



PRIDE IN OUR TOWN

Silverton will be host August 15-16 to the annual Young Farmer Rodeo, the Sesquicentennial county celebration and the school homecoming.

This year, Saturday will be the main day of celebration, with the parade, bar becue, arts and crafts fair, homecoming and class reunions.

We have about six weeks to get our town "all spruced up for company."

Let's each of us do everything we can to help Silverton "put on a happy face" so we can proudly roll out the red carpet for former residents who'll be coming home for this special occasion.

If you have a big problem that you can't handle alone, call the City Hall and ask Jerry Patton if he can suggest some help for you.

At the News Office, we've been working to fix up and paint up the front of our business. We'd like to challenge the other business people to do the same!

If you are the owner of a vacant building, do what you can to beautify it, also. Try to minimize the fact that it is vacant.

If you see trash on the street, pick it up. "Don't mess with Texas!"

Have a silent contest with your neighbors—make them try to keep up with your good example! You'll be the big winner after all.

And just perhaps someone will come into our town, see the pride expressed by the clean-up, fixup, paint-up, and decide to make this his home.

Summer Baseball Sign-up Underway

If you did not get your registration form turned in for the summer baseball program, you may send it to Tisa Whitfill or call her at 823-2209 or Tina Nance at 823-2496.

Swimming Pool to Open Here May 30

The Silverton Swimming Pool will be opening Friday, May 30.

Anyone wishing to book a

party may contact Jo Ann McFall.

FLAGS BEING SOUGHT

If you have a flag belonging to the Scouts, please return it to Lois Stephens. This will be appreciated very much.

Class of 1986 to Graduate Friday

Commencement exercises for the Silverton High School Class of 1986 will begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

The processional and recessional marches will be played by Mrs. LaRue Garvin. The invocation will be by Bro. Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ, and Bro. Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, will pronounce the benediction.

The commencement address will be by Rev. Dick Hatfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton. The salutatory address will be presented by Kristy Fogerson, and the valedictory will be by Donna Tomlin.

Awards will be presented by Principal Leonard Morgan and Superintendent O. C. Rampley, and Rampley and Perry Brunson, president of the board of trustees, will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The Class of 1986 will sing their class song, "That's What Friends Are For."

Ushers for the graduation will be Suzann Settle, Jeannita Stephens, Stephanie Ramirez, De-Lynn Fitzgerald, Corey Robertson, Bryan Wheeler, Ricky Clardy and Robbie McWaters.

Officers of the Class of 1986 have been Lee Ann Durham, president; Kori Baird, vice-president; Kathy Brown, secretarytreasurer; Kelly Braisher, spon-

Members of the class are (*denotes National Honor Society membèr) *Kori Lee Baird, Cal Mack Brannon, Doree Shay

Awards Presented During Assembly Program Friday

Scholastic awards were presented Friday during an assembly program to Gina Myers, typing; Donna Tomlin, accounting, English, math, history, government; Norma Trevino, yearbook, math; Melannie Daniels, math; Jeannita Stephens, chemistry; Juannah Woods, biology; Tara Nance, physical science, Texas history; Kim Burson, music history; Kori Baird, history, government; Kristy Fogerson, history, government; Marcy Auston, Texas history; Rose Trevino, home economics; Neal Edwards, ag I; Shavonne Lowrey, ag II; Russell Simpson, ag III; Todd Reagan, ag III.

Awards for being on the honor roll each six weeks were given to Donna Tomlin and Kristy Fogerson, twelfth grade; Melissa Woods, fifth grade; Holly Nance, third grade, and Shannon Weaver, second grade.

Those recognized for having a yearly average of 90 or above were Kori Baird, Kathy Brown, Melannie Daniels, Lee Ann Durham, Hope Patino, Norma Trevino and Jeff Wheeler, twelfth grade; Tonnette Miller, Suzann Settle, eleventh grade; Juannah Woods, tenth grade; Keeley Burson, Tara Nance, Tonia Perkins, ninth grade; Penni Fogerson, Tracy Tomlin, Julie Towe, Timmy Wheeler, eighth grade; Carrie Ann Grabbe, Fidencio Reyes, seventh grade; Gwen Clardy, Amy Ramsey, sixth grade; Aimee Francis, Casey

Frizzell, Justin McFall, Dusty Martin, fifth grade; Matt Francis, Kami Martin, Kayla Ramsey, Braden Towe, Christa Tucker, Michelle Whitfill, Ashleigh Wyatt, fourth grade; Brandi Brunson, Hilda Garcia, Amy Jasper, Hector Maldonado, Rusty Miller, Rosie Segura, Jonathan Whitfill, third grade; Molly Bomar, Cy Comer, Justin Delano, Amber James, Vanessa Martin, Patrick O'Neal, Christina Stephens, second grade; Kimmie Blazier, Belia Espinoza, Marshall McCammon, first grade.

Bronze sesquicentennial medallions were presented by the PTA to Becky McFall, overall winner from kindergarten, first and second grades; Holly Nance, overall poster winner from third, fourth and fifth grades; Ashleigh Wyatt, overall essay winner in third, fourth and fifth grades; Melissa Garcia and Penni Fogerson (tie), overall winners from sixth, seventh and eighth grades. A \$50.00 savings bond was presented to the high-point winners, Ashleigh Wyatt, essay grand prize, and Holly Nance, poster grand prize.

Perfect attendance awards of \$50.00 savings bonds were received by Molly Brooks, Lacy Brunson, Kenzie Burson, David Gamble, Carrie Baird, Minerva Patino, Heidi Tiffin, Jonathan Ivory, Kara Kingery, Zeb Holt, Rusty Miller, Lance Holt, Gwen Clardy, Tonya Baird, Wayne Henderson, Terry Miller, Tonya Clardy and Frank Lowrey.

Beneficial Rains Continue In Area

Beneficial rains totaling .85 of an inch have fallen on Silverton over the long Memorial Day holiday weekend. This measurement was recorded by Fred Strange.

Funnel clouds hung low over the city Monday afternoon, striking fear in the hearts of all who watched them, especially when a dark one that was being observed in the north began to move rapidly to the south and looked like it was trying to get down to business. A phone call had been made earlier to the weather bureau, and those observers said that the clouds were not topping

Brodeen, *Kathryn Lynn Brown, Melannie Faye Daniels, Lee Ann Durham, Joe Ted Edwards, *Kristy Lynne Fogerson, Leighton Scott Harris, Nancy Shavonne Lowrey, Esperansa (Hope) Patino, Jason Todd Reagan, Gloria Segura, Russell Len Simpson, *Donna Sue Tomlin, *Norma Jean Trevino, Rose Marie Trevino and *Jeffrey Franklin Wheeler.

high enough to have the strength to push funnels down to the ground. Even though this assurance had been given, the presence of seemingly-potentially dangerous clouds caused an alarm to be sounded and some residents scurried to the safety of shelters.

The funnels would appear, most of them solid white since no dirt and debris was in them, with their rope-like forms clearly visible for several minutes and then would quickly disappear. It is fascinating to watch them when the barometric pressure remains up and little danger is expected from them

No hail accompanied the rains which are considered very good on growing crops and on ranchland, the grass on which has turned quite brown in the past couple of weeks. Undoubtedly, ranchers are still wishing for a dashing rain to fill their stock tanks.

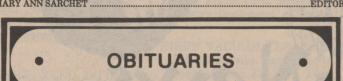
Of every 500 Americans, one is a doctor.



