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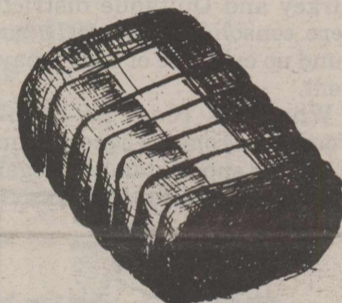
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The Lady Owls received their trophy for being the undefeated district champions from Principal Sheryl Weaver at the conclusion of their last home game with Lakeview here Tuesday night of last week. The senior players, Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren, received the trophy on behalf of their teammates, Brooke Garvin, Dara Johnston, Lindsey Weaks, Sara Kirchoffner, Dara Ramsey, Misty Wilkinson, Lisa Comer, Destiny Ivory, Catherine Reyna and Taylor Griffin. The Owls received their district championship trophy at the conclusion of their playoff game with Groom at Clarendon College Friday night. Coach Donnie Dutton is pictured with his team, Jeremy Holt, Daniel Reagan, Max Whitworth, Trey Wyatt, Nathan Francis, Jack Cherry, Paul Segura, Jared Holt, Will Hester, Adrian Ramirez and Jay Arnold.

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**Congratulations  
LADY OWLS  
1998  
Bi-District  
Champions!**



# Briscoe County News

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All Around  
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

## Dispute Over School Funds Appears To Have Been Settled

Oboyooyoboy! We won the district trophies again and it's just great! Our Owls and Lady Owls have the potential to win several more trophies if they'll just keep playing their game.

Julie Rampley of Hereford, granddaughter of Sandra Rampley, great-granddaughter of Jo Hamilton and great-niece of O. C. and Faye Rampley, was interviewed on the Fox Sports Channel Sunday.

An All-State athlete in both basketball and volleyball, she is undoubtedly pondering her university scholarship offers. Even though she probably will have a choice of sports, she is hoping to play college basketball. I think we'll see a lot of her on television in the future!

**Go Owls &  
Lady Owls!**

An almost two-year dispute over how Briscoe County will disburse its approximately \$120,000 permanent school fund appears to have been settled by an attorney general's opinion.

Although the county for years has paid interest from the fund strictly to the Silvertown Independent School District, two other districts are entitled to a share of that fund, according to a letter opinion signed by Assistant At-

### Three Councilmen To Be Elected Here This Spring

The terms of Silvertown City Councilmen Flute Hutsell, Charles Sarchet and Dwain Henderson will be expiring this spring.

Citizens wishing places on the ballot for one of these positions can sign up at the City Hall between now and Wednesday, March 18.

torney General Mary R. Crouter of the opinion committee.

The opinion indicates that each district should receive a share based on the number of Briscoe County students it educates.

Briscoe County Commissioner J. L. (Jack) Chandler of Quitaque said Monday that the opinion should settle the issue.

"We've been kicking this around for two years," Chandler said.

"My advice to the commissioners will be to divvy it (the fund) up to the three school districts," said Briscoe County Attorney Bill Smith, who requested the opinion.

### Silvertown is the only district Fire Department Meets Tonight

Members of Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall.

located wholly in Briscoe County. Turkey-Quitaque (Valley) ISD takes in parts of Briscoe and Hall counties, and Clarendon ISD is located in both Briscoe and Donley counties.

The Turkey-Quitaque ISD has already been receiving money from the Hall County fund

The permanent school fund was established to hold proceeds  
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### Time to Nominate Candidates For School Trustee

The filing period for candidates for trustee in the Silvertown Independent School District will be open from February 16 until Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Petitions for places on the ballot can be signed in the administrative offices at Silvertown High School.

### Methodist Church To Have Special Youth Program

Silvertown United Methodist Church's children and youth will present "Dr. Newheart's Cure" at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 22.

Since February is a month of hearts and love, come be a part of this morning worship service and receive a "new heart."

### Owls To Play Bi-District Game Tuesday Night

Silvertown's Owls will play their bi-district game in the State Basketball Playoffs with Miami Tuesday, February 24, at Clarendon High School.

Tipoff is scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

### Have Luncheon

Silvertown Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting at the Center Friday at noon.

The luncheon will be hosted by members of the Methodist Church.

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from the sale of county school lands and interest from investments made with that money.

In 1996, the Briscoe County Commissioners Court began talking about disbursing the entire fund. Silverton ISD wrote a letter requesting all the money.

Jerry Smith, superintendent of the Turkey-Quitque district, said he began asking the commissioners court for a share of the money and wrote a letter to formally make that request in June 1997. The superintendent said he was told his district had received its share of the money when the Turkey and Quitque districts were consolidated in 1971 but found no evidence of such a payment.

When his requests didn't prompt the commissioners court to act, the superintendent began

talking about a lawsuit.

The Turkey-Quitque district's request for a share was backed by Chandler. "I've been holding up for my end of the county," he said.

Chandler said he believes the commissioners court now will split up the money based on the attorney general's opinion.

"If that doesn't happen, commissioners will have a lawsuit on them," he said.

## Citizen of Year To Be Named Here

Silverton Chamber of Commerce has announced plans to name a Citizen of the Year at the annual banquet.

The Chamber is asking the residents of Silverton to submit nominations of those they think are deserving of such an award. In order to nominate an individual, a personal letter must be written along with a history of the nominee. The history should contain past and present events and contributions made by the nominee to the community. Deadline for the nominations is March 23.

Please submit your nominations to Citizen of the Year, Box 609, Silverton, Texas 79257.

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## Weather Warmer, Drier Than Norm During January

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of January 1998 was significantly warmer and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 4.9 degrees above normal and ranged

## Republicans To Have Supper Here Monday

Briscoe County Republicans will have a cornbread and bean supper beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

The Republican Primary ballot has 42 state and national candidates running for 20 offices. This will be an informational meeting to enlighten voters about who is seeking the positions.

U. S. Representative Mac Thornberry has an opponent, Texas Governor Bush has an opponent, nearly every state office has two or more candidates running.

There is only one contested county race in Briscoe County's March 10th Primaries, which is the Precinct 2 (Quitque) commissioner.

There is the possibility that some of you who vote Republican in November, who have not been voting in the Republican Primary, might want to do so March 10th, for the reason that your favorite Republican candidate might be defeated and not be on the November General Election ballot.

Running unopposed in the March 10th Primary is Ed Norris, candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

The local Republicans invite you to come and eat supper and be informed.

