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**VALLEY**  
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The Patriots use a successful offense against the Silverton Owls.

## Patriots Enter State Title Hunt

The Valley Patriots locked up a Bi-District rematch with the Follett Panthers by whipping Briscoe County rival Silverton. The Patriots scored five unanswered touchdowns to break open what was expected to be a tight game.

Derrick Cruse was once again the Patriots workhorse as he rushed 22 times for 170 yards and two touchdowns, threw a touchdown pass, caught a touchdown pass, and recorded 13 tackles.

"Derrick has really blossomed into the do-it-all guy that we envisioned before the injury," Coach Tyler said. "He really is playing outstanding."

Cruse got plenty of help as the Valley defense stifled the high scoring Silverton offense. Silverton had only five first downs and 249 yards of total offense compared to the Patriots who had 282 yards rushing. Clif Yeary had 11 tackles, Justin Lucero had nine, and Robert Mendoza and Justin Wilks each had seven.

I'm real proud of the defense, Coach Ramsey said. They put a lot of pressure on Francis and forced him into a lot of hurried passes."

Silverton scored quickly to start the game as Andrew Francis ran in from 21 yards out only 58 seconds into the game. The Patriots answered a little more than a minute later when Robert Mendoza rushed in from 22 yards. Silverton's 8-6 lead was short as Cruse scored his first touchdown on a one yard run.

Silverton's Nathan Baker caught a 33 yard touchdown pass and Justin Lucero caught an eight yard touchdown pass from Cruse to make the halftime score 32-16.

"After the first two scores by Silverton I felt like we really got more intense and brought more defensive pressure," Tyler said. "Being aggressive on both sides of the ball is a real key for us."

The second half was all Valley as Lucero caught his second touchdown pass, this one from Justin Wilks, and Cruse and Yeary each scored on rushing touchdowns. Cruse added a fourth touchdown when he caught a 30 yard pass from Wilks in the fourth quarter. Nathan Baker scored late in the game for Silverton to make the final score 47-22.

"We are just so proud of the kids," Tyler said. "But we are satisfied. We want to play another month."

Tomorrow's game with Follett is one of the State's highlights as two of the best teams go at it in Miami. A win will send Valley into next week's game against the winner of the Whitharral/Jayton game.

"People keep talking about us being the team of the future," Coach Clay said. "What people aren't talking about is that we have the potential to do it all this year. Its there waiting for us."

**GO, FIGHT, WIN !!!**

**VALLEY PATRIOTS**

## Join Us At The Briscoe County 4-H Food Show!

Briscoe county 4-H Food & Nutrition Project club members would like to invite their families, friends, and any interested citizens to come to the Briscoe County 4-H Food show. It will be held at the Quitaque community Center on Sunday November 18, 2001. A tasting will begin at approximately 3:30 p.m. An awards ceremony will immediately follow the tasting.

## Stock Show Entry Night

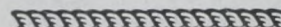
It is that time of year again! Time to be thinking of the Major Stock Shows. The major stock show sign up night is Thursday November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Briscoe County Courthouse. Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Briscoe County Stock Shows will be entered that evening. There will be an update on construction at both San Antonio and Houston. There will also be several changes in hotel rooms at Houston. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact Brandon at the Briscoe Co. Extension Office, 806-823-2131, to make other arrangements. It will be up to you to make these arrangements. Looking forward to another great year at the Stock Shows!

## Your Christmas Recipes Needed By December 14

It's that time of year again to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. With all the recent tragedies, people are turning to comfort foods more often than usual.

There are a lot of very good cooks in our neck of the woods and it is our duty to share, with the culinary challenged, some of those time enduring holiday recipes that we cook every year. So get out your favorite recipes and help spread some holiday cheer in the form of good ol' West Texas cooking.

The recipes will come out in the December 20 edition, but recipes are needed by December 14. We look forward to your submissions.



## Appreciation Supper To Be Held For Volunteer EMS & Firemen

Have you ever had to call 911 for a fire at your home? Have you ever dialed 911 because you needed urgent medical attention? Thankfully, most of have not. However, if we ever did have to dial 911, the volunteers that make up the Quitaque Emergency Medical Service and/or the fire Department would be there to help. In fact, the EMS averages four calls per month and the Fire Department averages 2-3 calls every month.

November 19, 2001 is your chance to show your appreciation for these dedicated community volunteers at the annual Appreciation Supper hosted by the Quitaque Lion's Club. The pancake, bacon, and sausage supper is \$3.50 for the public and free to the EMS and Fire Department volunteers and will be held at the Quitaque Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Hopefully none of us will need the services of these dedicated volunteers, but let's join together to show them that we appreciate their dedication and service, nonetheless.

## Turkey Post Office To Have "Turkey Day" Stamp Cancellation Tuesday

Tuesday, November 20, 2001 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Turkey Post Office will be hosting a Celebrating The Season Station for "Turkey Day". Lori Wallendorff, Post Master would like to invite everyone to stop by for this special event.

This Station will allow you to collect the special "Turkey" stamp cancellation, also beautiful new Thanksgiving stamps will available for this event. In light of recent events, you will, however have to bring your own envelopes for the cancellation. Refreshments will be served to the public. Hope to see you there.



This is the cancellation stamp and Thanksgiving stamp that will be available at the Turkey Post Office next week.

## Gene Watson Show A Sellout

On Saturday evening, November 10 at the old Turkey High School Gym, Gene Watson and his Farewell Party Band did a wonderful two hour show for a sellout crowd of around 650 people. As more than one person remarked, "That's the best show I've ever seen!" or "I didn't realize he was such a great entertainer." to "When is he coming back?"

The crowd was most responsive to every song he sang right up to the very last one which seemed to be everyone's favorite, the beautiful "Farewell Party". Gene Watson is one of the very best singers in the Country Music world today as if you missed his show, you really missed a treat.

## Mother Nature To Put On Big Show November 18

The greatest sky-show many Americans will ever see will be before dawn on November 18. The Leonid Meteor storm will be many hundreds or a few thousand shooting stars in less than an hour.

The peak period is disputed among scientists, but will occur between 4:01 AM and 4:28 CST. The further you are away from city lights, the better the viewing. Although all their paths will point back to the constellation Leo in the southeast, meteors will appear and burn everywhere in the sky. Colorful meteors, glowing trails, meteors the glow for minutes are all possible in the celestial show. These bits of space rock burn up about 60-70 miles above ground level. No Leonid has ever been known to reach the ground and become a meteorite.

