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Star Hotel, Silverton, Texas — January 1, 1910.



Alec Jones and Sons. Paul, Doc, Glenn and John — Grocery store owned by Tom A. Northcutt and Alec Jones (brothers-in-law).

Both of the above photos of early life in Briscoe County taken from Briscoe County's 'Footprints in Time'.

## Briscoe County To Hold 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration August 13-14

The 112th Birthday Celebration and Rodeo will be held August 13th and 14th at Silverton, Texas. There will be arts & craft vendors at the Briscoe County Court House Shelter along with music off and on all day. The parade will begin at 10:30 A.M. and the Bar-B-Que at 12:30 P.M.

Rodeo performances will start at 8:00 P.M. Friday, August 13th and go through Saturday August 14th. There will be a dance each night following the rodeo with Friday night music provided by DJ Jeff Smith, and Saturday night music by the Blue Denim Band. Dance starts at 9:00 P.M. and runs till 1:00 A.M.

The Silverton School Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday 14th, and registration is at 1:00 at the Silverton High School. All exes are urged to attend.

The Dedication of the newly constructed Briscoe County Veterans Monument will be at the Briscoe County Court House at 4:00 P.M. All Briscoe County Veterans and residents are invited to attend the dedication ceremony. For more information on the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration please contact Alton Riddell at 806-847-2528 or Leon Lavy at 806-823-2061.

## Valley Calendar of Events

- August 1**  
\* Gasoline's Homecoming Reunion
- August 2**  
\* Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m.  
Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.  
\* 2-A-Days' begin for Valley Football Players @ 5 p.m.  
\* Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 12 noon
- August 3**  
\* Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.  
\* Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.  
\* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.  
\* Do Gooders Club meeting  
\* Silverton Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 7 p.m.  
\* Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.
- August 4**  
\* Highway 70 Association meeting @ 7 p.m.

**Attention**

**Valley Football Players**

**"Two-a-Days Begin August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5 p.m." Be There! ~Coach**

## Reminder Of Possibility Of Counter-Cyclical Overpayments

Hall County producers received a letter on May 3, 2004 from Kansas City of the possibilities of 2003 Counter-Cyclical overpayments.

According to FSA in Memphis, "CCC issues advance counter-cyclical program payments when the target price for the commodity exceeds the projected effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of the national average price received by producers during the 12 month marketing year or the loan rate. CCC issued first advance counter-cyclical payment for wheat, corn, sorghum, cotton, rice and peanuts in October 2003. CCC issued second advance payment for rice and peanuts in February 2004. Advance counter-cyclical payments were not issued for soybeans, barley, oats and oilseeds."

"If market prices continue near current levels, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the 2003 counter-cyclical payments you received for some crops," a spokesperson stated. "Final counter-cyclical payment rate will be calculated and the amount you will be required to refund, if any, will be determined according to the following schedule."

July 2004 - for wheat  
September 2004 - for peanuts

October 2004 - for corn, sorghum, and upland cotton  
February 2005 - for rice

If you wish for additional information in this matter you may visit FSA's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farmland/default.asp>.

## Turkey Jamboree, The Place To Be On Saturday Night, August 7

The next Turkey Jamboree will be held August 07, beginning at 7 p.m. in the GEM THEATER in downtown Turkey. The Jamboree is filled with great country and gospel music by some of the best performers on the Rolling Plains. This monthly event which is fast becoming 'the place to be on Saturday night' is a long-time favorite of locals and is fast becoming "the spot" for out-of-towners looking to slow down and enjoy a good old-fashioned Saturday evening of fun.

This month the "Turkey Texas Trio", consisting of Gary Johnson, Don Turner and Michael Grace will be a new feature and one that is sure to get your toes tapping. Jamie and Kelsy Timmons of Guthrie will be returning and are always among the favorites of the attendees. Ken Wilson of Memphis and Clarendon College is certainly a treat that you won't want to miss!!! Smokey Binion of Stinnett will be a 'Surprise' performer for the evening. The house band "Turkey Gems" are always very good entertainment. Included in the "Turkey Gems" are locals Pat Seigler of Matador, Jimmie Adams of Clarendon, Lucy Dean Record of Lockney, Cliff and Joy Stodghill of Silverton, Cecil White of Plainview, Benny Brown of Quitaque, and last but not least, our very own Louis and Oleta Randell of Turkey.

The building is air conditioned and this should be a very pleasant and enjoyable Jamboree.

The Quitaque Masons will be serving a Hamburger supper before the Jamboree beginning at 6 p.m. Do come on over to Turkey, bring a friend and enjoy the evening!!!!!!

## Plains Trail Preservation Workshop November 3-4

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) continues in its efforts to reach people closer to home by providing expert advice and establishing new connections among preservationists as part of its 2004 Regional Workshop series.

Last year, Texans attended events in six different regions around the state, participating in interactive discussions, informative lectures and interesting walking tours in various Texas communities. Upcoming events for this year include: The Plains Regional Workshop in Shamrock, November 3-4.

For more information about the workshop, call the THC at 512/463-6100 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).



Enedina Valdez discussing school activities with Pete Laney at his office in the State Capitol in Austin.

## Valdez Attends FCCLA State Training In Austin

Enedina Valdez, a senior from Valley High School and State Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Vice President of Recreation, attended the State Leadership Training in Austin the week of June 6 - 11. While in Austin, Enedina met with the other state officers and executive council members and planned the state meeting for next April, 2005. They decided on a theme of, "FCCLA: It's Your Move". The officers were responsible for planning the time schedule, the events, the scripts, the Star Event contest, and the small group meetings for the entire 3 day period of the state meeting. Enedina will be responsible for the energizers during the meetings and the Friday evening activity.

Learning to write business letters, give speeches, public speaking, and working with the public were the topics of the leadership training. Enedina was able to use these new skills as the state and region officers met with their representatives at the Texas State Capitol. She was able to discuss school activities with Pete Laney at his office and he told about the workings of the legislature.

Enedina was accompanied by her FCCLA advisor, Kathryn Taylor. The advisors helped coordinate the committee work of the students and were also given the task of working on the Family, Career and Community Leaders session that will be given at the Texas State Family and Consumer Sciences meeting later this summer.

**ATTENTION**  
**GASOLINE'S**  
**HOMECOMING REUNION**  
**Will BE**  
**AUGUST 1, 2004**

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## TURKEY TALK

By Martha Bradshaw

Sis Stephens went to Amarillo to the podiatrist Wednesday. Spent the night Tuesday with her sister Annie Block. They were joined by Betty Jean Williams.

John & Maebelle Francis of Silverton, and Nadine Davis visited with Louis & Oleta Randell Thursday night.

Jan & Joy Turner had a long weekend in San Jan and Tucumcari, New Mexico, where they attended his cousin reunion. There was 65 cousins ranging in ages 8mos. to 93 years and spanning 5 generations. The Turner took the back roads and visited several flea-markets, antique stores and garage sales while going & coming.

Louis & Oleta Randell were in Childress Saturday.

Nadine Davis went to Childress Sunday. to Meet Freddy & Carol Watson, & Darrell & Patricia Watson from Houston, Calvin Morgan, Childress & Alexis Morgan from Boise, Id. in the Ardice & Curtis Morgan home.

## This Week's Movie In Review

### The Passion of the Christ

2 hrs. 06 min.

This film tells the story of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus (Caviezel), on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem. This film's script is based upon several sources, including the diaries of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824) as collected in the book, "The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ", "The Mystical City of God" by St. Mary of Agreda, and the New Testament books of John, Luke, Mark and Matthew.

**MPAA Rating:** R for sequences of graphic violence.

**Starring:** James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Rosalinda Celentano, Sergio Rubini, Mattia Sbragia



Hello to all of you there in Quitaque!! It is good to back home again!!

Did you know that 39 days is too long to stay away from home?? I think Jack was even glad to have me back!! We were married 48 years on July 12 and that is the longest we've been separated since we met. It is funny how when you have changed places three times, that when you wake up in the night, you are not sure where you are!! I traveled almost 7000 miles in the time I was gone. I got to do lots of things and it was wonderful. The best thing though, is getting to be with your family. That makes all the difference.

Theta Holt told me that she makes a Shockey Pie. She says it is delicious. It is made with plum jelly.

