



Mrs. Ramsey's & Mrs Cruse's 2nd Grade Classes enjoyed a ride on the Tarkey Fire Truck recently.

# Valley 2nd Graders Visit Turkey Fire Station

Last Friday, a visit to the Turkey Fire Department helped make the story "Fire Fighters" more of a reality to the Valley 2nd graders. Cody Yates and Adam Seymour, Turkey Volunteer Firemen gave an interesting tour of the Fire Station. The students got to try on the special coats and oxygen tanks worn by the fire fighters. Then Christy Pointer and Shay Seymour, Turkey Volunteer Ambulance staff showed the kids the ambulance. The highlight of the trip was a ride down Main Street on the fire truck! And before they left, each child was even given a Beanie Baby! Following the visit to the fire station, the children enjoyed a picnic lunch at the T urkey City Park

before heading back to school. Mrs. Cruse, Mrs. Ramsey, and all the 2nd graders said, "We would like to thank the Turkey Fire

Department and Ambulance Service for the special treatment and good time that we had

### **Mexican Dinners** To Be Served At **Catholic Center**

The Quitaque Catholic Center will once again be serving their delicious homemade Mexican Dinners on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at the Catholic Center.

Serving hours on Saturday will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The group will also have available other wonderful authentic Mexican entrees such as tacos, enchilada plates, chalupas and burritos.

If you need further information, please call 455-1277. You can also call this number on Saturday to place orders for take out.

Proceeds from this event Proceeds from this event will go to towards the upkeep of the Quitaque Catholic Center, and thank you for vour support. If you would like to help Children up to 10 years of age are invited to attend, so bring a bag, basket or a box and 455-1268. If you would like to help your support

For **Turkey Branch MSB Box 15** Turkey, Texas 79261

of Commerce will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in area.

# **Gem Theatre Presents** "Swingin' In Turkey Tonight"

On Saturday, April 19, 2003 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Turkey, Texas, the Gem Theatre will bring you the distinctive country piano of John Walker, along with his "Warm Country Heart" band to do a tribute to Western Swing, the music made famous by Bob Wills.

Members of the Warm Country Heart Band are John Walker-piano; Jack Greubel-drums; Cecil White-lead guitar, banjo, and vocals; Michael Grace-bass, vocals and humorist extraordinaire. Special guests will be Jimmy Bur-son-fiddle and vocals; Bobby Wynne-steel guitar, trumpet, and vocals; and Rosetta Wills, daughter of the late, great Bob Wills. Jack Greubel was drummer for Floyd Cramer for 14 years, He also played with ChetAtkins, Boots Randolph and other legends.

Benefit Concert at Gem ove Fund Theatre @ 7 p.m. aprock Canyons State -Has Been Set Up At Turkey Branch MSB Park Volunteer Day @ 9 a.m. - 12 noon Relay For Life Garage ale ~ Downtown Turkey @ 9:30a.m. - 5 p.m. **Guyretta** Clinton April 14 Valley Board of Trustees meeting Quitaque City Council To help aid with the cost of medical expenses meeting @ 5 p.m. **Donations may be sent to:** Quitaque Fire Department meeting \* Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m. April 15 \* Turkey Fire Depart-The Easter Bunny Is Coming To Town! nent meeting @ 7:30 p.m April 17 Saturday, April 19 at 2 come join in the fun. Chil-\* PASSOVER p.m. the Quitaque Chamber dren will be grouped by ages so that everyone has a hunt To Place Your Upcoming Event **On The** 

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Honor Your Veteran?

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bune. We will be happy to help you, this series will be ending

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans 

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**Relay For Life** Garage Sale The local Relay For Life

group will be holding a Garage Sale & Bake Sale this Saturday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds raised from this project will go towards the Briscoe County Relay For Life to be held May 30 - 31.

Our hometown men and women serving in the Armed Forces

cause, boxes of items can be sent and distributed to other military

ost of shipping the items.

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Calendar

of Events

April 10

\* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

WIC Office in Silverton

@ 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

April 12

\* Psalms IV Gospel

The Relay for Life allows local groups to raise money to help finance cancer reaserch and the search for the cure. It also helps local cancer surtrip expenses and other expenses that can occur when you are receiving cancer treatments.

If you have garage sale cal Hero" currently serving items you would like to in the Armed Forces and contrubite to this worthwhile would like to have them feaproject you can contact Maurice Fuston at 423-1036 or Marjorie Bell at 423-1086 or 423-1263



#### **Cassie Farley**

Cassie will be deployed to Kuwait sometime between April 15-19. She will be with the Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB-1) stationed at Camp Patriot in Kuwait. Cassie will be on Force Protection and will carry an M-16 rifle.

Cassie is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Farley, granddaughter of Therma Farley and Tommy Beck of Turkey; Faye and Trent Crosby of Lubbock

Cassie graduated from Valley School in 2001. She has been in the Navy since before Graduation, and went into active duty on August 19th 2001.

You can write to Cassie at: SMSN Farley Maritime Prepositioning

Force Attn: ACB-1/Bravo FPD-AP96601-6020

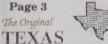
NOTE: If you have a "Lo-cal Hero" currently serving tured in this column, please send their information along with a picture and their mail-ing address to The Valley Tri-



Kameron Buchanan on his dirt bike at a recent

This tremendous amount of talent will be on one stage, on one night, for one show only! So don't miss your oppor tunity to enjoy "Swingin' in Turkey Tonight". Tickets are now on sale for \$12 per person. For show information or to purchase advance tickets call 806-423-1273.

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What's the only state big enough to have it's own crossword puzzle?

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Leon V. **McCracken** 

Leon V. McCracken joined the U.S. Navy upon gradua-tion from Quitaque High School at age 17 to fight in World War II.

He served aboard the U.S.S. Antietam as an airsubmissions. Call us at 806-455-1101. craft mechanic and was hon-

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orably discharged on Septem race. ber 19, 1948 with the rank of

### Kameron Buchanan To Race In 2003 KTM Jr. Supercross

Kameron Buchanan, 7 year old resident of Turkey, Texas has been selected to participate in the KTM Jr Supercross Challenge of 2003 at the Dallas Supercross on April 12, 2003. This is an experience of a lifetime! Kameron will ride in a 3 lap race with 14 other chosen riders on a 2003 KTM SX Pro Sr. LC Sportminicycle.

