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Pictured: Joyce Guest, Turkey Boss Lion, with Lacey Skinner **Turkey Lions Enjoy Poetry Reading**

Monday evening, Lacey Skinner was a guest at the Turkey Lions Club meeting. Lacey, UIL regional qualifier, interpreted her poetry selections for the group. The previous week she performed for the Quitaque Li-

Easter Egg Hunt This Saturday

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 14, 2001 at 3:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Turkey. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments before the egg hunt. Please have your eggs at the church before 3:00 pm, so the Easter Bunny can hide them. Please come and join us for an afternoon of family fun

2001 Bob Wills Princess And **Queen Contest**

The time has arrived for area young ladies to enter the 2001 Bob Wills Princess and Queen contest.

The Princess contest is open to young ladies grades 5th through 8th. The Queen contest is open for young ladies in grades 9th through 12th. Contestants will write an essay about "Why Celebrations like Bob Wills Day help small communities!"

Essays are due by April 25, 2001 and may be submitted to Joanie Pigg's office at the Valley School.

Prizes will be \$100 Saving Bond and roses for the Queen and a \$50 Saving Bond and roses for the Princes

Responsibilities of the Queen and Princess will include appearing at the Friday Night Dance and ride in Parade on Bob Wills Day on Saturday. Dressed appropriately.

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Todd Oberheu and Maria Cruz trim brush along the Trailway during the semi-annual Volunteer Day at Caprock Canyons State Park and

Caprock Partner's Volunteer Day Was A Big Success

The semi-annual volunteer day at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway this past Saturday was a big success. Ten local volunteers from Quitaque, Silverton, and Lockney joined two campers from Missouri to tackle several big projects that had been laid out.

The first project was erosion control/landscaping around the restroom in South Prong Tent Campground. Erosion was becoming a problem around the base of the restroom due to the soil disturbance that occurred when the restroom was installed. The erosion problem was growing with the recent rainfall. Volunteers laid hundreds of pounds of lose rocks around the base to prevent further erosion, promote plant growth, and encourage visitors to stay on the walking path

South Prong Tent Campground also got a much-needed manicure. Volunteers armed with loppers, trimmers, and chainsaws trimmed brush

around all twenty campsites to make visitors' stays more comfortable The Trailway also got a manicure. A small crew, starting at the Estelline terminal of the Trailway, trimmed the overhanging brush as they worked

their way back towards Quitaque. ne project that volunteers worked on during the last Volunteer Day and didn't quite complete was staining all of the Park's wooden directional and informational signs. That project was completed Saturday when

the last dozen signs were stained and prepared for re-lettering. Volunteers made headway on an on-going project, the Park scrapbook. Since the Park was opened in 1982, pictures, newspaper articles, and magazine articles about the Park have been saved, but not organized. This is, as you can imagine, a big task that will take lots of hard work and effort to complete. If you have pictures of the Park or Trailway, we would like to include some in our scrapbook. Please bring them by or mail them

to the Park (attention Deanna) and we will get them back to you.

Volunteers wrapped up their hard work with a pot-luck lunch. As promised, there was a lot of work, fun, and camaraderie. If you missed it this time, mark your calendar for October and plan to join the fun. Thanks to everyone that pitched in to make the day a success.

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Page 5 CROSSWORD (Mess with it all you want)

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Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass **Festival Plans Weekend Of Music** And Fun April 20, 21, & 22

It is time for the Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival in Flomot, Texas. The festival will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 20, 21, and 22, 2001 on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. The official show will begin on stage at 11:00 am on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. The show continues until 11:00 pm on both nights. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$10.00 each day. Starting at 9:30 am Sunday morning there will be a short devotional by Nathan Mueller, pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church, followed by gospel music until noon. The Sunday events are free. The main stage will be outside on the west end of the Community Center gym. In the event of bad weather, the festival will move into the gym. Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Nine bands will be playing during the festival.. The bands playing on both Friday and Saturday include Yellowhouse, Shortgrass, Red River, Now and Again, Pecos Valley Bluegrass, Rocky Creek, and Sundown. The South Plains College Band will play on Friday only. Buddy and Tina Wright & Co. will join in the fun on Saturday. But the official bands are just half of the fun. All over the festival grounds will be groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone that plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. Even if you just like to listen, you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups.

The festival is an event that the entire family can enjoy. In addition to the music on Friday there will be food booths and arts and crafts. On Saturday there will be a car show, a square dancers exhibition and a barbecue added to the festival. The barbecue will begin at 5:00 pm and will be catered by Leslie Pigg of the Sportsman at Quitaque. Tickets to the barbecue can be purchased at

The emcee will be Bill Myrick from Odessa. Bill is a long time bluegrass personality. He played with Bill Monroe in the fifties and currently has a bluegrass radio program on an Odessa radio station. Frank Cleveland will again provide the sound from Lawn, Texas. Frank is one of the best bluegrass soundmen around.

A large group of RV'ers is expected to start arriving on Wednesday, April 18 at the RV Park in Flomot. RV parking is \$7.00 per night with a festival ticket purchase. Tickets are \$10.00 each day with children 12 and under admitted free. Everyone is admitted free on Sunday.

For more information call 806-469-5278 or chase down Seab or Max Washington



Tony and Cuca Galvan encourage everyone to stop by Galvan's esturant, specializing in Mexican and American fo

Galvan's Resturant Grand Opening

Monday, April 16, 2001 will be the Grand Opening for Galvan's Resturant located at 502 Main Street in Turkey, Tx. They will be hosting an Open House that day beginning at 2:00 pm. Then on Tuesday, April 17 they will be open for business. The Galvan's

encourage you to drop by and visit with them. Tony and Cuca Galvan have lived in Turkey for the last 20 years. Cuca has worked at the Valley School cafeteria and at the Turkey Drive-In. Tony is a farmer, working for Brent Guest of Turkey. Ralph, Cuca's son also owns a resturant in Lorenzo

Galvan's Resturant will be open from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm Tuesdays through Sundays and will be closed on Mondays. They will be specializing in Mexican and American food.

Tony wants to encourage everyone to come in and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and excellent food. He stated that they will be open for Bob Wills weekend.

April 12

April 13

-Good Friday

Good Friday

April 15

-Easter

7:15 am

April 16

April 17

-TAFCE Club

-Friday the 13th

Turkey City Council

-Matador Masonic Lodge -EMT Meeting

-Valley School out for Easter

-Turkey City Hall closed for

-Easter Sunrise Service at

Caprock Canyon State Park @

-Valley School out for Easter

-Turkey Fire Department

-Bob Will Foundation Meeting

at Bob Wills Center @ 7:30 pm

Outstanding Volunteer Celebration

By J. Guest

On April 23rd, 2001 at 5:30 pm, our citizens of Turkey will be celebrating the lives of Margie Pinkerton, Outstanding Volunteer and four runners-up: Buster Hanna, decd., Louis Randell, Jim Weeks and Don Turner.

This event will take place in the Senior Citizens Room and be hosted by the Senoir Citizens. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be a good time for us to express our thanks and appreciation for the outstanding work these people have done for the community for an extended period of time. Refreshments will be served to all those who

ning at 9 am. Monies raised from this project will go towards the Jr/Sr Prom of which the Jr

Class is responsible for decorating. The carwash will be held in the Allsup's parking lot in Quitaque. There is no cost for the car wash but your donations will be greatly appreciated. They will also pick up your car, wash it and return it to you if you would like. Come out and help support the Jr Class in this

Quitaque's

City Office will be

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Friday, APRIL 13 Good Friday

Jr Class To Sponsor

The Junior Class at Valley

School will be holding a carwash Monday, April 16, 2001 begin-

Carwash April 16

USDA Appoints John T. Fuston To **Head Texas Farm** Service Agency

Washington- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today named John T. Fuston as Texas State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency State Of-

Fuston has worked for FSA for 29 years. Prior to his appointment as SED, he was Supervisory Agricultural District Director since 1987. He is coowner of a farming and ranching operation and has a Bachelor's degree in agriculture from West Texas State Univer-

Over the years, Fuston has received a number of honors, including being named Agricultural Man of the Year of Deaf Smith County. He is active in his county as a Chamber of Commerce and school board member.

