

N. Korea says it conducted successful underground nuclear weapons test
SEOUL — North Korea faced a barrage of global condemnation and calls for harsh sanctions Monday after it announced that it had set off an atomic weapon underground, a test that thrusts the secretive communist state into the elite club of nuclear-armed nations. The United States, Japan, China and Britain led a chorus of criticism and urged action by the United Nations Security Council in response to the reported test, which fell one day after the anniversary of reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il's accession to power nine years ago.

Japan announces new sanctions against N.Korea
TOKYO — Japan announced on Wednesday it would impose new sanctions on North Korea over this week's reported underground nuclear blast, while the reclusive communist state held out the threat of more tests.

Israeli strike hits home of Hamas lawmaker in Gaza
GAZA — An Israeli missile hit the Gaza Strip home of a well known woman lawmaker from the governing Islamist group Hamas on Wednesday in what the army said was an attack on a weapons factory.

All quiet on Korea's DMZ, just a bit more spit
PANMUNJOM, South Korea — On the Cold War's last frontier, Korea's Demilitarized Zone, it has been tension as usual since the North announced its first nuclear test, except for a bit more middle-finger waving and spit directed south.

Iraqi parliament approves federal law
BAGHDAD — Iraq's parliament on Wednesday approved a law that sets out the mechanics of forming federal regions, an issue Sunni minority leaders fear might tear the country apart in sectarian civil war.

Plane crashes into apartment tower in New York
NEW YORK — New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle was aboard a small plane that crashed into a 50-story condominium tower Wednesday on Manhattan's Upper East Side, killing at least two people, authorities said. A law enforcement official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lidle was on the plane.

Around 13 killed in French train crash: official
PARIS — A passenger train from Luxembourg collided head-on with a goods train in north eastern France on Wednesday, killing around 13 people, state SNCF railways said.

Cost of transit tops housing for some in U.S.: study
CHICAGO — Americans of modest means who move to distant suburbs for affordable housing end up spending more of their incomes on transportation than they do for their homes, a study released on Wednesday said.

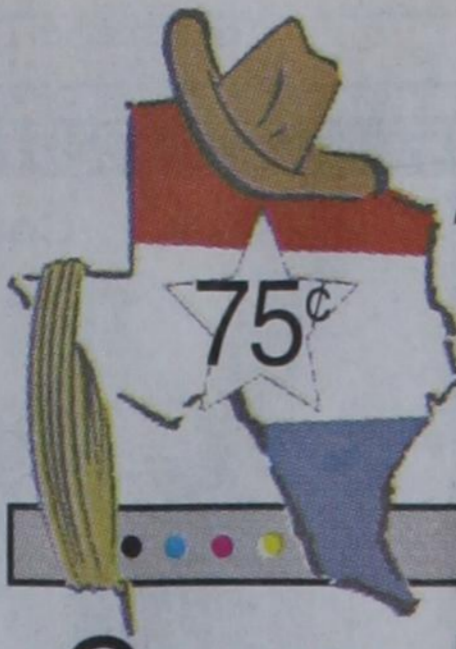
Al Gore wins Quill book prize
NEW YORK — Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" and authors offering touching, humorous stories dominated the second Quill Book Awards, a book prize event aimed at giving some Oscar-style red carpet extravagance to the book publishing world.

New Yorkers eating out more: Zagat
NEW YORK — The big-splurge dinner out has grown even costlier for New Yorkers and visitors, with the tab at top spots soaring 15 percent since last year, according to the 2007 Zagat dining survey released on Wednesday.

War, sex scandal sinking GOP in polls
WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush and Republicans are sinking under the weight of the Iraq war and the Capitol Hill sex scandal, according to a flurry of polls, endangering their control of Congress in the November 7 elections.

FBI to analyze letter from Colo. school shooter
LAKEWOOD, Colo. — A suicide letter written by the drifter who killed a 16-year-old girl during a standoff with police at a Colorado high school last month is being analyzed by the FBI to determine his motive, police said on Wednesday.

Tropical depression may form in Caribbean Thursday
NEW YORK — A low-pressure system in the northeastern Caribbean Sea could develop into a tropical depression over the next day or so, the National Hurricane Center said in an outlook issued Thursday.



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Gruver Elementary makes TBEC Honor Roll for 2006

Gruver Elementary has made the TBEC Honor Roll for 2006. The school is included in this select group of the 178 best elementary schools in Texas.

The TBEC Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations. We raised the bar this year by emphasizing the percentage of students "passing all tests" and achieving "commended on all tests." You and your school have truly earned a place on the Honor Roll through hard work and student achievement over time.

The will be recognized with all elementary Honor Roll Schools on Monday, December 4, 2006 at an Awards Reception (6:00pm) and Dinner (7:00pm) in Austin sponsored by IBM, Washington Mutual and HEB.

TBEC was formed by Texas business leaders to engage with educators in a long-term effort to improve public education in Texas. Since its formation in 1989, TBEC has become one of the state's most consistent and important forces for improving education in the state.

TBEC remains unrivaled in its efforts and success in stimulating community-based school improvement initiatives and influencing education policy. Texas public schools are recognized nationwide for their improved performance, resulting in part from TBEC's work.

- Today, TBEC:
- * Serves as the strong voice of the business community for education improvement;
 - * Advocates for education policy that will improve the skills of Texas students;
 - * Advocates for higher standards — preparing students to compete in the 21st century;
 - * Encourages students to complete a solid academic course of study so they are prepared for life after high school;
 - * Recognizes Texas' very best schools for their outstanding work and disseminates information about their effective practices;
 - * Supports the College for Texans campaign aimed at achieving the goals of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's Closing the Gaps plan;
 - * Defends standards-based reforms and seeks to strengthen performance and fiscal accountability in the public school system and in higher education; and
 - * Supports the development and establishment of articulated career and technology programs in high schools, two-year and four-year higher education institutions that meet current employer needs and the anticipated needs associated with regional and state economic development goals.

