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Mrs. Sherry's Dance Team consist of: Back Row: Lindsey Stewart of Lockney Texas. Middle Row: Kennadee Buchanan of Turkey Texas, Ignasio Ascencion of Lockney, Haley Wheeler of Turkey. Front Row: Dixie Williams of Lockney and Alexis Rodriguez of Lockney.

## Local Dance Group Head To Nationals In July

Mrs. Sherry's Dance Team competed in Amarillo Texas on March 11, 2007 at the Showstoppers Dance Competition. They were awarded top honors at Showstoppers, which is the largest Dance Competition in the country. They performed a new routine to "It's Raining Men" and did a great job. They won Platinum 1st place in the Jazz division, Platinum 1st in their age group 9-12, and most importantly—won the overall Platinum 1st place to receive a bid to the National Dance Competition in July at San Antonio Texas.

## Turkey's Spring City Wide Clean-Up

The City of Turkey will have their City Wide Clean-up for the Spring on April 10, 11 & 12. Be sure to place all your items in the alley if you would like for the City to haul them off for you. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get their property all spruced up before the bob Wills Celebration!

## Mexican Food This Saturday In Quitaque

The Iglesia Bautista "La Trinidad" Youth Group will be holding Mexican food fundraiser this Saturday, March 24 beginning at 9 a.m. in front of 313 Main Street in Quitaque, across the street from the First National Bank. The group will be selling tamales, taquito plates and funnel cakes. Call in orders can be made by calling 455-1171. The monies raised will be used to help the church youth group go to Youth Convention April 5-7.

## What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

### March 22

- \* Drivers License Office open at Briscoe Co. Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- \* Turkey EDC meeting @ 7 p.m.

### March 24

- \* 4th Annual Caprock Canyons Enduro & Grand Prix this weekend in Quitaque

### March 26

- \* Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- \* Briscoe Co. Historical Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.
- \* Quitaque EDC meeting

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

## Ag Week Looks Towards The Future Of Agriculture and Recognizes Importance Of Industry To All Texans

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced that March 18-24 is National Agricultural Week in Texas - a time to recognize the state's hard working farmers and ranchers and acknowledge their contributions to the Texas economy - \$73 billion a year.

"Take time to recognize, celebrate and thank the many individuals who help shape our Texas agriculture industry," Staples said. "From nutritious foods to high-quality fiber and fresh plants, agriculture provides us with the necessities of life while helping ensure a robust economy for all Texans."

The Agriculture industry is currently going through a major transformation. New innovations and advances in technology are turning Texas agriculture into a high tech business. The application of new equipment like global positioning systems, self-propelled machine operations and electronic age has changed the nature of the business. To maintain the leadership role in agriculture it is important for Texas producers to remain on the cutting edge of this new technology.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second largest industry and employs about one out of every seven working Texans. Eighty percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

American farmers are working harder and are more efficient than ever before, and it shows. Today, each producer feeds more than 129 people. Agricultural crops are American's top exports and are vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy.

And it's not just the producer who makes our food possible. All aspects of the agriculture industry, all the way from the farm gate to the retail clothing store and grocery store, are vital links in a chain that bring food fiber to every citizen and millions of people abroad.

"It can be easy to take agriculture for granted in America because our food is readily accessible and safe," Commissioner Staples said. "For this, we are extremely fortunate, and it gives us even more of a reason to recognize those who make it possible."

Kiss A  
Farmer/  
Rancher...  
It's Ag Week!

## 3rd Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet This Friday In Turkey

The Turkey Roost Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold the 3rd Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Friday, March 23 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Bob Wills Community building, located at 601 Lyles Street in Turkey. The evening will be filled with games, a raffle, a silent auction at which you will have a chance of winning rifles, shotguns, prints and bronzes all throughout the event. The evening meal, which begins at 7:30 p.m. will be roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit cobbler, relish tray, rolls and drinks and is being catered by Tri-County Meals. Monies raised from the event will provide a \$500 scholarship that will be awarded in May to the Valley High School senior with the winning essay written on Wildlife and Conservation, as well as benefiting the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The National Wild Turkey Federation banquets are events where you can buy exclusive merchandise, have a great time with friend, all the while you will be raising vital funds for wild turkey conservation and important programs that introduce the outdoors to women, children and the disabled.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$55 per couple. Tickets for the upcoming event may be purchased from Cody Bell by calling 806-423-1276, please leave a message or by calling Gail Hanna at Turkey City Hall at 806-423-1033.

## Silverton Council Approves 4" Water Main For Silver Wind RV Park

The Silverton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 12, present for the meeting were Mayor Garvin, Council members Kyle Fuston, LaQuetta Schott, Delane Smith, Dwain Tipton, City Secretary Jerry Patton and guests Gary and Sharon Weaver. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

\* The council considered request from Gary McMullen in regards to water and sewer services for Block 82, 83, 106 and 107. After a discussion on the volume of water needs to serve Silver Wind RV Park. A motion passed to install a 4 inch water main on Saye Street from Eighth Street to Eleventh Street.

\* The bid tabulation sheet from the March 8th bid opening for the sealcoating project was presented for review. A motion passed to accept and award the bid to Lipham Construction Company for the total project of 37,030 square yards for the bid amount of \$1.66 per square yard for a total project of \$61,469.80 plus engineering cost \$5,840.00. The total cost of the project is \$67,309.80.

