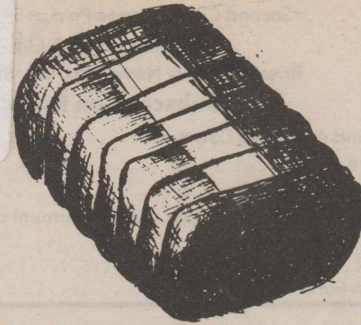


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All Around The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



If you haven't taken time to fill out the community health survey printed in the Christmas issue, we would like to ask you to do this and take it to Nance's or to the City Hall. This needs to be done before January 3, 1995. If you have lost your copy, we can furnish you wish a new one at the *Briscoe County News*.

★
Dallas Cowboy Jay Novacek was in Tulia to go hunting a few days before Christmas. He is a member of Ducks Unlimited in Denton, and the club auctioned off a day of hunting with the famous athlete, which went for \$550. He arrived in Tulia on a Monday night with three hunting dogs and went home Tuesday night. He had to be back for practice on Wednesday. He hunted geese and pheasants while in the area.

Did they talk about football while hunting? No, they talked about hunting. He wasn't there to talk shop, said one of those involved in the hunt, and added, "I can tell you he is a real nice guy, a country boy born in Nebraska."

★
We received a note from Glenna Cornett telling us that her mother, Mildred Thompson, has entered Southern Manor Nursing Home in Lubbock. Her address is 4320 19th Rm. 402, Lubbock 79407.

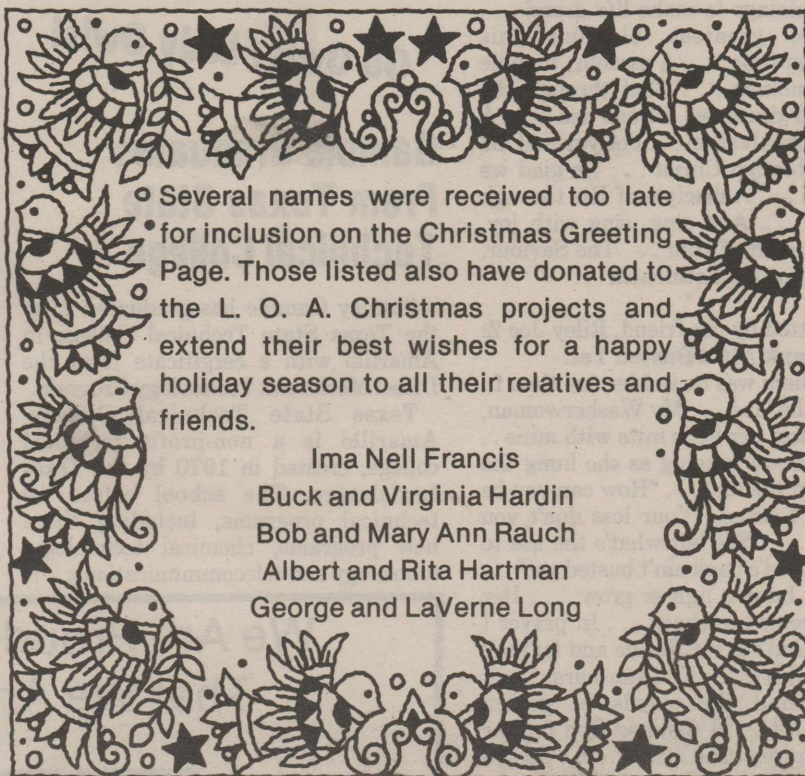
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Cindy Walker has been moved to a hospital in Dallas. Roy Mack and Lois were in Silverton briefly last week before returning to Dallas for Christmas with their family. They can be reached at 214-350-1205, which is Cliff's home.

Water Conservation Should Be Practiced Outside the Home

Thirty-five percent of home water usage occurs outside of the home, in the lawn and garden. There are many ways to conserve water. You simply have to increase your knowledge about water conservation and then put what you have learned to work.

The first step is to use native and adapted plants. By learning what types of grass, shrubbery and plants do best in the area, and planting accordingly, you can really help to conserve water. Decorating areas of the lawn with rocks, gravel or other materials now available is another alternative.

Learning how to properly water your lawn also can help to conserve water. During the hot summer months, water lawns early in the morning. Otherwise, much of the water used can simply evaporate between the sprinkler and the grass. To avoid excessive



Several names were received too late for inclusion on the Christmas Greeting Page. Those listed also have donated to the L. O. A. Christmas projects and extend their best wishes for a happy holiday season to all their relatives and friends.

Ima Nell Francis
Buck and Virginia Hardin
Bob and Mary Ann Rauch
Albert and Rita Hartman
George and LaVerne Long

Silverton Hoot-Out Set To Tip-Off

Silverton's Hoot-Out will be held January 5-6-7, and the teams entered in the boys and girls divisions along with the Owls and Lady Owls are Kress, Hedley, Smyer, Valley, Motley County,

evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water, rather than a fine mist. Try watering slowly for better absorption and never water on a windy day. Forget about watering the streets, sidewalks, and driveways. They never will grow. Learn how to recognize when the grass needs watering. If it has turned a dull grey-green or if footprints remain visible, it is time to water.

For most of us, water conservation is mainly learning how to adapt or change our personal habits. It is up to each one of us to do our part to conserve!

-Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

Silverton School Activities

January 5-6-7--Hoot-Out
Monday, January 9--Hedley Junior High, here, 5:00

Tuesday, January 10--Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Clinic, City Hall, 9-12; Motley County, there

Thursday, January 12--Board Meeting, 5:00; Community Meeting with rep. from High Plains Hospital about possible dr. Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.; Lockney Junior High Tournament

Friday, January 13--McLean, there
Saturday, January 14--Lockney Junior High Tournament

McLean and Patton Springs.

The Lady Owls open the tournament at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by the Owls at 8:00 p.m. Both teams play Patton Springs.

The winners advance to play at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Friday, and the losers play at 12:30 and 2:00 Friday.

Championship games begin at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Third-place games begin at 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. and the consolation finals begin at 11:30 and 1:00 Saturday.

Lots of homemade food will be available at the concession stand, and you are invited to enjoy a meal while you watch the basketball games.

A list of concession stand workers for the tournament can be found elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper.

Utility Assistance Applications To Be Taken Again in Jan.

Panhandle Community Services will again be taking applications for utility assistance for the winter months, beginning in January 1995. It will not do any good to try to apply before that date because the funds will not be available before then!

