

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A number of Valentine Cuties are being featured in this week's edition of the Briscoe County News. I always say I enjoy these pictures most because I get to see the colored originals of the photographs, but the group included this year are so cute there's nothing that could take that away.

Kelly K. Dunbar, who moved with her family from Silverton to Lockney a few months ago, is a candidate for County Attorney in Floyd County. Her opponent in this election is Lex Herrington, a Quitaque native, who now lives and has an office in Floydada.

We had a note from Joan Wilson, daughter of the late Fadean Lee Wilson, who sent her mother's obituary. She commented that her mother "was born at Haylake and taught at Silverton. Mother really loved Silverton and her friends there and her memories of life in the Panhandle and teaching in the one-room schoolhouse." Joan can be contacted at 2655 Via Los Alton, Carrollton, TX 75006.

Lori Brannon McGinty has gone to work at First National Bank in Quitaque.

The next blood drive is Tuesday, February 19 at the City Hall.

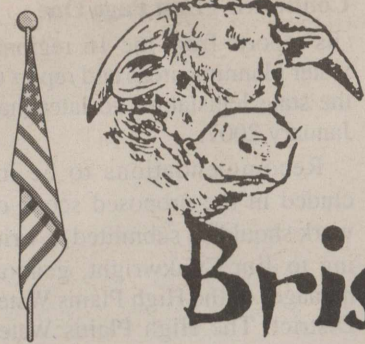
Estate Planning Seminar Set March 25-26

Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Ph.D., J.D., Professor and Extension Specialist, will be presenting a two-day Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on March 25-26, 2002 in Amarillo.

This seminar is offered to provide participants enough information on tax and estate planning matters to help them make difficult estate planning decisions. Dr. Hayenga will give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses.

For registration information call 979-845-2262, or email swehring@tamu.edu; or mail a \$100 check payable to TAEX Acct. #222101 to Wayne A. Hayenga, Agricultural Economics Department, 315 Blocker Building, College Station, Texas 77843-2124.

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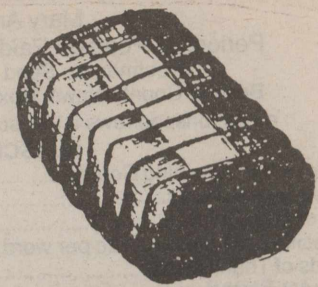
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County Republicans To Have Bean, Cornbread Supper Feb. 18

Briscoe County Republicans are planning to have a bean and cornbread supper at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 18, in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Candidates in the March 12 primary will be introduced and area candidates have been invited.

The census has put Briscoe County in a new state district, and new to this district will be Robert Duncan, State Senator, District 28, from Lubbock and Warren Chisum, State Representative, District 88, from Pampa. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon is the present U. S. Representative in District 13 and is running for reelection.

Polling places and election

Two Voting Precincts Move

Briscoe County voters located in voting precincts 4 and 5 will have new locations in which to cast their ballot in the General Election.

Precinct 4 voters who previously cast their ballots at the county courtroom in the Courthouse will be voting in the PE gym foyer located just east of the football field. You will need to enter the building on the north end.

Precinct 5 voters will not be casting their ballots at the new fire station located on the north side of Lake Mackenzie.

Other voting precinct locations will remain the same.

Voting precincts for the Primary Elections to be held March 12, 2002 will be:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
Precinct #1--Silverton City Hall
Precinct #2--City Hall, Quitaque

Precinct #3--Pioneer Room, City Bank, Silverton
Precinct #4--PE Gym Foyer, Silverton

Precinct #5--Fire Station at Lake Mackenzie
Precinct #6--Community Center, Quitaque

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
Precincts #1 and 3--Senior Citizens Center, Silverton
Precincts #2 and 6--First National Bank, Quitaque

Precinct #4--Church of Christ, Silverton

Precinct #5--Bobby McCall Home at Lake Mackenzie

judges will be announced.

Briscoe County Republican Party candidates include Wayne Nance, County Judge; Jeff Fuston, County Sheriff; R. Edwin Norris, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Lee Smith and Roland Hamilton, Commissioner, Precinct 2; John True Burson and Eddie D. Rhoderick, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Early voting begins February 25 at the Courthouse.

Everyone is invited to attend the bean and cornbread supper and meet the candidates.

High School Parents to Meet

There will be a Project Graduation meeting for all high school parents Monday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room. Initial plans were made at the last meeting for the graduation night party location.

Every parent with a high school student is urged to attend these meetings and help with the preparations for this year's all-night substance-free graduation night outing. Even though the graduating seniors are the honored guests, all high school students are invited, and helping with the party each year of your child's high school career will prepare you with ideas and improvements when your child is a senior. Any questions about the nature or purpose of the

Regional Water Planning Group Sets Lubbock Public Hearing

A public meeting to receive input for use in developing a scope of work for inclusion in a grant application by the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group will be held February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the USDA-ARS Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory, 3810 Fourth Street in Lubbock.

The regional water planning group is applying for a grant from the Texas Water Development Board in Austin for preparation of an updated regional water plan pursuant to Senate Bill 2 passed during the last legislative session and Texas Water Code Section 16.053.

The updated regional water plan will include updated population data, water needs, management strategies and projects needed to meet needs as recommended in the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan approved by the TWDB in January 2001.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly business meeting and luncheon Friday at noon at the Center.

Members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ will host the luncheon.

"Project Graduation" party may be directed to Michelle Francis, Paula Garvin or Beverly Minyard.

The regional water plan is available for review at the TWDB web site at www.twdb.state.tx.us or at the office of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock.

An updated regional water plan will be submitted to the TWDB in 2005. The TWDB will consolidate **See Regional Water Group-- Continued on Page Two**

City Election Day is May 4

May 4 is the date set aside for the City of Silverton and Silverton Independent School District elections.

February 18 is the first day for filing for a place on the ballot, and March 20 is the last day for filing.

The terms of Councilmen Flute Hutsell, Dwain Henderson and Charles Sarchet expire this year.

No election will be held if no contested races will be on the ballot. If you would like to be a candidate for City Councilman, you should go by the City Hall to sign the necessary forms.

School trustees whose terms will expire this year are Jim Estes and Penny Carpenter.

If you would like to be a candidate for school trustee, you may get your name on the ballot by going by the school office.



Snowstorms in Silverton this winter have dropped close to a foot of snow. The snows have fallen without a lot of wind, and the most recent snow last week left behind a postcard picture perfect landscape.

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SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

I will still be baking cakes but will have them at my house. If you need a cake or to place an order, please call and leave a message and your phone number and I will return your call. Juannah, 823-2370.

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

REAL ESTATE

Two Bedroom Home on Large Corner Lot For Sale. Has large den that can be converted into third bedroom. \$12,000 or reasonable offer. 293-1384, Walter Hill. 21-tfc

FOR SALE: 1101 S. Main, 3 br/2ba/1 car garage with carport. Celar and storage building. Fenced back yard. Carpet one year old. Ceiling fans in bedrooms and kitchen. 652-2945 after 5:00 p.m. 30-tfc

For Sale: 26'x40' Shop Building on 75'x150' lot. \$500.00. Cynthia Younger has key. Call J. R. Steele, 296-2195. 7-tfc

For Sale: Three-Bedroom House at 1000 Stalbird. 823-2471. 7-tfc

WANTED

Yard work and tree trimming wanted. Will cut down dead trees and haul off. Also trim dead limbs. Call 823-2031, ask for Jason. 7-1tp

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all the wonderful friends and neighbors for the prayers, phone calls, visits and food during the loss of our beloved Len. God bless you.

Love,
Josephine Anderson
Joe Anderson and family
Susan Koslowski and family

Free Blood Pressure, Sugar Tests Scheduled

by Cory Payne
Texas Cooperative Extension
Agent-FCS

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic.