FSA ensures the well-being of American agriculture, the environment and the American public through efficient and equi-table administration of farm commodity programs; farm ownership, operating and emergency loans; conservation and environmental programs; emergency and disaster assistance; domestic and international food assistance and international export credit prog

Rep Larry Combest, the Lubbock Republican who chairs the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, said, "Having known Johnny since our days showing cattle at stock shows in high school, I can personally attest he has deep roots in agriculture. As director of FSA in Texas, I am sure he will be an integral force in maintaining a sound agricultural community. Agriculture is the backbone of the 19th District, and our farmers and ranchers will be well-served under his manage-

Johnny Fuston is the son of the late John and Alice Fuston of Turkey, Texas and the brother of James and Denny Fuston of Turkey.



Tickets are now on sale for a chance on this beautiful quilt made

Senior Citizens To Raffle Off King Size Quilt

The Senior Citizens Quilters have a new quilt on display. Each block of the king size quilt is a different pattern. The pattern and fabric was purchased by Mary Stark. Ernestine Payne pieced the quilt while ladies of the quilting club put the many stitches in the quilt to make it a beautiful work of art.

Chances will be available from any member or at Senior Citi-

zens. The quilt is now on display at Just Because.

The ladies of the quilting club are now quilting at the Senior Citizen Buliding each week day afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm. Any lady who would like to join the group for an afternoon of fun, come on down and join them. "Quilting optional!"

By Larry Henderson

Have you wondered what's blooming on lawns, roadsides and cemeteries throughout the area? If you take a short trip to the local library and thumb through Roadside Flowers of Texas you can find out.

It is Pin-clover, which is a member of the Geranium family. The Pin-clover is a native of Europe now widely naturalized in North America, this species is welcome on ranges as a for-age plant. In Texas it is found from the Blackland Prairie in Travis County west to the Trans-Pecos, north to the lower Panhandle.

This plant is an often abundant roadside wildflower appearing in March and April. The delicate purple/pink flowers seem intolerant of intense sun-

Now you know

Plainview Jamboree Set For Saturday, April 14

The Plainview Jamboree is set for Saturday, April 14, 2001 from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the Ollie Liner Center. Admission is free, donations will be accepted and will go to Meals on Wheels of Plainview and Hale Center.

Entertaining groups will be The Jubilee, Floydada; Randy Miller, Plainview; Betty Baker, Floydada; David Aycock, Lubbock; Country Six, Olton, and Lynn Alexandra, Lubbock.

A concession stand will be open at 6:30. There will be drawings for door prizes between groups. Come and enjoy good food and good mu-

Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occur-rence of the improbable. -HL Mencken



Cecil Jr Hendrix

Word was received late Tuesday that Mr. Hendrix had passed away Monday, April 9, 2001 in Flint, Michigan He was the son of Mae Lou Hendrix. Obituary will follow at a later date.

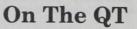
Gem Theatre To **Present Concert By** The Baker Brothers **And Former Texas** Playboys, April 24

A cool West Texas evening in Turkey, is the perfect place to enjoy some good old country music

The Gem Theatre in Turkey. Texas is proud to present in concert, The Baker Brothers and former Texas Playboys, April 24, 2001 at 8:00 pm

Featured this year will be Henry Baker, vocals and bass; Bob Baker, steel guitar, Bennie Garcia, guitar, Tommy Perkins, drums; Franky McWhorter, fiddle; Elana Lemerman (Hot Club of Cow Town), fiddle; Wayne Glassen, piano; Stogie Buckhorn, sax and trumpet.

Special guests will be Glen Duncan, vocals and Truett Cunningham, vocals. The show will have Dr Charles Townsend as Master of Ceremonies. Admission will be \$10 per person. Tickets are on sale now! For information call (806) 423-1273. Come and enjoy the music and atmosphere at The Gem Theatre.



Kerens, Tx. spent the weekend with Louis and Oleta Randell. Dortheia sang on the Jamboree Saturday night, and Sunday am George, wh is a preacher, preached at the First

Plainview Tuesday and stopped in Lockney on the way home and visited with Lucy Dean Record.

Joyce Guest enjoyed having her daughter and family, Cyndy, Dave, grandson Matthew and grand-daughter Katie over their Spring Break, from Downer's Grove, Ill They traveled to Jan and Ellis Augsburger's home in Benson, Ill. for Friday and Saturday nights. Then arrived in Turkey late Sunday. A leisurely week was spent visiting laughing, eating, and driving (practice). They returned to Illinois the following Saturday morning.

Hoss and Lillian Mullin, Joyce Guest, Dean and Jean Mullin at-tended the Valley-Silverton basket-ball game on March 29th. Lindsey's (Dean and Jean's granddaughter) team lost but she made five points. All the players, both Valley and Silverton, played very hard.



April 12 Mr & Mrs Lee Tapp Mr & Mrs Woodrow Mullin April 14 Mr & Mrs Duke Woods Mr & Mrs Bill Farley



Amy Stark, attended Baptist Student Ministry mission trip

From Mission Trip

they can finish what we started that week.

Amy Stark Recently Returned

Abilene, TX-Quitaque resident Amy Stark recently returned from a

mission trip in northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. Stark was one of the 41 Baptist Student Ministry students and sponsors from

Hardin-Simmons University that spent their spring break serving others

their experiences of the trip. When asked what she believed the most important thing that happened on the trip was, Stark replies: "I think

our BSM group was really able to reach out to a lot of different people

through many different ways. Whether it was working at the apartments,

serving food at the homeless shelter, or painting a church, our group was able to use many talents to really effectively minister to others." In regard to a question asked about what she believed the impact their work and service at Bren Mar Baptist will have on the future will be, Stark answered with the statement "I hope that Bren Mar Baptist can now finish the work we have begun for them. They really needed a group like

us to begin work and show them how it can be done. And, now, I think

apartments impacted her spiritually, Stark stated that "seeing the lives

much through it." Stark also had a few comments about the group's over-

all visit to the DC area and to the Vietnam and other war memorials. Her comments included: "There is definitely a large number of non-Christians

As the students returned, they filled out a response sheet regarding



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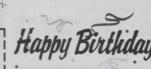
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George and Dortheia Couch of Baptist Church in Turkey.
Louis and Oleta Randell were in



Stark served and ministered throughout the week through working at the Garden Vita apartment complex. When asked how her work at the these people live, hearing their stories, etc. really touched me. Wanda, the apartment manager, was an extra blessing to us. I learned more about strength just because of her. Picking up trash or cleaning walls may not be the most requested job by many people, but God taught me so Mr & Mrs Orville Lee



Lowell Proctor, Louis Randell, Jackie Sperry April 13

April 14

Jessica Ortiz, Walter Wayne Taylor, Dallas Demere April 15 Maril D'Nae Majors,

Williams, Jo Mae Merrell, Velma Jones, George Calvert, Dylan Gaddis Jackie Starkey April 16

Krystle Clinton, Landon Townsley, Cody Barclay April 17

Susan Ramsey, Maria Cruz, Michael Paul Cruz, Eldon Lyles, Cleo Jordan, Richard Irby, Daniel April 18

Eric Steve Farley, Rick Fuston, Terri Landry Trista House, Chloe Christene Bea

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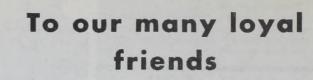
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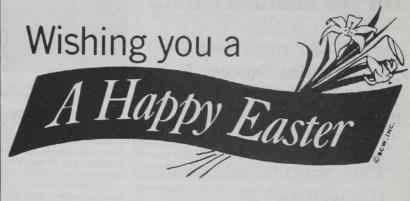
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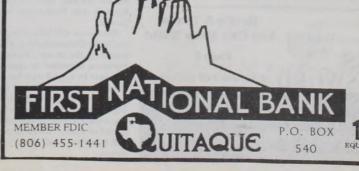
The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson





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Winners of the Easter Egg Coloring Contest sponsored by CapRock Telephone Cooperative and The Valley Tribune. First Place-Jordan Jenkins, Second Place-Macy Davidson, and Third Place Cole

Winners Of Easter Egg Coloring **Contest Receive Awards**

The coloring contest sponsored by CapRock Telephone Cooperative and the Valley Tribune was a big success. There were 119 entries from area children. Contest Judge, Dale Ramsey who is also Quitaque's City Judge stated "I haven't had this hard of a time making a decision since I ran for stated Thaven't had this hard of a time making a decision since I ran for Judge. There are alot of very talented and artistic kids in the area and that made my job very difficult." He was assisted by a very special judge, The Easter Bunny, together they chose the winners. First Place went to Jordan Jenkins, who won a \$15 cash prize and certificate. Second Prize went to Macy Davidson, who won \$10 cash prize and certificate. Cole Brown won Third Prize with a \$5 cash prize and certificate. CapRock Telephone Cooperative and the Valley Tribune would like to thank all of the kids who participated and made this contest a success.

