

**All Around
The Town**
By Mary Ann Sarchet



We enjoyed a nice Christmas Day visit in Shallowater with a nephew and his family, John, Jenny, Parker and Chandler Sarchet. A number of other relatives were there.

Charlie's brother and sister-in-law invited us to go with them to the Red Raider vs. Minnesota basketball game at the United Spirit Arena on New Year's Day. We went and had a great time. The Raiders won the game. They had a crowd of over 10,000, which was good with many of the students at home for the holidays. Of course, our grandchildren were there "whooping it up" for the Raiders, too!

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Holidays that will be observed by Briscoe County during 2004 include:

Martin Luther King, jr. Day-Monday, January 19

President's Day-Monday, February 16

Good Friday-Friday, April 9

Memorial Day-Monday, May 31

Independence Day-Monday, July 4

Labor Day-Monday, September 6

Veterans Day-Thursday, November 11

Thanksgiving-Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26

Christmas-Thursday and Friday, December 23-24

New Year's Holiday-Monday, January 3, 2005

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Cynthia Younger has been having the pleasure of a visit from her granddaughter, Ashlynn Page, daughter of Tyra Younger Page of Odessa.

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Clarendon College's outstanding academic students have been named to the President's and Dean's lists. A total of 49 students achieved these honors.

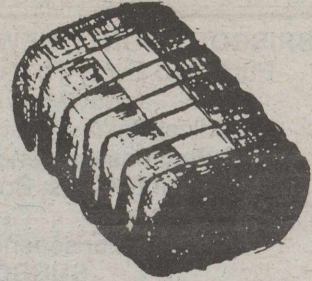
The Dean's List is comprised of full-time students who maintained a 3.6 GPA for the fall semester. Silverton High School graduate Krystle Clinton was named to this list.

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(NAPSA)-With nearly 62 million cases of the common cold and 95 million cases of influenza reported each year, many families are looking for



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Decorating Contest Winners Are Named

A Christmas Decorating Contest was sponsored in Silverton by the Briscoe County Activities Association.

Winners were Doug and Lisa Cherry, first; Glen and Fay Childers, second, and Frances Edwards, affectionately known by her family as "Mammer," third.

ways to survive the season.

"During the cold and flu season, November through April, our pharmacists receive countless questions on ways to avoid a cold or flu and selecting the right medications to treat them," said Teresa Caster, pharmacist and director for Medicine Shoppe International, Inc.

The best way to survive the misery of a cold or flu is to AVOID getting one altogether. Families can protect themselves by:

- Getting a flu shot every year. The number one way to avoid the flu is to get a flu shot-even if you had one last year. Flu viruses change each year, and immunity declines over time.

- Washing hands often. Since colds and flus are passed through contact with contaminated materials, washing hands helps prevent the spread of the viruses.

- Relaxing. Research has shown that stress can influence vulnerability to infection. Get plenty of rest, and take some time to unwind for your health.

- Taking colds seriously. Even colds can be deadly, especially in small children and older adults. Infections and complications can arise if a cold virus is untreated.

The unlucky ones who do develop a cold or flu this year will likely be overwhelmed by the vast array of pills, sprays, lozenges and liquids available as remedies.

"With so many cold and flu
See Surviving Influenza-Continued on Page Two

2004 CEU Events

Provided by Brandon McGinty
CEA-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension
Briscoe County

Here are some CEU (Continuing Education Units for Pesticide Applicator Training) events in the Panhandle area. If you have questions, please call the contact person listed for the location and time.

Jan. 12, 13, 15, 16--Pioneer Crop Production Meetings

Jan. 12--High Plains Vegetable Conference, Greta Schuster, 806-651-2280

Jan. 13--Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Toby Oliver, 806-623-5552

Jan. 22--2004 Grain Elevator Workshop (5 CEUs), Carl Patrick, 806-577-5600, Amarillo Civic Center

Immunization Clinic To Be Held Here Soon

An immunization clinic offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases is scheduled for January 23 at the Silverton Elementary School from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Fundraiser Items On Display at City Bank-Silverton

The Friendship Quilters recently completed a quilt that is to be given away as a fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Monument. The quilt is on display at City Bank-Silverton and information can be had there as to how to have a chance to win it.

Fay Childers crocheted a flag-design afghan to be given away to benefit the Veterans Memorial Monument. It, too, is on display at City Bank, and details on how you can have a chance to win it are available at the bank.

