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"Downtown Turkey on Saturday Afternoon late 1950's." One of the prints that are being offered for sale by the Turkey Roost Museum. Photo compliments of Gary Johnson.

"Downtown Turkey" Reprints Available At Turkey Roost Museum

By Joy Turner

In the fall, just before the Turkey Homecoming, Jan and Joy Turner took the Turkey School Exhibit Section in the Turkey Roost Museum as a personal project. With the help of Rita Guest, the trophies and other school memorabilia were transferred from Keith Green's building to the Museum.

The first process that had to take place in the restoration process was to separate the damaged trophies from those in display condition. The usable trophies then had to be cleaned, several ladies from the community helped with this big project. The Turners plan to do the repair work on the broken trophies that can be salvaged. If anyone has any other Turkey School memorabilia they would like to give or place on loan to the Museum, please let us know.

Work has now begun on the display area and a large trophy case is being made from a section of shelving, that came out of the old Turkey Bakery building. Glass shelves, cut and beveled from glass from the bakery windows, have been made. All other items needed to assemble the shelves are on hand. The museum will need at least two more trophy cases and additional display cases, to complete the School Section.

The Museum has raised approximately \$500 for the School Section. This money was raised from the sale of ink and paste bottles, found in the cistern at the site of the old grade school, sales at Joy's Garage sale during last years Highway 70 Flea Market Day the Fall Festival in November and our booth at the Turkey Homecoming.

Thanks to the overwhelming support and donations of Turkey exes at our various projects to raise money for this worthwhile endeavor, our project is well on its way to completion.

Gary Johnson, owner of the copyrights of the "Downtown Turkey" pictures, has graciously allowed the Museum to make copies for our fund-raising project. The sale of these pictures has been very successful, so far. If you ever lived in Turkey or have relatives that lived here, these pictures make wonderful and unusual gifts for any occasion. Joan Turner Pigg has made a photo disc of the photos and makes copies as orders come in.

A project of this type takes a lot of time and hard work. All of the money raised thus far have gone into various repairs of the building. The Museum has greatly benefited from all of the financial support that has been given in the past and we hope that you will continue helping in the future.

There are memorial cards available, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, if so, contact Margie Pinkerton at 806-423-1240. If you would like to purchase "Downtown Turkey" picture reprints from the 1940's and 1950's please refer to our ad in this paper or contact Joy and Jan Turner at 806-423-1174.

Producers We The Women To Commission Meeting Feb. 17 Buffalo Sculpture For Quitaque

A Producers Meeting will be held Monday, February 17 at 6 p.m. at the Bob Wills Cafeteria in Turkey, Texas. "This meeting is being presented by Monsanto and Paymaster Seed Co. to discuss seed and chemical needs for the upcoming crop year," said Dorothy Johnson, of Johnson Gin in Silverton. A steak supper will be served and all area farmers are invited to attend this informative meeting.

Valley Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

Date	High/Low	%Prec
Thu Feb 13	64°/48°	60%
Fri Feb 14	71°/38°	20%
Sat Feb 15	52°/34°	20%
Sun Feb 16	57°/28°	20%
Mon Feb 17	63°/34°	0%
Tue Feb 18	70°/36°	0%
Wed Feb 19	67°/37°	0%
Thu Feb 20	68°/35°	0%
Fri Feb 21	67°/37°	0%
Sat Feb 22		

FEMA To Host Grant Workshop

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fire Administration is having a grant application workshop in Amarillo on February 20 from 2-6:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Fire Department, 310 S. Van Buren. The session will explain the grant program to fire service personnel. Call 806-378-9360 if you plan to attend. There is no charge for this workshop.

Clarendon College Offers Defensive Driving Course

Clarendon College will be offering a defensive driving course February 24 and 25 in Pampa. The course is from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Participants should arrive by 7 p.m.

For more information or preregistration, please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571-Clarendon or (806) 665-8801-Pampa.

The Quitaque City Council met on Monday February 10 at 5:05 p.m. for their regular meeting with Mayor Roland Hamilton calling the meeting to order. Council members Randy Stark, Arnold Castillo, and Rhonda Farner were present along with City Manager Maria Cruz, Water Superintendent Walter Skinner and Jean Mullin, who was representing We the Women.

First the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as presented. Next the Library reports for the last two months were presented to the Council and accepted. The Council was then presented with the Ambulance report which reported three runs since the last regular meeting. The Council was also informed that Ryan Wellman is now a certified EMT and working with the ambulance service.

Skinner reported that the hose and nozzles received through the Texas Forest Service grant had been installed on the fire trucks. Additional equipment had been requested from the Texas Forest Service Grant Program. This will include bunker gear for fire fighters that are using old gear at this time. Also additional lighting equipment for night rescues has been requested.

Next item of business was the appointment of County Appraiser. Council member Stark made a motion that the Briscoe County Commissioners designate the Chief Appraiser of Briscoe County Appraisal District to annually calculate the Briscoe County's "Effective Tax Rate" and to publish it in the newspaper as directed by the "Texas Property Code". This motion was seconded by Council member Farner and passed unanimously.

Jean Mullin, representing We The Women spoke to the Council and asked the City's permission to place a buffalo sculpture at the monument west of town. We the Women have agreed to hire the same artist who painted the mural on the wall west of town to create a buffalo sculpture. This motion passed unanimously.

Council member Castillo brought before the Council the need to begin preparing the city streets for repairs scheduled for this summer. The Council discussed at length the prefatory work that needed to be done.

Cruz informed the Council of the upcoming presentation to be made Thursday, February 13 by Mayor Hamilton dealing with the grant for the water tower. She presented the Mayor a folder with all the information needed about and for the grant presentation.

After a review of monthly bills a unanimous motion was made to pay all monthly bills.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

WIC Office Open
 Thursday, March 6, 2003
 9:15 a.m. - noon & 1 - 3:30 p.m.
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Briscoe County Irrigation Conference

The Briscoe County Irrigation Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at the Silverton Show Barns. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9:00 a.m., and 3 CEU Credits will be offered.

Soil Disease Problems, Seed Treatments, and Cotton Insect Problems will be presented by Greta Schuster, Extension Plant Pathologist. Cotton and Peanut Farm Bill Provisions will be by Joe Outlaw, Extension Economist.

