

1924 "Tulsa "off the bottle"™ Clear spring water from Lake Spavinaw, 55 miles away, began flowing in Tulsa after President Calvin Coolidge pressed a button in Washington, D.C. For years, Tulsa had struggled without a reliable source of clean water. The Arkansas River was too muddy, too salty and too alkaline. Wells proved unreliable. By 1919, Tulsans consumed 50,000 five-gallon bottles of water a week. Finally, Tulsa was "off the bottle." "Oil may have built Tulsa in the past, but Spavinaw water will be the product on which the future will be built," World Publisher Eugene Lorton said. 1942 "Gas rationing begins Registration began at neighborhood schools for automobile owners to obtain gasoline ration cards that would limit most drivers in 31 states, including Oklahoma, to four gallons of gasoline per week with A ration cards. Holders of B and C cards were entitled to buy more gasoline. The ration had been cut to three gallons per week in 18 Eastern states where rationing had already begun. Rationing was imposed as "the only solution to America's critical rubber shortage." 1973 "Nixon: "I'm not a crook"™ "Well, I'm not a crook," President Richard Nixon told about 400 editors during a more than hourlong appearance at the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, of The Associated Press Managing Editors Association. Nixon had prefaced that statement with "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook." His appearance at the APME session was televised nationally and included a statement that "I want to be remembered as a president who did his best to bring peace ... prosperity." 2013 "Cattle rustling surges Cattle rustling was at an all-time high due to a surge in beef prices, reported the state Department of Agriculture. Ranchers across Oklahoma had reported 835 cattle thefts so far, a 16 percent increase over 2012. Blayne Arthur, associate commissioner of the department, said each head of cattle was worth \$1,000 or more. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association had made an arrest in an Okmulgee case in which 19 cows and calves valued at \$100,000 were stolen. About half of those had been recovered. Debbie Jackson 918-581-8374

