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Lady Patriots Reach 20th Win

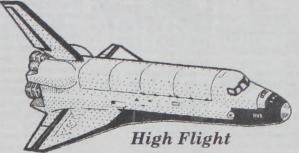
After a loss at Groom last Friday, the Lady Patriots went in to Tuesday night's game with Samnorwood needing a win to secure a play-off berth. The team responded well, posting a 40 point first quarter on their way to a 97 - 39 win over the Samnorwood Lady Eagles. The victory moved the Lady Patriots to 20 - 9 on the season and more importantly to a 7 - 3 district mark which secured sole possession of second place in District 4-A.

The Lady Patriots were led in scoring by Natalie Wheeler with 31 points. Amanda Roys

and Katherine Pigg also had big nights, posting 19 and 18 points respectively Others were Natasha Ramos - 10 points, Scarlett Sperry - 9, Larrisa Payne - 4, Eneding Valdez - 4, and Chelsea Wheeler with 2.

The Lady Patriots will next face the #2 ranked Happy Cowgirls in a 1 round playoff game at 8:00 p.m. Next Tuesday night in the new WTAMU Event Center in Canyon. This will be the second game of a playoff double-header that will feature Nazareth against Hedley in the first game at 6:00 p.m. This double-header will be featured live on KLSR 105.3 FM, Memphis, Texas for those who are unable to attend.

The Lady Patriots will also play a warm-up game this Friday night at Clarendon High School against West Texas High. The game will start at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and support the Lady Patriots in their first post season birth in 9 years.



By John Gillespie Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings: Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth Of sun-split clouds--and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soured and swung High in the sunlit silence: hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air. Up, the long, delirious, burning blue I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or even eagle flew-

And, while the silent lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space, David Brown Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Rick Husband

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Duncan Attends

For Columbia Crew Senator. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, attended the me-morial service on Tuesday, pressed condolences Sunday, February 4 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston to remember the courageous

Memorial Service

crew of the Columbia. mander - William McCool,

Duncan said.

WIC Office Open Thursday, February 6, 2003 First Baptist Church 500 Loretta St. Silverton, Tx

The Original

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Condolences On

Shuttle Loss

U.S. Representative Mac February 1 on the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

We all feel this tragedy deeply. Our region was espe-The service marked the cially proud to have two crew achievements of Commander members from our area. We - Rick Husband, Pilot Compray for their families, as well pray for their families, as well as for those of the other astronauts. We honor their Payload Commander - Lt. tronauts. We honor their Col. Michael Anderson, Engi-neer - Dr. Kalpana Chawla, the mission, and their deter-Pilot - Captain David Brown, mination to advance the fron-

Physician Commander - Dr.
Laurel Clark, and Payload
Specialist - Col. Ilan Ramon.
"These men and women that. But what we some that.

"We live in an age of hemother of merly of Flomot, served 2 years in the U.S. Armed know that there is no great times forget is that we still Forces. After completing bareward without great risk. have heroes who are risking sic training he served with The astronauts on the Columtheir lives exploring the danthe U.S. Field Artillery until bia demonstrated the best gerous frontiers of space. The the end of WWII. America has to offer, the seven astronauts who perbravery and brilliance that ished on February 1 are hecreates heroes among us," roes who gave their lives serv- Army Reserves and was reing our Nation and man-

> these heroes were doing, and Sergeant the continued exploration of

the bottom of this tragedy. Air Force and served 26 But we also should not let months before he was given this tragic day diminish our an honorable discharge. He commitment to the work

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After discharge James recalled at the beginning of the Korean conflict. He trans-"Clearly, we need to get to ferred to the United States attained the rank of Master

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Walter T. (Tom) Ross

Walter Tom Ross Jr., of Flomot, entered the Armed Forces in 1942. After completing basic training, he served with the U.S. Army.

Tom went overseas with his Army unit in 1944 and served in England, France and Belgium during the European invasion. Following the termination of the Euro pean conflict, he along with his unit, were transferred to the Pacific Theatre of Operations. After the surrender of Japan he spent another six months on Okinawa guarding five prisoner of war compounds that housed some 45,000 prisoner of war.

He returned to Portland, Oregon on January 21, 1946 and was given an honorable discharge on January 26,

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Calendar Of Events

*Highway 70 Association meeting @ 6:30 p.m. *WIC Office open in Silverton 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

February 7

* Quitaque Senior Citizens @ 5 p.m.

