



When the date of the election primaries rolls around, there will be something new for Briscoe County voters. Politics in this county has now extended into a two-party system for the first time ever, I think. At least since 1959 there have been no local candidates on the Republican Primary ballot, and this year there will be.

In the past, voters wishing to cast their ballots for county officers have simply done it in the Democratic Primary, regardless of their party affiliation or lack of it. Thus, those nominated by the Democratic Party were, for all practical purposes, elected and selecting them in the General Election was just a formality.

This year there will be candidates for two commissioners in both primaries.

This year, for the first time, we will have party nominees who will be standing for election in November. The only time this was done in the past was when there were write-in candidates or those who declared themselves as Independent Party candidates.

Aaron Younger will be seeking re-election as commissioner of Precinct 2 in the Democratic Party primary. He will be opposed in November by Terry Grimland who is seeking the nomination of the Republican Party primary.

In the Democratic Party primary, incumbent L. B. Garvin will face challenger Dwain Henderson to be the nominee for commissioner of Precinct 3. In November, one of these men will face Rance Young who is seeking the Republican Party nomination for this office in the primary.

Kelly Kirk Dunbar was to have been a Republican Party candidate for the office of County Attorney, but I have been told that through some mistaken information from Austin she didn't get her name on the ballot and will be running in November as a write-in candidate.

The only write-in ballots that are counted are those cast for declared candidates. No longer can jokers go to the polls and write-in Lassie and have it counted.

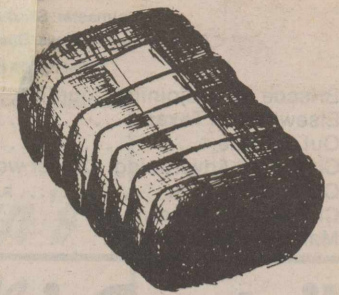
The two-party system has brought about a new day in local politics that hasn't yet arrived in many of the less-densely populated counties. This is a proper thing, to me, because I don't think anyone should seek office by running in a party he or she doesn't support.

The other race in the county that is opposed is for sheriff, where incumbent Dick Roehr is being opposed by Steve Miller and Jerry Beck in the Democratic Party primary.

Be sure to remember that you can't vote in both primaries. It's



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## Boy Scouts Adding Five to Hall of Fame

Five former Boy Scout leaders will be inducted into the Haynes District Hall of Fame on February 9 during the annual Haynes District Scouter Recognition Banquet.



Grady

They include four who worked with Plainview Scouts—the late Leo Baxter, Wendell Brown, sr., Dr. Ernest N. James and Dr. Gale Seigler—and a former Silverton Scouter, Cletus Grady.

The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 9, at Wayland's McClung Center. A reception for Hall of Fame recipients will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Cost of the banquet is \$8.00 per person or \$15 per couple and tickets are available by contacting Larry Comer in Silverton. No tickets will be available at the door.

Also to be announced at the banquet are recipients of the District Award of Merit, the Patterson Chrome Ax Award for outstanding Scout Troop and other awards.

Cletus Grady, who now makes

his home in Snyder, retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. He spent 14 years as an adult Scouter primarily in Silverton.

He began his Scouting career as Scoutmaster in Balmorhea in 1951-53.

He was associated with Troop 262 in Silverton from 1962-72, serving as Scoutmaster from 1962-66, assistant Scoutmaster from 1967-68, and Troop committee member from 1969-72.

His awards and honors include being inducted into the Order of the Arrow, receiving a Certificate of Merit from the Soil Conservation Service for his work in Scouting and being honored by the Texas House of Representatives with a resolution, HCR-95.

While he was Scoutmaster of Troop 262, 16 members of the Troop received their Eagle awards in 1965 at the same Eagle Court of Honor in Lubbock.

Among his fondest Scouting memories is taking 13 Scouts to Ely, Minnesota for a seven-day 100-mile canoe trip into Canada.

Grady and his wife, Geraldine, have three children, Gary Gene and Mikel, both of Snyder, and Cletus, jr. of Kennedy, and two grandchildren.

### Junior High Teams in Tourney at Kress

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in a one-day tournament at Kress Saturday, with the girls scheduled to play Happy at 8:30 a.m. followed by the boys at 9:45 a.m.