While you are waiting for time to apply, you need to contact the gas company (or the butane company) that services your area, and the electric company. Please ask each of these companies to mail you a history of your energy usage for the twelve months of 1994. It will be necessary that you have these in hand, plus current (for past 30 days) proof of income.

Briscoe County residents will need to bring the above-mentioned items to the offices of Panhandle Community

Owls, Lady Owls At Cotton Center

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will travel to Cotton Center for games beginning at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday).

They will host the teams from Lazbuddie at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 30.

The *Briscoe County News* will be closed Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Silverton's varsity teams will be playing in the Hoot-Out January 5-6-7. The work schedule for the concession stand is included in this issue of your newspaper.

Most Businesses Closed Monday

Most Silverton businesses will observe their New Year holiday on Monday, January 2. This will be the last day of the school's Christmas vacation.

There will be no UPS service Monday.

Commodity Pricing Workshops in January

A series of one-day workshops for area wheat, feed grain and cattle producers is planned in mid-January by Texas A&M agricultural economists, Steve Amosson and Mark Waller.

The programs are designed for those having some experience or knowledge of futures and options. Instructors will provide indepth discussion on several specific pricing strategies in an attempt to provide producers with some basic pricing techniques, showing how and when the strategies work.

A basis update and market outlooks for 1994 will be presented along with strategies for developing individual marketing plans.

The one-day courses will begin January 9 in Stinnett, then move to Spearman January 10 and finally to Canyon on January 11.

Participants must be preregistered for the course by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 6. There's a \$25 registration fee.

Services at the Briscoe County Courthouse in Silverton. Robbie Hill, regional manager, will take applications on the first and third Thursday mornings ONLY for Silverton residents.

You may call 806-874-2573 COLLECT any other time to schedule an appointment to save waiting time.

Quitauque residents may meet her at the First National Bank in Quitauque between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. ONLY.


For Hall County residents living in Turkey, see Mrs. Hill at 2:15 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Room at City Hall in Turkey. Hall County residents living in Turkey have the option of going to Memphis to meet M.s. Hill on the first or third Tuesdays.

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A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

While we are still in the midst of the Christmas Season, I submit the following which was written by my friend, Chester Carthel, for Christmas 1965 A. D.

Christmas is a sad time in many ways . . . Summer is gone with its warm busy days . . . Winter has come and left our land . . . Barren as that of the desert sand . . . So many souls, of the number we dare not speak . . . Tired and sick and cold and weak . . . To them, Christmas is not a time to be . . . So gay and glad you see . . . There seems to be so much hate, fear and despair . . . We wonder if our loads we can bear . . . We work and worry and hurry and fret . . . Over something that has not happened yet . . . But when we do stop and really ponder . . . It is such a marvelous



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wonder . . . The many things we have each day . . . To make our lives so rich and gay . . . We have the moon and the rain and the sun . . . We count these blessings, only begun . . . We have our homes, our friends and our land . . . So many blessings to make life grand . . . But the greatest blessing this Christmas time . . . A saviour, humble and so sublime . . . That through His birth and death we all can see . . . A chance for salvation . . . For you and me . . . So through Christ . . . So glad we might be . . . A disciple of His through eternity . . . And sing, sing with joy, when we read of Him . . . The Saviour, who was born in Bethlehem . . .

Submitted by my friend, Riley Joe Z: **God's Bank Ain't Busted Yet.**

I felt there was no sadder one than I . . . In all the land . . . My Washerwoman, too, had lost her little mite with mine . . . And she was singing as she hung the clothes on the line . . . "How can you be so gay?" I asked, "Your loss don't you regret?" . . . "Yes but what's the use to fret? . . . God's bank ain't busted yet" . . . I felt my burden lighter grow: . . . Her faith I seemed to share . . . In prayer I went to God's great throne and laid my troubles there . . . The sun burst forth from behind the clouds in golden splendor set . . . I thanked God for her simple words, "God's bank ain't busted yet" . . . And now I draw rich dividends, more than my hands can hold . . . Of faith and love and hope and trust and peace of mind untold . . . I thank the giver of it all, but still I can't forget . . . My washerwoman's simple words, "God's bank ain't busted yet" . . . Oh, weary ones upon life's road . . . When everything seems drear and losses loom on every hand and skies seem not so clear . . . Throw back your shoulders,

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lift up your head and cease to chafe and fret . . . Your dividend will be declared. . . "God's bank ain't busted yet." (Author unknown, but surely it is someone who is acquainted with our God.)

I have just finished reading the terrifying article in the preceding issue. The frightening thing about it is it's obvious truth. If it were possible every citizen of our "once great nation" should be compelled to read it. I do not know Mr. Davis, but Sir, you have compiled a composite of bitter truths that should make the front page of every publication in the entire media in our nation. I congratulate the *Briscoe County News*. I could never be prouder of our local publication. Let's all aid and back it in every way possible. E.I.C.

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

Gamble Graduates From Texas State Technical College

Stanley Gamble has graduated from the Texas State Technical College in Amarillo with a certificate from the Diesel Mechanics Technology Program. Texas State Technical College-Amarillo is a non-profit technical college, created in 1970 by the Texas Legislature. The school offers 19 technical programs, including three new programs, chemical technology, metrology and telecommunications.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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December 20, 1984—Rain during the past week amounted to 1.10 inches . . . Senior Citizens to have Christmas and New Year's party . . . James Clemmer was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital Thursday after becoming ill . . . Funeral services conducted for Silverton pharmacist Jack Robertson, 45. Pallbearers were Dick Roehr, Bill Boling, Wayne Nance, Troy Jones, Fred Strange and Beryl Long. Honorary pallbearers were Keyth Tiffin, J. D. McGavock and Joe Ted Edwards . . . Eural Vaughan was taken by ambulance to Central Plains Hospital last Thursday after falling at home. He received a cut on his forehead that required several stitches to close . . . "I want a motorcycle," Ryan Minyard told Santa when the gentleman made his early visit here . . .

December 27, 1984—Letha Lanham was retiring after 30 years with the United States Postal Service. Her fellow postal workers, Postmaster Fred Strange, Venita Chappell and Pat Edwards, presented her with a gift of luggage to mark her retirement . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Edwards are parents of a son, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr. . . Miss Shonda Stafford, 17, granddaughter of W. H. and Jonnie Weaver, was selected to be a finalist in the Miss West Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held in Midland . . . Elton and Lanita Cantwell spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their daughter, Mary Chris Cantwell, in Carrollton . . . Ollie McMinn spent Christmas Eve with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and family . . .