February 10

* Valley Board of Trustees meeting * Quitaque City Council Meeting @ 5 p.m.

* Quitaque Fire Department meeting * Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.

February 11

* We the Women Day-Trip @ 9:30 a.m. * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m. Valley 4-H Club meeting @ 5:30 p.m. * Do Gooders meeting

February 12

*Lincoln's Birthday

* Quitaque EMT meeting

February 13

*Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

Chamber Banquet Plans Finalized

By Arlene Hinkle

The Quitaque Chamber of commerce met on T uesday evening,
February 4 at the Community Center with 7 members present.
The upcoming Chamber Banquet was the main topic with plans
being fialized for food and decorations. tickets may be purchased at the Caprock Library, City Hall, First National Bank, or from

The steaks will be cooked by Warren Merrell and Dale Smith. Baked potatoe, salad, dessert and coffee or tea will round out the

has been placing them in strategic areas. The tourism center in amarillo will need 50 each week during the summer monnths.

Chamber dues are being colleced. You may pay yours at the

a new topic was brought to the Chamber by Roland Hamilton about public hunting grounds. This will be a hot topic in the next few weeks as a meeting will be held and more information is given. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is col-laborating with the South Plains Health Provider Briscoe County Community Clinic in Silverton to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 from 9 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

High/Low %Pred Showers Scattery Shower

WE THE WOMEN

By Arlene Hinkle

On Tuesday, february 11, We the Women will visit Hale center instead of having the regular meeting. We will meet at the Meth-

odist church in quitaque at 9:30 a.m. so that we may go as a group. We plan to tour the downtown area and have lunch before returning home. All ladies are invited to come and see how small towns are "dressing-up" their store fronts and making a beauty

Meet us at the church at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. We would love to



February 6 Mr & Mrs Patrick Jenkins February 7 Mr & Mrs Lee Proctor Mr & Mrs Jerry Landry February 9 Mr & Mrs Kyle Fuston

February 10 Mr & Mrs Don Brummett Mr & Mrs Michael Dickman Mr & Mrs Butch Hamilton

Turkey Senior Citizens

By Oleta Randell

The Turkey Senior Citizens had 23 members present at the last meeting. Billy and Margie Pinkerton were out of town, so Don Turner administered blood pressure checks.

Bob Warner led the prayer for the food. Then a delicious meal was consumed. Table games were enjoyed and the "Tall Tales Table" is getting bet-

The next meeting will be February 11 at 6 p.m., so bring your "sweetheart" and come on and join us for an evening of "Fun,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 6

February 7 Lawana Cruse, Wilda Fuston, Justin Harp Prater, Crystal Kimbell, Leslie Payne February 8

Felicia Clardy, G.P. Driskell, Eloise Reyna February 9 February 10

arrett Mills February 11 Katrina Stewart, Jack Chan-

dler, Pete Blankenship February 12 Dean Purcell

February 13

TURKEY

Louis and Oleta Randell were in Amarillo Monday as Oleta had a Dr's. appointment.

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Texas Senate Week In Review

January 31, 2003 - The 78th session of the Texas Senate literally hit the ground running this week with Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst assuring Texans that the budget will be balanced this year despite a \$1.8 billion shortfall, and Governor Rick Perry addressing a letter to the Senate urging consideration of healthcare and insurance regulation as emergency matters, to be acted on

On Wednesday, Senator Troy Fraser announced the filing of Senate Bill 310, requiring residential property insurers to immediately file rates and supporting data on a one time basis with the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Commissioner will then prepare a summary report to submit to the 78th Legislature. "We need to know that the rates being charged for homeowners insurance are just, reasonable, adequate, not excessive, and not unfairly discriminatory," said Fraser.

The Senate Committee on Business and Commerce met to consider the above proposed legislation, as well as Senate Bill 14, sponsored by Senator Mike Jackson. SB14 would reinsured writing homeowners and personal auto insurance in Texas to supply rates, rating manuals, supplementary supporting data, and policy and service fees for approval by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The fifteen members of the Senate Finance Committee met earlier in the week with Billy Hamilton, Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts, and John Keel from the Legislative Budget Board to discuss the \$1.8 billion shortfall in the current state budget. The Committee has several options to come up with a solution to the shortfall, such as reductions in spending and inter-fund borrowing.