Lunch, which will be sponsored by Johnson Gin and Silvercot Gin, will be provided for those attending the conference.

During the afternoon session Leon New Extension Irrigation Specialist will present a program on Crop Irrigation. Next, Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist will talk about Forage Sorghum and Insect Management. Finishing out the afternoon will be Lavon Harmon, TDA Representative, she will present a program on Laws and Regulations for CEU Credits.

For more information contact Brandon McGinty at the Briscoe County Extension office, 806-823-2131.

Texas Highway 70 Meeting A Success

By Virginia Sailsbury

More than 50 people attended the Texas Highway 70 meeting held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on February 6. Linda Campbell, State Director of Tourism for Texas Parks and Wildlife in Austin was the guest speaker. She discussed how ranches and other businesses could expand tourism other than hunting, such as bird-watching tours and wildlife photography. Also a consultant to Nova Scotia on tourism, Ms. Campbell complimented the Texas Highway 70 Association on being off to a good start and doing good things for their communities.

Lots of enthusiasm was generated for the ideas presented with attendees from Aspremont, Jayton, Ralls, The 6666 Ranch and those from the Highway 70 cities.

Calendar Of Events

- February 13**
*Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- February 14**
* Valentine's Day
- * End of 4th Six Weeks at Valley School
- February 17**
* Presidents Day
* Quitaque Lions Club meeting
* TEC meeting
- * 5th Six Weeks begins at Valley School
- February 18**
* Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- February 19**
* Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- February 21**
* Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



Onale Grundy

Onale Grundy entered the Armed Forces in October 1942. She served in the Women's Army Corps at the 98th General Hospital in Munich, Germany.

Onale received the WAAC Service, American and European Theater of Operations, German Occupation and U.S. Army Defense Medals.

She was given an Honorable Discharge in May 1955.

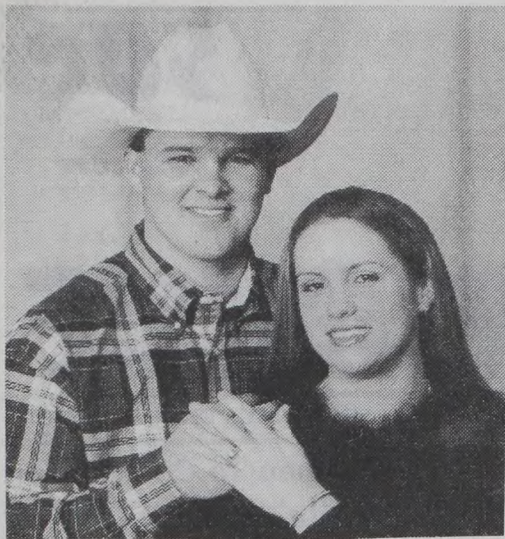


Jimmy W. Wynn

Jimmy Wynn entered the Armed Forces on September 20, 1954. After completing Basic Training he was shipped out from Seattle, Washington to Okinawa. Jimmy served in the Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He was on the Far East Rifle Team.

Jimmy was given an Honorable Discharge on September 15, 1956, after achieving the rank of Corporal.

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 Valentine's Party 8:00 P.M. February 14th
 (Dale Ramsey will be the D.J.) Enter for Rib-Eye Steak Dinner for 2 before that night!



Ford - Ziegler Announce Upcoming Marriage

Ms. Patti Ann Ancell and Mr. Max Fort of Lovington, NM are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Schylar Darla Fort to Trey Cole Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad and Jonetta Ziegler. The couple will marry April 12th, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Jackson Avenue Baptist Church in Lovington, NM.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lovington High School. She received her Bachelors of Science in Biology from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX. She then attended Amarillo College School of Nursing where she graduated as a registered nurse. The bride-elect is employed by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, TX.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Silverton High School. He attended Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. Trey is now self-employed. The couple plan to reside in Silverton.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...
BY: LAURA TAYLOR

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day, so sit down, give yourself a hug and take a few minutes for yourself, you deserve it! Hope these tickle your funny bone.

- * War doesn't determine who's RIGHT, just who's LEFT!
 - * If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed and dry cleaners depressed?
 - * Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.
 - * Isn't Disney World a people trap opened by a mouse?
 - * Whose cruel idea was it for the word lisp to have an "S" in it?
 - * Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "Cure It"?
 - * Stressed spelled backwards is desserts.
 - * The journey of 1000 miles begins with a broke fan belt and a leaky tire.
 - * Does killing time damage eternity?
 - * Do pilots take crash courses?
 - * Do stars clean themselves in meteor showers?
 - * How can someone draw a blank?
 - * Shouldn't there be a shorter word for "monosyllabic"?
 - * If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
 - * Is there another word for synonym?
 - * Laughing Stock - cattle with a sense of humor
 - * As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools!
 - * What would a chair look like if your knees bent the other way?
 - * Does fuzzy logic tickle?
 - * Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.
 - * Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
 - * If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
 - * Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
 - * Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?
 - * Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- HMMM.....**

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OBITUARIES

Zell Auburg

Zell Auburg, 87, died Monday, February 10, 2003 in Friona. Services were held at 11 p.m. Thursday, February 13 in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Manuel Rodriguez officiating. Burial was in the Friona Cemetery in Friona by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Auburg was born December 29, 1915 in Buffalo Flats. She married Dennis Auburg on August 16, 1933, in Turkey. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Plainview. She moved to Friona from Turkey in 1962. She was preceded in death by her husband on May 9, 1977.

Survivors include a son, Raymond Auburg of Plainview; a daughter, Rozell Green of Farmersville; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Jones McElyea

Funeral services for Marjorie Jones McElyea, 84, of Floydada were held Sunday, October 27, 2002 at First United Methodist Church. Dr. David Jones officiated.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. McElyea died Friday, October 25, 2002 at her residence in Floydada.

She was born on June 11, 1918 in Floyd County to the late Carl Bascom Lyles and Ruth Mae Allen Lyles. She attended schools in Floydada and married Clarence W. Jones in Floydada on September 8, 1935. He preceded her in death on January 11, 1981.

