

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Ron Levonius, chief executive officer for Texas Family Health Network, was in our office recently, and discussed his ideas for operation of clinics in small towns like ours. He believes the clinics can be re-opened with a nurse who would weigh the patient, record his blood pressure, pulse and temperature, and present him to the doctor. What's different about that, you ask?

The patient and doctor would see one another via a television monitor. They would be able to conduct a conversation, and the doctor would be able to visualize some of the patient's signs and symptoms.

If each clinic had a doctor, he might see five to ten patients a day. Consulting with the patient via the television monitor might give the doctor an opportunity to see several times that many each day. In this way, the small-town clinics could be operated without having a valuable doctor or nurse practitioner sitting around part of the day waiting for a patient.

After the video consultation with the doctor, the nurse could give injections of the prescribed medication, or an order for medication from a pharmacy, and make an appointment for the patient's next visit.

Mr. Levonius' organization is presently operating the clinic at Turkey, which is directed by two Plainview doctors, one of whom is at the clinic one afternoon each week.

During our discussion, I complained about the availability of flu vaccine this year, and Mr. Levonius told me that the Turkey Clinic has plenty of vaccine. He said they hadn't found it hard to get and expected to be able to dispense as much as is needed. So, if you haven't been able to get the vaccine because you're not the right age, etc., you might drive to Turkey to get yours.

Flute says if you liked the part of the story that I told last week, you really need to hear the rest of the story. In the hustle and bustle of Junis breaking her arm and getting medical care, Flute began to have some angina and asked for a tablet to take care of it. Next thing he knew, they were calling 911 for him and transporting him off to the hospital. Colleen got excited and called her brother, Scott, and he was on the next plane to California.

All's well that ends well, and finally Flute got his medication and the diagnosis he got at the clinic indicated some things to help him feel better. I know this story has to be funnier now than when it was happening!



Briscoe County News

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November Weather Colder, Wetter Than Norm On Texas South Plains

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November 2000 was colder and wetter than normal.

Temperatures averaged 6.3 degrees below normal and ranged from 7.5 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 4.6 degrees below normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 41.8 degrees, which was .7 of a degree below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 8.9 degrees below normal and ranged from 11.0 degrees below normal at Seminole to 6.9 degrees below normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. The highest temperature reported during the month was 79 degrees at Brownfield on the 2nd.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 53.5 degrees, which was almost a degree below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.7 degrees below normal and ranged from 6.1 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 2.1 degrees below normal at Olton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 15 degrees at Dimmitt on the 13th.

Firemen Taking Orders For Christmas Briskets

Silverton Volunteer Firemen are taking orders for briskets for Christmas.

The briskets will be cooked December 22.

Call Jerry Patton at the City Hall, 823-2125, to order your brisket.

Flu Shots May Be Given Here Dec. 11

It is tentatively planned to give flu shots at the City Hall in Silverton from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Monday, December 11.

Elaine LaBaume won't be coming to Silverton on Thursdays for awhile because she had reconstructive back surgery on Wednesday, November 29. She said it wasn't a picnic, but she is doing better now. If you'd like to send a card, her address is 123 JB Avenue, Floydada 9235.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 30.0 degrees, which was .6 below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 1.02 inches above normal and ranged from 2.38 inches above normal at Seminole to 0.01 inch above normal at Floydada.

Silverton received 1.45 inches of precipitation, which was .32 of an inch below the South Plains average.

Snowfall averaged 4.26 inches across the South Plains and ranged from 8.0 inches at Jayton and Silverton to two to four inches across most of the remainder of the South Plains. Big Spring, Post and Snyder reported no snowfall.

Christmas Lighting

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Christmas lighting/decoration contest, and homes will be judged on Thursday, December 21.

Please be sure to have your lights turned on December 21.

Semester Test Schedule Given

Semester tests for the even periods will be on Monday, December 18. School will dismiss at 3:30 and buses will run at that time.

Semester tests for the odd periods will be Tuesday, December 19. School will dismiss at 2:10 and buses will run at that time.

Wednesday, December 20, will be a regular school day for all students and school will dismiss at 1:15 p.m. for the Christmas Holiday. Buses will run at 1:15.

School will resume on January 2, 2001.

