

**All Around
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Last week was an incredibly difficult time in America, but rising from the rubble were many stories of heroic deeds and actions that once again give us a good look at what makes up this great country of ours. The basis for a great community, state or nation is its people. If terrorists believe they can whip, depress or demoralize us with the acts they performed so very well, they are going to have a chance to rethink this logic. Surely these things are made easier when the American people become less diligent caretakers. But make no mistake! Those responsible will be punished for their actions and will realize just how wrong they were to awake the "sleeping giant." Our people, too, are willing to give their lives for what they believe and some of them proved it by doing their best to retake control in the face of odds that must have been overwhelmingly stacked against them. I am so proud of all our heroes, and I wish it were possible for me to thank them for what they did for you and me.

And now, I think it's time we retake control of our communities and schools by choosing how we will live, when we will pray, what we will do. I think some decisions have been made for us too long. I would like to see the majority rule.

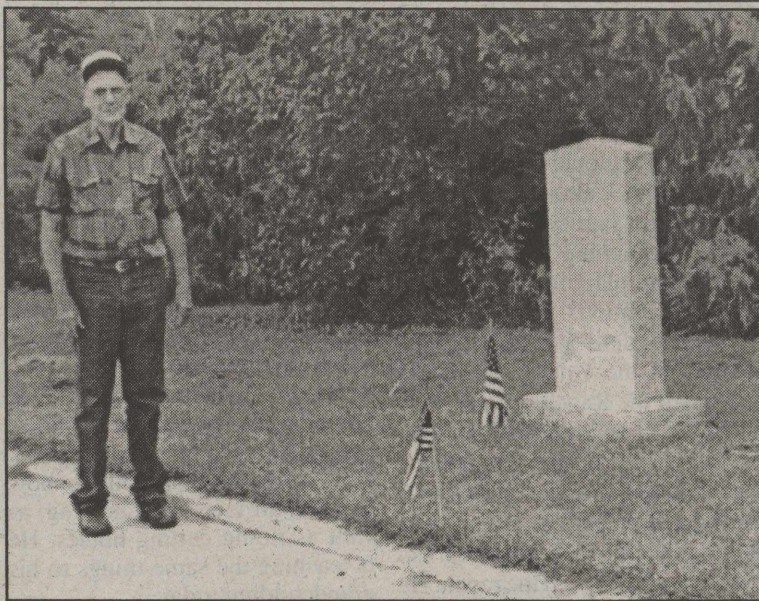
Silverton's first Trades Day was a big success, with lots of local and out-of-town vendors offering a large variety of goods for sale. It is hoped that this event can be repeated once each quarter. It is expected that the next event would be equally as popular, with some of the same merchandise as well as new and different items offered at each of the Trades Days.

Kami Martin and her husband both fly for Southwest Airlines, and Kami's plane flew past the World Trade Center about ten minutes before the first plane flew into the twin tower last week.

Elliott Hutsell is a pilot for Northwest Airlines.

**2001 Precipitation
Summary**

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	3.23
April	1.49	1.12
May	3.11	5.26
June	3.78	.93
July	2.39	.32
August	2.64	4.42
September	2.49	1.94
Totals	18.08	20.03



Fred Strange, Commander of the local VFW Chapter, and his wife, Wanda (not pictured), put miniature American flags all around the courthouse yard before the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance last Friday at noon.

Pep Rally

High School Pep Rally will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Owl Gym Friday.

Everyone is invited.

**Owls to Have
Parents' Night**

Silverton Booster Club will be sponsoring the annual Parents' Night Friday, September 21, when the Owls host McLean.

All players, managers and cheerleaders parents are asked to meet at Payne Field at 7:10. The program will begin at 7:15. Parents and players will be introduced and presented to the home team fans.

Don't forget Booster Club meetings are being held each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. Everyone interested in watching the film from the previous Friday is welcome to attend.

There are still plenty of Owl Booster stadium seats available for \$25.00 each. You may purchase your seat at the concession stand or at City Bank.

**Senior Citizens To
Have Luncheon
Friday at Noon**

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

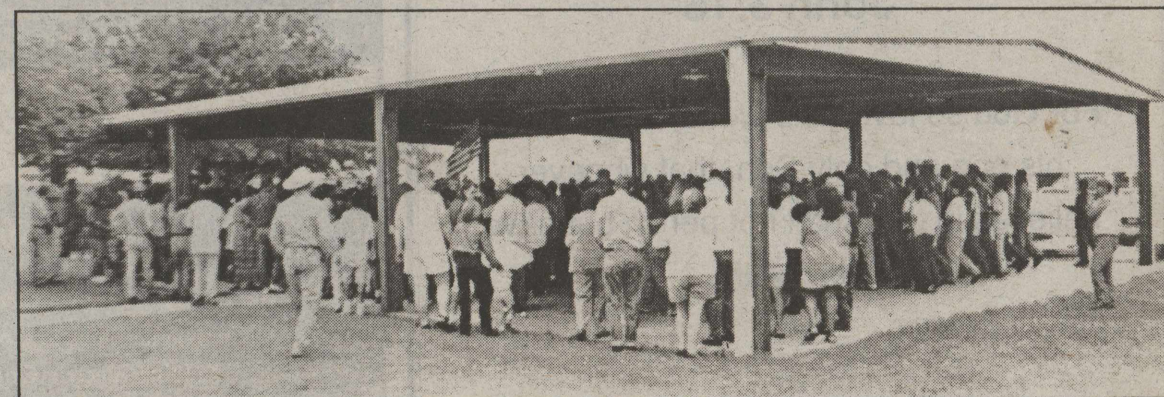
Members of the Friendship Quilters will be hostesses for the luncheon.

Missing a Coat?

If you or your child are missing a coat or jacket, please come by the school cafeteria and check the large collection that has been left at the school at one time or another. These are good coats, some very new and brand name such as Nike and Tommy Hilfiger. The weather will soon be turning cooler and the owners will be wondering "Where did I leave my coat?"

Parents, please check your child's closet to see if his or hers may be one of these. If these coats are not claimed they will be donated to Good Will or some other worthwhile charity. 38-5nc

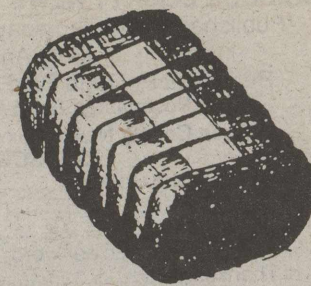
The first bananas to reach the United States came to New York City from Cuba in 1804. They were often sold one at a time in tinfoil wrappings.



A large number of residents gathered at the courthouse at noon last Friday for the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. There were songs and prayers, and the entire area was surrounded with American flags.

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**County Residents Are
Walking Across Texas**

Cory Payne, Texas Cooperative Extension Agent-FCS

**Ivory is Six-Man
Player of Week**

Red Ivory is the Six-Man Football Player of the Week for his performance in the 50-8 victory over Miami here last Friday.

Ivory did a little of everything in the game. As the upback on offense, the 5-10, 150-pound junior caught three passes for 107 yds, two of them going for 60- and 31-yard touchdowns. He rushed for a 14-yard touchdown and completed four of six passes for 103 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown. On defense he was credited with 12 tackles and made an interception.

"We try to get the ball in Red's hands, he and Andrew's (Francis) as much as possible," Coach Dewaine Lee said. "He was all over the field--he had a great all-around game. One of the reasons he's such a threat is teams have to key on Andrew, too, and now you have to worry about both of them."

Francis was an honorable mention for Player of the Week, both this week and for the game at Cotton Center.