The Gospel lighthouse will begin revival on August 15 with Singer Fred Goldsmith from Lubbock. Everyone is invited to attend. And by the way,

I have heard that our own Sylvia Hill is a great preacher!! In fact, she will be preaching this Thursday night at 7 p.m. Let's go hear her!!

Bud and Glenda Couch and Mary Ann and Marve went to Canton Lake in Oklahoma last weekend. They planned to take ice chests and fill them with fish.

First Baptist Church has invited Pastor Chad King to preach for us on Sunday, August 1 in view of a call. We look forward to hearing Chad and have been praying for 11 months for the Lord to send us His man. You too are invited to come.

I've got lots to tell you about my trip. Stay tuned!! Praise the Lord with gladness, enter His courts with praise!! Have a great week!!

The Gospel Lighthouse will have a singing under the shelter at the courthouse on Saturday night, August 14 at 7 p.m.

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the path of the weak, becomes a stepping stone in the path of the strong.

- Thomas Carlyle

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### Turkey

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Daniel Jenkins  
Colvin Morrison

### Elsewhere

Darrell Cruse - Flomot  
Tom Farris - Floydada  
Joyce Smith - Roaring Springs

## July Non-Local Subscriptions Due

~ \$24<sup>00</sup> ~

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Dale McBee - Amarillo  
Larry Bob Clay - Panhandle  
Terrie Tarpley - Panhandle  
Murry Morrison - Lubbock  
Jay Hawkins - El Paso  
Cheryl Cooper - Murchison  
Joletta Johnson - Ft Worth  
L.D. Richmond - Cypress  
Clifford Montgomery - Houston  
Austine Clark - Jal NM

### VALLEY WEATHER

DATE	HI	LO	PREC
JULY 22	96	67	.....
JULY 23	96	67	.....
JULY 24	91	67	.47
JULY 25	76	63	.20
JULY 26	64	58	.12
JULY 27	78	59	.....
JULY 28	78	68	.....

The most predictable thing about the stock market is the number of experts who take credit for it.

- Dave Weinbaum

There is nothing inherently wrong with a brain in your 90's. If you keep it feed and interested, it will last you very well.

- Mary Stoneman Douglas

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- July 29**  
Brenda Ortiz, Donna Hamilton, Roland Hamilton, Deloy Myers
- July 30**  
Belinda Gearn, Tory Cagle
- July 31**  
Carlton Hearn, George R. Colvin, Alvin Williams, J.C. Pigg, Bill Rucker, Troy Scoggins, Ross Herrington, Victoria Cagle
- August 1**  
Rusty Henson, Jana Merrell, Torrey Brooke Fuston, Jackie Jenkins
- August 2**  
Deloris Pigg
- August 3**  
James Green, Beth Mills
- August 4**  
Ryan Smith, Kyle Fuston, Lacey Skinner
- August 5**  
Henrietta Scoggins, Donna Rucker, Gerald Carnes, Sidney Morgan

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- July 29**  
Mr & Mrs Dean Mullin
- July 30**  
Mr & Mrs Daniel Jenkins
- July 31**  
Mr & Mrs Jimmy Davidson
- August 1**  
Mr & Mrs Joe Edd Helms  
Mr & Mrs Randy Fuston
- August 4**  
Mr & Mrs Clint Townsley
- August 5**  
Mr & Mrs Clinton Pigg

## Obituaries

### Raul H Alaniz

Raul H. Alaniz, age 48, of Vernon, Texas, died Friday, July 23, 2004 in Vernon, Texas.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Vernon with Rev. Vernon traylor officiating. Interment was in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Raul was born October 18, 1955 in Floydada, Texas. He was the son of Pablo R. Alaniz and Rosita Honesto Alaniz of Vernon, Texas. He married Natalie Herrera on February 28, 1975 in Vernon, Texas. Raul was a productin supervisor at Rhodia. He was a member of the Fire Brigade and Union Stewart at Rhodia. Lifetime resident of Vernon and a member of New Life Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Pablo and Rosita of Vernon; wife, Natalie of Vernon; daughter, Marie Nicole of Vernon; son, Raul H. Jr. of Vernon; 2 sisters, Blanca Chavez and Anita Navarro both of Wichita Falls; 5 brothers, Edward, Tommy, Johnny M. Alaniz, and Julio Cuellar all of Vernon, Alex Ray of Quanah; and 2 grandchildren.

### Abbie Cate Stark

Abbie Cate Stark, infant daughter of Desiree Garrett and Brandon Stark of Amarillo, died Monday, July 19, 2004.

Services were held Thursday, July 22, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Quitaque with the Rev. Jeff Addison officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque by Cox Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Madison Silva of Amarillo; two brothers, Brady Stark of Lubbock and Gage Garrett of Amarillo; her grandparents, Lyn Rowland of Amarillo, Donna and Roland Hamilton and Scotty and Sandra Stark, all of Quitaque; and her great-grandparents, Iris Busby of Amarillo, Mary Stark of Nacogdoches and Lavonia Mullin of Turkey.

The family suggests memorials be to American SIDS Institute, 509 Augusta Drive, Marietta, GA 30067.

Somehow throughout much of life, being old seems to be something that happens to other people. - Maggie Scarf

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Donnie Rogers h... 18 at his home. Fr... soft drinks and add... homemade ice crea... nished by Judy and... from a fishing and... joyed a colorful d... Those enjoyin... Tommy Beck an... Cruse of Flomot an... Tally, and Teah P... Rogers of Williams... Judy and Donnie C...  
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Mrs. Ruth Lee a... of Turkey to Coven... day where she had... report.  
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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

A positive attitude and a sense of humor go together like biscuits and gravy. Being happy is a blessing. Friends, family, work, laughter, prayer and love add up to joy, for you, for me and anyone.

## FISH FRY SUPPER

Donnie Rogers hosted a fish fry supper Sunday night, July 18 at his home. French fries, cole slaw, potato salad with soft drinks and adding to the delicious meal were freezers of homemade ice cream. The halibut fish on the menu was furnished by Judy and Donnie Cruse who had returned recently from a fishing and vacation trip to Alaska. They also enjoyed a colorful display of fireworks.

Those enjoying the cordial gathering were Roger Cruse, Tommy Beck and son, Author of Turkey; Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and her houseguests, grandchildren, Tory, Tally, and Teah Patton of Silverton; Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia; Jack and Nada Starkey, Judy and Donnie Cruse, B. and Howard Rogers of Flomot.

## IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Iona Lane of Turkey, sister of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, was removed by the Jaws of Life and air lifted to the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following a recent three vehicle accident near Estelline. She is listed in serious condition with a laceration to the back of her head, foot and leg injuries. Her husband, Boyd Lane escaped serious injury. Their pickup was declared a total loss.

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Luncheon guests last Sunday of B. and Howard Rogers were son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock. Ronnie is recovering just fine following serious eye surgery.

Lori and Kevon Kleibrink of Clifton visited Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and accompanied home their children, Kyler and Karlee who visited here the past two weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Lee accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Teresa Lee of Turkey to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Thursday where she had a cerebral angiogram. She received a good report.

Trula and Wilburn Martin, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Mrs. Geneva martin visited in Granbury, Monday with Nita and Ervin Merritt. Tuesday, they visited in Keller with Mrs. Irene Morris, a former Flomot and Tulia resident, who had recent surgery. They enjoyed lunch at the famous Babe's Fried Chicken Restaurant in Roanoke that serves around 500 customers a day. En route home, Wednesday they visited in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss.

Mrs. B. Rogers, son, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia visited Saturday in Calgary with Donna Sue and Stanley Degan. Other guest were Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and son, Seth of Lubbock and Shawa and Jake Abernathy of Abilene.

## ATTEND FUNERAL

Guests and relatives visiting in the home of Linda and Travis Kendall and Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob and attending the funeral services of Linda's father, Richard March held July 21st at the United Methodist Church in Quitaque were her sister and family, Mrs. Robin Kordecki, Kimberly, Dustin and Frances, Mrs. Carrie Hydra and daughter, Emily of Los Angeles, Calif.; Lydia and Mary March of Westminster, Calif.; Tommy Mustan and daughter, Glenna of Durham, North Carolina; Pat and Wayne Mendes, Michael and Alisha of Oklahoma City; Dave and Barbara March and daughter, Sherline of Hermitage, Missouri; Joe and Janell Jordon of Rush Springs, Okla.; Vic Burgess of Corinth; Tony and Maria March of Prescott, Arkansas; Cory and Janet Kendall, Connor and Chancey of Midland and Eddie March of Glenco, Okla.

