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## Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, Laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce us to absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.  
He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless they should obtain his Assent; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of these Colonies, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their support; and the King himself, remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructed the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising new Obstacles to their Settlement by new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:  
For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

— John Hancock



### Your Movie Review For This Weekend Pirates of the Caribbean At World's End

Genres: Action/Adventure, Adaptation and Sequel  
Running Time: 2 hr. 45 min.

Will Turner (Orlando Bloom), Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) are allied with Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' locker, while the terrifying ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman and Davy Jones, under the control of the East India Trading Company, wreaks havoc across the Seven Seas. Navigating through... See Full Description



MPAA Rating: PG-13 for intense sequences of action/adventure violence and some frightening images.

Starring: Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush, Keira Knightley.

### Fish Fry To Honor Ross

The Quitaque Lions Club will honor former Lions International President Jimmy Ross and his wife, Velda, on Saturday, July 14 at the Hope Center in Quitaque. Fish fry and musical entertainment will begin at 6 pm, followed by an auction of items donated to President Ross as he has traveled around the world. The cost of the fish meal is \$7. For more information call 455-1225.

It'll be a great day when education gets all the money it wants and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy bombs.

~ Author Unknown

To the uneducated, a A is just three sticks.

~ A.A. Milne

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### TURKEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Turkey Senior Citizens met Tuesday night with 12 members and two visitors: Clyde and Rita Trammel of Aspermont were visiting Bob and Wanda Warner stayed over to attend Senior Citizens.

Laura Garrison, RN from Shamrock, Crystal Crump, RN, and Laytona Johnston, LVN both from Clarendon work for Accolades Home Care and were there to do blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, and blood sugar checks. They passed out bottles of water, tape measures, ballpoint pens, scratch pads, and info on Accolades' Home Care services. They plan to come back August 7th. We welcome anyone interested to come join us for dinner and games, or come by just to be tested, or to pick up information of their services. Tom Eudy said the prayer before the delicious pot luck dinner. After dinner, a table of Spinner and Mexican Train were played.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 6:00. Blood pressure checks start at 5:30 pm. If you are a senior, we welcome you to come and enjoy the Fun! Food! And Fellowship! If you need a ride and live in the Turkey/Quitaque area, please call 423-1349 or 423-1464.



Tuesday of last week G. P. and Betty Driskill, Tommie Cruse, Marie Cruse and J. M. Dickson attended funeral services for Jack Bivens at Groom, TX. After the funeral, G. P. and Betty went to Canyon, TX and spent the night with their son and family. Wednesday morning they visited Rex Glover in the hospital, in Amarillo, who had brain surgery. That afternoon, they visited Louis and Oleta Randell then returned home.

Visiting last week with Billy and Margie Pinkerton was Ashley Beavers. Margie reports that Ashley was really a great help on catching a lot of things up that have been on hold for sometimes. This week Ashley has been with Tommy and Shauna Pinkerton and while there Ashley has been babysitting while Shauna was teaching summer school. Billy and Margie are meeting Vera to get Crissi who will be spending several weeks with them. While with them they are planning a short trip to Brums and then spending the 4th with Tommy's family to watch their grandchildren ride in the Snyder parade. Then they will

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Clyde and Rita Trammel of Aspermont, TX were house guests of Bob and Wanda Warner last Tuesday and Wednesday.

- July 5: Scotty Stark, Natasha Ramos, Don Beavers, Donny Cagle, Kristy Maynard, Terry Boedeker, Troy Glover
- July 6: Cody Payne, Branson Cruse, Willie Grace Majors, Bob Warner, Cydni Walden, Todd Reagan
- July 7: Buck Hardin, Dena Thomas, Lou Younger, Robin Boedeker, Carole Sheelar, Calvin Shelton
- July 8: Kathy Hubbard, Tim Brown, Julie Williams
- July 9: Dwight Ramsey, Wes Musgrave, Brand Cruse
- July 10: Joe Taylor, Tucker Lowrance, Christine Gilbert, Amanda Cruse, Phillip Hancock
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**FLOMOT**  
By Earlyne Jameson  
Frequent Spring Rains And June For Motley  
God spared Motley County in June and damaging winds to homes and ties across the south Plains had the cotton and feed crops are mature has filled farm ponds, making proving the health of the local wheat harvest report a good turn.  
Motley County National Wheat report for June: Buzz Thairain report for June: Buzz Thairain Ronnie Bailey, Matador 5.75; Lois Shorter, Flomot 2.51 and OVER!  
"If men were angels, no government would be necessary which is to be administered by angels were to govern, neither the government would be necessary which is to be administered by angels were to govern; and in the next the governed; and in the next Happy Birthday America the Best Attend Memo  
Jack and Nada Starkey attend her nephew, Edwin "Bill" Hamm June 23 held at the Schooler Fun was created.  
Mr. Hammons graduated from School. He served in the Korean Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Austin Pharmacy School and was Hospital Pharmacy in Amarillo. He is survived by his wife, Kay Hammons and a daughter, Darla a great grandson.  
Birthdays  
Mrs. Erma Washington had celebrating the birthdays of her years old and Colton who was 1 freshments of decorated cake, a freezer ice cream punch and soft Those enjoying the happy oc were their parents, Mr. and Mrs grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerr Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Blu of Roaring Springs, Cary Fra of Lubbock, Tylee, Trent and Tre Pickett of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. \*\*\*\*\*  
Jack and Nada Starkey attend their granddaughter, Mrs. Chris Saturday night. They visited in and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Da  
Weekend visitors of MR. and children, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador, son a Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lub Guests this weekend of Mr. and Calvert were MR. and Mrs. Tim bock.  
Barry Pickett of Dallas visited ex-college roommate and wife, C were students at Texas Tech Uni  
Mrs. Ruth Lee was involved in one of the family's rent homes S ribs.  
The First Baptist church at Flo covered dish luncheon followin

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## Frequent Spring Rains And Cooler Temperatures In June For Motley County

God spared Motley County in June from flooding rains, hail and damaging winds to homes and structures that other counties across the south Plains had this month. The cotton and feed crops are up to a good stand. The moisture has filled farm ponds, making for green pastures and improving the health of the local cattle herds. Those that had a wheat harvest report a good turn out and price.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers total rain report for June: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 3.93; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 5.75; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 4.30; Clois Shorter, Flomot 2.51 and Betty Simpson, Northfield 5.08.