Christmas Celebration

Silverton United Methodist Church would like to extend a warm invitation to the entire community to join it this weekend as it celebrates Christmas. Saturday night, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., you are invited to go to the Pioneer Room at First State Bank where you may enjoy hot coffee or hot chocolate as you listen to Christmas music played on antique instruments. From there you will be taken on a hayride (Suburban ride, for those less brave) to the

Methodist Church To Have Youth Christmas Musical

Silverton United Methodist Church will present its Christmas Musical, performed by the children and youth on Sunday night, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

This year's musical is entitled, "www.Christmasonline.net". Come warm your heart this season as approximately 38 youth and children remind you of the true meaning of Christmas.

The church invites you to be its guest for the musical. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon

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

Officers will be elected during the business meeting.

Propane Heating Systems Need to Be Inspected

As colder temperatures settle in across the state, Texas Railroad Commissioners are encouraging homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances thoroughly inspected by a licensed technician.

"The colder weather means winter is here," said Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams.

Methodist Church where you will experience the "Walk to Bethlehem."

Everyone is invited back to the church the following morning at 10:55 for a Christmas concert. You will enjoy a full hour of the minstrels you heard the night before playing Christmas music on their antique instruments.

If that were not enough, you are invited to return to the church Sunday night at 7:00 as the children and teens of the church put on "www.ChristmasOnline.com", a Christmas musical designed to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. Please plan to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments afterward.

Call the pastor, Jay Stinson at 823-2149, with any questions.

Public Library to Have Book Sale

The Silverton Public Library is having a Special Sale Friday afternoon of old and antique books and a handbill and a ballad book. These have been bequeathed over this past year. Several of the donors have handed these to the Library with tender and nostalgic feelings and the sale will benefit the Library's meager budget very much.

Some of these books were published before or around the turn of the century and some are as new as the 1930s and 1940s. These books are in the "used" and "enjoyed" category, and some are in "good" to "better" condition. For those of the public who are not too well acquainted with the public library, it is located in the northwest corner of the basement in the Briscoe County Courthouse at 415 Main Street in Silverton.

There are various types of reading in these books--any interested browser will need to look these over to fully appreciate these titles.

The sale will be from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2000 in the Silverton Public Library. These items will be of interest to book lovers as well as to antique lovers.

"Licensed propane technicians in your area are ready to inspect your home heating system to ensure it's prepared for the months ahead."

Millions of Texans rely on propane not only for home and waterheating, but also for cooking. Propane fuel systems need regular service checks to ensure maximum reliability and safety.

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Safety tips to remember include:

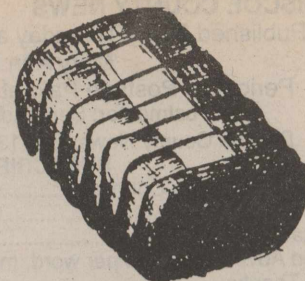
- If your home has a propane furnace, water heater, range or other conveniences, schedule a check of the whole propane system--including appliances.

- Your propane service technician should check your tank, piping, regulators, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliance controls to make sure they are all in good

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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

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TO GIVE AWAY

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank the people of Silverton who showed their love and kindness during our time of sorrow. The food, plants, flowers and especially, your prayers, were greatly appreciated.

With love,
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The Dunbar family
The Kirk family
The Milsap family

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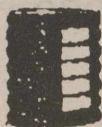
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, Minister

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

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Jay Stinson, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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BAPTIST MISSION**

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

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

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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

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

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

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

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

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

† A Savior is Born

a son is given

What Are You Afraid Of?

I can remember when I was a young boy, it seemed that I was afraid of so many things. I was afraid of the dark, being left alone, scary movies, mean people, and anything that involved dying. Whenever a relative or close friend passed away, I remember thinking that I couldn't wait until I became an adult so that I wouldn't have these fears to contend with. However, I now know that no matter how old we are, anxiety and fear are emotions that we all have to deal with. Knowing that we have a God who loves us and that He is always there for

us is comforting when we are feeling fearful or apprehensive. The Bible tells us that we should not be afraid of sudden terror, nor trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be our confidence. Perhaps God permits us to have these different emotions in order to remind us of how much we all need Him. Praying to our Lord when we are joyful or fearful is good, and it draws us closer to Him.

There shall no evil befall thee ... For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

K.J.V. Psalm 91:10,11



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Obituary

BESS TOWE

Memorial services for Bess Towe, 103, who died Saturday, December 2 in Clovis, New Mexico, were conducted at the First Baptist Church in Portales, with Dr. Philip Fyke, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. CST Friday at Grace lawn Cemetery at Edmond, Oklahoma. Arrangements were by Wheeler Mortuary, Inc.

