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## Agreement With Memphis Animal Control Now In Effect In Turkey, All Stray Dogs Will Be Picked Up

The Turkey City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Present for the meeting was Mayor Pat Carson, Council members Doyle Dean Proctor, Danny Stewart, Brian Wheeler, Vickie Lindsey, City Manager Jerry Landry, City Secretary Gail Hanna, and guests Jim Weeks and Tom Heck. After attending to regular monthly council business the following items were addressed:

- \* The Emergency Services reported 3 ambulance runs and 1 grass fire and 1 structure fire since last meeting.
  - \* The second reading of the ordinance approving a settlement with Atmos Energy was read, no action was taken.
  - \* A motion passed to table amending the budget till the next meeting. (specific budget amendments were not named)
  - \* Jerry Landry informed the council the contract with the Memphis Animal Control has been signed and they will begin picking up stray dogs.
  - \* A motion passed to contact Billy Farley again regarding their building and on working with him on getting the building cleaned up.
  - \* A motion passed to post bids on City lot. (exact lot not specified).
- With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Cooks and Tasters Needed for Upcoming Dessert Festival

By Todd Oberheu

The 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Caprock Dessert Festival will be held in Quitaque, Texas on February 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hope Community Center. The festival will feature desserts from the many fine cooks throughout the region, presenting a variety of delicious treats. Awards will be presented for Most Unique, Best Presentation, Best Tasting, Most Traditional, Best Overall, and the People's Choice. The People's Choice Award will be determined by you, the guests of the event.

Are you a budding chef, waiting to test that special new dessert? Do you watch the Food Network and know you can make a masterpiece, too? Do you know that Grandma's secret recipe is a sure winner? What better place to show off your talents than the Caprock Dessert Festival. There is no charge for entries and multiple submissions are encouraged. Entries accepted at the time of event, but RSVP is appreciated.

Come bring the family to this wonderful event and enjoy many delicious and tempting delights. Donations will be accepted for admission. Proceeds benefit the Quitaque Lion's Club College Scholarship Fund.

For further information or to RSVP an entry, contact Arlene Hinkle at (806) 455-1225 during business hours or Deanna Oberheu at (806) 455-1078 after hours.

## Caprock SWCD Now Taking Orders For Spring Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak and larger trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service, but hardwood trees are limited in varieties and wildlife packets are not available this year.

Container grown shade, ornamental, and fruit trees are also available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees.

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For more information, call (806) 823-2431, Extension 101 or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

## What's Happening In The Valley Area This Week?

### January 24

- \* Turkey Economic Development Board meeting @ 7 p.m.
- \* Drivers License Office Open At Briscoe Co Courthouse 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### January 28

- \* Support Group Meeting For The Terminally Ill & Their Families @ 2 p.m. FNB/Quitaque
- \* Caprock Partners meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- \* Briscoe Co. Historical Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.
- \* Quitaque Economic Development Corp. meeting

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## TxDOT Officials Explain Delayed Projects In Dickens & Motley Counties Related To Cash Crunch

Childress - Local officials from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are alerting community leaders that the state's transportation spending will be cut by more than a billion dollars for the current fiscal year. Area transportation projects will be delayed as a result of the cutbacks.

Statewide, TxDOT's construction budget for Fiscal Year 2008 is being reduced from approximately \$4.2 billion to \$3.1 billion. As a result 2 projects in TxDOT's Childress District will be delayed for the rest of the fiscal year. Those projects include a \$2 million project on SH 208 in Dickens County to replace a bridge and widen and rehabilitate the roadway. Also, a \$4.8 million project on US 70 in Motley County, to mill and overlay the roadway.

"With revenues declining and costs increasing, we are running out of money to pay for new construction," said Childress District Engineer, Terry Keener, P.E. "To stay within our resources, we must shift our focus to maintaining the existing transportation system. We will protect the investment taxpayers have made in our existing highway and bridges."

Keener said that several factors contribute to the current cash flow situation.

\*External factors outside TxDOT's control (1) The impact of inflation in the last five years, highway construction costs have increased 62 percent, and (2) The need to increase funding for maintenance, Texas highways are showing the wear and tear of more traffic and maintenance funding must rise to keep pavement conditions from deteriorating further.

\*State Issues (1) The movement of state transportation dollars to pay for other state priorities, more than \$1.5 billion was moved from the state highway fund to pay for other state priorities in the 2008-2009 state budget;

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## Motley County Commissioners Enacts County Wide Burn Ban For 90 Days

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2008. Present for the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis-Pct 1, Donnie Turner-Pct 2, Franklin Jameson-Pct 3, Russell Alexander-Pct 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Deputy Chris Spence, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell and guests Mary Ellen Barton, Mary Sue Potts Powell, Waydette Clay and Barbara Jameson. After attending to regular court business the following items were addressed:

- \* Judge Smith presented two amendment/line item transfers for the courts approval. (1) \$52.50 from General Misc. to General Justice/Peace Autopsy to cover increased fees for this service. (2) \$300.00 from General Tax A/C Bond Program to General Tax A/C Tax Roll & Receipts to cover increased expenditures due to roll back election at Motley County ISD. Both transfers passed by unanimous vote.
- \* TxDOT representatives Ben Kautz and Gary Mizer, Area Engineer, briefed the court on TxDOT's projects for 2008. Due to cutbacks many jobs have been delayed. Mr. Mizer said the State will continue to complete projects already in progress. Off-system bridges on County Roads 214, 404 and 110 will be let in October 2008. FM 2090, Pease River 2011 and Tom Ball Creek bridges repair will not be cut.
- \* Tom Edwards informed the court there are three new meteorology towers west of town in the county. These towers gather data on wind energy in the area. Austin has not released any information on the route of a transmission line yet.
- \* Sheriff Michael Crutchley introduced the new Deputy Sheriff, Christopher Spence. Mr. Spence has 23 years of experience in law enforcement.
- \* Judge Smith informed the court the Emergency management Coordinator, Craig Turner has resigned. James Gillespie has volunteered to accept this position. Commissioner Davis made the motion to appoint Mr. Gillespie as the EMC for Motley County, the motion passed by unanimous vote.
- \* Judge Smith informed the court he has accepted a bid of \$3,200.00 from Alexander Electrical Service of spur to replace the outdated Federal Pacific breaker boxes our insurance company has reported to the county to be unsafe. The court agreed to take the funds out of Courthouse Maintenance.
- \* The City of Flomot has been awarded \$330,220.00 to repair and replace the water system at Flomot. The Office of Rural community Affairs will present a check in about two weeks when the contract is finalized.
- \* The court discussed enacting a burn ban for 90 days, to be reviewed every 30 days. This motion passed by unanimous vote. Dry conditions in the county have caused recent fires, destroying more than 2,000 acres.
- \* Assistant Carol Campbell informed the court Judge Smith and County Attorney Tom Edwards will meet January 25 with THC project representative Quana Childs of Austin, and Jail Architect Hugh Welch, to finalize the funding and easement agreement required to accept the \$30,000.00 grant award.
- \* City of Matador Mayor, Pat Smith met with the court to discuss the Municipal Court Judge appointment. The city appointed the County JP as the Municipal Court Judge. Mayor Smith informed the court the city has not received any monies for citations written within the city limits. Mayor Smith believes if officers cite individuals within the city limits, and the case is uncontested, the fine should be collected by the City. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the Municipal Court Judge can be contacted.
- \* The county Clerk presented to the court for approval a joint resolution and statistical information for joint primary. A motion passed unanimously to approve the resolution. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## 2008 Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show A Big Success

The Showbarn at Silverton and Vance Price Memorial Show Barn at Valley School were the sites of two exciting 2008 Briscoe County Junior Livestock Shows. Valley and Silverton 4-H and FFA members exhibited 211 head of Meat goats, Lambs, Heifers, Steers, Gilts and Barrows. Thursday night the Meat Goat, Lamb, Heifer and Steer shows were held at the Silverton Showbarn and Saturday's events including the Gilt and Barrow shows and the Premium auction were held at the Vance Price Memorial Show Barn at Valley School.

In the Beef Heifer Show, J.D. Schnitker of the Valley FFA exhibited the Breed Champion Hereford Heifer that was also named Grand Champion Heifer of the Show. J.D. also exhibited the Reserve Breed Champion British Heifer that was named Reserve Grand Champion of the 2008 Show.

In the Steer Show, Tyler Campbell's Champion Exotic steer was named Grand Champion Steer. Chancy Campbell exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion steer of the show. Junior Showmanship in the Cattle Division was won by J.D. Schnitker. Brooks Brock won the honor in the Senior Division of Beef Cattle Showmanship. The Cattle Judge for the 2008 Show was Brian Reynolds of Tahoka. Seven heifers and 14 steers were exhibited by Valley and Silverton FFA and 4-H members this year.

Valley FFA's Justin Todd exhibited the champion Medium Wool Lamb that was later named Grand Champion of the 2008 lamb show. Bryce Patton's Reserve Champion Medium wool lamb was named Reserve Grand of the show. Junior lamb showmanship honors were won by Blaine Patton and Bryce Patton won lamb showmanship honors in the Senior division.

Judge Brian Reynolds of Tahoka named Bryce Patton's Champion lightweight Goat as Grand Champion of the 2008 Market Meat Goat show, Justin Todd's Reserve Lightweight entry was named Reserve Grand of the Show. Goat Showmanship winners were Brittany Deckard in the Junior Division and Justin Todd in the Senior Division. 18 lambs and 36 Goats were exhibited in this year's goat and lamb shows.

Saturday's Gilt and Barrow shows included 136 entries of seven breeds and crosses. Kelsey Kelley's Champion Yorkshire Gilt was named Grand Champion of the 2008 Show. True Burson's Breed Champion Landrace Gilt was named Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

Judge JoBonne Lacompte of Perryton named Ben Seth Ramsey's Champion Crossbred Barrow as Grand Champion Barrow of the Show. Kelsey Kelley's Reserve Breed Champion Hampshire was named Reserve Grand Champion of the 2008 Barrow Show. Junior Division Showmanship honors in the Swine Division were won by J.D. Schnitker in the, Kameron Buchanan in the Intermediate Division and True Burson in the Senior Division.

225 parents, grandparents, buyers, and exhibitors attended the brisket supper Saturday night before the presentation of the Don Burson Memorial Herdsman award and the Premium Sale. Bryce Reagan, a member of the Valley FFA was awarded the Prestigious Don Burson award this year. Bryce is the son of JoAnn Reagan and Bennie Reagan of Quitaque. The premium auction was another great success totaling over \$40,000 to the much deserving exhibitors.

Placings in the individual classes of the show are on page 4

## Obituaries

### Ethel "Dena" Rena Persons Meador

Ethel 'Dena' Meador, 79, of Matador died peacefully Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, surrounded by family. Graveside services were held Saturday, January 19, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, officiated by Michael G. Crowley, Sr., and Rev. Matt Crawford. Services were under the direction of Seigler Funeral home of Matador.

Dena was born June 1, 1928, in Hollis, Oklahoma to Dickey and Julia Couch, the youngest of five children. The past three years Mrs. Meador had been a resident of the Floydada Nursing Center and more recently the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. She had lived in Matador since 1954. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Meador in 1984. The couple were married 30 years and were the parents of five sons.

In addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, one brother, and one grandson.

She is survived by five sons: Larry Dunn and wife Patricia of Little Elm; Doug Meador and wife Barbara of Ozona; Dan Meador and wife Sarah of Tinton Falls, NJ; Jim Meador and wife Carla of Matador; and John Meador and wife Pam of Gatesville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Wesley Couch of DeLeon, several nieces and nephews, and friends.