The winners advance to play the winners of the San Jacinto-Kress games at 4:00 and 5:15 p.m.

The losers play the losers of the San Jacinto-Kress games at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m.

Extension office, or from Wayne A. Hayenga or Carol Sabo, Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843, phone (409) 845-2226.

## Young Seeking To Be County Commissioner

Rance Young has announced his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 3. In making this announcement, he stated:

"I am very proud to be a resident of Briscoe County. Nancy and I feel blessed to be able to raise our children in a community such as Silverton. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you as County Commissioner."

Young moved to Briscoe County in June of 1991. He is a third generation farmer and rancher, having lived in northern Floyd County most of his life.

### Planning Session Set For Camp Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for the Cowboy Camp Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, at the courthouse.

Everyone who is interested in helping with the camp meeting is invited to attend.

## WEATHER

### JANUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

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Total Precip. in January			.10
Normal Precip. in January			.65

### Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon

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

Members of the Assembly of God will be hosts for the luncheon.

## Estate Planning Saves Taxes, Frustration

"A properly-drawn estate plan may save many farm and ranch families up to \$200,000 in estate taxes." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have a farm or ranch worth \$1 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

This is an eye opening fact for many farmers and ranchers. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in settling an estate or paying estate taxes. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large-if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many farm/ranch families, the income tax savings of a properly-prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

Four, two-day seminars taking about these complicated tax topics will be held in Lubbock, El Paso, Waco and San Antonio. The

against the law! You must vote in one or the other; in November you can vote a straight ticket or split it for whichever party nominees you choose.

Lubbock seminar will be held February 7-8, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, 801 Avenue Q.

The program is structured to help farmers and ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed also. "There are two problems with making excessive gifts—the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two problems that affect family operations—planning for inflation and growth of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not will be addressed.

The registration fee is \$100.00 and registration information is available at your local County

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# Winter Driving Tips From Texas Troopers

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the best way to avoid injury or property damage during winter storms is to avoid any travel during snowy or icy weather unless absolutely necessary. If you must travel, prepare your vehicle, drive with caution and equip your vehicle for a possible emergency.

•Make sure the exhaust system is working properly. Even a tiny leak can cause a dangerous carbon monoxide problem.

•Check motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system and wipers.

Driving with caution:

•Ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.

•Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions.

•If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be able to regain traction and control.

•Stay on well traveled roads, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you, and use a lower gear than for normal driving.

Equip your vehicle for an emergency:

•Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and

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gloves in your car. Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded. And remember to buckle up your safety belts.

### December Weather Slightly Warmer, Drier Than Norm in Area

Temperatures averaged slightly above normal with precipitation slightly below normal for the month of December 1995.

Temperatures averaged 0.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 2.9 degrees above normal at Olton to 1.1 below normal at Lamesa. Average temperatures at Silverton were 39.4, two degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 0.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 4.1 degrees above normal at Snyder to 0.9 degrees below normal at Seminole. The highest temperature reported during the month was 86 degrees at Jayton on the 3rd. Maximum temperatures at Silverton averaged 53.3, which was 2.3 degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 0.8 degrees above normal and ranged from three degrees above normal at Olton to 2.5 degrees below normal at Lamesa. The lowest temperature reported during the month was six degrees at Dimmitt on the 9th. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 25.5 degrees, which was almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.11 inch below normal and ranged from 0.72 inch above normal at Dimmitt to 0.7 inch below normal at Big Spring. Silverton received 1.23 during the month, which was .66 of an inch above the South Plains average.

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We take issue even with perfection.

—Pascal



Sometimes it's the little things that matter most.



### BERNICE PARKER

Services for Bernice Marie Parker, 75, of Snyder were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, at the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder with Rick Cunningham officiating.

Burial was in the Hillside Memorial Gardens under direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died Monday, January 8, 1996, at her residence.

She was born April 22, 1920, in Maypearl. She married Sterling Parker in June 1962 in Sterling City. He died April 1, 1995. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She had taught school in

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh.

