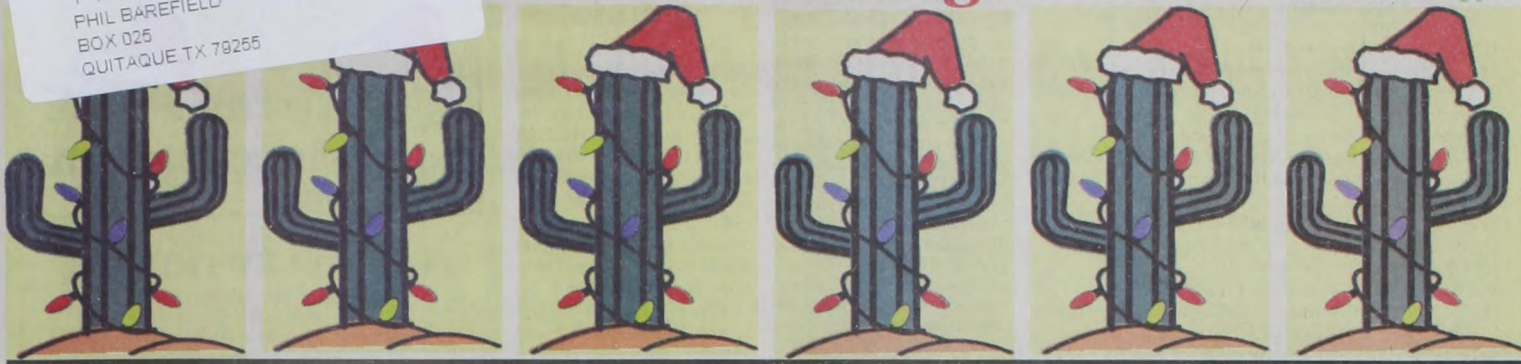


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**Turkey VFD & EMS  
Announce That  
Santa Will Be Coming  
To Turkey  
Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Boxes Have Been Set Up Around Turkey  
& Donations Are Still Needed  
Please Help Us Make Christmas  
Special For Our Area Kids!**

## Quitaque City Council Nominates Smith & Leeper For Appraisal Board

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10. Mayor Clyde Dudley called the meeting to order with all council members present. Also present were Dale Smith, Maria Merrell and Walter Skinner. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

\* Under public comment Maria informed the council that representatives from the Enduro Association, TxDOT and the Sheriff's office would be at the next council meeting to discuss the Enduro and Grand Prix scheduled for the end of March. The council was informed that Maria had discussed the area west of the drive through that comes out onto Highway 86 at the Hope Center with Gary Clinton area TxDOT representative and he stated that this area would be worked on after all construction in town was completed. Next council member Michelle Pointer addressed the issue of the high number of stray dogs in town.

\* The ambulance service reported that since last regular meeting they had three ambulance runs.

\* The fire department reported that they had responded to two fires since last regular meeting, a module fire and a mutual aide fire between Turkey and Matador. It was also noted that one truck is in the shop with brakes being repaired.

\* The council approved a motion to adopt an ordinance approving a settlement agreement between the city and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division.

\* The council next passed a motion to cast the city's share of votes for Briscoe County Appraisal Board of Directors nominee. The council decided to cast votes for both nominees from Quitaque as follows: Dale Smith-72 votes and Wilburn Leeper-100 votes.

\* Dale Smith informed the council that he had been contacted by someone who had the old clock that was once in place in the hall of the old Quitaque High School. He discussed the possibility of restoring the old clock and placing it in the Hope Center. A motion passed to place the clock after restoration at the Hope Center.

Story continued on Page 2

## What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

### December 13

- \* Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- \* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- \* Matador Masonic Lodge meeting

### December 14

- \* Basketball: Valley Patriot Varsity Boys & Girls - Spur Tournament TBA December 6-8

### December 17

- \* Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

### December 18

- \* Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## Children's Musical This Sunday Night!

By Susan Ramsey

The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Quitaque, will present their Christmas musical, "Boughs of Holly" this coming Sunday night, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. This is the

heartwarming and entertaining story of a group of children who are organizing a food and toy drive for the needy, and the lessons that they learn from doing so. The choir is asking that each person attending the performance bring a food item, toy, or an article of clothing to be given to someone in need. Come out and support our kids. You'll receive a blessing and be a blessing in return!



## Tribune To Be Closed Christmas Week

The Valley Tribune will be closed for vacation from Friday, December 21 through Friday, December 28. There will be no paper printed Thursday, December 27. We will be open for business Monday, December 31. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

## Hall Co. Commissioners Hold Brief December Meeting

The Hall County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, December 10. Present for the meeting were County Judge Jack Martin, Commissioners Milton Beasley-Pct 1, Terry Lindsey-Pct 2, Buddy Logsdon-Pct 3, James Fuston-Pct 4, and Hans Skovlund, Deputy County Clerk. After attending to regular monthly court business the following items were addressed:

\* A motion passed to transfer \$11,500.00 from the sale of equipment line item to the Sheriff's vehicle line item.

\* Pursuant to Texas Code, Section 551.071 the court went into executive session at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. A motion passed that no action be taken at this time on the matter discussed during Executive Session.

\* A motion passed to transfer remaining funds in the 2006-07 canine fund into the 2007-08 budget.

\* A motion passed to advertise for bids to sell the 1995 Ford pickup being used by extra road workers. The bids are due by the January 14, 2008 meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Santa Letters Due By Friday, December 14



Santa's elves have placed Santa's Mailbox in front of The Valley Tribune, located at 111 Main Street in Quitaque. Children have until Friday, December 14 to get their letters mailed or you can email them to vtaylor@caprock-spur.com. According to the elves Santa is currently making his list and will soon be checking it twice, to find out just who has been naughty and who has been nice!

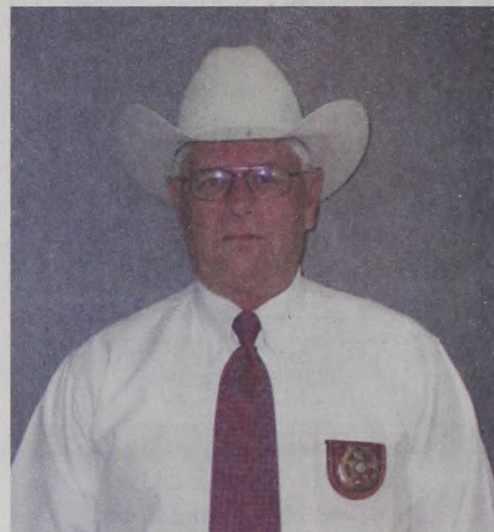
## Filing Deadline For 2008 March Primary Elections

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the March Primary was December 3, 2007. Deadline for filing is January 2, 2008.

In Briscoe, Hall and Motley Counties the following positions are up for re-election in all three counties:

Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector, County Attorney, Commissioners for Precinct 1 & 3.

Last day to register to vote in the March Primary is February 4, 2008.



Earnest Neel

## Earnest Neel Announces Candidacy For Reelection As Hall County Sheriff

I am seeking re-election as your Hall County Sheriff.

I have 32 years combined law enforcement. I was honorably discharged from the United States Army after thirteen years, where I served as a Military Policeman and Military Police Investigator. I worked as a Texas State Trooper while being stationed in Houston and Paducah. I worked for The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for twelve and a half years and for the past four years as your Hall County Sheriff.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as sheriff, and I remember that I work for you, the citizens of Hall County. I will continue to maintain honesty and integrity which is so important for a Sheriff Department to operate efficiently. I have the knowledge and experience to get the job done.

I am currently a member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, The National Sheriff's Association, and a member of the United States Olympic Team, in which I recently received my twenty five year award.

In addition to my law enforcement duties, I enjoy working with the 4H youth, teaching them the shooting skills I learned as an Olympian.

My wife Debbie and I grew up in Hall County, this is our home, we enjoy living here among all our friends and neighbors.

We are members of the United Pentecostal Church.