According to Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, there will be an emergency appropriations bill in March to certify the reductions so that the budget will be balanced for

fiscal year 2003. Chairman Teel Bivins along with the other members of the Senate Finance Committee, filed Senate Bill 1, which presents a "Zero-based" budget for the 2004-05 biennium. The legislation is based on a bill written in 1991, when Bob Bullock was Lieutenant Governor of Texas and had the goal of building a budget from zero based upon core essential ser-

In anticipation of this measure, the Legislative Budget Board sent out a letter on January 28, 2003 asking all state agency services, how these services can be provided more efficiently, and what these services cost." The Lieutenant Governor said he prefers to let the agency heads determine where they can come up with the savins, rather than micro-manage the process.

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Two toads of central and southwestern Europe are called midwife or obstetrical toads because the male helps care for the eggs. The male fastens them to his legs and carries them until they hatch. He usually hides under a stone or some other place while carrying them, but comes out after dark to bathe the eggs in a pond or stream.

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight. Phyllis Diller

OBITUARIES

Tommy E. Rice Tommie Eugene Rice, 64

died Saturday, February 1, 2003, in Lubbock Services were held Tuesday Crosbyton First United Methodist Church with Rev Bruce Cotton officiation. Burial

was in Crosbyton Cemetary Mr. Rice was employed by the U.S. Postal service in Turkey, Plainview and Floydada. He served in the Navy from 1956 to 1959.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Rice of the home; a son, Kirk Rice of Pampa; two daughters, Jeanean Wood and Jennifer Justice, both of Plainview; a stepson, Neal Edwards of Tura stepdaughter, Tammi Stafford of Sweetwater and en grandchildren.

Truth exists. Only lies are invented. -Georges Braque

Local Students On Texas Tech Fall 2002 Honor Roll

Students making the President's List must have com-pleted at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 4.0. To be on the Dean's List. a stu average of 3.5to 3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semes Those making the Presiden't

List from this area are:
KATRINA KAY STEWART,

Senior from Turkey, daughter of Danny and Laura Stewart CHRISTOPHER GLEN TAY-

LOR, Freshman from Quitaque Those on the Dean's List are: KRISTIN LEANN RAMSEY, Sophomore from Quitaque, daughter of Carol Ramsey.

JAMIE SIOUX TAYLOR, Junior from Quitaque, daughter of Walter and Kathryn Taylor JEREMY WAYNE TAYLOR, Senior of Quitaque

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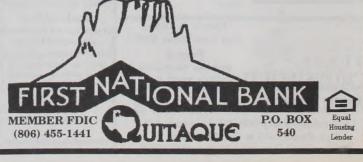
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BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

Years ago, I was riding on a train and smoking a strong smelling cigar. The lady sitting next to me asked, "Will you please put

I was wearing a new pair of shoes that were killing my feet, so I

took off one shoe and began massaging my foot.

The lady next to me said. "Will you please light that cigar?"

Dry Weather And Contrasting Temperatures During

Month Of January In Motley County Dry weather and contrasting temperatures from 14 degrees to

80 degrees was experienced during the month of January in Motley County. Cotton harvest was completed and some farmers are preparing land for 2003 crops. Pastures in fair condition and supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is considered in good condition for live-

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers, Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs, Kelly Meyer of Matador, Betty Simpson of Northfield, Jim Stockton of Whiteflat and Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot did not have any measurable moisture to report for January

Has Happy Birthday The birthday of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was a happy celebration Tuesday afternoon, January 28th in the home of Mrs. Leona Degan. She received cards, gifts and telephone calls. Refreshments of cookies, brownies and popcorn were served with coffee. Friends enjoying the fun filled time were Mrs. Waydetta Clay, Mrs. Ruth Lee and Mrs. B. Rogers

Home From Hospital

Mrs. L.E. (Alma) Shorter returned home Monday, February 3 from Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was hospitalized since Thursday for cardiac medical treatments. With her were husband, son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

Celebrates Third Birthday

Brian Sehon, son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville, celebrated his birthday Saturday at the Lubbock Community Center. He blew out his three candles on a decorated 'Sponge Bob' cartoon character cake. Children attending had fun breaking open a huge

Pinata filled with an assortment of goodies.

Among those attending the happy occasion were grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, great-granddad, L.E. Shorter, and greatgrandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Cindy Calvert of In The Hospital

Jimmie Hunter, former Flomot resident, suffered a fractured spine after an accident at Carillon Retirement Center. Jimmie is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Correction
The address to write or call Wayne Hunter is: 4713 22nd Street,

Lubbock, TX 79407, Phone - 806-799-7944.

