

We find this news in the "Musings" column written by Mary Monroe Strange in the Kress

"As many of you know, Louie has been diagnosed with cancer in his right tonsil and a lumph node in his neck. We are going to M. D. Anderson in Houston, and with God leading us and the many prayers of friends and family, we will win this battle!

"I plan to be back 'Musing' soon with a healthy husband. I sure do like it better when I have something humorous to write about."

WALKER RETIRES

This item was submitted by Lataine Dillard.

"I may think about it," said Roy Mack Walker. Last year when he turned 80, he was asked if he thought he was old enough to retire and this was his reply.

Well, January 31, was his last day as Building Superintendent at First Baptist Church here in Silverton. Eighteen and a half years ago, the congregation asked Roy Mack to "fill in" until they could find someone to work full time. That "fill in" time kept stretchig and stretching!

He was honored with a retirement party on Sunday night, February 9, 2003 at the church. A "Money Tree" was presented to him along with good wishes, valentines and lots of hugs.

All the folks who came to the church will miss not seeing that friendly smile every time, but he will still be close by.

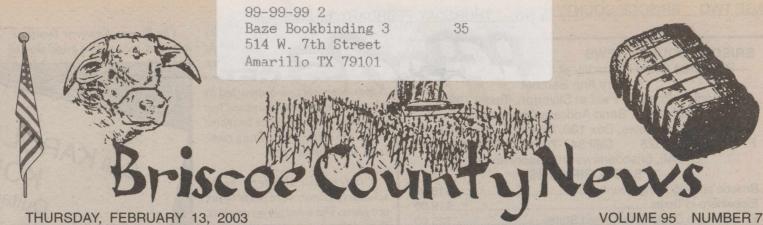
Roy Mack won't have a hard time retiring. He is a maker of stained glass and that will fill his time. Drive by the Walker home and look at the beautiful pieces of stained glass art you see.

At the regular meeting Monday night, Dwain Tipton was appointed to the Silverton City Council to replace W. D. Rowell who recently resigned.

We have gone deer hunting with a camera several times lately, and have seen quite a lot of the beautiful stately creatures.

Along the highway south of Lake Mackenzie we have seen deer on the east side. On the drive to Coronado Shores we have seen several in a herd in one of the draws on the north side of the road.

we have seen a herd grazing above quite a few come to feed in the yard the park area (south of the shelter), at the Bob McCall home.



Owls to Enter State Playoffs Monday Night in Amarillo

Silverton's Owls will enter the brought home a 63-47 victory. State Playoffs with Happy at 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 17, at Caprock High School in Amarillo. second place in their district.

season last week by beating the Green Owls from Hedley 62-45. Red Ivory led the scoring with a big 27-point effort, which included two baskets from downtown. Dustin Hale scored 16 and Darin Martin added 14. Also scoring were Gid Mayfield, one from beyond the arc, for three points, and Chase Comer, two points.

11 25 47 62 Red Owls 11 27 33 45 Green Owls

The Owls played a warm-up game with New Home at Abernathy Monday night, and

Producers' **Meeting Monday**

Monsanto and Paymaster Seed Company are hosting a noon hamburger luncheon at the Showbarn in Silverton Monday, February 17, Lady Owls with a winning record. to discuss seed and chemical for this crop year.

All farmers are invited.

Junior High Owls Winners Named Defeat Groom

Silverton's Junior High Owls defeated the Groom Tiger Cubs 39-20 at Groom recently.

Drew Reed led the scoring with points, followed by Ory Johnson, eight; Diego Ramirez and Clay Strange, six points each; E. J. Ivory, four; Eric Ballesteros, three, and Dusty Burson, one point. 14 18 24 39 5 8 18 20

in draws along the drive to the marina, and around the marina.

If you like to watch wildlife, you might like to take a drive out to the lake in the early morning or late afternoon. Bess McWilliams tells us that she often sees her yard On the south side of the lake, covered with deer, and we hear that

Red Ivory led the offense by scoring 25 points, hitting two from downtown. Darin Matin contrib-The Happy Cowboys finished in uted 19. Also scoring were Dustin Hale, eight; Gid Mayfield, five; The Owls finished their regular Eric Minyard, four, and Chase Comer, two points.

7 22 50 63 Owls 12 26 39 47 New Home

The Owls have another warmup game Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Randall High School with Booker.

The Lady Owls dropped their last game of the season 91-54 to the number one team in the state, the green Lady Owls from Hedley.