The clinic will be held in the basement of Briscoe County Courthouse Wednesday, February 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

Winter Driving Tips

(NAPSA)-Snow, ice, hail and freezing rain can make driving conditions treacherous.

"Preparation and cautious driving could make the difference between a safe trip and serious trouble," said Mary Kimbro, of the CertifiedFirst™ Network.

Here are some winter driving safety tips:

- Clear all ice and snow



Panhandle Transit will be available to take residents of Silverton and the surrounding areas to Tulia to shop, visit, etc. The Transit will be in Silverton on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$9.00 round trip. For more information please call Panhandle Community Services, 995-4115

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from windows, mirrors and lights before driving.

- Reduce speed during snowy and icy conditions and use extra care on bridges, curves, intersections and hills.
- Maintain a safe following distance behind snowplows. If you must pass, use particular caution.
- Always maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.
- If you must travel during snowy and icy conditions, budget

extra travel time and keep updated on road and weather conditions through local news media.

- Keep an emergency kit with items like flares, rock salt, a tow strap and a blanket in your trunk.

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
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Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
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Tony Boyd, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
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Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Armando Davalia, Pastor

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Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

Revel In God's Love

Saint Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is special because it celebrates the love we feel for one another and the love that God has for us. God is love, and it would be such a blessing if everyone could say that they love not only God, but everybody in the world. God our Father, created each of us, and we are all brothers and sisters through Him. Although we may not always approve of each other's actions or deeds, like God, we should hate sin but love the sinner. The Bible tells us that we all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God, but that God's love is everlasting. If we could repeat to ourselves every day, a silent prayer like, "God loves me, I love God, I love everybody", perhaps God would help us to become more loving towards each other.

*...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all thy
soul, and with all thy mind
...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as
thyself.*

KJV Matthew 22:39

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Obituaries

WAYNE CRAWFORD

Memorial services for Wayne Crawford, 89, were conducted at 5:00 p.m. Thursday at Canterbury South in Big Spring with Carroll Kohl, chaplain, officiating.

Mr. Crawford died Wednesday, February 6, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center after a brief illness.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the Silverton Cemetery, with the Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton, officiating.

Burial arrangements were by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Crawford was born March 3, 1912 in Silverton and was the son of Briscoe County pioneers Miner and Eula Perkins Crawford. His father was the first sheriff of Briscoe County.

He moved to Kress in 1957 and worked as manager of a gin and elevator at Claytonville and for BFW Grain Co. He moved to Big Spring in 1974.

He was a Methodist and a Mason and was an active volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center before moving into Canterbury where he enjoyed playing dominoes and bingo.

He married Ina Morton March 12, 1938. She died September 1, 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Schaefer of Big Spring; and two grandchildren, Mike Schaefer of Austin and Kristina Schaefer of Fort Worth.

A brother, Neale Crawford, and a sister, Iris Burson, are deceased.

Honorary pallbearers were Guinn Fitzgerald, Joe Bomar, Tom

FADEAN LEE WILSON

Memorial service for Fadean (Lee) Wilson, 86, of Llano, Texas were held at the First Presbyterian Church there Wednesday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Joe Degi officiating.

She was born June 12, 1915 in Silverton, Texas to Ira E. (Hancock) and George W. Lee, and died September 2, 2001.

She was married to Thomas Woodrow Wilson. She was a retired school teacher.

Mrs. Wilson had lived in Llano for the last 64 years. She attended college at the age of 14 years and then began her teaching career at age 17 in the Silverton Schools.

She had received her bachelor's degree to teach from West Texas State College and her master's in education from the University of Texas in Austin. She taught at Priddy, San Angelo and Marble Falls. She taught many years in the Llano Independent School District. She was a member of the Highland Lakes Gem and Mineral Society, the Packsaddle Home Demonstration Club, the Retired Teachers Association, the Genealogy Society, and First Presbyterian Church in Llano.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Thomas Woodrow Wilson on March 19, 1986, and two brothers, G. W. Lee and Roy Len Lee.

Burson, John Burson, Bryan Burson and Wayne Nance.

The family suggested memorials be to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 9863, Austin, Texas 78766.

New Arrival

Dylan Brunson is proud to announce he has a baby brother, Daxton Ray Brunson, born January 30, 2002, weighing eight pounds and fourteen ounces, who was 21 inches long on arrival.

Proud parents are Bradley and Julie Brunson of Haskell.

Grandparents are Jack and Ruby Graham and Perry and Marsha Brunson, all of Silverton.

Great-grandparents are James and Ruth Brunson of Quitaque and Ray and Nelda Teeple of Silverton.

4-H Calendar of Events

February 2-17--San Antonio Stock Show

February 13--4-H Mentor Task Force meeting 5:00 p.m. Extension Office

February 15--4-H Foundation Scholarship applications due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.

February 18--Presidents' Day Holiday; Extension office closed

February 19--4-H Consumer Life Skills Project Leader Training, 5:00 p.m. Extension office

February 20-March 2--Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 26--4-H Consumer Life Skills Project meeting, 4:00 p.m. Extension Office

March 1--Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship Applications due

March 6--4-H Parent/Adult Leaders meeting 5:00 p.m., Court-house.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Wilson of Carrollton, Texas; a son, Roy Wilson and wife, Sherron, of Lubbock; two sisters, Wyona and husband, Richard Thompson, of Lubbock and Glenna and husband, Don Bye of Midwest City, Oklahoma; a brother, Russell E. Lee and wife, Constance of Temple; grandchildren, Bill Collins, Wayne Collins and Lori Wilson; and a great-grandchild, Kevin Collins.

Arrangements were under the direction of Waldrope, Hatfield, Hawthorne Funeral Home, Inc.

WEATHER

February Weather Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	35	16	
2	45	15	
3	46	26	
4	47	26	
5	42	28	.19
6	34	27	.31
7	46	22	
8	59	25	
9	68	30	
10	51	27	
11	45	16	
12	62	18	
Total Feb. 2002 Precip.			.50
Normal Feb. Precipitation			.60
Normal Precip. to date			1.25
Total 2002 Precip. to date			1.24

Regional Water Group

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its reports from the 16 regional water planning areas and report to the state legislature no later than January 2007.

Recommendations to be included in the proposed scope of work should be submitted in writing to Jim Conkwright, general manager of the High Plains Water District. The High Plains Water district is the local political subdivision administering the Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group ("Region O") is a 21-county area including Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties. Its members are appointed by the TWDB to represent water user groups within the region.

Information about the regional water plan is available by contacting Chairman H. P. Brown, jr. at 806-765-8851 or Jim Conkwright at 806-762-0181.

Ladies Bible Study To Begin Here February 18

The ladies of First Baptist Church would like to invite you to be a part of a Beth Moore Bible Study titled "Jesus, The One and Only."

The study will be taught in two sessions: Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday nights.

Cost of the books for the study is \$13.00.

If you would be interested in being a part of this, please contact Valerie Mullin at 823-2007 or the church at 823-2412. They need to know how many books to order no later than February 13.

Childcare will be available for both sessions.

The Monday morning sessions begin February 18 and the Wednesday night sessions begin February 20.

Lincoln was the only president to receive a patent. It was for a device for lifting boats over shoals.

Mongoose were brought to Hawaii to kill rats. The plan failed because rats are nocturnal and the mongoose hunts during the day.

The Great Highland Bagpipe is native to Scotland and is the pipe most people think of when bagpipes are mentioned. A set of good-quality pipes can be had new for about \$1,000.

Elvis Presley earned only three Grammys, all in the Gospel category. His second gospel album, How Great Thou Art earned him his first Grammy award.