All free governments are managed by the combined wisdom and folly of the people.

James A. Garfield

Junior High, Junior Varsity Teams In Tournaments at Lazbuddie Today

Silverton's Junior High teams will be playing in a tournament at Lazbuddie today through Saturday.

The Junior High Lady Owls received a bye in the first round, and will play their first game at 6:15 Friday against the winner of the Nazareth-Amherst game. Winner of this game goes to the finals Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

The other teams in the Junior High girls division are Lazbuddie, Hart, Cotton Center and Happy.

Silverton's Junior High Owls will play their first game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against Nazareth. Winner will advance to play at 7:30 Friday in the new gym, and the loser plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the old gym.

The other participants in the boys division are Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Cotton Center, Hart, Happy and Amherst.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls play their first game in the Lazbuddie Tournament with Lazbuddie at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The winner of this game advances to play at 10:00 a.m. Friday, and the loser goes to play the loser of Happy and Nazareth at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the old gym.

Other teams in the girls division are Farwell, Hart, Happy, Nazareth and Dimmitt.

The Junior Varsity Owls play their first game at 1:45 p.m. Thursday with Hartley. Winner of this game advances to play at 11:15 a.m. Friday, and the loser goes to play at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the old gym.

The other teams in the boys division are Farwell, Vega, Happy, Amherst and Dimmitt.

Lady Owls Drop Three Close Games

The Lady Owls played games with Clarendon, Adrian and Panhandle, losing the three by a total of 31 points.

The game with Adrian was a three-point game, 36-33.

Scoring was by Kelsie Estes, eight; Sasha Wood, seven; Haylee Simpson, Danielle Ramirez and Lori Griffin, five points each. Three-point shots were hit by Kelsie, Danielle and Sasha.

Lady Owls	11	13	19	33
Adrian	13	22	29	36

Against Panhandle, the Lady Owls dropped a 39-19 decision.

Scoring for the Owl ladies were Sasha Wood, five; Kelsie Estes, four; Lori Griffin and Krista Hale, three points each; Kelcy Simpson and Danielle Ramirez, two points each.

Lady Owls	5	7	13	19
Panhandle	10	16	33	39

The third game in the series was a 56-48 loss to Clarendon.

Sasha Wood led the offense for the Lady Owls with a big 25-point effort. Adding to the score were Lori Griffin, 11; Krista Hale and Haylee Simpson, four points each; Kelsie Estes, two; Kelcy Simpson and Danielle Ramirez, one point each.

Lady Owls	15	26	36	48
Clarendon	15	30	41	56

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

Remember that happiness is a way of travel--not a destination.

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Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.

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ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada. 1-806-983-3635 16-tfc

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Sincerely,
Silverton Volunteer Fire Department

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

Sam Ewing

One great advantage of modern communications is it lets you know that somewhere the snow is deeper.

Bill Vaughn

Treat yourself as if you were already the person you want to become.

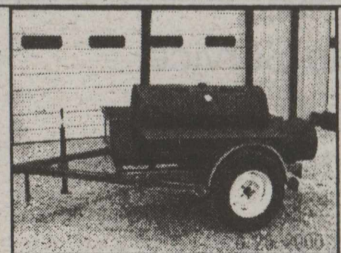
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 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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 Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
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 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
 Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
 Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.
 RAs, Rock Salt Youth....7:00 p.m.
 THURSDAY
 Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

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 TUESDAY:
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 In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
 FRIDAY:
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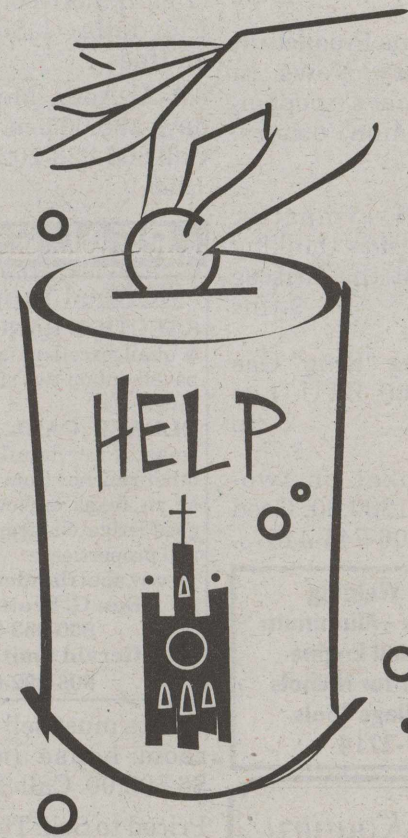