Tracy Tomlin is shown with the fish she and her dad, Emmett Tomlin, park superintendent at Lake Mackenzie, caught at the lake Monday evening of last week. This stringer held two smallmouth bass and two stripers, the largest of which weighed 2½ pounds. Tracy caught three and outfished her dad who caught only one

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WILLIAM ROBERT LONDON

Funeral services for William Robert (Bob) London, 79, were conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Itasca with the Rev. Vernon Tapp officiating.

Graveside services were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery

> **Silverton Young Farmer** RODEO **August 15-16 County Roping** August 14 SilvertonSchool **HOMECOMING** August 16 BARBECUE, PARADE August 16

at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Mr. London, a former Silverton resident, died Monday.

Born and reared in the Itasca area, Mr. London farmed in the Silverton area from 1927 until 1978, when he returned to Itasca.

Mr. London married Edith Sheid in Silverton in 1931. She died in 1978. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Itasca.

Survivors include a sister, Eva Bailey of Itasca, and several nieces and nephews.

WILLIE BACON

Willie Bacon was found dead in the yard near his home at the Lynn Welch farm about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. He was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace James R. Edwards, who ruled the death due to natural causes, a short time later.

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Entomology Service To Have Breakfast

Gene Whitfill Entomology Service will have a kickoff breakfast for the 1986 season Monday at 6:30 a.m. at the City Hall in Silverton.

Donuts and coffee will be served to Silverton farmers.

The Whitfills invite you to go by and visit as they get ready for another crop inspection year.

Prayer, Share Sisters **Have Meeting**

The Prayer and Share Sisters met with Lois Nance as hostess to study "A Christian is Sincere."

Glenda Francis led the group in prayer and Lanita Cantwell read an article on "Building Relationships" written by Sandra Humphrey, editor of Christian Woman.

Flo Fitzgerald began the study by reading the lesson taken from "Lessons on Living," Matthew 6:1-5 and Luke 18:9-14.

Mrs. Nance read a poem, "Hold Me Mommy!" by Sherry Brown.

This study specified that wo-men must do what they profess, and if they are sincere, they will follow through. All were reminded that God knows the intents of the heart.

The P.A.S.S. invites anyone desiring to study the bible with them to join them at their next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Montague, Erica and Grant are moving to Amarillo. A going-away party was held for them at the First United Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Coach Kelly Braisher has tendered her resignation to the board of trustees, and is moving back to Oklahoma this afternoon. Her plans for the future are somewhat undecided at this time, but she hopes to be able to return to school.

Bacon recently had double pneumonia while visiting his daughter in Oklahoma, according to Welch, had spent several days in the Veterans Hospital and had returned home about a week ago.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors at presstime.



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Fishing Continuing Good at Mackenzie

Crappie fishing is still good at Lake Mackenzie, most being caught in 15 feet of water using minnows.

Bass fishing is excellent. R. M. Hubbard of White Deer brought in a seven-pound bass caught on a buzz bait. Glen Zeeck of Tulia caught a six-pound bass on a top water lure. Also a five-pound bass was caught on a buzz bait.

Hybrid stripers are still being caught late in the evening near the dam.

Catfishing is very good. Ken Sanders of Amarillo brought in several three to four-pound catfish caught using large minnows up the creeks in shallow water.

Walleye are still slow. This report was furnished by Emmett Tomlin, park superintendent at Lake Mackenzie.

Christopher Lahoud of Fort Worth has been visiting his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance.

Students Selected For Campus Service

Six freshmen and six upperclass students at West Texas State University have been selected as Campus Service students for the 1986-87 school

Campus Service students act as hosts and hostesses of the university and occasionally in special capacities at the request of President Roach. They give tours of the campus to prospective students and work four hours per week in the New Student Relations office.

Each Campus Service student receives an \$800 scholarship.

Among this year's students is Donna Sue Tomlin who will be a freshman from Silverton. She intends to become a systems analyst. In SHS, Donna was named Most Outstanding Student and received the math and English awards, in addition to being named to Who's Who.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin.

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Looking Back

through the files of the Briscoe County News

May 13, 1976—Dayne Mayfield qualified for competition in the discus at the State Track Meet in Austin . . . Mrs. H. G. Boyles buried Sunday . . . Becky Francis was valedictorian and Susan Northcutt was salutatorian of the graduating class . . . Larke Miller, 57, buried here . . . The FFA Grass Judging Team wins second place in a contest at Quitaque. Team members are Dave Francis, Earl Jarrett, Mitchell Simpson and Greg Blair ... Perry Thomas bitten by a brown recluse spider . . . Club seeking names of men who died in wars. List already compiled includes Aubrey Beavers, Vance Burson, Jewel Glen Chesshir, Joe Haynes, Roy Len Lee, John S. Long, J. D. McCutchen, Ray McWilliams, Billie Rampley, Harold Gene Rowell, Lloyd Sherman, Alton Walker, James L. Webb, jr. and D. H. Yancey, World War II; Bruce Wise, Korean conflict... Valley's Ron Eudy and Scotty Setliff win first-place trophy at the Region 1-B tennis championships . . . Dale and Dona Smith congratulated for the performance of their Amway distributorship ... Among winners in the Silverton FFA Rodeo were Lee Ann McMurtry, second, barrel racing; James Kitchens, third, ribbon roping; Shonda Smith, second, goat tying; Shelly Harris, second, poles; Susan Payne, first, junior barrel racing; Bob Arnold, first, Cam Forbes, second, junior break-away roping.

May 19, 1966-Jimmy McWilliams is valedictorian of the eighth grade, and Gary Martin is salutatorian . . . Mother cat belonging to the Nuke May family had adopted and was taking care of a baby coyote along with her own litter of kittens...Larry Elms to receive degree at West Texas State . . . Seniors honored at breakfast at the Methodist Church . . . Crockett Grabbe won fifth place in number sense for Class A schools at the State Interscholastic League Meet in Austin. He is a freshman in SHS . . . Zobie Self is favorite teacher of Juniors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell have been visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown at Phillips . . .

May 17, 1956-M. Jack O'Neal to be speaker for graduation exercises . . . C. R. Jasper buried Monday . . . Piano pupils of LaRue Garvin to present recital Friday ... Fish fry enjoyed in Ed Vaughan home Monday . . . Walter Lyn Dunham breaks arm in fall from tree Sunday . Martha Carol Mills honored with birthday party . . . Jaye Turner won third out of 14 American Farmers candidates at the Area I FFA convention. Keith Whitfield won first in Santa Fe Award. Jim Whitfill rated fourth Star Farmer of Area I. Out of 110 State Farmers, Bill Stephens, Sam Turner, Deleath Peugh, Gerald Garvin rated twenty-first through Twenty-fourth. Jerry Frizzell and Carson Grabbe deserve credit for their work on the Plainview District scrapbook which rated first in the Area and is eligible for State competition.

.. Helping Hand Club meets with Mrs. Scott Smithee . . .

June 6, 1946-The Long brothers are home. George, RM/3c and Minyard, SAO/3c have both received their discharges from the Navy . . . P. B. Force turned over a trailer of steers four miles south and one mile west of Silverton Monday afternoon . . . Silas Afton Teague received his discharge from the U.S. Navy at the separation center at Norman, Oklahoma on May 21 . . . Lynden Earl Stephens recently received his discharge from the Navy at the separation center at Terminal Island, San Francisco, California ... Pvt. Wilbert J. Hyatt is in William Beaumont General Hospital, one of the Army's largest, at El Paso. At present he is completing his basic medical training at Fort Bliss. When he receives his discharge, he plans to resume his former work . . . Members of the 1946 graduating class of SHS returned Friday afternoon after five days spent sightseeing. The group left Sunday morning and visited Mt. Capulin, New Mexico and spent the first night in Walsenburg, Colorado. Visits were made to the Royal Gorge, the state prison at Canon City, Colorado, Garden of the Gods, Seven Falls, Mount Manitou, a fish hatchery, the oldest mission in the United States and the pueblos at Taos . .