This angel tree at Caprock Cafe is raising money for the Quitaque's Methodist Church Annual Youth Food Drive. Last day to donate will be Friday, December 14.

## Things That Make You Go Hmmm... By Laura Taylor

You Think English is Easy?

(Can you read these right the first time?)

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in "eggplant", nor ham in "hamburger"; neither apple nor pine in "pineapple". English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick"?

HHMMM.....

## THC To Enhance Preservation Of Historical Courthouses

AUSTIN, Texas -- They are the dominant landmark in many Texas counties, and to date, more than 40 of the state's historic courthouses have been restored and returned to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) award winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The endurance of these grand structures was cemented even further last year through the partnership between the THC and the Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) creating a training and technical assistance program to promote ongoing, regular maintenance of Texas' historic county courthouses. The TLTA recently renewed its support with a generous grant marking the continuation of the THC's Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative, meant to sustain historic courthouses by assuring the continued maintenance of their renewed luster.

"The Texas Land Title Association is proud to continue its partnership with the Texas Historical Commission's courthouse stewardship program," said TLTA President Sheri Asbell. "Our grant will facilitate the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of these beautifully restored landmarks that are so important to the architectural landscape of Texas."

The Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative had its first successful training workshop in March 2007 and provided courthouse site visits and consultations with THC architects. The workshop addressed issues such as inspecting the protective exterior envelope of the building, how to identify mechanical malfunctions and budgeting for maintenance. Another workshop is scheduled for April 10-11, 2008 in Austin and incentives for courthouses participating in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program will be offered, as well as featured speakers on issues relevant to courthouse preservation.

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in 1999 and appropriated funding to preserve and protect the historic courthouses of Texas after they were placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. The program has received national recognition and multiple awards, and it has completed four rounds of grant funding with 112 counties participating. The 80th Texas Legislature included \$62 million in bond funding for Round V of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, which will be distributed in January 2008 to assist additional counties interested in preserving their historic courthouses.

The TLTA is a trade association founded in 1908 whose members include title insurance underwriting companies, title agents, companies that provide goods or services to the title industry and individuals employed by member companies. The TLTA grant provides critical resources to counties needing the specialized training required for courthouse maintenance, without which the state could again face the same challenge to preserve these recently restored courthouses in 25 to 30 years.

Hall County is currently submitting a grant proposal to the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program.

## OBITUARIES

### Gladys O. Hanna

Gladys O. Hanna, 92, of Turkey, Texas died Saturday December 8, 2007. Services were held Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Turkey with Brother Melvin Clinton and Brother Jimmy Stamatis officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Gladys was born October 18, 1915 in Turkey to R.E. and Tabitha Young. She married Buster Hanna September 14, 1934 in Turkey. Gladys taught Sunday School for many years as well as being active in Senior Citizens.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Buster in 1999, one son, Dolan Hanna in 2000, two sisters and four brothers.

Gladys is survived by a son, Bobby and his wife Patricia of Vernon, a daughter-in-law, Gail Hanna of Turkey, a sister, Colleen Stone, a brother, Dick Young, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## Quitaque City Council

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\* The council discussed 10% interest being charged by Morton Irrigation for late payments. Maria informed the council that nothing in the contract stated payment if interest on late payments. A motion passed to refuse payment of interest.

\* The council reviewed and discussed at length a lease with Palo Duro. A motion passed to table action until further review.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Roll	Roll/Dessert*	Beans
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\* Diabetic Desserts Available

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## FLOMOT

By Earlyne Jameson

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Holiday Spirit Circulates

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Tuesday afternoon. December...

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Mrs. Jo Cruse and Mrs. Connie Fr...

with a red candle encircled with...  
centerpiece. Adding to the decor...

a red ribbon held a bouquet of...  
their favorite holiday food with...

and coffee.  
A red and green tree skirt was...

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

I have often thought about making a fitness video for folks my age. I would call it Pumping Rust.

### Holiday Spirit Circulated At Do Gooders Club Meeting

The holiday spirit circulated at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, December 4 at the Community Center in Flomot in observance of Christmas.

The refreshment table was laid with a red runner on a white cloth and a Yuletide designed service. The hostesses, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Mrs. Connie Franks had a hurricane lamp with a red candle encircled with poinsettia and greenery as the centerpiece. Adding to the decor, a leather boot wrapped with a red ribbon held a bouquet of poinsettia. Everyone brought their favorite holiday food with the recipe served with red punch and coffee.

A red and green tree skirt was draped on a table that held a miniature Christmas tree adorned with crocheted snow flakes and candy canes. A colorful array of Christmas gifts was around it. They enjoyed a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter presided at a short business session. She postponed the election of club officers that will serve in 2008 to Tuesday, January 1st Club meeting. So many of the ladies were unable to attend as they were working with cotton modules or at gin offices trying to complete the 2007 cotton harvest.

Members attending the holiday gala were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Erma Washington, Brenda Browning, Geneva Martin, Waydetta Clay, Anna Beth Clay and Kathy Shorter.

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Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Rickey Hughes of Floydada visited his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes Saturday.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Wilburn Martin attended to business in Lubbock last Monday.

Visitors Sunday of Mrs. Erma Washington were son, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, his grandchildren, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Cary Franks of Idalou and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock.

Kathy and Clois Shorter attended to business in Lubbock, Monday.

Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed the Christmas Craft Show in Silvertown Saturday.

Johnie Starkey left Friday for Lebanon, Missouri to attend to business and visit his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey and grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey.

A winter storm this weekend caused the cotton strippers to be parked. The cotton harvest is almost complete in the Flomot and Whiteflat area. There was a four hour electrical outage in Whiteflat Sunday night.

## Turkey Senior Citizens News

The Turkey Sr. Citizens cancelled its meeting Tuesday night. The annual Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 18th with a Chinese gift exchange. We will have finger foods so; bring your favorite Christmas dessert. The Accolade nurses will be there to enjoy the fun.

If you are a senior, come and join us for some food! fun! and fellowship!

\*\*\*  
We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.  
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~ Carlos Castaneda

## M&M Cookies In A Jar

3/4 cup Flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
1 cup M&M chocolate mini baking bits, divided (You can use just M&Ms)  
1/2 cup raisins  
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
1 & 1/4 cups uncooked quick oats.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. In 1 quart clear glass jar with tight fitting lid, layer flour mixture, walnuts, 1/2 cup M&M mini baking bits, raisins, brown sugar and remaining M&M bits and oats. Seal jar, wrap decoratively.

Give as a gift with the following instruction:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease cookie sheets, set aside. In large bowl beat 3/4 cup (1 & 1/2 sticks) softened butter, 1 large egg and 3/4 tsp. vanilla extract until well blended. Stir in contents of jar until well blended. Drop by heaping teaspoons about 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheets. Bake 9 to 11 minutes. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet; cool completely on wire racks. Store in tightly covered container

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

## Holiday M&M Cookies

1 & 1/4 cups sugar  
1 & 1/4 cups M&M candies (use red and green for Christmas)

2 cups flour mixed with 1/2 tsp. baking soda and 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Layer ingredients in order given in a wide mouth canning jar. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Attach the following to the jar:

### M & M Cookies

1. empty jar of cookie mix into large mixing bowl. Use your hands to thoroughly blend mix.

2. Add 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, not diet, very soft.

1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 tsp, vanilla (optional)

3. Mix until completely blended. You will need to finish mixing with your hands.

4. Shape into balls the size of walnuts & place 2 inches apart on sprayed baking sheets.

Bake at 375 degrees F for 12 to 14 minutes, until edges are lightly browned.

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## Edible Christmas Cookie Ornaments

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1/4 cup vanilla frosting  
9 ring-shaped butter flavored cookies or any ring-shaped cookies

1 roll (9 count) ring-shaped fruit flavored Life Savers  
1 1/2 to 2 yards red string licorice or ribbon

Place frosting in small bowl. Add desired food color; blend well. Place colored frosting in decorating bag fitted with small writing or decorator tip, or in small resealable plastic freezer bag with 1 corner snipped off to make a very small hole for piping.