Silverton School

Activities

Thursday, Feb. 14--Even Six Weeks Tests; Board Meeting, 8:00
 Friday, Feb. 15--End of Six Weeks

Saturday, Feb. 16--Clarendon Powerlifting Meet; Prom, 7:00

Tuesday, Feb. 19--TAAS Writing-Exit, 4, 8

Wednesday, Feb. 20--TAAS Math-Exit; Houston Stock Show begins

Thursday, Feb. 21--TAAS Reading-Exit

Saturday, Feb. 23--Floydada Powerlifting Meet

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 18--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Milk, Pudding Cup

Tuesday, Feb. 19--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Salad, Pork & Beans, Potato Chips, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 20--Beef & Cheese Taco, Ranch Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, Feb. 21--Chicken, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Feb. 22--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit & Jello

Happy Birthday-

February 14--Jerry Patton, Brenda McDonough, Max D. Garrison, Scotti Sweet, Linda Hare, Daniel Reagan

February 15--Charles Francis, Michael Reagan, Stan Gamble, Gary Weaks, Angie Lewis, Kyler Couch

February 16--Shelby Marie Fuston, Dora Bullock, Jane Self, James Alan Patton, Greg Garcia, Katy Hester, Genie Lavy, Brent Brannon, Zeb Holt

February 17--Riley Ziegler, Vanessa Reyna, Patti Lowrance

February 18--Tomiko Hutsell, Craig Patton, Bill Boling, Amy Jackson

February 19--Tyler Keith Ellison, Glenn Smith, David Kellum, Amy Jasper, Cathey Weaks, Carlye Fleming

February 20--Anne McJimsey, Corey Kennedy, Iwana Monroe, Kaitlin Daye McWaters

Happy Anniversary-

February 14--Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Estes

February 17--Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt

February 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith

In the Middle Ages, animals were often blamed for misfortune and were sometimes taken to court for their crimes. The proceedings usually culminated in a sentence of death despite the efforts of the defending lawyers. A group of leeches, tried in Lausanne in 1451, were allowed to live but were sternly warned to leave the district within three days.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you?
 Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 2, 1992--L. B. Garvin, jr., Aaron Younger and Richard C. (Dick) Roehr are incumbents seeking re-election . . . Billy Cogdell joined the National Cutting Horse Association in the early 1960s and has served continuously since 1979 as a director of the association. Cogdell was honored at The Charles Goodnight Award Gala at The Worthington Hotel Grand Ballroom with induction into the NCHA Hall of Fame . . . Lisha DeLynn Patton is bride of Kelly James Sanders . . . Jim Cogdell and Work Smooth led non-pro division semifinalists in the National Cutting Horse Association World Championship Futurity at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth . . . Bryan and Diane Donahoo are parents of twin daughters, Anna and Sarah . . . Dick and Kippi Cogdell are parents of a son, Blaze Munsey . . . Victor Weaks received his bachelor's degree in crop science with specialization in ag-business and management from Texas Tech University . . .

January 7, 1982--The casing was perforated last week at Marathon Oil Company's G. Mayfield No. 1 northwest of Silverton and the hole is being swabbed this week . . . Mart and Juanita (Sis) Self observe 57th wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. J. P. (Trudie) Taylor in Quitaque Sunday . . . Spud Tiffin returned home Sunday after having been a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock for several days . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family of Spearman had Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith, on December 26 . . . Funeral services conducted for Ted Strange, 49 . . .

January 6, 1972--Johnnie Roy Weaver posted a 3.25 grade point average in industrial management and Larry Comer had a 3.07 average in agriculture to be included on the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold, Penny, Laura and Kerri visited with Mrs. Arnold's family in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cantwell, in Brownwood over the New Year holiday . . . Brown family reunion held at Kirkland Dock near Brownwood . . . Jeannita Stephens was honored on her third birthday with a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens . . . Miss Laura Faye Dudley became the bride of Johnny Dale McNamara in a double-ring ceremony January 1 . . . Rita Brown of New York City spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown . . .

January 4, 1962--Freddie Dunham was injured when the car in which he was returning to school

after the holidays was involved in a collision. The car in which John and Dave Schott were returning to Stephenville was traveling along with the Dunham automobile and after being released from the hospital, Freddie continued his trip with the other boys . . . Paula Sue Verden is New Year's first baby in Swisher County Hospital at Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance flew to New Orleans to spend Christmas week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barrett . . . Mrs. Agnes Bingham received painful injuries on both her hands when a hot can of grease which she was removing from the stove was spilled . . . Miss Bonnie Chappell of Fresno, California visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell, during the holidays . . . Bill Brooks had as his guests Thursday and Friday Bob Hutsell, Jimmy Walker, Gary Weaks and Wade Brannon. Roy Lyn helped Bill entertain his guests . . .

January 3, 1952--Miss Pauline Chitty becomes bride of Ray Savage . . . Bomar family holds annual reunion Sunday . . . Dinner guests in Glenn Lindsey home . . . At midnight January 1, no more penny postcard. At that hour, by act of Congress, the old penny postcard became a collector's item, and the fee to mail a postcard became two cents . . . Lt. and Mrs. Riddell C. Hutsell of Honolulu, Hawaii are the parents of a daughter, Sally Jean . . . 9,039 bales of cotton ginned in Briscoe County . . . Flunoy Hutsell of Corpus Christi spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Chitty and family spent Christmas day with J. N. Chitty at Tulia . . . Pfc. Buck Hardin of Fort Leonardwood, Missouri visited several days during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin . . . Those enjoying a turkey dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and Deborah Sunday, December 23, were Walter Watters and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Dud Watters and Sandra Kay, Mrs. Maxine Dunham, Freddie and Walter Len and Gene Morris . . . Mr. and Mrs. Esdell Hutsell and Janet spent the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Guest, at Levelland . . .

January 1, 1942--Miss Othelle Bomar of this city and W. J. Thompson, jr. of Plainview were united in marriage December 26 in Clovis, New Mexico. The bride wore a costume suit of soldier blue with matching accessories . . . Basketball girls lose game to Kress. Those playing for the Owls were Velma Lois and Laverne Young and Wyona Lee as forwards; Ruby and Opal Weast, Fay Gene Davis and

Marilyn Johnigan as guards . . . Jake Honea announces that he is still a candidate for Sheriff-Tax Assessor and Collector . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer, Junis and Miss Dawn Jasper visited Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell in Borger Tuesday and Wednesday . . . Mrs. Aulton Durham took Lillie Jack Wafford to Amarillo Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pavlicek, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, sr. and Margaret spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Harper at Brownfield . . . Mrs. Freeman Tate left Thursday for Midland where she will spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar . . . Mrs. H. P. Howard and Diamond took Lola to Lubbock Friday for a sinus operation . . . Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown spent Christmas in Post with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis . . .

Powerlifters Do Well in Randall Meet

Silverton Powerlifters competed at Randall High last Saturday and are looking forward to a meet at Clarendon this week.

Trace Mattheus placed second in his class with Squat: 270, Bench: 160, Deadlift: 320, for a total of 750 pounds.

Galen Smith placed fifth with 355-210-360, for a total of 925.

Duncan Vernon placed first with 450-215-505, for a total of 1,170.

Brandon Stephens lifted 305-180-350, for a total of 835.

Chris Garcia lifted 270-170-300, for a total of 740.

In the girls division, Danielle Ramirez won first place by lifting 195-90-220, for a total of 505.

Tarran Forbes placed second with lifts of 185-95-200, for a total of 480.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds won third with lifts of 175-95-200, for a total of 470.

Brandi Rice lifted 200-115-250, for a total of 565.