. Winona Francis is bride of Cecil Franks . . . Miss Mary Farrar, Cpl. James Richards to wed in June . . .

May 15, 1936-The Frank Havran home, west of the Silverton Hotel, was damaged by fire Monday evening about 8:00 p.m. The fire broke out in a clothes closet in the back bedroom and was found soon after. Mr. Havran was down town at the time the fire started. The origin of the fire was undetermined ... N. R. Honea was called to Pampa early Sunday morning to assist in the capture of Pete Traxler, notorious outlaw of West Texas and Eastern Oklahoma. Approximately one hundred sheriffs and deputies were at the scene of the capture or there abouts. Traxler, who was shot several times when he attempted to cross a bridge on the Canadian River, is now in a Canadian hospital in serious condition . . . One day last week J. H. Burson chased a coyote in a car in the Burson pasture until the animal was almost exhausted. Elmer Wood then rode up horse back and roped the coyote and caught him alive . . . Miss Oma Lee Mullis and Mr. Dick Lowrey united in marriage . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Joe

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"SIESTA"



"SHIPWRECK"



"CHURCH TIME"



To make your out flowers last longer, place them in a solution of tea, diluted 1 part tea to 4-6 parts water.

"People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise."
William Somerset Maugham

Caprock Camera Club Monthly Print Contest Winners Announced

In the Caprock Camera Club Monthly Print Contest, Wayne Nance of Silverton took first place with his photo entitled, "Siesta."

The second place winner was James Cathey of Quitaque with his photo entitled, "Shipwreck."

The third place winner was Stephen Stephens with the photo entitled, "That Darn Cat."

Randy Stark received honorable mention with his photo entitled, "Church Time."

Wayne Nance also received honorable mention with the photo entitled, "Golden Sunset."

Point standings including May competition, James Cathey, 78; Kathy Frizzell, 102; Wilburn Leeper, 102; Wayne Nance, 60; Bart Owens, 23; Randy Stark, 113; Stephen Stephens, 33; Fred Strange, 92, and Walter Wayne Taylor, 96.

LOOKING BACK

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Blocker wants to know why this paper doesn't write a column with a name tacked at the head of it—something like the "Bobbin' Bout by Boyle." First place, you wouldn't bother to name a colt that was so weak you thought it would die; second place, all brightness and clever sayings deserted the editor at the age of five years when he said 'goo-goo' rather plainly; third place, Joe, I want to live here awhile"...



Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent
FINANCIAL CRISIS

No family wants to be in financial crisis. That's why we try to prevent it by learning about budgeting and family financial management.

Many factors can force almost any family into financial problems at some time or another. Many Texas families now face such problems. These include:

*Farm families—due to the economic conditions in agricul-

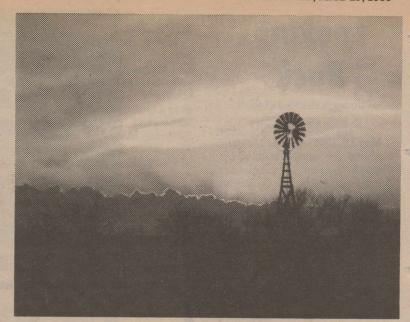
*Unemployed families—again related to agriculture in our area:

*High debt families—the availability of credit and the high cost of home ownership have increased the debt level of many families. A high debt level makes families more vulnerable in case of a financial emergency, such as unemployment.

*Fixed-income elderly—because of rising medical costs and other expenses. Even those who planned carefully for retirement could not have foreseen some of these increased costs.

*Single heads of household—divorce usually means a substantial drop in income and standard of living, especially for mothers who have custody of their children.

*Remarriage families—those who remarry after a divorce may have financial obligations to



"GOLDEN SUNSET"



"THAT DARN CAT"

Logue Maintains Bareback Lead

For the tenth consecutive week, 25-year-old Chuck Logue of McKinney, nephew of Freeman Tate of Silverton, has continued his domination of professional rodeo's bareback bronc riding. Logue had a \$5400 bulge over his nearest challenger, defending world champion Lewis Feild. His pace exceeds that of Feild in 1985 by about twice that same amount.

"Things have clicked since the NFR," said the Texan, who won the average and \$51,000 at Las Vegas in December. "I had a shot at winning the world there, even though I was playing catch-up the whole time. When I got back

children from a previous marriage as well as children and a spouse in the current marriage.

Although these economic conditions can't necessarily be controlled, families can make good use of money management skills to make the best of their situation.

We have several publications and a great deal of information in the Extension Office related to financial management. These are free for the asking. I have a new packet of mail-out material entitled, "Coping with Unemployment" which includes the following letters, "Coping with Unemployment Stress," "Maintaining Financial Control During Unemployment," "Decreasing Expenses," "Looking for a Job (resume, letter of application)," and "Ways to Increase Income." If you would like this packet or additional information, call 823-2343 and I will mail this to you at no cost.

from the Finals, I thought about it and decided to set the buckle as my goal for this year. I want to go into the NFR with the lead."

Logue's 1986 strategy is simple: win more than everybody else. "I haven't really set specific money goals, although I did want to have \$30,000 won after Houston. (He wound up having about \$25,000 at that time.) I got a good, sharp start with \$5000 at Denver, then placed at Rapid City and won San Antonio. I'm not going to any more rodeos than in the past: I've got two kids, and I don't want to cut down my time at home. I'm just choosing my rodeos carefully, and making them count."

The four-time NFR qualifier said it would be "real nice" to have \$100,000 by the time the Finals opened in December, but a fellow "would have to be real hot" to do that. Logue's current winnings of \$33,116 already have him more than one-third of the way there, however.

Neat Cookie Tricks



When baking cookies, spray cookie sheets with no stick cooking spray. It saves greasing and speeds clean

up. After removing cookies from the baking sheet, wipe it with a paper towel, and respray before baking another batch. For ease in cutting out cookies, spray cutters with no stick and, like magic, out comes the dough.

The word corn originally referred to all the grains that were used as food for men or horses.

Class of 1986 Declares Last Will & Testament at Banquet

We, the Silverton Senior Class of 1986, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

I, Kori Baird, will Tonnette Miller the academy award for her dramatic performances on and off the court.

I, Cal Brannon, will Jamie Frizzell coordination. I will Robbie McWaters the ability to be picked on without crying, and I will DeLyn Patton stronger seams for her pants.

I, Doree Brodeen, will Gina Myers some new eye shadow.

I, Kathy Brown, will DeLyn Patton her own tennis racket (good luck at the tennis meets, DeLyn), and I will Shannon Bingham some bangs.

I, Melannie Daniels, will Jamie Frizzell some roller skates to keep up with Avonna. I will DeLynn Fitzgerald some personalized license plates.

I, Joe Ted Edwards, will Rhett Montague the ability to be less fragile.

I, Kristy Fogerson, will Jeannita Stephens a year's supply of spider repellant since they're getting bad at her house. And to Alison, I will a new hairbrush since she wears her out with so much primping.

I, Scotty Harris, will Sloan Grabbe a football scholarship at Grambling University, and I will Tonnette Miller some larger shorts.

I, Shavonne Lowrey, will Suzann Settle the "take a number machine" at Baskin-Robbins. I will Keeley Burson 30 more

minutes in the morning to fix her face and hair before school.