KTM will provide the bike, a professional pit crew a pro-fessional pit area and the KTM K-Style Riding Outfit.

To be chosen, Kameron had to send in a resume, letter of recommendation from two teachers, be 7-8 years old, and have been racing for at least 1 year KTM factory Racing does the selection process. The winner of each Supercross will advance to the Supercross in Las Vegas later on in the year

Kameron Buchanan is the son of Bryan and Shadi Buchanan of Turkey, the grandson of Ronald and Ginger Mullin of Turkey, Mike and Jeanie Buchanan of Plainview. His greatgrandparents are Farris and Novella Martin of Turkey, I.D. and Bobby Mullin of Turkey and Bruce and Betty Buchanan of Plainview.

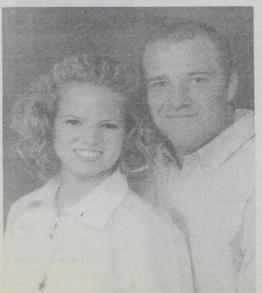
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### Mr & Mrs Kirk Proctor

**Proctor & Chadwick United In Marriage** Kirk Proctor and Lisa Chadwick were united in marriage, Sunday, March 23, 2003 at 2 p.m. Stuart Smith officiated the outdoor ceremony at Lake Hubert, north of Turkey.

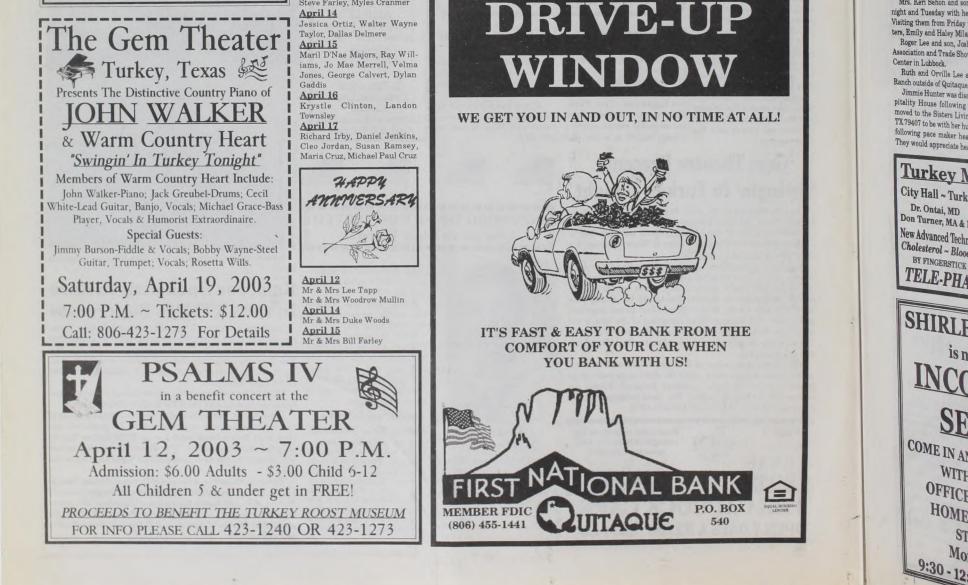
The happy couple will make their home in Amarillo. Kirk is employed by Friona Industries and Lisa is a coach at W estover Jr. High



Jourdan Marie Bingham & Corey Lynn Mullin Bingham & Mullin To Wed In May

Brad and Randie Bingham and Norman and Connie Mullin, all of Amarillo, announce the engagement of their children, Jourdan Marie Bingham and Corey Lynn Mullin. The couple plan to be wed in a private ceremony on May the 17th at the Lake T anglewood Clubhouse. Corey Mullin is the grandson of Bruce and Betty Price of Quitaque and Ottis and Rita Mullin of Graham.

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# OBITUARIES

### Lois Ruth Melton Services were held on Tues-day, April 8, 2003 at the First

Baptist Church of Turkey for Lois Ruth Melton. Burial followed at Dreamland Cemetery Lois was born on March 7 1917 in Turkey, where she lived most of her life. After leaving Turkey, she lived in Amarillo and Memphis, where she

passed away on April 6. Survivors include two daughters, Imogene Molloy, Lakeview, TX and Barbara Mullin-Reeve of Fort Worth, TX. ,one son, Jerry Layne Melton, of Red Oak, TX. She has eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Melton, in 1977, a daughter, Glenda Faye Melton in 1952, a son, Kenneth Hubert Melton in January 2002, and a grandson, John Michael Molloy in 1962.



#### Luke Jacob Lane

Greg and Dianne Lane of Las N.M. would like to announce the birth of their son Luke Jacob Lane. Luke was born on Thursday

March 27, 2003. He weighed in at 4 pounds and 15 ounces Proud grandparents are Alton and Glo Lane of Ruidoso, N.M.

HAPPY **BIRTHDAY!** 

#### April 10 Ron Eudy, Jarret Pigg, Tommy Pinkerton, Natalie Brooke Hughes, Dustin Morrow, Jo

April 11 Jim Saul, Chase Maynard, Dewayne Davis, Jana Guest, Erika Morrison, Bayley Moore April 12

Lowell Proctor, Louis Randell, Jackie Sperry April 13

Farley, Myles Cranmer April 14



# Jack Thomas Leeper

Jack Thomas Leeper, 67, died, Tuesday, April 8, 2003, in Amarillo

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, April 10, 2003 in Commu-nity Fellowship Church in Clar endon with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cem-etery by Robertson Funeral Di-

