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## April Weather Colder, Wetter On South Plains

Weather across the Texas South Plains during April 1997 was significantly colder and wetter than normal.

Temperatures averaged 6.6 degrees below normal and ranged from 7.8 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 5.2 degrees below normal at Morton.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 50.4 degrees, which was almost three degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 8.9 degrees below normal and ranged from 10.8 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 7.1 degrees below normal at Levelland. The highest temperature reported during the month was 91 degrees at Big Spring on the 20th and also at Jayton on the 29th.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 63.9 degrees, which was almost three degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 4.2 degrees below normal and ranged from 5.1 degrees below normal at Hereford to 2.2 degrees below normal at Morton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 18 degrees at Dimmitt on the 12th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 36.9 degrees, which was almost three degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 3.87 inches above normal and ranged from .94 inch above normal at Lamesa to 8.72 inches above normal at Crosbyton.

Silverton received 6.40 inches of rainfall during April, which was .32 of an inch above the South Plains average.

Snowfall totals from April 25: one inch at Dimmitt; four inches at Friona and 7.5 inches at Hereford.

## Certified Nurse Aid Class To Begin May 27

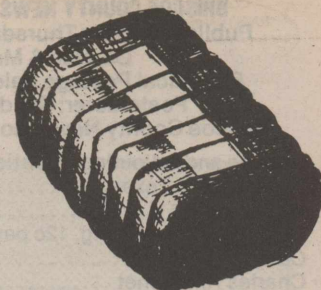
Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Class. The CNA class will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health, and private care setting.

The class is five weeks long and is limited to 12 students.

The course will begin on Tuesday, May 27. To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

## Group To Decorate For Athletic Banquet

All parents of Silverton School athletes and all Booster Club members are asked to meet at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the school cafeteria to decorate for the banquet which will be held Saturday night.



# Briscoe County News

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## Senator Hutchison Says Decision On CRP is Victory For The Farmers

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison has hailed a Senate Appropriations Committee decision to maintain the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) at its current levels in the Fiscal 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill as a victory for farmers.

"Farmers in Texas and all over the United States are the winners in this decision," Senator Hutchison said. "This program is crucial to the continued development of a healthy agricultural economy in our country."

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee placed a provision in its Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill that would have limited the number of acres eligible for enrollment in the CRP. April 29 Senator Hutchison and 26 other senators, representing both political parties, wrote to Committee Chairman Senator Ted Stevens opposing the reduction.

"The limits imposed by the House panel would have had an extremely unfortunate impact on the quality of agriculture and the environment in Texas," Senator Hutchison said.

"This cap would have crippled USDA's efforts to mitigate soil erosion, address water quality issues and improve wildlife habitat," she said. "According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, this provision would have affected one million acres in Texas alone. And in vain, because the reduction in CRP acres would

not have provided any savings in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill," she said.

Senator Hutchison led the effort to keep this provision out of the Senate bill.

## Blood Drive Here Next Wednesday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will conduct a blood drive in Silverton from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the City Hall.

Blood Center officials say that there was an excellent turnout here in January, and they are hoping for a repeat of this.

## Scholarship To Be Given By Caprock SWCD

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District has announced that it will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior this year.

Applicants must reside in Briscoe County and be graduating seniors during the spring of 1997.

Applications for the scholarship may be picked up at the school counselor's office or at the Natural Resource Conservation Service office, 410 Lone Star, Silverton.

Applications are due at the NRCS office by Wednesday, June 4, 1997. More information may be obtained by calling the NRCS office at 823-2320.

## Cemetery Annual Meeting is May 8

The Annual Meeting of the Silverton Cemetery Association will be held Thursday night, May 8, in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The business meeting will start after the preparation of the annual mailout, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

The terms of Directors James Edwards, Carolyn Lowrey and J. D. Nance are expiring. An election will be conducted to fill these positions.

Anyone who has family or friends buried in the Silverton Cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting. Your interest, participation and support is of great importance in the operation of the cemetery.

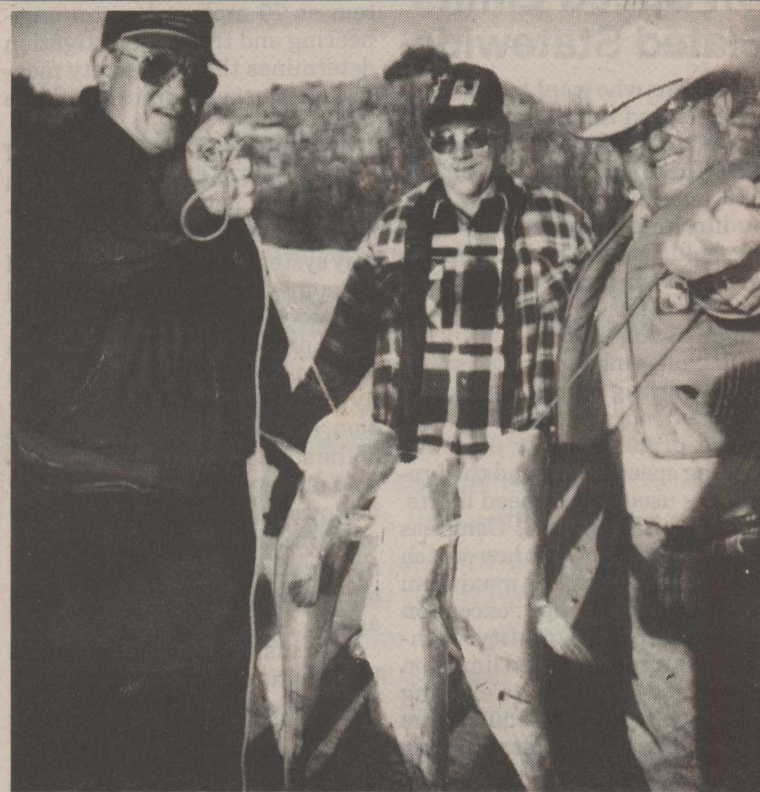
## Incumbents Are Re-Elected In Light Turnout

Incumbents on the board of trustees of Silverton Independent School District were re-elected Saturday in a light turnout of voters.

Perry Brunson polled 85 votes, while Tom Burson received 89. Challenger Norma Garcia received 50 votes.

Only the incumbents filed for places on the ballots of the City of Silverton and City of Quitaque, and under a new law, no elections were required.

John Bowman will continue to serve as Silverton's mayor, and Lane Garvin and W. D. Rowell will continue to serve as councilmen.



Richard Johnson, Paul Shelton and Jerry Baird are shown with a string of flathead catfish they caught at Lake Mackenzie. Shelton provided the fish which his brother, Calvin, cooked and served to members of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department at their regular meeting last week. Briscoe County News Photo

## Dirt Bike, ATV Poker Run Planned At Lake Mackenzie on May 18

There will be a Dirt Bike and ATV Poker Run at Lake Mackenzie on Sunday, May 18, with sign-in beginning at 8:00 a.m.

No entry fee is required for the event, but lake permits are required and are \$2.00 per day. Those 13 and under will be admitted free. The fee is \$2.00 per M/C or ATV per day and there is a \$3.00 per day camping fee if you remain overnight. All fees may be paid at the Cactus Cove Store.

A release form must be signed by parents for all minors.

Helmets are required. A riders' meeting will begin at

9:00 a.m. and the beginners' class starts at 9:30, including 1-2 miles on roads.

The novice class starts at 10:15 a.m. and will include six miles and two loops.

Expert class begins at 11:30 a.m. and will cover 10-20 miles.

Information may be had from Dan Hooks, 806-293-1420, at the Hooks Cycle Sales in Plainview.

Plan now to enjoy a fun day of racing 12 miles northwest of Silverton just off Highway 207.

## WEATHER

MAY 24-HOUR READINGS  
DAY HIGH LOW PRECIP.

