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Matador City Council sets 2008 tax rate

Matador City Council passed a resolution establishing the 2008 tax rate at .40091 per \$100 when they met for their regular monthly meeting, Thursday, September 13.

In attendance for the meeting were Mayor Pat Smith, Council members Pat Seigler, Kay Bailey, Shane Jones and Terry Simpson, City Secretary Debra Scott, and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. Also attending the meeting were Mike Hackler and Stan Hanesworth.

Mr. Hackler spoke with the council about Economic Development Boards.

Mr. Hanesworth commented in Open Forum concerning the Sub Standard Housing Board.

Steve Barton reported that another house has been torn down. He gave price estimates on replacing the tarp used for the landfill. He said that water tower repair should begin next week.

Ms. Scott reported the TMR retirement match is down for '08, but health insurance will be higher. TML responded to the insurance claim filed on the back office and it will not be covered.

Council approved the minutes; bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

No action was taken on the Animal ordinance.

Council voted to purchase a new tarp for the landfill.

Council tabled a letter received from the Sub Standard Housing Board.

Council went into Executive Session concerning hiring an animal control officer.

Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m. and voted to hire an animal control officer.

Council recommended placing board appointments on the next agenda.

Motley County ISD earns State's highest fiscal accountability rating

Motley County Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the State's highest, demonstrating the quality of Motley County ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the fifth year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of

school district's financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Motley County ISD's Schools FIRST rating," said Motley County ISD Superintendent Randy Brown. "As it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Motley County's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achieve-

ment," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement," and "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended" Data Quality. Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

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School to celebrate Recognized status with gathering at Courthouse

The public will have an opportunity to congratulate Motley County I.S.D. students and staff at a Recognized Celebration to be held at the Motley County Courthouse gazebo.

The school has received a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education Agency for five consecutive years. The celebration will be held on September 21st at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

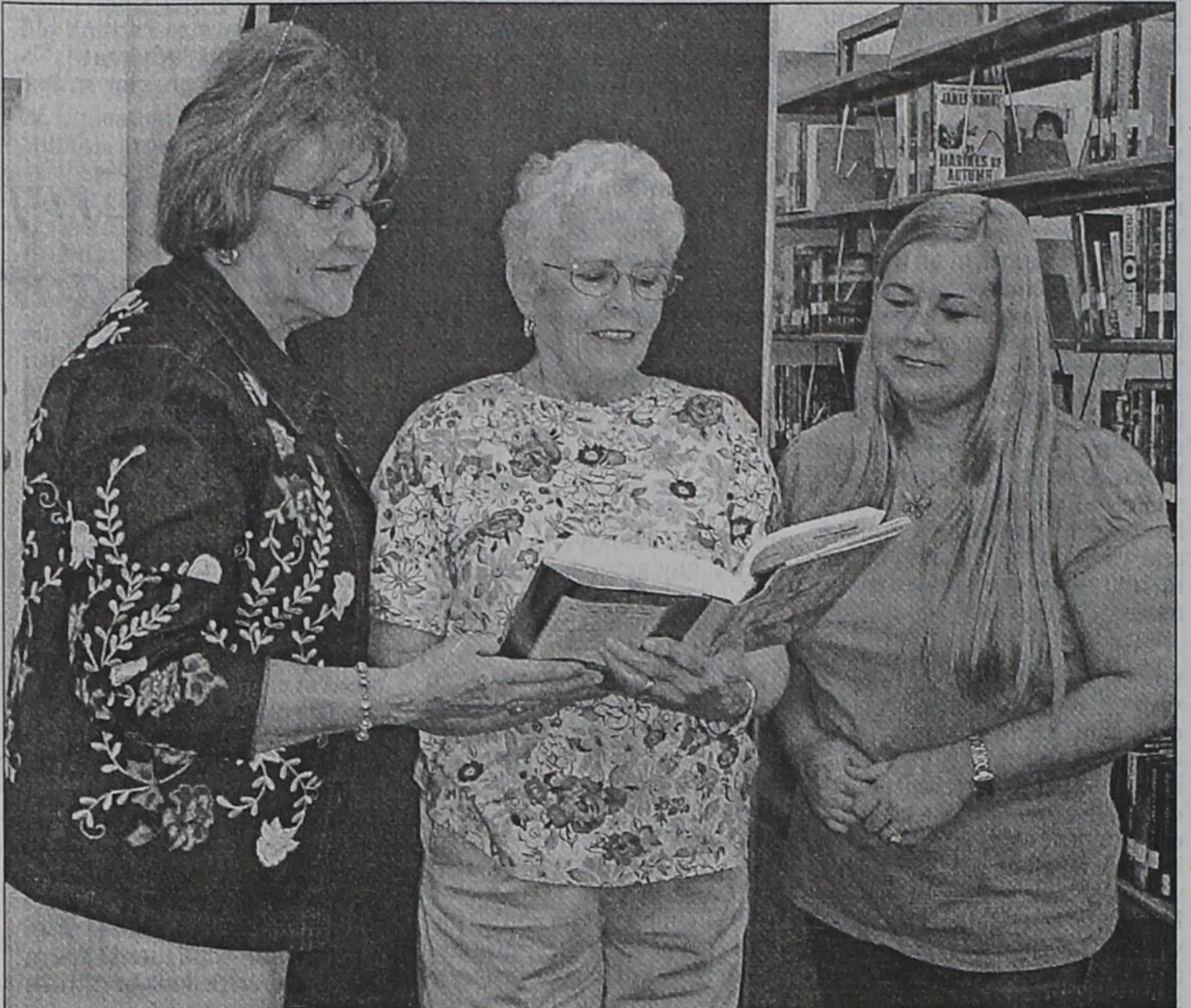
State Comptroller posts proposed rules for revised Texas Franchise Tax

(Austin) - Comptroller Susan Combs says proposed rules implementing major changes to the Texas franchise tax are now published in the *Texas Register*. Following a 30-day public comment period, the rules are expected to be adopted in December.

"It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules," Combs said.

The Texas Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports.

For franchise tax reports originally due on or after Jan. 1, 2008, taxable entities with \$10 million or less in total revenue may choose an E-Z filing option (i.e., .00575 x apportioned total revenue) or they may choose to pay tax on their margin. All taxable entities will total revenue greater than \$10 million must pay tax on their margin. Margin is the least of three calculations: total revenue minus cost of good sold, total revenue minus compensation or total revenue times 70 percent. Total revenue is determined based on federal



After more than 12 years with the Motley County Library, Suzanne Abbott, center, will retire the end of this month. She is pictured here with Regina Sheffield, left, President of the Friends of the Library, and Buffy Crutchley, new librarian. The Friends of the Library will host a reception at the Library Annex to say farewell to Suzanne and welcome Buffy September 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library Annex. The community is invited to attend.

Motley County Commissioners accept Sheriff's resignation

Motley County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Sheriff Jim Meador during a special open meeting session Monday, September 17. Those in attendance were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, Russell Alexander; County Clerk Kate Hurt; County Attorney Tom Edwards; Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood; Tax-Assessor Collector Elaine Hart; Treasurer Eva Barkley; Trooper Chad Overton; Sheriff Meador and wife Carla; and Deputy Michael Crutchley.