Place 1 cookie on flat surface; lightly outline center hole with frosting. Place 1 ring-shaped candy over frosting, pressing lightly and matching center openings. Pipe frosting decoratively on cookie. Repeat with remaining cookies; let dry. Insert licorice through hole in each cookie; tie in knot or bow. Hang ornaments on tree or use to decorate packages or gift baskets.

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- Middle East oil org.
- TXism: "saddle sores eventually"
- abbr. for TXism: "legal eagle"
- TX critic Rex
- TXism: "trapped like"
- TXism: "he's a few bricks of a load"
- TX Globetrotter Leron
- Boerne historic landmark: "Kendall Inn"
- modern telephone
- TX bullrider champ Gay
- El Paso religious mountain: Sierra de Rey
- TX Farr of "Sons of the Pioneers"
- medic
- TX "Alley Oop" creator: Hamlin
- TXism: "missed mile"
- Ranger pickup dead language (abbr.)
- this B. Don is former director of Miss TX pageant
- Eisenhower State is near Denison
- TXism: "it's a hard to swallow"
- TXism for nonsense
- TXism: "alarm chili (mild)"
- TXism: "beats anything I saw"
- TX Bush said: "Read My J"
- very small amount
- TXism: "let rip!"
- word describing TX Howard Hughes
- Charles Whitman crowd from UT tower in '66
- in Lamar Co. on 82 50 born
- TX-sized communications co.
- Gay Talese book: "Honor Father"
- TXism: "you couldn't find your nose with both hands"
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- arm bone
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### Valley School Lunch Menu

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**Monday, December 17**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk

**Tuesday, December 18**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Burritos, Beans, Pears, Milk

**Wednesday, December 19**

**Breakfast:** Donuts, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Hot Pockets, Corn, Apricots, Milk

**Thursday, December 20**

**Breakfast:** Cereal Bars, OJ/Milk  
**Lunch:** Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Salad, Chips, Cookies, Milk

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**



"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!"  
**THE LUNCHROOM LADIES**  
Menu Subject To Change



## Patriots Take 2nd at Spur Tourney

By Susan Ramsey

The Valley Patriots saw their first basketball action of the season this past weekend. The Patriots participated in the Spur Tournament and played well, as they were the eventual runners-up of the tournament.

In the first game, Valley defeated Guthrie by a 65-22 score. Valley had all ten players find the scoring column. Jacob Hancock had 14 points to lead the Patriots. Others scoring were Dalton Allen-10, Justin Rucker-8,

Isaac Smith-8, Cole Brown-7, Brady Ramsey-5, Armando Mendoza-5, Roger Ramos-4, and Ray Galvan and Jeffery Addison with 2 each.

The second game saw the Patriots defeat the hometown Spur Bulldogs by a 36-29 score. Jacob Hancock again led the way with 13 points. Cole Brown and Brady Ramsey were next with 7 & 6 points, respectively.

The final game saw Valley fall to the Ira Bulldogs by a 54-43 score. The Patriots played hard, but came up short against a very talented squad. Jacob Hancock was, again, high point with 14 points. Cole Brown had 8 points and Dalton Allen & Brady Ramsey were next with 5 & 4 points, respectively.

Jacob Hancock was named to the All-Tournament Team. The Patriots will next be in action this Thursday at the Meadow Tournament. They play Petersburg at 1:30 in their first game. Go Blue!



Valley's Jasmin Ivory was named Tournament MVP, and Savannah Smith was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Silver Spur Holiday Tournament.



**Valley's Christmas Holiday will be December 21 thru January 1**



The Lady Patriots defeated Post, Spur, and Hale Center to take home the championship trophy at the Silver Spur Holiday Tournament.

## Lady Patriots Win Silver Spur Tournament

By Susan Ramsey

The Lady Patriots defeated Post, Spur, and Hale Center to take home the championship trophy at the Silver Spur Holiday Tournament. Valley's Jasmin Ivory was named Tournament MVP, and Savannah Smith was named to the All-Tournament Team.

In the 59-27 victory over the Post sophomores, Jasmin had 17 points and Savannah had 10. Others scoring were Leslie Payne-9, Lacie Pointer-8, Jordan Jenkins-5, Mary Kate Davidson-4, Monica Mendoza-3, and Payton Price with 2 points.

The second game saw Valley overcome a one point halftime deficit to win by a 38-30 margin. Jasmin Ivory, once again, led all scorers with 21 points. Jordan Jenkins had 7, Savannah Smith-6, and Mariela Mendoza had 4 points.

The championship game saw Valley win a thriller over Hale Center by a 37-36 score. Jasmin Ivory again led the Lady Patriots with 21 points. Mariela Mendoza had 7, Jordan Jenkins-6, and Savannah Smith had 3 points to round out the scoring for Valley.

The Lady Patriots will be in the Meadow Tournament this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The first game will be against Petersburg at noon Thursday. Let's all make the drive to Meadow and cheer our girls on to another championship title!

### TURKEY-QUITAQUE CISD TAX OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

**We Will Be Open**  
Friday, December 28 from 9 am -12 noon & 1- 4 pm  
and  
Monday, December 31 from 9 am -12 noon

**Thank You & Happy Holidays**

**Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Happy Tuesday, December 18 @ 5 p.m., here**

**Valley Jr High Boys & Girls vs Paducah Monday, December 17 @ 5:30 p.m., here**

**Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Happy**



Valley Varsity Boys



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## Texas State-Fish Art Contest Open To Kids Grades 4-12

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is the official host for the Texas State-Fish Art Contest sponsored by Wildlife Forever. All Texas entries in the annual contest are to be sent to TFFC for judging. Winning Texas entries will be forwarded to Wildlife Forever to compete for national best of show and art of conservation stamp honors.

The Texas State-Fish Art Contest is open to all Texas students in grades 4 through 12. To enter, students must create an illustration of the Texas state fish or one of the other state fishes and write a composition on its behavior, habitat and conservation. Texas students are encouraged, but not required, to depict the Texas state fish, the Guadalupe bass. Texas entries are judged only against other Texas entries no matter what fish is depicted.

The State-Fish Art Contest is part of a conservation education program designed to spark the imaginations of students while providing valuable lessons about fish and the importance of conserving Texas' aquatic resources. We also offer you the choice to use our free lesson plan.

State-Fish Art Contest entries are judged in three categories: grades 4-6, grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. One Texas winner from each category is selected each year. Winners are invited to attend the national awards ceremony at Minnesota's Mall of America each summer. Winning designs will be featured on the official State-Fish Art website. One piece of artwork in each grade category will be selected as the national best of show winner, and one entry will be chosen as the annual art of conservation stamp award and be featured on Wildlife Forever's conservation stamp for the coming year. Entries must be postmarked by March 31 each year and must comply with all rules and regulations. An official entry form must accompany all entries.

The contest is sponsored by Wildlife Forever, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Rapala, The Art Institutes International Minnesota, Mall of America, North American Fishing Club, Minnesota Twins and Cheap Joe's Art Stuff. Wildlife Forever is a conservation organization whose mission is to conserve America's wildlife heritage through conservation education, preservation of habitat and management of fish and wildlife.

For more information on contest rules, entry forms and free lesson plans for teachers go to [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/education/fish\\_art/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/education/fish_art/).

## Thornberry Says Bill Hurts Consumers

**Congressman Proposes Increasing Energy Supplies, Not Taxes**

Congressman Mac Thornberry issued the following statement related to H.R. 6, an energy-related bill passed by the House today.

"Today I voted against H.R. 6, a so-called 'energy' bill. In truth, this bill discourages energy production here at home and makes energy more expensive for all of us who use it. It is particularly harmful for those of us in the more rural parts of the country."

"Passage today of H.R. 6 raises taxes, imposes new federal mandates that could increase electricity prices and requires new CAFE standards that call for vehicle fuel economy standards at 35 miles-per-gallon by 2020. This bill offers no new alternative or renewable energy that Americans can use. No coal-to-liquid. No carbon-free nuclear energy. No new oil shale development. No new federal lands opened to production to increase the supply of oil or natural gas here at home - in fact it actually discourages the development of new American energy supplies."