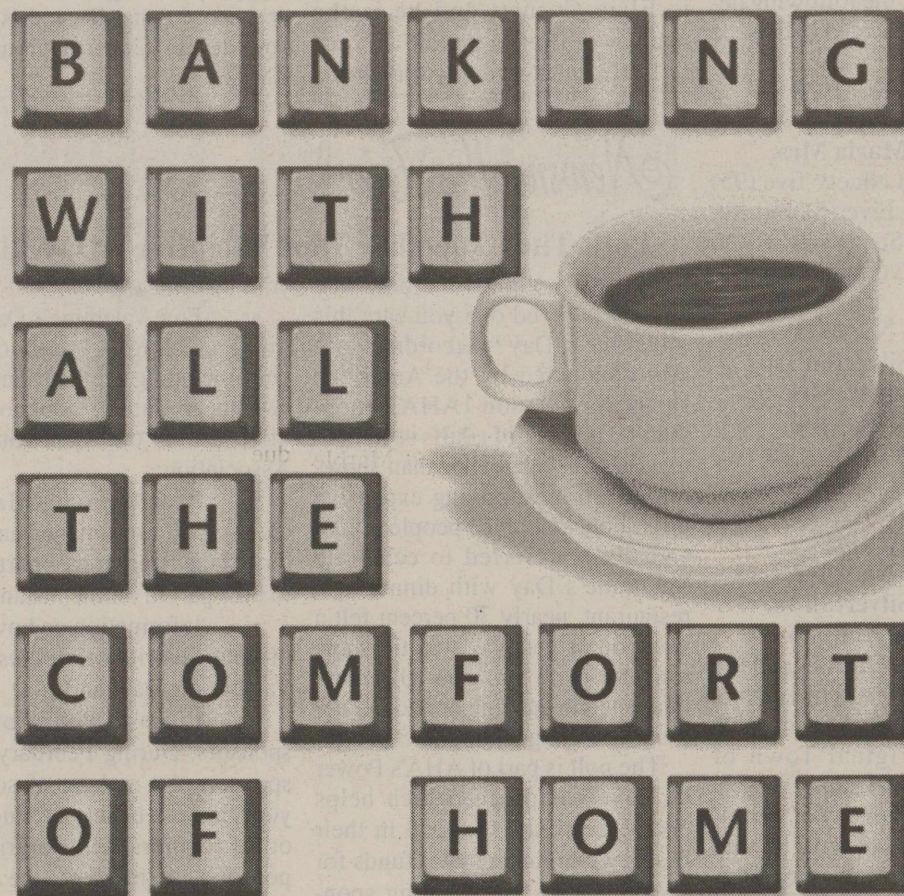
Monica Garcia lifted 180-85-225, for a total of 490.

Krista Hale lifted 155-85-180, for a total of 420 pounds.

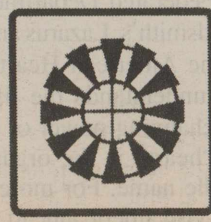
Group to Tour Studio of Kenneth Wyatt Monday, Feb. 25

Silverton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a tour of Kenneth Wyatt's studio in Tulia Monday, February 25.

Contact Wayne Nance at 823-2496 if you would like to join the tour.



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More Cotton Market Weekly

For the week ended January 31, USDA reported net export sales of U. S. cotton totaled 208,000 bales as mills continued buying in an attempt to fill gaps in production. The export figure was 43 percent higher than the four-week average. Additionally, export shipments of 273,700 bales, a new marketing year high, boosted exports for the marketing year to 4.9 million bales, 89.8 percent ahead of the pace one year ago.

Online sales of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton also were healthy in the week ended Feb. 7. Producers sold 18,684 bales, more than doubling the previous week's sales of 8,614 bales. Prices received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 26.30 to 27.89 cents per pound compared to a range of 26.31 to 27.17 cents per pound the prior week.

Dispelling The Myth Of Vitamin E And Scars

by David J. Leffell, M.D.

(NAPSA)-While vitamin E has long been touted as a way to smooth and reduce unsightly scars when applied topically, published research has shown that this treatment may be more myth than reality.

A recent study found that vitamin E applied topically to scars caused discomfort and worsening of symptoms in one-third of participants who used it to soften and smooth scarred skin.

There is no evidence that vitamin E reduces the size, color or shape of a scar. In fact, if the patient experiences an allergic reaction, it could actually worsen the scar. Over-the-counter scar management products, such as Curad Scar Therapy Cosmetic Pads, offer proven, painless alternatives to flatten scars and reduce their visibility.

Scientists believe that this product helps to reduce the appearance of a scar by speeding up the body's natural healing process, since it benefits from the positive effects of temperature and pressure. The scar appears to heal more quickly because less scar tissue is produced in the area. After a period of several weeks or months, depending on the individual, the scar flattens and lightens in color-helping to



Just when things were getting back on track and the Farm Bill appeared to have the necessary support to clear the Senate, passage of the Dorgan/Grassley payment limitation amendment threatens to derail the process, perhaps permanently.

The amendment as approved significantly changes the amount of support that a family farming operation can receive and alters the manner in which commodity loan programs operate.

Despite a strong effort on the part of southern Senators, led by Democrat Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, to explain why the amendment would hurt more family farms that it was purported to help, the measure was approved by a voice vote after an effort to table the amendment was rejected by a 2-1 margin.

Texas senators split their vote on the issue with retiring Senator Phil Gramm voting in favor of the amendment and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison voting against.

Where the process goes from here is the question of the hour in the minds of producers and commodity organizations. None of the alternatives appear exactly pleasant.

Two possible fates obviously await the Senate Farm Bill. Either the measure will be approved with the Dorgan/Grassley amendment included or it will fail to be passed by the Senate when it comes to a vote next week.

All indications are that the Senate will work to conclude debate on the Bill and vote by Tuesday, February 12. The scenario that provides the best opportunity to overcome or throw out the change could lie in allowing the Senate to pass the Bill and then working within the subsequent Conference to eliminate the provisions.

A call to arms has already been sounded by the White House over the past few weeks encouraging farm groups to support the House's

speed up a process that could have taken much longer.

For additional information on new Curad Scar Therapy Cosmetic Pads, visit www.curadusa.com.

Farm Security Act (HR2646) and to stand firmly behind that legislation as the blueprint for new Farm Program legislation during the Conference process.

Any potential individual Senate provisions had to supplant similar portions from the House Bill have been seriously damaged by the inclusion of the Dorgan-Grassley payment limitation set-up.

Among the more serious changes in regard to cotton is the fact that the 3-entity rule and generic certificate authority would be eliminated. Also, any portion of a crop under loan that is not able to be redeemed under the single \$150,000 marketing loan gain/loan deficiency payment limitation would have to be redeemed from the loan plus interest (changes from a non-recourse to a recourse loan) and marketing without government protection.

Plains Cotton Growers continues to support the House's Farm Security Act as the best vehicle available to re-establish a strong safety net for America's farm sector.

The strong leadership of House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and ranking Minority Member Charles Stenholm will surely be tested should the Senate Bill be approved next week.

It will take a concerted effort on the part of farm groups. Administration representatives and the House leaders to forge a good Bill during the House/Senate conference negotiations.

Contacting members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees as well as other members of the Congress and the Administration will be an important part of the process and could make the difference between a Farm Bill that provides a better safety net than Freedom to Farm and one that provides less support when more is needed.

For those wanting to contact members of Congress and the Administration, links to the House of Representatives, Senate and White House can be found on the PCG website at: www.plainscotton.org.

health hints

Exercise As Part of Everyday Life

(NAPSA)-Regular moderate exercise is something that works out for everyone. Exercise is not only good for body, mind and spirit, it reduces the possibility of coronary disease, lowers blood pressure, raises the good HDL cholesterol, helps to control weight, and cuts the risk of diabetes. Many people regularly turn to exercise to reduce stress.

But what does this mean for people who live with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)? It turns out they have extra incentives to do everything possible to stay fit. A recent study of people with mild to moderate disability from MS demonstrated that regular aerobic exercise-vigorous enough to raise the pulse and respiration rate-increased fitness, arm and leg strength, and improved the participants' bowel and bladder control.

Choose Fitness That Fits

Here are some suggestions for choosing a fitness program from experts at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

- Choose fitness that fits. Exercise need not be a prescription to be swallowed like distasteful medicine. Moderate exercise for 20 minutes or so every day yields the same benefits as rigorous sweat-and-grunt workouts.

