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Suspects Caught After Burglary Attempt In Quitaque Tuesday Night

According to Briscoe County Sheriff Jeff Fuston, two suspects were captured in Motley County Tuesday night by the Motley County and Briscoe County Sheriff's Departments after an attempted break-in at Karol's Kountry Korner in Quitaque earlier in the evening around 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The two suspects attempted to break in the back door but were unsuccessful and then went to the side door and kicked it down, but were unaware the building had an alarm system. With the alarm sounding the two suspects attempted to flee. But not before an eye-witness spotted them during their getaway. The quick thinking witness called the Sheriff and reported the incident, a description of the pair, their car and the direction they were headed. A short time later they were stopped in Motley County and detained for questioning. The witness was able to identify the pair and they are currently being held in association with the burglary.

The suspects are both from Paducah and have had previous run-ins with the law. Apparently nothing was taken in the attempt because the alarm scared the culprits off. Karol Pigg stated, "I think my alarm system just paid for itself last night."

Golden Covenant Performing At Gem Theatre Next Wednesday

The Turkey Heritage Foundation and The Gem Theatre are proud to announce in concert the former "J.D. Sumner and the Stamps Quartet", now known as "Ed Enoch and Golden Covenant", Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, children under 12 get in free.

Having been established in 1924, the Stamps Quartet boasted the longest history of any male quartet. They were inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and were also nominated for a Grammy Award. True pioneers in gospel music, they accomplished about everything that a gospel singing group could and paved the way for others who sing today. We came to know them as "J.D. Sumner & The Stamps" but their era ended following the death of J.D. Sumner, November 16, 1998. His family decided to retire the Stamps Quartet in February 1999.

The legacy of southern gospel music continues as Ed Enoch formed his new group "Ed Enoch and Golden Covenant" in March 1999, with the former members of the Stamps Quartet, Ed Hill and Rick Strickland. Tom Graham joined the group as bass singer in May 1999. This traditional southern gospel group continues to record and perform the style of gospel music that you have known them for.

Ed Enoch, lead singer, sang with the Stamps for 29 years, and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall Of Fame in 1997. Ed will bless your spirit and stir your soul with his extraordinary, powerful and emotional delivery of the songs that have become his trademarks such as "His Hand in Mine", or "I Can Feel the Touch of His Hand", and "How Great Thou Art".

Ed has sung to audiences all over the world and his distinctive and delightful voice has well established the sound of Golden Covenant. His vocals have never sounded richer and fuller and his message in song has never been clearer and full of love.

Make plans now to attend this special presentation and we hope to see you there!

College Financial Aid Night At Valley

Valley School will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on January 16, 2002 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Dave Corley of Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Jim Reed of Opportunity Plan, and a financial aid advisor from an area college will provide important information regarding the financial aid process. You will receive beneficial information about the application process which is necessary for receiving many of the worthwhile grants, loans, and scholarships. All Juniors and Seniors, along with their parents, are strongly encouraged to attend. However, any person interested in financing a college education is welcome. Door prizes will be given away!

EMT Class To Begin Soon

An EMT class is scheduled to begin January 29, 2002. The class will run January 29th through May 30th. Anthony Kingery paramedic from Silverton will be the instructor. The class will be held at the Quitaque Community Center.

Any medics needing continuing education or recertification hours are welcome to attend this class. If you are interested in the class and would like more information or would like to see a class schedule you may contact Maria Cruz at 455-1456, Debbie Wellman at 455-1243 or Sandra Barclay at 455-1441.

Please be aware that a high school diploma or GED is required to take the class. Registration will be January 29th at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. "Books need to be ordered for this class so please let one of us know if you plan to attend the class so we may order them early," said Maria Cruz.

Roland Hamilton Announces Candidacy For Briscoe County Commissioner Pct. 2

Roland Hamilton has announced his candidacy for Commissioner, Pct. 2 in Briscoe County.

Hamilton stated, "Many citizens of Briscoe County have encouraged me to represent Precinct 2 in County Commissioners Court. I am honored by their confidence in my ability and my willingness to carry out the wishes of the citizens of Precinct 2."

Roland Hamilton is currently serving as Mayor of Quitaque. During his time in office he has been instrumental in obtaining the "White Items" Removal Grant for the city. He also helped obtain the grant for a Sewer Waste Water System.

Hamilton has also served on the Quitaque City Council for two years, he served as 1st Vice President of the Quitaque Lions Club and as Vice President of the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

Roland is co-owner, with wife Donna, of Caprock Home Center and is also engaged in farming and ranching operations in the county. Born in Briscoe County and raised in Quitaque most of his life, he moved back in 1996 when he purchased Caprock Home Center with his wife. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Quitaque.

"I will fully support economic development for the county and will work hard for improvements in the county, just as I have done for the city," he said.

Extension Of Emergency Grazing Of CRP Acreage

Hall County has been approved for an extension of emergency grazing of CRP acres through February 28, 2002. Producers who have already paid for grazing will not be charged another fee and may continue to graze unless NRCS advises differently. Livestock shall be removed by March 1, 2002 and all producers must certify their grazed CRP acreage by March 5, 2002.

Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show

The Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show is closing in fast and preparations are underway. With the addition of meat goats this year and the number of sheep and goats validated, time has been a major concern for Saturday of the show. This year the goats, sheep and cattle will all show on Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. The official schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 17, 2002
 *10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Weigh sheep & goats
 *3 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Weigh steers
 *5 p.m.: Goat show begins
 *Followed immediately by lambs
 *Followed immediately by heifers
 *Followed immediately by steers

Friday, January 18, 2002
 *12 Noon - 5 p.m.: Weigh barrows & gilts

Saturday, January 19, 2002
 *8:30 a.m.: Gilt Show
 *Followed immediately by barrows
 *5:30 p.m.: B-B-Q Supper
 *7 p.m.: Premium Auction



Rare twin colts born to "Cutter", Jacy Proctor's mare, over the holidays. Twin colts both born alive are very unusual!

Mare Gives Birth To Twin Foals

Jacy Proctor's mare "Cutter" gave birth to twin foals over the holidays. This is supposedly a very rare occasion. "Reba", the larger one, weighed 40 to 50 pounds. "Little Bit", of nuthin', weighed in at about 20 pounds. Jacy brought Little bit home and bottle-fed her every hour for about 40 hours. Reba and Cutter are doing well. Tish Morrison and Dale Smith graciously donated the goat's milk and foal-lac for "Little Bit". All the loving care and attention Jacy gave the foal was not enough though, for the next night "Little Bit" died, but it was worth trying!

Whitaker To Seek Re-Election As Hall Co. Commissioner

Ray Whitaker recently announced his candidacy for re-election for Hall County Commissioner, Precinct 4. Mr. Whitaker has served the past three years as commissioner. He stated, "I would appreciate your vote for re-election."

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Calendar of events

- January 10**
 -Turkey City Council
 -Matador Masonic Lodge
- January 11**
 -Valley Patriots vs Crosbyton, there starting @ 4 p.m.
- January 14**
 -TAFCE Club
 -Valley School Board of Trustees
 -Quitaque City Council
 -Quitaque Fire Department
 -Turkey Lions Club
- January 15**
 -Turkey Fire Department
 -Valley Patriots vs Chillicothe, here starting @ 4 p.m.
- January 16**
 -Turkey's Gem Theatre presents "Ed Enoch & The Golden Covenant" @ 8 p.m.
 -College Financial Aid Night at Valley School cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m.
- January 17**
 -Briscoe County Stock Show @ Briscoe County Show Barn
- January 18**
 -Valley Patriots vs Silverton, there starting @ 4 p.m.
 -Teacher Inservice @ Valley School
- January 19**
 -Briscoe County Stock Show @ Briscoe County Show Barn
 -Quitaque Senior citizens @ 5 p.m.
- January 19**
 -Briscoe County Stock Show @ Briscoe County Show Barn

Bell To Run For Hall Co. J.P. Pct. 4

Cody Bell has announced his candidacy for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, Hall County. He stated, "I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election. If elected I will do the best job possible. Thank you very much for your support."

Caprock Canyon State Park Closed For Public Hunt

Caprock Canyon State Park is closed for a Public Hunt until Friday, January 11 at 2 p.m. At that time the park will reopen to the public.

These hunts are open only to those who have submitted an application and have been selected and notified that their application was drawn or to those hunters that wish to stand by in the hopes that drawn hunters do not show up and space is available.

Melvin Clinton To Run For Re-Election As Hall County J.P. Pct. 4

Melvin Clinton of Turkey has authorized The Valley Tribune to announce that he will be a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Party March 12, 2002 Primary Election.

In making the announcement, Mr. Clinton stated, "I have lived in Turkey for 29 years and plan to continue making Turkey my home. I pastor the First Baptist Church, where I have served for 29 years.

I have served in many different ways in the community. Recently serving on the Economic Development Board and Turkey Industrial Board. I have been active in the Lions Club held not only local positions but zone chairman of different committees, also on the fire department and E.C.A. for awhile.

My wife (Guyretta) and I plan to live in Turkey where our friends and home will be. I believe my varied background in activities will help me to be a fair and understanding J.P. My wife and I would appreciate your support and vote."

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Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

The New Year has come and gone and with that alot of well intentioned resolutions. 2001 was a very difficult year for some folks, locally, nationally and internationally. Here is something that hopefully will help put things in perspective.

Things To Be Thankful For

- * I am thankful for the partner who hogs the covers every night, because he/she is not out with someone else.
- * The child who is not cleaning his room, but is watching TV because that means he is at home and not on the streets.
- * For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.
- * For the mess to clean after a party because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.
- * For all the complaints I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.
- * For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.
- * For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.
- * For the lady behind me in church that sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- * For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.
- * For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.
- * For the alarm that goes off in the early morning yours, because it means that I am alive. And finally...
- * For too much E-Mail, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

HMMM...



Jacy Proctor with "Little Bit", who only weighed 20 lbs. at birth, lived for only 40 hours despite J.C.'s best efforts to save it.

BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

A video bible study titled "Jesus the One and Only" by Beth Moore will begin Tuesday, January 22 at the Turkey Methodist Church at 6:30 in the evening. The Emmaus reunion group, Son's Soul Seekers, is sponsoring the series. This 10 week bible study is for men and women. No doctrine will be taught; just the Word of God. Classes will be 1 1/2 to 2 hours long and consist of the one hour video followed by a separate men and women's small group discussion. A daily 15 minute bible study is also required. The purpose of this series is to grow more in love with Jesus and the brothers and sisters in our towns. Call Bettie green at 423-1105 or Dee Seltz at 423-1114 to reserve a book (\$14 for each person).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jacky Martin

LETTERS to the Editor

Laura Taylor, Editor,

I believe that the people that live in the rural areas of Texas, especially the Texas Panhandle, should be made aware of the latest efforts made by the 77th Texas Legislature that adjourned this past May. I made three trips to the Texas capital to meet with our representatives to get some of our tax money returned to the people of Hall County in the way of grants or locating state budgeted programs here. I met with the late Senator Tom Haywood, from Wichita Falls, Mr. Warren Chisum, from Pampa and the Texas Speaker of the House, Mr. Pete Laney, from Hail center. On every issue, especially in Health Care, the same old talk came up that the larger urban areas get most of the funding. However, when I met with Speaker Pete Laney, he stated to me that the legislature intended to address rural area needs with a new approach. That was combining all rural agencies into one and placing money to go along with this newly created state office. The 77th Texas Legislature created the "Office of rural Community Affairs." This office will act as a clearinghouse for information on rural needs. I believe that this will be a blessing for Hall county residents.

The state appointed Mr. Robert J. "Sam" Tessen as the new executive director of the newly created office of rural community Affairs. He was the past executive director of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) board. Most school districts across Texas have received funds for this technology. This can create distant learning with satellite dishes to teach students in rural areas. He has also been the executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. I have written most of my hospital grants form this agency. This is a vital agency for the life of rural hospitals in obtaining very important extra funding. The rural areas are drying up and something needs to be done. Hall County is certainly a prime example of how hard it is to attract economic growth. When taxes are on the incline, the people that pay the taxes are on the decline. I certainly hope that our elected officials will take advantage of the new programs designed for us here in Hall County, as other rural areas will.

Rep. Bob Turner said, "We have long thought that rural Texas suffers...most usually after the Legislature goes home and our tail lights disappear on the interstate." Large swaths of the state shows resources such as timber, ore, and oil flow out but no money flows back in. In the farming areas we must depend on good farm programs to stay alive. We do not know what is out there in the next five years for sure but have to manage as best as we can and hope that the U.S. congress will help us. There are now three and a half of a million residents in Texas counties classified as rural. 72 counties are mired in persistent poverty and only a third lie adjacent to the Rio Grand.

Warren Chisum persuaded the state Sunset Advisory Commission to take \$85 million out of the federal block grants away from the Texas Dept. of Housing and community Affairs and place it under the authority of this new agency called the "Office of rural Community Affairs."

I hope that this new agency, signed into law this past year, will address economic growth and quality of life issues in a way that will mean something to us in rural Texas. This agency will administer programs supporting rural health care, the federal Community Development Block Grant programs, and other benefits. In addition, the office will coordinate and monitor the state's efforts to improve results and cost effectiveness or other programs in rural communities. We now have one place to look for all the difficult and often hidden moneys available to our area. It is hoped this will aid our health care providers, farmers and businessmen that are trying to diversify and expand. Perhaps we, through this agency, will enhance our chances of attracting more agriculture related businesses and also help those that are presently here to remain in Hall County and also to prosper.

Happy Birthday

January 10
Andrew Cruz, David Paul Majors

January 11
Julius Early, Olga Thibodeaux, Michael Dickman, Stacy Price, Jason Smith, Melvin Clinton

January 12
Jay Proctor, Stacy Wilson, Weldon Griffin, John David Harmon, Deana Oberheu, Natalie Fierro, Hal Fuston

January 13
Frances Wheeler, Banny Barrett, Bonnie Mott, James Cox, H.E. Mullins, Courtney Boyles

January 14
Jake Merrell, Melvin Clinton, Trey Smith

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Ashley Smith, Ryan Jenkins, Reynaldo Galvan

January 16
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January 18
Adam Ortiz, Walt Henson, Thomas Fuston

Happy Anniversary

January 13
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January 16
Mr & Mrs Brent Campbell

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Mr & Mrs Clyde Dudley

January 17
Mr & Mrs John Pigg

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Mr & Mrs Brent Guest

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Quitaque Senior Citizens

The Quitaque Senior Citizens met last Friday evening at 5 p.m. for their regular business meeting. Following the pot luck supper the group discussed plans for the coming year. It was mentioned that because of unavoidable circumstances the quilt that the chances were sold on had not been given away. The quilting group will take care of this in February and let everyone know who the winner of the lovely quilt is. Look for news of this in February.

The next meeting for the Quitaque senior citizens will be Friday, January 18, 2002 at 5 p.m. Come and join the group for pot luck and a fun evening.