I, Hope Patino, will Venita Asebedo a longer weekend so she'll have time for all the guys.

I, Todd Reagan, will Gina Myers a year's supply of frogs from the biology room.

I, Gloria Segura, will Stephanie Ramirez, a box of Kleenex for all the tears she's cried over the song, "You're the Inspiration."

I, Donna Tomlin, will Tara Nance one case of hairspray, since we used all of hers in P.E.

I, Rose Trevino, will Serena Layland the ability to walk with her feet first, not her body.

I, Jeff Wheeler, will Corey Robertson the ability to dress with the times so when he goes out of town people won't automatically know he's from Silverton.

We, Kori, Kathy and Donna, will Corey Robertson the ability to be the ladies man he thinks he

We, Shavonne, Kori and Kristy, will DeLynn Fitzgerald and Rena Castillo an honorary membership in the Class of '86 because they like our class better than their own.

All of the senior boys will Clay Schott the ability to be as tough as he thinks he is.

We, the Class of '86, will the incoming freshmen all of our responsibilities because no one else takes any.

And to each of you not graduating this year, we will our knowledge, creativity and athletic ability—because this one class SHS will definitely miss.

Class Prophecy

It's the year 2006, and the Senior Class of 1986 is reunited for their 20th annual volleyball tournament.

Up in the stands is Cal calling the net. He hasn't changed much, has he? He can't stay long, though; he has to go take another Postal Service Test. (Maybe this time he'll pass.) Cal just made it into the Guiness Book of World Records as the oldest paperboy—or should it read Joe and Vaughnell? And he still hasn't found a wife; we always told him not to "hit on the girls." Good luck with your test, Cal, and this time write a little bigger.

Who's going to call net now? Well there's Kristy; I bet she'll vote to call it. It's a men's game next; she always was good at looking down at guys. Hey, did y'all see what Kristy arrived in? The most beautiful '63 green Nova you've ever seen. By the way, Penni got a red Porsche, a present from Karen, her aunt. Kristy never did graduate from A&M. She dropped out because she was just too much of a partier for all those innocent Aggies. Kristy is now training for LaVerne's job at Stanley's new hardware corporation called Handy Stan's. Kristy finally did marry someone rich, but he was only 4'5" tall, and a tragic divorce eventually occurred because he went bankrupt trying to keep up with her HIGH standard of living. But Kristy is happy; she hasn't grown in two whole years and we're all still enjoying her family stories.

Who is that guy over there running the clock? Oh, it's Russell. You can't see him for all the diamonds. Being president of the Ford Company sure has paid off for him. I don't know how he got that far, though; he never even graduated from college. He went from Wayland to Wayland Extension in Lubbock to South Plains at Levelland to the South Plains Extension in Lubbock. He's still not married; he moved around so much that Lisa never could catch him.

Oh no, Doree's calling lines.

Ortez. The senior boys taught Cal to like the radiator. It was a fun and exciting experience and we knew "the best was yet to come."

From our freshman to sophomore year we lost Tricia and Linda and gained Melannie. From our sophomore to junior year we lost Barry Eddleman and gained Doree and Jeff. We were so close to the end, yet so far away. The Junior-Senior Banquet was a big hit even though the seniors wouldn't admit it.

We'll never forget our senior year; it's been the best for all of us. This year sports will go down in history. This was the first time since 1947 that the football team has won a bi-district championship.

ship.
From our junior to senior year we lost some really close friends—Necole, Melissa, Rene and Rosemary. The original members of the graduating class of 1986, from kindergarten to now, are Kori, Cal, Kathy, Lee Ann, Joe Ted, Kristy, Scotty, Shavonne, Hope, Todd, Gloria, Russell, Donna and Norma. And those also graduating, who have joined us through the years, are Doree, Jeff, Rose and Melannie.

There goes another one she missed. I sure wish she would keep her eyes on the lines and not on Craig and their seven kids up in the stands. Those are such cute kids-Sleepy, Grumpy, Sneezy-oh, you know all of them; they're just precious. Jerry and Brenda had to add on to their house just to make room for the happy couple and their family. That sure is a convenience; DeLyn is a built-in baby sitter for whenever Doree is gone to Houston. I'll bet working at NASA is hard work.

There's Gloria and Hope working in the concession stand just like they always have. Did you know that Gloria's romance novel is on the Best Seller list this month? It's called "Tragic Love and Trauma in Tulia." Gloria's secret desire in high school always was to teach children. I knew she'd follow through but I never thought she'd end up teaching third grade sex education.

Gloria and Hope share an apartment; they have to, because 20 years later they still haven't finished their accounting.

Hope started the Weight Watchers back up in Silverton. After high school she gained over 200 pounds. Well, she always said she wanted to put on a little weight. Hope's looking better lately though and she's really famous. She's the owner and DJ of the radio station in Silverton, FM ESPERANZA.

Look over there! Who is that trying to sneak in? Make him pay! Oh, it's just Joe Ted. I didn't recognize him with that beard and those dark sunglasses. Look! He's lost all the hair on his head. Have y'all heard about the new organization Joe Ted started? It's called DAMM, Drunks Against Madd Mothers, and they say that he sure does add life to those AA meetings.

Living in San Francisco, Joe Ted has gotten into several fights, so you can imagine what his nose looks like now!

I wonder where Shavonne is? She better hurry up and get here cause she's scheduled to work in 15 minutes. I bet she'll make it though; her private Lear jet is due to land at the Silverton International Airport anytime now. I heard that she got married in Paris under the Eiffel Tower. Does this make her sixth or seventh husband? I guess it doesn't really matter, who keeps count anyway? Did you hear that her daddy bought her a new car for a wedding present, but she still has her pickup for those rainy days.

Where's Melannie; her team is fixing to play. Oh, she's sitting up there in the stands. There's the rest of her team—I think she's playing on a guy's team y'all. Did you know she took Mrs. Rampley's place as business teacher here at old SHS? I heard she's a pretty easy teacher; at least, she gives 90's in annual staff.

There's Norma over there. Gosh, she looks good. She and Cip look so happy together. Norma started a school—Norma's No-Nonsense Nursing School. You can go for only one week and get a nursing degree. Norma always wanted to be a nurse but never wanted to go to school that long. She has to leave in a minute; I think she is going to try to take her driving test. She finally got tired of riding around with Rose.

Look at Reverand Todd over

there talking to all those people. He must be trying to save their souls. He can't ever wait till Sunday to do his preaching. Todd is really well known around here. He has his own TV show on Sunday mornings. It's really exciting and moving the way he rides out on his horse to take up the collection. It's too bad that Todd hasn't married. But after 20 years, those older women finally got too old for him.

I wonder where Donna is? Usually she shows up to help out. I'll bet she's taking another ACT test. She never had to go to college because they kept letting her clep out of classes everytime she took a test. Donna has taken that test so many times that she's passed the perfect score of 35; by now she's up to 50! She had designed her own computer, the Banana II, but they had to recall them all because they were too complicated for the average person and the screen just kept flashing "Donna and Robbie." Nobody could figure them out. Well, better luck next time, Donna.

I can't believe Rose is here. Usually her mother doesn't let her go anywhere. I guess she let her come since Norma did. Rose has got a new phone system put in her house. She can talk to ten different guys all at one time. I guess her shy little smile paid off.

Well, where's Jeff? He never shows up on time. Oh, I bet he's out campaigning. Running for President is a tough job, especially with golf taking up so much of his time. He loves to go out on the green with Tip O'Neill, Jr. I bet it's really hard on Jeff keeping up with politics from Silverton. We always knew how he loved this town dearly, but never thought he would stay this long. Have you seen his wife? She is the spitting image of Yoko Ono.

