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Patriots Bow Out Of State Playoffs

In the final game of a stellar high school career, Derrick Cruse rushed for 200 yards and three touchdowns as the Patriots ended their season with a 54-34 loss to the Sanderson Eagles.

Cruse scored on runs of 36, 51, and 5 yards, while Cliff Yearly and Ramiro Ramos each scored one touchdown, the Patriots racked up 389 yards of offense against an Eagles' defense that was giving up a little more than 80 yards of offense for the year. Yearly scored on a 65 yard run to begin the fourth quarter and Ramos scored on a six yard pass from Justin Wilks late in the game.

"We certainly thought we could win this game," Coach Bret Tyler said. "Maybe if a few more bounces went our way the outcome could have been different. But it's been a great season for our team."

The Patriots end the year with a 12-1 record and won the District Championship, the Bi-District Championship, and the Area Championship. The Eagles will continue on in the playoffs and will face Sands tomorrow night in Big Lake.

"I couldn't be prouder of this team," Tyler said. "We put as many tough teams as we could find on our schedule and they handled all of them. We had a tough district and some tough playoff games

and they took care of that. It was a total team effort all year. We had a lot of different people step up."

Cruse, who was named the District's Offensive MVP, also tallied 17 tackles and an interception against the Eagles. Teammate Robert Mendoza, the District Defensive MVP also recorded 17 tackles. Juniors Cliff Yearly and Adam Ortiz finished the game with 13 and 10 tackles. Senior Manuel Chavez finished a great senior year with eight tackles.

"JC, Manuel, Justin, derrick, and Robert should all be proud of their final season," Tyler said. "What great leadership they showed this year. And, on top of that, they were all outstanding players for us."

For the game, Yearly finished with 101 yards rushing and Justin Wilks threw for 41 yards and a touchdown.

"I think this is a season to build on," Tyler said. "Each year the team has progressed further. We have some big shoes to fill for next year, but I believe winning breeds winning and this team was a winner."

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Caprock Country Christmas This Saturday Downtown Quitaque

Calendar Of Events

December 5

- *Patton Springs Basketball Tournament begins, VB, VG
- *Clarendon JV Basketball Tournament begins, JVB, JVG

December 7

- *Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque ~All Day
- *Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m.

December 9

- *Turkey Lions Club meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- *Valley Board of Trustees meeting
- *Quitaque City Council meeting @ 5 p.m.
- *Quitaque Fire Department meeting
- *Valley vs Clarendon, JVB here @ 8 p.m.
- *Valley Jr High vs Patton Springs, JHG, JHB here @ 5 p.m.

December 10

- *Valley vs Motley County, JVB, JVG, VG, VB there @ 4 p.m.

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USDA Approves CRP Extension Of Emergency Grazing For Texas

In continuing response to this year's widespread drought, USDA's Farm Service Agency State Executive Director, John T. Fuston announced on November 27 the extension of emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage in Texas to December 31, 2002.

"Certain areas of Texas continue to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of grazing," said Fuston. "Pasture recovery and new grass seedlings are delayed due to a lack of moisture and cool weather. This extension of emergency grazing to December 31, 2002 in Texas will provide forage for livestock and help producers in these areas most severely impacted by these drought conditions."

The recent announcement makes all counties in Texas previously approved for emergency grazing eligible for the extension. Grazing is authorized until December 31, 2002, or until disaster conditions no longer exist, whichever comes first. CRP participants who do not lease livestock may rent or lease the grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in an approved county. CRP participants may also donate the grazing privilege to another livestock producer with a compelling need.

This action by USDA was in response to requests received from the FSA State Committees in four states. Emergency haying was not authorized in order to protect and preserve wildlife habitat and the environmental benefit of the permanent cover.

CRP annual rental payments will be reduced 25 percent to account for the areas grazed. At least 25 percent of the CRP contract acreage must be left ungrazed for wildlife. Other restrictions and limitations also apply.

Producers should check with their local FSA office to determine which counties are approved for extended emergency grazing. Producers must obtain an approved grazing conservation plan prior to grazing the acreage. Livestock operations in approved counties should submit applications to their local FSA offices.

CRP offers annual rental payments and cost share assistance to establish long-term resource conserving cover on eligible land. USDA will monitor producers to ensure the land is safely grazed without damaging conservation covers.

"Although many areas of the state have received benefit from recent rains, there are areas where the precipitation was simply too little, too late," said Fuston. "Extending CRP grazing privileges provides immediate, short term relief to producers in need of forage," he added.

Would You Like To Honor Your Veteran?

If you would like to honor a family member in our series of "Honoring Those Who Served", whether it was in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam, please contact us here at The Valley Tribune. We will be happy to help you, this series will be ending soon if we do not have any more submissions. Call us at 806-455-1101.

Transportation Improvement Plan Meetings Scheduled

The Texas Department of Transportation in the Childress District has scheduled three meetings at which citizens from the area are being invited to discuss need for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District. Under discussion will be the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2003-2006. The TIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the District.

The first meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday December 12, 2002 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium, Meeting Room A.

The second meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday December 16, 2002 at the Benjamin County Courthouse.

The third meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday December 19, 2002 at the Bura Handley Community Building, 802 10th Street in Wellington.

All of these facilities are handicapped accessible. Interested individuals from Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, King, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Know, Motley and Wheeler Counties are invited to participate in any of the meetings.

Your attendance at any of these meeting is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

For more information call Barbara Seal at 940-937-7145.

Informative Seminar This Saturday Will Help Jump Start Your Home Based Business

The Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County and the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a Home-Based Business Seminar. This very informative seminar will be held Saturday, December 7, 2002 in the Valley School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the program will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run until approximately 12 noon. There is no cost for attending the seminar.