Immunization Clinics For April

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type b) and Varicella (chickenpox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinics

Immunizations will be available at the Texas Department of Health Office in Tulia at 219 E. $2^{\rm nd}$ Street on April 18, 2001 from

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Immunizations will be available at the Texas Department of Health Clinic at Clarendon at 114 South Sully on april 17, 2001 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Barry Doss Signs With Hometown Telecare Inc.

Hall of Famer, country music promotional agent Barry Doss has signed with Home Telecare Inc., the parent group of the Turkey, Texas Medical Clinic to act as their Promotional Director.

Doss stated that he is honored and thrilled to work with this dedicated medical staff and he especially wants to thank the publishing house that he is contracted to for permitting him to do this work at this time. Adding that he looks forward to the challenge of the job.

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Cimarron, Laredo and Atlanta Shannon show off their award ribbons

Area Students Excelled In PSIA District Meet In Amarillo

Area Student, Atlanta Shannon, has qualified for the 2001 Private hools Interscholastic Association Academic State Meet to be held on

April 28 at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

Atlanta qualified by placing first individually in three contests at the PSIA District Meet held at Holy Cross Private School in Amarillo, on March 24, 2001. The contests she qualified in were; 7th Grade "Ready Writing", "Maps, Graphs and Charts", and with an oil painting entered in the "Visual Arts" contest. Atlanta also placed 3rd in "Spelling" and 5th in "Dictionary Skills" tionary Skills"

Cimarron Shannon placed 4th in both 4th grade "Ready Writing" and "Math Skills". Laredo Shannon participated in 2nd grade "Storytelling" and received a participation ribbon.

Atlanta, Cimarron and Laredo are the children of Nathan and Windy

The purpose of the PSIA academic program is to use competition to further develop students' higher order thinking skills. "Keeping pace with the dynamics of the Texas private school curriculum, a primary objective for PSIA is to provide programs that are fresh and enriching for students, as well as enhancing and being supportive of classroom studies," said Dr. Patricia Wisdom-Walters, PSIA Executive Director. "In addition, we want to ensure that the overall purposes of the program are to use competition as a tool in the preparation of students for citizenship and successful adulthood and to provide incentive to excel in academics.

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A tradition in Bulgaria called for people to tap their Easter eggs against the wall of the church on Easter morning.

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Consider this scenario: A farmer spends six months growing 1,000 acres of cotton. For a reasonable – not remarkable – profit, he then sends the cotton to a mill in another state to be bleached, dyed and woven into fabric. This near-final product, which is now looking pretty good to clothing manufacturers, is sold to companies across the globe – for a major profit to the mill and, eventually, an even bigger to the mill and, eventually, an even bigger

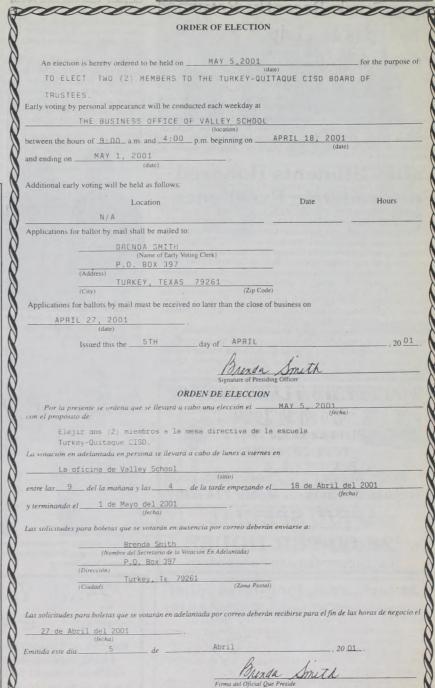
profit to the manufacturers.

That's the name of the game when i and processing any agricultural product Problem is, there is major money to be made on the processing end that Texans often miss out on. As the second-largest agriculture producing state in the nation, Texas ships some 90 percent of its raw products out of state for this high-dollar processing. If we upped in-state processing by just 1 percent we would add \$2 billion to the Texas economy.

Programs like the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Participation Purchase Program can help grassroots companies become successful valueadded enterprises. It helps out by buying an undivided interest in the loans made by banks for eligible agricultural projects. This is a promising source of sup-port for value-added ventures. Take, for example, one Texas compa-

ny that produces several lines of jerky products. The jerky company worked with its bank to get TAFA on board to participate in the loan. The loan allowed it to expand its manufacturing capacity which of course increased the compa-ny's bottom line.

Such programs can open doors for processing in Texas, and that's great news for agriculture. We must realize the potential of value-added processing to trengthen our state's economy







2001-2002 High School Cheerleaders pictured with their sponsor (back row) Shadi Buchanan, Chelsea Wheeler, mascot-Scarlet Sperry, Ashley Cagle & Lydia Valdez. (front row) Tessa Kelley, Christine Walls & Amanda Roys



The new 2001-2002 Valley Junior High Cheerleaders are excited about the upcoming year. They are looking at new uniforms. Pictured are Maddie Ramsey, Macy Davidson, Rosa Lie Villarreal, Molly Davidson, Laura Payne & Alecia Roys



Pictured from left to right: Vance Farley, Wes Henson, Hannah Boedeker, Natalie Wheeler, Richard Watson, Katherine Pigg, Lacey Christopher Taylor, Juan Regalado, Angela Salgado &

Valley Students Honored For Academic Excellence

Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, was the site for "Celebrations of Educational Excellence" for this region of Texas. Hosted by the Texas Education Agency, this event honors students who have excelled in academic areas. Barbara Marble, Director of Admissions at Midwestern University, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies honoring over two hundred students in this region. Richard Watson of the State Board of Education (Region 14) was the keynote speker. Each student was given a medal and a certificate signed by Governor Rick Perry.

Honored for academic excellence in core subjects were the following Valley High School students Katherine Pigg, Juan Regalado, Natalie Wheeler, Cydni Walden, Christopher Taylor, Wes Henson, Lacey Skinner, Vance Farley, Hannah Boedeker, and Angela Salgado.

In addition, to this honor, Valley students and their sponsors, Mrs.

Scrivner and Mrs. Reagan, were treated to a lunch by the university for traveling the greatest distance. This is a great honor coming from the State Board of Education commending all students who make the endeavor to achieve academic excellence in whatever fields they choose.

