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Several Area Offices Will Have Contested Races In March 4 Primary Election

Local primary elections are just around the corner on March 4. With the filing deadline past the following individuals have filed to seek election or re-election in Briscoe, Motley and Hall Counties.

In Motley County Franklin Jameson has filed for re-election as Commissioner Pct 3. Ronnie Davis, Commissioner Pct 1 is retiring from public service, but Roy Gene Stephens has filed to fill the vacancy that will be left by Davis. Elaine Hart will seek re-election as County Tax Assessor/Collector. Tom Edwards has filed for County Attorney. Michael Crutchley, who replaced Jim Meador earlier this year, will run for Sheriff.

Hall County has three individuals seeking the office of Tax Assessor/Collector with the coming retirement of Pat Floyd. Seeking this office will be Maria Gonzales, Angie Mestas and Kelly Forkner. Buddy Logsdon will seek re-election as Commissioner Pct 3. Milton Beasley will seek re-election as Commissioner Pct 1. J.M. Deavers, II is seeking re-election as County Attorney. Incumbent Sheriff Earnest Neel has filed for re-election and will be opposed by Tim Wiginton.

In Briscoe County incumbent Commissioner Pct 1, Terry Grimland is seeking re-election and will be opposed by Jimmy Burson. Larry Comer, incumbent Commissioner Pct 3 is seeking re-election and will be opposed by Jan Curry. Gene Smith, incumbent Sheriff is also seeking re-election and will be opposed by Rosalio "Rosey" Hernandez. Emily is seeking election as County Attorney and Betty Ann Stephens is seeking re-election as County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Briscoe County Jr. Livestock Show To Be Held This Week

The Briscoe County Jr. Livestock Show officials would like to invite everyone to the 2008 Briscoe County Livestock Show and Sale. The show will be held Thursday, January 10th at the Show Barn in Silverton and Saturday, January 12th at the Vance Price Memorial Show barn at Valley School.

Following is a schedule of the activities for the livestock show this year:

Thursday, January 10th 5:00 p.m.: Beef Heifer Show (at Silverton Show Barn), Steer Show, Lamb Show, and Goat Show
Friday, January 11th noon: Gilt and Barrow weigh-in
Saturday, January 12th 8:30 a.m.: Gilt Show (at the Vance Price Barn - Valley School), Barrow Show
Saturday, January 12th 5:00 p.m.: Brisket Supper (at the Vance Price Barn - Valley School)

Saturday, January 12 6:30 p.m.: Awards Presentations and Premium Sale, Valley participants are: Kameron Buchannan, Kennadee Buchannan, Chancy Campbell, Tyler Campbell, Ryleigh Carson, Walker Carson, Mary Kate Davidson, Danielle Gwinn, Jacob Hancock, Colleen Hancock, Rachel Hancock, Casen Hawkins, Callie Helms, Sunny Helms, Abby Hill, Jolee Hill, James House, Jordan Jenkins, Kristen Jenkins, Kesey Kelley, Cade Luckett, Gavin Luckett, Gunnar Luckett, Kacee McGraw, Autumn Phillips, Jessie Price, Payton Price, Carson Proctor, Jacy Proctor, Ben Seth Ramsey, Brady Ramsey, Bryce Reagan, J.D. Schnitker, Khaki Scrivner, Courtney Selby, Savannah Smith, Justin Todd and Blaine Young.

Broadus Spivey To Address Students, Community January 28 At Clarendon College

Former Texas State Bar president Broadus A. Spivey will be at Clarendon College on January 28 to address students and area community members on the U.S. Constitution.

Spivey will talk at 11 a.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium and all area community members are invited to attend.

"Broadus is one of the top lawyers in the state and we are honored to have him return to his alma mater," CC President Bill Auvenshine said. "Part of higher education is exposing students to different topics and Broadus is eminently qualified to speak on the area of the U.S. Constitution."

"This is a good opportunity for our students and anyone in the community who would like to hear his thoughts on the subject."

A CC distinguished alumnus, Spivey was president of the State Bar in 2001-2002 and was born in Hall County. He attended schools in Lakeview, Friendship, Memphis, and Goodnight before coming to Clarendon High to play football. He was president of his senior class and

president of the student council at CHS in 1954.

He married the former Ruth Ann King after they completed two years at Clarendon College, and the couple moved to Austin to continue their education at the University of Texas.

He graduated from the UT School of Law in 1962. He practiced law in Lubbock for ten years and then returned to Austin where he has practiced law as a civil trial lawyer in all kinds of civil litigation. He has been with the firm Spivey & Ainsworth, P.C., since 1998.

Spivey has received several recognitions and was elected Dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1999.

Spivey is the son of the late Claude C. and Mary E. Spivey, both of whom were longtime Clarendon residents. Spivey's father-in-law, the late R.Y. King, was a lawyer in Donley County from 1913 to 1958 and was a tutor and moral inspiration for Broadus during law school and his early years of law practice.

Fire Danger High, Use Extreme Caution With Outside Burning

Extreme caution is urged if you are doing outside burning. due to the extreme dry conditions and high winds you are asked to not burn. emergency Management Coordinator for Briscoe County Maria Merrell received a call from Regional Liason Officer David Solis, who asked if a burn ban was in place for Briscoe County. If not he advised that a burn ban be put in place as soon as possible. Merrell advised Judge nance, who stated he will have it on next Monday's agenda for Commissioners Court approval.

Hall County currently has a burn ban in effect.

Motley county has a burn ban on it's agenda for next Monday's meeting also.

Everyone is asked to please use extreme caution when burning outdoors until the burn bans go into effect. With rains earlier in the season allowing for excess grass growth coupled with extremely dry conditions over the past months and high winds we have been experiencing, grass/pasture fires can break out easily.

Bake Sale To Benefit Briscoe Co. Child Protective Services

Briscoe County Child Protective Services Board will hold a cake raffle during the Silverton-Valley basketball games Friday, January 11. Chances can be bought for \$1.00 (or 6 chances for \$5.00) to win a beautiful & delicious cake made by Sheila Reagan. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held during halftime of the varsity boys game.

Turkey Jamboree Kicks Off 2008 With Great Group of Performers

By RJ Kalafus

The 2008 Turkey Jamboree started off with a great show that all in attendance enjoyed. The audience was well fed and entertained and all went home in a better mood than when they came!

Starting off the night was Turkey's own Gary Johnson on the keyboard and his was a mix of music styles from Jazz to Gospel including the big band Glenn Miller tune "In the Mood", "St. Louis Blues", and the Gospel standard "Amazing Grace".

Following Gary was the Adams brothers, the perennial crowd pleasers, their set was all country with the fiddle favorite "Soldiers Joy" and followed by an assortment of Hank Williams, Merle Haggard and the Cajun favorite "Diggy Ligg Li Lo" and they ended with the Ray Price super hit "Burning Memories".