This will be worth setting your alarm for the middle of the night!

## Turkey Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Turkey will be Sunday, November 18 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center. Turkey, dressing and all the appropriate holiday goodies will be served.

For carry out plates, call 423-1136 or 423-1086 or 423-1263. The money raised will be used by the Turkey Proud Committee for Christmas decorations and other community projects.

Church members are asked to bring the following: Church of Christ - salads First Baptist Church - vegetables and vegetable casseroles and the First Methodist Church, desserts.

Hope to see you there.



This giant fish head is all that is left from a 55 pound yellow catfish caught last weekend by Mike House, Johnny Mullin and Jimi Vivens on a fishing trip to "Squint" House's place in Junction.

## A Whale of A Tale, Well Almost!

The weekend started out like any other, well that's not exactly true. The boys, Mike House, Johnny Mullin, and Jimi Vvrens were going on a long deserved fishing trip, they had been working real hard lately(?) They loaded up the pick-up and headed down to Junction, Tx to stay at H.W. "Squint" House's cabin on the Llano River. Catch a few fish, tell a few tales, have an occasional (?) refreshment, and just relax and enjoy the rest away from the hustle and bustle of Turkey.

As the weekend progressed the "boys" were having pretty good luck catching "yellow cat" in the river, not to mention having a darn good time. Everyday like clockwork they would check their trot line and the beverage cart.

On this particular day the "boys" loaded up in their 12 foot aluminum boat, now this is 500+ pounds of "boys", and headed for the trot line. When they arrived, the work began, checking each 2" hook to see if they had caught anything or the hook just needed re-baited. To their surprise, this particular Hook they were about to check had a little more in store for them than the rest.

Waiting at the end of this particular hook was "Big Daddy" catfish, all 55 pounds of him, and he was ready for a fight. After much maneuvering, remember we have 500+ pounds of "boys" in this 12 ft. boat already, he was hauled in over the side kicking and screaming. He really wasn't kicking and screaming, but it adds so much to this story.

Finally after all this story was said and done, H.W. "Squint" said, "Well we ought to have one whale of a fish fry with this one." And anyone who doubts this tale, just check out the picture, yes they brought home proof.

## Caprock Public Library Receives Gift Of 100 New Children's Books

According to Arlene Hinkle the Caprock Public Library has recently received a very generous gift of 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers.

These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together.

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- November 16**  
Mike Fuston, Kay Skinner
- November 17**  
Kim Eudy, Ryan Trent Scott, Mindy Proctor
- November 18**  
Justin Billegas, Carmen Hinojosa, Walter Skinner, Brenda Cruse
- November 19**  
Suzie Johnson, Taylor Jo Lange, Roni Williams
- November 20**  
Tony Hinojosa, Kay Skinner, Nada Starkey, Dustin Wilson, Colby Ryan Townsley, Laquinto Williams
- November 21**  
Linda Morrison, Rene Martinez, Vinnie Kimbell, Whitney Browning, Maurice Fuston, Dusty Hill Garrett Mills
- November 22**  
Denver Anderson, Geln De Pigg, Deacon Burleson, Keith Lane, Christa Williams

# Happy Anniversary

- November 15**  
Mr & Mrs Glenn Ramsey
- November 18**  
Mr & Mrs Sam Ortiz
- November 19**  
Mr & Mrs Denver Anderson



Almost one person in 10 is employed in the health care service industry.

## HOLIDAY HINTS Five Easy Tips To Help The Pocketbook

(NAPS)—Consumers spent an average of \$850 last year on gifts during the holiday season, according to a survey by Deloitte and Touche. To help keep your pocketbook in check this year, Springboard, a non-profit consumer credit counseling organization, offers five easy tips:

- **Set a budget**—Decide in advance how much you can afford. If you have to use a credit card, set a limit and log each purchase.
- **Make a list and stick to it**—Write down everyone you plan to shop for and how much you want to spend on each person. By doing this, you help alleviate impulse buying.
- **Watch for sales**—Scan the newspaper for sales and pay attention to when items you would like to buy go on sale. Many stores have sales as the holidays approach, so look for coupons, ads and sale information.
- **Shop smart**—Research the best place to buy the items that you need. Most discount retailers carry the same products as department stores.
- **Be creative, yet frugal**—If you have an artistic talent, make something. A photograph in a decorated frame or a collage can mean more to the person than a tie or a CD.

"By establishing a budget and doing some smart shopping, consumers won't faint when they see their bank balance or their credit card statement," said Dianne Wilkman, president and CEO of Springboard. "You don't want the debt to outlast the gift."

For more information, contact Springboard at 1-800-WISE-PLAN or www.credit.org.

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We ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience.  
—George Washington  
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# OBITUARIES

## Garland A. Brantley

Funeral services for Garland Aaron Brantley, 65, were held at North Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Hollis Shewmake, retired Baptist minister; the Rev. Jay Simpson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Kress; and the Rev. Gary Martin, former pastor of North Side, officiating.

Graveside services were in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey by Bartley-Silva Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Brantley died Monday, November 5, 2001, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born February 23, 1936, in a half dugout in northern Motley County. He moved with his family to Turkey in Hall County and they farmed. He graduated from Turkey High School where he was all district tackle and he served with the U.S. Army from 1954-57.

He attended Clarendon Junior College from 1958-1960 and West Texas State and Midwestern Universities.

He taught high school math in Girard in the late 1960's and worked as a cowboy on the AJ and the Matador Land and Cattle Co. Ranches.

He was operational engineer for the Naval Space Surveillance and Channel 6 in Wichita Falls and also worked for KEND, KTXN and KLBK in Lubbock. He opened his own electronics repair business in 1970 in New Deal. He moved to Abernathy from Lubbock in 1969.

He was an amateur historian and archeologist and served as president of the South Plains Archeological Society. He also was a member of the Texas Archeological Society and North Side Baptist Church of Abernathy.

On November 8, 1963, he married Beverly Pickens in Kent County.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Linda Brantley of Arlington; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Wes Johnson of Arlington; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Jean Brantley of Mabank; and seven grandchildren. His parents, W.W. and Juanita Brantley, and a sister, Faith, are deceased.

