

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I lifted the following from the "Woodwork" column by Dalton Wood which appears weekly in the Lynn County News:

Can you imagine working at the following company? This company has a few more than 500 employees with the following statistics:

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse.
- 7 have been arrested for fraud.
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks.
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses.
- 3 have been arrested for assault.
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit.
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges.
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting.
- 21 are current defendants in lawsuits.
- In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving.

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up?

It's the 535 members of your United States Congress. The same group that perpetually cranks out hundreds upon hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line.

And you have to ask what is wrong with our country?

Michelle Gamble was among more than 350 students recently named to the Honor List for the Fall 1999 semester at Amarillo College.

Honorees must be enrolled in 12 or more hours of academic courses and make a grade point average of 3.6 or above to qualify for the honors list.

A radiography major, Mrs. Gamble achieved a 4.0 gpa.

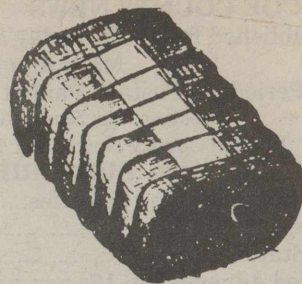
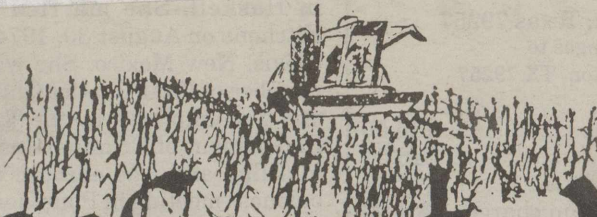
Brandon Sarchet was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University for the fall semester with a 3.5 gpa. He is majoring in management information systems.

## Perryman's To Minister in Song

Lighthouse Assembly of God is honored to bring a group like the Perrymans to the community. They have appeared in several cities and churches throughout Texas and New Mexico.

The Perrymans have recorded tapes like "Watching and Waiting," and "Just Keep Watching the Gate." The talented group does some of their own arrangements.

Pastors David and Anita Beebe would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the Perrymans in concert January 16 at 7:00 p.m. They will provide a lot of spiritual food for your needs.



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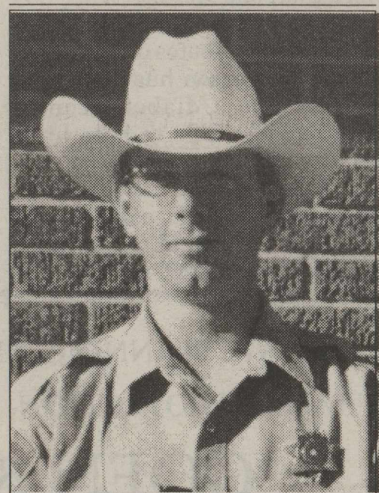
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## One-Vehicle Rollover Takes Life of Silverton Woman

Talking on a cellphone is believed to have been responsible for a Silverton woman's death in a one-vehicle rollover north of Plainview late Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Carolyn Kitchens became the area's first fatality of 2000 when the 1995 GMC Jimmy she was driving ran off the west side of Interstate 27 near the north Business 27 "Y" interchange, overcorrected, skidded sideways back across the road and overturned three times in the center median before coming to rest on its roof.



Jason Miller

## Miller Seeking Office of Sheriff

Briscoe County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jason Miller has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he will be a candidate for sheriff in the upcoming political party primary.

He and his wife, Shawn Miller, make their home in Silverton.

He earned his college degree in criminal justice from Western Texas College and graduated from the police academy at South Plains Council of Governments through South Plains College.

He was reared in Scurry County on his family's cotton farm.

## Girl Scouts Kick-off Annual Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding counties gathered at JCPenney's in the South Plains Mall from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Friday to kick-off the annual cookie sale. Girls participated in a number of activities, learning

The accident occurred as Mrs. Kitchens was southbound on the interstate about 5:15 p.m. Witnesses told Department of Public Safety troopers Wayne Buxton and John Lopez the 49-year-old woman was talking on a cell phone at the time of the accident.

A Texas Department of Criminal Justice employee at the prison in Tulia, Mrs. Kitchens was thought to have been making arrangements for a business meeting with another TDC employee.

According to the DPS report, she was taken to Covenant Hospital Plainview by fire department ambulance and pronounced dead by Dr. Carl Smith at 6:10 p.m.

She was wearing a seatbelt and the Jaws of Life reportedly was used to extract her from the wreckage.

marketing and selling techniques, goal planning, customer service, money management, and financial tracking. In addition, there were games and cookie samples for everyone. January 8 marked the first day that cookies went on sale.

This year's selection includes the popular Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), the Tagalong (layered peanut butter and chocolate), the Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), Striped Chocolate Chip (chocolate chip and pecan with chocolate stripes and a bottom coating of chocolate), Trefoil shortbread, Apple Cinnamon and Lemon Drops (crispy cookie with cream lemon chips).

