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## Leslie Vann New GISD Superintendent



Following the footsteps of Gene Shackleford, former longtime Gorman Independent School District superintendent, could be difficult, but new Superintendent Leslie Vann has a clear idea of the direction in which he would like to see the district take.

Vann, his wife Melody, and his son Miles (11) have plans to purchase property in the Gorman area. He and his family enjoy raising livestock, woodworking, and working with people. Melody Vann will teach 7th and 8th grade reading, 8th grade English and Sophomore English. Vann's son Miles will be in the 5th grade. He enjoys showing livestock, sports and reading.

Vann, 39, graduated from Lampasas High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education in 1984 and a master's degree in science and teaching in 1985, both from Tarleton State University.

He taught the animal science laboratories and coached the livestock judging team at Tarleton for one year while working on his master's degree. Vann taught agriculture for one year in Holiday before moving to Klondike, a small six-man school in Dawson County, where he taught agriculture from 1986-90. He then moved to Sands Consolidated Independent School District where he taught agriculture for four years.

Vann began his administrative career in 1994 when he moved to Lometa where he was the principal for Lometa ISD. He moved in the summer of 1995 to Wellman, a small school in Terry County, where he was the Kindergarten through high school principal. In 1999 Vann was hired as the superintendent for Lometa ISD.

His responsibilities as superintendent range from the typical superintendent tasks, such as management of finances and personnel, to serving as the educational leader for Gorman ISD. Vann will stress the importance of maintaining the high standards of education Gorman ISD has displayed for many years while preparing for the ever-changing needs of the students enrolled.

Gorman ISD is projected to begin the school year with 370 students. Gorman has had a steady decline of enrollment over the past five years. This is a major concern of Vann's because state funding is tied directly to student enrollment.

Schools are not what they were 20 years ago. The changing population of students is not only affected by declining numbers. The ethnic ratio is also changing. Texas's population is 46 percent Hispanic. For our students to be successful, students must have a background in Spanish.

School is a big business. We are currently looking at a budget that breaks the three million dollar mark in local, state, and federal revenue. We must realize that school is a business and that a school's end product is its students.

The Gorman ISD is 76 percent economically disadvantaged with a 12 percent at-risk population. In today's society 30 percent of our students go home to a single parent home. This can affect how they learn. The "It's Not to Beaver" household no longer exist. Schools must provide more for the students than they have in the past. It is challenging because as school now not only do teachers have to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic, they are given the task of teaching values, respect, and etiquette. These are things normally taught in the home that many students are receiving in today's homes.

Gorman ISD is blessed with a quality staff that understands the importance of education and who has the desire to see that every child is successful. Even though Gorman ISD will begin the school year with five fewer teachers, there will be a number of new faces on campus this year. Ronnie Wright will be the new High School Principal. There are several new coaches. Coby Tyson and his family have moved to Gorman from Pettus. Tyson will be the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Kevin White and his family have moved from Lometa. White will serve as the defensive Coordinator, Head Girls Basketball and Head Girls Track Coach. James Gerick, the Head Baseball coach, moved to Gorman from Pettus and Bryan Waller from Pettus will be the Girls Softball coach. The High School staff has four additional new teachers, Nell Bailey who will teach English and Science, Jack Sloan will teach Sci-

## Peanut Queen Contestants Wanted

The Gorman Peanut Festival is looking for contestants to compete in the annual Peanut Queen pageant.

Girls must be enrolled in the 9th-12th grade at Gorman High School. The 2001-2002 Queen will receive a \$250 scholarship to college and the honor of representing the local peanut industry in area parades.

For more info, please contact Tiffany Childers at 639-2728. All entries must be in by August 31, 2001. If you have any questions about the ad please contact me at above number.

## Meet the Teacher Night at School

Elementary students and parents are invited to come meet the teacher on Monday, August 20. Students may bring school supplies between 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and visit with the homeroom teacher. We encourage all parents and community members to visit our school and see the exciting things students will be doing.