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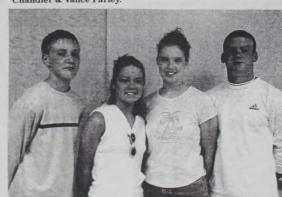
On Saturday April 7, 2001, Valley FFA members traveled to Lubbock to compete in the Texas Tech Judging Contest. The Judging Contest at

This years Poultry Judging Team's score was 1,325 points which was one of the highest scores at the Tech contest that Valley has ever had Snyder FFA nudged ahead of Valley FFA and Sweetwater FFA to place 1st at Tech with a score of 1,377. The Valley Poultry Judging Team placed 1st in Area, 1st in District, and 3rd in the Tech Contest. Poultry Judging Team members were Jamie Pigg, Vance Farley, Vance Chandler, Chris McBee, and Tessa Kelley. Jamie Pigg was the 6th High Individual with a score of 450 out of 500 possible. The Poultry Judging Team will travel to Texas A&M University on April 21, 2001 to compete in the State Judging

and 4th in the Tech Contest. Team members were Wes Henson, Magan Whittington, Hannah Boedeker, Chase Maynard, and Clif Yeary. Hannah Boedeker was the 6th place High Individual in the Tech Contest. Wes Henson was the 8th place High Individual. Valley placed 4th with a sc of 513. The Dairy Products Judging Team will travel to Tarleton State University on April 19, 2001 to compete in the State Judging Contest



FFA Poultry Team-Advisor Kurt Henry, Tessa Kelley, Jamie Pigg & Christopher McBee. Team members not pictured are Vance Chandler & Vance Farley



The Valley Dairy Products team shown above. Left to Right: Chase Maynard, Magan Whittington, Hannah Boedeker & Clif Yeary. Not

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For more information, girls or their parents may contact President Truitt Read (347-2837), Secretary Marisue Potts (787-0592), or other board members: Bill Smith, Wayne Smith, Bob Forbis, Russell Alexander, Corky Marshall, or Mike Jones.



The Easter bonnet started out as a wreath of flowers or leaves the circle is an expression of the roundness of the sun and its travel through the heavens which brought it back for the return of

Valley FFA Qualifies For State Judging Contest

Texas Tech was the Area, District, and State Qualifying Contest.

This years Poultry Judging Team's score was 1,328 points which was

The Dairy Products Judging Team placed 4th in Area, 1st in District,



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FAVORITE PASTIME: Riding motor

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IF I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED I WOULD: Travel around the

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Cassie Lois Faye **Ann Farley**

NAME: Cassie Lois Faye Ann Farley AGE: 18 BIRTHDAY: September 9, 1982 PLACE OF BIRTH: Memphis, TX PARENTS NAME: Steve & Kathy MY BEST PHYSICAL CHARACTERIS-TIC: My nose and my tongue FAVORITE PASTIME: Writing poetry STYLE OF DRESS: The first thing I see when I wake up HOBBIES: Sports, Writing, Drawing PET PEEVE: People that smack

FAVORITE FOOD: Chocolate and pizza BEST SUBJECT: English FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball FAVORITE MOVIE: "Shawshank

LAST GOOD BOOK READ: A Separate

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not in Turkey it's a great night out. IF I WERE PRESIDENT: I'd kick Florida out of future elections, rebuild the White House, party 24/7, and live it up. Well at least until I get impeached.

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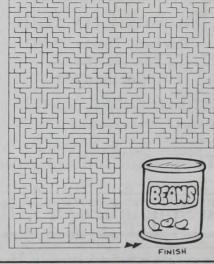
at the Regional FCCLA meeting, Beating Silverton in Basketball this year, and MY WORST HABIT: Biting my nails

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BEST ADVICE: Trust your heart and believe in yourself, no matter what anyone

WORST ADVICE: If we leave at 11:30 GREATEST FEAR: Being alone WHAT MAKES ME MAD: People who think they're better than everyone el WHAT I LIKE MOST IN HIGH SCHOOL: Helping with Pre-K and going to games, spending time with my friends.







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Mild Winter, Moisture, Encourage Mosquito Populations

Abundant fall and winter rainfall is bringing the expectation of high mosquito populations for this summer. The mild winter we had, coupled with the moisture, has allowed the overwintering egg populations to survive. Texas should have a decent mosquito season if temperatures rise above 65 decrease. grees. Mosquitoes stay in hibernation in temperatures below 60 degrees, but as the weather warms, the eggs will hatch. To help reduce mosquito populations around hornes, dispose of any containers that can hold water for up to three days, because they serve as a potential breeding ground.

Texas Crop, Weather Report

The Texas onion harvest is gaining momentum, despite a late start and record-low temperatures. Planting was delayed because of rain, and growth was slowed by cold weather. There is less of the crop this year, but as a result, the onion market is doing well. Prices are in the neighborhood of 10 dollars for a 50-pound bag. Higher prices are also due to the lack of imports rom Mexico and other countries, causing the Texas onion supply to barely keep up with the demand



Provided by, Cory Payne, CEA-FCS Briscoe County Extension Services

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Keeping in touch long-distance is easier than ever, thanks to the availability of prepaid calling cards. Every time the card is used, it records the amount of minutes already spent, and calculates the remaining time available. Consumers should use caution when buying a prepaid calling card. Some may have connection fees ranging from 50 cents to one dollar per call, which decreases the per-minute rate quickly. While calling rates can vary tremendously between prepaid calling cards, per-minute rates that average 10 cents to 20 cents per minute are very good. Prepaid calling cards can be more economical to use than regular calling cards because the perminute rate might be cheaper. For people on a budget, they are an advantage because they can help easily determine how much money has been spent on long distance. Contact: Dr Sue Lynn Sasser, (979) 845-3850 or s-sasser@tamu.edu.

Choose Toys Carefully

Children can acquire essential life skills by playing with toys. Extension associate Jasmine Ng cautions parents and caretakers to be careful when choosing toys for children. Ng works with Extension's Partner for Parenting program, There are four types of toys for children: social and fantasy materials like dress-up clothes; music, art and movement materials such as drums, exploration and mastery toys similar to blocks; and total motor playthings like tricycles. Extension child development specialist Linda Ladd says care givers must make sure a toy is both physically and emo-tionally safe. For more information on toys, check the Institute for Childhood Resources' site, "Dr. Toy's Guide" at www.drtoy.com. For more information on toy safety,

Valley FFA Competes In **Sweetwater Judging Contest**

On Saturday March 24, 2001 Valley FFA members traveled to Sweetwater, Texas and competed at the Sweetwater Judging Contest. Teams from Valley that participated at the contest were Dairy Products, Poultry and Cotton There were schools from all over the state that par-ticipated in the contest. pated in the contest.
In the Dairy Products Contest Wes Henson placed 1st high individual

In the Dairy Products Contest Wes Hengon placed 1st high individual of the contest. Out of a possible score of 150 Wes scored 147. Magan Whittington was 2nd high individual and scored 142. Hannah Boedeker was 4th high individual and scored 138. Skylar Clifton was 9th high in the contest. The Dairy Products team placed 1st overall. The Dairy Products team from Valley consisted of Wes Henson, Hannah Boedeker, Magan Whittington, Chase Maynard, Skylar Clifton and Clif Yeary.

Placing 11th coverall in the Poultry, Judging Contest was Jamie Digg.

Placing 11th overall in the Poultry Judging Contest was Jamie Pigg, Vance Chandler, Chris McBee, and Tessa Kelley

In the Cotton Judging Contest, Valley was 11th overall. That team consisted of JC Pigg and Scarlett Sperry.

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Texas Agricultural Extension Service Turkey Medical Clinic News

The clinic has seen several pa-tients this past week. Healthy tip of the week is about stress.

What causes stress? Stress is aused by the body's instinct to defend itself. This instinct can be good in some cases but also be bad in oth cases. Any source of change may be stressful. It's not just the change or event itself but also how you react to

Possible signs of stress:

- 1. Anxiety
- 2 Depression
- 4. High blood pressure 5. Weight gain or loss
- Tips for dealing with stress 1. Don't worry about things that
- you can not control. 2. Prepare for things to the best of
- 3. Work to resolve conflicts with
- other people.

