

Just a reminder: Letters to the editor are always solicited by the Briscoe County News; however, unsigned letters will never be printed in your hometown paper.

Signed letters will not always be

Following is a letter that we received this week:

Thank you very much for donating the newspaper space for our 4-H Club. Things like this make our auction possible each year, and I love showing animals. I really had a good time and am on my way to San Antonio and San Angelo stock shows. Thank you again.

Kaitlan Kinsey

Mark your calendar now. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is just around the corner. Register your team today by calling 455-1315. This "celebration of life" brings our communities of Silverton, Quitaque, Flomot and Turkey together in unified effort to fight cancer.

Relay for Life is a family-oriented event where paricipants enjoy the comradarie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer

Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, organizations and the public are invited to take part in this exciting event. Relay for Life will take place May 30-31 at the Valley School. People from Silverton, Quitaque, Turkey and Flomot will participate in this team event.

Relay for Life brings the progress against cancer to the forefront. Many participants are our family, friends and neighbors who have been cured of cancer. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in cure rates and the quality of life following treatment.

The funds raised by the participants go to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support and underwriting, plan entertainment and lend support in any way. Call your local chairperson. In Silverton call Kyle Fuston. In Turkey call Margie Bell. In Quitaque you may contact Jacqualyn Ham.

Natalie Wheeler of the Valley Lady Patriots was named to the Six-Man Coaches Association girls 1A all-state basketball team. She is the granddaughter of J. W. Reid. 823-2341, Extension 101.



## **Local Elections To Be Held May 3**

City of Silverton and Silverton the board of Silverton Independent Independent School District elec- School District. tions will be held May 3. Deadline for getting your name on the ballot as a candidate is March 19.

Both Tom Burson and Perry Brunson, whose terms expire this year, have filed for re-election to election as city councilmen.

A mayor and two councilmen

will be elected in Silverton this

Lane Garvin has filed for reelection as mayor, and Wayne Reed and Dwain Tipton have filed for re-

### **Immunization** Clinic To Be Held Here Mar. 21

An immunization clinic will be held at the Silverton School from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on March 21, 2003.

The vaccines give protection against childhood diseases.

## Caprock SWCD **Taking Orders** For Seedlings

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak seedlings and wildlife seeding packets which will be delivered for planting in March 2003.

Caprock SWCD will be offering larger trees again. Prices range from \$6.50 for one-gallon containers to \$17.50 for five-gallon containers. Fruit trees, ornamental trees and some shrubs also will be available for order.

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The last day to order is Friday, March 7, 2003. At this point, some varieties are already sold out and others are limited in availability. To further insure that you are able to obtain the species you require for your windbreak project, you should get your order in as soon as pos-

## **Powerlifters Qualify for** Regional

Three Lady Owls have qualified for Regional Powerlifting competition Friday, March 7, at Coronado Junior High in Plainview beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The girls are Danielle Ramirez, Tarran Forbes and Brandi Carter.

Owls who qualified for Regional Powerlifting competition are Trace Mattheus, Marcos Patino, Galen Smith and Clifton

The Owls will enter their Regional competition at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Unity Center at Muncy in Floyd County.

## Owls Lose to Nazareth in **Regional Tournament**

their best game of the year as they went up against the highly-rated Nazaareth Swifts at the Regional Tournament in the Texan Dome at Levelland Friday night, but they had still played well enough all season to line up with the best teams in the state.

A large crowd of fans followed the Owls to their final game, and were elated when the Silverton boys trailed Nazareth 26-21 at halftime. Instead of coming out strong in the third quarter, as the Owls have done in most of their games, they came out with very cold shooting. In the meantime, Nazareth bombed the baskets with shots from downtown and up close, hitting most of their free throws.

Even though fans were a little dazed with the loss (it had been quite a few games since the Owls had suffered a loss), they were proud of the accomplishments of

Darin Martin led the scoring for the Owls with 10 points. Red Ivory

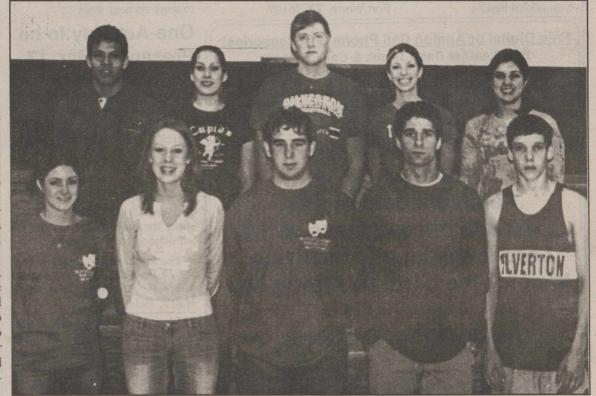
Silverton's Owls didn't play caged nine; Dustin Hale, who played a very good game, seven; Gid Mayfield and Payton Estes, both of whom played with a lot of poise for a freshman and sophomore, four points each, and Chase Comer, two points.

> Owls 12 21 25 36 18 26 45 58 Nazareth

Even though the Owls will graduate their big guns, Ivory, Martin, Hale and Comer, Coach Ryan Dykes will have some good prospects with which to build a new team, Mayfield, Estes, Caleb Francis, Eric Minyard, Bert Vasquez and Ty Reed, plus some good freshmen who will be com-

In the Regional Quarterfinals, the Owls defeated Borden County 48-47 in a game that could easily have gone either way. The boys from Borden County had their opportunity to put the winning shot into the basket in the last seconds of the game, but the Owls outhus-See Owls-

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For more information, call 806- All-District Owls and Lady Owls are (back, left to right) Red Ivory, Kassie Strange, Darin Martin, Lori Griffin, Bryn Mayfield; (front) Tarran Forbes, Jenny Young, Chase Comer, Dustin Hale, Gid Mayfield.