1	72	50	
2	85	50	.14
3	71	41	
4	68	38	
5	76	48	
6	81	48	
Total May Precip.			.14
Normal May Precip.			3.11
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			8.89
Normal Precip. For			
Year to Date			6.78
Soil Temperature			60°

## 4-H To Have Bake Sale Saturday

Briscoe County 4-H will be having a bake sale Saturday, May 10, at Nance's Food Store beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Proceeds will be used to help fund the trip to State 4-H Roundup at College Station in June.

The County 4-H program appreciates the continued support from this community, said Calley Payne, County Extension Agent.

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## Town Meetings On Speed Limits Slated Statewide

Citizens who want to comment on the speed limits in Texas are invited to a town meeting scheduled Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the Childress City Auditorium. The meeting is being held by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The meeting, one of 25 statewide, is being held to get public comment on specific locations where problems may exist regarding speed limits and the procedures used to set speed limits.

In November 1995, Congress repealed the federal law which mandated a national maximum speed limit of 55 mph, except on rural Interstate quality highways. As a result, speed limits on Texas roads reverted to existing state law. Texas law requires the

Texas Transportation Commission to set speed limits on roadways on the state highway system at 70 mph unless an engineering and traffic investigation determines that, for safety measures, the speed limit should be lower.

Beginning in late summer of 1995 and continuing through mid-June 1996, TxDOT conducted studies on the state highway system to identify those road segments that should be posted at speed limits below the maximum provided by state law. As a result of those studies, and action by the transportation commission, approximately 30,000 miles of the state highway system roadway mileage now has speed limits lower than 70 mph. The 70 mph maximum speed limit is now in effect on about 62 percent of the state system highway mileage.

The installation of new speed limit signs was phased in over a nine-month period from December 1995 through August 1996.

"Moving motorists safely along Texas highways is a job we take very seriously," said David Laney, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "We need to hear from the people who drive the roads, know where problems may exist, and have an opinion on whether the posted speed is too slow or too fast, or just right."

The public input, along with

detailed crash studies, will provide comprehensive information for decision makers to help enhance the safety of Texas highways, Laney said.

Citizens are encouraged to call Georgann Burrell with TxDOT at 817-937-7195 for more information.

## CPR Classes Offered in May

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will offer the following CPR classes during May.

American Heart Association Adult, Infant/Child CPR will be taught on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Infant/Child CPR will be taught Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at RNR Training Center, Caprock Hospital Building, 901 W. Crockett, Floydada. For more information or to sign up for the class call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

## Boning Up On The Facts

Calley Payne  
 County Extension Agent

Coined by medical professionals as the "silent thief" due to its slow onset and lack of warning signs, osteoporosis costs the nation in hospital and nursing home bills more than \$10 billion annually. The disease is characterized by decreased bone mass and increased risk of fractures. A broken bone is often the first sign that there has been serious bone loss. But according to author Cornelia Ulrich, "many of the 1.5 million annual bone fractures attributed to osteoporosis might be reduced by committing to calcium-rich foods like milk and dairy products at an early age."

According to a recent study of more than 5,500 women from six countries in Southern Europe published in the *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, early milk drinking had a significant impact on hip fracture risk. The authors estimate that an adequate calcium intake from milk between 18 and 50 years of age decreased the risk of hip fractures by 35% in this study.

Another recent study, published in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, linked higher reported milk intake during the second decade of life with greater leg bone density. The researchers found that calcium intake from milk products was more strongly correlated with bone measurements than was total calcium intake. They assert that a potential reason for this finding may be that calcium from milk products is better utilized by the body than calcium from a combination of other foods and supplements.

### CALCIUM COUNTS

The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for calcium

varies from one age or stage of life to another. Adult women need 800 mg of calcium each day, which can be met by consuming at least three servings of dairy foods daily. Adolescents and young women 11 to 24 years need even more calcium: at least 1,200 mg or four servings of dairy daily.

However, some health organizations, including the National Osteoporosis Foundation and an expert panel convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1994, say the RDA for calcium is too low. They assert that the RDA focuses on the maintenance of calcium balance, but additional calcium--1,000 mg each day for adults--is required to maximize peak bone mass and minimize bone loss. NIH also recommends that adolescents

and young adults should aim for 1,200 to 1,500 mg per day.

### BE CHOOSEY

While many foods contain calcium, they are not created equally. Dairy products are the richest source of well-absorbed calcium, according to Connie Weaver, Ph.D., professor of foods and nutrition at Purdue University. For example, a person would need to consume nearly eight cups of spinach to absorb the amount of calcium absorbed from one cup of milk, she said. Spinach may offer calcium, but it also contains substances that can reduce absorption. Calcium found in other leafy greens may be better absorbed, but large quantities would need to be eaten to contribute sufficient amounts of calcium.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**May 7, 1987**--Record entries received for PTA's Little Wrangler Rodeo . . . Plaque soon to be ordered for donors to school auditorium air conditioning system . . . Bill Seaberg and his brother-in-law, Kerry Sarchet, established a new Lake Mackenzie record when they caught a 7 1/2-lb. black bass using a live minnow for bait . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bitner are parents of a daughter, Rikki Nicole . . . Santos Segura, Lyndall Ivory, Richie Hill, Tyra Younger, Mike Long, Melissa Garcia, Stacy Minyard, Paula Garvin and Stan Fogerson were judged best dressed in the JAMS DAY contest sponsored by the Student Council . . .

**May 12, 1977**--Birdie Susan Grabbe is valedictorian of the Class of 1977 with a scholastic average of 97.44. Salutatorian is Kimberly Kay Hutsell Mayfield, who has a scholastic average of 96.27. Dayne Mayfield is the highest-ranking boy in the class with an average of 94.21 . . . Don Fugett is new sheriff's deputy in Silverton . . . Silverton Mayor, Fred Mercer, receives first choice of Mackenzie Lake lots . . . Linda Vaughn triple jumped 35-1 for third place and Margaret Crosslin also won third place in the long jump with a 17 1/4 effort in the State Track Meet in Austin last week. The mile relay team, Linda Vaughn, Margaret Crosslin, Susan Payne and Twila Wood, finished fourth with a time of 4:11.6 . . . Tim Wilson to receive bachelor's degree at Wayland Baptist College . . .

**May 11, 1967**--Members of the Silverton baseball team that won the Regional tournament are Wade Brannon, Max Weaver, Thurman May, Danny Vaughan, Larry Comer, Paul Ray McWilliams, Johnny Roy Weaver, Jacky Davis, Gary Whitfill, Mike Tate, Roy Dale Wood, Lannie Arnold, Ernest Carrasco, Joe Mercer, Lynn Frizzell, Dale Sisney, Leland Wood, Charlie Baker, Skip Gallington and Buddy Comer. The final score was 2-1 in the final game. Leland Wood was the winning pitcher. His catcher was Danny Vaughan. Mike Tate knocked a homerun for Silverton. Herb Stephens, coach for the Owl team, said that the team doesn't plan to enter the state eliminations . . . Mackenzie board files application for water rights . . . Edwin Crass has been recognized and honored for drilling the first irrigation well in Briscoe County in 1935 . . . Jay and Cody Burson, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Burson, are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson, while their mother is recuperating from recent surgery . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell, Steven, Julie and Joel spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. Annie Williams . . . Mrs. Richard Eddleman and Kyde visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Callaway, from Thurs-

day through Sunday . . . Mrs. Earl Wilbur spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. A. P. Dickenson. She brought and served a lovely luncheon at the noon hour . . .