Uh oh, there goes Kori. What's she doing yelling at Doree? She's telling her if she can't call the lines right to get up. Kori always was bossy. Did you know she's going to school at Clarendon? She said she didn't want to be away from Tim. But we knew she just wanted to major in Head Cheerleading and Clarendon is the only college that has that course. You know how ahead of the times they are? I think she's commuting from Quitaque. She and Tim and the four sets of twins are living with Punk and Bobby and all the rest of the McWilliams family.

Who's keeping the gate? Oh, it's Lee Ann. I didn't recognize her without her glasses. I heard she finally got a job at the market in Dallas. The word finally got around about how good she folds clothes, so they just put her to work. Her main job is to make sure all the clothes are folded just perfect. That's only part-time, of course. Her true love is her school of the Orient where she teaches the language and karate.

And here I am, of course. I'm the one who organizes this every year. But I don't mind, cause I've got nothing else better to do. It sure is fun being a farmer's wife. Especially since my honey bunch husband doesn't have to do anything except for maybe plow a field every once in a while since Daddy gave us the International

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History of the Class of 1986

In 1974 we started kindergarten with 26 people. The first day of school was very memorable for all of us, especially Norma, because she cried all day. That year we lost Robert Davilla, Fabian Garza, Earnest Hightower and Ray Ybarra.

First grade got a little bigger; we had 40 students in our class. We gained Mary Alverez, Lorena Baeza, Danny Barrera, Christine Byars, Brenda Holt, Shelly Holt, Brenda Jackson, Jimmy Luna, Rosemary Maciel, Eddie Martinez, David Montelongo, Griselda Robles, Mary Robles, Junior Robles, Rose Trevino, Tegan Tupin and Robert Westfall. That year Hope and Fabian discussed marriage during naptime. Matt was in love with Christine Byars, Griselda sang in the bathroom and Kori was in love with Jeff Whelchel.

From first to second, we lost Brenda and Shelly Holt, Jimmy Luna, Eddie Martinez, Robert Westfall, Jeff Whelchel, Dan Barrera and Roque Ramirez. But we gained Kristy Seaney, Shavonne's cousin that could move her ears. All together we had 33 students.

From second to third grade we lost Lorena Baeza, Brenda Jackson, Tegan Tupin, Mary Alveraz, Sara Reyes and Kristy Seaney. Third grade was our best year in elementary. Mrs. Mullin will always be our favorite teacher. That year we had 27 students.

From third to fourth grade we lost Griselda but we gained Necole Whitfill, Billy Allen, Rodney Lambright and Ronnie Denton. Dodgeball was our favorite sport in the fourth grade.

Especially for Donna because Matt always took up for her.

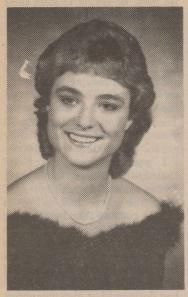
From fourth to fifth, we lost Billy Allen, Norby Garcia, Joe Ramirez, Linda Gayle Greenfield and Rodney Lambright and luckily gained Barry Eddleman and Ralph Diaz. Ralph claimed he couldn't speak a word of English, but we all knew better. Fifth grade was scary for all of us. It was our first time in Junior High, but we managed, as usual.

From fifth to sixth we lost Ralph and gained Charles Dennis, Angie Guerra and Daniel Rodriquez. There's not much to say about sixth grade except that we survived Mrs. Crabb.

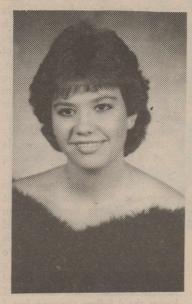
From sixth to seventh we lost Charles Dennis, Angie Guerra, Jr. Robles and Mary Robles and gained Shonda Stafford. Seventh grade was our first year to play real Junior High basketball and what can we say except that we were good. The only team that beat the girls was Nazareth. That's the year we started our tradition with them.

From seventh to eighth grade we lost Matt Clardy, David Montelongo, Daniel Rodriquez and gained Ricky Bullock. Eighth grade was really fun cause we were the leaders in Junior High. That was the year Lee Ann was thrown in the trash can everyday. She broke Mrs. Denton's plant, and took a \$5 bribe to break up with Cal. Chinese Jacks was a big hit among us girls that

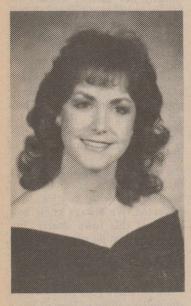
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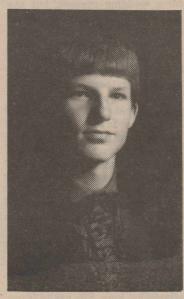
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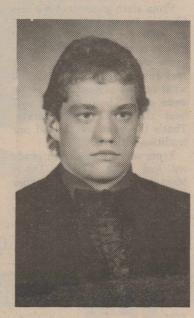
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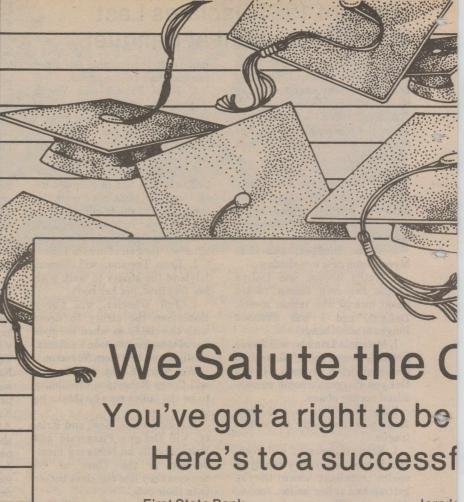
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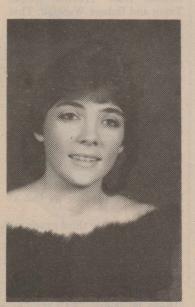
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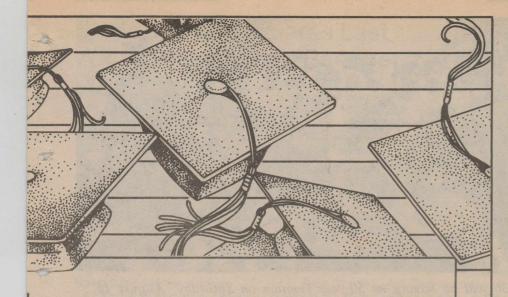
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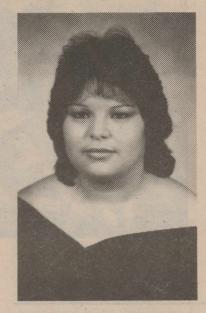


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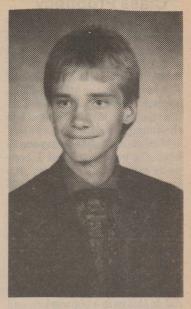
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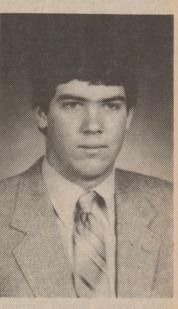
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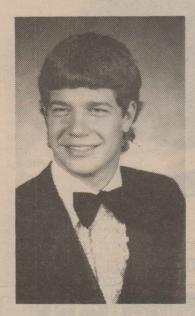
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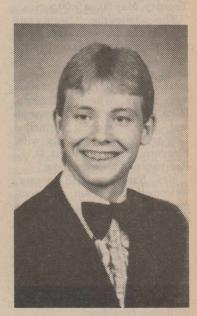
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House. It's a good thing the John Deere went out of business or I might have had to trade in my new Cadillac. And there's my five kids up in the stands. Tulip, Topper, Tegan, Trailer and Tennessee. They just look so cute in their designer clothes.

