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## Arrests Made In Two Year Long Undercover Drug Investigation

According to Hall County Sheriff Robert McGuire, on June 13, 2002 the Memphis Police Department and the Hall County Sheriff Department arrested four suspects under Grand Jury warrants for delivery of a controlled substance. Arrested were Mario Lopez, Victor Pecina Lopez, Victor Jose Lopez, and Guadalupe Baquera. The arrests were from a two year investigation that was initiated by Memphis Chief of Police Ricky Mestas. Chief Mestas had received several complaints of illegal drugs being sold in our community. The Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division was contacted, and undercover officers were able to make several buys in the Memphis area. The buys were mainly the purchase of cocaine and marijuana. The suspects were arraigned on June 14, 2002 and bonds were set at \$15,000 per indictment.

A fifth suspect, Marty Walker, was arrested in Post, Texas on Tuesday, June 18 was transported by Hall County Sheriff Robert McGuire Wednesday evening, June 19 to Hall County Jail.

Sealed indictments were issued by the Hall County Grand Jury in April 2002, for drug offenses committed during the past two years in Memphis against six suspects. Five have been arrested and the sixth is incarcerated in Texas Department of Corrections serving a sentence on a previous drug charge.

## Hall County Grand Jury Hands Down Indictments For Organized Crime Activity

In April 2002 the Hall County Grand Jury issued sealed indictments for organized criminal activity. The indictments were from an investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Theft Division assisted by the Hall County Sheriff Department and the Memphis Police Department. The investigation was initiated in 1998 over a John Deere Tractor and a utility trailer that were stolen from Memphis.

The investigation led to a major theft ring involving numerous stolen items, which was spread throughout the Texas Panhandle. Indicted were Christopher Kesse, Steven Carter, Cory Morrison, Andy Posey, Larry Posey, Kenneth Hunt, and Stephen McKinney

## Hall Co. Deputy Assaulted By Juvenile

On June 15, 2002 the Hall County Sheriff Department investigated an assault in the Newlin area. Hall County Sheriff Robert McGuire stated that Reserve Deputy Barney Gilley was giving a juvenile a ride to Memphis to visit his aunt. While in route to Memphis the juvenile stated to Deputy Gilley "It was time for him (Barney) to die," then delivered a couple of blows with an unknown object to the facial area of Deputy Gilley.

The juvenile then took Deputy Gilley's pickup and fled the scene, leaving Deputy Gilley in the ditch. Sheriff McGuire stated that while in route to the Newlin area he observed Deputy Gilley's pickup and was able to detain the juvenile moments after the offense. The juvenile is currently in custody at the Juvenile Detention Center in Amarillo, Texas, awaiting trial for the offense committed.

## American Cancer Society Relay For Life Event Raises Over \$19,000

The Briscoe Unit of the American Cancer Society raised over \$19,000 during their annual "Relay For Life" event.

Festivities were kicked off on June 7th at Valley School. After the opening ceremonies, one member from each participating team in attendance began walking or running relay style. Music was provided by Jimmy Burson, John Frances, Sara Craiker, Brady Ramsey, Adam Mullin, Cam Washington, the Shannon children, Will Boedecker, Scarlett Sperry, Wayne Clay, Kathy Shorter, Amanda & Larry Curry, Maddie Ramsey, Susan Ramsey, and Khaki Scrivner. This group of performers entertained all the participants and kept energy levels high throughout the event.

The Jail Busters team was recognized for raising the most money, turning in over \$3,400 to support the American Cancer Society. At the end of the event, all teams and their participants lined the track to walk the final lap of the relay together.

"We appreciate all the support we received from each of the teams as well as our event sponsors, underwriters, and entertainers," said, event chair, Jacquelyn Ham. "We were especially grateful to the many volunteers and their families for all of their hard work to make this event happen."

Funds raised from the "Relay For Life" event will support the American Cancer Society's programs of cancer research, education and services to local cancer patients in Briscoe County.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

## Turkey To Celebrate Independence Day With Fireworks Display And Hamburger Supper

Turkey will be celebrating Independence Day with their Annual Fireworks Display presented by the Turkey Volunteer Fire Department. This year it will be celebrated Sunday, June 30 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Turkey City Park.

There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, expertly grilled by your favorite local fireman, to enjoy before the fireworks display begins. So bring your lawn chair or blanket and come out to the Park for some old-fashioned fun.

The Fire Department is also selling raffle tickets for a 12-volt car cooler and two-person yard swing with center console, to be drawn that evening. To purchase your raffle tickets, and support a very worthwhile organization, contact any of the following Fire Department members: Jim Weeks, Karen Yates, Cody Yates, Adam Semour, Billy Farley, Cody Bell, Danny Stewart or at the Turkey Drive-In.

## NOTICE

The Valley Tribune Will Be Closed Thursday, July 4th

Deadline For That Week Will Be Monday, July 1

## PCS Offering Housing & Weatherization Assistance To Local Low-Income Families

The Panhandle Community Services (PCS) is now offering HUD Housing and Weatherization assistance to qualifying low-income families. HUD is a program created to assist people seeking affordable and decent living environments. Benefits could include rental payments for approved housing units, with payment amounts determined by household income.

The goal of the PCS Weatherization Program is to reduce high utility costs and increase the comfort of the home. Energy efficiency repairs can include caulking, insulation, weather-stripping, and roof, door and/or window replacement.

Applications are being taken now at Panhandle Community Services, located at 416 S. Kearney, Clarendon, Texas. If you would like more information regarding these services or would like to make an appointment to apply, please call 806-874-2573.

