

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



This issue of the newspaper is the last we will print in the twentieth century. That sounds auspicious, doesn't it?

Even though just about all we have been hearing for the last six months is the "new millennium" and "Y2K", it is an important milestone that we are passing with the dawn of a new year. I have confidence that all will be well with our electronic age of computer technology. After all, just about everyone who has a home computer probably updates it every year or two, anyway.

Every computer that goes on the shelf is just about obsolete when it arrives in the store, I am not to believe. I don't know how long there can continue to be a faster and better computer out there somewhere.

We will be upgrading again at the Briscoe County News in the next few weeks. We have never been able to get our new printer to work satisfactorily, and now the company has agreed to ship us a new one. We also will be upgrading the computer that produces the type for our newspapers. It is too slow, and I think needs a shot of B-12. (Maybe I need one, too.)

As we stand on this important threshold, we would like to remind our friends how special you are to us and how we couldn't get along without you. We wish you a New Year filled with good health, happiness and prosperity, a warm home filled with the wonderful aromas of good things cooking and the happy voices of children and relatives. May each of you attain what you most ardently desire in this New Year.

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The Amarillo Globe-News published its Six-Man Football Super game on Monday, and included on the second-team offense are Brian Francis, senior back, and John Ivory, junior end. Players Brian Groom and McLean dominated this elite dream team.

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The annual Hoot-Out tournament got underway here Monday, and both the Owls and Lady Owls were winners in their first-round games with Kress.

The Owls earned a 61-59 victory over the 'Roos, while the Lady Owls advanced in the tournament on a 65-28 win over the Lady Roos.

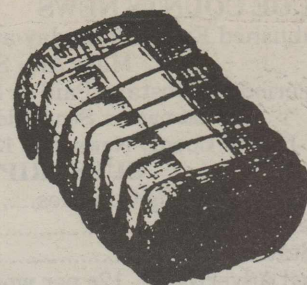
The other teams going into the winners bracket were Claude, Amarillo Trinity and Cotton Center (boys) and Claude, Amarillo Trinity and Hart (girls).

The concession stand is open and serving a lot of your favorite snacks. The tournament was to continue through the finals Wednesday at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. about the tournament



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No Caprock Jamboree Is Planned

The January First Saturday Caprock Jamboree in Silverton will not be held because the first Saturday is the first day of the new year 2000, and the Showbarn where the Jamboree is held is unavailable on that date.

The February show will go onstage as usual, and all other Jamborees will follow in the new year.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4.

Those who have January birthdays will be honored. The party will be hosted by those whose birthdays were celebrated in December.

Silverton ISD Classes Resume

Classes in the Silverton Independent School District will resume on Monday, January 3, at the regular time and with buses running as usual.

Rhoderick Irrigation Honored For Customer Service and Performance

Lindsay Manufacturing Company recently honored Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc. of Silverton with its Distinguished Performance Award at the company's annual convention in San Diego, California. This honor is given to Zimmatic irrigation dealerships that provide growers with top-notch customer service and have implemented high-performing marketing programs.

"During 1999, Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc. was very successful at helping growers save time, labor and money through Zimmatic's industry-leading line of automated irrigation equipment and products," said Bob Snoozy, Vice President of Sales. "Their partnership approach to customer service was a big reason for their success."



BETTY ANN STEPHENS

Tax Collector Is Seeking Re-election

Betty Ann Stephens has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that she is a candidate for re-election as Briscoe County tax collector.

In her statement, she said, "I am announcing that I am a candidate for re-election for Tax Assessor-Collector for Briscoe County."

"I have truly enjoyed serving as your Tax Assessor-Collector and will continue to do the very best I can. Your vote and support will be appreciated."

Zimmatic Dealers are a critical link in the chain between customers and Lindsay Manufacturing. Lindsay provides several product education and training seminars to the dealers who in turn pass the information on to their customers. Many dealers also provide customers with a hands-on training opportunity by hosting the Zimmatic Technical Training Center as part of a one-day irrigation equipment seminar.

Lindsay Manufacturing Company is a world leading manufacturer of irrigation equipment, including center pivots, towable pivots, lateral move and corner systems. Irrigation equipment produced by Lindsay Manufacturing is sold under the Zimmatic brand name.

TEXAS Audition To Be Held in Lubbock

The musical drama TEXAS is searching for singers, dancers, actors, technicians, and customer relations representatives to fill 140 paid positions with the nation's best attended outdoor musical drama. TEXAS is staged under the stars in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors each year.

TEXAS directors will hold an audition in Lubbock on Saturday, January 29, to select performers, technicians and customer relations representatives. The audition, to be held at Texas Tech University, is one of seven throughout the United States.

Selected talent will make the 35th Anniversary Season of TEXAS come alive in the Pioneer Amphitheatre. Last season, guests traveled from every state and 99 countries to see the production that is the official play of the State of Texas.

TEXAS cast and crew members receive expert instruction from Director Neil Hess as they unfold a tale of Texas Panhandle romance and history through song, dance and drama. The script was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Green specifically for the Palo Duro Canyon setting.

