

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



From "Mary's Musings" in the *Kress News* on April 17, 2003, we quote the following:

"If everything goes right we should be home this weekend. Hooray!!!

"Louie was very sick the first of last week, with fever and dehydration, which required a couple of trips to the M. D. Anderson Emergency Room. As of this past weekend he was feeling better. I have now seen a 'real hunk of misery.' He was so sick.

"The radiologist gave us some really great news last Wednesday. He said it looked as though the tumor is now 90% gone. He has always been rather reserved, but he just couldn't keep the smile off his face then.

"This week will finish the seven weeks of intensive radiation and the last round of chemo will be given if Louie is up to it. We pray that everything will work out so we can leave here Friday afternoon. We have learned not to count on anything for sure, because a different problem can pop up and change things very suddenly.

"Louie is on a lot of pain medication, as well as nausea medicine, both of which make him very drowsy. It's a little like living with a rock. Bless his heart! I'll be so glad when he has his personality back. He sleeps so much that time doesn't mean a lot to him except when we have an appointment. It has been weeks since he has been able to watch a complete TV show without falling to sleep.

"His voice is all but gone, and it is very painful for him to talk."

Recently Mike Long found the following note attached to his flagpole:

"To the family that maintains the flag: I thank you and your neighbors for proudly displaying 'Old Glory.'

"I drive for Allied Parcel and look for the flag each trip.

"Again, thank you and God Bless America."

It was signed James McNeil.

Venita Asebedo Howell and her family have returned to Silverton to make their home. She is the daughter of Mary and Johnny Asebedo, and is living in the former Hunt home across the street from them. Their son, Weston, is in the fourth grade in the Silverton School.

Venita has retired from military service.



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Senior Class To Host Brisket Lunch April 27

The Senior Class of Silverton High School will be sponsoring a brisket lunch Sunday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The menu will include brisket, potato salad, beans, dessert and drinks. Prices will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ten and under.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this fundraiser meal.

Project Graduation Meeting is Monday

There will be a Project Graduation meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 28, in the School Board Room.

All parents of high school students are invited, and parents of junior and senior students are urged to attend.

Rabies Clinic Will Be May 1

There will be a rabies pet vaccination clinic at the Fire Bay at City Hall in Silverton from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.

Dr. David Finch, DVM, of Tullia will be here to administer the vaccinations to pets.

Senior Citizens To Have Bake Sale

Silverton Senior Citizens will have a bake sale at City Bank from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25.

The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor City-Wide Garage Sale

Silverton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 3.

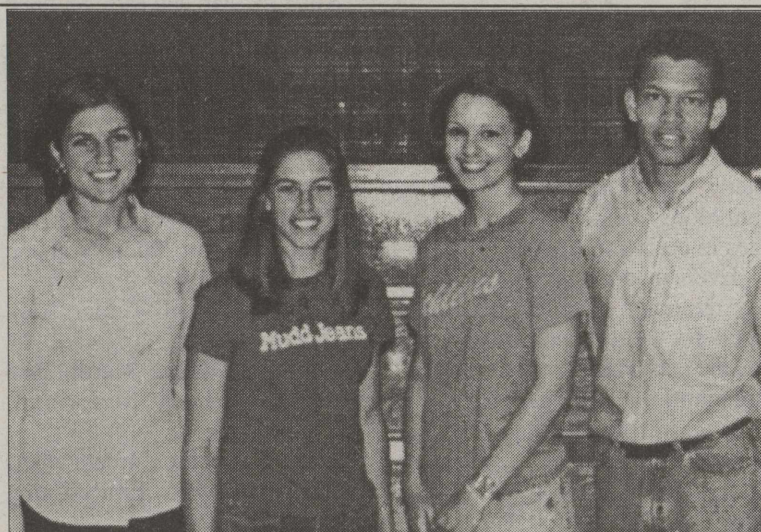
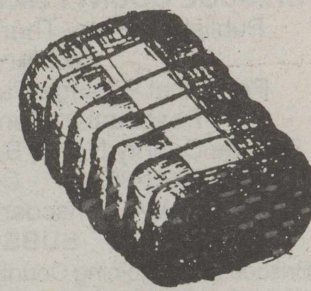
Clean out your closets and call Trena Burson at 823-2020 (leave message) so your sale can be added to the map that will be distributed.

Rock Salt Youth Group will be providing a concession stand. The youth will be raising money for their trip to Mexico this summer.

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Silverton High School's Regional Track Qualifiers are (left to right) Bryn Mayfield, Sarah Craiker, Daryl-Ann Reynolds and Red Ivory.

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Regional Qualifiers To Compete April 25-26 in Meet at Levelland

Region 1-1A track competition will take place in Levelland April 25-26.

Red Ivory will be representing the Owls by competing in the triple jump after finishing third in that event at the area meet held at Randall High last week.

The Lady Owls will be represented by three team members.

Bryn Mayfield won first in the discus with a throw of 111-6, outdistancing the second-place finisher by 10-3 feet in the meet at Randall High.

Sarah Craiker placed third in the pole vault with a height of 6-0. The first-place winner cleared 7-0.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds will be competing in two events at Levelland. She ran fourth in the 3200 meters in 13:40.64. The winner of this event finished in 12:43.96.