 4. Set realistic goals.
- 5. Exercise

April Is Child **Abuse Prevention** Month

By Helen Crisman, Chairman, Hall County Welfare Board

April is here again and it is time to emphasize Child Abuse Prevention Month. This years' theme is "Keeping Kids Safe Is Everybody's Business-It's Up To

Much of the time we think of child abuse as physical or sexual abuse only. However, there are other ways to abuse. Emotional abuse-How you act and talk to your children. What you let your children read and watch on TV; Music your children listen to; Child care you choose for your children; Leaving children in cars. Leaving poisons where children can reach them, such as medications, paint, paint mouthwashes, aftershave lotions, perfumes, antifreeze, windshield washing fluids, gasoline, cleaning compounds, and some plants, to name a few. Don't leave mop buckets of water around, close toilet seats, don't leave small children alone in bathtubs. Cover electrical outlets, put gates at top and bottom of stairs. Use car seats properly at all times. Don't leave pan handles turned outward on the stove. Make glass doors visible, keep drapery cords, blind cords, electrical cords and telephone cords out of reach. Keep guns away from children. Be sure baby sitters and child care providers know how to reach you in emergencies and know all safety rules. Expectant mothers should know that tobacco, alcohol and other drugs could harm their baby. You also abuse your children by not feeding the prop-

📞 Cooks Corner By Virginia Sailsbury

For more than 35 years, I have been making Easter Bunny Cake for my children. I found the recipe on the back of the Baker's coconut package in the 60's and made it for the first time when my oldest child was less than a year old. It always delights young and old alike. EASTER BUNNY CAKE

Bake your favorite cake either from a mix or your favorite recipe in a 13x9 pan. Cool. Cut two pieces 2" wide from the short side for the ears. Now you have a square house of the control have a square bunny face and two ears. Place the cake on a serving tray and position the ears on top of the head. Frost with your favorite white icing. Tint some of the icing pink and frost the center of the ears. Sprinkle the whole cake gererously with coconut. Give the bunny eyes of black jelly beans,a pink nose,and a red jelly bean smile. Whiskers made from half a pipe cleaner placed on either side of the nose complete your Easter Bunny

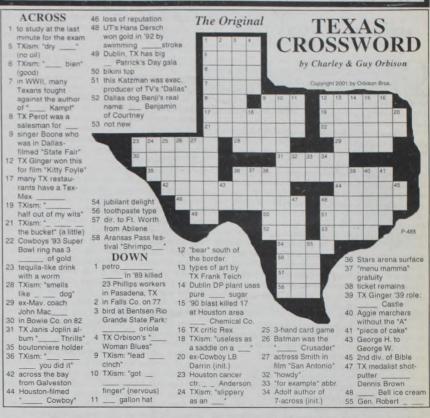
TIP OF THE WEEK: For easy and tasty colored Easter deviled eggs, hardboil and peel the eggs, then cover them with the juice drained from a can of beets for several hours or overnight. The beet juice gives the eggs a pretty pink color and a nice flavor. When colored just prepare as usual!

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Idalou TX- Can you say "CLOSE". Super Pro class, Jent Burke of Wolfforth narrowly defeated Mike Lamberson of Amarillo. In bracket racing, Mike's Vega would get the start first but reaction time and quarter mile time is important for a win. So, Mike's 505 reaction time meant that Jent had to play catch up in his rear engine dragster. But at the finish line, Jent wins with a run of an 8.533 on an 8.52 dial-in compared to Mike's slower 10.280 on a 10.20 dial-in. Don Slaughter of Lubbock fell to Mike's accuracy during semi finals.

Well, in Heavy class, you knew a Camaro would win. But who would it be? Billy Morris of Turkey driving his 1982 Camaro races John Pichla of Levelland driving his 1980 Camaro. While going fender to fender, Billy was the winner after he ran closest to his dial-in (10.634 on 10.60) while John's car seemed to slow down (13.370 on 13.28). In the Semi final round, Billy Morris defeated Abraham Rubacado of Crosbyton.

It's great to see two women in the finals of Street class. The first time racer, Kristin Ramsey of Quitaque racing the experienced Barbara Mayfield of Silverton made things very interesting. In a close battle in the street points, Barbara was searching for the 1st victory of the season. In the end the experience prevailed. Kristin was disqualified by a red light start when she knew she had to have a near perfect reaction time to defeat Barbara. Esteban Garcia of Idalou reached the semi final round only to be sent home by Barbara during her hot streak.





ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ON MILITARY READINESS

n March 19 the U.S. Army was forced to drastically curtail training for 65,000 soldiers in Germany for fear that their boots and equipment could spread the highly contagious hoof-and-mouth disease virus that is afflicting livestock in Europe. This will, without doubt, affect their combat readiness, and as a result, America and the world's bottom-line security.

In recent years, protesters have curtailed U.S. military training at ranges in Okinawa, Korea and Puerto Rico. With these and similar training restrictions being imposed on American troops stationed abroad, Congress may want to debate whether it makes better sense to concentrate on expanding and improving U.S.-based facilities to ensure training is conducted in our country under our total control.

As surely as Texas bluebonnets bloom in spring, the

convening of a new Congress has brought calls for another round of study and debate over possible military base closures to "reduce costs" and "shape the military more efficiently." Once again, the assumption is that closing military bases on American soil is, inevitably, the only way to "reduce costs" and make the military more efficient. I'm tic base infrastructure and training capabilities.

we need to take a closer look at the military construc-Europe have again cast into doubt the wisdom of prematurely closing more domestic military bases.

Before such a process even begins, Congress needs to take a closer look at several factors

e've witnessed over the past seven years and keep America

the preeminent global military power?

2) How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round but turned out badly. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere and Reese should be closed. Today the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training

spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved agrees

that Reese never should have been closed.

Or take a look at Fort Hood, downsized to just one division in 1990 at a cost of great disruption to the community. Just a little over a year later, the decision was made to bring a division back. Now Fort Hood has two active divisions and a Corps Headquarters – and is recognized as the Army's premier post. How was such a miscalculation made and how do we prevent one from being made again? Closing bases will save money only if we can be absolutely certain we will never need those bases in the future.

3) "Reducing costs" isn't a foregone conclusion. Re-cent rounds of the base closure and realignment process turn out to have grossly exaggerated the amount of money closures would save. To clean up abandoned bases — so they can be returned to civilian use - turns out to be vastly more expensive than anyone anticipated, and those bills e immediately.

4) We have to be willing to learn from past mistakes. Having watched the base realignment process from my Senate position since 1993, I can bear witness that parochial political considerations came into play early and never left the field, despite assertions that decisions were being made in a politics-free arena. I am not convinced Congress should again delegate the responsibility for the fate of military bases to a commission that brings its own

inherent political considerations to the table.

It is essential that we first determine whether the current mix of military facilities and infrastructure on American soil and overseas serves our needs as well as it could. The United State maintains more than 74 installations outside our borders, with nearly 213,000 personnel permanently stationed in 140 countries. These commit ments have absorbed funding that in some cases may have been better used to maintain or improve our critical domes-

tion projects we have undertaken abroad, which last year totaled nearly half a billion dollars, to determine if this is the most efficient use of our defense expenditures and if it is the best way to meet our national security objectives.

1) How should our armed forces be structured in order to reverse the decline in American military readiness

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee, I intend to hold hearings to determine what our future force structure should look like and what their mission requirements might be. Our first priority must be to ensure our military forces continue to have the of base closures? The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a plan that looked good on paper was assign them. It is essential that we make these determinations first, before other decisions are contemplated.

I have not entirely ruled out the idea of another base

closure and realignment commission in the future, but I will not support one until all the right questions have been

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There is no reason why adversities happen to any of us. Our bodies are not punished for some sin or mysterious reason by God. Our bodies are but the physical, sometimes frail, temples of our souls. Keeping hope in our hearts is the answer.

Right beside us God's hand rest over ours. It is up to us to fight each day, shoving upward with all the strength our minds and souls can mus-

Health Screening Clinic Held At Do Gooders' Club

A Health Screening Clinic sponsored by the Do Gooders' Club was held at the Flomot Community Center from 10 am to 2 pm, Tuesday, April 3rd The Covenant Home Health Care nurses, Kathy Fuston of Quitaque and Christina Ascencio of Floydada were in charge of the medical tests.

Sparkling springtime color and Easter decor brightened the Community building. Pastel cloths covered the tables, adorable bunny rabbits, colorful eggs, candles and a beautiful red bud blossom bouquet were on display. Hostesses, Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter and Nada Starkey presided at a buffet luncheon and served iced tea and coffee. Mrs.

Mary Jo Calvert brought her savory homemade rolls.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon conducted a short business meeting. They made plans to mow the grass and clean outside location of the Comm

Adding to the springtime cheer, they exchanged April Fool Day gifts. The name of Mrs. Waydetta Clay was drawn for the Gerber Daisy plant in beautifully crafted basket.

