

Bonnie May has unearthed a little more information about the Ozard Trail, which apparently followed a route similar to that which is now Highway 86. It started at Hollis, Oklahoma, and continued through Wellington, Quail, Memphis, Estelline, Tur-key, Gasoline, Quitaque, Silverton, Tulia, Nazareth, Dimmitt, Bovina, Farwell and Clovis, New Mexico. Markers are still up in Dimmitt and Tulia. Silverton's is buried "somewhere" and it is said that Quitaque's is buried under the highway in that city.

Not all of the towns had monuments, and not all of the monuments were the same size.

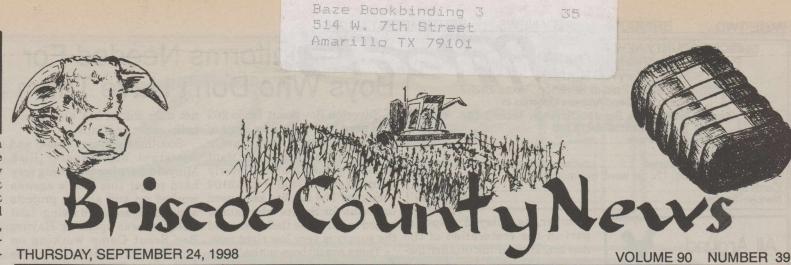
The trail may have continued from Hollis to Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Joplin, Missouri and on to St. Louis. Some maps indicate that a branch went to Kansas City, Kansas, and to Amarillo and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The Amarillo Daily News issue of Monday, September 10, 1990 carried a story about Wellington's marker. Along with a picture, a caption read, "The old Ozark Trail marker's condition is improving every day, thanks to the help of Paul Baker and Gary sanderson, who have contracted to restore the marker to its original form. It was cast aside in a

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Brooks Brock is the 1998 Oklahoma Pedal Pull Champion in the six-year-old age division. He was invited to compete for the State Pedal Pull in Moore, Oklahoma after he won his division in Pawnee, Oklahoma last spring. He will be competing National Pedal Pull Champion in Omaha, Nebraska on September 26. His grandfather, Byron Brock of Lockney, will be taking him to the event. Briscoe County News Photo





Silvercot Gin, Inc. ginned the first bale of new-season cotton on Thursday, September 17. Liz Griffin delivered the first load which was ginned into a 502-lb. bale and purchased by Consolidated Cotton Co. of Memphis for \$1.00 a pound. Pictured with Mrs. Griffin is Briscoe County News Photo

SEPTEMBER 24-HOUR

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KACV Documentary On the Air Tonight

A new KACV documentary takes a look at the world of women in agribusiness in the Panhandle. "The Farmer's Wife: A Panhandle Perspective" will air at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, on your public television station.

This follows the showing of "The Farmer's Wife" Monday-Wednesday, September 21-23 from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m.

Filmmakers take viewers inside the world of Juanita and Darrel Buschkoetter, revealing a compelling love story--following the couple as they face seemingly insurmountable economic hardship, only to confront an even greater challenge--saving their marriage. It is a disarmingly intimate, emotionally engrossing portrait of a passionate yet troubled relationship. Juanita and Darrel fight a punishing series of batles--with the soil, with the weather, with their creditors, with the government, and with each other, finally realizing their dreams by finding inner strength in faith, hope and family.

All The Way Owls!

Leadership Award Recipient Named

Mandy Pigg has been awarded the national "I Dare You" leadership award in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership. The honor was presented by Briscoe County 4-H in ceremonies held at the Silverton School on August 30, 1998.

The "I Dare You" leadership award is presented each year by the American Youth Foundation (AYF) in cooperation with principals, headmasters and 4-H County Agents across the nation.

The award was first offered in 1941 by the late William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, Missouri, who challenged young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. The Internet Class award takes its name from the book, "I Dare You", written by Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social and spiritual development as the backbone of leader-

In addition to a certificate of recognition, each recipient receives a copy of Danforth's inspirational book, "I Dare You," and a scholarship opportunity to atend AYF's International Leadership Conferences Merrowvista in New Hampshire or Cedar Lake in California. Over 4,000 high schools and 4-H programs participate in the "I Dare You" leadership award program

In 1925 Danforth helped es-

tablish the American Youth Foundation, a prominent national organization which develops leadership in young people. AYF works directly with children and youth, as well as adults and institutions that serve them.

Blood Drive October 5

10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

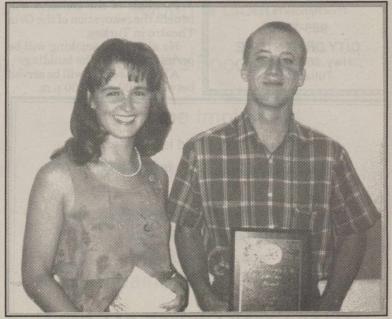
Silverton City Hall

To Begin Soon

A beginning Internet Class will be taught here beginning September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Silverton High School computer lab. The class will continue on Thursday, October 1; Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 8. Classes will end at 9:00 p.m. each day.

The charge will be \$35 per student. If you are interested, call Laura Long, 847-2617.





Mandy Pigg, winner of the "I Dare You Award", was pictured with Donny Burson, Gold Star Award recipient, at the 1998 Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet.

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ditch and had lain there about 50

The story continued: Too often man has had no sense of the historical worth of the landmarks of days gone past.

The Sphinx in Egypt was used for target practice. Stones from Hadrian's Wall in Europe were stolen to make small farm fences. And the Ozark Trail Marker in Wellington was torn down and discarded into ditch.

The Lions and Kiwanis clubs in Wellington have merged their funds and efforts to lift the 8,000pound stone marker out of the ditch and onto the lawn of the Collingsworth County Courthouse, just in time for the county's centennial.

Marshall Peters, a Lions Club



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member, has played a special part in the restoration of the the supply is very low right now. marker. He and his brother discovered the weed-covered rem- now nants of the large trail guide that had once stood in the town

Peters said the Ozark Trail often is misconstrued as a trail that cowboys blazed as they sent their cattle to market. But it was a dirt road that automobiles rattled their way down during the 1920s and '30s.

An intuitive gentleman by the name of William Hope "Coin" Harvey organized the Ozark Trail Association to "establish a known improved route from St. Louis to Las Vegas, New Mexico, Peters said, and--for perhaps the best reason to him--to create a route that passed by his resort, Monte, Nebraska.

To Be Continued

Ray Price To Present Concert At Turkey Oct. 17

Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys will be presented in concert Saturday, October 17, 1998, with two performances at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the old Turkey High School Gymnasium in Tur-

Tickets for the 2:00 p.m. performance will be \$15.00 each, and for the 7:00 p.m. performance the ticket price will be \$20.00.

You may call 806-423-1273 or send check or money order to: Turkey Heritage Foundation, P. O. Box 74, Turkey, TX 79261.

The sound system and opening act will be provided by the South Plains Playboys of South Plains College in Levelland.

Proceeds of the concerts will benefit the renovation of the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

No alcohol or smoking will be

permitted inside the building.

