

IN THE NEWS

Basque separatist group ETA declares ceasefire
The Basque separatist group ETA declared a permanent ceasefire on Wednesday after almost four decades of attacks in Spain, potentially ending one of Western Europe's bloodiest guerrilla campaigns.

Tearful Bardot begs Canada to scrap seal hunt
French film star turned animal rights campaigner Brigitte Bardot tearfully begged Canada on Wednesday to stop the annual harp seal hunt, during which about 325,000 young seal pups will be shot or beaten to death.

Russia digs in against UN Council action on Iran
Russia's foreign minister on Wednesday firmly rejected a draft U.N. Security Council statement aimed at pressuring Iran to stop enriching uranium, despite a new offer of amendments by Western powers.

Canadians get to see those "bloody" Australian ads
Canadian television viewers may soon see controversial Tourism Australia ads that pose the question, "So where the bloody hell are you?" after the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. decided this week to accept the ads in all but two of its programs.

FAA official testifies at Moussaoui sentencing
A senior U.S. aviation official said on Wednesday stricter security could have been put in place before September 11 if officials had known of a potential plot to hijack airliners using small knives.

Enron's Lay lied to credit agencies: witness
Former Enron Chief Executive Ken Lay lied to credit agencies to prop up the energy trader's ratings even as its cash dwindled, the company's former treasurer testified on Wednesday.

Carbon cloud over a green fuel
An Iowa corn refinery, open since December, uses 300 tons of coal a day to make ethanol.

FBI, police spying is rising, groups allege
The ACLU has filed Freedom of Information requests for more than 150 groups and individuals.

Bush says troop levels not bound by politics
President George W. Bush vowed on Wednesday he will not let election-year politics interfere with decisions about U.S. troop levels in Iraq as he sought to rally flagging public support for the war.

Bird flu can't spread easily in humans: expert
Scientists said on Wednesday they may have uncovered why the H5N1 avian flu that is so lethal in birds has not been able to spread easily among humans.

Greenpeace wants oceans protected
The United Nations should protect the world's oceans from deep sea fishing and pollution in the same way as environmentally sensitive land, the lobby group Greenpeace said on Tuesday.

Humans spur worst extinctions since dinosaurs
Humans are responsible for the worst spate of extinctions since the dinosaurs and must make unprecedented extra efforts to reach a goal of slowing losses by 2010, a U.N. report said on

Panel wants ADHD warning
A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee recommended Wednesday that the agency add information about a possible risk of hallucinations in children to the labels of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder drugs.

DeLay awaits decision
Rep. Tom DeLay's lawyer had one primary wish Wednesday when he went before a Texas appeals court deliberating whether to reinstate a conspiracy charge against his client: Whatever you decide, do it soon.



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Hansford County Hospital earns Quality Respiratory Care Recognition in national program

Hansford County Hospital has earned Quality Respiratory Care Recognition (QRCR) under a national program aimed at helping patients and families make informed decisions about the quality of the respiratory care services available in hospitals.

About 500 hospitals or approximately 10% of hospitals in the United States have applied for and received this award. Hansford County Hospital has received this award for the past two years.

The QRCR program was started by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) in 2003 to help consumers identify those facilities using qualified respiratory therapists to provide respiratory care. Hospitals earning the QRCR designation ensure patient safety by agreeing to adhere to a strict set of criteria governing their respiratory care services.

To qualify for the recognition, Hansford Hospital provided documentation showing it meets the following conditions:

- All respiratory therapists employed by the hospital to deliver bedside respiratory care services are either legally recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory care services or hold the CRT or RRT credential.

- Respiratory therapists are available 24 hours.
- Other personnel qualified to perform specific respiratory procedures and the amount of supervision required for personnel to carry out specific procedures must be designated in writing.
- A doctor or medicine or osteopathy is designated as medical director of respiratory care services.

The AARC's QRCR program grew out of growing concerns among health care leaders and the general public regarding the safety and quality of health care services provided to patients. Hospitals that meet the QRCR requirements provide a level of respiratory care consistent with national standards and guidelines, and should be commended for their commitment to quality care. A list of QRCR hospitals is maintained at the association's website for consumers, www.yourlunghealth.org.

Respiratory therapists are specially trained health care professionals who work under physician's orders to provide a wide range of breathing treatments and other services to people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, lung cancer, AIDS, and other lung or lung-related conditions. They also care for premature infants and are key members of lifesaving response teams charged with handling medical emergencies.