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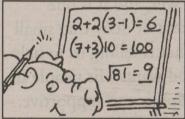
To the EMTs and neighbors who but will have them at my house. If answered my call for help this last month: Words are inadequate to thank everyone for the cards, calls, your prayers and food. I appreciate all your help. The people of Silverton are so special in your time of need.

> Thank you so much. Lois Cline

### Lady Owls Chosen **For All-District Team**

Lori Griffin and Bryn Mayfield were Lady Owls who were chosen for the All-District Basketball

Honorable mention went to Kassie Strange, Jenny Young and Tarran Forbes



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Anne Frank

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Evening Worship		
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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:	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Rock Salt Youth Group7:00 p.i
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
SECOND WEDNESDAY:

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Fellowship Meal6:30	p.m.
Ladies Bible Study6:30	p.m.
Business Meeting7:00	p.m.
Mission Friends, GAs7:00	p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth7:00	p.m.
THURSDAY	

#### **SILVERTON UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Service	
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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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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Evening Service	
WEDNESDAY:	1000
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Brayer Sentice	0.00 n m

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SUNDAY:	
Mass9:00	a.n
WEDNESDAY:	
Doctrina Class4:30-5:30	p.n
Junior & Senior	
High4:30-5:30	p.n
ROCK CREEK	

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

# Has God Used You Today?

The Bible tells us that faith without works is useless. What good is there in saying to someone in need, "God bless you, take care of yourself," if you don't help him or her. God uses His people to do His will, and for this, it is essential that faith be put into action.

At times, everyone needs some help and support, and our reaching out to those in need is a reflection of our faith. God has given us free will, and it is our choice to accept or deny that small inner voice that is telling us to help someone. God wants His people to be loving, helpful, and supportive, and he blesses both the giver and the receiver.

God will often use us in small ways, and every day there are opportunities for us to be helpful to friends and strangers alike. Whoever does what is right is righteous, and our good intentions reflect that we are God's people.



So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead.

> Good News Bible James 2:26

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## **Obituary**

### STEWART McCRACKEN

Services for Stewart McCracken, 67, of Tulia were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Richard Edwards, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church of Midland, assisting.

Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home in Tulia.

Mr. McCracken died Tuesday, February 25, 2003 in Lubbock.

He was born May 14, 1935 in Lubbock. He married Lavada Davidson in August 1952 in Quitaque. He was a member of First and worked as a seamstress and a United Methodist Church. He credit manager. moved to Tulia in 1955.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jo Beth Edwards of Mid-Andrews; two sisters, Paulita Young of Tucson, Aizona and Glenda Francis of Silverton; and five grandchildren.

#### JIMMIE DEISHER

Services for Leola (Jimmie) Deisher, 91, of Lubbock were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Wood-Dunning Colonial Chapel in Plainview with the Rev. Joe P. Weldon officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home in Plainview

Mrs. Deisher died Saturday, March 1, 2003.

She was born February 21, 1912 Burial was in the Quitaque in the Prairie View community northeast of Plainview. She married Angus (Red) Deisher August 2, 1938 in Los Angeles. He died December 27, 1989.

They lived in Amarillo from 1939 to 1940, where she had attended West Texas State University

They moved to Silverton in

The family suggested memoriland; a son, Ronald McCracken of als be to First United Methodist Church of Tulia, 119 N. Briscoe, Tulia, TX 79088 or to Arthritis Foundation, 3001 W. Fifth Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

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## **Briscoe County Afghans May** Be Re-ordered

by Cory Edwards, Briscoe County

Texas Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences

We have had several inquiries about purchasing the Briscoe County Afghans that were sold about four years ago as a 4-H fundraiser.

We have found out that we can still order them, but we MUST have at least 25 orders first.

If you are interested in purchasing an afghan, please call the Extension Office to place your order before March 14, 2003.

After all orders are placed we will contact you if we have met the 25-order minimum.

Payment will need to be made for your afghan(s) before we place the order.

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

We finished Bobbye's Colonial Doll Quilt. We worked on the Fundraiser Quilt which is done in fall colors and will be given away during the rodeo. Contact a quilter to learn how you could win the

Wanda Strange, Laverne Stephens, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Diane Norris, Ann Norris, Rose Mary Perkins, Sybil King, Bobbye Bean and a visitor, Evelyn Smith, quilted.

Christine King had eye surgery and was not able to be there.

Sybil will put her quilt up for us to work on next week.

### One-Act Play to be **Presented Mar. 17**

The Silverton One-Act Play cast will be performing "The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater" for the public at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, in the school audito-

There will be a second performance Tuesday at 9:45 a.m., also in the auditorium.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the play. There will be no admission charge either day.

The largest pearl in the world, the 14 lb. 1 oz. Pearl of Lao-tze, was found at Palawan, Philippines May 7, 1934.

1954, where they operated the Rock Creek Grocery until retiring in 1977 and moved back to Amarillo. They moved to Plainview in 1985. She moved to Lubbock in June 2002.

Survivors include a sister, Jane Weathers of Plainview.

## **Boys All-District Team Announced**

Red Ivory was chosen as Most Valuable Player of the District 4-A All-District tealî

Others on the team are Darin Martin and Dustin Hale, both of Silverton; Bradley Conatser, Stephen Hoeard and Eric Alston, all of Hedley; Derrick Cruse and Justin Wilks, both of Valley; James Alexander of McLean; Cody Babcock, Lance Ollinger and Doug Fields, all of Groom.