Mr. Leeper was born January 29, 1936, in Washburn, and had been a resident of Donley County most of his life. He married Scharlett Sue Banister on May 22, 1958, in Hedley. He was em-ployed by Texas Department of Transportation for 27 years be-fore retiring as an assistant supervisor in 1998. He was a member and deacon

of Community Fellowship Church. He had also served as a deacon of Martin Baptist and First Baptist Churches. He was music director at Martin Baptist Church for 15 years and had served as music director at many revivals, and provided special

music for many other events. He was preceded in death by twin daughters, Lonna Sue and Donna Lou in 1961; his parents; a sister; and a brother. Survivors include his wife;

two daughters, Anna Gay Leeper of Friona, Scharia Miller of Claude; two sons, Tommy Leeper and Bryan Leeper both of Clar-endon; a sister, Lafern Gibson of New Jersey; three brothers, Wilburn Leeper of Quitaque, Benny Leeper of Belton, Verrell Leeper

of Kansas; and eight grandchil-**PEOPLE WHO READ** 

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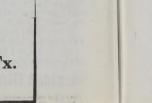
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Cooks

Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

ese "egg-stra special" sweets. EASTER SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup butter, softened 3 oz. cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar

egg shape.

divided

3/4 cup chunky peanut butter

chips 2 tablespoons shortening

colate chips and shortening,

stirring until smooth. Dip eggs;place on waxed paper to harden. Makes about 2 dozen,

depending on size. EASTER BASKET CUPCAKES 1 package(18-1/4 oz.) cake mix, any flavor(carrot cake is nice) Frosting: 3/4 cup butter or margarine 6 oz. cream checce

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#### **OVERHEARD**

Happiness is getting a bill you have already paid so you can sit down and write a nasty letter

# Gusting Winds And a Surprising Snow During Month Of March In Motley County

If you were trying to sell the Earth, you wouldn't include March in the showcase

A surprising blanket of snow Friday morning March 28 and a late blast of winter weather March 29-30 put Motley County in wraps. There were fluctuating temperatures and gusting winds during the month. Soil moisture is still short, but the light rain-fall was a benefit for winter wheat and native grass.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total moisture for March 2003: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs -0.68; Betty Simpson, Northfield - 0.72; Kelly Meyer, Matador - 0.81; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat - 1.07; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot - 1.12 inches

#### The Joy Of Easter GivingAt Do Gooders Club Meeting

The Do Gooders' Club began the month Tuesday, April 1st at the Community Center in Flomot by observing the joy of Easter giving by making lap throws for the Lockney Care Center and clothes protectors for the Floydada Care Center . Mesdames Trula Martin and Geneva Martin, hostesses pre-

sided at a pastel Easter decor service. They served chips, dips and cookies with pink fruit punch. The table was laid with a pink cloth with a lace overlay. The centerpiece was a beautiful floral arrangement of ivy and pink Calla lilies.

A short business session was conducted by Mrs. W aydetta Clay. No business report was given, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alma Shorter had a medical appointment and did not attend the meet-

Mrs. Judy Stark was the lucky winner of a ceramic Easter rab-

Members attending were mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, T rula Martin, Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Waydetta Clay, Leona Degan, Judy Stark, Kathy Shorter, Nada Starkey and Geneva

#### **Heart Attack**

Mrs. Nada Starkey suffered a heart attack T uesday night and was conveyed to the emergency center at Mangol Hospital in Lockney. She was transferred to the CCU at the Baptist-St. An-thony Hospital in Amarillo. She returned home Friday and is improving

Her husband, Jack was with her and visited in the home of daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo. Also with her during hospitalization were Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch 

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited last week in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson of Floydada visited Mr . and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Thursday. They were en route to Turkey to visit Mr. and Mrs. Farris Martin.

Mary Ellen Barton was in Plainview, Wednesday for an optical appointment and in Floydada, Thursday for a dental appointment.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock was a luncheon guest Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Julie and Dusty Whitaker were in San Saba the past week work-

ing on transportation highway operations. Mrs. Alma Shorter was accompanied to Lubbock, Tuesday by husband, L.E. Shorter and son, Clois Shorter for a cardiac medical treatment.

Sandra and Kenneth George of Warner, Oklahoma visited from Friday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey. visiting her this week is daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty. Mr. and Wilburn Martin were luncheon guests Thursday in Borger of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Monday with and Theedew with her nerverse. Mr. on Mrs. Chie Shorter

night and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. an Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visiting them from Friday until Sunday were their granddaugh-

ters, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg. Roger Lee and son, Josh attended the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association and Trade Show Saturday held at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended the Horse Sale at the Smith Ranch outside of Quitaque, Saturday. Jimmie Hunter was discharged Wednesday from Lubbock Hos-

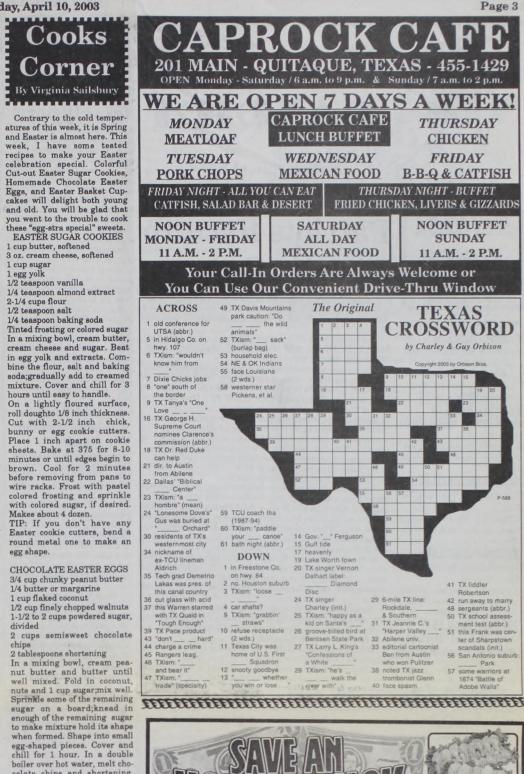
pitality House following therapy for a back injury. She has moved to the Sisters Living Care Unit, 4713 22nd St., Lubbock, TX 79407 to be with her husband, Wayne Hunter, a resident there following pace maker heart surgery. Telephone: 806-799-7944. They would appreciate hearing from their friends.