December 26, 1974—Don Cornett was one of the winners of the deer hunting trophy contest and was recognized at the monthly meeting of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee . . . Rita Brown of New York City has arrived here for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Clay are here from California for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clay, Randy and Ramona . . . Owlette JV ties Claude, loses in overtime . . . Riley Harris was taken to the Plainview Hospital by ambulance Friday night and early the next morning his wife, Sandy, entered the hospital. The family has a new type of virus. The children, Shelly and Scotty, have been in Lubbock with their grandparents while recovering from the virus. Mrs. Jack Harris brought Riley and Sandy home Sunday . . .

December 17, 1964—The Owls and Owlettes hosted the annual Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend. Both teams played in the finals, with the Owlettes taking a 33-26 win from the Hedley girls, and the Owls dropping a 63-61 decision to Hedley. Pat Cagle, Tena Williams, Margaret Minyard and Martha Mills won individual All-Tournament Awards, while Greg Towe, Ike Bruton and Fred Stafford won honors on the boys All-Tournament team . . . The Owls took a 55-48 win from the Claude Mustangs Tuesday, and the Owlettes defeated Claude 46-33 . . . Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Muckleroy and children visited friends in Big Spring Sunday. As they were returning home a tire blew out and the car rolled. Miraculously, no one was injured . . . John Schott bagged an aoudad sheep on the Schott Ranch Friday morning. The animal, which dressed out at 205 pounds, was one of the largest killed to date. Its horns measured 30 inches around the curve. Johnnie Burson bagged another of the sheep Saturday on his ranch and another was killed on the Cogdell Ranch which reportedly set a world record with a horn

measurement of 34 inches. About fifty of the sheep were released in the Palo Duro and Tule Canyons about five years ago . . .

December 24, 1964—The Silverton Owls and Owlettes emerged as the second and third place winners at the Hale Center Basketball Tournament last weekend. Fred Stafford, Greg Towe and Martha Mills were named to the All-Tournament teams . . . Bonnie Watters, who teaches in Yuma, Arizona, and Fred Scott Dunham, a student at WTSU, arrived Friday for a holiday visit with Walter Watters, Mrs. Maxine Morris, Walter Dunham and other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell plan to spend Christmas with relatives in Austin . . . A. L. McMurtry has recently spent several days as a patient in the hospital

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry West are parents of a son, Daniel (Dannye) Loyd . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard are parents of a son, Christopher Lee . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie wrist watch and a Miss Barbie and a Posey Pixie and a banana seat and a big handle bar. Cynthia Walker . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a V-room loader and dump and a super crane. I am seven years old. Mikel D. Griffin . . . Dear Santa, I am seven years old. I wanted a horse for Christmas but I decided to wait until next year for that. Please bring me a Skipper and some Barbie clothes and a record player. I love Santa, Ruth Ann Cline . . . Dear Santa, For Christmas please bring me a chemistry set, a paratrooper jumpmaster, a 3-stage rocket and Hamilton's Invaders. We will leave

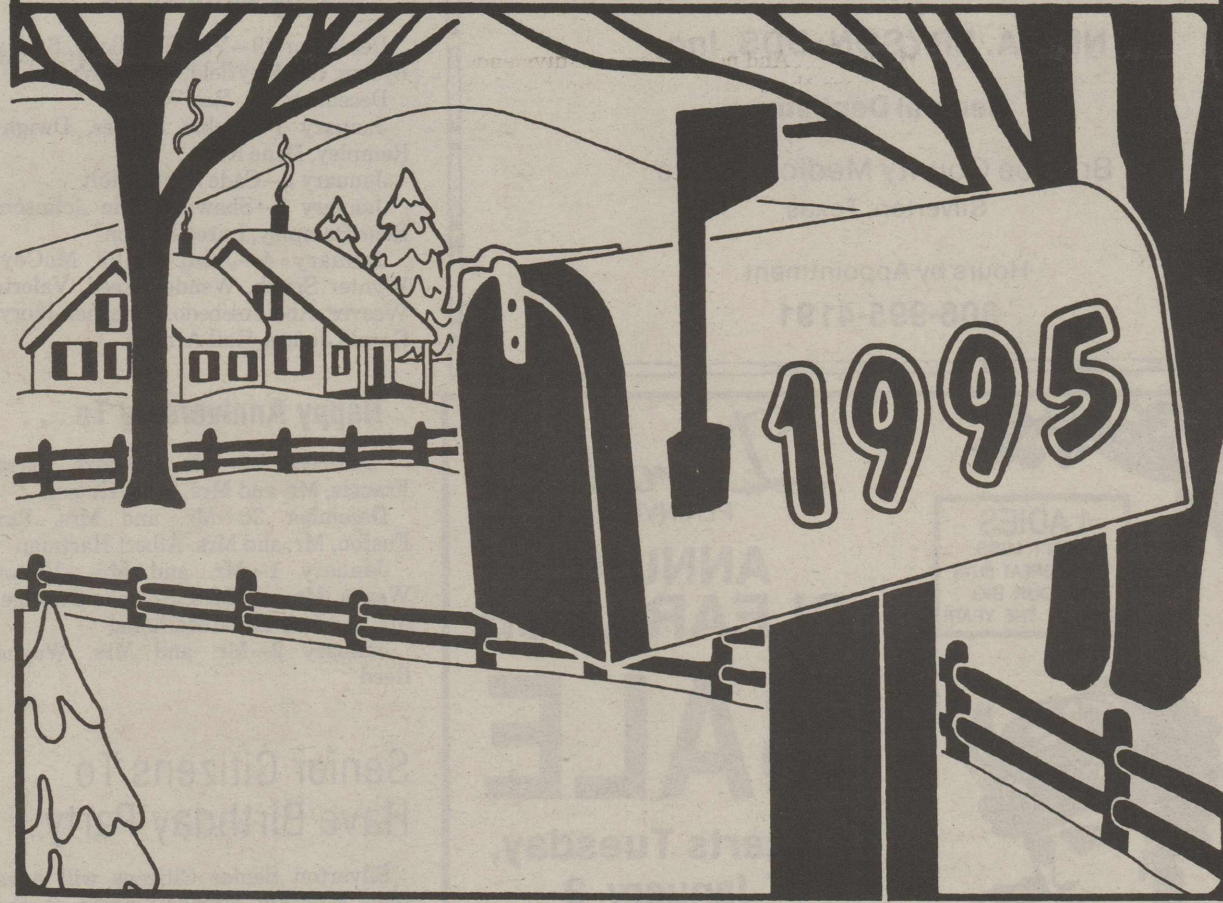
something for you to eat and something for your reindeer. I have tried to be a good boy. Ken Sarchet, age six . . .