He was 5-for-5 for 119 yards and a touchdown, rushed seven times for 62 yards and two touchdowns, kicked four PATs, and as a linebacker had 17 tackles in the 50-8 win over Miami.

Against Cotton Center, Francis was 14-of-25 for 229 yards and a touchdown in the 44-18 game win. He also ran 22 and 51 yards for touchdowns and caught a 56-yard pass for another score.

Participants in the Walk Across Texas program are halfway through their eight-week journey. There are 11 teams and 84 total participants this year.

Last week, two teams made it to our destination point, South Padre Island, and then started the trek back! Still ahead with 967.59 total miles are the "Road Warriors."

Coming in second was the "ASKEBAT" team with 806.4 miles. In third place was the "Dolls & Guy" team with a total of 608.45 miles, followed by an extremely close fourth, "The Sweat & Stress," with 430 miles and fifth, "Ankle Express" with 429 miles.

Next were "The Wannabes" with 297.75 miles, "The Nutty Fruits," with 282.2 miles, and "Feisty Young Speed Walkers," with 268.45 miles, "The Fairmont Flyers," with 241.5 miles, and "Agape," with 204.7 miles.

Miles were not reported for "The Early Birds."

Everyone is putting forth a tremendous effort and increasing their health and fitness. Good job!

Remember happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends solely upon what you think.

--Dale Carnegie

When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, always do the most disagreeable first.

--Josiah Quincy

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I want to thank everyone for the visits, cards, flowers and gifts for my birthday last week. A special thanks to Merlene Stephens and Shirley Whitehead for serving at my party. I really appreciate all the acts of kindness. I love you all.
Bonnie May Ainsworth and family

Thomas Reunion, Birthdays Observed At Showbarn

The Thomas Reunion and September birthdays were celebrated at the Briscoe County Showbarn Sunday.

There are four remaining children of the late Grover and Ada Thomas.

The birthday honorees were Inez Richardson of Tulia, Winnie Smith, Ruby Hester and Grover Thomas of Silverton.

A bountiful covered dish luncheon was served to over 75 relatives and friends of the Thomas family.

Caprock Country Band and several other musicians entertained until late afternoon.

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Those attending were Glenn and Winnie Smith, Donnie and Sandy Perkins, Becky, Danny and Ami Dunn, Bronc, Amy, Butler and Forrest Otiš, Ruby Hester, Ralph and Janice Hill, Grover and Sybil Thomas, Lynn, Connie, Jeff, Tobe Riddell, all of Silverton.

Attending from out of town were Inez Richardson, Brian, Christy, Brianna, Emily and Addison West, Katy Hester, Denny Hill, Sherry Thornton and children, all of Tulia; Allan and Tish Thomas of Greenville; Will Hester, Levelland; Jodie and Joyce Wheat, Lori and Tamara O'Toole, Jordyn Kirby, Kyle Wilson, James, Gretchen, Brenden, Jason and Andrea Mercer of Canyon; Karen Chambers and grandchildren of Big Spring; Sam Johnston, Buffalo Gap; Geraldine Stephens and grandson, Ellen and Jason Hopper, Amarillo; Jimmy and Sheryle Adams, Clarendon; Donald and Kesha Thomas, Plainview; Anna Mae Smith, Quitaque; Ronnie, Christy and Jennifer Hester,

Dalhart. Those calling in the afternoon were Doris Yates, Terry, Sally and Allan Grimland, Connie Davis and boys, Jack and Lataine Dillard and Adriane Hester, all of Silverton.

A great time was enjoyed visiting, eating and listening to music by everyone.

Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training.

--Anna Freud

Armadillos, opossums and sloths spend an average of 80 percent of their lives sleeping.

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.,
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Tony Boyd, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

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BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

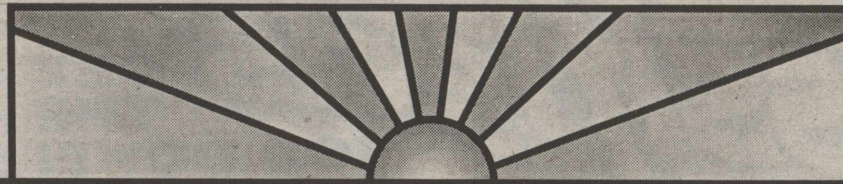
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

La Iglesia de Dios De Jesus
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Armando Davalia, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

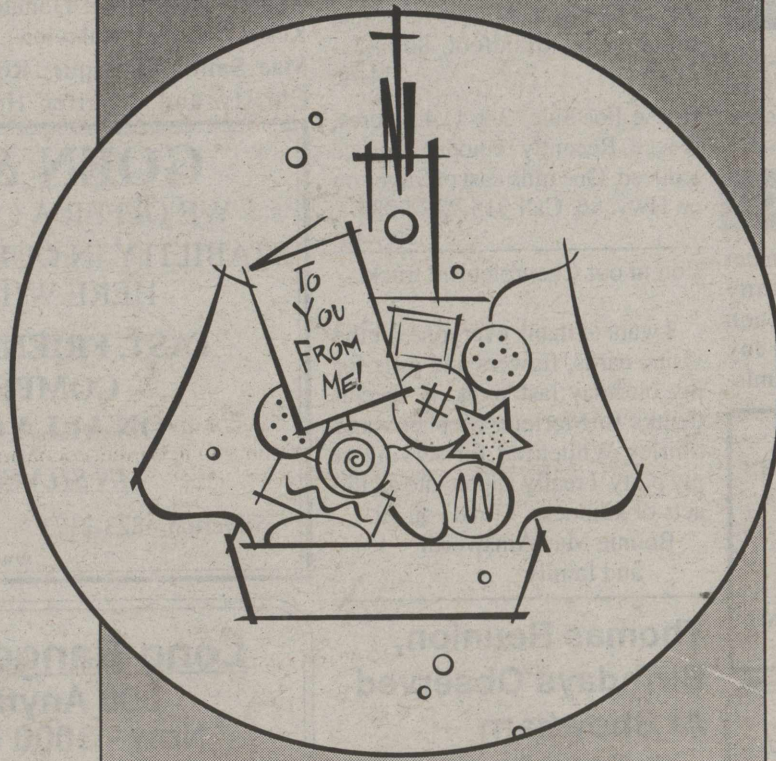
MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.



Religious Freedom Week

SEPTEMBER 22-30

There is
Goodness
In the
World



*For this very reason do your best
to add goodness to your faith; to your good-
ness and knowledge.*

Good News Bible 2 Peter 1:5

Sometimes, when we are reading the newspaper or watching the news on television, we may think that everything happening in the world today is bad. Perhaps all the good things that are happening around us are just not that exciting and therefore not very newsworthy.

I imagine that if the daily newspaper had a headline that read "Mr. Jones Takes Children To Ball Game," it wouldn't sell many papers. In the Bible, Jesus gives us an example of "goodness" by telling the story of the good Samaritan who helps a man who was robbed and beaten. We may not encounter anything this drastic in our own daily lives, but there is still goodness in the world today. Good things occur every day, and may involve many different situations: a store clerk who was extra helpful, a driver in another car who was courteous to us, or the coworker who brought in cookies to share. Goodness is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is joined with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and faithfulness. Spreading God's love and goodness is contagious, and the good things we do on a daily basis are blessed by our Heavenly Father.

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Obituary

DIAMOND WILLIAMS

Services for Diamond Williams, 78, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Judge Edwin Norris officiated. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams passed away September 13, 2001 at Lubbock where she had resided due to failing health.

Diamond Howard was born March 7, 1923 at Bonita, Montague County, Texas. She attended elementary school in the Wallace Community and was graduated from high school in 1941. She attended Texas Tech College in Lubbock.