## NALL-FOLLEY FAMILY REUNION

The Nall-Folley family reunion was held Saturday and Sunday at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock. They enjoyed renewing memories, meeting new family members and good meals.

Among the hundred that attended from New Mexico, Colorado, California, and Texas were Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot and their houseguests, her sister and daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Ballinger and Mrs. Judith Beard of Fortuna, California; Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock.

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Four things come not back - the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life and the neglected opportunity. -Arabian proverb

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## Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

A great way to use any of the produce in your garden is fancy sounding but easy to fix Pasta Primavera. I have two versions, one hot and one cold, that will be a nice addition to your summer menus. Good and good for you!

## Pasta Primavera

Hot:

- 2 cups shelled peas
  - 1-1/2 cups broccoli, cut into small florets
  - 2 cups diced yellow squash or zucchini (or mixture of both)
  - 1 cup diced carrots
  - 1 cup cherry tomatoes
  - 3 tablespoons butter
  - 1-1/2 cup heavy cream
  - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 pound thin pasta such as fettucini, linguini, or spaghetti Salt and pepper
- Separately blanch peas, broccoli, squash, and carrots until barely tender. Drain and set aside. Sauté cherry tomatoes for 1-2 minutes in 1 tablespoon butter; set aside. Heat cream, Parmesan cheese, and remaining butter together; keep warm. Cook pasta in boiling salted water until just tender. Drain and place in large pan, add cream mixture and 1/4 of the blanched vegetables. Cook for 1-2 minutes, tossing gently until nice and hot. Season with salt and pepper, turn out onto a platter and top with remaining vegetables and cherry tomatoes. Serve with additional Parmesan cheese. Serves 4 to 8, depending on whether it's a main dish or a side dish.

For a calorie-reduced version, heat blanched vegetables quickly in 1/3 cup oil or butter. Pour over drained hot pasta, toss and season. Also, substitute vegetables such as beans or asparagus for any other.

Cold:

- 2 cups shelled peas
  - 2 cups broccoli florets
  - 3/4 pound squash or zucchini
  - 1 cup diced tomatoes
  - 1 cup peeled, diced cucumbers
  - 1/2 pound thin pasta
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - Salt and pepper
  - 1 cup mayonnaise, thinned with 2 tablespoons vinegar
- Separately blanch peas and broccoli until tender. Drain well, run under cold water. Blanch whole squash just until tender, cool and cut into 1/4 inch pieces. Toss with tomatoes and cucumbers; set aside. Cook pasta in boiling salted water until just barley tender. Drain and run briefly under cold water. Drain, place in a mixing bowl, and coat with olive oil. Add the vegetables, and mayonnaise dressing, salt and pepper; toss. Serves 4-8 as a side dish.

The following sauce is a thick, mild sauce good on pasta, meats, or stuffed vegetables.

- Creole Sauce
  - 1/2 cup olive oil
  - 3 cups thinly sliced onions
  - 3 cups thinly sliced peppers
  - 3 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
  - 3 tablespoons sugar
  - 1 teaspoon allspice
  - 1/2 cup wine vinegar
  - 4 cups peeled, seeded, and chopped ripe tomatoes
- In a saucepan, heat the oil and cook onions, peppers and mushrooms until wilted but not brown. Add the remaining ingredients and simmer for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Makes about 4 cups.

Store tomatoes for daily use between 55° and 80°. Refrigerate only extra-ripe tomatoes you want to keep from further ripening. Bring back to room temperature before serving. If tomatoes need to ripen, place them in a covered plastic bowl with holes drilled in the lid. Cover traps the natural ethylene gas and holes let air and moisture escape. God Bless America!

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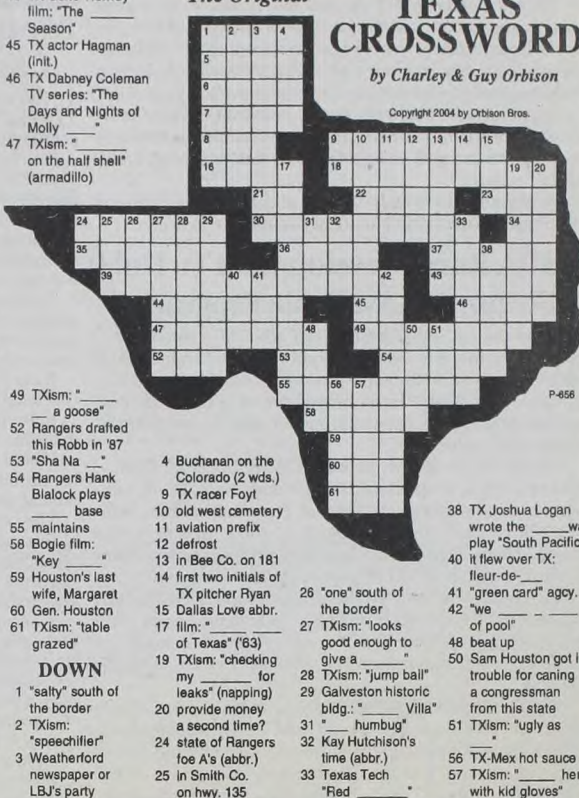
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- unit of matter
- "\_\_\_ Holiday"
- TXism: "he'd be unarmed in \_\_\_ of wits"
- TX Patrick Swayze role on "North and South": \_\_\_ Main
- this TX "Ivory" sang "Since I Met You Baby"
- Ojajuwon's initials when at UH
- evangelist Roberts
- affirmative vote in a TX city council
- TXism: "just \_\_\_ chicken has wings don't mean it can fly"
- Houston's Texas Commerce bldg. is world's largest of this type (2 wds.)
- Lago, TX
- this James was Marshal Matt Dillon
- Maverick guard Steve
- TXism: "let's put all the cards on the \_\_\_"
- TXism: "his \_\_\_ always burning" (friendly)
- TXism: "they took everything but the \_\_\_ my lungs" (robbed)

## The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue. - George Horne

Only those who have patience to do the simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily. - John Friedrich von Schiller

Patience is the companion of wisdom - St. Augustine  
Have patience and the mulberry leaf will become satin. - Spanish proverb

# Valley's School Supply List



## Pre-Kindergarten Supply List

- 1 - Pkg #2 Pencils
- 2 - Crayons (8 Ct.)
- 2 - Glue Sticks (Lg.)
- 1 - Scissors (Blunt)
- 1 - Washable Markers
- 1 - Box Kleenex
- 6 - Folders (Pockets & Brads)
- 1 - Spiral Notebook
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags (Qt.)
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags (Gal.)
- 1 - School Glue
- 1 - Pkg. Glossy Photo Paper
- Surprise Bag Treats

## Kindergarten Supply List

- 2 - Pkg #2 Pencils
- 3 - Crayons (8 Ct.)
- 1 - Washable Markers
- 3 - Folders (Pockets & Brads)
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags (Gal.)
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags (Qt.)
- 3 - Glue Sticks (Lg.)
- 1 - School Glue
- 1 - Scissors
- Sleeping Mat
- Prizes for Treat Box

## 1st Grade Supply List

- 1 - Pkg. #2 Pencils
- 2 - Crayons (8 Ct.)
- 1 - Crayons (Any Size)
- 1 - Scissors
- 1 - Glue Stick
- 1 - Eraser
- 1 - Tablet of Paper
- 1 - School Supply Box (Sm.)
- 2 - Box Kleenex
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags
- 2 - Folders (Brads)
- 2 - Folders (Pockets)
- Clear Ruler (Inches & Metric)
- 50 Pennies
- 1 - Index Box
- 1 - Washable Markers
- 1 - Pkg. Photo Paper (Sm.)
- 2 - Red Pencils
- Surprise Bag Goodies
- Picture of Child