The latest in digital sound, lighting and pyrotechnics enhance the performances with special effects. A simulated thunderstorm scene seems so real, visitors often reach for umbrellas.

The script calls for 14 actors/actresses, 26 dancers, 34 singers, six instrumentalists, 17 technicians and 40 customer relations representatives. Rehearsals begin May 14, 2000 for the season that runs June 7 - August 19, 2000, Monday through Saturday.

Audition Requirements

• Individuals must bring a photo and references (non-returnable).

• Actors will present a memorized scene, not to exceed three minutes, that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

• Actors also should prepare a vocal number.

• Singers will present one number of their choice. No pop or rock hits. An accompanist will be provided or singer may bring one. All voice ranges are required in chorus, solos and men's quartets.

Vanessa Barbour Receives Degree

West Texas A&M University held commencement exercises at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum on Friday, December 17, 1999. Degrees were conferred in the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences, the College of Fine Arts and Humanities and the College of Business.

Vanessa LeAnn Barbour was one of 454 graduates receiving degrees. She received the bachelor of science degree in social work.

Attending the ceremony was Vanessa's husband, Shawn Barbour; her parents, Gary and Ramona Martin, and brothers, Matt and Dusty. Also attending were Mary Martin of Silverton; Mike, Sherrie and Shellie Martin and Zack and Andrew McCaslin of Tulia; David, Sharon and Lyndsey Williams of Midland; Mark, Jennifer, Dallas, Zack and Jaci Marley of Plainview; Steve and Debbie Barbour of Haskell and Louise Powell of Tulia.

To mark the auspicious occasion, Vanessa's family (led by her brothers at the prompting of Mary Lane Younger) cheered as she walked across the stage to receive her diploma.

• Singers also should prepare a one to two minute, memorized scene or monologue that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

• Dancers are auditioned as a group. Ballet or modern dance training required. Dancers should wear appropriate workout clothing and leather ballet or jazz shoes.

• Musicians experiences in string bass, acoustic guitar, banjo, accordion, or violin are urged to audition.

Dancers register at 10:00 a.m. and audition as a group at 10:30 a.m. Other performers, technicians and customer relations representatives register between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

• Technicians and Customer Relations Representatives will be interviewed during the Audition.

2000 Audition Sites include Lubbock - January 29; San Antonio-February 5; Dallas-February 19; Norman, Oklahoma-February 20; Denver, Colorado-February 26; Canyon-March 5; Chapel Hill, North Carolina-March 18.

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PEGGY STEWART

Memorial services for Maggie (Peggy) Stewart, 88, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Tulia with the Rev. James Wilborn officiating.

Mrs. Stewart died July 10, 1999 in Mercy Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

She was born Maggie Bozeman on August 11, 1910 in Pampa, the daughter of the late Annie Lou Kuykendall and George P. Bozeman.

On October 18, 1928, she married Archie Stewart in Tulia. They resided in the Valley View community until moving to Tulia in 1940. He died in 1978.

She had worked for Huxford's Department Store, Heard & Jones Drug Store and Lavelle's Department Store, retiring in

1974. She was a charter resident of Palo Duro Village Retirement Center in Canyon and moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma in 1994. While living in Tulia she was an active member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine.

Survivors include one daughter, Rheta Lee Doye of Ardmore; five grandchildren, Jack Ardis of Oklahoma City, Scott Ardis of Durango, Colorado, Cindy Comer of Silverton, Joan Pruett of Borger and Jana Rodgers of San Diego, California; and nine great-grandchildren, including Cy, Miles, Lisa, Chase and Max Comer.

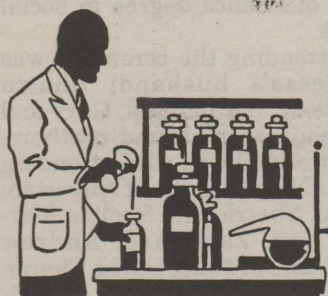
Memorials were suggested to the First United Methodist Church in Tulia.

BAINIE GARDNER

Graveside services for Bainie Gardner, 89, of Albuquerque, New Mexico and formerly of Levelland, were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday in the City of Levelland Cemetery. Burial followed under direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gardner died Wednesday, December 22, in Albuquerque.

She was born January 1, 1910 in Plainview. She moved to Albuquerque in 1997.



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Rock Creek Church of Christ

She was married to Dow Nix in 1928. They farmed east of Plainview. He preceded her in death. She later married Allen E. Gardner in 1962. He died in 1970.

While in Levelland, she and Mr. Gardner owned and operated the Levelland Daily Sun News. She was an accomplished artist and loved to play golf. She was preceded in death by her parents, L. D. and Lucy Griffin; her sisters, Ava Hammond and Stella Gregory; a brother, L. D. Griffin, and a nephew, Mikel D. Griffin.