Leading the scoring for the Red Lady Owls were Lori Griffin, 13; Bryn Mayfield, 12, and Tarran Forbes, 11 points. Adding to the score were Kassie Strange and Krista Hale, eight points each, and Jenny Young, two points.

Lori and Bryn each hit one shot from beyond the arc.

13 27 36 54 Red Lady Owls 28 51 75 91

This finished the season for the

Domino Tourney

Winners of the domino tournament played Saturday were Randy Worley and J. P. Ratliff of Paducah, first place; Dale Street and John Andrus of Kress, second, and Foster Cummings and V. H. Harmon of Lubbock, consolation.

The tournament was sponsored by Briscoe County Activities Association. Brisket sandwiches were served at noon.

Two toads of central and southwestern Europe are called midwife or obstetrical toads because the male helps care for the eggs. The carries them until they hatch. He plies. usually hides under a stone or some other place while carrying refurbishing a tanker truck which them, but comes out after dark to was given to them last year by the bathe the eggs in a pond or stream.



Thor Patton with Ed Bass

Local Youth Wins Calf Scramble At Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo

Briscoe County 4-H member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble during the Saturday, February 1, 2003 evening performance of the Rodeo at the 107th edition of the Southwestern Exposition Show. Those who do the best job and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Mark and Derinda Patton. Sponsor for Thor's effort is Boyd Industries of Boyd.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certifi-

Thor Patton of Silverton, a heifer for a year-long 4-H or FFA project.

> Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return for the 2004 Stock Show to exhibit them in the Junior Heifer will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, the grants were made to 41 young

All entries receive a special Tshirt with their contestant number and a windbreaker from Justin Boots. Participants who fail to catch a calf receive a certificate for a pair of Justin Roper Boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries and Justin Boots cate that will help buy a registered sponsor the contest each year.

Texas Forest Service Makes Cash Gift to Silverton Fire Department

nounced the gift of \$12,600 to the in repairing and remodeling the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department to assist with purchases of male fastens them to his legs and fire-fighting equipment and sup-

The fire department is presently Texas Forest Service. Local fire- this project.

Texas Forest Service has an- men do much of their own work equipment donated, and is appreciative of the cash donations from the Forest Service, local individuals and the Martha Ann Cogdell Memorial Trust which make possible the purchase of the equipment and supplies needed to accomplish

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Fred Strange, President

Thank you very much for every gesture of love and friendship you have extended to our family. We appreciate the memorials, flowers SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon and cards to honor Tommie's memory. We thank you for the prayers and concern.

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WEDNESDAY:

Every Day Should Be Valentine's Day

Traditionally, St. Valentine's Day is a time when we express how much we love and care about our family and friends. I fondly recall Valentine's Day during my years in elementary school, when all of the students would have the little "punch out" valentines which we would sign and exchange with other students, teachers and our families. Everyone received several cards, expressing in one way or another, St. Valentine's message of love.

The Bible tells us that God is Love and that His Ten Commandments are based on the principles of loving God with all our hearts and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. Caring about those around us on a daily basis will strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbors.

We all need love and support more than just once a year, and our Heavenly Father wants His love to be celebrated every day of our lives.



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A rose is a rose--except when it's rose tree at Tombstone, Arizona, has a trunk 40 inches thick and stands nine feet tall. Supported by 68 posts and several thousand feet of piping, 150 people can be seated under the arbor. The cutting came from Scotland in 1884.

Cinderella's slippers, many scholars believe, were made of fur, not glass. The word verre, or glass, they claim, was incorrectly substituted in early versions of the story for the word vaire, which is French

The Roman Emperor Donitian, could put four arrows between the a one-plant arbor. A Lady Banks it is said, was such a good shot he spread fingers of a man's hand.



Obituaries

JACKIE D. McDANIEL

Northridge, California died January 16, 2003 at his home.

Lockney, son of Robert N. and are planning to take part. The 2003 Eddie Mae McDaniel.

father, friend, and will be dearly ant Park. missed.

Survivors include his wife, daughters, Juanita, Janice and Marcia; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Bob McDaniel and his wife, Hazel, of Galant of Oklahoma.

No services were held at the request of the deceased.