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Spearman Board of Trustees votes to send "Notice of Proposed Termination" to Coach Jerry Bass

The Spearman ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular board meeting on Monday, October 7, 2006.

The next-to-the-last item on the agenda for the meeting was a closed meeting (Texas Open Meetings Act - Personnel Matters (B551.074) and Consultation with Attorney (B551.071).

The meeting reconvened in open session and Board member Bob Boxwell moved to send a 'Notice of Proposed Termination' to Jerry Bass. Board member Carol Dunahoo seconded the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, with one Board member, Glen Ray Mackie, abstaining.

Unclaimed Property fund hits \$1.5 billion

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn wants to return more than \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. Strayhorn will release her annual Unclaimed Property List in over 30 Texas newspapers on Sunday, October 15.

"Your name could appear on the list of over 200,000 people who have lost track of more than \$104 million," Strayhorn said. "The Unclaimed Property List contains the names of Texans with property valued at \$100 or more that was reported to the state within the last year."

Unclaimed Property includes items such as uncashed checks, dormant bank accounts, utility and rent deposits, insurance proceeds, abandoned contents of safe deposit boxes and other forgotten assets. Banks and businesses are required to return unclaimed assets to the state if the rightful owners can not

be found. Some examples of Unclaimed Property reported to the state this year includes:

- * \$6.9 million in unclaimed wages,
- * \$6.9 million from dormant bank accounts,
- * \$4.4 million in uncashed checks,
- * \$16.1 million in insurance proceeds,
- * \$2.3 million in utility refunds,
- * \$5.1 million in mineral royalties and
- * \$52 million in other valuable assets.

Texas ranks among the top five unclaimed property programs in the nation that have returned forgotten money to its rightful owners.

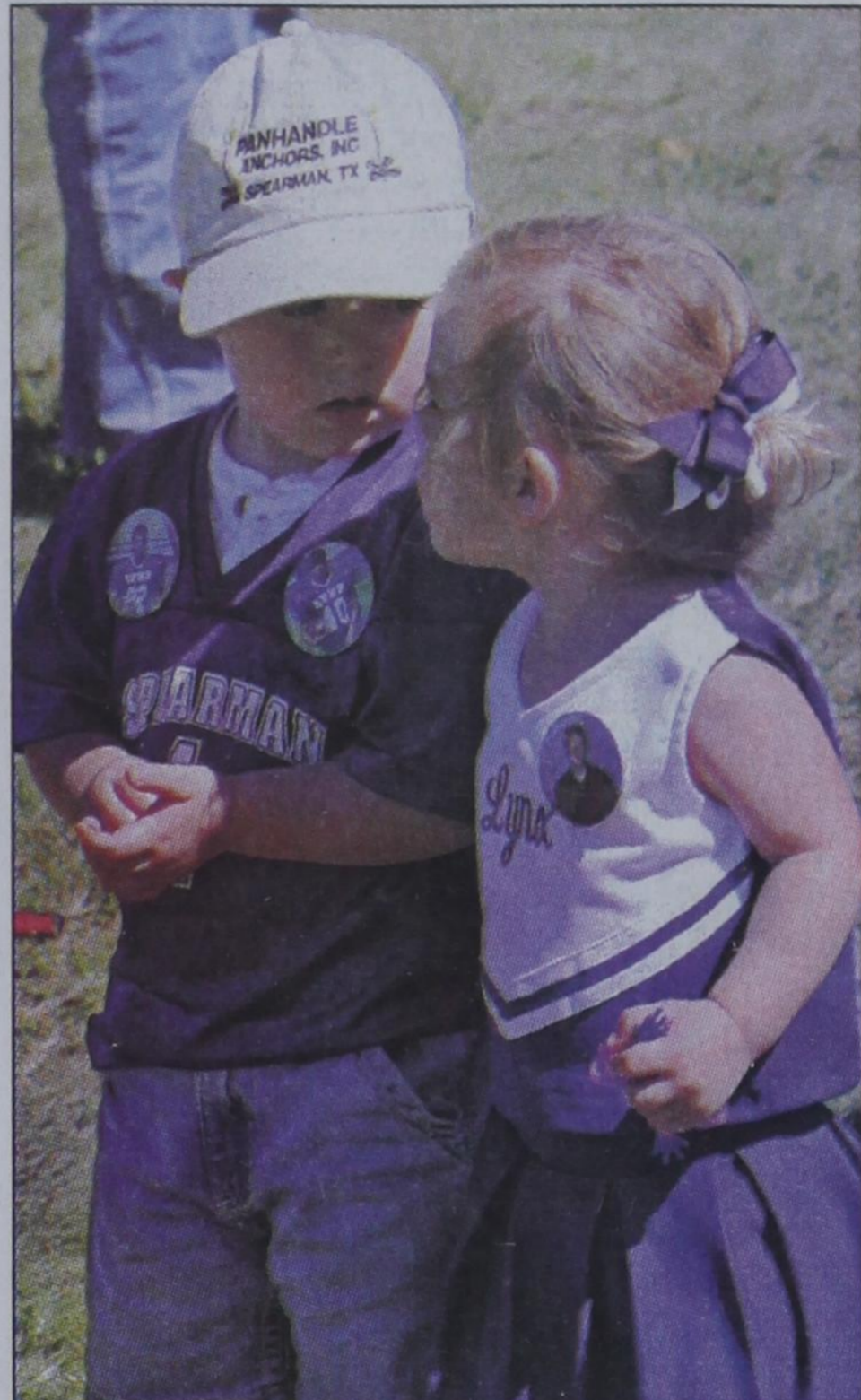
"Since I took office, I have returned more than \$532 million in unclaimed property to its original owners," Strayhorn said. "This year I hope even more Texans can

reclaim their hard-earned dollars by taking a few minutes to review the list."

Strayhorn also suggests searching the complete database on her Web site at www.window.state.tx.us. You can reclaim your property online or by calling 1-800-654-3463. There is no time limit for filing a claim.