Chase Comer and Gid Mayfield, both of Silverton, received honorable mention.

## One - Act Play **Needs Your Help**

The Silverton High School One-Act Play needs your help!

The play group is looking for men's dress shoes. If you have any that you would like to donate, please contact Paula Garvin or Colleen Reed at the school, 823-

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

Stock Show is Saturday . . . Mail fraud alert has been issued . . . Sleet, freezing rain and some snow, in combination with fog, brought a glaze to Silverton streets and sidewalks Tuesday, coating trees and power lines with an increasingly heavy coat of ice ... Michelle Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vaughan, was Whitfill, a junior in Plainview High School and a former resident of Silverton, auditioned on the dis- A&M University for the fall setrict, region and area levels to earn mester. He posted a 3.09 grade a place in the Texas All-State Choir. Daughter of Gene and Tisa erinary Medicine . . . Mr. and Mrs. Whitfill and granddaughter of Ben Jerry Miller are parents of a daughand Pat Whitfil, she is a private student of Jennie Lynn Hodges. Miss Whitfill will perform before lia . . . Lisa Younger has been rethe 8,000 members of the Texas Music Education Association convention February 13 in San Antonio . . . Silverton's Junior High Owls and Owlettes found a "window" in the bad weather conditions that have caused cancellation of several of their games earlier this season, and traveled to Patton Springs for a pair of games with the Rangers Monday

January 20, 1983--New EMT Class to begin soon with Anthony Kingery as instructor for the class . Silverton Young Farmers install new swings on the school playground . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell were released Monday of last week from Central Plains Hospital in Plainview, where both had been patients for several days . . . Sunday is Baptist Men's Day at First Baptist Church. Raymond McJimsey and Dewey Estes will give their testimonies in the morning service, a men's quartet will bring special music and Berton Hughes will deliver the message. Mike Delano and Aaron Younger will give their testimonies at the evening service and Jimmy Burson will bring the message . . . Junior Varsity Owls are Scotty Harris, Russell Simpson, Cal Brannon, Barry Eddleman, Todd Reagan and Chris Clardy . . . Water taps available on Mackenzie transmission lines . . . Mrs. Brent (Jan) Bean received her bachelor's degree with a major in home economics education at Texas Tech University December 17. She was a magna cum laude graduate . . . Elbert Stephens was to return to Lubbock this week to have the stitches removed from his knee

January 18, 1973--Mrs. Connie Comer, a senior physical education major at Texas Tech University, posted a 3.07 grade point average for the fall semester

January 21, 1993--County and was listed on the dean's honor roll . . . Gwan Wilkinson returned home last Thursday after having been a patient in an Amarillo hospital for several days . . . Roy Len Long of Tulia has been here visiting Mrs. M. L. Welch and Ronald Welch . . . Danny Vaughan, son of listed on the Dean's Honor Roll as a distinguished student at Texas point average in the School of Vetter, Crystal Ann, born Monday at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tuceiving treatment at the Lockney Hospital this week . . . Wayne Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, was a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last week

January 17, 1963--Rev. Cecil Vaughan of San Angelo is leading a revival meeting at the local Assembly of God this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Farris Martin and Mrs. Rusty Arnold have been visitors with their cousin, Mrs. Lois Martin, at Flomot . . . Jerry Williamson, freshman English major, will have surer; Mrs. Gordon Montague, rean original short story printed in the spring edition of the Wayland mentarian . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leland Baptist College Literary magazine Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer were

Mrs. Jim Mercer and their newest great-grandson, Jett Joseph Mercer, at Swisher County Hospital . . Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Mayfield made a recent business trip to Alpine . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kirk, Kelly and Karen of Arlington were recent visitors here with relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self and R. E. Sweek left Monday for Mineral Wells to spend a few days with relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague, Mike, John and Carol Ann were hosts at a dinner Saturday evening honoring Jimmy Smith and his fiancee, Miss Vicky Kiser of Lubbock. . Mrs. Jim Whitfill was elected to serve as president of L. O. A. Junior Study Club. Chosen to serve with her vere Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield, first vice president; Mrs. Doug Forbes, second vice president; Mrs. J. E. Patton, recording secretary; Mrs. Jerry Clayton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Leo Fleming, treasurer, and Mrs. Billy Nye, federation counselor.

January 22, 1953--March of Time Study Club elected officers for the next club year: Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., president; Mrs. Clarence Anderson, first vice president; Miss. Anna Lee Anderson, second vice president; Mrs. Marvin Montague, recording secretary; Mrs. Tony Burson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Troy Burson, treaporter; Mrs. Fred Mercer, parlia-Noris are parents of the first baby born at the Quitaque hospital dur-

in Tulia Tuesday afternoon to visit ing 1953 . . . Bennie L. Stidham is in training at Oakland Air Base in California . . . Bobby Stafford had the misfortune to accidentally cut his leg while playing at school Friday . . . Coffee Implement Co. John Deere Day attracts many . . . Paratrooper Donnie Martin of Flomot visited his brother, Farris Martin, and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Baird. He was enroute to camp in Portland, Oregon . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long have under construction in the northwest part of Silverton a two-bedroom home with garage attached . . . Mrs. J. E. Minyard, Ruth Ann and Margaret were business visitors in Plainview Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Jarnagin and Sheila were dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ram-

pley and sons, on Sunday . . . Last Sunday, Mrs. Eugene Long served a bounteous noon-day dinner to a group of friends, several of whom have birthdays in January . . . 1.25 inches of moisture received from snow last Thursday . house to the public Sunday afternoon . . . Interscholastic League suspends Wheeler High School . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon have remodeled their home in the west part of town.