## The Chamber Needs You!

from 3.2 degrees above normal at Spur to 6.2 degrees above normal at Brownfield. Silverton's temperatures averaged 41.6 degrees, which was almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 5.7 degrees above normal and ranged from three degrees above normal at Friona to 8.2 degrees above normal at Post. The highest temperature reported during the month was 78 degrees at Big Spring on the 25th. Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 57.0, which was 1.7 degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 4.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 2.4 degrees above normal at Spur to 5.5 degrees above normal at Floydada. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 12 degrees at Muleshoe on the 23rd. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 26.1, almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.41 inch below normal and ranged from 0.7 inch below normal at Post to 0.55 inch above normal at Snyder.

Silverton received no precipitation during January, which was 0.16 below the South Plains average.

The only snowfall reported for the month was 0.25 inch at Paducah on the 8th.

## One-Act Play Group Is Seeking Furniture

The One-Act Play will be producing "Little Women" this year.

The group is in need of furniture that looks Victorian or from the 1800s. The items needed are a sofa, chairs and tables. If you have any of these items and don't mind loaning them for this purpose, please call the school at 823-2476.

The theatre group will pick up the items and return them. They do not have to be in perfect condition. Your help would be very much appreciated.

## Students Qualify For Academic Honors at Tech

More than 3,800 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Students from Silverton named to the Dean's List included Holly Renee Nance, daughter of Wayne and Tina Nance, a junior majoring in family studies, and Shannon Lee Weaver, daughter of Max and Sheryl Weaver, a sophomore majoring in design communication.

## 4-H Clothing Project

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

The 4-H Clothing Project is one with lots of variety from fashion, fabric and stage design to clothing construction, care and buying.

Any parents or youth interested in being involved in this project should attend the 4-H Clothing Project Leader Training and Planning Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office, downstairs in the Briscoe County Courthouse.

The group will be planning project activities, tours, community service activities and the county fashion show.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**February 25, 1988**--Dwight Ramsey was presented Fireman of the Year honors at the annual Silverton Fire Department banquet Saturday night. Bonehead of the Year awards went to Jerry Patton and Charles Sarchet . . . Venita Asebedo and Casey Frizzell won second-place trophies in sparring in their respective divisions of the United States Karate Championships held in Dallas Saturday . . . Services conducted for R. L. (Bob) Trout, 66, brother-in-law of Bess McWilliams . . . Kelly Kirk, daughter of Betty and Corky Kirk and granddaughter of Iris Burson, was graduated from law school last May, passed the bar exam and was stationed until recently in the Judge Advocate General's School at Charlottesville, Virginia, where she was a First Lieutenant in the Army . . . Kelli Gillespie becomes bride of Craig Patton . . . Raymond Grewe was a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for a few days last week . . . Briscoe County winners in the Conservation Poster Contest were Ashleigh Wyatt, first; Amanda Cruz, second, and Ricky Castillo, third . . .

**February 12, 1978**--The Plainview High School Gym was the scene of Bi-District action between the Silverton Owls and Spade Longhorns Tuesday night and fans saw the Owls take charge of the game early and win by a 55-39 margin. Big Jackie Vaughn burned the baskets with 30 points, most of which came in the second and fourth quarters, to lead all scorers . . . UIL Solo Competition participants were Eber Gill, Jeni Denton, Cynthia Edwards, Melinda Sutton, Brenda Cantwell, Tracy Gill, Larry B. Stephens, Rebecca Reid, Dave Francis and Annette Kingery . . . Boone McCracken, 79, buried at Quitaque . . . Brent Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, posted a 3.0 grade point average at Texas Tech University for the fall semester and was named to the Dean's Honor Roll . . . Mrs. L. D. Griffin was involved in a snowmobile accident and was taken to the Briscoe County Clinic for X-rays Friday . . . Rank Cogdell had the misfortune of slipping on the ice at school Thursday afternoon and breaking his arm . . . Mignone Rauch is a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program . . . Owls win Junior High district championship. Members of the team are Andy Fabela, Gary Juarez, Kelly McMurtry, Casey Bean, David Vaughn, Jim Estes, Scotty Roberts, Dwain Tipton, Bryan Schott, Blaine Eddleman, Jimmy Dewayne Stone, Don Perkins, Donnie Curry, Michael Greenhaw, Jesse Cruz and Eber Gill . . . Mell Clardy honored with party at Quitaque on her 70th

birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Holt are parents of a son, Jonathan Zebadiah . . . Miss Rose Lee Perkins was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Silverton Rainbow Assembly in a formal ceremony Saturday afternoon . . .

**February 22, 1968**--Funeral services for S. L. Benefield, father of Mrs. Jack Robertson, were conducted Saturday morning at Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes in Muleshoe . . . Mrs. J. D. Nance and Mrs. Robert McPherson were honorees at the February Birthday Party hosted by the ladies of the Rock Creek Church of Christ Friday in the home of Mrs. John Turner . . . Fire erupted at Silverton Metal Works Friday morning and volunteer firemen were summoned at 10:35 a.m. to assist in extinguishing the fire . . . Willard Vardell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek have been visitors in Fletcher, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Van Dorn . . . Kenneth Sharp is new president of the Silverton Clinic Association. Chosen to serve with him were Troy Jones, vice president; Mrs. Carl Bomar, secretary-treasurer; Jack Strange and Jack Robertson, members of the board of directors . . . Mrs. Shelby Haynes was surprised Tuesday when a group of friends hosted a housewarming in her new home . . . Wedding vows were pledged by Miss Susan Anderson of Dallas and Mr. Leonard Kosloski of St. Joseph, Michigan, in a candlelight ceremony Saturday, February 17 . . . Walter Watters continues to receive treatment at Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Jack and Ted Childress of Austin and Vance Childress have been visitors with Bailey Childress, a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . . Mmes. Nina Martin, Lois Cline and Marie Garrison represented the local Caprock TOPS Club in Stinnett Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens, Larry B. and Stephen spent the weekend in Dexter, New Mexico visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thornton, Roni, Darrell and Scottie . . . Mrs. Ray Thompson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnston, in San Diego, California . . .