Names from Spearman include: Newell Allen, Antelope Revocable, Albert Avila, Tim Barkley, Enhanced Health, Helen R. Etter, Hansford CAD, Billy M. Logsdon, Ruby G. Miller, Dorothy Nollner, Pearl B. Pierce, Clarence J. Renner, and Humberto Rey

Names from Gruver include: Brian Barrett, Billy Bryson, Crane Insulation, Dario Guerra, Hart Children's Trust, Lewis Henderson, Mel Aeroflight Inc., Socorro M. Moreno, Donnie Thoreson, and Todd Williams



These two "Little Lynx" supporters were photographed at a recent football game supporting their favorite football team - the Spearman Lynx.



2006 Spearman High School Homecoming Queen and King Kelcee Rex and Collin Gillaspie

Frank Phillips College Allen Campus Hires Director of Educational Services



Bobette Doerrie

The Frank Phillips College Allen Campus in Perryton recently added to its staff with the hiring of Bobette Doerrie as the Director of Educational Services. Bobette will primarily be responsible for the continued development and growth of the Continuing Education and Community Service programs,

which last year alone served over 2100 people. She will also be responsible for the development of the hydroponics and geospatial programs as part of a team with other staff members. She will also assist with the day to day operation of the Allen Campus which includes advising and registering students, assisting with financial aid applications, and many other activities and duties that make the Allen Campus a success.

Bobette comes to the Allen Campus from a long association with education. Armed with a Bachelor in Arts degree from McMurry College and a Master of Education degree from DePaul University, she taught 28 years in public education (14 of those at Perryton High School). Her primary areas were physics, chemistry and environmental education. She created a number of programs, including the Perryton High School Gifted/Talented program, the "Adopt-a-Class" program matching high school and elementary classes, and the "Reach for Space Program" which launched student

experiments to the edge of space with weather balloons. She also sponsored the Perryton Environmental Engineering Team, a multiple national winner in the WERC contest at New Mexico State University. She and her husband Jerome, a farmer and former math teacher, have six children between them; including spouses, seven of the next generation are in education, with an Army chaplain, an immigration attorney, a director of nurses, and a children's photographer to enliven family get-togethers. Their nine grandchildren range in age from one to fifteen. She has had several articles published in national magazines. Bobette's hobbies include astronomy, amateur radio, painting, playing the flute, photography, and reading.

The Allen Campus is proud to have Bobette on board and we invite you to stop by and welcome her and let her know if you have new and exciting ideas for Continuing Education or Community Service classes.



Spearman Lynx need new score board

The Lynx & Lynxette Booster Club has been asked to help with the purchase of a new Football score board.

The school has had problems with it for the last two years. It was installed 32 years ago, in 1974, and the school is having trouble getting parts to fix it. It quit working last Thursday during the games, forcing the officials to keep the time on the field.

The cost of the new scoreboard will be around \$15,000. Anyone wanting to make a donation may mail it to: Booster Club - Scoreboard, PO Box 343, Spearman TX, or contact Rick Howard at 659-2875.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
 FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph.
 SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
 SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
 MONDAY - Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 70s.
 MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 50.
 TUESDAY - Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs around 70.
 TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
 WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Deadline Notice

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

Live,
Laugh &
Love

by Catherine R. Smith
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A dear friend of mine sent me the following, entitled "I Wish You Enough."
I would like to share it with you - I hope you enjoy it.

I Wish You Enough

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom".

They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives so far away I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough. May I ask what that means?'"

She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone". She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said, 'I wish you enough', we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them". Then turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

She then began to cry and walked away.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26
Catherine :)

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34. Male version of Emily	25. Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman won a Nobel Prize for discovery of this effect
35. Arms and legs	26. "In _____ of," French
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42. _____pollo	33. Women's undergarment
43. Design carved into linoleum	36. Street famous for its theaters
45. Lady Macbeth's condition	38. Type of artistic work
47. Is it to she as _____ is to we	40. Theatrical trigger for action
48. Olivier of The National Theatre and "Marathon Man"	41. Full skirt with gathered waistband
50. Between mini and maxi	44. Potato chip in U.K.
52. He won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for "A Streetcar Named Desire"	46. A process for obtaining an objective
56. Cries from strays	48. Don McLean drove his Chevy to one
57. Roman poet, author of "Metamorphoses"	49. Source of indigo dye, pl.
58. High in stature	50. "On the _____," heal
59. Draft beer	51. Smidgen
60. Prominent early English actress Gwyn	52. Theatre's version of an Oscar
61. Test	53. The original home of the Saxons, Germany
62. June 6, 1944	54. Panache
63. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band	55. Trees of Freddy Krueger fame
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES SQUARE-OFF IN LIVE DEBATE

Four candidates for governor met in Dallas Oct. 6 for the only public debate in the race, but this column gets an Austin dateline because one of the four will occupy the governor's mansion come 2007.

While fans prepared for the Texas-OU football game to be played the next day in the Cotton Bowl and millions of other Texans attended high school football games, others caught the broadcast of the evening debate.

Reporters asked questions. Among the topics were crime, border security and immigration control, toll roads, and health and education.

Democratic challenger Chris Bell, whose job it was to appear competent, trustworthy and in command of the facts, seemed to accomplish those things.

Kinky Friedman, whose hat and cigar set him apart from the other candidates in the eyes of the TV audience, needed to show that he offers an alternative to anyone who is or wants to be a career politician. That, he did.

State Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn, who like Friedman is running as an independent, needed to convince the audience that she could do a better job at leading Texas than Gov. Rick Perry. She accused Perry of being too close to lobbyists and not delivering on promises.

The standard game plan for an incumbent (Gov. Perry) in a campaign debate is defend his record, talk about the future and maintain composure while under attack. He seemed to do that.

Libertarian candidate James Werner stayed at home in Austin and listened to the debate on the radio. He was not allowed to participate because his statewide polling numbers were too low.

Whether any candidate said anything to change minds and win new votes is hard to calculate.