December 28, 1944—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dudley and daughter spent Christmas with his brother, Milton and family. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley had the family Christmas tree Sunday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Watson and children of Amarillo were here for Christmas with relatives . . . The Burson family gathered at the True Burson ranch home for Christmas dinner. Guests were Neal Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crawford, Mrs. Rex Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hill . . .

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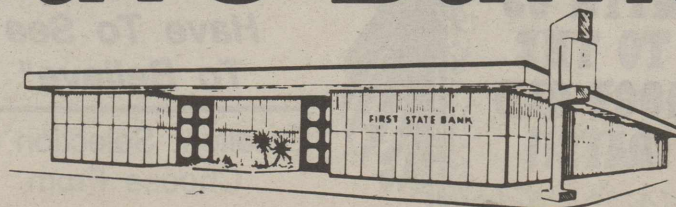
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Houston Ray Lemons, Carla Diane Gardner

Engagement Is Announced

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The wedding is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. December 30, 1994, at the Sixth

and Gaines Streets Church of Christ in Tulia, with Nelson Howell officiating.

Lemons is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division of Tulia. He also serves as a reserve deputy sheriff in

Swisher County.

Mrs. Gardner is employed by Outreach Homecare of Silverton.

The bride-elect is the daughter of J. C. and Stella Hall of Silverton. Lemons is the son of Lenora Lemons of Tulia.

The couple plans to make their home in Tulia.

Couple Honored at Christmas Bridal Tea

Robyn Lane and Brian Martin were honored with a bridal tea and shower Saturday, December 10, in the home of Marsha Brunson. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Brunson and presented to the couple and their mothers, Dorothy Martin and Cindy Lane.

Anita Ramsey registered the guests. Those attending from out of town included Samantha Stark and Cindy Lane of Turkey; Melba Austin, Plainview; Vickie, Holly and Matt Stewart and Debbie Belk, Plainview.

Misses Brandi and Lacy Brunson served apple cider punch and coffee along with blueberry muffins, miniature pecan pies and assorted fruits with dip. A Christmas centerpiece decorated the table which was covered with a lace Christmas cloth.

The hostess gift to the couple was a gas barbecue grill.

Assisting Mrs. Brunson as hostesses were Anita Ramsey, Sally Grimland, Gail Wyatt, Vaughnell Brannon, Michelle Francis, Donna Francis, Sybil King, Ruby Graham, Patsy Towe, Della Boling, Carolyn Shelton, Glenda Francis, Waynelle Couch, Ann West, Jannine Brooks, Pat Arnold and Lana Burson.

Happy Birthday To . . .

December 29—Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters
 December 31—Rob Weaks
 January 1—Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys
 January 2—Cade Skyler Holt
 January 3—Shawn Calvin Johnson, Rene Rampley, Luree Burson
 January 4—John Colby McCoy, Wynter Smith, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Abel Asebedo, Jonathan Ivory, Gerald James, Gail Arnold

Happy Anniversary To . . .

December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell
 December 30—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman
 January 1—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Billie McDaniel
 January 2—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center Tuesday, January 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Those with January birthdays will be honored. The party will be hosted by those whose birthdays were celebrated in December.

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Lifestyle Choices Program Offered

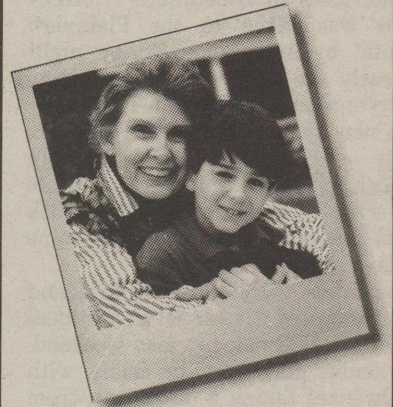
If you're trying to lose a few pounds; eat fewer foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt; or get in shape through regular exercise, then *Lifestyle Choices* is for you. Developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the program is now being offered by the Briscoe County Extension Service. The series will begin in January and continue through May. There is no cost to attend the sessions.

Lifestyle Choices focuses on adults who are interested in improving their health through healthy weight management. The series will consist of six lessons on healthy weight management and twelve follow-up support sessions to encourage weight management. The lessons are about one hour each and may be conducted during lunch or after work.

Coronary heart disease, strokes, high blood pressure, cancer, Type II diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity and atherosclerosis are the leading causes of illness, disability and death in Texans. Additionally, these diseases reduce productivity within the labor force and increase insurance health care costs. *Lifestyle Choices* teach the basic principles of nutrition, food selection, exercise and fitness, ways to modify recipes, menu planning at home and tips for eating "on-the-go".

Please call the Extension Office at 823-2131, to register for the *Lifestyle Choices* series or to find out more about the program.

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Thurs. Jan. 5	3:30-6:30—	Nancy & Leland Wood Juannah & Lindsey Jennings; Jane Self
	6:30-9:30—	Gary, Ramona & Matt Martin; Brad, JonEtta & Trey Ziegler
Fri. Jan. 6	3:30-6:30—	Michelle, Jared & Nathan Francis; Tina & Holly Nance
	6:30-9:30	Mike, Estella & Mickey Juarez; Rick, Beverly & Ryan Minyard
Sat. Jan. 7	11:30-2:30—	Perry, Marsha, Brandi & Lacy Brunson; Gary, Cathey, Leslee & Lindsey Weaks
	2:30-5:30—	Tom, Deb & Donny Burson; Max, Sheryl & Shannon Weaver
	5:30-8:30—	John, Gail & Trey Wyatt; David & Debbie Holt & Family

State Six-Man Football Champion Dominates The All-District Team

Amherst is the state six-man football champion, and is the dominant team in the All-District selections. The Owls, who placed last in the district, managed only to receive two honorable mentions, and these went to Jack Cherry on offense and Jeremiah Brooks on defense.

Those selected for the All-Stars are Jon Colby Miller of Lazbuddie and Torrey Tolbert of Amherst. Dee Martinez of Lazbuddie was selected as the alternate.