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I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

Terrorist And Economic Crisis Top Stories In Motley County 2001

Motley County agricultural and business economy may not be the best, but then it doesn't roll off the planet in tough times. Having a big employer in the county may be great when times are good, but ask tech-laden Austin and energy powered Houston what happens when the bottom drops out!

Cotton and sorghum harvest almost complete, but delayed because of snow. Would you believe with 2001 exiting with snow, sleet and freezing temperatures it is the second warmest year on record?

Though Motley county had average total rainfall registered for the year, the moisture did not fall in a timely manner to benefit crops. We thank the Motley County National Weather Service volunteers for the monthly and total year recorded moisture.

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: December -0.10, total for 2001-17.80 inches; Kelly Meyer, Matador: December-0.02, total for 2001-19.45; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat: December-trace, total for 2001-17.60; Betty Simpson, Northfield: December-trace, total for 2001-21.52; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot: December-trace, total for 2001-19.55

New Year's Party

Julie and Dusty Whitaker had a fun filled party in their home New Year's Eve. They enjoyed games and refreshments of canapes, sandwiches, assorted dips and chips were served with soft drinks and coffee.

Guests welcoming in the New Year were Kathy and David Blanco, Shonda and Shawn Elliott, Bradley and Mindy Jameson, T alon Cruse, Tanya and Llana Barkley, Amy Stephens and David Whitaker.

Of interest to local residents, Jim Stockton of Whiteflat is a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney undergoing medical treatment for pneumonia. His wife, Wanda has been with him during hospitalization.

Michael Tiffin and sons, Trent and Kevin of Wheatthorford visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin.

Julie and Dusty Whitaker visited during the holidays in Sterling City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner visited the weekend in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Heather and Scott Blount and new baby daughter, Skylar Allyson who was born Friday, January 4th at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Mrs. Turner remained to visit them this week.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Leah Cruse returned to Lubbock this week after visiting the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane and Derrick. She is a teacher with the school faculty of Lubbock Ples Elementary.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg were in Lubbock, Friday for Haley a medical check up. Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville met them there for lunch and to visit. Emily returned home with Mrs. Shorter to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, student at SPC in Levelland, were in Berger Friday and had lunch with Mrs. Marilee Cooper.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Tyler to Amarillo airport, Wednesday for their return trip home after visiting here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Friday for her a medical appointment. They visited in Canyon with Connie and Michael Starkey.

Mary Ellen Barton visited in Floydada, Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock visited during the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Dustin Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan of Crosbyton and their 10 month son, Kyle, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center under treatment for a viral infection. Joining them there were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

One good way to lower the fat and cholesterol in your diet is to eat less meat. I use meat as a condiment with pasta, rice, potatoes, or in soups and stews. This week's Vegetable Ham Stew is a tasty way to enjoy a small amount of meat, as it uses only 2 cups of ham for 12 servings of stew. I made it this week, using the leftover Christmas ham, and served it with Cucumber Tomato Salad and Cornbread. Delicious, and the leftovers are even better.

VEGETABLE HAM STEW

4 cups water
2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) diced tomatoes with juice
4 cups shredded cabbage
2 cups diced cooked lean ham
3 large carrots, cut into 1" pieces
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
3/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons dried basil
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup cold water

In a Dutch oven, combine the first 13 ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 1/4 hours, stirring occasionally.

Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; stir into stew. Bring to a boil and stir for 2 minutes until thickened. Makes 12 servings.

CUCUMBER TOMATO SALAD

1 large cucumber, peeled and diced
1 large tomato, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 medium onion, diced
4 oz. fat-free Italian salad dressing
Sugar substitute equivalent to 2 teaspoons sugar

In a salad bowl, combine the cucumbers, tomatoes, green pepper and onion. Mix sugar substitute and Italian dressing; pour over vegetables. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. TIP: The next day after eating the salad as it was made, cook about 2 cups spiral pasta and add it to the vegetables. This stretches those costly fresh vegetables and gives you another salad with little work.

Next week I'll print some more lower fat, salt, and sugar recipes. We have actually been enjoying this way of eating after all the rich holiday food. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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6 806 is panhandle code
7 TXism: "never look a _____ horse in the mouth"
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9 TXism: "changes his mind _____ as he does socks"
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18 "TX Water Safari" on the San Marcos River (2 wds.)
21 "_____ an old cowhand."
22 TXism: "you're puttin' _____"
23 TXism: "stuffed like a ballot"
24 TX ragtime Joplin & DFW TV sportscaster Murray
30 this TX sub cmdr. was "the Navy's Audie Murphy"
34 TX "Merry Mex" Trevino (init.)
35 TXism: "you're hanging your _____ my line" (interfering)
36 TX Willis built the Longhorn Ball _____
37 highest male voice
39 TXism: "plain as _____ an eye chart"
43 dry heat bath