- Remember that you're more likely to stick with activities that feel good.

- Start with a neurologist's OK and a thorough understanding of any special cautions. Every individual with MS is different. Then consider your individual temperament.

- Some people prefer exercise that is free from the stress of competing with opponents or keeping up with others. They might choose an activity such as swimming or walking that doesn't require a team or partner.



LESS PAIN, MORE GAIN--Exercisers are more likely to stick with activities that feel good.

Remember, exercising alone at home may not supply the motivation that a class or a group gives, but this may be an ideal choice for some.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system, usually diagnosed during the early adult years.

A free copy of Exercise as Part of Everyday Life is available at any chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. To find out more about the programs of the National MS Society or to find a chapter nearest you call 1-

800-FIGHT-MS or log on to www.nationalmssociety.org.



The concertina belongs to the same class of instruments as accordions and harmonicas. It was developed in 1829 by Sir Charles Wheatstone.

Elvis Presley starred in 33 movies. It is said his favorite was "King Creole," which was filmed just before he entered the Army in 1958.



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Arrive Houston 4:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon., Feb. 25

Show Houston 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 and 8:30 a.m. Thurs. Feb. 28 and 8:30 a.m. Fri., Mar. 1, 2002

Miss Payne is Shower Honoree

A bridal shower honoring Miss Cory Payne, bride-elect of Billy Edwards, was held February 2, 2002 in the home of JonEtta Ziegler.

A creative corsage made with Mary Engelbreit cherry napkins distinguished the honoree, her mother, Judy Payne of Vernon, her grandmothers, Louise Payne and Marilyn Wilson, both of Vernon, the future bridegroom's mother, Barbara Deckard, and his grandmother, Frances Edwards.

A black Mary Engelbreit teapot accented with cherries and containing fresh Shasta daisies and greenery decorated the refreshment table which was covered with a red and white checked cloth. Refreshments of party pinwheels, pecan tarts, coconut balls, cream cheese brownies, apricot bars and pineapple punch were served by Bena Hester and Amy Fuston.

The centerpiece and a Hoover Windtunnel Bagless vacuum cleaner were given as gifts to the couple from the hostesses.

Special guests included the sister of the bride-elect, Calley Payne of Tulia; her aunt, Lisa Hancock of Amarillo; sisters of the future groom, Brittany and Baylee Deckard; his aunt, Frances Ann Gamble, and cousin, Michelle Gamble; and his aunt, Tami Edwards, and cousin, Misty Litteau, both of Amarillo.

Hostesses for the shower were JonEtta Ziegler, Janinne Brooks, LaQuetta Schott, Della Boling, Bena Hester, Eudean Crow, Katy Bomar, Brenda Patton, Lavern Kingery, Kathy, Kingery, Amy Fuston, Vici Baird, Carrie Baird, Colleen Reed, Vicki Tiffin, Mary Ann Sarchet, Charlotte Rhoderick, Lana Burson, Lisa Schott, Norma Garcia, Shirley Henderson, Juannah Jennings and Linda Oetgen.



Mincemeat pies developed as a way of preserving chopped or minced meat. They are cooked with fruit and spices, doused with brandy, rum or whiskey.

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Another round of robust U. S. weekly export sales and the largest shipments of the marketing year supported gains in cotton futures Thursday amid new uncertainties concerning federal farm legislation and its potential impact on 2002 acreage.

The U. S. Senate approved a payment limitation amendment to the proposed farm bill on Thursday that could profoundly affect U. S. planting intentions, analysts and industry sources said. The Grassley amendment, which critics say would result in the Senate farm bill delivering less assistance than the current program, would adversely affect every commercial-sized cotton producer in the U. S., according to industry leaders. Conversely, supporters contend big government payments inflate land prices and allow larger producers to push smaller operators out of business.

Under the Grassley amendment, total payments would be capped at \$275,000 for direct and counter-cyclical payments, marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments, etc. The current farm bill has a cap of \$460,000. The measure also would tighten rules that allow absentee landowners to qualify for subsidies and would cut off payments to anyone whose average income exceeds \$2.5 million a year.

The measure would cut farm spending by \$1.3 billion over 10 years, or \$130 million annually, and use the money for food stamps, agricultural research and other programs. "The U. S. Senate appears to view U. S. farm policy more as part of the government's social policy than it does as a business," commented one analyst.

If it is retained in the final Senate bill, the Grassley amendment could make it difficult to reconcile differences with the House farm measure. However, one analyst said many leaders of the cotton industry firmly believe that the amendment will meet a swift death when the proposals from the House and Senate go to conference committee.

"I would suggest that the industry is not looking at a slam dunk, far from it," the analyst cautioned. "This is most likely the most aggressive attack on the subsidies in anyone's memory, and it might very well succeed," he said.

Because of the developments in Washington, the National Cotton Council's (NCC) planting intentions survey may have questionable credibility. Survey results were released after the market closed Friday, Feb. 8. The NCC, which surveyed about one-third of producers across the Cotton Belt, advised respondents to assume that the current farm program will be retained for the 2002 crop. The survey cutoff date was Jan. 25.

"If the Grassley amendment sticks in the final farm bill, cotton acreage in the United States will collapse," an analyst said, noting that cotton is an extremely capital-intensive crop.

According to one cotton market observer, the heart of the cot-

Teams Finish Regular Season Schedule; Owls Look to Playoffs

Silverton's roundball teams finished their regular schedule last week, and the Owls are looking to a warmup game or two before they enter the state playoffs. Their first-round opponent will be the green Owls from Hedley, but as of the newspaper deadline Tuesday afternoon, the time, place and date had not been scheduled. Hedley was busy getting their girls off and flying in the playoffs.

The Lady Owls lost their last game to Happy, 58-46. Chelsey Cherry had a very good game and led the offense by scoring 19 points. Also scoring were Lori Griffin, seven; Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield, six points each; Kassie Strange, five; Kurby Garvin, three points on a shot from downtown.

Lady Owls	4	20	31	46
Happy	22	37	53	58

The Owls defeated the Cowboys 57-54 in a game that was close throughout. Red Ivory had the hot hands and rang up 27 big points for the owls. Also scoring in double figures was Darin Martin, 16.

ton market is in legislation. Nevertheless, a weekly export sales figure topping 200,000 bales for the first time in six weeks commanded a sizeable amount of market attention.

Also scoring were Dustin Hale, six; Chase Comer, four; Andrew Francis and Matt Strange, two points each.

Red hit five shots from outside the arc.

Owls	8	27	42	57
Happy	9	32	42	54

The Junior Varsity Owls dropped their game 52-34. Caleb Francis and Bert Vasquez led the scoring with 11 points each. Also scoring were Galen Smith, eight, and Zack Burson, four.

Caleb hit a three pointer, and Bert dropped in three of them.

JV Owls	10	12	20	34
Happy	12	26	37	52

The Eighth Grade Owls earned a 35-25 victory over Happy.

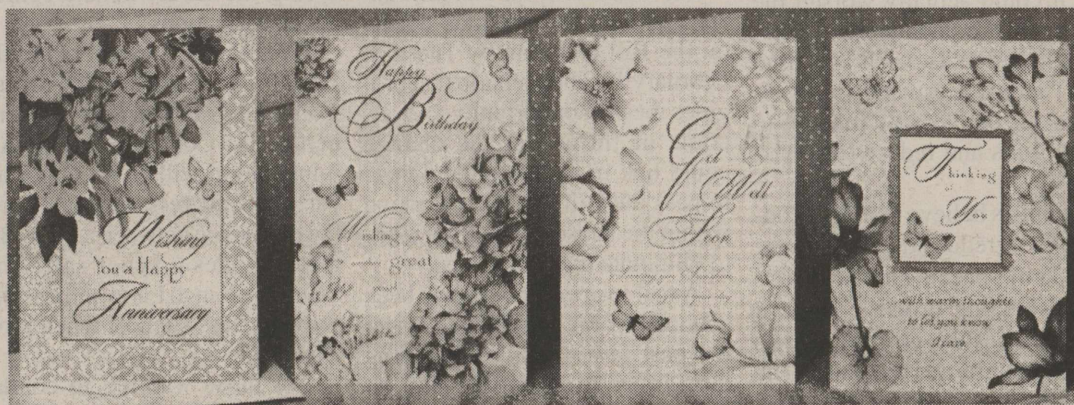
Scoring for the Owls was by Yance Forbes, eight; Gid Mayfield, seven; Jesse Reynolds, five; Tanner Young and Albert DeLeon, four points each; Josh Maciel, three; Chief Garcia and Jacob Francis, two points each.