She married H.C. McElyea on June 11, 1982 in Floydada. She was a member of First United Methodist Church for many years. She was also a member of the Good Sam's Travel Trailer Club and the 1950 Study Club. Marjorie helped her husband Mac operate Mac's RV Park in Turkey, Texas every year during the Bob Wills celebration.

Survivors include her husband, H.C. McElyea of Floydada; one son, Randall Jones of Hamilton; five daughters, Doris Hinkle of Graford, Ann Phillips of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Jan Richburg of McKinney, Brenda Perryman of Beaumont, and Lindsay Perry of Abilene; four brothers, Olen Lyles of Floydada, John Lyles of Hale Center, Marvin Lyles of Bentonville, Arkansas and Floyd Lyles of Centerton, Arkansas; one sister, Rena Mae Baxter of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, the Floydada Senior Citizens and Hospice Hands or your favorite charity.

Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor:

SBC Communications continues to plead its case to escape government regulation in recent ads appearing in newspapers across Texas. Now, however, it claims that easing restrictions on the delivery of high-speed Internet services is the key to solving our state's budget woes.

In reality, giving SBC Communications the power to extend its local telephone service monopoly into the high-speed Internet or broadband arena would be the beginning of household budget woes for Texas consumers.

Without competition, which lets consumers choose the service they want at a price they can afford, Texans who want these advanced telecommunication services can expect to be hit hard in the wallet.

Sincerely,
Ted Heydinger
Executive Director
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- February 13**
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- February 14**
Lesia Schnitker, Karson Collier, Emily Woods
- February 15**
Vida Mae Pierce, Zack Williams, Howard Purcell
- February 16**
Shelby Fuston, Will Boedeker, Cameron Reed
- February 17**
Patti Lowrance, Ruth Phelps, Temille Powell, Rodney Fuston, Mike Bankston
- February 18**
Keith Green, Cory Williams, Willie Scoggins
- February 19**
Christopher John Beavers
- February 20**
Hazel Fuston, Chriss Morrison, Sara Picado



February 18
Mr. & Mrs Jim Weeks
Mr. & Mrs David Paul Majors

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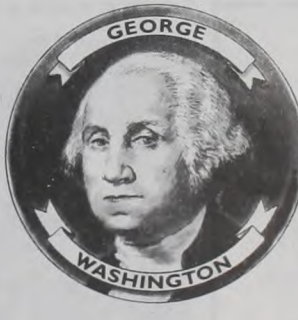
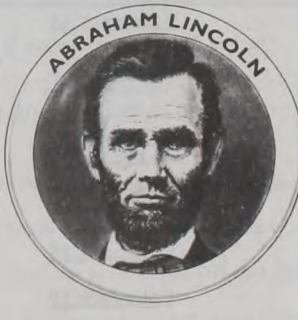
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FLOMOT NEWS

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

The most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched, they are felt with the heart. Love to you on Valentine's Day!

Sue Shannon Featured Guest At Do Gooders Club Meeting

Mrs. Sue Shannon of Roaring Springs was the featured guest at the Do Gooders' Club monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 4th at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Shannon presented an enlightening program on the choosing and combination of colors when assembling a quilt. She had on display two beautiful state quilts, The Rhode Island Star and The North Dakota Star she had made following the patterns of renowned quilt maker, Eula Mae Long.

There was not a business meeting due to the absence of secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alma Shorter, who was ill. Mrs. Waydetta Clay, president asked members to recall childhood memories which proved to be a sentimental and entertaining session.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Mrs. Waydetta Clay presided at a crystal service and served dips and chips, decorated cake, nuts and red mints with red fruit punch and coffee. Adding to the Valentine decor, the table was laid with a lace cloth adorned with hearts and valentines.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was the lucky winner again this month for the hostess gift at the raffle ticket drawing of a valentine box of chocolates and a coffee mug with heart designs encircling the outside.

Members attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, B. Rogers, Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydetta Clay, Kathy Shorter, Trula Martin, Nada Starkey and Geneva Martin. Guests were Mrs. Barbara Jones and Mrs. Sue Shannon.

Mrs. Dianne Washington accompanied her mother, Mrs. Jo Scott of Roaring Springs to Lubbock, Wednesday for her laser eye surgery.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited overnight Tuesday with sister and husband, Trula and Wilburn Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin attended to business in Amarillo, Wednesday.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse visited in Matador Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Marihelen returned home Friday from Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was hospitalized the past week with double pneumonia.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson attended the funeral of Joyce Smith Jones, 69, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Stanley Degan of Kalgary visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey attended to business in Amarillo, Thursday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and en route home, visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

B.T. O'Connell of Denton visited from Tuesday until Thursday with his cousin and wife, Tom and Aleda Ross.

Judy and Lynn Stark attended to business in Plainview, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, daughter and husband, Julie and Neal Edwards of Turkey attended the funeral of Neal's step father, Tommie Rice, 64, Tuesday morning held at the United Methodist Church in Crosbyton.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with Ruth and Orville Lee. Ruth attended the funeral of her cousin, Joyce Smith Jones Saturday morning held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Joining them to visit Saturday were Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, daughter and husband, Darla and James Gwinn of Whiteflat attended the STTA Winter Classics Gymnastic Meet Saturday held at the Unity Center located between Floydada and Lockney in which her granddaughter and their daughter, Danielle competed. Danielle won first place in the T rampolone event and placed sixth in Tumbling. They had many entries from New Mexico, Lubbock, Odessa and etc.

The Rick Perkins Show
Friday, February 21, 2003
at the **Gem Theatre** has been
CANCELLED
and **RESCHEDULED** for
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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Have you baked a treat for your Valentine yet? If you can't decide what to cook, one or more of these recipes may be just what you are looking for. Heart Sandwich Cookies and Cherry Cheese Pizza are great desserts, and Heart-Shaped Cheese Scones will be a nice addition to Valentine's dinner. Happy Valentine's Day!

HEART SANDWICH COOKIES

1 cup butter (no substitutes)
2 cups flour
1/3 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon salt

FILLING:

1/4 cup Crisco
1/4 cup butter
2 cups powdered sugar
4-1/2 teaspoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Red paste food coloring

GLAZE:

1-1/3 cups powdered sugar
4 teaspoons milk
Red paste food coloring
Red colored sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine the butter, flour, milk and salt, mix well. Cover and chill for about 2 hours until easy to handle.