Judge Smith informed the Court that Sheriff Meador had requested the Special Session and then turned the meeting over to Sheriff Meador.

Sheriff Meador presented his letter of resignation as Motley County Sheriff to the court effective September 28, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Sheriff Meador has been accepted into the DPS

Trooper Academy.

Sheriff Meador has served Motley County for 14 years 9 months. The court expressed their gratitude to Sheriff Meador for his service to Motley County and wishes him success in his future plans. Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept Sheriff Meador's resignation, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

After the court discussed the action required to fill the

vacancy in the Sheriff's position, Deputy Michael Crutchley addressed the court in his desire to be appointed to fill this vacancy. After discussion, Commissioner Davis made the motion to appoint Michael Crutchley to serve the unexpired term of the Motley County Sheriff position, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Deputy Crutchley will be sworn into office Friday, September 28, 2007, at 11:01 a.m.

NRCS Texas accepts applications for EQIP funding

Temple - Texas agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 15, 2007, if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have signed up yet," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 for 2008 funding. There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October."

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation. Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Gohmert, there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008.

NRCS is adding another statewide resource concern to the program at the recommendation of the State Technical Committee. Funding will be pro-

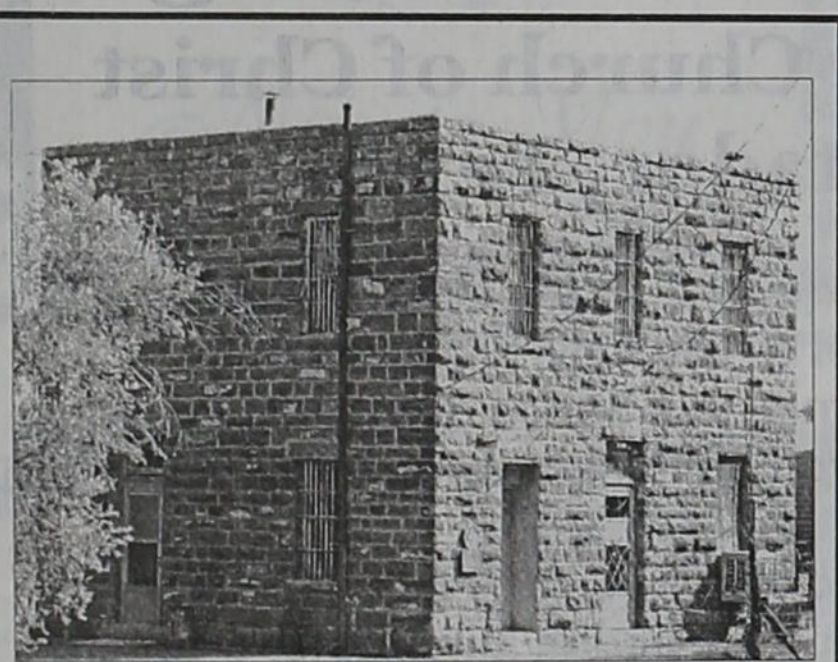
vided in 2008 specifically for conservation practices that improve habitat for the pronghorn antelope in West Texas.

Also new in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice. "Landowners will know up-front what the payment in dollars will be," Gohmert said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns there," Gohmert said. "Our local offices may be holding program development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input." NRCS offices and local soil and water conservation district offices will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office serving your county. Look under "U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture," or find your service center on the Web at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

You can also get information about Texas NRCS conservation technical assistance and programs at www.txnrcs.usda.gov.



THE FRIENDS OF THE HISTORIC MOTLEY COUNTY JAIL and THE MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Invite you to a FREE Chili Dog Supper 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29th Motley County Courthouse Lawn, South Entrance

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This week and last have been like an emotional roller coaster. Last Monday started off with my dear mother-in-law, Dena Meador, falling and breaking her hip. A mad rush to the emergency room and then on to Lubbock for surgery. Trying to get the paper put together, family here, back and forth to Lubbock, decisions to make. The word tired does not begin to describe the way I feel. I think a new word would have to be invented.

Dena came through the surgery just fine and was released from the hospital Tuesday of this week. Another move from the Floydada Care Center, home to Matador and the Hackberry Creek Care Center. Thank God for this wonderful place. Dena is more at peace and seems to be happier than she has been in years. She's smiling and when we tell her she's home in Matador, she smiles even more.

On top of all that, Jim's resignation as Sheriff has been a very emotional decision for both of us. Jim has loved serving this county as Sheriff. He loves Motley County's citizens and truly cares for the well-being of every one of them. I have loved serving as the Sheriff's wife. And when I say serve I mean serve. Many responsibilities come with being the wife of a law enforcement officer, especially the Sheriff. I can literally count on my fingers the days and the late nights we have not received a phone call, an emergency, a cry for help, or sometimes just silly things. I could, and actually

should, write a book about the experiences we've had. Some are very funny and some are very sad.

The Sheriff's job is one that brings little respect and appreciation, but Jim has loved every second of it.

But, there comes a time when you have to think of your future and stability. The Motley County Sheriff's job, as all other elected and courthouse positions here bring no benefits, no insurance, no retirement, and low wages. These people are very dedicated to this county and I truly hope everyone knows that.

Jim has been accepted into the DPS (Department of Public Safety) Academy in Austin, to become a State Trooper. He will be coming back to Matador upon completion and work alongside Chad Overton. Chad's a great guy, actually we call him our 'adopted' son. He and his wife, Bethany, are real assets to our county.

It's a very emotional time for us. We're happy and sad at the same time. Please keep Jim in your prayers as he goes through the academy. And please keep the Deputy, Michael Crutchley, in your prayers as he takes on the duties of Sheriff next week.

Remember Dena and all the residents of Hackberry and the wonderful staff in your prayers. And lastly, say a little prayer for me. I, as we all do, need God's strong hands to guide me.

Thank you for your love and prayers, and God's blessings to each of you.

LIBRARY NOTES

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We appreciate the donations that the library received last week. We thank Betty and Elmer Parks for their donation in memory of JoAnn Durham. We also thank Earlyne and Skeet Jameson for their donation in memory of JoAnn Durham and C.L. Parnell.

New books in the library include Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog. Touching, sad, humorous and heartfelt, Merle's Door challenges readers to rethink old attitudes and advocates a change in our behavior rather

than always seeking to "train" our pets. (Personally, my dogs always trained me). This book is a tribute not just to the author's own faithful friend but to dogs everywhere.

A new author to this library, Leonie Swann, has written Three Bags Full, A Sheep Detective Story. Set in Ireland, a flock of sheep set out to solve the mystery of who murdered their beloved shepherd, George. Funny, fresh and endearing this book introduces a new breed of detectives to American readers.

Arts & Crafts Club sets Fall Bazaar for Nov. 17

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club began a new year with their September 10th meeting at the Senior Citizens Center.

Jane King Neal was instructor for the class on constructing jewelry using beads. It was a memorable class. Each student constructing a favorite piece of jewelry. There was an assortment of choices.

The class died at noon with the Senior Citizens. The food was delicious and nutritious.

President Joy Archer conducted a brief business meeting. Plans are in the making for a great Bazaar to be held November 17th at the Senior Center.