The AARC is a membership organization representing more than 39,000 health professionals involved in respiratory care nationwide.



Glenda Close, R.T., Cecelia Randall, Respiratory Care Aide, and Chad McCartney, R.T., Hansford County Hospital's Respiratory Therapy Department, recently earned Quality Respiratory Care Recognition.

SHS One-Act Play advances Ramon named Best Actor

Sanford-Fritch, Canadian, Spearman and Boys Ranch High Schools will compete (in that order) at the District 7-AA UIL One-Act Play Contest on Monday, March 27th in the West Texas High School Auditorium in Stinnett. Competition begins at 2:30 p.m., with awards and critiques at approximately 7 p.m. These schools were selected to advance from the Zone A and Zone B competitions held Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21 in Stinnett.

Spearman is performing George Orwell's "1984." In this nightmarish world the following are true: the country is led by a shadowy oligarchy of ultra-rich, omnipotent men whose agenda is to accumulate more power and more wealth at the expense of the masses. This government wages war without end against enemies unknown, employs cutting-edge technology to spy on and intimidate its citizenry into submission, and labels any criticism or dissent as treasonous. It is a society where citizens live in ignorance and fritter away their lives through mindless distractions, where citizens are encouraged to report on each other to the authorities, and where citizens deny their own perceptions with the assistance of a monolithic media that spews out mind-numbing pro-government untruths and inverts the meaning of words to confuse and control thought.

The cast received the following awards for their performance on Monday, March 20th: Honorable Mention All-Star Cast - Kegan Garnett and Brett Winegarner; All-Star Cast - Maegen Smith, Dylan Sumner and Maribell Moreno; and Ryan Ramon was named Best Actor.

The directors are Glenn and Jeannie Robinson. The cast consists of: Chasity Thomas, Brett Winegarner, Maegen Smith, Ryan Ramon, Collin Gillaspie, Brittney Hall, Kegan Garnett, Dylan Sumner, Maribell Moreno, Haley Smith, Ashley Dick and Haley Smith. Crew members are: Anthony Renteria, Bryn Garnett, Destiny Fisher and Christina Hunter.

The University Interscholastic League's One-Act Play Contest, founded in 1927, is the largest high school play production contest or play festival in the world. More than 14,000 Texas high school students in more than 1,000 plays participate in 300 plus contests, which take place from the beginning of March through the three-day, 40-production State Meet One-Act Play Contest. The One-Act Play Contest is supported by more than 200 college and university faculty members serving as critic judges. The League's theatre program is considered by historians to be the foundation of educational and community theatre in Texas. It continues to be a major factor motivating increasing numbers of schools to offer theatre arts as an academic subject.