Divide dough into thirds. On afloured surface, roll out each portion to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with 2-1/2 inch heart cutter. Place on baking sheets and bake at 375 for 6-8 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

For filling, cream shortening, butter, and powdered sugar. Add milk and vanilla. Tint with food coloring. Spread filling over half the cookies. Top with remaining cookies.

For glaze, combine powdered sugar and milk until smooth. Stir in food coloring. Spread a thin layer over cooled cookies, sprinkle with red sugar. Makes about 3 dozen.

CHERRY CHEESE PIZZA CRUST:

1 cup flour
1/8 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup cold butter or margarine
2 tablespoons shortening
3-4 tablespoons water

FILLING:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup chopped nuts (pecans or almonds are best)

TOPPING:

1 can cherry pie filling, chilled
In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder, cut in butter and shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Gradually add water, tossing with a fork until dough forms a ball. Pat into a 12 inch pizza pan. Flute edges to form a rim, prick bottom of crust. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, beat together filling ingredients until smooth, stir in nuts. Spread over baked crust. Bake 10 minutes longer. Cool, then spread cherry pie filling over cream cheese. Garnish with whipped cream if you like.

HEART-SHAPED CHEESE SCONES

2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 egg
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup oil
3 tablespoons milk
In large bowl, combine first five ingredients, stir in cheese. Combine egg, sour cream, oil and milk, stir into dry mixture just until moistened. Turn onto a floured surface and knead 10-12 times. Pat out to 1/3 inch thickness. Cut with 3 inch heart cutter. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake at 425 for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Makes about 1 dozen.

Write to those you know in the service—they need our support now. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

"In His Steps" Single Parenting Seminar

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church located at 4000 Mays in Amarillo will be sponsoring a Single Parenting Seminar on Saturday, March 8, 2003 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This Single Parenting Seminar is a special seminar to bring you hope and encouragement in building health homes. There will be adult workshops and children sessions. Door prizes will be given and lunch will be provided.

Cost is \$10, scholarships are available. Child care is by reservations only, to RSVP contact Penny at PTCC 806-363-6615.