Well it looks like everyone is having a good time and I hope we're making lots of money. It's kind of sad though, cause things just aren't the same since Scotty passed away. None of us will ever forget that horrible day he was playing in the PGA and was tragically hit in the head by an unidentified flying golf ball. He died right there on the 18th hole. What a way to go! Scotty always did do things in a big way!



"One More Night" is Theme of Junior-Senior Banquet May 17

Members of the Silverton High School Junior Class hosted the Junior-Senior Banquet here Saturday evening, May 17, with Jeannita Stephens as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Tonnette Miller, after which a meal of shrimp cocktail, steak, baked potatoes, sour cream, tossed salad, rolls, butter, cobbler and iced tea was served.

The class history was read by Lee Ann Durham and the class prophecy was presented by Kathy Brown. The class will was read by Kori Baird, after which the benediction was pronounced by Suzann Settle.

Members of the Senior Class who were honored at the banquet are Cal Brannon, Doree Brodeen, Melannie Daniels, Joe Ted Edwards, Kristy Fogerson, Scotty Harris, Shavonne Lowrey, Hope Patino, Todd Reagan,

Donna Tomlin, Norma Trevino, Rose Trevino and Jeff Wheeler. Members of the host class are

Gloria Segura, Russell Simpson,

Honor Society Hosts Dinner for Parents, Administrators

Members of the Zenith Chapter of the National Honor Society in Silverton treated their parents, school administrators and wives to a steak dinner at the Golden Corral in Plainview on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The following twenty-one members and guests were present: Kathy and Mary Brown, Norma, Esther and Octavio Trevino, Donna, Sandi and Emmett Tomlin, Jeff, Bryan, Jackie and Lanny Wheeler, Suzann, Mike and Billy Settle, Juannah and Becky Woods, Principal Leonard Morgan and his wife, Florence, Superintendent O. C. Rampley and his wife, Faye.

Mrs. Rampley, NHS sponsor, welcomed the group and commended the parents for the outstanding quality of young people they have produced for the school and community. She also expressed her appreciation to them for taking time from their busy schedules to share an evening of relaxation and fun with their teenagers.

Following dinner, several members of the group went to the Family Fun Park for a round of miniature golf and other recreation.

Rena Castillo, DeLynn Fitzgerald, Sloan Grabbe, Serena Layland, Rhett Perkins, Joe Ramirez, Roque Ramirez, Stephanie Ramirez and Corey Robertson.

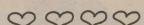
FBLA Enjoys Supper and Bowling Outing

Members of the Silverton FBLA Chapter 2021, accompanied by their Sponsor Faye Rampley, Superintendent O. C. Rampley, and driver Kelly Braisher, boarded a bus in front of the high school at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, for an evening of fun and food.

Their first stop was at the Steak House in Tulia for a sumptuous meal of their choice.

After dinner, the group boarded the bus again and continued their journey to the Plainview Bowl to complete their evening of fun

Bowling scores were not for public knowledge, but the highest one was racked up by Kelly Braisher, followed by Kim Burson who was only one point behind her! Other FBLA members who participated in the evening's activities were Julia Couch (who mopped up the floor with her nose a few times), Melannie Daniels, Alison Grimland, Robbie McWaters, Gina Myers, Clay Schott, Gloria Segura, Suzann Settle, Norma Trevino, Rose Trevino and Juannah Woods.



The Senior Boosters would like to give a special thanks to all the people who have helped us out by donating their time and money. Without your help we wouldn't be able to go on our Senior Trip to New Orleans. The biggest thanks of all goes to our parents. They organized, gave money and time to help us out and were always there when we needed them. Thanks again to everyone for giving us something we'll always remember.

Love,
Senior Boosters
Kori Kathy
Cal Lee Ann
Doree Shavonne
Kristy Russell
Scotty Jeff
Gloria Hope

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SHS CLASS OF 1936 will be having its 50-year reunion on Saturday, August 16. Pictured are [sitting, left to right] John White, Coleman Garrison, Garland Brown, Baylor Durham, sponsor, Blanton Garrison, Walter Bradley, J. W. Foust, Jack Blocker; [second row, kneeling] Billie McDaniel, Worth Alexander, James [Cranny] Allred, Charlsie Allard, Harley Redin, Jack Montague; [third row] Mary Dee Mercer, Oma Lee Mullis, Mildred Davenport, Oneta Stodghill, Lillus Ruth Ledbetter, Iwana Simpson, Mozelle Stodghill, Jackie Bomar, Hazel Elliston, Wilma Dickerson, Mazie Allard, Emory Mills; [fourth row] Nettie V. Rowell, Wynona Bomar, Gaynelle Douglas, Anis Fowler, Claudine Chitty, Mary Ann Fortenberry, Willie Mae Lanham. Valedictorian of the class was Wilma Dickerson, and salutatorian was Mildred Davenport. Most Popular Girl was Mazie Allard and Most Beautiful Girl was Wynona Bomar. Garland Brown was Most Popular Boy and Harley Redin was Most Handsome Boy. Class Prophet was Anis Fowler; Class Historian, Wilma Dickerson; Class Poet, Worth Alexander; Class Sponsor, Baylor Durham; President, Wilma Dickerson; Vice President, Wynona Bomar; Secretary, Anis Fowler; Treasurer, Gaynelle Douglas. The Class Motto was "Forward ever, backward never;" Class Colors, Blue and White; Class Flowers, White Carnations. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Boles in the school auditorium May 17, 1936, and the commencement address was by Judge O. R. Tipps on May 22.

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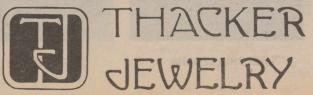
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Tree Planted at Lake in Honor of Syble Teeple

Each May, the Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club plants a tree at Lake Mackenzie in honor of someone. This year the tree was planted in honor of Syble Teeple.

Lanita Cantwell wrote and read the following dedication for the group who gathered on the south side of the lake for the planting ceremony.

"It is entirely fitting that we should be planting this tree in honor of Syble Teeple, for she truly loves trees and plants and growing things. We honor Syble for all that she has done in service to our club, our community and all who have known her. Twenty years ago, Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club was organized, and Syble was a charter member. In fact, she and Frances Kellum were very instrumental in getting the club started. Both had already been members of an Extension Club in Floyd County. All totaled, Syble has been in Extension Homemakers Club work for over 50 years. For many years she held membership in two clubs, and probably has served in almost every office. She's been a tireless and generous worker in every project the club has undertaken.

"In addition to Extension Club work, Syble has been active in church activities at the Lone Star Baptist Church. She is an active member of Silverton Senior Citizens Association.

"Syble Teeple is a multi-talented person. She's a fine seamstress, and at one time made many lovely draperies which hung in many homes in our area. Her gardening skills have been enjoyed by her family and friends alike. In recent years, Syble has been making lovely quilts. These are just a few of her talents. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren could tell us a lot more. Most certainly they'd tell you she was a loving wife to Raymond for over 50 years, and has been a kind and loving mother to Ray and Norma. Her granddaughters, Venita, Marsha, Brenda and Susan, could sing her praises and

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

May 29-Necole Whitfill, Neil Turner

May 30—Joe Gallington May 31-Fred Hill, Madeline Stone

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June 4-Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. David Tipton

and grand. "We have chosen a red oak to plant in her honor. The oak is a, symbol of strength. As Syble's life has been one of strength, beauty and service, may this tree grow strong and beautiful and supply comfort for many who

her nine great-grandchildren

would tell you she is both great

come this way."