**May 16, 1957**--Gerald Garvin receives scholarship to Clarendon College . . . Pfc. Tommy Stange of Corpus Christi spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Bryan Strange, other relatives and friends . . . Mrs. D. W. Mayfield was honored by her children on her eightieth birthday . . . Charles A. Rowell is training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne of Nara Visa, New Mexico are parents of a daughter, Brenda Lynn . . . Mrs. Wiley Bomar, jr. was in Austin from Tuesday until Friday last week where she took the State Examination for beauty operator . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long are parents of a son, Kit Michael . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day of Mator were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson, Stanley and Diane, and Mrs. Florence Fogerson . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark and Mr. and Mrs. Red Deischer were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper and children Sunday afternoon . . .

**May 8, 1947**--Hail causes crop damage during blusterous weather . . . The first softball game of the season will be played here tonight between the High School Boys sponsored by the Palace Drug and the Farmer's "66" Station and the Rock Creek Team, managed by Earl Cantwell . . . Property owners urged to see G. W. Seaney if they need paving done around their premises . . . Funeral services for Merida Lee Welch, 54, were held Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock from the local Methodist Church with the Rev. H. W. Barnett officiating. He was assisted by Rev. G. A. Elrod, Rev. Craft and Rev. Cecil Vaughan, brother-in-law of the deceased . . . Barbara Ann Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Turner, became the bride of Lt. Guy Laney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laney . . . LTD Club met recently with Mrs. Arnold Brown. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Dutch Tidwell, Conrad Alexander, Dillard Scott, Ware Fogerson, Robert Hill, Gatewood Lusk, Johnnie Lanham and the hostess. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Durward Brown . . .



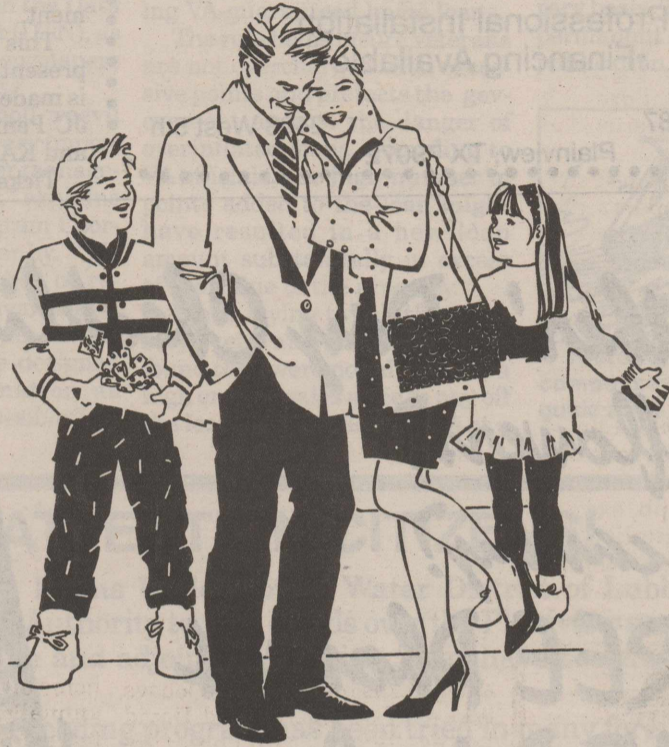
Roman soldiers were sometimes paid in salt, which was scarce in early Rome. The word salary derives from the Latin *sai* meaning salt.

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The world's first national park is Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. It was established in 1872. The nation's first federal wildlife refuge, established in 1903, was Pelican Island in Florida.

Cuscus, a tree-dwelling marsupial, is found in Australia and New Guinea. The rear part of its tail is hairless and has scales.



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## Stars of MASH Will Be in Amarillo To Star in "The Odd Couple"

Two television classics from the hit series "Mash" are coming to Amarillo to star in Neil Simon's long-running Broadway comedy hit, "The Odd Couple."

William Christopher (Father Mulcahy) take to the stage at The Amarillo Civic Center Sunday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

"The Odd Couple" tells the rollicking tale of two men, old

friends and charter members of a weekly poker game, who decide to share an apartment after their marriages have gone south.

Jamie Farr is Oscar, a gruff, messy sportswriter, content to live in a clutter, while William Christopher is Felix, who is insanely neat, given to gourmet cooking and spotless cleanliness. Sparks fly as the forces of order and disorder collide head-on when they discover that bunking up together is not what they thought it would be. Tempers flare, cigars ignite, beers explode as the weekly poker games take on new meaning in "their" apartment.

This Broadway MEGA-HIT is presented by Civic Amarillo and is made possible by support from JC Penney, Southwest Airlines, and KAMR-TV.

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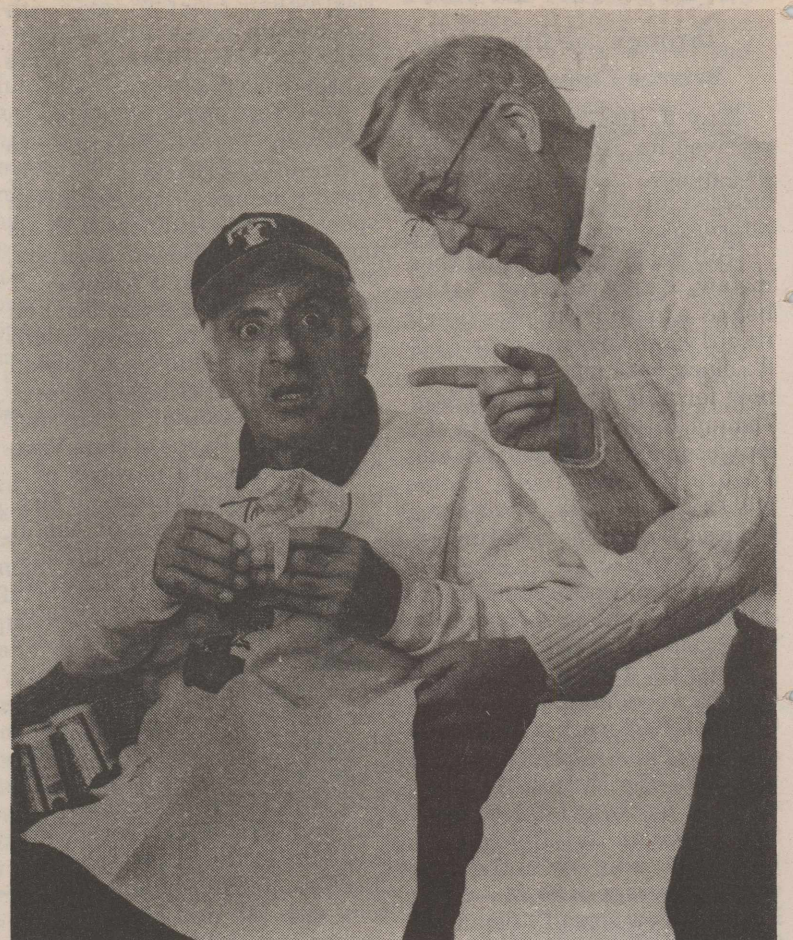
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Jamie Farr (left) and William Christopher are coming to Amarillo to star in Neil Simon's long-running Broadway comedy hit, "The Odd Couple." The production will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Amarillo Civic Center.

are on sale from 12:00 noon till 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Civic Center Box Office or charge by phone (806) 378-3-96.

For an evening filled with laughter, don't miss "Mash" stars Jamie Farr and William Christopher in "The Odd Couple."