She is survived by a daughter, Lou Wooten of Albuquerque, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Sydney Valentini and family of Albuquerque, Ava Bickel and family of Edmond, Oklahoma, Griff Wooten and family of Hillsboro, Oregon and Brett Wooten and family of Artesia, New Mexico; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Roberta Griffin of Silverton, Texas; and other family and friends who loved her and will miss her.

The family suggested memorials be made to Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, New York 10131-0112.

Time Out: Learn Ways To Save Time During The Holidays

(NAPS)—Here are some tools to help give you the gift of time this holiday season:

- Create an online holiday shopping list, which can help keep track of your gifts and your budget as well.
- Use an online address book to organize all the people on your cards and gift lists.
- Encourage your family and friends to create their own "wish lists" to help you know what to buy.

- Access "hot gift" sites for those hard-to-buy-for people.
- Send personalized electronic cards this year.

Web sites such as Santa.com can help give back some of the hours spent doing holiday activities. Online resources are available and can be easy to use. Those "behind-the-scenes" Santas can help find recipes for a holiday party, shop online, send electronic greeting cards, buy tickets to the Nutcracker Suite and find fun activities for the children at the touch of a button.

The many resources available online can help families plan their holiday and complete Christmas shopping in a fraction of the time—all from the comfort of home—without the frustrating traffic jams, never-ending check-out lines, and winter weather to battle.

One Internet resource specializes in recommending time-saving tools and tips to help consumers better enjoy their holiday season. For more ideas this Christmas, go to www.santa.com.

A cut and polished diamond will weigh half what it did in the rough.

Favorite Kid Foods Parents Will Agree On-The List May Surprise You

(NAPS)—Getting your kids to eat right can be a challenge: It's often a daily battle between parents and children over what to eat.

Because kids are at crucial developmental stages, it's important that they get a variety of nutrients such as protein, vitamins and minerals. But don't tell kids what they should be eating. They just want to eat what tastes good, whether or not it's good for them.

Child nutrition expert Keith Ayoob, Ed.D., R.D., assistant professor of pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, suggests four foods that will tempt kids and give parents peace of mind.

- **Eggs**—Kids and parents agree that eggs are great. According to a recent poll conducted by Innovative Media Research, more than 90 percent of parents report that they and their children enjoy eating eggs; however, 79 percent don't think it's okay for kids to eat eggs every day because they are too high in cholesterol.

"What many parents don't realize is that eggs provide a wealth of important nutrients, including high-quality protein and 13 vitamins and minerals that are essential for proper growth and development," says Dr. Ayoob. "Years of scientific research shows that eating eggs every day does not significantly raise blood cholesterol levels in healthy individuals."

- **Chocolate milk**—"Drink your milk" is a plea that many kids hear from their parents every day. The great news is chocolate milk offers the same nutrition benefits as regular milk—and most kids love it. Available in low-fat and fat-free varieties, chocolate milk is a good calcium and protein source for growing bones and teeth, and the chocolate contains antioxidant nutrients, which may support heart health.

Dr. Ayoob recommends this healthful and economical serving tip: "Purchase plain milk of your choice and add chocolate powder or syrup. This way you can adjust the amount of chocolate and choose the fat content of the milk. Your kids will never know the difference."

- **Peanut butter**—A peanut butter and jelly sandwich can be a lunch box staple for the fussiest of eaters, but parents may shy away because it is high in fat and calories. "What most parents don't realize is that peanut butter is a good source of protein and that the fat is mostly heart-healthy monounsaturated fat."

Peanut butter also contains vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin E, which are important for growing children. But what about the calories? Dr. Ayoob suggests that parents stick to the two tablespoon serving size.

- **Macaroni and cheese**—"Many kids turn up their noses to a number of foods, so it can be a challenge to make sure they're meeting their protein needs," says Dr. Ayoob. Happily, macaroni and cheese is a food that most kids love and one that provides a good source of protein. For a Mac and Cheese dish with extra nutrition, Dr. Ayoob recommends that busy parents add kid-friendly veggies, such as broccoli, peas or shredded carrots.

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LOOKING BACK

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December 28, 1989--First Six-Man Super Team chosen this year. McLean dominated the six-man football scene this season and it was no surprise that the Tigers dominated the inaugural Amarillo Globe-News Six-Man Super Team. The team is coached by Jerry Miller, brother of Silverton's Coach Ronnie Miller, and he was named Coach of the Year. Linebacker Bradley Brunson was selected as Defensive Player of the Year. Frank Lowrey, who made 85 tackles and recovered two fumbles, was a lineman . . . Winners named in the Briscoe County "Big Buck" contest included Wesley Lacy of Corsicana, who killed a nine-point buck on the Mike Smith ranch in Eastern Briscoe County to win the non-resident award; Mike Smith, the county resident winner, received a shoulder mount of his 15-point deer. Lynn Kill, manager of Cherokee Ranch, won second place with a 10-point deer which had a 28 3/4 inch spread. John Grady was the third-place resident with a 10-point deer with 31 1/2 inch spread. The fourth-place deer was killed by Jim Cogdell. It was a 10-pointer with 21 1/4 inch spread . . . Pvt. Epifanio M. Garza has completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri . . . Mitch and Angie Martin of Tulia are parents of a daughter, Kassidy Ann . . .