## PUC Accepting Applications For Utility Assistance

The Public Utility Commission (PCU) is currently taking applications for LITE UP Texas, the Low Income Telephone & Electric Utilities Program through your local utilities providers. If you qualify, this program allows you to receive a discount on your electric or telephone bills.

If you feel you might qualify for this service you can pick up an application locally at Turkey City Hall.

## Quitaque City Council Continues To Work On City Improvements

The Quitaque City Council met on Monday, June 17 at 5:10 p.m.. Present were Mayor Hamilton, Council members Phil Barefield, Randy Stark, Rhonda Farner, Arnold Castillo, along with City Administrator Maria Cruz and guest, Billy Mott.

During public comment Castillo reported reading in the Plainview Daily Herald that Quitaque's sales tax receipts were up. Stark then expressed concern about repairs to street signs. Cruz informed the Council that the machine has been obtained from the County to make new street signs and that this project would be in the works in the very near future. Barefield commented that the Lion's Club might be able to help with the sign project. Various Council members reported receiving positive feedback from residents on our Park improvements.

The Council reviewed the Library Report and a letter written by Bob Hinkle pertaining to the Library was read. During the Ambulance Report the Council was informed that Unit 1 had to have mechanical work done, after breaking down on the roadside after returning from a run to Tolia. Council was also informed that Jamie Wellman had received her paramedic license. This will allow the Quitaque EMS Service to upgrade their Unit 1 to ALS capabilities very soon. It was reported that six runs were made since the last Council meeting. It was also noted that Quitaque Units 1 and 2 recently passed inspection by Texas Department of Health.

The Fire Department reported responding to two fires since the last regular meeting. One fire northwest of Quitaque on Bill Clary's CRP land and another fire south of Turkey both fires were started by lightning. Mayor Hamilton expressed the need for equipment that will improve communications between fire fighters and departments that respond to a call. This matter will be looked into further at a later meeting.

An update on progress of the Quitaque Medical Clinic was up next before the Council. Castillo informed the Council that at the present time they are waiting for the carpenters from Matador to put up the walls for the exam rooms. He also reported that much work had already been completed and that he felt padding should be included when laying the carpet. After discussion, the Council agreed that padding should be included with the carpet and gave Castillo the go ahead to discuss this matter with the carpet layers. Castillo and his wife Rose have contributed may volunteer hours to the Clinic project and the Council expressed appreciation for their time and hard work.

It was decided to extend the deadline to July 1 for submission for the Quitaque Monument Slogan Contest. There was discussion pertaining to the storage buildings used by the various organization in town. It was decided to table this discussion until a later date.

Barefield informed the Council of his recent trip to Tahoka to view their Community Center and Library. Barefield felt that he had obtained a considerable amount of information on the financial aspects of a project of this magnitude. The purpose of this trip was to get some ideas about a Community Center for our town. The Council opted not to include a Library in our Community Center. Billy Mott discussed with the Council ideas and building options that he had researched. More research will be done on this matter and presented for Council to review at a later date.

A quote was obtained by the Council from OJD Engineering for seal coating of the street. The quote of \$54,000 to seal coat the city street was considerably higher than expected. Other options will be looked into and explored by the Council.

The council was informed of a board vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Cruz asked the Council if anyone would be willing to serve on this board and had the time to dedicate to it. After much discussion a motion was made and passed unanimously that Barefield serve as a candidate for the vacancy.

City Hall and Community Center repairs were brought before the Council. City Hall is in need of repairs to the roof and some windows. Also the Community Center needs work to the woodwork on the porch. Stark mentioned a roofer will be looking into other roofs in town this week and he will have him contact Maria about estimates on these repairs.

Finally the Council reviewed the current budget. Amendments were made to the following budget items 505-Community Center, 518-Office Supplies, 520-Park Expense, 524-TEC, 528-Sewer System, and 540-Library. The Council tended to regular monthly business and the meeting was adjourned at around 7:40 p.m.

## Cotton Producers Meeting Slated

FMC and GRIFFIN Chemical Companies will be hosting a Noon Hamburger Luncheon on Thursday, June 20 at the Silver-ton Show Barn.

Bill Reinaur from FMC will briefly discuss the chemicals Fury and Aim. David Stichler of GRIFFIN will briefly discuss Direx and Cotoran chemicals. He will also give a "drift" demonstration and give 1 hour CEU for "drift".

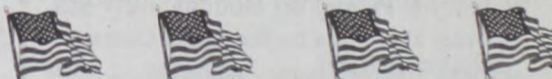
All interested cotton farmers are encouraged to attend.

## Slogan Contest Deadline Extended To July 1

You have two weeks left to enter into the Quitaque Entryway Slogan Contest! The contest will close on July 1, 2002. All entries will be evaluated as to appropriateness and a winner will be selected and announced. So turn in all those great ideas, and send them to Maria Cruz, City Administrator at Box 427, Quitaque, Tx 79255 or e-mail to [civofquitaque@hotmail.com](mailto:civofquitaque@hotmail.com)

## Calendar Of Events

**June 21**  
-Quitaque Senior Citizens @ 5 p.m.  
**June 24**  
-Quitaque Fire Department  
**June 27**  
-Economic Board



## Honoring Those Who Served A Salute To Local WWII Veterans



I.D. Mullin

Ira D. Mullin, Jr. served in the 90th Infantry Division 344th F.A.B.N. as a radio operator working with forward observers.

He landed on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. He fought through the Hedgerows of France, at Hill 122, in Bastogne, Falaise, and Gap. He crossed the Mozelle River twice (once when it was at flood state), fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and at the Rhine River crossing.

He served in the 3rd Army with Gen. George Patton when he went into Czechoslovakia and until the end of the war.