\* Secretary Patton reported that 5 p.m. March 12 was the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot for the May 12 General Election. Mayor Garvin, Council members Wayne Reed and Dwain Tipton were the only candidates to file and therefore would be unopposed. March 20 is the first day that an election may be cancelled if all candidates are unopposed.

\* Reports were given on the May water school, progress on the junk vehicle ordinance, economic development, water use and quality and tax collections.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Matador Sub-Standard Housing Board Receive Permission To Tear Down 4 More Old Structures

The Matador City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 8. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pat Smith, Council members Terry Simpson, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream. City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

\* Steve Barton reported that they have burned the ICX building and the house belonging to Dale Bumgardner. He also reported that the City will need to replace the riding lawn mower before parks can be mowed this summer.

\* No one was present representing the Sub-Standard Housing Board but, Debra Scott had attended their last meeting in Tony Rose's absence and reported that they have four locations they have received permission to destroy. Tommy Gleghorn, Melvin Pitts, Dorothy Lester and Dale Bumgardner. A motion passed to proceed with these locations after owners have had a chance to remove some items.

\* A motion passed to approve the Traffic Ordinance after adding the City Council in the heading giving them authority to decide on locations.

\* Che Shadle and Dustin Davis with ODJ Engineering arrived to address the council concerning the water grant. Prices have risen from 30-40 percent due to hurricane Katrina and they suggested a possible revision to the grant plans to stay within the budget. Council will check with TxDOT about paving costs and will check into a bypass tank to supply the City with water while current tanks are being painted. Mr. Shadle predicted the life of these repainted tanks to be extended 10-15 years. He suggested the with build a bypass and repair at least one of these tanks at the wells to stay within ORCA's grant intent. Council will address this issue at the March 22 meeting.

\* No action was taken on the excessive water usages.

\* The electric bill for the City lights will increase approximately 75% due to missed billing when the company deregulated. Possible decrease in the number of lights was discussed but Darsey made the motion to leave all lights in the current locations. This motion passed.

\* A motion passed to renew the Letter of Credit and authorize Mayor Smith to sign all necessary documents.

\* A motion passed to appoint Danika Jameson as the new Election Judge for the May 12 election.

\* A motion passed to designate May 2 and May 7 as two 12 hour voting days for the early voting for the May 12 election.

\* A motion passed to revise the commitment to the County Jail Renovation Grant.

\* A motion passed to schedule a Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Allen Murdock & Treena Smith

### Murdock and Smith To Wed In Afternoon Ceremony

Allen Murdock and Treena Smith would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple will be united in marriage on Saturday, April 7 at 3 p.m. in the Hope Center, Quitaque, Tx.

Treena is the daughter of Don and Jan Brummett of Quitaque, TX, Paul and Lois Barnell of Kemmerer, WY and the stepdaughter of the late James R. Jackson of Evanston, WY.

Allen is the son of Allen "Sonny" and Billie Jean Murdock of Memphis, TX.

After the wedding the couple will make their home in Memphis, TX.

### Quitaque VFD Needs Your Brownies This Weekend

Quitaque Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department Services is asking for your help. March 24 and 25 we will be hosting the concession stand for the Enduro races. We are asking for your donation of brownies, rice krispie bars, or cookie bars to help with our concession stand. Please take your desserts to Albert at Merrell Food or bring them by the Fire Department bay on Saturday we will be at the bay from noon Saturday till late that night and all day Sunday till late afternoon. Come by and enjoy a grilled burger with the ever famous homemade ballpark sauce. We will be serving burgers from 3 p.m. Saturday until late. On Sunday we will start with breakfast burritos at 7 a.m. and burgers thereafter until the crowd stops coming late that afternoon.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**March 22:**  
Natalie McFarlin, Margureat Lane, Tomas Hinojosa Sr. Forest Otis, Josephine Cerbantes, Geneva Martin

**March 23:**  
Johnny Griffin, Rex Harmon, Grant Oberheu, Lani Adamson, I.D. Mullin, Brooklyn Smith, Venita Howell

**March 24:**  
JoLynn Frazier, Hanna Boedeker, Janice Henson, Nancy Price, Eunice McFall

**March 25:**  
Jerry Green, Larissa Payne, Sheila Reagan, Gary Martin, Karen Tiffin, Jeannine West, Sheila Reagan

**March 26:**  
Christy Withers, Debra Zanardi, Lee True Burson, Johnnie Rogers, Patrick Jenkins, May Otis, Gordon Lowrey, Michelle Francis, Payton Estes, Pam Morris

**March 27:**  
Roy Beavers, Freda Hughes, Clay Schott, Karlie & Kylie Green

**March 28:**  
Rita Guest, Kristen Jenkins, Lonnie Cagle, Zeola Taylor, Shawn Stephens, Phil Lemons

**March 29:**  
Mark Butler, Christopher McBee, Vance Lemons, Jim Messer, Lou Braddock, Daphne Lytle, Jeffery Addison

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

**PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)**  
SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."  
Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

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## Is Biodiversity The Future of Farming?

Industrial agriculture faces painful challenges: the end of cheap energy, depleted water resources, impaired ecosystem services, and unstable climates. Scientists searching for alternatives to the highly specialized, energy intensive industrial system might profitably look to the biological synergies inherent in multi-species systems, according to an article in the March-April 2007 issue of Agronomy Journal.