Members attending were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruse, Trula Martin, Barbara Payne, Geneva Martin, Connie Franks, Leona Degan, Edith Wahsington, Anna Beth Clay, B. Rogers, Erma Washington, Christeen Gilbert and those mentioned above. Guest was Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton **Attend Ginners' Convention**

Roger Lee attended the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Convention at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock from Wednesday through Fri-

He also attended the 44th annual Plains Cotton Growers meeting Friday at the Civic Center. John Maguire, the National Cotton Councils vice president of Washington operations provided legislative update on important agricultural issues. Others reported on Texas Boll Weevil Eradication, electronic cotton marketing and research funding.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shorter visited in Dallas last Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard. Other guests were Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Rhodes and Chase of Irving.

Mr and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited last weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connar Cory and family moved into their new home recently

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay met Mr. and Mrs. Von Kleibrink and granddaughter,

Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton in Lubbock last Monday and Karlee returned home with her to visit.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were grand-children, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger. They accompanied them home Sunday night and visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay. L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. W. Starkey.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Thursday were her cousin and fe, Wayne and Pat Smith of Woodinville, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Washington, who travel in a mobile home, visited his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington, Wednesday. They had visited in Coweta, Oklahoma with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton. They continued to Lubbock to visit another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hathaway and new son, Jacob Matthew, born March

Art Green attended the Whiteflat Homecoming in Matador, Saturday He and Mrs. Katheryn Martin of Matador visited in Spur, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin.

Mr and Mrs. Larry Clay attended the Davidson joint retirement re-ception held at the First National Bank in Quitaque Sunday afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner also attended Emily Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.
Julie Clay of Lubbock visited overnight Thursday with her parents,

 Mr and Mrs Joe Ike Clay and their houseguest, granddaughter, Karlee Kleinbrink of Clifton

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Allen Setliff of Plainview and Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner were son, Cobey
Turner, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock and fiancee, Janell Kilmer, student at South Plains College in Levelland Cara Franks of Dallas, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock

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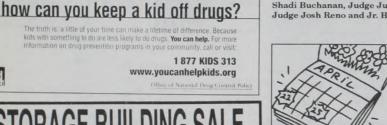


In the early 1900s it became common in England and Europe to send Easter cards, decorated with hens, chickens, eggs, Easter bunnies, children and spring flowers

-Jacob Braude



Pictured from left to right: High School Cheerleading Sponsor Shadi Buchanan, Judge Julie Mahaffie, Principal Jon Davidson, Judge Josh Reno and Jr. High Sponsor JoAnn Reagan



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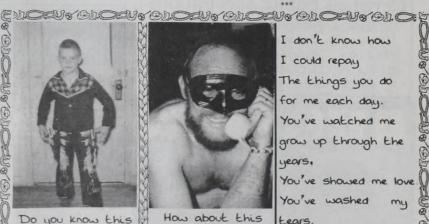
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Hall County To Observe County Government Week April 15-21

Hall County will be observing County Government Week April 15-21. If you would like to learn more about how county govern ment works and the responsibilities of county officials and staff, come by during County Government Week April 15-21 (or anytime) and see your county government at work. Offices are open from 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday.

County Officials and staff: County Judge, Kenneth Dale and Secretary, Helen Crisman; County Treasurer, Marion Bownds; County Sheriff, Robert McGuire; Deputies, Steve Farley and Joe Vest; Jailers, Tammy Burton, Ricky Garcia, Pam Strickland and April Heugatter; County/District Clerk, Ray Bailey; Deputy District Clerk, Hans Skovlund; Tax Assessor/Collector, Pat Floyd; Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector, Dorcille Widener; Justice of Peace #1,2,3, Thomas Tippett; J.P. Clerk, Fay Booth; Justice of Peace #4 (Turkey), Gary Johnson; Commissioner Precinct #1, Milton Beasley; Commissioner Precinct #2, Terry Lindsey; Commissioner Precinct #3, Buddy Logsdon; Commissioner Precinct #4, Ray Whitaker; County Road Hands, Alfonso Flores Jr., Willie Dwaine Floyd, Danny Stewart, and James Thurman Widener; County Attorney, John M Deaver II & B.K. Robinson; County Extension Office, Brad Schnitker and Ann Rainey; County Custodians, Sue and Bill Grissom; Green Thumb Workers, Lloyd Riddlespurger (custodial) and Mary Skaggs (JP #1 office); PRPC-WIC Program, Felicity Wiginton (JP #1 office); Hall County Tax Appraisal District, Paullette Lipscomb-Chief Appraiser, Jaclyn Urrutia, Gina Chavira

You may visit the jail by calling the Sheriff's office. You may visit with Helen in the Judge's office for information on the history of Hall County and past officials.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)-According to financial experts at America's Community experts at America's Community Bankers, there are several steps you should take to avoid becoming an ID theft victim, First, never respond to an unsolicited request for your social security number. Shred credit card, ATM receipts and pre-approved credit offers you and pre-approved credit offers you have received but don't plan to use. Check all credit card and

use. Check all credit card and bank statements for accuracy.

In 1999, Pfizer Inc., a leading pharmaceutical company, agreed to restore the 1.8-acre waterway, Bentley Creek, as part of its \$300 million Global Development Facility, positioned adjacent to the creek. The company worked in conjunction with the city of New London, Connecticut and the Conjunction to the conjunction of the conjunction with the city of New London, Connecticut and the Conjunction to the conjunction of the conjunction of the conjunction with the city of New London, Connecticut and the Conjunction of the necticut Department of Environ-mental Protection to make the water safer for existing wildlife and to attract more life to the

area.

This season's looks, according to one popular designer, take their



cue from the vividly beautiful hues of nature. Looks for men created for Polo Jeans Co. by Ralph Lauren feature a taste of the Southwest, some extremely rugged fabrics and details take you across the border into uncharted terrain. Vivid spring looks for women are sleek and sexy with the energy and pulse of Miami.

Lightning The **Underrated Killer**

Lightning is the second most common cause of weather-related deaths in Texas, following only flooding. Many people are not aware of this, since it tends to strike only one or two victims at a time, and doesn't always make front-page headlines. Still, the numbers add up and everyone's level of concern needs to remain high, especially as we move into spring and summe

There are several types of lightning discharges. Most discharges occur inside the storm-- from the storm into the air, or from beneath the storm into the ground. But, stronger, brighter and more powerful bolts can also strike from the side or the turret of the storm, reaching the ground several miles away from the storm itself. These cloud-to-air and within-cloud strokes can be seen from 20 to 30 miles away or more. At this point, watch closely to see if the storms are approaching. If you can hear thunder, or can see a stroke to the ground, you are within 10 to 15 miles, and in a high danger zone. You must have a safe location in mind and be ready to move to it quickly. If you are with a group, alert them to this threat and make sure everyone knows how to get to safety

You can estimate the distance to lightning by watching for the flash and counting the number of seconds until thunder is heard. For every five seconds you count, the lightning is one mile away. Scientists estimate that lightning can travel at around one mile per minute. You need to allow plenty of time to get to safety. If you are with a large group that reacts slowly, the safety time required may be $10\text{-}15\,\mathrm{minutes}$. If you are close to shelter and can move quickly, you may need only five minutes. But this is only an estimate, and if the lightning is extremely intense, bright and frequent, you should begin to move earlier.

Lightning primarily tends to strike tall objects as well as metal objects, and can travel through moist soils for dozens of feet. To select the best shelter, move into a sturdy building and stay away from windows and doors. For increased protection, avoid electric appliances or metal plumbing. Stay off the telephone.

If you are outside, the interior of a car, truck or bus is relatively safe from lightning. To be safer, do not touch metal on the inside of the vehicle. The outside bed of a truck is a deadly and dangerous location. Other vehicles are safer since their outside shells spread out the lightning charge, weakening it and leaking it to the ground. It is not because thin rubber tires are grounding

If you are outdoors with no shelter available as lightning approaches, stay low. Move away from hills and high places, and avoid tall, isolated trees. Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats, and golf clubs. Do not ride bicycles, or lean against fences or metal sheds. Do not lean on a car or truckget inside quickly. If you feel your hair suddenly stands on end, it means you may be a lightning target. Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands. Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.