The seminar will feature information on getting started in a home based business, the Rural Ag Incubator, finding financial assistance, tax laws and legal issues that could affect your business, and marketing and pricing advice. Extension Consumer Science Specialist, Pam Brown, will share several resources and lead hands-on activities to help you develop a business plan. Other speakers will include Dan Redd with West Texas A&M University, Bill Smith, Briscoe County Attorney, and Rick Beesinger, Certified Public Accountant.

For more information, please contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 806-823-2131.

WIC Comes To Silvertown Once A Month

Residents of Briscoe County who are eligible for benefits through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program do not have to drive to Shamrock to receive those services. The staff of the Outreach Health Services WIC clinic in Shamrock come to Silvertown once a month to serve clients from this area.

The designated date for the WIC staff to be in Silvertown is the Thursday before the second Saturday of each month. Hours are 9:15 a.m. to noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., and the place is the First Baptist Church, 500 Loretta St. in Silvertown.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a health start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance and breast-feeding instruction and support.

In addition, WIC staff administer immunizations free of charge to the children of WIC families and at a cost of \$20 per child per visit for non-WIC participants. Immunizations offered by WIC are: hepatitis B, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT); haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib); pneumococcal conjugate; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); varicella (chickenpox); diphtheria (Td); and tetanus. No appointment is necessary.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 58 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle to low income women who are pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply, but U.S. citizenship is not required.

For information on WIC services, contact the Shamrock WIC clinic at 806-256-2030 or visit www.outreachhealth.com for eligibility guidelines, call the Shamrock clinic or visit www.tdh.texas.gov/wichdgi/eligible.htm.

Baby Shower Honors Millers

On December 1, 2002 Brenden Dean Miller, son of Bill and Kayla Miller was honored with love in the home of Mrs. Cynthia Mullin. Hostesses for the festivities were Amber Dawn Cabler, Audra Dane Smith, Susie House, Robin Williams, Hattie Williams and Tessa Meyer.

Present at the party were Anita Ramsey, Amy Fuston, Dara Chandler, Tara Fuston, Kay Beavers, Tracy Ramsey and Jayla Cabler.

A quilt designed cake decorated with tiny rocking horses, rattlers and baby bottles was served to guests. Also served were cream cheese chocolate brownies, nuts, chocolate mints and lime sherbert pineapple punch. All of this was served on a baby blue tablecloth with a bird candle center-piece.

The hostesses gift was a Winnie the Pooh swing with mobile and a Boyd Bear musical cradle.

Kayla was presented a corsage made of white and blue baby socks with blue safety pins coming out of flower petals with foot print ribbon made especially by Karol Pigg.

Valley Students Included In Who's Who

A total of 23 students from Valley School are included in the 36th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002.

Who's Who is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of who's who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

Local students selected include: Kellan D. Roberts, Derrick J. Cruse, Cathy L. Bernal, Susana Mendoza, Stephanie L. Nielsen, Katherine C. Pigg, Amanda Roys, Jessica L. Wellman, Randa McBee, Veronica Mendoza, Adam B. Ortiz, Zachary G. Ramsey, Paula C. Walls, Erika Chavez, Rodney B. Fuston, Guadalupe Mendoza, Lorena Mendoza, Cydni A. Walden, Sara J. Fierro, Olivia A. Greene, Juan C. Mendoza, Fidel Valdes, and Emily K. Woods.

Immunization Clinics For December

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for December. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B) and Varicella (Chickenpox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinics operating.

Immunizations will be available at the Texas Department of Health Office in Tulia at 219 E. 2nd Street on December 11, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.


Immunizations will be available at the Texas Department of Health Clinic at Clarendon at Medical Drive #5 on December 17, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

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TURKEY TALK

The Turkey Roost Museum will have Eddie Bright from Clarendon visiting the Museum on December 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Eddie will be performing a glass blowing demonstration for the public. He makes glass bead for his handmade jewelry which will be on display that day.

Billy and Margie Pinkerton were in Loraine visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday. All of their children were there along with all of the families of Margie's brother and sister. It has been sometime since the whole family has all be together.

Louis and Oleta Randell had all 3 of their kids home for Thanksgiving, JoAnn & Ronnie Blythe, of Amarillo, Jeff Blythe of Dallas; Ramona & Mike Smith and Alicia of Houston, Derek Smith of the University of Texas in Arlington, Tracie Smith of ACU in Abilene, Steve & Phyllis Randell, Jake & Bryan of Ft. Worth.

They all attended the funeral of Oleta's niece, Ann Pierce in McLean Friday and then returned to their homes. Tracie Smith remained with her grandparents until Saturday morning before returning to Abilene.



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December 6
Kacy Stevens, Julia Morrison

December 7
Caitlyn Brown, Ronnie Eudy, Shelby Saul, Ballard Saul

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Jordan Billegas

December 9
Sandy Fuston

December 10
Stuart Smith, Brandon Stark

December 11
William Thomas Beavers, Brent Guest, Patrick Landry

December 12
Christopher Leal, Ashley Cagle

Happy Anniversary

December 6
Mr & Mrs H.W. House
Mr & Mrs Chris Abram

December 7
Mr & Mrs Burl Pierce

December 11
Mr & Mrs James L. Kimbell

OBITUARIES

Barry Long

Graveside services for Barry A. Long, 47, of Clarendon, TX were held Saturday, November 30 at the Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Don McMahan officiating.

Barry was born January 19, 1955 in Wellington, TX and passed away Friday, November 29, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Myers-Long, of Clarendon, his parents, Bill and Ann Long, of Wellington, a brother, Brent Long, of Carrollton, and a sister, Deborah Belew, of Wellington.

Barry graduated mortuary school in Dallas in August of 1975. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #695. While attending college he was a member of Pi Sigma Eta, the National Mortician Fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity, and was elected Who's Who of American Junior Colleges. He had been a funeral director for the past 27 years.