The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 declared slaves free in the Confederate states still in wide variety of animals will be rebellion. It wasn't until the ratification of the 13th amendment in December of 1865 that slavery was tition, including market steers, entirely abolished throughout the market barrows, market lambs,

Thirteen 4-H Members Enter Animals in Houston Show

The Houston Livestock Show and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, Jackie D. McDaniel, 73, of will make its debut in Reliant Cen- breeding sheep, dairy goats, boer ter in 2003, and 13 4-H exhibitors goats, llamas, commercial steers from Briscoe County are among He was born April 22, 1929 in the thousands of Texas youth who Houston Livestock Showruns from He was a wonderful husband, February 27 to March 16 at Reli-

Silverton youth who have en-Elsie; his sons, Jack, jr., Jo-Ed and Burson, True Burson, Zack Burson, Marchell Curry, Ory Johnson, Shane Johnson, Bryce Patton, Thor Patton, Tory Patton, Drew Reed, Nichole Schott and Tanner Schott. Amarillo, and a sister, Wanda Sue Each will be showing one junior market barrow.

More than 15,000 entries, representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's show. A shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock compemarket goats, market poultry, beef

and rabbits. "Exhibitors at the Houston Livestock Show the past couple of

years have seen the construction taking place at Reliant Park, but in 2003 everyone will get to see the result--the new Reliant Center," tered animals in the show are Dusty said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "These new facilities will add to the ex

citement and enjoyment of exhibiting in Houston;"

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow, and broiler and turkey) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2002, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales were \$7.2 million, including a record \$600,001 paid for the Grand Champion Junior Market Steer.

On Friday, February 21, high school seniors from across 60 Texas counties will be recognized with the presentation of the Area Go Texan scholarships.

In addition to livestock competition, the show plays host to one of the premier horse shows in the country. Cutting horse championship finals follow on February 24. The National Cutting Horse Association world championship finals follow February 27 through March

The Houston Livestock Show and rodeo is proud to welcome Reliant Energy, Ford, Coca-Cola, Gallery Furniture and Miller Lite as 2003 Heritage Partners.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicks off Thursday, February 20, with the BP World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, slated February 20-22, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot. Go Texas weekend is February 22-

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the **Briscoe County News**

Brown's murder trial gets change of venue . . . School to admit senior citizens to games without charge . . . Long-time Lockney physician and civic leader, Dr. William Johnson Mangold, sr., 73, died Friday, December 11, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . from Hedley here Tuesday . United Methodist Women enjoy Josephine Anderson, Jewel Low-Hamilton, and guests, Dorothy Bomar and Norma Vaughan . . . Miss Mary Chris Cantwell and

riage Saturday in Richardson . . .

Clyde Parham has received accosen by the Lubbock Avalanche- as co-hostess Journal. Casey Frizzell and Lance Holt received places on the Super Christmas party was held in the Team... Perry Whittemore taken home of Mrs. Ben Whitfill Thursby death . . . Senior Citizens to day for members of the March of have birthday party . . . Twelve Time Study Club . . . Mrs. Avis Silverton 4-H members competed in a county and state light rifle Study Club in her home Wednesleague this fall. Placings in the senior division included 1. Dusty Martin; 2. Kevin Womack. Placing in the sub-junior division were FFA class. The City Slickers will placed fifth and Kevin Womack was ninth. The sub-junior category had forty-eight entries, and local placings included: 19. Daniel be Mayor Alvin Redin, captain, W. Will Hester; 24. Rolf Sherman; 26. Aaron Wederski; 30. Donny Burson. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive visited Betty Olive Christmas af-

December 28, 1972-- A family Cantwell home on Christmas Eve ... Mrs. Paul Bryan spent Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montague and Quinn . . . Members of the D. H. Davis family gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming, Wes, Ledbetter . . Annette, Scotti and Cary on Christ-Progress Study Club honored their tor of the Methodist Church...T.

December 17, 1992--Cynthia husbands with a Christmas party in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank Tuesday . . . W. A. Holt has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lesley and Bruce visited with relatives and friends here Tuesday

December 20, 1962--Silverton Varsity teams take pair of wins Tournament begins this morning. H. C. Mercer has been a patient in Swisher County Hospital at Tuluncheon at Quitaque Quail Lodge. lia since last Thursday . . . Sue Attending were Brad, Holly and Lanham, Virginia Shelton, Sheila Rann Enloe, Doris Peugh, Jarnagin, Marcalyn Lee and Jimmie Nell Reynolds take home rey, Pauline Turner, Pauline economics test . . . Graveside rites Benefield, Polly Montague, Annell conducted for Alan Bryant Arnold, Davis, Zelma Mayfield and Jo infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arnold December 13. Max Garrison elected chairman of District 24-H Club Council . . . Toni Rhode Jesus Garcia were united in mar- to be listed in Who's Who at Hardin-Simmons University. December 31, 1992--Coach Century of Progress Study Club meets in the home of Mrs. E. A. lades as Coach of the Year as cho- Birdwell with Mrs. Carlos McLeod