Ray and Nelda Teeple and Wayland Fitzgerald were guests at the ceremony.

After the planting of the tree, Syble Teeple, Lanita Cantwell, Theta Holt and two grandchildren, and Florene Fitzgerald went to the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon to view antique quilts that were on display and to see the sesquicentennial quilt.

Couple Honored At Gift Shower Here

A gift shower for newly-weds, Russell and Lyneta Bingham, was held Saturday afternoon in the Pioneer Room at First State

The table was covered with a lace cloth over blue, and the centerpiece was an arrangement of tiger lilies in a gold vase.

Punch and assorted cookies were served by Dorcas Garrison, Alesha Patton and Bena Hester.

Ruby McWaters greeted the guests.

Hostesses were Mary Jane Patton, Alice Grabbe, Jo Hamilton, Bena Hester, Connie Smith, Dorcas Garrison, Florene Fitzgerald, Maebelle Francis, Glenda Francis, Dottie Long, Betty Stephens, Amy Otis and Ruby McWaters.

A chameleon's tongue is as long as its body.

Guidelines Drawn For Youth Labor

Child labor requirements for agricultural work apply to youth 16 years of age and under working on any farm or ranch, points out a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The requirements restrict youth under 16 from operating or riding a tractor of more than 20 horsepower. They also restrict youth from working with a wide range of equipment, from working at certain heights, and from working with anhydrous ammonia and certain chemicals.

Farmers and ranchers planning to hire youth for agricultural work this summer should be familiar with these require-

A typical cow spends 18 hours out of every day chewing.

Cleaning, Preserving Cedar Fences, Roofs

Cedar roofs and fences can be restored and preserved to give longer life, says a wood products specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The key is to start treatment before cedar has weathered for more than six years, particularly on roofs.

First, thoroughly clean the cedar; bleaches work well. After the cedar has dried, treat it with a preservative—either a pigmented copper octoate in napthenic oil or a pigmented, water soluble copper napthenate. The copper octoate in napthenic oil is best for cedar roofs.

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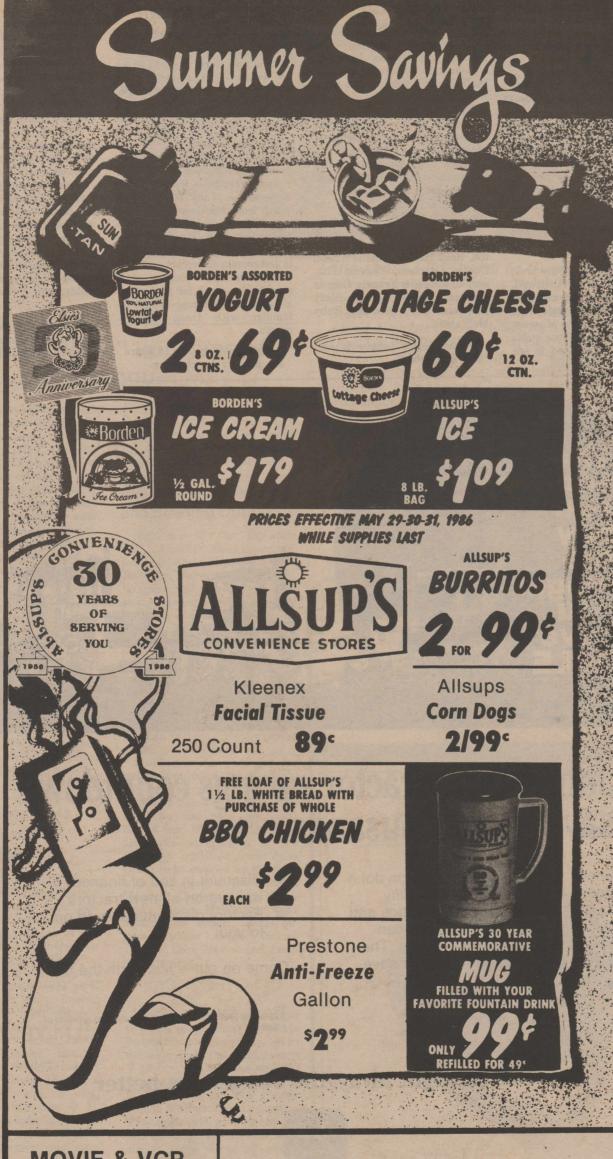


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Cities Receive Sales Tax Rebate Checks

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday sent checks totaling \$108.1 million in local sales tax to the 1,015 cities that levy the one-pecent city tax.

Houston's check was the largest—\$17.7 million—bringing total payments in 1986 to \$64.8 million, down two percent over 1985. Dallas received \$12.5 million for a total of \$46.1 million in total payments for this year, a decrease of five percent.

San Antonio's payment of \$6.9 million increased that city's 1986 payment to a total of \$25.1 million, up five percent over last year. Austin's check for \$4.9 million pushed payments to \$18.5 million for 1986.

Fort Worth received \$4.1 million for a 1986 total of \$15.5 million, up eight percent. El Paso's payment of \$2.5 million brought its total to \$9.6 million, an eight percent increase over last year's payment.

May checks represented taxes collected on sales made in March and reported to the Comptroller by April 20.

Silverton's payment this period was \$2,431.89. The comparable payment for 1985 was \$2,793.87. The 1986 payment brought the sales tax rebates to date to a total of \$9,003.78, up 0.96% from the \$8,928.46 received for the same period a year ago.

The payment received at Quitaque was \$2,129.46. Last year's payment was \$2,638.43. The 1986 total now stands at \$5,979.28, down 0.40% from the \$6,003.07 received for the same period last

Rebates and the percentage of increase or decrease for area cities include: Claude, \$2,639.42, up 15.80%; Hart, \$1,893.88, down 5.94%; Nazareth, \$1,686.-16, down 8.80%; Childress, \$36,-130.66, up 6.31%; Wellington, \$11,040.50, down 7.72%; Paducah, \$8,132.55, down 7.98%; Crosbyton, \$5,231.73, down 21.78%; Lorenzo, \$2,391.40, down 17.70%; Ralls, \$6,099.14, down 3.32%; Dickens, \$1,538.13, down 10.75%; Spur, \$6,106.65, up 38.74%; Clarendon, \$10,921.-51, up 6.19%; Hedley, \$895.40, down 6.42%; Howardwick, \$966.-51, down 41.06%; Floydada, \$12,541.22, down 5.69%; Lockney, \$6,032.68, down 9.89%; Lefors, \$821.02, up 56.73%; Plainview, \$131.323.44, up 6.81%; Estelline, \$1,180.41, up 4.31%; Lakeview, \$601.82, up 23.76%; Memphis, \$16,997.88, up 22.94%; Turkey, \$2,291.55, up 3.85%; Lubbock, \$1,487,000.81, up 1.15%; Idalou, \$5,736.08, down 7.52%; Matador, \$2,925.14, up 1.81%; Roaring Springs, \$1,097.16, up 16.73%; Amarillo, \$1,381,741.79, up 3.04%; Canyon, \$36,284.36, up 5.41%; Miami, \$2,799.85, down 16.74%; Happy, \$2,211.22, up 37.59%; Kress, \$1,023.47, up 21.66%; Tulia, \$15,233.29, down 5.07%; Wheeler, \$5,452.57, up 3.38%; Mobeetie, \$294.65, down 22.71%; Shamrock, \$14,203.60, down 3.39%.