"Last summer I proposed a different approach. H.R. 3089, the 'No More Excuses Energy Act of 2007,' would encourage the production of more energy of all kinds here at home. I believe that every bit of energy we produce here is that much less we have to buy from overseas."

## Holiday Shoppers Misinformed On Insurance Coverage For High Tech Gifts

New survey finds 96 million households lack key knowledge on protecting electronics

As the holiday shopping season unofficially kicks off this week, about 42 million American households plan to give or receive high-tech electronic products this year. However, about seven out of eight households don't fully understand key aspects of their insurance coverage for these purchases, according to a new national survey by Trusted Choice® and the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (the Big "I").

For the survey, respondents were asked if they were going to purchase or receive electronics, including iPods and iPhones, video gaming systems, computers and plasma televisions, during this holiday season. In addition, when asked, only about one fifth of survey respondents reported ever contacting their insurance agent with questions on coverage for high-tech electronic products when they purchased them in the past.

"With so many people giving and receiving electronics this holiday season, it is important for consumers to understand how to protect these gifts," says **Pat Carson of the Pat Carson Insurance in Turkey, Texas**. "In fact, any time people acquire an expensive or unusual item, we advise they consult with their independent insurance agent. This new research shows us not enough consumers are doing that."

The survey also presented respondents with five questions about insurance coverage for high-tech home electronics. An overwhelming seven out of eight households (96 million) answered at least one of these questions incorrectly.

"As research shows so frequently, most consumers don't fully understand their insurance policies," says **Pat Carson**. "Making matters worse, with the ever-changing technology of these types of electronics, consumers need to keep in mind that policies may not always reflect the latest features."

The good news for consumers is that most electronic gadgets are typically covered under the standard homeowners or renters policy. However, there are some common and important exceptions that many consumers don't understand. Look out for coverage limitations and exclusions in these situations:

**\* Digitally-downloaded data:** These are not generally covered under the usual homeowners or renters policy. Consumers need to think about the value of their iTunes, downloads, and other data, as well as the time it would take to recover that material. Even in cases of fire, windstorms, and theft, when your computer is covered, downloads are not usually included. Although a few companies now offer some coverage for digital data, that coverage is limited and may not allow for full replacement or re-creation of digital material. Consumers should consult an independent agent to find out what insurance options and protection they have. Trusted Choice® independent agents suggest backing up information to multiple locations or to a portable storage device to secure and safeguard that material against any disaster.

**\* Electrical power surges:** According to the new survey, more than half (55%) of Americans mistakenly believe that their insurance coverage would protect their electronics in the event of an electrical power surge. However, the vast majority of renters and homeowners policies exclude sudden loss or damage to electronics from changes in artificially generated electrical current. Ask your Trusted Choice® independent agent about insurance options including specialty electronics policy and whenever possible, use a surge protector or invest in an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to protect against power surges or outages resulting from them.

**\* Know your deductible:** For most standard homeowners and renters policies, the usual deductible is higher than the cost of many single electronic gadgets. For example, if your iPod, cell phone, or portable gaming system is stolen, the replacement cost might not meet your deductible. About 52% of survey respondents were incorrect by thinking they could usually rely on their insurance policy to recoup this type of loss. Talk to your agent and discuss the proper deductible for your individual circumstances. A Trusted Choice® agent can help you understand how changing your deductible affects your insurance premium and what the best choice is for you.

**\* Examine your exclusions and know your perils:** Although electronics gear is typically covered under a homeowners or renters policy, the same exclusions apply to these items as to the rest of your policy. Your electronics will not be covered in cases of flood, earthquake, mudslides, and some other specific disasters or circumstances. For example, if your new plasma TV falls off the wall because you hung it improperly, or if you drop your new computer while carrying it into your home, you are probably not covered. In addition, before making a particularly large electronics purchase, consult your Trusted Choice® independent insurance agent to determine if you need a special policy.

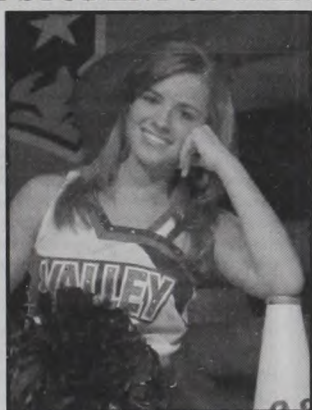
**\* Business use:** Homeowners and renters policies were designed for just that - homeowners and renters use. Coverage for computers and other electronic items used for business in the home is often very limited (usually \$2500 on premises and \$250 for items outside of the home). Discuss purchasing an in-home business policy with your Trusted Choice® agent to make sure that you have the protection you need for any electronics you use for business purposes.

**\* Gift cards:** Holiday shoppers nervous about giving electronics that could be an insurance risk may choose gift cards instead for their friends and loved ones. They should be aware, though, that most homeowners and renters policies treat gift cards the same as cash, reimbursing just \$200 in total, no matter how many cards you may have had lost or stolen. Be sure and save all receipts and find out the store's own policy for lost or stolen cards at the time of purchase.

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*Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.*  
- Dr. Alexis Carrel

## "PATRIOT SPIRIT" VALLEY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

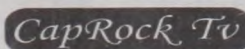
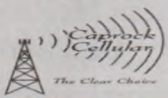


**Jordan Jenkins**

Jordan Jenkins is the Valley Student of the Month for December. Jordan is a 16 year old Junior at Valley High School. Jordan is the daughter of Daniel and Jackie Jenkins of Turkey. As an active Valley Patriot, Jordan has excelled in numerous school activities. Jordan is a very active member of the Valley FFA. Jordan was a member of the Area I winning Sr. Chapter Conducting team last year and participated at the State Leadership Contest. Recently, Jordan and her team members on the Sr. Chapter Conducting team again won the Area I and Greenbelt District contests. Jordan has also excelled in Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, Dairy Products and Job Interview at the State level in FFA. Jordan enjoys and succeeds with her animal projects in FFA also. Jordan is a two-year member of the Valley varsity Lady Patriots basketball team. Jordan also participates in Track and Cross-Country. Jordan is a three year member of the famous Valley High School Cheerleaders.

Jordan's academic efforts are very important. Jordan is a member of the National Honor Society and a regular name on the "A" Honor Roll. Jordan was chosen for this recognition because of her hard work and her devotion to VHS. She is the example of an "All Around Patriot" and we are very proud of her.

"PATRIOT SPIRIT" is for the recognition of Outstanding Valley Students regardless of age or grade and is proudly Brought to you by: **Cap Rock**