Survivors include a son, Jim Shearer of Vail, Colorado; a daughter, Donna Fowler of Fluvanna; a stepson, Sterling Parker of Midland; a stepdaughter, Janice Barton of Glenrose; two half brothers, E. A. Birdwell of Silverton and John Birdwell of Mangum, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; numerous stepgrandchildren and great-stepgrandchildren.

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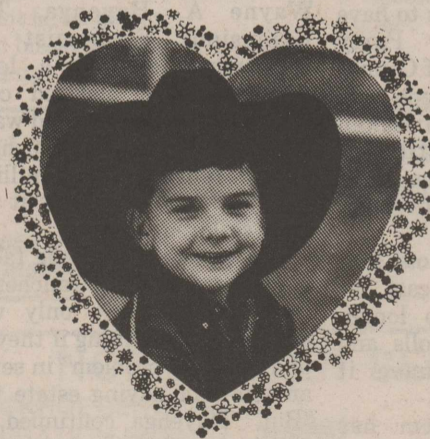
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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**January 16, 1986--** Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stephens are moving to near Loving, New Mexico, which is located about ten miles from Carlsbad, where he will be employed on a ranch . . . Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks were honored with a going-away party at the Silverton Church of Christ Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Weaks and children, Jeff, Misti and Dusti, are moving to Lubbock where he will be attending Texas Tech . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvin May and children have moved to Lubbock . . . 1985 Rainfall was much above normal . . . Officers elected recently to serve the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service during the coming year are Anthony Kingery, president; Tom Burson, vice president; Janice Hill, secretary-treasurer. Dick Roehr, Emmett Tomlin, James Edwards, Lynn Frizzell, Anthony Kingery, Janice Hill and Tom Burson are members of the board of directors for the local EMS . . . Crockett Grabbe was moved to another department at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa Monday, which is a sign he is improving. Doctors are gradually bringing him off sedation. His father, Warner Grabbe, is still in Iowa City with him . . . David Kellum has joined the dealer network of Garrison Seed Company of Hereford . . .

**January 15, 1976--** Showmanship awards in the Briscoe County Livestock Show were presented to Penny Cogdell, steers; Walter Perkins, lambs, and James Alan Patton, swine . . . J. L. Williams announced intention to oppose Vinson Smith as candidate for sheriff . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe are parents of a son, Braden Scott . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greg Towe are parents of a son, Jeffrey Todd . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brannon are parents of a son, Daniel Woodson . . . Owls, Owlettes take district victories at Wellington . . . Josie Anderson fell Thursday as she was leaving the courthouse and broke her foot . . . Staci Mayfield was able to return to school Monday after having been in an Amarillo hospital last week for the repair of a broken leg . . . Penny Cogdell was exhibitor of both the Grand and Reserve Champion Steers at the Briscoe County Livestock Show. Grand Champion of the Swine Show was shown by Mike Cornett. Greg Hill was exhibitor of the Grand Champion Lamb. Greg's brother, Michael, was exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Lamb, and Mike Cornett showed the Reserve Champion of the Swine Show . . .

**January 20, 1966--** The Vaughan Brothers, Ronny and Danny, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughan, swept the Briscoe County Stock Show last Saturday by exhibiting the grand and reserve champion steers and the grand champion barrow . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rhoderick

and Stacy of Plainview were Sunday visitors with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Johnson and daughters of Quitaque also were Sunday evening visitors in the Rhoderick home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer took his mother, Mrs. H. C. Mercer, to Amarillo on Wednesday of last week for a checkup with her doctor . . . Outstanding students were named by the faculty in a meeting last week. They are Carol Ann Montague and Paul Ray McWilliams, freshmen, Debbie Dickerson and George Masey, sophomores, Sharon Martin and John Montague, juniors, Elaine Boyles and Wayne Rampley, seniors, Who's Who; Ruth Ann Minyard and Darrell Long, Personalities; Linda Fisch and Orlin Grabbe, Most Likely to Succeed; Elaine Boyles and Darrell Long, Most Dependable . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell, Stephen and Julie of Amarillo visited his mother, Mrs. Annie Williams, Monday and Tuesday . . .