### Happy Birthday--

May 8--Krista Ziegler, Andy Wills, Jamie Casillas

May 9--Russell Kennedy, Elzora Gallington, Mitchell Roehr

May 10--Donna Hutsell, Darrell Reynolds, Frank Lowrey, Melissa Estes, Kimberly Oldham, Kina Garrison

May 11--Joni Mayfield, Chance Rhoderick

May 12--Sarah Henderson, Lyndall Couch, T. V. McClure, Kirk Durham, Derik Roys, Cody Garrison, Bryan Burson

May 13--Floyd Perkins, Lee Ann Todd, Martha Greeson, Mary Ann Maciel, Brianna West

May 14--Mikel Griffin, Michael S. Hill, J. W. Reid, Patricia Lavy, Charlie Parker, LaVerne Mercer

### Happy Anniversary--

May 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill

May 12--Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McJimsey

May 13--Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer

May 14--Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard

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## Sheriff's Dept. Report

### FIRST QUARTER

The Sheriff's Department personnel are not at liberty to discuss particular cases with the public; however, in an effort to keep the public informed, we will try to publish a quarterly summary of what the department is doing. These will be published by category and number only with no names or dates so as not to embarrass anyone. From January 1, 1997 to April 30, 1997 records reflect:

#### Alcohol Related Offenses

Driving While Intoxicated - 19 cases

Transporting into Dry Area - 3 cases

Making Alcohol Available to Minors - 1 case

Public Intoxication - 5 cases

Minor in Possession of Alcohol - 7 cases

#### Property Related Offenses

Arson - 1 case

Burglary - 6 cases

Theft - 3 cases

Criminal Mischief - 9 cases

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - 2 cases

#### Offenses Involving Persons

Armed Robbery - 1 case

Assault - 6 cases

Child Protective Services Referrals - 6 cases

Adult Protective Services Referrals - 1 case

Juvenile Referrals - 3 cases

I.N.S. Referrals - 3 cases

Indecency with a Child - 1 case

Prostitution - 1 case

#### Other Charges

#### Miscellaneous

Unlawful Carrying Concealed Weapon - 2 cases

Illegal Dumping - 1 case

Disturbance calls (Loud Noise) - 14 cases

Fail to Identify to a Peace Officer - 1 case

The Department made four arrests on warrants and cleared 32 warrants without arrest by contacting the subjects. The Department served 18 capias, 41 Civil Citations, nine Subpoenas, and seven Precepts. Officers worked or assisted with six accidents involving vehicles. Briscoe County Sheriff's Department seized one vehicle used in the commission of a felony. Other calls not recorded were ambulance assists, funeral escorts, unattended death, animal control calls, livestock estray, and community service supervision in excess of 100 hours, as well as 911 calls, 911 hang-ups, independent alarm calls and fire department assist (cloud watch and traffic control). These are the total calls for service by the Sheriff's Department for the first quarter of 1997.

--Sheriff Jerry Beck

Grover Cleveland was the only president who served two terms that did not directly follow each other.

## Overpayment is Deductible From Refund Amounts

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager

Plainview, Texas

Beneficiaries who owe a past-due debt to Social Security because they received an overpayment of benefits should know the Internal Revenue Service is authorized to reduce or withhold their federal tax refund to collect the delinquent debt. They may find their tax refund held up decreased as a result.

Approximately 132,000 persons received notices last July and August stating that any federal tax refund they may expect to receive this year will be subject to be withheld for their delinquent debt. The notice was designed to give them an opportunity to repay the debt through other means.

Social Security overpayments occur when beneficiaries fail to report a change in their circumstances that affect their entitlement to benefits. Examples are a mother or father whose young child is no longer in his or her care; or a disabled worker who returns to work. In both cases they may continue to receive benefits to which they are no longer entitled, and may accrue an overpayment.

If you receive a letter from Social Security about money you owe, you can review your records with a Social Security representative. You have 60 days to object to the collection of the overpayment or to repay the debt.

### Key Elements to Look For In Fertilizers

Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow? According to Dr. Sam Feagley, Extension state soil environmental specialist, that garden should be grown with a healthy soil that has 20 essential elements.

In order for plants to thrive, the soil must contain large amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassiu..

"There's not enough released from the soil at the rate most plants grow and over a period of time we have to start adding those nutrients," said Feagley.

"Texas soil runs .05 to one percent," said Feagley. "We don't have enough nitrogen released through the organic matter, so we have to add that."

A lack of nitrogen will cause the plant to lose its green coloring and slow the growth of the plant. Nitrogen should be applied sparingly.

"With nitrogen we put it down a little bit at a time and kind of spoon feed the plant. If you apply too much, for instance, to tomatoes you'll get a beautiful tomato plant but it won't ever set fruit," said Feagley. "An overdose of nitrogen will make it grow vigorously but it may not make it grow right."

However, nitrogen is not the

only element that Texas soil lacks. Feagley estimates that half of Texas would benefit from additional phosphorous.

Phosphorous helps stimulate root growth and development. It also helps the plant to set fruit. Typically, plants need only one application of phosphorous, said Feagley, and it should be laid down in the spring when roots are being established.

If plant leaves begin to curl it may not be from lack of water, but lack of potassium. Potassium works as a defense mechanism, curling the plant to prevent water loss and heat damage.

Before applying any fertilizer, Feagley suggests sending a "well-rounded" soil sample in for soil analysis to determine what elements the soil is lacking.

"My recommendation to most people is to take one soil sample from your lawn, garden and flower bed. Mixing these samples together will provide the homeowner with a representative subsample," said Feagley.

### Business Economy Becoming 'Homemade'

Calley Payne, CEA-FCS  
County Extension Agent

The 1990's have been called the "Decade of the Entrepreneur." National studies indicate a significant increase in the number of people starting businesses that are home-based. The increased number of home-based businesses is evidence of a fundamental shift in the economy and workforce.

Home-based businesses are recognized as a viable source of new jobs and economic growth. People are choosing to create their own jobs at home rather than seek employment elsewhere. In a recent study, only 46 percent cited making large amounts of money as a primary motivation for starting their own business. Seventy-eight percent said that having more control over their lives was an important reason, and 90 percent said they would go into business again if they had it to do over.

A 1993 study conducted for the Small Business Administration by J. H. Pratt Associates, "documents for the first time that operating a home-based business is as profitable as owning a business located outside the home. . . Home-based businesses are not transient, marginal activities: 52 percent of the owners have been in business five years or more, compared with only 48 percent of non-home-based business people."

According to LINK Resources, home-based businesses have increased from 14.9 million in 1988 to more than 27 million in 1995. Approximately 10.5 million consider their home-based businesses as the sole source of family income. Approximately \$427 billion dollars are generated each

year by these businesses. For home-based businesses, the average income distribution looks like the two humps of a camel, falling into two general groups--under \$20,000 and over \$60,000. A 1996 Money Magazine survey found that 20 percent of home-based businesses gross between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

While owners vary in age and experience, the fastest-growing segments include women and minorities. Almost 10 million home-based businesses are owned by women. The Census Bureau reports that minorities are starting businesses at twice the rate of white males. Asians and Hispanics lead the increase in minority-owned businesses.

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Four members of the LASS Bible Study group are shown holding some of the laprobes they helped to construct. They delivered these to the Lockney Care Center residents recently, and each received a beautiful ribbon for Volunteers. The young ladies are (left to right) Camisha Wilson, Crystal Walls, Kelcy Simpson and Haylee Simpson.