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1 in Freestone Co. off hwy. 84
2 in TX revolution, soldiers were paid with land
3 TXism: "_____ in the fire!"
4 outer garment
9 car cooler (abbr.)
10 TXism: "poured out of the _____" (like)
11 Baird h.s. class
12 TXism: "he'd pick a fight with a skunk" _____
13 church doctrines
14 TXism: "let 'em rip!"
15 TXism: "get hold of" _____
17 "yellows" south of the border
19 "neighbors" south of the border
20 many UNT students in film "Necessary Roughness"
24 dir. to San Angelo from Abilene
25 TXism: "friday _____"
26 fed. safety org.
27 TXism: "make hay while _____ shines"
28 TX Sly Stone's "I Want _____ You Higher"
29 TXism: "sawed logs"
31 "first" day of Canton trade event (abbr.)
32 female deer

33 TX Bob Phillips book: "Twenty _____ the Backroads"
38 Little Joe Hernandez hit: "Las _____"
40 TXism: "kemosabe"
41 tall TX tale
42 TXism: "sharp as _____ catcus"
48 wicked
50 Jim Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
51 mild expletive
56 insect dorsal surface
57 TX Ely's transport as "Tarzan" (2 wds.)

RIM ROCK CANYON

By Clint Harmon



Master Naturalist Program Seeks Applicants

The Texas Master Naturalist program is accepting applications for spring training classes for volunteers who want to help conserve natural resources.

The Texas Master Naturalist program aims to develop a corps of well informed citizen volunteers who educate their communities about the management of natural resources.

The main qualification needed to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in playing an active part in conservation. Volunteers will receive about 40 hours of training from educators and specialists from places like universities, agencies, nature centers and museums.

Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions of Texas and natural systems management. Volunteers are expected to give 40 hours of service a year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects. They are also expected to pursue a minimum of eight hours of advanced training in areas they are interested in.

The Rolling Plains Chapter based in Wichita Falls, Texas is offering a spring training session. Application deadline is January 20, 2002 and training starts in mid-February. For more information, call (940) 716-5580 or email _____

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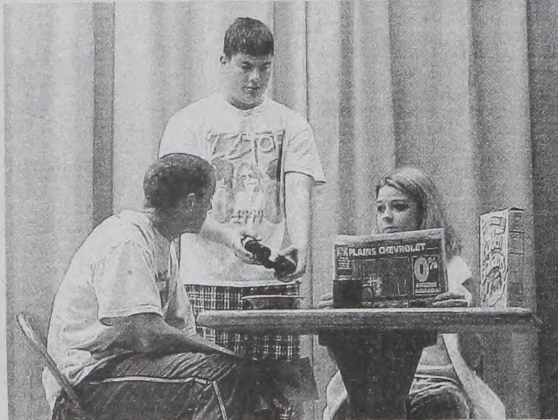
Christopher Taylor and Hannah Boedeker explain Santa to their children, Scarlet Sperry and J.C. Pigg.



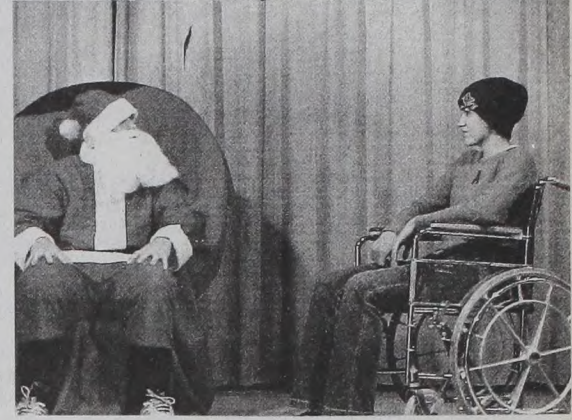
The ultimate role was played by Wes Henson.



Scarlett Sperry and J.C. Pigg are excited about their new family member.



Justin Wilks, Skylar Clifton and Magan Whittington performed "The Lookout" at the dinner theatre.



Santa (Wes Henson) visited sick children, including Natalie Wheeler.



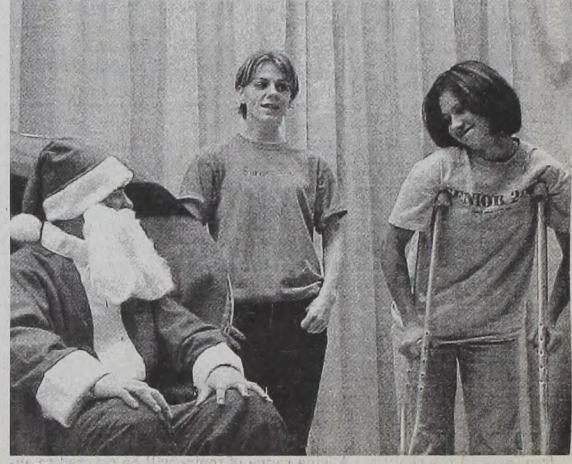
Christopher Taylor, Justin Wilks, Jana Merrell, Tessa Kelley and Hannah Boedeker learn the true meaning of Christmas.