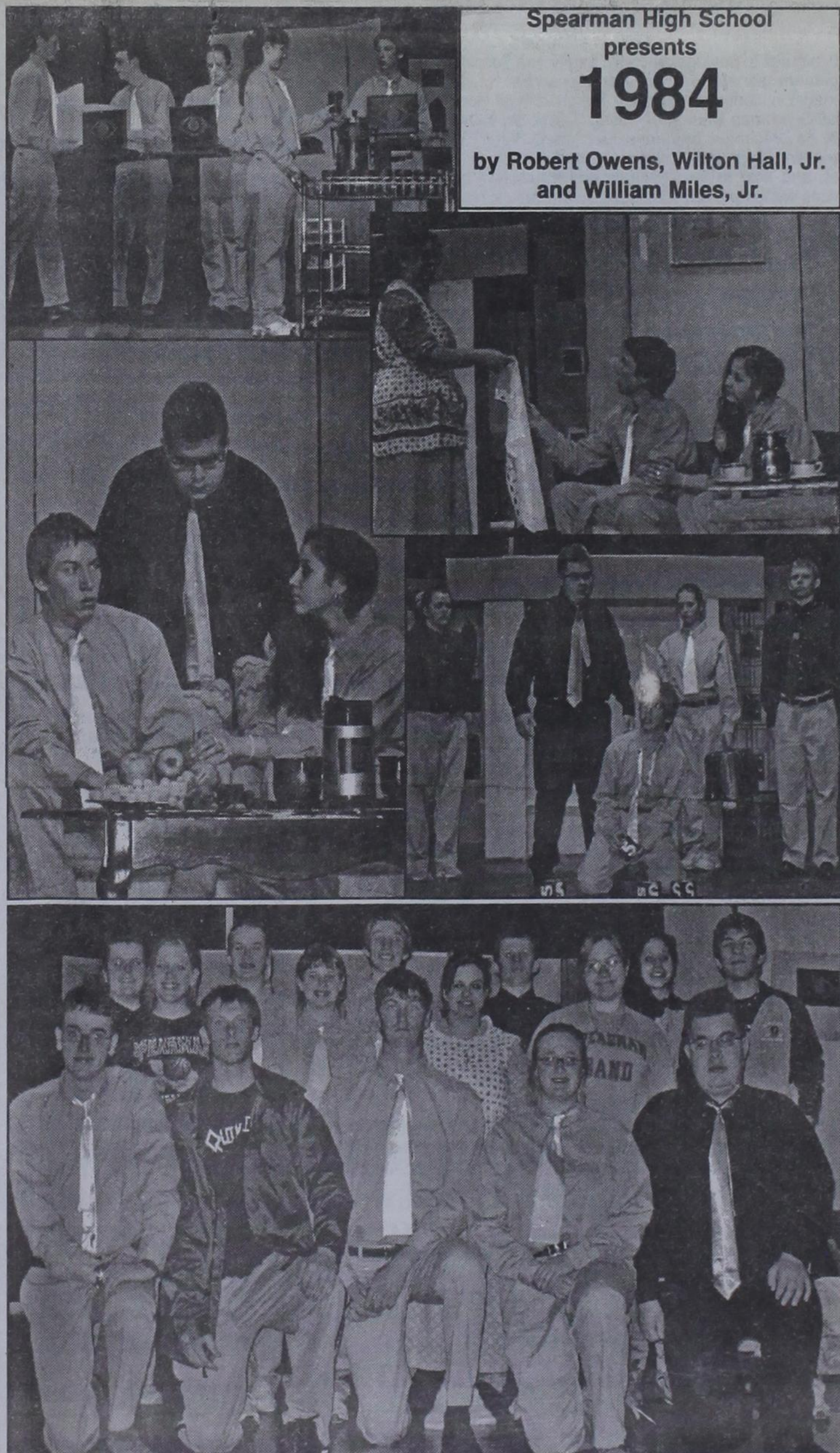
LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
FRIDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. South wind around 10 mph.
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
SATURDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low near 39. South wind around 15 mph.
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy, with a high around 69. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
SUNDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Northwest wind around 15 mph.
MONDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high around 63.
MONDAY NIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.
TUESDAY: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 42.
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, with a high around 69.

DEADLINE NOTICE

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.



The cast and crew of 1984: (Back, L-R) Brittney Hall, Haley Smith, Ryan Ramon, Kegan Garnett, Maribell Moreno; (Middle Row, L-R) Destiny Fisher, Chasity Thomas, Ashley Dick, Christina Hunter, Anthony Renteria; (Front, L-R) Brett Winegarner, Bryn Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Maegen Smith, Dylan Sumner

Spearman High School
presents
1984

by Robert Owens, Wilton Hall, Jr.
and William Miles, Jr.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on April 24, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. This event is a long standing tradition our community is proud to be a part of and has always been a success due in part by your generosity. Project Graduation is an event that is hosted by the parents of the graduation class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking for contributions. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 1, 2006 to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2006. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

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

Spearman Little League Sign-Up

Spearman Little League sign up for baseball and softball is March 20th thru April 7th. Forms can be picked up at Cates Men and Boys Wear or Gordon's Drug. T-ball 6-7 year olds by July 31, 2006; Minor/Major Baseball 8-12 year olds; Girls softball 8-15 year olds and Junior baseball 13-15 year olds (need coach). Tryouts Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. & April 10th at 6:00p.m. at Little League Park. Questions: Call Sharron Swan @ 659-1734.