Daryl-Ann placed third in the 1600 meters in 6:15.19. This event

was won in 5:55.70.

Four competitors from Valley are entered in four events. They include Robert Mendoza, shot put; Derrick Cruse and Douglas Payne, high jump; Natalie Wheeler, long jump and triple jump.

Thunderstorm Dumps Shower

A thunderstorm had dumped .44 of an inch of moisture on Silverton as the newspaper was being prepared for printing Tuesday at noon. More rain was in the forecast.



Jerry Baker, who grooms the yard at the Briscoe County Courthouse, was pictured with a large tree on the east side of the group shelter which blew down in a windstorm which hit the area with 60+ miles per hour force April 15.

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Cancer Team To Give Away Gun

The Cancer Hitmen Group will give away a 12 ga. shotgun to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. It is a brand-new Mossberg, Model 500 combo. It comes with two interchangeable barrels, one 18.5 inches and one 28 inches, a carrying case and a safety cable lock. Total retail value is approximately \$360.00.

Donations to the American Cancer Society are \$5.00 each, and a chance to win the gun comes with each donation. Only 300 will have a chance to win.

For more information, contact Juannah Jennings, 823-2370, or Mike Long, 847-2617.

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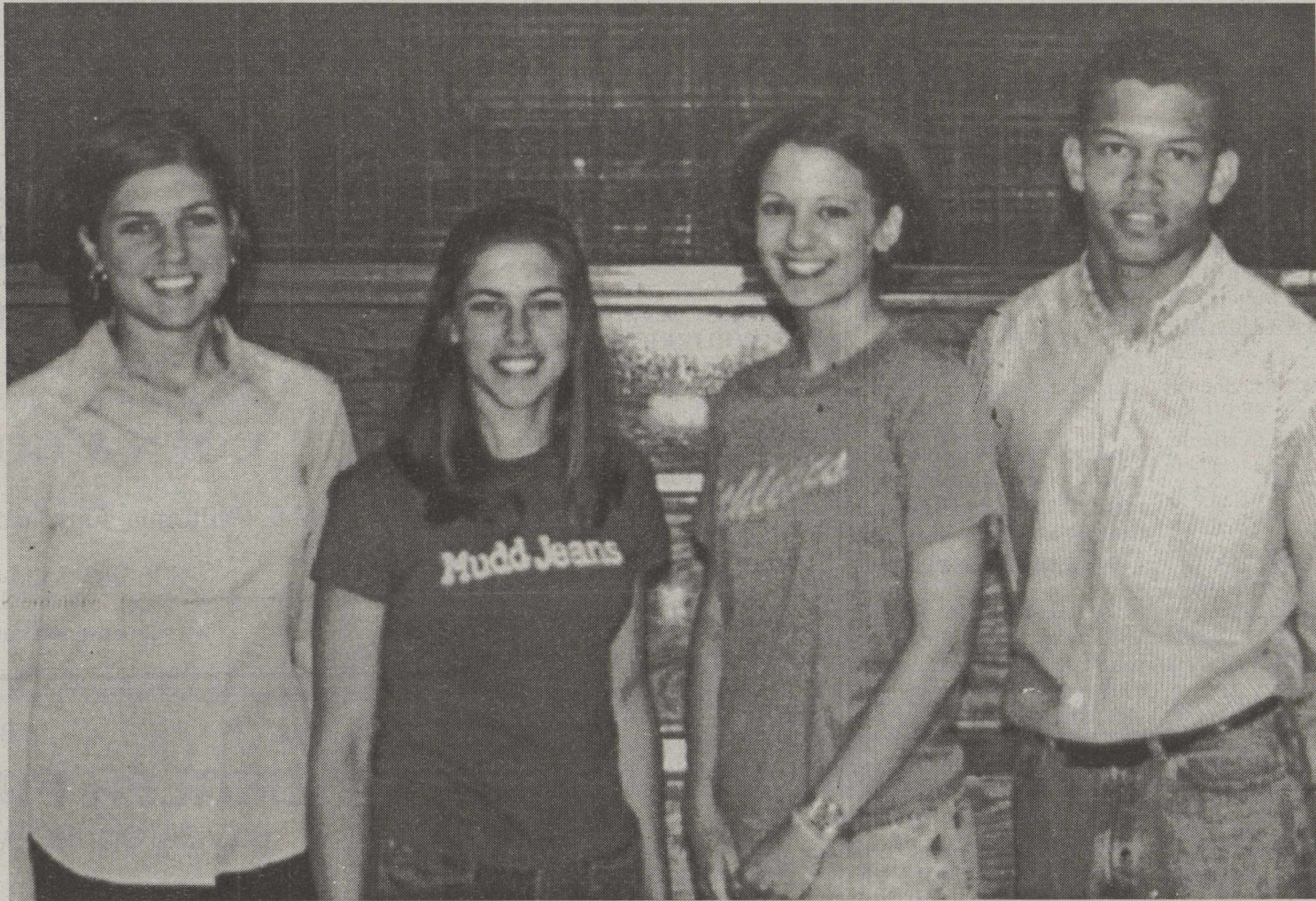
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Green Enriches And Saves Lives

(NAPSA)-It turns out that communicating with color is much more of a science than most people realize-it's used every day as a visual shorthand by advertisers, product manufacturers, and even the U.S. government. Green, for example, is the easiest color on the eye because rays of light from green focus directly on the retina, producing a calming, healing sensation. That's why spas often use this shade to give patrons an immediate feeling of serenity, safety and peace.