She married Floyd Bert Williams March 11, 1942 at Caldwell, Texas while he was stationed at the military facility at Bryan. He preceded her in death March 12, 1979.

She did substitute teaching in the Silverton School System. She was an Emergency Medical Technician and director of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, eventually assuming the responsibility of treasurer of the group. She was an avid bridge player, and enjoyed filling in when the various bridge groups needed another player. She was active in the First Baptist Church, teaching both children and adult Sunday School classes, and served several years on the church flower committee.

She was a bilateral breast cancer survivor for 43 years.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and Mike Hañey of Plainview and Tena and

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. daily readings in the month of Sept. 2001

	High	Low	Precip.
1	83	60	
2	86	61	
3	91	62	.13
4	88	62	.07
5	77	61	1.57
6	78	62	.09
7	88	61	
8	90	51	
9	79	51	
10	74	49	
11	81	49	
12	83	55	
13	88	58	
14	86	60	
15	75	61	.03
16	88	60	
17	88	62	.05
18	85	62	
Total Sept. Precip.			1.94
Normal Precip. in Sept.			2.49
Normal Precip. Year to Date			18.08
Precip. Rec'd. in 2001			20.03

Happy Anniversary-

September 21--Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Oldham

September 23--Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Greeson

September 24--Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes

September 26--Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reid

Ike McArthur of Lubbock; a sister, Lola Bigham of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many friends, including, Evern Fowler, a special friend and companion who helped care for her the seven years she made her home in Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Floyd McAlister, Thomas McAlister, Rick Bigham, Everett McArthur, Ricky Bigham, Virgal Minyard, Ted Haney and Barry Mattheus.

Billy Cogdell Family, Tule Ranch Recognized at Cowboy Symposium

The American Cowboy Culture Awards Show presented a recognition award to Billy and Bette Cogdell and family and Tule Ranch during the recognition program held in Lubbock recently.

Keeping the spirit of the West alive is the goal of the Cowboy Culture Awards. Honorees were selected for their contributions to cowboy culture and western heritage.

"In terms of ranching, the Cogdells just came to the top, if you will," said Alvin Davis, chairman of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration. "They have a fine family, and they all work in ranching. Each has his own part to play in the ranch. It's a great operation."

The Cogdells and their family, owners of the Tule Ranch, were presented the Ranching Award.

Billy Cogdell was born November 25, 1932, on the Buckle L Ranch near Childress, a ranch his dad had leased at the time. He was home-schooled for several years so that he could help on the ranch. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1950 and went to Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

He began training and showing cutting horses at the age of 12 and was the 1945 Cutting Horse Champion in the Junior Rodeo at Post.

Cogdell had a bout with polio when he was 20 that ended his riding career. He regained the ability to walk and continued raising horses and watching them compete.

The Cogdell's area ranching history began when D. M. Cogdell, sr. bought the 27,000-acre Tule Ranch during the drought of 1954, moving cattle from the family ranch near Snyder to begin the ranch.

When D. M. Cogdell died in 1964, Billy Cogdell and his brother took over the ranching interests in the Panhandle. They added a considerable amount of land to their holdings, and when they dissolved their partnership in the mid-70s, Billy Cogdell's portion included the Tule Ranch, which has grown to 160,000-plus acres.

Billy Cogdell taught all four of his children to ride on the last horse that he broke before he had polio. He also taught all his children how to work all facets of ranching, as well as riding cutting horses. He is teaching the same things to his grandchildren today.

Billy Cogdell has made many changes to better utilize the canyon country of the Tule and take advantage of all the land. The ranch work is still done as it was many years ago, but all the wild cattle are long gone, replaced by

crossbred cattle, which are gentler and have respect for horses.

In addition to the Cogdells, a number of area chuck wagon teams were recognized after polacing in the National Chuckwagon Cookoff the same weekend. Circle Dot Ranch (Joe and Virginia Taylor) placed second in preparation of potatoes.

Billy Cogdell, J. J. Gibson of Paducah and Jiggs Mann of Clarendon have been selected to receive the 2001 Foy Proctor Memorial Cowman's Award of Honor presented by the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library & J. Evetts Haley History Center in Midland.

They will be honored at the annual awards presentation ceremony, Fall Gathering Storytelling session and Chuckwagon Dinner today in Midland.

Although confined to a wheelchair since 1991, "it hasn't slowed him (Billy Cogdell) down or caused him to enjoy life any less," his daughter, Penny Cogdell Carpenter, said.

"Life hasn't been easy for him since he had polio, but he decided very early in his illness that he was going to live life and enjoy it to the fullest," Carpenter said. "He represents true western heritage and the cowboy way of life. In spite of obstacles that most people would be afraid to tackle, he has been an inspiration to everyone who meets him."

"If you've just run your horse off a cliff, it's too late to say Whoa!"

As a schoolteacher and wife and mother of three, Yolanda Rueda rarely sits still long enough to pose for a picture. If she's not fixing supper or grading papers for her fourth grade science classes (or teaching Catechism or leading Brownies), she's probably out bike riding with her kids or splashing around with them in the swimming pool.

Yolanda and her family depend on co-op power for their homes. She and her husband Gilbert belong to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 22, 1991--New county history book scheduled to come off press in December... Cheerleader Day Camp is Friday... Bicycle safety is topic of meeting Monday... Lynda Fogerson, County Extension Agent in Swisher County, was recognized as a Distinguished Service Award recipient at the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists state conference...

Kyle and Amy Fuston are parents of a daughter, Torrey Brooke... SHS Class of '71 holds reunion here... David, Dianne, Derek and Dustin Brunson moving from Quitaque to Plains, where he will be the new city manager... Creative Christmas is set for September 21... Overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland have been Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Trinka and Grace Hutsell. Mrs. Trinka and Mrs. Hutsell are twin sisters... Brenda, Holly Beth and Daniel Gaskins visited Elton and Lanita Cantwell last week...

August 26, 1971--The body of Mrs. Lois McAnelly was found in her wrecked automobile in a ravine about 40 miles from Cuba, New Mexico Tuesday afternoon... The memory of Jimmy Scott Whitfill has been honored with the establishment of an art scholarship established for a Rockport-Fulton School student... Class of 1959 has reunion here... Army Private Wayne A. Rampley, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley, arrived at Fort Lewis, Washington to begin eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army Infantry Training Center... "Blue Angels" to perform in Plainview Air Show Sunday... Mrs. Riely Yates is a patient in the intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo... Mr. and Mrs. Sid Marshall and children of Austin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman... Mr. and Mrs. Theron Crass were in Plainview for his medical checkup Tuesday morning...

September 7, 1961--Owls fall to Matadors in season opener... Carolyn Garrison on Memoir publication staff at Texas Tech... Jim Carter and Glen Waters will be in Silverton Saturday to arrange art classes... Hugh and J. D. Nance flew to South Bend, Indiana Tuesday where their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nance of Lone Star, have been for some time. Hugh and his father flew back. Joel Nance was taken to the Plainview Foundation and Clinic and expects to undergo surgery there... Mrs. D. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Dwight and Wayne were at the dentist's in Plainview last week... Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams were in Lubbock last week for a checkup on her surgery... Glenn McWatters came home from

the Lockney Hospital on Wednesday and is continuing to recuperate from the appendectomy he underwent the previous Tuesday... Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison, Raye and Roy, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Boyce in Center, Colorado and visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt at Red River, New Mexico as they were enroute home...

