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Jack Martin Candidate For Hall County Judge

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of County Judge of Hall County. I was born here in 1953 and my parents and grandparents were also from Hall County. M.C. Martin and his family settled in this county near Estelline in the early 1920's and my mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkland settled here in the very early part of the twentieth century. My mother is Beulah Martin and was born on the family farm near Lakeview and graduated from Lakeview High School in 1941. My father was the late Jack Martin and he graduated from Estelline High School in 1939. He then entered into the army and fought in World War II. My aunt is Violette McQueen, who came to Hall County as a small child.

I attended public schools in Memphis and graduated in 1972. I then attended Clarendon Junior College and graduated with an Associate in Arts Degree in 1974. I was awarded the Sheffy Scholarship in history from West Texas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1976. I then attended graduate school and earned my Masters degree in public school administration in 1978. I began my teaching career in Turkey, Texas and became an elementary principal in the Lakeview School District at the age of 21. I worked in Texas Public Schools as an administrator as both campus principal and superintendent of schools for over 25 years.

In 1999, I returned to Memphis and served as the last superintendent of schools of Lakeview ISD during the transition of consolidation with the Memphis School District. On November 22, 2000 I along with other citizens and businessmen of Memphis, Turkey and Hedley formed the "Audie L. Murphy Rural Preservation Foundation to aid our rural area needs, Pat Carson, Mayor of Turkey, is on the board of Directors representing the Turkey community. I serve as the Executive Director of this foundation and I also represent the family of Audie Murphy on the Board of Directors.

I belong to the Memphis Lions Club and serve as that organization's song leader. I am presently on the Hall County Historical Commission, whose purpose is to place a memorial to all the veterans who served their country bravely with honor and valor. I was also involved along with the last board of trustees in placing the war memorial to the ex-students of the Lakeview School District who served their country in the military at the sight of the Lakeview High School that burned down in 1994. I am presently serving as secretary pro-tem of the Memphis Masonic Lodge. I attend the First United Methodist Church in Memphis.

I am presently writing grants and have successfully had approval for \$200,000 for the Hall County Hospital and another rural area hospital. I have recently appeared before the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo on behalf of the Memphis Independent School District in their attempt to seek grants from the federal government to help our students.

I would like to address, in my campaign, my desire to work to seek grants from the federal and state sources to improve our county's infrastructure. It is hard work to get outside funding but I believe that if we are successful, then we as citizens do not constantly have to look to the taxpayers for money to improve our county's roads, bridges, equipment and facilities. I have appeared at the Texas 77th Legislature in Austin seeking help from elected representatives. My experience in public schools has given me some good contacts in Austin with legislative representatives and heads of different agencies that are helpful to county officials. If we look at our county's demographics we can identify many needs in our county. We are experiencing a decline in population and with that also a decline in personal income for our residents. We must constantly be on the watch for ways to get industry jobs and people to move here. I am pleased in seeing former residents move back to this area. It is important to people considering moving back to this county that we have available the very best in health care and the county judge and commissioners need to work closely together with the Hall County Hospital in providing the very best doctors, medical facilities and medical equipment. We need to address the needs of our senior citizens and provide for their well-being. It is essential that we network together with our cities in the county; schools and health care providers instead of working independently. We can get the State of Texas to come into our county and do a needs survey of the county to identify our needs. This will aid in our efforts to receive grants, jobs and industry and aid potential economic growth. We can accomplish this county survey through the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The county judge must possess skills to work with the people in the county to have the vision for improvements that will work many years after he takes and leaves office. My family has been en-

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James Fuston To Run For Hall County Commissioner Precinct 4

James Fuston of Turkey has announced his intention to run for County Commissioner-Precinct 4 of Hall County. As a lifetime resident of Hall County and Turkey, James has served on numerous county committees representing the people of the Turkey area.

James has served on the Hall-Childress Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, the Hall County FSA Board for 15 years, and the Turkey-Quitauque Independent School District Board of Trustees. James has been an active member of the Bob Wills Foundation for many years. James was employed by the Texas Highway Department and for many years has been involved in farming and ranching in Hall County. James is a concerned and experienced representative of the interest of the people of Turkey. James and his wife Wilda have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Raye Bailey To Seek Re-Election As County & District Clerk In Hall Co.

Raye Bailey has authorized The Valley Tribune to announce her candidacy for the office of District-County Clerk of Hall County subject to the actions of the Democratic Party Primary election on March 12, 2002.

"I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for re-election and ask for your support and your vote for the office of District-County Clerk of Hall County" Mrs. Bailey stated.

"I feel that my seven years of experience as district-county clerk, along with my 17 years experience as an employee of a local bank, an employee of the Farmers Home Administration and several years of owning and operating a restaurant, that I have the experience to perform the duties of the office as well as the knowledge of the needs and desires of the residents of Hall County

"I am a native and life-long resident of the county. My parents were Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Maddox. I am married to Ed Bailey an employee of Memphis ISD and Auctioneer and we have a son, Bubba, who is a student at Texas Tech University.

"I have paid my filing fee, authorizing the newspaper to publish my announcement that I am seeking re-election to the office I now hold. I have begun to visit with the voters of Hall County personally and hope to be able to visit with each and every voter in the County before election time, to ask for your support and your vote in my endeavor to be your District-County Clerk"

Your support will be greatly appreciated." Mrs. Bailey said.



Hall County Historical Commission News

The Hall County Historical Commission is still working to raise funds to place the monument and lay the Walk of Honor on the Memphis Courthouse square. Our current projects are selling books, "Ordeal By Sea", and selling bumperstickers. The bumper stickers are available from any member of the Commission and from Balleu's Plumbing, the Checkered flag and the 4-H Club.

We have received donations from Mackie and Teddy Jean Allen and Cleatus and Joan lebow in memory of Dr. B. Owen Oslin and Harvey Melton. Bricks for the walk of Honor are still available and may be ordered by mail to Box 96, Memphis Texas 79245 or contact any member of the Historical Commission.

Briscoe County 4-H Christmas Party To Be Held In Quitauque

There will be a 4-H Christmas Party and caroling on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center in Quitauque. We will meet at the Community Center to go caroling in Quitauque, then we will return to the Community Center to warm up with hot chocolate and finger foods. We will also be wrapping Christmas gifts that the 4-H Council Officers have purchased for the Angel Tree children as our community service project. Please call the office at 806-823-2131 to sign up for finger foods or wrapping materials by December 12! We will also conduct a business meeting so be sure and join us!