There's about a month left until election day Nov. 7, when the numbers that really count will be recorded.

New hotline for TAKS problems

Data gathered by a testing security company show that nearly 700 Texas public schools had "unusual data patterns" or "testing irregularities" in the 2005 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Testing irregularities include similar answers on scan forms, erasure marks on similar questions, similar response patterns and unusual gains in scores.

To deal with possible compromises to the exam, Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley created a five-member "task force on test integrity" and named an inspector general to lead the effort.

After reviewing findings in an initial round of on-site campus visits, the task force recommended actions such as:

- Allowing inspector general Michael Donley, a lawyer and former U.S. Air Force security officer, to refine questions asked in on-site interviews,
- Increasing the number of people interviewed on sites,
- Offering a hotline for teachers to anonymously report questionable practices or outright infractions.

Since the Texas Legislature adopted benchmarks for public education in the mid-1980s, alleged practices known as "teaching to the test" have placed a question mark on the validity of TAKS and its previous incarnations.

Smoking rules change in Austin

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks struck down part of Austin's 2005 indoor anti-smoking ordinance.

Pursuant to the ruling, it is no longer up to barkeepers and restaurant owners to enforce the ordinance.

Now, if Austin police happen to catch smokers lighting up indoors, those people will be ticketed.

Managers of some eating and drinking spots that prefer to remain free of cigarette smoke are politely asking smokers to take it outside.

Record year for well plugging

The Texas Railroad Commission reports there are 362,950 known oil and gas wells in the state, and 11,287 of them have been declared abandoned.

In fiscal year 2006, which ended Aug. 31, the agency plugged 1,824 of the abandoned wells - a record. The previous high came in 2005, with 1,710 wells plugged.

Comptroller predicts surplus

An early estimate by the office of the state comptroller projects a \$4.3 billion revenue surplus when the current biennium ends in August 2007. A sharp increase in sales tax collections got credit for the surplus.

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Happy Birthday!

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Thank you, Catherine

October 12

Birthday - Erica Alvarez, Lee Bort, Sue Henson, Pat Holt, Jan Jarvis, Kathy Taylor, James Reed Jr., Mendy Riggins, Misty Crooks, Danny Hamilton, Cody Mauldin, Marvin Byers, Louis Nava, Jimmy Garrard, Allen Howell, Paula Clemmons, Veronica Cenicerros, Donna Taylor, Jesus Briones

Anniversary - M/M Mack McLain, M/M Mike Yanke

October 13

Birthday - Hunter Novak, Andrea Mires, David Grotegut, Carrie Close, Burnell Kjos, Mrs. Albert Hahn, Sonny Parker

Anniversary - M/M Jon Jarvis, M/M Don Evans

October 14

Birthday - Jerry Hunt, Jennifer Morris, Jeanne Swink, Crockett Tidwell, Kristi Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Snider, Melinda Davis, Michelle Graham Foster, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Eddie Whitefield, Gilbert Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty George, Charline Laxson, Carlos Trejo, Adrienne Simpson

Anniversary - M/M Bert Wofford

October 15

Birthday - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Brandi Schneider, Chris Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Donahue, Anne Marie Pearson, Bonnie Woolan, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III, Allen Varnon, Betsy Holt

Anniversary - M/M Odell Genn, M/M Lee Nichols, M/M Mike Stedje, M/M David Miner, M/M Tim Fletcher

October 16

Birthday - Buster Davis, Troy Miller, Tammy Benton, Virginia Fowler, Sammie Graham, Ann Pearson, Lola Newcomb, Joey Avila, Landree Woodward, Julie Payne, Meghan Stork

October 17

Birthday - George B. Odom, Byron Peddy, Jackie Smith, Brad Beedy, Jeff Beedy, Carol Short, Erica Garrison, Misha Davis, Joe Paul, John Sullivan, Oscar Ortiz, Carolyn McLeod, Jacob Burch, Mac McLaughlin, Sandra Soto, Hugo Villa Jr., Joyce Sparks, Debbie Jacobs, Regina Vernon

Anniversary - Edward & Theah Beck, Sharon & David Swan

October 18

Birthday - Taos Weldon, Don Knox, Wilson McClellan, Jeff Hutchison, Angelica Arjona, Floyd Dean Gatlin, Chris Williamson, Elaine Swan, David Parker, Jan Howard, Marla Bullard, Courtney Baca, Kristian Faith Burke, Ramiro Morales, Mike Gift

Anniversary - M/M Dave Christian

October 19

Birthday - Brian Gillispie, Joe Lopez Sr., Colton Mayfield, Carol Tolleson, Phyllis Owens, Joe Vanderburg, Marietta Davis, Ken Shufeldt, Calvin Garrard, Jeremy Blain, Harold Anderson, Brenda Lee Soto, Wayne Pierson, Kathy Bryant, Bill Park, Merry Wheelock, Doran Schoenhals, Kenneth Schufeldt

Anniversary - M/M Jimmy Traylor

October 20

Birthday - Marilyn Been, Kelly Boone, Brock Irwin, D'Anda Widener, Danny Ray Hendricks, Owen Montgomery, Melissa Cochran, Deborah Bishop, Billy Jones, Amy Stinson, Cara Nichols, Misty Wylie, Jeffrey Swan, Carrie Cenicerros, Angela Vela, Ori Cooksey, Cindy Sasser

Anniversary - M/M George Jackson, Ladd & Cathy Gafford

October 21

Birthday - Don Hudson, Tammy McLain, Bill Cope, Eschol Blankenship, Brad Brown, Terry Austin, Kay Vernon, Dannie Garrard, Leslie Meritt Holton, Wade Burgess, Kathy Beck, Irene Tindell, Ed Williamson, Michael James Avila, Brian McLaughlin, Jana McCloy, Kara Townsen, Candy Boxwell, Trish Rosales

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

As we seek the God who intervenes in our lives, we are studying our relationship with God, and our relationships with others. Our lessons are Amos 5:6-15, Psalm 90, Hebrews 4:12-16, and Mark 10:17-31. Amos is warning the people of the Northern Kingdom to seek the lord and live. He warns against trampling the poor, subverting justice for profit for war, famine, and pestilence are signs of God's judgment. The "gates" were the site of the small claims courts of Israel, Amos calls for justice to be established at the "gates" to avoid the destructive judgment of God. Our Psalm is the only one attributed to Moses, and he sings of God as our dwelling place. Even if we have no land, no home, we have God; the faithful abide in Him. Moses asks that God favor the people at least as many days as they have been afflicted. Moses asks that the work of the people be prospered.