JH Owls	7	15	26	35
Happy	2	8	15	25

Jesse, Gid and Yance hit three pointers for the Owls.

An old law in Bellingham, Washington, made it illegal for a woman to take more than three steps backwards while dancing.

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Next Silverton Blood Drive is February 19.

The bloodmobile from Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be at the City Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRISCOE

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County in the following cases on the 5th day of February, 2002, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of March, 2002, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Briscoe County, in the City of Silverton, Texas, the following described property located in Briscoe County, to-wit:

Cause No. 2938

**City of Silverton vs.
Lopez, Maria Mrs.**

All of the East Ninety-five (95) feet of Lots No. Five (5) and Six (6), in Block No. Seventy-two (72), in the town of Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas.

Cause No. 2941

**City of Silverton vs.
Minyard, J. R. Mrs. &
Virgal Minyard**

All of Lots No. One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), in Block No. Forty-Six (46), in the town of Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas.

Cause No. 2943

**City of Silverton vs.
Rincon, Antonio**

All of Lot No. One (1) and the North one-half (N 1/2) of Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. Seventy-two (72), in the Original Town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas.

Levied on the 5th day of February, 2002, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of City of Silverton, Silverton Independent School District, Briscoe County and Mackenzie Water Authority.

Given under my hand this 5th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Jeff Fuston

Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas
7-3tc

Dr. John Todd Cornett is Young Optometrist of the Year in Texas

Over the weekend in Austin, the Texas Optometric Association honored Dr. John Todd Cornett of Amarillo as the Young Optometrist of the Year for the state of Texas. To qualify for this distinction, the recipient must be an optometrist who is 40 years of age or younger, who has rendered outstanding service in discharging the responsibilities of professional leadership on local, state or national levels; who has demonstrated by action the highest regard for the ethics and ideals of the Texas Optometric Association; whose actions have reflected credit upon the profession of optometry.

Dr. Cornett is the son of Pat Cornett of Amarillo and the late Mickey Cornett. His grandmother is Elsie Cornett and he is the nephew of Brenda Patton.

Dr. Cornett currently serves as a

director for the Texas Optometric Association. During the last session of the legislature, he was instrumental in working on legislation to protect and promote the visual welfare of the citizens of Texas. He has served on and chaired several committees of the state association. He works closely with the Panhandle division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and serves as chair of the Chapter Programs Committee. Additionally, he works closely with the Region XVI Headstart program in Amarillo by providing vision care to three-, four- and five-year-olds in their programs. He lectures annually at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy about contact lenses and ocular pathology. He is in private practice in Amarillo and is a deacon at the Central Church of Christ.

Newsworthy Trends

Poll: Time Together Tops Valentine's Day Ideas

(NAPSA)-What's the best way to show a loved one you care this Valentine's Day? According to a poll conducted by the American Heart Association (AHA), more than 50 percent of adults say "time together" is best-better than showing affection or buying expensive gifts. Four out of 10 people polled said they preferred to celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner at a restaurant, nearly 30 percent felt a vacation or getaway was the most romantic-with less than 10 percent interested in dancing or another activity (bowling, skiing, etc.).

The poll is part of AHA's Power of Love campaign, which helps people celebrate the love in their hearts while raising vital funds for research from participating sponsors.

AHA has a long tradition of helping heart health through research and education. Now consumers can show their feelings for loved ones by logging onto a special Power of Love Web site-americanheart.org/love. This site for sweethearts includes:

- Complimentary Valentine's Day screensavers to keep love on your computer screen and in your heart-or to share with

your sweetheart;

- Free Valentine's Day electronic greetings to send to loved ones-including a link to honor your sweetheart with a "donation from the heart" to the American Heart Association;

- Results from AHA's exclusive poll on romance and matters of the heart and opportunities to take part in online instant polls;

- Information on how some of your favorite celebrities spend Valentine's Day; and

- Links to Power of Love sponsors. During February, these sponsors-the makers of some of your favorite beauty products and other retailers-will contribute a portion of their sales to the American Heart Association.

Thanks in part to AHA-funded research, important discoveries such as CPR, life-extending drugs, pacemakers, bypass surgery and surgical techniques to repair heart defects have been discovered. Countless people are alive today to enjoy the love of family and friends due to these life-saving advances. With the help of the Power of Love campaign, even more lives may be saved in the future.

The Power of Love sponsors are: Walgreen's, Redken, OPI, Pantene Conditioner, American Beauty Association, and participating Federated Department Stores (Goldsmith's, Lazarus and Rich's).

The American Heart Association understands the life-saving, life-changing power of love-after all, "heart" is the organization's middle name. For more information, visit americanheart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Texas Cooperative Extension

Provided by Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag

Vaccinate Horses Now For Maximum Protection Against Diseases

Despite blustery days now and again, spring is just around the corner, and animal health officials are urging owners to protect their equids, including horses, mules and donkeys against several mosquito-borne diseases before "bug" season starts.

"Vaccines are available to protect equids against both equine encephalitis, better known as 'sleeping sickness' and West Nile Virus (WNV). However, the shots are no value if they aren't given prior to disease exposure," said Veterinarian Terry Conger, state epidermiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "These vaccines require two doses, administered several weeks apart, and full protection doesn't develop until four to six weeks after the second dose. Realistically, then, it can take up to 10 weeks for the horse to be disease-resistant. That's why it's so important to start the round of vaccinations now."

Dr. Conger noted that cases of "sleeping sickness," or equine encephalitis, occur sporadically in Texas equids, and on rare occasions, humans contact the mosquito-borne infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes that have fed on diseased birds, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) causes swelling of the brain, resulting in staggering, convulsions, and fever. Although horses do not transmit the disease to humans, equids are "sentinel animals," or indicators that infected mosquitoes are in a specific area.

"Veterinarians can administer an effective 'two-way' vaccine to protect equids against EEE and WEE," said Dr. Irby, TAHC equine specialist. "Two injections, 30 days apart, are required, and the animal will need a 'booster shot' annually or biannually."

"another form of sleeping sickness, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE), is a foreign animal disease that originated in South America. In 1971, a VEE outbreak swept northward through Mexico, threatening horses in the southern U. S. In two years, due to an all-out effort, more than 2.8 million animals in 19 states were vaccinated against VEE," Dr. Irby said. "On rare occasions, VEE cases still creep into southern Mexico, and if it should move north, it would threaten American animals. Therefore, as an added precaution, equids in South Texas should receive a three-way vaccine that protects not only against EEE and WEE, but also VEE."

Although it has yet to be diag-

nosed in Texas, another mosquito-borne, encephalitic disease causing concern in West Nile Virus (WNV). Dr. Irby said WNV was unheard of in the U.S. until 1999 in New York, where seven persons died from the infection and at least 25 equids were infected. In 2000, the virus had spread to 12 states, and by year's end 2001, the disease impacted 27 states, including Louisiana and Arkansas. At least 564 equids tested positive for the disease in 2001, reported Dr. Irby.

Epidemiologists are still uncertain how or when an infected person, bird or mosquito entered the country, initiating the bird-mosquito WNV disease cycle in the U.S., the U. S. Department of Agriculture changed WNV's designation from a "foreign animal disease," to an "emerging disease."