August 30, 1951--Coffees gather in Amarillo Sunday for annual reunion... Miss Mattie Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, and Mr. L. V. Shockley were united in marriage at Memphis Saturday night... Joe Ray Stodghill and Joe Dell Hutsell left Sunday for San Marcos Academy where they will attend school this term... Bland and Tony Burson returned Friday night from Liberty where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burson... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold are parents of a son born Friday, August 24... Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilkeyson and daughter, Sharon, and Sam Brown left Tuesday morning for points in Colorado on a vacation trip... A bridal shower honoring Miss Mary Tom Bomar, bride-elect of Don Burson, was given in the home of Mrs. Avic Cowart Tuesday... Friends of Miss Jo Ann Allen, bride-elect of Donald Paige, entertained last week with a garden party and miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Judy Boozer, in Amarillo...

November 7, 1946--The people of this section of the state were forced to don their heavy coats and gloves this week when the first real norther of the season came rolling in last Sunday afternoon to stay for a period of four days... Mr. and

Mrs. Durward Brown are parents of a son, John Lewis... Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Pitts are parents of a daughter, Lela Carroll... Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dickerson are parents of a son, Dennis Wrey... LuAnn Phelps weds M. J. O'Neal, jr. in church ceremony... Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Arnold are in Clovis, New Mexico with his mother, Mrs. A. C. Arnold, who is ill... Douglas Flower Shop is opening a shop in Quitaque...

August 28, 1941--New 12-grade school system opens here September 8... Mrs. Q. E. Brown, 67, died at her home southwest of town Friday morning after an illness of only one hour... Mrs. Jimmy Stevenson recently spent two weeks on a tour of the western states... Mrs. Nash Blasengame and Mrs. Pete Chitty and children were in Tulia Monday... Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smithee spent a few days last week in Hot Springs, New Mexico... Mrs. Leroy Saul is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison... Mrs. W. W. Reid has been very ill in the Tulia hospital for the past week... Len Lee returned to Lubbock Sunday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. George Lee... Andrew Edwards is visiting friends and relatives here this week... Shirley Pitts of Tulia spent the weekend with friends and relatives... Warner Reid has been very ill for the past week... Edwin Jowell entertained some of his little friends with a party Tuesday afternoon, in honor of his ninth birthday...

January 16, 1930--County hatchery is ready for operation... Talking pictures are planned for Silverton by Palace management... Jeff Gunter had the misfortune Sunday night to lose his Whippet Motor Car to thieves. The car was in his residential garage but not locked, and a clear get-away was

New Way To Lower Cholesterol

Cory Payne
County Extension Agent-FCS

Lowering cholesterol is the number one health concern for many Americans. In addition to a healthy low-fat diet and steady exercise program, consumers may want to try some of the new fat/butter substitutes. Plant sterols are extracts of certain plants. When ingested, they inhibit the absorption of cholesterol in the small

intestine, so dietary cholesterol never gets into the system. These plant sterols are used to make spreads that may lower blood cholesterol levels by as much as ten percent. Recommendations from the American Heart Association say these fat/butter substitutes can be part of a well-balanced diet. But consumers should be aware that the fat/butter substitutes are more expensive than ordinary butter or margarine.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the sudden and unexplained death of an infant younger than one year. Sometimes called "crib death," SIDS claims the lives of almost five thousand American babies each year. It is still one of the leading causes of infant death in the nation. But those numbers are decreasing thanks in part to a national campaign called "Back to Sleep." It encourages parents and other care givers to have infants sleep on their backs. The campaign also encourages regular prenatal checkups, breast-feeding babies, avoiding soft bedding, and maintaining a smoke-free environment.

Some believe that locking the fingers together and pulling on them will stop an owl from hooting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court wants the county's taxpayers to know that the tax rate will go up 3%.

Employees will receive a 3% increase in their salaries.

Elected officials will receive no increase in their salaries.



Silverton Owls

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Awards Presented at 4-H Achievement Banquet

Provided by Cory Payne

Texas Cooperative Extension-Family & Consumer Sciences

The annual Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at the Briscoe County Courthouse. Outstanding 4-H'ers and leaders were honored for their hard work over the past year.

Skylar Clifton served as master of ceremonies. Ory Johnson led the invocation before a picnic meal of submarine sandwiches, chips, watermelon and home-made ice cream was served to all present.

Paige Hughes and Christine Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Motto and Pledge. Zack Burson gave the welcome followed by an introduction of special guests by Ty Reed. Colleen Reed gave a short report on the progress of Briscoe County 4-H this past year.

Cory Payne and Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County Extension Agents, presented all members who completed a 4-H project during the 2000-2001 4-H year a T-shirt with the logo "Nothing Less Than Our Best" on them for all their hard work and accomplishments. Members also received certificates of completion with their

completed projects listed. Thor Patton presented adult volunteers certificates recognizing them for their leadership during the past year.

Several "special awards" were presented during the evening. Lana Burson presented the Panhandle District 1 Distinguished Leader Award to JonEtta Ziegler. Jennifer Pigg recognized Scarlett Sperry and Krystle Clinton as recipients of the Danforth "I Dare You" award. This award dares young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through a life of service. Our "Friend of 4-H" award was presented by Krystle Clinton to Billy and Freda Hughes of Turkey Grocery who graciously sell us endless amounts of groceries and help us out in any way they can. Lighthouse Electric Cooperative of Floydada and Swisher Electric Cooperative of Tulia sponsored the Silver Spur Leader Awards which were presented by Scarlett Sperry to Colleen Reed and Lisa Campbell for their dedicated support of the County's 4-H program.



JonEtta Ziegler was recipient of the Panhandle District 1 Distinguished Leader Award; Freda Hughes, Friend of 4-H award; and Colleen Reed, Silver Spur Leader Award, at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet held recently at the courthouse. Not pictured was Lisa Campbell, Silver Spur award winner.



Krystle Clinton and Scarlett Sperry were recipients of the Danforth "I Dare You" awards at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Cotton Market weekly



A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures and options trading came to a halt last week at the New York Cotton Exchange in the wake of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D. C.

The Cotton Exchange was housed at Four World Trade Cen-

A big thanks goes to the 4-H families who brought home-made ice cream, Briscoe County 4-H'ers and leaders for setting up for the banquet, and all who helped clean up after. Another big "thank you" goes to Johnson's Gin along with Lighthouse and Swisher Electric Cooperatives for sponsoring the 4-H Achievement Banquet along with the Briscoe County 4-H Adult Leaders.

"We all look forward to another exciting and successful year of 4-H during 2001-2002," said County Extension Agent Cory Payne.

ter in one of the five buildings surrounding the two World Trade Center towers, both of which were completely destroyed. Four World Trade Center, a nine-story, 84,500 square foot building, was at the base of where the twin towers once stood. Thankfully, all employees and members of the Exchange were evacuated before the building was buried by tons of rubble when the towers crashed to the ground, according to reports.

Cotton futures trading was suspended from Tuesday through Friday, but was expected to resume Monday at a backup facility in Long Island City, N. Y. The New York Board of Trade, the parent company of the Cotton Exchange, scheduled mock trading sessions Saturday in preparation for the re-opening.

Space is limited at the backup facility and will require staggered trading hours among the Board of Trade commodities which include cotton, sugar, coffee, cocoa and fro-

zen concentrated orange juice. Cotton futures trading Monday was tentatively set to begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Also this week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grounded aircraft nationwide. Because of the FAA's decision, aerial spraying of harvest-aid chemicals on cotton in many areas and boll weevil eradication treatments was halted. Some semblance of normalcy began to take form in the agriculture world Thursday when flights resumed after the FAA allowed airports to re-open and crop dusters again hit the sky.

USDA delayed its monthly supply/demand estimates, originally scheduled for release Wednesday, until Friday morning. Upon its release, market observers said the report was in line with most expectations and held no surprises.