Maxwell Elementary teachers for the 2001-2002 school welcome you and your children to the "Meet the Teacher Night" and to a successful school year. Just as every parent sends their best children to school, the best have been employed to instruct your children. Those teachers and assignments are as listed:

Misty Bussell, fourth grade; Pat Caraway, third grade; Kerstin Gorr, pre-kindergarten; Latricia Hampton, 5/6 grade science and Elementary counselor; Martha Harrington, Accelerated Reading Instruction; Traci Keith, 5/6 grade reading; Karan Kirk, kindergarten; Jean Lasater, second grade; Shanna Lewis, first grade; Kristin Matteson, fourth grade; Denise O'Dell, 5/6 grade math; Mary Reeves, kindergarten; Kaymie Self, resource; Cheryl Smith, first grade; Crystal Snider, second grade; Amanda Sowell, resource; Tracy Spivey, third grade; Lara Wright, 5/6 grade social studies.

## First Day of School August 21

Gorman ISD students are to start class Tuesday, August 21. Classes will begin at 7:50. Students are to report to their homeroom the first day and will then be taken to the cafeteria for breakfast.

Buses will run on the same schedule as last year except for the two Desdemona runs. Those two routes will be combined. If you have moved, please call the elementary office so we can reroute the buses.

## Hunter Safety Education

Hunter Safety Education class to be held Saturday, August 18th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, August 19th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Gorman, Texas.

For further information, please call David Guthery at 254/734-2836.

## Booster Band Returns to First Baptist

Beginning the first Sunday after school starts, First Baptist Church will have Booster Band before Sunday School. The church van will be available to pick up children ages P-K through 6th. Booster Band will begin at 9:20 and let out at 9:40 so the children can go into Sunday School classes at 9:45.

For more details or to sign you children up for the van service, please call the church office at 734-2420.

ence, Melody Vann will teach Reading and English, and Katherine Marin will teach business and technology. The Elementary has one new teacher, Misty Bussell will teach a fourth grade class.

Students will attend their first day of class August 21, 2001. Classes will begin at 7:50 a.m. and the school day will end at 3:32 p.m. each day.

## Gorman Athletic Program "A New Era"

Gorman and the surrounding community have had a history of rallying behind the athletic program and the school. Gorman ISD is proud of its coaching staff and the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the students and community. The coaching staff has three returning members; Amanda Sowell, Thomas Wilson and Ricky Taylor. The new faculty members who will be coaching are: Coby Tyson; athletic director and head football coach, James Gerick; head baseball coach, Kevin White; head girls basketball and track coach and Bryan Waller; head girls softball.

The opportunities that the coaches and athletic program have to offer our students is unlimited. The girls and boys involved in the various programs will be coached well, worked hard, and treated fairly.

At this time Gorman ISD has 15 girls participating in Volleyball two-a-days. The football program has not received the numbers that normally attend two-a-days. As a matter of fact the numbers are so limited at this time that Gorman is in jeopardy of not being able to field a team.

Life deals everyone cards that are not always pleasant. In the real world life goes on. The Gorman athletic program is experiencing a low at this time. As a Superintendent, I am requesting support from the parents and community to encourage and promote the Gorman athletic program. Our staff is dedicated to providing the students with a quality program. Encourage the students to set aside any ill feelings they have toward the athletic program. Help promote the new era in the Gorman athletic program.

## GHS Homecoming Slated September 15

The 45th annual Homecoming for Gorman Exes will be held on Saturday, September 15th. GSH Homecoming is always a great opportunity to return home and meet with old friends and family. This year's program promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship, including entertainment from the talented local gospel group: **The Messengers**. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, September 15

- 10 a.m. to 12 noon - Registration, Coffee, visiting (HS)
- 12 noon to 1 p.m. - Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting (Auditorium)
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. - Entertainment Program: **The Messengers**
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Roll Call of Classes, Election of Queen, Election of Officers, Memorial Service, Adjourn
- 7:30 p.m. - Homecoming Football Game (Brogdon Field)

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Also, **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** to all of your friends, classmates, and children. If you have the addresses of overlooked exes please send them to P. O. Box 344, Gorman. Or email them to <Gorman\_exes@hotmail.com>. We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

## ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

**JUNIOR HIGH REGISTRATION** — Junior High Registration is Friday, August 17 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you have not registered for classes, please do so at this time.