Consumers also will notice a change in the packaging this year. After analyzing the merits of reducing the materials used to package several of the varieties, it was discovered that a slightly smaller package configuration would actually allow more cookies. Through the reduction of cardboard and plastic, more cookies will be provided to the consumer. More cookies in less space with less waste!

"For Girl Scouts, the program provides funds that support troop activities such as field trips, camping and service projects," said Kimberly Karl, executive director of Caprock Girl Scout. **See GIRL SCOUTS--  
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## Norman Strange Is Candidate For County Office

Norman Strange has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 1, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

He said that he will be around to visit with voters before the primary. "I will do my best to make you a good commissioner if elected," he said.

## Owls, Lady Owls Open District Action With Three Big Victories

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls hosted the teams from Motley County High for three games Friday night, and won all of them. This was a big lift for all the teams to start district action in this way.

The Junior Varsity Owls rolled along to a big 38-23 victory after taking control of the game early and leading most of the way.

Clay McMurtrey was the top scorer with 10 points. Clay racked up two three pointers. Adding to the score were Dustin Hale, nine; Daniel Rogers, eight; John Arnold, six; Chase Comer, three; Tyler Young, two points. JV Owls 4 15 22 38

Motley County 4 8 17 23

The Lady Owls held the lead at the end of each quarter, but were played tough by the Lady Matadors in the last seconds of the game. This forced the Lady Owls to play well without errors.

Chelsey Cherry spent some time on the bench due to early foul trouble, but then came back into the game to lead all shooters with 17 points. Sara Kirchoffner hit two shots from downtown and scored a total of 12 points. Adding to the score were Taylor Griffin, five; Amanda Estes and Lisa Comer, four points each; Dara Johnston, two points.

The Motley County ladies hit five three-point shots, but were unable to overcome their one-point deficit before the buzzer. Lady Owls 15 18 33 44

Motley County 9 19 29 43

The varsity Owls started with a nice lead and extended it throughout the game, finishing ahead 71-39.

Nathan Francis led the field of double-digit shooters with 19 points. Also in double figures were Adrian Ramirez, 14; Isaiah

## Larry Comer Asking Election As Commissioner

Larry Comer has filed as a candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 3, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

"If elected I will work to make you a good commissioner," he said. "I will discuss my ideas with you before the primary, and will be listening for your input as I make an effort to visit in your home before election day."

Ivory, 13; Red Ivory, 12. Rounding out the score were Daniel Reagan, eight; Matt Strange, four, and Ryan Minyard, one point.

Owls 10 33 54 71

Motley County 5 14 29 39

Shots from downtown were scored by Isaiah, four; Adrian, two.

On Tuesday night of last week, the Owls and Lady Owls played a pair of games with Hedley. The Lady Owls had the long-range three pointers popping all over the gym! Sara Kirchoffner hit two and Dara Johnston hit two, to keep the excitement alive. Sara led the scoring with 19 points, while Dara added 11. Also getting big numbers were Taylor Griffin and Chelsey Cherry, who caged nine points each.

The score remained close, with the Lady Owls leading at the end of each period.

Lady Owls 15 34 42 53

Hedley 14 27 35 47

The Red Owls had a close game all the way with the Green Owls, the score being knotted at 21-21 at halftime and the Owls owning a five-point lead at the end of three quarters.

Nathan Francis led the scoring with a pair from downtown and a total of 16 points. Isaiah Ivory added 13. Also scoring were Daniel Reagan, nine; Matt Strange, six; Paul Segura, four points.

Owls 14 21 36 48

Hedley 13 21 31 37

Silverton's teams had a pair of games with Guthrie Tuesday night and will travel to Patton Springs Friday night to continue district action. There will be non-conference games with McLean and Aspermont next week.

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## Cards of Thanks

The family of Carolyn Kitchens would like to express our sincerest appreciation for all of the prayers, visits, food and encouragement during this difficult time. The loss of our wife, mother and daughter was consoled by your wonderful generosity and friendship.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Joe, Jana, Heather, Brandon,  
Louie and family

We would like to say thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls and visits during Brittany's stay in the hospital and since she has been home. Special thanks go to Frances Ann, Tina and Pat Davis.

Love,  
Terry, Barbara, Brittany and Baylee

Dear friends,  
Thank you for your love and support at Mother's passing. We were overwhelmed by the abundance of food, cards, floral offerings, and memorial gifts. The prayers, kind words and fond memories of her you conveyed to us have sustained us in this difficult time. Throughout Mother's illness, we were humbled at the respect and love you gave her. She was both honored and proud to be your classmate and friend. May God bless you.  
Gary, Cathey, Rob, Leslee and Lindsey  
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Norman Strange

For Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 3:  
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WEDNESDAY:  
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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends.....3:30 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
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Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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## Are You A Happy Person?