### <u>**Turkey Medical Clinic</u>**</u> City Hall ~ Turkey, Texas 79261 ~ 423-1324

Dr. Ontai, MD Open: Mon. - Fri. Don Turner, MA & EMS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. New Advanced Technology Blood Screenings Available Cholesterol ~ Blood Sugar ~ Blood Thinner Level BY FINGERSTICK ONLY ~ COVERED BY MEDICARE

dle, or use a piece of red shoe-string licorice. Put 3 or 4 jelly-beans on top of coconut nest. Makes about 24. Next week I'll have some

smooth. Add vanilla and pow-dered sugar; beat until smooth. Spread over cupcakes. Mix 1 teaspoon water,green food col-oring and coconut in a Ziploc bag. Seal bag and shake to tint. Make a nest on top of each cupcake. Bend a colorful pipe cleaner to make a basket han-dle, or use a piece of red shoe-







tasty ideas for Easter brunch. Please remember our troops at war in Iraq and elsewhere. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

**Valley Weather Forecast** for Next 9 Days High/Low %Prec 82\*/48\* 0% 84\*/57\* 20 % Sunny ₩ Partly Cloudy / 86°/57° 20 % The Isolated T-84\*/83\* 30 % Storms 79°/49" 30 % 75 / 47 80 % 77\*/51\* 0%

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# SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change Monday, April 14

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sauage, OJ/Mill Lunch: King Ranch Casse-

role, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Cornbread, Milk

### Tuesday, April 15

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Tater Tots, Carrot Sticks, Jello,

#### Wednesday, April 16

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/ Mil

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Beans, Salad, Brownies,

#### Thursday, April 17

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, O.I/Mill

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Friday, April 18 No School Today!

**Easter Break Begins** 



# **Patriots Race To District Crown**

The Valley Patriots scored 195 points to win the Team Championship at the District Track Meet last week. Silverton finished a distant second with 88 points, while Amherst finished third with 84 points

Jose Chavez got the day started off right by winning the 3200 Meter Run in a time of 12:26. Kevin Ortiz finished third and Matt Whittington finished fifth.

Valley dominated the points in the Long Jump as Derrick Cruse, Clif Yeary, and Dylan Gaddis finished second, third, and fourth in the event. Cruse, who leapt 19'11" in the Long Jump, came back later to win the High Jump with a jump of 6'2". Douglas Payne cleared the same height to finish second. Ramiro Ramos tallied ten points for the team by placing first in

the Shot Put with a throw of 45'9". Rodney Fuston finished third and Robert Mendoza finished fourth. Clif Yeary got his second top three placings of the day when he finished second in the Discus.

Douglas Payne fielded another silver medal by placing second in the Triple Jump with a jump of 38' 3/4". Chase Maynard fin-ished fifth and Fidel Valdez finished sixth.

The Patriots fared well in the Relays finishing first in the 1600 Meter Relay and second in both the 400 and 800 Meter Relays. Daniel Alanis, Charlie Walden, Juan Mendoza, and Fidel Val-

dez ran a 3:48 in the Mile Relay, while Alex Espinoza, Derrick Cruse, and Clif Yeary joined Walden to run a 1:37 in the Half-Mile In the Sprint Relay, Dylan Gaddis joined Cruse, Valdez,

and Espinoza to garner the gold in a good time of 47.1. In the 110 Meter High Hurdles Douglas Payne finished third, while Chase Maynard finished fifth and Cody Barrett finished sixth. Clif Yeary finished second in the 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles while Kellan Roberts finished third and Barrett finished fourth

Juan Mendoza had a good day finishing third in the 1600 Meter Run and fourth in the 800 Meter Dash. Adam Ortiz finished sixth in the 800, while Jose Chavez and Kevin Ortiz finished seventh and eighth in the  $1600\ {\rm Meter}\ {\rm Run}.$ 

Dylan Gaddis ran a 24.15 to finish second in the 200 Meter Dash, while Derrick Cruse ran a 24.43 to finish third.

Charlie Walden and Daniel Alanis finished fifth and sixth in the 400 Meter Dash, while Alex Espinoza finished sixth in the 100 Meter Dash,

The Patriots will travel to Aspermont tomorrow to compete in an Area Qualifier's Meet.

#### 10:27 a.m. Saturday



# **Texas History!** Apr. 6, 1830 Law passed by Mexican Con

gress prohibiting futher colonization from the United States and any importation of blacks into Mexican territory. Apr. 8, 1822 Dr. James Long, imprisoned in Mexico City after his Capture on

October 8, 1821, was shot "accidentally.

Apr. 8, 1864 Battle of Mansfield, Civil War.

Apr. 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Union Army at Appomattox

Apr. 10, 1722 Mission Nuestra Senora del Espiritu Santo de Zuniga founded about two miles from the presidio of Nuestra Senora de Loreto at Matagorda Bay. Mission moved 25 miles inland to the Guadalupe River near Victoria four years later. In 1749 the mission was moved to

#### Goliad **Cap Rock Telephone Scholarship Deadline**

April 11 The deadline for the Cap Rock Telephone Scholarship program is Friday, April 11. Applications must be in Cap Rock's business office by Friday, April 11. In order to qualify, the parents or guardian of a 2003 high school graduating senior must be a member of Cap Rock Telephone and live within Cap Rock's service area. The winners of these scholarships will be notified at their respective school graduation

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, Cap Rock has provided \$40,000 for area youth to continue their education. Last year's recipients represented the following schools: Paducah High School, Motley County High School. Spur High School. Post High School and Valley High School. If you know an interested, qualifying student and would

like a scholarship application, contact your school counselor or call Cap Rock Telephone at 88-692-4242 or 806-271-3336.



### Lorena Mendoza

Age: 19 Birthday: May 10, 1983. Place Of Birth: Michoacan Mexico

Parents: Maria and Feliciano My Pet Peeve: People who act like they are your friends and really aren't

My Role Model: My mom My Best Characteristic: My hair Favorite Pastime: Chilling

with my friends Favorite Style Of Dress:

Favorite Food Enchiladas. Favorite Movie: Save The Last Dance

My Favorite Sport: Soccer Favorite Subject: Mrs. Taylor's class

Hobbies: Watching TV and listening to music If I could travel any-

where, I would go... To Australia. The best advice I ever received was ... Life is short,

make the best of it The worst advice I ever received was ... Just do it, it

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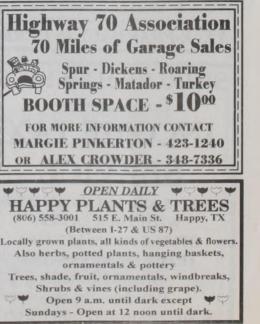
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career.