**MIDWEEK SERVICE** — The Midweek Service at the Abundant Life Church will resume at its normal scheduled time on Wednesday, August 15, 2001.

**LIBRARY** — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

**GORMAN GROW MEETING** — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

## FOOD PANTRY Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Larry Majors, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.**

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Gorman, Texas

Reception following



## Pecan Management Seminar Set for August 30th

The Eastland County Pecan Committee will sponsor a FREE Pecan Management Seminar on August 30th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Cisco College Ag Department.

Three (3) CEU's will be given with 2 hours in General and 1 hour in Laws & Regulations. Also, there will be a noon Bar-B-Que meal sponsored by Ag Texas Farm Credit Services-Eastland, First American Bank-Eastland, and First National Bank-Cisco.

Topics for the meeting will be:  
"New and Innovative Drip Irrigation for Pecans"  
"Managing Aphids, Weevils, & Fire Ants in the Pecan Orchard"

"A Market Outlook for This Year"  
"Using Pesticides in the Orchard"

If you plan on attending, please contact the Eastland Extension Office at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222 for a meal reservation.

The program is FREE and open to the public. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Extension Service to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

## G.E.D. Classes Forming for Fall

Eastland County is indeed fortunate to be able to offer three (3) locations for G.E.D. Study Classes. Adults wanting to earn their G.E.D. certificate by the end of the year may attend classes in Eastland, Cisco or Rising Star. It is anticipated that more people will be attending classes this fall since the G.E.D. (General Education Development) test itself will be changed beginning January, 2002. Classes will begin September 5th in Cisco at the First United Methodist Church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. In Eastland, classes will be held at the First Baptist Church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Rising Star classes will resume on September 10th in the Rising Star High School Library from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

For more information on any of these study classes or to register, please call the Eastland Cooperative Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or e-mail (d-white@tamu.edu). All study classes are offered to the public at no charge.

## Craig Reunion

Saturday, August 11, 2001, the Craig Family reunion was held in Desdemona with all eleven children of the late William S. (Billy) and Ruth (Wilhite) Craig in attendance. Each year this reunion is held in conjunction with the Desdemona

reunion so those children who attended school there can visit with school friends. It is always a great time for reminiscing and getting reacquainted with old friends that we don't see very often.

Members attending the Family reunion this year and enjoying an evening meal and visiting are:

J.T. Craig from Phoenix, AZ.  
Bill Craig and his wife, Ruby from Comanche--their daughter Sandy with her husband, Mike Stepkin from Stephenville--Sandy's son, Jeremy with his wife Tana and baby girl, Tristen from Oklahoma.

Gerry (Craig) Zummer from Carbon and her daughter Jana with her husband Richard Holland from Arlington and their daughter Kristi from Concord, NC.

Maxine (Craig) Lawless from DeLeon

Jack Craig from Fort Worth and his son Jack Jr. with his wife Sharaine and two sons, Justin and Jackson from Burleson.

Helen (Craig) Spellman from Denver, Colorado.

James Craig and his wife Lou from Houston.

Mary (Craig) and her husband Xavier Garza from Houston, Mary's daughters Vickie and her husband Robert Barber, sons Just and Sane from Austin. Theresa with husband Wayne Hook from Houston and daughter Taylor from California, and son Scott Hall and his two children, Megan and Ryan from Houston.

Doris (Craig) Whitley from Granbury and her daughter Gina with her husband David Wuertlein and children Mallory and Zack from Weatherford. Two of Doris' grandchildren, Priscilla and Logan Whitley from Everman.

