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DON'T LET HALLOWEEN TURN INTO A NIGHTMARE

Halloween should be a time for fun, not tragedy, and this month the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding everyone to not let Halloween turn into a nightmare by planning ahead and designating a sober driver before attending any Halloween festivities that involve alcohol.

Please follow these simple reminders for a safer Halloween weekend: *Plan ahead and designate a sober driver BEFORE you go out partying; *Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking; *Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired; *If impaired, call a taxi - use mass transit - or get a sober friend or family member to come and get you; *Or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober. And, if you are hosting a Halloween party this year, make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

The consequences of arrested while driving impaired are serious and real and often include jail time, the suspension or loss of a driver's license, higher insurance rates, the embarrassment and humiliation of telling friends, family and employers, plus dozens of unanticipated expenses for attorney fees, fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, time away from work, and many others costs.

It's simply not worth the risk.

Quitaque To Get New Water Tower

The Quitaque City Council met in regular session on October 18, 2004. Present were Council members Tena Bearden, Janice Henson, Phil Barefield, Randy Stark, City Manager Maria Merrell, PRPC representative Mike Peters, and Tri-County Meals president Kay Calvert. The following items were on the agenda for the meeting:

* During public comment the Council discussed the Bailey property adjoining the trailway west of town. The Council also discussed the street project and its progress.

* It was reported by the ambulance service that \$10,000 had been donated to the service from the Martha Ann Cogdell Foundation.

*The fire department reported that new batteries had been purchased and installed on one of the trucks and a new pump had also been installed.

* Kay Calvert, president of Tri-County Meals presented an agreement between the City and Tri-County Meals dealing with the use of the new community center by Tri-County Meals. After review by the Council the agreement was approved.

* The Council then reviewed a change order presented by Kay Calvert to the new community center. The change order deals with an 8x15 space being taken from the meeting room to be used for storage leaving the meeting area to measure 19x25 and a half the extra storage is necessary for

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

Hawkins New Briscoe County Extension Agriculture Agent

David Hawkins is the new Briscoe County Agriculture Extension Agent. He was raised in New London, which is a small town in east Texas. He was very involved in FFA programs at West Rusk High School and was an officer for four years. He went to Kilgore Junior College for two years and was very active as an officer in College Ag Club. He received a B.S. in Agriculture and a Master of Science in Agricultural Education from Tarleton State University. He worked for 4 years, while a student, for the Peanut Breeding Program at the Texas A&M Research Center at Stephenville.

David would personally like to invite everyone to come by and visit with him in his office at the Briscoe County Courthouse. "Whether you want to just visit or ask more serious agricultural questions, I am more than willing to talk with you," Hawkins said. He is very anxious for your visit and to get acquainted with everyone especially all our 4-H'ers and parents.



From left: Terry Keener, Childress district engineer, Barbara Seal, Childress district public information officer, Gary Clinton, Briscoe County TxDOT supervisor, and George Colvin, Quitaque Lion.

Toll Roads In Texas Program Presented To Quitaque Lions

"Do We Need Toll Roads in Texas" was the subject of a recent presentation by Texas Department of Transportation officials to the Quitaque Lions Club. This subject is part of the Enhancing Mobility in Texas program that the state is studying at this time. Presenting the program from the Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation were Terry Keener, district engineer, and Barbara Seal, public information officer. Quitaque Lions meet each first and third month of the month.

Do Gooders' Club Of Flomot To Sponsor Bazaar, November 13

By Earlene Jameson

The Do Gooders' Club will sponsor their annual Country Store Fall Bazaar, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Flomot Community Center.

Booths are available for \$10. Please contact Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert 469-5212; Mrs. Alma Shorter 469-5325 or Mrs. Suzie Shannon 469-5357 for reservations. Tickets for the club's quilt are selling for \$1 each or six for \$5. Contact any club member for tickets.

Everyone is urged to help make this civic event a success as the proceeds will be used for improvements at the Community Center.

REMEMBER TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 2

Turkey Ozark Trail Light Meeting

There will be a meeting November 7, 2004 at the Bob Will's Cafeteria at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and express your ideas, opinions, and suggestions for Christmas decorations this year for downtown Turkey. Please plan to attend. We need all the volunteers we can get to help participate in this community wide project!

Heart Attack Victim Dies Due To Lack Of Medical Assistance

After calling 911 Mrs. John Doe waits helplessly by her husband's side as he lies drifting between consciousness and unconsciousness, writhing in pain from what appears to be a heart attack. Minutes tick by and still no ambulance can be heard coming up the street to save her lifelong love of 63 years. After what seems like an eternity the ambulance pulls up into the driveway. Finally, someone who can help.

But wait, there is only two people at the door, and EMT-Basic and the ambulance driver, this can't be right. As they enter, the EMT begins assessing Mr. Doe, she realizes that this situation is more than she has been trained to do. Backup from the next town will have to be called, I.V.'s need to be started and life saving drugs need to be administered right now, if he is to be saved. As the volunteer EMT-Basic and ambulance driver, load up Mr. Doe and prepare for the flying trip, to meet the fully equipped state of the art ambulance service from the next county over, they wonder, First, 'Will Mr. Doe make it to the transfer.' and secondly, 'Why living in a remote area of West Texas had her County, City and Hospital District officials not had the foresight to have implemented a better plan to provide emergency services to the residents of their taxing districts.'

This is only a fictitious scenario but it could happen to residents of Hall County. After the Hospital District filed for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy last year the County, Hospital District and the City of Memphis, (no, the City of Turkey was not included) entered into a contract to provide funding for the volunteer ambulance services providing services in Memphis, Turkey and the outlying areas. It was agreed that each entity would appoint two people to represent their entity on the newly formed Ambulance Service Board, 2 from the County, 2 from the City of Memphis, 2 from the Hospital District and 1 at-large member (not from Turkey). The County and Hospital District both agreed to pay \$18,000 each to the Memphis Ambulance Service and \$6,000 to the Turkey Ambulance Service. The City of Memphis agreed to pay \$18,000 to the Memphis Ambulance Service and the City of Turkey provides funds needed for the Turkey Ambulance Service, over & above what is not covered by the \$6,000 provided by the County, to maintain their service and provide training for their volunteers.

To date it is reported that the Hall County Hospital District has not contributed \$1 to either ambulance service. At the regular scheduled Hall County Hospital District meeting held Monday, October 18, 2004 members of both the Memphis and Turkey ambulance services were present to ask for funds, that has already been promised in a contract over one year old, to help the volunteer services to provide basic medical services to the residents of Hall County. They were turned down with a flat no. The Board members went on to explain that the District had been in financial trouble for some time and Chapter 9 Bankruptcy had been filed after the closing of the Memphis Hospital last year. Board member Don Ferrell expressed the Boards belief that "it is our moral and legal responsibility to repay the debt as quickly and completely as we can". Therefore all tax revenue generated by the District, and not for operating expenses, will be applied to debt resolution. With that said, there is no funds available to provide the monies that they agreed to pay to the Memphis and Turkey ambulance services over one year ago. Case Closed.

The Memphis ambulance service is currently operating under a variance to the law, which states that the service is currently exempt from having 2 EMT's present in the back of the ambulance with the patient. This allows the Memphis service to continue to operate, as they don't have enough volunteers to have 2 EMTs on each run. This is the second variance that the County Judge has had to sign to keep the service in operation.

Remember that these services are provided by volunteers, who do this as a civic service to other members of their communities and receive little or no pay. Also remember that you pay tax dollars to the Hall County Hospital District, which was formed to provide for the health & welfare of the residents within it's District. Hospital Districts usually provide ambulance service, indigent care and hospital service for it's residents. The Hall County Hospital has been closed over a year, indigent care is limited and the Board, advised by their attorney, is currently considering withholding indigent services all together, and it has two representatives on the Ambulance Service Board, yet provides no monies to either ambulance service in the county, which it entered into a contract to do last year.

Representatives from three other area Hospital District, who do not have hospitals, were contacted to see how their districts work and what services were provided. Motley, Floydada and Donley Hospital Districts. Each representative states that their Districts provided at least 3 full time salaried Paramedics, an hourly and on call wage for EMT-Basics & EMT-Intermediates as well as providing for all ambulance upkeep and purchase of equipment upgrades and continuing education for personnel. In Hall County the services depend on donations, grants and the monies provided by the Cities and the County.

Editors Note* Mr. John Doe did not survive his trip. The care he needed immediately was not available and the time lost getting him to adequate medical care cost him his life.



Judy Stark, owner of JAKS, invites everyone to stop by Caprock Home Center and visit JAKS, Quitaque's newest business, in 'the Loft'. JAKS has handcrafted gifts, women's apparel, decorative furniture & all kinds of T-Shirts.



October 28

- * Drivers License office at Briscoe Co. Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- * Turkey Economic Board meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley Jr High vs Cotton Center there @ 5 p.m.
- * Valley J.V. vs Wheeler, at Samnorwood @ 6:30 p.m.

October 29

- * Early Voting Ends Today @ 5 p.m. at your County Clerk's office
- * Valley Patriots vs Cotton Center, here @ 7:30 p.m.