January 21, 1943--Ensign Roy L. Lee missing after airplane crash at sea near New Oregon Inlet, North Carolina January 15 . . . M. C. Tull, McCormick dealer, insists on early orders for repairs . . The coldest weather of the year, in fact of several years, was recorded here Monday night with the unofficial there this week.

## Happy Birthday--

March 6--Preston May, Mary John Harris

March 7--J. T. West, Estelle

March 8--Shana Strange, Kerry Baird, Katy Bomar

March 9--Mary Asebedo, Jace Francis, Kody Rhoderick, Kaitlyn

March 10--Michael Dallas Marley, Juannah Brice

March 11--Linda Jarnagin, Ruby Brannon, Holly Beth Gaskins, Jack Graham

March 12--Dennis Farley, Roy Dean McCoy, Marcy Roys, Cynthia Younger, LaVerne Long, Stephanie Smith

A hermit crab's home is an empty sea snail shell. When the crab grows too big for the shell, it hunts for a larger one.

readings ranging from two degrees below zero to twelve below Mary Cowart to be crowned as "Victory Queen" for 1942 . . . Vol-Newman's Kitchen held open ume One, Number One of the Owlet was issued January 18 by the students of Silverton High School . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Patton spent last Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo with the Lee Stewarts . . . Mrs. Judd Donnell was hostess to the Sewing Club Wednesday afternoon . . . The Paul Reids will move this week to the Anderson home in east Silverton which was recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre . Leon Martin has rented the G. Mayfield place and plans to move



Brown-McMurtry won the town spirit award for decorating their windows for the Regional Tournament game in Levelland which the Owls played Friday night.



Silverton Owls with their Regional Quarterfinals trophy which they received at the conclusion of their victory over the Borden County Coyotes at Coronado High School in Lubbock on Tuesday night of last Briscoe County News Photo

### **America's Top Brand Name Recipes** The King of Recipe Rip-Offs is Back Divulging A Few of America's Best Kept Secrets

nary guru and author, has been leftovers, and recruited family and sleuthing for kitchen secrets for more than 15 years in an attempt to copy favorite brand name foods be his most sought-after clones: at home. He has honed his clones to perfection in his latest book, Chicken Even More Top Secret Recipes: More Amazing Kitchen Clones of America's Favorite Brand-Name Cheese Biscuits Foods. This Plume Trade Paperback Original, priced at \$13.00, is available wherever books are sold.

The bestselling author of six previous Top Secret books, Wilbur's trademark blueprint drawings and simple recipes make it easy to rec- tive tips, Wilbur's newest book sifting) reate your favorite brand names at gives readers the skinny on what home. Over the years, this former makes Newman's Own® Creamy television investigative reporter has Caesar Dressing TM stay so creamy,

(NAPSA)-Todd Wilbur, culi- resorted to spy tactics, carted home friends to taste-test recipes. In fact, Wilbur has found the following to

- KFC® Extra Crispy™
- Mrs. Field's® Cookies
- Red Lobster® Garlic
- Auntie Anne's® Pretzels
- KFC® Cole Slaw
- Doubletree Hotel® Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Krispy Kreme® Donuts Armed with his domestic detec-

and what makes KFC's Extra Crispy Chicken so darn good. Served up with Wilbur's "special sauce" of spunk and wit, Even More Top Secret Recipes is an essential cookbook for anyone who wants to duplicate these and other treasured recipes of American cul-

"Secret" KFC Recipe

Todd Wilbur has not yet cloned KFC's famous biscuits, but he was able to sneak this recipe from the KFC kitchens...courtesy of the Colonel himself!

## KENTUCKY BISCUITS

Preparation time: 20 minutes Baking Time: 10-13 minutes

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cups flour (before

teaspoon salt tablespoon sugar tablespoon bak\_

# DO TEDE

### Tips To Help Make Online Dieting Safer

(NAPSA)—Is going online for nutrition and fitness advice a healthy idea?

A Pew Internet Project report, "Vital Decisions," revealed that every day, approximately six million Americans-or five percent of all Internet users—go online to search for health advice, while only five million Americans visit a healthcare professional.

Nearly two-thirds of these online health information seekers look for information about nutrition, weight control or exercise. While there are benefits to surfing for information, nearly 75 percent of online health information seekers do not check the source or timeliness of information or verify what they read.

To help dieters make safer and more informed decisions, the experts at WeightWatchers.com offer the following tips

· Beware of an Internet diet site that promises unrealistic results. Any realistic Web site will set an initial weight-loss goal of five to 10 percent of your current body weight and a rate of weight loss that is not more than an average of two pounds per week

· Choose a Web site that promotes a healthy weight-loss plan that you can stick with over the long term. It should encourage you to eat a variety of healthy foods and partake in regular physical activity.

· Steer clear of sites that focus on or promote diet pills or weight-loss stimulants

• Determine if the Web site is professionally managed and a panel of experts reviews the diet plan.

• Read the diet Web site's privacy statements to be sure the personal information you supply will be kept confidential and not sold to third-party vendors and that ongoing communications from the site will only be sent to

you at your request.

• Before paying for anything, make sure that the site provides you with enough free information about the diet plan, an online tour or access to the message boards to ask questions to determine if the plan is right for you.

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**Choosing A Weight Loss Site** 

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- 5. Read the diet Web site's privacy
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- 7. Find a Web site that is part of or associated with a company or organization in which you already have confidence.