December 28, 1952-- A lovely Cowart was hostess to the 1925 day . . . A Donkey Basketball game will be played January 2 at the high school gym to raise funds for the 1. Shauna Kingery; 2. Daniel be playing the Country Hicks. Reagan; 3. Michael Reagan; 4. Members of the City Slickers team Will Hester; 5. Rolf Sherman; 6. are Captain Perry Whittemore, co-Aaron Wederski; 7. Donny Bur- captain Ware Fogerson, Pascal son; 8. Trey Wyatt; 9. Duncan Garrison, Darrell O'Connor, Jack Vernon; 10. Wynter Smith. In the Graham, Jimmy Don, James May, state competition, Dusty Martn Steve Jarnagin, Sid Marshall, Grover Thomas, Clayton Elkins, Buz Bailey and Keith Whitfield. Reagan; 22. Michael Reagan; 23. Hamilton, co-captain, Arthur Arnold, Sam Lusk, Joe Brooks, Red Stephens, Guinn Fitzgerald, Fred Kellum, Doc Simpson, Don Ledbetter, Harold Edwards, Douglas O'Neal, Keith Woods, Ronald Kitchens and Don Cornett . . . Mr. dinner was served in the Elton and Mrs. Harley Chappell of California arrived Friday to spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell . . . The annual Christmas party for a group of friends was held Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul

December 17, 1942--Miss mas Eve for the exchange of gifts, Pauline Bates became the bride of a Christmas supper and a visit from Mr. Orville Turner in a double-ring Santa Claus . . . Century of ceremony read by T. G. Craft, pas-

L. Anderson was in Tulia to see the Francis Schoolhouse Saturday spent the holidays here with reladentist Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele Bailey Hill visited in the Robert were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Hill home Sunday . . . LaWanda Francis Sunday . . . Miss Imogene Reid, small daughter of Mr. and Strange visited Ava Nell and Mrs. Paul Reid, fell while playing Winona Brown Saturday night . . . Friday and broke her collarbone . . Pat were in Plainview on business handle-wide blizzard Sunday that Wednesday . . . Sailor Jack Brown piled the drifts high over highways and wife were here the first of the and fields. The moisture content of week. Jack is in the Coast Guard. the snow was .53 of an inch, acflu and complications . . . Newly-

December 31, 1942--Briscoe Mr. and Mrs. Chick Northcutt and County seemed the center of a Pan-. Mrs. W. E. Schott, sr. has been cording to Ray C. Bomar's governseriously ill for the past week with ment gauge . . . Silverton Gin is looking ahead to purchase new were honored with a shower at the Ed Stodghill and son of Amarillo

tives . . . Briscoe County Rationing Board moved Monday to new quarters in the Havran Building, in the space formerly occupied by the Silverton Bowling Alley . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele and Polly attended a family dinner at the Joe Mercer home Saturday . . . Grady Martin is spending the holidays at home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald spent Christmas Eve night with her mother and weds Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowell equipment . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill father, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Montague



Rosie Segura Honored With Shower

the afternoon.

The table was decorated with an Weaks and Holly Nance. ecru hand-made crocheted cloth made by Lydia Segura, mother of Maria Morales of Plainview, Juannah Jennings, Marsha Brunthe bride-elect. A navy taffeta table mother of the prospective bride- son, Estella Juarez, Judy Segura, runner accented the table and a groom; Linda Caulkins of Ama- Tina Nance, Patsy Towe, Cathey cherub adorned with grapes, flowers and greenery served as the cen- Epperson, a niece, and Jennifer Francis, Willie Ramirez, Lupe

a shower Sunday, February 9, in punch bowl were part of the decothe Pioneer Room at City Bank in rations. A fruit platter and cookies, Amarillo, a sister-in-law. Silverton from 2:00 until 3:00 in along with pineapple punch, were served to the guests by Leslee

Segura, a sister-in-law, both of Amarillo; Grace Contreras and Rosie Segura was honored with terpiece. Crystal candlesticks and Jennifer Paulson, friends, from Amarillo, and Melissa Segura of

> The honoree was given a vacuum cleaner by the hostesses, Sheryl Weaver, Janice Kirchoffner, Out-of-town guests included Lana Burson, Dorothy Martin, rillo, a friend of the family; Shonna Weaks, Laura Long, Michelle