October 30

- * Turkey's VFD Halloween Carnival Tonight!
- * Tonight's The Night For Spooks & Goblins To Trick 'n Treat!
- * Lighthouse Gospel Singing @ 7 p.m. 601 Broadway, Silvertown
- * Remember to "Fall Back" 1 hour tonight
- * Reminder~ Change Batteries In Your Somke Detectors Today.

October 31

* HALLOWEEN

November 1

- * Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Weigh-in @ 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Church/Quitaque
- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * 4-H Food & Nutrition Meeting, Valley School Cafeteria @ 5:30 p.m. All interested kids 3rd grade & up.
- * Do Gooders Club meeting

November 2

- * Remember To Go Vote Today!
- * Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- * Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m. B/P Checks @ 5:30 p.m.
- * Silvertown Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.

November 3

- * Panhandle Community Service will be in Silvertown (Senior Citizens Building), Quitaque (First National Bank) & Turke (Bob Wills Center) today.

November 4

- * Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.

Turkey City Council Agrees To Provide Fuel For Tri-County Meals Vehicle

The Turkey City Council met in regular session on October 21, 2004. Present were Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Brian Wheeler, Mary Fierro, Brenda Seymour, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna and guests Gordon Maddox, Buddy Colvin and Richard Greene.

After attending to regular monthly City business the following items were addressed by the Council:

* Gordon Maddox gave the audit report for the Turkey Economic Board and the City of Turkey. Both audits were approved as presented.

* Buddy Colvin asked the City Council for the City of Turkey to provide the fuel for the vehicle that brings the Tri-County Meals to Turkey since Quitaque is furnishing the vehicle. The Council passed a motion to provide the fuel.

* The Council passed a motion to accept the bid from Memphis State Bank to be the City's Bank Depository for the next three years.

* The Council agreed to renew the TML health insurance for City employees for another year.

The meeting was then adjourned.



Laura Stewart recently attended a hair coloring class in Austin for two days sponsored by Armstrong-McCall. Danny enjoyed the mini-vacation.

Mary Fierro and Cathy went to Slaton this weekend to visit with Mary's daughter, Alma and Nick Jimenez and children. Mary enjoyed seeing her grandchildren Matthew and Alexia and being with them this weekend.

On Saturday, Mr. & Mrs. Rex Adamson and Ashley of Lubbock, Mr. & Mrs. Leck Fuston and Kye, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Davidson and Girls, and Mr. & Mrs. Bryn Burson and boys joined their parents Mr. & Mrs. James Fuston to celebrate James Fuston's birthday.

Gayle, Dewayne, Lisa, Austin, Brianna, Sue and Lowell Proctor had lunch at Izell's home Sunday.

Nadine Davis went to Childress Sunday to visit her aunt and uncle.

Louis and Oleta Randell were in Ft. Worth Thursday visiting with Steve and Phyllis Randell and Bryan. They went to see Bryan play football Thursday night and his team won! (I think it was because his grandparents were "cheering him on". Friday and Saturday nights were spent in Irving with Don and Ann Herriage. Saturday night Louis and Oleta attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Lisa Hilton in Dallas. Lisa is the daughter of their late son, David Randell. They returned home Monday.

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For purposes of action, nothing is more useful than narrowness of thought combines with energy of will.
- Henri Frederic Amiel

It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting.
- Tom Stoppard

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It was like a miracle that we were able to get the back section of the museum cleaned up and lighted for the Fall Festival. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of Juan Mendoza, Pat Carnes, Jay Bradshaw, Armondo Santos and his little brother, Billy and I. The new restroom has been quite a conversation piece and is really turning out to be pretty unique. It was a great disappointment when the commode was set and we did not have enough water pressure in our outside lines for flushing it. So we are now dealing with another problem which is delaying the opening of the restroom. It is really wonderful to have lighting back in this area and we really appreciate all that Jay has done to help us.

We had a lot of visitors to the craft show and we appreciate all who came by to visit. There were not as many vendors as usual but those who were here said they had a great time and to let them know when the next one was planned. Many that I had invited were already booked at other shows.

We appreciate all the businesses of Turkey for their support and for taking part in our ad. I apologize to Wilda and the girls at the bank. I either failed to get their name written down or it was over looked. I also hope I didn't miss one of our local businesses. There was not one who said no to being a part.

We would like to have suggestions of how we could make this festival more successful. If you have a suggestion please write them down and leave them with Martha, Joy or myself.

At the meeting of the Turkey Homecoming, after last homecoming, it was voted on to have homecoming every three years on the Columbus Day holiday weekend of 2005. So if we have a fall festival next year we will have to keep this in mind.

Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Oleta Randell

We had only 18 members at our last meeting. We need more people to come, so hope everyone is well and present at our next meeting November 2nd. Please be there by 5:30 for blood pressure checks. Don Turner did the B.P. checks last time. Margie Pinkerton was out of town. Come on out, bring a covered dish and join in the fun! food! and fellowship!

TURKEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Turkey Public Library has several new books that were donated recently: The Correction by Jonathan Fransen, Southern Cross by Patricia Cornwell, The Future of Life by Edward O. Wilson, Mistletoe Man by Susan Wittig Albert, Baltimore's Mansion by Wayne Johnston, We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates, The Stories of Paul Bowles by Paul Bowles, The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown.

There are still several who have books that were checked out this summer during the summer reading program. Please check to see if you have any and if so, please return them to the library. If you have any book that is checked out for more than 6 weeks, you will be receiving a telephone call to remind you to return it to our library.

Also, we are still having our used book sale and are still accepting books for the book sale and for the library. We have lots of non-fiction books and children books in our sale.

VALLEY WEATHER

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Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be.
- Sydney J. Harris

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.
- Bill Vaughan

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
- George Jean Nathan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
October 28
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October 29
Kirk Saul, Billy Farley, Kris Dickman, Julie Edwards, Russell Yates
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Cody Varnell, Randa Green
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Larry Price, Charlie Barnett
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Mr & Mrs L.B. Monk
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Mr & Mrs Antonio Galvan

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The night before Halloween was a busy time for older boys in town during the 1940's. If you had a clothesline, kiss it good-bye.

The lines would be used to hoist trash cans to top of light poles and to tie lids to back of cars. Cars were jacked up and crates placed under them. The rolled up awnings would be filled with tin cans that came clattering out onto sidewalks in the morning when the awnings came back down.

It was always harmless fun and everyone was a good sport about boys' antics.

Reminder of Do Gooders' Meeting, Monday Nov. 1st

The Do Gooder's Club will meet Monday afternoon, November 1st at the Community Center in Flomot. Their monthly meeting has been changed due to Tuesday, November 2 being National Election Day. Final plans will be made for the club's Fall Bazaar to be held Saturday, November 13 at the Community Center in Flomot.

80th Birthday Celebrated

Johnie Starkey was honored on his 80th birthday Saturday afternoon with a party at the Starkey family reunion building. Hostesses were his sisters, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, OK; and Mrs. Phyliss Gladson of Austin. He was presented a money tree and a birthday cake decorated with a John Deere tractor. Adding to the yellow and green decor, the tables were laid with John Deere implement designed cloths. Ice tea was served with the cake.

Those attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney; Ronda Gladson of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weaver of Olton; Mrs. Jometa McLain and Cleve McLain of Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Starkey

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Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited overnight last Saturday in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning. They and other family members, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning of Rising Star and their houseguest, grandson, Cody Rich of Eastland attended the Church of Christ services in May Sunday morning. Guest speaker was Skylar Clifton of Odessa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, grandson of Mrs. Cruse and great-grandson of Mrs. Dona Browning. Following the spiritual services, they were luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughters, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock were weekend guests of her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray. Joining them there to visit was her mother, Mrs. Marsha Gray of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the weekend in Ruidosa, N.M. at their family cabin. They saw many large tame deer in their vicinity.

Richard, Tina and Jerrod Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark was son, Wes Stark stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Del Rio and friend, Erin Nelson of Del Rio. Being graduates of Texas University in Austin, they enjoyed attending the football game at Texas Tech vs Texas University in Lubbock Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughter, Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville in Lubbock, Saturday to visit and lunch. Brian returned home with them to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Wednesday and visited his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad, a patient in Covenant Medical Center. They had lunch with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Halloween is just around the corner, so this week I have some recipes that will use up the pumpkin from your beautifully carved pumpkins. Of course, canned pumpkin can be used in any of the recipes if you, like me, have "permanent pumpkins".

Festive Pumpkin Dip

- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup chopped dried beef
- 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- 1 can (2 1/4 oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
- Fresh vegetables, crackers, or Fritos

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, pumpkin, taco seasoning and garlic powder until smooth. Stir in beef, peppers, and olives. Cover and chill until ready to serve. For a special dip container, cut the top off a small pumpkin and scrape out seeds and strings. Fill shell with chilled dip. Serve with vegetables, crackers, or Fritos. Makes 3 cups.