• If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. A good rule of thumb is to find a Web site that is part of or associated with a company or organiza-tion that you already have confidence in.

WeightWatchers.com offers all Web site visitors 24-hour access to original articles, recipes, success stories, community message boards and recipe swaps and special features like a body mass index calculator.

The Web site supports Weight Watchers meetings, which is considered by Weight Watchers to be the most effective way to diet. The Web site also offers weightloss tools to help meetings members as well as dieters who choose to follow the flexible and convenient Winning Points plan exclusively online.

Weight Watchers is the most widely recommended weight-loss program by U.S. doctors and is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture

For more information, visit www.weightwatchers.com

ing powder

cup milk 2/3 1/3 cup vegetable shortening

Preheat oven to 425° F. Make a nest in the flour mix and add milk. Add shortening and begin kneading with hands (to cut in) the vegetable shortening and flour in the milk until thoroughly mixed. Add milk, if needed to form, and mix. Turn onto floured board, and knead gently 6 to 8 times. Pat dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into biscuits. Place on baking sheet and brown in oven 10-13 minutes. Makes about 9 biscuits.



## Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Fresh Tomatoes Tonight? Good For You!



For a one-skillet meal sizzling with nutrients, including lycopene, simmer fish fillets on a bed of fresh tomatoes grown in Florida

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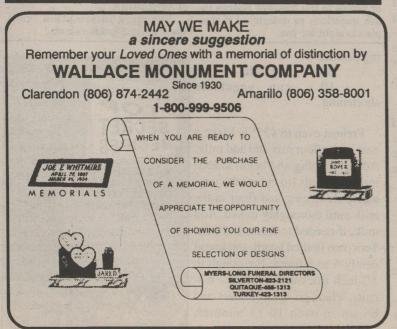
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### FISH FILLETS WITH FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

4 flounder or other thin, mildflavored fish fillets (about 6 oz. each)

1/2 teaspoon salt, divided 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided

1 tablespoon olive oil 1 medium onion, cut in thin wedges (about 1 cup)

2 teaspoons chopped garlic pound fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes, coarsely chopped (about 2 cups) 1/4 cup sliced black olives 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Sprinkle fish fillets lightly with half of the salt and black pepper; set aside. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat; add onion and garlic; cook and stir until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, olives, Italian seasoning, and the remaining salt and pepper; cover and simmer until tomatoes release their juices, about 5 minutes. Arrange fish fillets in a single layer on top; cover and simmer until fish is opaque in the center, about 5 minutes. With a spatula, transfer fish fillets to serving plates; spoon Fresh Tomato Sauce on top. Serve over rice, if desired. Yield: 4 portions

Per portion: 239 calories, 34g protein, 7g fat, 10g carbohydrate.



The Great Pyramids of Egypt are the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World.



The most celebrated diamond is the Koh-i-noor, which was presented to Queen Victoria in 1850 by the East India Company.

### **Taking Tailgating** Indoors

(NAPSA)-Nearly all Americans (92 percent) like the flavor of grilled foods and 81 percent want to be able to have grilled food any time of the year, according to an omnibus survey of 1,000 adults conducted for Birds Eye by Market Facts. The challenge is how to create the traditional grilling party in the parking lot-also known as tailgating, one of America's favorite pastimes-any time of the year.

From coast to coast, sports enthusiasts spend hours each weekend in the parking lot of their favorite stadium, equipped with their grill and favorite foods. As the temperatures drop, only the die-hard fans brave the elements and continue tailgating outdoors. But do you really have to be in the stadium parking lot to tailgate?

For fans who still want the taste

of grilling without the cold, Birds Eye® Simply Grillin'TM offers frozen grilled vegetables with greattasting, hot-off-the-grill flavor whether you have a ticket to the game or not.

Bring the tailgate party indoors. With Simply Grillin' there's no preparation-the vegetables are already seasoned-and they are available in a variety of flavors to complement any meal. Look for a 25-percent-more package coming soon, which will satisfy the grilled craving for the whole gang. The frozen vegetables are packaged in a foil tray that allows them to go from the freezer to the grill, or the oven, in one simple step. Plus, there is no clean up, which makes it more convenient, and allows everyone to enjoy the party all the

For more information, visit www.birdseye.com.

### **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

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. 8-3tc



Amy Minyard Jackson and Cory Embry

## Couple to Marry Here March 22

Carl and Fern Minyard of Sil- tist Church in Silverton on March verton are proud to announce the 22, 2003 engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Minyard Jackson, to Cory Embry, son of Steve and Carolyn Brain of Plainview. The wedding will take Present Concert place at 6:00 p.m. at the First Bap-

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tommie Eugene Rice, Deceased, were issued on February 26, 2003, in Cause No. 1465, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Patricia Kay Rice.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Joe Heflin

Attorney at Law P.O. Box 426 Crosbyton, Texas 79322

DATED the 26th day of February, 2003.

/s/ Joe Heflin

Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 00786411 P.O. Box 426 Crosbyton, Texas 79322 Telephone: (806) 675-8076 Facsimile: (806) 675-1126

## Harrington String Quartet to

The Harrington String Quartet will perform its third of four local subscription concerts at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly, Amarillo, Texas. The quartet welcomes its newest member, Keith Redpath, as second violinist. This concert will be Redpath's first subscription concert with the quartet.

The quartet will present a diverse program that will give the audience a taste of one of the earliest works for string quartet alongside two newer works from the twentieth century. First will be Franz Joseph Haydn's String Quartet in G minor. This piece has earned the nicknames "The Rider" and "The Horseman" for its rolling rhythms and dashing energy. George Gershwin's gentle Lullaby for string quartet will follow. The final piece on the program will be Leos Janacek's String Quartet #2 "Intimate Letters," a stunning and highly emotional confession, written only six months before the composer's death.