Doing the Right Thing

Doing the right thing is not always easy. It may involve a sacrifice on our part, or having to do something that we really don't feel like doing. Going to your child's little league ball game after a hard days' work; attending a church function; or visiting a sick friend may involve extra effort on our part, but it may be the right thing to do. There are also thousands of worthwhile organizations requesting and needing our financial support, and trying to determine where we will donate our hard-earned money is not an easy task. We know that we should pray about everything, and the Bible tells us that our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of man (2 Cor. 8:21). Everyone needs help and support at times, and being there for those in need reflects God's love and is the right thing to do. God loves a cheerful giver - that includes our time, talents and money.

You know that Christ is righteous; you should know, then, that everyone who does what is right is God's child

Good News Bible 1 John 2:29



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Student Attendance Plays Major Role

Student attendance plays a major role in funding for the Silverton school system. Each day attendance is taken for every student enrolled in the Silverton School. If a student is not in attendance from 8:00-10:00 a.m., the school will not receive funding for that student, for the day.

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Friday, Jan. 9--High School at Groom, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12--Junior High at Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13--Valley High School here, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15--Junior High vs. Plainview CA/there, 5:30; Board meeting, noon

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 15-16-17--County Stock Show

Friday, Jan. 16--High School at McLean, 4:00 p.m.

Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth.

Thomas H. Huxley

One man with courage makes a majority.

Andrew Jackson

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 12--Mexican Casserole, Beans, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 13--Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Bread, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 14--Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 15--Chicken, Gravy, Baked Beans, Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Jan. 16--Barbecue on a Bun, Fries, Cheese, Cookie, Milk

Happy Anniversary-

January 9--Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Edwards

January 14--Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Reed

Surviving Influenza-

Continued From Page One medications available, many people make mistakes when deciding which over-the-counter medication to take," said Caster. "Mistakes can lead patients to prolong their suffering by taking the wrong medication or unnecessary medications."

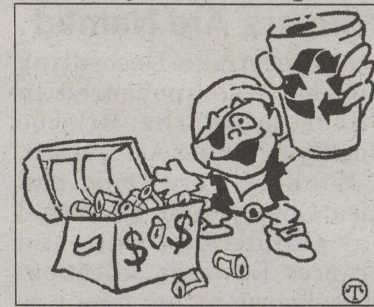


Combination drugs, for example, often cause confusion because individuals do not pay attention and also take additional drugs, not realizing that they are overdosing on ingredients that may cause them harm. Families should pay close attention to ingredients in common drugs, and read the labels on drugs they consider purchasing. When in doubt, ask a pharmacist or doctor about which drugs are right for your family's symptoms, especially if combining over-the-counter and prescription medications.

Buried Treasure: Finding Fundraising Help in the Trash

(NAPSA)-One man's trash is another man's treasure. Just ask the hundreds of organizations nationwide that raise significant funds for charity by recycling aluminum cans.

"Last year more than 50 percent of aluminum cans were recycled, leaving more



than \$800 million worth of aluminum cans in the trash," says Martha Finn Brooks of Alcan, the world's largest aluminum recycler. "When you throw away an aluminum can, you are essentially throwing away money."

Unlike other recyclable containers, aluminum cans are used and recycled infinitely without a loss of value.

Does an aluminum recycling program really raise money? Absolutely. The Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation Aluminum Cans for Burn Victims raised more than \$25,000 this year.

As we approach Americaa Recycles Day and Earth Day, here are a few tips for starting recycling fundraising programs:

- Set a goal for your program.
- Know where to go. Check your phone book to find recycling centers that accept cans for cash.
- Enlist your group's members and local businesses to collect cans.