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Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary visited last Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers. Visiting them Friday and Saturday was Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock.

The belated birthdays of Mrs. Marisue Potts of Floydada and Mary Ellen Barton were celebrated Friday with a luncheon at Anna's Mexican Restaurant in Matador. It was hosted by P.K. Green and Dinah and Ken Young of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and Tim Kendall visited in Mid-

land, Saturday wit Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Con-

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Janice and Butch Hughes visited in Floydada, Thursday with son and wife, Rickey and Tasha Hughes and new baby daughter, Kendal Lynn who was born January 15 at the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Floydada, Wednesday

with John and Joyce Speer.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay are on the

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse helped with the Jamboree Saturday night held at the Bob Wills Gymnasium in Turkey.

Joe Ike Clay visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Terrell with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay.

Chad and Cindy Calvert of Carrollton visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert.

Danielle Gwinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, was a

guest at the birthday celebration for Katie Fuston of Quitaque held in Amarillo Friday night and Saturday. Katie is the daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Jeff Fuston of Quitaque. Other friends attending were Autumn Phillips of Quitaque and Khaki Scrivner of Turkey

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dovle Calvert and Glen Calvert on Sunday were Alva Joe Calvert of Dumas and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Valentine's Day is only eight days away, so this week I'll give you some ideas for treats to give to your sweetie. Spouses, friends, children, relatives and lovers will all love one of these goodies. Strawberry Chocolate Shortcake, Black and White Shortbread or, for those who don't want or need a fattening treat, Sugarless Heart Cookies will be tasty gifts for all of your Valentines.

STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE SHORTCAKE
3 1/2 cups Biquick

SHORTCAKE
3 1/2 cups Bisquick
2/3 cup plus 2 teaspoons
sugar,divided,usage
1/2 cup baking cocoa

1 cup milk 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

melted
1 egg white
2 1/2 pints fresh strawberries
2 cups whipping cream
3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
1 cup chocolate syrup(I like to
use Hershey's Special Dark)
In a bowl, combine Bisquick,
2/3 cup sugar and cocoa. Stir in
milk and butter;mix well. Drop
by 1/3 cupfuls at least 2 inches
apart onto a greased baking by 1/3 cupfuls at least 2 inches apart onto a greased baking sheet. Beat egg white until foamy; brush over shortcakes. Sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 400 for 15-18 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Set aside 10 whole strawberries; slice the rest. In mixing bowl, beat cream and powdered sugar until soft peaks form. Just before serving, split shortcakes horizontally. Spoon half of the whipped cream and all of the whipped cream and all of the whipped tream and an of the sliced strawberries between cake layers. Spoon rest of whippped cream on top. Drizzle with chocolate syrup and top with a whole berry. Serves10.

BLACK AND WHITE
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SHORTBREAD 3/4 cup butter(no substitutes)

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoon s vanilla
1-3/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup flaked coconut
1-1/2 cups semisweet chocolate

I Tablespoon shortening In a mixing bowl, cream butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Combine flour and baking powder;gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in coconot. Cover and chill for 1 hour until firm. On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with 2-1/2 inch heart cookie cutter. Place 2 inches apart ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 300 for 20-25 minutes until at 300 for 20-25 minutes until
edges begin to brown. Cool on
wire racks. In a small saucepan
over low heat, melt chocolate
chips and shortening. Remove
from heat;dip cookies halfway
into chocolate. Place on waxed
paper until set. Makes 2 dozen.
SUGARLESS HEART
COOKIES

COOKIES 3/4 cup margarine, softened 1 package(.3 oz.) red sugar-free Jello

1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-3/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
In a mixing bowl, cream margarine and gelatin. Beat in egg
and vanilla. Add flour and baking powder;mix well. Chill for 1
hour. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut. face to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with a 1-1/4 inch heart cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400 for 6-7 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned and cookies are set. Cool on wire racks. Makes 6 dayse.

I hate to nag, but have YOU sent a card, letter or package to your friends and relatives in the service? If not, please do it today. Some more Valentines ext week. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Wednesday, February 12 Breakfast: Breakfast Hot

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Wilks scored 17 points, had four steals, and grabbed nine re-bounds, while Mendoza scored 10 points. Cruse scored 14 points, had seven assists, six steals, three blocks, and pulled down nine

"It was a pretty typical Derrick game," Coach Clay said. "He has been a solid all-around player for three years."