Most school children can tell you two negatives make a positive, but few can name the man who first said so. It's said to have been John Lowth who first laid down that rule of grammar in 1762.

Cost Was High To Prove Teacher Competency in Texas

Charles N. Beard, President Texas State Teachers Ass'n.

It is not surprising that the percentage of Texas educators failing the Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT) is very low. These test score results underscore the fact that we have just wasted some \$7 million of taxpayers' money. Moreover, we do not know any more about teacher competency in Texas than we did two months or two years ago.

More importantly, we believe a higher price than tax dollars has been paid for this testing process. The state has put all of its professional career teachers and administrators through a demeaning emotional wringer. The cost in human terms and in terms of educational quality can be measured by plummeting morale, resignations, and early retirements. Where there was enthusiasm, there is cynicism.

Teachers are not leaving the profession to escape TECAT. They are leaving out of sheer frustration and the test results indicate just one of the many reasons for that frustration.

In the minds of many, education reform seems to boil down to "fixing" the teaching force. These test results show that the Texas teaching force isn't what needs fixing, though some other things do.

The Select Committee on Public Education and the Legislature identified many other major problems that need to be addressed including training for administrators and local school board members, lowering class size, raising teacher salaries in a meaningful way, improving school management, equalizing state aid to local school districts, and generally raising standards for teachers, students, and schools.

It is time to turn our attention to these and other areas where improvement is needed.

The fact is that if there are incompetent teachers in the classroom, we want to get them out of there. But we know that not all educators who failed TECAT in this first round are incompetent and not all who passed are excellent teachers.

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The only effective way to measure teaching competency is through sensible, fair and comprehensive evaluations of teaching performance and that is the course TSTA has always been committed to.

There is also a frustrating irony in the fact that the state is doling millions of dollars from a dwindling treasury to out-of-state companies to "weed out" five or eight or ten thousand certified, working Texas teachers who may or may not be "incompetent" and at the same time is spending additional money to recruit teachers from Oklahoma, Germany and elsewhere who haven't taken TECAT to take their places.

Furthermore, the Texas Education Agency is planning an advertising campaign aimed at convincing some of the estimated 300,000 certified Texas teachers who are now working in other fields to return to the classrooms they chose to leave.

We don't know how much all of this will cost. But whatever the amount is, it only takes ordinary common sense to see that there is something terribly wrong with the approach being taken.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write you a little note to tell you how much I appreciate all you have done for me and the Owlettes. Thank you so much for reporting all of our sporting news these past four years. It has been a pleasure to work with you and the people of this town.

I have grown very close to many people here . . . it is going to be very difficult to leave. It will be like leaving some of my own family. I am totally convinced that these girls are the best in all the world.

Thanks again for all of your help. I'll miss you both!

Sincerely, Kelly Braisher

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News From The Ag Shop

My first year is coming to a close here in S.H.S., and I have enjoyed it very much. Sure, there have been times when I wanted to pull my hair out, but I survived. I am positive that I learned much more than any of the students. We have accomplished many worthwhile projects during this school year. I have tried to emphasize that most of our goals this year could be reached with a little bit of horse-sense, desire and a few tools. All in all, I am very proud of the 21 students in the Vo-Ag program.

To you graduating seniors, I wish the best of luck and to the eight senior boys and girls who were in ag, THANKS!

-Stan Fogerson

LINES FROM Y N D A

Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent
RESPONSIBLE SELF-CARE

FOR CHILDREN

Kids have been counting the days until school's out, and moms are wondering how to keep them occupied all summer!

Employed mothers have a special concern about leaving children alone all day. We wonder at what age a child can be left without adult supervision and how to protect them from home accidents and "dangerous strangers."

The past two summers I conducted a "Safe at Home" workshop for 9-12-year-olds (one in Quitaque and one in Silverton) to help them learn some safety rules and to prepare nutritious snacks when they are home alone.

This summer I am offering a mailout packet for parents and children called "Responsible Self-Care for School-Age Children." This is available at no cost by calling my office, 823-2343. The packet will be mailed the first week in June.

Each of the four lessons includes one lesson for parents and one for the children. The parent lessons include, "Goals of Self Care," Hassle-Free Ideas for Good Nutrition," "Television and Other Alternatives," and "School Work and Home Work."

The children's lessons are "Super Safety," "Super Snacks," "Super Fun," and "Super Study and Other Challenges."

I know children won't be interested in the lesson on homework during the summer, but you can use the information on chores and save the rest of it until school starts again.

Grandparents, you might be interested in receiving this packet, too, if you plan to have grandchildren staying with you for some time this summer.

Call now to put your name on the list for this material.

According to U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the job classification with the most openings likely between naw, and 1990 is that of computer service technician.

Farm Credit Banks Show Improvement For First Quarter

Farm Credit Banks of Texas officials today announced a \$2.6 million net income for the first quarter of 1986. The banks make loans to Texas farmers, ranchers and agriculturally related businesses.

According to James Rogers, chief executive officer of the Texas banks, the organizations' earnings from local operations totaled \$8.2 million before \$5.6 million of these earnings were allocated to other Farm Credit districts with serious problems

Texas, one of 12 Farm Credit Districts nationwide, is comprised of the Federal Land Bank of Texas and its 44 local Federal Land Bank Associations, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Texas, 28 Production Credit Associations and the Texas Bank for Cooperatives.

Rogers also stated that although the system remains under stress due to the lagging farm and ranch economy, the Texas banks and associations were able to maintain their \$148 million reserve for losses, leaving them adequately protected against future losses. The banks' CEO reported the banks and associations charged off \$5 million for anticipated losses on

loans during the first quarter.

Loans outstanding for the three banks now total almost \$4 billion, down 5 percent from March 31, 1985. Rogers indicated that bank officials were concerned about their good borrowers who might leave the Land Bank in search of lower interest rates. He said the district board had asked the Farm Credit Administration, the banks' regulator in Washington, D. C., to approve a lower interest rate. So far, the request has not been approved.

Rogers noted a healthy surplus and reserves of almost \$490 million for the three banks, an improvement over the \$489 million at December 31, 1985.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System incurred a net loss of \$206 million for the first quarter of 1986, compared to a net income of \$118 million at the same time last year. The system reported a \$2.7 billion loss in 1985.

"The Texas District remains among the strongest in the nation," according to Rogers.

The Farm Credit System is the largest single agricultural lender in the U. S., providing about one-third of the nation's total agricultural credit. The Texas District has almost \$4 billion in loans outstanding to 40,000 farmers, ranchers, aquatic harvesters and 150 agricultural and rural utility cooperatives.

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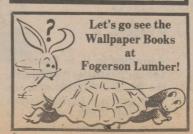
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Lina, Wayne and children

Thank you all for the cards, flowers, well wishes and prayers while I was in the hospital for surgery. Friends are wonderful. God bless you all.

Perry Thomas

Texas-Size Litterbags Available Free

New Texas-sized litterbags sporting the "Don't Mess With Texas" message are available free at any of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation offices and all Texas Tourist Bureaus.

"Since it's cans and fast-food wrappers we find most among the litter along the highways, our new litterbags are large enough to accomodate those items," said Don Clar, spokesperson with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The bags, which measure 12"x18", are part of the department's efforts to reduce significantly the cost of picking up trash along the roadside. Last year, it cost Texas taxpayers \$24 million to clean up the highways.

"Research indicates that states

with active litterbag distribution, combined with strong public awareness programs, are making major progress in reducing visible, deliberate litter," Clark said.

"Most people say they litter because it's convenient. By making the larger bags available free, we want to make it more convenient for Texans to put the trash where it belongs instead of messing with Texas," said Clark.

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