The paper's author, Fred Kirschenmann, Distinguished Fellow for Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University, states that industrial agriculture assumes:

- Production efficiency can be best achieved through specialization, simplification and concentration
- Therapeutic intervention is the most effective way to control undesirable events
- Technological innovation will always be able to overcome production challenges
- Control management is the most effective way to achieve production results
- Cheap energy will always be available

As we enter the 21st century most, if not all, of these assumptions must be questioned. The degraded condition of ecosystem services was detailed in the UN "Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Synthesis Report" (2005). The report also anticipates that during the next 50 years demand for food crops will grow by 70 to 85% and demand for water by between 30 and 85%.

Volatile weather conditions predicted to be part of emerging climate change will make it difficult to sustain highly specialized cropping systems which require relatively stable climates. To keep agriculture productive, farmers likely will need to adjust quickly. If we can design farming systems that are less energy intensive, more resilient in the face of unstable climates, and that begin to out-produce monocultures by virtue of their multi-species output, the economic advantages of such complex farming operations might be an incentive to change.

A few farmers already operate successful, complex farming systems based on biological synergies and adaptive management. One is Takao Furuno's duck/fish/rice/fruit farm in Japan. He produces duck meat, duck eggs, fish meat, fruit, and rice without any purchased outside inputs, using a highly synergistic system of production on the same acreage where he previously only produced rice. And, in this new system, his rice yields have increased up to 50% over previous yields from an energy-intensive rice monoculture. Joel Salatin, of Polyface Farms near Swoope, VA, has developed a rotational grazing production system featuring pastures containing at least 40 varieties of plants and numerous animal species. Salatin's farm uses little fossil fuel, yet the farm is highly productive. The 57-hectare farm annually produces 30,000 dozen eggs, 10,000 to 12,000 broilers, 100 beef animals, 250 hogs, 800 turkeys, and 600 rabbits.

A study by George Boody and colleagues has calculated, on a watershed basis, that diverse, synergistic farms can be profitable and simultaneously benefit the environment. They showed that when farms are converted from corn/soybean monocultures to more diverse operations, net farm income can increase by as much as 108% while generating significant environmental and social benefits. Principles that might guide postmodern farms are almost diametrically opposed to those supporting industrial agriculture. They may need to:

- Be energy conserving
- Feature both biological and genetic diversity
- Be largely self-regulating and self-renewing
- Be knowledge intensive
- Operate on biological synergies
- Employ adaptive management
- Feature ecological restoration rather than choosing between extraction and preservation
- Achieve optimum productivity by featuring nutrient-density, and multi-product synergistic production on limited acreage

To learn more about biodiversity, view the Agronomy Journal article abstract at: <http://agron.scijournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/99/2/373>

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*If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down.*

~ Mary Pickford

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*It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.*

~ Babe Ruth

## Round II Of The Regional Safe Room Program Announced

With the start of the severe weather season in sight, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) recently announced the start of the second round application period for the for the Regional Residential Safe Room Rebate Program. The Safe Room Rebate Program provides approved homeowners with a rebate to partially cover the cost of installing a safe room/tornado shelter in their home. The program is open to residents throughout the Texas Panhandle.

This program is being funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant the PRPC received through the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. To be eligible to participate, residents must own the home in which the safe room will be installed. Mobile home owners must own their home and the land on which their mobile home sits. Homeowners can receive a rebate of up to 50% on the cost of installing a shelter in their home. The maximum amount of grant funds paid for a shelter has been capped by the State at \$2,500.

The Safe Room Program is relatively new to the State of Texas. In fact, the program was implemented first in the Texas Panhandle. The PRPC concluded its first round application cycle in November with the funding of 235 shelters. PRPC will accept Round II applications through April 27, 2007. Residents interested in applying for a rebate will find the application form and guidance on the PRPC's website at [www.theprpc.org](http://www.theprpc.org). Resident scan also obtain rebate information by contacting Stefan Bressler at (806) 372-3381. There will be approximately 550 safe room rebates available under Round II of this regional program.

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*So long as they don't get violent, I want to let everyone say what they wish, for I myself have always said exactly what pleased me.*

~ Albert Einstein

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*You can do anything in this world if you're prepared to take the consequences.*

~ W. Somerset Maugham

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*It is almost impossible to watch a sunset and not dream.*

~ Bern Williams

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*Misfortune shows those who are not really friends.*

~ Aristotle

## Texas Legislature Votes NRA-Backed "Castle Doctrine" Into Law

The Texas State Legislature recently gave final approval to the National Rifle Association (NRA)-backed "Castle Doctrine" bill (SB 378), bringing common sense self-defense protections to law-abiding Texas citizens.

Texas is the first state to pass "Castle Doctrine" legislation this year, making it the sixteenth state to recognize the importance of victim's rights.

"I want to thank the Texas Legislature for working together to pass this vital legislation and take further steps in protecting the people of this great state," said Chris W. Cox, NRA's chief lobbyist. "Law-abiding citizens now have the choice to defend themselves and their families in the face of attack knowing their decision will not be second-guessed by the State of Texas."