Dale Ramsey Announces For Re-Election

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Office of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 of Briscoe County. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election. I have tried to do the best job I could as your J.P. for the past several years. Thanks very much for the support that everyone has given me.

Bena Hester To Seek Re-Election

Bena Hester has announced her plans to run for re-election to the office of Briscoe County and District Clerk. In announcing her plans Ms. Hester was quoted as saying, "I have enjoyed serving Briscoe County as their County and District Clerk. I ask the citizens of Briscoe County for their continued support and would urge each of you to exercise your American privilege to vote."



The Pre-Kindergarten class from Valley Schools made a field trip to Quitauque to deliver their Christmas letters to Santa Clause's mailbox.

Turkey Community Christmas "Love Gift Box Project"

If you would like to help with this year's Christmas Project to help those less fortunate, your donation of food, money or other items may be left at Turkey City Hall, Turkey Grocery, or with Margie Pinkerton. The gift boxes will be delivered on December 20th. This was a really wonderful project last year and we hope it will be just as great this year. Help make someone's Christmas a little bit brighter.

Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesday, December 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

Jr. Class To Sponsor Bake Sale

The 2001-2002 Junior Class at Valley School will be holding a sidewalk bake sale Saturday, December 15 beginning at 10 a.m. at Turkey in front of Lacy's Dry Good.

They will have a wide assortment of holiday goodies for you to pick from. So whether it is a gift you are looking for, if you just need something to take to a Christmas party, or you just have a sweet tooth the Jr. Class can fix you up.

If you would like to order your baked goods before Saturday please call Mona Wheeler at 423-1461, or contact Celia Johnson or any of the Jr. Class members and they will be happy to assist you. Merry Christmas!

EMT Classes Starting Soon

If you are interested in taking EMT Classes starting after the 1st of the year, please contact Jim Weeks at 806-423-1149 or Sandy Brady at 866-469-5292 for more information.



Calendar of events

- December 13**
 - Turkey City Council
 - Matador Masonic Lodge
 - Briscoe County 4-H Christmas Party & Caroling, Quitauque Community Center @ 6 p.m.
- December 14**
 - Valley Patriots vs Lorenzo, at Lorenzo starting at 4 p.m.
- December 15**
 - Valley Jr High Patriots Tournament, here
 - Caprock Canyon State Park Nature Hike @ 9 a.m.
 - Caprock Canyon State Park Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration @ 2 p.m.
 - Jr Class Bake Sale at Turkey in front of Lacy's Dry Good starting @ 10 a.m.
- December 17**
 - TAFCE Club
 - Valley Jr. High Patriots vs Motley Co., here starting at 4 p.m.
- December 18**
 - Turkey Fire Department
 - Valley Patriots vs Motley Co., here starting at 4 p.m.
- December 20**
 - End of 3rd Six Weeks, First Semester
 - Valley School Gym to be closed through December 26
- December 21**
 - Valley School Christmas Holiday starts!

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Things That Make You Go Hmm...

By Laura Taylor

Some of us were lucky enough to be born this way and others have tried desperately to convert. But either way being a Texan is one of the greatest assets we have. If you are one of the converts and are not sure if your efforts are succeeding, here are a few indicators that you are going in the right direction, as given to me by Joyce Price.

- * You Know You're From Texas If:
 - * You measure distance in hours.
 - * You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
 - * When you go to a store they don't have bags; they have sacks and instead of shopping carts they have buggies..
 - * You leave your car running in the parking lot at the store with no one in it, no matter what time of the year.
 - * You use "fix" as a verb. Example: I am fixing to go to the store.
 - * You install security lights on you house and garage and leave both unlocked.
 - * You carry jumper cables in your car...for your OWN car.
 - * You know what "cow tipping" and "snipe hunting" are.
 - * You only own four spices: salt, Pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
 - * You think everyone from a bigger city has an accent.
 - * You think sexy lingerie is a tee shirt and boxer shorts.
 - * The local paper covers national and international news on one page but requires 6 pages for sports and you don't see anything wrong with that.
 - * You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.
 - * You know which leaves make good toilet paper.
 - * You find 90 degrees "a little warm".
 - * You know all four seasons: Almost Summer, Summer, Still Summer and Christmas.
 - * You know whether another Texas in from souther, middle or northern Texas as soon as they open their mouth.
 - * Going to Wal-Mart is a favorite past-time known as "goin' wal-martin" or off to the "Wally World".
 - * You describe the first cool spell (below 70 degrees) as good chili weather.
 - * To you a carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola, or pop... it's a Coke regardless of brand or flavor.
 - * You understand these jokes.

Jack Martin Candidate For Hall Co. Judge

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gaged in farming in the county for nearly 100 years. The judge along with the commissioners must be up on the farming programs and be ready to act promptly and quickly to file essential documents to aid farmers in the agriculture industry

The county judge handles Juveniles and I believe that my public school experience will aid our youth in becoming productive citizens. The judge must handle judicial responsibilities and is the chief administrator handling and preparing budgets. I feel strongly that the judge must answer to the public about expenditures and income that come from taxes and other resources. The tax burden lays heavy on the residents that are presently in the county and we need to work closely together as one to help our county grow in population and increase economic growth. It is just good business for the taxpayers to seek growth in the county because the more people and businesses there are the less the tax burden falls on the ones of us that presently reside here. We must also work not to lose what we have now in the way of people, industry, small businesses and essential health care and other essential services.

The county judge's office is not a part time job. I am available to be on the job, not just from 8 to 5, but 24 hours a day seven days a week, when the judges time is needed by its citizens. We must display our pride that our forefathers had when they erected our beautiful courthouse. We need to make a strong effort to beautify the building and the grounds. I would like to continue the efforts of the present county judge in seeking the courthouse renovation grant from the State of Texas. I would like not just to ask for your vote but I would like to earn your vote through a public forum and talking to all of our Hall County Residents.

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George Colvin Attends Texas Mason's 166th Anniversary Celebration

George Colvin, former District Deputy Grand Marshall, recently attended the 166th Anniversary of the Texas Masons held in Waco, Tx during their annual convention. The past 100 years the celebration has been held in Waco.