December 27, 1979--Cynthia Edwards is junior division winner in the state "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest . . . Bill Cushing, 71, buried Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oford King returned home Tuesday of last week after he had undergone open heart surgery December 12 in an Amarillo hospital . . . Lee Ann McMurtry to marry John Ted Nuckols . . . Evangelist Don Martin and family will be conducting revival services at the Assembly of God December 30 - January 6 . . .

December 6, 1979--Greg Hill was named to the first All-North Zone team as an offensive guard and as a defensive down lineman to become part of a select group of District 2-B football players. Also named to the first team as two-way players were John Steffens of Nazareth as quarterback and end; Jeff Schmucker of Nazareth as tight end and defensive back; Dale Wilhelm of Nazareth as tackle and down lineman; Ray Williams of Valley as running back and linebacker, and Brum Pinkerton of Valley as center and linebacker. Others named to the first offensive team from Silverton were Nicky McJimsey, split end; Bill Denton, tackle, and Mike Cornett, guard. Named to the second team were Paul Brannon, quarterback; Mark Brown, running back, and Roger Cantwell, center. Silver-

ton players named to the first defensive team were Kelly Comer, linebacker, and Diji Couch, end. Named to the second defensive team was Zane Reagan, down lineman . . . Junis Hutsell returns to WTSU as a student after 26-year absence . . .

December 17, 1959--Debbie Dickerson, Kathy and Joni Self and Venita and Marsha Teeple participated in the grade school recital of Mrs. Record, piano teacher in Lockney, Sunday . . . A Lanham family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Becky . . . R. L. Hill, manager of Silverton Cop Elevator, Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie May and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt attended the annual meeting of Producers' Grain Corporation in Amarillo last week . . . U. D. Brown came home on "furlough" from the Amarillo Veterans Hospital early last week . . .

December 24, 1959--Funeral services held in Tulia for Mrs. W. T. May, 91, who had lived in the area since 1901 . . . The Silverton boys beat Happy for first place in the local basketball tournament, and the Silverton girls won second after losing to Claude, 48-28. Placed on the all-tournament boy team were Bobby Crass, Larry West; Richard Bowe, Happy; Raymond Lewis, Quitaque; and Bob Smith, Sudan. Selected for the girls all-tournament team were Jimmie Nell Reynolds; Betty Ransom, Claude; Orlean Humphreys, Sudan; Donna Dye, Claude; Wanda Powell, Sudan; Jane Dorris, Happy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hale are parents of a daughter, Donna Jean . . . Mrs. W. A. McJimsey honored her son, Harvey McJimsey, and her daughter, Helen McJimsey, with a birthday dinner . . .

December 15, 1949--Ordinance prohibits firecrackers fired within city . . . Tulia defeats Silverton Owls 40-31 Tuesday night . . . Phone company announces plans for dial system and cable expansion . . . Winfield Scott Dunham fatally injured by road maintainer . . . Cotton ginning report shows 9,656 bales for county . . . Bobby McWilliams, who has been in the navy for the past two years, has returned home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance made a trip to Lone Star Sunday to see his parents . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harley Redin of Plainview are parents of a son, Kenneth Lee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt Sunday . . .

December 22, 1949--The second and third grades have chosen room mothers. Those chosen for the second grade are Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mrs. Gordon Montague, Mrs. Arnold Brown

and Mrs. Carver Monroe. Chosen by the third grade are Mrs. Curtis Bingham, Mrs. Dee McWilliams, Mrs. J. C. Jarnagin and Mrs. W. E. Schott. . . Drive for funds to improve cemetery and employ full-time keeper . . . Ben O. King installing new fixtures in barber shop . . . T. C. Bomar and daughter, Mary Tom, were transacting business in Amarillo Thursday . . . Tom Brooks, son of Jim Brooks, and nephew of Mrs. Clyde Hutsell, is home for the holidays from Borger . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Masey of Pensacola, Florida are parents of a son . . . Road completed to Boy Scouts swimming pool . . . Mrs. A. C. Arnold was honored on her 81st birthday with a family reunion given by her daughter, Mrs. Carl Hall of Melrose, New Mexico . . . Permit granted bus line; buses to run soon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orvil

McGowen of Plainview spent Thursday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self . . .

November 23, 1939--Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crowe celebrate golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Potter married fifty-seven years . . . N. R. (Jake) Honea received painful injuries Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a car on the Silverton streets . . . Minyard Long is staying at the J. H. Burson Ranch with Thomas Olive . . .

November 30, 1939--Odus Gregg was on the promotion list recently issued by the professor of Military Science and Tactics at John Tarleton College. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the ROTC unit . . . Miss Gaynelle Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas, who will receive her bachelor of arts degree at West Texas State College in June, is among those stu-

dents who will be listed in the 1939-40 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Fred Lemons has a new car. And he almost overdid it. He bought one so long that the back end sticks out in the driveway of the garage. Now he is planning to build a bigger garage . . . Hatch Anderson is going to Edwards County to do a little deer hunting. Josephine is going to the A&M - Texas football game while he is hunting the dears." . . .