Business, you know, may bring money, but friendship hardly ever

-Jane Austen



Donna Owens and Ann Barber, campers from the Ozarks in Missouri helped with Volunteer Day at Caprock Canyons State Park.



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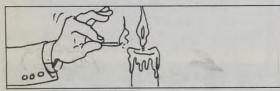


NEW Musical Grays Return For Variety Show At Gem Theatre

The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company will make a return appearance at the Gem Theatre in Turkey on Saturday, April 28. Curtain time is scheduled for 5:00 pm. The comedy-music-variety show is sponsored by the Turkey Heritage Foundation and Gem Theatre, and is partially funded by the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Grays are members of the Texas Touring Artists of the Texas Commission on the Arts. Admission is \$10.00 and advance reservations and information are available at (806) 423-1273. Due to limited seating at the Gem Theatre, the purchase of advance tickets is recommended.

The NEW Musical Grays were organized in 1992 by Bill and Dell Gray of Floydada, not only as a tribute to the Gray family's show business legacy but also to revive repertoire and vaudeville entertainment in the restored theatres throughout the Southwest. The Original Musical Grays toured the same territory with their tent and vaudeville shows from the mid-1920's until 1940.

The Grays have made numerous appearances throughout the region, including last years successful date at the Gem Theatre. They have appeared in Lockney, Hereford, Claude (Gem Theatre), Post (Garza Theatre), Olton (Roxy Theatre), Plainview (Fair Theatre), Brownfield (Rialto Community Theatre), The University of Texas at Arlington, the historic Anson Opera House and the Flickenger Center for the Performing Arts in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Future articles about the troupe and the performance in Turkey on April 28 will feature cast profiles of who will be appearing in the production



In different parts of Europe it was a custom to light candles for 40 days, starting on Easter sunday, to symbolize that Christ attended his disciples for 40 days after the resurrection

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Quitaque Senior Citizens Meet

The Quitaque Senior Citizens met at their regular business meeting on Friday evening, April 6, 2001 at 6 pm. The group is now meeting one hour later due to Daylight Saving Time. Ten members were in attendance for the pot luck supper.

The group voted to sponsor a team at the Cancer Walk in June. They so decided to once again do a ham lunch during the noon hour at Natural Physik Phy

tional Trails Day on June 2, 2001. They will also be having a bake sale during the day to make money to apply to the Cancer Walk.

Before those two events, the group will be hosting a Cemetery Fund Raiser on Sunday, May 6, 2001. The Senior Citizens will be furnishing ham, rolls, and drinks for the meal while the rest of the community will be supplying vegetables, salads and desserts. Following the meal there will be an auction of baked goods made by the ladies of the town. All proceeds from this meal and auction will go to the Quitaque Cemetery Association to be used for upkeep of the cemetery. Be sure to make plans to attend this worthy meal and help keep our cemetery looking nice for those who visit from out of town as well as those of us locally.

Following the business meeting the gathered members enjoyed playing bingo. The next meeting will be held at 6 pm on Friday, April 20, 2001. If you enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors while having meal, come on down and join the festivities

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Slated For June

Get out your walking shoes for once again the Quitaque American Cancer Association will be sponsoring the AMERICA CANCER SOCI-ETY RELAY FOR LIFE! Quitaque, Turkey and Silverton will join forces once again in this annual event. Last year our association was recog-nized as number one in Texas and number five in the nation. This will be a hard act to follow but the fight against cancer is still going on with new research making great strides to the prevention of this dreaded disease.

The nationally sponsored RELAY FOR LIFE will be held at the Valley ISD Track June 8-9, 2001. Teams of 8-16 volunteers will spend most of

the night walking or running relay-style around a track. The funds raised will enable the American Cancer Society's life saving programs of research, We are asking you to become involved. If you do not have a team to

walk with contact Delene Tyler, Marjorie Bell or Lavern Kingery. Every-one can do something whether it is actively being involved in the relay or giving a donation. There have been many in our own area to suffer the devastating effects of canter. Please, won't you help us fight this horrid disease by getting involved with this year's Relay For Life



In Germany and Switzerland, the Easter Bunny appeared as an Easter symbol in the early 1700s.

College Admission **Bill Creates A Stir**

A bill authored by San Antonio Sen. Jeff Wentworth sparked a lengthy floor debate in the Senate last week. CSSB 974, would require high school students to take at least the recommended curriculum to be

Texas' automatic admission program. The bill would not apply until 2004-2005, which Wentworth said would give any high school that does not offer a pre-college curriculum time to begin doing so.

Texas high school students can choose from three curriculum tracks a basic curriculum that does not include any college prep courses, a college prep curriculum that is the state-recommended track and an advanced college prep track. Under state law, high school students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class are eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university

Wentworth characterized CSSB

974 as a matter of fairness, saying that students who are competing for automatic admission and state grant money should take comparable classes

"I think it is probably a good idea. It seems to me that if students really want to be considered as in the top ten percent, they ought to take a curriculum that prepares them for college," Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff said. "There is an unfairness involved when you have some students taking the recommended curriculum, others taking the miniand they are ranked ba their grades under different crite-



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Lubbock, March 30, 2001 By Shawn Wade
The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a Cotton Management Seminar Friday April 16 beginning at 2:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

The TAEX seminar will be held in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memo rial Civic Center and focus agement decisions in 2001

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Among the scheduled topics are: a Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Overwintering Update, by Dr. Stan Carroll, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock, a Validation of COTMAN Rules in the Texas High Plains-Brant Baugh, Extension Agent-IPM, Lubbock, a Validation of COTMAN Rules in the Texas High Plains-Brant Baugh, Extension Agent-IPM, Lubbock, a Validation of COTMAN Rules in the the Texas High Plains-Brant Baugh, Extension Agent-IPM, Lubbock, and, an Update on Cotton Variety Test Results from 2000-Randy Boman, Extension Agronomist-Cotton, Lubbock

Of particular interest will be the variety test results that include economic and production comparisons of varieties and production systems utilizing different transgenic and conventional varieties.

This data was developed through research supported by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

Growers with pesticide applicator licenses will receive two continuing education unit credits, one general and one pest management, to count toward their continuing education requirements.

ACP Cements Loan Position for New Farm Bill

Members of the American Cotton Producers, formerly the Producers Steering Committee, cemented their position on loan rates for the next farm Bill Thursday during a conference call of the group's

leadership.
The bottom line position from the group, which constitutes the producer arm of the National Cotton Council, is: "The American Cotton Producers supports an upland cotton loan level in new farm legislation of not less than \$0.55 per pound and urges adoption by the National Cotton Council."

The ACP position will be evaluated by the National Cotton Council Executive Committee next week to determine whether or not a unanimous position can be achieved within the NCC on the

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On April 9th, 2001, 12 members and four guests met at the Senior Citizens Room. Our guests were Ruth Ann Scrivner, Lacy Skinner, coaches

Citizens Room. Our guests were Ruth Ann Scrivner, Lacy Skinner, coaches Brett Tyler, and Greg Ramsey.

Sandy Fuston led the Pledge, then our guests were introduced. Louis Randell led the prayer before the delicious Pot Luck meal.

A Thank You note expressing Belle Davis' appreciation to the Lion's Club during the time of her husband's death was read.

Following the meal, Ruth Ann introduced a most accomplished and successful young lady, Lacy Skinner, from Valley School. Lacy presented two remarkable poetry readings, "Trials By Fire" and an Edgar Allen Poepoem. Our best wishes go with her in the competition at Levelland, Tx. Coaches Tyler and Ramsey presented an informative review of our past sports season as well as changes that have been made in various programs.