He attended last weeks event along with about 3,500 other Masons from around the state. It is one of the biggest Masonic meetings in the nation and includes groups such as the Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons and the Shriners.

The group also honored the anniversary of the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Since several Masons are World War II veterans and some were at Pearl Harbor, the organization thought it should recognize the date.

The weeks events consisted of the organization's yearly business meeting including the election of leaders. There were also several social activities for attendees throughout the three days.

Singles New Year's Eve Dinner Planned

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. Photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.



In 1900, large stores started to erect big illuminated Christmas trees.

The wise man belongs to all countries, for the home of a great soul is the whole world.

—Democritus

Happy Birthday

December 13
Tammie Farley
December 14
Jamie Taylor, Gloria Majors, Gelene Proctor

December 15
Linda Ferguson, Audra Smith, Halley Mills, Chancy Jo Campbell, Jan Turner, Amy Stark, Julie Cruz, Miche Stark

December 16
Coy Franks, Cade Lockhart, Wilma Eudy

December 17
Michael Abeyta, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Damny Dee Rose, Jimmye Taylor

December 18
Dorothy May, Nickelyn Bays

December 19
Perker Clayton Eudy, Vicky Billigas, Lela Mae Hutcheson, Christine Hinojosa, Jewel Hall, Collie Helms, Greg Ramsey

December 20
Gene Payne, Wilburn Leeper, Asia Beavers, Susie Shannon, Cheri Davis, Mozelle Eudy

December 21
Mindy Dicknan, Susy Saul, Dalton, Allen,

Happy Anniversary

December 14
Mr & Mrs Allen Brummett

December 15
Mr & Mrs Trent McKay
Mr & Mrs Leo Reed

December 16
Mr & Mrs Joe House

December 18
Mr & Mrs Jeremy Hughes
Mr & Mrs Ike Ferguson

December 19
Mr & Mrs Jack Pigg
Mr & Mrs Todd Mills

December 21
Mr & Mrs Weldon Purcell

OBITUARIES

Lela Mae Overstreet

Graveside services for Lela Mae Overstreet, 97, will be held Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at Quitaque Cemetery in Quitaque. Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tulia, TX will officiate.

Lela Mae Overstreet died Monday, December 10, 2001 at BSA-Hospice in Amarillo, TX.

Lela Mae was born on September 18, 1904 in Portales, New Mexico. She graduated from Crowell High School in Crowell, TX and was married there in 1922 to Hal Overstreet. Soon after the wedding they moved to Quitaque, where she lived for most of her married life. Her husband, Hal, preceded her in death in 1950. In 1961 she made Tulia her home. Lela Mae worked in the Nursery at the First Baptist Church in Tulia for about 20 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Tulia.

Survivors include two daughters: Jo Wilkerson and husband, John of Tulia, Millie McKinley and husband, John, of Pampa; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ON THE QT

Ross and Patsy Herrington were privileged to have all their children and grandchildren home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Daughter, Kim and husband Ron Eudy along with children Marshall, Gracie and Parker arrived Tuesday night from Austin. Kim helped Patsy cook all day Wednesday. Wednesday night Bud and daughter, Lisa, along with Blake, Betsy and Isabella of Austin arrived. On Thanksgiving day, son, Max, Anne Marie and Chase came from Crosbyton. Granddaughter, Tracie (Ham) Dykstra and her husband, Jarin, arrived for Thanksgiving dinner from Durant, Oklahoma.

On Friday Patsy, Lisa and Kim went shopping. Joining all of them Friday night for dinner were Lex, Dana, Emery and Everette from Floydada.

It was a great holiday and fun for all.

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Hall County Historical Commission Has Your Holiday Gift Solution

The Hall County Historical Commission is still accepting applications for bricks in the "Walk of Honor". These bricks would make nice Christmas gifts in honor of a veteran.

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By: Brandon McGinty
**New Turf Grass
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A revolutionary new turf score big changes for Texas breeder Lloyd Nelson says ryegrass, yet it does not out-ter turf grasses are used during the winter. As well as normal annuals, and grasses. Another advantage abuse from athletic fields. will be in athletic fields. exception of the High Plains

By: Cory Payne, CEA
TODAY'S YOUTH

Youth across Texas have for young people. As 4-H activities, many will have and eventually reach one on a county, district, or state District 1 recently cond Retreat at West Texas A&M Candidates went through qualifications, followed by a project that related to 4-H. District 1 Officers: D'Annident; J.W. Wagner, 2nd Vice; Seth Hoelcher - Secretary; Carla Archibeque - Reporter; Carla Archibeque - Skylar Clifton, the 2001 member of Briscoe County 4-H. Skylar is well versed in the 4-H projects such as SW main goals while being a ment and participation. At the state level, some cil, which guides and coord Cooperative Extension. Ea represent the state's more egates to the State 4-H Cou Calvi, and Carla Archibeque

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By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

New Turf Grass Should Improve Texas' Lawns And Athletic Fields

A revolutionary new turf grass could mean less yard work for you and score big changes for Texas athletic fields. It's called Axcella. Small grains breeder Lloyd Nelson says the new grass has the same qualities as winter ryegrass, yet it does not contain any of the negative characteristics. Winter turf grasses are used to plant over Bermuda lawns when they die during the winter. Axcella does not require as much mowing in the spring as normal annuals, and it won't grow late in the season like perennial grasses. Another advantage to the grass is that it should stand up well to abuse from cleated shoes. This is important since most of its applications will be in athletic fields. Axcella is well suited for most of Texas with an exception of the High Plains.

By: Cory Payne, CEA-FCS, Briscoe County

TODAY'S YOUTH ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Youth across Texas have many opportunities to observe and study others in leadership roles, as well as performing as a leader and role model for young people. As 4-H members advance through various projects and activities, many will have an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity and eventually reach one of the highest offices available to 4-Hers, to serve on a county, district, or state 4-H Council.

District 1 recently conducted their annual Panhandle 4-H Leadership Retreat at West Texas A&M University where the new officers were elected. Candidates went through an interview, gave a prepared speech on their qualifications, followed by a two minute impromptu talk on a given subject that related to 4-H. The following 4-Hers will serve as the 2001-2002 District 1 Officers: D'Ann Artho- President; Jennifer Calvi-1st Vice President; J.W. Wagner- 2nd Vice President; Skylar Clifton- 3rd Vice President; Seth Hoelsher- Secretary; Sally Palitza- Treasurer; Jonathon Glueck- Reporter; Carla Archibeque- Historian and State Delegate at Large.