**January 19, 1956--** M. G. Moreland given new three-year contract as superintendent of schools . . . R. A. Edwards resigns as school district tax assessor-collector . . . Two youths were killed and their two companions were very seriously injured Saturday afternoon when their car left the road north of Matador and overturned five times. One of the boys was Norris Offield, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Offield, and the other was his brother-in-law, Malcolm McKay, 15, of Turkey. Others in the car were McKay's sister, Rosie McKay, 14, and Bobbie Perkins, both of Turkey . . . Jerry McWilliams, John Schott and Loyd Stephens attended the 4-H Tractor School recently held in Lubbock . . . C. L. Cowart, a resident of Silverton since 1928, was honored at his home last Thursday when he was given a fifty-year emblem from the Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek are the parents of a daughter, Rhonda Elaine . . . Funeral rites were held at Douglas Funeral Home Monday afternoon for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riely Yates . . . Sue McJimsey spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smithee . . . Tony Burson returned home Monday after having undergone goiter surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . . Micki, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper, has been a patient in the Plainview Hospital since Thursday of last week. He has been under an oxygen tent some of the time . . .

**January 17, 1946--** Shafe Weaver recently was promoted in Manila, where he has been stationed for the past five months. He is in the infantry. Sgt. Weaver has been overseas six months and has been in the service since February 1944 . . . Bank will open next Wednesday . . . Silverton looks good to Jim O'Malley, who'd never been in the Panhandle until six weeks ago, so he has gone in business here. He bought the Corner Cafe from Mrs.

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Gladys Jackson . . . Snow, rain soak county; wheat prospect given big boost . . . Mrs. Amos Persons, member of a widely-known and pioneer Briscoe County family, passed away Wednesday of last week at her home in Quitaque. Funeral services were held Thursday. Mrs. Persons was the mother of Mrs. W. E. Schott of Silverton and of County Commissioner Ray Persons . . . Wilton Whitehead,

16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead, was painfully injured in the hand by the accidental discharge of a 12-gauge shotgun while hunting last Thursday. He dropped the gun. Robert Isbell and Ray Teeple were with him . . . B. L. Chandler, who lives near Quitaque in Briscoe County, is featured in an article in the January issue of *Capper's Farmer*, entitled, "Green Feed for 12 Months" . . . Mr. and Mrs. A.

D. Arnold have moved to their home near the Baptist Church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dickerson spent Monday in Amarillo . . . Mrs. Hugh Nance and Mrs. C. M. Strickland were in Tulia Monday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers are the proud parents of twins—a boy and girl. Mother and babies are doing nicely . . . Miss Elvira Wesley had as her dinner  
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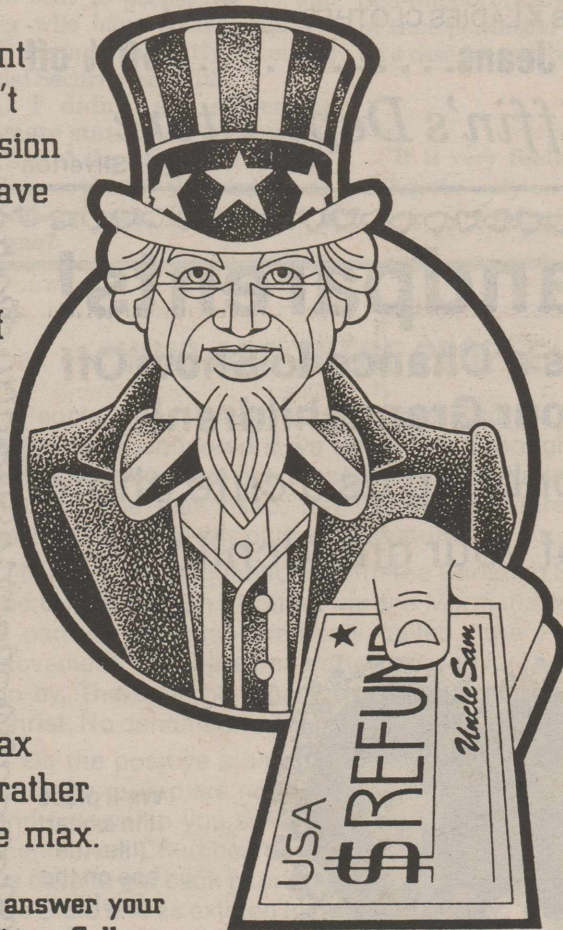
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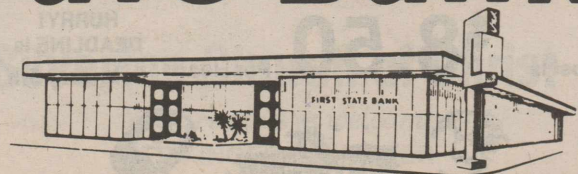
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*Threat of Mass Destruction  
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Or what if one of the 15 nations that now have ballistic missiles adds chemical, biological or nuclear weapons technology to its capabilities and decides to pick a fight with the world's only remaining superpower?