In Jewish philosophy, a word, once spoken, had a life of its own; how much more so the Word of God. The writer of Hebrews tells us that the Word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. The Word of God is something that every person in every age must face. Take heart dear Christian, Jesus is the perfect High Priest because he brings the Word of God to us and He ushers us into the presence of God. Jesus is the perfect High Priest because he is perfectly man and perfectly God; therefore, let us approach the throne of mercy and grace for help in time of our need.

In Mark, a rich young man falls emotionally at the feet of Jesus, seeking eternal life. Jesus looks into the young man and loves him. The young man has followed all of the "negative commandments", he was living a "righteous" life, but Jesus saw that he lacked one thing. "Go sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The young man was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Dear Christian we find life in God's grace not in riches. Our culture tells us that we can have happiness when we earn enough, when we have enough, when we accumulate enough; yet, if we 'buy into' this culture we are bound to our possessions and are no longer free to be truly happy. From what we have we get our 'living'; from what we give we make our life.

May the Word of God open your eyes to what is real and allow you to leave that which is not.

Our Sympathy

RAYMOND SASSER

DUMAS - Raymond Sasser, 72, formerly of Spearman, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, October 9, 2006 in the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Damon Akins officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sasser was born March 6, 1934, in Cheyenne, Okla. He was a self-employed welder since 1957. He married Evelyn Harris on April 13, 1952, in Wellington. She preceded him in death on April 2, 1992.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Irvin Sasser and Bill Teakell; and two sisters, Louise Johnson and Elsie Burkhalter.

Survivors include three daughters, Sherry Harper and Tammy Brian, both of Dumas, and Vicki McNeir of Amarillo; three sons, Richard Sasser of Spearman, Ronnie Sasser of Amarillo and Dean Sasser of King George, Va.; two brothers, Melvin Sasser of Cheyenne and Joe Dean Sasser of Waco; two sisters, Dorothy Sharp of Claude and Delores Phelan of Ruidoso, N.M.; 27 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

DONALD H. SMITH

SPEARMAN - Donald H. Smith, 81, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2006 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Elder officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Smith was born April 11, 1925, in Ashland, Kan., to Charles R. and Maude Smith. He married Wanda G. Smith on Oct. 6, 1946, in Spearman.

He was in retail and a postmaster, and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Donald H. Smith, Jr.; and a brother, Jerome E. Smith.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kathryn Edwards of Strongsville, Ohio; a son, David N. Smith of Amarillo; a brother, Richard D. Smith of Spearman; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081 or Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

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Spearman Booster Club

Spearman Booster Club meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the High School library. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. The next game will be on October 12 in Stratford against the Stratford Elk.

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, breakfast burritos, Sausage, pecan pie, Hunters Package (sweet jalapeno flavored ham, peppered pork loin, smoked bacon & jalapeno summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 17th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford@ag.tamu.edu.

Golf Cash Ball

Hansford Golf Club is making plans for its annual Golf Cash Ball. This year's event will be held Saturday, November 4, at the O'Loughlin Center. The Vera Brothers Band will be the entertainment once again this year. Tickets which will be \$50 each will go on sale the first week of October and be available from any golf club board member. Each ticket will provide not only an evening of great food and entertainment, but also a chance at the cash prize drawings. If you have any questions or would like to buy a ticket, please call Lance Kemp, 659-5062, Curtis Covington, 659-5185, Cass Lasater, 659-5007 or Mikal Willimon, 659-5525.

Gruver Prayer Shawl Ministry Expands Focus

Gruver Prayer Shawl Ministry recently celebrated a one year anniversary having given 62 prayer shawls to friends in need of spiritual renewal. The ministry is expanding their focus to create customized clothing for wounded troops. American military personnel recovering from injuries with braces, fixators, casts, prosthetics and burns are left with a hospital gown as their only clothing option. Sewmuchcomfort.org is filling the "adaptive clothing" need for these veterans. Financial support and seamstresses are needed to modify golf shirts, T-shirts, shorts, scrubs, and pants that provide comfort and maintain their dignity, thereby facilitating the healing process. An informational meeting for anyone interested in sewing garments or contributing to this cause will be Monday Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Gruver United Methodist Church. Contact Cathy Potts at 733-2329 or www.sewmuchcomfort.org for more information.

Health Fair

Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center will hold their annual Health Fair on Wed., Nov. 1, at the O'Loughlin Center. The doors will be at 7 a.m. for lab work and flu shots.

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Ryder Cup

Hansford Golf Club will hold a Ryder Cup Tournament on Sunday, October 15th, with a 1:30 p.m. T-time. This will be the last event at the Golf Club for 2006.

Nut Sale

The Gladiola Flower Club is selling pecans, walnuts and cashews to raise funds for their local and area projects. Orders and money are due by October 19th. To place an order, contact Margarette Evans at 659-2165, or any club member.