The last performers for the night was country song stylist Kathy Whitten of Lubbock and she wowed the crowd with her interpretations of "Cheating Heart", Loretta Lynn's "You Ain't woman enough" and included in her set was "Wayward Wind" and ended with "I Saw The Light"

The Turkey Gems took the stage to finish the night. The bet version heard of "Faded Love" was presented by the twin fiddles of Jimmy Adams and Glen Waters, it was really great fiddling. Guitarist Benny Brown gave a great version of "Alabama Jubilee". Jimmy reprised with with "Patches" and all told it was a great show, as always.

Kathy Whitten won the voting by the audience and received the \$100 prize. The next Jamboree will be held Saturday, February 2nd at the beautifully restored Gem Theatre in beautiful downtown, Turkey Texas.

See ya' there!



Tim Wiginton

Wiginton Announces Candidacy For Hall County Sheriff

I, Tim Wiginton, am announcing my candidacy for Hall County Sheriff.

My background includes law enforcement experience on both local and federal levels. I have served the people as a deputy for the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Gunnison County Sheriff's Office in Colorado, was employed by the Dept. of Homeland Security / Transportation Security Administration as a manager, and the Dept of the Army as a Watch Commander Senior Law Enforcement Officer.

While employed as a Deputy at the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office, I was the Field Training Officer for all newly hired law enforcement personnel as well as the Supervisor and Training Coordinator for the Gunnison Sheriff's Reserves. I developed, researched and wrote the curriculum for the first State Certified Reserve Law Enforcement program in the State of Colorado. I was also a Sniper for the tactical team as well as the Training Officer for the Gunnison County Swift Water & Dive Rescue Team.

As Watch Commander for the Dept. of the Army I was a supervisory police officer with overall command and control responsibility for all law enforcement at Ft. Riley Kansas, which has a population of over 12,000 military and civilian personnel. Duties included supervision of 68 military and federal police officers on a day-to-day basis.

As Federal Security Manager for the Dept of Homeland Security I was responsible for all operational, investigative and regulatory operations .at the Rick Husband International Airport. Responsibilities also included all aspects of security which includes infrastructure / perimeter security, airline security, passenger security, anti-terrorism procedures, flight security and the direct supervisor of 87 Federal Security Personnel.

I care about the citizens of Hall County, their safety, security and peace of mind. I am committed to taking a proactive approach to Law Enforcement and look forward to the opportunity of serving you. I would appreciate your vote for Sheriff of Hall County in the election on March 4th, 2008.

What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

January 10

- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting

January 14

- * Silverton City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Briscoe County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Motley County Commissioners Court meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- * Hall County Commissioners Court meeting @ 10 a.m.
- * Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Valley School Board of Trustees meeting
- * Quitaque City Council meeting @ 6 p.m.

January 15

- * Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

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DPS marks Amber Alert Awareness Day

January 13 is National Amber Alert Awareness Day. The day, named by the U.S. Department of Justice, is meant to remind Americans that Amber Alerts are an important tool in recovering children who have been abducted.

Members of the general public can sign up to receive Amber Alerts via text messages on their wireless telephones by visiting www.wirelessamberalerts.org <<http://www.wirelessamberalerts.org/>>. The wireless industry has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com <<http://www.missingkids.com/>>) to provide this service.

The Amber Alert system was used successfully for several years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area before a state plan went into effect in August 2002. The state plan is meant to complement, not replace, local and regional plans.

Activation of the Texas Amber Alert Network is a massive cooperative effort involving: Texas Department of Public Safety; Office of the Governor; National Weather Service; Texas Department of Transportation; Local, state and federal law enforcement; Media; Texas Association of Broadcasters; Independent Bankers Association of Texas; Texas Lottery Commission; BeyondMissing.com.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

Since the Texas Amber Alert Network's creation in 2002, DPS has issued 35 state-involved Amber Alerts, and 38 children who were featured in Amber Alerts have been safely recovered. The vast majority of requests made by local police agencies for state-involved Amber Alerts are declined because they do not meet the state criteria.

The criteria to issue an alert involving State of Texas assets:

- * The abducted child must be 17 years of age or younger.
 - * The local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been abducted, that is, unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian or by the child's parent or legal guardian who commits an act of murder or attempted murder during the time of the abduction.
 - * The local law enforcement agency confirms that an investigation has taken place that verifies the abduction of the child and has eliminated alternative explanations for the missing child.
 - * The child is believed to be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
 - * There is sufficient information available to give to the public about the child, the abductor or the suspect's vehicle.
- If your child is missing:
- * Immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report.
 - * Be prepared to provide law enforcement with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license plate information.

Federal public service announcements regarding the Amber Alert program can be found on the U.S. Department of Justice website at <http://www.amberalert.gov/> <<http://www.amberalert.gov/>>

Obituaries

Bernyce Byrd

Bernyce Byrd, 92, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in Amarillo, TX. Services were held Friday, January 4, 2008 at Pioneer Chapel in Amarillo with Darrell Bonjour officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey, TX.

Mrs. Byrd was born January 2, 1916 in Know County, Texas. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wilcoxson were early settlers of the Bridle Bit Community in Hall Count. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include sister, Martha Phillips of Dallas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to the Turkey Cemetery Association, Rt. 1, Box 75-B, Turkey, TX 79261.

Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything.
 ~ George Lois

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Third Brand Of Mexican Candy Recalled

A San Antonio company is voluntarily recalling a third candy imported from Mexico after testing by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) found elevated lead levels that could cause health problems.

Villa-Mex Imports, Inc., is recalling Miguelito Azucar Salada Enchilada Acidulada. The candy is a reddish powder in a clear cellophane packet with blue lettering. The net weight is marked as 1.7 ounces. The label also reads: Elaborado Por: Fabrica de Dulces Miguelito, S.A. DE C.V. Totonacas No 293 Col. Ajusco Coyoacan, Mexico.

Recent laboratory tests of Miguelito candy samples showed lead levels ranging from 0.161 to 0.291 parts per million, above the 0.1 parts per million lead level considered to be a potential public health hazard by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The tests were part of DSHS product surveillance conducted over the last several months.

Villa-Mex also has voluntarily recalled Barrilito, a dark brown thick syrup sold in 3.3 ounce glass barrel-shaped jars with white plastic lids; and Tarritos, a dark reddish brown paste packaged in 3.3 ounce mug-shaped glass jars with a handle and white plastic lids. Both labels read: Productos Avila, S.A. de C.V. Puerto Malaque 1379 Col. Sta. Maria Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico. DSHS officials said the problem is with these products, not with the distributor, Villa-Mex Imports.