THE SPORTSMAN CAFE

TUESDAY Your Choice Chicken or Beef Quesadillas
WEDNESDAY Mexican Food All the Trimmings
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FRIDAY-NOON All You Can Eat BUFFET Noon - 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY-NIGHT Chicken or Beef Fajitas
SATURDAY-NOON & NIGHT RIB-EYE STEAK & BAKED POTATOE
SUNDAY Plate Lunch Veg. & Hot Rolls
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ACROSS
1 TX "Babe" helped found this female pro golf org. (abbr.)
5 shootin' or brandin'
6 Garza Co. seat
7 TXism: "he's ___ tight he squeaks when he walks"
8 sun baked
9 Alamo book: "13 ___ Glory"
15 TX Mary Kay Ash's white poodle
16 TX Benton directed "___ Kramer"
18 Grand ___
20 jumps
22 TXism: "___ in your pipe and smoke it"
27 Branch Davidians of '93
28 as a boy, Troy Aikman carried buckets ___ for pigs on the farm
29 an Aikman throw
30 TXism: "he's an ___ at it" (experienced)
32 ___ "Bum" Phillips
33 TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't ___ in TX"
36 Gen. Robert ___
37 TXism: "___ pilot" (preacher)
38 TX Tigua Indian Reservation event: ___ dance
39 TXism: "never in all my ___ (never seen it)"
41 what TX Phil Gramm gave up (2 wds.)
44 ___ Park, TX
45 ___ Leon, TX
46 7-11's "Big ___"
47 Gov. Richards and TX actress Harding avoidable
48 avoidable
51 TXism: "___ pen" (hospital)
52 Abilene univ. (abbr.)
DOWN
1 TXism: "couldn't lick his upper ___ (weak)"
2 28-across as a QB
3 ex-Ranger hurler "Goose"
4 community school in "Alamo City": San ___
8 a TX Janis Joplin group: "Full ___ Boogie Band"
9 TXism: "so ___ are sprinkling"
10 Alpine h.s. class
11 Yvette who starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Jackson County Jail" (init.)
12 sacrifice desires
13 TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"
14 TX Motor Speedway track shape
15 what Cowboys or Texans didn't cross much in '02 (2 wds.)
16 Dallas news AM
17 TXism: "___ a mother-in-law on a long visit"
19 TXism: "___ yourself up by the bootstraps"
21 "fixes" a dog
28 classic car plate: "1 ___"
31 TXism: "got ___ of corn to stuck"
34 intl. boxing org.
35 TXism: "put on the feed bag"
37 cut lumber
40 TXism: "now you've gone and ___ it"
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43 Gov. Pease
49 extremely sharp
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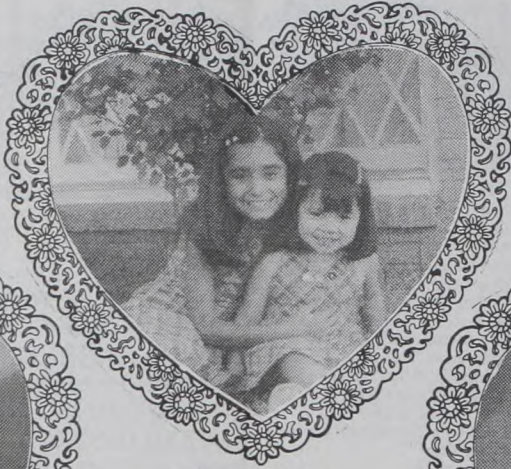
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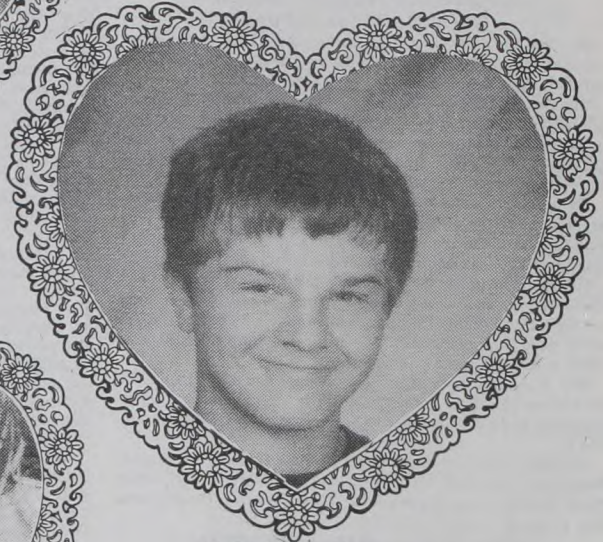
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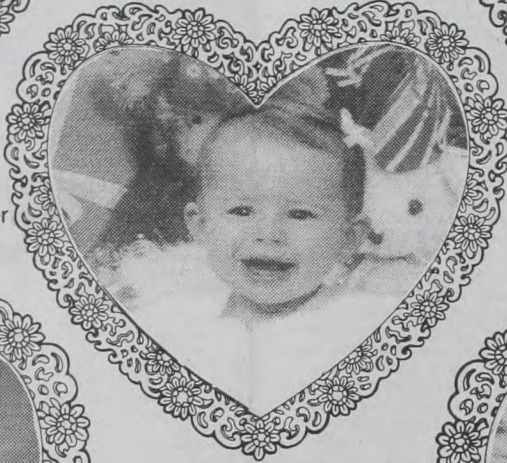
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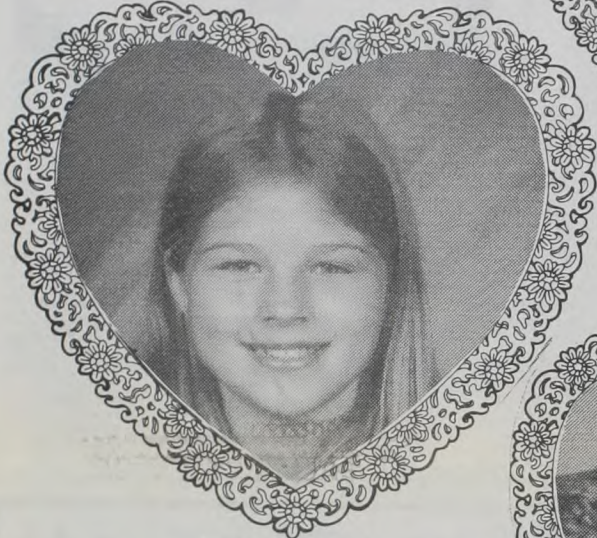
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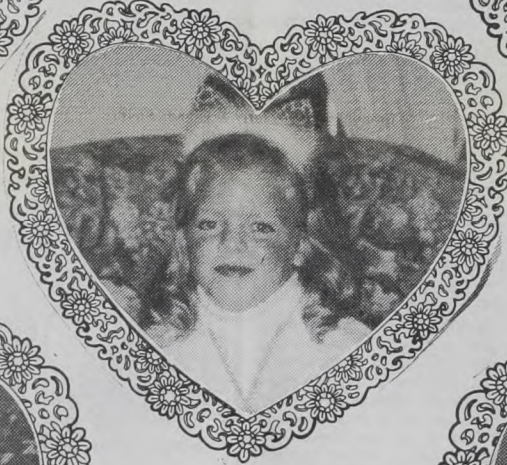
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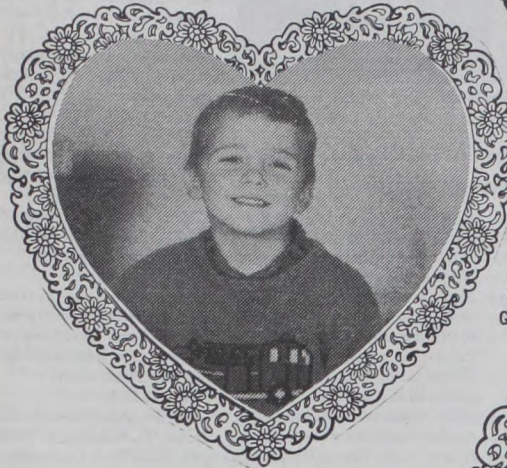
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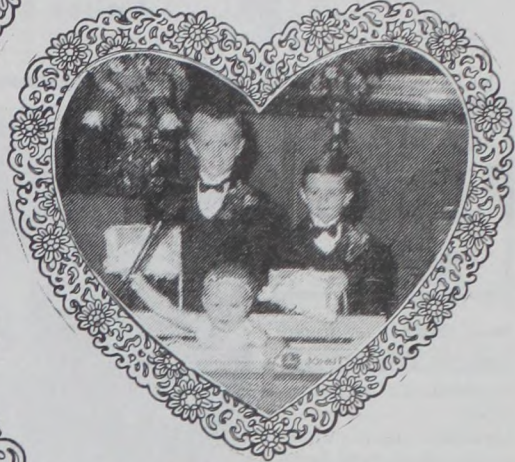
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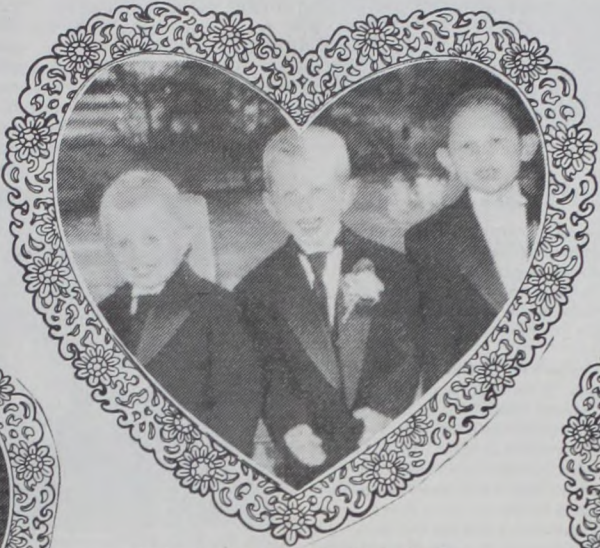
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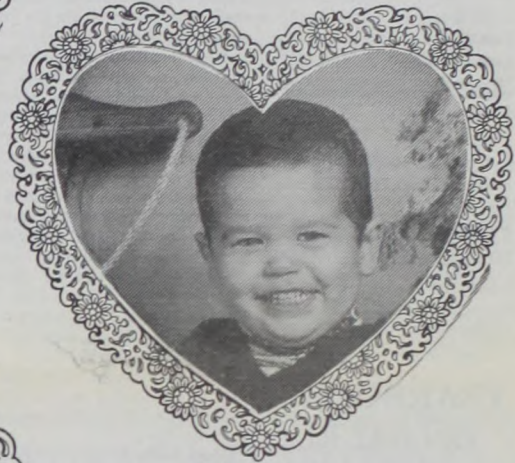
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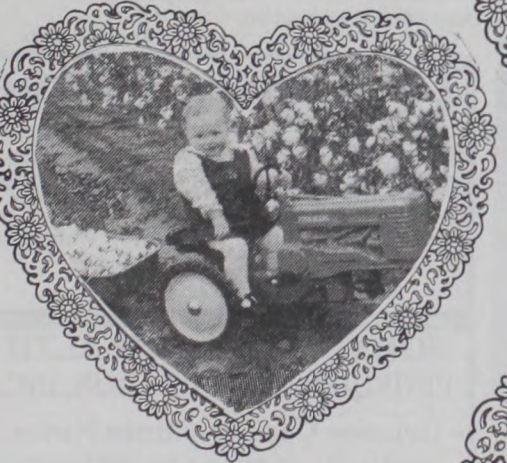
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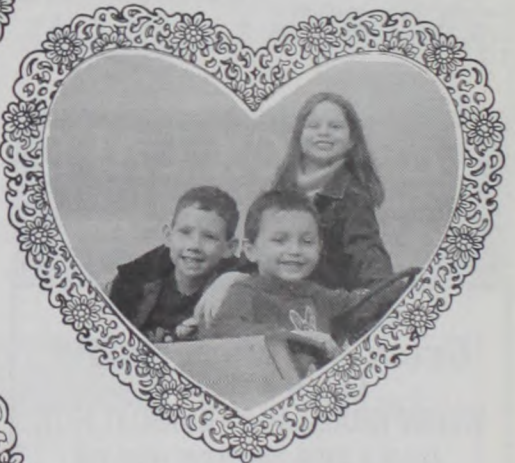
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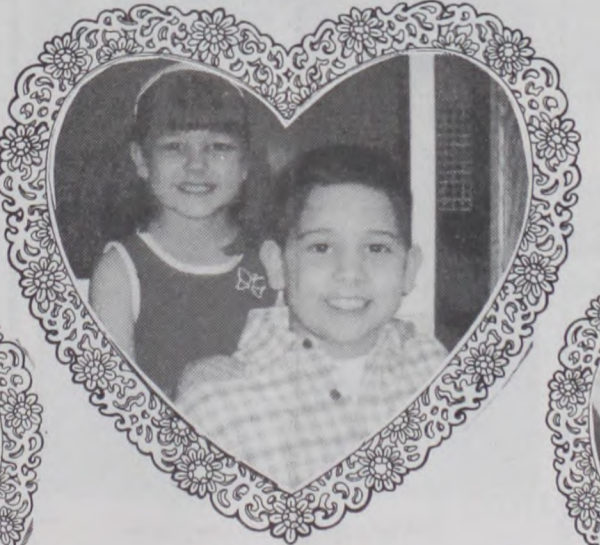
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Granddaughter of Tomas & Sarah Hinojosa





THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, February 17

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chili Cheese Burritos, Ranch Style Beans, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, February 18

Breakfast: Waffles, Sausage, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Jello, Milk

Wednesday, February 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Soft Taco, Pinto Beans, Salad, Spice Cake, Milk

Thursday, February 20

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Friday, February 21

Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce, Tater Tots, Salad, Hush Puppies, Fruit, Milk

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

The Valley School annual, "The Patriot", will be on sale the week for February 17 - 21. The prices are \$20 or \$25, with an imprinted name. Valley annual staff members will visit each classroom daily for orders. This is the only time that the books will be on sale. All late orders will be \$25.



Power of One - Take the Lead.

FCCLA Sweetheart Banquet

The Valley Family, Career and Community Leaders of America held their annual Sweetheart Banquet Saturday, February 8, 2003. The theme for this year's banquet was Mardi Gras Mambo and the cafeteria was decorated in purple, green and gold. After dining on a meal of spicy chicken breasts, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and cheesecake or 3 layer pie; the program for the evening was delivered by the officers.

Receiving STEP 1 Certificates were Rosalie Villareal, Cassandra Ortiz, and Ana Rosa Pozos. These certify that these new members have learned basic facts about FCCLA and passed a test.

Many members received Power of One Certificates for completing one of five levels of the Power of One program. This program is a self-help program where each individual members works on an area of his/her life to improve himself. Those receiving the Families Ties Certificate were Randa McBee and Sara Fierro. Receiving the Take The Lead Certificate were Sammie-Dee Ross, Cydni Walden, Amanda Roys, Lupe Mendoza, Enedina Valdez, Monica Hernandez, Erika Chavez, Erica Gujosa, Rosalie Villareal, Veronica Barrios, and Cathy Bernal. Receiving the Working On Working Certificate were Erika Chavez, Jose Martinez, Lorena Mendoza, Natasha Ramos, Derrick Cruse, Robert Mendoza, Frankie Rodriguez, Miguel Santos, Sara Fierro, Randa McBee Leigh Ann Nielson, and Natalie Wheeler.

The two members who worked tirelessly throughout the year at various community service projects were Maria Martinez and Veronica Barrios and they received the Certificate of Participation for their efforts.

Each year the Valley FCCLA recognizes an adult in the community that devotes time and energy to the chapter. This year's honorary member was Velda Ross, a person who is always willing to help.

Before the Sweetheart Dance began, the Sweetheart and Beau candidates were presented to the members. Beau candidates were Derrick Cruse, Albert Espinoza, Manuel Chavez, and Frankie Rodriguez. Sweetheart candidates were Cydni Walden, Amanda Roys, Chelsea Wheeler, and Natalie Wheeler. The Sweetheart and Beau for the 2003 Banquet were Manuel Cruse and Natalie Wheeler.