### Rena Persons Schott

January 11, 2008 Silverton, Texas— Rena Persons Schott, 89, passed away on Friday, January 11, 2008 in Amarillo. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Les Reed, pastor officiating. Burial followed in Silverton Cemetery.

Rena was born in Quitaque on January 14, 1918 to Amos and Ollie Persons, the youngest and last remaining of their nine children. Rena was married to W. E. Schott, Jr. for 44 years. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1984. Rena left Quitaque to attend Texas Tech and Draughn's Business College in Amarillo before returning to work for the AAA in Silverton. She was proud to be a life-long resident of Briscoe County and left only when frailty required assisted living care. Rena was active in the March of Times Study Club, Order of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church of Silverton.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law; John Edward Schott and wife LaQuetta of Silverton, Texas, David Persons Schott and wife Cindy of Amarillo and William Ray Schott and wife Christine of San Antonio and one daughter and son-in-law; Mary Lynn Neff and husband Roy of Dublin, Texas, nine grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.



### Icelone "Ikie" Miller

Icelone "Ikie" Miller, a beloved resident of Glen Rose, Texas for the past 11 years, took the hand of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to begin the highest step of her continued life on January 18, 2008 at the age of 78 years. A memorial service to honor her earthly journey and loving memory was held Saturday, January 26 at the Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Glen Rose, Texas.

Ikie was born as Icelone Carroll a few minutes before midnight on December 31, 1929 at her parents home in the small town of Byars, Oklahoma during a severe ice storm that prevented travel to a hospital. As a result, her unique given name of 'Icelone' was coined from a combination of the 'ice' storm and being home 'alone' at the time of her birth; and one of her favorite remarks related that she was born just as the 'roaring 20's' were going out and the 'dirty 30's' were coming in. During her 78 years of earthly life, Ikie's other places of residence included Stratford, OK; Gasoline Settlement near Quitaque, TX; Silverton, TX; Lubbock, TX, and Glen Rose, TX.

Icelone was preceded in earthly departure by her husband, A. T. 'Shorty' Bingham of Silverton, TX; later husband, W. B. 'Bob' Miller of Lubbock, TX; three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her son, Roger Bingham of Glen Rose, TX; daughter, Rickie Hamilton of Glen Rose, TX; brother, Richard Carroll of Clovis, NM; brother, Clay Carroll of Wink, TX; brother, Donald Carroll of Tulia, TX; sister, Ruth Matney of Glen Rose, TX; sister, Cristina Carroll of Ravena, TX; step-sister: Joan Orr of Glen Rose; sister-in-law, Virginia Carroll of Stanton, TX; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

### Chesney Jane Gibson

Chesney Jane Gibson, infant, died January 14, 2008 in Childress, TX. She was born January 14, 2008 in Childress, TX. Graveside services were held on Friday, January 18, 2008 with Rev. Ronnie Schoffner and Rev. Melvin Clinton officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Chesney was survived by her parents, Steven Raydan and Valerie Ann (House) Gibson of Childress; one brother, Kason Gibson; grandfather, Daniel Gibson Jr. of Childress, grandmother, Cindy House of Turkey; great-grandmother, Melba House of Turkey; Great-grandparents, Daniel and Janie Gibson Sr. of Hollis, OK; three uncles and three aunts.

### Lyndon D. Kingery

Funeral Services for Lyndon Darrell Kingery, 66, of Austin were held Saturday, January 19 at the Roaring Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Morris, officiating. Interment followed in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Kingery passed away at his residence in Austin, January 15, 2008 with his wife and children present. He was born on October 8, 1941. He is preceded in death by his parents, son Richard Kingery, brother Gerald Kingery, sister Alvis.

He is survived by his wife Carol Ladonna Kingery, brother Stanley Kingery, and sister Lecille. His children Heather Miner, Marcus Kingery, Jackie Wells, and Cindy Whitehead, 11 grandchildren, 2 great children with one of them on the way, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was known for the great love he had for his chihuahuas and his teasing sense of humor. He always wanted to return to the Roaring Springs and Matador area to live and insisted on being buried there. It was home to him with many fond memories from childhood.

### Bailey Lee Eddleman

Bailey Lee Eddleman, 87, of Amarillo died Sunday January 20, 2008. A memorial was held Wednesday, January 23 in the Church of Christ in Quitaque, Texas with Gerald Bedwell officiating. The services are under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Bailey was born in Lakeview, Hall County, Texas December 10, 1920 to Charlie and Mintie Eddleman.

He is survived by one sister, Johnnie Morrison of Amarillo, one brother, W.C. Eddleman of Eureka, California, eight nephews and five nieces.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

Bill just could not seem to get to work on time. Everyday, five or ten minutes late. He was a good worker, real sharp, so the boss was in a quandary about what to do about it. Finally, one day the boss called Bill into the office for a talk.

"Bill, I have to tell you, I like your work ethics, but your being late is bothersome," the boss said.

"Yes, I know boss and I'm working on it," Bill said.

"Well good. That is what I want to hear. It is odd though, your coming in late. I know you are retired from the Army. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, Good morning, general," Bill replied.

## The Rev. Nathan and Kathy Mulder Honored At Flomot Baptist Church

Special services were held at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday morning when the Rev. Gene Meacham of Plainview, the area missionary of the Caprock Plains Association at Wayland University, presented the Rev. Nathan Mulder and wife, Kathy a plaque commemorating their ministry at this church the past twenty years.

Guests included the daughter and families of the Mulders, Mr. and Mrs. Trend Hullard, Madison and Ashton o Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Poole, Jessica and Zackery of Atkins. They had a covered dish luncheon following the services.

## Birthdays Celebrated

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was honored on her birthday, Monday, January 14 with a luncheon at Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador.

Enjoying the celebrations were her nieces, Mrs. Bridgid Brooks of Lubbock, Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Waydetta Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador and nephew, Wilburn Martin of Flomot.