Eating products containing lead can be especially harmful to infants, young children and pregnant women. Too much lead intake can result in delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies. Children who have high blood lead levels may be tired or cranky, not have much appetite, not be able to pay attention, have headaches, vomit, be constipated, be clumsy or weak or not be able to sleep. Some children who have lead poisoning may not look or act sick.

DSHS officials say consumers who have the recalled products should not eat them and should return them or throw them away. The only way to know if a child has a high blood lead level is to have a blood lead test. People concerned about blood lead levels should call their doctor or health clinic about testing.

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

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Laughter is the hand of God on the shoulder of a troubled world.

Motley County 2007 Weather Report Good Year with Bumper Crops

Motley County farmers and ranchers are bidding farewell to a good year having weather benefiting bumper crops of wheat, baled geed and cotton in 2007.

May through September averaged eighteen inches of rain which was a blessing for the crops, ranchland and cattle market. October and November had little moisture.

We than the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers for reporting monthly rainfall totals and the total moisture for 2007.

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: December - 1.20, 2007 total - 30.32 inches.

Betty Simpson, Northfield: December - 1.42, 2007 total - 24.91 inches.

Ronnie Bailey, Matador: December - 1.20, 2007 total - 28.41 inches.

Clois Shorter, Flomot: December - 1.34, 2007 total - 26.43 inches.

Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat: December - 1.50, 2007 total - 24.95 inches.

In Hospital

Doyle Calvert was air lifted from Cogdell Hospital in Lockney Wednesday night, January 2 to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. At newstime, he is in ICU and listed in serious condition. His family has been at his bedside.

Chairman of Flomot Cemetery Association

Wilburn Martin is the new chairman of the Flomot Cemetery Association and will serve 2008-2010.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was chairman of this association the previous two years. She expressed her appreciation to those that paid their annual dues and gave memorials. She was also pleased with the work her son, Glen Calvert and Josh Lee did in keeping the cemetery in good shape, especially during all the rains this past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the Caprock Holiday Basketball tournament in Lubbock, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27-28. Their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay, daughter of Larry and Angelia Clay of Panhandle, competed in the tournament. Joining them Friday night for the tournament were Mrs. Tina Carson and children of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited Dec. 25-26 in Fort worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray.

Visiting during the Christmas and New Year holidays with their father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers were his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia. They had a family celebration in the home of Mrs. Rogers, Saturday, Dec. 29. Other guests were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Mrs. Shawna Abernathy, Allie and Jake of Abilene, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth and Luke of Sundown and Randy Rogers and friend, Danett of Lubbock.

Visiting during the New Year Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland. They also visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Sunday, Dec. 30 were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Dan and Sherrilyn Foster, Gwen, Tim and Peyton Mandrell of Lubbock.

Guests Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28-29 of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and son, Michael Davis of Bushland, Kansas.

Tommy Ross and daughters, Cheyenne, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann of Catroville visited his mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross from Dec. 21 to January 3.

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Protecting Oneself Protects Others When It Comes to the Flu

AMARILLO - The cold and flu season has arrived and prevention is the best medicine, not only for oneself, but also for family, friends and coworkers, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"Cold and flu season is a good time to look in a different light at the old adages about not taking your job home with you and leaving your personal life at home," said Andrew B. Crocker, Extension gerontology health program specialist in Amarillo. "You may be taking home more than just work," Crocker said. "Cold and flu germs can stay on your hands from two to eight hours."

Get a flu vaccination, he advised. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advocate vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu.

"Even if you're unconcerned about yourself, think about your co-workers, family, neighbors, etc. In some cases, what you opt to do/not do impacts others," Crocker said.

Vaccines are administered through shots or nasal inhalation, he said. A person's age and health could determine which form of vaccination they receive.

But both are relatively inexpensive and are readily available, Crocker said. Also, Medicare Part B will pay for flu vaccination for beneficiaries.

"Also keep in mind there are some anti-viral medications you may take if you happen to get the flu, which may help alleviate symptoms," he said.

In addition to getting the flu shot, Crocker offered, here are some prevention practices.

- Wash hands for 15-plus seconds - the time it takes to say the ABCs - with soap and warm water. Don't forget to wash the backs of the hands. This is especially important before and after working in comm! on areas, such as copy rooms and mail rooms.

- Cover cough! s and sneezes. Covering coughs and sneezes with one's hands is not the best, but if it is necessary, be sure to wash them immediately. Try coughing or sneezing into a tissue or handkerchief, or cough into the elbow.

- Drink plenty of fluids. Get plenty of rest. Exercise. All these are good for overall health but also may help prevent/lessen the effects of a cold or flu.

- Stay home. "If you are ill, please don't come to work," Crocker said. "Your coworkers will thank you. The same goes for your kids, keep them home from school."

One last note he offers is: the flu and common colds are caused by viruses; antibiotics have no effect on them.

"Many times we're upset with our health providers if we leave the office without a prescription for an antibiotic," Crocker said. "Be aware that antibiotics may be effective in treating bacterial infections, but not viral."

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.
- Scott Adams

Creative work is play. It is free speculation using materials of one's chosen form.
- Stephen Nachmanovitch

What we have to do is to be forever curiously testing new opinions and courting new impressions.
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "packed like sardines in"
- 5 TX-born Rafer Johnson film "But the Brave"
- 6 TXism for "clothes"
- 7 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
- 8 a fruit that grows along the TX coast
- 9 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley"
- 12 water park once in TX: "Wei ___"
- 17 TXism: "bell cows"
- 19 TX voting machines are designed for ___ use
- 21 Rafael Palmeiro left TX Rangers for this Baltimore team
- 22 country singer Judd
- 23 fashionable mall store (2 wds.)
- 28 this great Archibald played at UTEP
- 29 fishing problem
- 30 William ___ was co-writer of "Texas, Our Texas"
- 31 TXism: "skin ___ (miser)"
- 35 Hawaii vegetable
- 36 Davy said, "___ right, then go ahead"
- 42 TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly"
- 44 TX fishing tournament: "Tarpon Tomorrow ___"
- 46 a Dallas community college

DOWN

- 11 Hilton's Cisco hotel: "a cross between a gold mine ___"
- 2 Crockett newspaper: "Houston County ___"
- 3 TXism: "every now ___"
- 4 TXism: "stirred up a hornet's ___"
- 9 critter skin
- 10 TXism: "smart as ___"
- 14 TX George Jones' "The Race ___"
- 15 once a politically powerful TX woman, Guerrero song: "Ding ___ Daddy From Dumas"
- 18 TX-born Dennis Quaid '88 film
- 20 he danced with TX Ginger (init.)
- 23 this Rusked TX Army after San Jacinto
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Tuesday, December 15

Breakfast: Pop Tart, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chili Cheese Burritos, Corn, Apricots, Milk

Wednesday, December 16

Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Pears, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday, December 17

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat Nachos, Salad, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Milk

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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

Patriots & Lady Patriots Move To 2-0 In District

By Susan Ramsey

With victories over Motley County and Patton Springs, the Valley boys and girls basketball teams both moved to 2-0 in district play.