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Forecast for Next 9 Days

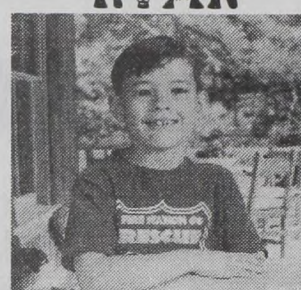
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Sat Dec 07	Partly Cloudy	57°/41°	0%
Sun Dec 08	Light Rain	55°/29°	70%
Mon Dec 09	Mostly Sunny	49°/31°	0%
Tue Dec 10	Partly Cloudy	53°/30°	0%
Wed Dec 11	Rain / Snow Showers	49°/30°	30%
Thu Dec 12	Partly Cloudy	54°/30°	0%
Fri Dec 13	Partly Cloudy	54°/30°	0%

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Motley County's First Freeze

An early morning freeze Tuesday, November 26th, 2002 had an official low temperature of 19 degrees. The majority of cotton farmers who had not defoliated were pleased as they are hoping to complete stripping their crops by the first of the year. The peanut harvest is winding down.

Motley County had below average rainfall in November. The National Weather Service volunteers reported: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs - 0.56; Betty Simpson, Northfield - 0.27; Kelly Meyer, Matador - 0.48; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat - 0.50; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot - 0.42.

Guests of Wilson Barton during the Thanksgiving holidays, November 25 to December 2 were Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Kathryn King of Matador.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey and son, Johnnie Starkey visited in Ralls Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey. They visited in Lubbock Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney, a patient in the Covenant Medical Center following surgery.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin Thanksgiving day were grandchildren, Lindsay Martin, student at West Texas A&M in Canyon and Cole Martin, student at Texas A&M University in College Station. Visiting them Friday were daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick were Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and her houseguests, Charla and Bennie Marricle of Snyder; Leah Cruse, Kacey and Shahala Marricle of Lubbock and Keane Cruse of Turkey.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Friday were Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch, Mrs. Bessie Reid and Jamie Brower of Amarillo, Christiana Reid of Lubbock and Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cook of LaPlace, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock, Alvia Jo Calvert of Dumas and Ashley Calvert, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Edith Washington were grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Clay, Conner and Cam of Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington of Flomot. Cam who has been under treatment of leukemia is reported to be doing fine.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark during the holidays were their children, Wesley Stark of Del Rio and Mindy Stark, student at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross joined Elisa and Stan Wigley, Mrs. Ruth Williams and Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad of Lubbock and enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving celebration and luncheon held at the PEP Catholic Church.

Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma and L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited their mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday. Mrs. Long visited overnight and returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Terrell visited during the weekend with Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay. Anna Beth returned home Friday from Clifton where she visited the past week with daughter and family, Lori, Kevon, Kyler and Karlee Kleibrink. Lori had a tonsillectomy.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter from Tuesday until Sunday were daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Carrollton. They also visited in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert. Other guests Thanksgiving day were Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville, Salina Shorter of Floydada, Wes Stark of Del Rio, Mindy Stark of Austin, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs, Conway, Lacy, Mickey, and Caleb and Kenzie Clarey of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon, Mandi, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger, Ty Barclay of Matador and Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Keith and Lori Dearthaus and son, Koylin of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts, Kaycee, Spencer and Tory of Lubbock and Todd Washington, Clay, Cam and Conner of Childress.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall Friday and Saturday were Cory Kendall and children, Chancey and Conner and his father -in-law, Johnny Thompson of Midland. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Justin Wilkes of Memphis, Kellan Roberts of Turkey and Roger Lee of Flomot.

Attending the Six-Man State Quarterfinal football game at Coyote Stadium in Gail Saturday night in which Derrick Cruse and V alley Patriots team vs Sanderson competed were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco, Skylar Clifton of Commerce, E.J. Browning and Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder, Leah Cruse, Kacey Marricle of Lubbock and Keane Cruse of Turkey. The Patriots lost their glass slipper and were defeated by Sanderson.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Only 20 days until Christmas! That hardly seems possible since Thanksgiving was only last Thursday, but that's the undisputed fact. I hope that your Christmas preparations are right on schedule. I have some good recipes for you to try this week. Small loaves of Cherry Nut Bread make great gifts or bake some just for the family. Fudge Sauce will be just right for the ice cream lovers on your list. Spiced Walnuts are a good snack, and I often include some in gift boxes I mail. Two candies, Microwave Peanut Brittle and Cathedral Confections, will be nice additions to your Christmas dessert trays. All of them use ordinary ingredients that you may already have on hand. Enjoy!

CHERRY NUT LOAVES

2 cups butter or margarine, 3 cups sugar
6 eggs, separated
1 teaspoon vanilla
5 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk
2 jars (10 oz. each) maraschino cherries, drained and chopped
1 cup chopped pecans
In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks and vanilla; mix well. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk just until blended. Batter will be thick. In another bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold into batter. Fold in cherries and pecans. Fill four greased and floured 8x4x2 inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean and loaves are golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes in pans, then cool on a wire rack. Makes 4 loaves.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE SAUCE

1 cup cocoa
2 cups sugar
2 cups light Karo syrup
1 cup evaporated milk
6 Tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon vanilla
Put all ingredients except vanilla into a heavy sauce pan, bring to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour into jars and refrigerate. Keeps well. Heat in microwave if you want hot sauce for ice cream, cake, or fruit dipping.

CINNAMON WALNUTS

1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups walnut halves or pieces
Boil first four ingredients until soft-ball stage (235 degrees on candy thermometer). Add walnuts, stir until coated, and cool. Add vanilla and stir. Pour out on waxed paper. Separate with a fork and enjoy.