SB 378, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth (TX-25) with 27 co-authors and the House version of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Driver (TX-113) with 106 co-authors, states that if a criminal breaks into your occupied home, your vehicle or your place of business, the victim may use any manner of force against that person and does not have a "duty to retreat". The bill also provides protection for persons using force authorized by law from liability for injuring their criminal attackers.

"On behalf of all NRA members in Texas, I want to thank Senator Wentworth and Representative Driver for their diligence in passing this important bill into law," concluded Cox. "The Castle Doctrine bill is about putting the law back on the side of the victim, the way it's supposed to be."

## Silverton Chamber Banquet To Feature Officer Beighle

It's banquet time!! Well, it is coming in less than a month! And the big treat is our speaker, State Trooper Wayne Beighle!! Officer Beighle will share the humor he has become known for. And the meal is going to be delicious!!

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is to be held on Saturday, April 14, at 6:30 pm. The Malt Shop, owned by Jeb and Sally Moorhouse will cater the meal. The main course will be Enchiladas; Beef with Carne Sauce; Cheese with Green Chile Sauce and Chicken with Sour Cream Sauce. Side dishes will be Ranchero Beans, Mexican Potato Casserole, Corn Casserole, Chips & Salsa. Dessert will be Flan. Tickets will be sold by Chamber of Commerce Members. There will only be 150 tickets sold. Don't wait too long to get yours!! Chamber members are out even now asking those generous donors of door prizes to do it again for you! If we missed you and you have something you wish to give, call Kyle at City Bank, 806-823-2328

The theme will be about Texas. Essays will be written by the Silverton High School seniors called, "How things really are Bigger in Texas". The winning essay will be read to all the guests. Citizen of the Year will be chosen and you can have a part in the choosing. Voting boxes will be out at eight places, Rhoderick Irrigation, City Bank, City Hall, Silver City Mercantile, Farm Bureau Office, Dollar Store, Something Different Restaurant and the Malt Shop.

Richard Howell is organizing the Fishing Tournament for June 23, 2007 at McKenzie Lake. When asked if the fishing was good, he replied, "Oh yes, very good." It will be an open tournament with prizes for the biggest in class and prizes for the youth ages 12 and under who will enter for only \$5. Team cost will be \$50 and individual cost, \$25. Great prizes are to be given! Call Richard today at 806-823-2011. It is never too early to enter!

Jan Curry was has contacted 400 vendors for the Briscoe County Celebration the second weekend in August. Make plans now to have your booth!

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**Cotton**  
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**News**  
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**Senate Budget Committee Approves New Spending Plan On Party Line Vote**

Senator Kent Conrad, Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, oversaw approval of a \$2.9 Trillion FY 2008 Budget plan on a 12-11 party line vote March 15. The Senate panel's approval sends the plan to the Senate floor for final approval.

Included in the plan is the Senate's budget allocation for writing the 2007 Farm Bill and language authorizing up to an additional \$15 billion over five years to address new needs or the expansion of existing programs to meet changing program priorities.

The Budget Committee's addition of extra spending authority doesn't necessarily mean that there is that much extra money to work with when the Senate Agriculture Committee sits down to write the farm bill however. The kicker on the extra funding is that the Senate plan appears to require that spending offsets or a revenue increase be found to make the additional money available.

According to Ag Chairman Tom Harkin the plan approved by the Senate Budget Committee will not be sufficient to fully address all the items that need attention during the farm bill debate especially with the strings that are currently attached.

Harkin notes that even if it is realized, the extra spending authority is still \$5 billion short of the figure he and Ranking Member Senator Saxby Chambliss had requested from the Budget Committee over the next five years to write the farm bill.

It is best to note that the budget plan that will now move to the Senate floor for consideration is far from the last step in the process relative agriculture spending.

With the House of Representatives facing a similar dilemma when it sits down to produce a budget plan next week it should be clear that the budget process is far from over.

**Be A Smart Shopper When Selecting Cotton Varieties**

With planting time just around the corner, South Plains farmers are thinking about cotton seed or already booking it with suppliers. There is a dizzying array of genetics and varieties available today, but picking seed doesn't have to be difficult, said a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agronomist. "Be a smart shopper," advised Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Lubbock. "Keep it simple. Compare several characteristics among many varieties and then match those to typical growing conditions on your farm." Producers can't control growing conditions or climate, but they can choose "smart genetics" with good potential for yield and lint quality. Genetic traits such as herbicide tolerance and insect and disease resistance are valuable too, but they should be evaluated using data from local field trials, he said.

"In some cases, it's wise to select varieties based on individual field conditions," he said. "Fields with high disease pressure should be matched to resistant varieties. On the other hand, disease-resistant varieties may not perform as well as other varieties in fields with zero disease pressure." Boman recommended four publications when comparing cotton varieties nose-to-nose:

- 2006 Cotton Performance Tests in the Texas High Plains and Trans-Pecos by Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder.

- Extension's 2006 Systems Agronomic and Economic Evaluation of Transgenic and Conventional Varieties in the Texas High Plains.

- 2006 Texas High Plains Cotton Variety Ratings for Verticillium Wilt and 2006 Texas High Plains Cotton Variety Ratings for Bacterial Blight, both by Dr. Terry Wheeler, Experiment Station plant pathologist.

These publications and crop production guides pertinent to High Plains growing conditions are available online at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu>. "They are a good start for comparing baseline performance," Boman said.