December 1, 1939--Coach Durham revealed that five Silverton players were named to the all-district first team. They were Grady Martin, end; Johnny Quillen, tackle; O. C. Rampley, halfback; Hank Brown, fullback; W. L. Perry, guard. All were unanimous choices of the district coaches . . .

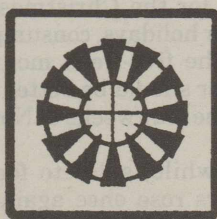
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Happy Anniversary-

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman

December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Brian Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell

January 1--Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks

January 2--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed

Happy Birthday-

December 31--Rob Weaks

January 1--Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys

January 2--Cade Holt

January 3--Shawn Johnson, Rene Rampley, Luree Burson

January 4--John Colby McCoy, Wynter Dudley, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Abel Asebedo, Jon Ivory, Gail Arnold

January 5--Amy Fuston, Glenda May, Angie Aguilar

Silverton School Activities

Saturday, January 1--Dawson, here, 5:00, Owls and Lady Owls

Monday, January 3--Hedley JH here, 5:30 p.m.; Corley Financial Aid for Seniors and Parents, Cafe., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4--Hedley, here, 5:00 p.m.; Owls and Lady Owls

Friday, January 7--Motley County, here, 4:00, Owls and Lady Owls

Saturday, January 8--Plainview Power Lifting Meet

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, January 3--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit, Cookie

Tuesday, January 4--Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Corn, Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk, Brownie

Wednesday, January 5--Burritos with Hot Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Chips, Milk, Fruit Roll-ups

Thursday, January 6--Steak Fingers with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, January 7--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit and Jello

Web Watch

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 23, 1999

Market activity was mired in holiday dullness this week as the lackluster trade that has dominated the U. S. cotton market for several weeks continued. Neither a bearish November consumption report nor a bullish export sales figure could prompt a strong move in either direction. In fact, most large players have decided to stay away from the market and wait until the New Year holiday and year 2000 worries subside.

The Census Bureau's monthly cotton consumption report showed a drop in cotton use for the month of November. The annualized figure of 10.13 million bales was below the revised October number of 10.22 million but met most expectations, according to the National Cotton Council (NCC).

November was a slow month partly because of mill closings during the Thanksgiving holidays. Continued competition from cheap Asian textile imports also affected domestic cotton use and textile production.

"Some mills grappled with a build-up in inventories in November, a result of the stiff competition from lower-priced imported Asian textile goods that continue to flow into the United States," one analyst said.

Despite the lower annualized number, some market watchers were relieved. Analysts noted that some industry observers had anticipated annualized mill use for the month might fall below 10.0 million bales. Weak mill demand still prompts some analysts to question whether USDA's 1999 consumption forecast of 10.2 million bales will come to fruition.

Observers also are wondering how financial troubles plaguing underwear maker Fruit of the Loom will affect overall U. S. consumption. The company, which is estimated to use 800,000 bales of cotton each year, could file for bankruptcy in January. Some market watchers said these problems might not yet be factored into the U. S. market.

On the bright side, December cotton consumption is expected to improve, partially because it is a longer month. In spite of mill closings for the Christmas and New Year holidays, consumption during the five-week month of December should be better than that in the four weeks of November.

Meanwhile, sales to foreign customers rose once again this week as net U. S. export sales for the week ended December 16 were recorded at 185,300 bales versus 158,300 bales the previous week. Mexico was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 44,900 bales.

Turkey and South Korea rounded out the list of top buyers with purchases of 31,400 and 26,100 bales, respectively. In addition, USDA reported net new sales of 12,400 bales for delivery in the 2000-01 marketing season.

Spot cotton sales also were healthy this week, as 59,098 bales were sold on TELCOT in the five trading days ended December 23. The figure is down from the previous week's sales of 63,769 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 34.38 to 36.27 cents per pound versus a range of 35.13 to 36.82 the prior week.

In world news, the potential for smaller crops in China and South America has captured the attention of industry observers as it could signal future export sales for the United States. Last week, a USDA attache' report cut China's 1999-2000 cotton production to 18.4 million bales compared to the previous 18.9 million bale estimate. Higher Chinese cotton prices and lower supplies of high grades in the country have piqued the interest of observers as well.

Observers also noted production problems remain in South America where some cotton growing areas have experienced dry conditions. The lack of precipitation there has prompted concern for recently planted crops. Thus far, however, those concerns have not translated into higher world prices for cotton.