Skylar Clifton, the 2001-2002 District 1 3rd Vice President, is a member of Briscoe County 4-H Club. Skylar is a Senior at Valley High School. Skylar is well versed in the 4-H program and participates in a variety of 4-H projects such as Swine, Food Show, and Photography. One of his main goals while being a District 1 officer is: to increase district involvement and participation.

At the state level, some 36 youth serve annually on the Texas 4-H Council, which guides and coordinates activities across the 12 Districts of Texas Cooperative Extension. Each year, a new set of young leaders is elected to represent the state's more than 1,000,000 4-H Club Members. The delegates to the State 4-H Council from District 1 are: D'Ann Artho, Jennifer Calvi, and Carla Archibeque.

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Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 4-H And FFA Scholarship Program Expanded To Students In All Fields Of Study

More students in 4-H and FFA programs across Texas will have the opportunity to apply for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships due to a change in the program. In November, Show officials eliminated the program's restriction on agriculture or life science field of study, allowing students to major in any authorized field of study leading to a bachelor's degree.

The Show's 4-H and FFA scholarship program is its oldest program and awards \$1.4 million to graduating high school seniors each year. This change in policy not only affects future scholarship recipients, but also is effective for students currently attending Texas colleges and universities on Show 4-H and FFA scholarships. While this may change choice of major for some students, it will still allow them to take their agriculture and life science backgrounds into their future careers.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501 (c)(3) educational charity. With its current commitment of \$8.5 million, the Show has committed more than \$85 million to scholarships and educational programs since 1957.

World's First Animal Biodiesel Plant

The world's first animal biodiesel plant has been built by a German firm, Saria Bio-Industries. A Saria spokesman says it is the first company in the world to turn carcasses into fuel. From every ton, the largest part is water, 11 percent is fat, and 25 percent can be made into a meal. Saria reprocesses the fat as diesel by mixing it with alcohol, glycerine and other additives. The biodiesel is clear, odorless and more environmentally friendly than normal diesel. The company has not yet obtained permits to sell the fuel to other entities, but uses it in its own service stations to power its fleet. The company claims that converting all of Saria's 800 trucks in the first phase will reduce carbon dioxide output by 35,000 tons per year.

THC Workshops Answer Questions About Assistance Programs

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering workshops around the state to explain the application process and requirements for four popular THC programs, the Texas Main Street Program, the Texas Heritage Trails Program, the Certified Local Government Program and the Visionaries in Preservation Program.

The workshops will be held February 20, Amarillo, 1-4:45 p.m.; February 21, Irving, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; February 26, Harlingen, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; and February 28, Austin, 1-4:45 p.m. For more information, contact the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512-463-6092

United States Must Address Insecticide Resistant Ticks

Cattle producers attending Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's fall meeting learned that it may be necessary to impose stiffer regulations on treating and moving livestock, "no matter how painfully inconvenient".

Increasing numbers of cattle fever ticks are resistant to the chemicals most widely used to control them, reported Dr. Ronald B. Davey. A research entomologist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Kerrville, Texas.

Cattle fever ticks (*Boophilus annulatus*) and the southern cattle tick (*Boophilus microplus*) are responsible for the spread of a severe and often fatal disease of cattle commonly known as Texas or cattle fever. The disease spread through a parasite that destroys red blood cells, was eradicated from the United States by the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program between 1906 and 1961.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service estimates that if the ticks had not been eradicated from the United States, the cattle industry's losses from ticks could amount to approximately \$1 billion annually. That's why the discovery of insecticide-resistant ticks is such a concern.

Evaluations conducted last spring on strains of fever ticks from outbreaks in Zapata County revealed that the ticks were two times more resistant to Tactic than susceptible strains, Davey said.

Tactic has been the primary chemical control for cattle fever ticks since 1994 because of the decreasing effectiveness of Co-Ral, an organophosphate, and Atroban, a pyrethroid.

Davey was more concerned, however, about 1998 test results of ticks from cattle which originated in the southern part of Tamaulipas, Mexico. Those ticks were estimated to be two times more resistant to Co-Ral. And when tested at two times the recommended dose for Atroban, mortality was only 25 percent.

A second submission, also from Tamaulipas, was even more alarming. At two times the recommended dosage, Atroban produced absolutely no mortality. Evaluators then increased the dosage to 80 times higher than the recommended amount.

"Even at this high level, there was only a 7 percent mortality, indicating that the ticks were tremendously more resistant to Atroban or pyrethroid acaricides," Davey said.

A third submission in December 2001 from the state of Nuevo Leon showed the ticks were almost four times more resistant to Co-Ral than a susceptible strain would be.

A fourth sample in January 2001 from a herd located 100 miles from Monterrey was three times more resistant to Co-Ral and Atroban resistant tick populations have not yet been established in areas that lie immediately adjacent to the Texas-Mexico border. However, Tactic resistant ticks may already have established a foothold in those areas.

There is also a strong likelihood that all cattle originating from interior Mexico may be infested with ticks that are resistant to all major classes of acaricides used to control cattle fever ticks, he continued.

Davey emphasized that the results strongly indicate that Atroban and other pyrethroid chemicals should not be used in the U.S. Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program under any circumstances. Also, the future use of Tactic would probably be unwise, he added.

However, another bit of good news is that mortality is nearly 100 percent if immature ticks are treated with Co-Ral, even if they are resistant at the mature state.

All of this means that "we must be even more vigilant in inspecting cattle for the presence of live fever ticks, particularly on cattle that are to be exported to the U.S.," Davey said.

"We may need to make it mandatory that all cattle receive multiple treatments at set intervals before they're allowed to be moved, even when inspection has not detected the presence of live fever ticks.

"It would be an enormous inconvenience at the ports of entry," Davey said, "but it may be the only way we can absolutely ensure that viable resistant ticks are prevented from entering the U.S."

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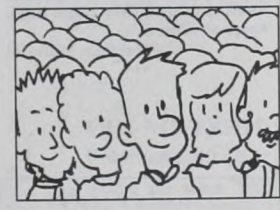
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By Shawn Wade
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Senate Leader Intends To Finish Farm Bill

When it comes to making yourself understood in Washington, DC there is usually very little room for error or a lack of clarity.