### OVERHEARD

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In forming a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself." Happy Birthday America the Beautiful!

### Attend Memorial Services

Jack and Nada Starkey attended the memorial services of her nephew, Edwin "Bill" Hammons, 75, of Amarillo, Saturday June 23 held at the Schooler Funeral Home in Amarillo. He was created.

Mr. Hammons graduated from Durham, Oklahoma High School. He served in the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He received his degree from Austin Pharmacy School and was with the Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital Pharmacy in Amarillo for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kay of Amarillo; one son, Robert Hammons and a daughter, Darla Griffin, two grandchildren and a great grandson.

### Birthdays Celebrated

Mrs. Erma Washington had a party at her home Saturday celebrating the birthdays of her great-grandchildren, Kayla, 10 years old and Colton who was 14 years old of Lubbock. Refreshments of decorated cake, colorful chocolate chip cookies, freezer ice cream punch and soft drinks were served.

Those enjoying the happy occasion and fireworks display were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay of Lubbock, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot; Mr. and Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs, Cary Franks of Idalou, Anissa Huckert of Lubbock, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador, Barry Pickett of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot.

Jack and Nada Starkey attended the 30th birthday party of their granddaughter, Mrs. Christina Brawley in Amarillo last Saturday night. They visited in Fritch Sunday with daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay, children of MR. and Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador, son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock.

Guests this weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were MR. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock.

Barry Pickett of Dallas visited during the weekend with his ex-college roommate and wife, Coy and Connie Franks. They were students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Mrs. Ruth Lee was involved in an accident when working at one of the family's rent homes Saturday and suffered injured ribs.

The First Baptist church at Flomot enjoyed the fellowship of a covered dish luncheon following the morning services.

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## Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

This week I have four of the "Fabulous Five" ingredient recipes. Even if you like cooking, you will enjoy it more when you get out of the kitchen faster.

### Strawberry-Spinach Salad

4 cups torn spinach or 2 cups torn spinach and 2 cups torn salad greens  
1 cup fresh sliced strawberries

1/2 of a small red onion, thinly sliced  
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1/2 cup bottled oil and vinegar dressing or poppy seed dressing

In a large bowl, combine spinach, salad greens, strawberries, onion and mushrooms. Pour dressing over salad; toss to coat. Makes 4 side dish servings.

### Sausage-Grits Casserole

1 cup quick-cooking grits  
1 pound bulk pork sausage  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
2 beaten eggs  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Prepare grits according to package instructions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook sausage and onion until meat is brown and onion is tender, stirring to break up the sausage. Drain. In a large bowl, combine grits, sausage mixture, eggs, and 1-1/2 cups of the cheese. Spread in a greased 13x9 inch baking dish; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350° about 35 minutes until set. Serves 6-8.

### Summer Squash with Peppers

2 pounds zucchini and/or yellow squash, cut into bite-size chunks  
1 bell pepper, cut into strips  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1-1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning blend  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place squash and pepper strips in large shallow roasting pan. Drizzle with oil; sprinkle with seasoning and black pepper; toss to coat. Roast, uncovered, at 425° for 15 minutes, or until just tender, stirring once. Serves 6.

### Caramel Sauce for Ice Cream

1-1/2 cups light Karo syrup  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup half-and-half

In a medium skillet, mix Karo, sugar and butter. Cook and stir on medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Stir in half-and-half. Serve warm over ice cream. Makes 2 1/4 cups.

God Bless America!  
Happy July 4th!

*It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.*  
- Robert G. Ingersoll

*Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.*  
- G.M. Trevelyan

*The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize.*  
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

*Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.*  
- Albert Einstein

*Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away.*  
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1 ex-Cowboy Bob Hayes won gold for the 100m in '64

5 San Antonio insurance co.

6 TXism: "the ole and chain"

7 there's reported "buned" throughout TX

8 "Fanthorp" Historical Park

9 fast TX horse

16 TX George W. bro

18 Alamo, TX's \_\_\_\_\_ Museum

21 this TX Chase was "Voice of America" director under TX George H. (init.)

22 call meat

23 TX Tejano band. "Little Joe \_\_\_\_\_ Familia"

24 explosions

30 TXism: "If I was \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't stand it"

34 Putnam-born author King (init.)

35 spa pampering

36 TXism: "It's Katy bar the \_\_\_\_\_"

37 TX two-step

39 "El Mercado" in San Antonio (2 wds)

43 in 1861 TX seceded from this

44 TX Kenny Rogers hit: "I Don't \_\_\_\_\_"

45 school media (abbr.)

46 new car sold at a discount

47 OPEC member

**DOWN**

1 TX Ben Hogan's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

2 TXism: "busy" \_\_\_\_\_ armed paper hanger

3 Greek team where ex-Mav Roy Tarpley played

4 "alto" south of the border

9 Neiman of TX Neiman-Marcus

10 with "The" TX Tommy Lee Jones '84 film

11 Vietnam fighter (2 wds)

12 TXism: "the two-steps to his own \_\_\_\_\_"

13 Ray Roberts Lake park: "\_\_\_\_\_ Bois"

14 TXism: "fun as feeding monkeys \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo"

15 German-born TX sculptor Elisabet

17 this Vern was former voice of the Dallas Cowboys

19 TXism: "it'll \_\_\_\_\_ out in the wash"

20 TXism: "don't \_\_\_\_\_ never mind"

24 she was "Agent 99" (init.)

25 GTT: "on the \_\_\_\_\_"

26 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_\_\_"

27 police warning

28 Gonzales 1835 flag legend: "Come and \_\_\_\_\_"

29 \_\_\_\_\_ hammer

31 TXism: "a fine how do \_\_\_\_\_ do"

32 snake or scarf

33 Canyon's county

38 "grandchild" south of the border

40 in Taylor Co. on hwy. 84

41 saddle \_\_\_\_\_

42 got everybody out

48 TX Carol Burnett's birth month

50 south TX rancher: \_\_\_\_\_ West

51 assn. for gun-toting Texans (abbr.)