FCCLA - Beau Candidates



FCCLA - Sweetheart Candidates.



Khaki Scrivner with Shurbert (1st Place Hereford Heifer at the Ft. Worth Stock Show.)

Valley FFA Students Participate In Ft. Worth Stock Show

13 students from Valley exhibited their animals at the Ft. Worth Stock Show during January of this year. Khaki Scrivner showed her registered Hereford heifer during the Junior Heifer show the week of the January 13th. Her heifer placed 1st in its class and competed for the Championship Hereford heifer. During the week of January 27th, Valley FFA students competed with their market barrows in the swine show. Placings were as follows: JC Pigg-5th place

Lightweight Crossbred, Savannah Smith-9th place Lightweight Crossbred, Leigh Ann Nielsen-21st place Mediumweight Crossbred, Kristen Jenkins-6th place Mediumweight Duroc, Payton Price-10th place Heavyweight White OPB, Isaac Smith-11th place Mediumweight Hampshire. Other students exhibiting market barrows were Scarlett Sperry, Cody Varnell, Bryce Reagan, Jordan Jenkins, Jessie Price, Khaki Scrivner, and Jacob Hancock.



Jr. High & Elem. Students participating at the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

Front Row: Isaac Smith, Kristen Jenkins, Jesse Price, Khaki Scrivner.

Back Row: Savannah Smith, Bryce Reagan, Jordan Jenkins.



High School Students participating at the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

J.C. Pigg, Scarlett Sperry, Cody Varnell, and not pictured, Leigh Ann Nielson.

Last Week In Texas History!

Feb. 8, 1836

Davy Crockett and the Tennessee volunteers arrived at the Alamo.

Feb. 8, 1924

First person executed by electric chair died at Huntsville Prison.

Feb. 9, 1861

Governor Sam Houston ordered elections held to ratify the Secession Ordinance.

Feb. 10, 1865

Military Department of the Gulf, to include Texas, created by the US government.

Feb. 10, 1866

Reconstruction Convention met in Austin and declared Acts of Secession void; adopted a Constitution harmonizing with the US Constitution.

Feb. 10, 1923

The Texas Legislature created Texas Technological College, now Texas Tech University, and required it to be located in west Texas.

Feb. 11, 1828

Free masonry began in Texas when several Masons, including Stephen F. Austin, met at San Felipe de Austin to consider petitioning the Grand Lodge of Mexico to organize a lodge in Texas.

Feb. 11, 1842

Only recorded mutiny in the Texas Navy occurred while the San Antonio was docked at New Orleans. US authorities captured mutineers who were later hanged.

February Non-Local Subscriptions Due

~\$21.50 Per Year~

- Charlie Bailey - Amarillo
- Earl Taylor - Lubbock
- Jo Beth Smith - Lubbock
- John Eudy - Midland
- Mrs. Nadine Case - Anson
- Opal Broxson - Pottsboro
- Butch Baca - Bowie
- Betty James - College Station
- Mrs. C.W. Christian - Edna

February Local Subscriptions Due

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Briscoe County Clinic Notes

FEBRUARY is NATIONAL HEART MONTH!

According to the American Heart Association, coronary disease is the single leading cause of death in the U.S. Early recognition of a heart attack can save a life. Call 911 if you witness someone experiencing any of the following signs:

1. Chest discomfort: pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain in the center of the chest that last longer than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back.
2. Discomfort in other areas of the body: pain in one or both arms, the back, the neck, jaw or stomach.
3. Shortness of breath: may occur before or at the same time as chest pain.
4. Other signs: breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Remember, heart disease can be prevented. High blood pressure puts a person at a higher risk of having a heart attack. One in four Americans have high blood pressure and 31.6% don't know they have it. High blood pressure is a treatable disease. The Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure recommends that adults who do not have high blood pressure to have their blood pressure checked at least every two years.

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Cotton News

By Shawn Wade
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Mixed Messages On Disaster Aid This Week

From cautious optimism to genuine concern is a good description of the swing in attitudes regarding disaster assistance gaining final approval as part of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill currently under consideration.

Whether or not such an extreme change in attitude is warranted is still unclear. What is becoming clear, however, is that the perception of back pedaling and political posturing by the Bush Administration is gaining many new believers in farm country.

Fueling the change in attitudes was the release of the Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) earlier this week, the SAP outlines the Bush Administration's stance on issues included in the FY03 Omnibus spending measure.

Of primary concern was the apparent reversal in the Bush Administration's willingness to accept an across the board cut in discretionary spending levels to pay for the addition of drought assistance, and several other items, in the Senate package.

The SAP indicates that the Administration will only support drought assistance if it is offset within existing agriculture funding. This new stance is clearly different from the statements issued by the Administration on the Senate drought package immediately after they helped push the spending measure through that body.

Secretary Ann Veneman said shortly after the Senate vote that the drought assistance included in the bill appeared to meet the Administration's criteria for spending offsets.

Prior to this latest curveball, the drought assistance package was already gaining additional scrutiny from members of the House of Representatives who felt that the senate approach didn't go far enough in targeting assistance to individuals that had losses.

What Does It All Mean?

The progress of the spending bill over the weekend will probably set the stage for whether or not drought assistance remains part of the Omnibus legislation. The unwelcome alternative would be that it is stripped from the final bill and gets moved to another legislative vehicle, possibly delaying action for months.

Still, many observers feel that this is a remote possibility and that drought assistance will be part of the final FY03 Omnibus spending bill.

Of primary concern now is shoring up support for drought assistance as part of the Omnibus bill and encouraging individual members of the Conference Committee and Congress to resist a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" strategy.

Key to making that argument is explaining the differences between the price support mechanisms included in the Farm Bill (and the cost estimates associated with them) and the physical losses being addressed by the drought assistance package.

Of the many possible alternatives to the Senate payment proposal are payments that are based on a percentage of paid 2001 or 2002 crop insurance indemnities for producers that experienced losses. Using the crop insurance based payment method could help target payments and still maintain a relatively quick delivery of payments.

So far no alternative package has emerged as a clear challenger to the Senate version, but talks are continuing.