A brisket supper will be served between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Every word of God is flawless: he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

> Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Scout Uniforms Needed For Boys Who Don't Have Them

Silverton Boy Scout Troop 262 is in need of uniforms for some of the new Scouts. If you have a uniform that you no longer want or need, please contact Beverly Minyard at 823-2426 or 823-2108 evenings. The leaders keep used uniforms for Scouts who cannot afford to purchase their own, and

There are 20 boys in the Troop

Boy Scouts council-wide have been asked to usher at the Texas Tech home football games, but each young man must be in full uniform. Therefore, Troop 262 has several Scouts who will need

Home For the **Holidays Program**

Southwest Airlines and the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle have announced the start of the 20th annual "Home for the Holidays" program which will provide Panhandle seniors with complimentary tickets to visit family and friends over the holidays. Applications are available at senior centers across the Panhandle and by contacting the Area Agency on Aging at 372-3381 if calling from the Amarillo/ Canyon area or 1-800-642-6008 outside of Amarillo. To apply, a person must be 65 years of age or older and demonstrate a strong economic need. Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, October 16, 1998.

Fifteen applicants from the Panhandle area will be selected to receive complimentary roundtrip tickets based on their need for economic assistance and their reason for travel. Married couples may name their spouses on the application if they would like the selection committee to consider both as possible recipients. Past recipients may apply, and only one application per person will be accepted. No ground transportation or additional travel expenses will be provided. Recipients may travel anytime between Monday, December 7, 1998 through Saturday, January

Since the program began in 1979, thousands of senior citizens have been sent "Home for the Holidays." In 1986, President Reagan cited the program as an outstanding community service program and awarded it the Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiatives.

Join The BCAA



not only shirts, but also pants, belts, socks and caps.

Scoutmaster Larry Comer and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Minyard have been working very hard to get this year's agenda worked up and all the projects and programs in full swing. Last weekend was spent at Haynes Boy Scout Camp working on camping skills and rapelling. This weekend a hiking trip is planned to the tunnel near Quitaque with a Troop from Plainview. In the coming weeks and months, there will be trips to the Tech football game, a trip to Borger to work on merit badges in swimming, first aid and emergency preparedness.

A full and exciting year is in store for Troop 262. Any boy who has completed fifth grade is welcome to join. Meetings are held each Monday from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Silverton. For more information, see Larry or Cindy Comer, or Rick or Beverly Minyard.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR Contested Races That Will Appear on the General Election Ballot FOR STATE SENATOR: Bowie-Greg Underwood

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, **Briscoe County Precinct 1:** Lynn Frizzell **Edwin Norris**

(This listing includes the candidates who have made their announcements in the Briscoe County News.)

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the **Briscoe County News**

Dumpground cited for eleven vio- to the three-man Briscoe County lations; cooperation of residents is requested . . . First bale of newcrop cotton was ginned Saturday Mercer have returned from a visit at Paymaster Gin at Quitaque for with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer Merrell Brothers, P. J., Clay and in Columbus, Georgia . . . Two Warren Wayne . . . Rainfall for students commended for NMSQT September has totaled four performance are Crockett inches. This brings the 1988 rainfall to date to a total of 18.98 inches, almost an inch above the 45-year average . . . Gold medal winners from the L. O. A. Olympics held at the home of Paula Bomar during the first club meeting of the new year included: David Cavitt, who brought home the gold for the USA in the weight lifting event; Gerald Smith, gold medal winner in the water balloon shot put; teary-eyed Jimmy Burson, winner of the gold in the bicycle competition; Dorcas Garrison, gold medal winner in the 10-meter dash; Gary Weaks, gold medal winner in the ice cream lids discus event . . . Owls regain winning ways against Guthrie, 45-28 . . . Kendal Minyard was named Six-Man Football Player of the Week by the Amarillo Daily News this week for his performance in the game with Guthrie

last Friday night. September 28, 1978-Owls snap losing streak by defeating McLean 15-7... Larry Stephens, guard and linebacker for the Owls, has been selected by the fans as Player of the Week . . . Brent Grabbe was elected the District FFA Reporter at the District Meeting held at Plainview High School last week . . . Rainfall during the past week has amounted to 4.02 inches, according to Fred A. Strange . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones to have open house this weekend in the allnew Jones Dept. Store. They have moved the store one door north of its former location . . . Carol Stodghill won a fistful of ribbons at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. She entered 10 rabbits and won six first-place ribbons, three second-place ribbons and one third-place ribbon, Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. She also won first in display . . . Scholarship for home economics study awarded to Jo Jarrett. The First United Methodist Church in Quitaque is observing its 75th anniversary in October.

October 3, 1968-Owls continue to win 26-8 over Groom . . .

September 29, 1988-- day . . . John Francis appointed Farmers Home Administration Committee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grabbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grabbe, and Paul Ray McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams . . . Rev. and Mrs. Leon Anderson are parents of a daughter, Leona Denise, born Monday in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crass are parents of a son, Kent Bradley . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith are parents of a son, Dickie Paul . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele were among those who attended the 11-county singing convention in Tulia Saturday night . .

Garrison named District 2 4-H garden winner . . . Mrs. Watson Douglas sells funeral home to Ralph Roberts of Tulia . . . Billie Fay Heckman becomes bride of Sgt. Charles A. Sleuder . . Briscoe County 4-H boys with club steers will have all their animals at the newly-placed barn Saturday...John Earl Simpson and J. S. Lacy of Simpson Chevrolet and Theron Crass of Crass Motor Company were in Oklahoma City Sunday attending the showing of the new 1959 Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles . . . Miss LaWanda Reid, a business school student in Lubbock, spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Paul Reid, and Paula . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCutchen spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Bud Brooks . . . Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer, and Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bomar, jr., underwent tonsillectomies at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and Riley attended the Tri-State Fair Friday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tunnell and daughters in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schofield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey, and George on Sunday

September 30, 1948-County pioneer, Ashel Cross, 75, passed away September 27 . . . Briscoe County won tenth place at South Plains Fair in Lubbock this week ... L. E. Davis and Paul Stanford Mrs. Alva Trout retired last week were honored with a birthday after teaching in the Silverton party Sunday afternoon at the Schools for almost 15 years. It Tulia Park, where their families was the advice of her physician gathered for the celebration . . . that prompted her to end her role At home on leave from the Navy in the teaching profession at this are Jerry Simpson, Joe Lynn time . . . Barbara Davis is new Allard, Ray Teeple and Fred Worthy Advisor of Silverton Strange...Reburial rites will be Rainbow Girls...Dana Martin held for S/Sgt. Glen Chesshier on and Bill Hutsell killed a 61-inch Saturday, October 2 . . . Mr. and long rattlesnake on the George Mrs. Obra Watson and Joe Bob Martin Ranch Sunday . . . Mrs. spent the weekend in Amarillo G. H. Thomas buried here Sun- visiting Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal

Reid were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell. . Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin and son, Doyle, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tiffin, in Quitaque Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and Donna visited in Portales, New Mexico this week with his brother . . . Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown and family last week moved to Plainview to make their home . . Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long honored their son, George, at their Happy Anniversaryhome Sunday evening with a birthday party . . . Mrs. R. E. Brookshier honored Mrs. Pearl Simpson last Thursday with a surprise birthday dinner

September 22, 1938--Nine indictments returned by Grand Jury . . . County Judge Coffee returned from Austin where he met with the Highway Commissioners in an effort to extend the Caprock WPA work west from the Billy Cogdell Caprock toward Silverton . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "In a copy of 'The Stayer' dated June 25, 1898 that was brought in by Nig Reid, we find Cassy day night . . . McClendon heading the honor roll of the first grade. Clay Fowler says, 'There must be some mistake" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Olos Chitty have a new baby girl born Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowart and Mrs. Judd Donnell were in Plainview Tuesday on business and attending

Watson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul the circus . . . Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. left Thursday for Lebanon, Tennessee to visit her mother . day night with Roy Lee McKenney . . . Mrs. Will Autry and children visited Mrs. Mary Edwards Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mattheus and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid were in Plainview Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson and children spent Sunday in the C. A. Johnson home . .