Robert Dennis Coker

Robert Dennis Coker entered the Armed Forces on January 5, 1942. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force. Dennis trained in Texas, Missouri, North Carolina and Florida.

He went overseas on March 6, 1943. He served in following Theatres of Operation, A.S.S.A.M., India and China. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon.

He achieved the rank of First Lieutenant and served a total of seventeen months before being listed Missing in Action on July 13, 1943.

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 The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD (Mess with it all you want)  
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DeLa Garza & Poteet United In Marriage

Stefanie DeLa Garza and Phillip Poteet were married at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock, Texas. The Rev. Eugene Driscoll officiated the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University. The groom, a graduate of Texas Tech University is a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood.

Following a wedding trip to the Florida Keys the couple will live in El Paso, TX.

Weather forecast table for Quitaque, TX showing High/Low and Precip. % for days from Jun 20 to Jun 28.

Homemaker Cookbooks Are Back!

Due to the overwhelming number of requests for the Valley Homemaker cookbook, HOMEMADE WITH LOVE, we have obtained a reprint.

It is by the odes that man is aroused. It is by the rules of propriety that the character is established.

Valley High School Cheerleaders 'Pizza Hut' Pizzas' Fund-Raiser. Delivery & Pickup on Monday, July 8th.

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY Paw Paw We Love You! Courtney, Jeffrey, Allison & Laura

Please come Celebrate Dessie Robertson's 90th Birthday Friday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the Turkey Hotel No Gifts Please!

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor, Enclosing a check to renew the Valley Tribune for another year. It would be nice if you could find some one like Earlyne to write a newsy column from Quitaque and Turkey.

Sincerely, Joe & Owayne King (Editor's note: Yes, it would be! If anyone would like to take the opportunity to do this in either Quitaque or Turkey, or both contact us here at the Valley Tribune to discuss how much it pays.)

Payne & Hughes Graduate From Texas Tech

Jason Lyn Payne and Miranda Michelle Hughes graduated during the Spring 2002 Commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University.

Top Students Shine At Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University students are moving out of the books and into prominent lists. Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's list.

NATIONAL POISON CONTROL HOTLINE 1-800-222-1222

Happy Birthday

- June 20 Anthony Ortiz, Ellen Skinner, Rod Adamson
June 21 Jessie Reagan, Dessie Robertson
June 22 Brad Schnitker
June 23 Luke Boedeker, Julie Ross, Bobo Morrison, Michael Dean Mullin, Shadi Buchanan
June 24 Cory Pointer, U.F. Coker, Jessica Fuston, Patty Kimbell, Mary Price
June 25 Deloris Ortiz, Kristen Ramsey, Christene Jo Beavers
June 26 Tamran Castillo
June 27 Joyce Price, Leo Ortiz, Gary Johnson, Sue Proctor

Happy Anniversary

- June 20 Mr & Mrs James Fuston, Mr & Mrs Kevon Kleibrink, Mr & Mrs Rex Adamson, Mr & Mrs Tomas Hinojosa Sr.
June 21 Mr & Mrs Wade Proctor
June 23 Mr & Mrs Ronnie Eudy, Mr & Mrs Reddell Irby, Mr & Mrs Leck Fuston
June 24 Mr & Mrs Vince Taylor, Mr & Mrs Keith Green
June 25 Mr & Mrs Randy Stark, Mr & Mrs Homer Hawkins
June 26 Mr & Mrs Narciso Hinojosa, Mr & Mrs Don Taylor

OBITUARIES

Winnie Brunson Hamilton

Winnie Brunson Hamilton, 95, a homemaker, died Friday, June 7, 2002, in Fort Worth, TX. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at Greenwood Chapel. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Rosalie Chitty

Funeral services for Rosalie Chitty, 91, of Silvertown were held Monday, June 17, 2002 at the Silvertown Church of Christ. Mr. Ted Kingery and Mr. Tom Craiker officiated. Burial was in the Silvertown Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silvertown.

TURKEY TALK

Louis and Oleta Randell have returned home from a road trip that took them to Snyder, TX for two days where they attended a Western Swing Festival.

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PAYNE FAMILY REUNION & COY PAYNE'S ~ 91st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY ~ JUNE 22, 2002 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. AT THE QUITAQUE SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING

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# FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

### OVERHEARD

One day, when I was 16 years old, I decided I needed a haircut. First I wanted to shampoo my hair. I'd heard that if you rinsed your hair in vinegar water, it would take out all the soap. I thought if a little vinegar was good, a little more would be better.

After drying my hair, I put on my black Stetson. I was so proud of that hat, because I had paid \$6 for it. At the barbershop, I took off my hat and tossed it onto the hat rack and climbed into the chair. After cutting my hair, the barber said, "Son, if I were you, I'd throw that hat away, it is souring your head."

### Weather Report

Wednesday night, June 12th an electrical thunderstorm in Flomot was reported. The Howard Roger's home had two televisions, telephones and air conditioners damaged by lightning. Flomot and Whiteflat residents had 0.30 to an inch of rain.

Saturday, June 15th, 75 mile winds brought in a blanket of black dust from the northwest moving southeast that enveloped northern Motley County like the darkness of midnight. Rain was reported around 10:30 p.m. of 0.50 to over an inch. At newstime crops were being examined for damage.

### Tour Cowgirl Hall Of Fame

Mary Ellen Barton, who is featured as one of the honorees at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, was in Fort Worth Friday and Saturday to tour the Museum. Accompanying her to Fort Worth were Mrs. Marisue Potts, and Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Deggie Arrington of Canadian, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot. Friday night, Mary Ellen was honored with a celebration at the home of Nita and Erwin Merritt of Granbury where over 60 relatives and friends attended.