**February 20, 1958**--F. E. Hutsell was notified last week that he had been selected rural carrier out of the number who took the examination for Route One, Silverton . . . Pvt. Richard Tunnell of Fort Sill, Oklahoma is here spending a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell, and other relatives. Larry Tunnell of Amarillo brought his brother Friday evening . . . R. L. O. Riddell, 81, entered the Lockney hospital for examination and treatment Sunday morning . . . Mrs. Ellen Hester, 91, mother of Mrs. M. E. Smith and of Donnie Hester, was able to return home Monday af-

ter having been a patient in the Lockney hospital for two weeks . . . Funeral services conducted Sunday for Mrs. I. C. Joiner, 88, a Briscoe County pioneer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Olos Chitty and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe, spent Sunday in Kress as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Morgan . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle and Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams, Mary Beth and Jimmy and Cheryl Cowart visited Mrs. H. E. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cagle and Rhonda in Tulia Sunday afternoon . . . Mmes. John Vaughan, Mabel Welch and Bill Long were in Tulia Monday . . . Mrs. Dan Montague was a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock from Friday until Monday, suffering with a throat infection. Miss Anne Bryant and Mrs. Ray Teeple went down and brought Mrs. Montague home . . .

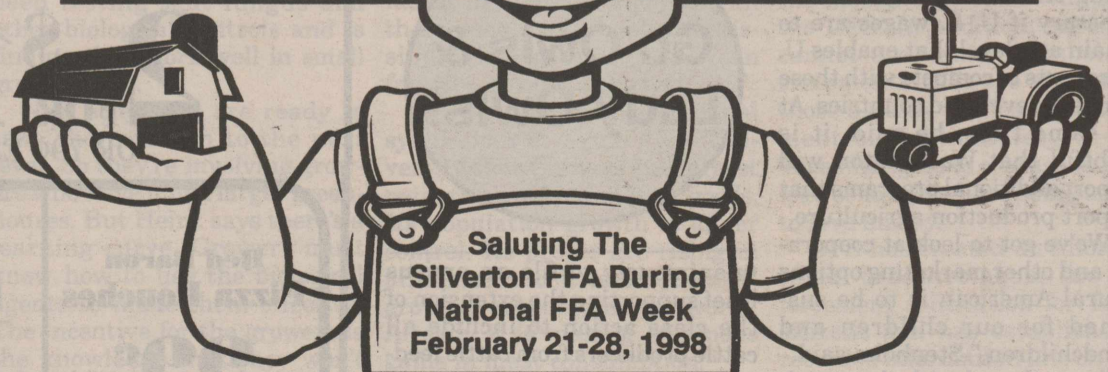
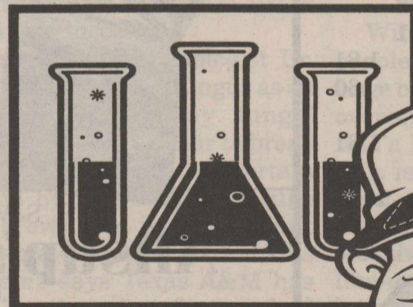
**February 26, 1948**--Graveside services held for Mrs. Elmer Ayres, 73 . . . Moisture total for February is 1.02 inches . . . Funeral services were held in Quitaque on Monday of this week for Miss Betty June Pointer, 15, a victim of a wreck which took place about a mile west of Silverton last Thursday afternoon, when the 1948 Chrysler Club Coupe she was driving overturned some six times on a straight stretch of highway . . . Funeral services were held from

the First Baptist Church of this city Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for Jim Bomar, 62, who died at his home sometime Monday night as a result of a heart ailment . . . Mrs. Monroe Lowrey returned home from an Amarillo hospital Tuesday after undergoing surgery last week . . . Mrs. Gordon Montague and son, Teddy Gail, Mrs. Will Smithee and Mrs. Kenneth Bain attended the birthday party of Keith Green in Turkey Wednesday . . . Gerald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith, has been in the hospital suffering with a cold . . . Mrs. Frank Mercer entertained the club Thursday with thirteen members present. Two new members were voted in: they are Mary John Harris and Vancil Fronterhouse . . . Polly Steele of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens and Joe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele Sunday . . .

**February 24, 1938**--Best snow in years falling here today . . . Mr. Wade Welch and Miss Opal Ruth Yokum were married last week in New Mexico . . . A fire which broke out last Sunday morning destroyed the Thrasher Bros. Gin at Gasoline . . . Twelve Years Ago: The first grade pupils who were on the honor roll last week were Wynona Bomar, Harley Redin, Bill Norrid, Mildred Formby, Dorothy Brown, Lois Davis, Junior Smith, Carl Bean and Imogene Pitts . . .

Twelve Years Ago: Mrs. Wright entertained the Junior Class at her home. The entire class was not present. Among the Juniors present were Edward Minyard, Willie Hardcastle, W. E. Schott, Anna Burson, Bess Jenkins, Lillian Dickerson, Jewell Hodges, Zeola Davis, Carabel Biffle, Ike McClendon and Mr. Norris, class sponsor . . . Quite a number of ladies enjoyed a quilting in the home of Mrs. Bud McMinn on Tuesday of last week. Those attending were Mmes. Jim Bomar, J. R. Foust, Chas. Garrison, Claud Hay, Hughlon Henderson, Eural Vaughan, Elma Seaney, Tressie Bradley and R. E. Stephens . . . Arlon Donnell purchased forty-five lambs from D. O. Bomar and Grady Wimberly. He is planning to feed them sixty days before taking them to market . . . Twelve Years Ago: The following second grade pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the first half of the term: Wallace Alexander, Alpha Edwards, Blanton Garrison, Henry Norrid, Aline Penn and Ruth Thomas . . .

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# Obituary

## BEN S. BINGHAM

Ben S. Bingham died February 10, 1998.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, in the Silverton Cemetery where his ashes will be interred.

He was one of the nine children of John Douglas and Lucy Jane Bingham who came to Briscoe County in 1925. The children attended school at Haylake.

Bingham enlisted in the service March 16, 1942 and went overseas in February 1944. He saw a lot of heavy fighting as his division advanced through France and Germany. He was with the 90th Division serving with the Field Artillery. He was awarded the Bronze Star award for gallantry in action. He was a gun crewman in the light artillery and served in Combat Campaigns in Normandy, Northern France and Germany. He attained the rank of sergeant.

Bingham and his first wife, Ima Jo, were parents of two children, Benny Ray and Judy Ann. She preceded him in death March 16, 1973, and he also was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy.