Chosen for the offensive first team were Jon Colby Miller and Dewayne Miles, Amherst, runningbacks; Jesus Perez, Three Way, and Justin St. Clair, Lazbuddie, quarterbacks; Dee Martinez, Lazbuddie, center; Jeremy Jennings, Amherst, and Bobby Weaver, Lazbuddie, tight ends; Torrey Roberts, Three Way, and Josh Warren, Lazbuddie, wide receivers; Octavio Perez, Three Way, spread back; Jon Colby Miller, kicker.

Named to the offensive second team were Brandon Rodgers, Whitharrel, and Torrey Tolbert, Amherst, runningbacks; Chris Bishop, Amherst, and Cody Stroope, Cotton Center, quarterbacks; Jeff Edwards, Amherst, center; Hector Garcia, Cotton Center, and Ryan McNabb, Amherst, tight ends; Bryan Nichols, Cotton Center, and Cameron Dockery, Whitharrel, wide receivers; Cody Stroope, punter.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Reidhimer and family spent Christmas eve with the Paul Reid family . . . Donald Weast entertained the football squad and their dates at a steak fry Friday night. As soon as the group gathered at the Weast home they were seated at the table, which was loaded with steak and all the fixings. Games and music completed the evening's fun. Those enjoying the occasion were Troy Wayne Vaughan, J. L. Self, Gene Dickenson, Bruce Price, Clovis Hill, Wilma Lee Francis, Naomi Chitty, Roma Lee Clemmer, Faye Brown, Mildred Carruth, Evelyn Coffee, J. W. Brannon, Ruby and Opal Weast and the host, Donald Weast . . . S-Sgt. Robert J. Montague recently enjoyed a recess from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Rest Center at English Resort Hotel where America's airmen who provide aerial cover for the Allied Armies in Germany may relax between missions. S-Sgt. Montague has completed 30 missions over Nazi-dominated Europe . . . Jackie Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield, stepped on a nail last Friday and was quite ill for several days . . .

Selected for the defensive first team were Dee Martinez, Cody Oden and Noel Lopez, both of Cotton Center, defensive linemen; Jon Colby Miller, linebacker; Brandon Pointer, Amherst, and Josh Warren, cornerbacks; Brandon Rodgers, safety.

The second team defense included Jim Dukatnik, Whitharrel, Ryan McNabb and Edmundo Cueto, defensive linemen; Dewayne Miles, linebacker; Cameron Dockery and Torrey Tolbert, cornerbacks; Chris Bishop, safety.

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Home Economics

1995-99 Briscoe County Issues Identified

Twelve issues have been identified as problem areas which are in need of being addressed by the Briscoe County Extension Service. The issues were identified by persons representative of each segment of the Briscoe County population, at a study group meeting which was held in March 1994. The Briscoe County Extension Service will be addressing each of these issues during the next five years through educational programs and opportunities.

There were three issues identified in the State Goal of Health, Safety and Well-being. These included: Health Care Facilities and Services; High Risk Behaviors of Youth, and Care and Support of Elderly Needs. There were four issues identified in the State Goal of Environmental Stewardship and Natural Resources. They were Soil and Water Conservation; Agriculture and Home Chemical Usage; Range and Wildlife Management and Conservation, and Solid Waste Management. Under the State Goal of Economic Competitiveness, Viability and Stability, the issues identified were Business and Tourism Development; Employment and Educational Opportunities, and Ag Profitability and Policy. Two issues were identified relating to the State Goal of Department of Life Skills and Leadership Qualities. These included Improve Parenting Skills for Enhancement of Family, and Positive Youth Values.

These issues and a process for addressing them have been compiled in the 1995-99 Long Range Extension Program (LREP). A free copy of the LREP is available at the Briscoe County

OBITUARIES

EARLENE LEDBETTER

Funeral services for Earlene Ledbetter, 82, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with the pastor, Rev. Bryan Donahoo, officiating. Assisting with the services were Donald Ledbetter and Ronald Ledbetter.

Interment was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ledbetter died at her home Sunday.

She was born May 30, 1912 in Dallas County, and was married to Paul Ledbetter on December 11, 1930 in Fort Worth. The couple moved to the Silverton area 64 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James Paul and Norlan Earl, and a daughter, Annissa.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Donald Ledbetter of Reno, Nevada and Ronald Ledbetter of Ponca City, Oklahoma; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Don Ledbetter, Chris Ledbetter, Joe Johnson, Riley Ziegler, Brad Ziegler, Duane Anderson and Duane Reynolds.

VIVIAN MERRELL

Funeral services for Vivian Lavern Merrell, 91, of Quitaque were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Quitaque Church of Christ with J. D. Nance officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Merrell died Sunday in Lockney. She was born October 2, 1903 in Burnett County. She married Willard Merrell in 1925 in Floydada. He preceded her in death in 1960.

She was a resident of the Haylake Community from 1934 until 1972, when she moved to Quitaque. She was a

member of the Church of Christ and was a retired rancher and homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Eula Dewitz of Kennewick, Washington and Gay McPherson of Lockney; a son, Billy D. Merrell of Quitaque; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family suggested memorials be made to Resthaven Cemetery Association.

Crop and Livestock Budgets Now Available

The new and updated 1995 crop and livestock enterprise budgets for the Texas High Plains are now available. The package consists of 42 crop and three livestock budgets for the 41 counties of the Texas High Plains.

Each budget includes estimates of production costs, operations performed and expected revenue. Since these budgets are for the region, they do not represent an individual operation and should be used for planning purposes only.

According to Dr. Steve Amosson, area Extension economist of Amarillo, this year's budget package includes a five-year production history for corn, cotton, milo and wheat by county for the High Plains.

Also included are figures for average county acreage planted, acreage harvested, total production and average yields are presented for these crops on a dryland and irrigated basis.

Amosson said area agricultural bankers also refer to these budgets when assisting farmers and ranchers with financing.

"Producers can keep this information as a ready reference, and most already consider it a useful planning tool," Amosson added.

Budget packets are \$15 (\$10 for each additional copy) and can be ordered through Amosson at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, TX 79106. For more information, contact Amosson at (806) 359-5401 or the Briscoe County Extension office.