September 24--Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon, Mr. and Mrs.

September 26--Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reid

September 27--Mr. and Mrs. David Holt

September 28--Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavy

April 24, 1925-Jim Busby, the big deputy sheriff, was a business visitor to Amarillo Tuesday. Harold Gene Rowell spent Mon- Burson Motor Co. is putting in a new concrete floor in the rear of their big automobile building . . .A large crowd enjoyed the singing at Mr. Savage's Sunday night.

Happy Birthday-

September Stephens, Jim Estes, Florene Fitzgerald, Amanda Harris

September 26--Brooke Garvin, Aimee Francis, Matthew Davis, Cortney Michelle Gragson

September 27--Leslie Polley, Maebelle Francis

September 28--Ada Clay, John Schott, Brian Strickland, Jason Bailey

September 29--Rex Johnson, George Long

September 30--Rank Cogdell, September 29--Mr. and Mrs. Mary Lee Watters, Wesley

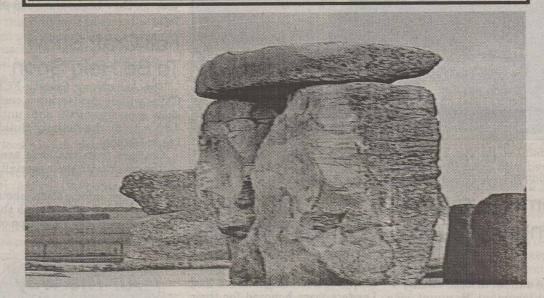
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A. C. and Nancy Alexander of Big Spring and Walter and Dianna Hill of Silverton are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Tabatha Lynn Smith and Michael Shane Hill. Wedding vows were exchanged during a double-ring ceremony on September 17, 1998 in Plainview. The bride is a 1995 graduate of Forsan High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Kelly Temporary Services. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Silverton High School and is employed by McCoy's Building Supply. The couple will make their home in Plainview.



Tom and Deb Burson, Distinguished Leader Award recipients, were pictured with Lana Burson (right), Silver Spur Award recipient at the 1998 Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Numerous Awards Presented at Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet

by Pammy Millican Briscoe County Extension Agent

held Sunday, August 30, 1998, at hard work over the past year. the Silverton School Cafeteria.

The annual Briscoe County 4- Many outstanding 4-H'ers and H Achievement Banquet was Leaders were honored for their 4-H'ers completing projects

during the 1997-98 year received T-shirts. Members also received certificates for completing Record Books and being active in their 4-H clubs. Adult volunteers rethem for their leadership during the past year.

Several "special awards" were presented during the evening. Senior 4-H'ers who completed on business meetings and workthe state level received 4-H hanging garment bags

Receiving the District Distinguished Leader Awards were Tom and Deb Burson. Mandy Pigg was recognized with the Danforth "I recognized with the Danforth "I The highlight of the day was Dare You" leadership award, and honoring 32 Distinguished 4-H Donny Burson was recipient of the Gold Star Award, highest given on the county level.

Swisher Electric Cooperative and Lighthouse Electric Cooperative sponsored the Silver Spur Leader Award which was presented to Lana Burson for her dedicated support of the County's 4-H program.

Tobe Riddell was the recipient of the "Friend of 4-H" award; through his continued support, Briscoe County 4-H has been able to successfully complete many activities.

Sponsors for the 4-H Achievement Banquet were Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Swisher Electric Cooperative, Johnson's Gin, Nance's Food Store, The Plum Thicket and Valley Farm

Briscoe County 4-H wishes to thank all of those who have helped the program to have a productive year! Members look forward to another successful year as they begin the 1998-99

Fall Craft Show To Be Held Soon

The Armstrong County FCE Clubs will be sponsoring a craft show soon from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Activity Building in Claude.

Crafters from the local area will be set up with their specialty

For more information about the Fall Craft Show, call the Armstrong County Extension office at 226-3021.



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Distinguished 4-H Leaders Honored

by Pammy Millican Briscoe County Extension Agent

The annual Panhandle 4-H ceived certificates recognizing Fall Forum was held Saturday, September 12, 1998, at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center. Over 125 4-H youth and adult volunteers attended shops on Meterology, Character Counts, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Community Service, Etiquette, Leadership and Opportunities in

Leaders in the Panhandle. These volunteers were honored for their Agent.

commitment and service to their local and county 4-H programs. Honored from Briscoe County were Tom and Deb Burson. Also attending was Briscoe County Agricultural Agent Pammy Millican.

The Panhandle 4-H program reaches nearly 12,000 youth each year. For more information about the 4-H and Youth Program contact your local County Extension Office. Phone 806-823-2131 and ask for the County Extension

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic To Be Held in Quitaque Oct. 17

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the First National Bank, 4th and Main in Quitaque, on Saturday, October 17, in the bank's Community Room.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or

Members Sought For Planning **Advisory Committee**

1-800-377-4673 for more infor-

mation.

Central Plains Center MHMR/SA is seeking new members to participate on the Planning Advisory Committee for the upcoming year. The present PAC has existed for over a year and there are some openings.

The PAC should be balanced to meet the diverse needs of the local service area. Therefore, preference will be given to African-American, Hispanic or other ethnic backgrounds who are current or former consumers of mental health or mental retardation services. Family members of past or present consumers will be given preference also.

Residents of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher counties are particularly needed in order to better represent the nine counties CPC serves. Length of participation will vary from one to three years.

New Arrivals

Eric and Wynter Dudley of Quitaque are proud to announce the arrival of their twin sons, Everett Clyde, six pounds five ounces and 19 1/4 inches long born at 9:49 a.m. and Evan Autry, five pounds five ounces and 18 3/4 inches long born at 9:51 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 1998 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Maternal grandparents are Mickey and Debra Smith of Silverton. Paternal grandparents are Clyde and Renee Dudley of Quitaque.

Great-grandparents are Lawana Cruse of Turkey and the late Tommy Van Cruse and Robert Aurty Gragson; and the late Euel and Faye Dudley of Quitaque; Lon McKay and the late Cecil McKay of Quitaque.

Great-great-grandparents are Cora Gragson of Wellington and the late A. E. Gragson.

Proud aunts and uncles are Tara Shane Smith of Silverton and Lisa and Jimmy Kanetzky of College Station.

Money 2000+ Tip Of Week - Checking

Pammy Millican County Extension Agent

Want to be \$2,000 better off by the end of the year 2000?

Here is this week's Money 2000 Plus tip:

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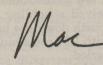
Remember the money you save will continue to earn money if it's in a savings account. To enroll in the Money 2000 Plus program, contact your County Extension Agent.

Interested persons are urged to call 293-2636 for an application. Ask for Ron Trusler or Lillie Molden.



ISSUE UPDATE

Mac Thornberry



Despite Scandal, Congress Needs to Move Ahead and Pass Aid for Farmers and Ranchers

The scandal involving the President may be the number-one issue in Washington right now.