For all our military might, the United States does not have a defense system capable of fending off even a single incoming ballistic missile. There

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is no shield over the United States — nothing like the Patriot missiles chasing SCUDs out of the sky over the Middle East. Most Americans take it for granted that we have such protection. And once they realize we don't, most can recognize its desirability.

The debate over whether to develop a missile defense system is one of the most pressing long term issues we face. How will we protect our nation in this era of multilateral challenges? What we are talking about here isn't "Star Wars," but a ground-based system designed to shield our country against an accidental launch or attack by a rogue regime — before even more nations acquire the ballistic missile technology needed to deliver weapons of mass destruction.

Complicating the debate is a claim by some that the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (which President Nixon negotiated with the Soviet Union) prohibits the United States from developing a missile defense program. But this is really a moot point. The purpose of the ABM Treaty was to prevent nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union by denying both sides any significant defense against nuclear catastrophe.

The ABM Treaty has served its purpose. One party to that treaty, the Soviet Union, no longer exists. The Cold War is over and we no longer fear a nuclear attack launched by that entity. Instead, both the United States and Russia are concerned about ballistic missiles coming from other potentially hostile nations, some of which exist on Russia's very doorstep.

It is in this country's vital interest to develop an effective missile defense system, and doing so should not jeopardize our relationship with Russia. Despite arguments brought by the opponents of the anti-missile system, the proposal put forth in the 1995 Missile Defense Act does not advocate or require violation or cancellation of the ABM Treaty.

Such a system will, however, reduce the temptation among up-and-coming hostile regimes to acquire and use such missiles, and in doing so would function as a stabilizing factor in the new post-Cold War world.

The price of freedom still is eternal vigilance — and eternal preparedness. There are many reasons for hostile countries to covet ballistic missiles, but none as tempting as the absence of an effective defense against such weapons. The United States should not and need not offer that temptation.

*Medicaid Revamp Hits a Hurdle*

When Congress set out to reform Medicaid, the health care program which serves the nation's poor, it focused on two unavoidable facts:

- 1) The program's growth rate of three times the rate of inflation represents a time bomb ready to go off and stymie efforts to balance the federal budget, and;
- 2) The states, unlike the federal government, don't have the luxury of deficit spending, so any alteration of the way the federal government calculates its share of Medicaid costs was sure to cause turmoil in state capitols across the nation.

Sure enough, the funding formulas Congress has come up with — so far — are unacceptable to me because they have the potential to gouge a huge hole in the Texas state budget. Other states with high growth rates don't like it either. Trading lower federal taxes for higher state and local taxes is not my idea of reform.

My main objection to the formula on the table in the Senate Finance Committee now is that it would work to the advantage of high-benefit, low-growth states with high per capita incomes. Texas falls into none of those categories. Moreover, under this formula, the relatively wealthy states would pay for an even smaller percentage of their total state programs than they do now — a double-whammy at Texas' expense.

The reform initiative has taken a wrong turn. Its outline now is less like the even-handed block-grant program we began with and much more like the existing, failed program.

States that already spend a great deal more than the national average on their Medicaid programs would be rewarded, when the entire purpose of the original exercise was to curb skyrocketing costs.

The rich would continue to get richer, while the poor, the poorer states that is, would have to dig deeper into their state coffers to finance the program.