### Silverton School Activities

Thursday, May 8--Biology I End-of-Course Exam; JH Zone Tennis, Groom; Board Meeting, 8:00  
 Friday, May 9--Early Out, 1:20  
 Friday and Saturday, May 9-10--Area I FFA Convention

Saturday, May 10--Athletic Banquet, 7:00  
 Monday, May 12--4th & 5th Gr. Symphony, 10:30; 8th Gr. Parents' Meeting for High School Orientation, 7:00, Library  
 Tuesday, May 13--Methodist Senior Luncheon; Buddy Day, 12:30  
 Wednesday, May 14--Algebra

I End-of-Course Exam; Blood Drive  
 Thursday, May 15--Music Program, 9:45; Robyn & Mary Ann's Recital, 7:00  
 Friday, May 16--Early Out, 1:20

### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 12--Assorted Sandwiches with Cheese, Tater Rounds, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk  
 Tuesday, May 13--Pig-in-a-Blanket, Baked Beans, Veg. Stix, Milk  
 Wednesday, May 14--Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Corn, Sopapillas, Honey, Milk  
 Thursday, May 15--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Syrup, Butter, Milk  
 Friday, May 16--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk  
**BREAKFAST**  
 Monday--Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Juice, Milk  
 Tuesday--French Toast, Juice, Milk  
 Wednesday--Oatmeal Muffin, Juice, Milk  
 Thursday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk  
 Friday--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

### Riding Smart From the Start

For many children, a bicycle will be their first opportunity to operate a roadway vehicle. Yet, most children do not have the information or experience they need to safely ride on a roadway. That's why it is important to teach bicycle safety at an early age and continue practicing safety skills throughout life. Parents must not only follow bicycle safety rules themselves, but remember they are modeling it to their children. To insure safe riding, follow these ten bicycle

safety tips:

- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Ride a bicycle that is correct for the child's size.
- Check that the wheels aren't loose and brake devices work.
- When exiting a driveway--stop, look left, look right, look left again, and exit only when there is no traffic.
- Ride on the right hand side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals, just as vehicles do.
- Use proper hand signals to indicate turns.
- Ride single file.
- Give the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Do not carry passengers (except in approved baby seats).

Following these safety tips can insure a safer ride every time. For more information about riding smart from the start, contact your local County Extension office or call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service passenger safety office at 409-845-3850.

by Calley Payne  
 County Extension Agent

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
 The purpose for this letter is threefold.

1. To congratulate the Silverton High School Students who are representing their school in the Regional and State Events.
2. To give a donation to "The Project Graduation." It is enclosed. Please give it to Kathy Kingery. Thank you for the favor.
3. To renew my subscription for another year. I sure enjoy the paper. Very few people that I knew when I lived there, but I read about their children and grandchildren.

I wish the graduates and all the students of Silverton School good health, happiness and success in the months and years ahead.

May God bless each and every one of them.  
 Sincerely,  
 Henry H. Norrid  
 A Graduate of Class of 1935  
 P. S. I would love to go to Basketball or Football Games and Hoot for the Owls.

### Big Drink Makes Money For Special Olympics

Mark Allsup, Vice President and Director of Operations for Allsup's Convenience Stores, recently presented checks in the amount of \$13,344.00 to Texas Special Olympics and New Mexico Special Olympics. The money was generated during a promotion sponsored by the New Mexico-based corporation. Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. donated five cents to Special Olympics for every 44-ounce "Honcho" cup fountain drink sold from July 1996 to March 1997. Allsup's Convenience Stores ini-

tiated the effort to boost cup sales while giving back to the community.

"Special Olympics has a strong presence throughout the states of Texas and New Mexico," said Len Allen, Allsup's Director of Advertising and Promotions. "We strongly believe in the mission of Special Olympics, and felt that because of its statewide presence in both Texas and New Mexico it was the perfect fit for this particular promotion."

The Texas proceeds were distributed to area Special Olympics programs in West and North Texas where Allsup's Convenience Stores are located and will help fund Area Spring Games and other area and regional competitions throughout the year for Special Olympics athletes in those communities.

Allsup's plans to continue the "Honcho" cup fountain drink promotion through March 1998.

### Perkins Featured In May Magazine Feature Article

Tommy Perkins, son of Thomas Lee and Rosemary Perkins, is featured in the May 1997 issue of *Beef* magazine.

Dr. Perkins is a certified technician and animal scientist at Southwest Missouri State University, and works with ultrasound images of bulls and heifers. The ultrasound data on the ribeye area, fat thickness, percent of intramuscular fat, weight, and date measured are used to evaluate the quality of meat that a particular animal will produce.

Several breeds of cattle are tested by the Beef Improvement Federation with the intent of producing cattle with less fat for consumption by the beef-loving American public.

Dr. Perkins is an example of the high-quality of successful young people reared in Briscoe County.

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Students who earned a fun day at Wonderland Park in Amarillo with their participation in the Accelerated Reader Program were treated to the trip Tuesday. The students were required to read and successfully pass a test before receiving credit for each book.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Putting the Brakes On the Breaks

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

Osteoporosis need not be as commonplace after the age of 50 as the graying of hair. "There's no doubt family history accounts for much of the variation in bone mass, but lifestyle factors can greatly reduce the risk of devel-

oping osteoporosis and its severity," says Connie Weaver, Ph.D., professor of foods and nutrition at Purdue University.

Experts agree that adequate calcium intake during childhood, adolescence and early adulthood is needed to maximize peak bone mass and slow bone loss that occurs with aging, says Dr. Weaver. Yet bones aren't built on calcium alone. Dr. Weaver offers these immediate strategies to help

women reduce the risk of osteoporosis:

- Include three or more servings of dairy foods in your meal plan each day. Without dairy in your diet, it's difficult to meet calcium requirements.

- Don't forget about vitamin D. Milk is fortified with vitamin D, which helps your body absorb calcium.

- Step up weight-bearing physical activity. Aim for 30 to 45

minutes of exercise at least three times per week.

- Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol intake.

- Consider estrogen replacement therapy, if you are going through menopause.

### BONE-BUILDING BASICS

To help women learn more bone-building basics, a free brochure called "Banking on Beautiful Bones" is available. Developed by the National Dairy Council, National Osteoporosis Foundation and The American Di-

etic Association, the brochure offers lifestyle recommendations for preventing osteoporosis. It includes a self-assessment quiz to help women evaluate their calcium intake and risk of osteoporosis, as well as strategies for boosting intake by including a variety of dairy foods in their diets. The brochure is available free by sending a self-addressed stamped letter-size envelope to: National Dairy Council, "Banking on Beautiful Bones," 10255 West Higgins Road, Suite 900, Rosemont, IL 60018-5616.

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Eng Comp/Rhetoric I	ENGL 1301	6-9:50 p.m. MW
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World Literature I	ENGL 2332	6-9:50 p.m. MW
World Literature II	ENGL 2333	8-11:50 a.m. MW
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Texas Government	GOVT 2302	6-10 p.m. MW
U.S. History to 1865	HIST 1301	8-11:50 a.m. TTH
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U.S. History to Present	HIST 1302	6-10 p.m. MW
Intro to Humanities	HUMA 1315	1-4:50 p.m. MW
Intro to Humanities	HUMA 1315	6-10 p.m. TTH
Developmental Math	MATH 0306	6-8:45 p.m. MW
College Algebra	MATH 1314	6-10 p.m. TTH
College Algebra	MATH 1314	8-11:50 a.m. TTH
Plane Trigonometry	MATH 1316	6-10 p.m. MW
Word Processing I	OFAD 2304	8-11:50 a.m. MW
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Child Psychology	PSYC 2308	6-10 p.m. MW
Reading Fundamentals	READ 0306	TBA
Intro to Sociology	SOCI 1301	1-4:50 p.m. TTH
Social Issues	SOCI 1306	8-11:50 a.m. TTH
Public Speaking	SPCH 1315	8-11:50 a.m. MW

\*\*Registration will begin May 7th at 8:30 a.m. at the CC Pampa Center at 900 N. Frost. For more information regarding Pampa classes, please call (806) 665-8801.

To enroll in a class at Clarendon College, individuals must bring a copy of their official high school transcript or GED certificate, ACT/SAT scores, TASP scores, official transcripts from other colleges attended, and admission forms for Clarendon College. Current high school students are required to bring proof of approval from their principal or counselor. Payment is due at time of registration.