This has been a good year for work and good times. There have been excellent programs and workshops.

For the April workshop, Joy Archer taught the members to make picture frames. It was amazing. The results were outstanding using cotton material and cardboard.

In May Vee Gordon taught a class on woodworking. Fans were fashioned out of lightweight wood and painted with flowers. It was a fun time and reminded members how everyone had to fan during the summer revivals.

In June, Jo Trammell taught a class on watercolor painting. The picture to paint was a small boy fishing. It was enjoyable to all, to work on such a nice and attractive painting.

The July meeting was shortened due to the holiday. The members attending painted quilt blocks for the latest work for the club. This is the antique quilt that is being quilted for a raffle, but still needs work.

Mrs. Joyce Meredith was in charge for the August program. She chose an angel, using wood and tin combination for the project. It is a real nice finished decoration for the yard or garden. She was assisted by Darleen Fletcher.

This has been a good year for Arts and Crafts. There are two new members, good programs, excellent teachers, good attendance and best of all good times and good friends.

Lorene Lancaster will teach an oil painting class in October. All members are urged to come and continue to plan the Fall Bazaar, November 17th. See you there!



J.T. & Imogene Swim

Couple celebrates 68th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim of Roaring Springs celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary Friday night, September 14th, with a dinner at a restaurant in Dickens, hosted by their son and wife, J.R. and Stella of Abilene. J.T. and Imogene are the parents of J.R. and Stella Swim of Abilene and Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock.

J.T. and the former Imogene Hastings were married on September 17, 1939, at the bride's home in Bovina. In addition to their two sons, they have two grandsons, Ruston Swim of Lubbock and Dr. Ed Swim and wife, Kimberly, of West Point, New York. They have one granddaughter, Dr. Emily Swim of Lubbock, and two great-grandsons, Jacob Swim and Colter Swim, both of Lubbock.

The Swims have been residents of Roaring Springs for many years.

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Knowledge

It is true! Spiritual development comes as a result of knowing God's Word and then applying the principles found therein to our lives. Personal Bible study time is often difficult to find. But when found this time can be a period of re-learning and of refreshing ourselves in some elementary areas of Christian growth.

A good way to prepare ourselves for the opportunities and challenges of this life is to get into the Gospels. It is in the four gospel accounts that we find our Lord Jesus. If we are to do as He did, then we of necessity must find out how He did it. In the reading of the gospel accounts we find how our Lord felt, acted, reacted and taught. We need to feel His compassion for others and to see people through His eyes. This will be an eye-opening experience for many of us.

Our emphasis is not only a reading of the life of Jesus, but also to acquaint ourselves with the Master's walk. Let me suggest the book of Luke as an excellent starting point. Also we remind ourselves that it is application time. The Bible says in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves."

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

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September 8 & 9

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:

- 1st - Mark Wyatt and Randy Mahaney, 61-60-121.
- 2nd - Trent Donahue and Danny Donahue (won play-off), 62-62-124.
- 3rd - Bill Hoover and Terry Hoover, 63-61-124.

FIRST FLIGHT:

- 1st - Billie Hughes and Matt Abram, 68-66-134.
- 2nd - Monte Elliott and Mitch Rushin, 68-68-136.
- 3rd - Jake Justas and Jason Davis (won play-off), 69-68-137.

SECOND FLIGHT:

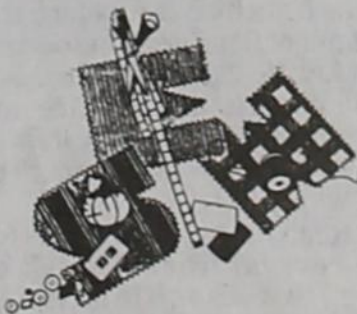
- 1st - Alan Bingham and Randy Martin (won play-off), 71-71-142.
- 2nd - David Taylor and Pat Smith, 74-68-142.
- 3rd - Carlton Wilkins and Joe Walters, 75-68-143.
- Closest to pin on #3, Len Harlow, 2'9".
- Closest to pin on #6, Terry Hoover, 1'7".

LADIES PLAYDAY September 13

18 hole players were Liv Barton and Jean Hoover. Jean won the ball, longest drive on #4.

9 hole players were Tommye Keith, Frances Hobbs, Pat Warren and Nell Berryman. Nell won, longest drive on #4.

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**Sunday, September 23rd through
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Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m., "Like it or Lump it!"

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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m., "Vessels of Mercy"
Monday Evening - 7 p.m., "Quality Control"
Tuesday Evening - 7 p.m., "Dark Counsel"
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m., "Fired or Fired Up?"

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Matadors suffer loss to Rule Bobcats

The Motley County Matadors fell to 2-1 after a 66-16 loss to the Six-Man Division I Rule Bobcats. The Bobcats entered the game favored to win by 43 points and ranked 2nd in the state in the Six-Man Division I Poll. The Matadors entered the game ranked 2nd in the state in the Six-Man Division II Poll.

"We were disappointed with our performance. Rule is a great team that will give us most of their opponents. We should have given them a better ballgame. We believe we are a much better team than what we showed Friday night. We have

great confidence in all of our players and in our team. We look forward to learning from this game and getting better. The good news is that they are a Division I team, we won't seem them or any team comparable to them for the rest of our season," said Head Coach Mike Bigham.

Bradley Brown led the Matadors with 146 rushing and 1 rushing touchdown on 18 carries. Brown also made 2 of 2 extra point attempts and recorded 4 tackles. Isaiah Archer returned a kick off return 74 yards for a touchdown.

The 2-1 Jayton Jaybirds are up next for the Matadors. Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 21, at Matador. Jayton defeated Spur 70-42 last week and is the number seven ranked team in the latest Six-Man Division II poll. Motley County remained number two in the state in the latest poll. The Jaybirds played for the 2006 Division II state championship and return four All-State players from that team.

"Jayton will be another good test for our ball club. We originally had open week this week. When Patton Springs cancelled

their game against Jayton this week it gave us an opportunity to get another game. We were fortunate to pick up games the past two weeks; otherwise we would have been left with only seven games on our schedule. The purpose of non-district

games is to prepare and improve before district. Jayton will provide a good challenge for us and make us better. They are very fast and dangerous, we will have to play well to compete with them," said Coach Bigham.

The Mavericks opened their season with a 53-12 thrashing of the Rule Kittens. The Mavericks will next face the Jayton Junior High squad Thursday, September 20, at Jayton. Kick-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Texas Public Education to benefit from \$1 million coordinating board grant

Austin, Texas -- The University of Texas at Austin's College of Education has received a \$1 million grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to establish a research center that will report findings on critical education issues in Texas.

The newly created University of Texas Center for Collaborative Educational Research and Policy is a jointly established research collaborative composed of three University of Texas system campuses (Austin, San Antonio and Pan American) and Texas State University - San Marcos.

The center will be administered from the College of Education's Superintendency Program, which is in the Department of Education Administration. The University of Texas at Austin has been designated as fiscal agent and research hub. Dr. Ruben Olivarez, former superintendent of San Antonio Independent School District and current director of the Superintendency Program, is the lead investigator.