That was reiterated quite clearly late Thursday afternoon after comments by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle were read, interpreted and apparently misconstrued.

After telling reporters that he intended to pursue the Farm Bill through passage by the Senate, Daschle apparently left out the part in which he wanted to complete a conference and send the Bill to the White House for the President's signature.

In an effort to clear up exactly what he intended to say the first time around, Daschle's office has been hard at work reiterating his goal of finishing Senate Floor debate of the Farm Bill, quickly completing a conference with representatives of the House of Representatives and dropping the Bill on President Bush's desk before Congress adjourns for the holidays.

That is where the politics of the situation appear to have the most impact. Reality and the calendar says that there just isn't that much time left before Congress will adjourn.

Plains Cotton Growers and others have been adamant about the fact that whether they like the Senate Farm Bill in its current form or not there should be no delay in getting the Farm Bill to the Senate floor.

Once there both Republicans and Democrats would have the ability to debate and offer amendments to the Senate Bill. This would serve two important purposes. First it keeps the process moving forward, and, second neither side is viewed as trying to obstruct or delay completion of the legislation.

Everyone, from the producer in West Texas to the shopkeeper in the big city is keenly aware of the fact that Congress has a lot of work to do between now and Christmas.

The fact is a new Farm Bill will strengthen the foundation of a struggling Agricultural economy that supplies 20 percent or more of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.

Its passage is not only important to farmers and ranchers, it should also be viewed as one of the first steps toward moving the entire U.S. economy out of the current economic recession.

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Expand Breeding Programs Needed To Avoid Future Karnal Bunt Threats

Call it a fluke or not, this year's Karnal bunt outbreak that infected some 2.4 million bushels of Texas wheat in six counties has left farmers with only one real solution to avoid the fungus in future crops.

"There's only one step that we know for absolute certain that will prevent infestation, and that is to not plant wheat, or plant a non-host alternative crop," said Dr. Travis Miller, associate head and Texas Cooperative Extension program leader for the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University.

Karnal bunt is a fungal disease of wheat, durum wheat and triticale. The fungus typically affects a portion of the kernel, leaving an eroded or "bunted" area on the kernel and a mass of black spores which produce an offensive, fish smelling odor. It thrives under moist, cool conditions like those experienced in Texas this past spring.

Karnal bunt has cost the Rolling Plains economy more than \$27 million this year, according to an economic analysis by Stan Beavers, an Extension economist at Vernon. The economic analysis outlined the projected impact of Karnal bunt on a four county area economy that included Young, Archer, Throckmorton, and Baylor counties.

"Approximately 2.8 million bushels of Rolling Plains winter wheat was classified as 'bunted' after samples tested positive at federal laboratories," Beavers said.

"Another seven million bushels tested negative as bunted wheat, but, because it was grown or co-mingled with wheat grown in an infected area, it cannot be marketed through normal channels."

Miller said there are several methods to minimize the risk of Karnal bunt. These include verifying planting seed is free of disease, as well as making certain farm equipment entering fields is free of disease. Many farm groups and scientists are calling for a step up in research to combat the disease that's known to have been in the U.S. since 1996 and in Asia since 1931.

"This Karnal bunt originally was a native to quite a number of countries, especially Mexico, for more than 30 years," said Dr. Norman Borlaug, a Nobel Laureate at Texas A&M.

Borlaug, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for developing broadly adapted high-yielding rust-resistant wheat varieties and integrated improved crop management practices to help feed the hungry in Third World countries, said future breeding programs "should incorporate genes for resistance to Karnal bunt into winter wheats found in the western part of the U.S."

"Since it's a new disease in a country, there's always a fear that when you may have ideal weather conditions, like we had this past spring, infections might be worse. The best thing to do is to develop and incorporate genetic resistance into the varieties," Borlaug said.

When Karnal bunt is found in a crop and a specific location of field is not identified, a quarantine restricting grain and equipment movement is imposed for that county. Grain must have a phytosanitary certificate to move out of a quarantined, or regulated area.

"You have to have very special conditions to get an epidemic of any proportion," Borlaug said. And there were ideal conditions for Karnal bunt resulting in infestations in six counties this past year--San Saba, Throckmorton, McCullough, Young, Baylor and Archer.

"The fact that it's wide scale indicates we've had the presence of this disease in Texas for many years," Miller said. "It appears that we can go years without any infection, but under special weather conditions like we had this year, we may well have another flare-up."

Spores can live in the soil five years or more until conditions favor growth, usually a period of cool, wet weather in the spring when wheat is blooming. A fungal mat grows on the surface of the soil, and this growth sheds secondary spores. Miller said if these spores are released during the flowering state of wheat and come in contact with the wheat ovary, bunted kernels are produced.

"There's a number of procedures a farmer can do to minimize his risk and go ahead and plant wheat," he said. "The first thing is to select high quality planting seed known to be free of disease--the No. 1 source of the infection is infected planting seed, so buy certified seed known to be free of disease. Second, use effective seed treatment. I say effective, we have to use that with a little bit of grain of salt because we know none of the seed treatments are 100 percent totally effective on this disease. You might get up to 75 percent control of disease if we use effective seed treatment."

Miller also suggested watching movements of soil and plant parts. "When equipment comes into your field, make sure it hasn't come from an infected field, or that it has been thoroughly cleaned prior to entering your field," he said.



TxDOT workers repair Main Street in Quitaque after a main water line broke over the weekend.

To own a bit of ground, to scratch it with a hoe, to plant seeds, and watch their renewal of life--this is the commonest delight of the race, the most satisfactory thing a man can do.
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You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would have thought of that.'
—Dave Barry

PET TALK

If Spot is seeing spots, cataracts could be to blame.

As people age, they often develop vision problems, including cataracts. The same holds true for your aging pet.

Bumping into objects and failing to retrieve toys may be signs of vision loss. These are especially significant if they occur within the pet's normal environment. Vision loss can be attributed to various eye diseases or conditions including cataracts.

"Cataracts are any opacity -- a cloudiness -- of the eye's lens," explains Dr. Joan Dziezyk, a veterinary ophthalmologist in Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Opacities may be quite small and interfere little with vision, or they may involve the entire lens causing blindness."