The department lowered U. S. cotton production only 10,000 bales pegging it at 19.9 million bales based on conditions as of September 1, 2001. Pre-report trade guesses ranged from 18.9 million to 20.5 million bales. As expected, USDA cut its domestic cotton consumption forecast 200,000 bales to 8.3 million and left its export projection at 9.0 million bales.

Spot cotton sales as of Sept. 13 totaled 4,441 bales, versus 6,257 the previous week. Prices ranged from 28.66 to 31.15 cents per pound, down from 31.37 to 32.70 the previous week.

New Shipment of Cards



Sympathy, Birthday, Get Well, Thank You,

Briscoe County News

806-823-2333

Africa, Here We Come!

We're home! Praise God we're home! Several have commented they wanted to know all about our trip to Africa. We will choose some of the highlights of our trip and put in the paper as space allows.

John and Maebelle Francis

We left Lubbock Airport Monday, August 6, for Malawi. Our first stop was to change planes at Houston. After we boarded, we had a hot two hour wait for a thunderstorm to cease. They couldn't run the air conditioner so we were "well done" by the time we left Houston and headed for London. We weren't aware you should never rent a car in London, so we drove for almost two hours looking for our hotel, and meeting all these people driving on the WRONG side of the road. After we hired a cab driver to lead us to our desti-

nation we learned there was no parking place. This is when we learned that residents don't even have cars because of narrow streets and downtown congestion.

We had only about 30 minutes sleep the last 24 hours and our brains were so muddled we went to bed at 6:00 p.m. With the six-hour time change we couldn't figure out if we arrived before we left or left after we arrived.

August 8. We arose early and headed for Scotland. It took us all day to go to the border and turn around and get back to our hotel

by night. Scotland is the most breathtaking landscape we have ever witnessed. If God can do that, it leaves no doubt in your mind that I Cor. 2:9 is true: "No eyes has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those that love Him."

The rain persisted most of the day, but instead of a hinderance it offered us the most beautiful rainbow I have ever seen. Not only was it the largest and most brilliant, the end of it was in my window. I found that "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow. That being that God is an awesome God and truly has an eye for beauty.

We returned to the hotel in time to refresh ourselves before leaving for supper. I got ready before the others and went down to the lobby.

God opened a door for me to tell the owner about Jesus. She was Muslim. I asked her if she knew Jesus. She said she knew about God but not Jesus. I asked if she would mind if I told her about Him. She was very receptive and I asked her if I could go get our minister to talk to her. She consented and after he had conversed with her, we all held hands and prayed. We bought her a Bible so she would have access to a New Testament. We "planted" the seed and can only pray that someone will come along to "water" it.

We toured the British Museum and British Library. It rained off and on all day so we finally found the underground trolley and went back to the hotel. Anytime you're with a group of Christians, you can

find something to laugh about. Well, they picked on John first. The waiter had brought him a Coke with a brown straw. He didn't see the straw and stuck it up his nose. So, needless to say they started teasing him about coming all the way to London to start "sniffing coke." At a later time we were in a food court and I needed a toothpick. I entered this little gate and asked for a toothpick. The man looked at me like he didn't know what a toothpick was. I told the group that the man acted so strange and they laughed and said, "Maebelle, you went into a bar!" There's nothing like being naive!

August 10. Our stay in London being over we headed for the airport. Strange thing, though: people still driving on the wrong side of the street. We tried to show them the "right" way by driving on the "right" side, but they would just look at us real dumb like and started pointing. They not only don't know how to drive but can't even speak "Texan". They spoke in an odd language they called "English" and we couldn't understand half they said. We weren't there long enough to teach them "Texan."

After hiring another Cabbie to lead us to the airport we headed for Lilongwe Africa. It's about a nine-hour flight but we saw the most spectacular sight which made up for the long flight. We saw a rainbow that was a complete circle and right in the middle was the shadow of the airplane. Awesome! Another affirmation of our Great God!

As we arrived at Lilongwe, we were greeted with "Red Carpet" treatment, the British Army Band and scads of dignitaries. Well, that's our side of the story. But some seemed to think it was because the Prime Minister just happened to be on our plane. At least it made for a good story on our part.

Then we arrived at Namikango Mission and were greeted by an e-mail from nephew Barry sending love and prayers.

Next week will be our first encounter with an "African Church Welcome." --Maebelle

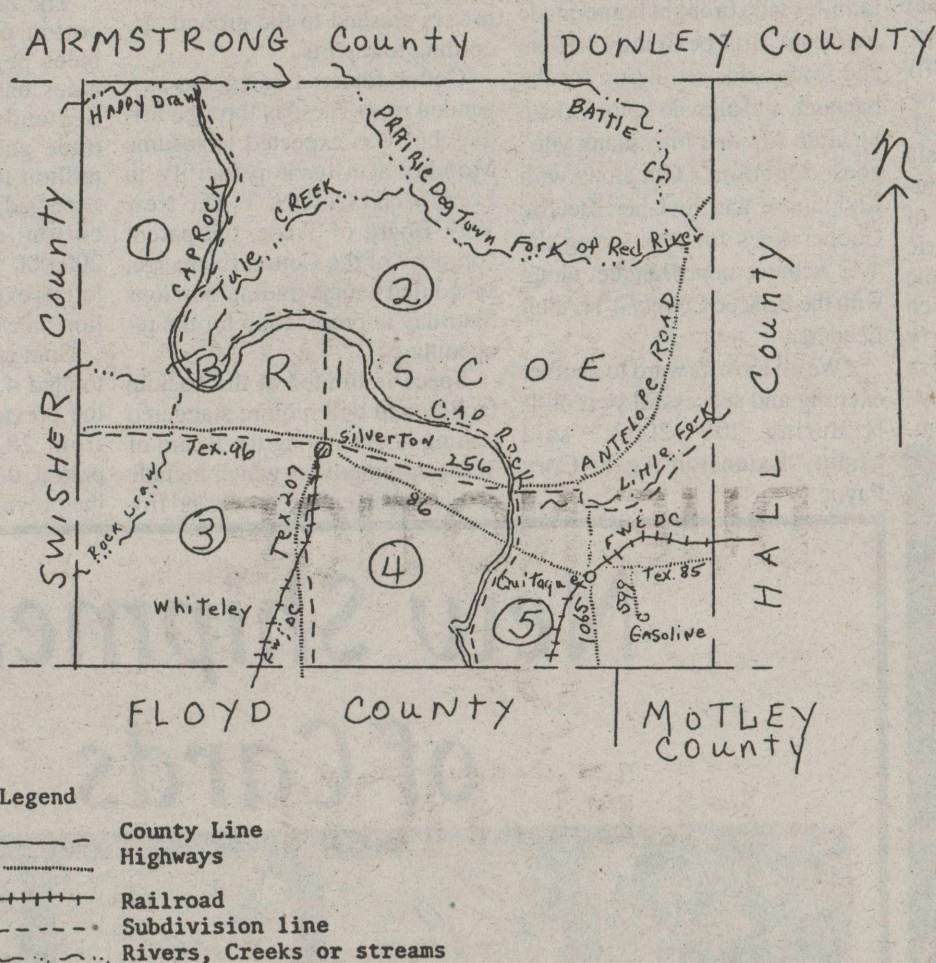
Bills to achieve equal pay for men and women were first introduced in Congress in 1943, but the Equal Pay Act would not amend the Fair Labor Standards Act until 1963.

The cranberry gets its name from Dutch and German settlers, who called it "crane berry." When the vines bloom in the late spring the flowers' light pink petals twist back, resembling a crane. Over time, the name was shortened to cranberry.