Are you usually a happy person? Do others see you as cheerful and content, and do they enjoy being around you? These may seem to be easy questions for us to answer; however, we should be aware that those around us may see us quite differently from how we see ourselves.

Happiness could be defined as a feeling of peace, contentment and well-being, and the absence of disappointment and sadness. We are living in a world where good, as well as bad things are happening to us and around us all the time, and the way we handle these different situations helps to develop our attitude. Developing a complete trust in God for the joys and disappointments in life will not only help to improve our outlook, but will draw us closer to our Lord and help to make our lives more pleasurable and less stressful.

Although we may not be able to control the unpleasant things of life, our faith and reliance on God will help us accept those things that we cannot change. God wants only the very best for us, and in return, He is only asking that we love and trust Him.

*Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.*

K.J.V. Psalms 146:5

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## Obituaries

### MARGARET SMITH

Funeral services for Margaret Gayle Smith, 61, were conducted at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 6, at the Silverton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jay Stinson, pastor, and retired minister, Rev. Ed Norris, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Smith died Tuesday, January 4, in Memphis, Texas.

She was born November 7, 1938 in Big Spring, and was the daughter of Bill and Ione Cushing. She married Mike Lee Smith August 22, 1959 in Clarendon. She was a resident of

Borger for two years before moving to the family ranch in north-eastern Briscoe County in 1961.

She was co-founder and operator of Caprock Floral in Silverton until her retirement last year.

She was a member of Silverton United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and was a former 4-H leader.

Survivors include her husband, Mike, of the home; two sons, Bill Smith and Lee Smith, both of Silverton; her mother, Ione Cushing, of the family ranch; and two grandchildren, Ashley Smith and Shayna Smith, both of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Van Holton, Billy Bowman, Don Thornberry, Bryan Burson, Odell LaGrone and Jerry Hawkins.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Thornberry, Ralph Grady, John Grady, Denny Fuston, John Burson and Bill Craft.

### CAROLYN KITCHENS

Funeral services for Carolyn Dianne Kitchens, 49, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Wayne Blankenship and the Rev. Randy Mullin officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kitchens died in a vehicle

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accident north of Plainview Tuesday, January 4.

She was born June 13, 1905 in Haskell. She married Joe Kitchens on August 30, 1974, in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Tulia, and was enroute to a business meeting in Plainview at the time of her death.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Brandon Kitchens, of Ankeny, Iowa; two daughters, Jana Beesinger of Silverton and Heather Davis of Merkel; a brother, Roy Rhoads of Branson, Missouri; a sister, Sue Blankenship of Denton; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jody Miller, Richard Thomas, Jerry Bullock, Wayne Henderson, John Adams, David Price, David Harvey and James Ray Devoll. Honorary pallbearers were Dwain Henderson, Mark Hernandez, Foy Acker and John Schott.

The family suggested memorials to the Silverton Cemetery Association or First Baptist Church.

### A Song To Sing

In Memory of  
 Carolyn Diane Kitchens  
 June 13, 1950 to  
 January 4, 2000

by Sharon Lemoine Watson  
 January 4, 2000, that was the day,

The Lord reached down and whisked you away.

You reached up and grabbed His strong hand,

For your awaited journey to the Promised Land.

Not for a moment did you hesitate,

You took His hand and headed for the pearly gate.

The angels were playing their harps and singing,

All around heaven the bells were ringing.

Your mother and daddy were standing alone,

Just waiting to welcome their daughter home.

It was on that day, there was a special song to sing.

No other's voice would please the King.

God needed a new angel to sing of His Love,

Tis why you were needed above. We're left behind with tears and a heavy heart,

Not quite ready for you to depart.

It's not for us to question or reason why,

God took you to be with Him in the sweet by and by.

Now, I'll dry my tears and try to be strong,

As I finish my journey without you along.

You left me great memories and laughs to cherish,

And a great love that I'm sure won't perish.

Sow, now it is so long that I say, To my great friend CK.

## Owls Take Part In Power Lifting Meet at Plainview

Several Owl power lifters took part in an invitational meet at Plainview last Saturday, and are looking toward their second event at Abernathy on January 15.

Weights are squat-bench deadlift totals.

The Owls placed sixth in the meet, behind Levelland, Monterey, Plainview, Canyon, Estacado, Dalhart and Colorado City, and ahead of Kress, Pampa, Frenship and Lubbock High.

Outstanding lifters included: 114s (3 total) Monty Wood, third place.

148s (17 total) Nicholas Vargas, seventh.

165s (22 total) Duncan Vernon, fifth.

198s (12 total) Clint Ivory, fourth.

220s (24 total) JR. Martinez, twenty-first.

## What Would You Do?

If you were the first person to arrive on scene after a car accident, would you know how to care for the victim? What if there were more than one victim?

Do you know someone who suffers from diabetes or epilepsy? When this person has a seizure or goes into a diabetic coma, would you be able to help him/her?

If you answered no to any of the above questions, ask yourself one more . . . Would you be able to take a basic EMT class?