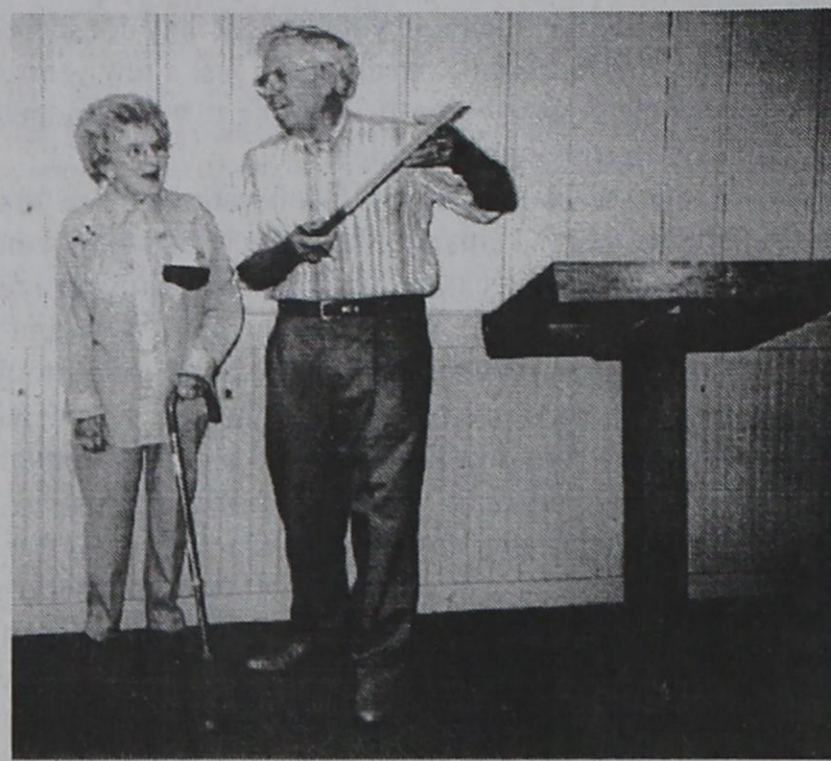
Vera (Craig) and husband Richard Love from San Antonio.

Doug Craig from Desdemona and daughter Tammie and her husband Daren Belyeu and children Cody and Chelsey from Abilene.

Ida Jones and Sy Norris (cousins) children of Ruth's sister from Dublin.

Each year we try to have as many of the family in attendance as possible, but hot weather, distance, and health problems sometimes keep some of the family from attending. At last count, there were exactly 100 direct descendants from the union of Billy and Ruth Craig. God willing, we will meet again next year.

## Desdemona School Reunion



A group of Desdemona ex-students and their wives and husbands held their annual school reunion Friday evening, August 10th at the First Baptist Church Annex.

There were sixty-six in attendance who enjoyed an evening meal of fish and roasted chicken breasts with all the trimmings; catered by the Boom-Town Cafe of Desdemona.

The special feature of the evening was to honor Mrs. R.D. Wright, a former teacher of the Desdemona school and other area schools. Presenting her with a plaque in her honor is Leo Williams, one of her former students.

## Thank You

I want to express my sincere thanks to all for the good food from the ladies in Kokomo, lovely flowers, gifts and cards. To Ray Daniels, thanks for your kind help.  
The Ross Family

## Thank You

I appreciate each of you for the warm thoughts, kind words, and floral tributes.  
Most of all, I thank you for your concern.  
Amy Wood

## Duster Exes Hold 14th Annual Reunion

By Doris Johnson

The Duster exes met for their annual school Reunion Saturday, August 11, 2001 at Heritage Hall of the First United Methodist Church in DeLeon, Texas. Everyone had a good time visiting and taking pictures. We had a lot of people from out of town, far and near. Those in attendance were:

Sherry Draper from Riding, VA.; Ken and Betty Heathington, Knoxville, TN.; Gene and Reta Crenshaw from Alba, along with Reta's brother. He didn't sign in so we don't know where he was from. Vere C. Dunaway, Aledo; Jack and Joy Morton, Alvarado; Raymond and Ann Thomas, Austin; Bill Price and Geneva Rutherford, Brownwood; Janice Wade, Cedar, Glen and Hope Nowlin and H.W. Dukes, Comanche; Neva Hyatt, Dale Valley; Lois Graham Holland, Denver City; Maxine Huddleston, Eastland; Cleo Heathington, Opal Burton and J.V. Lewis, Gorman; Mary Jo and Marvin Boswell, Montgomery; Frankie Dean (Dinkie) Keith, Morgan Mill, C.J. and Flow Dawkins, Ranger; Rondal Hodges, Valley Mills, and last but not least from DeLeon--Jewell Kimmell, Ira T. Frasier, John Ray and Doris Johnson, Melvin Skaggs, Arlie Coan, Doris and Junior Montgomery, Bernice Farley, Marie White, Gladys Pounds, Marie and Dean Nowlin, Mozelle Pyburn, Betty Wofford, Syble Golden, Argie and Margie Hale, Pauline Crow, Minnie Murl White, and Frances Morgan.

Cleo Heathington was re-elected for President, and Doris Johnson was elected for Sec.-Treas. for the coming year.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gorman Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. August 28, 2001 in Conference Room, Maxfield Elementary, 114 W. Lexington. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.39383	\$ -0-	\$1.39383	\$ 1,269	\$ 5,104
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.45	\$ -0-	\$1.45	\$ 1,445	\$ 5,962
Proposed Rate	\$1.45	\$ -0-	\$1.45	\$ 1,445	\$ 5,962

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 21,238	\$ 21,390
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,238	\$ 6,390
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39383	\$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 86.94	\$ 92.66
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		+ \$ 5.76

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value. 533,070

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.67414. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.67414.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-



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'95 Chevy Camaro	Auto, Loaded, V6	\$ 7,500

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'99 Chevy Tahoe LT	Loaded, Leather, 48K	\$20,000
'99 Chevy 1 ton Flatbed	5-spd., 350, only 18K	\$17,000
'98 Chevy 1/2 ton X-Cab	V8, Loaded, 3rd Door, 55K	\$15,000
'98 Chevy S-10 Blazer	LS, Loaded, 44K	\$14,000
'97 Ford 1 ton Crew Cab	Dually, diesel, loaded, 63K	\$18,500
'93 Chevy 1/2 ton X-Cab	350, auto, loaded	\$ 6,500

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## 10 Ways To Find The Fat In Your Budget

by Mary Rowland, MSN Money-Central Expert  
in Mutual Funds & Financial Planning

(NAPSA)-Finding the fat in your budget may not sound sexy, but try visualizing the new, svelte you-financially speaking. In just a few years, it's possible to change your lifestyle for the better by simply adhering to a few budgetary constraints. Here are my top 10 ways to trim up your budget:

1. **Focus on fixed expenses:** Just because they're "fixed," it doesn't mean they're not negotiable. Many items are fixed only in that they come out of your paycheck every month, or you write checks for them automatically-like rent and life insurance.

2. **Rent or mortgage:** Your home is your castle, but can you afford the one you have? Moving is not something you're going to do tomorrow, but if your castle is eating up more than 25 percent of your income, start making long-term plans.

3. **Utilities:** Turn down the heat and air conditioning. Analyze your phone needs. Do you need so many lines? Is your cell phone essential?

4. **Insurance:** If your term life insurance policy is five or more years old, you're in for a pleasant surprise: you can almost certainly get a better rate. Increase the deductibles on your auto and homeowner's policies, and drop collision insurance if your car is paid for. Don't skip disability insurance, though. If you can't work due to a disability, you could jeopardize everything without insurance.

5. **Groceries:** Is there really that much of a difference between generic and name brand products? Do you really enjoy the prepared foods you buy? Could you make something fresh and simple-and cheaper?