"Green also communicates nurturing, growth and the promise of a fresh start. No wonder it's a popular color for the packaging of cosmetic lines," said Tina Sutton, a marketing consultant who specializes in color forecasting. Even in dreams, psychiatrists say the color green expresses the need for healing, harmony, and balance, as well as a desire for being emotionally more open. It wasn't an arbitrary decision to color traffic lights "safe green" for go and "eye-catching" red for stop. A similar rationale is shared by the government's Homeland Security Color Code, which starts with

Silverton School Activities

Sunday, April 27--Senior Class Dinner in the Cafeteria
 Tuesday, April 29--SDAA & TAKS, 3-8, 11 Math Test, 1-2 ITBS Test
 Wednesday, April 30--SDAA 3-8 Reading, TAKS 4-8 Reading, TAKS 10 Math, 1-2 ITBS Test

Happy Anniversary-
 April 24--Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stephens
 April 27--Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bean

Happy Birthday-

April 24--Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson
 April 25--Melanie Copeland
 April 26--Juanell Turner, Alex Segura, Cris Gill
 April 27--Donnie Martin, Jim Cogdell, Russell McLeland, Tangie Perkins
 April 28--Shellie Cornett, Nikki Martin, Bailey Hill, Emily Long, Molly Stinson
 April 29--CoDee Grabbe
 April 30--Rikki Bitner, Minerva Patino, Linda Sain, Alice Maciel, Patrick Whitfill, Zackery Burson

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 28--Mexican Casserole, Beans, Hot Sauce, Chips, Fruit, Milk
 Tuesday, April 29--North Dakota Chili, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit
 Wednesday, April 30--Beef Stroganoff, Salad, Bread, Milk, Jello
 Thursday, May 1--Steak, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Gravy, Honey & Butter, Milk
 Friday, May 2--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Shoestring Fries, Cookie, Milk

green to signify low risk and moves up to red for highest alert and danger.

While green has been the "official" color of safety for some time, lime-green recently surfaced as a true life-saver. It's the most noticeable color in many emergency situations.

When re-colored lime-green, traditional red fire engines proved much easier to spot in traffic, especially at night.

Research also tipped the color scales for Zoll Medical Corporation (www.zoll.com), which consulted police officers for advice prior to designing their most advanced portable defibrillator, the AED Plus.

Police are often the first to arrive on the scene of an emergency.

CARD OF THANKS

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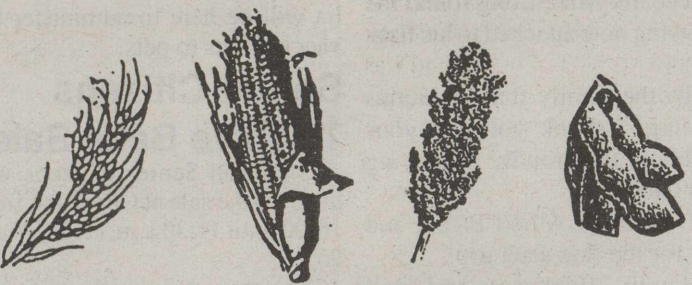
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 11, 1993--Jeremiah Brooks was winner of the calf scramble at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. H-E-B stores were donors of the calf he won... Mayor Wayne Nance has decided not to run for re-election when his term expires this year, and John Bowman has signed up as a candidate for Mayor. Two Councilmen are to be elected, one to replace Bowman and the other to replace James Griffin, who resigned when he and his wife moved to Lubbock last year... A committee consisting of Carolyn Luckenbach, Perry Brunson, Lane Garvin, Tom Burson and John Francis selected to nominate persons for the board of trustees of the newly-organized Silverton Area Foundation... Mary Chris Garcia recently spent several days with her parents, Elton and Lanita Cantwell. Brenda and Daniel Gaskins visited last week. Arriving Saturday evening were Mark, Debbie, Cally and Cameron Burk... Bryan Breedlove was named to the Texas State Technical College-Amarillo Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll for posting a 3.5 or greater grade point average for the winter quarter...

March 10, 1983--Carl Dean (Hand) Baird received the coveted Outstanding Young Farmer award at the Silverton Young Farmers awards banquet held February 26. Capturing the Outstanding Agribusiness award was Dale McWaters, while Jerry Baird was recipient of the Outstanding Associate Member designation. A plaque for Outstanding Support of the Club went to Billy Cogdell, while his son, Rank Cogdell, was named Outstanding Silverton FFA member... Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick suffered a broken shoulder and was transported to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock Wednesday of last week... Members of Progressive Homemakers and their husbands enjoyed a program by George Martin at their last meeting. Martin display several handcrafted fiddles which he had made from various kinds of woods. Hostesses Michelle Francis, Bena Hester and Roma Martin served Mexican casseroles to Beverly and Rick Minyard, Marsha Brunson, Dorothy Martin, Anita Ramsey and Marilyn Patrick...