56 excellent

57 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ ever wrapped a lip around"

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

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<b>Fritos/Cheetos</b> .....2 for <b>\$4<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>Pork Chops</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b>
Del Monte Assorted	Pilgrim's Pride Boneless Skinless Breast Strips or
<b>Pineapple</b> ...15-15.5 oz..... <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>Chicken Breasts</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b>
Casserole	Cook's Regular Bone-In
<b>Pinto Beans</b> ...4 lb..... <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>Ham Steak</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>
Starkist Water or Oil Packed	Shurfine
<b>Chunk Light Tuna</b> ...6 oz..... <b>69¢</b>	<b>Meat Weiners</b> ...12 oz..... <b>69¢</b>
Assorted Blends	Red Ripe
<b>Mazola Oil</b> ...48 oz..... <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>Tomatoes</b> ...1 lb..... <b>59¢</b>
Luzianne Family Size	Spicy
<b>Tea Bags</b> ...24 ct.....2 for <b>\$3<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>Jalapeno Peppers</b> ...1 lb..... <b>69¢</b>
Gebhardt Regular	Dole Assorted
<b>Refried Beans</b> ...15.5-16 oz..... <b>79¢</b>	<b>Cesar Salad</b> ...10 oz.....2 for <b>\$5<sup>00</sup></b>
Del Monte Assorted	Baby
<b>Tomatoes</b> ...14.5 oz.....5 for <b>\$5<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>Carrots</b> ...1 lb..... <b>99¢</b>
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<b>Pot Pies</b> ...7 oz..... <b>69¢</b>	<b>Avocados</b> .....2 for <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>
Quarters	Garden Fresh Green
<b>Parkay Margarine</b> ...16 oz...4 for <b>\$5<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>Cabbage</b> ...1 lb..... <b>39¢</b>
	Fresh Crowns
	<b>Broccoli</b> ...1 lb..... <b>99¢</b>
	Red or Green
	<b>Seedless Grapes</b> ...1 lb..... <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>
	Red Ripe
	<b>Watermelon</b> ...each..... <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>
	California
	<b>Red Plums</b> ...1 lb..... <b>79¢</b>
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# New Brand of Lone Star Justice

### Texas lawmakers chart a new course that emphasizes alternatives to incarceration

By Marc A. Levin

People suffering from depression must often hit rock bottom before they get better. The same can be said for criminal justice in Texas. Few could have imagined the abuses that surfaced earlier this year at the Texas Youth Commission, but they led to landmark reform legislation. Indeed, reforms made this session indicate that lawmakers are finally rethinking all aspects of the criminal justice system.

The common thread in the reforms is reversing the trend of a widening incarceration net and instead promoting alternatives for low level, non-violent offenders. Make no mistake, Texas should incarcerate violent offenders and sexual predators, but prison isn't the only hammer and every lawbreaker isn't a nail.

Ideally, TYC would have been reformed earlier and without a scandal. After all, Texans were paying \$57,000 per youth per year for lockups with a recidivism rate of more than 50 percent. The budget for TYC will now be reduced as the population is drawn down from 4,800 to 3,100 through review panels to release youths who have been rehabilitated, and by not incarcerating youth convicted of misdemeanors such as graffiti and alcohol possession. These non-violent kids are better rehabilitated in the community through residential post-adjudication facilities and day treatment programs.

On the adult side, the Legislature also focused on the diversion of non-violent offenders to address the projected need for 17,300 new prison beds by 2012. It would cost \$1.6 billion to build that many beds and billions more to operate them.

The Legislature wisely created 8,000 new beds and slots at residential and outpatient drug and alcohol treatment facilities, intermediate sanctions facilities, and halfway houses. Not only will this capacity divert new non-violent offenders from prison, it will clear out the current backlog of more than 1,500 offenders with substance abuse problems languishing in lockups solely because they are on a waiting list for treatment or a halfway house. The entire projected need for new prison capacity can be eliminated because these new beds and slots turn over several times a year, and at least two TYC lockups will be converted into adult prisons.

It's offenders like Julie Ghant who should be diverted through the new emphasis on community-based corrections. She recently left the women's prison in Gatesville with only used men's clothing, a bus ticket, and \$50. Yet taxpayers paid \$65,000 over four years to incarcerate this mother of six for drug possession. Some 70 percent of Texas inmates have children, and these children are seven times more likely to eventually be incarcerated. While California's general population is 50 percent greater, Texas inexplicably has more women prisoners, most of whom are drug users or shoplifters.

More than 10,000 new prison admissions are probationers revoked for technical violations, which means they did not commit a new crime but missed meetings or violated a curfew. The Legislature continued the policy enacted in 2005 of making some probation funding dependent on departments implementing progressive sanctions to minimize technical revocations. This incentivizes the use of measures short of prison such as picking up trash on the side of the road, mandatory treatment, or even shock nights in county jail to address technical violations. This policy has already saved taxpayers \$119 million in incarceration costs.

But criminal justice should not be first and foremost about either offenders or the government but victims. Property and violent crimes are violations of another person's right to their possessions, life, and peace of mind. That's why victims deserve a greater role in determining punishments.

The Legislature authorized a study on implementing juvenile victim-offender mediation programs. Through such programs, victims can request mediation in minor property offense cases, resulting in a binding agreement to provide restitution and perform community service. By fulfilling that agreement, the offender can obtain dismissal of the charges, putting that youth on a path to a productive life rather than prison. Such programs have improved restitution collection rates while reducing recidivism.

More must be done in each of these areas, and hopefully it won't take another criminal justice crisis to spur action. However, this session brought historic changes in attitudes and policy, proving that Texas can break out of its traditional mold of building four walls to solve every criminal justice problem.

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# Caprock Canyons State Park's First Annual Family Fishing Day

## State Park's First Annual Family Fishing Day

The first annual Family Fishing Day was held at Caprock Canyons State Park on June 2, 2007. Many local children had fun participating in the Children's Fishing Derby and all participants went home with a prize. Jeren Hughes won first prize in the age 8-and-under category for biggest fish, with his 4.3 oz. bluegill. Ethan Partin and Juan Villareal came in second and third, respectively, in the age 8-and-under category for biggest fish. Juan Villareal caught the most fish in the age 8-and-under category. Zac Partin won first prize in the age 9-12 category for biggest fish, with his 9 oz. bass. April Villareal and Mario Pinon came in second and third, respectively, in the age 9-12 biggest fish category. April Villareal caught the most fish in the age 9-12 category.