Mary Ellen was recognized for her ranching and cowgirl achievements with three photographs and an article in the Sunday, June 9th edition of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were guests on Father's Day of Donna and Stanley Degan in Calgary. Other guests were Shay, Jimmy and Seth McDaniels of Lubbock and Crystal, Dane and Kyler Degan of Crosbyton.

Derrick Cruse and friend, Cliff Yeary of Quitaque left Saturday for College Station where they will attend a Football Camp until Wednesday held at Texas A&M University.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and celebrating Father's Day were Cara Franks of Canyon, Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Aleda Elaine Ross visited last week in Lubbock with her aunt and uncle, Elisa and Stan Wigley.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Keane.

Guests Father's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Dustin Reed were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Mrs. Sherrilyn Foster, Ashley Calvert and Travis Lyles of Lubbock and Christopher Calvert, a U.S. Marine who is being transferred from Florida to North Carolina.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse accompanied home her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning to Rising Star, Thursday from Abilene where she had recent knee replacement surgery and rehabilitation. Mrs. Cruse is visiting her this week.

Cindy and Chad Calvert of Mesquite visited from Friday night until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Joining them for a Father's Day luncheon were Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter of Flomot. Cindy and Chad also visited in Turkey with his mother, Mrs. Wanda Calvert. Other visitors Friday night and Saturday were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited during the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Trula Martin who had recent pacemaker heart surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for him a medical appointment at the veteran's hospital. They visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Joining them there to visit was Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart and Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador visited Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Kathy Shorter.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and celebrating Father's Day were their children, Coby and Janell Turner and Heather, Scott and Skylar Blount of Lubbock.

# COOK'S CORNER

BY VIRGINIA SAILSBURY

While the Cook's away the Editor will play! Virginia is on a well deserved vacation to parts unknown for the next several weeks, so I have commandeered her column. I hope you will enjoy a few recipes from my kitchen.

With Summer just around the corner here are a few cool desserts for you to enjoy at your next backyard BBQ.

### Banana Split Cake

Place the following ingredients in a 13x9 pan in the following order:

(1) Press 2 homemade graham cracker crusts into the bottom of the pan.

(2) Cream together 1 lb. of powdered sugar, 1 cup butter & 2 eggs until smooth. Spread on graham cracker crust.

(3) Drain 1 lg can crushed pineapple and spread on powdered sugar mixture.

(4) Slice 4 large ripe bananas and layer on top of pineapple.

(5) Cover entire cake with 1 large carton of Cool Whip.

(6) Sprinkle with pecans.

(7) Top with maraschino cherries and chill.

### Five Layer Pie

Layer, into a 13x9 pan, the following ingredients:

1<sup>st</sup> Layer: Mix 1 cup flour, 1 cup chopped pecans, 1 stick melted margarine. Cover bottom of pan. Bake at 325° for 15 minutes. Cool.

2<sup>nd</sup> Layer: Cream together 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar and 1/4 a carton of Cool Whip (16 oz.) until smooth. Then spread on cooled layer #1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Layer: Mix 1 small pkg of chocolate instant pudding with 1 1/2 cup milk. Spread on layer #2.

4<sup>th</sup> Layer: Mix 1 small pkg of vanilla instant pudding with 1 1/2 cup milk, when slightly thickened spread on layer #3.

5<sup>th</sup> Layer: Cover with remaining Cool Whip. You may also garnish with slivers of grated chocolate. Chill.

### Pink Lemonade Pie

Blend together 1 16 oz. carton of Cool Whip, 1 can Eagle Brand Milk, and 1 sm. frozen pink lemonade, thawed. Pour into a graham cracker crust and chill 2 hours before serving.

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- 5 gem found in TX
- 6 TX Tarzan Ely, et al
- 7 Dallas FM radio
- 8 the fleur-\_\_lis once flew over TX
- 9 TX eatery Pizza \_\_\_
- 12 TXism: "\_\_\_ dirt" (elderly)
- 17 Eagle Mountain \_\_\_ was a glider landing strip
- 20 TX Charley Pride's "Where \_\_\_ He, Memory?"
- 22 TX Willie's "Last Thing \_\_\_ the First Thing This Morning"
- 23 TX Roddenberry's complete 1st name
- 24 TXism: "\_\_\_ marm" (teacher)
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ solid perfect"
- 30 Crosbyton drama: "\_\_\_ Country"
- 31 TXism: "\_\_\_ gates" (heaven)
- 32 in Wharton Co. on 59: El \_\_\_
- 36 UT has collection of poet \_\_\_ Nash
- 37 TXism: "\_\_\_ from a gusher"
- 43 it gets you up in Reunion Tower
- 45 TXism for a bad defeat
- 47 braided hair: corn \_\_\_
- 48 TXism: "been \_\_\_ hard and put up wet"

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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14 Yo Lo \_\_\_ Creek

15 imitated

16 TXism: "working between \_\_\_ (night work)"

18 \_\_\_ River

19 quilting or spelling

21 Houston Texan Rod Rutledge pos. (abbr.)

24 VHS record speed

25 bidness "big dog"

26 nickname of C&W singer Merle

27 instructions to A&M cadets

28 Houston father-in-law: \_\_\_-te-ka

33 TXism: "naked \_\_\_ a jaybird"

34 Dallas grocer: "Buddy" Minyard

35 Gov. \_\_\_ Ferguson

37 Hico h.s. class

38 cowboy boots have a top pull \_\_\_

39 TX writer Horton

40 in Morris Co. on 67

41 TXism: "beats anything \_\_\_ saw"

42 lion's den

44 flag-burning case: Texas \_\_\_ Johnson

46 nurse (abbr.)