6. **Clothing:** What can we say? The biggest enemy of a clothing budget is impulse. You need a strategy. Make a list of what you need. Shop from your list. Buy the best you can afford. Think about all the stuff hanging in your closet.

7. **Transportation:** This item can eat up 50 percent of a budget. Take a hard look at where you can save. Set a budget for transportation. Negotiate for bargain air fares. Cars are better made and last much longer than they used to. Get one you like. Take good care of it-and keep it two or three years longer. Walk instead of taking a cab.

8. **Household and babysitting help:** It's tough cutting corners here. If you've found a good caretaker for your children, don't cut his or her pay. Supportive people to help in your business and home can make your life run much more smoothly.

9. **Credit:** This one has a lot of opportunities for reductions. Pick up two months' worth of credit card bills and total up the interest you paid. If you pay off your credit cards, you will save that much every month.

10. **Taxes:** Contribute to your 401(k) and make use of healthcare and dependent care spending accounts at work.

So look at discretionary expenses to see what you can do. Think of positive lifestyle changes. Vacations, too, can be thrilling without being costly if you do some research and plan a trip that allows you to explore and further an interest. You can find the fat in your budget-it just takes a little creativity and willingness on your part.

For more information, visit [www.moneycentral.msn.com](http://www.moneycentral.msn.com).

With a little work, it can be easy to whip your budget into shape.

## SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH

### New Research Shows Zelnorm™ Helps IBS Sufferers

(NAPSA)-A new study of more than 1500 female patients with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) shows that Zelnorm™ (tegaserod maleate) demonstrated significant improvement of multiple symptoms in women with IBS suffering from abdominal pain, discomfort and constipation. IBS is a chronic disorder characterized by abdominal pain, discomfort and constipation or diarrhea (or an alternating pattern of the two). Zelnorm currently is under review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of abdominal pain, discomfort and constipation in women with C-IBS.

"One of the true unmet needs in medicine today is a safe and effective treatment for IBS, a disease that affects about one-in-five Americans," said Brian Lacy, MD, assistant professor of Medicine in the Division of Digestive Diseases at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and acting director of the Marvin M. Schuster Center for Digestive and Motility Disorders. "Today's findings suggest a major advance in treating IBS because the data demonstrate that the majority of patients treated with Zelnorm experienced significant relief within the first week of treatment."

The new data were presented at the 32nd annual Digestive Disease Week (DDW) meeting in Atlanta in May. DDW is a joint meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), the American Gastroenterology Association (AGA), the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT).

IBS is recognized as the second leading cause of workplace absenteeism in the U.S. after the common cold. IBS can have a significant impact on a person's everyday life, limiting a person's ability to work and go about normal daily activities, such as shopping, exercising and socializing. This troubling disorder costs the U.S. healthcare system more than \$8 billion annually.

Up to 40 million Americans suffer from IBS, which is one of the most common gastrointestinal (GI) disorders, accounting for about 30 percent of all visits to gastrointestinal specialists. There is no single medication available proven to be safe and effective for relieving abdominal pain, discomfort and constipation in IBS patients.

The most common adverse events reported in this study included headache and diarrhea. In most cases, the diarrhea occurred early, was transient, and was most often observed as a single episode during the 12-week treatment period.

## Strawberries And Honey Make A Great Pair

(NAPSA)-Eaten out of hand as a snack, or sweetened with honey as a dessert, strawberries can brighten meals and add a healthy dose of nutrition. Besides being delicious, strawberries are a good source of vitamin C, fiber and antioxidants.

Like strawberries, honey can play a part in a healthy diet. Honey provides a rich sweet flavor and is a natural source of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants in small amounts; and all at just 64 calories per tablespoon.

Honey Strawberry Chiffon Pie is a surprisingly light dessert that combines the fresh taste of fruit with the richness of honey. Honey's distinct flavor shines through and you may be surprised to learn that there are 300 different varieties of honey in the United States alone, each with its own distinct flavor. They range in color from pale, almost white sage to the extremely dark buckwheat-and the flavors are just as varied.