Texas would be hard hit under the proposal, receiving from \$5 billion to \$10 billion less than we do under existing law. (When Texas already spends one-quarter of its state budget on the Medicaid program alone.)

This would have several unpleasant consequences for our state, aside from its direct financial impact. The loss of Medicaid funding would increase uncompensated care provided by Texas hospitals, which would push up hospital costs for everyone else. Many small, rural hospitals would be forced to eliminate services or close their doors entirely.

This would be a disaster for Texas. Medicaid funding formulas ought to conform with reality: allocations should be based on each state's rate of growth, rather than its past spending levels.

The Medicaid program must be improved and made more cost-effective. As the optimistic doctor said of a certain disease, "There are no 'incurables,' only things for which we have not yet found a cure." Medicaid can be reformed. All states could do with less if they could take advantage of new efficiencies a looser federal rein offers them. But \$10 billion is more of a hit than Texas can absorb through savings. I will do everything I can to ensure that the 'cure' is equitable and serves the interest of the states of Texas.

**Happy Birthday To . . .**

- January 18--John Wyatt, Debbie Weeks, Thor Patton
- January 19--Annell Davis, Sue Morris
- January 20--Anna Belle Tipton, Aloha Fisch, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Jack Graham, Barry Grant Wheeler
- January 21--Judy Barbo, Lois Ziegler, Fred Sweet
- January 22--Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell
- January 23--Carrie Baird, Cindy Talbot, Michael Williams, Carl Hall, Ken Wood, Jack Davis
- January 24--DeLana Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo, Christine Casillas

**Happy Anniversary To . . .**

- January 23--Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe

**Endangered Species  
Include Some Cows**

Some endangered species are pretty unlikely.

They're not all condors, snail darters or even spotted owls. Some are (ready?) cows, and animal scientists in Texas and Colombia are gearing up for a five-year effort aimed at preserving them.

Of course, these aren't your average cows. They're seven breeds of so-called "criollo" cattle found in Colombia, and they're on the brink of extinction. The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) lists them as endangered species.

"They haven't been hunted out like some wild animals, but they're being absorbed into other breeds," says geneticist Dr. James Derr of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Genetics experts say the animals are not only endangered; in their "pure" state, they also could be sources of potentially valuable genetic information that could help cattle in Colombia, the United States and the rest of the world resist disease and thrive in inhospitable environments.

**Teen-agers Need Place  
To Develop Socially**

Teen-agers want a place to call their own.

But, according to Lisa Benson, who recently completed her master's degree in architecture at Texas A&M University, adolescents rarely have a place designed specifically for them.

Benson surveyed high school students and their parents to determine what locations teens have staked out for their leisure hours.

Benson concludes that adolescents do not have a place to go after school and on weekends that satisfies their developmental needs and incorporates popular youth culture.

She notes that people used to go straight from childhood into the working world of adults, so that adolescence is a recent phenomenon.



What to do in 1996 is the question of the hour as cotton producers on the High Plains and across the nation try to make key decisions.

"Where we stand as a result of the recent budget impasse in Washington is creating a very difficult situation for many growers," notes Donald Johnson.

Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) notes that producers gearing up for the 1996 season have had to put their plans on hold until they can figure out which set of rules they will be required to follow.

Several scenarios are possible given current circumstances, adds Johnson. Because no new farm legislation was passed by the start of the new year, applicable farm programs are currently a mixture of different bills written at different times.

For today this is how things stand. Commodities such as wheat and feed grains have reverted to permanent farm law passed in 1949. Cotton, soybeans and peanut authority were extended under the 1990 Farm Bill in 1993, leaving these programs unchanged for the moment. Questions about exactly how these two programs can work together are still unanswered.

"Right now three things can happen," says Johnson. "First, a compromise can still be worked out on the currently proposed Balanced Budget bill containing the 7-year ag bill. Second, farm programs revert back to currently available legislative authority under the 1949 Act for wheat and feed grains and the 1990 Act for cotton, soybeans and peanuts. Third, the ag section of the Balanced Budget bill could be offered and passed as free standing legislation."

Johnson notes that without any clear picture of which path farm legislation will take producers may find their best alternative is to develop plans based on the 1990 Farm Bill.