"It's best to compare varieties and genetics based on multi-year and multi-site averages, when they are available. Yield potential is foremost in growers' minds, but lint quality is just as important. We sell pounds of lint, but its value is a function of fiber quality." Last year was challenging for cotton producers on the South Plains. More than 1 million acres of dryland cotton failed due to drought that lingered into mid-August. Even so, producers harvested more than 4 million bales of the third largest crop ever. The crop also had record fiber length and strength, he said.

"But 2006 was also a low-micronaire year," Boman said. "Our micronaire averaged about 3.8 in the third lowest since 1992 and only marginally higher than 2005. Pounds of lint and fiber quality are profitability factors, but we also need to consider adaptability."

For example, longer-season picker varieties are adapted to areas with longer growing seasons than the High Plains. They can sometimes be a good choice for growers willing to invest in management but can be risky in the uncertain Plains climate, he said.

"Even with good weather, it's risky to leave open-boll cottons in the field hoping for a killing freeze to condition the plants for harvest," Boman said. "Terminating irrigation, applying defoliant and desiccants at the right time and getting the crop out of the field early is a better option." Storm-proof varieties are more suitable for uncertain harvest conditions and are more likely to survive damaging weather without considerable lint loss. As a result, Boman advised growers to also check for storm resistance when evaluating varieties.

"One issue we often encounter is nearly all varieties tend to have less storm resistance when they are under significant moisture stress," he said. "The bottom line is picker varieties may have higher risk for pre-harvest storm losses when they are moisture stressed. These later maturing varieties may also be prone to low micronaire." Transgenic varieties are another option, if the cost is competitive with traditional weed or insect control. Resistance to verticillium and fusarium wilt, bacterial blight and root-knot nematodes is another valuable trait for growers to consider, he said.

"All of this is food for thought when you are comparing cotton genetics and varieties," Boman said. "No matter how you size-up and choose varieties, don't plant the farm to only one variety. Diversify your planting list. Spread your production risk by matching varieties and genetics to specific fields. It's simply good management."

**This Week's Crop & Weather Report**

Texas hay producers are currently preparing their land for the planting of the 2002 hay crop, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Most annual hay crops are planted starting in March in South Texas through late April in northern Texas," said Dr. David Bade, Extension forage specialist in College Station. "Planting is done as soil temperatures warm up and the danger of a freeze is past."

Like any other crop, hay needs moisture, fertility and sunlight for good growth, Bade said. Planted crops need enough moisture for germination and growth. He said this will vary on the type of hay and how well the variety does in limited rainfall.

"From the spring rains, we are in similar moisture conditions as last year for this time of year," Bade said. "With additional rains in the spring and early summer the potential for similar hay yields is present."

Planting of haygrazer hays, a sorghum type of hay, and millet, another variety of annual hay, occurs in the spring, Bade said. Most hay in Texas is from perennial grasses, which live more than one year and come up from the root system, such as bermuda grass, bahia grass and bluestems. These are managed as they green up in the spring and do not have to be planted every year, he said.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, 130,000 acres of alfalfa was harvested in 2001 and 5.1 million acres of other varieties of hays were harvested.

"Hay should be ready to cut from four to six weeks after greenup or germination," Bade said. "Then with moisture, hay can be cut every four weeks of growth."

"Most hay crops had not started to grow yet so this (recent) cold spurt is not harmful," Bade said. "In deep South Texas where grass was beginning to green up, the cold did freeze that back, making the grass start over in greenup."

With any variety of hays, producers always have the worry of insects. Insect damage should be noticed as the hay is growing and should be treated if a problem occurs, Bade said. If there has been a problem with disease in haygrazer and/or alfalfa crops in the past, then a disease resistant variety is usually recommended, he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors.

**PANHANDLE:** Temperatures were variable throughout the week. The northern portion of the area received a trace amount to a quarter-inch of rainfall. Land preparation for spring planting continues. Soil moisture is rated very short to adequate. Wheat is rated mostly fair to good. Range conditions are rated mostly fair. Cattle are in fair to good condition; supplemental feeding continues.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** About 1 to 3 inches of rain fell early in the week, and warm temperatures prevailed. The rainfall reduced the need for pre-plant irrigation. Soil moisture is adequate. Winter wheat is rated fair to good condition. Most wheat is near the jointing stage and will benefit from rainfall received. Pastures and ranges are in fair to good condition. Cattle are in good condition and supplemental feeding continues.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Rain fell across most of the area counties, helping the wheat crop. Producers who haven't top dressed wheat are making plans to distribute more fertilizer. Deep subsoil moisture is adequate. Wheat is starting to joint and most herbicide applications have stopped. Cool season annuals and weeds are abundant. Livestock are in fair condition with some supplemental feeding. Farmers are preparing fields for cotton planting. Sprigging of hybrid Bermuda grasses continues as weather permits. Peach trees are approaching full bloom.

**Extension Expert: Irrigation Opportunities Must Be Accompanied by Proper Planning**

Excitement and anxiety are building as irrigation producers look at the first opportunity in many years to have profitable spring crops, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. "We see on the horizon a great opportunity to make some money," said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist, during the High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show in Amarillo.

"We've got the equipment, both center pivot and sub-surface drip, to make the most out of the least, that being water," New said. "There's not a lot more we can do on the systems, so it's planning on your part that will generate the most efficiency." He advised producers not to overshoot their water capabilities. Formulate a plan based on the gallons-per-minute per acre capabilities of the wells on a property, New said.