### Clarendon, May 19 - June 26, 1997:

Intro to Computers	COSC 1301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Writing Fundamentals	ENGL 0306	TBA
World Literature I	ENGL 2332	6-10 p.m. TTH
Amer Constitution	GOVT 2301	6-10 p.m. MW
Texas Government	GOVT 2302	TBA
U.S. Hist to Present	HIST 1302	6-10 p.m. MW
Developmental Math	MATH 0306	TBA
College Algebra	MATH 1314	8-12 a.m.-M-TH
Reading Fundamentals	READ 0306	TBA

\*\*Registration begins at 8 a.m. on May 19th in the Student Services Office

### Childress, May 19 - June 26, 1997:

Intro to Computers	COSC 1301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Eng Comp/Rhetoric.I	ENGL 1301	6-10 p.m. MW
Amer Constitution	GOVT 2301	6-10 p.m. TTH
College Algebra	MATH 1314	6-10 p.m. TTH
Modern Math I	MATH 1332	6-10 p.m. MW
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Intro to Sociology	SOCI 1301	6-10 p.m. MW
Public Speaking	SPCH 1301	6-10 p.m. MW

\*\*Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on May 19th in the High School Library

### Memphis, May 19 - June 26, 1997:

Zoology	BIOL 1413	5:30-9:30 p.m. MW
College Chemistry I	CHEM 1411	5:30-9:30 p.m. TTH
U.S. History to 1865	HIST 1301	6-10 p.m. TTH

\*\*Registration will begin the first night of class at the High School

### Shamrock, May 19 - June 26, 1997:

Amer Constitution	GOVT 2301	6-10 p.m. MW
College Algebra	MATH 1314	6-10 p.m. TTH

\*\*Registration will begin the first night of class at High School

### Wellington, May 19 - June 26, 1997:

Accounting I	ACCT 2301	6-10 p.m. MW
Nutrition	BIOL 1322	6-10 p.m. MW
Zoology	BIOL 1413	6-10 p.m. MW
Human A&P I	BIOL 2401	6-10 p.m. TTH
Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Eng Comp/Rhetoric I	ENGL 1301	6-10 p.m. MW
World Literature I	ENGL 2332	6-10 p.m. TTH
Amer Constitution	GOVT 2301	6-10 p.m. MW
U.S. History to 1865	HIST 1301	6-10 p.m. MW
College Algebra	MATH 1314	6-10 p.m. MW
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Child Psychology	PSYC 2308	6-10 p.m. MW
Intro to Sociology	SOCI 1301	6-10 p.m. TTH
Family in Society	SOCI 2301	6-10 p.m. MW
Public Speaking	SPCH 1315	6-10 p.m. TTH

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 Project Number: RMC-601459001  
 Type: Sign Installation  
 Time for Completion: 40 Working Days  
 Guaranty: 600.00  
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 Control Number: 6013-98-001  
 DBE/HUB Goal: 0.0%  
 Project Number: RMC-601398001  
 Type: Removal of Dirt Highway Right-of-Way  
 Time for Completion: 35 Working Days  
 Guaranty: 800.00  
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The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that a Prebid Conference is optional and prospective bidders do not have to attend in order to bid. The Prebid Conference will be held on Thursday, May 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Area Office in Wellington, Texas, one-eighth mile east of US 83 on FM 338.

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**A Social Security Checklist for Women Planning Retirement**

by Mary Jane Shanes  
 Social Security Manager  
 Plainview, Texas

Why should women need special information about Social Security if Social Security is the same for men and women? This is a question we often get when we tell women they need to be especially alert about their Social Security rights and responsibilities.

We explain that women as a group have different work patterns, different levels of earnings, different societal roles, and tend to live longer, all of which make a difference in how well they fare under the Social Security program. For example, although Social Security pays benefits to a spouse of a retired worker, women are more likely to qualify because they are more likely to have worked as homemakers rather than outside the home.

The following list should help you focus on those aspects of your Social Security coverage that may have special impact on you as a women:

- Should you take benefits as a wife? Women often find themselves in the position of having to decide whether to take a benefit on their own work record or their husband's work record. Sometimes, the decision is whether to claim a benefit on their new husband's earnings or a previous husband's earnings.

Look at all the options. We will show you how much your benefits would be under any of the scenarios listed above. The decision is yours, but we will be glad to give you the information you need to make it.

- Divorced wives have benefit rights. Remember, if you have been married for 10 years, you have the same rights to benefits on your ex-husband's Social Security earnings as a current wife. And your benefits will not affect those of the current wife.

- Marriage may affect benefits. Generally, marriage terminates entitlement to divorced spouse's or mother's benefits. Benefits as a widow are not affected by remarriage.

- Note Government Pension Offset. If you receive a pension from work in a government job that is not covered by Social Security, remember that it could reduce your Social Security spouse's benefit.

You need a benefit statement. You can get a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" from Social Security at any time to get an estimate of the benefits you would get on your own earnings record. Your husband would need to request a statement of his earnings to see what benefits you could get on his earnings record.

For more information on these and other Social Security questions, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the booklet "Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know."

**Obituaries**

**CHARLES JACOBS**

Military graveside services were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Plainview Cemetery for Charles Henry (Charlie) Jacobs, 62, who died Sunday, May 4. Officiating was the Rev. Brad Huckabee, chaplain for Family Hospice of the Plains. Arrangements were by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Jacobs was born in Flomot and attended schools in Flomot, Kress, Silverton and Plainview. He was graduated from Plainview High School.

He married Shirley Chaney Jacobs in 1982 at Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he returned to Plainview. He was the first fire marshal in Plainview and retired from the fire department in 1975.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was commander of the American Legion Post No. 5399 in Plainview. He also had been a member of the Open Heart Club since 1973.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Deborah Shook and Sharon Hinds, both of Arlington, and Sandra Januta of Plainview; a son, Mike Jacobs of Bedford; two brothers, Joe Jacobs of Plainview and James Jacobs of Silverton; a sister, Christine

Noble of Eunice, New Mexico; seven grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**MAURINE MEANS**

Funeral services for Maurine Means, 71, of Kerrville were held April 25 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

She is survived by her husband, Charles M. Means of Kerrville, and a son, Dennis Means of San Antonio. Other survivors are four sisters, Claudine May of Silverton, Betty Starnes of Tulia, Ann Mayfield of Ropesville and Lou Denton of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two brothers, Grady Thurman of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Bill Thurman of Wichita, Kansas; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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A ruling issued by the Texas Supreme Court does little to clarify the future of boll weevil eradication activities in Texas.

Unfortunately, say officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., (PCG) the boll weevil is paying little attention to the furor and is continuing its efforts to conquer yet another U. S. cotton growing region.

"High Plains cotton producers are in a very precarious position as we enter the 1997 growing season," reports Dr. Jim Leser, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Entomologist. "The early emergence we are seeing now provides us a window through which to judge the size of this year's overwintered emergence profile."

In the 100 years since the boll weevil first entered U. S. cotton fields, a great deal of scientific study has provided a profile of weevil emergence that varies little in its progression from year to year.

"Essentially weevil numbers will take on a bell shaped curve," explains PCG Boll Weevil Coordinator Roger Haldenby. "Overwintered weevil numbers typically increase through late June or early July. This pattern of emergence has been well documented, not only in our area, but in other parts of the Cotton Belt as well."

"What it is telling us is that the boll weevil is not going to wait around for producers to decide how they will take care of him."

The history of the boll weevil is littered with stories of producers losing individual skirmishes with the boll weevil at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars. It was not until fairly recently that producers in other regions found a way to beat the boll weevil through coordinated area-wide control efforts.

An example of the success producers can expect from a coordinated Program is evident in the recent cotton explosion that has occurred in Georgia following completion of that eradication effort.

In the space of ten years, 1985-1995, Georgia has gone from fewer than 300,000 cotton acres planted to 1.5 million acres planted in 1995. In that time Georgia has moved past every state except Texas and California in terms of total upland cotton production, producing almost two million bales in 1995.