At this time the following provisions have been announced for 1996 under the provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill.

Target Price: 72.9 cents  
Loan Rate: 53 cents

Non-payment acreage: 15 percent

Optional flexibility: 10 percent with an acre per acre reduction in paid acres

Producers should keep a close watch over the development of this process since a final decision about what program will or will not be effective for the 1996-crop year could be made at any moment.

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Several other items of interest to producers along these same lines include the recent review of Federal Crop Insurance requirements and a change in the standard for Surface Roughening

under Food Security Act (FSA) plans.

**CROP INSURANCE**

At this time producers are still to purchase at least Catastrophic (CAT) policies for farm program participation. Failure to purchase this coverage could result in a producer being prohibited from participating in farm programs. Final sales closing dates for cotton were as early as January 15 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, but most other areas have a March 15 closing date.

**FSA PLANS**

A new standard for Surface Roughening means producers with FSA plans in place now have the opportunity to use tillage to meet the requirements of their plan. The Surface Roughening Conservation Alternative standard may be used provided that enough moisture exists to carry out tillage practices such as breaking, chiseling, deep ripping or listing. Producers interested in adding the new standard to their plan should contact their county FSA office.

**Social Security: A Family's Story**

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

This is a story about a woman named Betty Jane (not her real name), who was born on August 14, 1935--the same day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. Betty Jane's parents, Tom and Ethel, were too busy and too happy to notice, or comment about, the President signing the new law that would eventually play a big part in their lives and in Betty Jane's life.

In December 1936, Betty Jane's father got his Social Security card and the next month his employer began taking a small amount of money for Social Security taxes from his weekly wages. The employer matched the amount and sent the money to the Treasury Department. The country was in the midst of the Great Depression at the time and Tom was lucky to have a job.

The family gave little thought to the weekly Social Security contributions. They knew that when Tom was ready to retire, he would have a monthly check from Social Security.

When Tom turned 65 in 1959, he and Ethel decided it was time for him to retire. During the years, they had put some money away for retirement, so with their monthly Social Security benefits, Tom's pension from his employer, and their savings, their retirement years looked comfortable for them. Ethel had never worked outside the home, but she was eligible for spouse's benefits.

By then Betty Jane was 24 and a newly-wed. Two years later, she and her husband Jim were the proud parents of twins. But tragedy struck when the twins were six years old. Jim was fatally injured in an automobile

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guests Sunday evening Miss Mildred Wesley and Eudean Watters of Quitaque, A. T. Brooks, jr., Virgil Crow and Oscar Weeks... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens are the proud parents of a baby girl named Sandra Gean, who weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces... Miss Merlene Yates who is attending school in Lubbock spent the weekend here

accident. Where would Betty Jane turn for help? Her parents were financially comfortable in their retirement, but did not have enough money to give her much help. Fortunately, Social Security could. Betty Jane and the children began collecting monthly Social Security survivor benefits based on Jim's earnings. Betty Jane's benefits stopped when the twins reached age 18, but by then she had a job. (Mother's benefits now cease when the youngest child in her care reaches age 16.) When the children's benefits ceased, they entered the workforce.

And now Betty Jane celebrates her 60th birthday on August 14--the 60th anniversary of Social Security. She probably won't think about the historic significance of the day, but she will surely remember how much Social Security has meant to her and her family over the years. Her parents are now deceased and her children are raising their own families. By the way, now that Betty Jane is 60 years old, she is eligible to collect widow's benefits if she were ready to retire. Instead of retiring, Betty Jane has decided to keep on working for a few years. As she does, her additional earnings will increase the amount of benefits she will receive when she retires. If, for example, Betty Jane retires at age 65, she will be eligible for a 100 percent widow's benefit or a benefit based on her own earnings. She will receive the higher of the two.

There are lots of Betty Jane stories in this country. At present, 43 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits, including 12.4 million children, spouses, widows and widowers who receive benefits because a worker in their family became disabled or died.

If you want to know more about Social Security and what it can mean to you and your family, call or visit your local Social Security office to get a copy of the booklet entitled *Understanding Social Security*. You also can call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times.