March 8, 1973--John Minyard, a senior in Silverton High School, has been named to the 2-A All-District Basketball Team... Candidates for School Trustee here this

year are incumbents L. B. Garvin, jr. and Pat Northcutt, and challengers Harold Edwards, Riley Harris and Joe Brannon... Fred Mercer has agreed to run for the office of Mayor of the City of Silverton. Incumbent Councilmen Carl Bomar and David Tipton also agreed to seek re-election... Warner Grabbe is recuperating at home after being a surgical patient in the Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital since Tuesday of last week... LaNell Stephens to marry Pfc. Roger L. Harrison... Dr. John Boyd to present program on drug abuse... The High Plains Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Kelsie Baker Wednesday. Attending were County Extension Agent Dorothy Powell, Mrs. Harold Vaughn, Mrs. Theo Ivory, Mrs. Henry Juarez, Janet Baker, Mrs. Dorothy Crosslin. Mrs. Lettie Arnold will give a program on "Cake Decorating" at the next meeting...

March 7, 1963--A large number of Silverton residents turned out at 3:30 a.m. Thursday to assist their neighbors, Roy, Alvie and G. Mayfield, in fighting a range fire. Fire of unknown origin began in the breaks of the Tule Canyon and was fanned by northeasterly winds. A large area of rangeland and soil bank land, approximately 200 acres, was burned. Firefighters

used wet sacks and brooms to help bring the blaze under control, and two county maintainers cut a wide swath in the path of the fire to contain it... Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee are moving to the Plainview Nursing Home from the Lockney Hospital today... Mr. and Mrs. Van Barbour announce the marriage of their daughter, Jimmie Sue Barbour, to Garvis Dewey Estes, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Estes, sr. The ceremony was read in Tulia February 14... Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton, jr. are parents of a son, Mark Jay, born in the Lockney General Hospital Saturday, March 2... WSCS meets in Hugh Nance home to hear a program by Mrs. Gordon Alexander... Haylake Club met in the home of Sandy Perkins Thursday. Attending were Eudean Cow, Mary Lee Watters, Blanche Newman, Mary Rampley, Ruby Brannon, Ikie Bingham, Bessie Vaughan, Jo Payne, Ella Leah Riddell, Winnie Smith, Becky, Patti and Sandy Perkins and one guest, Dorabelle Perkins...

March 12, 1953--New fire alarm phone number is 2551... Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell had all their children at home Sunday except Joedell, a student at San Marcos, who was unable to attend... Mmes. A. J. Rowell and Clyde Mercer were business visitors in Plainview Thursday... One night recently as Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and children were returning from a business trip to Lubbock, they were driving in the rain and ran into a cow out near the

Homer Stephens home. The car was badly damaged; Mrs. Stephens had several ribs broken and other members of the family were badly bruised... Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell and children, Sally and Cynthia, who have recently returned from Honolulu, Hawaii, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell, and other relatives. They will be stationed in California...

March 4, 1943--Spring takes a back hand slap from winter... R. H. Stodghill of the Navy came in Friday for a visit with his parents... Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield and children spent Sunday in the J. C. Jonnigan home... Mrs. Shelby Haynes and Shirley spent from Thursday until Sunday in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burson... Fay Tice Bomar spent a few days with her sister, Patricia,

at Hardin-Simmons... Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McJimsey Sunday... The Arnold family held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison a week ago Sunday... Mrs. Lowell Callaway and girls visited Mrs. Edwin Crass Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and Junis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer... Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin... The Vardell Laundry has announced that they will discontinue doing finished work... Bobbie McDaniel, who has been working in Guymon, Oklahoma, was home Sunday and Monday... Mrs. Ernest Strange underwent an appendectomy at the Tulia hospital Monday...

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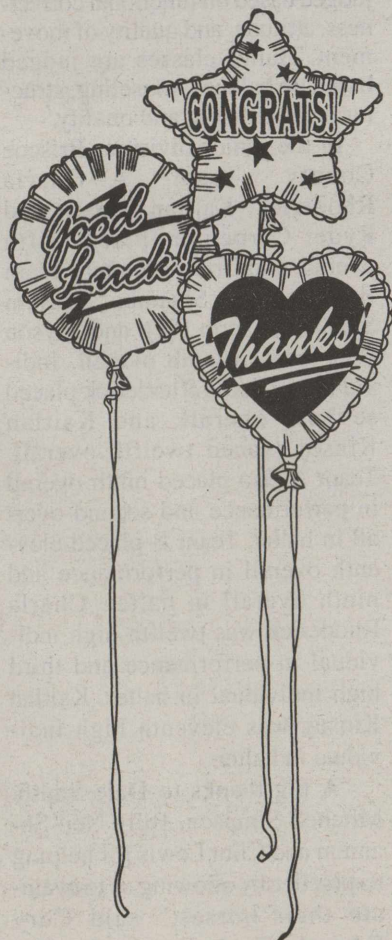
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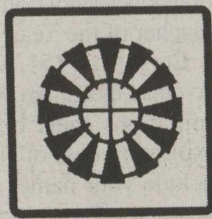
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A "holiday mood" infused the market last week as traders on the New York Cotton Exchange looked forward to the upcoming Easter break. Trading was far from depressed, however, as the market closed higher for the third consecutive week, having previously been down three weeks in a row.

"The trend is certainly higher," one analyst said. "We continue to be bullish and we have momentum, price level and demand all on our side; however, at this point in the season the weather can make fools of us all."