## Girl Scouts-- Continued From Page One

Council. "For councils, the revenue provides funds to recruit and train adult leaders, maintain our facilities, provide council-wide programs as well as financial assistance so all girls can have access to the opportunities that Girl Scouting provides."

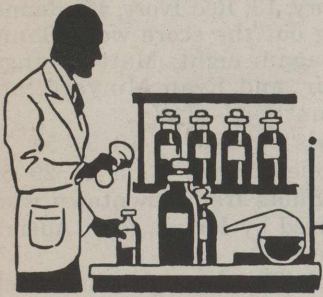
Over 4000 Girl Scouts in the Caprock Council's eighteen county area will sell cookies from January 8 through March 5. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806-748-0769) or phone (806-745-2855). For more information, please contact Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806-745-2855.

*Domestic cats can purr while they're inhaling and exhaling. Wildcats only purr while exhaling.*

*Birthstone for March is the aquamarine or bloodstone; its flower is the violet.*

*The mackintosh raincoat was named after its inventor Charles Mackintosh, the first man to make truly waterproof fabrics.*

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**January 11, 1990-**Julie Towe has been selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen this year by the Mary McCoy Baines chapter . . . Science Fair coming January 20 . . . Annual rainfall measures slightly below normal . . . Funeral services conducted for Myrt Guest and Ida V. Jones . . . Brown sisters have reunion at Kirkland Dock . . . Miss Jo Ellen Diddy and Roy Dayne Mayfield were united in marriage December 16 . . . Formal ceremony unites Miss Jeannita DeAnn Stephens and Jody Keith Ellison . . .

**January 10, 1980-**Gopher demonstration to be held Monday at Lake Mackenzie . . . Thomas Perkins named to Dean's Honor Roll at Clarendon College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Glenn announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Renee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker are parents of a daughter, Jaime D'Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hester are parents of a son, William Don . . . Briscoe County Fat Stock Show to be held Saturday . . . The Silvertown chapter will be honored as the 1979 Area I Outstanding Chapter of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas . . . Miss Lee Ann McMurtry, bride-elect of J. T. Nuckols, was honored at a bridal coffee and shower Saturday . . . Miss Donna Lou Oliver became the bride of Scott Hutsell in a double-ring ceremony December 29 . . .

**January 8, 1970-**The construction of a new highway from State Highway 70 south of Brice, up the Palo Duro Canyon to a point south of Claude, then into Palo Duro State Park will be discussed at a meeting to be held January 29 in Austin . . . B. F. Clemmer, 92, buried at Meadow . . . A group from the congregation of the Rock Creek Church of Christ enjoyed singing spiritual songs after Wednesday night services on New Year's Eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald . . . The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Allard was the scene of their annual New Year's Eve "42" party . . . Miss Patricia Ann Beseda and Jay Verlin Towe exchanged marriage vows Saturday . . . New Year's Day visitors with Mrs. Dick Bomar included Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long, Kit and Mike, Jackie Carol Tate and Bob Gerhardt, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tate . . .

**January 14, 1960-**First snowfall of the season and first appreciable moisture of 1960 blanketed the area in the early morning hours of January 5. Snow continued to fall throughout the day to a maximum depth of 7 1/2 inches, which added .82 of an inch to the already soggy condition of the area . . . The boys and girls from Silvertown failed to win games to enter the championship competition of the North Plains Basketball Tournament at

Claude, but the Owls were awarded the Sportsmanship trophy, which is a compliment to the team of which all can be proud . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates observe golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigham and Rickey spent Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. H. P. Howard. The entire group spent Sunday and Monday in the Bigham home in Lubbock . . .

**January 12, 1950-**Work on Presbyterian Church almost completed . . . Owls trim Turkey Turks 51-41 . . . Caprock Players entertain in the J. W. Brannon home. The players are Neva Joy Reithmayer, Elmer Adams and Clifton Stodghill . . . Donnell Hatchery to open season on January 14 . . . Surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. J. S. Fisher . . . Sandra Mallow and Mary Dudley entertained with a party at Sandra's home Saturday night. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by Teresa Crass, Darrell McWilliams, Dottie Heckman, Dean McWilliams, Mary Lou Bellinger, Pat Northcutt, Marian Arnold, Wayne Hamilton, Patsy Baird, Wayne McMurtry, Polly Chitty, Ray Savage, Bonnie Watters, Billy Garvin, Gay Merrell, Joe Wayne Brooks, Junis Mercer, Flute Hutsell, Kay Steele, Joe Lee Bomar, Don Brown, Larry and Richard Tunnell, Carol Davis, Dick Turner, Sam Lusk, Carl Tidwell, Melvin Hamilton, Fred and Theodore Strange and the hostesses . . .