The one-year grant is funding 13 projects that will examine effective curriculum and instruction programs, components of exceptional teacher preparation programs, school finance and allocation of resources at the district level, academic achievement of English Language Learners and devel-

opmental education courses that successfully prepare minority students for college.

The center will be a focal point for state policy makers, institutions of higher education and school districts to access collaborative research, and there will be a marked emphasis on designing, implementing and evaluating education programs that address the needs of growing and diverse Texas student population.

According to Olivarez, research findings will inform interested parties of policy outcomes and "best practices" that will eventually close the achievement gap between low-income minorities, English language learners and other students.

"This center will access the considerable quantitative and qualitative research of more than two dozen faculty at University of Texas System campuses around the state," says Olivarez. "This is a unique opportunity for scholars to conduct education improvement research, present their findings to key policy makers and positively influence decisions made on important education issues. An additional benefit of the grant is that it will give our doctoral students opportunities to

be direct participants in the research."

The Superintendency Program is one of four education leadership programs in the Department of Educational Administration. The nationally recognized, highly competitive program has produced graduates who oversee some of the largest, most complex urban school districts in the nation and is one of few such programs to offer a doctoral degree. About 15-20 new students are accepted each year, and graduates of the program include former state commissioners of education and top university administrators.

"Our graduates lead school districts that include about half of the students of Texas," says Olivarez. "We offer a high concentration on coursework in administrative leadership and management of large school districts because districts have a much more complicated structure than they used to."

"Districts tend to be larger and more complex now, and successful superintendents need to be equipped with a special set of business management and leadership skills. There's always a need for high-quality top-level leadership in schools, and that's the need we are addressing."

THANK YOU

Dear Precious Souls,

Thank you for making my 89th birthday such a special one. Yes, I got 89 birthday cards and thousands of prayers for my total healing. Our family sends love to your families.

Gratefully,
Dan Barton

To All:

Words cannot express the gratitude to all who have made the Hackberry Care Center possible from the first shovel of dirt to the last picture hung. It is a work of art -- but even more beautiful are the hearts and souls of all who work, volunteer and live there. A sweet, sweet spirit dwells there, too!

Because of Jesus,
The family of Dan Barton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MOTLEY COUNTY ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Motley County ISD will hold a Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m., October 8, 2007, in the Motley County I.S.D. Board Room, 1600 Bundy Street

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Motley County I.S.D.'s rating on the State's Financial Accountability System.

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Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

WHY INTELLIGENT DESIGN VS. EVOLUTION?
Many ask "Why, in asserting Intelligent Design, are you bashing Evolution?" And that is a good question. The answer is: "Because it's an either/or situation." It is impossible for both to be true! True proof for one rebuts the other. If Intelligent Design (ID) is true, then Darwinian Evolution is false, and vice-versa. It is either Darwin or Design!

But, we need to be certain of our terms. When we are pitting ID versus "Evolution", we are talking about the variety of evolution posed by Charles Darwin, often called "MACRO" evolution - the idea that simpler organisms and species evolved upward (vertically) into more complex and ordered organisms and species. This is where the war is.

On the other hand, within the genetic code and DNA of all living things, wide variation is allowed but with fixed limits. For example, consider all the variations of horses, dogs and cats, but two mules can't reproduce and there are no cogs or dats. This is "horizontal" variation, not true evolution, but it is sometimes referred to as "MI-

CRO" evolution. This is why selective breeding (design) of cattle can produce those with desirable traits and look at the many differences in us.

On "MICRO" evolution, there is no dispute. It happens. But here's the rub. There is not now, nor has there been found, any evidence to rightly prove that "MACRO" evolution ever happened in the past, and it is certainly not happening today! Whereas, evidence of intelligent design is being discovered almost daily. In response, the "MACRO" evolutionists cite and put in their textbooks proof of "MICRO" evolution AS proof of "MACRO" evolution, which is absurd. That's citing, proof of applies as "proof" of oranges, and it is a fraud! Here's a classic example. Most of us have seen the textbook picture depicting the supposed evolution of horses - from small to large, over a long period of time. BUT, all of them are found in the same geologic strata - a short period of time - formed at once! That ain't "MACRO" evolution. It is Intelligent Design and horizontal variation. As between the two - ID or Macroevolution - only one can be true, and ID has all the evidence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is not in defense of government of taxes. I have an unabiding hatred for both. That said, the August 30 letter by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort, demands a response. In a word, as she admits, she is "clueless." She could have challenged her house appraisal, but didn't. If it went up by 21%, and if the appraisal is correct, then she has had the benefit of an under appraisal in the past, and probably for a number of years. As to why Austin required reappraisals, she should ask the School District. It was in jeopardy. No, PolyPipe's closing is not reflected in her house appraisal. That has nothing to do with it, nor with anybody else's. Nor does the Commissioner's Court control appraisals.

County salaries are obscene and disgraceful, and in some instances, the lowest in the entire state, nor are there any employee benefits, such as health insurance. This is why we just lost our Sheriff - and he made a right decision! The County Budget is cut to the bone. Should we now cut State and Federally-mandated essential services?

Marie even suggests the possibility of a conspiracy to use recent budgets to establish property appraisals. That is absurd, and it would also be criminal! State law establishes appraisals, and the budget authorities are bound by them.

If Marie wants to attack the entire State and Federal Tax Structure, I'm for it, but in the meantime, we're stuck with what we have. She asks: "What is being done to lower the tax burden on the residents of Motley County?" and that is a very good question. She should address it to herself, the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, and many others! The answer is "very little" - for decades! The basic problem is that the county tax base is largely agricultural, thus subject to the ag exemption. That's the main reason why, of a \$237 million total appraisal, only \$72 million is taxable. Farmers and ranches don't pay taxes on the market value of their land! Thus, while all costs and expenses have gone up, decades of inaction in improving and altering the county economy has put us in the sad position of high tax rates tied to an ag exempt tax base. Some county residents have even wanted to keep it that way! What foresight. The solution? Attract and establish new economic development that is not subject to the ag exemption, such as power lines and wind energy. Use your imagination (cleaned up towns would also help - but there are those against that also!). The way you lower taxes is to expand the tax base, i.e. new development. For decades, many of the county's offspring have left due to lack of opportunities to keep them here. How many citizens and offspring of this county have done or accomplished anything to expand or diversify this county's economy? I suspect you could count them on both hands (for the last 50 years) and have fingers left over. Some have tried, been met with resistance and apathy, and left in disgust.

Dickens County solved its problem with a prison. Cottle County is moving forward with wind farms and an ethanol plant. One "super" powerline across this county could double the county's tax base, allow correction for the many inequities, and ultimately result in lower taxes for all!

New economic development is the main goal of Most Chamber of Commerce, and should be the goal of ours. But we are all, to some degree, responsible for this mess. How about everybody pulling in one sensible direction for a change?

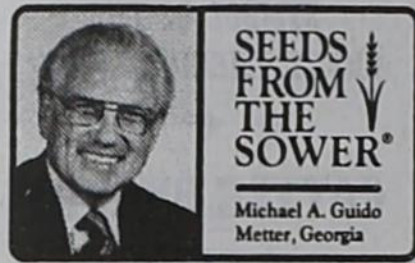
Tom Edwards

Dear loved ones,

Just so you know - due to our careers, and busy lives we couldn't all be with mother on the same day to celebrate her birthday. So we just had three parties! If you didn't get to any of them come by Hackberry Care Center or call her at 806-347-2228.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He WILL direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6. She taught us this.