He is survived by his present wife; his son, Benny, and four grandchildren, Russell Bingham, Shannon Bingham, Gene Clayton and Amy Clayton.

## Leaders Address Farmers Union Convention

More than a dozen local, state and national leaders, including U. S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, Texas lieutenant governor candidate John Sharp and National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson, addressed Texas Farmers Union's 94th annual convention in Plano January 30-31. More than 100 delegates, members and guests attended.

Stenholm defended federal programs that assist low income Americans, provide education and health care to their families, noting that such programs are necessary if U. S. wages are to remain at a level that enables U. S. products to compete with those from less developed countries. At the same time, he said, it is doubtful that Washington will support additional programs that support production agriculture.

"We've got to look at cooperative and other marketing options if rural American is to be sustained for our children and grandchildren," Stenholm said.

Sharp shared with the standing-room-only audience the state of Texas' success in saving billions of dollars by cracking down on food stamp and Medicaid fraud. He also stated that the best economic development move Texans can make at this time is to invest in education of its children.

The board of directors voted

## Hartman Wins Rifle With Scope In Reverse Drawing

Pat Hartman was winner of the rifle with scope given away by the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department in a reverse drawing held Saturday night at the Firemen's Valentine Banquet. This means that his name was the last drawn.

Mark Patton, whose name was the first drawn, received a case of oil and a cap donated by Garvin Oil Company.

Jess Brannon's name was the 51st drawn, and he received a flashlight donated by Ginny's Garden.

Madeline Stone's name was the 101st drawn, and she received a bank from Brown-McMurtry.

Tad Cornett's name was the 201st drawn, and he received a \$20 cash prize donated by First State Bank.

The Bonehead Award was presented to JoDee Robison, and Robison shared the Fireman of the Year Award with Charles Sarchet.

## WEATHER

### FEBRUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	65	26	
2	55	25	
3	66	23	
4	52	29	
5	40	27	.10
6	30	28	.06
7	41	23	
8	54	33	
9	61	35	
10	66	33	
11	50	28	
12	58	26	
13	41	31	.56
14	58	30	
15	58	39	
16	47	38	.88
17	39	32	.21
Total Feb. Precip.			1.81
Normal Feb. Precip.			.60
Total Precip. Rec'd.			1.81
Year to Date			1.81
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			1.25
Snowfall to Date			8"

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unanimously to file an amicus brief supporting the extension of the class action to include all cattle producers from cattle feeders to cow/calf producers in Pickett versus IBP, also known as Iowa Beef Processors. The lawsuit filed a year and a half ago in Montgomery, Alabama, alleges that IBP, the world's largest packer, manipulates prices in various ways, including use of captive supplies and the use of their formula contract.

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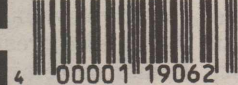
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## Lady Owls Win Championship, Receive Trophy on Home Court

Silverton's Lady Owls officially won their district championship trophy on the home court in the last regular game of the season Tuesday night of last week. The girls also recognized their seniors, Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren, with bouquets of flowers and balloons at the conclusion of the game.

The Lady Owls were undefeated in their district campaign, seriously threatened only by Groom in their game on February 3 when an overtime period was required to decide its outcome.

The Lady Owls entered the State Basketball Playoffs at Clarendon Tuesday night against the McLean girls.

When the Lady Owls defeated Lakeview for the district championship, they jumped out to a big first-quarter lead and extended

it throughout the game.

Lacy Brunson had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 33 points. Also scoring in double figures were Michelle Warren, 13; Lindsey Weaks, 12; Dara Ramsey, 10 points.

Rounding out the score were Misty Wilkinson and Taylor Griffin, four points each; Dara Johnston, three; Brooke Garvin and Lisa Comer, two points each.

Also seeing action in the game were Catherine Reyna and Destiny Ivory.

Lady Owls	24	46	70	92
Lakeview	4	10	17	22

Lakeview has a well-taught team of freshmen and one sophomore, and one day will be a contender.

Three-point shots were hit by Dara Johnston (1), Lindsey (2), Dara Ramsey (1) and Lacy (1).

## Owls Win Playoff For District Championship at Clarendon

Silverton's big red fighting Owls were forced into a playoff for the district championship by an early-season loss to Groom, but redeemed themselves by racing to a big victory against the Tigers at Clarendon College last Friday night.

Jack Cherry led the offense by scoring 20 points, including four three-pointers. Also scoring in double figures were Jared Holt, 14, and Trey Wyatt, 12.

Also contributing points to the victory were Nathan Francis, six; Jay Arnold, four; Will Hester, three; Daniel Reagan, two points.

The game was close throughout the first three quarters, but in the fourth period Cherry took charge and began pumping three-point shots into the basket.

Francis, a sophomore, kept the team moving ahead by scrambling for rebounds, steals and generally disrupting Groom's game plan. He was the victim of a hard intentional foul late in the game, but got up and put the penalty shots into the basket.

Three-point shots were also hit by Wyatt (2).

The team also received good support from the younger Owls

who came into the game in the fourth quarter.

Owls	13	28	37	61
Groom	11	20	29	42

While awaiting their entry into the State Playoffs, the Owls will play a warmup game with Chillicothe at Memphis tonight at 7:00 p.m.

The Owls will have their bi-district game with Miami at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Clarendon High School.

### Junior High Teams

#### Defeat Valley in

#### Season's Last Games

The Junior High Owls and Lady Owls hosted the teams from Valley Monday night of last week, and both teams earned victories.

The Lady Owls led off the action by maintaining the lead throughout the game. Kurby Garvin led the scoring with 10 points. Adding to the score were Chelsey Cherry, nine; Amanda Estes, eight; Amy Maciel and Brandi Rice, one point each.

JH Lady Owls	7	11	19	29
Valley	4	6	12	18

The Owls played a very close game in which the Owls trailed by a point at the end of the first quarter. Jimmy Castillo tossed 18 big points into the baskets to lead the offense. Andrew Francis also scored in double figures with 10 points.

Other scoring was by Red Ivory, eight; Dustin Hale, Matt Strange and JR. Gonzalez, four points each.

JH Owls	8	16	28	36
Valley	9	22	32	48

### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 23--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Cherry Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 24--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Sandwich, Cornbread or Crackers, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 25--BBQ Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 26--Chicken Strips, Gravy, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Feb. 27--Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

### Youth Basketball Adults Asked To Meet Monday

Parents and adults who would like to help with the Silverton Youth Basketball program are asked to meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, in the School Library.