Dziezyk says that cataracts may develop because of an inherited defect or they can be caused by inflammation, trauma and diabetes. The lens does become harder with age and thus appears grayer, causing many people to mistake this change for a cataract. This normal aging process does not impair vision other than making focusing on close objects more difficult.

Diet does not seem to affect cataract development, but heredity does.

"Certain animal breeds are afflicted with hereditary cataracts. This is especially true in dogs," Dziezyk adds. Miniature Schnauzer, American Cocker Spaniel, Bichon Frise, all Poodles, Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, Boston Terrier, Siberian Husky, Lhasa Apso and Australian Shepherd are breeds that are prone to develop cataracts.

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By Clint Harmon



West Texas A&M University Offers \$1,000 Reward

High school students who finish in the top 25 percent of their 2002 graduating class could be at least \$1,000 richer if they make West Texas A&M their university of choice. The scholarship packages are available and guaranteed from WTAMU for the 2002-2003 academic year if qualified students complete and submit a scholarship request form by February 1, 2002, and an application for admission by March 1, 2002.

"This is a nationwide offer," Dr. Troy Johnson, senior director of enrollment management, said. "We are encouraging students from the local area to take advantage of this opportunity, but the program isn't limited to this region or even this state."

Texas residents and out-of-state students who receive the \$1,000 scholarship package and enroll in 15 semester credit hours can expect to pay approximately \$2,500, including room, board, books and supplies, for their first semester at West Texas A&M. The state average for public senior universities, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is \$4,200 for residents and \$7,400 for non-residents.

"I think it's important to reward hard-working students," Johnson said. "We're a top-quality university, and we want to recruit top-quality students."

The \$1,000 scholarship package is guaranteed if the student finishes in the top quarter of his/her 2002 high school graduating class and completes and submits a scholarship request form by February 1, 2002, and an application for admission by March 1, 2002. Forms are available online at www.wtamu.edu or by calling 806-651-2020 or 1-800-99-WTAMU.

"I would encourage any student who thinks he may have a chance to finish in the top 25 percent of his class to apply by February 1," Johnson said. "We are guaranteeing a \$1,000 scholarship package to those students who qualify. Some of those students may be eligible for more, \$1,000 is a starting point."

According to Johnson, part or all of the freshman-year scholarship package may be renewed in coming years if a student maintains a high grade point average.

"The \$1,000 package we're offering to freshmen could turn into a cumulative total of more than \$5,000 by the time that student graduates from West Texas A&M. We want to attract outstanding new students. We also want to keep them once they get here."

West Texas A&M, a member of The Texas A&M University System, offers more than 60 undergraduate and 40 graduate degree programs to approximately 6,700 students.

New Web Site Tracks Texas Pollution Information

Offering a wealth of easy-to-understand information on the Texas environment, Environmental Defense in conjunction with the Texas Center for Policy Studies (TCPS) premiered the Texas Environmental Profiles web site in December at www.texasep.org. The site is an interactive tool that allows users to access current data regarding such issues as hazardous waste and air quality right down to the county level.

"Texas Environmental Profiles uses the power of the internet to put a clear picture of the Texas environment just a point and click away," said Molly Stevens of Environmental Defense Texas. "The site is a useful resource for journalists or activists and provides access to important everyday information, such as local air pollution levels updated hourly."

The site's County Profiles section shows information from state or federal agencies on water quantity, water quality, land use, wildlife/biodiversity, air quality, waste, and energy. The site includes State Summaries, which details the issues and discusses Texas and federal environmental policy and law. Users can also create customized maps of the state that display many of these indicators. The site's Take Action page allows Texans to enter discussion forums, report local pollution problems, volunteer in their communities, contact elected officials, and obtain access to public records.

"The Texas Environmental Profiles web site has two major objectives," said TCPS project director Cyrus Reed. "One is to provide residents throughout Texas, including journalists, teachers, environmental activists, and decision-makers with access to online information on the environment, and the other is to give those same residents the tools to participate in decisions about the environment."

Texas Environmental Profiles is a joint project of Environmental Defense and the Texas Center for Policy Studies.

Environmental Defense, a leading national nonprofit organization based in New York, represents more than 300,000 members. Since 1967 they have linked science, economics, and law to create innovative, equitable, and cost-effective solutions to the most urgent environmental problems. Founded in 1983, the Texas Center for Policy Studies (TCPS) brings together the people and the information necessary to ensure that growth and development in our region enhances, rather than diminishes, the quality of life for all residents.

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by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: A rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

A Merry Christmas Party At Do Gooders' Club In Flomot

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot had a Merry Christmas party Tuesday afternoon, December 4th at the Community Center. A surprising entrance of Ho! Ho! Ho! at the Center by hostesses, Mrs. Waydette Clay as Santa Claus and her two helpers dressed in red, Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse had a cheerful welcome. The sack Mr. Claus had over his shoulder was filled with letters he said were anthrax free as club members had written them. He proceeded to read their amusing requests that included Barbie dolls that were not overweight or old, did not have fallen arches, flat feet, back trouble and etc. One letter warned if she didn't get what she wanted, she would leave cookies with ExLax rather than chocolate chips for him.

They concluded the program with the spiritual memory of the first Christmas when Mrs. Clay related the Biblical story of "Christ's Birth". Mrs. Cruse recited the Poem, "A Prayer For Peace".

A colorful decorated table top Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts that were circulated around by members in a fun filled Chinese Swap. They had a raffle for a Christmas towel that Mrs. Degan won and Mrs. B. Rogers was the lucky winner of a milk glass jar of butter toffee with reindeer art work on the sides.

The hostesses presided at a crystal punch service. The table was laid with a red cloth and centered with a cowboy Christmas decor and a point-setia arrangement. Refreshments of assorted dips and chips, cookie bars, candy, nuts, citrus punch with floating lemon rings and cherries, coffee and spiced teas were served.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon had a short business meeting. Members voted to have a clean up day at the Community Center and not to quilt anymore this year. They sent a card to Mrs. Barbara Payne who had recent surgery.

Members attending were Mesdames Edith Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Alma Shorter, Connie Franks, B. Rogers, Leona Degan, Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter, Waydette Clay, Geneva Martin, Trula Martin and Nada Starkey.

Mrs. Barbara Payne had recent surgery at Medical Covenant Center in Plainview.