Efforts from PCG and others are centered on continuing to push for the maximum amount of assistance and continuing the ongoing effort to educate and shore up support for a package.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program Proposed Rule Available For Public Comment

The proposed rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been released for public comment. The 2002 Farm Bill reauthorized and amended the program, which is administered by the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The Farm Bill represents an unprecedented investment in conservation on America's working lands, providing a \$17.1 billion increase in conservation over ten years, which is an 80 percent increase," according to Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS State Conservationist for Texas. "In addition, the Farm Bill offers voluntary solutions for complying with the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and other regulations. EQIP, one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill, is designed to help producers meet the significant environmental regulations they face," Butler said.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations. Funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that protect natural resources by reducing soil erosion, improving water use efficiencies, and protecting grazing land.

Though the rule making process, NRCS has streamlined program administration and addressed several primary statutory changes in the proposed rule, including:

- * Up to 90 percent cost share for limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers.
- * A total payment limitation of \$450,000 per qualified individual or entity for all fiscal year 2002-2007 EQIP contracts.
- * Providing livestock producers with cost share assistance for waste storage facilities regardless of size, but must develop and implement a comprehensive nutrient management plan.
- * Allocating 60 percent of EQIP funds towards livestock related practices.

The proposed fiscal year 2004 agriculture budget includes \$850 million for EQIP to install conservation measures such as erosion control and water quality enhancement, \$51 million for Ground and Surface Water Conservation and \$8 million for water conservation and water quality enhancements in the Klamath Basin of California and Oregon.

"In Texas, farmers and ranchers are proud of their environmental stewardship and conservation on working lands," Butler said, "Since 1997 more than 6.5 million acres have been enrolled in the EQIP program in Texas. There is a strong commitment for conservation among private landowners to improve the environment and protect our natural resources."

Additional information on EQIP and other conservation programs is on the Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/products.html>.

Deadline For 2002 Crop Peanut Loans & LDP's Extended

To provide producers with the greatest flexibility to fully use the peanut marketing assistance loan and LDP programs, the Farm Service Agency will accept peanut loan and LDP requests through February 28, 2003.

This extension applies to the 2002 crop year only. The original deadline was January 31, 2003. Producers wishing to apply for a 2002 crop year loan or LDP should contact the Hall County Farm Service Agency, 1002 West Noel Street, Memphis, TX.

Last Minute CEU's

Meeting opportunity for all TDA Pesticide Applicators will be held Saturday, February 22, 2003 from 8 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. in the Women's Building at Hockley County Fairgrounds.

Credits offered are 2-IPM, 2-Laws and Regs, and 1.75 General for a total of 5.75 hours of CEU's. Registration at door \$18, includes lunch prepared by Hockley County Extension Club Council. Call Kerry Siders at 894-2406 for more information of special accommodation requests.

"TEXUN TAWK"

Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

This May Be The Big WindUp That's In Revelation

Growing up in a rural area as I did, I didn't worry much about things except whether or not my 'ole Ford had enough gas in it to go to town on Saturday night and enough money in my pocket to have a date. That seemed enough to be concerned about at that time. I know now that my Dad had lots of worries but he always seen to it that I had a good time. He was a prince of a fellow.

I really don't like being grown up as now the problems of the world are a big concern and very scary. I miss those carefree times.

I work at a building supply company and a group of soldiers came in the store, wanting some boxed built to carry their gear. They had been called up, going I don't know where, but you can bet it is in harm's way. We built them and I got the worst feeling, seeing them leave.

I don't know who elected our soldiers to be the policemen of the world but it looks like that they are. I'm so proud of them and at the same time, I feel guilty not going with them. This is the seed corn of our nation, going off and maybe not all coming back. I think maybe they should sent us 'ole coots instead as we probably were the ones that created this mess in the first place. We wouldn't be missed near as much as these young people. We made this mess, and now our young people have to clean it up. I wonder if when the Second World War started if the people here felt the same way.

That knot head in Iraq should have been removed when we were there last time. What were we thinking? Now we've got to straighten out that mess and North Korea is beginning to rattle their sabers. As usual, the rest of the world is sitting on the fence, waiting for us to straighten it all out and then they can tell us how we did it all wrong. History tells us that the Romans got spread out all over the world and then fall apart. If this happens to us, there will be such a void that the world will be in chaos. Perhaps this is the way it's supposed to end, I just don't know.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm getting downright scared for our young people and just a bit angry at us older people for getting the world situation messed up like it is. I sure hope that the Good Lord is on station, watching over our young ones that are going over there and he puts the blame in the right place, with us older ones.

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USDA Publishes Agricultural Internet Marketing Guide

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced on January 29 that release of a new publication designed to assist agricultural producers in marketing their products via the Internet. "How To Direct Market Farm Products On The Internet" provides basic information to farm-direct marketers who are interested in selling their products on-line or using a Web site to publicize their farm or products.

"For agricultural producers, the Internet can help solve problems of time, distance and location in marketing their products," said A.J. Yates, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. "We are working to provide the tools to help level the playing field for agriculture and rural communities by providing technological solutions and technological support."

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman also announced that the USDA will expand efforts to bring farmers, rural residents and businesses greater access to improved telecommunication technology through the financing of more than \$1.4 billion in loan and loan guarantees to rural telecommunication providers.

The number of Internet users shopping on-line had skyrocketed in recent years. Of the estimated 168 million Internet users 16 years of age and older in the United States, approximately half say they shop on-line. Because of this rapidly growing trend, many farm-direct marketers are turning to on-line marketing to increase their customer base. The publication addresses the issues to be considered before adopting the Web as a marketing tool, as well as tips on how to research the Internet market, set up a Web site, and market products on the Web. References, largely from the Internet itself, are cited to enable producers to undertake additional research.

How to Direct Market Farm Products on the Internet is available in print and on the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/MSB/msb.htm. For more information or to obtain a copy of the publication, contact Errol Bragg, USDA AMS TMP MSB, Room 2646 S, Stop 0269, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone:(202)720 8317, Fax:(202) 690 0031, or e-mail: Errol.Bragg@usda.gov.

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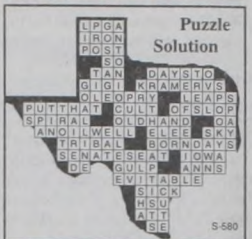
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