"Texas is particularly vulnerable to the introduction of WNV, because major migratory routes for birds pass over a large portion of east Texas. This summer, we may find that the disease is brought into the state by infected birds," commented Dr. Irby. He pointed out that at least 17 species of mosquitoes can be involved in the disease cycle.

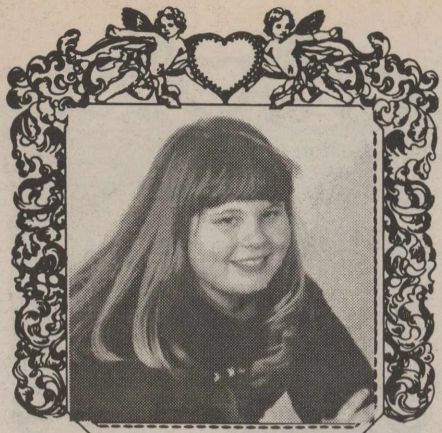
"Many horses infected with WNV won't appear to be ill, while others become debilitated and too weak to rise," he said. "About 20 percent of the horses infected with WNV in 2001 either died or were euthanized because they were so ill."

"Late last summer, a WNV vaccine was approved for equids, and like many other encephalitic vaccines, two injections are needed. For WNV vaccine, the injections must be three to six weeks apart. The timing of vaccination is crucial, as demonstrated in Florida last year, where 267,000 doses of vaccine were made available. Eighty-six equine that became infected that received only one dose of vaccine. Seventeen other stricken animals received their second dose of vaccine less than three weeks prior to becoming infected," he explained. "Since immunity may not develop for four to six weeks after the second dose, owners should have their animals vaccinated now, so they'll be protected by the time mosquito season begins this spring."

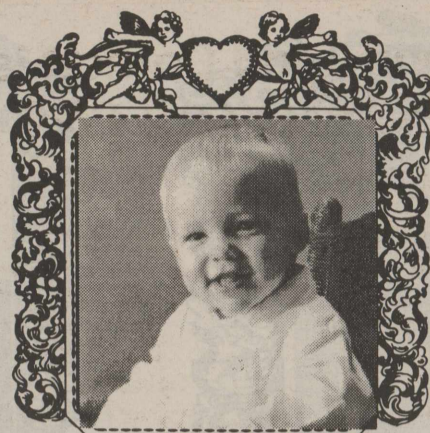
Dr. Irby reminded owners to reduce mosquito populations by draining stagnant water from bird-baths, flowerpots, troughs and other containers, and by keeping pools properly chlorinated. Insect repellents and insecticides should be used only according to directions, he said, and owners may want to stable their animals at night to provide added protection.

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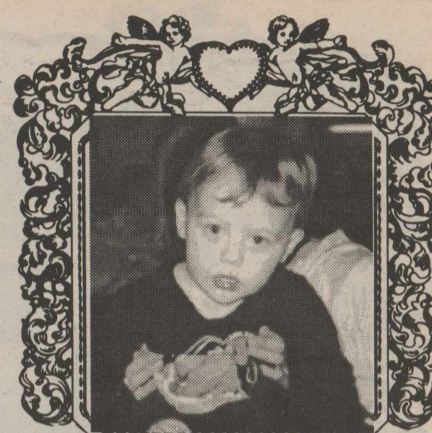
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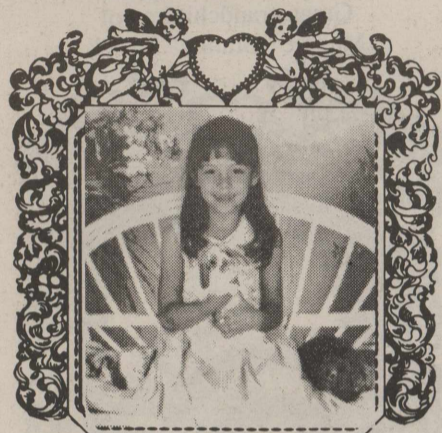
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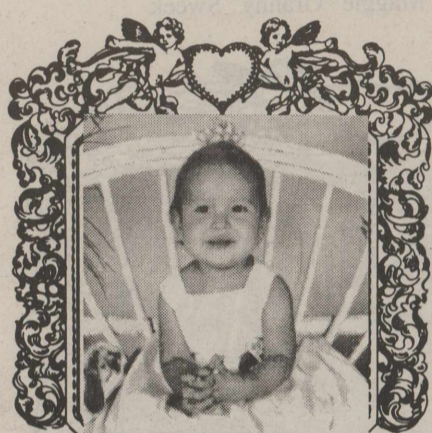
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 Grandson of Fred & Lois Hill,
 Linda Bruntmyer
 Great-grandson of Loyd & LaVerne
 Stephens and Opal McClure



SIERRA MICHELLE JUAREZ
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 and Valerie English
 Granddaughter of Mike & Estella Juarez
 and Sharon Montgomery
 Great-granddaughter of Mary H. Valdez,
 Henry & Julia Juarez



BRITNEY DANIELLE JUAREZ
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 Granddaughter of Mike & Estella Juarez,
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Flores
 Great-granddaughter of Mary H. Valdez
 and Henry & Julia Juarez



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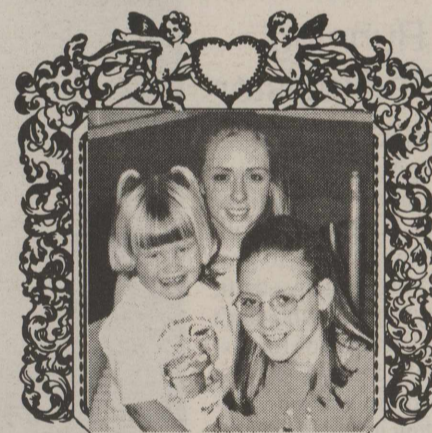
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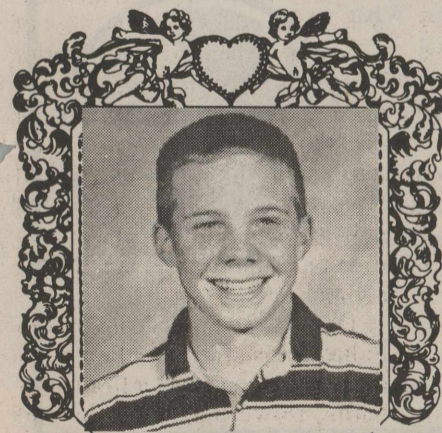
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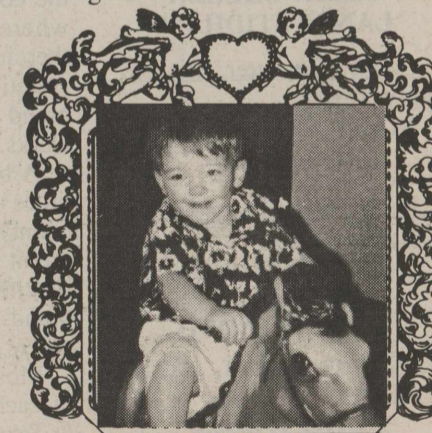
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 Grandson of Dana & Dorothy Martin,
 Da & Kaye Cook
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Silverton vs. Hedley