Pumpkin Knot Rolls

- 2 tablespoons dry yeast
- 1 cup warm milk (110° to 115°)
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 5 1/2 to 6 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon water
- Poppy or sesame seeds

In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. Add the butter, sugar, pumpkin, 2 eggs, salt and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 6 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch down dough. Turn onto lightly floured surface; divide in half. Shape each portion into 12 balls. Roll each ball into 1 10-inch rope; tie in a knot and tuck ends under. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes. In a small bowl, beat water and remaining egg. Brush over rolls. Sprinkle with seeds. Bake at 350° for 15-17 minutes until golden brown. Cool on wire racks. Makes 2 dozen.

Pumpkin Chip Cupcakes

- 3/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup Crisco oil
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup miniature chocolate chips

In a mixing bowl, beat the first six ingredients. Combine the eggs, pumpkin, oil, honey, and water. Stir into the dry ingredients, just until combined; fold in nuts and chocolate chips. Fill greased or paper lined muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Cool 10 minutes, then remove from pans. Dust with powdered sugar or frost with your favorite cream cheese frosting. Makes about 15 cupcakes.

Happy Halloween! Don't eat too much candy! God Bless America!

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ACROSS

- TXism: "blind as _____ bldgs."
- TXism: "_____ sleeping dog lie"
- TXism: "neon light _____" (inspiration)
- TX's ZZ Top album: "_____ Hombres"
- "Gone _____ Texas"
- vehicle for Dallas-based Greyhound
- language of UT's rare Gutenberg Bible
- TXism: "_____ hungry call"
- TXism: "jumpy as _____ ice"
- UT yell: "Hook _____!"
- TXism: "later"
- "roughing it" in Highland Park or River Oaks?
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Sinos _____ You Baby"
- Emmitt rushed for them (abbr.)
- TX actress Sharon who was a victim of "Manson family"
- TXism: "give _____ oven chance" (be open-minded)
- TXism: "_____ lick" (none)
- Dallas' channel 33 is this type of "Ultra" TV station (abbr.)
- TX Charley's "Where _____ Put Her Memory?"
- TXism: "_____ hill for a stepper"
- western bordering state (abbr.)
- state seal features live _____ branches

DOWN

- TXism: "burn that brand _____" (explain)
- where LBJ died
- gold aid (2 wds.)
- TX skills exam (abbr.)
- "a nice" town incorporated into Colleyville in '56
- "sweet" company in Sugar Land, TX
- TXism: "show 'em the _____" (teach)
- deceased TX blues guitarist Vaughan
- early TX log houses
- ripped _____ (hopeless)
- 37 first 3 letters of last name of 19-down
- 38 told a "windy"
- 39 lop _____ mule
- 40 mechanical man
- 41 TXism: "my stomach is balled _____ knot" (nervous)
- 42 ex-Ranger pitcher Robb
- 44 New Year's _____
- 46 TX singer Stills (inil.)
- 48 what TX Gene Autry did very well
- 49 Lone Star Park is a _____ one track
- 56 TXism: "scared half out of my _____"

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Valley School News



Valley students work on just one of the 'Red Ribbon' Week projects as they all work together to promote a drug free environment at Valley School.

Red Ribbon Week At Valley School

The Valley Student Council has sponsored Red Ribbon Week activities this week to promote a drug free environment. Monday was Chain Up Drug Day. All students were encouraged to sign a red chain link which was connected to a long chain that circled the cafeteria. Tuesday was Wear Red Day. Points were added for every piece of red the students wore. The 2nd Grade won the PreK-2nd, 5th Grade won between 3rd -5th, 7th Grade won between 6th - 8th, and the 9th Grade won the high school contest. The school was awash in red everywhere you looked. Wednesday was Put a Cap on Drugs Day with all students having fun wearing a cap all day. Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Classes had a 100% of cap wearing! 4th and 5th Grade Classes had over 85% of students wearing caps and Jr High and Senior High had over 50% wearing caps. Thursday was Get High on Treats, Not Drugs with an ice cream sale during lunch. Friday will be Don't Be a Sucker for Drugs with all Valley students being given a DumDum sucker to remind them of the day.

South Plains Fair Winners

The 2nd Grade class worked with Valley Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America students on T-shirt decorating project. The high school students helped the 2nd grade students decorate shirts with paint and designs such as a fish theme and a cat theme. The shirts were entered in the Pee-Wee age category of the Decorated Shirt Contest at the Lubbock South Plains Fair. Esmeralda Cruz won 2nd Place and Haley Wheeler won 3rd Place out of numerous entries from all over the Panhandle. The other students were awarded Honorable Mention ribbons for their entries. High school students had to utilize their child development skills they had learned in their Child Development class.

Hornets Sting JV Patriots

The Aspermont Hornets racked up 39 points last Thursday handing the Patriots their third loss of the season as they won by 21 points. Cole Brown found Armando Mendoza from the five-yard line for Valley's first touchdown. A deep pass from Brown to Mendoza had set up the short toss. Bryce Reagan scored from the one-yard line and Roger Ramos scored from the ten to give Valley its scoring total. A 40 yard touchdown toss from Brown to Reagan was called back late in the game. "There is no doubt that this team has to improve its blocking," Coach Bret Tyler said. "Cole is doing a good job throwing the ball and Bryce is running very hard but we need to move the ball consistently. That is what the JV is for, learning, and they are learning and working very hard." The Patriots travel to Wheeler tonight for a rematch with the Mustangs

School Lunch Menu

Menu Subject To Change
Monday, November 1

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Salad, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, November 2

Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Fried Okra, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Milk

Wednesday, November 3

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Thursday, November 4

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Taco Soup, Cheese Toast, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

Friday, November 5

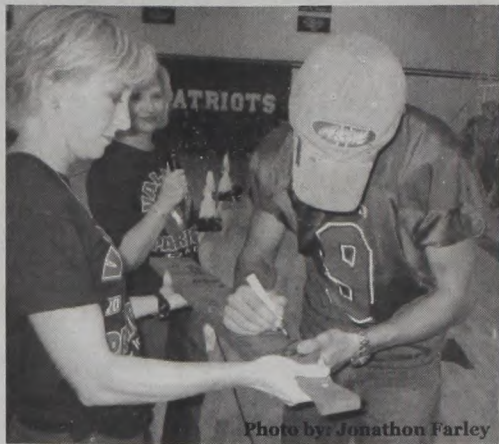
Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Carrot Sticks, Chips, Milk

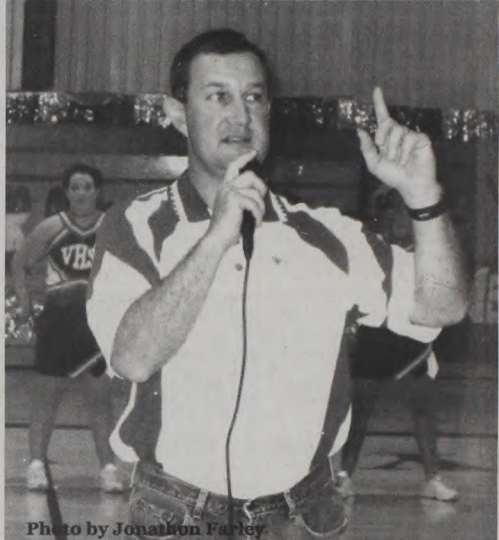
Fall Back 1 Hour Sunday!
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Bryce Reagan was awarded the Junior Varsity Big Hit for his performance at the Jayton game.



Cody Barrett signs the Big Hit for the Kress game.



Stuart Smith gave the speech during the high school pep rally Friday. His speech was about "Friday Night Lites".



The debut of Bull Fighting in west Texas!

Pigg Named Scholarship Recipient At SPC

LEVELLAND - Katherine Pigg from Quitaque was among more than 300 donors and scholarship recipients recognized during South Plains College's recent 2004 Scholarship Recognition Banquet. Pigg received the Hall of Honor Memorial Scholarship.

The SPC Foundation, observing its 25th anniversary, received \$624,360 in contributions in 2003-2004 and awarded \$165,000 in scholarship to more than 220 scholarship recipients for the current school year.

"We especially want to thank the donors and friends who make our scholarship programs possible. We are so appreciative of the support you have given the South Plains College Foundation in past years. You and your family members have made many dreams become reality for many SPC students," said Russell Hall, director of development and master of ceremonies for the occasion.

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- Michael Novak

Do you ever get the feeling that the only reason we have elections is to find out if the polls were right?
- Robert Orben

Valdes Leads Patriots Past Groom

Fidel Valdes rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns on only four carries to help carry the Patriots to a 46-0 district win over the Groom Tigers.

"Fidel was unbelievable running the ball," Coach Bret Tyler said. "Everytime he touched it he was thinking about scoring. We are tough to beat when he runs like that."

Alex Espinoza pitched in two touchdowns while his brother Albert scored the final six. Daniel Alanis kicked five extra point attempts to help end the game at halftime.

The Patriots racked up 294 yards of offense while giving up only 44 to the Tigers. Charlie Walden recorded 12 tackles to lead the team while Zack Ramsey had ten. The Tigers had one rushing yard bringing the season rushing total of Valley's opponents 79.

"I thought our defense looked good, but they have all year," Tyler said. "They are a tough bunch to run against."

Kye Fuston had nine tackles, Alex Espinoza had seven, and Fidel Valdes and Bryant Ortiz each had six.