But the drought and low commodity prices are things which farmers and ranchers in our area and around the country are struggling with everyday.

Congress can't lose sight of its obligation to do the people's business. And as it stands now,

helping producers who are trying to make ends meet ranks pretty high up on the list.

I've spent the past few weeks working with members of the House Agriculture Committee on a plan to provide some relief from these dual disasters. We introduced this plan last Thursday, and it should be voted on by the end of the month.

It will provide farmers and



DROUGHT MEASURES

hew! To the summer of 1998, I say, goodbye and good riddance! The summer's drought, one of the worst in history, has put Texas agriculture through some very tough times. What follows is a roundup of the steps I have taken to try to help our farmers and ranchers.

Successfully petitioned President Clinton requesting a speedy Emergency Declaration to get federal disaster assistance relief to Texas as quickly

This quick declaration enabled Texas farmers and ranchers to receive low-interest disaster loans and spurred the release of \$32 million to Texas in emergency federal funds.

Sponsored and passed the Emergency Farm Relief Act to give farmers the option of receiving their Agricultural Market Transition Act payments for fiscal year 1999 on October 1, 1998, instead of the normal payments in January and September 1999.

My bill makes more than \$437 million available to farmers in Texas, as much as a year earlier than called for in the previous law, to help them cope with the cash shortage that they are now experiencing due to low prices.

This is, literally, a matter of survival for many hard-pressed families. It will allow farmers to use their payments as collateral for loans, or to buy seed for next year, or to pay their living expenses because the drought wiped out

· Pressed Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to ease the rule for emergency having and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land. Haying on CRP acreage is providing relief to livestock producers as well as helping to minimize the fire-hazard conditions that accompany every drought. And this year, early spring rains produced a quality of forage that dried out quickly once the drought set in.

In addition, I have urged Secretary Glickman to release CRP acres for haying and grazing in non-emergency counties or states to provide additional relief — livestock feed — to those counties and states who have emergency declarations.

Requested that the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices have adequate personnel to handle the increased caseload. All the aid in the world is no help unless those who need it can get it in a timely fashion.

Introduced tax legislation to help farmers and ranchers manage the risk of price and income fluctuations. My bill will permanently extend income averaging for farmers, create Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) Accounts to allow farmers to defer taxes on income saved during high profit years, and finally, it will cut the top capital gains tax rate from 20

Despite all these measures intended to help. Texas agriculture still is threatened. This is a matter of concern to everyone in our state, regardless of where they live. One out of five jobs in Texas is related in some way to agriculture. Ultimately, 40,000 Texas jobs will be on the line because of projected losses from this year's weather.

Like the old saying goes, if you don't like the weather, wait around, it'll change. In Texas this summer, that's the bad news. The good news is that Americans have always responded to disaster with a helping hand. I'm working with other members of Congress to keep that tradition going.

ranchers with nearly \$4 billion dollars in federal disaster assistance. This includes over \$2 billion dollars for producers who have suffered current and multiple-year crop losses, and additional livestock feed assistance for livestock producers who lost their 1998 supplies of feed to disaster. The plan also includes over a billion and a half dollars in market loss assistance payments to producers who are eligible for Freedom to Farm payments.

This disaster aid goes hand-in-hand with a tax relief bill that's expected to be voted on soon in the House. Among other things, this bill will provide for an immediate increase in the inheritance tax exemption to a million dollars and make income averaging permanent. It will also increase the net operating loss carry-back period for farmers, and let small business owners write off 100 percent of their health insurance costs.

In short, it will help make the lives of farmers and ranchers a little easier -- which, after the year we've gone through so far, is the least that Washington can do.

Bullock is in Recruit Training

Andy Bullock, a member of the graduating Class of 1998 of Silverton High School, has entered the service and is undergoing his recruit training in Illinois. He would enjoy letters from his friends here.

His address is: SR Bullock, Andy L. 458594019 Recruit Training Compound 3301 Indiana Street Great Lakes, IL 60088-5300

Silverton School **Lunch Menu**

Monday, Sept. 28--Chili Cornchip Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Cherry-o-cream des-

Tuesday, Sept. 29--Lasagna, Salad, Okra, Garlic Bread, Peaches and Whipped Topping,

Wednesday, Sept. 30--Burrito, Hot Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Chips, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 1--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Oct. 2--Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk



Marsh Mallow is a plant that grows in meadows and marshes of eastern Europe. It is now grown in the U.S. During famines, people have eaten its roots. The root was once used as an ingredient in the candy called marsh-

Farmers, Ranchers Need to be Aware of Texas Highway Laws

Pammy Millican Briscoe County Extension Agent

Most of us seldom need more more than 10,000 pounds. than a regular driver's license, but to run their business farmers and ranchers often do. Because of their unusual license usage, there are a few things which many farmers and ranchers may not realize when it comes to Texas highway laws.

One is that they are not required to get a commercial driver's license if they are carrying their own product from harvest to processing or storage, so long as they are doing it for themselves. DPS trooper Eddie Carmon says if they do the hauling for someone else, however, they do have to have a commercial license. The classification depends on the weight of the ve-

Carmon says they must get a class A license if the combination of vehicles weighs more than 26,000 pounds. A class B commercial license is requires if a single vehicle exceeds 26,000 pounds and is towing a trailer weighing

Carmon also says hauling anything wider than 12 feet requires a permit. And if a vehicle travels under 35 miles per hour, it must have one of those orange triangular slow moving vehicle signs. And it must be placed on the rear most vehicle. But you have to take it off if you get above 35 miles an hour.

Carmon uses the example of cotton trailers going slowly to the gin, but coming back empty and running faster returning from the gin. If they get above 35 and they still have the slow moving vehicle sign attached, the driver can be ticketed. Carmon also points out that if a tractor is designed with headlights, taillights and flashing lights, the law says those lights must be used when the tractor is operated at night. Governor George Bush has suspended the requirement that anyone hauling hay beyond 150 miles to obtain a commercial license. The waiver expires in November.

Revised **Football Concession Stand Work List**

Please note that two games have been added to the schedule and the work list has been revised since last week's paper.

This year's concession stand has four ladies in charge. If you have a question or need help, ask the lady in charge of your work shift. Please try to be there to work 30 minutes before the game and plan to stay to help clean up after the game. If the time you are scheduled to work is inconvenient for you, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or find a replacement. You are always appreciated for the time and effort you put forth to make this fund raiser a success

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 25--Connie Simpson, Melissa Estes, Nancy Young, Sheila Reagan: Marsha and Perry Brunson, Gary and Cathey Weaks, Gail and John Wyatt

Oct. 9--Connie Simpson, Melissa Estes, supervisors: Ken and Nancy Wood, Jim and Donna Estes, Connie and Mitchell

Oct. 23--Melissa Estes, supervisor: Colleen and Wayne Reed, Cindy and Larry Comer, Beverly Minyard

Oct. 30--Connie Simpson, supervisor: Tony and Mary Patino, Hal and Debbie Rogers, Maria Castillo

JUNIOR HIGH GAMES Thursdays

September 24--Melissa Estes, supervisor; Dianna and David Johnston, Paula and Lane Garvin, Liz Griffin

Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.--Melissa Estes, supervisor: Stanley and Frances Gamble, Fred and Mary Ramirez, Nora and Emilio Cruz Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.--Nancy Young, supervisor: Barry and Michelle Francis, Max and Sheryl Weaver, Connie Grimland

Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.--Melissa Estes, supervisor: Sherry and Tim Mattheus, Dee and Julie Arnold, Ross and Melissa Estes

Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.--Connie Simpson, supervisor: Bena Hester, Connie Simpson, Melissa Estes, Sheila Reagan

JUNIOR HIGH GAMES Thursdays

September 24--Debbie Holt, Juannah Jennings, Deb Burson, Sheila Reagan

Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m.--Nancy Young, supervisor: Diana and Clarence Ivory, Alex and Lydia Segura, Tom and Deb Burson, Brenda Jasper

Oct. 9, 4:00 p.m.--Sheila Reagan, supervisor: Dwight and Anita Ramsey, L. B. and Mary Ivory, Claude McMurtrey, Norma Birdwell

Oct. 15, 5:00 p.m.--Sheila Reagan, supervisor: Frank and Janice Kirchoffner, Santos and Mary Garcia, Doug and Lisa Cherry

Nov. 5, 5:00 p.m.--Nancy Young, supervisor: Bill and Shana Strange, Bryan and Lana Burson, Max Whitworth



A halophyte is a plant that grows in salty soil where most plants would die. Asparagus is a halophyte.

Charles Bridge Control of Control

Owls Suffer First Loss To **McLean Tigers Friday Night**

after three quarters, but fell vic- picked up a first down on the Owl tim to McLean's 19-point fourth 31, after which he endured a facequarter Friday night. It was the mask violation that moved the first loss of the season for the ball to the McLean 12. Jared Holt Owls, as they were bowled over carried to the one-yard line, and by the Ike Haynes show.

the ball to the McLean 35. A score to 14-8. couple of minutes later, Haynes led 8-0 with 8:52 still on the firstquarter clock.

midfield. Nathan Francis comwas intercepted by Haynes.

Burson, Andrew Francis, Jeremy Holt, Jay Hicks and other Owls, a 16-14 lead. the Tigers drove goalward. On McLean fumbled and recovered, then passed complete for another touchdown. The Owls blocked the PAT, and with 4:24 remaining in maining before halftime. the game saw the Tigers move ahead 14-0.

The Owls led 34-26 at halftime Jeremy Holt took it on the Silver-and increased that lead to 40-26 ton 14. He carried two plays and Jeremy scored with 2:54 remain-Jared Holt kicked off to open ing in the quarter. Jeremy drop-the game, and Haynes returned kicked the PAT, to narrow the

McLean carried the kickoff carried the ball into the endzone. back to near midfield and lost The Tigers kicked the PAT, and four yards on defense by Andrew Francis. They punted on fourth down, and the Jeremy and Jared McLean kicked off and Jay show began once again. Jeremy Arnold took the short kick to picked up a first down, after which a face-mask penalty was pleted a pass to Jeremy Holt assessed against the Tigers to which was good for a 10-yard move the ball to the nine. Jared gain, after which a Francis aerial scored on the next play with five as intercepted by Haynes. minutes having expired in the In spite of defense by Donny second quarter. Jeremy dropkicked the PAT, to give the Owls

Jared kicked off once again, fourth down, needing 13 yards, and McLean returned it to the 30, stopped by the Owls. The Tigers fumbled, and Burson grabbed it for Silverton with 9:43 still re-

Nathan Francis passed com- 26. plete to Jeremy Holt for a 13-yard McLean kicked off again, and gain, but an incomplete pass

caused the ball to go back to the third quarter. Tigers with 8:06 remaining.

incomplete pass by putting pressure on Haynes, but the Owls ceived a holding call, and on gave the Tigers a first down on a major penalty which was whistled by the referees. The Ti-period. gers made a first down in spite of defense by David Gamble and Lorn Estes, and Haynes scored with 6:18 still on the second-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and the Tigers held a slim 20-16 lead. McLean kicked off and Jeremy

returned the ball to the 36. Jared an for a first down on the McLean 25, and on fourth down, Nathan Francis passed complete to Jeremy Holt for another touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 4:30 remaining before halftime, the Owls moved into a 22-20 lead.

Jared kicked off again, and McLean returned it all the way for a touchdown. The kick failed. and with 4:12 still on the clock, the Tigers regained the lead 26-

McLean kicked off and the Owls took possession of the ball about two yards outside their goal. Jeremy Holt went all the way for a touchdown on the next down, the PAT kick was blocked, and the Owls moved ahead 28-

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and the ball was returned to the 36 where it was stopped by Max Whitworth. On the third play, Andrew Francis intercepted a Tiger aerial on about the Silverton five. Nathan Francis completed a pass to Jeremy Holt for a first down on the McLean 19, after which Jared Holt had a couple of carries and Jeremy made a first down on the three. Jeremy made a touchdown with 57 seconds remaining before halftime, and brought the score to 34-26.

Jared kicked off and McLean returned the ball to the 35. They picked up a first down in spite of defense by Estes, Adrian Ramirez and Andrew Francis and passed for another as time

expired in the first half. McLean kicked off to open the third quarter, and the short kick was taken by Charlie Bomar near midfield. Jared Holt ran for seven yards and Jeremy Holt added a first down on the McLean 27. Jared picked up 10 yards and Jeremy got another first down, this time on the McLean 4. Jeremy made the touchdown on the next try. There was no PAT, and with 8:24 remaining on the third-quarter clock, the Owls moved ahead 40-

Jared kicked off again, and Haynes returned it to near midfield, stopped by Burson. Defense by Estes, Gamble, Hicks, Burson, Ramirez and others was unable to stop the drive, but after arriving at their own 20 the Tigers were stymied by the defense of Jeremy Holt, Gamble and Estes. On fourth down, a second consecutive incomplete pass brought the ball back to the Owls on the Silverton 35 with 3:12 remaining in the

A pass from Nathan Francis Jay Hicks brought about an to Daniel Reagan moved the ball a few yards, but the Owls refourth down the ball went over with 1:54 remaining in the third

McLean drove for a first down, stopped by Matt Martin, then moved the ball to the one. As the fourth quarter opened, the Tigers went over for a touchdown. Martin blocked the PAT kick, and with 9:53 remaining in the game the Tigers narrowed the score to 40-32

McLean kicked off and Reagan took the short kick near midfield. Jeremy carried a couple of times and McLean was penalized for being offside. Two incomplete passes caused the ball to go back to the Tigers.

And so, with Haynes right, Haynes left and Haynes up the middle, the Tigers proceeded to score again. There was no PAT, and with 6:20 remaining to be played in the game, the Owls held a slim 40-38 lead.

McLean's kickoff didn't go 10 yards, and the Owls took possession on the McLean 34. Jeremy ran the ball three times, and Nathan threw a pass on fourth down, but the ball went over to the Tigers on downs. When it looked like the Owls had the Tigers in a hole and a pitchout to Haynes was fumbled, the Tigers came back with a first down play. They rolled past defense by Andrew Francis and Jeremy Holt to score with 25 seconds remaining to be played. They passed for the PAT, and took a 45-40 lead.

McLean kicked off and the ball vas taken by Jeremy Holt. Nathan Francis passed to Reagan and threw another pass to Jared Holt, which was complete and was carried to about the McLean 20 as time expired on the clock.