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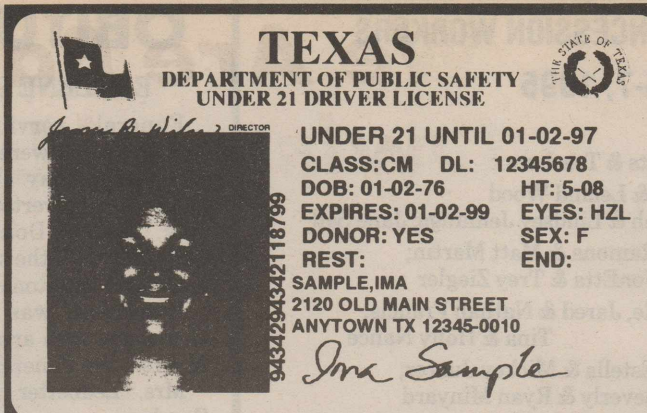
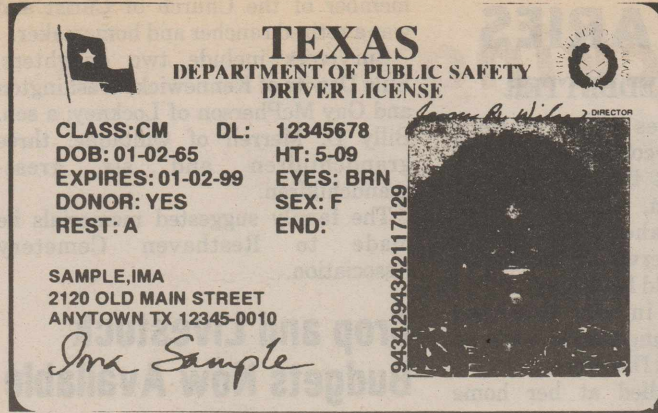
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Drivers Licenses To Have New Look in 1995

Texas driver licenses will have a new look beginning early in 1995. The new licenses will be more convenient for Texas' 15.6 million license and identification card holders and will provide more security features,

according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. "We're always looking for new ways to prevent criminals from using driver licenses for illegal purposes," said DPS Director Col. James R. Wilson. "The

new licenses and identification cards will be much harder to forge or alter. A real bonus is that the same technology that makes the new licenses more secure will greatly reduce the time it takes to get the card into the hands of

the owner." The DPS will begin phasing in the technology in January. New licenses will be available in all 243 towns and cities with driver license offices later in the year. Current licenses need not be replaced. They will continue to be valid until their expiration date. Fees will remain the same.

The new licenses will have a look similar to a credit card, but will be easy to distinguish because of colorful images of the Texas flag and Texas seal against a beige background. New digital imaging technology also will enhance the licensees' photographs.

"The new format will include a magnetic stripe, a bar code and a special laminate to maximize security," said Judy Sibert, DPS project manager for the digital image driver license system. "Licenses issued for Texans under the age of 21 will look different from regular licenses, making it easier for merchants to determine a customer's age."

The application and renewal procedures will change very little. Applicant's thumb prints will be taken using imaging equipment, eliminating the mess of ink. Photos will be taken with video cameras linked to computers, allowing technicians to better assure a good likeness of the applicant.

"A real benefit to licensees is that the new system will allow us to get the license in their hands in fewer than 10 days, instead of the current four to six weeks," Sibert said. "And as merchants adopt equipment capable of reading the magnetic stripe, these new cards will speed up check acceptance."

Sibert said another security feature will be a laminate embossed with the words "TEXAS" in lines on the front. The "TEXAS" will glow under ultraviolet light.

Drivers with good records will continue to be able to renew for a second four-year period without returning to a license office.

The last major change in licenses was made in 1968, when pictures were added and the use of paper licenses was discontinued except for temporary licenses, learners' permits and certain special needs licenses.

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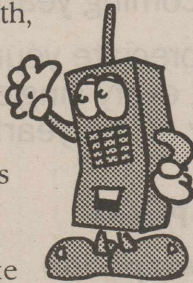
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Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

BREAKFASTS

- Monday--School Holiday
- Tuesday, January 3--Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, January 4--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, January 5--Pancake, Syrup, Juice, Milk
- Friday, January 6--Sausage and Biscuit, Juice, Milk

LUNCHESES

- Tuesday--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Milk
- Thursday--Fish, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk
- Friday--Baked Chicken, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Syrup, Butter, Milk

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End-of-Year Reminders From Social Security

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

Do you have a child age one or older who doesn't have a Social Security number? Have you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason)? Are you receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year? Did you work this year while receiving Social Security benefits and earned more than the annual earnings limits?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you should be talking to Social Security as soon as possible. If you are now receiving benefits, failure to report these changes may affect the amount of your benefit or whether you receive them on time. If you are not receiving benefits, failure to report them may affect the amount of your future benefits.

CHECK SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON TAX RETURNS

The law requires you to list a Social Security number on your tax return for all dependents over age one. Also, for the first time, the IRS will be delaying returns that have incorrect Social Security numbers until they are corrected. So you should be sure you have a correct Social Security number for yourself and any dependents before you file your tax return next year.

REPORT NAME CHANGE

If you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason) and haven't made sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

To get a replacement card, you need an identifying document, such as a driver's license. To change the name on your card, you need documentation that shows both your old name and your new name. If you were born outside the United States, generally you also must show proof of U. S. citizenship or lawful alien status. Your replacement card will have the same number as your old card.

REPORT NEW ADDRESS

If you're receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year, make sure we have your new address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to tell us about a change in their mailing address.)

You must notify the post office and Social Security immediately if you change your mailing address. In fact, failure to report a change of address is the leading cause of checks not arriving on time. Your report should include your claim number, your old address, and the new address, including ZIP Code. Give the names of all family members who should receive benefits or information at the new address.

You should report a new address even if you have direct deposit because important letters from Social Security are sent to your mailing address, even though your benefits go directly to a bank. Your benefits could be stopped temporarily if Social Security cannot locate you because you have not reported a change of address.

REPORT EXCESS EARNINGS

If you received Social Security benefits, worked in 1994, and earned above the annual limit, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by April 17, 1995. The 1994 limits were \$8,040 for people under 65 and \$11,160 for people 65-69. If you were age 70 for the entire year, the earnings limits do not apply to you.

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TED NOEL - GENERAL MANAGER
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With so many of the new models being similar in features and price, how do prospective new car or truck buyers know which automobile is best for them. Well, as the saying goes, "If you don't know automobiles...know the people you buy from." In this area, consumers are very fortunate in having a dealer like JACK MORRIS FORD - LINCOLN - MERCURY - TOYOTA. Located at Olton Hwy. & I-27 in Plainview, phone 293-2511 or 1-800-498-FORD (3673), this well

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WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY:
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Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

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Bryan Donahoo, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens 9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S. 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:
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WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
FIRST MONDAY:
United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.
TUESDAY:
United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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In-home Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
THIRD SATURDAY:
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service..... 8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
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WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class 4:30-5:30 p.m.
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High..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.