**January 3, 1946-**Bank opening is delayed a few days awaiting supplies . . . T-5 Tom Brooks arrives home after two years of active duty in the Pacific Theatre . . . George Seaney buys Hughes Radio Electric . . . Durward Brown and Harold Davis are the new owners of the Arnold Bros. Grocery and Market and will operate the business under the name of the City Food Market . . . Suffering from loss of blood as the result of jagged knife wounds in his neck, J. R. Payne, about 50, of Quitaque, was taken to a Plainview hospital late Monday by Sheriff Honea and then returned to Silvertown, pending the arrival of relatives . . . Briscoe County News is purchased by T. E. Johnson . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bomar and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar and Wylie, jr. and Mrs. Pearl Simpson visited the D. O. Bomar family in Lubbock last Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and two daughters, Waynelle and Joy Ann, have returned from Robert Lee where they visited relatives through Christmas . . .

**January 10, 1946-**Three prisoners being taken to Huntsville last Thursday night attempted to overpower Sheriff Jake Honea and Sheriff Lee Howard of Floydada and two of them were shot in the scuffle. They will re-

cover from their wounds . . . About a ton of plaster fell from the portico ceiling at the west entrance to the courthouse Monday morning. Fortunately no one was standing in the danger zone at the time . . . Property owners eager for paving . . . A broken water pipe in the boiler room at the high school made a lot of youngsters happy Monday--it meant another holiday, before school resumed classes after the Christmas recess . . . Work to start soon on Veterans Home in Silvertown . . . Earl Brock and daughter, Mona,

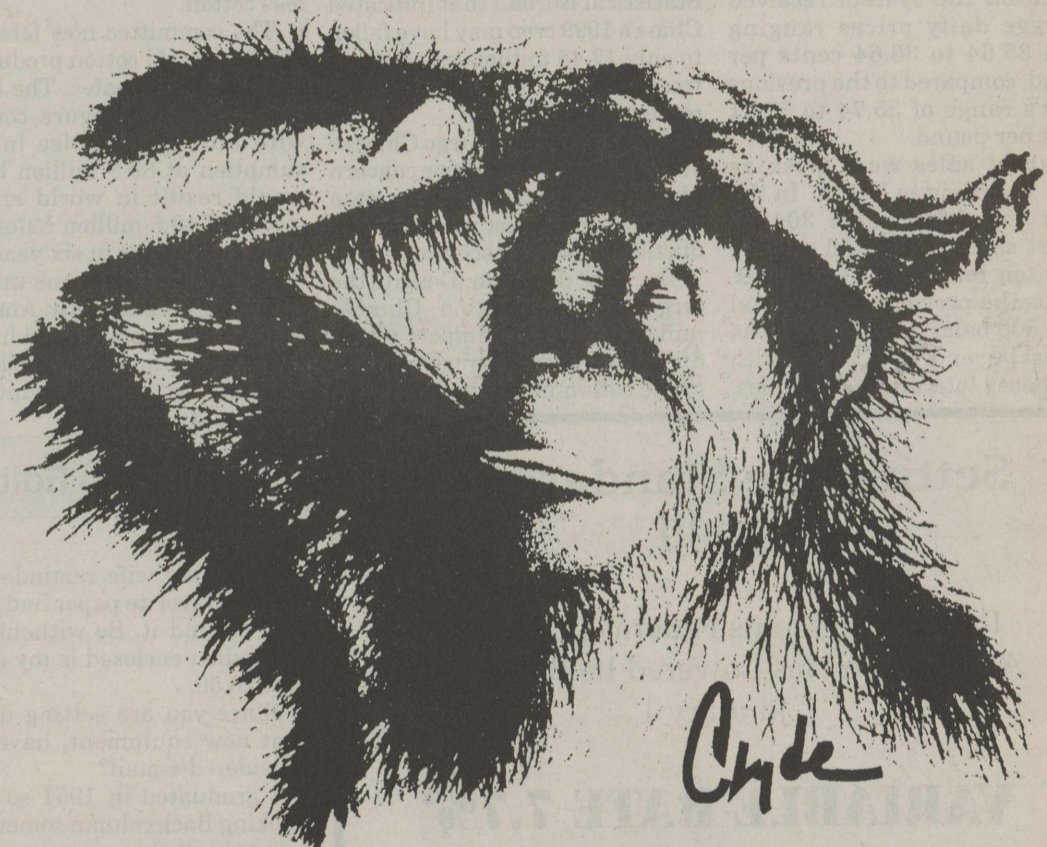
were in Plainview Tuesday . . . L. D. Griffin left Saturday to report back to Victorville, California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens and family were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt Sunday . . .

**December 19, 1929-**Sunday was an important day for R. L. Carter, J. R. Foust and about forty of their friends, who helped the two gentlemen celebrate their birthdays. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Foust prepared a wonderful turkey dinner which was served at the Carter home . . . Mrs. O. R.