## E.E. (Gene) Berry

Funeral services for E.E. (Gene) Berry, 92, formerly of Quitaque and Tulia were held Sunday, November 11, 2001 at Central Church of Christ in Tulia. Mr. Trey Morgan officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque by Myers-Long funeral directors of Quitaque.

E.E. (Gene) Berry was born on August 8, 1909 at Howard County, Texas. He passed away on November 8, 2001 at excelsior springs, Mo at the age of 92 years, and 3 months. He was a grocer and farmer in Quitaque and a builder in Tulia for many years. He attended Lubbock High School, Texas Tech and Texas A&M colleges and was a member of the Central Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Susie Mae Pearsons.

Survivors include 3 children: Jeanette Purgason of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Wylie Berry of Charlotte, N.C. and Carol Redditt of Edmond, Okla.; 9 grandchildren and 6 Great-grandchildren.

## Turkey Senior Citizens News

By Oleta C. Randell

The Turkey Senior Citizens had 22 members and one visitor, Dorothy Conner, of Lubbock, at our last meeting. Spinner and Mexican Train were played. The "Tall Tales" table is getting low, so we need some more people at it, so come on out and spin some tall tales! Margie Pinkerton and Don Turner did the blood checks. A delicious covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all and everyone got home in time to watch Monday Night Football. The next meeting will be November 20th. This will be our Thanksgiving dinner. So come on out and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship!

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## Horace Elmer Mullin

Funeral services for Horace Elmer Mullin, 94, of Turkey were held Saturday, November 10, 2001 at the Church of Christ in Turkey, Texas. Minister Clark Johnson, Minister Stuart Smith and Minister Randy Mullin officiated. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Horace Elmer (Hoss) Mullin, Jr. was born to Horace and Arena Mullin on January 13, 1907, in the Turkey area. Hoss lived in the Turkey area all of his life. He and Lillian Bowman Law were married on March 10, 1929 and had 72 wonderful years of marriage.

Horace engaged in several occupations including the Toggery, railroad work, hauling cattle and raising them, harvested wheat, farmed cotton and other crops, then was in the Three Brothers Allis Chalmers business for 52 years.

Horace was a devout Christian man who loved people and children. He helped family and friends as often as he could and still carry on the hard work he always engaged in to raise his family. He was gifted with the ability to laugh, engage in conversation, loved history and was very humorous.

He was one of ten children, Totsy Cunningham of Amarillo, Dona Browning of Rising Star and Buster Mullin of Gatesville are still living. He was preceded in death by Mary Maud Hutson, Jessie Mullin, William Mullin, Guy Mullin and Nona Mullin.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Mullin of Turkey; 3 children: Joyce Guest of Turkey, Dean (and Jean) Mullin of Quitaque and Harvey (and Pinky) Mullin of Mabank; 9 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.  
—Albert Schweitzer

There is the view that poetry should improve your life. I think people confuse poetry with the Salvation Army.  
—John Ashbery

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# FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jamason

## OVERHEARD

The next time you feel like complaining remember: Your garbage disposal probably eats better than thirty percent of the people in this world.

### A Cooking School Comedy Skit Presented At Do Gooders' Club

An afternoon of laughter resounded at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday, November 7 when a Julia Childs Cooking School comedy skit was presented at the Do Gooders' Club.

Hostesses, Mrs. Erma Washington as Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert as Chef Boyardee and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay as Betty Crocker gave a demonstration on how to make a Pumpkin Pie Cake. Their cooking attire, utensils and method of adding ingredients was hilarious. They each wore an apron with a soiled cup towel in the pocket, work, doctor's and welder's gloves and a chef hat with a smiling Wal Mart man. Pecans were chopped with a large machete knife and the batter was mixed in a large dishpan with amusing antics throughout the procedure.

When they put the cake into the oven, they sat down with a wine glass of grape juice and said they would now answer questions from anyone regarding recipes and cooking information.

The cooking school pumpkin cake was not served with the refreshments. However, one Mrs. Washington had previously made was served with whipped cream, assorted chips and dips, fruit punch and coffee with international flavors on a Thanksgiving decor service. The table was laid with a burgundy and tan Thanksgiving motif cloth centered with a bird house and an autumn floral arrangement in a decorative wicker basket. They raffled a candy turkey dish that Mrs. Kathy Shorter was pleased to win.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Kathy Shorter gave a financial report on the Fall Bazaar held last month and of memorials and other donations given to the club. They voted to meet every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center for a quilting session. They planned a Chinese Swap when bringing gifts not costing more than \$10 at their Christmas party Tuesday, December 4th.

Members attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Trula Martin, B. Rogers, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Suzie Shannon, Nada Starkey, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Mary Jo Calvert and Anna Beth Clay. Guest was Mrs. Barbara Reed of Quitaque.

### Birthdays Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner honored their daughter, Mrs. Heather Blount of Abernathy on her birthday with a family dinner Friday night at Joe's Crab Shack in Lubbock. Guests were Scott Blount of Abernathy, Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach and Mrs. Beth McWilliams of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, granddaughter, Sarah Clay and grandson, Ryleigh Carson of Turkey visited from Friday until Sunday of Last week in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They celebrated the 4th birthday of Karlee with a cheerleader party Saturday afternoon. Her beautiful decorated cake was a cheerleader bear. They attended a soccer game Saturday morning in which Kyler competed.

Tanner Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, had his 8th birthday Friday afternoon, November 9th with a fun filled party at the Quitaque Park. His colorful cake was decorated with sport games motif. Those attending were served refreshments and enjoyed playing games including baseball.

Jerry Rogers of Las Laumas, N.M. visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday. Cara Franks of Canyon visited Sunday and Monday with her father, Cary Franks. Her mother, Mrs. Coy (Connie) Franks was in Lubbock from Saturday until Monday visiting her son, Cary Franks who was moving into a home he bought recently.

Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin visited from Saturday until Monday in Mesquite with Cindy and Chad Calvert.

Mary Ellen Barton enjoyed the Volunteer Fire Department supper held in Matador Saturday night.