Monetary and in-kind donations for Family Fishing Day were provided by many local businesses and individuals. The following area businesses helped make this day a success: Big 5 Sporting Goods of Lubbock, Caprock Café, Caprock Home Center, Debbie's Beauty Shop, First National Bank of Quitaque, Gander Mountain of Amarillo, Griffin Oil, Karol's Kountry Korner, Jack's Automotive Repair Center, Merrell Food, Seab and Diane Washington and Thayer and Washington, CPA.

# West Texas Welcomes Great Racers

Just like the movie "Cannonball Run," a group of car enthusiasts will be racing across the country in an event known as The Great Race. The Great Race is a timed event with antique cars and strict rules and guidelines that the racers must adhere to.

Starting in Concord, North Carolina on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the race will cross the country stopping in various cities and will conclude in Anaheim, California on July 14<sup>th</sup>. On July 9<sup>th</sup> the racers will make a pit stop in Lubbock, Texas.

The first racer will arrive at 19<sup>th</sup> and Buddy Holly Avenue at 3:50 pm for a mandatory 20-minute rest. The last racer will leave for Clovis, New Mexico at 5:20 pm.

"We are very excited to have the race come through Lubbock, Texas," said Brian Thomas, Director of Communications for Visit Lubbock. "We want to make a great impression with the racers as they will vote on the best pit stop and we want Lubbock to win." Mr. Thomas explained that the winning pit stop will receive a donation for their city library and be showcased in the next Great Race calendar.

The Great Race originally went from Paris to New York and will attempt the same route in 2008 will try that route again. "I am not sure how they raced from Paris to New York with the obstacle of the Atlantic Ocean, but I can't wait to see it," said Mr. Thomas.

The Nifty Fifties Car Club of Lubbock are bringing several of their antique cars to welcome the racers to the Hub City, and several businesses in the Depot Entertainment District are helping as well. Caldwell Production will provide a sound system to announce the racers as they arrive in Lubbock, the Depot District Committee is providing refreshments for the racers and Ramar Communications is helping to provide media coverage.

The public is encouraged to come out and cheer on the racers to show that Lubbock is the friendliest and best pit stop in the country.

Visit Lubbock is the official destination marketing entity for the city of Lubbock. For a free visitor guide call 800-692-4035 or visit [www.VisitLubbock.org](http://www.VisitLubbock.org).

# Sam's Club and Snickers Support Area Little Leagues

FRITCH, Texas — When it comes to supporting youth baseball and softball programs, SAM'S CLUB and SNICKERS® are making a stand.

To help the fundraising efforts of the Fritch Little League, SAM'S CLUB and SNICKERS are donating a "SuperFan Concession Stand." The sturdy wooden building features two service windows and storage for supplies.

The concession stand will be erected by volunteers from the Amarillo SAM'S CLUB and Masterfoods USA, and stocked with SNICKERS and other branded snacks donated by Masterfoods. The Fritch Little League is one of 50 Little Leagues in the U.S. selected to participate in SuperFan outreach program.

The effort is part of an ongoing endeavor between SNICKERS and Little League to promote the Guide To A Profitable Concession Stand book, which gives a business blueprint for fundraising for non-profit youth baseball and softball programs. Copies of the book are available online at [www.snickers.com/concessions](http://www.snickers.com/concessions).

July 5, 2007

# Remain World Energy

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

For decades, starting with and gas that powered the U.S. leadership in the world. Even today, the U.S. is the world's largest producer of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are not only resilient, they are re-emerging as an energy king yet again—this time as the national leader in renewable energy.

A study released last month predicted renewable energy production would add 173,000 jobs in Texas, and make a \$22.8 billion impact on our state's economy by 2025. That would make Texas the nation's biggest renewable power and solar power.

Texas already leads, surpassed California as the nation's largest producer, and our lead is growing. Even bigger ones are planned. In late June, the U.S. Dept. of Energy announced that a Texas public-private Alliance, had been selected to build a new solar plant and testing facility at Ingleside. The plant will test next-generation solar technology that may exceed 300 feet in length.

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## Remaining The World Energy Leader

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

For decades, starting with Spindletop, Texas produced oil and gas that powered the United States to its 20th century leadership in the world. Even today, Houston is the technological center for energy production worldwide.

Fossil fuels are now being slowly depleted. But Texans are notoriously resilient. So it's entirely appropriate that Texas is re-emerging as an energy king yet again—this time as the national leader in renewable energy.



A study released last month predicted renewable energy production would add 173,000 jobs in Texas, and make a \$22.8 billion impact on our state's economy by 2025. That would make Texas the nation's biggest renewable producer, including biofuels, wind and solar power.

Texas already leads in wind power. Last year, Texas surpassed California as the top state in wind electricity production, and our lead is growing. The nation's largest wind farm is Horse Hollow, a 47,000-acre spread near Abilene. Even bigger ones are planned.

In late June, the U.S. Department of Energy announced that a Texas public-private consortium, the Lone Star Wind Alliance, had been selected to run a large-scale wind research and testing facility at Ingleside, near Corpus Christi. The plant will test next-generation wind turbine blades. Some may exceed 300 feet in length and dramatically increase electrical production.

Use of wind energy goes back to the start of civilization—deploying sails to move boats or windmills to grind grain. In some areas of Texas, you can still see relics of old windmills that brought up water from underneath Texas grassland.

Today, wind energy production is focused on parts of the state where the wind seems to blow incessantly—including the Panhandle, Trans-Pecos, Gulf Coast and West Texas. We're the only state committed to offshore wind development as well.

Wind is a clean source of electricity, but it generates controversy. Critics say wind turbine fields are noisy and threaten wildlife, especially migrating birds. The current owners of two neighboring mega-ranches in South Texas, King and Kenedy, are at odds publicly over Kenedy plans to lease acreage for wind turbine use.

But over time, the case for renewable energy seems inevitable. One wind energy expert put it this way: "There is plenty of wind, and always will be. It's just like an oil field that doesn't run out."

Increasing use of alternative sources will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But they're still not economically competitive with traditional fossil fuels. Even the most optimistic projections have renewables meeting only one-quarter of our energy needs by 2025.

Congress is currently debating energy legislation with incentives for rapid development of alternative sources. The majority believes legislators should pick certain technologies and reject others, backing these decisions with major new government spending programs.

Some want a big tax increase on traditional oil companies to finance these projects. This would increase the cost of gas for Texas drivers, and make our electricity and natural gas more expensive. It would also make American energy projects, and Texas firms, less competitive worldwide.