## **Counties Where Pre-Breakup Shuttle Material May Have Landed**

Space Administration (NASA) and items. Call the toll free number the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continue seeking the assistance of individuals, foresters, farmers and landowners from California to New Mexico and parts of West Texas in reporting suspected shuttle material finds.

'We are attempting to inform the public in the states and counties that potentially contain Space Shuttle Columbia debris of the extreme importance of reporting suspected finds to the toll-free 866-446-6603 number," said Federal Coordinating Officer Scott Wells.

The possibility exists that there may be material in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico and in 28 West Texas counties. The counties may contain material that came off the shuttle before the breakup occurred, which could be important to the accident investigation.

"NASA is particularly interested in Columbia material that may have fallen from the craft prior to the break-up over East Texas. We are hoping that some of the possible early material may reveal important information about what happened to Columbia and her crew," said Astronaut Dom Gorie.

The specific counties in West Texas along the flight path before the actual break-up are: Archer, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Castro, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Palo Pinto, Dickens, Foard, Garza, Hale, Haskell, Track @ Jayton Hockley, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Parmer, Shackelford, Stone-Stephens, Throckmorton, Young.

People finding suspected mate-

\$7 for students and seniors. Please call the Amarillo Symphony Office, 806-376-8782, for ticket information. For more information on the Harrington String Quartet, please visit the website at www.harringtonstringquartet.com. The public is invited to join the Harrington String Quatet members for a reception following the con-

The Harrington String Quartet was created in 1981 through a gift from The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation. Annie Chalex, violin; Keith Redpath, violin; Joanna Mendoza, viola, and Emmanuel Lopez, cello, also serve as principal string players of the Amarillo Symphony, and are members of the string faculty at West Tickets are \$10 for adults and Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The National Aeronautics and rial are asked not to handle the with all reports, 866-446-6603.

> In 18th century America, artists journeyed from town to town with paintings of men and women, complete in every feature but the faces. A person wishing to sit for a portrait had to select the body he liked best and let the artist fill in the missing hair and face.

For moist air to be classified as fog, visibility has to be reduced to less than 1,100 yards--1,091.2 to be exact, according to the international definition of fog.

### Silverton School **Activities**

Thursday, March 6--Board Meeting, 8:00

Friday, March 7--Girls Regional Powerlifting at Plainview

Saturday, March 8--Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet at Floy-

Monday, March 10 - Friday, March 14--Spring Break and Houston Stock Show

Friday and Saturday, March 14-15--Girls State Powerlifting Meet at Killeen

Wednesday, March 19--OAP Zone @ Clarendon College

Thursday, March 20--Junior High Track @ Jayton; High School Academic UIL @ Lazbuddie

Friday, March 21--Immunizaton Clinc, 9:30-12:00; High School

Saturday, March 22--Boys State Powerlifting Meet @ Fort Worth

### Silverton School **Lunch Menu**

Monday, March 10 - Friday, March 14--School Closed for Spring Break

## WEATHER

February Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

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### **New Arrival**

Mike and Valrie Graham of Grand Junction, Colorado have a baby daughter, Makala Elizabeth, born February 20, 2003 weighing four pounds and seven ounces.

Mikala was expected about April 10. She and Valrie are doing

Kallie, Niklas and Charlee will be happy to get to bring her home, but it will be a little while.

Grandparents are Jack and Ruby Graham of Silverton and Brad and Betty Bradford of Pampa.

## Lake Mackenzie Marina

March Sunday Lunch Buffet...11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. March 9th

Beef & Mushrooms Over Noodles, Green Beans March 16th

German Sausage, Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese March 23rd

Pork Chops, Gravy, Seasoned Potatoes, Mixed Greens March 30th

Roast Beef, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Corn Includes Tea and Dessert.....Adults \$6.99 Children \$4.99

Thank you for all your support! Don't forget Friday Night Fish Fry..... (Starting March 7, 2003......6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

# Thanks For The Memories!

We have enjoyed following the Owls and the Lady Owls this season. Both enjoyed winning seasons, with the Owls going all the way to the Regional Tournament before losing to State-Qualifier Nazareth.



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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## **Poster Contest Winners Announced by SWCD**

Nicholas Garcia was the firstplace winner of the Caprock SWCD's annual poster contest. He received a ribbon and a \$25.00 prize. Second place went to CoDee Grabbe who received \$15.00 and third place went to Heather Tiffin posters were sent on for state com- Smith

ten: 1. Koree Smith; 2. Edgar Garvin Martinez

First Grade: 1. Brittney Grabbe; 2. Harlee Cogdell; 3. Emily Will-

Second Grade: 1. Shelby Fuswho received \$10.00. The top three ton; 2. Valeria Garcia; 3. Ashley

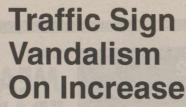
Third Grade: 1. Ryder Carpen-

Winners included: Kindergarter; 2. Haley Beesinger; 3. Reba

Fourth Grade: 1. Tucker Sherman; 2. Isaac Reyna; 3. Kaitlyn Kinsey

Fifth Grade: 1. Nicholas Garcia; 2. CoDee Grabbe; 3. Wendy Garcia Sixth Grade: 1. Heather Tiffin;

2. Nichole Schott; 3. Eloy Beltran



Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has noted an increase in traffic sign theft and vandalism in Childress District's 13 counties. Although the signs are quickly replaced when stolen or vandalized, it becomes a safety concern. "Missing signs can endanger travelers and the vandalizing of certain signs can risk a person's safety," says Craig Clark, District Engineer.