The Owls made 12 first downs and the Tigers captured 13 in the game. The Owls rushed for 270 yards while the Tigers picked up 215 yards rushing. Nathan Francis completed eight of 18 passes and had one intercepted for a gain of 142 yards. The Tigers completed 10 of 21 passes and saw one intercepted as they gained 115 yards. Silverton's total offense was 412 yards while McLean amassed 330 yards. The Tigers lost one fumble. The Owls were penalized six times for a total of 42 yards, and the Tigers had 65 yards stepped off against them on 10 calls.

The Owls will be hosting Guthrie for their homecoming game Friday night. They will be working hard to try to regain their winning ways. Kickoff is at able. 7:30 p.m. Be there!

Silverton School **Activities**

Thursday, Sept. 24--Groom JH, JV, here, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25--Guthrie, here, 7:30 p.m.; Homecoming

Tuesday, Sept. 29--Booster Club, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1--Samnorwood JH, here, 6:00 p.m.; Oct. Fort Elliott JV, here, 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming **Week Activities**

Wednesday, Sept. 23--Wig Day at school

Thursday, Sept. 24--Pajama Day at school

Friday, Sept. 25--Spirit Day--wear red and white

Thursday, Sept. 24--Junior High game with Groom, here, 5:00 p.m.; Junior Varsity game with Groom, here, 6:30 p.m. Bonfire following Junior Varsity ballgame. Booster Club will be serving hot dogs and lemonade.

Friday, Sept. 25--Pep rally,

2:30 p.m. in PE gym
Pre-game activities--Parents of players and cheerleaders introduced at 7:00 p.m.

Silverton vs. Guthrie, here, 7:30 p.m.

Football Queen crowned at halftime of game

Homecoming Dance after the ame, PE gym, Silverton High School students only.

Pep Rally Will Be in Afternoon

The high school pep rally will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the elementary gym. Several special events are

planned for the rally, including the crowning of the Pep Squad Beau. Candidates are Jeremy Holt, Jay Hicks, Charlie Bomar and John Rogers.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Football Queen To Be Crowned

A Football Queen will be crowned during the football game with Guthrie here Friday night.

The players have nominated Amanda Estes, Dara Ramsey, Dara Johnston and Taylor Griffin, and one will be presented as the Football Queen.

Mr. and Miss Flame will light the spirit of homecoming flame during pre-game activities.

Dance To Be Held for High School Students

A Homecoming Dance will be held for current high school students only after the game Friday night in the PE gym. The dance will begin at 10:00 p.m. and will continue until 12:00 midnight.

Those attending are asked to bring their own CDs. Disco Jay will provide the music.

Refreshments will be avail-



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Attention Students

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Honor Roll, Congratulations!

Bring your

Report Card to the

MALT SHOP

Junior High Lost First Game To McLean Tigers Thursday

played their first game of the season with McLean here last Thursday afternoon. There was no Junior Varsity game because McLean has only 15 high school boys on its roster.

Red Ivory's kickoff was taken by McLean and the Tigers drove through a first down. Ivory knocked down a Tiger pass, after which McLean was assessed several illegal procedure penalties, and the ball went over to the Owls on downs.

Ivory completed a pass to Chase Comer as the first quarter ended, but the team was forced to punt on fourth down.

McLean fumbled the ball on third down, and Comer recovered for the Owls. Ivory picked up a first down before the Owls lost the ball via the fumble route.

The Tigers streaked downfield to score with 40 seconds remaining in the first half, carried the PAT and moved ahead 7-0.

Comer recovered the onside kick, but on first down the Owls lost the ball again on a fumble. Defense by Monty Wood and Comer held the Tigers in check

Silverton's Junior High Owls as time expired in the first half.

When McLean kicked off to open the second half, Ivory took the ball at the Silverton nine. Ivory made a first down on the 29 after which Wood picked up 11 yards. Martin Hernandez added a first down on the McLean five. There was a quarterback sack before Wood passed complete to still to be played, the score was Comer to move the ball to the extended to 25-7. three. The Owls failed to score back to the Tigers on the two.

McLean ran all the way for a touchdown on the next play, there a first down. Francis carried the was no PAT, and with 2:07 retouchdown with 1:15 remaining maining on the third-quarter to be played, added the PAT, and clock, the Tigers led 13-0

McLean kicked off, Silverton and moved ahead 19-0 with 1.37 remaining in the third quarter.

and Wood took it to the 34. Ivory of times before Ivory ran for a ran for a 10-yard gain, but on touchdown to ice the final score fourth down the ball went back at 32-20. to McLean.

On fourth down, the Tigers saw the ball go back to the Owls on

Ivory passed complete to
Francis for a first down, after which Wood passed to Ty Reed for to eat, so plan now to be there for touchdown. Ivory carried the PAT, to narrow the score to 19-7 with 2:57 remaining in the game. The Owls kicked off and

McLean carried the ball all the way for another touchdown. There was noPAT, and with 2:42

McLean kicked off and Francis and on fourth down the ball went returned it to the 20. Wood passed to Hernandez, after which Ivory passed to John Arnold for

narrowed the score to 25-14.
When the Owls kicked off, the

fumbled, and the Tigers recov- Tigers returned it all the way for ered. They scored on the next a touchdown, added the PAT, and play, failed on the PAT attempt, moved into a 32-14 lead with 58 seconds remaining to be played.

Hernandez controlled the McLean kicked off once again, kickoff, and Francis ran a couple

Next game for the Junior High As the fourth quarter opened, Owls will be this afternoon when

This will be a double header, with the Junior Varsity team playing Groom at 6:30 p.m.

to eat, so plan now to be there for both games!









Wishing the Best To The Silverton Owls!





THE OWLS--(back row, left to right) Coach Wayne Henderson, Jay Hicks, Matt Strange, Daniel Reagan, Nathan Francis, Jay Arnold, Jared Holt, Matt Martin, Charlie Bomar, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Jimmy Castillo, Paul Segura, Issac Garcia, Jeremy Holt, Donny Burson, Isaiah Ivory, Mickey Juarez, Junior Gonzales; (kneeling) Adrian Ramirez, Clay McMurtrey, Virgil Gossett, Andrew Francis, Clint Ivory, Nicholas Vargas, David Gamble, Max Whitworth, Lorn Estes; (sitting) Bert Garza, Vince Cruz, Tyler Young, John Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Danny Dunn, Daniel Castillo, Ryan Minyard. Not pictured: Gary Whitworth, Coach Bryan Barnes.

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Silverton Owls

JUNIOR VARSITY OWLS
VS.
GROOM

Here 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 24

vs. Guthrie

GROOM
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Thursday, September 124

JUNIOR HIGH OWLS

7:30 p.m.-Sept. 25-Here

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PCCA Announces Record Cash Distribution This Year

several records were achieved in fiscal 1998, including more than \$40 million in cash payments to its members from year-end earnings. The announcements were made during the cooperative's 45th Annual Stockholders Meeting in Lubbock.
"This \$40 million in cash dis-

tribution eclipses our previous cash payout record by \$5.5 million," PCCA President and CEO Van May says. "The cash distributed includes \$16.8 million in cash dividends, #15.9 million in stock retirements and \$7.3 million in retirement of per-unit capital retains," he adds, "and was made possible by record net margins of \$33.7 million." The record margins for 1998 surpassed the previous record year by more than \$2 million.