I have a different view. I believe Washington isn't smart enough to pick and choose, because we need it all—oil, gas, biofuels, solar, wind, nuclear, clean coal and other technologies.

Over time, renewables promise great benefits—to the environment, to our energy security and to our economy. But alternative sources will never meet the entire energy needs for our growth.

Our policy remains in doubt while Congress debates. But one fact appears certain—no matter what direction is taken on energy, Texas will be at the forefront in producing it.

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Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away.  
~ Thomas Fuller

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Sometimes the biggest act of courage is a small one.  
~ Lauren Raffo

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Rolling Plains SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services prior to 2000. these records include only those located in the Rolling plains SSA office at 1405 Scotch Street, matador, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Motley County ISD, Turkey-Quitaque ISD, Paducah ISD, Patton Springs ISD, Spur ISD, Guthrie CSD and Jayton ISD. Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Beverly Mars, director of Special Education, of the Rolling Plans SSA office at 1405 Scotch Street, matador, Texas 79244, phone number (806) 347-2663 by August 1, 2007.

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Aviso esta dado que rolling Plains SSA tiene intencion de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Education Especial antes y durante el Añio 2000. Los unicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que estan en la oficina de Rolling Plains SSA localizada en 1405 Scotche en Matador, Texas. Documentos en esto son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de distrito en seguida: Motley County ISD, Turkey-Quitaque ISD, Paducah ISD, Patton Springs ISD, Spur ISD, Guthrie CSD y Jayton ISD. Padres/guardians legao o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisica/mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Beverly Mars en la oficina de Rolling Plains SSA, 1405 Scotche Street, matador, Texas 79244, Numero de telefono es (806) 347-2663 antes de Agosto 1, 2007.

## ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Donna and Roland Hamilton, along with Misti and Jim Messer recently hosted a graduation party for (grandson, son) Jake. The theme was Hawaiian with everything in Hawaiian decor. Leis were presented to each one present. Many were dressed in Hawaiian costumes. Many parents and friends were present, as well as the graduates. It was a fun time for all.

Walt and Lindsey Henson, of Lubbock are the proud parents of twin girls born 2 weeks ago. Gracie Ann had to stay in the hospital a few days because of an infection. Lilly Kate and Gracie Ann are both home now and doing well with good check-ups. Janice and Rusty Henson are excited grandparents.

Lavonia Mullin of Turkey will soon be moving to Quitaque to reside in a cute little house moved in next to Donna, her daughter, and Roland Hamilton in Valley View.

Lonnie Cagle's brother, Joe Glen Cagle, passed away last week. Lonnie and Wade made the long trip to East Texas.

Wilburn and Zeldia Leeper spent Father's Day with daughter, Ronda and Randy Purcell, Amarillo. Mandy Kay Purcell accompanied them. A few days later she flew to California to visit her aunt.

Recent visitors of Patsy Herrington for a few days were grandchildren, 6 year old Isabella, Austin, daughter of Everett, son of Lex and Dana Herrington, Floydada. One day they had a picnic at Caprock Canyons State Park. Wednesday evening Bella caught the place home to Austin accompanied by 8 year old Emery Herrington, Everett's brother.

Monica Ortiz visited her parents, Ophelia and Leo Ortiz recently and also her sister, Tina. Monica lives and works in the islands of Hawaii.

Buster Chadwick fell the day before he was to retire from Valley School, and broke his leg. Ann recently took him to Lubbock for a checkup, and he received a good report. He will soon be off his walker to a cane completely.

Delene Tyler has been in Clarendon last week for a family reunion.

Randy and Linda Stark visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hays at Corpus on Father's Day weekend.

## Helping Your Garden Survive A Dry Spell

A prolonged period of hot, dry weather can be stressful for both gardeners and plants. That's because heat, humidity, and low rain levels can ultimately lead to the devastation of lawns, shrubs and gardens.

While a drought can be a burden for any gardener, experts suggest several tips to maintain and keep your garden beautiful during a summer drought.

\* Mulch properly - Use two to three inches of mulch around trees and shrubs and one to two inches around vegetable and flower plants to keep the soil temperature cooler and to keep moisture in the ground.

\* Water early or late - To cut down on water loss through evaporation, watering in the early morning or evening is best.

\* Use soaker hoses or a drip irrigation system - By using soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems, water can be directed to the root zone rather than the leaves, which causes less chance of evaporation.

\* Plant drought tolerant species - Choose annuals or perennials that can survive in high heat, high humidity and low water conditions.

## Letters To The Editor



Letter to the Editor

### A Case For Repealing NAFTA

Americans should be very disturbed about the federal government's plans to have the United States join the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) that will merge the U.S., Mexico, and Canada into one nation with open borders by year 2010. The federal government also is quietly working to entangle us in a North American Union (NAU) similar to the European Union.

In 1993, Congress entangled us in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that is now being used as the basis for the SPP and NAU. We must repeal NAFTA if we are to remain a free and independent nation. Concerned citizens need to tell their U.S. Representative and both U.S. Senators to support H. Con. Res. 22 to withdraw the U.S. from NAFTA, and H. Con. Res. 40 to Stop the NAU! Go to [www.thenewamerican.com](http://www.thenewamerican.com) for more details.

Sincerely,  
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805-388-5991

## Rural Texas To Get Much Needed Housing

Rural Texas communities experiencing or seeking job growth could soon meet the increasing demand for affordable rental housing through an innovative housing program unveiled yesterday by state housing officials which will be tied directly to job creation in rural communities.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced the release of a \$5 million Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for a new rental housing development initiative designed to help small town Texas expand the stock of rental housing affordable to its local workforce. The state predicts the addition of new housing stock will better position rural communities to compete for business and industry, according to Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director.

"The Department is confident that this funding announcement will provide a real shot in the arm to the economic health of several rural communities," said Gerber. "Too often, rural Texas communities see an opportunity to bring new business and jobs to the area, only to lose that chance simply because of a lack of decent, affordable workforce housing. TDHCA knows our creative use of funds will help rural Texas not just compete for new jobs and industry, but win, improving the quality of life for all."

Funding must be tied to the creation of new or expanded job opportunities currently in development or created within the previous 18 months. Only housing development sites where businesses employing at least ten new positions in the area will be considered. Such employment locations must be located no more than 20 miles from the proposed housing development.

