4500 Babies In Dumas

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NEW LISTING! Hurry to see this large family home. It has central heeat and air, a free standing
fireplace and a great location fireplace and
$\mathbf{\$ 4 4 , 9 0 0}$
Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 bdrm.
2 bath with 1 car detached garage. 2 bath with 1 car detached garage.
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Corner Lot! This $4 \mathrm{bdrm} ., 11 / 2$
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NEW LISTING! Right on the
corner, right across from school,
right on the PRICE. Metal siding and trim.
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VERY NICE 3 bdrin., brick
Austin Stone house on corner lot with side garage entry, Has flipout Therma pane windows, storm
cellar, storage building with large fenced backyard, fireplace and large kitchen.
$\$ 65,000$


Toronto was originally named Fort York, and was occupied
and set afire by American troops during the War of 1812.

Pet of the Week


The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets,
towels, \& rugs for the dogs and towels, \& rugs for the dogs and you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter. The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no "kill" facility)
currently has over 100 ) currently has over 100 dogs and
puppies available for adoption. puppies available for adoption.
These dogs are all sizes \& range These dogs are all sizes \& range
in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed 'and/or neutered \& have their shots. These dogs need a good home.
We
We are also seeking
responsible individuals to responsible individuals to
provide foster care for the dogs. provide foster care for the dogs.
If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of Jove. Please contact Diane Trull at
$244-3216$ for additional

## Using Your Medicare

## Prescription Drug

## Coverage

(NAPS)-As the new year
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[^0] the Honorable Mayor and
Aldermen of the City of Stratford, Texas for the sealcoating of approximately 35,000 square yards of streets entitled:

SEALCOATING - 2006
will be received at the office of the City Manager at City Hail,
P.O. Box $188,520 \mathrm{~N}$. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084 until:

6:30 P.M.
MARCH 16, 2006
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A cashier's check, certified bond, payable to the bidder's amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact
Documents, enter into a contract Documents, enter into a contract
with the Owner and will execute with the Owner and will execute
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the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.
Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local
conditions. Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City
of Stratford 520 N. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084, phon
(806) $366-5581$ and the (806) $366-5581$ and the offices of
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Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, (806) 353-7233.
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Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110 phone (806) 353-7233 in th following manner: plans and specifications.
Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.
reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of
clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretation as may be most advantageous or
to reject the bid as informal. bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid
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CITY: OF STRATFORD DAVID BROWN, MAYOR
Published in The Strafford Star, Thursday, March 2, 2006


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Legal Notices


Cost: Fifty Dollars ( $\$ 50.00$ ), ing car the purpose of nominat-non-refundable, for each set of York City in 1812 .

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Four Tips For Managing Your Life




## Remember To Vote

TEXAS MAIN STREET PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS

AUSTIN, Texas -The Texa Tistorical Commission's (THC one of the
most successful in the nation. This year marks the program's 25 th year of helping Texas citie evitalize
their historic downtowns and
neighborhood commercial
districts using preservation and
economic
Street city and you'll und Main what historic revitalizatio contributes to a community's pride and sense of THC's Texas Main Street Program coordinator. "Main Street communities possess very unique sense of identity. Each year, the Texas Historical Texas cities and urban areas as fficial Texas Main Street cities. The 2006 Texas Main Street cities are Texarkana, Colorado City, Conroe and Beeville Texas First Lady Anita Perry will tour each community in March as part of the annua Main Sireet first Lady's Tour. This year's tour promise
to be particularly exciting in light of the 25 th anniversary of the program.
"Main Street is an amazing way for Texans to not only preserve their heritage, but plan great things for future generations," Mrs. Perry said. 25 years of revitalizing

## buildings and rejuvenating communities."

 Specialposters depicting a giant Main Street cake will be displayed in windows and storefronts in Main Street communities across the state. Look closely, a
ecognize a location
or individual in the layers that nake up the tiered anniversary

The significance of the cake is derived from the late Anice Read, who founded the Main Street Program
in 1981, and created a special cake she brought when speakin at special
Main Street celebrations, such as recipe below)
There are 84 Main Street citie in Texas, including the fou newly announced in 2006.
Street city, in addition to Street city, in addition to the
sense of pride and increase in tourism,
include ongoing comprehensive training for Main Street managers, community training in economic development strategies, on-site evaluations, and desistance. The program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout Texas and resulted in the reinvestment of more than $\$ 1$ billion in downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. The program is responsible for
creating more than 21,000 jobs and establishing more than 5,500 new businesses.