MICROWAVE PEANUT BRITTLE

1 cup raw peanuts
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup white Karo syrup
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon soda
Combine first 4 ingredients and cook 7 minutes on full power in microwave. Add butter and vanilla and blend. Return to microwave and cook for 3 minutes or until golden brown. Add soda and pour on to buttered baking sheet. Cool and break into pieces for serving.

CATHEDRAL CONFECTIONS

1 stick butter or margarine
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 eggs
1 package (10 oz.) colored miniature marshmallows
1 cup finely chopped nuts
Melt butter and chocolate chips in large microwave-safe bowl. Beat in eggs. Mix in marshmallows and nuts. Form into rolls on sheets of waxed paper that have been sprinkled liberally with powdered sugar. Refrigerate. Slice as needed. Makes 3 rolls.

Next week, I'll print some more goodie recipes for gifts and eating. Then, on the last Thursday before Christmas, I'll have some suggestions for your holiday dinner. I hope your days are merry and bright, and that God continues to BLESS AMERICA!

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ACROSS

1 Mustang Island
5 TXism: "she's _____ rined" (engaged)
6 TXism: "suits _____ a fare-thee-well"
7 electric co. (abbr.)
8 TXism: "_____ rat" (toddler)
9 Sinatra of film "Four for Texas"
14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
15 TX J. King Fisher is buried in Uvalde's _____ Cemetery
17 TX Clint Black's "_____ Man"
19 Coleman paper: Chronicle & Democrat-_____
22 SMU's James Cronin won '80 Nobel Prize in this category
27 TXism: "feeling his _____" (risky)
28 actor Jack of "JFK"
29 historic B&B in New Braunfels: _____ Mansion Inn
30 Fort Hood hospital delivered a bunch of _____ babies after Desert Storm
32 Dallas actress Darnell (init.)
33 first name of Padre Island: _____ Blancas
36 TXism: "skinny as a _____"
37 TX Steak and _____
38 square dance movement

DOWN

1 TX Perot was a salesman for _____
2 TXism: "take a look _____"
3 taco veggie
4 TXism: "got _____ of Rights" (rich)
8 barbecue favorite: beef short _____
9 TXism: "_____ of the box"
10 TX Orbison (init.)
11 TXism: "got _____ itchy trigger finger"
12 TXism: "_____ gift horsa in the mouth"
13 Mesquite FM radio
14 TX George Jones' "The _____"
15 dogs or cats
16 top edge of Palo Duro Canyon
18 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
20 amass sports cards
21 TXism: "fizzled out"
22 Sen. Gramm (init.)
23 an Astro "four bagger" (abbr.)
24 Brynner of "The Magnificent Seven"
25 TX Tierney film: "The Mating _____"
26 TXism: "plumb loco"
37 what frat guys lap at a party (2 wds.)
40 "The Tall Texan" was a Grand Ole _____ member
43 TXism: "top _____ on the ladder" (best)
44 TXism: "scarce as grass _____ hog trough"
50 TXism: "likely _____" (probable)
51 this TX Gale was "My Little Margie" (init.)

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NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

Valley Elementary & Junior High Win District 3 - 1A - UIL Academic Championship

Students representing Valley Elementary and Junior High won the overall Championship at the District 3-1A North Zone UIL Academic Meet last Monday, held at Valley School. Students from Valley, Groom, Silvertown, Lefors, Hedley and Grandview Hopkins Elementary participated in the meet.

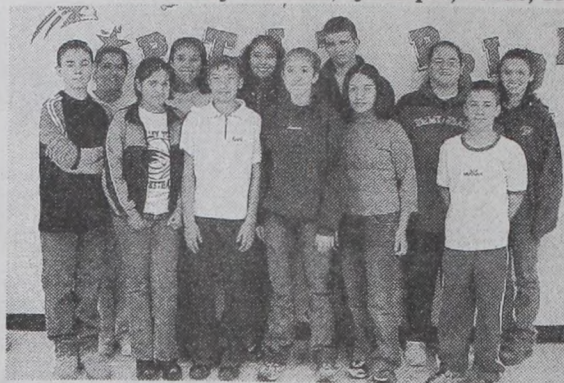
Valley Elementary, 2 - 6th grades, placed 1st in overall competition scoring 821 points in their District winning effort. Silvertown Elementary was second with 417 points and Groom was third with 304 points. Lefors, Grandview Hopkins and Hedley placed 4th, 5th and 6th in the overall competition. The Junior High team, grades 7 and 8, also placed 1st in the overall competition scoring 506 points. Groom was second in the Junior High competition with 409 points.

Congratulations to these students and teachers for their hard work! Placings in the contest were as follows:

- 4th Grade Art**
1st: Khaki Scrtivner, Grant Wheeler, Autumn Phillips, & Jarette Valdez
- 5th Grade Art**
1st: Jacy Proctor, Lacie Pointer, Jacob Hancock, & Lauren Young
- 6th Grade Calculator**
1st - Brady Ramsey
2nd Tie - Mitchell Farley
2nd Tie - Jordan Jenkins
4th - Callie Helms
- 3rd Grade Music Memory**
1st: Alysa Pointer, Kristen Jenkins, & Caitlyn Brown
- 4th Grade Music Memory**
1st: Khaki Scrtivner, Jarette Valdez, Autumn Phillips, & Grant Wheeler
- 5th Grade Music Memory**
2nd: Lacie Pointer, Lauren Young, Isaac Smith, & Sadie Valdez
- 6th Grade Music Memory**
1st: Jordan Jenkins, Brady Ramsey, Dalton Allen, & Callie Helms
- 7th Grade Ready Writing**
2nd - Mary Kate Davidson
3rd - Cole Brown
5th - Savannah Smith