"We are looking good right now and feel that we are accomplishing our goals, but we have to keep winning," Tyler said. "We need two more wins to win district and that is what we are focused on."

The Patriots will host the Cotton Center Elks tomorrow night in the season's last home game.

For the man sound in body and serene in mind, there is no such thing as bad weather; every sky has its beauty, and storms which whip the blood do but make it pulse more vigorously.
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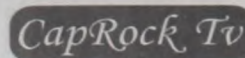
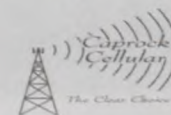
Ana Rosa Pozos

Ana Rosa Pozos is a 17 year old Junior at Valley High School. Ana Rosa is the daughter of Juan and Maria Pozos of Turkey. As an active Patriot, Ana Rosa has excelled in many school activities. Ana Rosa has participated in the Valley FCCLA and the Valley Chapter of National Honor Society. Ana Rosa was elected "Most Dependable" by her faculty member last spring.

Ana Rosa is a leader in our school and a positive role model. Ana Rosa was chosen for this recognition because of her outstanding work ethic and truly cooperative and pleasant attitude. She is an "All Around Great Girl and we are very proud that she is a Patriot.

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**Last Week's Score
Valley: 46
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**Valley Patriots
Varsity Football Schedule 2004**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Oct. 29	*Cotton Center	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Happy	Away	7:30 p.m.
# Scrimmages * District Games \$ Homecoming			



Chearleaders: Chelsea Wheeler, Paige Hughes, Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Mary Kate Davidson, Savannah Smith
Mascot: Enedina Valdez

**Valley Patriots
Jr. Varsity Football Schedule 2004**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Oct. 28	Wheeler	Samnor wood	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	6:30 p.m.



Head Coach: Bret Tyler
Asst. Coaches: Thomas Clay, Greg Ramsey

**Valley Patriots
Jr. High Football Schedule 2004**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Oct. 28	Cotton Center	Away	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Happy	Home	5:00 p.m.

Coaches: Greg Ramsey and Stewart Smith

Superintendent: Jerry Smith
Principal: Jon Davidson
Stats: Maddie Ramsey & Jasmine Ivory
Cheerleader Sponsor: Shadi Buchanan
Pep Squad Sponsor: Lisa Farley
Managers: Mitchell Farley, Justin Billegas, Micheal Mullin, Brady Ramsey, Dalton Allen

PATRIOT TEAM ROSTER

Name	No.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Class
Jake Gass	1	5'5	140	E/CB	Soph.
Matt Dozer	5	5'7	150	E/LB	Soph.
Cody Barrett	9	5'10	170	QB/LB	Jr.
Rhiane Gaddis	10	5'8	145	FB/LB	Jr.
Cole Brown	11	5'7	140	QB/S	Fr.
Bryce Regaen	21	5'10	160	RB/E	Fr.
Fidel Valdez	20	5'9	170	RB/LB	Sr.
Alex Espinoza	22	6'2	175	RB/E	Jr.
Zack Ramsey	23	5'8	165	E/LB	Sr.
Albert Espinoza	24	5'9	190	FB/LB	Sr.
Justin Rucker	28	5'6	140	RB/LB	Fr.
Fernando Regalado	32	5'8	165	FB/LB	Jr.
Bryant Ortiz	33	6'2	160	E/E	Soph.
Matt Whittington	35	5'8	160	FB/LB	Sr.
Aramando Mendoza	40	5'7	150	E/LB	Fr.
Roger Ramos	44	5'8	185	FB/LB	Fr.
Kye Fuston	48	6'3	165	E/E	Jr.
Randy Farley	50	5'10	290	C/E	Jr.
Chance Maynard	52	5'7	155	E/E	Jr.
Ruben Ramos	70	5'8	230	E/E	Jr.
Daniel Alanis	80	5'9	160	E/S	Sr.
Charlie Walden	81	6'1	175	E/E	Jr.
Jimmy McGuire	83	5'11	170	E/E	Jr.
James House	90	5'7	160	E/E	Fr.
Danny Carnes	96	5'9	170	C/E	Fr.
Fannin Gwynn	99	5'9	180	C/E	Soph.
Jose Martinez					Jr.

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Uvalde Scientists Prove Cedar Infestations Are Major Water Thieves

"Thick stands of mature juniper (commonly called cedar trees) can actually intercept 40 percent of an area's natural rainfall," said Dr. Keith Owens, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station range researcher at Uvalde. "The percentage lost increases dramatically if the rainfall is light."

Owens and colleague Dr. Robert Lyons, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist at Uvalde, spent three years studying the evaporation and interception water loss from juniper trees across the Edwards Aquifer Recharge area.

"We found that all the rainfall from storms of 0.3 inch or less is intercepted by the trees' canopies where it evaporates back into the atmosphere. So moisture from these light rains never even reaches the ground once it falls on the tree."

"This project proves what many have long suspected - too much juniper exacts a heavy toll on the Texas water supply."

"Look closely at a juniper tree sometime. They are ideally made to catch rainfall and redirect it to the base of the tree. The water actually hits the tree and runs back toward the trunk. Often no moisture gets to the ground until the tree is hit by a hard rain of an inch or more."



The two scientists conducted the study in areas averaging 24 to 34 inches of annual rainfall. They wanted to find how much rainfall is intercepted by individual juniper trees on the eastern part of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Area. The project was conducted at 10 locations in eight counties. Owens said each site was equipped with an electronic data logger that continually recorded information. "At the end of the three-year study, we averaged all of the 2,700 total rain events, both heavy and light, that fell over the 10 sites. We found that 35 percent of all the precipitation that falls on juniper trees hits the canopy and evaporates, 5 percent is intercepted by the litter beneath the trees and 60 percent actually reaches the ground surface. Of that 60 percent, much is taken up by the tree for growth which leaves little or no water left for aquifer recharge in the heavier juniper-infested areas."

"This research shows that in an area which receives 30 inches of rain in a year, only 18 inches of that total actually reaches the ground surface under a juniper tree. That means 12 inches of rain a year does not reach the ground for either plant growth or potential aquifer recharge."

For more information contact Owens or Lyons at (830) 278-9151. Writer: Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

Check-Writers Be Prepared For 'Check 21'

A sweeping new federal law nicknamed "Check 21" takes effect on Oct. 28, 2004. This law will change the way your checking account works, giving digital copies of checks the same validity as paper ones. You may hear about this law from your bank, or, due to loopholes, you may never hear about its resulting impact. But you definitely want to be up to speed on the upcoming changes.

Here's a rundown of the important changes that will result from "Check 21."

NO MORE FLOAT: The "float" is the time between when you write a check and when the money is taken out of your account. Say goodbye to the float, forever. This law allows your check to be handled electronically once it has been received, just like a debit card payment. You dare not write a check unless you have the full amount in your account the moment you sign your name - that is how fast the check will be processed. You cannot afford to be socked with big overdraft or bounce fees.

NO MORE STOP PAYMENTS: Remember the good old days when you could stop payment on a check because you changed your mind or the service was unacceptable? Well, you can kiss those days goodbye as well. You will no longer have the luxury of time to change your mind.

NO MORE CANCELLED CHECKS: You won't be able to get your original paper checks back because your bank will not have them. Your paper checks are digitally copied to create a "substitute check" and then destroyed the moment they are accepted as electronic transactions. Cancelled checks for proof of payment or to fight a forgery are a thing of the past. You want to make sure your bank sends you copies of your substitute checks, which will be legal proof of payment. Watch out for fees associated with a substitute-check-returning account. Look for another bank if your bank charges a high fee to get copies of all your checks as substitute checks.

DEPOSITS STILL ON HOLD: Just because your checks will clear faster doesn't mean your deposits will be available to you any sooner. The new law does not shorten check hold times.

WATCH YOUR ACCOUNT: The possibility exists that a check can be turned into an electronic transaction with a "substitute check" and then the original paper check is not destroyed, allowing it to be made the rounds and be credited against your account a second time! Now more than ever it is important that you keep an eye on your account for such errors. If you spot an error or fraud the bank must put the money back into your account within 10 business days, but only if you have not waived your rights to have "substitute" checks provided to you.

DON'T SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTARY CHECK TRUNCATION: Your bank may ask you to agree to "voluntary check truncation." This means you give up your rights to have copies of your substitute checks returned to you. The Consumers Union warns us that we will have even fewer consumer rights under voluntary non-return of our checks than we will have under the full provisions of Check 21. For this reason they recommend that we decline invitations from our banks to convert to "voluntary check truncation."

While only summarized portions of Check 21 were used for this article, you owe it to yourself to learn as much as you can about how this law will affect you. You can learn more about Check 21 and its provisions at the Consumers Union Web site at www.consumersunion.org and the American Bankers Association's "Check 21 Resource Center" (www.aba.com).

Texas Deer Season Shaping Up To Be Best in Years

With more than 83 million acres of available deer range, there is plenty of opportunity for Texas white-tailed deer to roam. And with so much of that country in ideal condition, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists suggest hunters may have to cover more ground than they are accustomed to in order to be successful this fall.