PCCA's Marketing Division handled a record of more than 2.9 million bales of members' cotton during fiscal 1998 and posted net margins of almost \$3.9 million. The volume of cotton traded on the cooperative's electronic marketing system, TELCOT, was the second highest ever and was the highest level for a single crop

"Our members' cotton this past year once again exhibited excellent quality characteristics in terms of grade, staple length and fiber strength," May notes. "This high quality attracted additional attention from PCCA customers.' PCCA's export volume increased 25% during the fiscal year, and Mexico again was an important

foreign customer. "In a somewhat surprising turn of events, Turkey became a significant customer as our sales to that country escalated five-fold from the previous year," says May. "Due to export destinations such as these, PCCA's export business in 1997-98 experienced less negative impact from the economic downturn in Asia than would have been possible heretofore," he says.

May also reports PCCA's marketing pools achieved remarkable success last year as the West Texas/Oklahoma pool volume was the largest ever, and the South Texas pool was the second largest in its history. Much of the increased volume is a direct reflection of PCCA members' increased recognition of the pools' advantages resulting from disciplined implementation of sound marketing strategies and excellent relationships with textile

mills throughout the world. "For the twenty-first time in 22 years and for the ninth time in 10 years, pool prices exceeded non-pool prices for the West Texas/Oklahoma and South Texas pools, respectively," May "Successes such as these are difficult to ignore, especially during years when cotton trades within a narrow price range. The proven performance of PCCA's

Plains Cotton Cooperative As- marketing pools continues to sociation (PCCA) has announced make them attractive to an increasing percentage of this cooperative's membership."

Increased harvested acreage and yields during 1997-98 in Southwest Oklahoma and the Texas Rolling Plains directly benefitted PCCA's warehousing operations there. Rolling Plains Cooperative Compress at Sweetwater, TX received a record volume of 397,213 bales during the year, and receipts at the Oklahoma Cotton Cooperative Association warehouse in Altus increased 39% from the previous

PCCA's Textile Divsion reported net margins of \$19.3 million, the third best since PCCA entered the textile business in 1987, despite a soft denim market that required some downtime during the year at the American Cotton Growers (ACG) Denim Mill in Littlefield, TX. On a more positive note, PCCA members attending the annual meeting learned the denim mill has begun production of new denim styles for its customer, Levi Strauss & Co., that offer greater profit potential

Another major development during fiscal 1998 was PCCA's acquisition of Mission Valley Textiles, Inc. in New Braunfels, TX. Re-named Mission Valley Fabrics, the operation is being folded into the cooperative's Textile Di-

"Mission Valley is a leading, vertically-integrated manufacturer of yarn-dyed, woven cotton fabrics," May says. "The company's marketing, creative and sales expertise, coupled with PCCA's financial strength and manufacturing skills, should be complementary and provide real synergy." May offers an example of such synergy that already is occurring.

With expertise provided by ACG, Mission Valley is develop-ing light-weight indigo denims and chambrays to augment its product lines," May explains. "Also, Mission Valley is replacing yarn previously purchased from other manufacturers with excess open-end yarn produced at ACG. At the same time, requirements for ring-spun yarn which ACG will need in the near future can be partly met by existing equipment at Mission Valley."

While the addition of Mission Valley has enabled PCCA to move into a broader arena of fabric merchandising, May insists the Textile Division's primary focus will continue to be basic denim production which has been a consistent margin provider for many

"PCCA will remain focused on its mission," May concludes, "to add significant value to the cotton marketed for our members."

PCCA members at the annual meeting re-elected the following directors to three-year terms on the cooperative's board: Charles



Continuing efforts by Plains Act was passed. Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) to bring much-needed assistance to High Plains cotton producers appears to be paying off.

PCG efforts, which began back in the early part of the summer when it became apparent that the area was headed for a major economic setback, have been driven by the overriding need to get help to producers as quickly as possible.

PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, recently returned from Washington, D. C., notes that the wheels are turning with a new sense of urgency and Congress should vote within the next two weeks. The disaster package, which is going to be a combination of tax relief and disaster assistance, is expected to be added to the FH 1999 Ag Appropriations Bill which is currently being considered by a House-Senate Conference Committee.

Latest news from Washington indicates disaster assistance for agriculture will total approximately \$3.9 billion dollars

House Republicans announced their plan Thursday and it echoes many of the points PCG officials have been making with members of Congress and officials at USDA over the past three

The package being considered at this time will address the current problem via a two-prong approach. An estimated \$1.5 billion will be made available to producers who have suffered direct crop losses in 1998. Growers who have suffered primarily economic losses because of increased production costs or low commodity prices will be included through 1.65 billion in supplemental Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA) payments.

The package is rounded out

with \$675 million earmarked for

areas affected by multiple year

disasters and \$75 million in live-

stock feed assistance. The tax relief part of the package, introduced by Congressman Bill Archer of Texas, includes many provisions that will aid producers. Among the key provisions of the Archer plan for producers is making income averaging permanent and increasing the loss carry-back period for producers.

Any plan to assist agriculture is primarily possible because of the far-reaching effects of the current drought. As growers in the Texas High Plains are well aware, localized crop disasters will probably never receive the type of assistance that was possible before the Freedom To Farm

Abernathy, District 1; and Riley True, District 2. The members also elected to the board David W. Pearson, District 7, to replace the retiring L. C. Unfred.

For producers this means efforts to crease long-term affordable risk management tools must continue. PCG notes that efforts will continue to obtain tax relief large number of wildfires this and ag lending reforms as well as year. crop insurance improvements dividual basis.

Legislation working its way through the House of Representatives could have a positive im- ing the late afternoon. pact on agricultural finances if

"The Farm and Ranch Risk Man- metal can start fires when struck agement Act" (FARRM). This bill would allow farmers and ranchers to defer up to 20 percent of daily. Fuzz and dry material can their before-tax income by plac- ignite easily from machinery ing it in a revolving FARRM ac-

Taxable income could be deferred a maximum of five years, at which time it would have to be withdrawn and taxes paid.

before the House Committee on buildings is to maintain at least Small Business that FARRM ac- a 30-foot buffer strip of short counts could provide producers grass with a powerful cash management tool that would allow them the outside edge of your CRP to even out the tax burden be- field. Short grass won't carry fire

with the tax relief provisions be- which will help minimize the poing considered with agricultural tential for a fast-moving fire. disaster relief, FARRM accounts • Consider installing a dry could prove very beneficial to all hydrant on your property. Your sectors of agriculture. He also volunteer fire department needs encouraged legislators to consider water to fight fire. Fire departadding the provisions in the ment efforts will be more efficient FARRM Bill to current disaster/ and effective if they can tap into tax relief legislation so that your water supply rather than FARRM accounts could be made driving back to town. available to growers as quickly as

provide farmers an effective way in the first few moments of a fire. of smoothing out their tax expenditures. One of the primary things it would do is prevent a grower who follows a large crop your car, truck, or wherever you with a loss from having to pay taxes on income from the previous year's production that was once that technology is commernot marketed before the end of the year in which it was produced.

Cattle Gene Research

Pammy Millican County Extension Agent

The beef industry is on the verge of major genetic advancements that should insure consumers get more tender beef. It is predicted that within the next five years, genetic advancements will dramatically change the way cattle are bred. It will be a giant leap forward in improving the quality of beef.