"We're challenged this year," he said. "We're going to try to do more than what we have water to do it with, and we can't afford to lose water. You have to make some good decisions." Manage the irrigation water, rainfall and soil moisture to maximize yields on each crop, New said, keeping in mind that no irrigation system can "make" water that's not available. Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, said producers in limited water situations who are producing wheat, sorghum and cotton should compare the benefits of partial versus full irrigation.

"You may be better off to spread the water out by partially irrigating all of it instead of fully irrigating part of it and letting the rest grow under dryland conditions," Amosson said.

In limited-water situations, the value of the initial water applications are higher than later applications, he said. The rate of return for the last few inches of water applied to a crop is not as great and may be more efficiently used if applied to another crop, he said. However, Amosson agreed with New, saying this is the year for producers with water to use it, and the greatest return is going to be with corn. "Pump it," he said. "There are times when you shouldn't irrigate, but you do. This is the year where you are going to get good returns for that water pumped."

**Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report**

By Tom Musser

**Floyd County:** The PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh lease well #176 reached total depth and is being evaluated.

**Hale County:** Well completion work continues on the PetroGlobe Energy Ramsower lease well #1113.

**Motley County:** No information has been released on the Bankers Petroleum Cogdell "64" lease well #1.



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- Occasionally, a hen will produce double-yolked eggs throughout her egg-laying career. It is rare, but not unusual, for a young hen to produce an egg with no yolk at all.
- It takes 24 to 26 hours for a hen to produce an egg; there is 30 minutes between each egg-producing cycle.
- About 240 million laying hens produce about 5.5 billion dozen eggs per year in the United States.
- Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain Vitamin D.

**Crazy About Cotton**

- U.S. textile mills presently convert over half of the cotton they use into clothing.
- The majority of cotton is used for men's and boys' clothing, with jeans, underwear, and shirts topping the list.
- If all of the cotton produced annually in the U.S. were used to make one product, such as blue jeans, it would make 5 Billion pair.
- One bale of cotton can produce 1,217 men's t-shirts or 313,600 one-hundred dollar (\$100) bills.
- Cotton's home uses range from bedspreads to window shades. It is by far the dominant fiber in towels and washcloths. Cotton is also popular in sheets and pillowcases.
- Industrial products containing cotton include wall coverings, book bindings, and zipper tapes. The biggest cotton users in the this category are manufacturers of medical supplies, industrial thread, and tarpaulins.



Cotton is a food crop. Almost 200 million gallons of cottonseed oil are used in food products such as margarine and salad dressing. Cottonseed and cottonseed meal are used in feed for livestock and poultry. And even products such as toothpaste, ice cream, and the paper money used to buy them contain by-products of the cotton seed.

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- It takes approximately 1.4 gallons of milk to make 1 gallon of ice cream.
- Cheese was first made over 4,000 years ago in Asia.
- A cow has 4 stomachs. They are: the rumen, where the food is first stored, the reticulum where food that has been more thoroughly chewed is stored once the cow has chewed the cud and has swallowed it; the omasum where extra water is squeezed out, and finally the food goes to the abomasum. Some of the digested food is then stored in the cow's udder where it is made into milk.
- Cows are ruminants or cud-chewing animals eating hay, corn, soybeans, grass, wheat, and ensilage. Each cow eats 20 to 25 pounds of grain, 40 to 60 pounds of ensilage, 30 pounds of hay and drinks about 15 to 25 gallons of water a day.
- Cows are sedentary animals spending up to 8 hours a day chewing the cud while standing still or lying down to rest after grazing. When going to be milked, a certain cow in an established herd always leads the others with the weaker and older cattle trailing behind the group.
- A typical, full grown Holstein cow weighs about 1,400 pounds and produces 60 pounds of milk per day.
- One day's production is 2.6 pounds of butter or 7 gallons of milk or 6 pounds of cheese.
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Research and advancements in biotechnology are now in the marketplace with tastier fruits and vegetables that stay fresh longer and are not damaged by insects.

A new technique called "precision farming" boosts crop yields and reduces waste by using satellite maps and computers to match seed, fertilizer and crop protection applications to local soil conditions.

Farm equipment has evolved dramatically from the team of horses used in the early 1900s. Today's four-wheel drive tractors have the power of 40- 300 horses. This makes for a large capital investment, as farmers pay anywhere from \$97,000 for an average 160 horsepower tractor to \$170,000 for a four-wheel drive model.

As the amount of mechanization and horsepower in farm machinery has increased, the time needed to complete tasks has decreased. Combines, huge machines used to harvest grains such as corn, soybeans and wheat, have dramatically changed agriculture. In the 1930s, before the machines were available, a farmer could harvest an average of 100 bushels of corn by hand in a nine-hour day. Today's combines can harvest 900 bushels of corn per hour-or 100 bushels of corn in under seven minutes!