The good news is there are more than 4 million white-tailed deer in the Lone Star State and thanks to excellent range conditions; they should be in great shape with above-average antler development and high body weights.

The white-tailed deer is arguably the number one game animal in Texas, attracting more than 500,000 hunters and more than \$2.5 billion annually. Many small communities in the Hill Country and South Texas receive a good portion of their annual economic base from hunting. Llano County, for example, plays host to more than 15,000 hunters who contribute more than \$3.5 million to the area economy.

The general deer season opens Nov. 6 statewide, except for a few counties in the Panhandle, marking the first time in many years that the North and South Zones share the opener. The North Zone closes Jan. 2, while the South Zone continues for two additional weeks, ending Jan. 16. Special Youth-Only seasons are set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 15-16 statewide.

"This is the best year I've seen," said TPWD white-tailed deer program leader Mitch Lockwood. "The last couple of years we had good summer rainfall, which helped set the table for the fall, but this year we had an exceptional spring as well. Many ranchers are saying range conditions are the best in 20 years, and some of the old-timers I know also claim this is the best year they have ever seen."

While favorable weather conditions have certainly helped Texas' deer herd, it may not have done any favors for hunters who rely heavily on supplemental feeding regimes, according to Lockwood. "I expect we'll have a good supply of cool-season forbs and the acorn crop is exceptional throughout most of the state, which means deer are going to be less likely to come to a feeder. You might have to get out of those blinds and do it the old-fashioned way - rattling horns and stalking."

Hunters on lands intensively managed for wildlife should see even greater rewards with improved antler growth and body weights, Lockwood noted, but will no doubt have to work that much harder to take their deer due to lush habitat conditions. "The successful hunter will be the one who gets out and hunts extensively," he stressed.

Although few changes were made to this year's deer hunting regulations, those hunters on managed lands should welcome one alteration. The TPWD Commission has eliminated the need for "double tagging" on certain properties. According to the new rules now in effect, hunters who take deer on properties holding deer permits that require permit tagging, such as Managed Lands Deer Permits, Landowner Assisted Management Permits or on TPWD-drawn public hunts would not have to use a deer tag from their hunting license. What this means for affected hunters and landowners is less redundant paperwork and a simpler tagging system. It also means bonus deer tags are no longer needed.

The new rule also means hunters who purchase their license by phone or online will not have to wait for the actual paper hunting license to be mailed to them before they can hunt deer on lands using deer permits. The authorization number given at the time of purchase will do until the actual license arrives in the mail.

Following is an outlook for the upcoming deer season in the Panhandle as compiled by TPWD wildlife biologists.

Range conditions for whitetails and mule deer look excellent, and the majority of the district has had well above-average rainfall, said Canyon-based district biologist Danny Sweepston. "We're seeing some really good bucks during our spotlight surveys. For the first time in many years, the rainfall has been spread out."

One of the big things hunters will notice during the early part of the season is the presence of deer cover and with the good range conditions deer may not come to feeders. "They're also not coming to the winter wheat because there's so much native browse to eat, but once we get that first freeze it should start pushing them into the fields," he noted.

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Are You A Mineral Owner? Learn The Petroleum Industry

An informative meeting concerning oil and gas is scheduled for November 3rd. Wayne Hughes and Levert Gillman will be the speakers. Mr. Hughes is the Executive Vice President of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association. Mr. Gillman is President of the Travelers Oil Company. The meeting will be in the Silverton High School Auditorium at 4:00 pm.

Currently, there are oil and gas leases being offered to mineral owners in Briscoe County. Mineral owners should be informed so that they can make the correct business decisions concerning their partnership with the petroleum industry. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information so that the mineral owner understands the operational procedures of the petroleum industry. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Gillman will address any questions during the meeting.

The meeting will be rescheduled in the event of bad weather.

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Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

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New Approach To Water Problems Desalination Has Potential To Alleviate Future Battles

AUSTIN, Texas - Water fights are not new to Texas; since before the Lone Star State joined the Union, water rights have been bartered, litigated, fought over, bought and sold for years, and are as contentious today as they have ever been. But a new study from the Texas Public Policy Foundation finds an emerging technology might alleviate those fights in the future.

The study, "Hold The Salt: The Promise Of Desalination For Texas," was written by James Smith, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Construction Science at Texas A&M University.

This report succinctly explores the opportunities and costs of desalination. Smith notes that if the technology is to be used to the greatest extent possible, it will have to happen as a result of public water works allowing the private sector to have an enhanced role in the design, construction, operations and maintenance, and financing of desalination facilities.

"Declining water resources, coupled with inexorable population growth, demand that the state find alternative solutions for its future water supply needs," writes Dr. Smith. "Desalination is an option with a long history around the world and it deserves a good look as an option for the future in Texas."

Smith notes three desalination projects are currently undergoing a feasibility study in Texas - Corpus Christi, Freeport and Brownsville. But desalination is not just for seawater, Smith notes. It can also be used to make brackish water found in more arid regions useful for consumption.

Around the world, some 800 million gallons per day of water is made available through desalination.

"Hold the Salt" and other studies focused on natural resources policy, are available online at www.TexasPolicy.com.

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USDA Announces 2003 CCP Final Payment Rates & 2004 Advance Rates October 22

Moving from speculation to confirmation, USDA Secretary Ann Veneman announced that the final 2003 Counter-cyclical payment rate for Upland Cotton would be 3.93 cents per pound.

The announcement came during a radio address on Friday morning and also included announcement of the first 2004 Advance Counter-cyclical payment rates for program commodities.

Veneman announced that the 2004 advance payment rate for cotton would be 4.81 cents per pound. The Upland Cotton rates confirm the results of PCG's calculations published last week.

Veneman's announcement also included payment rates for peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, and wheat. Payment instructions for these crops were sent to State FSA offices on October 1. This allowed final Counter-cyclical payments for peanuts, whose final 2003 payment rate was already calculated, to be made earlier this month. These instructions also expedited the processing of 2003 Counter-cyclical program overpayments on corn, wheat, and grain sorghum.

In addition to the 2003 and 2004 counter-cyclical program payments, October is also the month when final 2004 Direct payments are made. Payment instructions for the final 2004 Direct payment are made. Payment instructions for the final 2004 Direct payment for eligible commodities were transmitted to State FSA offices on September 30, 2004 with payments to be processed as soon as possible.

The table below includes the final 2003 counter-cyclical payment rates and the first 2004 advance Counter-cyclical payment rates for eligible program commodities.

2003 Final Counter-cyclical and 2004 First Advance Counter-cyclical Payment Rates

Commodity (unit)	Final 2003 Counter-cyclical Rate	1 st Advance 2004 Counter-cyclical Rate
Wheat (bu)	\$0	\$0.0350
Corn (bu)	\$0	\$0.1400
Sorghum (bu)	\$0	\$0.0945
Upl. Cotton	\$0.0393	\$0.0481
Peanuts (short ton)	\$73.00	\$25.55
Soybeans (bu)	\$0	\$0.0910
Barley (bu)	\$0	\$0.0525
Oats (bu)	\$0	\$0.0056
Rice (cwt)	TBA	\$0.3150

Source: USDA

Most producers asked to receive the first advance 2004 Counter-cyclical payment when they enrolled in the 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical program

Any producer that did not ask for the advance at that time must file their request before the end of October.

Farm Service Agency officials note that the cut-off date to request the first 2004 Advance Counter-cyclical payment is October 29, which is also the last day that County FSA offices will be able to issue the first 2004 Counter-cyclical advance payment.

Survey Cooperation Key To Accurate Cotton Volume and Price Reporting

Announcement of the 2003 final Counter-cyclical payment rate is serving as a reminder of the important role the National Agricultural Statistics Service plays in the delivery of the 2002 Farm Bill's Counter-cyclical program.

Final Counter-cyclical program payment rates are computed based on the marketing year average price received by farmers weighted by marketings.

In order to collect this information for cotton, which does not have a mandatory price reporting requirement, cotton producers and NASS rely on the cooperation of cotton merchants. Merchants asked to participate in the voluntary cotton survey program provide accurate volume and price information for cotton that is used to develop the monthly average price received by growers and the marketing year weighted average price received that is used to calculate Counter-cyclical program payments.

While 100% participation has not been achieved, merchants asked to participate in the survey, can rest assured that the information they provide is kept strictly confidential.

The information NASS collects is not reported until the end of each month on which it is collected and is, in fact, only used to create an aggregate estimate of the volume of cotton sold nationwide. Data is not used to estimate a state level volume and price total until after the end of the marketing year.

Plains Cotton Growers leadership notes that the accuracy of the information provided to NASS is critical to the proper function of the Counter-cyclical component of the 2002 Farm Bill. PCG encourages every merchant contacted by NASS to participate.

Merchants wishing more information about the procedures used to conduct the cotton volume and price survey can contact Troy Joshua, NASS Cotton Statistician, in Washington, DC, at 202-720-5944.

USTR Files Appeal In Brazil Cotton Case

The United States Trade Representatives office has filed its appeal of the Brazil/ Cotton subsidy case with the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

In an October 18 letter, the USTR requested a review of the original dispute panel's findings on 14 separate points. The filing starts the clock on what is supposed to be a 90 day appeal process.