WEATHER

24-HOUR DECEMBER READINGS

6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	62	29	
2	68	44	
3	66	30	
4	65	26	.06
5	35	19	.50
6	44	19	
7	52	23	
8	64	28	
9	64	29	.18
10	43	23	.12
11	50	23	
12	51	30	
13	50	20	
14	58	20	
15	42	16	
16	51	15	
17	55	24	
18	57	32	
19	50	33	
20	53	22	
21	35	13	.21
22	30	16	
23	40	21	
24	55	25	
25	56	24	
26	53	31	
27	56	26	
28	56	27	

Total December Precip.	1.07
Total Snow	12"
Normal Dec. Precip.	.68
Total Precipitation Rec'd Year to Date	19.54
Normal Precipitation Year to Date	21.22

Most experienced beekeepers handle bees and honeycombs with their bare hands. Gloves are clumsy and would soon become covered with sticky honey.

The expression riffraff came to English from the French rife raf, meaning one and all.

New Year's Greetings To All

May your fondest hopes and dreams be realized in 2000. We wish you a bright and exciting new year.

Thank you so much for letting us serve you.

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Tulia, Texas



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



AMERICA'S ROLE

Future historians will have a hard time describing America's role in the world today. That is because no single country has ever exercised as much economic, cultural and military power as America does.

Our nation is often called upon to help settle conflicts, assist in natural disasters and make financial contributions.

Deciding how to best use our global power is one of the most important issues we face. We must prioritize our military missions. If we do not, our troops' combat edge may be dulled and military funds needed to maintain our armed forces' technological edge will be diverted.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military and foreign policy issues. Your answers will help me better understand the kind of role you believe America should shoulder in the world.

As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's help in printing this survey.

1) This year Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. More than two dozen countries have ballistic missile technology and nations like Iran and North Korea are building missiles with longer and longer ranges. Some may soon be able to strike the U.S. with missiles that can carry nuclear, chemical and biological warheads.

The U.S. has been prohibited from building a shield against such threats because of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty signed with the Soviet Union which intentionally left both nations vulnerable to each other's nuclear arsenal. But the Cold War is over and new threats are growing.

On a scale of 1-10, "1" being the most important and "10" being the least, how important is it for the United States to go ahead and build a missile defense system to protect the nation? _____

Would you feel differently if building this system forced us to withdraw from the ABM treaty? ☐ YES ☐ NO.

If the United States does build this missile defense system, should we share it with our overseas allies such as Taiwan, Europe and Japan? ☐ YES ☐ NO

2) The U.S. is the world's last remaining superpower. We are capable of deploying troops to almost every crisis in the world. But if we are not careful, we could over-extend our troops and weaken our ability to respond to the big crises that demand a superpower's attention.

Please rank the importance of the following regions, with "10" being the most important and "1" being the least important region:

____ EUROPE - Our 50-year involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our historic ties to Western Europe.

____ ASIA - Our long-standing treaties with allies Japan and South Korea, our special commitment to Taiwan and the rise of a more powerful China.

____ RUSSIA - Helping Russia's transition from communism to democracy and a free market and trying to contain the proliferation of its nuclear arsenal.

____ LATIN AMERICA - Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Columbia and ensuring the security of the Panama Canal.

____ MIDDLE EAST - Our long-time commitment to Arab-Israeli peace and our protection of Persian Gulf oil supplies.

3) The U.S. has deployed troops to humanitarian crises in countries like Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo and Bosnia which do not directly threaten our national security interests. Our leadership on these missions is expected by other nations and has temporarily stopped civil wars. But it has come at a cost, diminishing our military readiness. Recently, for example, two Army divisions were declared unfit for combat partly because of their peacekeeping duties.

Which is most important (you may choose more than one):

____ PARTICIPATE IN MORE PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS ____ GUARD OUR TROOPS' COMBAT EDGE ____ URGE ALLIES TO HANDLE MORE PEACEKEEPING

Please clip this survey from the newspaper and mail it to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I always look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Holidays!

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The word barometer is derived from the greek word *baros*, or weight. Thus a barometer is a device for measuring the weight of atmosphere.



The term skyscraper was first applied to The Auditorium building. Built in Chicago it was completed in 1889. It was ten stories tall.

The three metropolitan areas with the highest projected job growth in the next thirty years are all in Florida. They are Punta Gorda, Orlando and Naples.

IMPORTANT YEAR 2000 INFORMATION From

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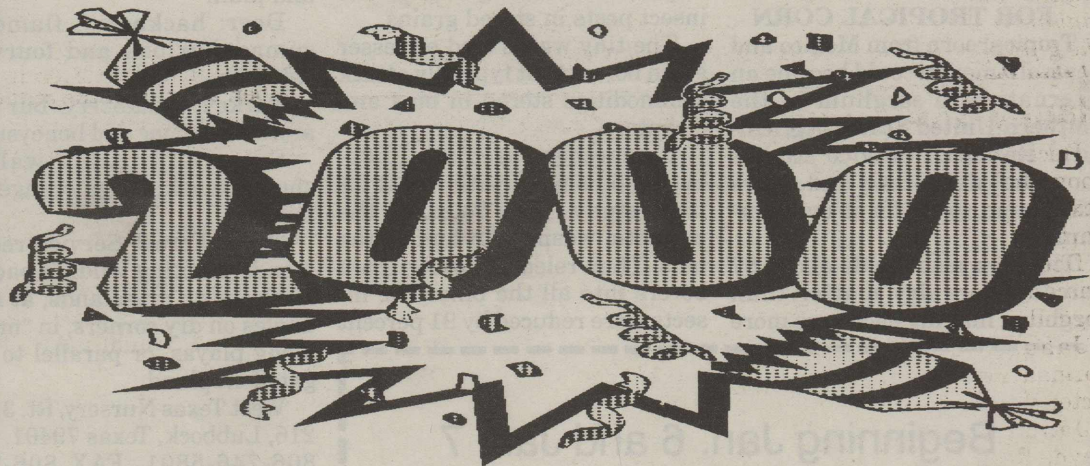
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and that the good times
continue into the
days to come.