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Good In Cold Weather!	Small Pack Bone In Sirloin Cut
<b>Wolf Chili</b> ....15 oz.....\$1 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Pork Chops</b> ....1 lb.....\$1 <sup>19</sup>
Assorted Shurfine	Pilgrim's Pride Whole
<b>Saltine Crackers</b> ....15-16 oz.....\$1 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Cut Up Fryer</b> ....1 lb.....99¢
Assorted Regular \$3 <sup>99</sup> Size/9-13.5 oz	Family Pack Fresh
<b>Doritos Chips</b> .....2 for \$4 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Ground Beef</b> ....1 lb.....\$1 <sup>29</sup>
Crowned With Quality	Small Pack Fresh
<b>Imperial Spread</b> ....16 oz.....2 for \$1 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Ground Beef</b> ....1 lb.....\$1 <sup>49</sup>
Assorted Bottles	Boneless Beef
<b>Crisco Oil</b> ....48 oz.....2 for \$4 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Stew Meat</b> ....1 lb.....\$2 <sup>99</sup>
Imperial	Fresh Sirloin End
<b>Brown Sugar</b> ....2 lb bag.....2 for \$3 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Pork Roast</b> ....1 lb.....99¢
Imperial 2 lb Bag	Hormel Regular or Hot Links
<b>Powdered Sugar</b> .....2 for \$3 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Little Sizzlers</b> ....12 oz.....\$1 <sup>00</sup>
Imperial Granulated	Hormel Black Label
<b>Sugar</b> ....4 lb bag.....\$1 <sup>69</sup>	<b>Sliced Bacon</b> ....1 lb.....2 for \$5 <sup>00</sup>
Morrison Bis-Kits or Corn-Kits	Crisp
<b>Baking Kits</b> ....6 oz.....2 for \$1 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Iceberg Lettuce</b> ....each.....69¢
Shurfine White Restaurant or Nacho Cheese	Salad Size
<b>Tortillia Chips</b> ....16 oz.....\$1 <sup>69</sup>	<b>Avocados</b> .....3 for \$1 <sup>00</sup>
Regular or Milk Chocolate	Spicy Hot
<b>Nestle Morsels</b> ....12 oz.....2 for \$5 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Jalapenos</b> ....1 lb.....89¢
Swiss Miss 8-10 Pack	Dole Assorted
<b>Hot Cocoa</b> ....each.....\$1 <sup>19</sup>	<b>Classic Salads</b> ....10-16 oz.....2 for \$3 <sup>00</sup>
Blue Bunny Assorted Frozen Yogurt or	WAXF Granny Smith
<b>Ice Cream</b> ....56 oz.....\$6 <sup>99</sup>	<b>Apples</b> ....1 lb.....99¢
Philadelphia	Northwest Fresh D'Anjou
<b>Cream Cheese</b> ....8 oz.....2 for \$3 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Pears</b> ....1 lb.....89¢
Shurfine Assorted	Extra Large Navel
<b>Jumbo Biscuits</b> ....8 ct.....\$1 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Oranges</b> ....1 lb.....79¢
Kraft	Breakfast Size Texas
<b>Shredded Cheese</b> ....8 oz.....2 for \$4 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Grapefruit</b> .....4 for \$1 <sup>00</sup>
Western Family 8 Hour	Tangy
<b>Acetaminophen</b> ....50 ct.....\$3 <sup>99</sup>	<b>Lemons</b> .....5 for \$1 <sup>00</sup>
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### TDA Market Recap December 10, 2007

AUSTIN – For the week ending December 8, 2007, cash feeder steer prices at Texas auctions were down somewhat from the previous week's average, with most of the decline coming late in the week. However, prices remain higher than at this time last year. Fed cattle prices were also lower than last week, but higher than a year ago. Cotton prices finished the week lower as increasing harvest-time supplies continue to pressure the market. Wheat prices were higher again this week, with ongoing concerns about U.S. and international supplies pushing the market higher. As for futures markets, feeder cattle futures closed the week lower, while finished cattle, cotton, wheat and corn were higher. Unseasonably warm temperatures prevailed statewide until a weekend cold front dropped temperatures, but brought little rainfall. Winter wheat continues to suffer from dry soils with most of the acreage in fair to very poor condition. However, the dry weather did allow rapid progress on cotton, grain sorghum, pecan and citrus harvest. Pastures were rated in mostly fair to good condition with supplemental feeding on the increase.

----- Week Ending -----

Texas Cash Markets: 12/08/07 12/01/07 12/09/06

Feeder Steers(\$/cwt)	112.03	112.80	106.56
Fed Cattle(\$/cwt)	94.01	95.08	87.02
Slaughter Lamb (\$/cwt)	113.50	112.50	111.50
Slaughter Goats(\$/cwt)	114.00	117.50	111.00

Cotton (¢/lb)	58.75	59.25	49.13
Grain Sorghum (\$/bu)	6.75	6.38	6.57
Wheat (\$/bu)	8.74	8.31	4.75
Corn(\$/bu)	4.26	3.87	3.95

Futures Markets:

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)	105.95	107.70
Finished Cattle(\$/cwt)	94.03	93.85

Cotton(¢/lb)	64.55	63.46
Wheat (\$/bu)	9.49	9.07
Corn(\$/bu)	4.00	3.85

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

### Showmanship Clinic Thursday, December 20, 2007 Silverton Show Barn

- 6p.m.-Quality Counts  
*by Seth Manney, CEA-Briscoe Co.*
- 6:30 p.m.-Brisket Supper  
*prepared by Bryan Burson, Silverton Ag/Science Teacher*
- 7 p.m.-Lamb Showmanship  
*by Kyle Steward, CEA-Armstrong Co.*
- 7:30 p.m.-Goat Showmanship  
*by Josh Brooks, CEA-Hall Co.*
- 8 p.m.-Swine Showmanship  
*(competitive obstacle course)*  
*by Seth Manney, CEA-Briscoe Co.*
- 8:30 p.m.-Conclusion

Participants will be competing for showmanship prizes. This clinic will give kids the opportunity to practice and learn the art of showmanship. Sessions are going to be an open discussion & learning activity between the showman and the judge. Each exhibitor is encouraged to bring their livestock project (unclipped) to practice with. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Seth Manney by Dec 17 at 806-823-2521 to RSVP if you are interested in attending.

### Making Your Information Count

**By Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples**  
For many people, counting sheep is a sure-fire way of getting to sleep. However, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, sheep - as well as cattle, horses, ostriches and acres of cotton, rice, grapes and citrus - are just some of the many items the agency will count for a complete look of Texas for the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

We can be proud Texas has one of the most diverse agricultural industries in the world, and the Census of Agriculture is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the incredible array of commodities coming from our fields, pastures, orchards, vineyards and rangelands.

That's why it's important for everyone who receives a Census questionnaire to complete it and mail it in by the February 4, 2008 deadline. Taking time to complete the questionnaire not only gives you the opportunity to provide a complete picture of Texas agriculture, but also to help shape the way agricultural policies can meet your changing needs. The Census is your voice in Texas, and you need to be heard.

Federal lawmakers use Census data when developing agricultural and rural programs, and community planners rely on the information to determine local programs and services. Private companies also use Census data to decide where to locate operations.

The Texas Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts the Census in the Lone Star State every five years. Questionnaires will be mailed the last week in December and should be returned in the envelope provided. You also will be able to complete the questionnaire online through a secure Web site.

U.S. law requires a response from all producers who receive a Census questionnaire, even if you did not operate a farm or ranch in 2007. This same law also guarantees strict confidentiality of your information, which is not shared with any other state or federal agency.

For more information on the 2007 Census of Agriculture, contact the Texas Field Office at (800) 626-3142, or go to [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

Be sure to make your information count.

**Cotton** **News**  
By Shawn Wade  
[www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

#### Senate Leaders Reach Farm Bill Agreement

Senate leaders have finally reached agreement on how to proceed with the debate on the 2007 Farm Bill, opening the door for the process to begin on December 7. In reaching their agreement, the two sides will limit the debate to consideration of a total of 40 amendments, 20 from Democrats and 20 from Republicans and work to complete the bill by December 14.

According to the latest news from Washington, the first votes on farm bill are expected to occur as early as Tuesday, December 11. If he can maintain the schedule it appears is being developed, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) appears to be focused on completing the farm bill by December 14.

Though significantly less than the nearly 300 amendments that were expected, the 40 amendments allowed under the agreement will still several days to work through and are virtually guaranteed to include consideration of several potentially damaging amendments opposed by most mainstream agriculture groups.

Growers and farm bill supporters are encouraged to stay in contact with their Senators and ask them to support the Committee bill and oppose damaging amendments. Senators should also be asked to continue to work with the Agriculture Committee to reach agreement on as many of the 40 amendments as possible in order to further expedite the process.

Plains Cotton Growers officials note that a number of the amendments that will be offered pose a significant threat to the compromise reached by the Senate Agriculture Committee and will negatively impact southern agriculture.