"The boll weevil first appeared in Georgia in 1915. Seventy years later, in 1985, producers there started an eradication effort," explains Haldenby. "The question we have to ask is do we have to learn the lesson for ourselves directly from the boll weevil, or can we learn from the experience

of Georgia and maintain our position as the number one cotton producing state?"

"Getting a final interpretation of the Supreme Court's ruling will take several days," notes PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Don Langston of Lubbock. "The only truthful answer we can provide right now is that we do not know exactly what effect this will have on the High Plain and other parts of Texas, except it will likely be serious and far-reaching."

After three years of getting used to planting delays as the result of dry subsoil moisture conditions, the return of Spring rains requires a little adjustment in attitude. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), the only downside so far has been the return of winter-like temperatures, in addition to the rains.

For High Plains cotton producers that A adjustment is one they gladly make, and optimism abounds for the 1997 crop. Unfortunately delays could still be the norm as producers wait for fields to dry out and soil temperatures to rebound.

A cold front that moved through the area April 24 has brought good and not-so-good results. The upside is that producers across the region received most of the additional moisture they were hoping for to plant the 1997 crop.

The not-so-good side of the issue has been the cold temperatures that have actually triggered up to six inches of snow in many counties north of Lubbock.

The biggest concern now is what effect the very cool rains will have on soil temperatures that had climbed past 60 degrees in many areas earlier in the week.

"Obviously this has helped top off the soil moisture situation, but it is also driving soil temperatures down into the 40's at the six-inch depth," notes Dr. Randy Boman, Texas Agricultural Extension Service cotton agronomist. "If we stay cloudy and cool, soil temperatures will take longer to come back to the mid-60 degree level that we look for to plant."

"Our best situation would be that we get a week of warm, sunny weather," he continues. "That is probably all it would take to heat the top six inches up to about 65 degrees and allow planting to really begin."

Optimum planting time on the High Plains is May 5-20, and Boman reiterated the need for producers to utilize the highest-quality seed available when they get the opportunity to plant.

The need for seed with a good

cool/warm vigor index and protection against seedling disease is increased as a result of the recent weather.

Early-season boll weevil trap results from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Plains Cotton Growers are now available on a weekly basis.

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers is making these reports available to anyone interested in receiving them through a number of outlets.

Boll weevil trapping results will be available from County Agricultural Agents, on the Data Transmission Network (DTN), as well as from all local newspapers through "Cotton News."

"Keeping track of boll weevil populations will be a very important part of all producer management efforts this year," explains PCG Boll Weevil Program Coordinator Roger Haldenby. "We have received a number of requests regarding the availability of this information and our efforts this year will be designed to make this information as widely available as possible."

## Discount Point Limitations Are Discussed

According to Billye Kesler, Veterans County Service Officer for Briscoe County, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published final regulations that limit to two the number of discount points that may be included in VA interest rate reduction refinancing loans. Such loans are used to refinance and lower the interest rate on existing VA-guaranteed home loans.

The rule helps insure veterans are not overcharged with excessive points and protects the government against the danger of overinflated loans. According to VA officials, the high number of points added to the loan might have resulted in a new loan amount substantially in excess of the value of the property.

When trying to sell the property, veterans in many cases found they were not able to get a high enough sales price to pay off the loan balance, placing VA at a

financial risk.

While some loans may have reduced veterans' interest rates and created lower payments, the reductions were not as much as they would have been had veterans not been charged excessive points.

Early last year, VA became aware that some refinancings showed unusually high discount points in relation to the interest rate charged, and asked lenders to comply voluntarily with the two-point limitation, followed by an interim final rule making the ceiling mandatory on a temporary basis. The final rule became permanent with the January 24 publication.



Historians believe magnetic compasses were first used to guide ships around 1100.

## ATTENTION CITIZENS!

The High Plains Underground Water District of Lubbock has assumed the Authority to seed clouds over the Plainview area, which includes Hale and adjoining counties. They have set May 15 as a starting date.

The cloud seeding program has been tried in many foreign countries and in 67 projects in the United States. It has reduced rainfall in most places, and also in the downwind area. It has often increased hail damage.

The cost of the program will be nearly half a million dollars per year of your taxes.

Our voters have disapproved of cloud seeding before, and if we can get an updated list of people who disapprove of cloud seeding now we can stop this costly practice.

Will you sign the slip below and mail it to one of the men listed?

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## Anderson Tells Of Early Days

Taken from the  
Briscoe County News  
Dated April 30, 1936

Believing myself to have been in Briscoe County longer than anyone else here, I am writing what I know about Briscoe County and wherein I have been instrumental in helping to build up Briscoe County.

I was born in Little Lott, Hickman County, Tennessee, June 24, 1863. I lived there until I was 20 years old. At the age of 19 I attended school at Santa Fe, Tennessee, taking a commercial course and received my diploma in the summer of 1883. On January 1, 1884, I began as clerk for Claggett Brothers at Centerville, Tennessee, in a general merchandise store. I decided to come west and resigned my work in Centerville June 14, 1888, and came to Topeka, Kansas, arriving there the 18th or 19th of June 1888. I was bookkeeper in the Bank of Topeka until September 9, 1889.

At a deep water convention in Topeka, advertising Galveston, I decided to resign my place in the bank and go to Galveston, as Texas was where I was headed when I left Tennessee. I only stayed there a few days and went on to Bastrop and was bookkeeper there in a dry goods store for three months, leaving January 2, 1890. I returned to Tennessee on a visit and stayed until March 2, 1890. Learning of the opportunities that were opening up for settlement in West Texas, I first came to Childress.

There I met Mr. Tom Braidfoot who was living at Della Plains, Floyd County. He told me that there was so much fine school land to be taken up on the Plains, I decided to come with him to the territory. He had been to Childress for groceries and other supplies as they had to have their freight from there.

I landed at Della Plains, Floyd County, March 17, 1890, and stayed there five months. I came to Briscoe County August 13, 1890.

Mr. Braidfoot had come here the first week in August and filed on the section of land where Silverton now stands. He filed with the intention of building a town on it and running it for the county seat. He was then running a hotel at Della Plains, and on returning there he insisted I come with him to Briscoe County, to help organize it.

On August 13, 1890, I came to Briscoe County with Harry Braidfoot (on a load of lumber, the first lumber brought to Silverton, and it was used in building the first house in the town.) We unloaded the lumber on the town section and Harry returned home leaving me with the lumber which was my camp, promising to send me a horse to ride, which he did by Charlie Ringold. He came in during the day of August 14.

After night we saw a light

about two miles away and we decided to ride over there and see if it was more prospectors, which it proved to be. We stayed about an hour and started back to camp. We rode over the prairie for about two hours and failed to find our camp. We decided to stop and spend the night, so with our saddles for pillows we spread down one blanket and covered with the other. The next morning we awoke just as the sun was rising and saw our camp just about 100 yards northeast of where we had spent the night. Thus ended my first night in Silverton.

At this time there was no one else in the county that we knew anything about. On August 15, a civil engineer, P. B. Oates and Ang Lee, came to survey out land for settlers. Charlie Ringold and I carried the chain for him while he was surveying.

We began surveying over on the caprock near where the highway now goes down to Quitaque and surveyed clear across the county. We had our camp near the Quintin Brown home's present location, having moved there to a company windmill for water.

The first meal I cooked I wound my dough around and around a stick and cooked it over the fire, and broiled our bacon on the end of a stick and made coffee in a tomato can.

Settlers began coming in almost daily and we would help them locate their land. In the spring of 1891, Mr. Braidfoot called a meeting of all the men in the county for the purpose of organizing a town-site company. He planned to patent section number 20, block A and build the town on this section. After our organization we elected Mr. H. W. Savage chairman of the board of directors. S. P. Huss, R. I. Hanna, W. S. Gregg, W. L. Malone and T. L. Anderson were elected as trustees of the Townsite Company. T. L. Anderson was made secretary.