Gerber noted that projects where limited housing is a factor in the overall site selection for new business will be given a priority. Applications for funding must provide evidence of a definite and long-term employment commitment from the employer.

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for funds or who would like more information on the NOFA and this new initiative are encouraged to contact Skip Beard at (512) 475-0908 or via e-mail at [skip.beard@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:skip.beard@tdhca.state.tx.us); or Barbara Skinner at (512) 475-1643 or via e-mail at [barbara.skinner@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:barbara.skinner@tdhca.state.tx.us).



## Jouetts Graduated From Amarillo High School

Destinie Danielle Jouett and Danny Davis Jouett II graduated from Amarillo High School on May 23, 2007. Destinie and Danny are the children of Danny and Eva Jouett of Amarillo, and the grandchildren of Odis and Jessie Reagan of Quitaque and Gene and Joye Jouett of Estelline.

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### DCP Sign-Up and Final Certification of Spring Seeded Crops

The DCP enrollment deadline has been extended to August 3, 2007, but 2007 cotton, sorghum, corn, hay grazer and CRP acres must have acreage reports filed by close of business, Monday, July 16, 2007. All acres must be certified to maintain eligibility for farm program benefits.

Any crop not reported timely will require a late-filed certification and applicable late filing fees. Appointment cards have been mailed to producers to set an appointment date; if you did not receive an appointment card, or you have not enrolled your farms in DCP please contact the Hall County FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll and get your crops certified timely.

### Hall County Committee Nominations

An election will be held to elect a representative to serve Local Administrative Area 1. This LAA serves the Lakeview area. Any producer from this area may nominate an eligible candidate or themselves by filing a 'Nominating Petition'. A nominating petition may be obtained here in our local office. Each petition is limited to one nominee, must be signed by the nominee and postmarked or delivered to the Hall County FSA office by August 1, 2007. Ballots will be mailed November 2 and returned ballots must be postmarked or delivered by December 3, 2007.

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### Briscoe Co. 4-H Parent/Leader Meeting

4-H Parent/Leader meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Pioneer Room in Silverton on Monday, July 9. All adult leaders and parents of kids in 4-H are strongly encouraged to attend. We will have a full agenda with important 4-H information to cover.

### Briscoe County Horse Club Meeting

On Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. Briscoe County 4-H will have its first 4-H Horse Club meeting on the first floor of the Briscoe County Courthouse. Anyone interested in being involved in the Horse Club is welcome. There had been lots of interest in starting a horse club, so please come offer feedback and show support.

### Biofuels: More than Just Ethanol

Newswise - As the United States looks to alternate fuel sources, ethanol has become one of the front runners. Farmers have begun planting corn in the hopes that its potential new use for corn will be a new income source. What many don't realize, is the potential for other crops, besides corn, to provide an alternate energy source to fossil fuels. Scientists studied the greenhouse gas emissions and bioenergy of corn, hybrid poplar, switchgrass, and other crops to determine the efficiency of various biocrops in terms of energy consumption and energy output.

"Biofuels have a great potential to reduce our dependence on gasoline and diesel fuel," says Parton. "We have performed a unique analysis of the net biofuel greenhouse emissions from major biofuel cropping systems by combining ecosystem computer model data with estimates of the amount of fossil fuels used to grow and produce crop biofuels."

The results of the study showed that when compared with gasoline and diesel, ethanol and biodiesel from corn and soybean rotations reduced greenhouse gas emissions by almost 40 percent, reed canarygrass by 85 percent. Greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by about 115 percent for switchgrass and hybrid poplar. Both switchgrass and hybrid poplar offset the largest amounts of fossil fuels reduced emissions compared to other biofuel crops and offset two times as much fossil fuels if they are used for electricity generation via biomass gasification.

## Reducing Feed Costs, Grazing Management Strategies

Hay production costs have risen sharply in recent years due to higher fertilizer, equipment, fuel, and labor prices. Supplemental feed costs have also increased.

Strategies for dealing with these problems, plus many more beef production issues, will be featured at the 53rd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, coordinated by Texas Cooperative Extension, Aug. 6-8 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Beef cattle producers are at the mercy of ever changing weather conditions and must continuously make adjustments to management practices in response to changing environmental conditions," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Extension beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator. "It would be nice to eliminate hay and supplemental feeding in the cow-calf and stocker business; however that is probably not a reality because there are times when cattle need to be supplemented with additional hay or feed due to limited forage quantity or quality."

The goal should be to reduce the amount of hay or supplemental feed without sacrificing performance, Cleere said. Several cattlemen's college sessions at this year's short course will focus on managing a ranch so that cattle harvest more of the forage themselves.

"Management Strategies to Combat Rising Costs of Fertilizer, Fuel, and Hay" is the title for this year's forage management program during the short course, said Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension forage specialist.

"Fertilization strategies, hay quality, overseeding winter pastures and utilizing legumes to reduce nitrogen inputs will all be discussed during this session," Redmon said. The nutritional management session will be centered on supplemental feeding programs for the cow-calf and stocker producer. Topics include: What will protein and energy prices be in the future? What are my options? Should I use a self-fed supplement or a hand-fed supplement? An additional cattlemen's college seminar will focus strictly on grazing management.

New to this year's cattlemen's college will be a session titled "Issues Affecting Landowners." An in-depth discussion on leasing the wind, water and mineral rights of your land will be highlighted during the program.

The short course will have 19 specialized workshops that are part of the cattlemen's college. A general session will include discussions of the cattle market outlook, the beef industry of the future, and emerging cattle markets. Numerous opportunities for Beef Quality Assurance and pesticide applicator continuing education units will be available.

Short course registration costs \$140 per participant (if registered by July 30), and includes admission to the two and a half-day conference, including the cattlemen's college, a copy of the short course proceedings (a 300-page publication), trade show admittance, tickets to the "Famous Aggie Prime Rib" dinner, noon meals and morning and afternoon refreshment breaks.

Producers interested in attending may register online at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/index.html> or by contacting Cleere's office at (979) 845-6931 for more information.

### Ethanol, Corn To Weigh Heavily On Future Of Livestock Industry

Future ethanol production and demand for distiller's grains will leave cattle prices lower and lead to higher consumer meat prices, a Texas Cooperative Extension economist said. Dr. David Anderson, Extension livestock marketing economist, gave an overview of the interaction between renewable energy production and the livestock industry at the recent 2007 Texas Ag Forum in Austin.