Information about the most harmful of these amendments, along with contact information for Texas Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, is available on the PCG website ([www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)). Growers are encouraged to take the few minutes it requires to communicate the importance of supporting the Committee bill and working to defeat harmful amendments. Outside of Texas, growers are also encouraged to contact their Senate delegation and send the same message. Contact information for all members of the Senate can be found at: [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

#### First Quarter Price/Marketing Figures Issued

Cumulative Upland Cotton marketings for the first three months of the 2007 marketing year totaled 3,084 million bales according to information released November 30 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Only 62,000 bales off the pace set during the same period last season, the pace of shipments for the first quarter of the 2007 Upland Cotton marketing year is good news to growers. Equally favorable to growers with cotton to sell is the upswing that cotton prices have seen over the last two months.

The first month of the marketing year included August prices that averaged 44.9 cents per pound and total marketings of just over 1.7 million bales. September brought a significant jump in the average price received to 55 cents per pound, but a decline in total marketings to 373,000 for the month.

According to USDA figures released November 30, October 2007 cotton marketings totaled 949,000 bales with an average selling price of 55.20 cents per pound.

So far the 2007 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price, calculated through October 2007, stands at 48.93 cents per pound. The preliminary mid-month price reported for November 2007 was 54.00 cents per pound.

With the first three months of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2007 Weighted Average Price is just over 3 cents below the 52-cent threshold where 2007-crop Counter-cyclical payment rates would begin to drop. If prices stay on an upward trend, it is possible that the projected 2007 Upland Cotton Counter-cyclical payment rate could be less than the 13.73 cent maximum when USDA determines if it will offer an advance Counter-cyclical payment in February 2008.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through October 31, 2007.

The 2007 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2007 marketing year. The 2007 cotton marketing year began in August 1, 2007 and ends July 31, 2008.

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**Conservation Drought**  
By Sharon Durham  
Conservation tillage studies indicate that this farming practice and erosion in wet years. This conservation tillage research was below normal in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Led by hydraulic engineer Dr. Clint Truman at the ARS research indicates that strip-tillage and increases water availability. The greatest benefit of conservation of rainfall and allow more plant roots during a dry year. Conventional tillage systems compact the soil surface, and the compaction of the soil. In wet years, depending on soil systems can have adequate plant continue to provide increased in face-runoff-related environmental. In the fall and winter, when it exceeds the soil's capacity to retain. During wet or dry growing season rainfall or irrigation water infiltration.  
**New Sorghum Both**  
By Jan Suszkiw  
New, low-lignin sorghum germplasm and collaborating university scientists both a livestock feed and ethanol. Lignin is a "cellular glue" of sorghum helps plants fend off attacking insects. Deanna Funnell, Jeff Pedersen and lignin content can also be beneficial. Take, for example, Atlas bmr-6 tested in collaboration with University of Missouri.  
In the laboratory, the line should result in higher milk production. On the fuel front, the line's high starch conversion at processing plants. Grain, Forage and Bioenergy Research. Interestingly, reducing the sorghum attack in laboratory trials. Funnell line, bmr-6, with Fusarium moniliformis that formed as the pathogen. Both lines showed greater resistance that was used. Inside the stems 0.5 (mm) long, versus 117 mm in other. Atlas bmr-12 and bmr-6 owe to two genes for the brown midrib during breeding stages.

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### Conservation Tillage: Good For Drought and Wet Years

By Sharon Durham

Conservation tillage studies by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Georgia indicate that this farming practice carries benefits beyond drought years, by also reducing runoff and erosion in wet years.

This conservation tillage research began in 1998. Since then, farmers in Georgia have experienced both drought years and wet years—the first four being drought years. Then, in 2002, conditions moderated, and Georgia received above-average rainfall in 2003 and 2005. Rainfall was below normal in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

Led by hydraulic engineer David Bosch, environmental chemist Thomas Potter, and soil scientist Clint Truman at the ARS Southeast Watershed Research Laboratory in Tifton, Ga., the research indicates that strip-till—a form of conservation tillage—reduces runoff, increases infiltration and increases water available for crop production.

The greatest benefit of strip-till occurs during dry years. Strip-till systems enhance infiltration of rainfall and allow more water to get to plant roots. Any additional water reaching the plant roots during a dry year benefits the grower through increased yields and reduced irrigation. Conventional tillage systems lose more water to surface runoff because there is no protection on the soil surface, and the soil absorbs the full impact of raindrops, leading to sealing and compaction of the soil.

In wet years, depending on when rainfall occurs, both conventional and conservation tillage systems can have adequate plant-available water for crop growth. However, strip-till systems continue to provide increased infiltration and reduced runoff, lessening the potential for surface-runoff-related environmental problems.

In the fall and winter, when evaporation and transpiration are low, infiltrating water often exceeds the soil's capacity to retain it. When considering all water losses, conventional-till systems lose more water because of the greater surface runoff.

During wet or dry growing seasons, strip-till benefits growers by increasing the amount of rainfall or irrigation water infiltrating the soil and becoming available to plants.

### New Sorghum Is Ideal For Both Fuel and Feed

By Jan Suszkiw

New, low-lignin sorghum germplasm lines developed by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and collaborating university scientists are now available for bolstering the grain crop's value as both a livestock feed and ethanol resource.

Lignin is a "cellular glue" of sorts that imparts rigidity and strength to plant tissues. It also helps plants fend off attacking insects and pathogens. However, studies by ARS scientists Deanna Funnell, Jeff Pedersen and John Toy in Lincoln, Neb., show that reducing sorghum's lignin content can also be beneficial.

Take, for example, Atlas bmr-12, one of 20 low-lignin lines the ARS team developed and tested in collaboration with University of Nebraska-Lincoln scientists Richard Grant and Amanda Oliver.

In the laboratory, the line scored higher on fiber digestibility than standard sorghum, which should result in higher milk production and higher beef gains when Atlas bmr-12 is fed to cattle. On the fuel front, the line's high fiber digestibility could also mean improved sorghum-to-ethanol conversion at processing plants, notes Funnell. She, Pedersen and Toy are all in the ARS Grain, Forage and Bioenergy Research Unit at Lincoln.

Interestingly, reducing the sorghum line's lignin didn't leave it more vulnerable to fungal attack in laboratory trials. Funnell determined this by inoculating Atlas bmr-12 and another line, bmr-6, with Fusarium moniliforme fungi and examining the length of red-pigmented lesions that formed as the pathogen spread.

Both lines showed greater resistance to the fungus than a control group of standard sorghum that was used. Inside the stems of Atlas bmr-12, for example, fungal lesions were 78 millimeters (mm) long, versus 117 mm in other plants used for comparison in the trials.

Atlas bmr-12 and bmr-6 owe their unique balance of fiber digestibility and disease resistance to two genes for the brown midrib trait, which Pedersen incorporated into the sorghum lines during breeding stages.

### Switchgrass: Bridging Bioenergy and Conservation

By Linda Tokarz

An important part of the answer to the country's energy woes could be blowing in the prairie wind, according to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) plant geneticist Michael Casler. He has spent the past 10 years breeding switchgrass, an eight-foot-plus native plant that was an integral part of the tall grass prairies that once dominated America's Midwest.

As a breeder, Casler is mostly concerned with the plant's bioenergy-friendly attributes, including its ability to accumulate large amounts of biomass and tolerate environmental stress. Casler works at the agency's U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center in Madison, Wis.

Recently, he began looking at switchgrass from another standpoint—as a restorer of once-pristine prairies. Historically, a sprawling seas of grasses once stretched from Montana and the Dakotas down to Texas, with pockets of prairie as far east as New York. Now, with much of this land fragmented or altered, only a patchwork of remnant prairies remains.

Numerous federal, state and private conservation efforts are examining how best to revive these vestigial prairies. But a question of genealogy always arises: Which switchgrass varieties should be planted that will be in keeping with a site's genetic legacy?

Some conservationists insist on using only long-established, local varieties of switchgrass. Others argue that modern-day cultivars can appropriately be used.

Along with ARS scientist Kenneth Vogel in Lincoln, Neb., Casler set out to bring clarity to this debate and, hopefully, ease the task of grassland restoration.

After two summers spent trekking native Midwestern prairies, plucking samples and sending them back to his laboratory, Casler discovered that today's agronomically important switchgrass cultivars are nearly identical genetically to their grassy ancestors.