This meeting is not for the prospective players, but is for the adults to plan how the league play will be conducted.

**Good Luck, Owls, Lady Owls**

## Owls To Play Warmup Game With Chillicothe at Memphis Tonight

Silverton's Owls will travel to Memphis tonight (Thursday) for a warmup game with Chillicothe. Tipoff is at 7:00 p.m.

This game is for the purpose of keeping the team "tuned up" while awaiting entry into the State Basketball Playoffs.

Last game of the regular season for the Owls was a match played here with the Lakeview Eagles who weren't competing for district honors this year. The Owls rolled to a big first-quarter lead and never looked back during this outing.

Jack Cherry had the hot hands and burned the cords with 29 big points. Jared Holt was right behind him with 24 points to his credit. Also scoring in double figures was Trey Wyatt, 18.

Adding to the score were Adrian Ramirez, five; Jay Arnold, three; Daniel Reagan, Nathan Francis and Max Whitworth, two points each.

Three-pointers were hit by Max (1), Jack and Trey (2 each).

Owls	26	50	75	85
Lakeview	11	22	29	42

### Silverton School Activities

Wednesday-Saturday, February 25-28--Brenham portion of Houston Livestock Show

### Fielding Athletic Turf Questions

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

If you think your lawn care costs are high, consider what it takes to maintain a natural grass athletic field.

Texas Rangers field manager Tom Burns estimates it costs the baseball team between 30 and 40 thousand dollars a year to keep the field in top shape at the Ballpark at Arlington. He says athletic fields are a lot different from your typical lawn. His is a sand-based field which makes it difficult to get the right nutrients in the right amounts at the right time. So Burns is working with Extension turfgrass specialist Dr. James McAfee to determine what will work best.

McAfee is sending soil samples to the Texas A&M lab. From the lab results, McAfee and Burns can develop a fertilizing and watering schedule unique to the Arlington field. McAfee says a similar approach can be applied to fields throughout the state. He says what he learns from the research on the Ballpark at Arlington will help him in his work with high school and college field managers. The Extension Service also offers a free brochure on athletic turf maintenance.

### Creating a Borderless Economy in Texas

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

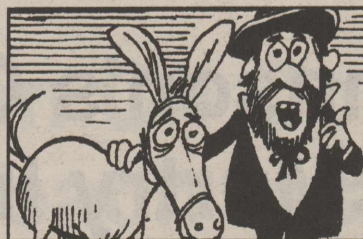
There may be a river separating Texas and Mexico, but it need not be a border. That's the thought behind a new consortium of universities.

Texas A&M is collaborating with three universities in northern Mexico (Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and Coahuila) to share research in solving problems common to both countries.

Dr. Wayne Hamilton, the director of Texas A&M's Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management, says the link between South Texas and northern Mexico makes good sense considering they are so similar geographically. He says four meetings are planned over the next year to involve academics as well as agribusiness people. Ideas exchanged at the meetings will be compiled into a proposal for funding a bi-national project. The first meeting is February 26-27 in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico. It will focus on beef cattle production.

The meeting in June in Laredo will concentrate on range management and the last two workshops will involve wildlife management and environmental issues. Hamilton says discussions will revolve around brush management and water quality and how the industries that have long been the underpinning of the region's economy can more positively impact the people there. Contact the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management at Texas A&M for more details. The toll free number is 888 799-4442.

The Pledge of Allegiance was first published in *Youth's Companion* magazine in 1892.



The donkey was first used as a political symbol during the campaign of Andrew Jackson in 1828.



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADY OWLS & LADIES

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Silverton's Lady Owls advanced into the State Basketball Playoffs Tuesday night against McLean at Clarendon College. Team members are Brooke Garvin, Dara Johnston, Lindsey Weaks, Sara Kirchoffner, Dara Ramsey, Misty Wilkinson, Lacy Brunson, Michelle Warren, Lisa Comer, Destiny Ivory, Catherine Reyna, Taylor Griffin.  
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Silvertown's Owls celebrated their victory in the district championship playoff game with Groom last Friday night at Clarendon College. The Owls will be entering the State Basketball Playoffs soon. Team members are (left to right) Jeremy Holt, Daniel Reagan, Max Whitworth, Trey Wyatt, Nathan Francis, Jack Cherry, Paul Segura, Jared Holt, Will Hester, Adrian Ramirez and Jay Arnold. *Briscoe County News Photo*

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## Redin, Conradt Nominated For Basketball Hall of Fame

University of Texas women's coach Jody Conradt, the winningest coach in women's college basketball history, and Harley Redin, the coach who led Wayland Baptist to six AAU National Championships and two undefeated seasons, have been nominated from the Women's Screening Committee for enshrinement into the Basketball Hall of Fame in October 1998.

Conradt and Redin join an 11-person list of regular nominees that was released by the Basketball Hall of Fame on February 2. The 11-person list includes eight players, Larry Bird, Larry Costello, Artis Gilmore, Marques Haynes, Gus Johnson, Sidney Moncrief, Chet Walker and Adrian Dantley, and three coaches, Alex Hannum, John Thompson and Tex Winter.

Nominees will be forthcoming from the Veterans' and International Screening Committee.

Both Conradt and Redin are first-time nominees from the Women's Screening Committee. An individual needs 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee for enshrinement. The new electees will be named on June 29, 1998, with an official news conference to be held on June 30 in New York City. Enshrinement ceremonies will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts, the birthplace of basketball, in October 1998.

No coach in the history of women's college basketball has won more games than University of Texas coach Jody Conradt. In fact, when Conradt's Texas team defeated Northwestern 89-86 on December 18, 1997, she became the 14th coach--male or female--in college basketball history to win 700 games. Conradt, a native of Goldthwaite, Texas, has earned a reputation as a fierce competitor and a winner. In high school, Conradt averaged 40 points a game and then played collegiately at Baylor. Prior to embarking on a highly-successful 22-year career at Texas, Conradt had coaching stints at Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas-Arlington.

During her illustrious career, Conradt has coached Olympians, 19 All-Americans, six SWC Players of the Year, two Wade Trophy winners, two National Players of the Year and one Broderick Award winner.