49 Cowboy Bob Lilly \_\_\_ the NFL Hall of Fame in '80

50 Quincy Carter sack is a \_\_\_ of yards

57 transport to and from DFW International Airport

## JULY 4TH SPECTACULAR ROARING SPRINGS INVITES YOU TO COME JOIN US IN AN OLD FASHIONED CELEBRATION OF JULY 4TH

- The All Day Festivities include:
- 7:00 A.M. - Breakfast at Roaring Springs Community Center
  - 9:00 A.M. - DEDICATION of the Roaring Springs VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
  - 0:30 A.M. - Riding Lawnmower Parade in downtown Roaring Springs
  - 2:00 Noon - Fried Chicken Buffet at Hitching Post Cafe or bring a picnic lunch
  - 1:30 P.M. - Washer Pitching for Worlds Championship at Roaring Springs Community Center
  - 1:30 P.M. - 3-Legged Race at R. S. Community Center
  - 3:30 P.M. - Patriotic Sing-Song at R.S. Community Center
  - 6:00 P.M. - Bar-B-Q Supper (\$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children) or have a picnic in the Roaring Springs City Park
  - 8:00 P.M. - Homemade Ice Cream for all at Community Center
  - 8:45 P.M. - 1st Annual Stick Horse Derby run in age groups of 2-3, 4-5, and 6-7
  - 9:00 P.M. - 1st Annual Roaring Springs Steeplechase run in age groups of 2-3, 4-5, and 6-7
- 9:45 or DARK - FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- SPONSORED BY THE ROARINGS SPRINGS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

## Western Swing Legends Slate Music Camp

Several legendary musicians who played with Bob Wills' Texas Playboy Bands will be holding a Western Music Camp at the Bowen Ranch in Crowell, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 15, 16, and 17. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced lessons for guitar and fiddle players will be offered, and inquiries are welcome concerning lessons on the banjo, bass fiddle, or other stringed instrument. Participants must furnish their own instruments. Among the musicians who will be teaching the camp are Tommy Allsup, legendary guitar player and song writer.

The camp will last from Sunday evening, July 14, through Wednesday, July 17, and the \$300 fee will include food (3 meals a day), lodging, and lessons for the 3-day camp. Lessons will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. daily.

Payment and preregistration is required prior to July 6, 2002. Enrollment will be limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Call or write J.W. Sollis, Western Music Camp Coordinator, P.O. Box 370, Crowell, TX 79227, phone (940)-684-1478.

The most important things to do in the world are to get something to eat, something to drink, and somebody to love you. —Brendan Behan

106.1 KFLP COUNTRY

Have You Heard? 900 KFLP AM

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This Week In Texas History!

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## Farmers Urged To Clean Fields

One of the realities of farming cotton in West Texas is that late spring and early summer storms are likely to produce hail that will damage or destroy a crop. The loss of a crop can be devastating financially to an individual grower, but the cost to area cotton growers is compounded if growers do not take care to destroy any remaining plants in fields affected by severe weather. Cultural controls are an important part of the eradication effort, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

One of the most important of these controls is the elimination of a food source and a place for boll weevils to reproduce, Allen said, and the damaged cotton remaining in storm affected fields can be a good place for weevils to find both. "This will allow needless increases in the boll weevil population and costs to growers in the eradication program," he said. Allen urged growers to destroy cotton in fields that will not be brought to harvest as soon as possible. He also said growers should be careful to destroy any cotton remaining in a field that will be replanted in another crop. "Weevils will find the cotton left in these fields and use it for feeding and reproduction," he said. Growers who destroy plants in weather-damaged fields, or who fail cotton for any other reason, by July 15 are eligible to receive a credit in the amount of their assessment provided they keep the fields free of hostable cotton until the first killing freeze.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

## USDA Offers Additional Conservation Funds To Texas Farmers & Ranchers

On June 14 John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a second sign-up period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Farm Bill signed into law on May 13, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP," said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Fuston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The bill eliminates geo-

graphic Priority Areas (GPA's) and the "bid-down" options that enabled producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75%.

For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Information can also be found on FSA's website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## FREE Guide On Green Yard Care Available

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is offering Texans a free guide to help care for their yard and the environment.

"A Green Guide to Yard Care" has 28 sources of information and resources. The guide shows home owners a simple four-step method called "Yard Wise" to help them maintain a healthy yard with less costs, less work, and less waste.

The guide includes information and tips on:

- \*Mowing \*Mulching \*Composting \*Green Landscape Design and Yard Care.

To get a free copy of the guide, visit the agency's web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us) under "Publications". Texans can also order a free copy by calling 512-239-0028 and asking for publication number GI-28.



## Farm Bill Makes LDP's Available For Non-Contract Farms

The Farm Service Agency has announced a special provision in the new Farm Bill which has removed the requirement prohibiting producers from receiving a Loan Deficiency Program (LDP) payment if they are not enrolled in the Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) Program.

Farmers who grew eligible commodities during the 2001 crop year on nonparticipating farms can now apply for LDP's at their local FSA field office. This exception also applies to farms that sold or fed crops produced in participating and nonparticipating farms before requesting an LDP or those who have farm-stored or warehouse stored quantities in excess of the amount originally requested.

Literally, hundreds of farmers will benefit from these LDP changes. Stagnant prices the past few years have splashed a lot of red ink over farm balance sheets. Opening up the LDP program is another example of how this Farm Bill is extending a safety net to all producers.