The study's findings are good news for prairie restorers, who can confidently tap a wider pool of switchgrass cultivars and local varieties for conservation projects. And switchgrass growers can take satisfaction knowing their fields still are, in many ways, symbolic of the country's rich grassy past.



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You will not find poetry  
anywhere unless you bring  
some of it with you.  
~ Joseph Joubert  
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The best things in life must  
come by effort from within,  
not by gifts from the outside.  
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When nightly candles burned instead.  
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Though this year has them far apart,  
One definition is applied:  
They're both occasions of the heart,  
And so the symbols which adorn  
Our homes are there for all to see:  
To mark the night when Christ was born,  
Or hail the Hebrews' victory;  
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As lessons of each faith recall,  
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(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
United Methodist Women.....  
4:00 p.m.

## Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

**Floyd County:** The Tyner Texas Operating Company Rushing lease well #1 drilling permit expired on December 13, 2007 without the wellbore being drilled. The Rushing #1 was to be located 467 feet from the south line and 467 feet from the west line of Section 112, Block D-3, Denison & Pacific Railroad Company/ S.L. Rushing Survey, 6 miles northeast of Floydada. The location and drilling pits for the Rushing lease well #1 were prepared and built in December of 2005.

**Floyd County:** The operators are in the process of backfilling drilling pits and leveling the location pads on several of the well locations in Floyd County. It was observed last Friday that the Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP W.D. Miller lease well #1 and the Bankers Petroleum Inc Jones lease well #1 drilling pits had been backfilled and leveled.

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## ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Every moment of this Christmas season has a beauty all its own. What could be better in this chilly old weather than to take time to reflect on our joy with friends and loved ones!

Bill Mayfield and family have been staying at the Sportsman Lodge for several days. Bill, along with his parents, brothers and sister, lived here many years. Bill also had the honor of being quarterback for West Texas University.

Caprock Canyons State Park recently announced the hiring of two new personnel, Bobby Cohorn and Joyce Price. Bobby and Caroline Cohorn, both retired, moved into their pretty home near the State Park some time ago. She teaches part time at Valley School and has a bubbling personality. They are both an outstanding addition to our community.

Jackie Sperry remarked recently that her daughter, Scarlet, who had been going to Texas Tech University after finishing her studies at Clarendon Junior College, will resume her classes at Tech in January after a short break.

A winter storm hit Quitaque and surrounding areas Saturday night, which dropped temperatures to the 20's & 30's with ice and some rain and sleet. As a result the driving and walking was very treacherous. Church attendance at all churches was down.

The First United Methodist Church hosted a "Birthday For Jesus" Saturday December 8 with a canned food drive for food baskets and fun activities plus cake for the kids. A great time was reported.

Caprock Country Christmas was Sunday night at the Hope Center. There were pictures taken and a visit from Santa, a meal by Tri County Meals and entertainment afterwards, sponsored by Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

Elaine and Rex Harmon visited their son and wife, John David and Tonya Harmon in Lubbock Saturday. Also going along were grandchildren, Courtney and Jerica Galvan, who went Christmas shopping.

Henrietta Finney Price's grandson, Chris Kaiser of Lubbock came home with her to Quitaque for Thanksgiving and stayed through Saturday.

The Church of Christ postponed their Christmas party scheduled for last Sunday night until next Sunday because of the weather.

Lex Herrington came down from Floydada Friday afternoon, worked out at the farm awhile and visited his mother, Patsy Herrington.

The quail hunters from Virginia, Bill Wilson, Perry Campbell, and Robert Martin, stayed a week out at Taylor Ranch, had a great time, then started the 1,500 mile drive home. They phoned from Memphis, Tennessee where they stopped for the night, reporting that they loved Quitaque and the people here and would be back next year.

We the Women met Tuesday with a good crowd for a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at the First United Methodist Church at noon.

May you cherish every little joy the Christmas season brings! May the meaning of the season be deeper, the friendships stronger, and its hopes brighter as Christmas approaches.



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### Rip Ford: May He Rest in Peace

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The unique Texas we know today grew from the dreams of determined settlers and the courage of brave men and women willing to risk their lives for their chosen land. History barely records many of their names. Others became legends. Somewhere in between are leaders of yesteryear who have since faded from our history's front page.

One such forgotten giant was a Texas Ranger who earned the unforgettable nickname of "Rip." John Salmon Ford first served with the Rangers during the Mexican War in 1847. One of Ford's duties was recording the death of Americans killed in the war. After each name in the ledger, as a sign of respect, he wrote "Rest in Peace." As the number of death notices increased, he eventually shortened the phrase to "RIP," and a nickname was born.

Most early Texans came here for opportunity, fortune, adventure or escape. Following dissolution of a broken marriage in Tennessee, John S. Ford rallied to the call for Texas' independence. He arrived here in 1836, too late to join Gen. Sam Houston at San Jacinto, but his subsequent career in Texas public life will never be duplicated.

While service as a Texas Ranger propelled him to fame, that represented only one part of his storied life. At different times along the way, Ford was a doctor making house calls in San Augustine and Shelbyville, a legislator in Austin, a newspaper editor, surveyor, political leader, Indian fighter, explorer and historian. And he served as mayor of two cities, Austin and Brownsville.

Rip Ford was, as historian T. R. Fehrenbach wrote, "...the only man in Texas history who was involved in a major way in every action or controversy of the time." He was a hard charger who "...instinctively went where the action was."

He was at the forefront during Texas' push for statehood and later for secession, becoming a political adversary of Sam Houston in the process. Ford commanded Confederate soldiers and cavalrymen from horseback in the final land combat of the U.S. Civil War, winning the Battle of Palmito Ranch near Brownsville. He later led Texas Rangers defending the state's borders.

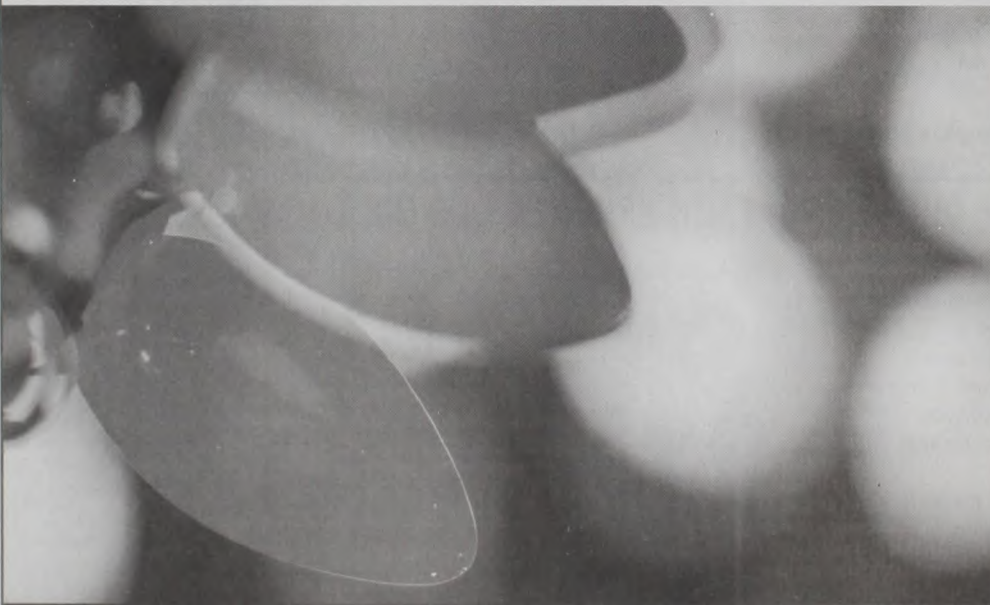
"He had a smile that radiated strength; this, his optimism, his energy, his gusto and exhilaration aroused in others not envy but a self-confidence that made them aware of their own possibilities," wrote Stephen B. Oates, editor of Ford's memoirs. He was also known to long "for the saddle and the wild life of a volunteer ranger."