The market now is concentrating on the size of the upcoming cotton crop. Both the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and Cotlook estimate the 2003-04 global cotton crop at 95.8 million bales; however, if the figure comes to fruition, it would be the second largest crop in history and achieving the expected production number would require above-average growing conditions. The world production average for the past ten years has been approximately 88.6 million bales and 89.6 million bales for the past five years.

There definitely is a difference of opinion within the trade about U. S. cotton plantings, with ideas ranging from 14.0 to 15.0 million acres. The actual number of acres planted in the United States could definitely make a difference in the projected world production figure.

Meanwhile, the 2003-04 cotton season now is well underway. Cotton planting is complete for most growers in Corpus Christi and the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, although some are replanting after scattered hailstorms. The remainder of cotton in South Texas quickly is going into the ground as up to 75 percent of cotton planting is complete in the Upper Coastal Bend and Taylor areas.

Additionally, cotton planting

will begin in earnest in the Delta states by the end of this week if the weather allows. All in all, U. S. planting conditions look almost ideal with no trouble spots to report.

In other news, USDA's weekly report showed net export sales of 2002-03 crop U. S. cotton totaled 220,300 bale in the week ended April 10. The figure was 45 percent higher than the previous week, but 22 percent lower than the four-week average. Primary buyers included Turkey, South Korea and Brazil.

Export shipments of 370,900 bales slipped two percent from the previous week's marketing-year high, but were 14 percent higher than the four-week average. China was the major destination and accounted for almost one-third of the week's export shipment figure with 117,200 bales. Turkey and Mexico rounded out the list of the top three destinations for the reporting week.

Total export commitments now stand at 10.9 million bales, the same level as last year, while 7.14 million bales have been shipped compared to 7.48 million one year ago.

"The weekly export numbers look good, but I still don't think eventual sales will take the market beyond the USDA's target of 10.8 million bales," one analyst commented.

Meanwhile, producers' reluctance to sell their cotton at the current prices has resulted in lower spot cotton sales. Online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton producers for the week ended April 17 totaled 5,426 bales, compared to the previous week when 7,875 bales changed hands. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 47.94 to 49.71 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 48.25 to 49.22 cents per pound.

Spring Cleaning Need Not Be a Dreaded Chore

(NAPSA)-Cleaning up can be less of a chore with some tips from the experts.

Here are some time-saving and practical tips guaranteed to wipe away all your cleaning hassles:

- Before you begin, prepare one bucket of supplies to bring with you to every room. Try to cut down on products by using multi-purpose cleansers and all-in-one cleaning tools, such as Scotch-Brite Switchable Scrubbers. These products come in a variety of handle sizes, but the best part is that the brush head can be changed depending on your cleaning task, so they will do the trick for most cleaning jobs. Also, as a part of your prep, bring a garbage bag with you to throw out any waste you find along the way.

- When removing dust from areas like bedrooms and family rooms, start at the top. Dust falls downward, so vacuum and dust crevices and corners starting at the very top of the room and work your way to the bottom. Remember to dust lamps, pictures and furniture or anything else that might collect dust.

- Make cleansers do the bulk of the cleaning for you. Spray down high-grime areas beforehand and let the cleaners take action before you begin to scrub, especially on areas like ovens and microwaves that tend to have a lot of build-up. After letting the area soak, wipe the residue off.

- For big household jobs that require serious scrubbing, such as tubs and floors, look for comfortable cleaning tools to help do the work, such as the Scotch Brite Switchable Household Scrubber, with its large iron-shaped non-scratch scrubber head snapped on.

For irregular shaped nooks and crannies, like tile grout, you may want to switch off the non-scratch scrubber head and click on the brush head. Having two tools in one can cut down on time spent in those areas.

- Clean up the tools that helped you clean up. Rinse out the bucket and wash your brushes and other tools at the end of your cleaning. With cleaning tools like the Scotch Brite Switchable Scrubbers, you can just click off the old head and replace it with a fresh, new, clean one.

With a little planning, the right tools and these time-saving tips, tackling those tough cleaning projects can be a cinch.

Lighthouse Annual Meeting Is Planned For April 24th

The 64th Annual Membership Meeting of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on Highway 70 at Muncy between Lockney and Floydada Thursday, April 24, 2003.

Activities get underway at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with a Health Fair for members and guests which will continue until 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., and the evening meal of barbecue, fish, and chicken catered by Danny's Fins & Hens of Lubbock will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Entertainment for this year's meeting will be provided by Brady Rasco, talented young fiddle player from Lockney.

The business portion of the meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Cooperative President Louis Lloyd. Business to be transacted by the membership includes the election of three directors to serve three-year terms on the board. Nominees for director from District 2 are incumbent Louis

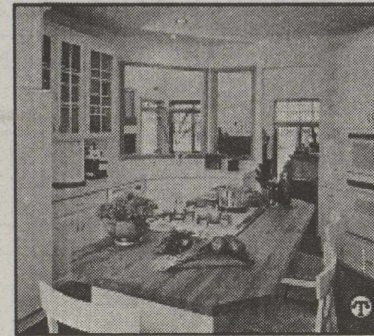
Lloyd and Mark Appling. Nominees from District 5 are incumbent Tom Johnson and Martin Stoerner. At the Hall County district membership meeting in Memphis March 20, director Tom Cope was elected as the director nominee for District 8.