## 2nd Grade Supply List

- 1 - Pkg #2 Pencils
- 1 - Eraser
- 1 - Crayons
- 1 - Washable Markers
- 1 - Scissors (Sharp)
- 1 - Clear Ruler (Inches/Metric)
- 1 - Glue Stick
- 1 - School Glue
- 2 - Red Pens or Pencils
- 1 - Pocket Folder
- 1 - Composition Notebook
- 1 - Index Box
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags
- 2 - Kleenex
- 1 - School Supply Box
- 50 Pennies & 20 Dimes
- Backpack (optional)
- Surprise Box Goodies

## 3rd Grade Supply List

- 1 - Pkg. #2 Pencils
- 1 - Crayons
- 2 - Kleenex
- 1 - Scissors (Sharp)
- 1 - Ruler (Inches/Metric)
- 1 - Glue Stick (Lg.)
- 2 - Black Pens
- 2 - Red Pens
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags
- 2 - Notebook Paper
- 1 - Toothbrush
- 1 - Tube Toothpaste

## 4th Grade Supply List

- 2 - Pkg. #2 Pencils
- 1 - Crayons
- 2 - Magic Markers
- 3 - Kleenex
- 1 - Map Colors
- 1 - Scissors (Sharp)
- 1 - Spiral Notebook
- 1 - Ruler (Inches/Metric)
- 1 - Glue Stick (Lg.)
- 1 - Supply Box
- 1 - Pkg Black Pens
- 3 - Red Pens
- 8 - Folders (Pockets & Brads)
- Trapper Keeper (optional)
- 1 - Box Ziplock Bags
- 2 - Notebook Paper (wide ruled)
- \$8 for Photo Supplies
- \* Students must have shorts, T-shirts, tennis shoes and deodorant for P.E. everyday.



## 5th Grade Supply List

- 1 - Pkg. #2 Pencils
  - 2 - Black or Blue Pens
  - 1 - Crayons
  - 1 - Magic Markers
  - 1 - Map Colors
  - 1 - Ruler (inches/metric)
  - 1 - School Glue
  - 1 - Glue Stick
  - 7 - Folders (pockets)
  - 1 - Spiral Notebook
  - 1 - Trapper Keeper
  - 1 - Scissors
  - 1 - Erasers
  - 2 - Notebook Paper
  - 2 - Kleenex
  - 1 - Antibacterial Hand Gel
  - \* Remember your P.E. Clothes
- ## Reading/English Grades 6-7-8 School Supplies
- Notebook Paper
  - Pens - Red, Black & Blue
  - Pencils
  - Highlighters
  - Map Colors, Markers or Crayons
  - 2 - Folders (brads)
  - 2 - Spiral Notebook (1 subject)
  - 1 - Kleenex



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### Late-Season Cotton Marketing Workshop Set For Aug. 3

A late-season cotton marketing workshop slated in early August will provide producers an update on the current market situation, hedging and counter-cyclical farm program payments.

The workshop is slated for Aug. 3, from 3-7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. The center is 1/2 mile east of Interstate 27 on FM 1294.

"Carl Anderson will lead this workshop. This will be his last appearance in Lubbock," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "Dr. Anderson announced his retirement earlier this year after serving the Texas and U.S. cotton industry for many years as an Extension cotton marketing specialist.

"He will look back over the past few months in his market update, and discuss how the market has changed. This is particularly important now, as cotton producers are currently operating in an export dominated market. We will also discuss hedging strategies for price or for counter-cyclical payments."

American State Bank will provide a meal for workshop participants. Registration costs \$15 per person. Registration by Aug. 1 is encouraged, to help facilitate meal planning, Smith said.

To register, call Wendy Durrett at the Lubbock center at (806) 746-6101, or email Smith at j-smith34@tamu.edu.

### USDA Rural Development To Hold Forum On Available Programs

Bryan Daniel, State Director For Texas USDA Rural Development recently announced a forum to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development. The forum will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum for Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum counties will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2004, 10 a.m. at the Wayland Baptist University, Nunn Auditorium (corner of Harry Igo Blvd. and 6th Street) Plainview, Texas.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multifamily housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas," said Daniel.

USDA Rural development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA rural Development in Lubbock at 806-785-5644, ext. 4.

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Before I met my husband, I'd never fallen in love, though I'd stepped in it a few times.

~ Rita Rudner

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### Motorists & Farm Equipment Can Share The Road Safely

The 2004 crop season is in full swing. That means motorists traveling Texas highways and rural roads may find themselves sharing the road with the large, slow-moving farm equipment.

As a result, motorists should keep both eyes on road and traffic conditions, learn how to identify slow-moving equipment and give it a wide berth whenever possible, said David Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension farm safety specialist.

Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions between motorists and farm equipment.

Farmers are very busy at this time of year, and they often have to move their equipment along the road. Motorists who encounter this situation should remember they have a limited time to slow down or pass.

A car traveling 55 miles per hour can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 miles per hour in about five seconds. At 65 miles per hour, that time drops to about four seconds, Smith noted.

"Texas motorists should be especially cautious when traveling on hilly roads, in bad weather and during the dim hours around dawn and sunset," Smith said.

They should also be aware that the most common farm vehicle accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle makes a left turn after the motorist behind begins to pass. Texas motorists can avoid that and other potentially dangerous encounters with slow-moving vehicles by following these driving tips:

- Recognize and respect the slow-moving vehicle emblem - the triangular fluorescent orange emblem bordered in red. When you see one, slow down as if you are approaching a stoplight.
- Watch for hand signals. Don't assume that a slow-moving vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is going to let you pass. Make sure the driver sees you before you try to pass.
- Slow down when you see a slow-moving vehicle's flashing turn signal.
- Keep your distance. Most farm equipment travels less than 25 miles per hour in road gear.
- Be patient. Driving a tractor at high speed is dangerous. It's not easy for the operator to move aside to let you pass, especially when road shoulders are questionable.
- Always make sure the road ahead and behind is clear before you pass. Don't depend on the driver to wave you around.
- If you spot something up ahead that isn't another car or truck, slow down immediately and proceed cautiously. That's the safest way to share the road with slow-moving equipment," Smith said. "Don't pull out in front of a slow-moving farm vehicle - such as a tractor pulling a grain cart - and then stop or slow down rapidly. Farm equipment cannot stop or slow down as quickly as an automobile."

At the same time, farmers and farm workers should make sure their equipment is safe for road travel by checking the steering and brakes frequently. They should drive defensively when moving slow-moving equipment from site to site and make every effort possible to increase their visibility on the road, Smith said.

They should install clean slow-moving vehicle emblems on all their equipment and replace those that are faded or worn. New, self-adhesive emblems are now available to ease this chore.

Marking slow-moving equipment with reflective tape is another good idea. Use yellow reflective tape on the front and sides, and apply red or fluorescent orange tape to the back of equipment. Always turn on your amber flashing lights when traveling on the road, and allow extra time and distance when you cross or pull onto highways and roads, Smith said.

"Be courteous. Let oncoming traffic pass before you move your equipment onto the road. After you get moving, stay alert for curves, dips and intersections, and keep an eye on the traffic around you," he said. "Drive slowly and allow more braking or stopping distance when pulling equipment that isn't equipped with independent brakes.

"Lock your tractor's brake pedals together before you pull onto a public road. This helps prevent unintentional hard right or left turns if you have to stop quickly."

Try to avoid driving equipment on uneven road surfaces, where the left wheels are on the pavement and the right wheels are on a loose-surface shoulder. Driving in this manner increases the risk of an over-turn, he said.

Use turn signals or hand signals, and be extremely cautious when you have to make a wide left turn from the road. And if possible, don't drive slow-moving equipment on the road when visibility is restricted by bad weather such as rain or fog, or in the dim hours near dusk or dawn, Smith said.

Cotton

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News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### Cotton Issues Top Washington News

Center stage has been a busy place in Washington, DC during the month of July with the usual jumble of individuals and issues vying for the spotlight.

For cotton the top candidates for attention have been consideration of the House of Representatives FY05 Agriculture spending bill, development of the U.S. appeal of the WTO's Brazil/cotton decisions, and efforts to gain improvements in the federal crop insurance programs.

#### House Approves Agriculture Spending Bill

As Congress completes its last legislative week before their month-long August recess, a large number of important issues remain unresolved. For those in agriculture the most critical issue on the table is the 2005 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The process did move forward slightly last week when the House of Representatives approved its version of the FY05 spending bill. The agriculture appropriations bill is the seventh of 13 spending bills acted on by the House to date.