Dames & Dollars

30 minutes to Savings, Security, Sanity and Success- a financial management series for women, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, continues Tuesday, March 28th, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall-Spearman Church of Christ. "Don't Be a Damsel in Distress" will be presented by Janna Kiehl from Better Business Bureau of Amarillo. Minimizing your risk of identity theft, phishing on the internet, and how to avoid scams and frauds will be discussed. Door prizes will be provided by First State Bank, First National Bank and Interstate Bank. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, county Extension Agent, 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Dr. McCarty to give Talk on "The Care of the Aging Eye"

Dr. Alan McCarty, Ophthalmologist Cataract Surgery Specialist, with the Panhandle Eye Group will present a seminar on "The Care of the Aging Eye" on Tuesday, March 28th at 2:30 P.M. in the dining room of the Hansford Manor. Door prizes and give-aways will be presented. The seminar is open to the general public.

Knights of Columbus to Host Fish Fry

Spearman Knights of Columbus Council #5552 is hosting a fish fry supper, on Friday March 24th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall from 6:00- 8:30 P.M. plates are \$6.00 for adults and children under 10 are free.

"Little Grunt" Performances Scheduled

The Gruver Elementary second grades will be presenting "Little Grunt" Friday, March 24, 2006, at 10:00 AM in the auditorium. Two classes will present their rendition of this fun play one following the other. Everyone is invited to attend

Thank You

The family of John L. Sullivan would like to thank our friends, extended family, church, and community for all the expressions of sympathy we have received during our time of loss. We appreciate the time and effort everyone took to ease our sorrow.

Dear Grandpa,
I miss you and love you. Now that I am older, I know why you too us grandkids to places. You did it for memories. One of my favorite memories was when you took us grandkids to Disneyworld and we rode the Tower of Terror. I remember when I almost came out of my seat. Grandpa, just know that even though you're gone, you're still alive in my heart. Love you, Grandpa. I know that you're looking over us and making sure that we are safe.
Your granddaughter,
Alison Sullivan, 13 years old

Dear grandpa,
I love you and I didn't want you to die and it makes me cry and it makes me sad and even if you die, you'll still be my grandpa and I still love you and I love you for my whole life. And I love you Grandpa for my whole life. I will miss you lots.
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Guest lecturers, Preservation Specialist Lisa Lambert and Ellen Lovett from the Family History Center will share tips on how to learn more about your ancestors and get them out of their shoeboxes forever. Then take a tour of the PPHM library and archive with PPHM librarian, Betty Bustos.

Fee is \$5 for PPHM members/\$10 for non-members (includes museum admission). For reservations and information, contact Aarika Hand at 806-651-2242, or email ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following for purchasing my pit at the Hansford County Stock Show: Pery Suter with Western Hot Oil, Inc. in Perryton; M.J. Brewer with EPM Lease Service in Amarillo; Nichols Water Service in Forgan, OK; Jason Cantrell with Hansford County Farm Bureau and Bill Carson with North Plains Electric. A special thanks to Freddie Walton for all his help.

Stefan Cook

Thank You!

Many thanks to Hansford Implement for purchasing my pig at the Hansford County Jr. Livestock Show.

Timber Barkley

Texas crop and weather report

Rain, as little as half an inch, was hailed by producers across the state this week as soothing - even saving - the day, Texas Cooperative Extension experts noted.

As ranchers in the Amarillo area continue to assess last week's fires that killed as many as 10,000 cattle and smudged out plant life on about 1 million acres, a tad of rainfall in that area was most welcome, according to Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension district administrator in Amarillo.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near normal early but dropped to much below average. Much-needed rain fell in portions of the area but only up to half an inch. Land preparation for spring planting progressed. Soil moisture is mostly short to very short. Wheat is mostly very poor. Wheat benefitted in isolated areas that received moisture, but much more is needed. Greenbugs and Russian wheat aphids are in some fields. Alfalfa crops are troubled by weevils, cowpea aphids and pea aphids. Rangeland conditions are mostly poor to very poor. Cattle are in fair-to-good condition with active supplemental feeding.

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--March 20, 2006--22.57 feet (-0.11)

The official gauge at the office this morning showed .68 inch for yesterday and today. Although there were some larger rain amounts on the watershed, Jim said he didn't expect it to get to the Lake. The gentle rain fell for several hours in Gruver and culminated with a little snow around midday. The total was a little over an inch for the two days. The dry ground has absorbed it like a sponge.

A lot of the fishermen are looking for catfish and catching some. No fish were big enough to need a picture though.

Last Saturday 2 campers stayed at the RV Park above Dedication Park for 5 days. They were friends out on a trip together. This was their first time at Palo Duro Lake.