LDP's provide a price floor for farmers during times of low market prices. Payments are issued when market rates fall below government established price levels for certain commodities. Payments to eligible producers under new provisions will be made as soon as national procedures are issued.

LDP payments will be based on the date the producer marketed, fed or used the commodity for seed. Farmers who retain control of the harvested 2001 crop will be given the rate in effect on the day the request is received at an FSA office.

Farmers must submit acceptable production evidence, such as sales receipts, that indicate when the crop was sold. If the commodity was fed, documentation must indicate the amount and the days it was fed out.

The final date for submitting 2001 crop LDP applications has not yet been announced. Farmers would contact their local FSA office for more details or visit the national FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Economic Growth Threatened By Income Tax Politicians Wise Not to Mess With Texas' Taxes

By Jeff Judson

Hold on to your wallet if you ever hear someone tell you that a new state income tax will cost you less money than your current taxes.

A lot of people, including those at the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, are running around the state promoting a state income tax for Texas - telling us we will pay less taxes if we can deduct income taxes on our federal tax form.

Don't take the bait. Their claim has a nice ring to it; we all instinctively like the idea of a magic fix to our budgetary woes. But academic research the world over makes one thing absolutely, crystal clear; implementing an income tax is a prescription for economic disaster.

Want proof? Just compare the economies of states with income taxes with the nine U.S. states without one. You'll quickly notice that the no-income-tax states like Florida, Texas, and Nevada have much stronger economies and people moving into those states than those with income taxes.

In fact, according to Dr. Richard Vedder of Ohio University, over the past 10 years, almost 3 million American citizens moved from income tax states into non-income tax states like Texas. This is one of the great migrations in human history that has gone unnoticed by the liberal tax experts. It is equivalent to 1,000 people fleeing high tax states every day of the week except Sunday for the past 10 years.

These people and the companies that employ them moved into the Lone Star State to escape high taxes. Business after business certainly didn't go to the expense of relocating to get higher-quality TexMex food and see better football. They moved because Texas is a better place to do business.

Few people would consider New York to have much in common with Texas. Surprisingly, however, New York has an almost identical tax system as Texas. It is roughly the same size in terms of population, has generally the same property and sales tax rates. Yet Texas is in far better shape fiscally, has higher job growth, less unemployment, lower poverty, and our population is growing, not shrinking like New York. The difference? New York has an income tax that makes its tax burden much, much greater. Apparently, people in New York don't feel that government is worth what they are paying for it.

Right now, Texas has a relatively low tax burden. Study after study shows that lower taxes are associated with higher rates of economic growth. What's more, income taxes are closely associated with increased government spending, higher tax rates and larger deficits.

The dirty little secret about the income tax that you are not being told by progressive liberals is that it produces much more money for the government to spend than any other type of tax. Comparing the tax burdens of the various states over the past 40 years, Dr. Vedder found that states without an income tax saw their real tax burden increase by 10 percent over the period whereas states that implemented an income tax during that period saw their tax burden increase a whopping 37 percent.

No one can argue that a progressive income tax generates more revenue for the government than any other type of tax. This means less money earned by private citizens can be used for investing in their children's education, their health, their homes, their businesses, or to make capital available for others to invest. Instead, their hard earned dollars will be given to the government to spend on the latest political fad or program of dubious value.

Sadly, state legislatures of either political party are likely to spend whatever revenues are available. And more will be available from an income tax.

It is interesting to note that for Texas' neighbor to the north, the major fiscal debate is whether Oklahoma should reject their income tax and adopt a Texas-like tax system.

In order to stimulate growth, many there are saying, "Let's copy Texas!" Nothing is worth the economic harm an income tax will do to our economy.

I hope for the sake of the Lone Star State that the people and legislature turn a deaf ear to those who advocate income taxes, and instead work to reign in spending. Keep the tax system that has led to Texas' job growth and economic boom. Keep Texas in the forefront of economic advancement by keeping taxes low.

Put simply, there is no need for Texans to mess with income taxes.

(Jeff Judson is the president & CEO of the Texas Public Policy foundation. The Texas Public Policy foundation is a nonprofit research institute dedicated to the principles of limited government, free enterprise, private property rights, and individual responsibility. The work of the foundation is supported entirely through the contributions of charitable foundation, businesses and individuals who subscribe to these principles.)

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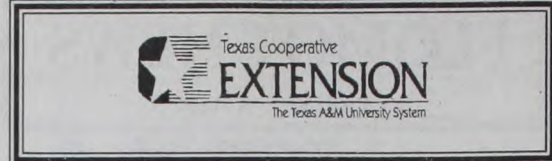
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## By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County Meats Color Influences Consumer Buying

Generally, consumers will not buy meat that appears discolored, even if it tastes, smells, and feels fresh. Because of this, the meat industry is always examining the conditions that can adversely affect color. Myoglobin is the main muscle protein responsible for color. The protein increases with an animal's age, which accounts for an older animal's lean meat appearing darker than younger lean meat. When meat does turn a different color, it is usually because of prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light, temperature change in retail cases, or bacterial growth. Stress conditions and the muscle's water-holding properties are also major contributing factors to discoloration. Although slightly discolored meat may not look as healthful in your supermarket's meat case, some discoloration is normal and shouldn't affect the meat's taste or nutritional value.

## By Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent, FCS 4-H Photography Contest Results

Junior (ages 8-10) and Intermediate (ages 11-12) Briscoe County 4-Hers Drew Reed and True Burson participated in the first annual Panhandle 4-H Photography Contest and Exhibit. The Panhandle 4-H Photo Exhibit was on display in the Quite Room at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the West Texas A&M University campus May 22-June 4. Senior (ages 14-18) Briscoe County 4-Hers Ty Reed, Scarlett Sperry, and Skylar Clifton submitted their photos for the state competition in College Station, which were displayed during Texas 4-H Roundup, June 11-13, at Texas A&M University. The contest and display allow 4-H youth to enter photographs in 16 categories and be recognized for their skill.