The boys traveled to Matador last Friday and came away with a 61-39 victory. Cole Brown led all scorers with 19 points. Roger Ramos and Ray Galvan were also in double figures with 12 & 11 points, respectively.

The girls also defeated Motley County Friday night. Valley came out on top by a 40-24 score. Jasmin Ivory led the way with 13 points and ten rebounds. Jordan Jenkins was also in double figures with ten points.

Tuesday night saw both teams at home against Patton Springs. The girls game was fairly close, until the Lady Patriots stretched their lead to eight points, to win by a 41-34 score. Jasmin Ivory, once again, led all scorers with 24 points. Lacie Pointer and Savannah Smith each added six points for the Lady Patriots.

The boys game wasn't as close, as Valley raced to a 68-39 victory. Isaac Smith led the way for Valley with 14 points. Cole Brown was also in double figures with 12 points. Others scoring were Jacob Hancock-9, Roger Ramos-8, Ray Galvan-7, Brady Ramsey-6, Dalton Allen-4, and Justin Rucker with two points. The teams will next be in action this Friday at Silverton. Let's all make the short drive up the cap and support our Valley teams!

Texas Homeless Pets Get More Byte

January 2, 2008-Petfinder.com has passed another milestone in the Lone Star State, with over 800 Texas animal welfare organizations listing their homeless pets on the site. Petfinder.com is the largest online database of homeless pets with over 250,000 adoptable pets at any given time.

Each organization has its own home page on the site and each pet has its own Pet Notes page with a photo or video and description. Someone wanting to adopt a pet enters his or her search criteria, including a Zip code, and a list comes back that has available pets ranked in proximity to the Zip code. The adoption itself is handled by the organization where the pet is housed. Each organization has a free home page on the site as well, with information about its location, hours and policies. Petfinder.com has facilitated over 11 million adoptions since it was created 11 years ago.

Michelle Gray, Montgomery, Texas, said her nine-year-old daughter spotted Brandi on Petfinder. The dog, who had been abandoned in a parking lot in Bay City, Texas, was posted on the site by the Bay City Shelter. "We drove a good bit to get her," Gray said, "but she was worth it."

Some people have the mistaken notion that there are only mixed breeds on Petfinder, but in fact, many are purebreds that have been given up by their owners. Mary Lee Bryant, Dallas, found her dachshund, Boomer, from Dallas-Fort Worth Dachshund Rescue Foundation, one of the hundreds of breed rescue groups represented on the site. "Petfinder.com is a wonderful Web site, easy to use and informative," said Bryant, "and I especially liked the email updates which were geared to my specific needs."

Dogs aren't the only pets on Petfinder. It also features cats, horses, birds, rabbits, not to mention many other critters like gerbils and hamsters.

Over 11,000 animal placement groups in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Mexico and Canada. Thanks to its sponsors, Petfinder.com is free both to its members and to potential adopters. Exclusive sponsors are BISSELL Homecare, Inc., a manufacturer of home cleaning and floor care products, PETCO, a national pet supply retailer that sponsors in-store adoptions and provides coupon books for new adopters, The Animal Rescue Site, and Merial, maker of the number one veterinary-recommended flea and tick preventative FRONTLINE(r), and heartworm preventative HEARTGARD(r).

Valley Patriots Rule The Court!

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.
~ Pablo Picasso

The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.
~ Dorothy Parker

Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling.
~ Margaret Runback



Valley Varsity Boys



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Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Girls

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January 10, 2008

By Patsy Herring
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ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

"And the wind she did blow, she did". Yes, we've had some very windy days this week, and then some unseasonable, beautiful warm ones. The wind is very profitable to some, and to others it's just something we put up with in the Texas Panhandle. We're glad we have it!
I just found out that Tammy Salinas, our postmaster, is transferring to Dickens, TX post office, closer to her home of Crosbyton. Oh, how we shall miss her! Her ready smile and willingness to help anyone in need - whether a package needing more tape, or an address, she was always ready to give a helping hand. Good luck, Tammy, we wish you the best!

Jill Johnson just returned from a Christmas fun time trip to Canyon Lake, just outside of San Antonio, with brother, John Lynn Johnson and wife, Janet. They got in alot of shopping at New Braunfels and San Marcos factory outlets. They met with friends and went to Gruene for dinner at the Gruene River Grill, then left for The Shops at LaCantera, outside San Antonio, met other friends, and Jill brought a coat. It sounds like a great trip.

Mary Stark of Nacogdoches is coming Tuesday for a stay until Saturday.

Barbara Bogart of Caprock Telephone Cooperative brought Nancy Cordero, from the Texas Department of Agriculture, to We The Women Tuesday for a short talk on Rural Economic Development, she spoke to a group of approximately 28 women. We felt honored to have her.

Rex and Elaine Harmon and Odus and Jessie Reagan went to Lubbock to celebrate Christmas with John David and Tonya Harmon last Saturday.

Vince and Laura Taylor do a fantastic job of putting out our Valley Tribune each week, don't you think? How many other small towns have beautiful colorful layouts like we do, as well as all of the travelling and work involved. Many have said, "It's the best little newspaper in the Panhandle!" They are to be commended.

Delores Pigg had her son, Mike Pigg and Barbara along with Jon Earle, Julie Pigg and children for Christmas dinner. That evening they went out to Bill and Karol Pigg's. Bill is recuperating nicely from his back fusion and surgery.

Scotty Stark continues to improve after being so ill and at death's door. He is up and walking some now, and has had tons of company.

Joyce Price has been going for medical therapy treatments once every three weeks, this being her 2nd of 6 treatments in Lubbock. She spends the night with her son, Danny Mayfield, and returns home the next day. She continues to work at the State Park.

Wilburn and Zeldia Leeper had Christmas dinner at home with their children, Ronda and Randy Purcell, and L.B. and Elizabeth Monk joining them. Zeldia's mother, Nell Clark, has been visiting them for a month. They returned her home to Jacksonville, Texas and also visited son, Scott and wife Karen leeper, and granddaughter, Kaitlyn, at Corinth, Texas.