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Homeowners who put redecorating plans on hold until they have enough savings need not forgo small spruce-ups that refresh their current surroundings, say interior design professionals. Here are a few creative decorating ideas that won't break the bank. "Swap out York, NY 10010. won't break the bank. "Swap out wall art," suggests Kristi Hassen of New Image Art & Frame, Philadelphia. "You'd be surprised at how much just relocating existing posters and lightweight prints changes the look of a room," she says. Such swapping is simple with self-stick picture hangers with Command adhesive from 3M, for both wire-backed or sawtooth frames. They adhere firmly to

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Marsh Mallow is a plant that grows in meadows and marshes of eastern Europe. It is now grown in the U.S. During famines, people have eaten its roots. The root was Hernandez, Mary Jo Brannon, once used as an ingredient in the Anna Baeza and Jennifer Paulson. candy called marshmallow.

Cotton

genuine concern is a good description of the swing in attitudes re- bill. garding disaster assistance gaining final approval as part of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations bill currently under consideration.

change in attitude is warranted is still unclear. What is becoming clear, however, is that the perception of backpedaling and political posturing by the Bush Administration is gaining many new believers in farm country.

Fueling the change in attitudes was the release of the Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) earlier this week. The SAP outlines the Bush Administration's stance on issues included in the FY03 Omnibus spending measure.

Of primary concern was the apparent reversal in the Bush Administration's willingness to accept an across-the-board cut in discretionary spending levels to pay for the addition of drought assistance, and several other items, in the Senate package.

The SAP indicates that the Administration will only support drought assistance if it is offset within existing agriculture funding. This new stance is clearly different from the statements issued by the Administration on the Senate drought package immediately after they helped push the spending measure through that body.

Secretary Ann Veneman said shortly after the Senate vote that the drought assistance included in the bill appeared to meet the Administration's criteria for spending offsets.

Prior to this latest curveball, the drought assistance package was already gaining additional scrutiny from members of the House of Representatives who felt that the Senate approach didn't go far enough in targeting assistance to individuals that had losses.

What Does It All Mean?

The progress of the spending bill over the weekend will probably set the stage for whether or not drought assistance remains part of the Omnibus legislation. The unwelcome alternative would be that it is stripped from the final bill and gets moved to another legislative vehicle, possibly delaying action for months.

Still, many observers feel that this is a remote possibility and that

From cautious optimism to drought assistance will be part of the final FY03 Omnibus spending

Of primary concern now is shoring up support for drought assistance as part of the Omnibus bill and encouraging individual mem-Whether or not such an extreme bers of the Conference Committee and Congress to resist a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" strategy.

Key to making that argument is explaining the differences between the price support mechanisms included in the Farm Bill (and the cost estimates associated with them) and the physical losses being addressed by the drought assistance package.

Of the many possible alternaon a percentage of paid 2001 or 2002 crop insurance indemnities for producers that experienced losses. Using the crop insurancea relatively quick delivery of payments.

So far no alternative package has emerged as a clear challenger continuing.

Shop Smart For Valentine Jewelry

(NAPSA)-If you think it's a gem of an idea to get engaged on Valentine's Day, the most romantic day of the year, you're not alone. Jewelers report that it's the second largest jewelry-buying holiday of the year, and the holiday on which 12 percent of couples become engaged.

If you are not ready to pop the question or you are already hitched, there are many other jewelry gifts to make your sweetheart swoon.

How to make sure you get the most for your money? These tips from the experts at the Jewelry Information Center, a nonprofit trade association, have been highlyprized by jewelry shoppers:

Efforts from PCG and others are centered on continuing to push for the maximum amount of assistance tives to the Senate payment pro- and continuing the ongoing effort posal are payments that are based to educate and shore up support for a package.

NCC Releases 2003 Plantings Survey

The National Cotton Council's based payment method could help estimate of Cotton Planting Intentarget payments and still maintain tions for 2003 pegs Upland Cotton at 13,860,000 acres and Pima Cotton at 190,000 for a total of 14,050,000 acres.

The NCC estimate was released to the Senate version, but talks are at the Organization's Annual Meeting February 7, 2003.

education. Shopping Online. Look for a URL that says https-the "s" stands for secure. Always use a credit card rather than a debit card so as to have recourse if something goes wrong. Look for a liberal return policy with a full refund.

affiliated with a professional trade

America (JA), that requires high

ethical standards of its members

and provides them with ongoing

3) Don't be dazzled by discounts. If a venue is routinely offering unbelievable discounts of 50 percent or more, the sale is probably just that-unbelievable.