Jim hasn't seen many new birds. The big white pelicans stayed only two days. The new bald eagle also left. The cormorants have come back and are building nests along with the herons in the dead trees in the lake. Some of the herons overwinter, but others migrate and then come back in the spring.

Coronado

As I began to study about what artifacts might be found that could be traced back to Coronado's Expedition 465 years ago, I saw several articles about the site in Blanco Canyon out from Floydada. This site has been proven to be a place where Coronado camped with his full contingent of soldiers and Indians. It was almost missed because the first find was not recognized for a while as coming from the Expedition.

It all started in 1961 when Burl Daniels plowed a drainage ditch 6 to 8 inches deep in virgin soil in

one of his pastures in the Canyon and unearthed what he thought was a wad of chicken wire. He worked at the mass and found that he had an odd 3 finger glove or gauntlet out of chain mail. In 1991 Nancy Marble bought the glove for the Floydada Museum for \$500. Two years later she took it to a conference of scholars in New Mexico to find out what she had. This piqued their interest in the site.

Jimmy Owens, who worked for the City of Floydada, is an amateur archaeologist. He was the one to investigate the site, so it has been named The Jimmy Owens Site for him. In 1994 he took his metal detector to the Canyon and found an iron point that he took to Nancy Marble. A short time later a small group of scholars came to town. When shown the iron point, they agreed that it was similar to points associated with Coronado but said it would take more than that to prove Coronado had been there.

Soon Jimmy Owens found 2 copper points. This was important because they had found copper points in New Mexico where Coronado had fought the Indians. But the archaeologists said that the only way they could have proof would be by digging up some points themselves.

Donald Blakelee, an archaeologist and professor of anthropology at Wichita State University in Kansas, was called in to prove the site. Jimmy Owens, who had found more copper points by this time, had flagged some spots for the crew to dig. They found a point 10 inches deep and had their proof. In 1996 Donald Blakelee announced his team's findings to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fourth week of Lent, we consider what it is to believe in Jesus Christ. Our lessons are Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3,17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21. Having been denied passage through Edom, the people grumble at God and grumble at Moses. God afflicts them with poisonous serpents. When the people repent, Moses at God's command "lifts up" a serpent of bronze, and those who look upon it recover from their snake bites. This is our human condition. We sin against God. Sin has negative consequences for us. God provides a way for us to be restored. The Psalmist sings of the steadfast love of God who by his word heals even those who are sick because of their sinful ways.

Today, as Christians we think of ourselves as mostly "good, so did the Ephesians. Paul reminds them, "For by grace your have been saved by faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God". Dear Christians our sins are real and were it not for the blood of the crucified Christ, we would indeed be "dead" in those sins. Sin steals away our innocence, we become inured to evil. Sin kills our ideals, we no longer aspire to serve God. Sin slays our will, each time we sin, it becomes easier, and soon we do not recognize our sin. Thankfully we are saved by grace through faith. We cannot earn our salvation. We are not perfect and for God perfection is necessary; yet, God is love and He counts our faith as righteousness.

So what is "believing in Jesus"? John tells us that it is believing with all our heart that God is all that Jesus declares: God loves, God Cares, God forgives. It is believing that Jesus is the Son of God. It is believing that we must live our faith in Jesus. The result of this believing is "eternal life" now. Eternal life with God means that we are at peace with God. We do not have to hide from Him as Adam and Eve in the garden. We are at peace with others. We live our lives so that we do not have to hide from anyone. We are at peace with life. We have no room for resentment or jealousy. We are at peace with ourselves. We understand our weaknesses and inadequacies and know that God gives us the power to cope. We are at peace with the Kingdom to come for God is also there. We have the "peace that passes all understanding".

Finally, John shows us that condemnation for the non-believer occurs because the non-believer remains in sin.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to you the joy of believing in Jesus Christ.