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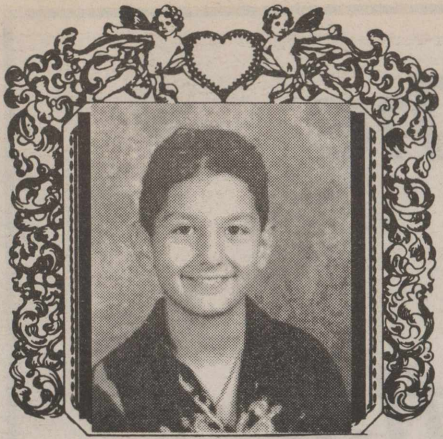
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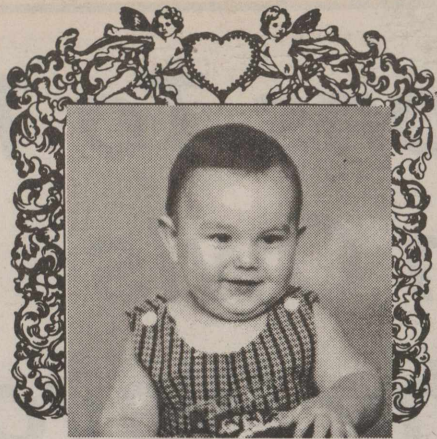
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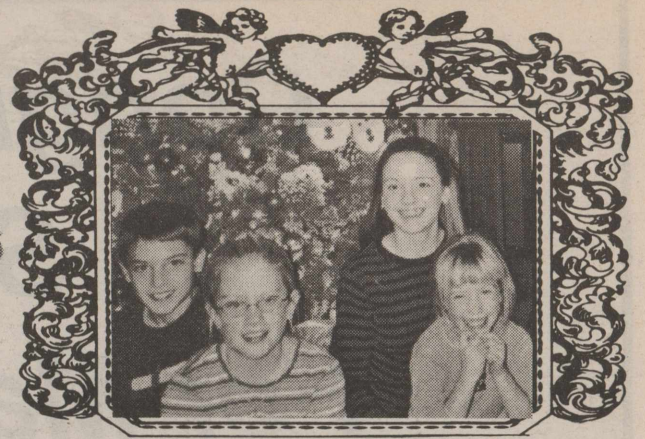
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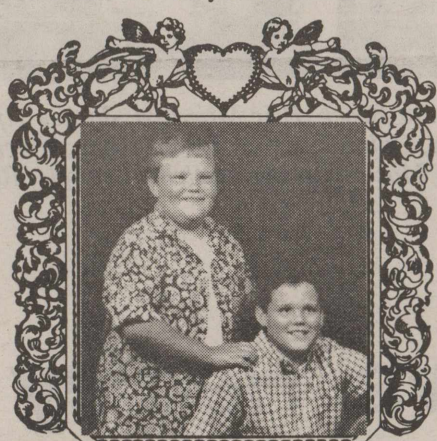
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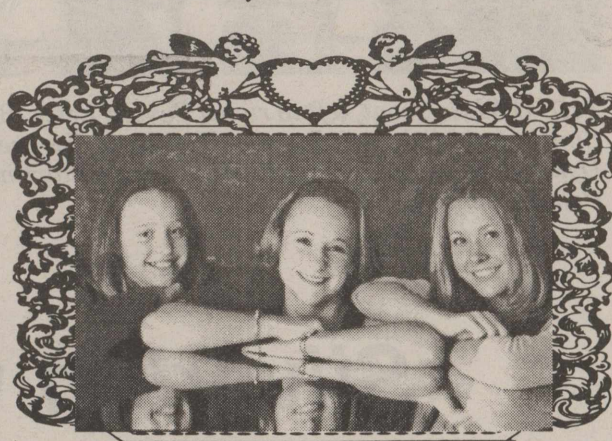
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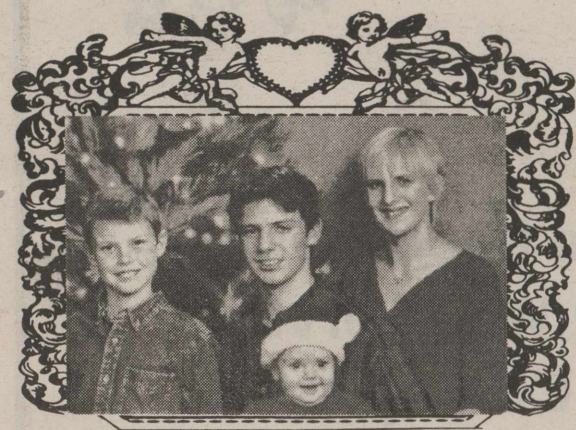
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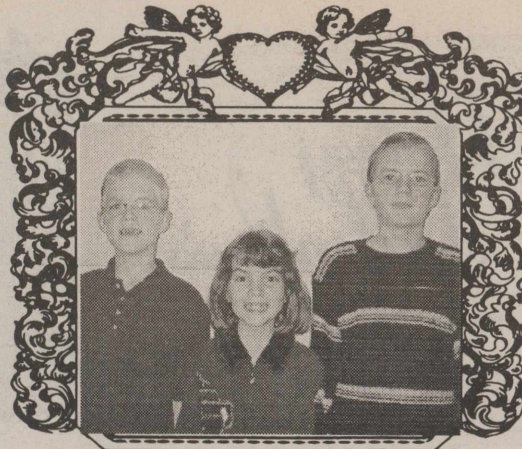
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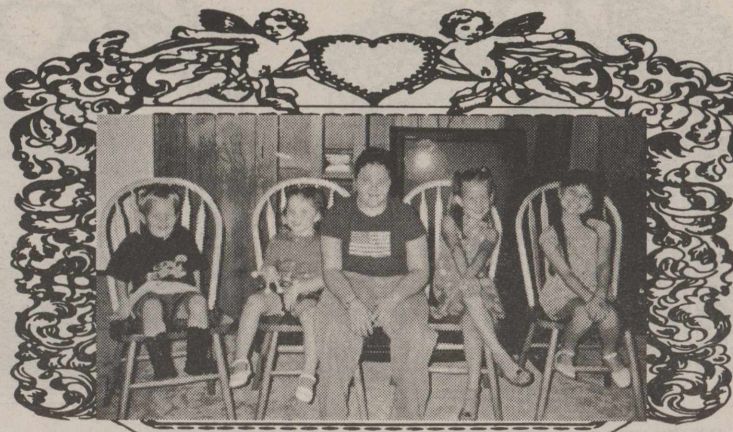
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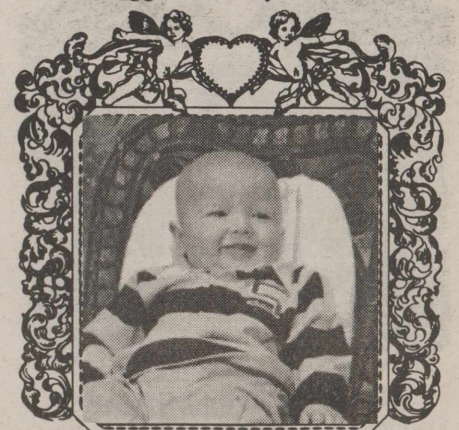
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J. L. & Faye Self



TYLER, MAISON, TORREY, TREVA & SHELBY
Grandchildren of Dwight & Anita Ramsey



DEKLYN CHANDLER
Son of Dara & Cory Chandler
Grandson of
Dwight & Anita Ramsey

Time Is Running Out To Re-Register Your Brand

Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through February 28, 2002. A viable brand is the best way to protect cattle and horses against theft; however, many persons who don't own either register brands for historical or nostalgic purposes.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by February 28, 2002, will become available for other persons to use.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where you intend to use them; therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brand with each of those county clerks.

A brand may be registered by more than one person in each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

Most county clerks send a copy of each brand registration record to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. TSCRA headquarters is the only location where brand records are kept for all 254 Texas counties. For more information contact your local county clerk.

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BENA HESTER
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For County Sheriff, Briscoe
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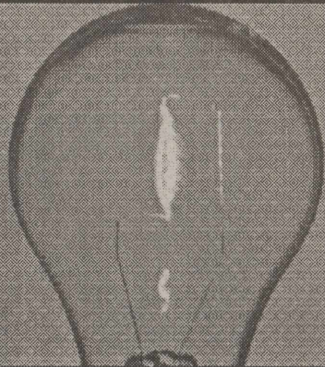
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CONNIE SMITH

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