Mrs. Towe was born in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. She attended college at Edmond and taught in a one-room school house. She quit teaching in 1917, when she married Henry Ward Beecher Towe in Oklahoma City. They lived in Edmond until the end of World War I, when they moved to Spearman, Texas. In 1936, they moved to Portales, New Mexico. Mr. Towe died in 1950.

She was a seamstress for a dress shop and later a dorm mother at Eastern New Mexico University.

She was a member of Portales Woman's Club and Portales Altrusa Club. She was a charter member of the Hospital Auxilliary and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was awarded the Eastern

H. M. (SHORTY) COWELL

Graveside services for H. M. (Shorty) Cowell, 89, were scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2000, in the Silverton Cemetery. Rev. Edwin Norris was selected to officiate, assisted by R. D. Reynolds.

Arrangements were made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cowell passed away De-

New Mexico University Alumni Award in 1994 and the Distinguished Service Award. She was honored for outstanding leadership by the local chapter of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. The week of June 8-14, 1997 was proclaimed to be "Bess Towe Week" in Portales, to honor her on her 100th birthday and for her community contributions.

She was preceded in death by a son, Verlin B. Towe, in 1990, and by a daughter, Wanda Towe Mays, in 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Roberta Towe Covington of Tempe, Arizona and Phyllis Hardesty of Clovis; nine grandchildren, including Jay Towe of Silverton; 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggested memorials be to Eastern New Mexico University Foundation, First Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

December 11, 2000 in Amarillo. He had made his home in an Amarillo nursing facility since moving from a Tulia care center. He had resided in Dimmitt, Silverton, Tulia and Amarillo.

He was born March 15, 1911 in East Prairie, Missouri. He was a welder. He married Martha Sons February 19, 1938 in Madill, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death August 12, 1988.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Tracy Cowell, and by a grandson, Terry Cowell.

Survivors include four daughters, Pat Foster and Janie Snider, both of Amarillo, Jeanetta Farmer of Garland and Shirley Henderson of Silverton; two sons, Bo Cowell of Amarillo and Tuffy Cowell of Decatur; 11 grandchildren, including Wayne and Zane Henderson of Silverton, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Happy Anniversary-

December 16--Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield

December 17--Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney

December 18--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chldre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis

Happy Birthday-

December 9 (belated)--Hanna Shaleen James

December 14--Mark Burk

December 15--Heather Davis, Scott Davis, Aaron younger, Angela McCutchen

December 16--Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble

December 17--Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch, Debbie Myers

December 18--Curtis Blake Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright

December 19--Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

Rainfall Report For Year 2000

	2000	Yearly Average
January	.16	.65
February	.00	.60
March	2.52	.93
April	2.39	1.49
May	.80	3.11
June	9.10	3.78
July	.46	2.39
August	.00	2.64
September	.01	2.49
October	3.04	1.75
November	1.45	.71
December	.00	.68
Totals	19.93	21.22

City Bank's Junior Board of Directors Held Dinner Meeting

The first meeting for the City Bank Junior Board of Directors was held November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cotton Patch in Plainview. Morris Wilcox welcomed the board members and their parents. City Bank employees were introduced. Each board member introduced himself and his/her parents.

Mr. Wilcox explained the purpose and objectives of the junior Board and discussed what is planned for the remainder of the year. Board members were in-

formed that there would be four meetings, beginning in January 2001.

Directors present were Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver and Tyler Young, Silverton; Tracy McQuhae, Jeffrey Hunter and Lexie Jones, Lockney; Josh Light and Tommy Seawright, Olton; and Valorie Hartine, Floydada.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

WEATHER

December Readings at 6:00 a.m. each day

	High	Low	Precip.
1	66	29	
2	66	24	
3	32	24	
4	40	28	
5	48	22	
6	43	29	
7	50	28	
8	62	33	
9	50	28	
10	68	32	
11	55	30	
12	30	12	

Total Precip. in December .00
 Normal Precip. for Dec. .68
 Total 2000 Precip. Rec'd, 19.93
 Normal Precip. for Year to Date 20.51

Edwards Family Enjoys Holiday

As the saying goes, better late than never. Those who enjoyed Thanksgiving supper at Moma's were Mom (Frances), Stanley, Frances Ann, Jason, David, Stan, Anthony and Michelle Gamble, Terry, Barbara, Brittany and Baylee Deckard, all of Silverton; Odell Edwards, Tulia; James Edwards and Linda Pena, Plainview; Ronnie, Cindy, Amber, Ashleigh, Andrew and Billy Edwards, all of Lubbock; Danny, Lori and Erica Edwards, Misty and Braden Edwards, Amarillo; Nikki and Samantha Gamble, Dalhart.