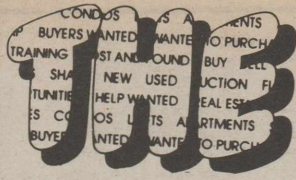


GOOD RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE NEW YEAR

People generally wait until the first of January to make a list of character-improving resolutions. However, with the holiday season at hand, there are some appropriate ones that we should make right now. Let us resolve to be more patient when the traffic slows down in holiday gridlock, to be more courteous with overworked salespersons, to make the first move in mending a quarrel we may have had with someone, to give what we can to the poor, to be friendly and helpful with our neighbors, particularly those who are ill or handicapped, and to attend our House of Worship. Doing these things will give us a good feeling, and along with the lights and decorations, will help to bring the true spirit of the holidays to ourselves and everyone around us.

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Thank you, First State Bank, for the nice fruit cake. To one and all of the personnel a merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year.
Mrs. Loyd

Hazel and I want to express our thanks for all the care and concern following my knee surgery and while I was in the hospital. We appreciate the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers and phone calls.

Thanks again,
Joe Grabbe

A special thank you to the group who sang Christmas carols for me before Christmas.

I loved it!
Thanks again,
Jessie Bomar

Special thanks to everyone for your prayers, flowers, cards, calls, visits, food and your friendship while I was in the hospital and since I have been home.

Happy holidays!
Lallie

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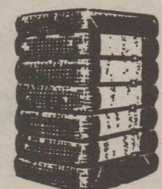
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TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending Dec. 22

The incredible offtake of U. S. cotton thus far this season has led USDA to announce a zero percent set-aside for the 1995-crop upland cotton acreage reduction program (ARP). The zero percent ARP is considerably lower than the 11 percent participating farmers set aside in 1994.

The new figure is a reduction from the preliminary level of 7.5 percent announced on October 31 and reflects tightened supplies resulting from a significant increase in U. S. upland cotton export sales. Most analysts feel that a zero percent ARP is needed to guarantee an adequate supply to service expected demand and rebuild stocks.

According to one analyst, the problems in India, Pakistan and China will not disappear in the next year, and it is time for the U. S. to step up to the plate and be the consistent reliable world supplier for cotton. The new ARP ensures that U. S. farmers will be able to grow cotton at their full capacity. In fact, one analyst pointed out that, by his calculations, a zero percent set aside projects a planted acreage of nearly 15.6 million acres, which opens the door for a potential record U. S. production of 20 million bales in 1995.

World supplies of cotton have tightened with the rise in demand and the erosion of yield prospects from insect and weather pressure. Indeed, U. S. cotton export commitments have exploded to a 15-year high as 1994-95 figures already exceed USDA's December projection of 8.2 million. Even without a cotton marketing certificate in effect, U. S. cotton export sales continue at a steady pace. USDA announced export sales of 1994-95 cotton increased a net 76,200 bales in the week ended December 15, down from the previous week's total of 249,300.

Meanwhile, evidence continues to mount that India, Pakistan and Australia will not be able to help

alleviate the world wide cotton shortage. This leaves the U. S. and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) of the former Soviet Union as the remaining suppliers of cotton to the world. However, the CIS within the past month has shown the typical strain in its transportation infrastructure. As time goes on, the focus on the U. S. as the primary world cotton supplier intensifies.

Pakistan has requested permission to buy 200,000 bales of U. S. cotton under USDA's GSM-102 export credit guarantee program. In order for Pakistan to buy cotton, USDA would have to switch some of the funds that were earmarked for other commodities under an existing fiscal 1995 package for that country, one source said. Some observers in Pakistan fear the country's crop may fall below 5.4 million bales. Earlier this month, USDA raised its forecast of Pakistan's 1994-95 cotton imports to 300,000 bales from its previous estimate of 130,000.

India's 1994-95 cotton production estimate has been cut to 9.9 million bales versus a previous estimate of 10.3 million bales. The textile industry there, facing a shortage of cotton for the second year in a row, has asked the government to import cotton to help smaller mills since global prices are lower than domestic prices in that country.

The outlook for Australia's 1994-95 cotton crop has deteriorated in the past few months due to extensive drought and is now forecast to be the smallest since 1986-87, the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics said. In fact, Australia is expected to export only slightly more than 1.1 million bales of cotton this year.

Cotton in China has become such a precious commodity that gangs are stealing entire railcar loads. A national shortage has created a thriving black market, into which the gangs can easily sell their booty.

On the domestic front, the U. S. Census Bureau announced that domestic mills in November consumed cotton at a seasonally-adjusted annualized rate of 11.157 million bales, up 1.92 million bales from the October figure.

Daily spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT were somewhat erratic this week. However, volatility becomes a large factor in the market with prices in the 80-cent range, as one analyst explained. Sales on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 22 totaled a healthy 114,444 bales, up from the previous week's total of 93,136 bales. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 73.56 to 76.69 cents per pound.