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Briscoe County News

Charles and Mary Ann

Texas Agricultural Extension Service

The Texas A&M University System

News Provided by Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag

Forecasts based on the El Nino phenomenon might help farmers better manage cold-weather crops like winter wheat.

USDA Agricultural Research Scientists analyzed 103 years of climate data and found evidence of higher winter wheat yields during El Nino's cool, wet winters and lower yields during LaNina's warm, dry winters. The current LaNina that began in the spring of 1998 suggests warm and dry conditions over the winter wheat belt in the coming months. This led some to believe that interseasonal climate predictions may be possible. So, ARS scientists are studying how such predicts might be used by farmers.

Researchers turned to the ocean because these weather phenomena are usually rooted in sea-surface temperature variability. They plan to search ocean temperature and air pressure records over the past century for clues. Researchers also will test how farmers might best use the forecasts, using computer simulations to track a farming career with and without seasonal forecasts.

CATTLE HAVE APPETITE FOR TROPICAL CORN

Tropical corn from Mexico and Central America could become an alternative to sorghum in the southern United States. Agricultural Research Service studies show that dairy cows and steers alike seem to prefer it over sorghum.

The corn also yields about 87 percent more dry matter than sorghum, making each acre more

productive. In the studies, dairy cows ate so much tropical corn silage that their milk production increased 10 to 20 percent.

Tropical corn silage also appealed to steers. Tests of its nutritional value showed it to be slightly less digestible than forage-type sorghum. But the steers ate more of the tropical corn, evening out the digestibility difference. Tropical corn works best in the southern United States. The long days and long growing season in the South substitute for its native climate. The corn is planted in June and harvested in October. Farmers would make and store tropical corn silage in October. In the corn stubble, they'd plant winter wheat. Alternating tropical corn and the winter crop would protect the ground from erosion and give cows two quality feeds.

WEE WASPS VANQUISH BIG BAD BEETLES

Good things really do come in small packages. Just ask USDA Agricultural Research Service entomologists in Manhattan, Kansas. They found that tiny, normally harmless wasps about a quarter-inch long can control insect pests in stored grains.

The tiny wasps feed on lesser grain borers that typically attack commodities stored in bins and elevators.

Researchers used six 1,000-bushel bins filled with wheat for their study. They released the parasitic wasps into half of the bins. They released lesser grain borers into all the bins. The insects were reduced by 91 percent

Wildlife Packets Help To Establish Habitat

Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners. And whether it's deer in central Texas or quail and pheasant on the Plains, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are available to assist landowners in creating habitat.

Now is the time for landowners to order wildlife packets from West Texas Nursery before species are sold out, says Ray Crager, Texas Forest Service silviculturist.

Since 1978, West Texas Nursery has been growing high-quality, adaptable seedlings for two-thirds of the state to be planted as conservation windbreaks and wildlife habitat.

Four wildlife packets are available: Quail/Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bare-root deciduous trees and shrubs that cater specifically to the habitat needs of their labeled species. Each \$46-packet includes the following trees:

Quail/Pheasant: Russian olive, aromatic sumac, nanking cherry and plum

Deer: hackberry, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and fourwing saltbush

Turkey: hackberry, bur oak, aromatic sumac and honeysuckle

Squirrel: little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange and bur oak

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks on grasslands, at right angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated cropland.

West Texas Nursery, Rt. 3, Box 216, Lubbock, Texas 79401, TEL 806-746-5801, FAX 806-746-6610, <http://txforestservice.tamu.edu>.

USDA Helps Rural Health Providers

One health care facility often serves an entire rural community. USDA Secretary for Rural Development, Jill Long Thompson says that's why it's critical to insure that rural customers receive the same quality health care after January 1 as before December 31. Rural health care providers who experience Y2K computer problems can apply for financial assistance through a new USDA program. The emergency credit will provide them with working capital to keep their facilities running while they fix any Y2K problems. The funds may be used to pay employee wages, utility expenses, medical and office supplies, and computer upgrades.

in the treated bins. The wasps stay outside the grain kernels while feeding. So they are easily removed when grain is cleaned in flour mills. Insect damage in wheat cost the U. S. wheat industry millions of dollars annually.