# **Six Lady Patriots Qualify** For Area Track Meet

The Lady Patriots traveled to Silverton last Friday to participate in he District Track Meet. The top four participants in each event advance to the Area Meet at Randell next Thursday. Na table Wheeler overcame a serious ankle injury earlier this month to advance in three events, the Long Jump, Triple Jump and the 100 Meter Hurdles. The 400 Meter Relay team will also advance with a 4th place finish. This team consists of Chelsea Wheeler Larrisa Payne, Katherine Pigg, and Ascension Pozos. Enedina Valdez will also advance with a 3rd place finish in the 3200 Meter Run. Congratulations to these young ladies and good luck at Area!





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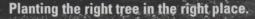
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### The Valley Tribune, Quitaque, Texas, Thursday, April 10, 2003

Valley 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball

**Team Have Great Season In 2003** 

The Valley 5th and 6th grade boy's basketball team had a very successful year. In the Miami Tournament, they won two games and lost two games. In the Shamrock Tournament, they placed second, after playing five games in a row. In the Paducah Tourna-ment, they defended their championship title by defeating Pad-ucah for the second consecutive year. Their final record was 10 wire and 4 losses

Team members were: 5th Graders - Jose Galvan, Jacob Hancock and Isaac Smith. 6th Graders - Dalton Allen, Mitchell Farley, Cesar Mendoza, Francisco Pozos, Brady Ramsey and John Luke

Shannon. The team was coached by Mark Allen and Philip

Valley JH Girls Win

The Junior High girls traveled to Silverton Monday to compete

at the District Track Meet. Teams represented three were Silver-ton, Groom, Hedley, McLean, Samnorwood, and Valley. The JH girls team scored 160 points to walk away with the team title. Groom finished in 2nd place with Silverton coming in 3rd. The

Lady Patriots had a strong team effort with every girl on he team scoring points. Placings were as follows:

Davidson, Laura Payne - 2nd 800 Meter Run: Cathy Fierro - 1st; Ana Karen Alanis - 2nd

100 Meter Hurdles: Amber Clay - 2nd; Amy Meeks -3rd 100 Meter dash: Amber Clay - 6th

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800 Meter Relay: Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Mary Kate

400 Meter Dash: Ana Karen Mendoza - 2nd; Ana Iris Valdez -

300 Meter Hurdles: Amber Clay - 2nd; Amy Meeks - 4th 1200 Meter Run: Cathy Fierro - 1st; Maddie Ramsey - 4th

1600 Meter Relay: Laura Payne, Macy Davidson, Molly David-son, Mary Kate Davidson - 2nd

Triple Jump: Macy Davidson - 1st; Mary Kate Davidson - 5th; Ana Karen Mendoza - 6th

Congratulations to the Junior High Girls on a job well done!

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Discus: Molly Davidson - 4th; Savannah Smith - 5th High Jump: Laura Payne - 3rd; Amber Clay - 5th

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To the Registered Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ HALL COUNTY

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**District Track Meet** 

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### **JH Patriots Compete In District Meet**

The Valley Junior High Patriots scored 107 points to place sec-ond in this week's District Meet. Silverton won the meet while McLean finished third.

Fannin Gwinn had a good day for the team finishing first in rannin Gwinn had a good day for the team finishing first in the Discus and third in the Shot Put. Roger Ramos placed fourth in the Shot Put and sixth in the Discus, while Danny Carnes finished sixth in the Shot Put. In the Long Jump Bryant Ortiz finished third with a jump of 15'1" while Hector Cruz finished fourth. Juan Haro ran the first event of the day for the Patriots finish-ing fourth in the 2400 Matter Rum. The 400 Matter Rules

Juan Haro ran the first event of the day for the Patriots finish-ing fourth in the 2400 Meter Run. The 400 Meter Relay team of Bryce Reagan, Bryant Ortiz, Cole Brown, and Hector Cruz fin-ished second, while the 800 Meter Relay team of Roger Ramos, Hector Cruz, Jake Gass, and Cole Brown finished third. Justin Billegas had another good day as he finished second in the 800 Meter Ron and third in the 1200 Meter Run. T earmate Toulog Wenge finished 60th in the 1200 Meter Run.

Taylor Warren finished fifth in the 1200 Meter Run, while Bryant Ortiz finished fourth in the 200 Meter Dash.

Bryce Reagan finished fourth in the 100 Meter Dash and Jus-tin Rucker finished fourth in the 100 Meter Hurdles. In the final event of the evening, Jake Gass, Bryant Ortiz, Bryce Reagan, and Hector Cruz held off Groom in an exciting race to finish second an the 1600 Meter Relay.

Pray For The Safety Of Our Local Men & Women Serving In The **Armed Forces Cassie Farley Devin G. King** Manuel Cruz, Jr. **Buster Beaver** 

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**Urges West Texans To Pray For Troops** Senator Robert Duncan has issued the following statement to encourage

those who live in Senate District 28 to support President Bush and the troops fighting for freedom and humanity in Iraq. "At this critical time in

our nation's history, we must rise and steadfastly support our president. We know George W. Bush to be a caring man with a family and a life he would not make vul-nerable on a whim. While it may be easy for others to sit on the sidelines and criticize our nation, our leader, and our values, we may find some comfort in knowing the right thing to do is often not

the easy thing to do. President Theodore Roosevelt once said if he must choose between righteousness and peace, he would choose righteousness. Today, Americans are fighting a righteous war to make a place for peace. These brave soldiers are not nameless faces; many of them are our neighbors. As they perform their duties, so should we perform ours; please keep these noble soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

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Rick and Sandy Fuston, al

with Louis and Oleta Randell ere in Abilene last week at ACU

to hear the Randell's grand-daughter, Tracie Smith sing in a

comedy opera. It was in English, and the English name of it was

"Women Are Like That". They were joined there by Mike and Ramona Smith and Alicia, of

Houston, Jo Ann Blythe of Amarillo, Jeff Blythe, Zack and Courtney Wilkerson, all of Dal-

las. The next day everyone went

their own ways, Louis and Oleta went to Ft. Worth for a visit with

Steve and Phyllis Randell, Jake and Bryan. They also visited friends in Irving and Dallas.