Another highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Bob Brynt, General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse's wholesale supply cooperative, of a video produced for Golden Spread on electric deregulation in Texas and what it means to this area.

Entertainment for the youngsters attending the meeting will be a performance by a magician, "Magic by Russell."

Door prizes will be given away throughout the meeting, with the grand prize drawing for \$500 cash or credit on electric bill slated at the end of the meeting.

The Lighthouse annual meeting has traditionally been planned and hosted by a Member Services Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. Members of the planning committee for this year's meeting are: District 1-Reed and Malanie Snodgrass of Crosbyton; District 2-Scotty and Lori Battey of Floydada; District 3-Randy and Carlen Beedy of Floydada; District 4-Doyle Dean and Jay Proctor of Turkey; District 5-Romeo and Michelle Araujo of Lockney; District 6-Tom and Shannon Gregory of Petersburg, and District 7-Mark and Rhonda Mayo of Lockney.



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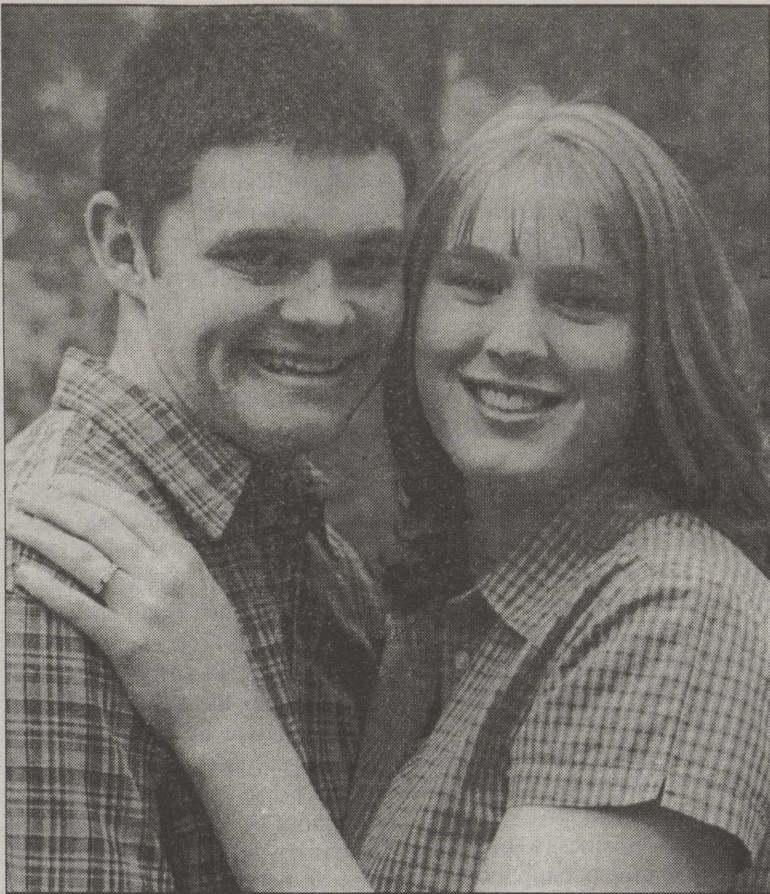
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Many moths don't eat anything as adults because they don't have mouths. They live on the energy stored when they were caterpillars.



A gerontocracy is a society or group of people in which older people are the most powerful.



Phillip Earl Braddy and Kacie Janelle Reeves

Reeves-Braddy Vows Exchange Planned June 28 in Oklahoma

Kerry and Karen Reeves, Idabel, Oklahoma, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kacie Janelle, to Phillip Earl Braddy, son of Earl and Becky Braddy, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Robert and Janelle Reeves, Floydada, Texas, and Cecil and Linda Earnheart, Canon City, Colorado, and the late Kathryn Brown.

She is a 2000 graduate of Idabel High School and is currently enrolled at Louisiana Tech University, Rustin. She is pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Audrey Braddy, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and the late Vernon Braddy, Karen and Charles Sisk, also of Broken Bow, and Phillip and Lillian Paul, Wichita, Kansas.

He is a 2000 graduate of Broken Bow High School and is currently enrolled at the University of Louisiana, Monroe. He is majoring in computer science.

The couple will exchange vows at 4:00 p.m. June 28 at the First Baptist Church in Idabel. A reception will follow. All friends and family members are invited to attend.

We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sharing Love

(NAPSA)-Mothers around the world work to provide the basics for their children. This Mother's Day, people can help these struggling women, while honoring their own mothers at the same time.

A number of Americans are expected to purchase charitable gifts in their mothers' names. The gifts will help a mother living in poverty give her children a chance at a better life.

Groups such as World Vision let people help families in need, providing such necessities as clean water, nutritious food, health care, and education.

A gift to the group of \$25 can provide Vitamin A to 240 mothers and children in Asia. Vitamin A helps prevent blindness, measles, and other diseases. Thirty dollars helps send a child in Africa to primary school for a year.

Mothers who have gifts given in their names receive cards describing the gift and the impact the gift has on a family.

For more information visit www.worldvisiongifts.org or call toll-free 888-511-6511. All gifts are tax-deductible.