- 8th Grade Ready Writing**
1st - Maddie Ramsey
4th - Molly Davidson
- 7th Grade spelling**
4th - Cole Brown
- 7th Grade Number sense**
2nd - Cole Brown
5th - Mary Kate Davidson
- 7th Grade Mathematics**
2nd - Mary Kate Davidson
3rd - Cole Brown
- 4th Grade Ready Writing**
1st - Khaki Scrtivner
2nd - Autumn Phillips
4th - Landon Allen
- 5th Grade Ready Writing**
2nd - Lauren Young
6th - Kelsey Clay
- 6th Grade Ready Writing**
1st - Callie Helms
6th - Alexandra Skinner
- 3rd Grade Spelling**
1st - Alyssa Pointer
3rd - Madison Meyer
- 4th Grade Spelling**
1st - Landon Allen
3rd - Khaki Scrtivner
5th - Desiree Casillas

- 5th Grade Spelling**
6th - Lacie Pointer
- 6th Grade Spelling**
1st - Callie Helms
2nd - Dalton Allen
- 4th Grade Number Sense**
1st - Landon Allen
6th - Jarrette Valdez
- 5th Grade Number Sense**
2nd - Payton Price
- 6th Grade Number Sense**
2nd - Brady Ramsey
3rd - Callie Helms
- 6th Grade Mathematics**
1st - Dalton Allen
2nd - Callie Helms
- 5th Grade Listening**
2nd - Lauren Young
- 6th Grade Listening**
1st Tie - Alexandra Skinner
1st Tie - Chancy Campbell
5th Tie - Mitchell Farley
- 5th Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts**
3rd - Lauren Young
5th Kelsey Clay
- 6th Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts**
4th - Callie Helms
6th - Dalton Allen



8th Grade UIL Participants: (front row) Seth Fuston, Maricruz Pozos, Ana Karen Mendoza, Maddie Ramsey, Cathy Fierro & Jake Gass, (back row) Alysa Leal, Macy Davidson, Molly Davidson, Fannin Gwinn, Amber Ortiz & Laura Payne.

- 2nd Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Brennan Allen
2nd - Abby Hill
3rd - Carson Proctor
- 3rd Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Kristen Jenkins
3rd - Caitlyn Brown
4th - Chambray Smith
- 4th Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Landon Allen
3rd - Autumn Phillips
4th - Khaki Scrtivner
- 5th Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Lauren Young
2nd - Mariela Mendoza
3rd - Sadie Valdez
- 3rd Grade Storytelling**
1st - Jacob Pigg
4th - Kristen Jenkins
5th - Jayson Pigg
- 5th Grade Dictionary Skills**
1st - Lauren Young
2nd - Payton Price
3rd Tie - Kelsey Clay
- 6th Grade Dictionary Skills**
1st - Dalton Allen
2nd - Callie Helms
3rd Tie - Brady Ramsey
- 8th Grade Mathematics**
6th - Maddie Ramsey
- 8th Grade Listening**
1st - Maddie Ramsey
3rd Tie - Macy Davidson
- 7th Grade Maps, Graph, & Charts**
2nd - Taylor Warren
3rd - Cole Brown
5th - Danny Carnes
- 8th Grade Modern Oratory**
1st - Molly Davidson
2nd - Maddie Ramsey
3rd - Macy Davidson
- 7th Grade Dictionary Skills**
1st - Danny Carnes
2nd - Cole Brown
3rd - Mary Kate Davidson
- 8th Grade Dictionary Skills**
1st - Fannin Gwinn
2nd - Maddie Ramsey
4th - Molly Davidson
- 7th Grade Calculator Applications**
1st - Mary Kate Davidson
4th - Cole Brown
- 8th Grade Calculator Applications**
2nd Tie - Maddie Ramsey
4th - Alysa Leal
6th - Molly Davidson
- 8th Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Maddie Ramsey
2nd - Fannie Gwynn
5th - Macy Davidson
- 7th Grade Impromptu Speaking**
1st - Danny Carnes
2nd - Taylor Warren
- 8th Grade Impromptu Speaking**
6th - Jamie Butler
- 7th Grade Modern Oratory**
1st - Cole Brown
2nd - Mary Kate Davidson
3rd - Savannah Smith
- 8th Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts**
6th - Seth Fuston
- 7th Grade Oral Reading**
1st - Mary Kate Davidson
3rd - Cole Brown
6th - Danny Carnes

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change
Monday, December 9
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, December 10
Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk
Wednesday, December 11
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Frito Chili Pie, Cheese, Carrot Sticks, Apples, Milk
Thursday, December 12
Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk
Friday, December 13
Breakfast: Donuts, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cookies, Milk

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6th Grade UIL Participants: (front row) Frankie Pozos, Chancey Campbell, Leslie Payne, Brady Ramsey & Dalton Allen, (back row) Luke Shannon, Callie Helms, Alexandra Skinner, Jordan Jenkins & Mitchell Farley.



3rd Grade UIL Participants: (front row) Jacob Pigg, Jayson Pigg, Kristen Jenkins, Kortni Carnes, Jessie Price & Madison Meyer, (back row) Danielle Gwinn, Ezekiel Clay, Tanner Clay, Caitlyn Brown, Chambray Smith & Alyssa Pointer.



5th Grade UIL Participants: (front row) Lacie Pointer, Mariela Mendoza, Sadie Valdez, Courtney Thibodeaux & Lauren Young, (back row) Jacob Hancock, Rebecca Ramos, Jacy Proctor, Payton Price, Isaac Smith & Kelsey Clay.

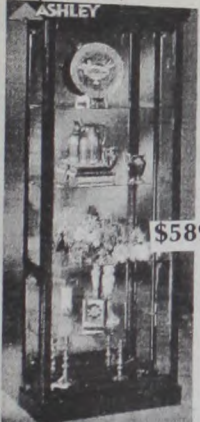


7th Grade UIL Participants: (front row) James House, Justin Rucker, Justin Billegas, Cole Brown & Juan Haro, (back row) Savannah Smith, Mary Kate Davidson, Amy Meeks, Bryce Reagan, Danny Carnes, Armando Mendoza & Taylor Warren.