Dylan Gaddis finished the game with 12 rebounds and 10 points, while Adam Ortiz chipped in with nine points. Valley's pressure defense forced 32 turnovers, including 27 steals.
"We like to get after people on defense," Clay said. "Clif, Chase,

Adam and Kellan dog people so bad it just causes them to throw The Patriots finish their season with a 15 - 8 record. Their 6 - 4

district record is good enough for third place in District 4A. The Patriots took second place at the Patron Springs Tournament and the Championship at the Spur Tournament Derrick Cruse averaged 14 points, 8 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 4 steals per game to lead the Patriots. Wilks averaged 10 points

and 7 rebounds per game and Dylan Gaddis averaged 8 rebounds and 6 points per game. "It was a good year and a fun year," Coach Clay said, "These boys worked hard and have 15 wins to show for it. I'm proud of

Valley Faculty Select Personalities

The Valley High School faculty has chosen these outstanding high school individuals to represent the Personalities for 2003.

Most Academic: Derrick Cruse & Cydni Walden Best All Around: Derrick Cruse & Natalie Wheeler Most Dependable: Derrick Cruse & Scarlett Sperry Most Likely To Succeed: Derrick Cruse & Natalie Wheeler Most Athletic Girl: Natalie Wheeler Most Athletic Boy:

Valley Patriots JH Boys Basketball Team -Front Row: Justin Rucker, Cole Brown, Juan Haro & Jake Gass. Back Row: Justin Billegas, Taylor Warren, Roger Ramos, Armando Mendoza, Ray Galvan & Seth

Valley JH Boys Place 2nd **In Valley Tournament**

Valley Tournament. The team beat Plainview Christian Academy 51-40 before losing 32-33 to Motley County in the finals.

Armondo Mendoza scored 16 points in each game and Bryant Ortiz scored 17 against PCA.

The Patriots ended their season with a 38-35 win over the Spur JH team. Mendoza scored 8 points and Cole Brown added 7. The JH boys finished the season with a 6-6 record.

Valley JV Wins Finale Over Silverton

The Valley Patriots used scoring from 10 different players to help defeat the Silverton Owls 38-36 in the teams' final game of the season. Kevin Ortiz led all scorers with 11 but the Patriots also got points from Cody Barrett, Fernando Regalado, Matt Whittington, Cody Varnell, Jose Chavez, Derrick Roys, Alex Espinoza, Ruben Ramos, and Daniel Alanis.

The Patriots finished the season with a 10-5 record, with four of

The ratio infinite the combined 14 points.

"I'm proud of this team and excited about their future," Coach Clay said. "They are all Sophomores and Freshmen and had a great year. We are talking about playing 13 different guys every game and always being able to count on all of them

Zack Ramsey led the team in scoring, averaging 10 points a game, while Alex Espinoza and Ruben Ramos took care of the bulk

"This was truly a team effort this year by this team," Coach Clay said. "They just play people full-court pressure defense. W ${\bf e}$ wear people down because we can wear them down with our num-



Last Week In **Texas History!**

Jan 24, 1839 Legislation passed creating a National Libary of Texas. Jan. 25, 1839

The Lone Star flag was adopted by the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas. Jan. 26, 1839

Homestead Act passed. At President Mirabeau B. Lamar's suggestion, Congress appropriated three legues of land in each county from the public domain to be set aside for establishing a public school system.

Jan. 28,1861

Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy.

Jan. 29, 1854

Permanent School Fund set up by the Fifth Legislature.

Jan. 29, 1863 Confederategunboats capture Union war ships near Sabine Feb. 1, 1840

Rutersville College, near La Grange, opened its doors; the first "college" in Texas to deserve

Baylor University received its charter at Independence; moved

to Waco in 1886 Ordinance of Secession

adopted by the Secession Con-

Groundbreaking ceremony for the present Texas Capitol. Feb. 2, 1848

Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo signed ending the Mexican War, the Rio Grande established as the boundary between Mexico and Texas. Feb. 2, 1852