Following USDA's April 17 release of the 2003 Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount tables, High Plains' cotton growers should find a lot to be happy about as they prepare for the 2003 growing season.

The 2003 P&D table provides a second year of positive changes in the form of lower discounts and higher premiums.

Another boon for producers is the fact that the trend toward smaller discounts carries over to the Micronaire discount table, which has lower discounts throughout.

The discount table for Uniformity remained the same as 2002 while the table for Bark has lower discounts than were in place for 2002. Strength discounts, however, did increase slightly for readings 25.4 g/tex and lower. Premiums for Strength readings above 25.4 g/tex remained unchanged.

The Premium and Discount tables provide the applicable premium and discount figures used to determine marketing loan values for cotton produced in the United States and supplied as collateral to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

USDA indicated that the 2003 table was developed using an evenly weighted mix of the 2002 crop Premium and Discount table and reported 2002 crop spot market quotations.

Producers wanting to see the 2003 Loan Premiums and Discounts first-hand can download them from the USDA Farm Service Agency website by going to the Plains Cotton Growers website at <http://www.plainscotton.org> and following the links provided there.

The table below provides comparisons between 2002 and 2003 loan values for White Grades 11-41 and Light Spot grades 12-42.

LOAN VALUES FOR GRADE, STAPLE LENGTH, AND LEAF CONTENT OF 2003-CROP AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON

Base Loan Rate = 52.00

Color	Staple Leaf	31			32			33			34		
		2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change	2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change	2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change	2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change
11&21	1 & 2	-380	-275	105	-370	-275	95	-145	-95	50	165	215	50
	3	-405	-285	120	-385	-285	100	-150	-100	50	160	205	45
	4	-450	-320	130	-420	-320	100	-200	-155	45	70	100	30
	5	-520	-420	100	-505	-420	85	-320	-270	50	-160	-150	10
	6	-610	-515	95	-610	-515	95	-455	-365	90	-360	-330	30
	7	-775	-675	100	-775	-675	100	-625	-525	100	-570	-505	65
31	1 & 2	-420	-290	130	-385	-290	95	-160	-115	45	145	180	35
	3	-425	-300	125	-400	-300	100	-165	-120	45	145	180	35
	4	-475	-340	135	-440	-340	100	-220	-170	50	65	90	25
	5	-550	-435	115	-525	-435	90	-330	-285	45	-190	-185	5
	6	-630	-535	95	-630	-535	95	-480	-385	95	-390	-360	30
	7	-795	-690	105	-795	-690	105	-645	-540	105	-590	-520	70
41	1 & 2	-480	-350	130	-450	-350	100	-240	-185	55	45	70	25
	3	-480	-360	120	-455	-360	95	-250	-195	55	35	60	25
	4	-530	-395	135	-485	-385	100	-275	-220	55	Base	Base	Base
	5	-605	-495	110	-590	-495	95	-420	-345	75	-280	-255	25
	6	-710	-605	105	-710	-605	105	-560	-455	105	-480	-440	40
	7	-870	-755	115	-870	-755	115	-720	-605	115	-700	-585	115
12&22	1 & 2	-440	-350	90	-440	-350	90	-235	-180	55	45	75	30
	3	-465	-365	100	-455	-365	90	-245	-185	60	20	55	35
	4	-520	-415	105	-510	-415	95	-315	-255	60	-85	-35	50
	5	-595	-500	95	-590	-500	90	-420	-350	70	-275	-240	35
	6	-700	-605	95	-700	-605	95	-550	-455	95	-490	-430	60
	7	-870	-760	110	-870	-760	110	-720	-610	110	-695	-610	85
32	1 & 2	-505	-395	110	-480	-395	85	-285	-225	60	-20	5	25
	3	-505	-395	110	-485	-395	90	-290	-230	60	-30	-5	25
	4	-575	-455	120	-550	-455	95	-365	-295	70	-140	-100	40
	5	-635	-540	95	-630	-540	90	-465	-390	75	-365	-340	25
	6	-750	-650	100	-750	-650	100	-600	-500	100	-555	-500	55
	7	-910	-800	110	-910	-800	110	-760	-650	110	-745	-650	95
42	1 & 2	-580	-480	100	-565	-480	85	-400	-330	70	-225	-195	30
	3	-580	-485	95	-570	-485	85	-405	-330	75	-235	-200	35
	4	-635	-525	110	-615	-525	90	-450	-375	75	-290	-260	30
	5	-705	-615	90	-705	-615	90	-535	-465	70	-445	-415	30
	6	-820	-760	60	-820	-730	90	-670	-580	90	-635	-580	55
	7	-995	-890	105	-995	-890	105	-845	-740	105	-810	-740	70



Texas Cooperative Extension

Walk Across Texas Update

Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

Participants in Texas Cooperative Extension's *Walk Across Texas* program have been walking "across Texas" for one week, as of April 14. Teams began recording their miles on Monday, April 7, 2003 for this friendly competition. As we travel 828 miles from El Paso to Orange, Texas, "To Health & Back" is in the lead with 209.01 miles after the first week. They have hypothetically walked from El Paso to right between Balmorhea and Fort Stockton, TX along Interstate 10.