4) Ask about the quality mark and registered trademark. With gold jewelry, the karat mark or quality mark indicates the pu-

1) Buy from someone you cent pure. Platinum is most often trust. Look for a jeweler who is marked "PLAT" or "950 PLAT." Sterling silver pieces are usually stamped "925." association, such as Jewelers of

When buying gemstones, find out if the stone has been treated in any way to improve its beauty. Gem treatments such as oiling and heating are accepted industry practices. However, FTC guidelines require that these treatments be disclosed to the buyer because they may affect the care and cleaning of the stone.

6) When buying diamonds, look for the 4 C's. These are cut, color, clarity, and carat weight. Cut is arguably the most important, because a skillful cut is what will unleash the fire and brilliance in a diamond. With regard to color, grading begins at D; the deeper into the alphabet one goes, the poorer rity of the piece: "14K" means 58.3 the color. Clarity refers to the prespercent pure gold; "18K," 75 perence or lack of imperfections.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties, all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line, and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line. Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by March 14, 2003. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 7, 2003, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in the year 2002 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm or share in the proceeds from the sale of cotton from the

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election who resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by March 8, 2003, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, telephone 512-463-7593.

Prospective 2003 U.S. Cotton Plantings

2003

2002

	2002	2003	
	Actual	Intended	Percent
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SOUTHEAST	3,490	3,317	-5.0%
Alabama	590	652	10.5%
Florida	120	112	-6.5%
Georgia	1,450	1,352	-6.7%
North Carolina	940	877	-6.7%
South Carolina	290	234	-19.4%
Virginia	100	89	-10.6%
MID-SOUTH	3,600	3,719	3.3%
Arkansas	960	919	-4.3%
Louisiana	520	504	-3.2%
Mississippi	1,170	1,198	2.4%
Missouri	380	367	-3.3%
Tennessee	570	731	28.2%
SOUTHWEST	5,880	6,071	3.2%
Kansas	80	98	23.0%
Oklahoma	200	250	24.9%
Texas	5,600	5,723	2.2%
WEST	749	757	1.1%
Arizona	215	201	-6.4%
California	480	474	-1.2%.
New Mexico	54	81	50.9%
TOTAL	13,719	13,864	1.1%
UPLAND			
TOTAL ELS	244	184	-24.7%
Arizona	8	4	-55.1%
California	210	159	-24.3%
New Mexico	7	5	-22.8%
Texas	19	15	-16.6%
ALL COTTON	13,963	14,048	0.6%

1/USDA-NASS

2/ National Cotton Council.



Pictured on their float in the parade at the Briscoe County Celebration last August are members of the classes of 1951 and 1952, who gathered for their 50-year Class Reunion at Homecoming. From left to right are Bonnie Watters of Yuma, Arizona; John Francis of Silverton; Dean McWilliams of Colleyville; Gloria June (Stevenson) Cook of Enid, Oklahoma; Melvin Hamilton of Spearman; Peggy (Holt) Garvin of Silverton; Mary (Dudley) Davis of Silverton; Joy Nell (Chitty) Guest of Lubbock, and Valda (Estes) Ferguson of DeQueen, Arkansas. Also attending from these classes, but missing the parade, were Millie (Marshall) Lewis of Cisco; Mary Lou (Bellinger) Campbell of Canyon; Richard Tunnell of Pampa, and Pat Northcutt of Amarillo. The Class of 1952 received the "Traveling School Bell" for having the largest number of classmates in attendance at the Homecoming.

Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 17--Beef Macaroni, Salad, Bread, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 18--Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Cheesy Potatoes, Cornbread, Milk, Pudding

Wednesday, Feb. 19--Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Fruit Cup

Thursday, Feb. 20--Ham Slice, Broccoli, Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Feb. 21--Sack Lunch

Silverton School Silverton School **Activities**

Meeting, 7:00

Wednesday, February 19--Even Classes Six Weeks Tests

Thursday, February 20--Motivational Media, K-6, 8:30; 7-12, 9:45; Odd Classes Six Weeks Tests.