With no action on a Senate version of the Agriculture Appropriations measure, it appears the Congress will add agriculture to the growing list of unfinished spending bills.

High Plains Congressmen Randy Neugebauer, Charlie Stenholm and Mac Thornberry all voted for the legislation that provides \$16.77 billion in discretionary funding for FY05 on top of \$66.746 billion in mandatory spending. The final vote passing the Bill was an overwhelming 389-31.

In the House bill conservation programs were funded at the following FY05 levels: Conservation Reserve Program, authorized for full funding estimated at \$1.9 billion; Environmental Quality Incentives Program, capped at \$1.01 billion; Conservation Security Program, capped at \$194 million; Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, capped at \$60 million; and Wetlands Reserve Program, capped at \$248 million.

While the House approved budget did trim back some of the intended spending increases originally called for in the 2002 Farm Bill, major Farm Bill provisions such as payments limitations were left untouched during the legislation's consideration by the Budget Committee or during consideration on the House floor.

#### Crop Insurance Hearing Highlights Important Issues

House Agriculture Committee members heard reports and questioned Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board Chairman Keith Collins and Risk Management Agency Administrator Ross Davidson during a July 21 hearing to update the Committee on the latest developments in the federal crop insurance program.

During the hearing, Ag Committee members Randy Neugebauer and Charlie Stenholm questioned Collins and Davidson about recent RMA actions and noted the importance of key issues affecting producers.

Among the issues brought up during the hearing were the recent Standard Reinsurance Agreement negotiation process, the need to develop a solution regarding the deferred appraisal requirement for non-emerged seed, and increasing the ability of producers to tailor a risk management program to their situation.

Among the ideas discussed during the hearing was a proposal by Congressman Neugebauer to allow producers buying an APH-based insurance product to also purchase a Group Risk Policy that would cover the amount of their production deductible. Neugebauer also asked if consideration had been given to allowing a producer to select different levels of coverage based on production practice.

Collins and Davidson acknowledged the need to fully explore new risk management options. Collins noted that the FCIC Board has previously passed a resolution discouraging the Risk Management Agency from looking into the idea of allowing a producer to select different plans of insurance and coverage levels. He explained that the Board's decision was based on their perception that it would increase the complexity of the program for both producers and agents, and introduce additional opportunities for program abuse.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have suggested adding a limited amount of flexibility to the grower. PCG's concept would maintain the requirement that the producer pick a single insurance product, but add the ability to select different levels of coverage for dryland or irrigated production.

#### WTO Update

The National Cotton Council and the U.S. Trade Office continues to develop an aggressive appeal that will be filed in response to last month's release of the Brazil/WTO dispute panel report finding fault with the U.S. cotton program.

NCC and USTR officials have been publicly countering some of the conclusions drawn by the WTO panel and will continue to do so as additional details are released.

Resolution of the Brazil/WTO case following consideration of the U.S. appeal is not expected until the end of this year.

In other WTO news text of a suggested agreement designed to reinvigorate the Doha Round negotiations was released by the WTO leadership earlier this week and was met with opposition from the U.S. cotton industry.

NCC officials say that the draft document unfairly and unnecessarily singles out cotton and specifically opens the door for U.S. cotton to receive unequal treatment and be held to unreasonable expectations.

Echoing statements made by the cotton industry, Congressman Charlie Stenholm contacted U.S. Agriculture ambassador Allen Johnson and expressed his concerns about the draft WTO document and stressed the adverse impact it would have on U.S. agriculture.

The U.S. cotton industry continues to reach out to those countries that believe they have been unfairly impacted by the U.S. cotton program. This week a group of Ministers and Ambassadors from Mali, Chad, Burkina Faso and Benin are visiting the U.S. to learn how the U.S. program works and to discuss ways to work together to improve the situation.

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Cases of vesicular stomatitis in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma occurring at lower levels than in 2003. The disease was first reported in 1999 and three head of cattle in 2003. The viral infection, which causes blisters on the mouth and lips, can cause economic damage to the livestock industry. "Nationally, we're seeing a resurgence of the disease was confirmed in late fall," said Leon Church, state director of the Texas Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency. "I don't recall any confirmed cases - a total of 10 in Starr County. Usually, the disease is found in the west Texas."

"Even though the cases in some states receiving live animals or testing requirements for disease spread," said Dr. Church, "owners to check with their veterinarians of destination prior to travel. States with movement restrictions see and New Jersey, which is a major industry."

The country's first case of the disease was reported in horses on a premises in May. The TAHC quarantine veterinarian inspected the premises and found the animals in Val Verde County. The nine premises in five Texas counties were quarantined premises in which include infected horses of the Texas cases, located in Uvalde, Kerr and Yoakum counties. Colorado currently has three cases. The premises in Las Animas, Park, and Teller counties. New Mexico has horse premises under quarantine. These premises are in Eddy County, near Carlsbad. The premises remain under movement restrictions. "Please report signs of vesicular stomatitis," urged Church, "such as blisters on the mouth and lips, or above the hooves of animals, cattle, deer, goats, and horses. Tests will be run on these animals to ensure that we are not highly dangerous foot-and-mouth disease in clover that horses and other equine animals have and-mouth disease, but not a disease such as poison, toothache, or other diseases." To report potential cases, please contact your state veterinarian and appropriate Animal Health Commission.

Reeves County - First U.S. Case 2004 RELEASED 7/10

Val Verde County case released 7/16

Texas Panhandle Offers More Training

The Panhandle chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program will begin a new training program on Sept. 11 and end Nov. 2. The deadline for applications is Sept. 10. The \$75 fee for a compact disc includes a 10-week course of training, typically taken in two sessions. The training will be at the discretion of the Wildcat Bluff National Wildlife Refuge. The Texas Master Naturalist program is a joint effort of Texas Cooperative Wildlife Department, Texas A&M University, and natural world experience training. Through the master naturalist program, participants can help children and adults learn about Texas' natural resources. To learn more about the program, visit the website at <http://www.tamunaturalist.org> or call 800-845-6888. For more information, contact the program manager and to see if a class is available in your area, contact the program representative, Lynn Church, at 806-792-2224.



# Premises Quarantined In Three States, Due To Vesicular Stomatitis

Cases of vesicular stomatitis (VS) continue to be detected in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, but the disease appears to be occurring at lower levels than in previous years' outbreaks. As of July 22, nine premises in Texas and 11 in New Mexico are under quarantine, due to VS infection. In Colorado, 10 horses and three head of cattle are quarantined on premises in four counties. The viral infection, thought to be spread by sand flies or black flies, can cause horses, cattle and other livestock to develop blister-like lesions that can take several weeks to heal.

"Nationally, we're seeing fewer cases than in 1997, when the disease was confirmed on 380 premises before the outbreak ended in late fall," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "I don't recall Texas ever having this many confirmed cases - a total of 11 so far - or seeing them as far east as Starr County. Usually, Texas' lone case or two is detected in far west Texas."

"Even though the case numbers have remained fairly low, some states receiving livestock have imposed movement restrictions or testing requirements, as a precaution against potential disease spread," said Dr. Coats. "Therefore, we urge livestock owners to check with the state veterinarian's office in the state of destination prior to travel, to ensure all requirements are met. States with movement restrictions include Kentucky, Tennessee and New Jersey, which depend on their healthy horse industry."

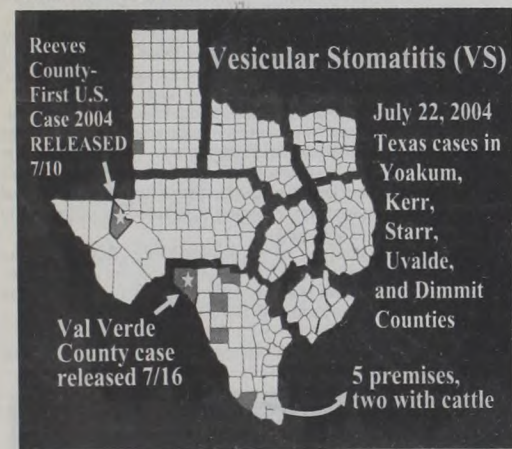
The country's first confirmed case of VS this year was detected in horses on a premise Reeves County, Texas, in mid-May. The TAHC quarantine was released July 10, after a regulatory veterinarian inspected the livestock on the site several times and found the animals to be fully healed. Likewise, a quarantine in Val Verde County was released July 16, leaving nine premises in five Texas counties under VS quarantine. The quarantined premises include five sites in Starr County, two of which include infected cattle. Horses comprise the remainder of the Texas cases, located on one premise each in Dimmit, Uvalde, Kerr and Yoakum Counties.