Our love to all,
Max Barton
Cherri Barton Karr
Jan Barton Hamilton



They just returned from their honeymoon, and the husband said, "Now that we're married, it might be helpful if I pointed out your defects."

"Don't bother, darling," she replied. "I know them. They kept me from getting a better man."

The rose has its thorns, the diamond its specks, and everyone his defects. The Bible says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

But God doesn't want you to be destroyed by your defects or to be a slave to sin. Come to Christ, and He'll forgive your sins, free you from its slavery, and fit you for heaven.

With His Spirit within you, His strength behind you, you'll be more than sufficient for the days ahead of you.

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Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Consider:

There is a bit of insanity in dancing that does everybody a great deal of good.

-- Edwin Denby

There are some things that you can't do in Motley County - for example go to the opera.

But there are things you can do here that you can't do in all to many other places, like dance in the streets. So the key to happiness is to enjoy the things on offer here.

And the Chamber of Commerce is getting in the swing of things with the yearly banquet and music and dancing in the street, this year joining forces with the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail.

Come out at 6 p.m., and feast on chili dogs with all the trimmings, as well as chips and drinks. You don't have to buy tickets in advance, since the feast is free. The food is being donated by the Chamber.

So what has the Chamber banquet to do with the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, and why is the Chamber banquet being done with another organization? Well, it is hoped that you share our belief that the project to save the jail is a worthwhile one, important for the whole county, and you will donate money for the work that must be done to preserve the old building.

Originally, the Friends wanted to hold their own banquet. But there is always a lot going on in the fall, what with football games and other banquets, and it was felt that people might get banqueted out if they were asked to attend yet another such event. There is also the matter of someone donating

the food, so that all the money collected could go to the jail, and the Chamber felt this was important activity and well worth supporting. Thus the plan to join forces and sponsor an evening of fun together.

Gerald Pipkin, with Pat Seigler, Billy Donaldson, Kelly Keltz and Brandt Bearden, will provide the musical accompaniment, and there will surely be music to dance to.

And there will be more: Wagon rides to the jail, so you can get a look at the current situation there, and maybe you have never been inside and seen it for yourself. And word is that a bank robbery and shoot out by some local folks will be staged.

Of course, since it is, after all, the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, the Woman of the Year, the Man of the Year and the Business of the Year awards will be given out. That will happen at 7 p.m.

There will also be awards for the children who participated in a coloring contest (kindergarten through 3rd grade) and an art contest for the 4th through 6th graders.

Not only all of this, but the Junior Class is sponsoring a street dance on the east side of the courthouse lawn, to begin at 9 p.m. in connection with the out-of-cycle Homecoming weekend. You will be asked to pay \$2 for the street dance.

So mark your calendar - Saturday, September 29th is the big night.

Bring your lawn chairs and, of course, the bug spray, and come down to the courthouse lawn for an evening of eats, entertainment, and dancing in the streets. It should do everyone a great deal of good.

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NOTICE Of Vote on Tax Rate
The Motley County Commissioners' Court will have conducted Public Hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Motley from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9977 percent on September 10, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. and September 21, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.
The Motley County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a Public Meeting to be held on September 28, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at the Motley County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas

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Plane crashes near Flomot

Pictured at left is a plane which crashed last Friday, September 14, in a cotton field near Flomot. Pilot, Mitch Probasco, stated that the plane lost engine power and he was forced to dump his load as he was going down. The plane hit an electric wire and came to a rest in the field. Mr. Probasco was not injured.

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Hagai 3:17

New laws bring relief to Texas patients

September 1 is an important day for scores of Texans suffering without health insurance, as Texas' new laws take effect to ease their pain.

Bills that aim to insure more Texans, reform health insurance abuses, improve health care information transparency, increase the use of health information technology, and launch worksite wellness plans all became law Sept. 1

"Texas lawmakers really stepped up to the plate for Texas patients, and we couldn't be more thrilled about that," said William W. Hinchey, MD, president of the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Dr. Hinchey worked alongside TMA physician colleagues to diagnose Texas' health problems and prescribe treatments at several meetings prior to the 2007 legislative session. TMA's Health Vision 2010 Summits assembled physician, business, government, and other health care leaders to study what ailed Texas. TMA Healthy Vision 2010 Summit participants prioritized urgent health care issues, including the alarming number of Texas' uninsured and the need for better wellness promotion and disease prevention. "Texas is a national leader of uninsured children and adults. It's an issue that's languished on the table for too long, so we decided somebody — Texas physicians, and enlightened legislators — had to do something to help solve it," said Dr. Hinchey.

The more than 40 participants developed and shared with state legislators many recommendations for how to reduce the number of uninsured Texans, and encourage wellness and disease prevention activity. One example is what some see as flagship legislation by Sen. Jane Nelson (R-Lewisville), which adopted the summit participants' recommendations to tackle the uninsured problem and wrote them into law.

Patient friendly bills that became law on Sept. 1 include the following:

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reforms:

- Senate Bill 10 by Senator Nelson: Maximizes state and federal aid to help insure more low-income Texans; trims Medicaid costs by promoting illness prevention and healthier lifestyles; shares costs among business, government, and health care groups ("three-share" programs) to help expand insurance coverage to small-business employees; directs the state health department to create positive incentive programs — e.g., for smoking cessation or weight loss — to promote healthier lifestyles among Medicaid clients; and urges health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and other Medicaid health care payment plans to provide more preventive health services to their enrollees. SB 10 also adopted provisions of House Bill 2610 by Rep. Dianne Delisi (R-Temple) that modernize the Medicaid system by implementing health information technology, and House Bill 3471, also by Representative Delisi, creating a pilot program to provide health information technology, including electronic health records, to high-volume primary care physicians participating in Medicaid.

- House Bill 2042 by Rep. Dawna Dukes (D-Austin): Provides for an electronic database

of physicians and health care professionals who participate in Medicaid.

- House Bill 109 by Rep. Sylvester Turner (D-Houston) and Sens. Kip Averitt (R-Waco) and Leticia Van de Putte (D-San Antonio): Restores many of the enrollment and eligibility restrictions placed on CHIP in 2003. The bill also extends 12 months' coverage to eligible children. More than 120,000 Texas children should gain health insurance as a result.

Health Insurance Reform:

- Senate Bill 1731 by Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock): Ensures that employers, their employees, and Texas patients have access to health care information about medical service costs and patient out-of-pocket expenses. The bill is an important first step toward ensuring transparency in the health care market.

- House Bill 1594 by Rep. John Zerwas, MD (R-Rich-

mond): Requires physicians joining a medical group established in a health plan's network to be recognized as network members while the plan is processing their credentials. TMA believes Texas needs new physicians to see patients as quickly as possible, and this ensures patients are not billed as if they had seen an out-of-network physician while the new physician is being credentialed.

- Senate Bill 1255 by Senator Averitt: Reinstates the ability of both large and small employers to participate within the same health cooperative. Such co-ops of large and/or small employers of an industry can be considered a single employer or insurance underwriting purposes, cutting costs.