Every effort must be made in childhood to teach the young to use their own minds. For one thing is sure: If they don't make up their own minds, someone will do it for them.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

# Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

EEK! Thanksgiving is only a week away! Have you decided what you're going to serve with your turkey? I have two great suggestions. An elderly friend of my grandmother's brought Frosted Cranberry Salad to a funeral luncheon, and I liked it so much that I figured out how to make it. This Sweet Potato Casserole is from WTU a long time ago when they furnished us such nice stuff. Both are delicious with turkey. I hope you will try them.

**FROSTED CRANBERRY SALAD**  
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries  
1 fresh orange  
1 3oz. package jello-I like cranberry or cherry  
3/4 cup boiling water  
1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple

### TOPPING:

1 cup sour cream  
1 cup Cool Whip  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Grind cranberries and orange(peel and all). Set aside. In a bowl, stir jello into boiling water until dissolved. Add cranberries, orange and undrained pineapple. Fold together and put into pretty serving bowl. Chill until firm. HINT: If you use frozen cranberries, the jello will set up fast. Stir together the topping ingredients and spread over gelatin. Garnish with pecans and cranberries if you like. This recipe is easily doubled if you are having a crowd.

### SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup melted butter  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Milk as needed

### TOPPING:

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup flour  
1/3 cup melted butter  
1 cup chopped nuts

Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Add milk if needed for desired smooth consistency. Pour into a buttered casserole dish. Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes. NOTE: Either fresh or canned sweet potatoes and be used, but I recommend you get some Helms fresh ones. They are yummy!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and while you are giving thanks for all we have, don't forget to ask that America continue to be blessed.

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- ex-Mavericks coach Richie \_\_\_
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- TXism: "he \_\_\_ when the Dead Sea was only sick" (old)
- TX media giant: \_\_\_ Belo Co.
- Luxford in '35 film with Cary Grant
- TXism: "kin \_\_\_ rattler" (wicked)
- Castroville: "The Little \_\_\_ of Texas"
- TX Roddenberry was a writer for this old TV series
- TX's 3rd governor \_\_\_ Bell
- \_\_\_ Marcus
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as a lap dog"
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### The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

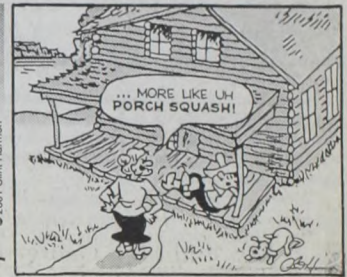
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### DOWN

- TXism: "he \_\_\_ nothing but burn hay" (poor horse)
- \_\_\_ Aggie. Always an Aggie"
- one legally responsible for a minor
- Austin food festival \_\_\_ arama"
- right good root beer
- TXism: "that gets my \_\_\_ (irritating)"
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- TXism: "I'll \_\_\_ to it"
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- \_\_\_ City, TX
- \_\_\_ Paso, TX
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- TXism: "brave enough to eat in a boom \_\_\_"
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ a rafter"
- TXism: "tickled half \_\_\_ death"
- TXism: "turn \_\_\_ the lights, the party's over"
- TXism: "the dogs out from under the porch"
- TX school rule: \_\_\_ play"
- colored Mexican perennial plants
- TXism: "sneaky as \_\_\_ egg-sucking dog"
- ex-Cowboy kicker Lin (init.)
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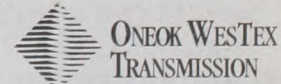
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# The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL



The 2001 Cheer Squad Queen Jessica Wellman with her escort Douglas Payne.

## JV Patriots Finish Remarkable Season

Robert Valdes started at tailback for the first time in his last high school football game and he made the most of it scoring two touchdowns and leading the Patriots to a 46-0 win over the Silverton Owls.

The victory ended a great season for the team in which they lost only an early season game to Cotton Center when half the team went to Patton Springs.

"It's been a great year for the JV," Coach Clay said. "Every week they played another tough team and every week they performed at a high level."

Albert Espinosa had a spectacular game as he scored three touchdowns and played great defense. Quarterback Zack Ramsey led the Patriots to touchdowns on each of the first three plays that he was in the game, scoring the last touchdown himself as he carried the ball into the end zone from the tailback position.

"Albert looked real good," Clay said. "He really got extended playing time because Kellen was moved up, and he took full advantage of it."

The Patriots got another splendid effort from their offensive line as Adam Ortiz, Anthony Ortiz, and Francisco Rodriguez opened huge holes for the running game. Adam Ortiz and Douglas Payne lead the defensive attack.

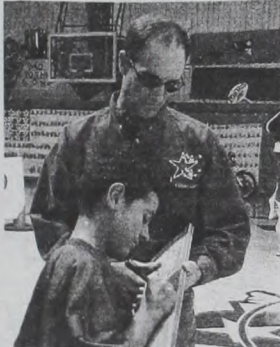
"Every week we talk about defense and the talk turns to Adam," Clay said. "He has been awesome this year."

Ortiz almost single handedly finished off the Owls in the third quarter. He made a bone jarring tackle on the kickoff, ran down Silverton's running back who had broken through the line, and then made a hit that caused a fumble before plucking the ball out of the air and racing 40 yards for the winning touchdown.

The JV Patriots now join the Varsity as they make their way through the State Playoffs.



JV Big Hit award against Silverton, Adam Ortiz.



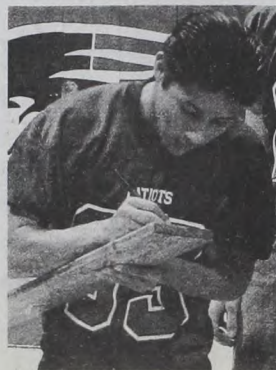
Varsity Big Hit against Sannorwood, Jose Chavez.

## BIG HIT AWARDS

During the last pep rally of the district games, the Big Hit was awarded to each senior player on the Valley football Team:



Christopher Taylor



Gary Chavez



Robert Valdes



Justin Lucero



Wes Henson

It isn't what people think that is important, but the reason they think what they think.

—Eugene Ionesco.



"Born To Be Wild", the Bad Boys of the Booster Club (Warren Lee Merrell, Rex Yeary, Rex Fuston and Jim Messer) showed the Patriots how wild they are about them.



Pictured are the other Pep Squad Queen Candidates with their escorts: Dustin Reed and Ashley Cagle, Leigh Ann Nielsen and Justin Wilks, Randa McBee and Christopher Taylor.