Jaxon Edwards, son of Julie and Neal Edwards of Turkey, celebrated his fourth birthday Saturday afternoon with a Superman party and all the trimmings. His aunt, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton made him a colorful Superman cake with four glowing candles. Special guests were his grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Pat Rice of Lubbock and Freddie Edwards of Petersburg.

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Travis and Linda Kendall were in Cottonwood, Arizona from Thursday until Tuesday. They attended the funeral services Saturday of friend, Aubry Cromer.

Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls accompanied his uncle, Johnnie Starkey to Amarillo, Friday for a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. He received a good report.

B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers enjoyed the Globe Trotters basketball game Friday night held at the Civic Center in Amarillo.

Lindsay Martin of Amarillo visited Tuesday with her grandfather, Wilburn Martin.

Waydetta and Ronald Clay visited Friday with Doyle Calvert, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and attending Jaxon Edwards birthday party Saturday afternoon in Turkey were Mrs. Lori Kleibrink and son, Kyler of Clifton and Mrs. Joy Barham and Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock, Monday for medical tests.

Richard and Trina Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests, Sunday of Mrs. B. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the exciting basketball game in Panhandle Tuesday night in which granddaughter, Kelsey Clay competed. Panhandle defeated Canadian team by just one point! Kelsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay.

Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury from Wednesday until Friday of last week with his sister, Nita Merritt and husband Ervin. Friday they were in Aquilla and visited Scott Chapel Cemetery where their great-grandparents are buried, Arthur G. and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. en route home, he visited in Anson with J.C. Moss.

Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and daughter, Kayla Guest of Turkey met their other daughter and family, Lucretia and Breck Dockery and daughter, Brittany in Childress, Sunday. They celebrated Brittany's 14th birthday with lunch and all the trimmings at the K-Bob's restaurant.

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## TxDOT

Continued from page 1 and (2) Restrictions on access to private sector investment, recent legislation imposed a broad moratorium on certain financing tools while legislators consider the appropriate level of private sector participation in transportation funding.

\* The uncertainty of federal funds (1) The Highway Trust Fund is spending more money than it brings in, and the Office of Management and Budget predicts it will go \$4 billion in the negative in 2009; and (2) Rescissions in previously-promised contract authority total \$666 million for Texas in the last two years, and Texas faces the possibility of nearly \$950 million in additional rescissions by 2009.

\* Over-optimistic assumptions by TxDOT including (1) over-estimated growth in future federal transportation authorization bills. For planning purposes, we anticipated the future federal transportation bills would grow at a rate similar to other transportation funding bills in that past. Now, it does not appear that growth rate will occur; and (2) Projected Motor Fuel Tax collections did not anticipate higher gasoline costs which have slowed tax revenue over an extended period.

"Just like a family that reduces expenses to make ends meet, we will cut our costs," said Keener. "TxDOT is scrubbing our budget, and everything is on the table from bulldozers to paperclips."

The challenges to the state's transportation cash flow are not expected to end in Fiscal Year 2008. Delayed projects from 2008 and planned projects for the following year will face tough scrutiny as transportation officials consider how to spend a projected construction budget of \$2.5 to \$2.9 billion for Fiscal Year 2009.

"These are challenging times," Keener said. "No one knows local needs better than local officials. As we determine available funding for 2009 and beyond, local leaders will determine which projects will best meet our community's needs."

## Local Students Make WTAMU's Honors Lists for Fall Semester

CANYON, Texas—West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honor lists for the fall 2007 semester. Of that total, 428 were named to the President's List and 677 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Students from this area include: Kayla Kelley of Quitaque a Freshman in Agriculture; and Douglas G. Mayfield of Silvertown a Junior in Ag Business & Economics.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Students from this area include: Sammie D. Varnell of Quitaque a Senior in EC-4 Generalist; angelica Mendoza of Quitaque a Freshman in Nursing; Jessie D. Reynolds of Silvertown a Sophomore in Geology; Drew c. Reed of Silvertown a Freshman, undeclared and Ana K. mendoza of Turkey a Freshman in Pre-Physical Therapy.

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- TX-based Haggard makes \_\_\_ slacks
- \_\_\_ she blows"
- TXism: "green as corn"

**DOWN**

- TXism: " \_\_\_ to rope him" (large man)
- home of the Reporter-News
- TXism: " \_\_\_ it a day" (quilt)
- TXism: "you're buying oats for \_\_\_ horse" (wasted effort)
- this Sam won Dallas Open in '45, '57 & '58
- UT grad Fernando Belaunde-Terry was president of this country
- TXism: "ain't \_\_\_ hill for a stepper"
- to "tan his hide" in TX
- vitamin B acid type
- TX actress Parker (inf)
- TX-sized phone co.
- awaken from sleep
- "picture show" sites
- rich TXn's boat
- TXn born between July 23 and Aug. 22
- he was Tiny and definitely not a TXn
- TXism: " \_\_\_ horse town"
- Harlingen has Jimma monument
- TXism: "put bed with a shovel" (bury)
- choo choo
- TXism: " \_\_\_ a monkey's uncle"
- founder of Kilgore Rangerettes: Gusie Davis
- fuel
- annoying one
- TX singer Billie Jo
- TX band: "the Wheel"
- Aikman's college state (abbr.)
- TXism: "dull as week \_\_\_ soda pop"

- C&W singer LeDoux
- In Hidalgo Co. on hwy 88
- it's called an "ankle" in TX
- SMU actress Bates
- TXism: "dead as a \_\_\_ nail"
- worry
- TX golfer Byron Nelson was born here (2 wds.)
- "You Gotta Have an \_\_\_ the Hole"