U.S. officials now have until October 28 to submit the remainder of the supporting documentation for each point of appeal and the errors alleged to have been made by the panel. Following that submission Brazil will then be given five days to file a counter-appeal on any points that were not found in their favor by the original panel. It is expected that Brazil will file a counter-appeal at that time.

The overall position of the U.S., as stated in the letter, is that the panel that originally heard the case made their determinations based upon a combination of erroneous legal interpretations and findings on issues of law as detained in the agreements under which the case was originally filed.

For producers in the U.S. The filing will have little to no short-term impact other than knowing that the next step in the process has begun.

A newly appointed, three-member Dispute Settlement Body panel will hear the U.S. appeal. The panel will be selected from a seven person appellate body whose members are appointed by the WTO Chairman.

Gene Watson Concert Sure To Be Sell Out

There are people who sing and then there are the singers that are respected throughout the music industry. One of them is Gene Watson.

Gene Watson started his recording career in 1974 with his first hit called "Love In The Hot Afternoon". From that point on, Watson has had over 20 top 10 singles including "Farewell Party", "Fourteen Carat Mind", "Memories To Burn", "Paper Rosie", "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You", and "Should I Come Come (Or Should I Go Crazy)".

Born in Palestine, TX, Watson was one of seven children of a saw-mill worker and crop picker. In his late teenage years, Watson became an auto body worker. On weekends he began singing in Houston night-clubs where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered and was signed to a recording contract. Robert K. Oermann, the dean of country critics says it best, "The world stops spinning when Gene Watson sings. In his voice is all the ache of existence."

The Turkey Heritage Foundation, Turkey, Texas proudly presents in concert, Gene Watson and his Farewell Party Band along with the local talent of The Highway 70 Band at the Bob Will Gymnasium on Saturday night, November 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 per person.

For reservations or ticket information call (806) 423-1420 or (806) 423-1113. Tickets will be going fast, so call today to get your's before they are all gone!

PRPC Seeks Your Input On Hazard Mitigation Plans For Area

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is currently assisting the Cities and Counties of the Texas Panhandle in the development of Hazard Mitigation Plans. A Mitigation Action Team (MAT) has been established in each of the Counties within the Panhandle Region. Each MAT is comprised of multiple representatives from different areas of specialization for each jurisdiction within the respective County.

The MATs have been established to provide direction, assistance, and preliminary approval for the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each MAT will identify vulnerable areas of the Counties, hazards (natural, technological, and man-made) that pose a threat to those areas, and ultimately strategies that can be implemented to reduce the adverse impacts of those hazards on the community.

The development of the Hazard Mitigation Plans will enable jurisdictions to identify the hazards that pose a threat to life, property, and infrastructure in the communities and to develop a plan which will mitigate the effects of those hazards in the long run. In the future certain mitigation grants will be limited to only jurisdictions with an approved Mitigation Action Plan, so the implementation of these plans will enable jurisdictions to maintain their eligibility for those programs.

The MAT in your community will be holding meetings which are open to the public throughout the planning process. If you have any question or input regarding Hazard Mitigation within your City or County please contact Stefan Bressler, with PRPC, at (806) 372-3381 to be referred to the Hazard Mitigation Coordinator in your area.

Stocker Cattle Gain 1,000 Pounds Per Acre In 60 Days On Tifton 85

Overton—Recently completed research that shows stocker cattle can gain more than 1,000 pounds per acre in 60 days grazing Tifton 85 bermudagrass.

That 1,000 pounds per acre was at a high stocking rate with protein supplementation, said Dr. Monte Rouquette, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientist who conducted the grazing study.

Without supplementation, at the same stocking rate, stockers gained only 560 pounds per acre, said Rouquette. The research was part of Rouquette's on-going work on looking at how plant and animal systems interact under various management systems.



Rouquette used 110 crossbred cattle, fall-born and weaned in mid-June, and given standard vaccinations for the study. Starting weight per animal in the study averaged about 650 pounds.

Pastures used were harvested for hay in May, and the standard fertilization regimen followed. Then Rouquette did something different. The usual practice is to turn cattle in for grazing when the bermudagrass grows 4 to 6 inches tall. Instead, Rouquette let the bermudagrass reach 14 to 16 inches — hay-cutting height. The Tifton 85 reached this height by

late June thanks to plentiful rainfall.

"In effect, we grew for a hay harvest, but harvested the forage with cattle," Rouquette said. Rouquette used three different stocking rates, low, medium and high, for the study. The stocking rate was defined not in terms of the numbers of animals per acre, but in the number of pounds of animal per acre. The low stocking rate was about 3,500 pounds per acre (four to five animals per acre); the medium 5,100 pounds (seven to eight animals per acre); and the high 6,500 pounds (nine to 10 animals per acre).

Half the cattle in each stocking rate received a daily supplement of 1 percent of their body weight. As the cattle gained weight, the total amount of supplementation was adjusted accordingly each month. The supplementation was composed of a 2-to-1 ratio of soybean meal and corn. The supplementation was enhanced with salt, minerals and Rumensin 80.

Over the next 60 days, the average daily gain of the cattle at the high stocking rate with supplementation was 1.7 pounds; those without supplementation gained 0.9 pounds. "This equaled 1,060 pounds of beef produced per acre in 60 days for those with supplementation and only 560 pounds per acre for those without," Rouquette said. The average daily gain of the cattle at the medium stocking rate with supplementation was 1.88 pounds; without supplementation, 1.06 pounds. The 60-day total equaled 970 pounds per acre for those receiving supplementation; 490 pounds per acre for those without supplementation. The average daily gain of the cattle at the low stocking rate with supplementation was 2.2 pounds; without supplementation, 1.7 pounds. The 60-day total per acre equaled 750 pounds per acre for those receiving supplementation; 550 pounds per acre for those without supplementation.

"From previous studies, average daily gain was just about what we would expect on low stocking rates," Rouquette said. "What's interesting in this study was that though we planned on having our typical droughty conditions in mid-summer, we received hardly any rain at all in the three months of the study." During the last 30 days of the study, average daily gains were severely reduced because of slowed forage growth. "If we had received any rain at all, the gains at the end of 90 days would have been even better, (particularly) on the high stocking rates," he said.

For producers, Rouquette said, the bottom line of the study is that when cattle are expensive, supplementation pays, especially when using a high-quality warm season forage such as Tifton 85. "With stocker cattle prices at about \$1 per pound and pasture-plus-supplementation costs at less than 30 cents per pound of gain, backgrounding 60 to 90 days on Tifton 85 puts profit back into the pasture-cattle business," he said.

Rouquette will soon have data from a similar study using yearling Brahman steers. The steers were spring-born, carried through on winter pasture to the spring, then observed under similar research design on Tifton 85. "The high-stocking rates with supplementation were even more exciting," Rouquette said.

How exciting? Rouquette doesn't want to go into details until he's thoroughly double-checked his analysis, but he expects gains of about 1,300 pounds per acre in 60 days.

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Gov. Perry Asks State Health Services To Develop Monitoring System For Flu Virus

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry recently asked the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to develop and implement a surveillance monitoring system for the influenza virus in Texas. The system will allow the agency to act quickly in the event of an outbreak.

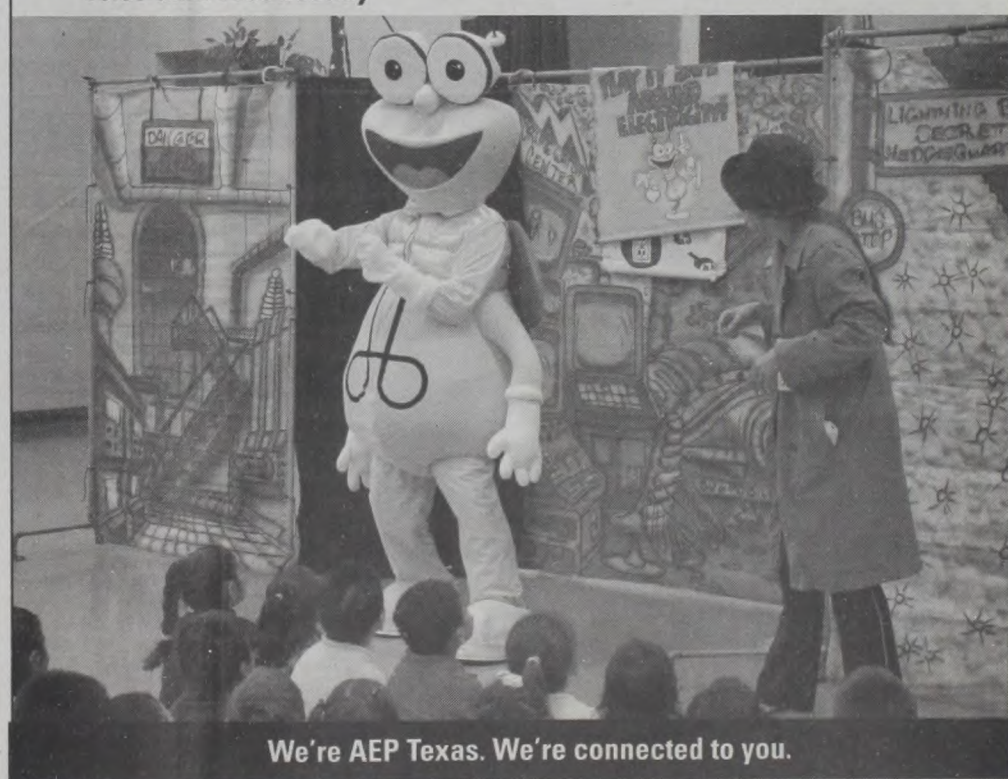
"I have directed the Department of State Health Services to develop and implement a statewide monitoring and warning system for any unusual outbreak of the flu in Texas," Perry said. "I want to make sure that Texas is adequately prepared to deal with any consequences of the national vaccine shortage."