Thomas Jefferson is credited with bringing the first "macaroni" machine to America in 1789 from France.

The average worker bee produces one and a half teaspoons of honey in a lifetime.

CAP ROCK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #126



Subdivision No. 1: Bounded on the north by the district boundary, on the east by the Cap Rock to its point of intersection with the county road directly north from the east side of the town site of Silverton and the county road directly north from the east side of the town site of Silverton to its point of intersection with the Silverton to Antelope Highway #256, on the south by the Silverton to Tulia Road #86 west of Silverton and on the west by the district boundary.

Subdivision No. 2: Bounded on the north by the district boundary, on the west by the Cap Rock to its point of intersection with the county road directly north from the east side of the town site of Silverton and the county road directly north from the east side of the town site of Silverton to its point of intersection with the Silverton to Antelope Highway #256, on the south by the Silverton to Antelope Highway #256 to its point of intersection with the Quitaque to Antelope Road by the Quitaque to Antelope Road to its point of intersection with the Little Fork of Red River by the Little Fork of Red River to its point of intersection with the boundary line of the district, bounded on the east by the district boundary.

Subdivision No. 3: Bounded on the north by the Silverton-Tulia Road (Hwy. 86) on the east by the Silverton-Floydada Road (Hwy. 207) and on the south by the district boundary and on the west by the district boundary.

Subdivision No. 4: Bounded on the north by the Silverton-Antelope Road, on the east by the Cap Rock, on the south by the district boundary and on the west by the Silverton-Floydada Road (Hwy. 207).

Subdivision No. 5: Bounded on the north by the Silverton-Antelope Road from the point of intersection with the Cap Rock to the point of intersection with the Quitaque-Antelope Road, then by the Quitaque-Antelope Road from the point of intersection with the Silverton-Antelope Road to the point of intersection with the Little Red River, and by Little Red River from the point of intersection with the Quitaque-Antelope Road to the district boundary, on the east by the district boundary, on the south by the district boundary and on the west by the Cap Rock.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Special Election NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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OWL VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 21-McLean, Home, 7:30
 Sept. 28-Lefors, There, 7:30
 Oct. 5-- Amherst, There, 7:30
 Oct. 12--*Samn'wood, Home, 7:00
 Oct. 19--*Groom, Home, 7:00
 Oct. 26--*Hedley, There, 7:00
 Nov. 2--*Happy, Home, 7:00
 Nov. 9--*Valley, There, 7:00
 *District Game
 Homecoming is Oct. 12

OWL JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 20-Valley, There, 6:30
 Sept. 27-Hedley, There, 6:30
 Oct. 4-- Amarillo Trin. Home, 7:00
 Oct. 11--Open
 Oct. 18--Valley, There, 6:30
 Oct. 25 Amarillo Trin. There, 6:30
 Nov. 1-- Happy, There, 6:30
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OWL 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

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 Sept. 27--Spade, Home, 5:00
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 Oct. 25-- Hedley, Home, 5:00
 Nov. 1-- Happy, There, 5:00
 Nov. 8-- Valley, Home, 5:00

OWL 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Sept. 20--Hedley, There, 5:00
 Sept. 27--Open
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 Oct. 11-- Motley County, There, 5:00
 Oct. 16-- Spade, Home, 6:00
 Oct. 25-- Open
 Nov. 1-- Motley County, Home, 5:00

Letter to the Editor

I am renewing my subscription. I don't think it is due until October. I enjoy the paper so much; it brings back many sweet memories. I have been away from Silverton so many years but it is still my home town. Chester and I married in the Methodist Church seventy years ago. It was a basement then. We invited all the town to our wedding. It was May 31, 1931 on a Sunday.
 I will be 91 on October 27. It

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, September 24--Turkey Tetrazini, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Milk, Fruit
 Tuesday, September 25--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Veg Stix, Hot Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat
 Wednesday, September 26--Sandwich, Onion Rings, Baked Beans, Milk, Brownie
 Thursday, September 27--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter
 Friday, September 28--Hamburger, Cheese, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, September 20--7th Grade vs. Hedley, there, 5:00; 8th & JV teams at Miami, 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, September 21--Owls vs. McLean, here, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, September 22--Cross Country Meet at Olton, 9:50 a.m.
 Thursday, September 27--Spade 8th here, 5:00; JV at Hedley, 8:30
 Friday, Owls at Lefors, 7:30
 Saturday, September 29--Cross Country Meet at Lubbock, 9:00

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Bobbye Bean

Laverne Stephens put up her quilt and we began quilting on it. We also quilted on Subil's Encircled Tulip quilt. We don't lack too much on it. Ada Clay, Oleta Warren, Marie Rogers, Ann Noris, Juanita Howard, Lallie Patton, Wanda Strange, Mary Burson, Subil, Laverne and I quilted.

We are so excited about the performance of the Ragtime Dollies that we can hardly quilt. The excitement is mounting, so don't miss it. September 21st at the Senior Citizen Luncheon will be an occasion to remember!

doesn't seem possible.
 My love and good wishes to you.
 Gladys Smithee Strickland



Mrs. Joe Ramirez

Minyard-Ramirez Vows Exchanged in Formal Church Ceremony September 1

Miss Lorrie Lee Minyard and Joe Ramirez exchanged wedding vows at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 1, 2001, at the Silverton United Methodist Church. Ed Norris, Justice of the Peace, performed the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Harrell and Sheila Minyard of Savoy, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Adelmira Ramirez of Silverton and the late Frank Ramirez, sr.

Heart and arch candelabra decorated the altar area and light yellow and light pink bows marked the pews along the bridal aisle.

Given in marriage by Harrell and Sheila Minyard, the bride wore a gown made by Exclusive Bridal Gowns. It was a two-piece creation, with corset style top and candle-light ivory skirt with bead and silk edging.

The bride's full bouquet was made by Stephanie Chapa of light pink and light yellow roses. She carried the Bible that her mother and aunt carried in their weddings.

To carry out bridal tradition, she added pearl earrings borrowed from the mother of the groom; a bow hairpiece decorated with bead accents; and a blue ankle bracelet given to her by her aunt, Reba Tipton.

Sonya Smith of Silverton, sister of the groom and best friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmatron was Sylvia Perkins of Silverton, sister of the groom.

The bridal attendants wore princess-style dresses of light pink satin made by Olivia Fabela. They car-

ried single long-stemmed light yellow roses.

Madison Minyard of Silverton, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a light pink satin and lace dress.

Candles were lighted by Krystle Davis of Silverton, niece of the bride, and Anthony Chapa of Slaton, nephew of the groom.

Gavin Smith of Silverton, nephew of the groom, as ringbearer.

Serving his best friend as groomsman was Scotty Bennett of Kress. Best man was Frank

Ramirez, jr., of Midland, brother of the groom.

Guests were seated by Jason Minyard, brother of the bride, and Rhett Perkins, brother-in-law of the groom. Both reside in Silverton.

LaRue Garvin was organist. Wedding music included "This I Promise You," by N' Sync; "Thank you for Loving Me," by Bon Jovi; "My Valentine," by Martina McBride.

A reception was held at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton following the ceremony. Tables were covered with light yellow cloths and each held a centerpiece.

The bride's table was covered with a white tapered cloth with bride and groom porcelain figurines and the bride's bouquet as the centerpiece. Her cake was a pink confection with light yellow accents, six tiers and a water fountain, and was made by Lotene Frausto.

Serving were Palmi Womack and Leticia Stidham. They were assisted by Norberto Garcia, Bobbi Maples and Virginia Maples.

The groom's cake was a chocolate horseshoe-shaped creation of Lorene Frausto.