## EASY ON THE WALLET Food Specials

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|---|--|
| Preferred Trim Boneless Beef                                | Assorted Salsa or Queso                                      |
| <b>Bottom Round Roast...1 lb.....\$2<sup>99</sup></b>       | <b>Tostitos Dips.....15.5-16 oz.....\$2<sup>99</sup></b>     |
| Pilgrim's Pride Grade A Whole                               | Assorted Regular 8 1/2" Size                                 |
| <b>Cut Up Fryer...1 lb.....99¢</b>                          | <b>Doritos Chips....9-13.5 oz.....2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b> |
| Fresh Boston Butt   | Assorted 1.8-15.1 oz   |
| <b>Pork Roast...1 lb.....99¢</b>                            | <b>Quaker Oatmeal.....2 for \$6<sup>00</sup></b>             |
| Fresh Meaty Country Style                                   | Assorted Ragù  |
| <b>Pork Ribs...1 lb.....\$1<sup>39</sup></b>                | <b>Pasta Sauce.....16-26 oz.....3 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>   |
| Preferred Trim Boneless Beef                                | Elbow Macaroni or Long Spaghetti                             |
| <b>Bottom Round Steak...1 lb.....\$2<sup>69</sup></b>       | <b>Shurfine Pastas.....12 oz.....3 for \$2<sup>00</sup></b>  |
| Preferred Trim Boneless Beef                                | Pillsbury Assorted   |
| <b>Rump Roast...1 lb.....\$2<sup>49</sup></b>               | <b>Grands! Biscuits.....16.3 oz...4 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b> |
| Fresh   | Lipton   |
| <b>Ground Round...1 lb.....\$2<sup>39</sup></b>             | <b>Tea Bags...24 ct.....2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>           |
| Preferred Trim  | Shurfine   |
| <b>T-Bone Steak...1 lb.....\$5<sup>99</sup></b>             | <b>Hot Cocoa...10 ct.....99¢</b>                             |
| Fresh   | Assorted 4.5-7 oz  |
| <b>Pork Steak...1 lb.....\$1<sup>49</sup></b>               | <b>Lipton Side Dishes.....4 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b>         |
| Boneless Skinless Previously Frozen                         | Armour   |
| <b>Chicken Breast...1 lb.....\$1<sup>99</sup></b>           | <b>Vienna Sausage...5 oz.....2 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>      |
| Regular or Hot  | Blue Bunny Assorted Premium                                  |
| <b>Owens Sausage...2 lb roll.....\$3<sup>99</sup></b>       | <b>Ice Cream...56 oz.....\$4<sup>99</sup></b>                |
| Assorted Rolls  | Purina   |
| <b>Owens Sausage...1 lb roll.....\$2<sup>19</sup></b>       | <b>Dog Chow...20-22 lb.....\$6<sup>99</sup></b>              |
| Assorted  | Assorted 24-40 Load  |
| <b>Owens Biscuits...10-12 oz.....2 for \$5<sup>00</sup></b> | <b>Tide Detergent.....\$6<sup>99</sup></b>                   |
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| <b>Corn Tortillas.....69¢</b>                               | <b>Flood Light...each.....\$5<sup>99</sup></b>               |
| Greener Selection-12 oz or Romaine-10 oz                    | Felt Electric 75 or 100 Watt                                 |
| <b>Dole Salads...your choice.....99¢</b>                    | <b>Mini Twist Bulbs...4 pack.....\$9<sup>99</sup></b>        |
| U.S. #1   | Western Family Daytime or Nighttime                          |
| <b>Russet Potatoes...10 lb.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b>   | <b>Cold Relief PE...24 ct.....\$2<sup>99</sup></b>           |
| Crisp   | Western Family Cold & Allergy                                |
| <b>Celery...each.....79¢</b>                                | <b>AllerFed PE...48 ct.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b>        |
| Fresh Bunches   | Western Family Assorted                                      |
| <b>Green Onions.....2 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>              | <b>Nasal Spray...1-1.5 oz.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b>     |
| Fresh   |  |
| <b>Yellow Onions.....3 lbs \$1<sup>00</sup></b>             |  |
| Yellow or Zucchini  |  |
| <b>Squash...1 lb.....\$1<sup>29</sup></b>                   |  |
| Snack Size  |  |
| <b>Navel Oranges.....10 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>            |  |
| Cocoa/Fruity Pebbles-13 oz or Golden Crisp-10 oz            |  |
| <b>Post Cereal...your choice.....2 for \$4<sup>00</sup></b> |  |
| Corn, Green Beans, Peas or Mixed/14.5-15.2 oz               |  |
| <b>Libby's Vegetables.....2 for \$1<sup>00</sup></b>        |  |



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2008 Briscoe County Goat Show Lightweight

Class 1: 1st - Blaine Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Rachel Hancock, Valley; 3rd - Kaitlan Reagan, Silvertown; 4th - Rachel Hancock, Valley; 5th - Sheridan Reagan, Silvertown

Class 2: 1st - Justin Todd, Valley; 2nd - Callie Helms, Valley; 3rd - Callie Helms, Valley; 4th - Sunny Helms, Valley; 5th - Kaitlan Reagan, Silvertown; 6th - Sheridan Reagan, Silvertown; 7th - Colleen Hancock, Valley.

Class 3: 1st - Bryce Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Justin Todd, Valley; 3rd - Blaine Patton, Silvertown; 4th - J.T. West, Silvertown; 5th - Colleen Hancock, Valley; 6th - Brewster Garcia, Silvertown.

Lightweight Champion; Bryce Patton Reserve Lightweight Champion: Justin Todd

Class 4: 1st - Justin Todd, Valley; 2nd - Brittany Deckard, Silvertown; 3rd - Baylee Deckard, Silvertown; 4th - Kaitlan Reagan, Silvertown; 5th - Brewster Garcia, Silvertown.

Class 5: 1st - Justin Todd, Valley; 2nd - Ryleigh Carson, Valley; 3rd - Sunny Helms, Valley; 4th - Justin Todd, Valley; 5th - Callie Helms, Valley; 6th - Sunny Helms, Valley; 7th - J.T. West, Silvertown.