## Requirements for becoming a

 Main Street community are the THC web or contact Debra Farst 512/936-5758 debra/farst@the/state/tx/us Texas Main Street Caketo 350 degrees. pan. Preheat oven
Cake
2 cups suga
3 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 stick butter or margarine
4 Tbsp cocoa
1 tsp vanilla
$1 / 2$ cup vegetable oil
$1 / 2$ cup buttermilk
1 cup water
Siff togethe
Sift together sugar and flour. in sauce pan. Bring to a rapid boil, then pour over sugar/flour mixture. Beat well. Mix buttermilk, eggs, baking soda cinnamon and vanilla. Pour into
mixture and beat until well-
lended. Pour into pan and bake $20-25$ minutes or until firm. Icing
stick butter or margarin
box powdered sug
4 Tbsp cocoa 4 tbsp cocoa
1 tsp vanilla 6 Tbsp milk 1 cup chopped pecans Melt butter, cocoa and milk in pan and bring to a boil. Boil one add powdemove from heat and dd powdered sugar, vanilla and ecans. Blend well and spread Allow to cool, then cut.

## Narconon Celebrates 40 Years Saving Lives

The successful program has helped millions of people through effective drug education and rehabilitation and expanded to become a orldwide network.
Four decades ago an incarcerated heroin addict named William Benitez decided that he had to try something new to save himsel
from his addiction as well as to help other similarly afflicted friends from his addiction as well as to help other similarly afflicted friends
He requested permission from Arizona state prison officials to start a drug rehabilitation program with 20 addict inmates, but was at first denied. Thankfully, he -persisted because on February 19, 1966 he was finally granted permission and founded what he called NARCONON, meaning NARCotics-NONe.
Inspiration for the program came from a prison library book Benitez had read by American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard's materials was that they concentrated not only o identifying abilities, but also on methods, practical exercises, by which to develop them. I realized that drug addiction was nothing more than a 'disability' resulting when a person ceases to use abilities ssential to constructive survival." Benitez felt this viewpoint offere
radically new and hopefully more effective radically new and hopefully more effective approach towar ecovery from drugs. He wrote Mr. Hubbard from jail requestin Commenti
Commenting on Narconon's beginnings, Clark Carr, President of
Narconon International in Los Angeles, said, "In the early '60s Mr. Narconon international in Los Angeles, said, "In the early ' 60 s Mr
Hubbard was certainly one of the very first to closely observe the evolving drug culture and to predict the catastrophe accelerating drug addiction would prove to the world." Hubbard therefore responded warmly to William Benitez's request for help and continued to writ p his observations on the effects of drugs on the individual, his The Narcciety as a whole. as moted in arre said, in the crucible where it release, Benitez set up the first residential Narconon center in Los Angeles in 1971. In 1973 Mr. Hubbard conducted further nutritional research to aid Narconon staff to help addicts safely through the severe discomforts of withdrawal. The Narconon program adopted hese procedures and instituted a still unique drug-free withdrawa method, using vitamins and mineral supplements along, with specia chniques to ease mental and physical symptoms.
Another pioneering Hubbard innovation was adopted in 1978 - the Narconon New Life
Detoxification Program. This tissue-cleansing regimen of specific vweating in low heat saunas, and adequate replacement of fluids and oils has proved immensely valuable to recovering addicts, reducing the long-term physical and mental effects of drug and other toxic residuals. The way those in recovery put it - "The drugs have stopped talking to me!" Their cravings are gone.
The Narconon combination of drug-free withdrawal, sauna detoxification and a series of life skills educational courses addressing learning skills, ethics, self control, and how to change
conditions for the better, Carr added, is what makes the program so unique and successful. Numerous case studies and other long-term evaluations have shown that approximately three out of four of Narconon Drug Rehabilitation Program graduates remain drug-free after two years or longer, a significant result in a field that otherwise ${ }^{\text {admits of too much relapse and failure. }}$
"The dedication of Narconon staffs is not to be discounted either," Carr commented. "Many are recovered addicts and alcoholics who have found new purpose to dedicate themselves to helping others to overcome addiction." Other Narconon staff, he said, have for decade sought to educate youth and adults on the true dangers of drugs, from the years, Narconon staff members have reached with live and audio visual presentations to millions of people worldwide, offering guidance and help for drug prevention and education.
$>$ From one man in one tiny cell in Arizona 40 years ago, the Narconon Drug Education and Rehabilitation Program has grow comprising now 135 centers and countries literally spanning the globe. "And more centers will be opening next month and the month after that," Carr predicted. Narconon has received support and recognition from officials across the United States and the world.
In praise of the hard-working staff, Carr remarked, "Ask any Narconon staff member why Narconon has not only survived, but continued to expand for so many years, and he or she will say, 'Fo
one reason - because it works!' And they should know because they have been there, doing the work hands-on. Well done I say, and congratulations to them all."
For more information about the program, contact Narconon by
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Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome The New Mini-Meal:
Hantavirus pulmonary (relating to the lungs) syndrome (HPS) is an Sensible Snacking infectious disease that can cause death. It is spread to people by rodents such as rats and mice. The question-Na-answer sections meals throughout the day is the it. Following these tips will help reduce your risk of getting this healthy lifestyle. From nutritionit. Following these tips will help reduce your risk of getting this disease. healthy lifestyle. From nutrition-
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Q. What are the symptoms of HPS? only maintains the body's insulin
A. Early symptoms of HPS are much like symptoms of the flu. They of energy throughout the day, it usually appear 1 to 3 weeks (sometimes as many as 6 weeks) after also enriches the body with pro-
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exposure and include: exposure and include:

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headache
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* stomach pain
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rapid onset of severe respiratory (breathing) failure
Q. How can I get HPS? nutrients occasionally missed dur-
ing traditional meals. The amount of snacking and type of snock foods consumeded dary
depending on a person's age and depending on a person's age and
lifestyle. Adults, for example, should snack in limited amounts because they require less energy
to fuel the body. Children and fuel the body. Children and teenagers, on the other hand, are
still growing and require more
calories. They should snack reguSome rodents can carry hantaviruses and are never sick. They calories. They should snack regumay have the virus in their droppings (feces), urine, and saliva. larly to keep their energy up rom here, the virus can spread in the air on dust particles. You can Choosing the right snack foods mouth after handling items (for example, tools or clothing) that have is just as important as planning a he virus on them. tips for getting the most out of
Things you do may increase your possibility of contact with the virus. These include clearning barns, cabins, or sheds and having Drink your juice. Remember
that eight fluid ounces juice counts is ounces of fruit daily fruit intake. Just be sure it's 100 percent fruit juice with no added sugar, artificial flavors or
preservatives, such as JUICY JUICE preservatives,
$100 \%$ Juice.
Keep it cool. Presliced vegetasnacks to keep in the fridge. For a

dip, such as hummus or a yogurt dip mixed with calciumOrtified, strawberry-flavored
NESTLE NESQuIK Powder. Choose between proteins. For a trendier and lower-fat
approach to protein, consider spreading almond butter on pear or apple slices instead of regular Don't forget that cheese is also great source of protein. Expand your taste buds.

Something new. Experiment with
unique vegetables unique vegetables or combina-
tions, such as steamed edamame with kosher salt or low-fat cottage cheese with applesauce and a
sprinkle of cinnamon.
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