Tipps was delightful hostess to the Wednesday Bridge Club and guests Wednesday when she entertained at the home of Mrs. W. Coffee, jr. with four tables of bridge . . . Mrs. Parker Rampley and Mrs. Ennis Walker visited Mrs. J. C. Welch Thursday . . . Eudene, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watters, has been real sick several days . . . Arthur Bingham went to Quitaque with a bale of cotton Saturday . . . Ginnings pass 5,000 at Quitaque . . .

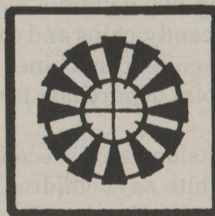
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
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### THIRD SIX WEEKS

Second Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Jessi Lewis, Emily Long, Molly Stinson, Logan Fabela

Third Grade--True Burson, Tyler Garvin, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

Fourth Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Lindsey Mullin

Fifth Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed

Sixth Grade--Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Eighth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Ninth Grade--John Arnold, Krystle Clinton, Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Jenny Young, Kassie Strange

Tenth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Eleventh Grade--Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Twelfth Grade--Charlie Bomar, Lisa Comer, Nathan Francis, Sara Kirchoffner

### FIRST SEMESTER

Second Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Logan Fabela, Wendy Garcia, Jessi Lewis, Emily Long, Molly Stinson

Third Grade--True Burson, Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange, Townlii Ziegler

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## Clarendon College Offers Spring Classes in Silverton

Clarendon College is offering spring courses for Silverton area residents during the Spring 2000 semester.

Computer Applications I and Medical Terminology are being offered via the Internet through web-based learning at Clarendon College.

Computer Applications I provides hands-on experience for students to acquire basic skills in the use of a computer and commonly used software. Medical terminology is a study of medical vocabulary.

Clarendon College also is offering College Algebra daily from 1:25 to 2:10 p.m.

General registration for spring classes is January 17-18 with classes beginning on January 18.

To enroll in classes, students must provide an official copy of a high school transcript or GED

### Letter to the Editor

We have a comment: for those of us who don't live in Silverton, it would be nice to know what kind of accident or injury people had. All we read is the Thank you notes and then we try to figure out what happened.

It's great to live in a small town where everyone knows what happened so you don't need to print it; for us out-of-town folks, we are at a disadvantage. We do enjoy reading old home news! Even if we don't know what happened.

Thanks,  
Sandra and Jim Steele

certificate, college transcripts and Clarendon College admission forms. Students must also provide ACT, SAT and TASP scores, if available.

To register for a course or for more information, contact Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

### Town Meeting to Provide Information On Jobs, Salaries

A Town Meeting at the Formby Unit, 970 County Road AA, will be held at 6:00 p.m. January 19, 2000 to provide information on salary, benefits, job descriptions, requirements and application procedures to prospective applicants for training for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - International Division by the Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs.

Testing will be held January 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Region V Office, 304 West 6th Street; interviews will be conducted January 31, and class will start February 9. Applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED. Those interested should attend this Town Meeting or call Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs office at 806-354-6081.

*The Boy Scout movement was founded by Lord Baden-Powell of England. His army experience convinced him that British boys needed more physical training and experiences in outdoor life.*

*Food was first served on a commercial airplane in 1919.*

## Emergency Farm Meeting To Be Held January 14

Concern for the erosion of the entire area's economy will be bringing together producers from Oklahoma, West Texas and Eastern New Mexico at a meeting scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, at the A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, Texas.

Low prices for almost all commodities have dealt a massive blow to the nation's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry and thus the economy.

Farm and trade policy will see major changes this year. Hearings will soon begin that affect everyone, and they may take place with or without your input. New policies may be influenced by others who do not necessarily have the best interests of farm people at heart.

This meeting is designed to let numerous farm organizations

and/or independent farmers and ranchers have personal input into new farm policies.

The time has come for the collective thoughts of area producers to be heard as they speak from the heart about the future of agriculture. Together we can make a difference.

For additional information, contact Don Kimbrell, 806-948-1106.

## Cattle Market Up, Despite Drought

There is a bright spot in the livestock business despite the five-year drought that has plagued Texas, says information provided by Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag.

Extension beef economist Ernie Davis says there is a significant increase in the demand for beef for the first time since 1976. Davis predicts beef prices will continue an upward climb, with some of the highest prices to come during the fourth quar-

## WEATHER

24-HOUR JAN. WEATHER READING, 6:00 a.m.

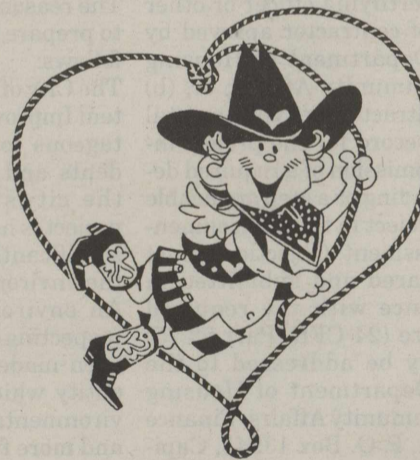
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Several factors are fueling the increased beef demand. Retailers helped get beef sales back by offering partially-prepared products that are ready to eat in 10 minutes.