Class 6: 1st - Brittany Deckard, Silvertown; 2nd - Baylee Deckard, Silvertown; 3rd - Bryce Patton, Silvertown; 4th - Callie Helms, Valley; 5th - J.T. West, Silvertown; 6th - Sunny Helms, Valley

Heavyweight Champion: Justin Todd Reserve Heavyweight Champion: Brittany Deckard Grand Champion Goat: Bryce Patton (Lightweight) Reserve Champion Goat: Justin Todd (Heavyweight) Junior Goat Showmanship: Brittany Deckard

Senior Goat Showmanship: Justin Todd

2008 Briscoe County Heifer Show English Heifers

Angus: 1st - Evan Dudley, Silvertown; 2nd - Evert Dudley, Silvertown Hereford Class 1: 1st - J.D. Schnitker, Valley Class 2: 1st - J.D. Schnitker, Valley; 2nd - Casne Hawkins, Valley

Breed Champion English Heifer: J.D. Schnitker Reserve Breed Champion English Heifer: J.D. Schnitker

Class 1: 1st - Cade Luckett, Valley; 2nd - Gavin Luckett, Valley

Breed Champion Exotic Heifer: Caden Luckett Reserve Breed Champion Exotic Heifer: Gavin Luckett Grand Champion Heifer: J.D. Schnitker Reserve Grand Champion Heifer: J.D. Schnitker

2008 Briscoe County Barrow Show Berkshire Barrows

Class 1: 1st - Joshua Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Walker Carson, Valley; 3rd - Samantha Gamble, Silvertown; 4th - Emily Garcia, Silvertown

Class 2: 1st - Zachary Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Britany Deckard, Silvertown; 3rd - Baylee Deckard, Silvertown

Breed Champion Berkshire Barrow: Zachary Patton

Reserve Breed Champion Berkshire Barrow: Joshua Patton

Class 1: 1st - Kacey McGraw, Valley; 2nd - Khaki Scrivner, Valley; 3rd - Casen Hawkins, Valley; 4th - Calvin Daugherty, Silvertown; 5th - Courtney Selby, Valley; 6th - Jacy Proctor, Valley

Class 3: 1st - Katy Bullock, Silvertown; 2nd - J.D. Schnitker, Valley

Breed Champion White OPB Barrow: Mary Kate Davidson

Reserve Breed Champion White OPB Barrow: Kacey McGraw

2008 Briscoe County Gilt Show Berkshire Gilt

Class 1: 1st - Zachary Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Joshua Patton, Silvertown; 3rd - Samantha Gamble, Silvertown; 4th - Nikki Gamble, Silvertown.

Class 2: 1st - Brady Ramsey, Valley; 2nd - Ben Seth Ramsey, Valley; 3rd - Payton Price, Valley; 4th - Nikki Gamble, Silvertown.

Breed Champion Berk Gilt: Brady Ramsey Reserve Breed Champion Berk Gilt: Ben Seth Ramsey

Class 1: 1st - Kelsey Kelley, Valley; 2nd - Mary Kate Davidson; 3rd - Mary Kate Davidson

Breed Champion Yorkshire Gilt: Kelsey Kelley Reserve Breed Champion Yorkshire Gilt: Mary Kate Davidson

Other Pure Breeds (Minor)

Class 1: 1st - True Burson, Silvertown; 2nd - True Burson, Silvertown; 3rd - Kelsi Birdsong, Silvertown.

Breed Champion OPB (Minor) Gilt: True Burson Reserve Breed Champion OPB (Minor) Gilt: True Burson

Other Breeds (Major)

Class 1: 1st - Brady Ramsey, Valley; 2nd - Kennadee Buchanan, Valley; 3rd - Khaki Scrivner, Valley.

Breed Champion Other Breeds (Major) Gilt: Brady Ramsey Reserve Breed Champion Other Breeds (Major) Gilt: Kennadee Buchanan Grand Champion Gilt: Kelsey Kelley (Yorkshire) Reserve Grand Champion Gilt: True Burson (OPB Minor)



THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

2008 Briscoe County Steer Show English Steers

Lightweight: 1st - J.D. Schnitker, Valley Heavyweight: 1st - J.D. Schnitker, Valley; 2nd - Brooks Brock, Silvertown

Breed Champion English Steer: J.D. Schnitker Reserve Breed Champion English Steer: J.D. Schnitker

American Cross Steers: 1st - Brooks Brock, Silvertown; 2nd - Cade Luckett, Valley

Breed Champion American Steer: Brooks Brock Reserve Breed Champion American Steer: Cade Luckett

Class 1: 1st - Chancy Campbell, Valley; 2nd - Gunnar Luckett, Valley; 3rd - Tyler Campbell, Valley

Middle weight: 1st - Tyler Campbell, Valley; 2nd - Gavin Luckett, Valley; 3rd - Chancy Campbell, Valley

Heavyweight: 1st - Payton Price, Valley; 2nd - Cade Luckett, Valley; 3rd - Jessie Price.

Breed Champion Exotic Steer: Tyler Campbell (Md. Wt)

Reserve Breed Champion Exotic Steer: Chancy Campbell (Lt. Wt)

Grand Champion Steer: Tyler Campbell (Exotic)

Reserve Grand Champion Steer: Chancy Campbell (Exotic)

Junior Cattle Showmanship: J.D. Schnitker Senior Cattle Showmanship: Brooks Brock

Patriots Sweep Over Motley County Matadors

Tuesday night saw the Motley County Matadors coming to town for 4 ball games. The result was Valley sweeping all contest.

In the J.V. girls game, Valley won by a 33-23 score. Townlii Ziegler and Sadie Valdez led the way with 8 & 7 points respectively. Others scoring were Autumn Phillips-6, Khaki Scrivner-6, Kelsey Kelley-2, Courtney Thibodeaux-2, and Ana Karen Valdez with 2.