April Non-Local

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Front: Tanner Clay, Jacob Hancock, Lauren Young & Townlii Zeigler. Back: Emily Garcia, Seth Fuston, Nichole Schott, Tory Fuston, Payton Price, Luke Shannon & Jessie Price. Steps going up: Khaki Scrivner, Chancy Campbell, Kelsey Clay & Autumn Phillips.

### **Briscoe County 4-H'ers Bring Home Consumer Judging Medals**

One hundred twenty-six youth gathered at the T exas A&M Research and Extension Center on Saturday , April 5th, to apply their critical thinking and decision making skills gained in the 4-H Conmer Life Skills Project.

Each 4-H member ranked a class of four items from the best choice for their consumer dollar to the least desirable choice. Prior to the contest, youth studied several items to determine which is to the contest, youth studied several items to determine which is the best product to purchase in a specific situation. Junior youth, ages 8-10, studied items such as back packs, CD ROM's, insect repellant, sun screen and DVD players. The intermediate, ages 11-13, and senior age groups, ages 14-19, also studied cell phones and pickup trucks. Intermediates and seniors not only rank the items, they also justify them verbally to the judges in a process called oral reasons much like those given in a livestock or dairy cattle judging contest.

In the Intermediate division, Briscoe County team 1 consisting of Seth Fuston, Chancy Campbell, and John Luke Shannon placed 10th overall, and Briscoe County team 2 consisting of Nichole Schott, Townlii Seigler, and Torrey Fuston tied for 5th place over-all. Individually, Townlii Zeigler placed 5th and Nichole Schott rulecod 7th placed 7th.

The Junior participants included Khaki Scrivner , Autumn Phil-lips, and Kelsey Clay whose team claimed medals for the 3rd place hips, and teleso clay micro teams that neural included included team overall. Two other junior teams that participated included Payton Price, Lauren Young, and Jacob Hancock whose team placed 5th overall, and Emily Garcia, Jesse Price, and T anner Clay whose team placed 11th overall. In the individual ranking, Khaki Scrivner received a medal for 1st place, and Payton Price received a medal for 3rd place. Lauren Young placed 14th overall, and Au-tumn Phillips placed 15th overall. 4-H Consumer Life Skills Projects are usually conducted in the

late fall and early spring in preparation for the contest. However, contact your County Extension office now to get signed up for 4-H  $\,$ and this project. Each year, a group of 8-10 items are studied in preparation for the contest. Contest officials select items that are realistic consumer choices for teens. All Extension programs including 4-H serve people of all ages

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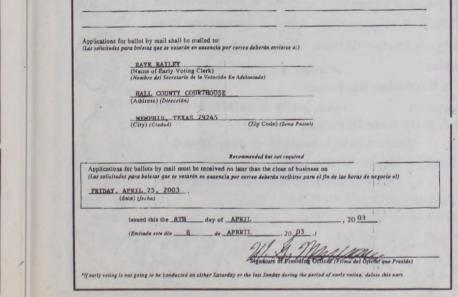
#### Walk Across Texas Competition **Kicked Off Monday!**

Eight teams signed up to Walk Across Texas Monday at two come and go registration parties, one at the SPHPO Briscoe Com-munity Clinic in Silverton and one at the Quitaque Medical Clinic. These teams will compete to see who can rack up the most miles "across Texas" during the next 8 weeks. The competition will end June 2, 2003. During registration participants enjoyed fruit, trail mix, crackers and little pizzas, filled out all of the necessary regis-tration forms, went over rules and had their blood pressure and tration forms, went over rules, and had their blood pressure and weight measured.

weight measured. This year's teams are as follows: The Double-Nickels & Older. Fred Strange, captain, Sylvia Hill, LaNell Hill, Theta Holt, Latti-ane Dillard, Rosemary Perkins, Patricia McJimsey, and Glenda Couch; The Scrapes: Cory Edwards, captain, Billy Edwards, Bar-bara Deckard, Jason & Norma Jones, T ay Henderson, Bena Hes-ter, and Della Boling: Road Warriors; Kay Calvert, captain, Maria Cruz, Renee Dudley, Jana Guest, Arlene Hinkle, Bob Hinkle, Wil-burn Leeper, and Faye Pointer; Fairmont Flyers; Able Asebedo, captain, Janinne Brooks Bill Brooks, Mary Pigg, Catherine Pigg, Liz Griffin, Shirley Reynolds, and Jana Beesinger; Ankle Express: Diana Ivory, captain, Jackie Mercer, Rebecca Hunt, other team members yet to be named; ASKEBAT; Sandi Tomlin, captain, members yet to be named; <u>ASKEBAT</u>: Sandi Tomlin, captain, Emmett Tomlin, Kathy Kingery, Anthony Kingery, Shirlieann Chalmers, Wayne & Tina Nance, Vicky Tiffin; <u>To Health & Back</u>: Linda Moore, captain, Dori Wasmundt, Lana Ortiz, Jerry Bake , Christine Casillas, Lena Cantu, and Venita Howell; The Leftovers: Don Turner, captain, Donna Hancock, other team rs yet to be m