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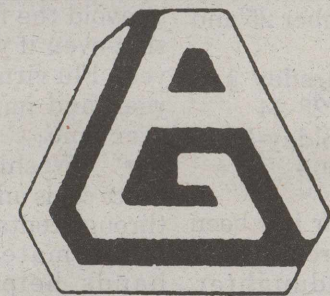
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John 3:16

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

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 18, 1993-- Silvertown-area kids are urged to get ready to tell Santa what they want for Christmas! . . . Putt and Nelda Jasper to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 27. . . Jimmy Burson has participated in the Western Music Association's fiddling contest held in Tucson, Arizona, where he was one of the top fiddlers and singers . . . Lance Holt and Matt Francis make all-district football teams . . . Tiger Cubs are Beau Brock, Chance Rhoderick, Zack Burson and Max Comer. Wolf Cub Scouts are Eric Minyard and Caleb Francis . . .

November 17, 1983--The sale of Ray Thompson Implement Company to George Reed and Gerald Smith was finalized Nov. 14, and the John Deere implement dealership began operating this week as Briscoe Implement, Inc. . . . Outstanding 4-H members and leaders from Briscoe County will be recognized at the annual County 4-H Achievement Banquet Sunday at the County Showbarn in Silvertown . . . Both Valley and Nazareth advanced to the state football playoffs with victories in their games played in Plainview last week . . . Winning ribbons in the Great American Smokeout poster contest last week were Fidencio Reyes, Teddy Hubbard, Ron McCune and Carrie Ann Grabbe . . . Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rowell to celebrate golden wedding anniversaries in a reception in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Mrs. Thelma Reagan and Raymond Sheeley were married in the office of the Justice of the Peace in Tulia Tuesday, Nov. 8 . . .

November 15, 1973--Owls manage only one score against Clarendon . . . Deer hunting contest will be sponsored this year by the Silvertown Young Farmers . . . New officers elected by the Haylake Club are Mrs. Susie Autry, president; Mrs. Ella Leah Riddell, secretary; Mrs. Maud McJimsey, vice-president; Mrs. Glenna McGavock, reporter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Grosdidier appointed as missionaries to Southeast

Asia . . . Miss Vicki Lynn Meier and Jerry Martin Bean exchanged nuptial vows Sept. 22 in Houston . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pat Northcutt, Susan, Christi, Judy, Sally, Brandon and Warren were in Lubbock Saturday and visited the museum . . .

September 26, 1963--W. C. Donnell was low bidder when the board of trustees received bids for the second time for the construction of a cafeteria-homemaking department for the Silvertown Public Schools . . . Ben Bingham was proud of the string of channel catfish he caught at Cottonwood Lake last week. The largest of the three weighed three and three-quarters pounds and the total weight of his catch was twelve pounds . . . Owls bring home 34-6 win from Turkey . . . Gale Whitfill is new Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Assembly . . . Becky Perkins celebrated her fourth birthday with a party in the City Park. Attending were Roy Lynn Brooks, Fay Lynn Perkins, Ronnie, Donna and Cynthia Hale, Mary Jo and Ellen Thomas, Wes and Annette Fleming, Tawnya Carpenter, Lynn Smith and Patti Perkins . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Couch

October 8, 1953--Gene Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin, returned home Saturday; he has received his discharge from the army . . . Miss Shirley Hamrick weds Leonard Walton, jr. . . The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lightsey Friday afternoon for a business session and the installation of officers . . . Girls present at the meeting of the Daisy Scout Troop were Marsha Monroe, Linda Brannon, June Elkins, Gretchen Morris, Frankie Hunt, Norma Faye Rowland, Melva Scoffield, Reba Jo Maples, Brenda Cornett, Glenda McWilliams, Carol Grundy, Joy Ann

and Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weatherly and Kevin were weekend guests of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and Richard . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Miller and Iwana of Canyon spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe and Mary . . . The home of Mrs. Ted Hester was the scene of a pretty pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Walter Perkins Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead were honored with a surprise housewarming in their new home by the congregation of the local Church of Christ after services Sunday evening . . .

Happy Birthday--
January 8--Dedra Johnston Wiggins, Leo Fleming, Lupe Couch, Elton Cantwell, Terry West, Christian Joseph Taitano
January 9--Debbie Burk, Loyd Stephens, Larry B. Stephens, jr., Doris McDonald, Richard Roehr, Dewey Estes
January 11 -- Townlii Ziegler, Rex Holt, Cy Comer, Melissa Woods Williamson, Debra Grabbe
January 12 -- Cecilia Castillo, Jimmy Myers, Tomas Rampley
January 13--Mary Tom Burson, Cindy Reed, Dee Turner, Krista Hale, Leslie Burkart Miller
January 14--Shanea' Lynn Russell, Kathy Kingery, Rena Schott, Ann Payne, Ralph Hill