The influenza surveillance system will include the establishment of 100 to 200 geographically dispersed reporting sites to ensure that the state closely monitors cases of influenza and can quickly identify an epidemic, should one occur. Regional and local health departments will choose sites and recruit health care providers from both large and small communities. The sites will report all cases of influenza or influenza-like symptoms on a weekly basis to TDSHS to monitor for any unusual developments.

"By establishing the monitoring system, the state will be better able to protect the health and safety of Texas' most vulnerable residents," said Perry. "I encourage all Texas providers, businesses, and local community organizations to follow the national Centers for Disease Control guidelines on priority populations for receiving the vaccine and to work with the TDSHS clearinghouse as the flu season progresses."

TDSHS has established a vaccine clearinghouse to match providers with surplus vaccine with providers who need vaccine and also help guarantee distribution of vaccine to those Texans who need it most.

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Exercise Your Rights And Participate In The Election Process

This November 2, we Texans have the opportunity to do something more than a billion people wish they could do, but cannot: cast a vote for the leaders of our country. According to Freedom House only 85 out of 192 sovereign countries in the world are liberal democracies, defined as those which not only have elections, but also respect political rights and civil liberties. In far too many countries, people either have no right to cast a vote, or are limited to voting in fraudulent elections for the ruling regime.

We, on the other hand, have the power to confirm or remove our leaders. This right did not come easily. It was won in the snows of Valley Forge and has required fighting to defend it. From the banks of the San Jacinto to the beaches of Normandy, American soldiers have defended our liberty and the right to vote. We should never lightly value a right bought at so high a price.

But in every election season, we find many who do not value this right. Many of us have met people who happily spend weeks deciding which car to buy but will not devote five minutes to an upcoming election.

Now, most cars or trucks will get you from point A to point B without much trouble, yet when people shop for a new car they compare a host of features, ranging from price and power to the color of the vehicle. If an automobile is worth this kind of scrutiny, what about our elected officials? Legislators in both the Texas State House and in the U.S. Congress draft laws that affect our daily lives as well as our futures. Elected officials from the White House to the court house make decisions ranging from government regulations to public safety. When you consider the impact of the decisions made those we select, deciding who we will vote for matters a great deal.

Each of us has a responsibility to learn as much as we can about the candidates and their positions on the issues. We can learn more from the candidates themselves, by reading newspapers, magazines and the Internet, as well as listening to radio, watching television, and holding conversations with friends and neighbors. A lot of campaign advertising is negative and it is sometimes off-putting, but we must weigh all the information available and use our best judgment and common sense to decide who should receive our vote.

Participation is necessary if we want our democracy to continue to flourish. I urge all Texans to vote on November 2. It is not only our great privilege to vote, it is our obligation.

Quail Season Shaping Up To Be The Best Ever

Just what IS this season's Texas quail hunting forecast? It could well be the best in 20 years according to a Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. Dr. Dale Rollins of San Angelo said the signs are right for a bumper quail crop.

"The general consensus is that the upcoming quail season may be the best since 1987. Some are even calling for this to be the best in memory. Until about mid-August I was a bit leery about making such chamber-of-commerce-like projections. My take was that it would be about like last year's season. Information gleaned from the Texas Quail Index, a five-year Extension project that measures the birds' population dynamics across the state, indicated in June that this season would be a mirror image of last year. And considering that last year was good, I'd have been happy if we had just met that mark."

"But in August a big, and somewhat unbelievable difference occurred between this year and last. Since June, most of us have enjoyed unseasonably wet, cool weather. Quail have enjoyed it too. Such conditions are ideal for quail nesting and survival. The cool weather permits a longer nesting season, and the flush of vegetation helps hide the nests. The succulent forage also harbors insects, the quail's favorite food."

Rollins said most of the index's abundance measures are taken in May and June. The next counts come in September when Rollins predicts the data will show near-record quail numbers.

"We have a project going in Fisher County northwest of Sweetwater. Last week, Jason Brooks, my graduate student on the project, started recapturing radio-marked quail. Three of the first four hens were found on nests. If we're getting that kind of August nesting effort across other parts of Texas, and the weather would suggest we are, then we can expect a nice bloom to our quail numbers with a Labor Day hatch. The hatch rate at that site has been about 50 percent, up from 35 percent last year."

Rollins said the quail hatch make-or-break point comes in June. Any later hatches can turn a good year into a great one. "We had a good hatch in June and the prospects of the late-summer hatch are enough to make even me giddy about what this year's season may be like."

"My phone and e-mail chatter from quail hunters and landowners across Texas indicates this quail bloom is widespread. Folks on the eastern front are saying they're hearing or seeing quail for the first time in years. Those on the western front are remarking how well the blue quail have rebounded. They're now enjoying their highest numbers in 15 years."

To learn more about the current quail boom, plan to attend the first Texas Quail Study Group, "Sustaining the 'Quail Wave' in the Rolling Plains of Texas," Oct. 6-8 in the Stonewall County Civic Center in Aspermont. The program features many of the state's top wild quail experts.

For further information on current quail conditions or on the Texas Quail Study Group, contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576, drollins@tamu.edu. Also visit: <http://teamquail.tamu.edu>

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

Please read the following article and think hard about the decision you make on November 2nd.

This was written in the Ellensburg Daily Record on Wed. Oct. 6, 2004. It was written by Mathew Manweller who is a Central Washington University political science professor.

"Election Determines Fate of Nation."

"In that this will be my last column before the presidential election there will be no sarcasm, no attempts at witty repartee. The topic is too serious, and the stakes are too high. This November we will vote in the only election during our lifetime that will truly matter. Because America is at a once-in-a-generation crossroads, more than an election hangs in the balance. Down one path lies retreat, abdication and a reign of ambivalence. Down the other lies a nation that is aware of its past and accepts the daunting obligation its future demands. If we choose poorly, the consequences will echo through the next 50 years of history. If we, in a spasm of frustration, turn out the current occupant of the White House, the message to the world and ourselves will be two-fold.

First, we will reject the notion that America can do big things. Once a nation that tamed a frontier, stood down the Nazis and stood upon the moon, we will announce to the world that bringing democracy to the Middle East is too big of a task for us. But more significantly, we will signal to future presidents that as voters, we are unwilling to tackle difficult challenges, preferring caution to boldness, embracing the mediocrity that has characterized other civilizations. The defeat of President Bush will send a chilling message to future presidents who may need to make difficult, yet unpopular decisions. America has always been a nation that rises to the demands of history regardless of the costs or appeal. If we turn away from that legacy, we turn away from who we are.

Second, we inform every terrorist organization on the globe that the lesson of Somalia was well learned. In Somalia we showed terrorists that you don't need to defeat America on the battlefield when you can defeat them in the newsroom. They learned that a wounded America can become a defeated America. Twenty-four-hour news stations and daily tracing polls will do the heavy lifting, turning a cut into a fatal blow. Except that Iraq is Somalia times 10.

The election of John Kerry will serve notice to every terrorist in every cave that the soft underbelly of American power is the timidity of American voters. Terrorists will know that a steady stream of grizzly photos for CNN is all you need to break the will of the American people. Our own self-doubt will take it from there. Bin Laden will recognize that he can topple any American administration without setting foot on the homeland.

It is said that America's W.W.II generation is its 'greatest generation.' But my greatest fear is that it will become known as America's 'last generation.' Born in the bleakness of the Great Depression and hardened in the fire of WW II, they may be the last American generation that understands the meaning of duty, honor and sacrifice. It is difficult to admit, but I know these terms are spoken with only hollow detachment by many (but not all) in my generation. Too many citizens today mistake 'living in America' as 'being an American.' But America has always been more of an idea than a place. When you sign on, you do more than buy real estate. You accept a set of values and responsibilities.

This November, my generation, which has been absent too long, must grasp the obligation that comes with being an American, or fade into the oblivion they may deserve. I believe that 100 years from now historians will look back at the election of 2004 and see it as the decisive election of our century.

Depending on the outcome, they will describe it as the moment America joined the ranks of ordinary nations; or they will describe it as the moment the prodigal sons and daughters of the greatest generation accepted their burden as caretakers of the City on the Hill.

Then there are a few more things that make you think a little.....