In women's collegiate basketball history, few individuals have equaled contributions made by former Wayland Baptist University coach Harley Redin. A native of Silverton, he spent a total of 25 years coaching the men's (1948-57) and women's (1955-73) teams at Wayland Baptist. In 18 years as the women's coach, Redin's teams posted a 431-66 record, a mark that included six AAU National Championships (1956, '57, '59, '61, '71), two undefeated seasons (23-0 in 1955-

56 and 29-0 in 1956-57), a 76-game winning streak from 1955-58 and 17 top-five AAU finishes.

In addition to building the foundation for the winningest collegiate women's basketball program in history--Wayland Baptist entered the 1997-98 season as the only women's team to win over 1,000 games (1,245-295)--Redin's female players have won All-America recognition 65 times and 32 of those players were named to U. S. National Teams. As men's coach, Redin compiled a nine-year 171-97 record and his teams reached the NAIA National Tournament three times.

On the international level, Redin coached the women's U. S. National Team in the 1959 and 1971 Pan American Games and in the 1963 World Tournament in Peru. He has been a member of both the U. S. Olympic Committee and the AAU Rules Committee. In 1992 Redin was honored with the prestigious Josten's Service Award by Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) for his lifetime of service to women's basketball.

## SSI Recipients Receive Notice Of Appeal Period

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

In mid-February, Social Security will notify the families of approximately 74,000 childhood disability recipients denied benefits under the new rules about the new appeal period and the opportunity to request payment continuation. The notices will include information that can help individuals file an appeal at no cost to them.

Families of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) childhood recipients whose payments were stopped who did not file an appeal will have a new 60-day period to request that the Social Security Administration review the child's case. They also will have 10 days after receipt of the letter to request that the child's SSI payments continue until the appeal is decided. Those families who have already filed an appeal, but who did not ask that the child's SSI continue during the appeal will be able to ask for payments now, provided the request is made within 10-days after receipt of the letter.



The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in 1886. However, it did not become a national monument until 1924.

## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

### TEXANS WEIGH NATO EXPANSION

The question of whether to expand the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) continues to loom large in our nation's foreign policy debates.

NATO is the most successful security alliance in history. It has maintained peace in Europe during the half-century that followed two bloody and tragic wars.

Texans remain unconvinced, however, that any further expansion of NATO is desirable. Only 40 percent of those who answered my annual questionnaire favor enlarging the alliance; 74 percent said they believe the United States should be contributing less money to support the alliance, 25 percent want the level of support kept about the same, and 1 percent said we should spend more. In addition, 97 percent of you don't believe our European allies are paying an equitable portion of the NATO bill. What follows are some of your observations:

From Baytown: "I am not in favor of NATO expansion if it means more money going out of the United States and being sent to other countries."

From Boerne: "NATO has outlived its usefulness. The United States always has paid more than its fair share. But if our own citizens take every advantage they can of our government, why should we expect foreign countries to do any less?"

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

From Carrizo Springs: "I believe we should begin to gradually reduce our contribution to NATO until the Europeans are carrying their own burden."

From Sugarland: "Adding new members to NATO makes sense to me. Those thousands of American boys in cemeteries all over Europe paid the ultimate price the last time we tried to turn our backs on Europe."

From Denton: "Of course we've got to expand NATO. Are we supposed to just sit here and allow the gains that freedom has made in eastern Europe be at risk. Don't we stand to benefit greatly from a stable, peaceful Europe?"

From Archer City: "Get us out of the United Nations, of NATO and all related efforts. We need to regain our sovereignty. Our Constitution doesn't permit relinquishing sovereignty to any organization or entity."

From Vidor: "If we are going to be spending more on our security, how about guarding our southern borders for a change? If we took just half of what we spend on NATO and used it to reinforce the border, many of the problems we have here in Texas would be fixed."

From Corsicana: "We should stop expanding NATO, for now. The level of our financial support is about right, and should be continued. But European countries are not paying their fair share of the cost of NATO. Our financial support of the Middle East appears to be in need of review as well. We spent something like \$8 billion last year to secure peace there, but progress seems less and less. A big review needs to be made."

From Texas City: "Why do we not support small, poor countries who really need help when they're invaded? In reality, what can we do for countries that are having civil wars that go back hundreds of years?"

If we are going to add new members to NATO, we will have to do so in a way that accounts for the concerns these Texans and others have raised. As a global superpower, America has a unique set of national security interests. We must weigh all these responsibilities and put them in proper perspective in order to maintain the ability to defend our interests at home and abroad. Most importantly, U.S. taxpayers cannot be expected to pick up an unfair portion of the tab.

## AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

## A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending February 12, 1998

New York cotton futures surged higher this week ahead of USDA's February supply/demand report, but quickly lost momentum when the report was termed neutral to slightly bearish.

The industry primarily focused on the fact that USDA left U. S. exports unchanged at 7.3 million bales instead of raising the estimate to approximately 7.5 million, as many in the market expected. Additionally, higher U. S. consumption, up from 11.4 million to 11.5 million bales, helped to lower ending stocks to 4.2 million from 4.3 million bales.

Expectations were for a higher export figure to contribute to a more significant decrease in U. S. stocks; one that would bring stocks closer to the 4.0 million bale level. Without the help of higher exports, U. S. carryout was cut by a small amount only, which was not encouraging to prices.

Analysts said USDA's decision on the export number appears to have been influenced by lingering concerns about Asia's financial health. Continuing financial instability there perpetuates worries that the region will not be able to pay for cotton purchased from the U. S. and that major cancellations will occur.

Other features in USDA's report did little to encourage the

market. Production in Australia, a major competitor for export business, was raised by 100,000 bales to 3.0 million. The country's exports, however, remained unchanged at 2.5 million bales, possibly reflecting the Asian situation. Exports by Uzbekistan, another competitor, were raised from 4.2 million to 4.3 million bales. Additionally, Indonesia, one of the most financially-troubled countries in Asia, saw a decline in its consumption and imports. However, on a more positive note, Russian consumption and imports were increased, bringing the possibility of more U. S. export business to that country.

USDA's overall world numbers were not encouraging and most analysts did not linger on the figures. World production was up from 90.8 million to 91.0 million bales, while exports were down from 26.4 million to 26.2 million bales. Ending stocks were up from 38.2 million to 38.3 million bales.

USDA's weekly export report also did little to inspire the market as exports for the week ended February 5 were lower than many in the industry expected. Moreover, cancellations for 1997-98 - crop cotton were the highest since the week ended November 11, 1997. The majority of the cancellations were made by Mexico,

Turkey and several Asian countries.