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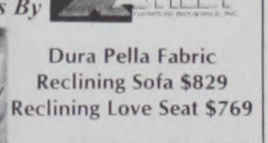


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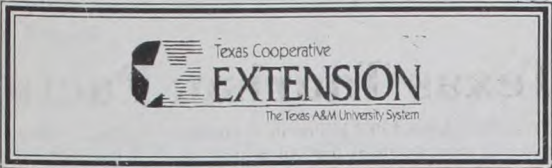
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A Happy New Year! Texas Feeder Cattle Will Leave State In 2003 Without Restrictions!

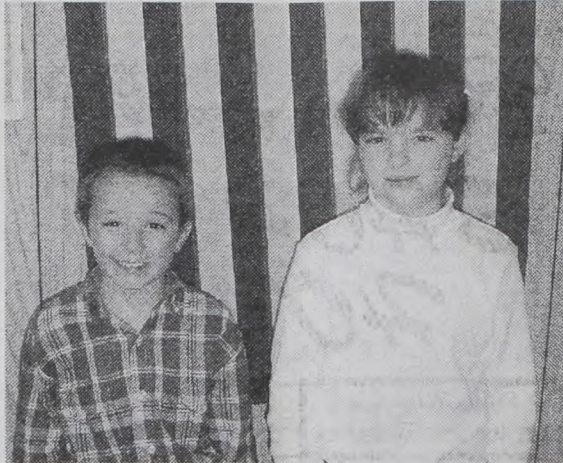
The holidays may be brighter for the Texas cattle industry, since Federal officials on Wednesday, November 27, gave notice that Texas feeder cattle will not have to meet additional movement restrictions as of January 1, 2003. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service meeting with state animal health officials, announced a delay of at least nine months for any new movement requirements that would impact the interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year. Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag, and not only tag, but also TB test all feeder heifers and feeder bull calves," said Dr. Logan, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged."

"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," commented Dr. Logan. "According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease. However, should a statistically significant risk be shown, the USDA could propose and publish additional movement requirements. Any new federal regulations on this issue, however, likely would not go into effect until at least Fall 2003."

Dr. Logan explained that, due to detection of the two infected herds in Texas, the USDA in June 2002 downgraded the state to the second highest federal status, known as "modified accredited advanced". She noted that the USDA's action to delay implementation of any additional restrictions will not affect current requirements for Texas breeding cattle.

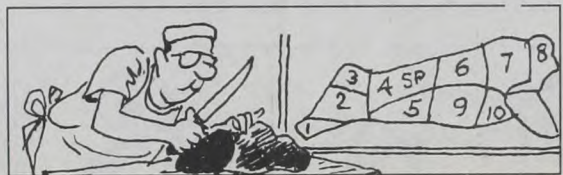
"Texas breeding cattle still must have a negative TB skin test and be identified with an official ear tag prior to being transported out of Texas. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot," she said. About 150,000 breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year.



County 4-H Food Show Best Overall Winners: Jacob Pigg & Khaki Scrivner.



County 4-H Food Show 1st Place Winners: Jacob Pigg, Jessie Price, Chancey Campbell, Charla Rhoderick, Seth Fuston, Khaki Scrivner and J.T. West.



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TSSWCB Approves New Proposed Brush Control Rules For Comment

At its November 21, 2002 board meeting, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board approved the new proposed brush control rules for submission to the Texas Register for a 30 day public comment period.

In response to audit recommendations received on April 9, 2002, amendments to the brush control rules were proposed to the State Board on May 21, 2002 and published in the July 5, 2002 Texas Register. Upon receiving numerous requests for a public hearing, four public hearings were held to discuss the proposed rule amendments. The State Board met on August 29, 2002 and September 2, 2002 to discuss the comments received from the public hearings and what actions needed to be taken. At the September 20, 2002 meeting, the State Board decided to delay acting on the proposed amendments until its November meeting.

As a result of comments received, the TSSWCB withdrew the proposed amendments and directed staff to draft new brush control rules that address comments, fully implement the Brush Control Law and provide for local involvement in the administration for the Brush Control Program to the maximum extent possible.

To develop this set of proposed rules, staff integrated the law, existing rules, existing procedures, the State Brush Control Plan, and input from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of the Attorney General, Texas A&M University, Texas Farm Bureau, Upper Colorado River Authority, TSSWCB staff, and Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts staff.

Substantial reorganization, additions to, and revision of the brush control rules resulted from the development of the proposed rules. New sections in the proposed rules include sections on the development and approval of the State Brush Control Plan, Designation of Critical Areas, Approval of Brush Control Methods and consultation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

For questions regarding the Brush Control Program please contact Kevin Wagner at 254-773-2250, Ext 238 at TSSWCB Headquarters in Temple.



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Farm and ranch organizations use Census data to evaluate and propose programs that help producers. Policymakers refer to the data when they draft agricultural legislation. State and local governments use the information for rural development planning, while researchers use the data to develop new technologies to keep agriculture progressive.

Not only is it in the best interest of producers to fill out the survey, U.S. law requires a response from all producers who receive a Census report, even if they did not operate a farm or ranch in 2002. This same law also guarantees that their information is kept strictly confidential. Completed forms are due by Feb. 3, 2003.

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Grieving In Remembrance
 The holidays are a time of grief and remembrance. Try to set aside a special day to remember those who have passed. Dr. John Burruss, an expert in grief at Baylor College of Medicine, says that feelings of grief are often reluctant to talk about. Ignoring the fact that you are grieving can be harmful to the person who has been lost. "Don't leave the grief in the room," Burruss says. "The person who has been lost can feel it. Their loss is not healthy."
 You don't want to make a person, Burruss said. "However, they may be sad. No one grieves the same. Their sadness, while often routine of their lives, can be a constant reminder of their loss. Mental health professionals warn of signs of depression:
 * Dramatic change in mood
 * Loss of energy, fatigue, or insomnia
 * Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
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Grieving Families Find Comfort In Remembering Over Holidays

The holidays are a cheerful time for most people, but for others they are a painful reminder of a lost loved one. Families who are struggling with grief can find comfort in honoring that person's memory.