Eleven huge bags of trash were picked up from the highway west of town in spite of the blowing winds. Members worked for refurbishing the float last Thursday, but more has to be done. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, the 10th, at 1:30 pm for further work. Another work session will

be set at a later time

Members were reminded of the Pancake Breakfast to be held on Bob Wills Day, the 28th Workers will be needed

The next meeting of the Lion's Club will be held jointly with Quitaque's group at the Methodist Church on Monday, the 16th. Lion Colvin stated that Jack King, District Director of the Children's Camp will be the special speaker. He also informed the group of a position available in the cial speaker. He also District 2T1 Eye Bank

A celebration for Margie Pinkerton, Outstanding Volunteer, and our four runners-up. Jim Weeks, Louis Randell, Don Turner and Buster Hanna will be held at the Senior Citizens Center on April 23rd, beginning at 5:30 pm Everyone is invited

Lion Cruse gave the treasurer's report After hearing information on a possible grant for a pavilion and restroom at the City Park the group decided to commit to \$500.00. It was also decided that we could continue Pot Luck meals in order to fund some of our projects. Scholarship propos-

Lion Turner gave information about the Bicycle Safety Meeting that will be held at Valley School on Saturday, May 12th. Meeting Adjourned

Blue Ribbon Rally Benefiting Family Outreach

The third annual Blue Ribbon Rally benefiting Family Outreach of Lubbock will be Friday, April 27, at The Library located in the

Each \$30 ticket purchased admits one to the Rally party which will include free fajitas courtesy of Santa Fe Restaurant and featuring the Klifnotes band. In addition all ticket purchasers will be eligible to will one of two great prizes. The grand prize will be a 2001 Harley Davidson Sportster and the runner-up prize will be two tickets on Southwest Airlines (anywhere that Southwest flies).

Family Outreach is a volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Volunteers go into the homes and help families deal with the struggles of day-today living in the hope that the stress will be focused and channeled toward positive change rather than negative effects on the children. Family Outreach also provides parenting classes and other educational opportunities for families.

Another program sponsored by Family Outreach is the Shaken Baby Program. Through education and public presentations, Family Outreach is explaining the fatal results of shaking a baby. These

are but a few of the programs that your contribution will impact Last year alone, over 150 children in the State of Texas from child abuse or neglect. You can make a difference and help

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Patients must be told of this right, and receive the paperwork to exercise it, when they get the news that their HMOs or insurers won't provide coverage for particular treatments because they are not "medically necessary.

Even though it's currently the subject of a request for U.S. Supreme Court review, independent review is alive and kicking in Texas. I have officially reminded HMOs and insurance companies that independent review remains the law in Texas pending further court action.

In the three years since we've had independent review, more than 1,200 cases have been reviewed. Half the decisions have been in favor of the patients, meaning the HMOs and insurers had to pay for the disputed treatments after all.

How do patients appeal treatment de-nial decisions and, when necessary, get an independent review?

A finding that a treatment is not medically necessary or appropriate is called an "adverse determination." This decision is made by a utilization review agent (URA). The URA can be the HMO or insurance company itself or a private contractor certified by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).

When the URA tells you of an adverse determination, it also must tell you how to use the HMO or insurance company's internal appeal process. Health care plans have 30 days to decide most appeals. They have only one day, however, when a condition is life threatening or involves emergency care or a continued hospital stay.

Texas insurance rules require the URA to give you a form for requesting independent review both when it notifies you of an adverse determination and, later, if your appeal is denied. If you don't receive an independent review form at either stage, you should file a complaint with TDI. Phone us at

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tronically through our Web site, www.tdi.state.tx.us.

Normally, you must get the results of your appeal before you can request an independent review. But you can request independent review at once if you or your doctor believe your condition is life threatening.

Your request for independent review goes to the URA, which must immediately forward it to TDI. We send the re uest to one of three certified IROs. The IRO obtains the file on your case and assigns it to a physician who knows the medical field that applies to your illness. The physician reviews the file and determines whether the treatment recommended by your doctor is, in fact, medically necessary and appropriate for your condition

In most cases, the IRO has 20 days to issue its decision. But if the doctor, patient or patient's representative believes the condition is life threatening, the IRO has only eight days.

The IRO's decision is final. The HMO or insurer cannot appeal it. The patient, however, can go to court if he or she believes an appeal determination is grounds for a lawsuit. *

Things That Make You Go Hum. By Laura Taylor

Thought ya'll might find a good laugh in this.

The Cowboy's Guide To Life Don't squat with your spurs on

Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none. Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm. The colder it gets, the harder it is to swaller.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't. It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.

Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.

If you get to thinkin you're a person of some influence, try orderin somebody else's dog around.

Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

Always drink upstream from the herd. Generally, you ain't learnin' nothing when your mouth's a-jawin' Tellin' a man to git lost and makin' him do it are two entirely different propositions

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.

Good judgement comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

When you give a personal lesson in meanness to a critter or to a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

When you're throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it

thrown around by somebody else Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it

Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's sure crucial to know what it

The quickest way todouble you money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Texas Senate Passes School Finance Bill After Much Debate

The Senate voted final passage of Senate Bill 450 on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, a measure authored by Lubbock Sen. Robert Duncan. The bill would allow schools with declining enrollment numbers to receive less of a funding reduction so the districts can have more time to adjust their budgets. Duncan added an amendment that delays the implementation of the bill until funding is allocated to cover its \$25 million annual cost.

According to the Texas Education Agency, 525 school districts had de-clining enrollment numbers between 1998 and 2000. Of those, 58 percent had a two percent or greater decline. School districts lose \$5,000 for each

Corpus Christi Sen. Carlos F 'Truan objected to the bill because of its cost, money he said Texas cannot afford this budget cycle. "There's only so much money that we have this session," Truan said, citing Medicaid expansion, teacher and school employee health insurance and pay raises for prison guards and other state employees as expensive items the state needs to address in the coming budget.





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Child Support Evader Program

By John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

greater than the arrears of the child a confidentiality waiver stating that support Evaders on the Attorney General web site. Why isn't my former spouse considered an Evader and how do you decide which delinquent non-custodial parents are placed on the Evader Internet page?

A: Occasionally, my office receives an inquiry from a custodial receive a photograph for the web parent wanting to know why the delinquent non-custodial parent of their child (ren) has not been placed on the Evader page -- the section of the Attorney General's Internet site (www.oag.state.tx.us/) providing information on difficult to locate and severely delinquent non-custodial parents. We post the names, pictures, and last known locations of these evaders and ask the public

to help us find them. I appreciate the frustration of custodial parents trying to make ends meet, while the non-custodial parent avoids paving court-ordered of the Attorney General uses strict expect me to pay this? criteria for placing a non-custodial

web site to ensure no parent is mistakenly identified as an Evader.

For a non-custodial parent to be placed on the Evader page, a court-ordered obligation must be entered combined with judicial enforcement action. The arrears listed on the court order must be in excess of \$5,000 and a capias civil arrest warrant issued.

The location of the non-custodial parents must be confirmed as unparents. If you stop making the parent must be confirmed as unparents. If you stop making the parent must be confirmed as unparents.

parent must be confirmed as unlast 30 days before publication. parent must not be involved in or, worse yet - jail time. bankruptcy proceedings or receiving welfare benefits including food

not have made a payment within the last six months. To make information as an Easter gift tion about the case public, the .

Q: My former spouse has arrears custodial parent is required to sign they have not had recent contact with the non-custodial parent, do not know the location of the noncustodial parent and have not received any payments from the non-custodial parent. Finally, the Office of the Attorney General must site. This year alone, 14 evaders have been caught. They have been arrested as far away as Seattle, Las Vegas, Fort Lauderdale and Albu-

People with information about Evaders or other difficult to locate non-custodial parents should call the Evader hotline (1-800-797-5437) or email the Attorney General's Child Support Division at child.support@oag.state.tx.us

Q: I have to pay school tax, county tax, and income tax and nothing is left but bills. Child support is excessive if you have a wife child support. However, the Office and other children. How can you

A: While I sympathize parent on the Child Support Evader situation, you must understand that web site to ensure no parent is you have both a legal and moral

payments. If you stop making payment you may face legal actions such as a mark on your credit report, a suspended drivers license known or unverifiable within the payment you may face legal actions Additionally, the non-custodial report, a suspended drivers license

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