Net export sales of 1997-98 crop cotton increased 60,700 bales for the week ended February 5, according to USDA. The figure is considerably lower than last week's sales of 92,300 bales. Featured buyers were South Korea, Turkey and India. In addition, USDA reported net export sales of 1998-99 U. S. cotton totaled 5,300 bales for the same period, compared with 9,900 the previous week.

Spot cotton sales also were lower this week. In the five trading days ended February 12, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system totaled 73,665 bales, lower than the previous week's 148,780 bale figure. Average daily prices received by producers on TELCOT ranged from 55.56 to 58.32 cents per pound during the week.

### Greenhouse Has Biological Controls

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

When we see a bug we don't like, we either spray it or squash it. But there are other, more innovative ways of dealing with insects. They're called biological controls. Many times it involves finding natural enemies to attack unwanted insects.

Texas A&M entomologist Dr. Kevin Heinz offers a fungus as an example. You can buy fungal spores that look similar to bread mold. The spores attack certain insects by germinating a tube that grows own into the insect and excretes a chemical that kills it. Heinz says Texas A&M has been testing that fungus and other biological controls and is finding they work well in small greenhouses.

Now scientists are ready to take the research to the next level. So they're involving growers who have much larger greenhouses. But Heinz says there's a learning curve. Growers must know how to use the biological agents to make them effective. The incentive for the growers is the knowledge that they won't always be able to rely on chemicals to keep insects off their plants. Regulations are changing. Heavy duty chemicals are being phased out. Heinz says in the future, it will take a combination of low-impact pesticides, biological controls, pest-resistant plants and management practices to keep bad bugs at bay.

### Growth at the A & M Nursery

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Texas A&M places a lot of emphasis on crops, but it's also putting more into its horticulture and the various studies that go along with it. Some wonderful additions are in the works at the floriculture field lab.

You will soon be able to stroll through a perennial garden or sit under a shade tree and relax to the soothing sounds of the water garden.

Experiment Station landscape horticulturist Dr. Mike Arnold explains that the field lab is there for teaching, research and education. The most recent additions to the field lab include a line of vines, a composting demonstration area, and a shade garden. There are decks and seating areas. Landscape construction and maintenance classes have had a hand in the design and building. As you would expect, the various components of the field lab require a great deal of water. There is experimentation going on in that area as well.

Agricultural engineers have a remarkable set up dealing with water runoff and conservation. The water is collected, processed through constructed wetlands, and reapplied to the nursery and landscape. All the plants are labeled at the field lab and you don't have to be enrolled at the university to learn from it. The public is welcome any time.

### China Could Be Largest Market For U. S. Goods

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

With one-point-two billion people, China could prove to be a huge boom for U. S. goods if it can overcome its problems. Although it is a large country, the population is concentrated along the coast.

Lester Brown with the Worldwatch Institute says that's like multiplying the U. S. population by five, then moving all those people east of the Mississippi. His advice to American farmers is "don't sell the farm."

Brown told an international symposium at Texas A&M University that China is the largest potential market for U. S. goods. Its population growth is under control. Its people are rising in affluence and it is the fastest-growing economy in the world. Already it is making enormous gains in meat consumption.

Assistant Texas Agriculture Commissioner Matt Brockman recently returned from China. He notes that just 13 years ago only seven percent of the Chinese living in the big cities had refrigerators. Now more than 70 percent do and that's changing buying habits. He envisions Texas beef selling well to the Chinese who

seem to be enamored with the Texas mystique. They are also developing a taste for ice cream, so perhaps Blue Bell has a future in Beijing.

Brockman notes that in 1990, there were no supermarkets in Shanghai. Now there are more than one-thousand. There are also more fast food restaurants. China is becoming westernized and Brown says it is discovering that it cannot isolate itself. For one thing, there is no longer enough water to grow crops because it is being diverted to cities. Brown says that's happening everywhere, from China to the Middle East, even in Texas. The difference is the U. S. is part of the global marketplace and can buy the food it needs elsewhere. China cannot do that yet.

### DPS Does Not Solicit Donations

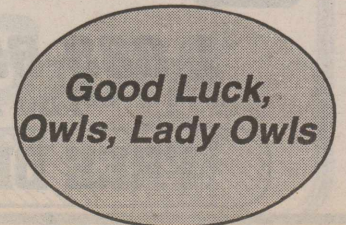
Although some law enforcement associations may claim to be raising money on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety, they are not affiliated with the agency. The DPS does not benefit from funds the groups and their professional telemarketers raise.

"Over the years, we have gotten numerous question and complaints from Texas citizens regarding telephone solicitations by law enforcement associations," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of DPS. "The DPS does not solicit financial contributions from private citizens. We receive our funding from the Texas Legislature."

Some organizations solicit funds using names similar to those of the DPS, including "Texaas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol" or "Department of Public Safety." While some DPS officers may be members of these organizations on their own time, these associations are not affiliated with the DPS, Thomas said. They raise money to fund their own programs, some of which may benefit officers and families.

The 75th Texas Legislature enacted a law that requires these organizations to clarify that they are not part of the DPS and prohibits them from implying that the money they raise will go to the DPS. In addition, solicitors cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety or the Texas Rangers to confuse or mislead someone who is being asked to give money.

DPS has created an informational brochure about law enforcement solicitation for Texas citizens and has established a recorded information line on this topic, 512-424-5588.



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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Deadlines for securing crop insurance for the 1998 crop year are fast approaching. High Plains cotton producers must purchase their 1998 crop insurance coverage by the March 15, 1998 sales closing date.

This sales closing date applies to most spring-seeded crops, including cotton, grain sorghum and corn. In addition to the normal availability of hail and multi-peril policies, producers in some counties also will be able to take advantage of several Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) pilot programs.

Crop Revenue Coverage and Income Protection policies are available for designated crops in some High Plains counties. Producers can get additional information from their crop insurance provider. Below is a list of crops and eligible High Plains counties.

### Crop Insurance Pilot Programs 1998

Crop Revenue Coverage-Cotton--All 25 High Plains counties  
Income Protection Grain Sorghum--Borden, Briscoe, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Howard, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Motley.

Several groups across the High Plains of Texas are edging toward action against the cotton boll weevil.