The J.V. boys game saw Valley come out on top by a 41-18 score. Jose Galvan led all scores with a 12 points. Others scoring were Josh Garcia-8, Landon Allen-6, Grant Wheeler-6, Jeffery Addison-5, and John Perkins and Alejandro Valdez with 2 points each.

The Varsity Girls game saw the Lady Patriots keep this undefeated district mark with a 58-33 win. Jasmin Ivory led the way with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Lacie Pointer also led an outstanding game with 18 points and 5 assists. Others scoring for Valley were Jordan Jenkins-7, Payton Price-5, Savannah Smith-4, Mariela Mendoza-3, and Leslie Payne with 1 point. The win moved the Lady Patriots to 14-8 overall and 5-0 in district play.

The boys game was close for the first quarter, but after that the Patriots stretched their lead to 14 at the half and eventually won by a 70-50 score. Brady Ramsey had his best outing of the year to lead Valley with 19 points. Jacob Handcock also had a nice game with 14 points and 6 assists. Others scoring for Valley were Cole Brown-11, Isaac Smith-9, Dalton Allen-8, Armando Mendoza-5, and Roger Ramos with 4 points. The victory moved Valley to 10-5 overall, and 4-1 in district play.

The Varsity teams will be in action this Friday at Patton Springs, with the girls game starting at 6:30.

2008 Briscoe County Lamb Show

Finewool Lambs: 1st - Evan Dudley, Silvertown; 2nd - Evert Dudley, Silvertown

Breed Champion Finewool Lamb: Evan Dudley

Reserve Breed Champion Finewool Lamb: Evert Dudley

Southdown Lambs: 1st - Blainin Patton, Silvertown; 2nd - Bryce Patton, Silvertown

Breed Champion Southdown Lamb: Blaine Patton

Reserve Breed Champion Southdown Lamb: Bryce Patton

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Valley Varsity Boys



Jr Varsity Boys



Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Girls

Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Patton Springs Friday, January 25 @ 4 p.m., there

Valley VJV Tournament Saturday, January 26 @ TBA., here

Valley Varsity & Jr Varsity Boys & Girls vs Silvertown Tuesday, January 29 @ 5 p.m., here

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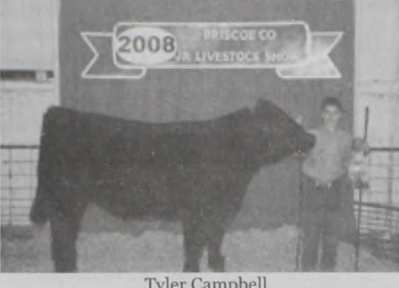
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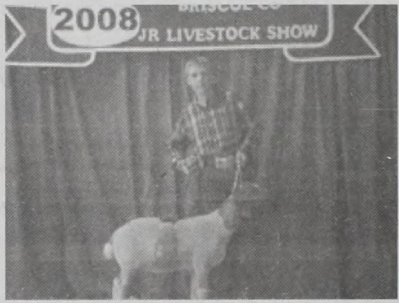
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Bryce Patton -  
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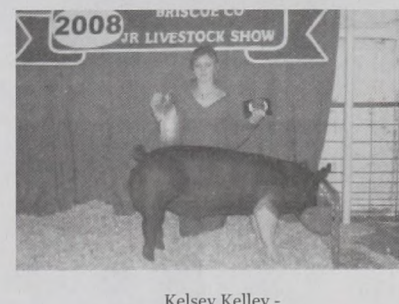
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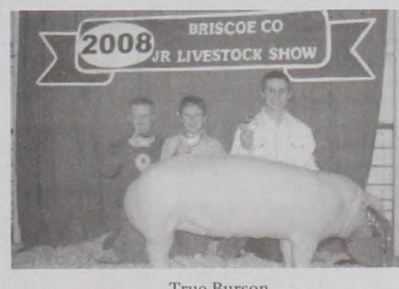
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Cotton News By Shawn Wade www.plainscotton.org from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

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Table with columns: Districts, Planted Acres (2006, 2007), Harvested Acres (2006, 2007), Yield (Pounds), Production (2006, 2007). Includes data for districts 1-N, 1-S, 2-N, 2-S, etc.

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The Valley Tribune is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates for off ice subject to the March 2008 primaries and the November, 2008 general elections.

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# ON THE QT

By Patsy Herrington

Brrr...It's been so cold! Low has been in the teens and high in the 30's for four or five days. I drove out to Caprock Canyons State Park Saturday morning, and my car registered 27° at eleven a.m. Maybe this frigid weather will kill all the insects and make us appreciate more the warmer days ahead!

Larry Norton of Childress spoke to the Chamber of Commerce last Monday night. He spoke on "Economic Development of Small Towns". He represents the ADC Agency in Childress. He emphasized: (1) Gear up for tourism, (2) Developing benefits from wind energy, (3) Bringing new business to town". Larry lived in Quitaque at one time.

Ruby King and Robert Farley's niece, Marilyn of Dumas, passed away suddenly recently. She was the daughter of Joe and Owayne King, former residents. Ruby and Roberta were driven to Dumas for the funeral by Jack and Debbie Wellman.

Henryetta Finney Price went to Amarillo this week to see her new great-grandson, Grayson Anderson, weighing 5 lbs, 1 oz at birth. He's 2 months old now and weighs 9 lbs. He lives northeast of Los Vegas, New Mexico.

There was no heat at the Baptist Church last Sunday, a week ago, through no one's fault. It was discovered at the last minute. We had church, though it was a little frosty. All was warm and cozy this Sunday after the furnace was fixed.

Joyce King Price has been ill and not feeling well so she went to Lubbock to the doctor Friday. After a through check up and some new medicine she was feeling much better, and returned Saturday to work at Caprock Canyons State Park.

L.B. Monk was in the Lockney hospital several days. He is much better and returned home Wednesday.