"Try to set aside a specific time to remember the person you lost," said Dr. John Burruss, an assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Feelings of grief are especially intense for people who had a family member murdered or killed in a traumatic accident. They may be more reluctant to talk about their loss, for fear of dredging up memories. But ignoring the fact that your father, son, mother or child is not at your holiday gathering does more harm than good.

"Don't leave the loss unspoken. That is an injustice to the memory of the person who has been lost and it sets up the situation of the proverbial elephant in the room," Burruss said. "Everyone knows it is there. Everyone can feel it. Their loss is a palpable presence."

On the other hand, making grief a continual theme of the holiday also is not healthy.

You don't want to make the holidays a constant memorial to the lost person," Burruss said. "Some types of memorial discussions are appropriate. However they may take over the event."

No one grieves the same way, Burruss adds. Some people openly share their sadness, while others keep it to themselves and try to return to the routine of their lives. Both can be normal ways to grieve. However, persistent grief can become serious depression, which should be treated by a mental health professional.

Warning signs of depression include:

- * Dramatic change in behavior, such as change of appetite or sleep.
- * Loss of energy, fatigue and loss of interest and pleasure in activities formerly enjoyed.
- * Feelings of worthlessness and persistent feelings of hopelessness and guilt.

- * Inability to concentrate or think, indecisiveness.
- * Physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomachaches.
- * Recurring thoughts of death or suicide, wishing to die, or attempting suicide. (Please seek help immediately for this symptom).

Help is available for people with depression from mental health professionals, employee assistance programs, hospices and churches.

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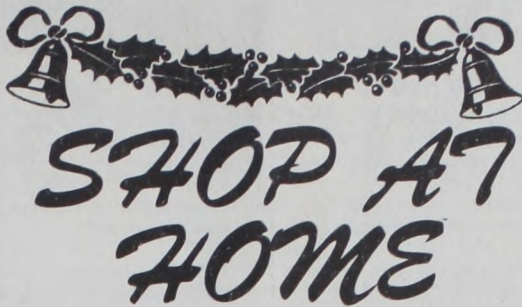
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- * Without the money generated by travelers, the average Texas household would pay an extra \$792 in taxes each year to maintain established government services.
- * Texas's 120 recreational and historical state parks attract over 18 million visits annually.
- * Texas directly and indirectly employs over a million people in the tourism industry. It's no surprise that tourism is the third largest industry in Texas.
- * An average major feature film on location in Texas spends \$21,000 on dry-cleaning alone.
- * Over the past decade, filmmakers have poured \$1.2 billion into the Texas economy while shooting movies in the Lone Star State.
- * The Texas Film Commission handles more than 500 inquiries from producers interested in filming in Texas each year.
- * Visitor spending in Texas directly supported 468,000 jobs with earnings of \$11.3 billion. That's as many jobs as the combines employment of four of our largest coastal areas: Beaumont, Galveston, Brazoria, and Corpus Christi.
- * 180 million trips were made to Texas in 2001, with visitors staying 357 million days. That's the equivalent of each Texas household having a guest for more than 48 days every year.
- * Over 64 million room nights were sold in 2001, generating \$15 billion in spending. With that many room nights sold, every person in Austin could have stayed in commercial lodging for 97 days during the year.
- * Texas' 2001 restaurant sales of \$22.6 billion were the 2nd largest sales volume in the country.
- * Since 1992, Texas has been the 2nd most visited state in the country.
- * International visitors contribute nearly \$4 billion to the Texas economy each year.
- * Texas tourism brings in over \$12.3 million in revenues from lodging every single day.
- * The cultural arts are responsible for 20% of the total tourism in Texas. Texas is one of the two most popular states in America for cultural tourism.

When you drink the water, remember the spring.
—Chinese proverb

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— Gloria Nowak



May you have the greatest two gifts of all on these holidays: someone to love and someone who loves you.
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Observations Of Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

Having just died, Richard was wondering what his Guardian Angel was going to look like. He had just cleared the Pearly Gates, down there with Saint Pete and had asked him where, if he existed, would he find his Guardian Angel. Saint Peter told him, "Try the rest area just a little down the road as lots of Guardian Angels hang out there after they get you up here." "Do you have any idea what he might look like?" asked Richard. "Check with the attendant Angel down there and he will direct you to him, but you should recognize him, he'll be the one that looks a little bedraggled and with lots of feathers missing from his wings."

Richard asked the attendant at the rest area and he pointed him out. "He's the one over there with his feet up cooling, or as the present generation says, chilling out." Boy, he seems a lot shorter than I imagined, and kind a chewed up. I wonder if he'll recognize me? "Hi, I'm Richard, do you recognize me?" The Angel, getting slowly to his feet, said, "I certainly should. I've been watching over you for seventy-six years, thirteen days, seven hours, thirty-two minutes, and twenty seven seconds. Of course I recognize you. You really made me earn my pay, as they say on Earth. You certainly kept me busy while you were there."

Richard said rather sheepishly, "I'm really sorry. I didn't realize that I was such a bother." "Such a bother?" stormed the Angel. "Brother, it didn't seem like it was gonna be such a problem when the 'Big Boss', as we call him here, first sent you down there, but from the word go I've been one busy Angel."