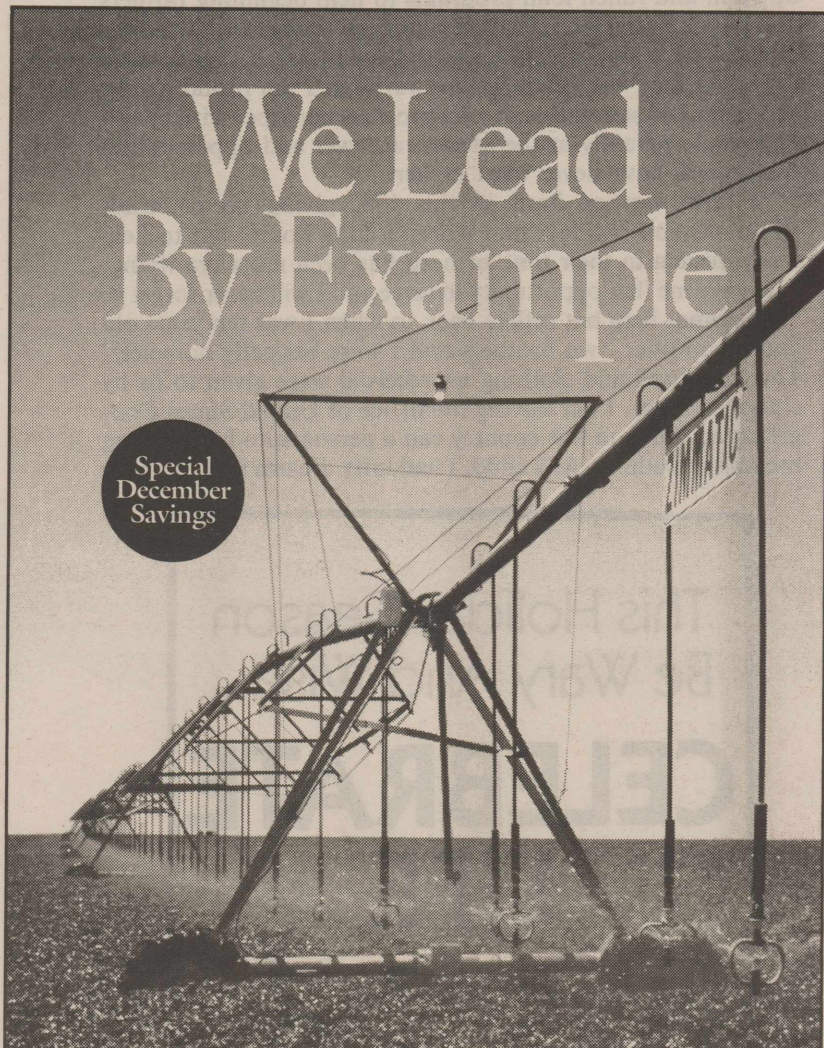
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I have been in public service for 14 years — eight years as a State Senator and six years as a Member of Congress. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunity that you have given me to try to make a difference in our state and country.

I am proud of the accomplishments that we have achieved together. Those accomplishments have not been easy to obtain — the struggles to pass a strong DWI bill which has saved thousands of lives across Texas, creating the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse which set up hundreds of alcohol and drug treatment facilities across Texas, setting up farm and ranch loan programs to help beginning farmers and passing disaster assistance for those farmers in their time of need were all battles I was privileged to fight. None were easy, but they were extremely rewarding. I am proud of our successes and seeing this district grow and prosper with unemployment currently at the lowest rate ever and opportunities for growth have never been higher.

I have worked hard in this job, giving up countless weekends and holidays and working long hours, but to help a constituent in their time of need has been most gratifying. You gave me that opportunity to serve and I will never forget it.

I cannot help but reflect back to when I was ten years old and my mother, two brothers and I were basically homeless. The only food and clothing we received were given to us by churches. Now, I am leaving the office of United States Congressman. Only in this country can a person who has nothing become something. As a child, I had lofty dreams and you gave

me the opportunity to make those dreams come true.

I have always believed that when the Lord closes one door, he opens another. I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future and if it is His will, I may be in public service again someday.

Thank you, again, for bestowing upon me the highest honor that I could have achieved — to work for the people of the 13th Congressional District of Texas.



**CAPITOL
COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Fixing Our Broken Welfare System

This country's welfare system has few defenders. If there is a consensus on any single issue confronting government today, it is that welfare is broken — and must be fixed.

The primary flaw in our welfare system is that it encourages those in need of help to make bad choices. Welfare pays people not to work, it pays them not to marry. The system pays young women to drop out of school and have children. No responsible individual would presume to help others by rewarding them for counterproductive behavior. Neither should government.

Complicating any search for true welfare reform is the diversity of the problem. The conditions of poverty differ from city to city and from state to state. The federal government cannot and should not attempt to impose one model of welfare reform.

A far better approach, and one I believe will ultimately be adopted, is for the federal government to allow individual states the flexibility to find their own solutions.

The federal government could simply provide states with block grants to underwrite their welfare programs. Or, under a proposal which Congress will begin debating early next session, the states would assume control and responsibility for programs currently directed from the top down by the federal government: Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Food Stamps and the Women, Infants and Children program. We would let the states serve, to paraphrase a famous jurist, as laboratories for welfare reform. And they would be experimenting with their own money.

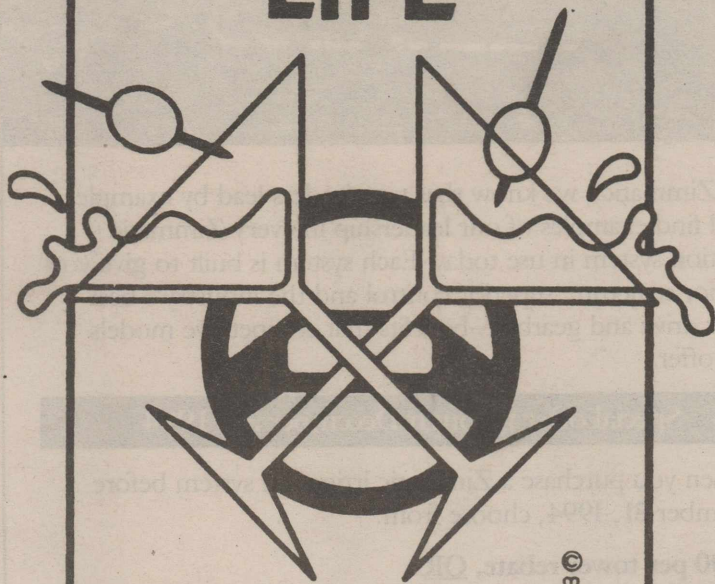
Under this "swap" proposal, state funding to operate welfare programs would be freed up by the federal government assuming a greater share of Medicaid funding (currently a partially unfunded state mandate), eventually taking over Medicaid completely.

In implementing this swap, the federal government should allow states a maximum amount of leeway. The states should be free to set the rules they believe useful. For instance, states should be allowed to require work or school attendance of beneficiaries. States could be permitted to set a time limit on paying benefits. They could require a mother to identify the father of her child to child support enforcement agencies before receiving benefits. They could require beneficiaries to participate in job training, refuse to pay benefits for additional children born to a mother on welfare, limit new residents' benefits and/or require recipients addicted to alcohol or drugs to participate in rehabilitation programs. With such decentralization, the states could pick and choose from a number of options depending on their particular needs. This is the quickest way to determine what approach is most effective.

We must incorporate incentives into our welfare system which encourage responsible behavior. This is a challenge which states can best accomplish. The role of the federal government in welfare reform ought to be benign, not arbitrary. As has been the case with many other reforms in our society, welfare reform will have to come from the bottom up to be successful.

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