The photos are judged using the Photography Project Standards of Excellence and are awarded using the Danish Ribbon System (Blue-Excellent, Red-Good, White-Fair). At the District contest, True Burson received a red ribbon in the Junior Color People division, and Drew Reed received a red ribbon in the Intermediate Color Animals divisions. Scarlett Sperry received a white ribbon for her Black & White Animal Photo entry, a red ribbon for her Color Humor Photo entry, and a white ribbon for her Color People Photo entry. Skylar Clifton entered photos in the Color Flora/Plants division and in the Color Landscape/Scenic division and received a blue ribbon and a red ribbon, respectively. Ty Reed was awarded a red ribbon in the Color Animals division.

## 4-Hers Represent Briscoe County Well At Texas 4-H Roundup

Centennials should be celebrated in style, and that's exactly what happened at the 2002 Texas 4-H Roundup for this 100th anniversary year of 4-H in America. Approximately 3200 4-Hers from across the state gathered in College Station last week on the Texas A&M University campus to compete in the state competition of their respective contest.

Four Briscoe County participants advanced to this state competition. Scarlett Sperry, Ty Reed, and Zack Burson competed in the Horse Quiz Bowl contest sponsored by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and the Texas Quarter Horse Association. Skylar Clifton placed fifth in the Farm & Ranch Economics Method Demonstration competition sponsored by Stiles Farm Foundation. 4-Hers also had the opportunity to participate in three general assemblies, exhibits, and social activities.

## Briscoe County 4-Her Is Awarded \$4000 Scholarship

Skylar Clifton, Briscoe County 4-Her from Turkey, Tx, was awarded a \$4,000 Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Scholarship last week during Texas 4-H Roundup.

In 1959 at the Texas 4-H Roundup, the Texas 4-H Foundation presented its first Opportunity Scholarship, a \$1,000 award made possible by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. During the past 40+ years, the Opportunity Scholarship program has experienced tremendous growth thanks to the generous support and concern of organizations and individuals. These organizations and individuals believe in the Texas 4-H Program and, more importantly, they believe in the need to provide dedicated, hard-working Texas 4-H members with an opportunity to pursue their dream of obtaining an advanced degree and distinguishing themselves in productive careers that will provide benefits to society.

This year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program awarded 170 scholarships with a total value of over \$1,000,000. The scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$15,000.

The scholarship process includes filling out an application similar to a 4-H recordbook, then, if selected, going through an interview process. Selection is based on need, grades, ACT and SAT scores, and 4-H experience.

Skylar is a well deserving recipient of this 4-H scholarship. He has been a great leader in the Briscoe County 4-H Program participating in several projects including leadership, swine, food & nutrition, clothing, and recreation. He served as a Briscoe County 4-H Mentor, as County Council 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and as the District 4-H Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. He plans on attending Texas A&M at Commerce in the Fall and pursuing a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business.

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The application deadline is June 24, 2002.  
Grants range from \$3,000 to \$25,000, and must be used for compliance-related activities such as "sting" operations; random, unannounced inspections; education programs; and compliance reporting.  
For more information about the grants or about the application, call toll-free 1-888-783-7123 or go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/lga/tcg/leo/>.  
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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

By Laura Taylor

Sometimes you hear something and it makes you stop and wonder, "What in the world were they thinking?" Well here you go. What in the world were they thinking?

Crazy Texas Laws

Austin: It is illegal to carry wire cutters in your pocket. Beaumont: Collegiate football is banned at Lamar University. Borger: It is against the law to throw confetti, rubber balls, feather dusters, whips or quirts, and explosive firecrackers of any kind.

Clarendon: It is illegal to dust any public building with a feather duster.

El Paso: Churches, hotels, halls of assembly, stores, markets, banking rooms, railroad depots, and saloons are required to provide spittoons "of a kind and number to efficiently contain expectations into them."

Houston: Beer may not be purchased after midnight on a Sunday, but it may be purchased on Monday. It is also illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

Jasper: Dogs must be on a leash at ALL times. Fine of \$100. LeFors: It is illegal to take more than three swallows of beer while standing.

Lubbock County: It is illegal to drive within an arm's length of alcohol-including alcohol in someone else's blood stream. Mesquite: It is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.

Port Arthur: Obnoxious odors may not be emitted while in an elevator.

Richardson: It is now illegal to place a "for sale" sign on a car if it is visible from the street.

San Antonio: It is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands.

Temple: No one may ride a horse and buggy through the town square. But you can ride your horse in the saloon. And one law of special interest is that cattle thieves may be hanged on the spot.

Texarkana: Owners of horses may not ride them at night without tail lights.

HMMM... Finding Show Off-Road Vehicles In Riverbeds Ecologically Harmful

Motor vehicle use in Texas riverbeds is ecologically harmful and made worse by limited river access and few appropriate venues for Off Road Vehicles (ORV) in Texas, according to TPWD staff conclusions based on the work of the Motorized Vehicles in Navigable Streambeds Task Force.

The presentation noted that no state agency appears to have legal standing to regulate riverbed use by motor vehicles, so the issue may ultimately fall to the Texas Legislature to resolve. Two different Legislative committees have taken up the issue. The Joint Committee on Water Resources has already heard testimony and a subcommittee of the House Recreational Resources Committee will likely hold hearing this summer.