Guests were Mark Eddleman of Silverton and Brandon Aken of Amarillo.

Propane Systems-- Continued From Page One

working condition.
 •Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should be checked each year.
 •Naturally odorless propane gas

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 18--Chicken Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, Dec. 19--Chili Dog, Tator Tots, Milk, Fruit Roll-ups

Wednesday, Dec. 20--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Dec. 21-Dec. 28--School Closed for Christmas Holiday

has a rotten egg smell added to it to help identify any leaks. If you ever smell gas, leave the home immediately without using any electrical switches or appliances. Close the service valve under the protective dome of your tank by turning it to the right as far as it can go. Call your propane supplier or local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safet brochure entitled *Home Safe Home*. Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR (1-800-642-5327).

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels.

DON'T GET 'TAKEN' DURING HOLIDAYS

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LOOKING BACKthrough the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 29, 1990--Community volunteers to be honored at Cowboy Christmas Jubilee Saturday . . . Silverton's Owls committed several turnovers in the first half of their state playoff game with McLean last Friday night, giving the Tigers easy opportunities to score which sealed their fate . . . Bronc and Amy Otis are the parents of a son, Floyd Butler Otis IV . . . Silverton's Greenhand FFA Quiz Team won second place in Area competition Saturday. Members of their team are Lance Holt, Ramon Garcia, JoDee Robison, Zane Henderson, Robert Leal and Matt Francis . . . Mike Graham is new co-manager of 84 Lumber Company in Plainview . . .

November 28, 1980--Voters in Tulia, Lockney, Silverton and Floydada turned out in fairly heavy numbers Saturday to overwhelmingly pass a \$2.15 million bond issue by the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority to provide an above-ground water source for the four towns. Tulia voters, who in 1967 defeated the original creation of Mackenzie Reservoir, voted most heavily in the election, casting 871 votes for and 147 votes against. In Floydada, the other city that voted against building the reservoir 13 years ago, voted in favor of the issue by a 327 to 89 margin . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson are parents of a son, Jonathan Azey . . .

November 19, 1970--Owls are District 2-A co-champions . . . Larry Comer, an agricultural sciences major at Texas Tech, has been awarded the Conally Implement and Supply Company Scholarship in Agricultural Engineering . . . Perry Thomas has received his second Public Services Award from the American Radio Relay League, Communication Department . . . A reception in the Pioneer Room honored Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham on their fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Lillian Lindsey received a 20-year service award from Southwestern Public Service Company . . . Pep Squad Beau is David Holt. Candidates were Dana Martin, Mark Hutsell and Ty Wayne McMurtry . . .

November 24, 1960--Coveted 4-H Gold Star Awards were presented to Doris Estes and Joe Kitchens Saturday night by O. R. Stark, jr., vice-president of the First National Bank in Quitaque . . . Record milo harvest nears completion . . . Mrs. Ray Teeple and Mrs. Joe Montague, who were injured in a car wreck recently, are still patients in the Plainview Hospital. Quinn Montague, who was injured in the same accident, has gone to the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bryan, in Plainview . . . Susan An-

derson and Nancy Hinds, students at WTSC, spent the weekend here with their parents . . . Bailey Hill went to Lubbock Sunday to spend a few days transacting business . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid are parents of a daughter, Rebecca Ann . . .

November 30, 1950--Ed Vaughan honored on seventieth birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . Allard Butane has Servel Refrigerator dealership . . . Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, Mrs. J. C. Archer, Mrs. Pearl Simpson, Patsy Bomar and Mary Crawford were visitors in Tulia Saturday night . . . Robert and LaQuita Bomar celebrated their fourth and first birthdays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar, jr. . . . Norma Faye Rowland celebrated her eighth birthday Friday with a party given by her mother . . . Rct. Buck Hardin, who is stationed at Leonardwood, Missouri, visited Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson and daughters, Misses Edwina and Mary Jewell, and Mrs. M. M. Edwards left last Thursday night for Kerrville where they visited friends . . .