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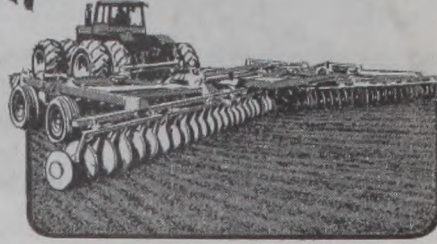


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5. Milk, \$982 million
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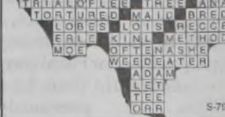
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~ Mahatma Gandhi

# Texun Tawk

By Bill Sperry

**HOW COME?**  
Coffee smells so good but tastes so bad?  
Spaghetti tastes good when made but the next day smells terrible?

- We're fighting guys with names like El Sadar and Bin Laden and we have a guy named Barak Hussein Obama running for president?
- Bananas don't keep in the refrigerator?
- Ice cream scoops out better with a cold spoon than with a warm one?
- Why do the Hemmingway cats have 6 toes on their back feet?
- Why can't we find Bin Laden?
- Why is a rhino's horn made of hair and not bone?
- Why is there a semblance of a claw in the bush of a lion's tail?
- Why are the stripes on a Bengal tiger also in the skin?
- Why are there no tigers in Africa?
- Why are the ears on an African elephant bigger than an Indian elephant?
- Why didn't Noah smack the two mosquitoes when he had the chance?
- Why is there no dot after the Dr in Dr Pepper? Besides all that, what was that 10, 2, and 4 thing all about?
- Why don't sharks have bones?
- Why is a baby swan called a signet?
- Why are all polar bears left handed, or pawed, or whatever and how many stitches did the man have that determined that?
- How come you can't tame a zebra? Nope, that wasn't a zebra that Sheena was riding in that movie.
- If we are an off-shoot of the ape as some people say, why can't they say a few words?(The ape, not the people)
- Why are there Braille signs on the drive up at the bank?
- Why don't flies have any memory?
- How come hyenas are high in the front and low in the back? These are questions that bother me.



## This Week In Texas History!

- Mar 24, 1957**  
The panhandle blizzard continued, killing eight people and stranding thousands. Snow drifts were between seven and 10 feet deep in places.
- Mar 24, 1883**  
Some 325 working Panhandle cowboys refused to work and went on strike demanding higher wages. They wanted \$50 a month for cowboys and cooks and \$75 a month for trail bosses.
- Mar 24, 1825**  
The Mexican Congress passed a colonization law requiring all immigrants to become Mexican citizens.
- Mar 25, 1957**  
The Panhandle blizzard ended. It killed 10 people and stranded 40,000 on area highways, damage estimates were in the millions of dollars.
- Mar 25, 1950**  
Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck died in Houston. He was born in Gainsville in 1888, Buck provided zoos with over 100,000 birds and animals in his lifetime. He also had his own circus.
- Mar 25, 1843**  
17 unlucky Texans from the Mier expedition drew black beans and were then executed by the Mexican Army.
- Mar 26, 1918**  
Gov. William P. Hobby signed legislation giving women the right to vote in Texas.
- Mar 26, 1861**  
The Secession Convention ratified the constitution of the Confederate States of America.
- Mar 26, 1846**  
Fort Polk was established at Point Isabel, nine miles from the mouth of the Rio Grande River.
- Mar 27, 1917**  
Three days after the first earthquake hit, another quake hit near the center of Carson County. It was more severe and registered 4.7 on the Richter scale. It struck at 7:56 p.m. and was felt over a 5,000 square mile area.
- Mar 27, 1864**  
William Quantrill was arrested in Bonham. He and his men were able to escape and rode out of Texas at Preston, near the Oklahoma border.
- Mar 27, 1836**  
340 Texans, along with Col. James Fannin were marched out of Goliad by the Mexican Army. Where they were executed on orders of Santa Anna. Only a few lucky Texans were able to escape the Palm Sunday massacre.
- Mar 28, 1969**  
Dwight David Eisenhower died in Washington at the age of 78. Born in Denison, he was the first native born Texan to serve as president.
- Mar 28, 1958**  
Elvis Presley arrived at Fort Hood to begin 25 weeks of military training.
- Mar 28, 1862**  
1,200 Confederate soldiers, along with the Fourth Texas Mounted Volunteers, were defeated by Union forces at the Battle of Glorieta Pass near Santa Fe.
- Mar 29, 1836**  
As the Mexican Army approached San Felipe, Gen. Sam Houston along with his 1,300 soldiers who had arrived the day before, rounded up all guns and provisions, then torched the community, and continued the eastward retreat.
- Mar 30, 1981**  
John Warnock Hinckley Jr. of Highland Park, attempted to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in Washington.
- Mar 30, 1870**  
Texas was readmitted to the Union following Reconstruction and the Civil War.
- Mar 30, 1836**  
Gen. Sam Houston's Army reached Groce's Plantation as the "Runaway Scrape" continued.

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

### So You Married Yourself A Texas Woman

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties. The first man had married a woman from Colorado and had told her that she was going to do dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple days, but on the third day he came home to a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man had married a woman from Nebraska. He had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a girl from TEXAS. He told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day some of the swelling had gone down, and he could see a little out of his left eye.... enough to fix himself a bite to eat and load the dishwasher.

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## Don't Tread on Texans' Long-Term Care, Fix It

By Stephen A. Moses

If the nation isn't prepared for the aging baby boomers, it isn't because the boomers sneaked up on us. For some time, we have seen the warnings and been conscious of the coming "age wave." The problem is that few have taken heed and been moved to act thus far.