Richard and Randy Rogers and friend, Tina Jameson of Lubbock visited Tuesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Kayla and Colton Barclay, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay of Lubbock, visited last weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Visiting them this weekend were grandchildren, Lane and Ashton Barclay, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay of Borger.

Beth Hughes is on the sick list and under medical treatment at the Mr. Igo Clinic in Lockney.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Mrs. Lucretia Duckery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.

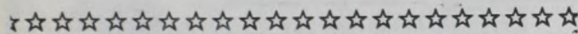
Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for Jack an optical appointment at the Veteran's Hospital. They visited Bessie and Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Connie and Michael Starkey.

Ty Barclay of Matador helped his grandfather, Bill D. Washington strip cotton this weekend.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughters, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville in Lubbock, Friday for lunch and to shop. En route home, Mrs. Shorter stopped in Petersburg and accompanied granddaughter, Emily Milam home with her to visit until Saturday. Her parents, Christi and Dwain Milam were in Amarillo Friday, night to attend the regional football game, Petersburg vs number one team in the state, Stratford. Stratford won the game 28-0. Mr. Milam is a coach at Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Borger, Friday and had lunch with daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper. Mrs. Cooper is a professor at John Phillips College.

Michael Starkey and grandsons, Joey and Dustin Kemp of Canyon visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.



SPC To Offer Courses This Spring In Plainview

South Plains College, which signed up 130 students for college courses for the first time this fall in Plainview, will offer seven college courses for the spring at Plainview High School.

The courses are open to high school graduates, those who have a GED and high school students who have applied for early admission through their high school principal.

Registration is 5:30-7:30 p.m. January 7 at Plainview High School, room 107. Classes begin January 14.

Courses offered are Composition II (ENGL 1302-379), which meets 6-9 p.m. Mondays; History of the U.S. Since 1876 (HIST 1302-379), 6-9 p.m. Thursdays; Human Relations (HRPO 131 1-379) 6-9 p.m. Thursdays; Intermediate Algebra (MATH 0320-379), 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays; College algebra (MATH 1314-379), 6-9 p.m. Mondays; Statistical Methods (MATH 1342-379), 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays; and College Learning Strategies I (READ 0310-379), 6-9 p.m. Mondays.

A minimum enrollment of 10 students is required per course. In-state costs are \$174 for three semester hours, \$312 for six semester hours and \$450 for nine semester hours.

Students need to complete the following steps for admission: complete an application for admission, which includes social security number, and other appropriate forms, provide an official transcript from high school or last college attended, and provide proof of Texas residency for the previous 12 month period with a valid Texas driver's license.

Persons who have not earned three semester hours of college prior to September 1, 1989, must take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test, a state required assessment of skills in reading, writing and mathematics before enrolling in any class. Students need to contact SPC's Office of guidance and counseling at 806-894-9611, ext 2367, to arrange a test time and date.

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

It's that time of year when it's a good idea to have some snacks on hand for unexpected guests, or just for your family. Perhaps you're planning a party and need another food item to serve. For any festive occasion, Jalapeno Ham Spread and String Cheese Sticks with Dipping Sauce are sure to be a hit. Try to find the time in the next 12 hectic days to fix these easy recipes.

JALAPENO HAM SPREAD

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese
1 can (5 oz.) canned chunk ham, drained
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
2 tablespoons finely chopped pickled jalapeno pepper
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard

Combine all ingredients in a mixer bowl and beat until combined and smooth. Grease a plastic or metal Christmas tree mold, and press mixture firmly into mold. Unmold onto serving platter. Decorate tree with chopped fresh parsley and sliced olives, pimento pieces or nut halves. Place nut halves on base of tree for trunk. Chill and serve with your favorite cracker. Provide a butter knife for spreading onto crackers.

STRING CHEESE STICKS

with dipping sauce
2 1/4 cups Bisquick
2/3 cup milk
1 package (8 oz.) string cheese
1/4 cup margarine, melted
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Heated pizza or marinara sauce
Heat oven to 450. Line a cookie sheet with a pan liner or foil. Stir Bisquick and milk until soft dough forms; beat 30 seconds. Turn dough onto floured surface; roll to coat. Shape into ball and knead 10 times. Roll or pat dough into 12x8 inch rectangle. Cut into eight 6x2 inch rectangles. Roll each piece around 1 piece of cheese. Pinch edge into roll to seal; seal ends. Roll on surface to completely enclose cheese stick. Place seam side down on cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes until golden brown. Mix margarine and garlic powder; brush over warm cheese sticks before removing from cookie sheet. Serve with warm dipping sauce.

Next week's newspaper will be out only 5 days before Christmas, and I'll give you some suggestions for side dishes to serve with your ham or turkey. While you are caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season, please remember to ask God to continue to bless America.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Subject To Democratic Primary Election 2002

Briscoe County

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ACROSS
1 Houston traffic gridlocks
5 Valley medicinal plant
6 in McLennan Co. on hwy. 164
7 TXism: "bien" (good)
8 some TXns do it in Colorado
9 TX Bonnie & Clyde specialties
16 TXism: "high as a cat's" (expensive)
18 TXism for "join" (3 wds.)
21 that is (abbr.)
22 reading light
23 Cowboy, Maverick, Spur, Astro, Star, Rocket, or Ranger
24 in Hill Co. on 81
30 the business end of Indian weapon in early TX
34 Burt takes elephant to TX in "Smokey & the Bandit"
35 TXism: "too big" (arrogant)
36 TX country singer Collin
37 TXism: "eatin'" (silverware)
39 in Leon Co. on 7
43 TX O. Henry story: "Whiskey"
44 native TX Indian tribe
45 TXism: "hasta vista" (see ya)