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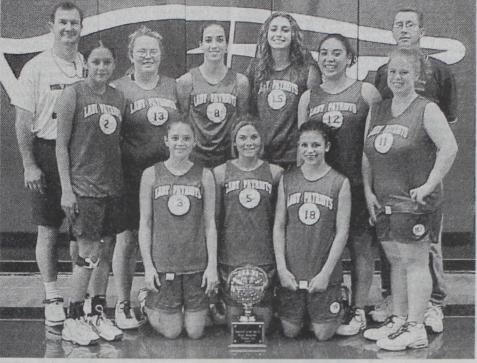
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There is an old saying about being a Texas: you know you're from Texas when you stop expecting the sight of a bridge to mean water is near. There was a time we could laugh that one, but the reality facing Texas and its water needs make that line seem like a solemn prediction instead of a trite

After a dry spell hit the Texas economy for \$4 billion in 1996, we found several deficiencies in our state's water planning. There was no drought plan, we practiced little conservation, and no viable statewide water plan existed. During that fateful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had already been developed, and yet our state's population was predicted to double by the year 2030.

Unless changes were made, Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of \$40 billion could be expected in the State economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bills 1 and 2, the most comprehensive reforms to water

management and planning in Texas history. The measures shifted water planning from the state level to the local level. This was designed to drive local participation, control, and buy-in to the regional water planning process. The impact has been clear: people now talk about natural resources and communities understand water is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply improving its infrastructure, and promoting its conservation are among the issues demanding the most strict attention from lawmakers. A heightened emphasis on water issues, increased public participation, education, and awareness, now flows throughout the

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 T exas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created. Rural and urban T exas have a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase use of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet per year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as con-servation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on groundwater in aquifers could be

It is vial that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of groundwater;

and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally .

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively and pragmatically about water issues. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Participants should arrive by 7 p.m. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the T exas Water Advisory Council, a 13 member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders, and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including conservation, desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and instream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects, and protection of our state's rivers

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. T exas regulations, laws, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with, and at times, even encourage, new developments in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

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'A properly drawn estate plan may save some farm and ranch families up to \$400,000 in estate taxes, income taxes and administrative fees." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas College. Test to be administered are the CLEP and GED. Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each CLEP testing is offered every third Monday at Clarendon Colother, who have property worth \$2 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children and grandchildren. lege. The date for the February test is set for the 17th. Please

This is an eye opening fact for many people. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in settling an estate or paying estate taxes. "But", Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax saving are not as large, if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings.

Texas Cooperative Extension will be presenting a two day semi-

nar discussing these complicated tax topics in Lubbock on March 6-7, 2003 at the Ramada Inn

The program is structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations. Partnerships and trusts when family members e involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed, also. "There are two problems with making excessive gifts, the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two problems that affect family operations, planning for inflation and growth of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not will be addressed.

The registration fee is \$100. Call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 for registration information or email: s-wehring@tamu.edu

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New Health Regs For Mexican Rodeo / Roping Cattle Delayed

Texas livestock officials have temporarily put new health rules "on hold" that will apply to Mexican origin roping and rodeo cattle. The regulations had been slated to become effective February 1,

"Under the rule, which is being delayed until further notice, horned steers or horned spayed heifers from Mexico would be rec-ognized as potential rodeo stock and would undergo a skin test for cattle tuberculosis (TB) upon arrival at the Texas port of entry, said Dr. Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "We will continue to enforce an existing regulation that requires the annual TB testing of Mexican origin rodeo and roping cattle."
"Requiring the TB test on the imported rodeo and roping cattle

at the port of entry is just one facet of our efforts to manage the risk of importing cattle TB. It is also meant to help us regain our cattle TB-free status," said Dr. Lenarduzzi.

"We are working out logistical concerns with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, so that the TB test can be conducted at the port of entry, under the supervision of a USDA veterinarian," said Dr. Lenarduzzi.

When the regulations are implemented, the TB test negative When the regulations are implemented, the TB test negative Mexican origin rodeo and roping animals may be allowed to move under a TAHC issued permit from the port of entry to a ranch or other facility. The animals will remain under TAHC movement restrictions for 60 120 days, pending a retest for cattle TB. During the 60 to 120 day holding period, the TAHC may allow the animals to have limited movement for training or events, provided no other cattle will be present. After the TB retest, these animals may may freely but must be set to the TAHC may allow the cattle will be present.

may move freely, but must be retested annually for cattle TB.