In A Small Town R.C. Knox

*The Cafe is closed, but will feed you as they clean up for the night.
Tractors are considered an SUV and pickups are a common sight.
Turn signals are unnecessary because everyone in town knows where you'll turn.
In the cafe, it takes two hours for coffee because there is so much news to learn.
The post office, bank and filling station are the only new buildings in town.
The funeral home is the only thing that keeps on hanging around.
The edge of town has always been all the way out to Fifth Street.
And all will know you're a stranger if you don't wave at everyone you meet.*

National Cornbread Festival In Search of Nation's Best Cornbread Recipes

Attention all home cooks and cornbread connoisseurs! Grab your aprons and your cast iron skillet. The National Cornbread Festival is in search of original main dish cornbread recipes to be entered into the 12th Annual National Cornbread Cook-Off sponsored by Martha White® and Lodge Cast Iron®.

Ten finalists will compete during the National Cornbread Festival and create their original cornbread specialties under the Big Cook-Off Tent on April 26 in South Pittsburg, Tenn. One lucky winner will be chosen as the reigning cornbread champion and receive \$5,000 and a 30-inch stainless steel gas range (a \$2,500 value) from Five Star® Professional Cooking Equipment, a division of Brown Stove Works, Inc.

To qualify for the contest, an entry must be an original Main Dish recipe and prepared with at least one cup of Martha White® Corn Meal or one package of Martha White® Cornbread Mix using Lodge Cast Iron® cookware. Entries must also include contestant's name, address, daytime phone number, and date of birth.

To enter by e-mail, send your original recipe along with your complete contact information to cornbread@dvl.com. E-mail entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST on Feb. 29, 2008.

To enter by mail, send your original recipe and complete contact information on an 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper to: National Cornbread Cook-Off 2008, 209 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37219. Mail-in entries must be postmarked by Feb. 29, 2008 and received by March 7, 2008.

Ten finalists will be chosen from all entries.

Texas Celebrates Volunteers for Democracy Day Secretary Wilson Thanks Precinct Chairs and Election Volunteers

Secretary of State Phil Wilson thanks Texas' precinct chairs and election volunteers for their time and efforts in preparing for and administering elections across the Lone Star State.

"I want to thank the tens of thousands of Texans who have or will volunteer in our state's elections," Wilson stated. "Because of your patriotism and commitment to our state, Texas and her people can expect a smooth and exciting election season as we decide on who will lead our state and our nation in the years to come."

During the 80th legislative session, SB 393, authored by Senator Dan Patrick, declared the second Tuesday of every January as Volunteers for Democracy Day to honor the volunteers "who make valuable contributions to the nation's democratic system."

Senator Patrick strongly believes that elected officials and the citizens that elect them owe a great debt to the individuals who dedicate themselves to serving this cherished freedom. "Justice Louis Brandeis said it best when he stated, 'the most important political office is that of private citizen,'" said Senator Patrick, "and Texas' election volunteers epitomize that principle."

As Chief Elections Officer for the state of Texas, Wilson and his office work closely with county elections officials and party chairs to ensure elections are run according to state law. Election volunteers provide assistance in a number of tasks including voter registration, set up and tear-down at their precincts, maintaining the list of eligible voters on Election Day as well as a variety of other duties.

"Election Day is a significant, yet worthy, challenge in such a large state," Wilson continued. "And the efforts of our election volunteers play an important role in ensuring that Texas remains a flagship for democracy in the United States."

If you are Texan over the age of 18 and are interested in volunteering on Election Day, please contact your local County Clerk, Elections Administrator or Party Chair. A list of election officials by county can be found on the Secretary of State website at: www.sos.state.tx.us.

Cold Weather Brings DSHS Health Precautions

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can create severe problems for Texans who are more often used to dealing with heat waves. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) urges people to take extra precautions against hypothermia and other winter-related dangers.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know a problem exists.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

DSHS officials warn that people should not underestimate cold weather and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should check local weather forecasts.

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- Euripides

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- Alphonse Lamartine

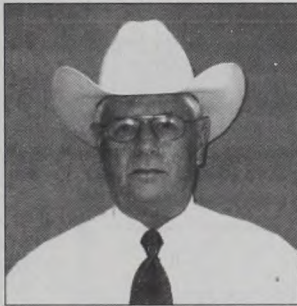
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WHY RE-ELECT EARNIE NEEL AS HALL COUNTY SHERIFF?

What you already know about my past:

- 4th generation Hall County (Memphis) resident.
- Son of a highly respected previous Hall County Sheriff.
- Graduate of Memphis High School.
- 17 years married to a native Memphis girl (Debbie Johnson).
- 32 years in law enforcement - 12 years with Texas Department of Criminal Justice. 20 years in direct law enforcement including training as a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper.
- 1980 Olympic Team



What you should know about the last four years as Sheriff:

- Ran a very effective Sheriff's Department and Jail with a staff of nine men and women.
- Accepted responsibility for the work of two Constable jobs at a savings to the county of \$46-48,000 per year in salary plus car and other allowances.
- Obtained Federal (HHS) Grant to upgrade equipment in the Sheriff's Office at a savings to the county of \$14,000. (Upgraded Emergency Vehicles and provided Ballistic vests for officers.
- Obtained matching grant from the National Association of Police of \$5,000, and \$8,755 in donations from citizens of Hall, Briscoe and Motley Counties to produce a drug dog (Lady) at no cost to the county.

This action alone has resulted in:

- * Drug arrest and drug confiscation in significant amounts in Hall and surrounding counties.
 - * Vastly improved direct coordination between law enforcement agencies (including Texas Department of Public Safety and surrounding Police and Sheriff's Departments).
 - Implemented new PrintQuest fingerprinting technology to improve law enforcement procedures.
- (By rough estimate the items above are of a minimum of \$211,000 savings to the tax payers of Hall County.)

What you can know about the future:

- We will continue to be innovative in law enforcement.
- We will continue to save taxpayer dollars in County Budgets.
- We will continue to work to keep the people of Hall County safe and secure.

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Northwest Texas Ag Conference January 15 In Memphis

By Josh Brooks, Hall Co. CEA-AG

The Northwest Texas Ag Conference will have a meeting on January 15, 2008 at the Memphis Community Center, Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the meeting will conclude around 3 p.m. Lunch will be served and 6 CEU's will be offered.

Todd Baughman will present "Herbicide Drift - What You Can Do"; John Robinson will give "Cotton Market, Current & Future"; Chris Sansone will present "Cotton & Wheat Insect Update-IPM."

Also on the program will be Wes Burgett of West Texas Mesonet "What It Is and How You Can Use It"; Steve Amosson, "Wheat & Cattle market Situation"; Lavon Harmonson "Laws & Regulations - Update - Laws & Regs." and Industry Representatives will be speaking.

If you plan to attend please RSVP to Hall County Extension office at 806-259-3015.

Cotton Resource DVD is an Encyclopedia of Production Information

The 2005 Cotton Resource CD provided many things Texas producers needed to know about cotton production. The new 2007 Cotton Resource DVD goes even further, serving as a veritable encyclopedia of Texas cotton information, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "At this stage of the game, it's as close to one-stop shopping for cotton information as we can get," said Dr. Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at Lubbock. "Many of the common challenges producers encounter are addressed by publications on this DVD."