Collaboration to Help Thwart The Food-Borne Pathogens

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Retailers have long desired a way to produce fresh-cut tomatoes and melons safely. But these fruits have long been associated with food-borne illnesses from Salmonella contamination.

High-quality, fresh-cut melons and tomatoes that are free of pathogens is the goal of a joint research project between Agricultural Research Service scientists and industry cooperators.

Previously ARS studies have shown limitations with conventional washing and sanitizing agents. So, they plan to develop new methods for reducing or removing pathogenic bacteria from fresh-cut fruits. These methods will be alternatives to common washing agents like chlorine. The research will allow fresh-cut products available to a larger group.

SSI for Children With Disabilities

By Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Many people know that Social Security makes payments to aged, disabled or blind people under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. But did you know that children also can qualify for SSI if they meet Social Security's definition of disability? The child and his or her parents must have little income and resources.

A child is considered disabled if he or she has a physical or mental condition (or a combination of conditions) that can be medically proven and that results in marked and severe functional limitations. This condition(s) must have lasted or be expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.

In order to properly evaluate the child's disability, Social Security will need as much infor-

mation as possible about his or her condition. We will ask you for: a history of the condition; medical treatments given; names, addresses and phone numbers of medical providers including dates of treatment and patient identification numbers; and schools attended.

In addition, to determine SSI eligibility, we will ask about: the income of the child's parents; the things the parents own (resources); living arrangements of the child; and citizenship status of the child.

For more information, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for a copy of the brochure, *Benefits for Children with Disabilities* (SSA Pub. No. 05-10026). You may also visit our website at: www.ssa.gov.

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Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
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Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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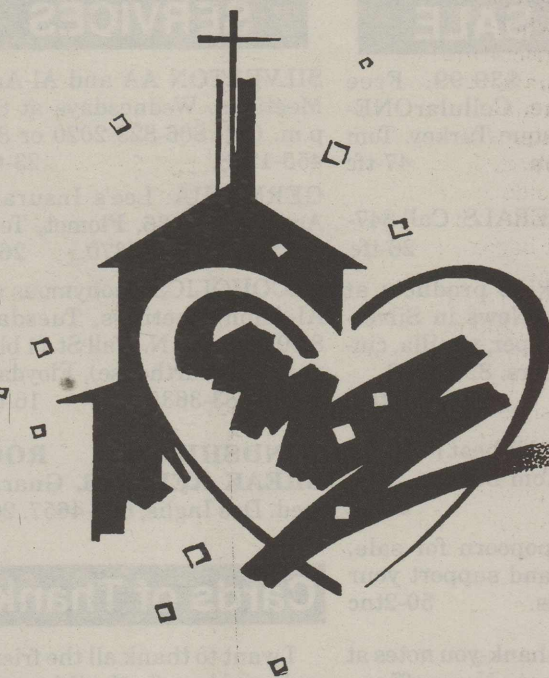
Unconditional Love

Every so often you hear about a couple who separate or divorce, and it seems that all the love they had for each other is suddenly gone. One can't seem to find anything good to say about the other, and it may even appear that they were never really in love. It seems that human love is conditional and dependent upon how well one is treated.

Our Lord is aware of our frailties, and perhaps that is why we are told repeatedly in the Bible to love one another, and if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is perfected in us. It's a blessing to know that God's love is divine and unconditional. He continues to love and bless us even when we sin or separate ourselves from Him. God's great commandment to us is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And similarly, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you.*

R.S.V. 1 Thessalonians 4:12



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Everything is appreciated very much.

Elzora Gallington

We just want to say thank you for all the phone calls and words of concern for my Dad while he was in the hospital and since his return to the Home. Your prayers are so deeply appreciated. Please continue to pray for him. Thanks to Bro. Randy for all he has done for us.

Thanks,
Dwain, Shirley, Wayne, Zane and 50ryA

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to apologize for not getting Kindergarten's letters to Santa in last week's paper. Unforeseen weather circumstances prevented me from getting them to the news office on Monday. (Darrell had the Pathfinder.) I did fax them to Santa before Christmas and received a confirmation back that he received the fax. Please accept my apologies!

Dianne Reynolds

We really appreciate the acts of kindness shown us at the death of our sister, Oneta Sanders. The flowers, cards, calls and kind words meant so much to us. We are so thankful to live where people still care about others. God bless all of you.

Clifton and Joy Stodghill

With deepest gratitude we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy expressed by thoughtful friends and neighbors in our recent sorrow. For the food, cards and floral offerings we are deeply grateful. To Donnie Martin and Ted Kingery for staying with us through the surgery; to Leon Lavy for his kind offer. Your kindnesses have meant so much to us.

The family of
Billy Wayne Garvin
Peggy Garvin
Scott, Tyler and Reba Garvin
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Dwain, the boys and I would like to say thank you for all the love and concern shown to us before, during and after Dwain's surgery. Thanks for all the flowers, cards, phone calls and food.

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special Angel.

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Dwain, Shirley,

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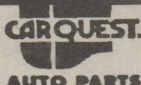
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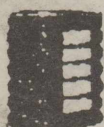
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