- House Bill 3064 by Representative Delisi: Regulates discount health care programs that offer patients direct access to health care products and services.

Worksite Wellness:

- House Bill 1297 by Representative Delisi: Creates a statewide worksite wellness advisory committee to help public and private companies implement programs. The bill also creates a worksite wellness program for state employees.

Immunizations:

- Senate Bill 811 by Sen. Kyle Janek, MD (R-Houston): Requires the Texas Department of State Health Services to allow physicians in the federal Vaccines for Children Program to select any influenza vaccine from the federal list.

Health Information Technology:

- House Bill 1066 by Representative Delisi: Allows more doctors to participate voluntarily in electronic data sharing. It also initializes a system of data exchanges including patient insurance verification; coverage; physicians' network coverage; and eventually, real-time claims adjudication.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

There's nothing that makes you realize that you are no longer a spring chicken more than a child celebrating their 50th birthday! What's more? He had a surprise "over the hill" birthday complete with black streamers, black balloons, and a cake with black roses and a sliding hill on his cake! All his immediate family was there and many friends from work. It was a fun occasion but it did make me feel a little older as my mother's, mine and my son's birthdays all fall in September and we were all decades apart so we all had to move up a notch together. My mother died in 1995 so she wasn't there to celebrate as we had shared so many birthday occasions. Now you will have to figure out the math!

Celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary are J.T. and Imogene Swim. They and Billy Ray and Mary Lou Martin marked the occasion by going out to eat at Billie Dean's Restaurant on Monday evening.

Ken Young had his art displayed during the Cowboy Symposium last week. His art was displayed in the new Underwood Center for the Arts located at 511 Avenue K. He said approximately 2500 people attended the symposium. His photography will remain on exhibit through the 29th of September.

D.A. and Ruby McGuire's remodeling and restoration project on their home should be completed in about a month. Their home on Broadway was built in 1912 or 1913 by the Chalk family. He was the banker here in Roaring Springs. That was about the time Roaring Springs was established. There had been several owners over the years. Jake Goodson remembers helping

to remodel the house in the late 1940's or early 1950's after he returned from military service. The late John and Fern Green were the last owners before the McGuires bought the house from their estate. The McGuire's have had extensive renovation done and they have tried to keep the changes consistent with its original style.

Devonne Dillard is at home recuperating from knee surgery. She is doing well; she said that her pain has been minimal and she feels much better. She will need a few weeks to heal.

Karen Lamar, daughter of Glennard and Edith Daniell; granddaughter-in-law Alyssa and great granddaughters Alexis and Autumn were visitors in the Daniell's home on Sunday evening for dinner. Edith and Anna Daniell will keep an orthodontic appointment today in Plainview for Anna.

Louise Perryman has been back in the hospital for reconstructive surgery. Janice Perryman, Jimmy and LaNita Geer of Roaring Springs and Louise's son, Jim Perryman from Afton, were in Plainview to be with her during her surgery. She stood the surgery well. Louise has been living at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center for several months.

Weslyn Thacker, wife of Brad Thacker has been in the hospital. She is now at home; Pam Thacker is spending some time with her and taking care of little Charlee.

Billy Hand remains at Cariollon House in Lubbock for rehabilitation. Mozelle reported that he is making progress but it is slow. He expects to be there for sometime.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A school bus full of elementary school students pulled over to allow a fire truck to zoom past. The children began discussing the role of the Dalmatian in fighting fires.

"They use him to keep the crowd back," said one boy. Another boy said, "He's for good luck."

Certain she would end the debate, a girl spoke up and said, "The dog is used to find the fire hydrant."

Everett Shorter returned home Monday after visiting the past week with his sisters, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas and Mrs. Alene Barnes of Terrell. The three of them visited in Houston with another sister, Mrs. Opal Kirtley.

Will and Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash visited Sunday in Quitaque with his parents, Jackie and Terry Sperry.

Mrs. Janice Hughes baby sat with grandchildren, Kendal and

Kason, Thursday, children of Ricky and Tasha Hughes of Floydada.

Cary Franks of Idalou and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock visited the weekend with Cary's parents, Connie and Coy Franks.

Kathy and Clois Shorter met daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg in Lockney Saturday to attend the Lockney Day celebration. Emily and Haley with their Tumbling class gave an entertaining performance on Main Street Saturday night.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited from Thursday until Sunday in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. Elissa Wigley. They enjoyed going to garage sales all over Lubbock Friday and Saturday. They attended the Church of Christ services at 78 University Sunday morning. Elisa's husband, Stan is in Colorado on a hunting trip.

Matador News

Billie Beth Moore of Fort Worth visited in Matador last weekend with her cousins, Tom and Jan Hamilton. She attended the birthday celebration of Dan Barton at Hackberry Creek Care Center. She also enjoyed visiting with cousins, Dorothy Russell, Linda Roy and

Marilynn Hicks. She was returning home from Amarillo where she attended a District 10 DRT workshop at which she officiated as Chaplain General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She is a member of the Frances Cooke VanZandt Chapter of DRT in Fort Worth.

Mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus in Lubbock

by Beth Aaron Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

The West Nile virus has been confirmed in Lubbock.

The Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Texas Tech has verified that eight pools of mosquitoes - groups of the same species and sex - have tested positive for West Nile.

"They're all spread across from the southern side of the city," said Steve Presley, associate professor of environmental toxicology and research coordinator for the Zumwalt National Program at the Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

The Lubbock Health Department's Vector Control Section monitors mosquito populations in the county with 25 traps that are checked each week. Pools of mosquitoes are sent to a lab at the Reese Technology Center to be tested for West Nile.

The first positive pool of mosquitoes was discovered in early July and subsequent pools have since tested positive every time, Presley said.

"We're really getting a late summer here," he said. It's been so late that the main species ... has been coming on strong."

Although no human cases of West Nile have yet been confirmed in Lubbock County this year, Presley said residents should be cautious.

According to State Health Services, three human cases of West Nile fever and four cases of West Nile neuroinvasive disease have been confirmed in Texas this year.

West Nile fever presents much like the flu, Presley said. Most people can get over West Nile fever without going to the hospital.

West Nile neuroinvasive disease, however, is more worrisome. It can cause swelling of the brain or swelling of the lining of the brain, Presley said. "That's what kills people," he said.

Symptoms of West Nile may include severe headache, sore joints, nausea, irregular heartbeat, paralysis and liver and kidney failure.

West Nile usually is more severe in the very young, the elderly and people with immune deficiencies, Presley said.

Residents can reduce their risk of contracting West Nile fever or West Nile neuroinvasive

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OBITUARY

JoAnn Durham

JoAnn Durham, 61, of Matador was born April 12, 1946, in Borger, Texas to Clyde and Ozie Ferguson. Mrs. Durham owned and operated Jo-Barb-Dee Beauty Shop in Matador and was a longtime resident of Matador. She was well known throughout Texas for her unique handmade jewelry.



JoAnn went to be with her Lord September 12, 2007, and will forever be joined with her childhood sweetheart and husband of 46 years, Bill Durham. She and Bill were married on April 22, 1960, in Borger, Texas. She was the loving mother of Barbara Durham of Eunice, N.M. and Deanna Logan and husband Ed of Ralls, TX. JoAnn was the proud grandmother of LeAndra Couvillion and husband Brandon, Kelsi Wallace, Brett Wallace, Tyler Logan and her great-grandson, Cooter Couvillion.