"Information on the DVD is indexed according to key topic areas," said Dr. Robert Lemon, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at College Station. "The publications address general production problems; irrigation management; soil fertility; insects, weeds, nematodes and diseases; harvest concerns, fiber quality and ginning; and production economics. We also included a list of Internet information resources."

The photo gallery illustrates insects, weeds, grasses, diseases and symptoms of herbicide injury. Bark contamination, irrigation, and insect scouting are covered in short videos, Lemon said.

The DVDs are made possible by a grant from the Texas State Support Committee of Cotton Inc. This funding allowed AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Research to produce and target this resource for AgriLife Extension agents, producers and industry personnel.

Those who want a copy of the free 2007 Cotton Resource DVD can contact Lemon at 979-845-0870 or Boman at 806-746-6101. The contents of the DVD can also be found on the Internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cottondvd>. "The DVD will soon be available at cotton gins, because we know they typically have a lot of traffic in and out," Boman said. "This resource will help answer some of the questions gins receive. We've also made it available to agribusiness representatives and crop consultants, as a key training tool for the cotton industry."

Learn to use 10 minutes intelligently. It will pay you huge dividends.

~ William Irwin

Major Net Energy Gain From Switchgrass-Based Ethanol

Newswise — Switchgrass grown for biofuel production produced 540 percent more energy than needed to grow, harvest and process it into cellulosic ethanol, according to estimates from a large on-farm study by researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Results from the five-year study involving fields on farms in three states highlight the prairie grass' potential as a biomass fuel source that yields significantly more energy than is consumed in production and conversion into cellulosic ethanol, said Ken Vogel, a U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service geneticist in UNL's agronomy and horticulture department.

The study involved switchgrass fields on farms in Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. It is the largest study to date examining the net energy output, greenhouse gas emissions, biomass yields, agricultural inputs and estimated cellulosic ethanol production from switchgrass grown and managed for biomass fuel.

"This clearly demonstrates that switchgrass is not only energy efficient, but can be used in a renewable biofuel economy to reduce reliance of fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance rural economies," Vogel said.

The joint USDA-ARS and Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources study also found greenhouse gas emissions from cellulosic ethanol made from switchgrass were 94 percent lower than estimated greenhouse gas emissions from gasoline production.

In a biorefinery, switchgrass biomass can be broken down into sugars including glucose and xylose that can be fermented into ethanol similar to corn. Grain from corn and other annual cereal grains, such as sorghum, are now primary sources for ethanol production in the U.S.

In the future, perennial crops, such as switchgrass, as well as crop residues and forestry biomass could be developed as major cellulosic ethanol sources that could potentially displace 30 percent of current U.S. petroleum consumption, Vogel said. Technology to convert biomass into cellulosic ethanol is being developed and is now at the development stage where small commercial scale biorefineries are beginning to be built with scale-up support from the U.S. Department of Energy.

This study involved 10 fields of 15 to 20 acres each. Trials began in 2000 and 2001 and continued for five years. Farmers were paid for their work under contract with UNL and documented all production operations, agricultural inputs and biomass yields. The researchers used this information to determine the net energy estimates. Switchgrass grown in this study yielded 93 percent more biomass per acre and an estimated 93 percent more net energy yield than previously estimated in a study done elsewhere of planted prairies in Minnesota that received low agricultural inputs, Vogel said. The study demonstrates that biomass energy from perennial bioenergy crops such as switchgrass can produce significantly more energy per acre than low input systems. Less land will be needed for energy crops if higher yields can be obtained.

Researchers point out in the study that plant biomass remaining after ethanol production could be used to provide the energy needed for the distilling process and other power requirements of the biorefinery. This results in a high net energy value for ethanol produced from switchgrass biomass. In contrast, corn grain ethanol biorefineries need to use natural gas or other sources of energy for the conversion process.

In this study, switchgrass managed as a bioenergy crop produced estimated ethanol yields per acre similar to those from corn grown in the same states and years based on statewide average grain yields.

"However, caution should be used in making direct ethanol yield comparisons with cellulosic sources and corn grains because corn grain conversion technology is mature, whereas cellulosic conversion efficiency technology is based on an estimated value," Vogel said.

Vogel said he does not expect switchgrass to replace corn or other crops on Class 1 farm land. He and his colleagues are developing it for use on marginal, highly erodible lands similar to that currently in the Conservation Reserve Programs. All the fields in this study met the criteria that would have qualified for this program. Using a conservation cellulosic conversion value, researchers found that switchgrass grown on the marginal fields produced an average of 300 gallons of ethanol per acre compared to average ethanol yields of 350 gallons per acre for corn for the same three states.

The researchers point out that this was a base-line study. The switchgrass cultivars used in this study were developed for use in pastures. New higher yielding cultivars are under development for specific use in bioenergy production systems.

Switchgrass yields continue to improve, Vogel said. Recent yield trials of new experimental strains in the three states produced 50 percent higher yields than achieved in this study.

"Now, we really need to use an Extension effort to let farmers know about this new crop," Vogel said.

Decades of switchgrass research at UNL put scientists in the position to start studying the crop as a biomass energy source in 1990. "UNL and the USDA-ARS have been pioneers in switchgrass research since the 1930s, domesticating it as a pasture grass," Vogel said.

Vogel has led research to develop switchgrass cultivars for biomass production. The UNL-USDA team also has developed recommendations for how best to manage switchgrass to maximize biomass yields.

Future research will include further studies of improving management practices including work on improving establishment and harvesting methods, improving biomass yield, and improving conversion efficiency and net and total energy yields, Vogel said.

Switchgrass in this study employed UNL's best management practices for switchgrass, including no-till seeding, herbicides, weed control and adaptive cultivars. This study was also based on farm fields up to 20 acres instead of smaller research-scale plots typically less than about 100 square feet.

Six cellulosic biorefineries that are being co-funded by the U.S. Department of Energy also are in the works across the U.S. that should be completed over the next few years. These plants are expected to produce more than 130 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol per year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

USDA Announces New Cotton Board Members

Acting Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner announced January 3 the appointment of 17 members and 18 alternate members to the Cotton Board.

With this announcement the Cotton Board will consist of 37 representatives of cotton producers and importers, their alternates and one consumer advisor in 2008. Members and alternates named to full terms will serve a three-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2010.

As a result of the announcement, High Plains representation on the Cotton Board grew by one with the appointment of Wellman, TX cotton producer Jackie Burris to fill a new member position. Lamesa, TX cotton producer Matt Farmer was appointed to fill the Board alternate position behind Burris.