# Grandparents!

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## Briscoe County News

**COMBINED NOTICE  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF  
NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
REQUEST RELEASE  
OF FUNDS**

Date: January 13, 2000

Name of City of Quitaque

Contractor: P. O. Box 427  
Quitaque, TX 79255-0427  
**TO ALL INTERESTED  
AGENCIES, GROUPS,  
AND PERSONS:**

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Quitaque, Quitaque, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 719679. Project Title: Sewer System Improvements

**Purpose:** The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Quitaque's sewer system by constructing a wastewater treatment plant.

**Location:** City of Quitaque, TX Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9501

**Estimated Cost of Project:** \$159,500.00 (\$151,905 TDHCA) (\$7,595 City of Quitaque)

**Finding of No  
Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Quitaque's Sewer System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's sewer system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Karen Babcock, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Quitaque.

**Public Comments on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned.

Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**

The City of Quitaque will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Wilburn Leeper, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Quitaque may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

**Objections to State  
Release of Funds**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or, (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Finance Division, P. O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**CERTIFYING OFFICER  
OF CONTRACTOR:**

Wilburn Leeper, Mayor  
Environmental Certifying  
Officer  
P. O. Box 427  
Quitaque, TX 79255-0427  
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*Time is the longest distance  
between two places.*

--Tennessee Williams

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Date: January 13, 2000

Name of City of Silverton

Contractor: P. O. Box 250

Silverton, TX 79257-0250

**TO ALL INTERESTED  
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AND PERSONS:**

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Silverton, Silverton, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 71961.

**Project Title:** Water System Improvements

**Purpose:** The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Silverton's water system by constructing a new elevated storage tank.

**Location:** City of Silverton, TX Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census tract 9502

**Estimated Cost of Project:** \$339,040.00 (\$250,000 TDHCA) (\$89,040 City of Silverton)

**Finding of No  
Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Silverton's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

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**CERTIFYING OFFICER  
OF**

**CONTRACTOR:** John Bowman  
Mayor  
Environmental Certifying  
Officer  
P. O. Box 250  
Silverton, TX 79257-0250  
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*You don't write because you  
want to say something; you write  
because you've got something to  
say.*

--F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Time heals what reason cannot.*

--Seneca

**Silverton School  
Lunch Menu**

Monday, Jan. 17--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday, Jan. 18--Beef and Cheese Chalupas with Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Milk, Brownie

Wednesday, Jan. 19--Chicken Tetrizini, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Fruit Roll-up

Thursday, Jan. 20--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Milk, Hot Rolls, Honey & Butter

Friday, Jan. 21--No School

**Silverton School  
Activities**

Thursday, Jan. 13--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14--Patton Springs here for games with Owls and Lady Owls, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15--Abernathy Power Lifting Meet

Monday, Jan. 17--Groom Junior High here for games with Owls and Lady Owls, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18--McLean here for games with Owls and Lady Owls, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20--Briscoe County Stock Show begins in Silverton

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21-22--Briscoe County Stock Show Continues; Kress Junior High Tournament

Monday, Jan. 24--Junior High Owls and Lady Owls at Lazbuddie, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25--Owls and Lady Owls at Motley County, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28-- Guthrie here with Owls and Lady Owls, 6:30

**Veterans Office  
Gets Clean Y2K  
Bill of Health**

Area veterans need not worry about Y2K computer problems affecting their benefits payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional office in Waco. All systems have been "checked, verified and issued a clean bill of health," according to facility Acting Director Larry Burks.

The regional office, at 701 Clay, Waco, Texas, is open for business.

"Computer systems at the facility are performing properly as the New Year begins," Burks said. "We've checked computer equipment, all electronics systems, elevators and power supplies, heating systems--virtually everything. Veterans can depend on us to deliver their benefits today and for the next century."

"The start of the new millennium should be an occasion for celebration and thanksgiving," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Togo D. West, jr., said. "At VA, our employees have been working for months to insure that it isn't a time of apprehension for our nation's veterans."

# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended January 6, 2000

The aggressive movement of U. S. cotton from producer to merchant, especially in West Texas, provided an opportunity for a large number of cotton sales this week.

Pentup producer selling resulted in significant sales in the spot cotton market. In fact, sales over TELCOT on Monday totaled 70,280 bales, the largest daily sales figure on the electronic marketing system in two years. In the four trading days ending January 6, an impressive 190,280 bales were sold over TELCOT, a substantial increase from the previous week's sales of 78,851. Producers selling their cotton on the system received average daily prices ranging from 35.64 to 36.64 cents per pound, compared to the previous week's range of 35.74 to 37.31 cents per pound.

Export sales were brisk as well, according to USDA. In the week ended December 30, net export sales of 1999-00 crop U. S. cotton totaled 124,600 bales, versus the previous week's total of 78,500 bales. Canada was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 26,500 bales.