"Although Mexican producers and veterinarians have made huge strides in eradicating cattle tuberculosis, Mexico still has a greater incidence of the disease than the U.S.. Because rodeo and roping steers have a long life and are moved from site to site, we need to be certain these animals do not have cattle TB." said Dr Lenarduzzi. "By testing the animals twice before they are widely used, we reduce the risk of potential disease exposure to our T exas

By Cory Edwards, FCS Briscoe County

ened and heart disease became more severe.

A Diet Rich In Partial Truths

By Dean Ornish

In Woody Allen's movie "Sleeper", a man wakes up 200 years in the future to find that science has proved deep fried foods to be healthy. Is the future here already?

The high-protein diet has become very popular; just about everyone knows someone who has lost weight on this kind of diet.

Given the American epidemic of obesity, isn't that a good thing?

Not necessarily. When you go on a high protein, high fat diet, you may temporarily lose weight, but you may also mortgage your health in the process. A study of the effects of a high protein diet on heart function found that blood flow to the heart actually wors-

It's not that fats are bad; we just eat too much of them, Fish oil and flaxseed oil are very good for you because they provide the kind of fatty acids that can substantially reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death and may help prevent some forms of cancer but you only need a few grams a day. And because fat has more calories per gram than protein and carbohydrates, when you eat less fat, you consume fewer calories without having to eat less

Science can help us sort out conflicting claims. Researchers now are studying the effects of high protein diets. It would be wise to wait for these results rather than discouraging people from making dietary changes that have been medically proved to be so

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-Albert Camus



Leading By Example

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently became the first state official to start tackling a projected \$1.8 billion budget shortfall. Strayhorn will cut about \$5 million from her agency's budget for the rest of this fiscal year, which ends in August.

"Texas taxpayers don't have a magic stream of money raining down on them in tough times; there's no magic stream for govern either," Strayhorn said.

The cuts are nearly six percent of the Comptroller's office annual budget.

Budget cuts include a hiring freeze that will save approximately \$950,000, coupled with a salary freeze that will shave an additional \$800,000 off the agency's expenditures.

Crop Area **Weather Report**

Texas A&M University - January 22, 2003

Panhandle: Soil moisture is adequate. Land preparation for spring planting is making good progress. Few cotton fields remain for harvest. Wheat is fair to excellent. A few fields have a light yellow appearance. Rangeland conditions are fair conditions are fair to good; some lice problems reported. Supple-

South Plains: Soil moisture is adequate. Ranges and pastures are in fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues. A crops have been harvested with the exception of small amount of guar acreage. Most producers are busy with "deep breaking" land and pre-planting preparation. Wheat is in good condition; irrigated wheat is progressing well but dryland wheat is in need of

Rolling Plains: Soil moisture is adequate. Cotton harvest continues with majority harvested. Wheat continues to progress with additional moisture being needed; higher winds causing some additional stress. Grazing is limited for some cattle; range and pastures mostly fair to good.

Doc@Distance Degree Seeks **Doctoral Students Nationwide**

A groundbreaking Texas educational program is now accepting applications for its second group of participants, according to Dr. Glen Shinn, Texas A&M University agricultural education department head.

Texas A&M and Texas Tech University are accepting appli-cations for the second group of students for Doc@Distance, a joint doctoral program in agricul-tural education delivered via distance education

Interested individuals must submit applications to the graduate schools at both institutions no late than March 15, he said.

For more information on this unique program, view the Web side http://doc-at-adistance.tamu.edu/ or contact g-shinn@tamu.edu for more information.

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February 2003 Monthly Farm & Garden Bulletin

1-2-3: Barren Days. Fine or clearing, plowing, fertilizng and killing plant pests. 4-5: Plant peppers, sweet

orn, tomatoes and other above ground crops in southern Florida, California and Texas. Extra good for cucumbers, peas, cantaloupes and other vine crops. Set straw-

6-7-8: Seeds planted now rill grow poorly and yield

9-10: Fine for planting beans, peppers, cucumbers, melons and other above round crops where climate

11-12-13: Any seed anted now will tend to rot.
14-15: Fine for planting peans, tomatoes, corn, cotton, cucumbers, peppers, melons and other above ground crops where climate allows. Plant eed beds and flower gar

16-17-18-19: Clear ground, turn sod. Kill plant

20-21: Favorable days for planting root crops. Fine for owing grains, hay, forage rops. Plant flowers.