Coming in second is "Ankle Express" with 160 miles. Closely following are the "Road Warriors" with 138.1 miles and "The Double-Nickels & Older" with 131 miles. Next is "ASKEBAT" with 94 miles and the "Fairmont Flyers" with 91 miles. Bringing up the rear are "The Scraps" with 59.2 miles and "The Leftovers" with 8 miles.

Progress will be posted on Texas maps at the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic in Silverton and at

the Quitaque Medical Clinic. Keep up the good work!

Walk Across Texas update for April 21:

The "To Health & Back" team is still in the lead after the second week of the *Walk Across Texas* competition sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County. They have almost made it to Mountain Home, Texas, which is a little more than the 458.2 miles that they have hypothetically walked across Texas from El Paso.

Coming in next are "The Double-Nickels & Older" with 285 miles, then "Ankle Express" with 202 miles, and the "Fairmont Flyers" with 187 miles. "ASKEBAT" is not far behind with 184 miles, and "The Scraps" are hanging in there with 104.8 miles.

"Ankle Express" completed their team this week with Eudean Crow, Peggy Garvin, Norma Frausto, Jay Long and Phil Hawk, in addition to Diana Ivory, Jackie Mercer and Rebecca Hunt.



Ryder Carpenter, Charla Rhoderick and Kaitlan Kinsey placed fifth overall at the District 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Canyon.

Briscoe County 4-H'ers Compete At District Horse Judging Contest

Forty youth and twelve teams from around the Panhandle competed at the District 4-H Horse

"The Leftovers" also added members to their team. Jackie Jenkins, Vivian Stewart, Dr. Ontai and Hattie Belmares have joined Don Turner and Dana Hancock. Miles were unable to be reported for "The Leftovers" and "Road Warriors."

Nominate Your Teacher

(NAPSA)-Now in its seventh year, a national program recognizes teachers for their dedication and outstanding accomplishments. Students and parents are encouraged to nominate their favorite educators.

To nominate a teacher for the 2003 Chadwick's of Boston National Teacher of the Year Award, print or type 250 words or less detailing how the teacher has positively affected the community, the school, the class and/or the students.

Ten regional winners each receive a \$300 Chadwick's of Boston gift certificate, and each winner's school will receive a \$500 cash donation. Of the 10, one national winner receives an additional \$1,000 cash award. His or her school also receives an additional \$1,000 cash donation.

Nominations should be e-mailed to cobteacher@aol.com or mailed to: Teacher of the Year, c/o Mail Boxes Etc., Box 151, 946 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA 02492. Nominations must be in before the expiration date of June 30, 2003. Include your name, address and phone number, and the nominated teacher's full name, school name, school address and school phone number.

Judging Contest Friday, April 11, to apply their critical thinking and decision-making skills while evaluating the conformation and performance of horses. Each 4-H member ranked a class of four horses from the best choice to the least desirable choice. Prior to the contest, youth studied by watching videos and visiting horse farms to develop their skills. The participating youth judged six performance classes including Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunter Under Saddle. They also judged three halter classes--Aged Mares, Yearling Fillies and Aged Geldings. Performance classes are judged based on functional correctness, attitude, and quality of movement. Halter classes are judged based on balance, muscling, structural correctness, and quality.

In the junior division, Briscoe County Team A--Charla Rhoderick, Kaitlan Kinsey and Ryder Carpenter--placed fifth overall, and Briscoe County Team B--John Luke Shannon, Chisum Shannon, Jacob Pigg and Jayson Pigg--placed tenth overall. Individually, Charla Rhoderick placed seventh overall, and Kaitlan Kinsey placed twelfth overall. Team A also placed ninth overall in performance and second overall in halter. Team B placed eleventh overall in performance and ninth overall in halter. Charla Rhoderick was twelfth high individual in performance and third high individual in halter. Kaitlan Kinsey was eleventh high individual in halter.

"A big thanks to Dale Smith, Mitchell Simpson, Billy Neil Shannon and Clint Lewis for helping us practice by allowing us to evaluate their horses," said Cory Edwards, Texas Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sci-

Silverton School Honor Roll

Fifth Six Weeks

Second Grade--Cody Daugherty, Kodie Saul

Third Grade--Haley Beesinger, Ryder Carpenter, Reba Garvin, Bryce Patton, Tanner Schott

Fourth Grade--April DeLeon, Weston Howell, Kaitlan Kinsey, Isaac Reyna

Fifth Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Blaze Cogdell, Marchell Curry, Logan Fabela, Emily Garcia, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Adam Mullin, Jathan Williams

Sixth Grade--Cade Holt, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough

Seventh Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Lindsey Mullin, Laura Scarborough

Eighth Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Ninth Grade--Hanna James, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Eleventh Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson

Twelfth Grade--Patricia Acevedo, John Arnold, Krystle Clinton, Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Galen Smith, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

ences.

All Extension programs, including 4-H, serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

WEATHER

April Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	77	34	
2	87	43	
3	89	49	
4	80	43	
5	70	39	
6	67	40	
7	70	35	
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13	78	47	
14	87	47	
15	91	55	
16	73	50	.12
17	78	44	
18	67	43	
19	81	49	.12
20	73	37	
21	70	35	
22	71	42	
April Precip.			.24
Normal April Precip.			1.49
Total Precip. in 2003			1.30
Normal Annual Precip.			2.18
Soil Temperature			60°

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