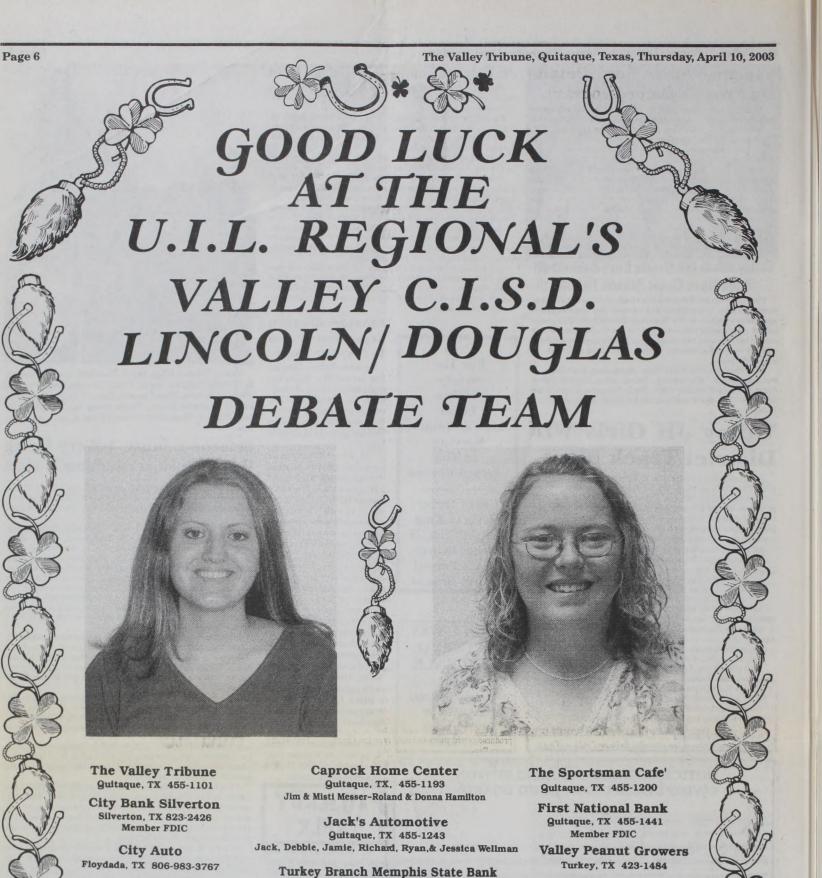


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### Veneman Announces Details **On Crop Disaster Program**

11 10, 2003

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman recently announced that more details on disaster program benefits, including the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), are now available for producers. "We are working hard to provide as much information as possible to help eligible producers sign up for these programs," said V ene

USDA's Farm Service Agency received over 600 e-mails with questions, suggestions, comments and concerns about the disas ter programs, especially the Crop Disaster Program. In response, a significant number of question have been posted along with an-swers at *http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov*. As new questions are sub-mitted, frequently asked questions will be updated on a regular basic basis

FSA has also posted a two page document that explains the basics of the CDP and how to calculate program benefits. Addi-tionally, a spreadsheet can be downloaded that will calculate potential disaster benefits by entering a few pieces of data about crop losses. The spreadsheet will work for typical crop losses, but not under all circumstances. For example, the current spreadsheet does not handle "prevented planted" or "unharvested" acres, losses for crops with fresh and process markets such as apples, or production that has beer affected by quality. The formulas in the spreadsheet and the answers to the ques

tions are for illustrative purposes and will not be finalized until the regulations are published in he Federal Register . The tools represent the best information available today so producers and lenders may begin to understand how the program will work.

Actual calculations will be performed by the FSA Service Cen-ter once sign-up begins on June 6. The USDA Service Centers can also provide additional information once sign-up begins.

# Gem Theatre In Need Of New Roof

"Please help us put a new roof on the Gem Theatre! stated Lawana Cruse, director of Gem Theatre projects. When work started on the Theatre seven years ago the roof was in pretty good shape. But with the passage of time and exposure to the elements, it has now developed more leaks and they are getting bigger every time it rains. "The original historic metal ceiling in the Theatre is much to pretty and to valuable to let anything happen to." said Cruse. This historical Theatre is an asset to the entire area. With this in mind the Gem Theatre is now asking anyone who can, to help by giving a donation, to this worthwhile community project. "We need to raise \$6000 as soon as possible, and we plan to have some fund raisers in the near future. " stated Mrs. Cruse.

This is a repair that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible to prevent any further damage to the historic structure.. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Or if you would like to help with any fund raising activities you can call Lawana Cruse at 423-1273. Donations may be sent to The Gem Theatre Fund, Box 74, Turkey, Texas 79261.

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## **Do Your Homework To Select Best Cotton Varieties**

Picking productive cotton varieties is not an easy task, espe cally on the Texas High Plains, an area where weather can liter ally "make or break" a crop. A Texas Cooperative Extension cot-ton agronomist advises producers to do their homework by comparing several characteristics among many different varieties, and then keying these characteristics to typical growing conditions.

"We can't control our growing environment from year to year but we can select the varieties we plant based on positive traits," said Randy Boman, Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agrono-mist. "It is very important to select and plant varieties that fit your farm, varieties with the genetic potential to achieve good lint quality and total yield." 2002 was another year of above normal heat unit accumulation

and favorable harvest conditions on the Texas High Plains. This weather favored many of the longer season, open boll type cottons

"Last year's crop totaled just over 3.27 million bales, the fourth largest crop we have seen since 1977. As a whole, that crop had good color and leaf grades, low bark percentage, and better aver age staple length and micronaire averaged just over 4.3, the sec-ond highest micronaire value on record. Only the 2001 crop had a higher micronaire value, it's average was 4.4." High micronaire combined with short staple length can result

in substantial discounts in growers' USDA loan value on some stan-dard stripper type cotton varieties. Some longer season, open boll picker type cottons did not have micronaire values or staple length worthy of discounts, Boman said.

Worthy of alsounds, boman said. Even so, growers should not plant fence-row to fence-row with one type of cotton, he added. County Extension agents can advise growers on variety perfor-mance in local field trials. The Plains Cotton Improvement Pro-grams' (PCIP) replicated large plot systems variety trials, spon-sored by Plains Cotton Growers and Cotton Inc., also contain good baseline information the agronomist said baseline information, the agronomist said. "The variety trials conducted by John Gannaway, Texas Agri-

cultural Experiment Station cotton breeder , at Lubbock and many other High Plains sites is another good source of comparison infor mation." Boman said. "It is best to consider multi-year and multisite performance averages, when they are available. At the same time, there are many new varieties appearing on the scene that have not undergone multi-year university testing."

Yield potential is probably the single most important agronomic trait in producers' minds, but growers should also give significant

onsideration to lint quality. "We sell pounds of lint, but the value of each pound is a function of fiber quality, so these tow characteristics are closely linked to profitability. But we also want to consider adaptability" Boman said. "Many long season picker cottons are better adapted to ar eas with longer growing seasons, but some of these varieties have produced record yields and quality on the Plains, due to extremely warm September wether in recent years.