## Junior High Patriots Finish Undefeated Season

Alex Espinosa scored six touchdowns Thursday night to lead the Patriots to a 52-25 victory over Silverton and an undefeated season. Espinosa scored his first TD on a 50 yard sprint after the Owls had taken the early lead. The 6-0 deficit was only the second time the Patriots trailed all year.

"I can't say how proud I am of these boys," Coach Ramsey said. "They came out every week and dominated."

Espinosa actually had a hand in seven touchdowns, running for six and throwing one to Cody Barrett. Fernando Regalado scored the final touchdown for Valley.

"Alex is obviously the most visible player because he scores so much, but this is very much a team effort," Ramsey said. "Without the great blocking by Randy, Ruben, Charlie, and Fernando, Alex probably wouldn't look so unstoppable. But he is pretty darn good."

Charlie Walden and Cody Barrett led the defense again. Espinosa, Regalado, Kevin Ortiz, and Hector Cruz also performed well against Silverton's spread offense.

"It was a great game and a great way to end a great season, Ramsey said. "These boys have done something special and I'm proud to have been a part of it."

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**Monday, November 19**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage Links, Fruit, Toast, Jelly, OJ & Milk

**Lunch**  
Hot dogs, Chili, Cheese, Relish, Chips, Fruit Salad, Milk

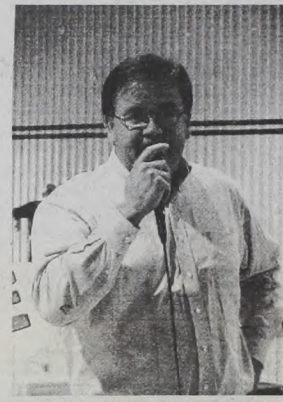
**Tuesday, November 20**  
**Breakfast**  
Cereal, Fruit, OJ & Milk

**Lunch**  
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, hot rolls, Pumpkin Pie Cake, Milk

**Wednesday, November 21**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Thursday, November 22**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Friday, November 23**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**



Mr. Davidson making an analogy between the racehorse Secretariat's heart and the heart of the Valley Patriot football team-130% PURE HEART!

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## Today Is The 25th Annual Great American Smokeout

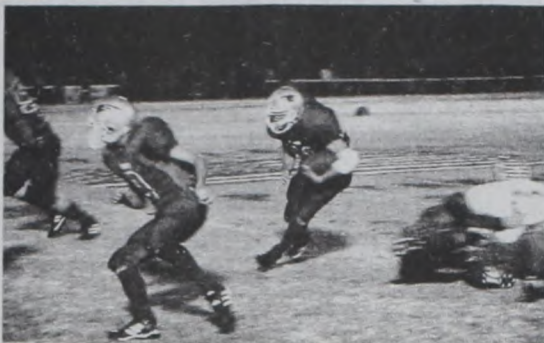
This year the American Cancer Society celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Great American Smokeout—25 years of encouraging people to abandon tobacco and commit to living a healthier life. Here are a few facts that might help you make that decision this year that will improve your health for the rest of your life.

- \* 8 hours after quitting smoking carbon monoxide levels in your blood will drop to normal.
- \* 24 hours after quitting smoking your chances of having a heart attack starts to decrease.
- \* 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting smoking your circulation will improve and lung function will increase up to 30%.
- \* 1 to 9 months after quitting smoking your coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath will decrease.
- \* 10 years after quitting smoking your lung cancer death rate drops to about half that of a continuing smoker's.
- \* 15 years after quitting smoking your risk of coronary heart disease becomes that of a nonsmoker's.
- \* Secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death in the U.S. killing 38,000 to 65,000 nonsmokers every year.
- \* Exposure to secondhand smoke can cause children to develop asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, other respiratory infections, and ear infections. Exposure to secondhand smoke also increase the risk that infants will die of sudden infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- \* Cigarette smoke contains over 4,700 chemicals, over 200 poisons, and over 50 human carcinogens.
- \* An estimated 169,500 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed this year and 87% of those deaths are thought to result from smoking.

Smoking harms not only your health, but the health of your loved ones too. So if quitting is something you have been thinking about doing for yourself and your family call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) to get all the information and support you will need to keep your family healthy.



Maddie Ramsey fiddled around in front of the historic Hotel Turkey last week for a crew from National Geographic.



Derrick Cruse and Justin Wilks, the perfect combination for another Patriot T.D.

## Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

By Laura Taylor

- Kick back, put up your feet for a few minutes and ponder this:
- \* If a pronoun is a word used in place of a noun, is a proverb a word used in place of a verb?
  - \* If athletes get athlete's foot, do astronauts get mistletoe?
  - \* If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?
  - \* If you're a kleptomaniac, is there something you can take for it?
  - \* Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
  - \* If time heals all wounds, how come bellybuttons don't fill in?
  - \* If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
  - \* What if Hell really did freeze over?
  - \* When day breaks who fixes it?
  - \* Was the pole vault accidentally discovered by a clumsy javelin thrower?
  - \* Where does the fire go when the fire goes out?
  - \* Why can't we tickle ourselves?
  - \* Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
  - \* Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
  - \* Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
  - \* Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
  - \* Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
  - \* Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
- Well, that's it, hope it gave you a few moments of quite distraction.

The first undersea federal park was the Key Largo Coral Reef Preserve. It was established in March of 1960.

## County FSA Office Offers New Loan Program For Newer Farmers

The Briscoe County Farm Service Agency is offering a new loan program to assist beginning farmers and ranchers unable to obtain financing from normal commercial credit service channels.

There are two programs targeted for this assistance, according to Ross James, Ag Credit Manager for the Swisher FSA Office. The first program is the Farm Ownership Program designed for the farmer who has farmed for more than three years but less than 10 years and whose farm acreage is not more than 25 percent of the average sized Briscoe County farm, which is around 250 acres.

Under terms of this program, an applicant can apply for up to a maximum \$250,000 loan by making a 10 percent down payment.

FSA would loan up to 30 percent of the loan funds at 4 percent interest for 10 years with the remaining 60 percent of the funds coming from a commercial lender. FSA can provide up to a 95 percent guarantee if the lender requests.