Happy Birthday-

McCutchen, Barbara Shipman and Celene Lanham . . . Officers of the Brownie Scout Troop are Jimmie Nell Reynolds, president; Sheila Jarnagin, vice president; Sue Lanham, treasurer; Clela O'Neal, reporter . . . Joe Wayne Brooks and Misses Donna Mayfield, Janis Turner and Helen Vaughan, students at WTSC, were at home over the weekend. Miss Lettie O'Neal, a student at Texas Tech, was also here . . . Linda Janell McDaniel was born Oct. 1,

1953 and weighed eight pounds. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel III . . .
August 19, 1943--A light shower early Tuesday morning has been followed by cooler weather which is a great aid to both crops and livestock . . . The bond club met in the home of Mrs. Roy McMurtry Friday. Mrs. Douglas commented on Mrs. Fisher (the secretary) for not missing a single meeting, after which Mrs. Bob Dickerson presented Mrs. Fisher with a beautiful fruit bowl for her loyalty to the club . . . Charley Holt was bitten on the leg last week by a Black Widow spider. Within a few minutes he was seriously ill and was rushed to the hospital . . . Lem Weaver was sick the first of the week with summer flu . . . F. C. Gatewood and family returned Sunday from Hot Springs, New Mexico where F. C. took treatments for some time . . . The Girl Scouts met at the home of Juanita Edwards Wednesday afternoon in honor of Juanita's birthday. Those present were Betty Nan Burson, Clenda Arnold, Jeanne Dudley, Imogene Morris, Glenna Lee and the sponsor, Miss Anna Lee Anderson . . . Patsy Crass, Ann Brown and Junis Mercer spent Sunday with Wayma Rae Callaway . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson spent Sunday in the Dick Mayfield home . . .

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(NAPSA)-You know that steering-wheel locks are one of the best ways to keep your vehicle safe. You may not know, however, about the research that went into the development of these phenomenally effective anti-theft devices.

Understanding motor vehicle theft, the criminals who commit this crime and why they steal cars will make it clear why steering-wheel locks work so well. A bar featuring tough, durable construction and quality tamper-resistant locks deters thieves the moment they see it. Most auto thieves are amateurs, usually kids taking joyrides. Even the professionals are mostly looking for quick and easy targets. A steering-wheel lock deters them, and greatly reduces opportunities to steal the vehicle.

There are many factors that make this a vehicle owner's best and most effective first line of defense against theft. Thieves notice a highly-visible device immediately, and many are discouraged by the difficulty this presents, the time and tools required and the in-

creased risk of being caught or identified.

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Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls This Season!



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Jan. 13--Valley, Here, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8-10--Junior High and Junior Varsity Tournaments, at Lazbuddie

Jan. 13--Valley JV, here, 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 12--Junior High at Valley, 5:30 p.m.

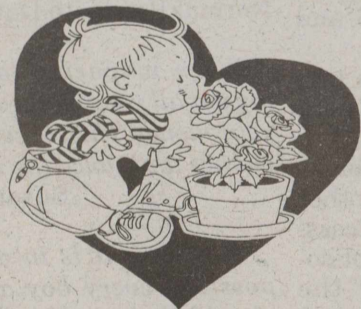


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Cotton Market weekly

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The final days of 2003 witnessed higher cotton futures prices and a surge in online sales by producers despite the holiday shortened trading week. In the four trading days ended Dec. 31, producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 135,186 bales online, almost three times the number of bales sold online the previous week.

An impressive 81,540 bales were sold online Dec. 29 marking the largest one day sales figure of the marketing year. Analysts were hard-pressed to pin down a single motive for the increase in sales.

"It's hard to say exactly what happened since there were no major fundamental or technical factors to warrant such sales," one trader said. "Perhaps the basis was right for buyers to buy cotton, and many producers wanted to sell their cotton in time to receive a check by the end of the year," the trader added.

Prices received by producers selling their cotton online in the week ended Jan. 1 ranged from 62.29 to 66.05 cents per pound versus the prior week's 60.54 to 62.35 cents per pound range.

Meanwhile, cotton futures in New York managed nice gains in the final three days of the year. On Dec. 29, in fact, prices hit fresh five-week highs. Fueling the price increase was the continued weakness of the U. S. dollar helping make U. S. cotton less expensive in world markets.