Newly appointed Cotton Board members include: Burris; Dwight Menefee, Lake Arthur, NM; Gary Eugene Ross, Yardley, PA; and Yvonne Anderson, Minneapolis, MN.

Newly appointed alternate members to the Cotton Board are: Farmer; Jack L. Joy, Artesia, NM; Kristin Hughes, San Francisco, CA; Scott D. Hyatt, New York, NY; June Sassler, Parkton, MD; Sarah F. Kay, Charlotte, NC; Helga Ying, Piedmont, CA; and Mike P. Sturdivant, Jr., Itta Bena, MS.

Re-appointed members to the Cotton Board include: Larkin Martin, Courtland, AL; Van Murphy, Quitman, GA; Jimmie G. Johnson, Vanduser, MO; Robert D. Robbins, Altus, OK; Arthur W. "Whit" James, Jr., Sumter, SC; Willie German, Somerville, TN; Craig D. Shook, Corpus Christi, TX; Kenneth W. Dierschke, San Angelo, TX; A. Mark Neuman, Champaign, IL; Peter McGrath, Plano, TX; Werner Bieri, Maysville, GA; John Clark, Los Angeles, CA; and Nancy A. Marino, Upper Brookville, NY.

Re-appointed alternate members to the Cotton Board are: Walter Corcoran, Jr., Eufaula, AL; Richard Moss, Doerun, GA; Edward E. Dement, Sikeston, MO; Robert H. Miller, Wellington, KS; Dale W. Player, Bishopville, SC; Larry Rice, Covington, TN; Debra R. Barrett, Edroy, TX; Jeffery Posey, Roby, TX; Linda Tipton, Bella Vista, AR, and Arlene Eastwood, Jackson, NJ.

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Upland Cotton Average Price Received By Growers Through November 2007

Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first four months of the 2007-marketing year totaled 4,548 million-bales according to information released December 28 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is 285,000 bales ahead of the amount marketed through the same period last year as USDA estimated November 2007 marketings at 1,464 million bales with an average selling price of 57 cents per pound!

So far the 2007 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calculated through November 2007 stands at 51.53 cents per pound.

With the first third of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2007 Weighted Average Price is a mere 0.47 cents below the 52-cent threshold where the Upland cotton Counter-cyclical payment will begin to drop below the 13.73 cent maximum payment rate. The preliminary mid-month price reported for December 2007 was 57.20 cents per pound.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through November 30, 2007.

The 2007 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2007 marketing year. The 2007 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2007 and ends July 31, 2008.

Average Price Received For 2007-crop Upland Cotton (Weighted by Marketings)

Marketings (000's of Running bales)	Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,762	44.90
September	373	46.14
October	949	48.93
November	1,464	51.53
December	n/a	n/a
		57.20*

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

My good friend Henry Baker sent me this and I thought you might like it. It just about says it all, and for the moment that is still tax free!

Now here's a reality check!

This is too true to be very funny. The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money. A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu (D), is presently asking the Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans . Interesting number, what does it mean?

- A. Well, if you are one of 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, child), you each get \$516,528.
- B. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans , your home gets \$1,329,787.
- C. Or, if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012. Washington , D.C. HELLO!!! ...Are all your calculators broken??

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If he hollers, Tax him more, Tax him until he's good and sore.. Tax his coffin, Tax his grave, Tax the sod in which he lays. Put these words upon his tomb, "Taxes drove me to my doom!" And when he's gone, We won't relax, We'll still be after the inheritance TAX!!

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Jan 7, 1886
A massive blizzard killed thousands of cattle in the Texas Panhandle.

Jan 7, 1858
Dr Anson Jones committed suicide. He was the last president of the Republic of Texas (1844-46).

Jan 7, 1687
The French explorer, Sieur de La Salle left Fort Saint Louis near Matagorda Bay on a overland trek to the Mississippi River. He was later shot and killed by his own men.

Jan 8, 1865
Capt. Henry Fosset, along with 370 state troops, attacked about 1,400 friendly Kickapoo Indians on Dove Creek, 16 miles south of San Angelo. The Texans were defeated, losing 36 men with 60 wounded. The Indians lost 11 men and had 31 wounded.

Jan 8, 1862
The Texas Legislature appropriated \$150,000 to establish a Confederate hospital in the state.

Jan 8, 1804
George Campbell Childress, the author of the Texas declaration of Independence, was born in Tennessee. He came to Texas in 1835 and Childress and Childress County were named in his honor.

Jan 9, 1938
A fire destroyed the Palace Theater in Memphis.

Jan 9, 1840
Three Penteka Comanche Indian chiefs rode into San Antonio to talk peace with the Texans. The Texans said they would agree to their demands if they would return the 200 Anglo prisoners they were holding. The Indians said they would return with the hostages in 20 days, they never arrived.

Jan 10, 1964
A U.S. stamp honoring Sam Houston was issued in Houston. The stamp was to be issued on Dec 13, 1963, but was delayed because of the assassination of President Kennedy. The postal authorities felt a stamp showing a Texan holding a gun in his hand would not have been appropriate for the earlier release.

Jan 10, 1901
The Lucas gusher came in at Spindletop. It set off the Texas oil boom.

Jan 10, 1894
The cornerstone for the Cottle County Courthouse was laid.

Jan 11, 1863
The Confederate ship "Alabama" sank the Union ship "Hatteras" off Galveston Island.

Jan 11, 1836
The Texas General Council floated a "Texian Loan" offering 640 acres of land for a loan of \$320, payable in \$32 installments for five years at eight percent interest.

Jan 12, 1864
Representing a new state, the Texas Legislature meet for the first time.

Jan 13, 1875
Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie and his troops returned to Fort Richardson after fighting Indians in the Texas Panhandle for several months.

Jan 13, 1841
The Republic of Texas Congress granted use of the chapel in the Alamo to the Roman Catholic Church for services. It was the first time since Texas won independence that such services were allowed in the former mission.

How We Can Get Out Of The Middle East And Put Billions Back Into American Workers' Pockets

By Dr. Richard Craven

Nettleton, MS – Oil prices are through the roof and it's costing us dearly. We empty our pockets in order to line those of the oil barons in the Middle East and elsewhere. Our dependence on their crude oil continues to deepen at an alarming rate due to our consumption habits.

However, America has the technology and the natural resources to break this reliance on the Middle East. What's more, by buying American fuel we would stimulate the economy and keep our US dollars in our US pockets.

As a nation we might predominantly use gasoline-engine vehicles for personal use, but our freight and shipping industry is wholly diesel based. Factor in the diesel needed to power many generators and construction equipment in the country, and it becomes clear that we use a substantial amount of diesel per year. Alternative fuels and energy specialist Dr. Richard Craven believes this market is crucial in our breaking free of Middle Eastern oil dependence.