December 26, 1946--Dear Santa, I want a football for Christmas and a bow and arrow too. And a football hat. Your friend, Stephen Jarnagin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of tennis shoes, a fountain pen, and a sand coloring set, and fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend, Virginia Garrison . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me fireworks, gun and bicycle? And don't forget the service men overseas. Your friend, Eddie B. Jasper . . . Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I would like for you to bring me some slacks, book satchel, pencil case and a sweater, a little short coat. I would like for you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Lola Mae Vaughan . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a basketball, a baseball glove and also candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend, G. W. Chappell . . . Dear Santa Claus, This year I am nine years old, and for Christmas I would like a birthstone ring, a pair of tennis shoes, a pair of boots, and plenty of fruit and candy. Your friend, Joni Douglas . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a little washing machine and ironing board, also some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Frankie Lou Hunt . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a cap gun and some caps to shoot. I would like to have a bow and arrow too. Your friend, Alton Riddell . . . Dear Santa, I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I don't want

much for Christmas. I want a football and a calf and that is all I want. Much love, Sharon Gilkeyson . . .

January 23, 1930--Installation of new telephone system is at last underway . . . Over one hundred young visitors are expected for big invitational basketball tournament to begin here Friday . . . Silverton and Briscoe County have emerged from one of the severest and most prolonged grips of frigid temperature in the memory of the present generation. The peak was reached last Friday when thermometers showed 11 degrees below zero . . . To live to celebrate one's ninetieth birthday in fairly good health and

sprightliness is a notable achievement. But so to live for ninety years that all one's friends and neighbors yield respect and affection is to have attained that pinnacle where the laurel-haki of divine approval is conferred. Mrs. Robert Sedgwick is remarkably still alert mentally and physically. She is active in church work; she reads a great deal; sews a little; and often walks ten or twelve blocks in an afternoon shopping or calling on her neighbors. Especially does she visit among the sick. She is one of Silverton's very successful and noted floriculturists, makes most of her gardening and cares for a

small flock of chickens, while doing her own housework . . . L. O. Tucker opens Silver Star Cafe . . . In the Francis community, a lot of the roads are impassable, especially the ones going east and west, on account of the large snow drifts . . .

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With 2000 crop prospects continuing a steep downward spiral, producers are doing their best to look ahead to 2001.

Unfortunately, 2001 is shaping up to be just as challenging. Producers trying to develop operating plans that will project enough income to cover production expenses, and allow financing to be approved, are facing an uphill battle unless significant relief can be initiated quickly.

Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) has been working for several months to develop both short and

long term policy goals to try and get producers through this difficult period.

Chief among the policy changes PCG will be pushing for, and one that could make the most immediate impact on producer cash-flows, is the immediate increase of the base cotton loan rate by 20 percent. Such a change would increase the loan rate to about 60 cents per pound.

The second part of PCG's short-term relief initiative would entail changing the 2001 Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA)

payment rate and authorization of a second AMTA payment for the 200 crop year. PCG would like 2001 AMTA payments to be calculated using the 1998 payment rate of 8.17 cents a pound.

Texas Cotton Producers is supporting a parallel agenda for short-term producer relief and will be working closely with PCG and the National Cotton Council (NCC) to achieve the changes outlined above.

The short-term changes that will hopefully get producers back in the game in 2001 are only the start of the policy work that will be taking place in 2001.

Efforts are underway already to develop a comprehensive set of policy reform suggestions to set the stage for development of the next Farm Bill.

PCG is currently looking to initiate changes aimed at several areas key to shoring up the safety net provisions of current farm policy. The balance that must be struck, however, is to maintain the flexibility that growers currently have under Freedom to Farm.

Long-term reform ideas that PCG is now looking into include: 1) Permanent increases in Marketing Loan Rates for all program commodities; 2) Initiation of a voluntary set-aside program that producers can use to further increase loan rates along the lines of the "Flexible Fallow" program being studied at this time; 3) Initiation of a counter-cyclical price protection mechanism to kick in automatically when prices are down, and 4) Continuation of some form of decoupled payment mechanism similar to current AMTA payments utilizing updated acreage and yield figures.

The PCG board of directors will be seeking additional input throughout this process.

The first patent awarded by the United States government went to Samuel Hopkins in 1790 for a process of making potash and pearl ashes.