Single varietal honeys result from honey bees gathering nectar from the same type of flowers. Author and honey expert, Gene Opton, loves to search out local honeys at farmers' markets. She writes that "some of my favorites are the work of artisan producers-small suppliers who harvest only in specifically designated areas and focus on single-flower honeys." For this recipe, she recommends an orange blossom honey, but why not try experimenting with a few varietals to find your favorite.

For more recipes and information on the many sources and types of honey visit the National Honey Board's Web site at [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com).

If you're looking for some great drink recipes, order the National Honey Board's new honey beverage leaflet. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to: National Honey Board-Dept. DL, 390 Lashley Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

### Honey Strawberry Chiffon Pie

- 2 cups coarsely chopped strawberries (12 oz.)
  - 3/4 cup honey, divided
  - 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
  - 1 cup light sour cream
- Prepared 9-inch crumb crust

*In small bowl, combine strawberries and 1/4 cup honey; set aside. In small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand 1 minute. Stir over low heat until gelatin is dissolved; stir in remaining 1/2 cup honey. Transfer to large bowl; stir in sour cream. Cover and refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture mounds on a spoon when tested. Using electric mixer, beat mixture at medium speed until light. Fold in strawberries; mix until well combined. Pour into prepared crust. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.*

*Nutrition information per serving: calories 295; total fat 9 g; cholesterol 10 mg; sodium 203 mg; total carbohydrate 52 g; dietary fiber 1 g; protein 4 g*  
*Tip: Fresh or whole unsweetened frozen strawberries may be used. Thaw frozen strawberries before combining with honey.*

## BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE FOR 2001 PEANUT FESTIVAL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BOOTH AT THIS YEARS PEANUT FESTIVAL NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP. BELOW IS A COPY OF OUR BOOTH GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL INA OR JOHNNY AT 254-734-2202 OR 734-2720.

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**Pause to Think**

Are you listening to Truth, or in the words of Pilate, what is Truth? *Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? John 18:38* As each of us know, attempting to learn the truth can be a very difficult undertaking. Is truth elusive, or is mankind evasive? Why is it so difficult to discover truth? Each of these questions should be pondered, and answers should be sought.

Pilate was not referring to religion alone, when he asked, "What is truth?" But, was speaking of truth in general, as well as truth concerning religious matters. His question was a direct response to the statement that Jesus had just made with regard to truth. In *John 18:37*, Jesus said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

There is no question that Pilate was in turmoil trying to do what he considered to be the best course of action. He accepted the governorship in Jerusalem, knowing that Israel was in a state of religious upheaval. Of course his upbringing and subsequent levels of education was not in alignment with Judaism. Israel was basically alone in its belief of worshipping the one true God. Paganistic countries that embraced the worship of many gods surrounded Israel, and from time to time, they were influenced by these practices. However, there was a remnant of Jews that were holding desperately to Judaism and the promise of a Messiah.

**We know** that Jesus Christ was the Messiah that they were looking for. But, many of the Jews, especially those in the priesthood, failed to recognize him, although his coming was a portrait of the promises and prophecies regarding his arrival. How is it possible that Truth was so difficult for them to perceive? Again, I ask, was truth so elusive, or was mankind evasive?

In order for us to find the answers with regard to these questions concerning truth, we must examine the nature of truth. Truth is revelatory in nature. It is like turning on a vast amount of light in a dark room. Truth exposes.

In *Hebrews 4:12-13*, Paul declares, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Please note the highlighted words in the previous text. These are the things that truth accomplishes. When we hear truth, it pierces us, discerns the

actions of our lives and our thoughts, makes them manifest, and causes us to feel vulnerable. However, the upside to all of this is found in *John 8:32*. In this passage of scripture, Jesus declares, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Is Truth eluding you, or are you evading Truth?

More next week. Address comments or questions to:

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