22-23: Plant carrots, turnips, onions, beets, Irish potoes and other root crops in the south. Lettuce, cabbage. ollards and other leafy vegetables will do well. Start

24-25: Neither plant nor these barren days. 26-27: Any root crops that in be planted now will do

28: Barren days. Fine for aring, plowing, fertilizing

Time To Prune: Prune ses, non-native deciduous nade trees and shrubs, de ciduous fruit trees, and grapes. Prune summer blooming shrubs that bloom on new wood. Wait to prune frost sensitive tropicals, such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, and lantana, until after the last frost. Wait to prune spring blooming shrubs that ploom on last season's wood until after flowering is fin-

Tend Spring Bulbs: Bulbs are starting to show green sprouts poking up through the soil. Be careful about applying water. Keep soil consistently moist, but ion't overwater or bulbs can rot. Apply a layer of organic mulch to help maintain consistent soil moisture. If foliage is yellowing, apply a ni trogen source, such as blood meal or fish emulsion. _____

Cotton PCG

By Shawn Wade



Disaster Assistance Set For Conference

With disaster assistance set to work its way through a House Senate Conference Committee a growing sentiment from the House of Representatives is that the Senate plan isn't adequately targeting benefits to those hardest hit by adverse conditions in 2001 and

What will ultimately result from this growing viewpoint is impossible to predict. The package could make it through relatively unchanged or be completely revamped to more closely resemble

past Crop Loss Assistance programs.

Either way PCG representatives will continue to push for the best possible package that can deliver maximum benefits without potentially adverse effects.

One of the risks associated with a significant change in the delivery mechanism is that reductions in payment amounts would become necessary based on the potential for crop loss claims to

significantly outstrip available funds.

Producers with partial losses in one or both years could potentially be as well off with a guaranteed payment amount based on their total direct payments rather than becoming eligible for a se-

verely prorated payment under a traditional disaster program.

Conferees are expected to begin working on the F2003 Omnibus Budget Bill next week

DCP Sign-Up Progress; USDA Announces 2nd CC Advance

Texas is staying slightly ahead of the national average as producers continue to complete the Direct and Counter Cyclical Pro-

One of the most significant factors creating headaches for Farm Service Agency offices and producers alike is the shear amount of information that must be gathered in order to make all the neces-

USDA continues to make administrative changes that should

help smooth the process for producers that are having significant difficulty in obtaining production records on farms.

The latest effort to make it easier for the producer is the announcement of the option to let the County FSA committee assign an appropriate Counter Cyclical payment yield to a farm if actual production records are unavailable.

Producers who had previously opted to use 75% of the county average yield in lieu of actual production records should be able to

change to an assigned yield if they want to do so.

USDA also announced Friday, January 31, the 2nd Advance
Counter-Cyclical Payment rate for cotton, rice and peanuts. Payments were scheduled to be made starting Monday, February 3,

Producers who received the first CC Advance payment will be

eligible for the second payment.

The announced payment rates are \$0.096 cents for cotton; \$1.16 per hundredweight for rice and \$72.80 per short ton for peanuts. The announced payment rate will be reduced by any counter -cycli-

cal payments already received in the first advance payment.

Producers who already received the first advance CC payment can expect a net payment rate of \$0.048 per pound for cotton; \$0.58 per hundredweight for rice and \$36.40 per short ton for peanuts in

DCP program sign-up progress figures for the 25 county area re included in the table below:

High Plains DCP Sign-Up Progress through 1-31-2003

County	Total No. Elig. Farms	Farms W/ Base & Yield Election	Percent Complete
Bailey	764	472	61.78
Borden	85	71	83.52
Briscoe	436	192	44.03
Castro	896	338	37.72
Cochran	502	362	72.11
Crosby	893	765	85.66
Dawson	1,414	974	68.88
Deaf Smith	758	530	69.92
Dickens	616	319	51.78
Floyd	1,145	910	79.47
Gaines	1,008	681	67.55
Garza	359	282	78.55
Hale	1,762	1,370	77.75
Hockley	1,394	1,152	82.63
Howard	732	573	78.27
Lamb	1,638	1,043	63.67
Lubbock	2,283	1,478	64.73
Lynn	1,283	1,038	80.90
Martin	772	665	86.13
Midland	285	196	68.77
Motley	339	227	66.96
Parmer	1,141	435	38.12
Swisher	950	641	67.47
Тепту	1,221	867	71.00
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State Totals	120,674	52,789	43.74

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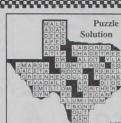
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