*Greatness knows itself.
--William Shakespeare,
Henry IV, Part I*

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 14--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15-- Claude, here, 4:00

Saturday, Dec. 16--JV Lady Owls in Spade Tournament

Monday, Dec. 18--Semester Tests (even classes); FFA Ham Lunch; David Corley-Sr. in QZ and 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19--Groom, here, 4:00; Semester Tests (odd classes)

Wednesday, Dec. 20--Christmas Holiday Early Out at 1:15 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRISCOE**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of the honorable 254th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on the 7th day of November, 2000 by clerk of said 254th Judicial District Court for the sum of one hundred twenty thousand and no/100 (\$120,000) dollars, plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum from November 22, 1996, plus cost of execution, under a judgment in favor of H. Edward Toles, III, in a certain cause in said court, No. 93-13636-R and styled H. Edward Toles, III, as petitioner, vs. Lougay Malone Toles as respondent, placed in my hand for service, I, Jason Miller, as Sheriff of Briscoe County, Texas did on the 7th day of December 2000, levy on certain real estate, situated in Briscoe County, Texas described as follow, to wit:

An undivided 1/6th interest in the minerals in and under the following described real property located in Briscoe County, Texas, to wit:

1. All that portion of the E/2 of Section 30, Block B-3, lying and being situated in Briscoe County, Texas, being 42 acres more or less;
2. All of Section No. 26, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
3. All of Section No. 27, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;

Together with an undivided 1/3 remainder interest (subject to a life estate in Helen F. Malone, S/P/A/ Helen Cowan Malone) in both the surface and an undivided 1/2 interest in the minerals in the following described real property located in Briscoe County, Texas to wit:

1. All that portion of the E/2 of Section 30, Block B-3 lying and being situated in Briscoe County, Texas, being 42 acres, more or less;
2. All of Section No. 26, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
3. All of Section No. 27, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas

and levied upon as the property of Lougay Malone Toles and that on the first Tuesday in January, 2001, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the courthouse door of the County Courthouse of Briscoe County, Texas, in the City of Silverton, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will offer for sale at public venue for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Lougay Malone Toles in and to said property.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding said day of sale, with first of said publications appearing not less than twenty days immediately preceding in Briscoe County, Texas.

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District: Childress
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Contract 6065-28-001 for thermoplastic striping in Dickens County, etc. will be opened on January 3, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,039,235.18.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 2235

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 50-2tc

Witnessed my hand this 7th day of December, 2000.

/s/ Jason Miller
Sheriff, Briscoe County,
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Silverton Owls & Lady Owls 2000 - 2001 Basketball Schedule

High School Schedule

Dec. 15	Claude	Home
Dec. 19	Groom	Away
Dec. 28-30	Hoot-Out Tourn.	Home
Jan 2.	Kress	Away
Jan. 5	Paducah	Away
Jan. 12	Paducah	Home
Jan. 19	Valley	Away
Jan. 23	Nazareth	Home
Jan 26	Happy	Home
Jan. 30	Valley	Home
Feb. 2	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 6	Happy	Away

Junior High Schedule

Jan. 15	Nazareth	Home
Jan. 22	Valley	Home
Jan. 29	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 5	Happy	There



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Silverton Teams Do Well In New Deal's Tournament

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls were from the smallest school in the New Deal Tournament, but played well against the mostly-2A schools, winning some and losing by just a few points to the ones they didn't beat. In fact, the Owls lost a couple of games by a total of seven points.

The Owls were matched with Dumas in the opening round, and played them to a 53-47 loss after having kept the score close all the game. Red Ivory led the offense with 12 points, and Andrew Francis and Adrian Ramirez caged 10 points each. Issac Garcia, with eight, and Isaiah Ivory, with seven, rounded out the scoring.

Shots from downtown were hit by Garcia, two; Red Ivory, Isaiah Ivory and Ramirez, one each.

Owls	15	26	35	47
Dumas	12	27	38	53

The Owls won their game with Smyer, taking a 59-45 decision. Red Ivory had the hot hands, and burned the baskets with 20 big points. Also scoring in double figures were Andrew Francis, 11, and Adrian Ramirez, 10. Adding to the score were Isaiah Ivory and Issac Garcia, nine points each.

Three-pointers were canned by Isaiah Ivory, two; Garcia and Red Ivory, one each.

Owls	21	35	45	59
Smyer	6	21	28	45

The Owls got off to a slow start in their game with Floydada, but managed to tie the score by the end of regulation play. The score was tied at the of the first overtime, and the Owls were behind by a point at the end of the second overtime period.