Another factor was ongoing rumors about China announcing cotton import quotas for 2004. At least one analyst noted a rumor that China will issue import quotas for as much as 3.0 million bales this year; however, that rumor has not been confirmed.

Export sales of 2003-04 U. S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 18 totaled a net 213,700 bales, and China was, by far, the featured buyer with purchases totaling 130,400 bales, according to USDA. Turkey

and Mexico rounded out the list of the top three buyers of U. S. cotton for the week with acquisitions of 18,300 and 13,500 bales, respectively.

Export shipments for the same period totaled 189,900 bales, and again, China was the primary destination with 83,800 bales. Mexico and Pakistan followed with shipments of 19,800 bales and 16,900 bales, respectively.

For the week ended Dec. 25, net export sales of 2003-04 U. S. cotton totaled 89,300 bales and export shipments amounted to 175,200 bales.

Sales of 22,700 bales for delivery in 2004-05 were primarily to Japan at 13,300 bales and Mexico with 4,300.

In other news, mostly mild weather prevailed across the U. S. Cotton Belt during the holiday period with above-average temperatures recorded for this time of year in many southern states. Heavy snow fell in the Sierra Nevada Mountains during the week-end, and the winter snowpack is expected to increase considerably. The accumulating snow will be beneficial next spring when it melts and boosts reservoir supplies in California.

On the Texas High and Rolling Plains, dry weather prevailed this week allowing fieldwork to advance, and many farmers have completed land preparations for next year; however, approximately 50 percent of the gins still are running on the High Plains, but the majority of expected ginning volume on the Rolling Plains remains to be done.

The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

Thomas Morell

Who enters my house as a friend will never be too early, always too late.

Flemish proverb

I was once a young man but I recovered.

Howard Baker

Another New Business Now Being Welcomed to Silverton

One of Silverton's newest businesses, All American Reglazing, is being welcomed to Silverton this week.

Owner and operator Billy Edwards says "Don't pay more to replace it, pay less to reglaze it!"

Kitchens and bathrooms are two of the most popular rooms to remodel. They are also usually the most expensive and most time-consuming, but they don't have to be!

All American Reglazing specializes in making kitchen and bathroom counters, bathtubs, and tile like new for a fraction of the cost and time that it would take to replace.

Billy Edwards first became interested in starting his own business after working at a resurfacing company in Lubbock. After becoming certified at an intensive training in Chicago conducted in accordance with the requirements and standards as set forth by the Professional Resurfacers Association®, Billy has opened All American Reglazing which he operates from his home at 909 South Main Street in Silverton. He can be reached at 823-2405 or 292-2823, or emailed at cedwards@msn.com.

With reglazing, you can actually save up to 80% over traditional remodeling costs. For example, to tear out and replace the average bathtub could cost \$3,000 or more. It would require a plumber, tile and grout specialist, floor covering, carpenter, as well as purchasing the new tub. Then, how do you get the old one through the door? With reglazing, all the work is done in your home, and most jobs can be completed in less than one day.

All American Reglazing uses a new and improved acrylic urethane which will not crack or yellow over time and provides terrific stain resistance and color retention unlike some epoxy finishes that many resurfacers still use today. The new finish is extremely durable, easy to clean, and can be applied in any color. And the best part is that it's ready to use the very next day!

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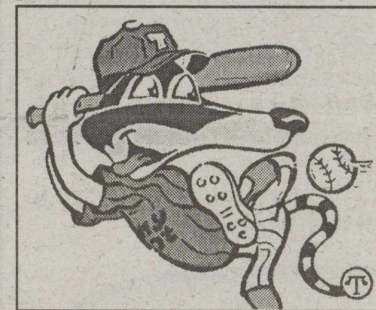
sinks, this quality multi-colored speckled coating, which looks like granite, is formulated with state of the art technology and provides exceptional properties and durability.

Have an old ragged claw-foot tub that's seen better days? Turn it into the glorious antique that it is! All American Reglazing can restore it to its former glory.

Other services offered include fiberglass repair, chip repair, and non-skid surface applications. Call 823-2405 or 292-2823 for your free estimate today!

Playful Introduction to America's Pastime

(NAPSA)-Sports fans looking to get their children in the game are cheering a new video that helps toddlers get a playful introduction to sports-America's national pastime in particular.