TPWD has been studying the issue with a 25 member task force composed of four main constituent groups- organized off-road motor vehicle groups, riverside property owners, local river users and conservation groups. State and local government agencies are also represented.

Several ORV groups represented on the task force dispute the conclusion that ORV activities harm ecosystems. They point out their Travel Lightly! program, which urges users to "Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted; Respect the rights of others to enjoy their activities undisturbed; Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners; permission to cross private property; Avoid streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, and wildlife and livestock; and Drive responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy my vehicle on your wild lands."

"There hasn't been enough scientific evidence brought forth to make an educated conclusion about the environmental impact of ORV use," said Carol Smith, American Motorcycle Association community council director, representing All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on the task force.

One finding of the task force was that there is limited public access and lack of existing venues for ORV use, which magnifies the problem in Texas by concentrating activity in certain locations. ATV representative Smith agrees, saying "If there were more off-highway vehicle parks in Texas, then a lot of the riverbed usage would cease altogether."

Commissioners were also told that the lack of a straight forward and simple means of delineating boundaries between private and public lands (current approaches rely on gradient boundary and navigability) aggravates the situation.

Task force details, including letters and reports provided by various members, are available on-line at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/taskforceportwebpage.htm

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28th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo Will Be July 12th & 13th

The 28th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo will be held at the Old Settler's Arena in Roaring Springs on July 12 and 13. The Junior Rodeo is sponsored annually by the Motley County 4-H. There will be two rodeo performances. The Friday night performance will begin at 7 p.m. The Saturday night performance will begin at 4 p.m. Rodeo books will close at 5 p.m. on July 8.

Saddles will be awarded to the All Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Justin Walker Spurs will be given to the All Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division (ages 13-15). A set of Justin Walker Bits will be awarded to the All Around Boy and Girl in the Pee Wee Division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 & under) for the All Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles will also be awarded for first place in each event for all age divisions.

The events for the Rodeo are: Barrel Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway, Straight-Away, Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Steer Daubing, Calf Riding and Steer Riding.

For more information or entry blanks, feel free to contact Debbie Shaw, Rodeo Secretary, (806) 347-2083, or call the Motley County Extension office at (806) 347-2733.

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State Water Planning Out Of Sync With Texans' Beliefs

When it comes to meeting the state's water needs for the next fifty years, Texans prefer a much different approach than the new State Water Plan proposes.

According to a statewide poll commissioned by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF)- and conducted by The Tarrance Group, Inc., a national polling firm, most Texas voters strongly favor implementing water conservation efforts before expensive dams and pipelines are built.

"Texas is getting ready to spend billions of dollars on environmentally devastating projects that in many cases frankly, aren't necessary," Susan Kaderka, Director of NWF's Austin office said. "Texans overwhelmingly want us to focus first on meeting water needs through conservation."

"The survey results show that the new State Water Plan is seriously at odds with what Texans want. That is particularly true when it comes to conserving water and protecting fish and wildlife. Texans want a plan that leaves enough water in streams and rivers to support healthy fish and wildlife populations," Kaderka said.

Among the survey's findings: \*Almost all Texas voters (93%) say it is important for Texas to provide adequate protection for rivers, bays and wildlife as it plans for water needs for the next fifty years. The current State Water Plan does not even recognize wildlife or the environment as a category of water use to be considered in planning efforts.

\*By a 2-1 margin (54%-27%) voters would prefer that a city adopt water conservation measures as opposed to building new dams and pipelines. The State Water Plan relies heavily on the construction of dams and pipelines. It recommends few municipal conservation steps beyond the minimal ones already required by a 1991 law that imposed standards for new plumbing fixtures.

\*76% of Texas voters favor limits on the amount of groundwater that can be pumped from an underground aquifer to help ensure water is available for future generations. For large areas of the state, the Plan recommends strategies that would deplete or even exhaust existing groundwater supplies.

\*91% of Texas voters believe water supply projects should be proven to be cost-effective to qualify for state funding. Nothing in state law ensures that state funding will go to the most cost-effective method to meet a community's water needs.

"It is disappointing that a process so important to the future of Texas has gone in a direction so dramatically opposed to what Texans prefer," Kaderka said. "The vast majority of Texans (78%) haven't even heard of the new planning process, which is intended to be a 'grass roots' process. We recognize that this is just the first round of planning using the new process and that we are all still learning how to make it work. The silver lining here is that if the Legislature, the Water Development Board, and planning groups listen to what Texans are saying before we rush to implement costly and damaging recommendations, there is still time to turn this ship around." According to Kaderka the legislature can correct the course of water planning by doing four things:

- 1. Ensuring that meaningful water conservation measures are actually implemented before dam and pipeline projects are funded or authorized; 2. Explicitly recognizing wildlife and the environment as a category of water use to be provided for in the State Water Plan; 3. Requiring that preference in state funding be given to the most cost-effective methods of meeting a region or community's water needs; and 4. Establishing a state-wide management goal of limiting groundwater pumping to sustainable yield and retiring the outdated rule of capture.

"It is clear that Texans care about our natural heritage," Kaderka said. "And we call upon our lawmakers to ensure the water policy in Texas reflects Texas values by protecting that heritage. Currently it does not."

The poll was conducted as part of an outreach campaign by the National Wildlife Federation and other public interest groups to educate Texans about the water planning process and how they can affect its direction. Summaries of poll results can be viewed at www.texaswatermatters.org

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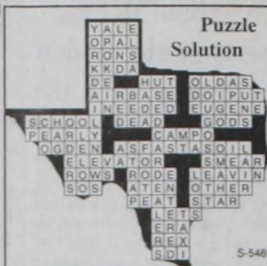
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