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- Bryn Lowe & Aaron Weller - May 6
- Shannon Glockner & Chad Scarborough - May 27
- Terry McCann & Michael Witten - June 3
- Brianne Burkhammer & Erick Eslick - June 24
- Angela Bivins & Coley Griffin - TBA
- Priscilla Hedges & Jarod Huddleston - TBA
- Brianne Wilson & Schane Schneider
- Lisa Harper & Justin Carthel

Baby Registry

- Dillon & Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller - April 1
- Pat & Tracy (Logsdon) Mulady - TBA
- Aaron & Sarah Witten
- Derik & Tessa Grotegut

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Bridal Registry

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- Priscilla Hodges & Jarod Huddleston - April 22
- Monica Cantu & Jeramy Mackie - April 29
- Debbie Townsend & Brooks Beck - April 29
- Bryn Lowe & Aaron Weller - May 6
- Camille Campbell & Kyler Barkley - May 6
- Shannon Glockner & Chad Scarborough - May 27
- Bray Armes & Neelley Riley

Baby Registry

- Jocelyn (Edwards) & Dillon Miller - April 1
- Crissy (Leicht) & Kris Elston - April 8
- Jess Ann & Michael Lusby
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Walk for Kids' Sake, the annual fundraiser benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters held Feb. 25th, raised \$50,000. Pledges collected by 43 teams of walkers combined with sponsorships from area businesses and organizations to make this event the most successful in the local agency's history.

The money will be used to recruit, screen, and train volunteers and supervise matches. Additionally, two high school mentors will be awarded \$500 college scholarships. The money raised underwrites match activities such as parades, an annual picnic, community service activities and a Christmas party. Games and other activities for the school matches are also provided by the agency.

"We are very excited about the possibilities that this level of response from our communities opens up," Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager, said. "We are about to launch our own newsletter, we've been talking about how we can expand the program to serve other schools or even hiring a part-time person to help handle the incredible growth we've had over the last year. There are a lot of projects we've been dreaming of over the years - like

putting together a recruitment video or offering more agency sponsored activities to matches or holding seminars for parents. Some of these might even be within our reach now!"

BBBS receives no funds from the national organization and all of the money is used to support the local program.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to place children in special friendships with caring adult mentors. These relationships, or matches, help children develop positive life skills and social values. "This year over 75 children have benefited from a one-to-one relationship with a Big Brother or Sister in Perryton, Spearman and Booker," Lopez explained.

The top three individual money raisers won grand prizes. Theresa Brillhart was the top money raiser bringing in \$1330. She won a "Trip to Amarillo" which includes an overnight stay at the Ambassador, dinner at the Olive Garden and tickets to the Gorillas. Frank Rhoden raised \$1135 and won a digital camera donated by Perryton Office Supply/Radio Shack. Vickie Barby raised \$740 and won a "Spa Day" which includes pampering by Kevin Harrison and the gang at

Blades and a massage from Christina Whitehead from LifeWay Therapies.

Walkers who raised at least \$100 won a Willow Tree figurine supplied by Celebrate of Spearman. They were: Brillhart, Rhoden, Barby, Shauna Cowan, Candy Butler, Tristan Bartosiewicz, Pam West, Trish Carroll, Lola Douglas, LeAnn Yohn, Re Kenebrew, Temi Akinwande, Michelle Uptergrove, Bana Castanon, Yvette Hermsillo, Haley Brown, Kirsten Youtsey, Shalley Githins, Socorro Terrazas, Maria Gaytan Ayala, Shawn Bogard, Farrah Kesler, Rachel Hale, Angie Dodd, Ruth Farney, Phyllis Bailey, Elvia Rascon, Linda Goss, Wallace Boyd, Brittany Porter, Roxanne Schaefer, Rob McGarraugh, Melissa Nelson, Debbie Blodgett, Kent Guthrie, Rick West, Jeff Leicht, Duane McGarraugh, Madison Stecklein, Nancy Stephens, JoAnn McCoy, Roxanne Felts, Sandra Mackey, Glenna Conoley, Pam Chisum, Colin Robinson, Peggy Lehman, Debbie Townsend, Kristi Todd, Joy Bobbitt, Tammy Douglas, Beckie Sampson, Malissa Thomas and Mona Carrasco.

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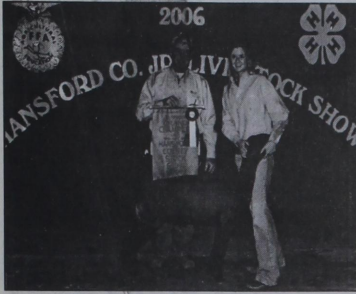
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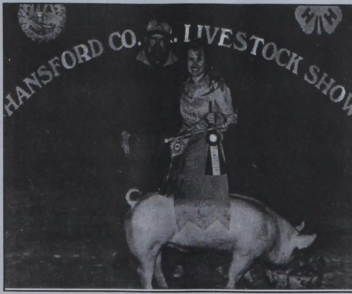
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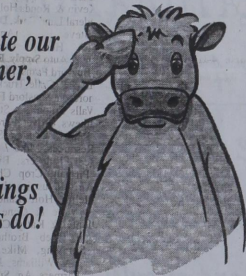
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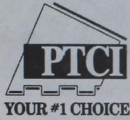
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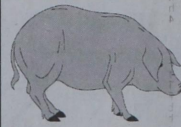
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Miss Hispanic OSU speaks about heritage, future reign