Colorado currently has confirmed cases of VS in 10 horses and three cattle. The infection has been detected in Douglas, Las Animas, Park, and Pueblo counties.

New Mexico has horses on 11 premises in four counties under quarantine. These include six small premises "clustered" in Eddy County, near Carlsbad. Three sites in Valencia County remain under movement restriction, as well as one each in San Miguel and Grant counties.

"Please report signs of illness in livestock that resemble vesicular stomatitis," urged Dr. Coats. "These can include blisters or erosions in an animal's mouth or on the muzzle, on the teats, or above the hooves. VS can affect horses and other equine animals, cattle, deer, goats, swine and a number of other animals. Tests will be run at no charge to the owner, so that we can ensure that we are, in fact, dealing with VS, and not the highly dangerous foot-and-mouth disease, which exhibits similar signs of disease in cloven-hooved animals." Dr. Coats noted that horses and other equine animals are not susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease, but tests can rule out other causes of illness, such as poison, toxic plants or other diseases.

To report potential signs of VS, owners and practitioners should contact their state veterinarian's office, so a disease investigation and appropriate testing can be conducted. Texas Animal Health Commission - 1-800-550-8242



## Texas Panhandle Chapter Offers Master Naturalist Training This Fall

The Panhandle chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program will begin a new training class this fall. The class will start Sept. 11 and end Nov. 20.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 28. Enrollment costs \$75 for a compact disc curriculum, or \$90, for a print copy.

The 10-week course offers classroom instruction and field trips, typically taken Saturday mornings. Locations for classes will be at the discretion of the instructors, with some scheduled at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center in Amarillo.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is a collaborative effort of Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The partnership seeks to broaden the natural world experience for everyone through education and training.

Through the master volunteer-training program, participants can help children and adults in their community learn about Texas' natural resources. Advanced training is available to those who want to learn about special subjects of interest.

To become a certified Master Naturalist, trainees participate in classes and field trips related to their local natural environment. They are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service and receive a minimum of eight hours of advanced training in approved classes. To maintain their certification, Master Naturalists must complete 40 hours of service and eight hours of advanced training each year.

For more information about the Texas Master Naturalist Program and to see if a class is scheduled nearby, go online to: <http://masternaturalist.tamu.edu>

To learn more about the class in the Panhandle, contact chapter representative, Lynn Rosa at (806) 358-2052, or Extension agent, Leon Church in Potter County at (806) 373-0713.

## Briscoe County 4-H RecordBook Winners

Congratulations to the five Briscoe County 4-H'ers who completed recordbooks! Those who have done a recordbook know that it is a great accomplishment just to complete it!

Briscoe County had five recordbook entries at the District Recordbook Judging in Amarillo which was held on July 15. The results are as follows:

- Khaki Scrivner - Foods & Nutrition - 1st Place
- Brittany Deckard - Goat - 1st Place
- Drew Reed - Shooting Sports - 2nd Place
- Zack Burson - Horse - 2nd Place
- Dusty Burson - Swine - 3rd Place

The State 4-H Recordbook Judging will be held in Lubbock on August 18. A first place recordbook at the State level competition receives a trip to attend the National 4-H Congress in Washington D.C.

## Turkey Senior Citizen News

By Oleta Randell.

We had 21 members at our last meeting. After blood pressure checks by Margie Pinkerton & Don Turner. Pres. Louis Randell called the meeting to order. G.P. Driskill led the prayer for the food. Table games were played. The next meeting will be Aug. 3rd. So come on out and enjoy the fun, food, & fellowship!

## Ten Simple Ways to Save Money on Gas

Cost-Cutting Steps Also Make a Difference in Air Quality

With no end in sight to rising gasoline prices, supporters of the state's air quality campaign say there are plenty of simple things drivers can do to save money at the pump and help reduce air pollution at the same time.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), who sponsor the two-year-old Drive Clean Across Texas initiative, say little things can add up to big savings when it comes to gasoline consumption.

"Many tips for using less gas also help reduce the harmful car and truck emissions responsible for about half of the air pollution found in many areas of the state," said Israel Anderson, director of TCEQ's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division. "Drivers may be surprised at just how much money they can actually save without having to make a lot of big adjustments."

Here are ten ways to save money on gas and pollute less while you save:

1. Keep your car well-maintained. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your vehicle's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent. While you're having the air filter replaced, have the mechanic

check out your oil and fuel filters, too.

2. Keep your tires properly inflated and balanced to prevent excess drag on your engine. This can improve fuel economy by up to one mile per gallon. Depending on the size of your gas tank, you could get an extra 20 miles per tank.

3. Drive the speed limit. Gas mileage drops the faster you drive. Each 5 mph over 60 mph is equivalent to paying an extra 10 cents per gallon for gas. In a 20-gallon tank, that's adding an extra \$2 to your gas bill for every 5-mile increment over 60 mph.

4. Avoid aggressive driving, jackrabbit starts and quick stops. At highway speeds, you'll lower your gas mileage by about 33 percent. By maintaining a constant speed and driving sensibly, you could save as much as 50 cents a gallon.

5. Drive less by combining your errands. Several separate short trips from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer trip when your vehicle's engine is already warmed up.

6. Avoid idling in drive-through lanes. Idling burns more gas than restarting the engine. Turn off the engine if you know you will have a long wait. Better still, park and go inside.

7. Travel light. Carrying an extra 100 pounds in your vehicle makes your engine work harder and use more gas. A loaded roof rack can decrease your fuel economy by up to five percent. Reduce drag by removing heavy items from your vehicle that you don't need to carry around.

8. Use multi-grade motor oil labeled "energy conserving" to improve your gas mileage. Using 10W-30 motor oil in an engine designed to use 5W-30 can reduce fuel efficiency by up to two percent.

9. Stop at the "click" - when you fill up, don't top off your tank. Spilled gasoline pollutes the air when it evaporates, and it's like dropping spare change on the ground.

10. If your vehicle has a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission, shift into your overdrive gear as soon as your speed is high enough. If you have a manual transmission, remember the lower the shift speed, the better your fuel economy.

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### THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

BY: LAURA TAYLOR

I don't know about you, but I can't seem to keep up with anything these days. I would loose my behind, if it wasn't attached so good. And Katy-bar-the-door if I should be the last one to have seen whatever it is that 'hubby' is looking for! Lost it or not, it is automatically my fault, all you 'wives' out there know what I mean. I really don't mean to loose what ever it is that is lost at the moment. It's just that I put it up soooo good to save for posterity, that the FBI couldn't find it. I've found it's best just to wait and let whatever it is, return on it's own. Maybe it just needed some personal space! Or maybe 'hubby's' right, I am loosing my mind. Oh well, I've lost everything else. All except that 20 lbs & I just can't seem to shake that. So for all of you foks who can't find whatever it is you have been looking for, sit down, have a good laugh and then get right back to the HUNT!

- \* Why do some people look for something that they lost twenty minutes ago in a suit that they haven't worn for ten years?
- \* Where do all the lost pen tops go?
- \* Why is it that you never find a lost article until you replace it?
- \* When someone asks for our help in finding something that they misplaced why do we always ask them where they lost it? If they knew that then they wouldn't ask for our help right?
- \* When people say that they've lost their train of thought where does it go?
- \* Have you ever found something that you were looking for, forgot that you found it, and keep looking for it?
- \* Ever notice how people always say 'it will turn up' when they're not the one looking for it?
- \* Why is it that the easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement?
- \* Why is it that the longer someone looks for a lost item the places that they look get stranger and stranger?
- \* If someone calls you uncouth does that mean you've lost your couth? And if so just what did you lose?
- \* Don't you always find things in the last place you look?
- \* If all is not lost where is it?
- \* Is the only reason some people get lost in thought because it's unfamiliar territory?
- \* If you don't care where you are can you get lost?
- \* Do you think the rings of Saturn are actually composed of lost airline luggage?
- \* How come you always find what you are NOT looking for?
- \* Shouldn't you look at what you have left rather than what you have lost?
- \* Where does an itch go when you scratch it?
- \* Who is All? And why is he lost?
- \* Isn't it true that what we see depends mainly on what we look for?
- \* Isn't a key ring just a handy little gadget that allows you to lose all your keys at the same time?
- \* Why do you always lose something important the day BEFORE you need it? Why can't we lose it the day afterwards?
- \* How does one turn up missing?
- \* Why do we see an object all the time when we don't need it, but when we need it, it's gone?
- \* What happens is someone loses a Lost and Found Box?