The second program is the Operating Loan Program for the applicant who meets basic eligibility requirements and has operated a farm or ranch for five years or less.

The maximum loan amounts are \$200,000 for a direct Operating Loan or \$759,000 for an Operating guaranteed Loan.

"Farmers understand how complicated the farming situation has become and are looking at more tools to achieve financial stability," said Ross James. "The FSA Loan Program includes regular operating loans and farm ownership loans, either direct or guaranteed to farmers."

"This time of year when many farmers are evaluating what to do next year," said James, "they may want to consider these programs in their plans if they want to expand their operation or need help in their present operation."

Information on these and other loan programs can be obtained at the Briscoe FSA Office 410 Lone Star, Silvertown or the Swisher FSA Office 221 NW 2nd, Tulia or call 806-995-2318.



When someone is said to be 'mending the jug' it means he or she has been given an impossible task.

## Health Bulletin



### Is Your Medicine Cabinet Set For Cold And Flu Season?

(NAPS)—For everyone with a healthy interest in staying well, Len Horowitz, M.D., a pulmonary medicine specialist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, offers advice on managing a cold:

- Exercise regularly to maintain your physical and mental health;
- Get plenty of rest and drink lots of water;
- Wash hands frequently to kill harmful viruses and bacteria;
- Take zinc drops with Zinc Gluconate Glycine (ZIGG) at the first sign of a cold to reduce its duration and severity; and
- Consider natural cold remedies such as COLD-EZE instead of products with such potentially harmful drugs as phenylpropanolamine (PPA). In addition to the original cold drops, COLD-EZE has introduced a new sugar-free version for diabetics and a new cinnamon gum.

The Zinc Gluconate Glycine, an exclusive formula in COLD-EZE, is clinically proven to reduce the duration and severity of the common cold by 42 percent when used at the first sign of the condition. This translates to three less days of suffering with a cold.

"The best defense against the common cold is to be prepared to treat the symptoms at the first sign," Horowitz says. "The first precaution to take before the sneezing and sniffing season strikes is to take any old, expired and potentially unsafe cold prod-



Taking zinc drops with Zinc Gluconate Glycine, like COLD-EZE, at the first sign of a cold could help many people feel better faster, studies suggest.

ucts out of your medicine cabinet, especially any containing PPA."

#### Cold Hard Facts

Citing potential health hazards, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has advised consumers to stop using products with PPA, which was a common ingredient in many different brands. Many product packages also include warnings about the effects of pseudoephedrine, a prevalent ingredient in numerous cold medicines, for those with conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

In two double-blind, placebo-controlled studies conducted at the Cleveland Clinic and Dartmouth College and published in the

*Annals of Internal Medicine*, patients taking COLD-EZE recovered completely from their colds more than three days faster, on average, than the patients who received a placebo. In addition, individual symptoms went away faster.

"The zinc formula in COLD-EZE also takes the worry out of your cold remedy," Horowitz explains. "On the other hand, products with decongestants can cause potential side effects such as sleeplessness, drowsiness and even elevated blood pressure."

Although colds are more common during the winter months, cold weather and getting chilled have little or no effect on the development or severity of a cold. Most colds occur during the fall and winter because cold-causing viruses survive better when humidity is low, which is the norm during fall and winter.

"Antibiotics should never be prescribed for a cold. They are ineffective against viruses, including the cold virus," Horowitz said. "COLD-EZE actually helps people get better faster, unlike over-the-counter decongestants and antihistamines that provide only temporary symptom relief."

COLD-EZE cold drops are recommended by pharmacists four to one over its nearest competitor according to a *Pharmacy Times* survey.

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## Eye Health

(NAPS)—Blindness—Are you at risk? You may be and not even know it. The two leading causes of blindness in the United States are diabetic eye disease and glaucoma. There are often no symptoms in the early stages of these diseases. Vision loss may be gradual, and you may not detect it.

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If you are part of an at-risk population, the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) encourages you to have a regular dilated pupil eye examination once a year for diabetic eye disease and every two years for glaucoma.

Funded by a SightFirst grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, LEHP is an educational outreach program that enables Lions clubs to have a major impact in their communities by creating awareness of preventable blindness.

For a free brochure about glaucoma or diabetic eye disease, please contact LEHP at 1-800-982-0356.

## The Most Important Christian Doctrine

Jesus Christ's blood was poured out on the cross. Because the Lord Almighty, his Father, may be found still perfectly holy and righteous and just, because all of the human race came from Adam and Eve, so we all have sinned and fallen short of God's Holiness. So since we have all sinned there had to be something worthy to make up for all of it. Jesus' blood did just that. So the most important Christian doctrine is believing in Jesus' shed blood.

And Grace comes from Faith in his blood. We are hereby justified completely, only by believing in Christ shed blood, and no other way. I am convinced this is the only way to abide in God's love, and obtain true peace. Yes, also when we believe in Jesus' shed blood, this will move us then to be better people, striving always to obey Christ's commands found in the New Testament, and please God the Father, which is also a necessity to receive eternal, immortal life.

To live in that wonderful city in Heaven named Jerusalem with all those who live for Christ, yes, those who run the race for immortality, and fight of the faith, those who never gave up all their long life, those who endured to the end. A city whose streets are paved with transparent gold, and many, many mansions, plus water there that satisfies the thirst. Our being like the angels in the resurrection, the spirit of each of God's people being given a beautiful new body that is filled with affection, and minds of perfect wisdom, and the love and praise of God in our hearts always, Children of God to live in heaven forever.

Reading the Bible daily will help you immensely every day. If not reading daily, how can you have it fresh on your mind and written on your heart to tell others? Yes, speak of it. You cannot if you do not read it daily. Do not leave it to the preachers in the church to read it to you, as if they are the only ones who should study it! Because every one who presses to get into The Kingdom of Heaven MUST. Some choose not to go to Church, very well, but this instruction is for you, too.

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Be humble, for the worst thing in the world is of the same stuff as you; be confident, for the stars are of the same stuff as you.