The bride is a graduate of Denison High School. She is employed by the Dental Arts Clinic in Tulia. Her husband is a graduate of Silverton High School and is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation in Silverton.

Following their wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple is at home in Silverton.


A rehearsal party was hosted by Adelmira Ramirez, Harrell and Sheila Minyard. Mrs. Ramirez prepared homemade enchiladas, rice and beans, and the party was held at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton.

Decorations for the church and reception also were provided by Stephanie Chapa, The Plum Thicket and by the bride's parents.


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Happy Birthday

Buffalo Wings

From: Guess Who?



Texas Cooperative Extension

Provided by Cory Payne
County Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences

Talking to You Kids About Terrorism and War

Today's events will certainly be in the news for quite some time, and many of our lives may be disrupted in different ways for a long time. As many of us watch the news and talk to others about the day's events, our children will certainly notice that something is going on.

Parents may want to talk with older children about the day's events and what it might mean, but young children (under the age of seven or eight) may be disturbed by witnessing scenes of destruction on television or by listening in on adult conversations. It may not be unusual if some young children react by being more clinging, seeming a bit more concerned, or having difficulty at bedtime.

Although it might be important to allow older children to participate in viewing and talking about the news, it might be wise to limit young children's exposure to TV news. It is important that young children be reassured about their own safety and the safety of their parents and loved ones. Subtle changes in parent's moods and behaviors can have an affect on children especially if they witness reactions in their parents that they have not seen before.

Be prepared to spend extra time with children if necessary, and continue normal routines and activities.

Use the opportunity to explain how and why people are reacting the way they are.

In the days that come, we may be witness to preparations for retaliation (or at least threats of retaliation). Certain groups of people may be identified as terrorists. It will be a challenge for all of us to remind ourselves and our children that we value peace.

For more information and suggestions on how to talk with your children about the today's events and the events in the coming days, see: Talking to Kids About War, www.AboutOurKids.org, New York University Child Study Center.

The start of another school year is here, and thousands of universities have opened their doors to incoming freshmen. Extension health specialist Carol Rice says freshmen may be looking forward to being away from home, but they need to realize the importance of a good night's sleep. Rice says sleep allows the brain time to organize itself and replace essential brain chemicals. College students may be tempted to stay up all night studying, but Rice says sleep is needed because it helps encode

memories and improve learning. Rice offered some tips for getting the best possible sleep. Don't drink caffeinated beverages or exercise close to bedtime. Keep the room dark, cool and as quiet as possible.

U. S. Agricultural Counselor Suzanne Hale says the Japanese market is our most important market for agricultural products. The U. S. sells nine billion dollars worth of agricultural products each year to Japan. In the past, this consisted of typical agricultural products, such as corn, wheat and soybeans.

Working Disability Beneficiaries Can Avoid Overpayments

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager, Plainview, Texas

However, those sales have leveled off in recent years. Japanese consumers are now eating ready-to-eat U. S. food products, such as frozen lunch box meals and chilled entrees. Foods offering health benefits are also increasing in the Japanese market. Hale says blueberry intake has increased since studies showed their benefit on eyesight. Prune and cranberry consumption also has increased. Hale says demographics are working in favor of these types of foods because the Japanese population is aging very quickly and there is increased interest in healthy foods.

If you're a Social Security disability beneficiary who works, you can avoid a possible overpayment by reporting work activity promptly. You should let Social Security know if you start or stop working, your health improves or your earnings increase or decrease.

Nobody wants to worry about returning money already spent for basic living expenses, especially people who depend on their disability benefits to help pay for food, clothing and shelter. But delays in providing information about work activity or improvements in your health can lead to incorrect pay-

ments that you may later have to repay.

Be sure to tell us right away if your earnings drop, or you're unable to continue working because of your disability. That's the best way to help us make sure that you get all the benefits to which you're entitled.

Don't be concerned about adjustments to your monthly benefits without notice. We will always send you a letter telling you if we plan to look at your case. We will notify you of any decisions we make about your continuing eligibility for benefits. And, you will always have an opportunity to appeal any decision we make to give us more information.

Contact www.ssa.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. You may also want to check out our Work Site on the Internet at www.ssa.gov/work.

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DUE NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT SUBDIVISION NO. FIVE OF THE
CAP ROCK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 126

To all persons including the designated representatives of family farm corporations who are eligible voters in the above named Conservation District as described under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Chapter 201, who have attained the age of 18 years, and reside within a county, all or any part of which is included in the said Soil and Water Conservation District, and who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within said Conservation District, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Section 201.073, qualified voters of the above named Soil and Water Conservation District (legal description attached) will assemble at

NRCS FIELD OFFICE -- SILVERTON, TEXAS

at 7:30 AM, on the 4TH day of OCTOBER, 2001,

then and there to elect one of the qualified voters owning land within said subdivision to serve as a member of the Board of District Directors of said soil and water conservation district

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

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Owls Were "Three For Four" In Games Played Last Week

The four Owl football teams played four games and won three last week.

The Eighth Grade Owls played to a 48-7 victory over Miami there.

The Junior Varsity Owls played to a 30-0 victory over Miami, also Thursday in Miami.

The Seventh Grade Owls played a game with Floyd, New Mexico on their home field Friday afternoon. Floyd kicked off to the Owls, but the Owls were unable to make a first down, and punted away to the Floyd 33. The Bronchos ran for 10 yards on their first play, and went for a touchdown on the next play. They carried their PAT into the endzone, and into a 7-0 lead.

Silverton started on the Owl 35 after the kickoff and Deigo Ramirez picked up six yards before the quarterback was caught way back behind the line of scrimmage for a big loss. Ramirez ran for 10 yards, and on the next play the Owls ran for a touchdown--which was called back for a penalty. The Owls did make a first down out of it, and passed to E. J. Ivory for a 10-yard gain before Ramirez ran around right end and into the endzone for a touchdown. This was called back due to a penalty, and the Owls went back to work on offense.

A first down was made by Ivory as the second quarter began. After runs by Ramirez and Ivory the ball went over to the Bronchos on the four-yard line.

The Bronchos picked up a couple of first downs before the Owl defense held and the ball went back to Silverton on the 15 yard line.

The Owls made 10 yards on first down and Ivory made a first down before the first half ended.

The Owls kicked off and defense by Ramirez and Drew Reed held and brought the ball back over to the Owls near midfield. Ramirez and Ivory combined to move the ball downfield. Ramirez carried a touchdown with 3:06 remaining, which was called back by the referees. Ivory carried a touchdown on the next play, Ramirez carried the extra point, and the Owls knotted the score at 7-7.

The Owls kicked off and Floyd carried to the 35, stopped by Jon Garcia and Dusty Burson. The gang-tackling Owls led by Reed and Jose Hernandez allowed a first down on the Silverton 30, but then stopped the progress and the Owls intercepted a Floyd pass as the fourth quarter began.

The Owls lost the ball via the fumble route, and gave up a first down on the six before Floyd scored with 3:13 remaining in the game. Floyd carried the PAT, and moved into a 14-7 lead.

The Owls took the kickoff and moved through a first down on the

20, before getting a pass intercepted on the 35.

Floyd came back to score with 18 ticks remaining on the clock. There was no PAT, and the game ended with the Owls on the short end of the 20-7 score.

A game was played by Floyd, New Mexico and McLean between the Silverton games, with Floyd ending the game 54-7 under the 45-point rule with 7:20 remaining in the third quarter.

Floyd was the state six-man football champion of New Mexico last year, and have another very good team this year.

The Owls hosted the Miami Warriors in a non-conference game which was the third game of the triple header Friday.