### HMMM...

Love is not just looking at each other, it's looking in the same direction.

~ Antoine Exupery

If you wait for luck to help you, you'll have often an empty stomach.

~ Ignas Bernstein

### Letters To The Editor



Valley Tribune,

I beleive it is time for a check to be mailed for renewal.

I look forward to the paper even if the delivery is sometimes bad. I think they must sometimes get pushed aside at the post office.

I get a kick out of Texun Talk,

Thanks, Inez Fuston

Laura,

We misunderstood your request for the amount of Delinquent tax for Hall County. Included in our figure were taxes back to 1960 that have lawsuits pending, pay out agreements and unknown property owners. For the year 2002, our delinquent taxes are \$33,377.59.

I hope this letter will clear up any misunderstanding.

Yours truly,  
Marlin D. Felts,  
Chief Appraiser, Hall County

Dear Valley Tribune,

Please renew the paper for 1 more year. I love all the color pictures of Caprock Canyon Park. They are beautiful.

Thank You!

Mrs. Glenda Robinson



### Mrs. Andrew Phillip Mashburn Stark & Mashburn Unite In Afternoon Ceremony

Amy Michelle Stark and Andrew Phillip Mashburn were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, July 17, 2004 at Hampton Road Baptist Church in DeSoto. Pastor Bob Mashburn, the groom's father officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Randy and Linda Stark of Quitaque. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Lee Hays of Camarillo, California and Durward and Mary Henry of Nacogdoches. The groom is the son of Robert and Kay Mashburn of Lancaster. He is the grandson of Edna Mashburn of Springfield, Missouri and John and Joyce Montgomery of Chantilly, Virginia.

Candlelighters were Sarah Braden of St. Louis, Missouri, the bride's cousin and Holly Durtschi, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a sleeveless white satin gown that had a scoop neckline which was adorned in tiny pearls. The bodice featured appliques of lace flowers covered in seed pearls. The dress had the appliques cascading down the front extending to the bottom of the gown. The scalloped hemline featured tiny seed pearls. The chapel train was designed with covered buttons extending from the back bodice to the end of the train. She chose an elbow length veil held in place with a pearl encrusted tiara also worn by her mother-in-law and three sister-in-laws. Amy carried a bouquet of red roses mixed with babies breath.

Amber Stark of Abilene, the bride's sister was the maid of honor. Angie Cartwright of DeSoto, the groom's sister and Vickie Bleeker of Azel, were bridesmaids. They carried a single long stemmed white rose with babies breath and wore floor length silk dresses in a deep plum color. The design had spaghetti straps and a drape cascading down the back. Parrie Mashburn of Lancaster, the groom's sister was the flower girl. The wore an ankle length dress of purple and white organza.

Doug Cartwright of DeSoto, the groom's brother-in-law was the best man. Stephen Mashburn of Lancaster, the groom's brother and Deon Grandon of Ennis, were groomsmen. Denzel Cartwright of DeSoto, the groom's nephew was the ring bearer.

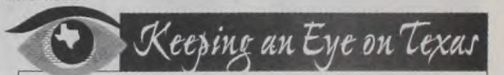
Bryan Merritt of Ennis, the groom's brother-in-law and Matt Nolen of Waxahachie, the groom's brother-in-law were ushers. Haddie Mashburn of Lancaster, the groom's sister registered the guests.

Musical selections were played by Reba Parker of DeSoto as the pianist. Janelle Davis and Miguel Dominguez of Abilene accompanied on violin and cello. Soloist was Vicki Nolen of Waxahachie, the groom's sister.

A reception was held in the fellowship had of the church following the ceremony. A rehearsal dinner was hosted the night before by the groom's parents at the church. Other bridal courtesies were a party hosted for the bridal couple by Doug and Angie Cartwright of DeSoto. The faculty of Red Oak ISD of Red Oak hosted a shower and a community shower was hosted by Jacquelyn Ham of Quitaque.

The bride is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed by Red Oak ISD in Red Oak and she teaches Kindergarten. The groom is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. He works for the Dallas Community College as a Software Trainer.

After a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Lancaster.



### Get Ready To Save

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 6, 7, and 8—the state's sixth annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

For more information, go to: [http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98\\_490/tx98\\_490.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html)

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISCTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71<sup>st</sup> Legislature in 1989, Effective September 1, 1989.

The Hall County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the Hall County Appraisal Office, Hall County Courthouse, 512 Main Suite 14, Memphis Texas 79245.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$159,953.00.
- The Total increase over the current year's budget is \$6,006.00.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 3.
- The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

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## Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

### Is Anyone Else Besides Me Tired Of Working?

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I can remember when I wasn't working but I have to strain to think back that far. I've got harness marks all over from pulling one type of plow or another. I've turned over lots of rocks and not found a great job yet, that is, if there is such a thing. I've heard tell of such but there's lots of folks around whose biscuits aren't all done.

I'd like to trade with someone. I like to fish, maybe one of those guys up in Maine on one of those boats would like to switch. Now I've seen pictures and that looks suspiciously like work again. Maybe I could be a big shot in an office somewhere, telling people what to do and doin' those hostile take overs and such things. Probably not, seems they work awful long hours and I really need to get home and pull off my shoes about sundown.

Now if a feller just got paid for things like ridin' around in the pickup. I'm tops at that job and I've got the sunburned arms to prove it. Or playing with dogs. I do that real well, I just love dogs. I'd be making top wages for that. If you got paid for how much bar-b-que or home made ice cream you could eat, then the wife and I would be living up in the big house.

I bet, though, if you started getting paid for these fun things, then they wouldn't be fun anymore because some smart aleck would call them work.



### Last Week In Texas History!

July 22, 1931

Oklahoma Gov. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray declared martial law in a dispute with the state of Texas over ownership of a bridge that crossed the Red River between Durant, Okla. and Denison, Tx.

July 22, 1864

Col. John S. "Rip" Ford and his Cavalry of the West attacked Union troops in Brownsville. Ford withdrew shortly after the attack because he had out-distanced his supply line.

July 22, 1842

Republic President Sam Houston vetoed a bill that would have given him the authority to invade Mexico.

July 23, 1931

A stand-off had developed overnight between Oklahoma National Guardsmen and the Texas Rangers over the ownership of the bridge spanning the Red River between Durant, Okla. and Denison, Tx.

July 23, 1839

Eight Indian tribes were forced out of Texas and into Oklahoma and Arkansas. Only two Indian tribes were allowed to remain in the Texas Republic. The Plains Indians still had control of the Panhandle and South Plains region.

July 23, 1836

President of the Republic, David G. Burnet (1836) ordered an election to establish a Texas Congress. The election was set for Sept. 4, 1836.

July 24, 1818

Charles Lallemand and his band of Napoleonic exiles at Camp d'Asile on the Trinity River near present day Liberty left the area upon hearing that a Spanish attack was imminent.

July 25, 1931

Babe Didrikson Zaharias threw a baseball 296 feet to set a women's world record for the longest baseball throw.

July 25, 1882

Roy Bean opened his saloon at Eagle's Nest Springs. Later he renamed it Langtry.

July 25, 1536

Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca reported to Viceroy Antonio de Mendez about his six years of wandering in the interior of Texas. His report of possible gold in Texas resulted in the Coronado Expedition in 1541-42.

July 26, 1870

Charles Goodnight married Mary Ann Dyer at Weatherford.

July 26, 1863

Sam Houston, The former Texas Army General, Republic President, Governor of Texas and Tennessee and U.S. Senator from Texas, died at this home in Huntsville at the age of 71.

July 27, 1931

Oklahoma Gov. Murry tried to keep the bridge between Denison and Durant open. He sent Oklahoma National Guard troops across the bridge and into Texas in the first "invasion" of Texas since the Mexican War. The Texas Rangers allowed the troops to enter the state but were eye-to-eye with the soldiers in a stand-off. Ownership of the bridge was later settled in court.