"Growers who made record yields with those varieties had above normal heat accumulation. They also terminated irrigation and applied harvest aids, defoliants/dessicants. In a timely fashio and they got their crop out of the field early

Even when growers can catch a "run of good weather," they should not leave open boll picker cottons in the field until a freeze conditions the plants for harvest. Unacceptable prehearvest lint loss is likely to result, the agronomist said.

"On the other hand, the storm proof stripper varieties are more suited to our harvesting conditions, and they are more likely to survive damaging weather at harvest without considerable lint loss," Boman said. "Check the storm-proofness of any variety on your potential planting list. If you do choose an open boll picker variety, plan and budget ahead for a good harvest aid program that will let you achieve an early harvest." "Don't be caught with lots of lint in the field, but no chance of harvest due to inclement weather."

harvest due to inclement weather." The value of transgenic varieties is another consideration. Growers should consider varieties bred for herbicide tolerance, and or insect resistance, Roundup Ready, BXN, Bollgard, only if this

/or insect resistance, Koundup Keady, BAN, Boilgard, only if this technology is a bargain compared to typical traditional weed or insect control costs for a specific field, he said. "The jury is still out on the value of Bollgard in the High Plains, because our bollworm and budworm pressure is generally light," Bowman said. "The inherent agronomic performance of some Bollgard+Roundup Ready "stacked gene" varieties may simply be better than some Roundup Ready cottons, even thought both have the some montic hexiemend "When we think of disease, resistance to diseases such as

verticilium or fusarium wilt, bacterial blight and root-knot nema todes is a desirable trait for most of the High Plains."

Regardless of how they prioritize agronomic traits/qualities, growers should strive for diversity when selecting cotton variet-

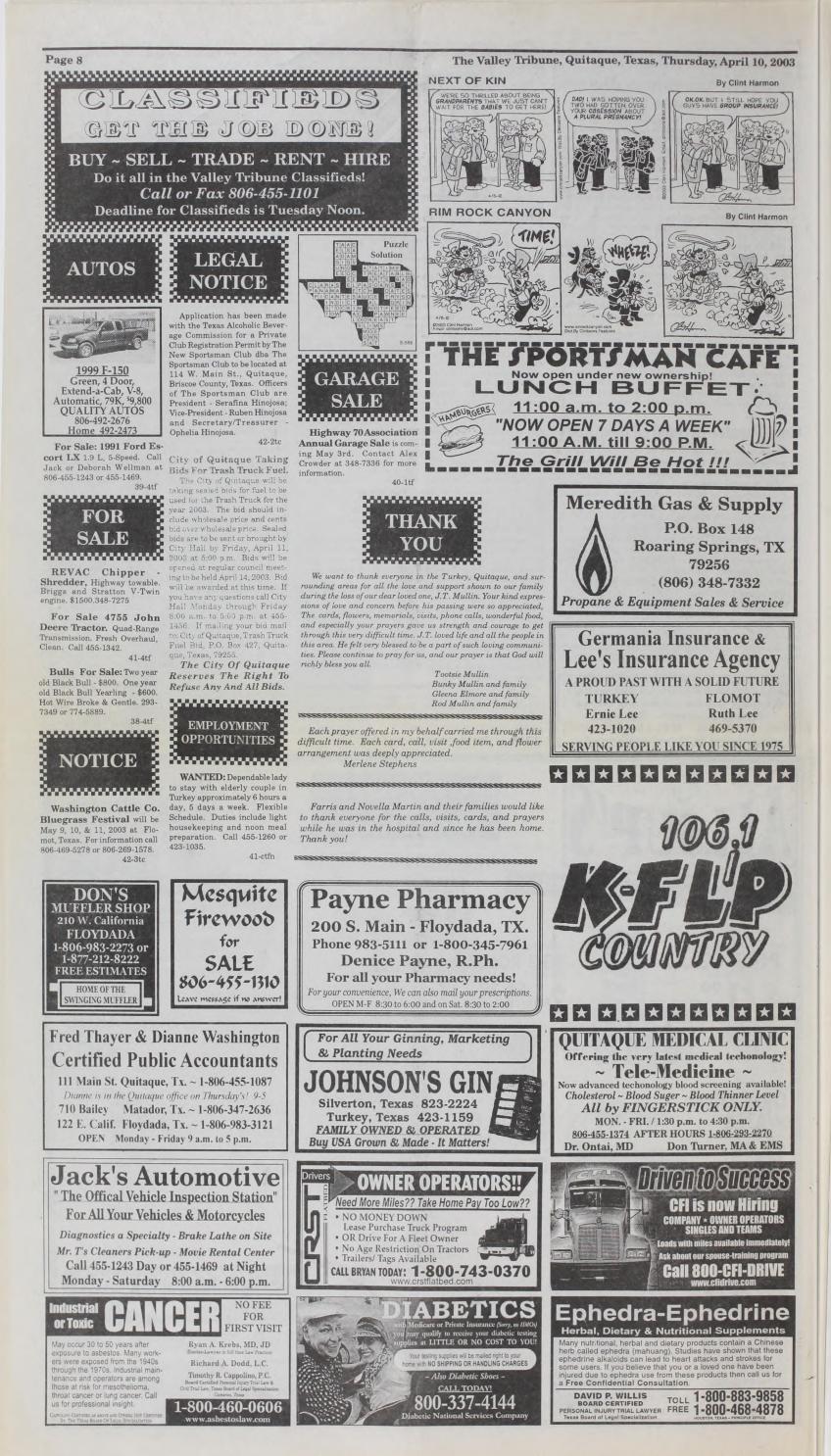
"Don't plant the entire farm to only one variety of cotton" Boman concluded. "Matching varieties and transgenic technologies to specific fields will help you spread production risk. It is simply good management.

good management." Growers can obtain a copy of Gannaway's 2002 Cotton Perfor -mance Tests in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos Areas of Texas, or the PCIP's System Agronomic and Economic Evaluation of Transgenic and Conventional Cotton Varieties in the Texas High Plains, from their county Extension agent or from T exas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock 806-746-1101. This and ather arean production iformation is also available. 6101. This and other crop production information is also avail

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