She is also survived by her brothers: Neil Ferguson of Borger, Clyde Ferguson, Jr. and John Ferguson both of Pampa and by her sisters, Sue Yohn, Margaret Graham, Tommie Parkhurst and Kathy Armstrong, all of Borger. She was

preceded in death by one brother, Stonie Ferguson and one sister, Terry Helen Ferguson. JoAnn was also blessed with many friends and loyal customers.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Matador on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. Interment followed in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Teresa Hart

Family and friends of Teresa Hart gathered to celebrate her 48 years of life at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel, Lubbock, at 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 17th, with Rev. John Ballard officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Teresa was born in Lubbock May 8, 1959. She and Buddy Hart married Oct. 4, 1977. She was a loving wife and mother. She passed away Sept. 12 at Covenant Lakeside.

Teresa was preceded in death

by her father, Fred Lipham and two brothers, Arnold and Michael Lipham.

Those left to cherish Teresa's memory are her husband, Buddy; five children, Trey and Bobby of the home, Kevin Hart and Lisa Hart of Liberty, and Kim Wood of Dayton; five grandchildren, her mother, Helen Lipham of Floydada; her grandmother, Willie Mae Thomas of Plainview; two sisters, Pam Holmes of Floydada and Linda Grigory of Houston; and in-laws, Judy and Butch Renfro of Matador.

Earlene Barr

Graveside services for Earlene Barr were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, in Plainview Memorial Park. A memorial service followed at 1:30 p.m., in Westmont Christian Church, in Lubbock. Minister Clint Stephenson officiated. Mrs. Barr passed away Sept. 14, 2007.

Earlene was born Aug. 24, 1936, in Matador, to Bill and Alene (Spray) Briscoe. She graduated from Plainview High School.

Earlene married Bill Barr Nov. 25, 1956, in Plainview. She had been a bookkeeper, secretary and homemaker. She loved her family and friends. She had a deep compassion

for animals. She was an active member of Westmont Christian Church, heading several committees.

Mrs. Barr is preceded in death by her parents and husband. Survivors include a brother, Doug Briscoe and wife Linda of Twin Falls, Idaho; several aunts and uncles; several cousins; several nieces and nephews, including Brenda G. Martin of Lubbock and Tony Marshall of Pflugerville; and her "adopted" son, Hal and "adopted" daughter-in-law, Sally Jackson of Dallas.

Memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423 or a favorite charity.

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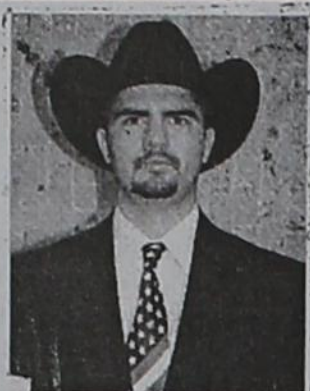
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County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



SWINE VALIDATION DEADLINE

State swine validation tags are due in the office this Friday, September 21. If you are planning on taking a swine to a major stock show, you need to let Mr. Cooper or myself know so we can order state validation tags. The tags are \$7 each if ordered before September 21. If ordered after the 21st tags will be \$20 per tag.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING REGULATED HERBICIDES IN MOTLEY COUNTY

In the past few months I have received several phone calls about applications of regulated herbicides being made in our area. Several cotton acres have also shown effects of being hit with 2, 4-D and dicamba. With respect to these calls, below are the regulations for applying regulated herbicides from the Texas Department of Agriculture and Motley County.

Regulated herbicides are herbicides that have the potential to cause adverse effects to nontarget vegetation, all pesticide products containing the active ingredients specified below, either alone or in mixtures, shall be classified as regulated herbicides.

- 2, 4-D
- MCPA
- Dicamba
- Quinclorac

The regulations for applying these herbicides in Motley County are as follows:

1. No permit is required for the period beginning October 2 and ending April 30 the following year.
2. The aerial application of all regulated herbicides is pro-

hibited during the period beginning May 10 and ending October 1 each year. From May 1 to May 9 of each year aerial applications may be made with a permit from TDA, however beginning May 10 of each year no application of any regulated herbicide may be made by aerial application.

3. Ground applications of regulated herbicides may be made from May 10 to October 1 of the same year provided a permit is obtained prior to application. All permits expire when the acreage for which the permit was granted has been sprayed, or 180 days after issuance, whichever occurs first.

4. Spraying highly volatile herbicides is prohibited when there are susceptible crops within a four mile radius from any point of the land to be sprayed.

5. No person shall spray regulated herbicides when the wind velocity exceeds 10 miles per hour or as specified on the product label, if the label is more restrictive.

6. The use of any turbine or blower type ground application equipment to apply regulated herbicides is prohibited.

If a regulated herbicide is applied by a commercial applicator, the person in control of the crop or land to which the regulated herbicide is applied and the commercial applicator are jointly responsible for ensuring that the application is in compliance with the law and each applicable rule adopted by the department and county.

If you have any questions you may contact Texas Department of Agriculture or the Extension office.

New law prohibits all hunting of wildlife from roads

Austin -- With the passage of House Bill 12 by the 80th Texas Legislature, it is now unlawful to hunt any wild bird or animal on a public road or the right-of-way of a public road.

Prior to this year, it was unlawful to hunt game animals or game birds on a public road, meaning that nongame species such as snakes, turtles, frogs and most mammals other than deer, bighorn sheep, javelina, and pronghorn antelope could be legally taken, provided that the take was not by firearm and did not occur from a vehicle.

For many years, the department has informed the public that a hunting license was not required to take or possess any animal other than terrestrial vertebrates, such as insects.

Although the new law could be construed to apply to the collection of invertebrates, the department will not enforce the provision as it relates to invertebrates at this time.

"The department strongly encourages all persons to avoid engaging in the collection of any animal life on public roads or the right-of-way of public roads," said Maj. David Sinclair, TPWD chief of wildlife enforcement.

The new law does not apply to licensed falconers trapping raptors (birds of prey) or persons engaged in activities under department permits for scientific, educational, or zoological collection of allowed under the conditions of the permit.

REMEMBERING DAYS GONE BY

Stories of days gone by in and around Motley County

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH BY E.L. HARKEY

Recollections by John Duff Green

I came to this country in 1883, landed at the Matador Ranch on the twentieth day of September, 1883. Went to the wagon with J.L. Harrison, Range Boss. The wagon was camped at the mouth of Bluff Creek, now in Swenson pasture on Tongue River. J.D. Harkey, my brother, was running the wagon. He put me to wrangling horses; I was 13 years old. I was raised an orphan by my oldest brother. Don't remember either my father or mother. I was born in San Saba County the nineteenth day of March 1869, one mile east of Richland Springs.

Now in reference to the Spur cattle in those days. They were owned and controlled by Jim Hall and located on North Pease. The first bunch of cattle was moved from the Cross Ell Ranch on the Semarron River, N.E. New Mexico, owned by Jim, Nath and Bill Hall, brothers. Jim Hall moved his part of cattle to North Pease that was about the spring of '77. Hall then went down in Victoria County and bought some cattle and came back through San Saba and got several hundred head and that is where J.D. Harkey went to work for Hall.