Researchers at Texas A&M and elsewhere are very close to identifying the genes that make

Fire Safety Tips For Farmers And Ranchers

Pammy Millican County Extension Agent

- · Wet your work area when welding, torch cutting, or grinding along fence lines and other grassy areas. Sparks from these types of activities have caused a
- · Try to grind, weld and cut that will provide a more secure during times other than the heat safety net for producers on an in- of the day. Wildfire is most likely to start and spread quickly when humidity is low, temperature is high, and the wind is blowing. Typically, humidity is lowest dur-
 - · Keep your land as debrisfree as possible. Sparks flying off The legislation in question is old rolls of barbed wire and scrap by a shredder or mower.
 - Clean balers and swathers sparks or the extreme temperature of certain metal parts.
- · Shred or mow around your house and outbuildings more often than normal. Short grass doesn't carry fire like long grass PCG Executive Vice President does. A good way to prevent fire Steve Verett noted in testimony from reaching your home or
- · Shred once or twice around tween often-wide fluctuations in as well as tall grass. Also, the come. grass that does grow back will Verett testified that combined likely have a little green in it
 - · Consider installing a dry
 - · Keep a spray-rig in your pickup filled with water. A little The goal of the accounts is to water can make a big difference
 - Keep hand-pump sprayers filled with water, too. The 5- and 10-gallon models can be kept in need a fire extinguisher.

cialized, cattle producers will be able to select their herds based on maps that mark the desired genes. It's referred to as markerassisted selection.

Turner says once the technology is placed in the hands of purebred cattle producers, we will see replication of those genes distributed to commercial herds. For many years, Texas A&M researchers have compared the genetic makeup of Angus and Brahman cattle. Now they're embarking on a much larger study. They'll genotype six-thousand head of cattle.

Geneticist Dr. Jerry Taylor says they'll look for genes that meat tender. Experiment Station cause differences in tenderness geneticist Dr. Bill Turner says and marbling among 15 breeds.

HOROSCOPES

September 20-26

ARIES – March 21/April 20 You have a lot on your mind this week, Aries, and it has you on edge. Don't take your anxiety out on your loved ones. They just want to help you. Take some time for yourself to sort your thoughts out. An acquaintance offers to help you with a personal problem. Say no, because he or she is really just snooping around.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21 You face a difficult family situation late in the week, Taurus. Be strong; everyone is counting on you to help make things better. If you keep your emotions in check for a while, you'll work things out. That special someone buys you something special. Let him or her know how much this means to you.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21 You're in for a treat this week. Friends and loved ones show you how much they appreciate all that you do. Enjoy yourself. A close friend asks for your advice about a romantic problem. Be honest with him or her; don't just blurt out clichés. Virgo plays an important role.

CANCER - June 22/July 22 You face several challenges this week, Cancer. However, don't back down. If you stay determined, you most definitely can succeed at each one of them. Those around you will be impressed with your accomplishments. A friend introduces you to someone very inter-esting. Just be yourself, and you're sure to gain a new friend.

LEO - July 23/August 23 Don't let your pride get in the way of apologizing for a mistake that you make early in the week. Everyone slips up once in a while. It doesn't mean that you aren't a very capable person. Keep your chin up. Things will get much better soon. Scorpio plays an important role on Friday.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Look at all of your options before making an important financial decision this week. You work too hard for your money to make a hasty choice. Remember, you can ask for help. You meet up with an old friend at the end of the week. Spend time with him or her. You'll be surprised

at what you find out. LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Even though you might not want to hear what family members have to say, listen to them. They're just looking out for you. Take their advice. A date late in the week turns out to be all that you're hoping for and more. This is the start of a lasting relationship.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 A business associate tries to pull the wool over your eyes when it comes to an important project, Scorpio. Don't let him or her. You know how things are supposed to go. Take control of the situation. the situation. Your superiors will be impressed with your efforts. That

special someone has a bad day at the end of the week. Be supportive. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Don't beat yourself up over a mis-take you made a long time ago. Learn from the past, and move on. If you stay focused, you'll come across an excellent financial opportunity this week. A close friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Listen to him or her, and be compassionate.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 When it comes to advancing your career, look before you leap, Capricorn. Things aren't always as good as they seem. Look at all of the pros and cons before getting involved. A loved one offers to help you with a personal problem. Take him or her up on it. You can't handle this alone.

AOUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 You're on the go this week, Aquarius. There's a lot to be done, and you're a little overwhelmed. Don't worry; if you stay focused, you'll come through with flying colors. A friend of a friend tells you how he or she really feels about you. Before making a commitment, think about what you want.

PISCES – Feb 19/March 20 It seems as if everyone wants something from you this week. Don't get upset. Just take some time for yourself. Then, you can deal with every-one else. A budding romance stops before it starts. Don't get upset. He or she wasn't the right one for you.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 20 Guy LaFleur, Former Hockey Player

> SEPTEMBER 21 Stephen King, Author

SEPTEMBER 22 Debbie Boone, Singer

SEPTEMBER 23 Kay Place, Writer/Actress

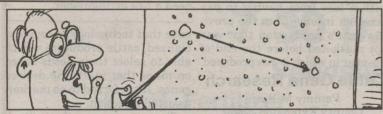
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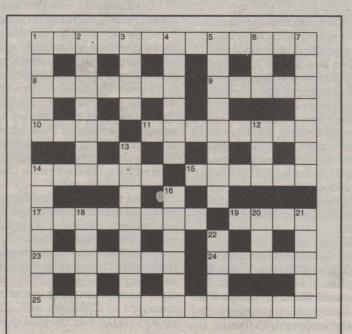


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- Type of punishment
- 8. Lawgiver 9. Detest 10. Savvy
- 11. Repeated endlessly
 14. Conqueror
 15. Element
 17. Withheld

- 19. Fashionable
- 23. Ancient European language
- 24. Plot 25. Magazine title

CLUES DOWN

- Bullfighting maneuvers
- Elevate in rank Peruvian monetary unit
- Containerful
- Confined I (German)
- Nobleman's territory
- Sash
- More appealing
 Atomic number 48
 More ignoble
- Fear
- 20. Fireplace shelf 21. Bovine birth
- 22. Trickery

20. Hob 16. Meaner Cadmium 13. Catchier 7. Earldom Ich 5. Shackled nul

l. Pases

25. Modern Romance 23. Iberian 24. Cabal 19. Chic 17. Deducted 15. Cerium Caesar II. Cuckooed 10. Sabe 10 Аррог I. Poetic justice

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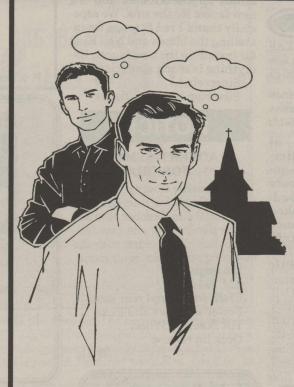
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I once heard it said that there are two answers to almost every question: what we say and what we actually think. The way that we respond to various questions may be affected by our concern that we do not want to offend or cause ill feelings toward someone. We are all probably guilty, from time to time, of not telling someone our true feelings, or offering an excuse as to why we cannot do something for them. We want our friends and acquaintances to like us, so it seems that we develop a tactful way of answering some questions. People that always says exactly what they are thinking may not even realize that what they say may not always be kind or necessary. Knowing when and how to respond in a Godly way to various questions takes wisdom, thoughtfulness, and consideration. Being honest and encouraging to our loved ones and friends is important, and the Bible tells us that a gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



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