Cunningham, Miles Wed



Mrs. Brandon Miles

Regan Michelle Cunningham and Brandon James Miles were united in Christian marriage on September 30, 2006 at Parkhills Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Robert Welch performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cunningham of Artesia, New Mexico, formerly of San Antonio. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham of Spearman, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. William Q. Pepin of Lubbock, Texas. The groom is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. James Miles of Boerne, Texas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Betty Miles, the late Mr. James H. Miles, Mrs. Martha Jones, all of San Antonio and Mr. Raymond Sanders of Alice, Texas. Kathleen O'Neill served as maid of honor. Chad Miles, brother of the groom, served as best man. Bridesmaids were Chelsea Bednarz, cousin of the bride, Avery Cowan, Liesl Darr, Kayla McCravy, Morgan Peugh, and Lauren Spalding. Groomsmen were Steve Cabellero, Spencer Chollar, Austin Cunningham, brother of the bride, Robert Dominguez, Daniel Meade, and Chris Spalding. All cousins of the bride, Halston Searls served as flower girl, Spencer Morgan served as the ring bearer, Cortlan Searls provided the scripture reading, and Caleb Morgan and Pierce Searls provided programs to the guests. The vocalist was Krissie Lain. Serving as ushers were Corey Barton, Zachary Campbell, and Cameron Archer, all cousins of the groom. Attending the guest book were Alyssa Archer and Chelsea Campbell, both cousins of the groom. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Club at Sonterra. The bride is a graduate of Clark High School and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations. The groom is a graduate of O'Connor High School and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Management. Following a honeymoon to Nassau, Bahamas, the couple will reside in San Antonio.

Letter to the Editor

I recently moved to Spearman due to an ongoing illness to be closer to my children. I had been treated for several months by my hometown physician with no improvement. When I had a further decline in my condition after I moved here, my daughter took me to Dr. Hierholzer, who diagnosed and treated me and sent me to a specialist to be sure of the severity of the illness. I was showing slow improvement and decided to go to the ER and again was seen by Dr. Hierholzer, who admitted me. He did what was necessary and after twenty-four hours I was feeling more like myself again. Dr. Hierholzer called me at home when he had a question about my medicine. Dr. H takes his time and allows the patient to understand what he is doing and why. He is a very kind and compassionate doctor, who takes the patient, family and medical staff into consideration. He listens to the patient, listens to suggestions and makes you feel your feeling are important. I have told all my friends that I wish they could have a doctor like Dr. H.

Thank you, Dr. Hierholzer.
Mary Lynn Heddings & Family

Thank You

The family of Reg. Robertson wishes to thank this community for all they did during and after the loss of our loved one. Thanks to the Hospice group for the great care. We thank the Hospital group for all the kind word, help and hugs. We especially thank Dr. Garnett for his special care. It is so great to live in a place where everyone loves and helps each other.

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Story Hour at Hansford County Library

Hansford County Library hosted their first Story Hour on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 11 a.m. with 23 children (and a few parents) in attendance.

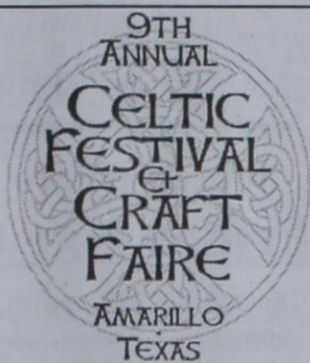
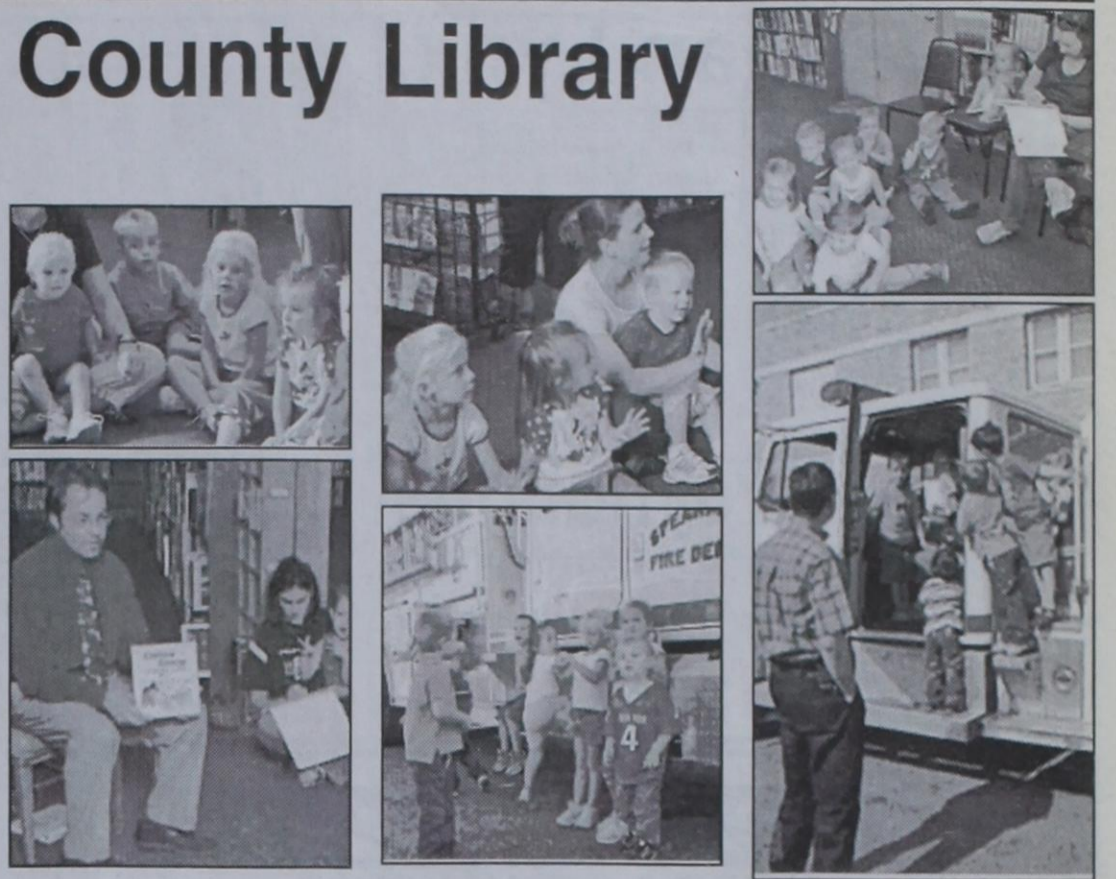
The purpose of Story Hour is to provide preschool-aged children with the opportunity to develop a love of reading.