Dick Hudson was in charge of that herd. They were also moved to North Pease River. Hall later moved those cattle down on Red Mud Creek. Dick Hudson quit the ranch and Hall put Benton Champion in charge, so J.D. Harkey and J.R. Beasley quit and went to work for the Matadors. That was in 1879, and in 1883 both were running Matador wagons. In those days, they usually ran three wagons. Two branding wagons and one holding wagon. The Matadors claimed about one hundred thousand cattle and had about twenty-five different brands on cattle. The brand they kept up was VV on right side and hip, mark crop the left ear and under half crop the right.

The bookkeeper said that 107 men were on the payroll from 1885 to 1888, while they were driving steer yearlings to Montana; John Smith was in charge of all herds going to Montana, while they had different bosses with each herd, but John Smith was over all. They were six or seven months making the trip.

The largest brands of cattle were the T41 and NN, owned formerly by Houston and Lemons from South Texas. They ranched down on Tongue River 25 miles east of the Matador Ranch. The next largest brand was known as the Jingle Bob, which was owned by Coggins and Wylie. They ranched on Grapevine, known as the White House Ranch in early days. Then came the OIL cattle, owned by Black, who ranched in what is known as the Croton country. Those were the largest

brands of cattle.

The original VV cattle came from Ellis County and were driven by H.H. Campbell, the man who ran the Matador Ranch four years, known as Paint Campbell. The Matador really ran four wagons. They had a wagon called the General Wagon. This wagon went to all ranges and worked through and gathered all cattle that belonged in the neighboring territory. This General Wagon was run by Jim Lovelady and made up by men from different ranches and later run by Jeff Boone.

The spur outfit, after it went out of Hall's hands, went into a Scotch Company and was run by Bud Campbell, a brother to H.H. Campbell who ran the Matador outfit. The Spur Ranch was established then at what was called the Triangle Ranch, about one mile south of where the Spur Ranch House is at present.

Bud Campbell owned an interest in the Triangle cattle. After Bud Campbell's time, Goff ran the ranch, then Horsbrough, Dawson, Johnson and then the ranch passed into the Swenson interest.

There were three brothers of us working for the Matadors at the same time; Jeff, Mose and myself, me being the youngest. Mose Harkey was killed at Cottonwood Mott, by Frank Drace in January, 1888. I also had another brother killed at the same place in 1877. Jim Harkey was working for Jim Hall. He came down from the Cross L Ranch on the Semarron River with the first bunch of cattle moved to the North Pease Ranch, owned by Jim Hall. Jim Barbee was working for the Jingle Bob outfit.

The boys that came to the country with the T41 and NN cattle were Jim and Morgan Liverston, Jess Baker, Bill Brady, and that was all I knew. The men I knew that came with the VV cattle were George Walker, Bill Parks, and Doug Starks and John Smith.

I worked for the Matador from 1883 to 1889 steady. Went to San Saba County the winter of 1888 and married the fifth day of March, 1889 and moved back out here on the head of Duck Creek and cut trail herds. That fall I went back to San Saba and tried to farm, but I found I was no farmer so came back in the summer of 1893 and worked for the Spur outfit. Moved my family out here in May 1894 and here I have been ever since.

The largest roundup I ever saw was over on Croton Flats during the general roundup times in 1886. Eight stray wagons and three Matador wagons. The roundup was estimated at ten thousand cattle and it was cut into two bunches to be worked.

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Hunters urged to enroll in hunter education courses

Austin -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters in need of certification to enroll soon as hunter education courses are filling up fast.

"It would be much better to enroll early and avoid the rush right at the beginning of hunting seasons," said Terry Erwin, Coordinator for Hunter Education at TPWD. "If you wait, you might find that getting into a course will be more difficult."

Hunter education courses are conducted year-around all across the state of Texas by certified volunteers. Courses cost \$15 and students have three options: take the classroom study portion on-line plus a one day field component, complete the at-home study packet plus a one day field course, or take the traditional two-day course that averages 14 hours of instruction at a location near home.

Due to all the rain, wildlife habitats are in excellent condition and wildlife biologists are predicting an abundance of game animals. Erwin is hoping the forecast for good hunting will spark more people to enter the field this fall.

"This means we must increase the number of courses we offer, which will enable those in need to become certified," said Erwin. "Don't wait, because the number of available courses begins to taper off as the hunting season grows closer."

Anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971 is required to take the Hunter Education Training

Course and the minimum age of certification is 12-years-old.

Hunters who are least 17-years-old and have not completed the hunter education course can defer completion for one year. Hunters who opted for "deferral" last year must complete the hunter education course to hunt legally this year.

"The deferral is only available once. The license point-of-sale vendors are not allowed to sell a deferral once it has been purchased by an individual," said Erwin. "The database keeps track of the sale, and will not allow a sale to occur with the same individual."

More than 30,000 aspiring hunters become certified every year in Texas and since 1972, more than 713,000 Texans have completed the hunter education course, which is mandatory in all 50 states and 10 Canadian Provinces. Currently, hunter education courses are taught by 2,900 volunteers comprised of game wardens, professional educators and volunteers at TPWD.

As a result of hunter education courses, hunting accident rates have steadily decreased since 1966 when 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters were reported and the last three years have seen the rate lowered to 2.9 accidents per 100,000 hunters.

"Hunting is safe and getting safer because of hunter education," said Erwin. "Make sure you are part of those responsible individuals who wish to continue the heritage of hunting for generations to come."

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Motley County Tribune Weather Sept. 20, 2007

7-Day Forecast

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Friday	Partly Cloudy	High: 89 Low: 65
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	High: 88 Low: 65
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	High: 87 Low: 63
Monday	Mostly Sunny	High: 85 Low: 62
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	High: 86 Low: 64
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	High: 88 Low: 64

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 88°, humidity of 48% and an overnight low of 64°. The record high temperature for today is 98° set in 1954. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 89°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
9/26	10/3	10/11	10/19

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	77	69	88/64	0.16"
Monday	86	62	88/63	0.00"
Tuesday	79	55	87/63	0.00"
Wednesday	82	53	87/63	0.00"
Thursday	86	57	87/62	0.00"
Friday	82	58	86/62	0.00"
Saturday	84	61	86/62	0.00"

Average temperature 70.8°
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Weather History

Sept. 20, 1967 - Hurricane Beulah moved into south Texas and its torrential rains turned the rich agricultural areas of south Texas into a large lake. Hurricane Beulah also spawned a record 115 tornadoes.

Sun & Moon Times

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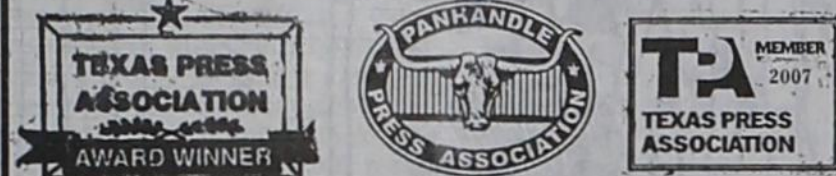
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