He brought to Texas a spark—a fearless and dogged personality—that helped sculpt the image of Texas as it emerged during its formative years as a republic and as a state. With it, though, came flaws and prejudices common even among legends. Their adversaries called the early Texas Rangers "Los Diablos Tejanos"—the Texas Devils. One writer described them as "saviors to Texans, devils to their enemies."

Ford helped define a breed of early Texas leaders who recognized that when adversity or opportunity arose, so must their willingness to seize the challenge and meet it head on. Their take-charge style created a template for Texas leaders for generations to come.

Texas was settled by men and women from all walks of life, who shared one quality: courage. For some, their individual valor is well recorded by history. The service of others will join with those of their colleagues to form a collective record of grit, ability and accomplishment. It is a legacy well worth preserving.

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Inetha  
Bill & Karol  
Ken & family  
Kirby & family

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Drinking Water, Nitrate Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Turkey Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in the Turkey community for NITRATE indicated a level of 17.0 mg/L.

Infants below the age of 6 months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated, could die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

Bottled water is available at City Hall located at 602 Lyles Street at no cost to pregnant women, nursing mothers, and infants up to 6 months of age.

We are working to correct the problem by checking different water sources.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice.

For further information contact, Gail Hanna or Jerry Landry, P.O. Box 415, Turkey, TX 79261 or call (806) 423-1033.  
Public Water System ID# 0960003.

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We are working to correct the problem. By checking into new wells to blend with existing water wells.

For further information contact; Maria Merrell or Walter Skinner at 806-455-1456, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Public Water System ID# 0230002

## BID NOTICE

Hall County is currently accepting bids on the following:  
**- 1995 1/2 ton Ford pickup.**  
Sealed bids should be delivered to the County Judge's office at Hall County Courthouse, Suite 4, Memphis, Texas 79245. Bids must be received before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 2008. Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject all bids.

## Get Flu Shot Before Holiday Travel

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging Texans who will be traveling during the upcoming holidays to get a flu shot to protect themselves and reduce the spread of the respiratory illness.

Flu shots are recommended for people ages 6 months and older whether they will be traveling or not.

The flu vaccine also is available in nasal spray form for healthy people ages 2 years through 49 years who are not pregnant.

People wanting the flu vaccine should contact their health care provider about availability or call 2-1-1, a health and human services information service. Flu vaccine locations also can be found online at [www.211Texas.org](http://www.211Texas.org).

The flu vaccine takes about two weeks to reach maximum effectiveness.

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*I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.*  
- Louisa May Alcott

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*No bird soars too high if he soras on his own wings.*  
- William Blake

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*You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.*  
- Irish Proverb



## This Week In Texas History!

**Dec 16, 1836**  
The Republic of Texas issued a charter to the "Texas Rail Road Navigation and Banking Company" to construct a railroad from the Rio Grande River to the Sabine River.

**Dec 16, 1826**  
Impresario Benjamin Edwards proclaimed the area around Nacogdoches as the "Republic of Fredonia." Stephen F. Austin refused to help and sent 100 armed men to help the Mexican Army. The rebellion failed and Edwards fled to the United States.

**Dec 17, 1835**  
Gen. Sam Houston ordered Jim Bowie to organize a company of Texans and invade Mexico to capture Matamoros. Houston had received his orders from Provisional Colonial Gov. Henry Smith (1835).

**Dec 18, 1865**  
The 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in the United States, was ratified.

**Dec 18, 1836**  
The Texas Congress established the boundary of the new Republic. It included portions of the current states of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wyoming.

**Dec 19, 1959**  
Walter Williams, "Old Reb," died at his home in Houston at the age of 117. Williams was the last surviving soldier of the Civil War, having served with Hood's Texas Brigade and Quantrill's Raiders.

**Dec 19, 1860**  
Cynthia Ann Parker was rescued by Texas Rangers from the Kiowa Indians near Medicine Mound in Foard County. The rescue was led by future Gov. Sul Ross (1887-91) and future cattleman Charles Goodnight.

**Dec 19, 1859**  
Former Republic President Mirabeau B. Lamar died of a heart attack at Richmond in Fort Bend County.

**Dec 20, 1874**  
Three months after defeating the Indians at Palo Duro Canyon, Col Ranald S. MacKenzie and his troops left the Panhandle.

**Dec 20, 1860**  
South Carolina formally left the Union.

**Dec 20, 1835**  
The Goliad Declaration of Independence was signed by Capt. Philip Dimmitt and 90 of his men.

**Dec 21, 1859**  
Sam Houston was inaugurated Governor of Texas for the final time.

**Dec 21, 1821**  
Jane Long became the first Anglo child born in Texas. She was born at Port Bolivar.

**Dec 22, 1912**  
Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor was born in Karmack. In 1934, she married Lyndon B. Johnson.

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### Local Dance Team To Perform During Dallas Cowboys Halftime December 16

Mrs. Sherry's Dance Team will be performing this Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007 at the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders Christmas Extravaganza Halftime Show. The cowboys will play the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sherry's team competed in the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders dance competition in October. They won 1st place in the competition which invited them back to perform at halftime.

Watch on Sunday, Dec. 16 to see if you can see the Local dance team perform the Christmas Dance!

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It is our relation of circumstances that determines their influence over us. The same wind that carries one vessel into port may blow another offshore.  
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~ Christian Bovee

### Christmas Truffles

1/4 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier or Kahlua  
6 ounces German's Sweet Chocolate  
4 tablespoons sweet butter, softened  
Powdered unsweetened cocoa

Boil cream in a small heavy pan until reduced to 2 tablespoons. Remove from heat, stir in liqueur and chocolate, and return to low heat. Stir until chocolate melts.

Whisk in softened butter. When mixture is smooth, pour into a shallow bowl and refrigerate until firm, about 40 minutes. Scoop chocolate up with a teaspoon and shape into rough 1-inch balls. Roll the truffle balls in the unsweetened cocoa.

Store truffles, covered, in the refrigerator. Let truffles stand at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before serving.

### Grandma's Peanutbutter Fudge

Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish and set aside. Butter a 3 quart saucepan. Place buttered saucepan over medium heat, and combine sugar, evaporated milk and 1 cup butter within. Heat to between 234 and 240 degrees F (112 to 116 degrees C), or until a small amount of syrup dropped into cold water forms a soft ball that flattens when removed from the water and placed on a flat surface.

Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter and marshmallow creme. Beat vigorously until smooth. Pour quickly into prepared baking dish. Let cool completely before cutting into

### Amazing Fudge

2 cups granulated white sugar  
2 cups brown sugar  
3/4 cup margarine  
1-cup evaporated milk (canned)  
1 tsp vanilla  
3/4 cup all purpose flour  
1 cup dark or milk chocolate chips &/or  
1/2 cup peanut butter &/or  
1/2 cup chopped nuts of choice

Mix first 5 ingredients together in large Microwave Safe bowl. Microwave on high for 15 minutes. Remove from Microwave Oven and quickly, while hot, and beat in vanilla and flour. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well and quickly before the mixture cools.

Pour into well-greased Bunny Molds - or pan of any shape. Refrigerate. This fudge sets up beautifully.

### Favorite Rum Balls

2 tbl Cocoa  
Confectioner's sugar  
2 1/2 Cups finely crushed vanilla wafers  
1 Cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts  
3 tbl Light corn syrup  
1/4 Cup rum or bourbon

Into a large bowl, sift the cocoa and 1 Cup of confectioner's sugar. Mix in remaining ingredients. Form the mixture into 1-inch balls with your hands. Sprinkle about 1-Cup confectioner's sugar on a plate and roll the balls in it to coat.

Store in a tin for at least 1 week before giving them away. These cookies will mellow with age and will keep up to 1 month. They can also be wrapped in plastic wrap or foil. Makes about 36.

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No one can really pull you up very high - you lose your grip on the rope., But on your own two feet you can climb mountains.  
~ Louis Brandeis

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Men are made stronger on realization that the helping hand they need is at the end of their own arm.  
~ Sidney Phil



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