With colorful images, a new video helps introduce children to sports at a young age.

"Baby Baseball" is a 30-minute video that introduces toddlers to the game of baseball using nine characters, as well as images of colorful equipment and 30 young children. The video was designed to appeal to children 6 and under.

"The video introduces toddlers to the game at a very basic level," says Alan LaGarde, executive producer. "It does that by showing other children, sometimes successfully and other times not-so-successfully, running the bases, hitting the ball, throwing the ball and sliding."

In addition, "Baby Baseball" includes segments on how to rake the dirt in the infield, where the dugout is located and what the umpire says and does. It also reinforces the social skills developed in team sports.

"Baby Baseball" was cre-

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Daily December Readings
Taken at 6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	73	39	
2	55	33	
3	63	44	
4	61	29	
5	66	27	
6	45	17	
7	51	18	
8	76	40	
9	69	35	
10	39	20	
11	49	20	
12	52	19	
13	30	18	
14	53	15	
15	68	21	
16	55	30	
17	47	20	
18	65	19	
19	53	22	
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21	67	22	
22	77	36	
23	49	24	
24	58	20	
25	63	22	
26	64	31	
27	71	29	
28	54	19	
29	46	14	
30	49	12	
31	62	29	

December Precip.	.00
Normal Dec. Precip.	.68
Total Precip. in 2003	10.53
Normal Annual Precip.	21.22

Daily January 2004
Readings

Taken at 6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	67	26	
2	66	40	
3	70	34	
4	74	20	
5	41	14	
6	36	3	

January Precip.	.00
Normal Jan. Precip.	.65
Total Precip. in 2004	.00
Normal Precip. to Date	.65

When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money.

Susan Heller

Whenever it is in any way possible, every boy and girl should choose as his life work some occupation which he should like to do anyhow, even if he did not need the money.

William Lyon Phelps

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Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

If you were one of the precious people who took food to a funeral or other gathering at First Baptist Church, will you please come by and pick up your dishes. Thank you!

Dick and Joan Roehr entertained a houseful at Christmas. Merle and Annette Roehr, Nathan and Shalana of Gallup, New Mexico came. They also visited Annette's parents, Ted and LaVern Kingery. Shalana is a student at Lubbock Christian University. Also with Dick and Joan were grandson Jason Turner and his mother, Deborah, and husband, Melvin Guinn of Memphis, Amy and Sean Crowell of Groom, Mitchell, Dina, Kimberly, Joanie and Ricky. They brought a friend from Dayton, Texas, Pete, who enjoyed sharing the holiday.

Eva Turner, Joan's sister, came from Clarendon and brought her son, Joe David, from Wellington.

Thanks to all who put up the beautiful decorations for all to enjoy during the holiday season. They were outstanding! It is wonderful to see the cross and star on the courthouse and the lighted tree and especially the nativity scene. We really appreciate that.

Well, did any of you take Rex Holt up on his offer to share his special gift? In case you haven't found out, he got it in a Chinese gift exchange. It was a pair of men's drawers, size 811! No wonder he could share!

Donald, Penny and Wes Dillard came to visit in Silvertown for the first time since 21-year-old Wes was knee high to a grasshopper. Donald visited with all the Dillard family and enjoyed just being in West Texas once again. He was born in Ralls

and moved here in 1947. He was seven years old. Then they moved to Arkansas in 1951. They now live in El Dorado, Arkansas but are thinking of spending retirement years in West Texas. We hope they will. That would make six of the ten children living closer to one another. Both Penny and Don find that the hardest thing about living far away is that there are no family ties there. Don is a chemical engineer for Murphy Oil, who sells gas to WalMart and Sam's. They were on the island of St. Croix for about eight years with Amoco, and are glad they are back in the States.

Glenda, Bud, Stanley and Waynelle Couch welcomed their sister, Mary Ann Carlisle, back home right before the holidays. If you look on North Loretta Street, you will see Mary Ann and Marvin's home being built. There were lots of Couches here and not one of them turned out to be a "Couch Potato"! Bud, however, may turn into a computer potato, as he now has joined the rest of us with email and all. Julia came for Christmas and they all enjoyed a fine meal. Darrell and Shirley Couch came from Lubbock and they all celebrated New Year's Eve together.