The Southern High Plains Task Force is adopting an eradication plan and budget from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF). Cotton growers in the five-county zone will vote in a referendum being scheduled for this coming May. The Permian Basin Task Force is considering a similar plan but will likely delay a vote in that zone until later in the year.

Concerned producers in the northwest corner of the Plains are submitting a petition to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The petition asks that Deaf Smith, parmer, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties be declared a separate boll weevil eradication zone under the name Northwestern Plains. A task force comprising two producer members from each of the 33 gins in the five counties is developing plans for a diapause program and an assessment to fund it.

Meantime, a meeting held at

Plains Cotton Cooperation Association Board Room in Lubbock on Monday, February 16, gave producers an opportunity to learn about the TBWEF and to let the Foundation hear producers' concerns.

Another task force representing producers from Floyd and Crosby counties is considering whether to join forces with the Caprock Zone or pursue a diapause program of their own. The task force consists of grower representatives from the 17 gins in the two counties.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is appointing Vicki Davis Patschke, a Lubbock county cotton producer in the Acuff community, as director on the board of TBWEF to represent the Caprock Eradication Zone. She will be sworn in at the TBWEF board meeting in Abilene February 19th along with Don Parrish and Jim Brown, recent director appointees for the Southern High Plains and Permian Basin Zones respectively.

The latest USDA Cotton Ginnings report provides some interesting information regarding the outcome of the 1997 crop on the Texas High Plains.

While data is not available for several counties to avoid disclosure of individual gin operations, the data released is pretty eye-opening in regard to 1997 production. If production in the counties not included in the reports mirrors the rest of the area the High Plains could be looking at a record production year for total bales produced.

In Briscoe County, the 1997 Running Bales total was 53,350 and the 1997 Production (converted) was 54,951. The 1996 Bales Production in 480-lb. Bales was 35,300. The 1997 production was 156% of the 1996 production.

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Briscoe County News

## Horse Industry Contributes To Texas Economy

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

It's no secret that Texas has more horses than any other state. At last count there were more than a million of them. A new report shows the horse industry contributes more than 15 billion dollars to the Texas economy.

Results show Texas horse owners spend more than two billion dollars a year caring for their horses. Tack on another 13 billion invested in barns, trailers and other equipment.

Extension equine specialist Dr. Pete Gibbs says in Texas, horses are second only to cattle and chickens as a livestock commodity. He says horses are woven into the social fabric of this state. Improved quality of life, decreased stress, and enjoyment of competition are the top reasons

listed for horse ownership.

Gibbs says one of the refreshing aspects of the Texas horse industry is that ownership is spread across all socioeconomic levels. People of very differing incomes own horses. Gibbs says you might also find it surprising that not all the horses are out in the country. He says the largest concentrations are in and around metropolitan areas. Texas leads the nation in the number of registered American quarter horses, paints, appaloosas and miniature horses.

### Time to Order Windbreak Trees

Orders for windbreak trees are now being accepted at the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation office in Silverton.

Orders may be placed from now through March 4, 1998. Prices this year for potted evergreens will be \$2.50 each, with a minimum order of ten (10) trees. Deciduous trees are priced at

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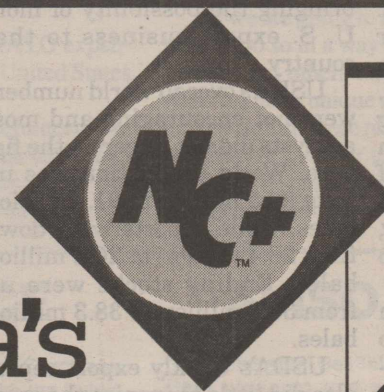
Potted evergreen varieties available are Arizona Cyprus, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine, Southwestern Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Austrian Pine.

Bareroot hardwood varieties available are Honey Locust, Russian Olive, Cottonwood, Pecan, Catalpa, Osage Orange, Native Plum, Nanking Cherry, Desert Willow, Poplar, Mulberry/Fruiting Green Ash, Bur Oak and Lacebark Elm.

Bareroot shrubs available are Caragana, Cotoneaster, Honey-suckle and Lilac.

There are also wildlife seeding packets available at \$75.00 per packet.

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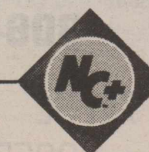
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# Strive To Be Patient



In today's world, it seems we are all so busy that we don't want to wait even a few minutes for anything. We become impatient on checkout lines, at automatic teller machines, in the doctor's office, and so on. Perhaps, we should just try to understand that there will always be situations in our daily lives that will require some waiting. During a waiting situation, possibly we should just try to relax and tell ourselves that our Lord may want us to pray silently for someone. Also, sometimes just talking to a person next to us makes waiting easier and helps to pass the time. A few silent prayers, a pleasant word spoken to someone, or just relaxing can make any waiting situation better. God wants us to demonstrate His love by being tolerant and patient with each other. Patience is a virtue and a gift from God.

*Be always humble, gentle, and patient.  
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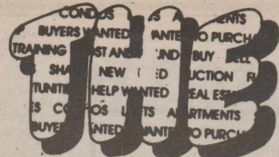
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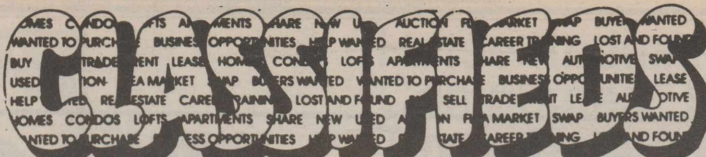
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We are sincerely grateful for the care and concern you have shown to our family since Jack's accident. Your phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, gifts and your special prayers supported and sustained us during our six-week stay at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Your generosity and concern have continued since we have been at home with your calls, visits and gifts of food. We can never thank you enough!

We also would like to thank our local ambulance service, namely Emmett and Jerry, for their prompt response in taking Jack to the hospital. A special thanks goes to all the churches for their prayers and notes of encouragement, which we certainly needed and appreciated. Also to our good neighbors for the special things they have done for us.

What would we do without family, friends and neighbors? We are certainly blessed to live in such a caring community.

Love,  
Jack and Teresa Sutton  
and family

I want to give a special thank you to Lana Burson for the use of the crutches and to Dorothy Hale, my mother-in-law, for the use of the walker while my foot is broken and to my sister, Mona, for making me so comfortable the night it happened, and to my nieces and children and Mark for being so patient with me and for doing things for me that I can't do right now.

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