The Owls kicked off and defense by Dustin Hale and Andrew Francis made Silverton strong. The ball went over to the Owls, and Andrew Francis passed to Red Ivory for a touchdown with 6:32 remaining in the first quarter. Francis kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved into an 8-0 lead. After the kickoff, the Warriors passed for a first down before they fumbled and had the ball stolen away by John Arnold.

When the Warriors got the ball back, they scored on a pass play. They kicked the PAT, and knotted the score at 8-8.

The Owls came back to score on a pass from Ivory to Hale. There was no PAT, and the score moved ahead to 14-8 as the second quarter began.

The Owls kicked off and Ivory abbreviated Miami's offensive efforts by intercepting a Warrior pass near midfield.

Arnold picked up 11 yards on a pass completion, and Monty Wood passed to Red Ivory for a touchdown with 7:43 remaining. The PAT kick failed, and the Owls moved into a 20-8 lead.

Ivory broke up a Miami pass play before the Warriors punted and Ivory carried out to the Silverton 30.

Ivory passed complete to Nathan Baker for a first down, after which Miami intercepted an Owl aerial. The defense held and the ball came back to the Owls near midfield. Francis completed a pass to Ivory for a first down, and Francis ran 22 yards to score with 28 ticks remaining on the clock. Francis kicked the PAT, and moved the Owls into a 28-8 lead.

The first half ended before much more action could take place, but when the Warriors kicked off Baker carried to the 23. Ivory passed to Wood for a first down, and Galen Smith scored on a pass from Wood with 9:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Lady Owls Do Well in Tulia Cross Country Meet Saturday

The Lady Owls ran well in the Cross Country Invitation Meet at Tulia Saturday at Mackenzie Park in Tulia.

Team scores were 1. Palo Duro, 70; 2. Happy, 83; 3. Muleshe, 96; 4. Tascosa, 126; 5. Tlia, 140; 6. Plainview, 167; 7. Dimmitt, 198; 8. Silverton, 206; 9. Wellington, 208; 10. Farwell, 209; 11. Valley, 244; 12. Randall, 265; 13. Caprock, 316; 14. Amherst, incomplete.

Brittany Perkins ran 18th with a time of 13.03, and Natalie Wheeler of Valley ran 15th in 12.55. Natalie is the daughter of Rebecca Reid Wheeler and is the granddaughter of J. W. Reid.

The Lady Owls also ran in a

meet at Clarendon, and will be in a meet at Olton Saturday, September 22.

They have been working hard and are doing well in their meets. They are coached by Jennifer Jackson. Dewaine Lee is their assistant coach.

The girls are Chelsey Cherry, Amanda Estes, Kurby Garvin, seniors; Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young, juniors; Monica Garcia, Lori Griffin, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson, sophomores; Sarah Craiker, Kelsie Estes, Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez, Brittany Tiffin, freshmen.

Team managers are Krystle Clinton and Patricia Acevedo.

Cotton



News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Given the magnitude of events that have transpired over the past few days it is hard to find the words of comfort and healing to help those affected directly and indirectly by the tragedies that occurred in New York and Washington, D. C.

As many already have recognized the many people and companies that comprise the family that is U. S. Agriculture fall into the category of those affected directly by the events that destroyed the facilities at the World Trade Center.

Closer to home in the cotton in-

Francis' PAT kick was blocked, and the Owls held the long end of the 42-8 score.

The two teams traded offensive possessions several times before the fourth quarter began.

The last touchdown of the game was scored with 55 remaining on the clock on a run by Red Ivory. Francis kicked the PAT, to bring the score to 50-8.



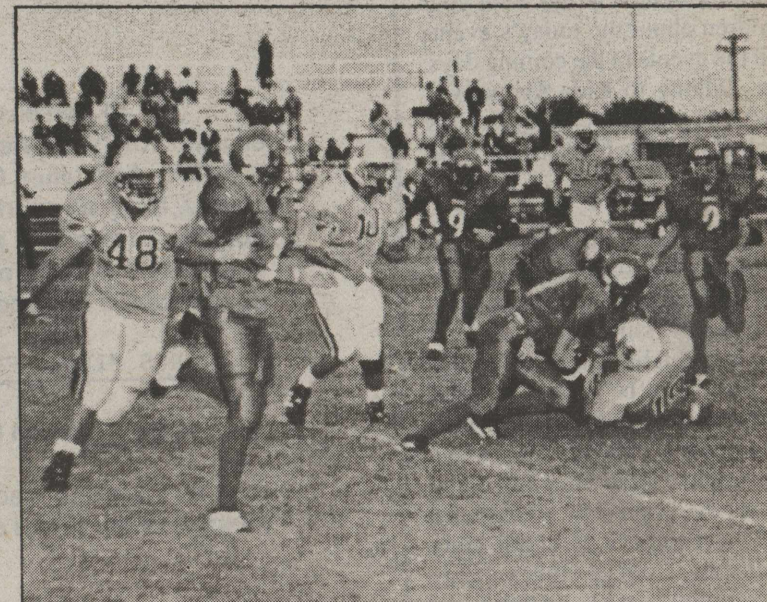
John Arnold scrambled for yardage for the Owls in their game with Miami here Friday night.
Briscoe County News Photo

dustry several of the biggest cotton merchants in the world had offices in the WTC complex. From this comes the reality that many of us do have a direct connection to this tragedy through family and



Duncan Vernon had to outrun half of Miami's team in order to make yardage for the Owls Friday night.

Briscoe County News Photo



Owls on defense against Miami Friday night show why the opponents have been having a hard time gaining first downs against them.

Briscoe County News Photo

friends or business acquaintances that may have been lost.

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this tragedy.

In light of these events the problems that have garnered much of our attention over the past few months pale in comparison. They are, however, still with us and must be dealt with in due course.

Eventually the serious problems facing agriculture in the United States will again take center stage and we will move forward with the process of developing a blueprint to guide agricultural support programs in the future.

As the many government agencies headquartered in Washington go about the process of carrying out the business of the nation, we have also tried to assess where the process stands.

We know that Congress has yet to pass major legislative initiatives including major appropriations bills for the 2002 fiscal year.

Consideration of the House Ag Committee's Food Security Act of 2001, HR 2646 is on hold for now after being scheduled for consideration this week on the House floor.

We have been assured by members of the House Ag Committee staff that they are ready to proceed quickly on HR 2646 as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

Wishing You The Best This Season!



THE OWLS--2001 Edition--(back row, left to right) Coach Dewaine Lee, Red Ivory, Dustin Hale, John Arnold, Duncan Vernon, Chance Rhoderick, Eric Minyard, Andrew Francis, Coach Ryan Dykes; (middle row) Zack Burson, Galen Smith, James Tiffin, Colt Smith, Humberto Vasquez, Max Comer, Ignacio Gamez, Caleb Francis; (front row) Kody Rhoderick, manager; Monty Wood, Clifton Baker, Nathan Baker, Brandon Stephens, Chase Comer, Logan Fisher, Beau Brock and Coach Lenny Jackson.



Silverton Owls
vs.
McLean Tigers
September 21,
7:30 p.m.
At Silverton

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 Brown-McMurtry Implement
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City Bank
 Mid-Plains Rural Telephone
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2001-02 CHEERLEADERS--(back row, left to right) Kassie Strange, Chelsey Cherry, Lori Griffin, Jenny Young; (middle) Bryn Mayfield, Amanda Estes, Kurby Garvin; (front) Krista Hale, spirit of the Owl mascot.

Silverton JV vs.
Valley
Thursday, 6:30 There

Silverton 8th Grade
vs. McLean,
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Silverton 7th Grade
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Thursday, 5:00 p.m. There

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