—Nicholai Velimrovie

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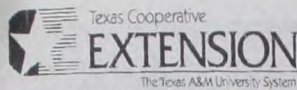
It all starts with Newspapers

**Due to conflicting activities, the Quitaque Senior Citizens has CANCELED their "Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser" that was to be held on November 18, 2001**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Santos Delagarza**

Celebrated her 82nd birthday, Saturday Nov. 3rd at her home. Attending were her children and their spouses. Al & Mary Flores of Lakeview, Tx. Mrs. Nestor Cavazos of Amarillo, Tx., Lauro & Gloria Delagarza Jr. of Lubbock, Tx., Joe & Gloria Lucero of Lubbock, Tx., Jessie Hernandez of Matador, Tx. Her brother Jesse Ascencion of Turkey, Tx. Grandchildren and their spouses, James & Dana Cavazos of Amarillo, Tx. Robert & Elizabeth Cavazos of Amarillo, Tx., Joey & Sonia Lucero of Lubbock, Tx. Ricky & Christa Castillo of Quitaque, Tx., Jessica Hernandez of Matador, Tx. Thirteen Great Grandchildren and friends.



By: Cory Payne, CEA-FCS, Briscoe County

**Toy Safety Tips**

The time to start Christmas shopping is drawing near, but parents need to be wary about their purchases. Toys injure more than 150 thousand children every year. About two dozen kids actually die from toy-related injuries. Extension family specialist Linda Ladd says avoiding toys with small parts is critical for young children. Young children may be tempted to put spare parts in their mouth, which can cause them to easily choke. She warns parents to read the labels listing the appropriate age. Ladd says a toy that is too advanced can be frustrating, and many children will destroy that toy. Always consider the child's stage of development before buying. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends you look for sturdy construction with no sharp edges or points, and discard plastic wrappings immediately. It is also wise to pay attention to manufacturer recalls about any toy that may be dangerous.

**Pack Safe School Lunches**

School children who come home with stomach cramps, diarrhea, or vomiting may be suffering from food poisoning. Parents may prevent this by packing a smart lunch for their children. Food that is anywhere between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit can cause harmful bacteria to multiply and cause illness. Foods that are handled a lot during preparation—such as ham, chicken, or egg salad—pose an extra risk because bacteria from hands can spread to them. To lessen the risk of food-borne illness, maintain a clean area when preparing sack lunches. Keep cold lunch foods cold. If a refrigerator is not available, use an insulated lunch box. Make sack lunches with foods that don't need to be kept cold or hot, such as peanut butter, fresh fruits, and nuts.

By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

**Mulching Saves Water**

Mulch can reduce water consumption by plants and the environment as a whole. Mulch is defined as any substance that puts a barrier between the soil and the air above it. Extension horticulturist Doug Welsh says when mulch is applied to the landscape it greatly reduces evaporation. When mulch is used, water is reserved for plants. This increases efficiency so less water needs to be applied. Welsh says mulch also helps keep weeds away, and if they do break through the surface, they are easier to pull. This conserves water because weeds use the water supply of other plants. Welsh says mulch not only helps plants during times of drought, it will help preserve water resources for future generations.

**Grower Funded Research Yields "Texas Peanuts" Are Wanted By Food Companies**

While Texas peanut producers work to complete this year's crop, state peanut researchers are harvesting a wealth of information that is leading to better Texas peanut varieties with qualities sought by food manufacturers worldwide.

At the same time, these new high oleic peanuts will provide an even healthier source of protein for consumers, said Ted Higginbottom, a peanut grower from Seminole and chairman of the Texas Peanut Producers Board.

Through continued grower support of the statewide \$2 per ton peanut checkoff, researchers have developed new lines of high oleic Runner and Spanish peanuts expected to be released to commercial seed companies in early 2002.

High oleic peanuts have a 20 to 30 percent longer shelf life, which makes them high in demand among candy manufacturers, makers of peanut butter and a host of other peanut users. For farmers, the new lines should provide additional resistance and tolerance to peanut diseases.

The new high oleic Runner line is TX977006. It produces a large peanut and moderate disease resistance that should be welcomed statewide. It has shown some tolerance to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in early tests and also to Southern Blight.

The new Spanish line is TX962120. It is the first high oleic Spanish line bred specifically for Texas. Higginbottom said the new high oleic lines could give Texas growers a boost in meeting the market's demand because Texas is by far the nation's major high oleic peanut production area.

The high oleic peanut breeding programs are among some 20 research projects being funded from more than \$390,000 in state checkoff money designated for peanut research.

Other research programs center on irrigation efficiency, drought tolerance, disease resistance, weed control and other areas important to growers in Texas.

In addition, about \$300,000 in grower-funded Texas checkoff dollars go toward Texas peanut promotion and market development, and another \$100,000 for grower and consumer education.

For further information on Texas peanut research and how the statewide peanut checkoff program benefits growers in every Texas peanut production area, call TPPB at 1-800-734-0086 or visit the TPPB Web site at [www.texaspeanutboard.com](http://www.texaspeanutboard.com)

**FARMING OUR GREAT STRENGTH Cotton LDP's & Loan Eligibility**

The Hall County FSA Office wants to remind all cotton producers of the following eligibility requirements for receiving Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP or "pop") or placing cotton in the loan.

\* The crop must be grown on a farm with a PFC contract. Legislation is being considered once again this year to allow eligible commodities on non-PFC farms to become eligible, but has not happened as of yet. So at this time, only eligible commodities such as cotton, corn, wheat, grain sorghum, oats, soybeans, etc.. On participating PFC farms are allowed to participate in these two critical Price Support programs.

\* All crop acres must be certified or reported on an FSA-578. A late file fee will apply if this was not done prior to the final reporting deadlines.

\* You must have beneficial interest in the crop. There was some relief granted in past crop years, but it does not appear that relief will occur for 2001 crops. Beneficial interest means you still have title, risk, and control of the crop at the time you apply for the LDP or loan. Once a buyer purchases the cotton, you have lost beneficial interest.

\* You must be actively applying and following a conservation plan with NRCS.

\* Payment limitation and eligibility forms must be completed and timely revised as needed.

\* You must have signed a crop insurance waiver or purchased the minimum level of crop insurance.

\* The cotton must be in existence, in a storable condition (CCC approved bagging and ties), and be merchantable.

**Ag Tradition Continues With 17th Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show**

The 17th Annual Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show, November 27, 28, and 29, is right around the corner with a sold out exhibitor floor featuring the latest in farm and ranch equipment. This year's show follows the tradition set by previous years of offering producers in a five state area with educational seminars, the latest in new products and a chance to speak directly with leading manufacturers and distributors.