July 27, 1861

Confederate Texas soldiers captured Fort Fillmore near Mesilla, N.M.

July 28, 1888

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July 28, 1873

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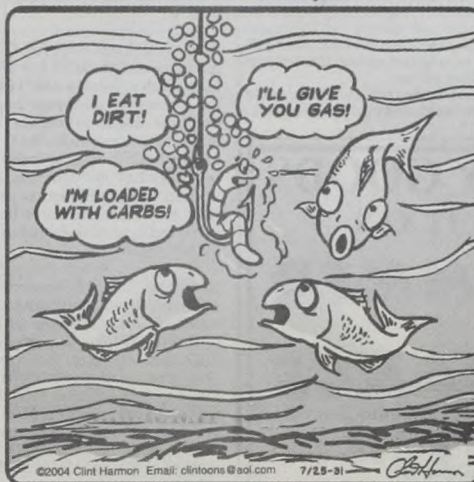
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**Scientists Mobilize To Conduct Nutrition Research Among American Indians**

By Rosalie Marion Bliss

Agricultural Research Service scientists have identified several nutritional and physical activity factors that affect chronic health diseases among American Indians.

American Indian tribes, considered sovereign domestic nations, are among the most impoverished of minority groups in America. They experience a disproportionately high incidence of diabetes, obesity and heart disease. Native Americans also have the highest per-capita suicide rate, nearly two-and-a-half times the national average and more than four times the national average among 15- to 24-year-olds. More than 60 percent of the survey participants indicated they had a family member who had been diagnosed with diabetes. Food insecurity was a problem among 26 percent of those surveyed. That meant that during the previous 12 months, they had experienced various degrees of limited or uncertain access to nutritionally adequate and safe foods.

Depression-related symptoms were found to be associated with poorer health, less exercise, food insecurity, higher body mass index in females, carbohydrate intake in males and tobacco use. Depression scores were highest among those reporting lower income, more children, and food insecurity. But they were lowest among those reporting a stronger identity with their native culture.

The resulting study data will be used for designing and implementing effective interventions to improve health and quality of life among American Indians.

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**EARTH TALK**

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What does "dolphin-safe tuna" mean, and how can I make sure that the tuna I buy is "dolphin-safe"?

Charlie Vestner, San Francisco, CA

Biologists estimate that, since the beginning of large-scale commercial fishing in the late 1950s, more than 10 million dolphins have been drowned when inadvertently snared in the huge underwater driftnets meant to catch tuna and other fish. Driftnets, which can extend 50 miles as they are left to drag overnight, are indiscriminate killing tools often referred to as "walls of death." In addition to dolphins, large numbers of whales, sharks and other non-target species die every day in driftnets. The industry refers to these as "by-catch" and they are usually just tossed back overboard.

Driftnet fishing has been illegal in American waters since passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) in 1972. Yet seafood companies were able to source their products from fishing fleets in other countries not subject to U.S. law. By the late 1980s, fishing fleets around the world were deploying some 30,000 miles of netting daily to meet a steadily growing demand for seafood.

After public outcry over the needless killing of dolphins, Congress amended the MMPA in 1990 to establish a "dolphin-safe" labeling system so consumers could find tuna caught without the use of driftnets. Meanwhile, the U.N. followed suit in 1993 by instituting a global moratorium on driftnet fishing. Biologists estimate that these measures have saved millions of dolphins over the last decade.

However, since the early 1990s the U.S. government has gradually been weakening the standards for which companies can use the "dolphin-safe" label on their cans. In 1995, the World Trade Organization pressured the Clinton administration to lift its embargo on tuna from Mexico and other countries less concerned about the harmful effects of driftnet fishing. The Bush administration is currently seeking to further weaken dolphin protection efforts by allowing for the importation of driftnet-caught tuna as long as fishermen see no visual evidence of dolphin snaring while harvesting their catches.

While the U.S. government's definition of "dolphin-safe" may not mean what it used to, the top three American tuna sellers—Starkist, Bumblebee and Chicken of the Sea—have vowed to avoid distribution and sale of tuna from fishing fleets that use driftnets. And according to Defenders of Wildlife, a number of major grocery store chains—including A&P, Albertson's, IGA, Kmart, Publix, Safeway and Walmart—stock only dolphin-safe tuna. Meanwhile, restaurant chains such as Subway, Carl's Jr., Olive Garden and Red Lobster serve only dolphin-safe tuna. Tuna consumers who stick to these brands, stores and eating establishments will know their lunch did not cause hundreds of needless dolphin deaths. GOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTION? Send it to: EarthTalk, c/o E/The Environmental Magazine, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; or submit your question at: www.emagazine.com, or e-mail us at: earthtalk@emagazine.com.

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OH CALM DOWN! I'M SURE THE BUS BUNNY REUNION WILL BE BACK ON BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

**RIM ROCK CANYON**  
By Clint Harmon

DO YOU LOVE TAKE THIS TALL BLOND AN HANDSOME GUY AS YER LOVING HUBBY?  
OOOOO OW!  
BAAA! SOB! I DIDN'T GET TO SAY "I DO!"

**Life Really Is a Bowl of Cherries**

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

Here's some advice that no one would have to twist my arm to make me follow: Eat more cherries! Whenever I go to the grocery store, I can get "lost" in the produce section; like a little kid in a candy store, I want everything I see. But one item I never pass up is fresh Bing cherries; even if they're so pricey that I have to start thinking about a second mortgage, they're going home with me.

Now there's some news from Agricultural Research Service scientists that soothes my conscience (if not my wallet) a little bit about splurging on those cherries: Results from a preliminary study by the ARS scientists and their university colleagues suggest that some natural compounds in those plump, juicy Bing cherries may reduce arthritic inflammation.

If you're like me—in other words, with more "miles" on yourself than you'd care to admit—you're probably finding that these days you have just a few more aches and twinges in your joints than in the past. According to these scientists, cherries could help—and what's more, eating cherries may also help lessen the severity of other inflammatory conditions, such as cardiovascular disease.

Actually, this isn't the first scientific community has fought inflammation. But the ARS track the anti-inflammatory in a controlled experiment with

In the previous studies, from sweet or tart cherries to find health-promoting properties. But whereas the ARS scientists were inflammatory disease indicators healthy volunteers who were fed Bing cherries.

In the ARS study, conducted women (gosh, where was I when volunteers?) were asked to eat 45 for breakfast. The women, aged strawberries or other fresh fruits wine or tea, for two days before because those foods have high thought to fight inflammation, and with the scientists' ability to gauge cherries.

The researchers were very painful arthritic condition attack of gout, crystals of a called uric acid accumulate in and cause pain. Urate in blood sort of a "preview of coming acid crystals. So what the closely was the volunteers' blood checked before the volunteers ate of 90 minutes, three hours and five hours afterward. They also indirectly measured the amount of urate flushed out of the volunteers' bodies in their urine.

The good news is that the volunteers' urate levels decreased significantly during the five hours after they ate the cherries. Also, the levels of urate removed from the body in urine increased during those five hours.

The scientists also checked the levels of certain substances in the blood that indicate a healthy immune system is at work, fighting inflammation. One of these is called C-reactive protein, and it's produced by the liver. When you have an inflammation, such as a gout attack, the level of C-reactive protein in your body increases rapidly. But in a healthy body, the levels of C-reactive protein in the blood are extremely low.

Another indicator of an inflammation is increased levels of a natural substance called nitric oxide—a "bad guy," since it's thought to play a role in damaging arthritic joints.

In the California study, when the volunteers' blood was checked three hours after they ate the cherries, their levels of C-reactive protein and nitric oxide were lower than at the start—not dramatically lower, but definitely headed in the right direction.

For me, finding out that I really need to eat lots more of those Bing cherries is the best science news I've heard since they announced that chocolate is actually good for you!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.



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12:30-1:30 p.m.\* Battle #2 1:30-3:30 p.m.\* Crossing the Red Sea (no test swimsuit required)  
3:30-5:30 p.m.\* Clean up & find lodging  
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7-11:30 p.m.\* Preparing to see the Glory of the Lord (Viewing of "The Passion of the Christ")

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