Bill Pigg got a very good report when he went back to the doctor in Amarillo after back surgery. He hasn't been able to drive for 6 weeks, but can drive now.

Danny Jouett, husband of Eva Reagan Jouett (deceased) and children, Danny, Destiny, Tiffany, her husband and boys, came down Sunday to visit Odis and Jessie Reagan. Leon Turner came over from Childress also. All ate lunch with Odis and Jessie Reagan. It would have been Evan's 42nd birthday and it was Jessie and Odis' 63rd wedding anniversary. All went out to the cemetery and spent the day.

Dale Smith has 7 quail hunters coming from Virginia - about 1,500 miles and three days traveling both ways. Dale says he has quite a few quail!

Dona Smith broke her foot about two weeks ago, when she slipped on the ice. She has to wear her cast 4 more weeks. It is the same foot she had surgery on once before.

Amber Ortiz was at home here from Wayland Baptist University this weekend. She is majoring in Church Music and taking choir and music theory among other things. She loves it, and is doing well. She helped her parents in the Sportsman Cafe while here.

When the "Amarillo Globe News" discontinued their daily paper to Quitaque and this area, they did us a great disservice. It is a travesty of justice to leave us all isolated and alone without a daily newspaper! I remember my dad every day lying on the couch reading the "Amarillo Globe News" from cover to cover. He thought it was the greatest thing! Why, Quitaque has great things ahead with its wind energy future, and we have Caprock Canyons. Time will tell.

Have a marvelous weekend!

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**Jan 28, 1861**  
Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy.

**Jan 28, 1839**  
Republic President Mirabeau B. Lamar (1838-41) signed a bill creating the Texas Patent Office. A Texas patent was good for 14 years and when Texas joined the Union in 1845, only 14 had been issued.

**Jan 28, 1817**  
John Coffee "Jack" Hays, the most famous Texas Ranger of the Republic era, was born in Little Cedar Lick, Tenn.

**Jan 29, 1891**  
A false report of Indian attacks in the Panhandle had residents from Childress to Amarillo preparing for battle.

**Jan 29, 1881**  
The last Indian battle in Texas was fought in Hudspeth County. Texas Rangers surprised sleeping Apache Indians in the Sierra Diablo Mountains and left no survivors.

**Jan 29, 1854**  
The Texas Permanent School Fund was established.

**Jan 29, 1797**  
Jose Francisco Ruiz was born in San Antonio. He was one of only two native Texans to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

**Jan 30, 1861**  
The Secession Convention named a "Committee of Public Safety" and ordered it to defend the state against Indians.

**Jan 30, 1836**  
A frustrated Sam Houston withdrew from the Texas Army.

**Jan 31, 1927**  
The Texas Legislature designated the Mockingbird as the official state bird.

**Feb 1, 2003**  
The space shuttle Columbia desintergrated over Texas killing all aboard.

**Feb 1, 1971**  
William J. Marsh died in Fort Worth at the age of 84. He wrote the state song, "Texas Our Texas."

**Feb 2, 1862**  
Confederate troops from Texas under Gen. H. H. Sibley, defeated Union soldiers at Val Verde. N.M. The Texans now had control of Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

**Feb 2, 1852**  
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**Tips for Watching the State of the Union**

Newswise — President Bush gives his 7th - and final - State of the Union Address to the nation Monday, January 28. University of Maryland Visiting Associate Professor of Dance Karen Kohn Bradley is a certified movement analyst - who studies the nonverbal and movement behaviors of political leaders. She says, "It is important for reporters and analysts to utilize the tools of nonverbal communication and body language in assessing the messages the American population receives from the White House, candidates and other leaders. What is conveyed through movement is, after all, behavioral patterns that impact policies, and ultimately, the lives of the people."

**The Entrance:** This year is George Bush's swan song and so it may be more interesting to observe how he is welcomed than how he enters. One expects him to use the usual swagger and wink, and perhaps even to show some relief that this is the finale. Generally the Congress has been warm to him, but this year, given the sense of frustration the nation seems to have with both the Congress and the President, the real story might be in the tensions that are revealed as he enters the chamber.

**The Speech:** How much fable will he spin vs. how much will he try to justify? Watch for hypervigilance in the eyes, excessive grimaces, the furrowed brow that contrasts with the attempted smile, the lip-licking that signifies nervousness, the auditory attending VS. an almost-drowsy, overly relaxed unfolding of stories.

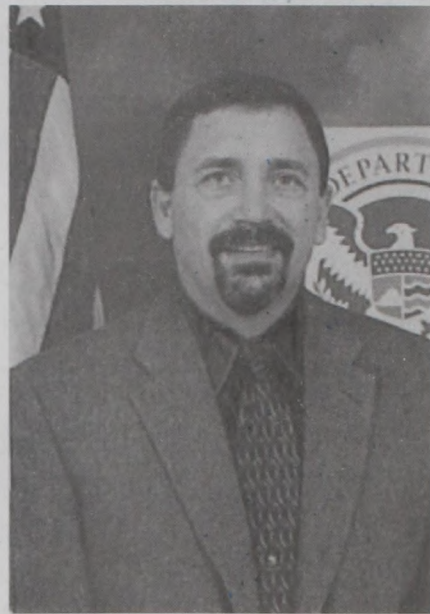
**Also, be aware of his phrasing.** Does he breathe at the appropriate points within the flow of the words or is the language broken up in choppy and strange ways? If it is the latter, it is possible he memorized or is being fed the speech in segments that do not require him to actually understand what he is saying.

**If he is the laconic storyteller,** we can understand the myth-creation that is to be his legacy, as he rides off into the sunset.

**The Exit:** A hasty retreat will tell us volumes about how anxious he is to get away from what promises to be either a tenuous situation than most years, or a downright disregard for what he has to say.

Often, he looks up at Laura Bush as if to check with her as to how he did. At such moments it is easy to see the current nature of their relationship, which is usually quite supportive.

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*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'*  
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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