Livestock producers should keep these possibilities in mind as ethanol production grows across the country, Anderson said:

- Higher feed costs.
- Feeder cattle and calf prices adjusted to the price of corn.
- Reduced production in terms of cattle weights and profitability.
- A livestock industry that is less competitive in the world market.

The boom in the number of ethanol plants is primarily centered in the Corn Belt, Anderson said, leading to large supplies of distiller's grains, the byproduct which is used primarily as livestock feed. "Supply of distiller's grains is expected to increase to well over 30 million tons per year," he said. "At that rate of growth, supplies will exceed demand, leading to lower distiller grains relative to corn." For each 56-pound bushel of corn used to make ethanol, about 17 pounds of distiller's grains is produced, Anderson said.

"While the starch is taken out of the corn to make ethanol, the remaining nutrients are concentrated in the distiller's grains," he said. "It has more protein and energy than corn, per pound. The energy comes from the fat that was in the corn."

Portions of phosphorus, potassium and sulfur are increased as well, he said, noting if the corn used to make ethanol had aflatoxin, "it too is concentrated three times in the resulting distiller's grains." Thus, distiller's grains "presents a number of management issues related to handling and storing," Anderson said.

"It's a highly variable product," he said. "At that rate of growth, supplies will exceed demand, leading to lower distiller grains prices relative to corn." Overall, Anderson predicts livestock producers will see higher-priced feed and "lower returns and reduced profitability." "It results in a less competitive livestock industry in world markets and regionally in the U.S. It will also result in higher food prices for consumers," Anderson said.

**- Products of wet corn milling: One bushel of corn can equal up to 31.5 pounds of starch, which can be further processed into 33 pounds of sweetener or 2.5 gallons of ethanol; 13.5 pounds of gluten feed, 2.5 pounds of gluten meal, 1.6 pounds of corn meal.**

**- Corn gluten can be wet or dry with moderate crude protein between 16 percent and 23 percent; it looks like oatmeal.**

**- Products of dry corn milling: One bushel of corn yields 2.75 gallons of ethanol; 17-18 pounds of distillers grains and solubles; distiller's grains are one-third the weight of the corn and but the starch is concentrated into this one-third.**

**Source: Dr. David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension**

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I'm talkin' about hide and seek at dusk, Red light, Green light, Red Rover....Red Rover...., Playing kickball & dodgeball until the first...no...second...no...third Streetlight came on. Ring around the Rosie, London Bridge, Hot potato, Hop Scotch, Jump rope, Duck....duck....GOOSE!!! YOU'RE IT!! Parents stood on the front porch and yelled (or whistled) for you to come home - no pagers or cell phones

Mother May I? Hula Hoops, Seeing shapes in the clouds, Endless summer days and hot summer nights (no A/C) with the windows open, The sound of crickets, Running through the sprinkler, Cereal boxes with that GREAT prize in the bottom Cracker Jacks with the same thing

Ice pops with 2 sticks you could break and share with a friend...but wait....there's more.... Watchin' Saturday Morning cartoons Fat Albert, Road Runner, Smurfs, Picture Pages, G-Force & He-Man, Schoolhouse Rock. Watchin' Sunday morning oldies (Abbott & Costello, Three Stooges) Wonder Woman & Super Man Underoos FONZIE.....AYYYYYYYY, Playing Dukes of Hazard.

Catchin' lightning bugs in a jar, Christmas morning, Your first day of school, Bedtime Prayers and Goodnight Kisses, Climbing trees, Swinging as high as you could to try and reach the sky, Getting an Ice Cream off the Good Humor Truck, A million mosquito bites and sticky fingers, Jumpin' down the steps, Jumpin' on the bed, Pillow fights, Slumber Parties, A 13" black and white TV in your room meant you were RICH

Runnin' till you were out of breath, Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt, Being tired from PLAYING. WORK: meant taking out the garbage or doing the dishes.

Your first crush, Your first kiss (I mean the one that you kept your mouth CLOSED and your eyes OPEN) Rainy days at school meant playing "Heads up 7UP" or "Hangman" in the classroom. Oh, I'm not finished yet....Kool-Aid was the drink of the summer, So was a swig from the hose, Giving your friends a ride on your handlebars, Wearing your new shoes on the first day of school, Class Field Trips with soggy sandwiches, When nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there, When a quarter seemed like a fair allowance; and another quarter a MIRACLE

When ANY parent could discipline ANY kid, or feed him, or use him to carry groceries...And nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it. When your parents took you to McDonalds and you were COOL. When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home. Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! And some of us are still afraid of em!

Didn't that feel good? Just to go back and say, "Yeah, I remember that!" Well, let's keep going!! Let's go back to the time when...Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo". Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "Do over!" "Race issues" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly". Catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening, It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends. Being old, referred to anyone over 20. The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties. Nobody was prettier than Mom (still true). Scrapes and bruises were kissed by mom or grandma and made better

It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park. Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true. Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare" Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles. The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. Water balloons were the ultimate, ultimate weapon. Older siblings were your worst tormentors, but also your fiercest protector

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!

Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.  
- Franklin P. Jones

Courage can't see around corners but goes around them anyway.  
- Mignon McLaughlin

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing worth knowing can be taught.  
- Oscar Wilde

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.  
- Mary Anne Radmacher

People are made of flesh and blood and a miracle fibre called courage.  
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## This Week In Texas History!

**July 1, 1966**  
The musical drama "TEXAS" opened with its first performance in the Palo Duro Canyon.

**July 1, 1933**  
The First National Bank of Memphis opened.

**July 1, 1917**  
The first license plate was issued by the State of Texas. The cost was 35 cents per horsepower of the vehicle, or a minimum of \$7.50.

**July 1, 1896**  
The U.S. State Department returned the original Texas Declaration of Independence to the state. It had been lost in Washington D.C. for 60 years.

**July 1, 1870**  
The Texas State Police was organized as part of Reconstruction. An estimated 95 percent of the officers were black.

**July 2, 1861**  
The Union war ship U.S.S. South Carolina began its blockade of Galveston Island.

**July 3, 1861**  
The Union blockade of Galveston Island was complete. Confederate cotton exporters must now look to Mexico to ship their products to Europe in exchange for much needed cash.