Friday, February 21--End of Six

Saturday, February 22--Prom Tuesday, February 25--TAKS & SDAA 4-7 Writing, TAKS 9 Reading, TAKS 10-11 English

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February Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

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10	57	17	
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Normal February Precip.			60
Total Precip. in 2003			.06
Normal Annual Precip.			1.25

Happy Birthday--

Feb. 13--Doug Coleman, Wade Greeson, Jane Pigg

Feb. 14--Jerry Patton, Brenda McDonough, Max D. Garrison, Scotti Sweet, Linda Hare, Daniel Reagan

Feb. 15--Charles Francis, Michael Reagan, Stan Gamble, Thursday, February 13--Board Gary Weaks, Angie Lewis, Kyler Couch

> Feb. 16--Shelby Marie Fuston, Dora Bullock, Jane Self, James Alan Patton, Greg Garcia, Katy Hester, Genie McMorries, Brent Brannon, Zeb Holt

Feb. 17--Riley Ziegler, Vanessa Reyna, Patti Lowrance

Feb. 18--Tomiko Hutsell, Craig Patton, Bill Boling, Amy Jackson

Feb. 19--Tyler Keith Ellison, Glenn Smith, David Kellum, Amy Jasper, Cathey Weaks, Carlye Fleming

Happy Anniversary-

Feb. 14--Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Estes Feb. 17--Mr. and Mrs. John

Friendship Quilters **News & Notes** by Bobbye Bean

Nadyne Childress, Joy Stodghill, Sybil King, Nina Martin, Rose Mary Perkins, Christine King and I quilted on Nina's Log Cabin Quilt. We put up my Colonial Girl Quilt. It is a small one, so it won't take long to do it. We are busy making friendship blocks for our new members.

Ann, Ed, Diane and Mike Norris have been on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Walter and I went to Midland Friday for a short visit with our son, Casey, and his family.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.

Benjamin Disraeli

The families of Aubrey Brooks Rowell would like to thank you for remembering us with the many acts of kindness during the illness and loss of our precious daddy and pa-pa. We appreciate all the prayers, your visits, cards and phone calls, beautiful flowers and many donations in his memory. A special thanks to all who brought food to the home and the ladies at church for serving lunch. Daddy was blessed with a long life filled with humor and great love of friends and family who will miss him.

W. D. and Peggy Rowell Delton, Donna and Mollie Cleveland Mitchell, Connie, Kelcy and Haylee Simpson Will, Mary Ann, Matthew and Elena Rowell Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannon Brent, Tammy, Stormy and Sage Paul, Natalie, Deiter, Macy and Reed Cal, Kathy, Skylar and Brylee



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Silverton Buyers Club Conveys Its Tremendous Gratitude for the Help and Support of this Community and Surrounding Area.



Bi-District Game, Monday, Feb. 17, 8:00 p.m. Silverton vs. Happy at Caprock High, Amarillo



Front Row: Payton Estes, Chase Comer, James Tiffin, Gid Mayfield, Caleb Francis. Middle Row: David Allen, Mgr., Humberto Vasquez, Jesse Reynolds, Jacob Francis, Joshua Maciel, Albert DeLeon. Back Row: Coach Esquell, Dustin Hale, Ty Reed, Darin Martin, Red Ivory, Eric Minyard, Coach Dykes.

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Mayson Temple Martin Son of Brian Martin & Robyn Cranmer Grandson of Dana & Dorothy Martin, Frank & Cindy Lane Great-grandson of Nina Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Tink Lane



Rex Wadley Son of Ginger Bridges Grandson of John & Joni Daniels Great-grandson of J. L. & Faye Self



Kati & Seth Fuston Zakkary, John & Whitney Perkins Grandchildren of Floyd Perkins and the late Jerry Perkins

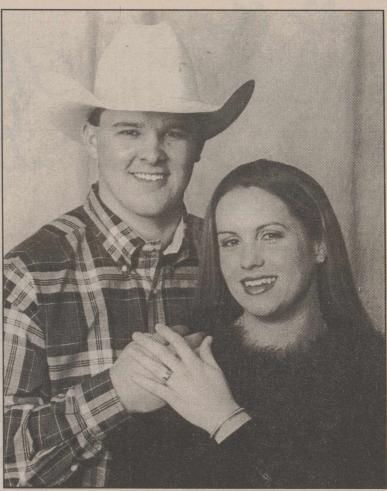


Braxton Irwin Son of Jase & Lindsey Irwin Grandson of Juannah Jennings, Rick Jennings, John & Janie Irwin

The first gas pump was made by Sylvanus F. Bowser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and delivered to local storekeeper Jake Gumper on Septmber 5, 1885.

The busiest international telephone route is between the United States and Canada.

The first, and so far, the only president to be married in the White House was Grover Cleveland. During his second year in office, he married Frances Folsom, centerpiece from the serving table. who was 27 years his junior.