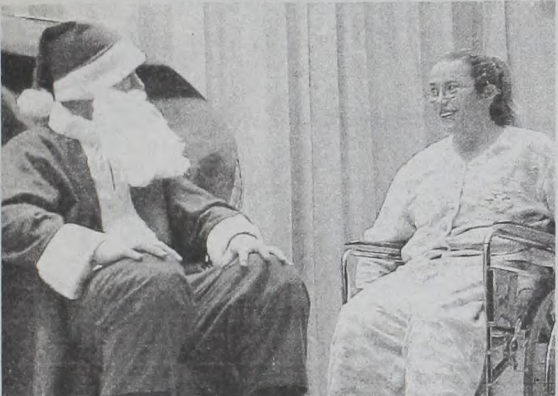
Derrick Cruse played the sympathetic dad.



Dimplekin was portrayed by Hannah Boedeker.



Nurse Ashley Cagle assists Lydia Valdez with her Christmas list.



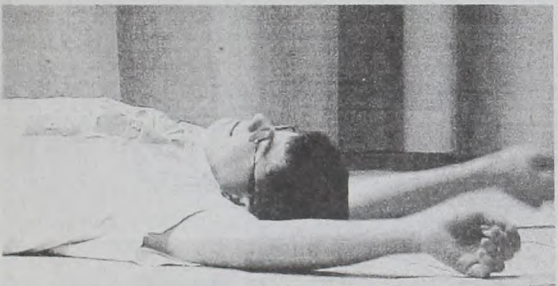
Scarlett Sperry tells Santa her wish list.



Amber Stark diligently studying her lines.

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- Tuesday, January 15**
BREAKFAST: Bacon, Toast, Fruit, OJ/Milk
LUNCH: Lasagna, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Jell-O, Milk
- Wednesday, January 16**
BREAKFAST: Waffles, Syrup, Sausage Patties, OJ/Milk
LUNCH: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk
- Thursday, January 17**
BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, OJ/Milk
LUNCH: Pigs in a Blanket, French Fries, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Pudding, Milk
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BREAKFAST: French Toast, Syrup, Apples, OJ/Milk
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Eradication Producing Notable Returns to Texas Cotton Producers

Boll weevil eradication produces significant returns to cotton growers. This impact has been well documented in cotton growing states that have eradicated the weevil, but the effect in Texas is just becoming clear.

Two recent studies draw a stark contrast between areas in eradication and those still struggling with the damage caused by cotton's most consistent enemy.

A report prepared by John Robinson, an agricultural economist for Texas A&M, compared cotton production in the South Texas/ Winter Garden Eradication Zone with production in nearby counties that are not conducting eradication activities.

His report, taken from data provided by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, shows the South Texas Zone greatly outperformed the counties not in eradication.

The ST/WG showed an average increase in production of 119 pounds per acre, a 24 percent gain, from 1997-2000 compared with the four previous years. Fort Bend, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton Counties, which are not in eradication, posted an average loss of 38 pounds of cotton per acre, or a 7 percent decrease, over the same time span.

"We can't explain the difference other than the boll weevil eradication program," Robinson said at a recent meeting with growers in the Upper Coastal Bend Eradication Zone.

The economist said the yield increase translates to a benefit to South Texas cotton growers of \$75 per acre, or a return of \$6.40 for every dollar spent on eradication.

"Any region that does not eradicate the boll weevil will find itself in a competitive disadvantage," Robinson said in a recent southwest Farm Press article. "It's a good investment."

"From the experience in other states, we've always known that eradication benefited cotton growers," said Lindy Patton, executive director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "Now data from Texas cotton fields show that Texas producers can reap the same results."

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to the elimination of the cotton boll weevil in the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible way possible.

Master Marketer Registration Deadline Extended

The registration deadline for the National Award winning Master Marketer Program to be held in Amarillo has been extended. According to the program coordinator, Dr. Steve Amosson, registration will remain open until the course is completely full.

"It will be three or four years before this training returns to Amarillo and given the impact this program has had, I want to make sure area producers have every opportunity to participate. Previous graduates have reported increasing return 3% - 4% on average. This translates to \$300 - \$7,000 per hour of involvement depending on the size of the operation. I don't know of any other opportunities in agriculture that has that kind of return," states Amosson.

The 64 hour curriculum is offered as four, two day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most intensive marketing and risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the United States, say Texas Extension Economists.

The instructors are top professionals from industry and universities from around the country. A wide range of topics will be covered to enhance marketing and management skills.

The program slated for Amarillo will be held at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The first two day session will begin on January 16 - 17, 2002 with the following sessions on January 30 - 31, February 13 - 14, and February 27 - 28, 2002.

The registration fee is \$250. Participants must maintain a commitment to work with their county agent to try to start or revitalize an existing marketing club.

Program costs primarily are met by grants from sponsors including Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the Cotton State Support Committee. Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting their County Extension Agent. Specific questions can be addressed to Dr. Steve Amosson or Brenda Peoples at 806-359-5401.

Industry Outlook For 2002

By Jim Gill, Market Director Texas Cattle Feeders Association

Fed Cattle Price Outlook by Quarters			
First Quarter	-----\$62 to \$76	Third quarter	-----\$70 to \$76
Second Quarter	-----\$74 to \$78	Fourth Quarter	-----\$76 to \$80

Beef Production
Beef production in 2002 will be near 25.3 billion pounds, 3.0% below 2001. This will be the second decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual consumption near 66.5 lbs., down 2.1 lbs. from this year. Average carcass weights are expected to continue higher than normal but will drop below recent record levels. Reduced placements during the next few months will reduce the supply of fed cattle available for market during late winter and early next spring.