**July 3, 1821**  
Stephen F. Austin and his men departed from Natchitoches, La. and headed for San Antonio and a meeting with Gov. Martinez.

**July 3, 1716**  
Father Miguel Hidalgo arrived in Texas. He was in charge of the Mission San Francisco de los Neches.

**July 4, 1883**  
The first known rodeo was held at Pecos between cowboy's of the "Hash Knife" and "W" ranches.

**July 4, 1845**  
The Texas Congress, meeting at Washington on the Brazos, rejected a treaty from Mexico that would have recognized full independence, and instead, approved a liberal offer from the U.S. Congress for annexation as a state.

**July 5, 1848**  
The U.S. Congress allowed the extension of Texas' east boundary from the west bank of the Sabine River to mid-stream.

**July 5, 1836**  
Sam Houston arrived back in Texas after being treated for wounds he received in the Battle of San Jacinto.

**July 6, 1836**  
The Texas army had grown to 2,300 men after the victory at San Jacinto with 90 percent of the men coming from the United States.

**July 6, 1823**  
John Tumlinson was killed by a Karankawa Indian. He was the first Texas Ranger killed in the line of duty.

**July 7, 1911**  
Alphonso Steele, the last known survivor of the Alamo, died.

**July 7, 1836**  
Republic President David G. Burnet appointed Col. Mirabeau B. Lamar to Major Gen. of the Texas Army. The Texas soldiers didn't approve of this appointment.

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# BISON: BACK FROM THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION

Once they were many, some 75 million in all, a vast, roaming expanse of powerful muscles, sharp horns and thick hides that stirred the dust from the cold reaches of Canada to northern Mexico; from Idaho to the Appalachians. Their flesh gave life to ancient peoples and the enormity of their population altered landscapes.

Food, clothing, shelter - nearly everything Native American tribes needed to survive - depended on their ability to hunt the bison (Bison bison), North America's largest terrestrial animal. They followed the great herds in all directions, knowing that the life that traversed the continent on hooves would be the deciding factor in their survival. Eventually, political subjugating fueled by westward expansion of settlers and a seemingly insatiable market for their flesh, hide and bones would dwindle their numbers to around 1,000 by the dawn of the 20th century.



The story of the bison, whether looked at through the eyes of Native Americans, early settlers or the modern-day sportsmen, is a cautionary tale - a look at how close we came to forever losing this iconic monarch of the plains. But within this tale of near extinction there is also hope, the kind that shows every person who values wildlife that just as we are capable of

nearly erasing a species from the planet, we can also reverse those bad fortunes and - through careful conservation and support - ensure their survival for future generations to enjoy.

Today, the bison (commonly referred to as the American Buffalo) has seen its numbers increase to nearly 500,000 in North America, thriving on private ranches and public lands throughout the United States and Canada. The quintessential American comeback story, the bison serves as a symbol of the American West, its enormous size and sometimes-unruly nature serving as a reminder of how wild and unsettled much of the nation once was. Often photographed and written about by naturalists, poets, presidents - even immortalized on currency - the bison is a constant reminder of how significantly one species can impact entire civilizations and the building of a nation.

On Saturday, September 22, 2007, millions of Americans will celebrate the survival of the bison and many other species as part of National Hunting and Fishing Day activities nationwide. National Hunting and Fishing Day began after a presidential proclamation in 1972 that sets aside the fourth Saturday of each September for the event. Since then, national, regional, state and local organizations have staged thousands of open house hunting- and fishing-related events everywhere from shooting ranges to suburban frog ponds, providing millions of Americans with a chance to experience, understand and appreciate traditional outdoor sports.

By saving the bison, millions of people have and will experience the thrill of seeing this symbol of America, to view it in its natural habitat and to imagine what it might have been like to see the great bison herds of the past. Conservation groups, sportsmen and women and wildlife watchers alike are all stakeholders in the future of the bison, to ensure that the proud beast dots the plains and hillsides long enough for future generations to see.

National Hunting and Fishing Day, formalized by Congress in 1971, was created by the National Shooting Sports Foundation to celebrate the conservation successes of hunters and anglers. National Hunting and Fishing Day is observed on the fourth Saturday of every September.

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## Value Of Family Caregiving In Texas Estimated At \$24 Billion

Austin, Texas - Millions of family caregivers provide billions of dollars worth of care to loved ones each year according to a new AARP study released today. AARP estimates the economic value of family caregiving at \$350 billion in 2006. In Texas, the estimated value of this care is \$24 billion.

"Family caregivers play a vital role and are the backbone of long-term care in our state," said Robert A. Jackson, AARP-Texas state director. "While the care they provide often goes unnoticed, their contributions often delay or prevent more costly nursing home care, and that can have a positive impact on our state Medicaid budget."

Most family caregivers are women who are employed full or part-time and nearly one-fifth of all U.S. workers are caregivers (19%). As family caregivers are forced to take time off and work partial days to care for their loved ones, they face lower wages, reduced job security, and loss of employment benefits like health insurance, retirement savings and Social Security. Since the responsibilities fall disproportionately on women, it leads to less certain futures for women with less savings and income, and with their time away from the workforce resulting in reduced retirement benefits. These losses come at a difficult time when income and benefits are critical for the caregiver and their family. U.S. businesses also feel the impact; productivity losses associated with caregiving are estimated as high as \$33 billion a year.

The AARP Public Policy Institute study, "Valuing the Invaluable: A New Look at the Economic Value of Family Caregiving," shows that of those with the most intense level of caregiving responsibility, 92% report major changes in their working patterns - 83% arrive late, leave early or take time off during the day; 41% report taking a leave of absence; and 37% report going from full-time to part-time to adjust for their caregiving responsibilities. Additionally, the caregivers' own health is often at risk as they are more likely to suffer chronic health conditions and incur medical debt than non-caregivers.

In Texas, AARP is working to ensure that more people can receive the care in the setting of their choice. With leadership of Senator Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) and in partnership with advocates for the disabled community, AARP-Texas succeeded during the 2007 Texas legislative session in getting an additional \$107 million in general revenue added to the state's budget to reduce the waiting list for home and community-based services by 10%. This was viewed as a significant victory because going into budget conference negotiations, the Senate had budgeted for a 10% reduction while the House had not budgeted any funds for the CBA waiting list reduction," concluded Jackson.

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