Ms. Patti Ann Ancell and Mr. Max Fort of Lovington, New Mexico are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Schylar Dana Fort, to Trey Cole Ziegler, son of Brad and JonEtta Ziegler. The couple will marry April 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Jackson Avenue Baptist Church in Lovington, New Mexico. The brideelect is a graduate of Lovington High School. She received the bachelor of science degree in biology from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and then attended Amarillo College School of Nursing where she graduated as a registered nurse. She is employd by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Her fiance is a graduate of Silverton High School. He attended Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University, and is self employed. The couple plan to reside in Silverton.

Bridal Shower Honors Miss Cowdrey

her fiance, Jason Gambie, was held Lamesa, aunts. in the Pioneer Room of the City February 8, 2003. Guests were registered in the bride's book and greeted by Brenda Patton and prefuture mother-in-law, Frances Gamble.

The refreshment table was covered with an ivory lace-edged cloth. The centerpiece featured a silk ivy arrangement entwined around a birdhouse teapot. Crystal your history. appointments were used to serve sausage balls, cream puffs, minicinnamon rolls, and coffee cake along with spiced tea and coffee. Serving guests at the refreshment table were Sonya Smith and Deb Burson.

The hostess gift to the couple was a Kenmore vacuum and the

Special guests who came to

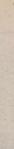
A miscellaneous bridal shower honor the couple were Rita Hinkle honoring Miss Julie Cowdrey and of Kress and Pam Gamble of

Hostesses for the bridal courtesy Bank in Silverton on Saturday, included Faye Self, Ramona Martin, LaVern Kingery, Kathy Kingery, Sonya Smith, JonEtta Ziegler, Eudean Crow, Brenda Patsented to the bride-elect and her ton, Beverly Minyard, Deb Burmother, Leila Cowdrey, and her son, Kathy Woodard, Cathey Weaks, Debbie Holt, Anita Ramsey, Sheila Reagan, Jimmie Estes, Juannah Jennings, Della Boling and Theda Rowell.

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Laurel Raegan Fields
Daughter of Matt & Aimee Fields
Granddaughter of Keith & Shirley Fields, Great-granddaughter of Mrs. Shirley Fields, Ed & Juanita Vincent, Denny & Johnnie Quisenberry



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Aaron & Mary Lane Younger

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Joshua & Zachary Patton Sons of Eric & Rebecca Patton Grandsons of J. E. & Mary Jane Patton and Barbara Fudge Great-grandsons of Lallie Patton and Robert Byrd



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Daughter of Shawn & Vanessa Barbour
Granddaughter of
Gary & Ramona Martin,
Steve & Debbie Barbour
Great-granddaughter of Mary Martin,
Erlene Barbour,
Neil & Louise Powell

Matthew & Abbie Tipton

Children of Dwain & Alison Tipton

Grandchildren of

Terry & Sally Grimland and Reba Tipton

Great-grandchildren of Doris Yates

and Walburg (Tweedie) Hutsell



Acylynn & Kory
Children of Kayla Coleman
Grandchildren of Danna & Doug
Coleman, Jr.
Great-grandchildren of
Ann Coleman,
LaRue & Beefie Garvin
Great-Great-grandchildren of
Valeria Weaver



Nicholas Sanders
Son of Craig & Kelly Sanders
Grandson of Jerry & Brenda Patton
Great-grandson of Elsie Cornett & Lallie Patton



Cody & Cole Sanders
Sons of Craig & Kelly Patton
Grandsons of Jerry & Brenda Patton
Great-grandsons of Elsie Cornett
and Lallie Patton



Kaleigh Speck
Daughter of Kathy & Carl Speck
Granddaughter of Don & Mary Brown and
Guy V. & Cindy Speck
Great-granddaughter of Elsie Brown and
Lee & Winnie Thompson



Daryl-Ann & Jesse Reynolds Children of Darrell & Dianne Reynolds

Cheyenne & Sydney Williams

Daughters of Jan Williams and Michael Williams

Grandchildren of Duane & Shirley Reynolds,

Thelma & Glen Bailey, Ellison & Ruth Williams

Great-grandchildren of

Berniece Reynolds and Ruby Jackson

Greg Garrison
Son of Walt & Jennifer Garrison
Grandson of Terry & Sally Grimland
and Max & Kay Garrison
Great-grandson of
Peggy & Norman Strange,
Pascal & Donny Garrison,
Doris Yates
and Walburg (Tweedie) Hutsell



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Children of Doug & Brenda McDonough
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Children of Jim & Donna Estes
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