We hired H. J. Parks and W. L. Saye to come survey out the town and paid them with town lots. George Holland and J. M. Skeen carried the chain and I drove the cedar pins at the corner of each block. It took us about a week. This was in the summer of 1891.

During one of our meetings we decided to let Mrs. Braidfoot name the town, and she called it Silverton. The law required three years occupancy or twenty homes built on the land before we could get the section patented for a townsite, so the directors gave each man a lot that would build a house on it and we soon had the twenty houses and could go ahead and have it patented.

The directors took the names of the men that joined the townsite company and gave them equal shares in the remaining lots. We found out how much it would take to get a patent on section 20 and it took \$9.75 for each man, they having equal shares. Mr. Braidfoot having filed on this and reserved 54 acres in the northwest corner and block 23. They each paid me \$9.75, and I deposited it in the First National Bank of Amarillo. We sent a check for \$285 to Austin, with

the proof of twenty homes, and received our patent.

We then called a meeting of the stockholders and they decided to dissolve the company and divide up the lots. A committee was appointed to appraise the lots and make a ticket to each member. The tickets were put in a box and each drew a ticket and the deeds were made according to the lots they drew. As Mr. Braidfoot had relinquished the land to the State and the patent had been made to J. N. Stalbird, he made the deeds to the stockholders carrying out Mr. Braidfoot's contract.

As Briscoe County was attached to Donley County, we petitioned the Commissioners Court of Donley County for an election for the purpose of organizing Briscoe County, for the purpose of choosing a county seat by election, and for the purpose of electing county officers. Silverton and Linguish were run for the county seat, the election being held March 15, 1892. Silverton won by a good majority.

The following officers were elected: County Judge, J. N. Stalbird; Treasurer, R. I. Hanna; Sheriff & Tax Collector, Minor Crawford; County & District Clerk, T. L. Anderson; Tax Assessor, Oscar F. Reeves; Surveyor, Nat G. Waller; County Attorney, W. D. Fisher; Commissioners, J. A. Northcutt, J. M. Honea, H. W. Savage, W. L. Malone; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, J. M. Skeen; Precinct 2, W. L. Holt.

Briscoe County, being a part of the 47th Judicial District, had as its first District Judge, H. W. Wallace, and the first District Attorney, D. B. Hill, both men of Amarillo. Then Briscoe County was organized.

The first thing to happen in Briscoe County after it was organized was when the sheriff, Minor Crawford, made an arrest of two horse thieves who were passing through the county. They came from New Mexico with a bunch of stolen horses. The first District Court held August 15, 1892, found a bill against them and they were tried and sentenced to serve five years each in the penitentiary. This court was held in an office building 12x18 on the west side of the square.

The first court held in the county was a called meeting of the Commissioners Court, March 28, 1892. It was held in a small office building on the south side of the square which was being used for the County Judge and County Clerk office. The first County Court was held in the county May 2, 1892. The first Courthouse was built in 1892 and turned over to the Commissioners and they moved into it January 6, 1893.

T. J. Briscoe and Miss Laura Fogerson were the first couple married in the county. I issued their license and attended the wedding.

The first burial in county was a man that drowned in a lake of water southwest of town four miles. We drug the lake three days before we found the body. It rose to the surface of the water on the third day. His name was

Harley ??? The first child born in the county was one of three: Briscoe Honea, Briscoe Loving or a child by the name of Brown. In March 1891, we received a report that the Indians were on the war path and coming this way, killing people and burning houses. It created quite an excitement in this county. We all got together and went to Plainview for protection and stayed there until we found it to be a false alarm. The report started from hearing a man shoot a buffalo and burning a brush pile. This was the last Indian scare in the country.

The first school in Briscoe County was taught by John M. Skeen, in the spring of 1891. It was a subscription school and was taught in a little office building 13x18 on the west side of the square about where the Kendrick Cafe is now located. It had about a dozen pupils. The first school building was built in 1891. It was a one-room building on block 103, and it was also used for the church services. The first revival meeting was held there in August 1891 by a Presbyterian preacher by the name of Rogers.

I was married to Lizzie Cooper December 10, 1894 in Tulia. We had a double wedding, the other couple being Elmer Ayres and Willie Waller now of Lockney.

I served as county clerk for nearly seven years and was then elected sheriff. After one term as sheriff we moved to Quitaque. This was in July 1904. I put in a general merchandise store and M. C. Potter ran a grocery store. He also ran the post office. Oscar Bass owned and operated the blacksmith shop. There were two dwelling houses. Mr. Potter lived in one and the Jago brothers lived in the other. Their father located there in 1891 and put in the first store.

In 1907, I traded a part of the business to W. T. Wilson who owned the land where Quitaque is now built, for half interest in the land. We hired H. P. Jones to survey it and plot it for a town and sold lots and started Quitaque to building up. While living there, I was again elected county clerk in 1908. We moved back to Silverton in October. I held this office just a little more than eighteen years, retiring in January 1927.



### Reason to Beef

**T**he U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is giving the meat and poultry industries reason to ponder the old Texas adage, "Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once."

The department is asking Congress for \$685 million, a \$22 million increase over the current budget, to run its Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) in fiscal year 1998. Of that, USDA says about \$400 million, roughly 70 percent of the cost of running the entire FSIS operation, would come from newly imposed user fees. These fees would be paid by meat and poultry processors. The remaining 30 percent would come from general revenues.

Here we have the government proposing not to streamline or "reinvent" a program, but to merely shift the cost in a way consumer advocates argue would reduce the inspection program's objectivity; and, oh, by the way ... raise prices to consumers into the bargain! The USDA proposal would effectively remove its primary incentive to control inspection costs and make the inspection program as efficient as possible.

Texas, which produces more cattle and beef than any other state, would absorb a great deal of the pain caused by this misguided funding scheme. Processors and cattle producers would be hit with a steep increase in costs just when a slew of other costly, new food safety programs are going into effect. Moreover, the proposed user fees also would come at a time when producers are facing an iffy market for their livestock.

The beef industry currently pays user fees for beef quality grading, a service that benefits the marking of its products. But meat inspection, *per se*, is a public health function mandated by federal law. The public directly benefits from the federal inspection program. The burden of maintaining that program should not fall almost exclusively on one narrow sector of the economy — the processing industry — however closely involved.

For most of this century the United States has set wholesome food standards for the rest of the world. Our red meat, poultry and egg industries are committed to providing consumers with safe, quality products. Aside from the industry's societal responsibilities, it is in the processors' enlightened self-interest to maintain the highest standards. They are dependent on consumer confidence in their products; they work hard to ensure they are delivering the safest, most nutritious food possible.

These proposed user fees represent a new tax on consumers, on livestock producers and on the processing industry. Historically, Congress has rejected such fees, and I don't expect that precedent to change.

This proposal is bad for America, bad for consumers and bad for the industries involved. I will work to see it defeated.

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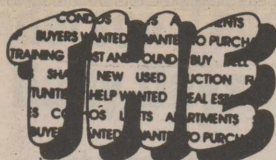
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the rule for everything  
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Each year in May, Mother's Day is celebrated to show our mothers how much they are loved and appreciated. It doesn't matter if our mother is in her twenties or in her eighties, she is special and she has always been there for us in times of need. She shares in our joys and disappointments in good times and in bad, and her love and faith in us is never-ending. Showing love and gratitude to our mothers on this special day is important, but it seems that setting aside only one day a year is just not enough. God wants us to honor our mothers every day throughout the year by letting them know how much we love, need, and respect them. Mothers willingly give so much and ask so little of their children in return. Perhaps a thank you to our mother for something that she has done for us, or a phone call when we are away from home, is more treasured than we can imagine. Throughout the Bible, God tells us of the importance of mothers, and one of the ten commandments is to honor your father and mother so that you may have a long, good life.

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