Mexico and Hong Kong also were featured buyers.

Market talk this week centered on the prospect of a new home for a considerable amount of U. S. cotton in the upcoming season as China may revert from a cotton exporter to an importer.

According to the results of a planting intentions estimate by the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives, plantings in the top 10 cotton provinces could decline almost 15 percent in 2000-01, leaving the nation's cotton production at approximately 14.8 million bales. This data comes on the heels of a recent estimate by China's State Statistical Bureau that indicated China's 1999 crop may have fallen to only 17.45 million bales, down from USDA's most recent estimate of 19.0 million.

Considering that large Chinese stocks have been a major concern plaguing the international cotton market for the past year, the production decline is seen as a step in the right direction. Despite the large surplus of cotton, Chinese mills would like to import cotton due to a lack of attractive high-grade cotton in the country.

"Mills don't want to use old-cro Chinese cotton because of bale condition and color deterioration," a major cotton merchant said. China's mills could begin buying a fair amount of cotton in the spring of 2000 which could provide some support to world prices, according to the merchant.

"With the recent announcement of a smaller Chinese crop, I would not be surprised to see China import a modest volume of cotton this spring," he said. The big question now is whether China's government will allow mills to buy foreign cotton by relaxing tight restrictions on imports.

In other news, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) expects the recent decline in world prices to result in lower cotton plantings worldwide in 2000-01. ICAC noted that world cotton prices, as reflected by the Cotlook A Index, have been falling which should prompt farmers around the globe to plant less cotton.

The committee now forecasts 2000-01 world cotton production at 86.6 million bales. The lower world production figure, coupled with an expected rise in consumption at 89.8 million bales, would result in world ending stocks of 40.6 million bales, the lowest carryover in six years.

"Economic conditions in East Asia, Russia and Latin America continue to improve, and higher rates of economic growth are boosting cotton consumption," ICAC said.



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



### THE ROAD AHEAD

Like many, my teachers gave me a rich supply of wise sayings. One of my favorites went like this: "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

My mind kept turning to this saying during the recent New Year's celebration.

In the years leading up to 2000, I believe history has proven that Texas is on the right track.

The latest figures show that our gross state product exceeds one half trillion dollars. That's right, Texans are responsible for \$551 billion worth of business — the third largest state economy in the nation. Even though Texas is home to the most farms of any state in the nation, we are also becoming well-known as another Silicon Valley — rich in computers, cellular technologies and the human talent that seems to never stop inventing.

But like my teacher said, even though we are on the right track, we can't just sit there.

Thankfully, Texans have never been content sitting still. It's not in our nature.

So with the New Year's celebrations safely behind us, now is the time to lift our heads from the daily distractions and chart our journey into the new millennium.

As your Senator, the task before me is to chart our course in Washington, to find answers to the hard questions Congress will face this year on taxes, education priorities and economic, immigration and farm policies and others.

So on this important event, I want to share with you the broad goals on which I will focus in this new session of Congress so that we can keep America's star shining brightly far into the new millennium.

- Stronger Families — The family is the building block of this nation. No government worker or agency can ever replace a parent's wisdom. All government policies must be examined to see that they help, not hurt, families. That is why, for example, I will be working to eliminate the unfair marriage tax penalty.
- Stronger Economy — A healthy and free economy is the engine that makes possible everything our nation does. The government's first rule must be to help the economy grow stronger and more free. That is why education and low taxes are such high priorities of mine. Good schools help students realize their potential, creating the businesses that employ others. And low taxes help all businesses grow and stay competitive in an increasingly global market.
- Stronger Defense — Our powerful national defense prevents our nation from falling prey to others and it allows us to protect freedom-loving people the world over. A strong military is not something one simply creates. It must be sustained every day.

Because one in 14 Americans calls Texas home, our state is a big part of our nation's fabric of strong families and its strong economy and national defense. Texas and the rest of the nation have made unparalleled strides in the march to 2000.

Powered by this momentum and with the rest of our history before us, our future knows no limit.

We are on the right track, but we've still got miles to go. Let our rich past guide us in our journey forward.

Happy New Year!



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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Doris, my wife reminded me that my favorite paper had a red ring around it. So without further adieu enclosed is my check for \$16.50.

Since you are setting up all that new equipment, have you considered e-mail?

I graduated in 1951 so your Looking Back column sometimes brings back old memories.

Thanks for a great paper.

Ted Vardell

### Children's Money Choices Can Be Habit Forming

A recent survey by "Zillions" magazine found that children are spending more money on snacks than anything else. They're spending five dollars a week on drinks, candy, chips and cookies. School vending machines are a major point of purchase for these snacks.

Extension family economist Lynn White says children's current spending habits affect their lifetime financial well being. Imagine if a third-grader saved 50 cents each school day instead of dropping it into a coin slot. He could save 900 dollars by graduation.