While national leaders warn about the coming collapse of Medicare and Social Security, state lawmakers grow increasingly concerned about meeting the increasing demand and cost of Medicaid long-term care as the boomers age. To stave off the coming disaster, state lawmakers need to respond quickly to embrace every ounce of the limited federal flexibility available.

Most Medicaid reformers look to how states can encourage people to plan for their long-term care through private long-term care insurance. Too often, these lawmakers think that merely educating people on the differences of Medicaid and Medicare and which pays for long-term care will be enough to reshape people's behavior. But the truth is that it doesn't matter whether long-term care is paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or Santa Claus - the important thing is that somebody pays, and we know this because people are not going without this care.

The more important thing is for federal and state officials to recognize why they have a problem with long-term care. To wit, the government's been giving it away since 1965, crowding out private financing alternatives like personal spend down, reverse mortgages and long-term care insurance. It's no wonder most Texans don't worry about long-term care, use their home equity to pay for it, or purchase long-term care insurance against the risk, and instead end up dependent upon public assistance for long-term care as the only alternative to consuming their own wealth and their heirs' inheritances.

The second thing is that although Medicaid, the primary payer of long-term care services in Texas, is a means-tested public assistance program, it is actually rather easy to qualify for Medicaid long-term care services. Generous eligibility guidelines and well-known and exploited loopholes make it easy for Texans with substantially higher income and assets to qualify by purchasing exempt assets with otherwise countable resources and retaining the counsel of Medicaid estate planning specialists.

Medicaid is too often used as inheritance insurance for those who have resources that should be used to support their own long-term care. Although Medicaid was intended to be a safety net for the few who truly have no other alternatives for their long-term care needs, it now serves the poor and prosperous alike and allows people to plan for Medicaid to pay their bills. As a consequence, the program will soon feel the weight of a growing caseload among those who are already the program's most expensive population to serve, which will threaten the safety net for the truly needy.

What should Texas policy makers do about this? To a large degree, their hands are tied by federal laws and regulations. But to the extent that they can, they must begin to target Medicaid to the truly needy and use the savings to educate the public about long-term care and to incentivize the use of private financing alternatives.

As a result, seniors will get better access to higher quality care across a wider spectrum of care if they pay privately, and Medicaid will be able to do a better job for a smaller number of people who truly need it. The long-term care market will respond in kind, giving people the services they demand at the best prices. Competition will reward providers richly for providing benefits that the people want, and those seeking long-term care services, whether at home or in an institutional setting, will have greater choice with better quality.

Perhaps most importantly, people will have an interest and an opportunity to plan for their own long-term care.

Of all the examples where government programs have crowded out private activity, the most egregious and fiscally damaging have been the impacts of Medicare and Medicaid on planning for long-term care. Our window of opportunity to set these programs back on sound footing is quickly closing and nothing short of fundamental reform will do. If we continue to deny the problem and simply kick it forward into the future, we will find that the "inheritance" we're trying to leave for our kids may not be enough to cover the tax bill with which we've stuck them.

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## Public Hearing Topic: Expected Federal Transportation Cuts

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on how best to respond to an anticipated mandate for Texas to return approximately \$290 million in federal highway funds to Washington.

Although the Federal Highway Administration has not issued an official notice, a recent resolution continuing appropriations for Fiscal 2007 rescinded more than \$3.4 billion in previously authorized transportation funds across the nation. TxDOT has been advised Texas will be required to return approximately \$290 million in unobligated federal-aid highway funds.

On Thursday, March 22, the Texas Transportation Commission will hold a special meeting to receive public comment on how to implement the expected order to return federal funding. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at TxDOT headquarters, 125 East 11th St. in Austin.

"We want to hear from the public on how we should prepare to absorb these funding cuts," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "We would like to have as little impact as possible on our ability to meet our goals to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and increase the value of transportation assets."

TxDOT anticipates it will have less than a month to respond once official notice comes from Washington, according to Behrens.

During the last 15 months, Texas has returned \$305 million in response to federal funding cuts.

## New Website Offers Valuable Information on Pecans

Newswise - A virtual encyclopedia of pecan-related information is now available online - just in time for National Pecan Month (April). The National Pecan Shellers Association (NPSA) has redesigned its website, www.ilovepecans.org, to educate culinary and health professionals, food technologists and the general public about the nutritional benefits, variety of uses and all-around great taste of pecans. The new NPSA website features the Internet's most comprehensive collection of data on pecan health studies - and explains in an easy-to-understand way the meaning of those studies.

Under the creative direction of Kellen Interactive, the redesign brings the site's most valuable content to the surface. The new site features, among other items:

A special section for health professionals and educators, featuring a detailed overview of the health benefits associated with eating pecans, a recap of all major health studies on pecans, a nutritional breakdown of pecans, and frequently asked questions about pecans;

A history of pecans and the pecan industry in the U.S.; Recipes with complimentary, full-color photos (courtesy the Georgia Pecan Commission); Information on National Pecan Month; A section for food service and commercial users with technical information on using pecans as an ingredient; and Contact information for companies that produce the world's highest quality pecan products.

"As public awareness of the health benefits of pecans continues to rise, the new site will be a useful resource to consumers, health professionals and food industry professionals who want to learn more about these nutritious nuts," said NPSA Executive Director Vickie Mabry.

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