"Diesel fuel accounts for around 36 billion gallons of petroleum consumed in the US each year – and that figure is for highway transportation use alone," says Dr. Craven. "That is over 100 billion dollars a year, and there is absolutely no reason why we should be paying that sum to a Middle Eastern company for fuel, when it is readily available from companies here in America."

With 20 years of his career spent in the chemical research and development with emphasis in the past decade on environmentally friendly fuels and alternative energy, Dr. Craven is now the spokesperson for Universal Bioenergy, a Mississippi based biodiesel manufacturer. While he acknowledges that an increased usage of biodiesel benefits Universal Bioenergy, he is quick to point out that the benefits for other companies and industries far outstrip those of the biofuel manufacturers.

Because biodiesel is manufactured from vegetable oils – American farmers' crops – and animal fats/greases, so too the US agricultural industry and its associated service sectors see increased revenues. This in turn creates more jobs, equating to more consumers with disposable incomes to spend. Increased consumer demand stimulates the manufacturing industries that freight their goods across the nation using ... that's right, more American biodiesel, thus perpetuating the boom-cycle.

As if the economic boom and independence from the Middle East weren't good news enough, the positive environmental impact would be massive. "The benefits to the environment are substantial," Dr. Craven explains. "We've all seen a truck pull away from the lights in a huge black cloud of smoke, but with biodiesel that is greatly reduced. It essentially contains no sulfur, so there is reduced acid rain caused by sulfur containing diesel exhaust emissions. Also, biodiesel produces far smaller carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and other hydrocarbon emissions. Of course because you're growing more plants from which to manufacture the fuel, there is more vegetation to consume these carbon emissions anyway. It's a closed-loop."

This 'green' side to biodiesel also has positive financial factors for the US. Some of the plants used for producing biodiesel feedstocks can grow in areas not suitable for 'edible foodstock' plants, therefore farmers and co-operatives can utilize formerly unused land to generate increased revenues. Additionally, many of these alternative feedstock crops available for biodiesel production can produce more than twice the yield of edible foodstock crops as biodiesel feedstock, which again leads to increased productivity and increased profit.

Perhaps biodiesel's ace in the hole is that it is a 100% renewable fuel. "Crude oil is running out, and when anything goes into short supply, its price increases," observes Dr. Craven. "As this happens, biodiesel will be more cost-effective for users. There are already tax breaks for green fuel companies and they usually pass on their savings to the consumers via price cuts. As productivity increases, this trend will increase also."

It is such an elegant and simple solution – certainly not rocket science. Although, with the

Washington's Answer To Energy Problems Doesn't Add Up

By Drew Thornley and Margo Thorning

The label of a 'Do Nothing' Congress might well serve as a badge of honor, given the misguided national energy bills now being debated.

Despite being described by proponents as 'energy' bills, these proposals would neither produce more energy nor make energy more affordable. Instead of workable solutions to meet today's energy needs and provide an economically viable roadmap for the future, the collage of ill-conceived legislative provisions is based more on political expediency.

The bills will wreak further havoc on the nation's energy challenges, denting both the national economy and the pocketbooks of Texans. The energy bill just passed by the House will harm both our nation's reliable energy supply and our national economy.

Both chambers have set their sights on so-called 'price gouging', the Senate as part of its energy bill, the House in stand-alone legislation. While seemingly noble in their intent, the proposals would effectively impose price controls, raising gas prices for consumers and limiting the availability of fuel for American families and businesses. Apparently, many in Congress have forgotten our disastrous 1970s experiment with these. Rather than punish energy providers through additional taxes and regulations, Congress should promote increases in America's refining capacity.

The legislation imposes government mandates requiring massive increases in the use of renewable fuels, such as corn-based ethanol. Besides raising costs for livestock feed, the price of corn adversely affects consumers through higher prices for meat, dairy products, and other dietary staples. The House bill requires a five-fold increase in biofuels production, to 36 billion gallons of biofuels per year, by 2022.

Now that speculators have sped up production due to new mandates and federal subsidies, we have a glut of ethanol in the Midwest, because it must be shipped and stored separately from other fuels. Requiring consumers to use enormous amounts of subsidized ethanol does not make practical, fiscal, or environmental sense.

Pending mandates on utilities will require use of a certain percentage of renewable energy sources for electricity. The House bill requires electric utility companies to obtain at least 15 percent of their power generation from renewable fuel sources. Renewable energy holds great promise and will clearly be part of our nation's future energy portfolio, but forcing the adoption of alternative energy upon consumers comes with great economic risk, namely in the form of higher utility bills.

Until these important segments of the industry mature, consumers have relatively affordable and convenient access to energy sources that should not be disrupted. Consumers should not pay a forced premium because promising technologies have yet to fulfill their promise.

The House bill also includes a 10-year, \$21 billion tax increase; requires fuel economy be increased to an industry average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020; calls for phasing out the incandescent light bulb; and mandates increased standards for appliance efficiency.

What is not in the bills, however, is even more concerning. There no additional provisions to increase U.S. energy production and capacity, and the bills remove existing incentives and add regulatory obstacles to increasing needed supply, the key factor guiding today's energy prices.

A reliable supply of energy will become increasingly critical for Texas. In 2005, Texas' population was 23 million. That number is projected to increase to 28 million by 2020 and 35 million by 2040. At these growth rates, Texas' electricity demand will increase 20 percent by 2015 and 43 percent by 2025. Meeting the 2025 demand will require Texas to add 50 to 100 new, large power plants, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

Additionally, while everyone speaks about the benefits of renewable energy, wind, solar, and

other renewable technologies are not yet able to generate the enormous amounts of electricity needed in our communities. Only coal in the near term, and nuclear a little farther off, can provide sufficient power. Emissions from coal-fired plants continue to decline, while nuclear is a safe, proven, near zero-emission source of reliable energy.

Policies that allow the market system to increase capacity, production, and supply are the key to sound energy policy. Sadly, today's political formula, noble goals plus special interests plus unintended economic consequences equals ineffective legislation, simply doesn't add up for consumers.

advances in technology that Dr. Craven and his peers are spearheading, perhaps biodiesel will be used as the rocket fuel of the future! But wherever it leads, the chance to decrease our spending in the Middle East and increase our economy at home should be embraced.

Dr. Richard Craven is the national spokesperson for Universal Bioenergy. Much of his career has been spent in the chemical research and development of environmentally friendly fuels and alternative energy. Dr. Craven worked as lead chemical researcher and developer at Antek Research Inc – a non-profit research firm specializing in environmental issues, including optimizing biodiesel processes. Universal Bioenergy's website can be found at www.universalbioenergy.com

Have a time and place for everything, and do everything in its time and place, and you will not only accomplish more, but have far more leisure than those who are always hurrying.

~ Tyrone Edwards

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