* There were 39 combat related killings in Iraq during the month of January.....In the fair city of Detroit there were 35 murders in the month of January. That's just one American city, about as deadly as the entire war torn country of Iraq.

* FDR ...led us into World War II. Germany never attacked us: Japan did. From 1941-1945, 450,000 lives were lost, an average of 112,500 per year.

* Truman ...finished that war and started one in Korea, North Korea never attacked us. From 1950-1953, 55,000 lives were lost, an average of 18,334 per year.

* John F. Kennedy ... started the Vietnam conflict in 1962. Vietnam never attacked us.

* Johnson ...turned Vietnam into a quagmire. From 1965-1975, 58,000 lives were lost, an average of 5,800 per year.

* Clinton ...went to war in Bosnia without UN or French consent, Bosnia never attacked us.

* Clinton was offered Osama Bin Laden's head on a platter three times by Sudan and did nothing. Osama has attacked us on multiple occasions.

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Silverton Chamber To Have Benefit Bingo

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce will have a "Bingo Game" on November 13 to benefit the Tri-County Meals on Wheels Program. They will also sell popcorn.

They will have Bingo games and sell popcorn at the Silverton carnival on October 30.

The Chamber asks every resident of Silverton to (especially) decorate their homes at Christmas on the same night the Methodists have their Walk to Bethlehem. This will hopefully be the entire community of Silverton participating in the Ozark Trail Christmas. If you want to do something special for the folks coming that night, you are welcome to do so

Quitaque City Council

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storage of equipment and supplies by Tri-County Meals. The Council discussed different options, however this solution seemed the most feasible. The Council adopted the change order by an unanimous vote.

* Mike Peters, with PRPC presented the Council: a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Quitaque, TX, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matter pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program. The purpose of the grant is to build a new water tower and will be for \$250,000.00. With \$219,000.00 of the money being used for the actual construction of the tower the rest to be used for engineering expenses and for PRPC expenses. The City's match for the project will be \$13,500.00. The resolution was adopted.

After attending to regular monthly City business the meeting was adjourned.

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Texun Tawk By Bill Sperry

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The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprisonment men because they are different from other men. - Lyndon B. Johnson

\$\$\$ CASH REWARD OFFERED \$\$\$ The Hall County Sheriff's Department is investigating a burglary of a habitation that occurred sometime over the last 10 days in Turkey, Texas at 405 7th Street. There were several weapons, ammunition, clothing and monies taken in this burglary. The Hall County Sheriff's Department is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of those involved in this offense. Any information we receive will remain anonymous and confidential. Please contact Chief Deputy Tom Heck, 806-259-2151 (office) 940-585-1064 (cell). Tom Heck, Chief Deputy Hall County Sheriff Department

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Lucas Lucero's 90th Birthday Party: 1st row from left: Mr. Lucas Lucero, Mrs. Lauteria Pacheco (sister-in-law) 2nd row: Lucas Lucero, Jr., Faye Benjamin, Gloria Cavazos, Maggie Castilleja 3rd row: Joe Lucero, Mary Ann Raisse, Ernie Lucero.

Lucero Celebrates 90th Birthday Surrounded By Family & Friends

Approximately one hundred friends and relatives attended a buffet dinner party at Davis Park in Lubbock, Texas on October 16 to celebrate Mr. Lucas Lucero's 90th birthday.

Friends and relatives from Quitaque, where Mr. Lucero lived from early childhood until his mid-seventies attended the party. Other friends and relatives came from Amarillo, Plainview, Temple, Pampa, and Littlefield, Texas; and Clovis and Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. Two daughters, Gloria and Maggie and two sons, Joe and Ernie, residents of Lubbock were at the party. One daughter, Mary Ann came from Paris, Texas, one daughter, Faye came from Illinois, and one son, Lucas Jr. came from Florida. Three of his sons, Michael, Bobby, and Raymond of Florida were unable to attend.

Among Mr. Lucero's long-time friends and contemporaries were Duke and Mary Woods from Quitaque, Santos Cavazos from Quitaque, Helen and Elmer Berryhill who now live in Dimmitt, Texas and Mrs. Fulgencia Chavez from Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. Lucero was also honored with the presence of three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Carmel Delafuente, Mrs. Lauteria Pacheco, and Mrs. Tana Coronado, who had the distinction of being the only person at the party older than he is. His brother-in-law, Raymond Perea was also there.

Mr. Lucero's niece, Julia Leal of Quitaque and some of her children as well as his nephews, Juan Polando from Pampa, Texas and Mario Polando from Temple, Texas were there. Other guests consisted of friends of later generations, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and more nieces and nephews from the late Mrs. Lucero's side of the family.

Pastor Danny Willis of Colonial Baptist Church in Lubbock asked the blessing and offered a prayer of thanks while all the guests joined hands in fellowship. This was followed by the singing of "Happy Birthday" for Mr. Lucero. Then guests were invited to join in the buffet dinner.

The buffet consisted of barbecue chicken, barbecue brisket, mashed potatoes, potato salad, ranch style beans, various rice and vegetable dishes, and birthday cake and pink lemonade. The meal was declared, "a feast fit for a king" and appropriately so according to his daughters. The party was organized and hosted by three of Mr. Lucero's children: Gloria Cavazos, Maggie Castilleja, and Ernie Lucero of Lubbock.



Some of the volunteers helping 'spruce up' downtown Quitaque last Friday & Saturday are seen here painting & cleaning windows. What a difference a little 'sprucing up' will do! Kudos to all the volunteers. The group will meet again Friday, November 5th for another round, come join them!!

The wide man must remember that while he is a descendant of the past, he is a parent of the future.

~ Herebert Spencer

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Texas future transportation system - the Trans-Texas Corridor - will be the topic of 44 public meetings that are set to begin this week.

Beginning last week and continuing through November 18, transportation officials are seeking public input on the Oklahoma-Mexico/Gulf Coast element of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

While no final route decisions have been made, the Texas Department of Transportation is identifying environmental issues that should be considered in determining where the project could be located. These environmental issues include a large, critical habitat for the Houston Toad in Bastrop County, proposed or existing water reservoirs, dedicated parkland, large populated areas and military bases.

A map of the corridor and a list of the public meetings are available on www.dot.state.tx.us and www.transtx.com.

These meetings are part of an ongoing environmental study by TxDOT. The study of the Oklahoma-Mexico/Gulf Coast corridor element covers a 77-county area 800 miles long and 50-60 miles wide. This element generally parallels I-35 and extends from north of Dallas/Forth Worth to Mexico and/or the Gulf Coast.

The study, expected to be completed in late 2005, will result in one of two options - additional environmental studies along a narrow corridor or a decision not to build the proposed project.

If a narrowed corridor is selected, additional environmental studies will be needed to determine a final route alignment for road, rail and utilities before construction can begin. The additional studies will be limited to the boundaries of the approximately 10-mile wide corridor.

The Oklahoma-Mexico/Gulf Coast element is a high-priority project of the Trans-Texas Corridor because there is an immediate need to provide a long-term solution for congestion relief on I-35. The element will also accommodate the growing international commercial traffic moving through Texas. In addition, the element will provide alternate routes for hazardous materials, expand economic growth and develop new markets and jobs.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is a blueprint for the states future transportation system and will be phased in as needed.

The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.

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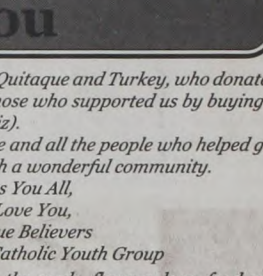
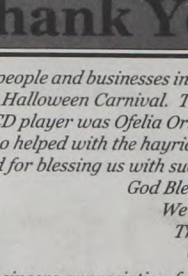
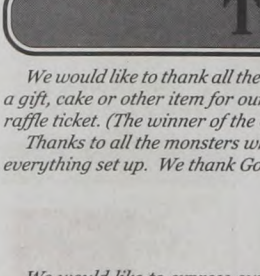
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Thank You

We would like to thank all the people and businesses in Quitaque and Turkey, who donated a gift, cake or other item for our Halloween Carnival. Those who supported us by buying a raffle ticket. (The winner of the CD player was Ofelia Ortiz).

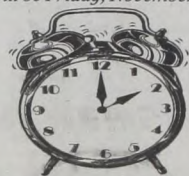
Thanks to all the monsters who helped with the hayride and all the people who helped get everything set up. We thank God for blessing us with such a wonderful community.

God Bless You All,
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We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the cards, flowers, love, food and prayers for the loss of our beloved "Pops". May God bless you.

The Farris Martin Family

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the individual volunteers who have donated their time and tools cleaning & painting the buildings in downtown Quitaque that were in need. Thank you also to We The Women for their donation of paint for some of the buildings. Working together, we can accomplish anything. The next 'Spruce-Up Day' will be Friday, November 5th. Everyone is invited to participate.



REMEMBER TO FALL BACK 1 HOUR THIS SUNDAY

THANK YOU

The Lucero family would like to thank the friends & relatives who came to celebrate our father's 90th birthday. Your presence was a tribute to our father. It was also a tribute to you who set aside your personal lives & came to honor our father, share memories and renew acquaintances.

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