Karen Hartgraves developed the program, which will be held each Friday at 11 a.m. (coinciding with the Spearman school calendar). Volunteer readers and/or

presenters will read a book or books that go along with monthly themes.

October's themes include bats, spiders, pumpkins and non-scary Halloween.

Donations are welcome and will be used to purchase incentives and help support special story hour events and projects. If you would like to be a volunteer, or if you or your business would like make a donation, contact Karen Hartgraves at 659-3548.



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Hansford, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hansford, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2006, for voting in the primary election to elect, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; FOR the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de noviembre de 2006 para votar en la Eleccion Primaria elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

- Voting Precinct 1 - City Hall, City of Spearman.** (Oficina de la Ciudad de Spearman)
- Voting Precinct 2 - Renner Ranch.** (el rancho de los Renner)
- Voting Precinct 3 - Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver.** (Cristo Redentor Iglesia Catolica en Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 4 - Gruver City Hall, 202 E. Broadway.** (Oficina de la Ciudad de Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 5 - Assembly of God Church in Spearman.** (Iglesia de Asamblea de Dios en Spearman).
- Voting Precinct 6 - Spearman High School.** (la escuela secundaria de Spearman)
- Voting Precinct 7 - Oslo Lutheran Church.** (La iglesia de Oslo).
- Voting Precinct 8 - Early Voting, County Courthouse and Gruver City Hall.** (La Casa de corte de Spearman y Oficina de la Ciudad de Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 9 - Pringle-Morse Community Building.** (El edificio de Comunidad de Morse)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Hansford County Courthouse and at Gruver City Hall
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on October 23, 2006 and ending on November 3, 2006.

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde emperzando el Octubre 23, 2006 y terminando el Noviembre 3, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Kim V. Vera
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

15 Northwest Court
(Address) (Direccion)

Spearman, Texas 79081-2051
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

October 31, 2006
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 10th day of October, 2006
(Emitada este dia 10th day of Octubre, 2006)

Benny D. Wilson
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

CONGRATULATIONS GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON RECENT HONORS!

Gruver ISD Named "Outperformer District"

Standard and Poor evaluation service named Gruver ISD as an "Outperformer District." Out of approximately 1256 school districts in the state, only 77 school districts received this honor.

Gruver Elementary Named One of the Best Elementary Campuses in the State

The Texas Business and Education Coalition named Gruver Elementary School as an "Honor Roll Campus" for 2006. The TBEC selected 178 exceptional campuses out of approximately 4400 elementary campuses in the state to receive this honor.

Gruver Junior High School Named One of the Best Middle School Campuses in the State

The Texas Business and Education Coalition named Gruver Jr. High School as an "Honor Roll Campus" for 2006. The TBEC selected 49 exceptional campuses out of approximately 2000 middle school and junior high campuses in the state to receive this honor.

Gruver High School & Gruver Elementary Receive Governor's Educator Excellence Award

Because of their outstanding and innovative teaching practices and strategies, Gruver High School and Gruver Elementary School received the Governor's Excellence Award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF GRUVER ISD FROM THE GRUVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Spearman Lynx

The Spearman Lynx will open district play in Stratford against the Stratford Elk - 2005 1A state champions. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Stratford has seven starters from the offense and nine from the defense returning.

The offensive line will boast 300-pound all-stat selection Rodolfo Portillo. Junior running back Craig Kautz rushed for 1,202

yards last season behind Portillo, and will team with quarterback Hunter Buckles to lead the Elks' offense. Buckles passed for 1,250 yards in 2005.

Linebackers Jonathon Licon, who had 124 tackles last season, Steven Rueda and Scott Hudson return to lead an experienced defensive group that could be better than the 2005 squad.



Spearman Chamber of Commerce Director Keith Hight presents Danny Womble with a PTCL "car phone." Danny won the phone at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Gruver Greyhounds

The Gruver Greyhounds will open district play in Boys Ranch against the Boys Ranch Roughriders. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Boys Ranch has ten letterman

returning, seven offensive and six defensive starters.

This is Mike Lozano's second season at Boys Ranch 3-7, and his second season overall. They are 3-2 for the 2006 season.

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BP America Production Company Gas Odorization Program

BP America Production Company is committed to safety and environmental excellence. The company is a leader in the industry in the implementation of safety programs to protect its neighbors, employees and customers.

As part of BP's gas safety program, BP will be implementing a gas odorization program for domestic gas transported by homeowner gas lines from BP operated wells. Mercaptan, an odorant, will be injected into the gas line near the BOP operated well-heads. This odorant will enable homeowners and surrounding neighbors to identify any gas leaks on those gas lines. Those domestic gas lines are located in the area of Hansford County. Homeowners that are currently taking gas from BP wells will receive a separate letter advising of the details of this odorization program.

BP is working to educate the public about pipeline safety with respect to gas leaks. While it's very rare to have any type of incident with a pipeline, there are a few safety tips to keep in mind if you live by a pipeline.

- How to know if there is a pipeline on your property or nearby:**
 - On Your Property:** If you own a homeowner gas line from BP gas well, you should hire a qualified plumbing inspector to locate the line for you if you are contemplating any digging operations.
 - Neighborhood:** Check for pipeline markers posted in your neighborhood. Please keep in mind the marker may not show the exact location of the underground pipeline.
 - Call Before You Dig! In the state of Texas, call (800) 344-8377.
- Recognizing a leak:**
 - By Sight:** A pool of liquid on the ground near a pipeline, a dense white cloud or fog over a pipeline, or discolored or dead vegetation surrounding the pipeline may be signs of a leak.
 - By Sound:** An unusual noise coming from the pipeline, like a hissing or roaring sound, may be a sign of a leak.
 - By Smell:** An unusual smell may accompany a leak. *You may contact Crystal Wuest at (806) 371-4450 to receive a free BP pipeline safety brochure with a scratch-n-sniff mercaptan area that will give you an indication of the odorant smell.*
- What to do if you suspect a leak:**
 - Leave the leak area immediately. Do not light a match, start an engine, use a telephone, switch on/off light switches or do anything that may cause a spark in the vicinity of the leak.
 - From a safe location immediately call 911 and the BP Hotline number (806) 948-5167 and report exactly what you have seen, heard or smelled and where this incident took place. Warn others but do so without entering or re-entering the area where a pipeline leak is suspected. Do not drive any vehicle into a leak or vapor cloud area.
 - In case of an emergency call: BP Hotline (806) 948-5167.
 - If you own a gas line from BP operated gas well, BP recommends that each homeowner have a back up source for heating their house, water heater, appliances in case the well goes down or if their gas tap line freezes up.