It's not often that something is offered for free but this year, attendees can register to win a 50 hour lease of a Fendt tractor, courtesy of Agco. The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is holding an Ag Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday with guest speaker Don Taylor, Executive Director, West Texas A&M University Office of Business Services and CEO of Data Staar Communications.

Attendees will be able to visit with leading manufacturers including AGCO, Buffalo, CASE, Caterpillar, Case DMI, John Deere, New Holland, Orthman, Sunflower and Wylie as well as hundreds more. Caterpillar will be displaying their four all new Challenger MT700 series tractors, CASE DMI will have the new Nurti-Till'r and John Deere will feature their new Telehandler and the new 8020 and 9020 series tractors. Ag related manufactures from Canada will be showcasing their products on the Coliseum floor in the Western Canada exhibit. The area of western Canada has earned a reputation as an exceptional testing ground for new, innovative products due to the varying climate and geographical differences. Manufacturers this year include Buhler Mfg., Harvestechnologies, Jaydar Mfg., and Mac Don, to name a few.

CEU hours will be available on Thursday for pesticide application license holders during the Farm and Ranch Management Symposium. Educational seminars will take place all three days of the show and are sponsored by the Potter County Extension Service, Texas Cooperative Extension Services, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Grain Sorghum Association and the Corn Producers Association of Texas.

The Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show, November 27-29, will feature over 700 exhibits with 800+ companies displaying the latest in agricultural products and services. This year's show expects to have more than 30,000 producers over the three day period. Show hours are 9-5 T uesday and Wednesday and 9-4 on Thursday. Admission is free! Sponsors include High Plains Journal, KFDA NewsChannel 10, Texas Cooperative Extension, KGNC, and Texas Wheat Producers. For information on attending or exhibiting, please call 800-827-8007 or visit our website at [www.farmshows.com](http://www.farmshows.com)

**Cotton News**

By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

**PCG Makes Washington Rounds**

Getting into the halls of government is usually not much of a problem, actually talking to the key Senate, House and Administration officials that sway the development of key legislation is typically a little bit harder.

For Plains Cotton Growers the ability to talk to key decision-makers has played a pivotal role in making sure the situation that cotton producers on the High Plains and production agriculture in general is communicated clearly. The ability to open a two way dialogue has also provided PCG the opportunity to put forth a number of potential solutions and see many of them carried forward.

Over the past four days PCG officers, Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, Ruckey Bearden of Plains and Mark Williams of Farwell, along with PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, talked about the needs of High Plains and rolling Plains cotton producers to the people that will ultimately decide if the Farm Bill process is completed in time to help producers in 2002.

Key points of the message delivered included reemphasizing the critical nature of the situation and the potential effects it will have on grower financing in 2002; encouraging the quick completion of a Senate Farm Bill package; and the need to construct a bipartisan Bill that can go to Conference with the House passed Farm Security Act of 2001.

During the week Hopper and company have taken the opportunity to discuss the issues with several key players in the process. These include Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and other members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, USDA Under Secretary Jim Moseley, and Bush Administration representatives.

"After our conversations with both Senate Ag Committee members and staff and representatives from USDA and the Bush Administration, we feel confident that the ability to pass a Farm bill this year exists," notes Verett. "Our goal is to facilitate the process as much as possible and to make sure that cotton producers receive the safety net they need to survive in the current economic climate."

They also talked with staff at the House Agriculture Committee about the process and expectations for a Senate Bill to be completed in time to create a Conference Report on the Legislation.

**Texas Agriculture Is In Transition, Combs Tells Cattle Feeders**

"One hundred years ago, approximately 85% of Texans lived in the country and 15% lived in the city. Today, the reverse is true—approximately 14% of us live in the country and 86% live in cities. And of all Texans, only 1.9% are still in production agriculture." That, according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, presents both a challenge and an opportunity.

Combs spoke this weekend to cattle feeders on "Texas Agriculture in Transition" during the 2001 Annual Convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Dallas.

"It's a challenge in the sense that, because we are a smaller percentage of the state's population, we need to be sure we are both connected to our urban cousins and understood by our urban cousins," she said. That crops up in several different ways.

"You have folks moving to the country who sometimes don't come from a rural background and don't understand the rural way of life." So when a neighbor's calf is out on the road, or dust is blowing from a cotton gin or a slow-moving tractor blocks the driving lane, conflicts can arise.

Another major area is water. "As the state's need for water continues to grow, one place it will be looked for is from agriculture," she told cattle feeders. "Whether that means increased conservation, which is always a desirable goal, or from a reduction in agriculture, which is not a desirable goal, the question is, how do we demonstrate that agriculture's need for water has merit?"

But a challenge and an opportunity are usually the same thing in different clothes, she said, and that's why agriculture needs to do a better job in neighbor relations, community relations and in reaching urban centers. The question that ag producers must answer, she said, is this: "How can we explain who we are and why it's important for our neighbors and our rural and metropolitan communities to protect and preserve agriculture?"

**Keeping an Eye on Texas**

**Texas Taxes**

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**VALLEY - 47  
SILVERTON - 22**

S-Andrew Francis 21 run (Francis kick)  
V-Robert Meritosa 22 run (kick failed)  
V-Derrick Cruise 1 run (Justin Gidycz kick)  
S-Nathan Baker 33 pass from Francis (Francis kick)  
V-Lucero 8 pass from Cruise (kick blocked)  
V-Lucero 3 pass from Cruise (kick failed)  
V-Cruise 25 run (kick failed)  
V-Cliff Weary 8 run (Lucero kick)  
V-Cruise 30 pass from Justin Wilke (Francis kick failed)

	SILVERTON	VALLEY
First Downs	5	18
Yards Rushing	117	272
Yards Passing	132	130
Total Yards Gained	249	402
Comp-Att-Int	7-25-1	8-15-1
Punting-Avg	6-35	2-45.5
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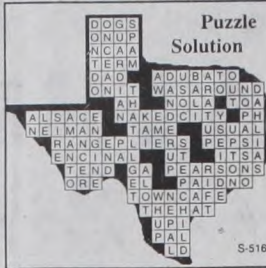
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### Immunization Clinics For November

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