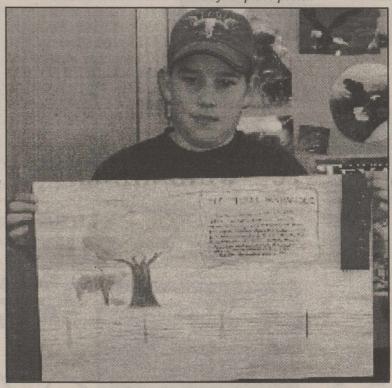
The costs associated with this crime are high. Damaged signs pose a danger to the traveling public, and the funds spent to replace them could be spent elsewhere. Taxpayers in the Childress District TxDOT spent more than \$27,000 last year to replace stolen and vandalized signs along state roadways. Statewide, taxpayers spent more than \$8 million replacing signs damaged by natural disasters, accidents and vandals. Wood and metal signs cost approximately \$10 per square foot to produce. The costs to install replacement signs vary depending on the amount of time and equipment needed.

The cost can get much higher. In Texas, it is against the law to possess a sign without a permit, and the state does not sell signs or issue permits to possess them. And, it is also against the law to intentionally or knowingly damage or destroy property. According to Texas Department of Public Safety sergeant Alan Troup, it is a Class B misdemeanor if a person intentionally steals or knowingly damages or destroys property and if the stolen or damaged property loss is \$50 or more but less than \$500. In addition, if the loss to TxDOT is more than \$1,500 the person or persons responsible can be charged with a felony offense.

Motorists are encouraged to write down the license plate number and contact their local law enforcement official if they see anyone tampering with traffic signs.



Nicholas Garcia and his first-place poster.



CoDee Grabbe and his second-place poster.

Heather Tiffin, third-place poster winner.

### **County Courthouse Telephones**

Due to a new telephone system installed in the Briscoe County Courthouse, the offices will now have private lines:

Judge	823-2131
Attorney	823-2132
Treasurer	823-2133
Clerk	823-2134
Sheriff	823-2135
Tax Assessor-Coll	823-2136
Extension Office:	

CEAFCS (Cory)......823-2521 CEAAG (Brandon)..823-2522 These new numbers were effective March 3.

The earliest recorded international cross-country automobile race was a match between England and France that took place outside Paris on March 28, 1898. England

**Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation** 

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stress that bedwetting is an involuntary act that is neither behaviorally nor emotionally grounded. While children will eventually outgrow bedwetting, it is often a prolonged and distressing process. In fact, in a survey of enuretic children, bedwetting was ranked as the third most stressful life event after divorce and parental disagreebrochure send a self-addressed, National Bladder Foundation, how to relate to them effectively.

(NAPSA)-Health professionals Dept. B, P.O. Box 1095, Ridgefield, CT 06877

What's normal and what's not? That's a question many parents of teens and professionals who work with teens may occasionally wonder. To provide basic information about healthy adolescent development, the American Psychological Association has created Developing Adolescents: A Reference for ments. For more information, visit Professionals. The booklet presents www.drynights.com. For a free research-based information about the physical, cognitive, social, stamped, business-size envelope to emotional and behavioral develop-It's Not Your Child's Fault, The ment of teens and offers tips on

### PAGE SEVEN BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

### Owls--**Continued From Page One**

tled them and took the ball away.

The Owls started off rather slowly, and in the third quarter came from behind to take a fourpoint lead at the end of the period.

Darin Martin led the offense with 19 points, closely followed by

Red Ivory's 18-point effort. Also 'Whooping Cough' scoring were Dustin Hale, seven, and Chase Comer, four.

No one was in foul trouble for

9 17 36 48 Owls Borden County 13 21 32 47

Ivory hit three shots from downtown, while Hale hit another.

The game was played at bock.

# Is On The Rise

Pertussis or "whooping cough", as it is more commonly known, is a severe childhood disease that can cause long coughing spells, some-

Coronado High School in Lub- disease last year.

air with a loud gasp, or "whoop"

In some cases, pertussis can pertussis.

times lasting for weeks on end. A cause pulmonia, swelling of the sick child will often cough for five brain, ear infecton, dehydration, to ten minutes before drawing in anorexia and even death. In order to raise awareness of this devassound. Even though pertussis is tating disease, the National Assopreventable through regular child- ciation of Pediatric Nurse Practihood immunizatons, more than tioners has recently launched 7,000 U.S. children contracted the www.pertussis.com, an educational tool to increase awareness of



A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton Exchange soared Tuesday of last week to a 21-month high cotton analyst said this likely as trade buying took hold amid a would be absorbed by China's own void of selling. The market, however, was unable to sustain the lofty cotton consumption increased level and moved lower the remainder of the week.

most industry observers as the million bales. market was expected to come under pressure from a large specula- ton Council (NCC) forecast at its tive long position in the March futures contract and the anticipated rolling or liquidation of those positions. However, one trader said rumors of good export business in the cash market that was concluded up just 0.6 percent from the previovernight and during the previous ous year. weekend brought trade buyers into the mix. Once at the highs, the prised by the NCC numbers," said market finally met resistance in the form of grower selling, but prices held at the top end toward the close of Tuesday's trading.