Are You A Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse or Physical, Emotional or Sexual Assault?

Call Toll Free Hotline
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FOR LEASE: 729 Acres of Land in Ochiltree County - taking offers - dryland or irrigated section 23, west Ochiltree County. Call 903-725-6733, Howard Swink.

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HELP WANTED: Pen rider, feedmill personnel, general maintenance and cattle processors needed. Apply in person at Dean Cluck Feedyard, 105 Dean Cluck Ave., Gruver.

HELP WANTED: Palo Duro River Authority will accept applications for an office assistant, until Friday, October 27, at 5:00 PM. Computer and bookkeeping skills and a high school diploma required.

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FOR SALE: Peacocks for sale. Call (806) 435-3334.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE: Hansford County Commissioners Court will receive sealed bids on

surplus county property, including office items and automobiles, until 4 p.m. on October 27, 2006. Bids will be opened and awarded at the special Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, October 30, 2006.

On October 13, a list of surplus items will be available in the County Judge's Office, and items can be seen at the Hansford County Courthouse at that time.

Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge 3(10-12-06)B

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Advertisement for 'Look What's New!' featuring food items like Rib Tips, Baked Potato, Salad, Garlic Bread, Lasagna Special, and Bread Stix, along with a running man illustration.

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by Jim Derington
Out At The Lake



Someone told Jim that they had heard their parents call this one a sheep's head. Don Knox and Margarette Evans identified this to be a species of silverleaf nightshade.



Victor Quintanilla
33 lb. blue catfish
41 inches long
September 15, 2006

Victor Quintanilla, of Dumas, with a 33-pound, 41-inch Blue Catfish, caught at Lake Palo Duro. It may be the biggest fish caught, but it is not an official record.

Lake Level--October 9, 2006--18.23 feet (-0.02)

This morning when Jim gave me his report, the office rain gauge showed 1.81 inch of rain. Since then more has fallen and more is expected. When the paper comes out, we will know if there was enough to make the creeks run. Now we know there was enough to bring up a lot of wheat that was dry sown or to have moisture for wheat needing to be planted.

There were 2 campers during the week on the office side, and 7 behind the dam on the weekend.

A young whitetail buck was killed near the Park entrance Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. Mandy discovered it as she drove to school. Skidmarks and the condition of the deer made it obvious that it had been hit.

We are sorry that Jim's pictures of the wildflowers that he wanted identified did not come thru the printing of last week's paper. He sent them to me over the internet. I think the one on the right with the long leaves is Silver-leaf Nightshade.

As in many cases, this showy wildflower is a pesky weed. The purple star-shaped flowers with 5 prominent yellow anthers are stunning when you get a bank of them--particularly if you don't have to touch the prickly stems.

A few from Hansford County were able to take advantage of the tour of the Santa Fe Trail Cimarron Cut-Off last Saturday. Carl and Janie Kunselman and Helen and Nolan Holt, all of Spearman, and Joe Robinson and his mother Mary Jo, Jean and Kenneth Harris of Gruver drove to Boise City, Oklahoma for a lesson in our area history. Kenneth has loaned me his book on America's National Historic Trails, which has a chapter on the Santa Fe Trail. I hope to write about this famous Trail and one of its connections to Hansford County at a later time.

MA2 Hughes Receives Navy Achievement Medal

On April 8th 2006, Brenton Hughes received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the Navy.

"MA2 Hughes was recognized for his professional achievement as a block guard for the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, Joint Task Force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Petty Officer Hughes maintained security, conducted cell searches, and maintained the general welfare of forty-eight detainees," stated Peter A. Husta, Captain, United States Navy Commander, Navy Element Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

"He was an integral member of the Passive Intelligence Gathering report, providing information gained via personal observation of detainees and the environment. His dedication to accomplishing the


mission and bringing the crew home safely was noteworthy. His managerial ability, personal initiative, and unswerving devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy."

Members of Brenton's family

who are extremely proud of his achievements include his parents, Jan Ellsworth and Gary Ellsworth, his sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Ramon Lozano, his nephews and niece, Corbin, Rylan, and Lauren, all of Spearman and his grandmother, Evelyn Burch of Pampa.

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Hansford Manor is currently recruiting motivated individuals to become **Certified Nurse Aides** (see below).

Pay Increase


The cost of living has increased and so have our salaries for Certified Nurse Aides. A new CNA starting salary is **\$7.50 per hour** plus full benefits.

Health Insurance

Hansford Manor's health insurance plan has been upgraded to a zero-deductible plan for local services. This means that for most services, your clinic co-pay of \$10-\$30 is all you'll need for lab work, x-rays, CT scans, MRI and more. Also, employees may elect the 'base' plan, which has no monthly premium.*

Pension Program

Each Manor employee participates in the Texas County & District Retirement System. Employees contribute 4% of their pre-taxed income to a retirement account and Hansford Manor matches this contribution 150% for a total pre-tax contribution of 10%. This investment is also guaranteed to earn 7% annually.**



Hansford Manor has immediate openings for Certified Nurse Aides. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing an exciting health care career, please contact Jackie Nelson at (806) 659-2535. (LVN and RN positions also open)

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