Valerie Mullin was in Houston the Saturday before Christmas. Her dad was having surgery and she and Maci flew down. Brother Randy was keeping Brook, Lindsay and Adam. Jean and Dean said he was doing just fine with the children.

There were several of us who enjoyed a night of games and food to bring in 2004. We invite you to join us this December 31 for a time of fellowship and laughter.

Waynelle and Stanley Couch enjoyed having their sons, Russell, Kyle and son, Kyler, from the Metroplex during the holidays. Kyle had promised Kyler that when his grandparents got a place in the country, he would get him a go-cart. Well, he had to hold fast to his promise and they had a great time together!

Patricia and Harvey McJimsey had daughter, Vicki, Billy and Aubri here for Christmas. Joining them were son, Doug, Carrie Ann, McKena and Mesa. Carrie Ann's cousin, Barbara, from Amarillo was there too. Aubri stayed to visit and McKena

and Mesa stayed with her. The girls like to sleep on the big air mattress instead of a regular bed. On Monday, Vicki had foot surgery and came home to recuperate. On Thursday, Patricia and Harvey took the girls back home to Amarillo.

Loyd Stephens said he had mad cows at his place. They are mad because there is no rain for them! Loyd said this was the fourth year he had a drought at his place. He and Laverne had their daughters home for Christmas. Lois, Fred, Will, Stacy, Jesse and Jordan Hill were there. Tammy Brannon was there too. Richard Hill, their grandson, was home from Germany and they were sure glad to see him. Brent, Stormy and Sage were there. Sage is feeling better after a bout with mononucleosis. Stormy is doing well, but still has a hard time. Laverne said where normally a person has one electrode, Stormy has two or three and they fight each other, making Stormy feel pretty bad at times.

It was a nice surprise to Lottie Garrison to see granddaughter, Renee' Fuston, walking down the church aisle to join her grandmother at church! Renee' had come in from Fort Worth. She was visiting her parents, Dona and Dale Smith at Quitaque.

Lottie and her family filled two pews at First Baptist Church on Christmas Eve at the candlelight service. It was a beautiful time and you are welcome to be there this year on Christmas Eve.

Roy Mack and Lois Walker first went to Amarillo for Christmas, then to Dallas! They visited their son, Jim, and his wife, then drove to Dallas. They saw grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even the great-greats!

Vinita Asebedo Howell, husband, Richard, and son, Weston, and Able Asebedo enjoyed having Roland and his family from Highland Villages near Dallas. Roland's wife, Angie, Lorrin and Jordan, were there. The three kiddos enjoyed coming to the game night on New Year's Eve at First Baptist. Vinita's sister, Marilyn, and husband, Manuel, and their son, John Anthony, came from Pottsboro to join the family for a wonderful Christmas celebration.

On a recent Saturday, we got a letter in the mail that had the bottom torn out of it.

It was hand addressed to Jack. This is what it read: "Jack, I may have just met you, but it's plain to see where Lataine gets some of the things she does. (What did you mean by that, Dean??) I saw the pen in the parking lot and thought it was my good fortune to find it. I did not know I was being set up. When I got home, I checked it out to see if it worked, (and it did), but you do not know how surprised we were when we saw the name and the message on it. I am returning the pen to you so please don't press charges. Have a good year, MERRY Christmas, Dean Mullin" It looks like the pen got pushed out by the mailing machine so it is probably in Amarillo. We decided that the pen must have had written on it, "This pen was stolen from Jack Dillard." We got it in a promotional packet! Dean, you could have kept it!

Remember, feed your faith with daily Bible reading and starve your doubts!

Call me with your news. If you've got a great story, I'd love to write it for you: 823-2328.

Expanding the Classroom

(NAPSA)-At America's independent schools, students are trying their hands at a number of exciting experiential learning activities, like partnering with a university to develop software for a local museum; creating simulated archeological sites; brainstorming robotic design ideas with NASA engineers; and volunteering at homeless shelters, hospitals and nursing homes.

Whether they take place in the schoolyard, in the community or farther afield, experiential learning activities bring curriculum to life. Hands-on activities can spark new interests, help students develop new skills, illustrate topics taught in class and play a role in helping students learn and retain concepts.

"Academics need not be removed from the real world," said Patrick F. Bassett, president of the National Association of Independent Schools. "One of the best ways to embed principles learned within the classroom is to apply them via experiences outside the classroom."

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