Competitive Meat supplies
Increases in pork and poultry production will offset the decrease in beef production, bringing total meat and poultry production close to 83 billion pounds, a 0.5% increase over 2001. Pork production will be near 19.4 billion pounds, an increase of 2.5%. Poultry production will be near 38 billion pounds, a 2.4% increase.

Feeder Cattle supplies
Feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten over the next couple of years, reflecting the liquidation that has been in effect since 1996. Prices for a 750 lb. feeder steer, which averaged near \$88 in 2001, will average in the low to mid \$80's during 2002 due to the large equity loss the feeding industry experienced in 2001.

Grain Supplies
Corn production in 2001 was estimated at 9.97 billion bushels, up 6.0% from 2000. Production during 2002 will likely be between 9.0 to 9.4 bushels. Changes in the upcoming farm program could eventually influence grain production but it is unlikely to have much effect in the 2002 crop year.

Retail Beef Prices
Retail beef prices averaged \$3.38 per pound in 2001, up about 30¢ from last year's \$3.06. An unexpected turnaround in beef demand in the U.S., coupled with improving export markets, pushed prices higher in early 2001. But recent drops in export demand due to BSE discoveries in Japan late in the year were taking a toll on the export market. If export demand recovers during early 2002, then the average retail price will likely be near the \$3.38 recorded in 2001. If export demand does not recover, then prices may fall back near to \$3.06 level of 2000.



Time Is Running Out To Re-Register Your Brand

Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through February 28, 2002. A viable brand is the best way to protect cattle and horses against theft, however, many persons who don't own either register brands for historical or nostalgic purposes.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by February 28, 2002, will become available for other persons to use.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where you intend to use them; therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brands with each of those county clerks.

A brand may be registered by more than one person in each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

Most county agents send a copy of each brand registration record to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association. TSCRA headquarters is the only location where brand records are kept for all 254 Texas counties.

For more information, contact your local county clerk.

Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be hosting the Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference January 16, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Spur Community Center in Spur, Texas.

Registration fee is \$10, including lunch. RSVP by 5 p.m. January 11, 2002 to your local Extension office.

Topics to be discussed Winter Annuals & Brush Control on Range Sites, Identification & Management of Cotton and Wheat Insects, Herbicide Update for Wheat & Cotton and Laws and Regulations.

CEUs will be given as follows: 1-Laws & Regulations, 1-IPM and 3-General.

This conference is sponsored by Spur Farmers Co-op & Supply, Ezell-Key Grain Co., United Ag Products.

Texasans Can Stop Telemarketing Calls

Residential phone customers in Texas who want to stop receiving telemarketing calls can subscribe to a "do not call" list. The Texas Legislature passed and Gov. Rick Perry signed House Bill 472, also known as the Texas Telemarketing Disclosure and Privacy Act. It directs the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a statewide "do not call" list for customers who want to stop telemarketing calls to their homes. "This is another tool that consumers have in their arsenal against unsolicited telemarketing calls," said the bill's author, State Representative Burt Solomons of Carrollton.

Customers can place their name, residential phone number and address on the do not call list by using one of three different methods: * Online-www.texasnocall.com for instant registration. The site is available 24/7. * By phone-call toll-free 1-866-TXNOCAL(L) (896-6225) to an automated voice attendant system. * By Mail-request an application from TEXAS NO CALL, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA 02032. The toll free phone line and Website was activated on January 1, 2002. The law allows the PUC to charge customers up to three dollars to remain on the "do not call" list for three years. The charge is \$2.25. Customers may pay by credit card or by mailing a check or money order with a completed registration form to the above mailing address.

Telemarketers calling into Texas must buy the "do not call" list for \$45 every three months. Additions to the list will be updated quarterly. The first list will be available to telemarketers on April 1, 2002. Telemarketers are required to update their own lists within 60 days after the "do not call" list is updated.

Inclusion on the "do not call" list may not eliminate all telemarketing calls. Companies can still call you if you have an established business relationship with them or if the telemarketer holds a state license, including insurance agents, real estate agents and stockbrokers. However, a state licensee must complete any sales transaction or payment with a face to face meeting. In addition, a state licensee also can not use an automated dialing system nor call a customer who has told the licensee not to make telemarketing calls. Debt collectors, charities and non profit organizations are exempt from the law.

A separate law passed in 1999 establishes a "do not call" list of retail providers for electric customers. The cost for this list is \$2.55 for five years. Unlike the general "do not call" list, the electric "do not call" list may include business telephone numbers. However, for residential customers, subscribing to the general "do not call" list encompasses all types of telephone solicitors including electric utilities.

Telemarketers who violate the law are subject to penalties up to \$1,000 per violation. More information is available online at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>.