Richard, to change the subject, asked, "Well, where do I go from here?" The Angel replied, "Both you and I will meet up with Jesus down this road a bit and then we go see the Big Boss. Can you see that large city off in the distance? That's where we're headed. Jesus and I will be there with you when the Big Boss looks over your life in that big book he has. If it gets too scary in there, just remember that we are right behind you. Jesus will intercede for you, as the Boss just has no patience with some of the shenanigans you pulled, but Jesus has his ear and everything's going to be alright."

Walking down the road, Richard asked the Angel, "What were the problems that you had with me?" "Since we have a ways to go and time doesn't mean anything up here," the Angel said, "then I guess I can tell you."

"When you started crawling, you were into everything. I had to keep you out of fires and electrical sockets. You almost drown in the bath tub and I held your head above water until your hollering brought your mother in there and saved you. You stuck a fork into an electrical socket and I pulled it away from you and got a shock that knocked twenty-one feathers out of my wings. When you drank, whatever it was from underneath the sink, I made you throw up, and when you did, so did I. When you were eight and a half, that high fly clobbered you when you were playing baseball. Remember that? Your mom held your hand while they put in those eight stitches and I held the other hand. There really was no rest for me from then on. Your teenage years certainly kept me busy. You had so many close calls that I saved you from that you didn't even recognize that you were getting help. That car accident you were in that sent you to the hospital in a coma; if your mom and dad hadn't been praying to the Big Boss, well, you'd never have made it. The Archangel scolded me for letting things get out of hand but it happened so fast!"

Later on, after starting college, you took me to some places that I had to sit outside. We just can't go into some of the places that mortals go. When you came out the door, I seen you back to your bed and tucked you in. I was certainly glad to see you graduate."

When you married, I was there. The Big Boss shows up for these occasions. Did you notice, when special events happened, like your marriage, the birth of your children, and yes, even the death of your parents and your death, how the day seems to be different, crispier, almost glistening? That's because he's there."

When I leave you I'll be going in for an overhaul. I'll be taking a little vacation then back to work. There's not much rest for us Guardian Angels, because you mortals need so much help, just to keep you going."

Let's put a better foot under us and get there, as I'm one busy Angel. Come on now."

First learn the meaning of what you say, and then speak.
—Epictetus

Keeping an Eye on Texas

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College costs are on the rise, but by getting a head start, Texans can take one of the most valuable steps to ensuring a good future for their child, grandchild or other loved one.

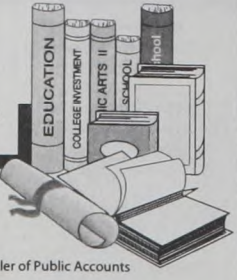
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Geezer.com features over 14,500 hand crafted products created by more than 1300 senior artisans from around the nation and Puerto Rico. Geezer.com visitors can find other holiday items such as: a ceramic African Santa with a basket of toys, a three wise men set made from palm leaves, a ceramic Mardi Gras Santa, and crocheted angel ornaments.

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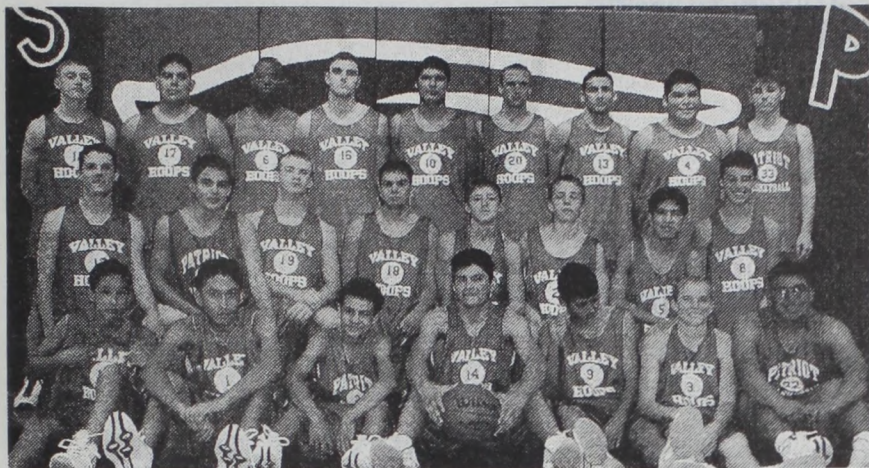
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Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 5-7	Patton Springs Tournament			VG, VB
December 5-7	Clarendon JV Tournament			JVG, JVB
December 9	Clarendon	Home	8:00	JVB
December 10	Motley County	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 12-14	Spur Tournament			VG, VB
December 17	Jayton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 20	Chillicothe	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 26-28	Silverton Tournament			VG, VB
December 30	Chillicothe	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 3	McLean*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 6	Clarendon	Home	7:30	JVB
January 7	Silverton*	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 10	Hedley*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 10	Happy	Away	5:00	JVB
January 14	Groom*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 14	Silverton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB
January 17	Samnorwood*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 21	McLean*	Home	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
January 24	Silverton*	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 25	Valley Tournament			JVG, JVB
January 28	Hedley*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 28	Happy	Home	5:00	JVB
January 31	Groom*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Samnorwood*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Silverton	Home	5:00	JVB

2002-2003 Valley Basketball Junior High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 9	Patton Springs	Home	5:00	G, B
December 9	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G
December 16	McLean	Away	5:00	G, B
January 6	Olton	Home	5:00	G, B
January 11	Motley County Tournament			G, B
January 13	Silverton	Away	5:00	G, B
January 20	Patton Springs	Away	5:00	G, B
January 27	Silverton	Home	5:00	G, B
February 1	Valley Tournament			G, B
February 3	Spur	Home	5:00	G, B
February 3	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G



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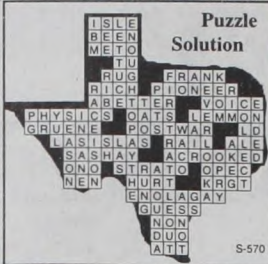
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