Claudia Vaquera, child and family services sophomore, was crowned the 2006 Miss Hispanic OSU last Saturday. With the title she hopes to meet new people and speak out against obesity. Jacob Hand/O'Collegian

by Natalie Avis, Entertainment Writer

On Saturday, March 4, Claudia Vaquera was chosen to represent her culture and society at OSU as she was crowned Miss Hispanic OSU 2006.

Vaquera is a child and family services sophomore and an active member of OSU's Hispanic Student Association.

"It was kind of a hard decision on whether or not to participate this year," she said. "I knew it would be a huge time commitment, but I wasn't in it just for the scholarship or title; I really do want to represent my culture to OSU. I also wanted to be able to meet new people, brush up on my Spanish."

In addition to the Hispanic Student Association, Vaquera is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Epsilon Omicron - an HDFS major-related honor society. She also enjoys playing intramural basketball, working out and spending time with her roommate and boyfriend.

Beginning in January, Vaquera, along with five other contestants, was required to attend practice sessions twice a week to prepare for the pageant.

"On Thursdays, we would work on learning the dance and music, while on Sundays we wrote our platforms and helped each other with our speeches; we also practiced actual pageant activities such

as walking on stage and mock interviews," said Vaquera.

Vaquera has strong social and family ties to the Hispanic culture, which made her a perfect candidate for Miss Hispanic OSU.

"My dad was actually born in Mexico, and all of my mom's family is from Mexico as well. I used to visit several times a year, but it has been a lot harder since I came to college," she said. "But I still try to visit my family there at least once a year."

Coming from the small, close-knit community of Spearman, Texas, to OSU was a hard change for her at first, but she soon adjusted.

"It was really hard at first, but then I started going to the (Hispanic Student Association) meetings and realized that there were other people here from the same background as me that know where I come from," she said. "My parents both speak Spanish to each other and to us; I didn't want to lose that."

Vaquera chose obesity in the Hispanic population as her platform, because she feels that it is a growing problem in today's society, especially in the Hispanic community.

"It's a big problem in America as a whole," she said. "The way I see it is that if our people can't keep ourselves healthy and be able to live long lives, then we won't be taken seriously and be able to make an impact. We need to be

healthy and look good in order to represent ourselves and be confident."

Although she is not yet certain about what to do with her degree, Vaquera does have some definite career goals.

"I haven't decided exactly what I want to do with my job, but I want to be in a job where I love what I'm doing. I want to get up every day and enjoy going to work, knowing that I'm helping one person at a time and making a difference," she said. "I also know that I want to be able to work with children and families."

She said she gained useful experiences from her participation in the pageant that will no doubt help her in the future. Despite a bruise she received on her arm during intramural basketball the week before, she maintained her confidence on stage.

"I was trying everything to make it heal faster, and then a few days before the event I had to realize that it was beyond my control; I was going to have to deal with it and accept it. So I went out and walked on stage like there was nothing on my arm; I was confident because I had accepted it," she said.

"No matter how prepared you can be for something and how much work you've put into it, something out of your control can still happen. And when that does happen, instead of making a big deal out of it, and trying to fix it or find a solution, you need to just accept it and make the best of it."

She said she is excited to be able to represent her culture to the students at OSU, and she hopes to see the Hispanic community better represented on campus in the future.

"I want to show that the Hispanic population is increasing, and it is something that we as Americans have to accept," she said. "Just because I'm a minority does not mean that I'm not equal and that I can't make a difference. Our culture is just as important as any other, and we have just as much to offer. We're growing and we are going to make a difference in the world."

Vaquera competed against five other contestants to win the title: political science and Spanish sophomore Claudia Rivas, industrial engineering and management freshman Rocío Torres, international business sophomore Elizet Martinez, music education junior Elizabeth Solis, and Spanish and international relations sophomore Erin Foshee.

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