Cotton PCG News

By Shawn Wade from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Farm Bill Must Remain Top Priority

With 2002 financing arrangements hanging in the balance Texas cotton producers are making it clear that the top priority for Senate leaders returning to work January 23 needs to be the completion of a farm bill that will be implemented to protect 2002 crops.

Producers know the final year of the 1996 Freedom to Farm program is woefully inadequate and will not come close to bridging the gap between moldering commodity prices and cost of production.

Ag lenders know that even if supplemental assistance was already approved at the highest possible level under current budget constraints that most producers would be hard pressed to show a positive cash flow given carry-over debt that has been piling up, vanishing equity and projections for more low prices.

Producers also know, mainly because they have been glued to every information source available and studying every projection and estimate that has been released about proposed farm programs, that both the House approved Farm Security Act of 2002 and the bill being considered in the Senate provide significantly more support than another year of AMTA plus supplemental assistance.

The fact that the next best alternative can't get the job done is the best reason why the next few weeks are critical.

Pressure to act must remain high so that producers, bankers, and the allied industry partners and rural communities that rely on a stable Ag economy don't get left out in the cold because it is easier to say there isn't really that big a problem or there is plenty of time to get things done before current law runs out.

Reality is that current law has proven inadequate for the job since shortly after it was enacted.

Waiting until later means that more and more U.S. farmers will be going to town 2002. The only problem is that they won't be going to buy something for the farm or for their families. This trip to town could be their last as a farmer because they will be going to apply for a job instead of just picking up a few things.

So for now the task at hand remains to impress upon Senate and Administration officials that further delays cannot and must not be allowed to hold up the process any longer.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest has met with President George W. Bush and received assurances that he not only understands the scope of the problem, but that he too wants and supports the development of a new farm program that utilizes the funds available under the current budget agreement.

One thing is for certain, whether you prefer the House's version or the proposal sitting and waiting for Senators to return, everyone should be singing off the same page of the book that says move ahead, get the two bills to a conference committee to work out their differences and get it done as soon as possible.

The best possible assurance that any Ag lender could get would be knowing that something better is in the pipeline and that their customers will be covered in 2002.

Timing has been one of the major issues brought up as determining whether or not a new farm bill can be implemented for the 2002 crop year. Many officials have been quoted as saying that if things don't move quickly and the final Bill is not completed by early to mid-February that there is little chance it can be applied to the 2002 crop.

The history of the last farm bill to be passed, the Federal Agricultural Improvement Act of 1996 (Freedom to Farm), shows that things can get done if the desire to succeed is great enough.

Freedom to Farm wasn't reported out of the House-Senate Conference Committee until March 22, 1996; didn't gain final approval from Congress until March 28, 1996; and, wasn't signed by the President until April 4, 1996.

There appears to be nothing truly new in either of the bills. Both the House and Senate bills contain basic components that are already in place and operating or have been used successfully in the past so that a dusting off and updating of pertinent regulations is mostly what will be required to get things rolling.

The procedures and time it would take to do other things like updating yields and bases would necessarily need to be undertaken at a slower pace, but could still be accomplished by the end of the growing season.

The bottom line is a new Farm Bill can be completed and implemented in 2002 so long as there is the will for bipartisan action that benefits all involved in the process.

South Plains Agriculture Conferences Set In January & February

Producers on the South Plains can update their crop production, marketing, and management skills, and learn more about irrigation, fertility, pest management and farm legislation at several regional Texas Cooperative Extension agriculture conferences slated in January and February.

"Our regional agriculture conferences are designed to provide farmers the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Jett Major, Texas Cooperative Extension district director for agriculture on the South Plains. "The information presented at each conference is designed to help producers in that region or county."

Producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) for private and commercial applicator licenses at these regional conferences. All of the one day conferences will also feature commercial agriscience exhibits.

The Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada will run January 22 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with 5.5 CEUs offered. Call Floyd County Extension office at (806) 983-4912 or Crosby County Extension office at 806-675-2247 for more details.

The Hale County Cotton Conference will be held at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview on January 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration costs \$15 per person, with 5 CEUs offered. Call Hale County Extension office at 806-291-5267 for details.

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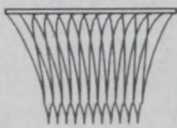
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Dec. 4	Wellington	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 6-8	Patton Springs Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Dec. 11	Samnorwood	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 14	Lorenzo	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Dec. 18	Motley Co.	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
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Dec. 27-29	Crosbyton Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	VG,VB
Jan. 5	Valley J.V. Tourn.	Home	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
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Jan. 22	*Happy	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 25	*Nazareth	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Jan. 29	*Silverton	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 1	*Happy	Away	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB
Feb. 2	Motley Co. Tourn.	Away	T.B.A.	JVG,JVB
Feb. 5	*Nazareth	Home	4:00 P.M.	VG,VB,JVG,JVB



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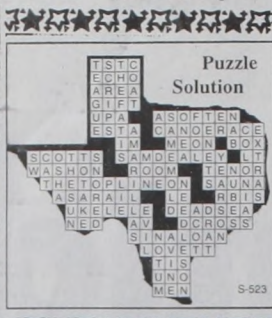
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