DOWN
46 horse docs
47 actor Kurt of TX-filmed "Silkwood"
49 majestic
52 Concorde aircraft (abbr.)
53 in '67 TX A.J. Foyt won at Mans, France
54 TXism: "worth his weight" (leaves) (valuable)
55 gorge on historic XIT Ranch:
de las Casas Amarillas"
58 oil driller (2 wds.)
59 legal corp. (abbr.)
60 DFW abbr.
61 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse"
1 TX Perot's running mate in '92
2 state of TX-based Exxon Valdez spill
3 TX Carolyn Jones "Addams Family" character
4 TX Michael Johnson world record in 200-meter sprint
9 TX singer Hank (init.)
10 TXism: "numerous" as in TX
11 TX Orbison ballad
12 TXism: "they're a dozen"
13 cowboy before the roundup was over
14 captured TX soldier without the "O"
15 a taste of iced tea
17 seat of Kerr Co.
19 Grovaton's county hauls up
24 TXism: "you sleep with dogs you'll wake up with fleas"
25 TXism: "nothing write home about"
26 nickname for TX "Tighten Up" singer Bell
27 TXism: "he could sell sheep to a cattlemans"
28 official TXn count
29 Grandee was 1st official TX
31 Irion Co. named for this Robert (init.)
32 TX Duval was this Olive in "Popeye"
33 TXism: "passion pit"
38 1st pres. of Rice: Edgar Lovett
40 TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
41 TX "petticoater" Meredith Mac
42 TXism: "skinny as a lizard"
48 TX Ginger Rogers mother
50 TXism: "if I was better I couldn't stand it"
51 TXism: "many irons in the fire"
56 bawler
57 TXism: "if it ain't true there cow in Texas"

RIM ROCK CANYON

By Clint Harmon



Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The application deadline for West Texas A&M University scholarships is fast approaching, and the scholarship committee is asking students to start thinking about applying.

The scholarship deadline is February 1, 2002 for fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters. However, the deadline will approach quickly after classes begin January 14.

To be considered for a scholarship, students must fill out the application, provide a current transcript and two letters of recommendation.

A quick way to apply for scholarships is online at www.wtamu.edu under the "Prospective Students" link.

Scholarships are available to WTAMU students, transfer students and entering freshmen. For more information, call 806-651-2097.



I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.
—Booker T. Washington

Farm And Ranch Recreation Website Now Available

Farm and ranch recreation folks now have their own web site, www.uwy.edu/ranchrec. Resources and information in all 50 states can be found on this educational web site intended for those involved in or interested in the growing industry of tourism on farms and ranches. Information from educators, agency people, and most importantly, from each other can be gained from the site. The USDA Fund for Rural America granted money to a group of educators and industry experts to compile the huge data base which is housed at the University of Wyoming.

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The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

Patriots On Winning Streak

The Valley Patriots have rolled to four straight victories after starting the season with a 1-3 record. Wins over Plainview Christian, Benjamin, Patton Springs, and Samnorwood have moved the Patriots record to 5-3.

The Patriots started the season with a 45-36 win over the Motley County Matadors, Robert Valdes led the team with 19 points while Derrick Cruse added 14. Valdes also led the team in rebounds with seven while Cruse and Justin Wilks each pulled down 6.

"It was good to get that first win out of the way," Coach Clay said. "We didn't have hardly any practice and the boys are having to learn a new system, so I was very pleased."

In the second game of the season the Patriots lost to Kress 48-59. Wes Henson led the scoring for the team with 20. Valdes chipped in 13. The Patriots followed that game with a 58-66 loss to Lubbock Trinity Christian. Henson scored 21, Cruse 11, and Valdes 10 for Valley.

"Both games were close and we probably should have won them," Clay said. "These two games showed that we still haven't adjusted to the up-tempo style of play yet. We had too many turnovers and really beat ourselves."

Valley traveled to Wellington for their fourth game. The Rockets blew open a close game in the third quarter when they went on a 26-7 scoring run. The 41-77 loss dropped the Patriots to 1-3 for the season. Cruse was the team's only double digit scorer with 13 points.

"This is a game that just got away from us," Clay said. "Wellington is good, but not 36."



Stuart Smith directed the Valley Choir presentation.



The Valley High School Choir presented Christmas At The O.K. Corral December 9th at the Gem Theatre. Cast members were: Cody Varnell, Zack Ramsey, Matt Whittington, Sammie-Dee Ross, Randa McBee, Paige Hughes, Chelsea Wheeler, Mindy Leal, Amanda Roys, Leigh Ann Nielsen, Stuart Smith, Cydni Walden, Scarlett Sperry, Christine Walls, Sara Fierro, Erika Chavez and Lorena Mendoza.



Christine Walls welcomed the eager audience to the Valley Choir's presentation of Christmas At The O.K. Corral.



Santa, aka Sammie-Dee Ross, was rescued and got to give great presents.



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Lady Patriots win trophy at Patton Springs Tournament.



The good guys, Cody Varnell, Matt Whittington and Zack Ramsey, always wear white hats and save the day!



After the presentation of the play the female choir members entertained the audience with wonderful Christmas selections.



Christine Walls, Sammie-Dee Ross and LeighAnn Nielsen singing Christmas carols at the Gem Theatre Sunday evening.



Everyone knows that bad guys, Chelsea Wheeler and Paige Hughes, always wear black and smoke cigars.



Bad guys, Erika Chavez and Lorena Mendoza, wearing black and smoking cigars.

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Tuesday, December 18 Lunch
Stew, Cheese Crackers, Cheese Sticks, Dessert, Milk
Wednesday, December 19 Lunch
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Thursday, December 20 Lunch
Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert, Milk

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Jan. 7	Motley Co.
Jan. 21	Silverton
Jan. 28	Happy
Feb. 4	Nazareth

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VALLEY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL



2001-2002

VALLEY VARSITY BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 27	Ralls	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Valley Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 4	Wellington	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 6-8	Patton Springs Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 11	Samnorwood	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 14	Lorenzo	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 18	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 20-26	UIL GYM CLOSED "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"			
Dec. 27-29	Crosbyton Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Jan. 5	Valley J.V. Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Jan. 8	Crosbyton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 11	Crosbyton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 15	Chillicothe	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 18	*Silverton	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 22	*Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 25	*Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 29	*Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 1	*Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 2	Motley Co. Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Feb. 5	*Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB



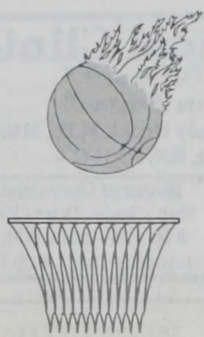
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Valley Patriots Varsity & J.V. Girls 2001-2002

VALLEY JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 26	Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Dec. 3	Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Dec. 15	Valley Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	8g,8b
Dec. 17	Motley Co.	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 7	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 21	Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Jan. 28	Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b
Feb. 4	Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	8g,8b,7g,7b



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