Traders said the market boost was not influenced by the monthly export sales figures were considsupply/demand report released by USDA. In fact, the department's February 2002-03 domestic global supply/demand report included only minor changes and was viewed as neutral for cotton fu- 16 percent below the four-week

USDA kept crop production for the 2002-03 season at 17.14 milion Indonesia rounded out the list of bales, the same figure as January's estimate. The figure also was in line with the average market estimate of 17.14 million bales. Exports were left unchanged at 10.8 million bales, still a higher figure than most analysts anticipated. Although healthy sales and export figures have been reported so far this calendar year, many market participants say shipments still are lagging and must increase to meet the department's estimate.

U. S. cotton consumption was increased marginally from 7.5 million bales to 7.6 million. Some participants anticipated an increase in cents per pound compared to the the consumption figure because of the National Cotton Council's increase in its mill use figures and the U.S. Census Bureau boosting its monthly consumption figure for December from 563,312 bales to 605,075.

In USDA's world figures, production was increased to 87.64 increase of 500,000 bales to 22.0 information to digest.

Cotton futures on the New York million was the primary reason for the larger world figure, but one consumption. Additionally, world from 96.45 million bales to 96.77 million while ending stocks were Tuesday's price rally surprised cut to 37.85 million from 37.92

> In other news, the National Cotannual meeting in Tampa, Florida, that U. S. cotton plantings would total 14.05 million acres in 2003, generating a crop of 17.1 million bales. The intended plantings are

> "No one was shocked or surone analyst, "but this early in the season it's a little difficult to get too excited about the number no matter what it was.'

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly ered fairly strong but off the high end of expectations. For the week ended February 6, export sales of 202,800 bales were 20 percent lower than the previous week and average. As anticipated, China was a major buyer while Turkey and the week's top three buyers.

Export shipments of 217,100 bales were two percent below the previous week but three percent higher than the four-week average. Primary destinations included Turkey, Mexico, Indonesia and Tai-

On the spot cotton scene, producer sales of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton online totaled 16,908 bales in the week ended February 13, a decrease from the previous week's sales of 43,242 bales. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 44.32 to 46.92 previous week's range of 42.87 to 44.57 cents per pound.

### **FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

traders on their toes this week as futures prices fluctuated on the New York Cotton Exchange. Technical factors, including a record long speculative position, and sevmillion fom 87.4 million in Janu- eral key governmental reports gave tural Outlook Forum in Washingary. China's estimated production cotton market observers plenty of ton on February 21. The depart- the previous week's range of 45.15

Net export sales of 2002/03 crop cotton in the week ended February 20 were 24 percent above the previous week's sales at 255,100 bales, however, the number was slightly lower than some market expectations. According to USDA, China was the primary buyer for the week with acquisitions of 98,000 bales followed by Turkey and Pakistan with purchases totaling 27,000 and 22,000 bales, respectively.

Market observers focused primarily on the export shipment figure for the week as 162,400 bales were shipped. The figure was 29 percent less than the previous week and 27 percent lower than the fourweek average. Major destinations included Mexico, Turkey and In-

Export commitments now stand at 8.84 million bales, down from one year ago when commitments were 10.14 million bales,: said one analyst. The current USDA export estimate is 10.8 million bales for the 2002-2003 marketing year.

"To reach this target, the market will need to ship an average of 248,000 bales a week," the analyst

Traders have questioned whether prices at their current levels will be able to sustain good export sales, but some have said the Step 2 payment, combined with the weakness in the U.S. dollar, should support sales.

In another key report, the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 7.35 million bales in January. NCC also revised its December usage figure to 7.80 million bales, down from the previously reported 7.88 million bales. The January figure came in below most market expectations as many had anticipated the number to be similar to December's level.

'The consumption numbers certainly were a kick in the belly," an analyst commented. "The annualized rate of 7.35 million bales is the smallest number since November a year ago, and December's data also was revised downward."

Meanwhile, a record 52 percent speculative long position gave pause to the market. Some said the position made the market vulnerable to a pullback amid what many thought was an "overbought condition." However, many industry Market volatility kept cotton observers agreed that the market eventually would see a correction stemmed by trade buying.

In other news, USDA released its initial projections for the 2003-2004 crop at the annual Agriculment expects world production to to 47.38 cents per pound.

Cotton

pared for its biennial trek to the State Capitol to highlight the im- 2003 DCP is June 2, 2003. portant role cotton plays in the Texas economy.

Highlighting "Cotton Day at the Capitol 2003" activities will be the reading of resolutions in the House of Representatives and the Senate honoring the event.

"Cotton Day" provides an opportunity for cotton industry representatives to sit down with each legislator to discuss cotton's importance to the State economy.

One of the goals of "Cotton Day" is to prepare the groundwork for strong communication and to begin the search for solutions to the problems and challenges that lie ahead for the State and industry.

"Cotton Day at the Capitol" is sponsored by Texas Cotton Producers, a statewide producer organization composed of the nine regional cotton grower organizations actively representing growers in different production regions.

Sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and the USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers who intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting

The deadline for owners or their reach 95.0 million bales next year compared to the International Cotton Advisory Committee's (ICAC) 95.4 million bale estimate. Consumption was pegged at 97.8 million bales versus ICAC's 97.3 million bales. USDA placed ending stocks at 35.4 million bales while ICAC estimates the figure at 38.5

"These two agencies have almost always been out of synch with stocks numbers primarily due to variances in their inerpretations of China's cotton data," explained a cotton market analyst.

On the spot cotton scene, trading dipped lower as online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers for the week ended February 27 totaled 10,429 bales. The figure was down from the previous week when 14,812 bales changed hands. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 45.87 to 48.21 cents per pound compared to

The Texas cotton industry is appointed representative to make ready to renew old acquaintances initial base and yield option selecand make new friends as it pre-tions for the DCP program is April 1, 2003. Deadline for 2002 and