Red Ivory led the scoring for the third game in a row, hitting three from downtown in regulation and the overtimes, for a total of 23 points. Also scoring in double figures were Isaiah Ivory, 16, and Andrew Francis, 14. Adding to the score were Issac Garcia, seven; Dustin Hale, six; Adrian Ramirez, two points.

Three-pointers were also hit by Isaiah Ivory, four, and Francis, one.

Owls	0	18	35	53	60	68
Floydada	13	28	39	53	60	69

The Lady Owls weren't able to slow down the high-flying Smyer girls, dropping their match 63-28. Scoring for the Lady Owls were Jenny Young, eight; Taylor Griffin, seven (including one three pointer); Bryn Mayfield, six; Julie Weaver, five; Chelsey Cherry and Amanda Estes, one point each.

Lady Owls	6	17	23	28
Smyer	23	38	52	63

The Lady Owls dropped a close 41-43 decision to Amarillo Trinity after having led most of the game.

Taylor Griffin and Chelsey Cherry tied for scoring honors with 10 points each. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, seven; Jenny Young, six; Bryn Mayfield, four; Tarran Forbes and Julie Weaver, two points each.

Taylor Griffin hit two shots from three-point range.

Lady Owls	12	24	32	41
Am. Trinity	4	18	29	43

The Lady Owls took a big 43-17 victory over the New Deal JV.

Julie Weaver led the scoring with 11 points and Chelsey Cherry added 10. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, seven; Taylor Griffin, six; Bryn Mayfield, four;

Jenny Young, three; Brooke Garvin and Tarran Forbes, two points each.

Lady Owls	12	22	31	43
New Deal JV	4	4	13	17

The Lady Owls dropped their game to Anton, 65-39, Saturday.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Julie Weaver, nine; Jenny Young and Chelsey Cherry, eight points each; Bryn Mayfield, six; Brooke Garvin, three; Taylor Griffin, two; Amanda Estes, one point.

Lady Owls	6	15	28	39
Anton	17	34	51	65

The JV Lady Owls defeated Happy 27-23 in a game played here December 1. Lori Griffin led the scoring with 12 points. Also scoring were Kurby Garvin, seven (including one three pointer); Kassie Strange, six; Daryl-Ann Reynolds, two points.

Lady Owl JV	7	13	20	27
Happy	6	11	12	23

On Tuesday night of last week, the JV Lady Owls dropped their match to Lorenzo, 34-33. Kurby Garvin led the scoring with 15 points (one from downtown). Keley Simpson and Kassie Strange rang up six points each, Lori Griffin got four, and Kami Wilson hit for two points.

Lady Owls JV	16	19	29	33
Lorenzo	6	16	19	34

The Lady Owls won their game 46-34. Taylor Griffin and Chelsey Cheery led the scoring with 12 points each, and Bryn Mayfield caged 11. Also scoring were Julie Weaver, six; Amanda Estes, three; Jenny Young, two points.

Lady Owls	9	17	32	46
Lorenzo	4	18	25	34

The Owls dropped a 78-51 decision to the 2-A Lorenzo Hornets.

Red Ivory led the scoring with 14 points, closely followed by Adrian Ramirez, with 12, and Isaiah Ivory, with 10. Also scoring were Andrew Francis, seven; Dustin Hale, five; Issac Garcia, three points.

Red hit three three-pointers, Isaiah got two and Adrian and Zeek got one each.

Owls	12	24	36	51
Lorenzo	18	41	57	78

CHILDREN'S MONEY CHOICES HABIT FORMING

Kids spend more money on snacks than anything else--about five dollars a week on drinks, candy, chips and other foods. Parents should encourage children to manage their money so their spend-

Junior Varsity Team Wins One Game at Tulia

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls played in a junior varsity tournament at Tulia last weekend.

Silverton JV	6	15	22	37
Friona JV	5	11	29	31

Silverton JV	2	6	16	18
Tulia JV	18	34	38	51

Silverton JV	12	19	31	41
Tulia 9th	12	19	35	49

ing habits affect their lifetime well being. When young people are given money upon request or as an allowance, they will likely think it is meant for spending, unless they get some coaching. Parents should talk about choices in spending, saving and sharing money. It's never too early to start saving, and parents should consider matching their children's savings as a reward incentive. Children could save even more if parents taught them how to choose a savings account where their money can earn interest. They should be given a chance to learn about consumer decision making and money management.

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