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The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing—and then marry him.

—Cher

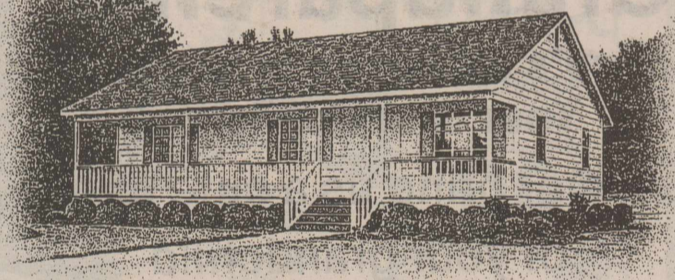
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates...

January 16, 1936-- J. W. Lyon, jr. announces for judge's office... Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter was operated on in Turkey Monday and is reported doing nicely... Little Joyce Dell Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin, is improving nicely in a hospital at Turkey... Miss Mildred Chappell, Miss Lola Mae Reid, Paul and Dee Reid were callers in the Bob McDaniel home Tuesday night... Earl Cantwell attended the debate last week at Dodsonville, Texas... Mr. and Mrs. Aulton Durham shopped in Lubbock Saturday... Miss Erma Joy Weaver spent the weekend with her cousin at Turkey... Alvin Redin purchased a F-20 McCormick Deering from Tull Implement Company this week... Editor Boyle wrote: "When Mrs. Charley Cowart asked Charles for money to buy another new dress, he replied, 'What! Another new dress? How ever do you think I can find the money to pay for it?' 'Darling, you know I'm not inquisitive,' she replied"...

November 5, 1925--Charlsie Glynn Allard was surprised Saturday afternoon on returning from a neighbor's and finding a roomful of her playmates ready to receive her. The surprise was in

remembrance of her seventh birthday. Attending were Roberta and J. C. Turner, Baby Rose Morgan, Normae Thompson, Jessie and Pauline Buchanan, Mary Eva and Walter Allard, jr., Gladys Fay, Lewis Johnson, Hazle and Freddie Lee Ellison, Genella Fort, Lewis Imagine, Earlin and Sheley Pitts, Johnnie Marie and Budie Junior Simpson, Eva Lou Pollard, Wallace Alexander, Fay Allard, Frances Buchanan and Mrs. Poe and Ms. Johnson... Terry Evans has returned to the Flat, frost having ruined his father's crop on the plains... Mrs. Henry Heckman and little daughter, Lorene, were shopping in Clarendon Monday... Mrs. J. R. Steele was in town Saturday. She said that Mr. Steele was getting better and would be home this week from Mineral Wells where he had been for the baths... D. H. Alexander and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Alexander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Donnell... A group of ex-servicemen met last Thursday night at the courthouse and signed an application for a charter for the organization of a Post of the American Legion... Jack Wright has been seriously ill the past ten days with catarrhal jaundice...

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# Owls Extend Winning Streak at Motley High

Silverton's varsity teams played a pair of games at Motley County High Tuesday night of last week, and the tough Matador teams were no less determined to win than they have been in past meetings. The Owls were able to extend their ten-game winning streak to 11, but the Lady Owls weren't shooting well and dropped a 47-55 decision after having trailed at the end of each quarter.

Lacy Branson led the scoring for the Lady Owls with 21 points and Molly Bomar contributed 16. Lori Brannon caged five; Dedra Johnston hit a three pointer and Dara Ramsey tossed in two points to round out the scoring.

Scoring by quarters was 8-10, 21-26, 29-37, 47-55.

It was the second loss in a row to the Lady Mats whom the Lady Owls had beaten 80-66 earlier in the season, and brought the Lady Owl season record to 13-7.

The Owls also were one-and-one with the Matadors at the beginning of last week's game, but made a determined effort

that saw them in the lead at the end of every quarter: 21-12, 36-28, 46-39, 61-51.

Jack Cherry led the scoring with 22 points, while Trey Wyatt tossed 13 points into the baskets and Brandon Sarchet also was in double figures with 11. Jared Holt rang up nine, Jay Arnold was credited with five and Jon Ivory scored a point from the line.

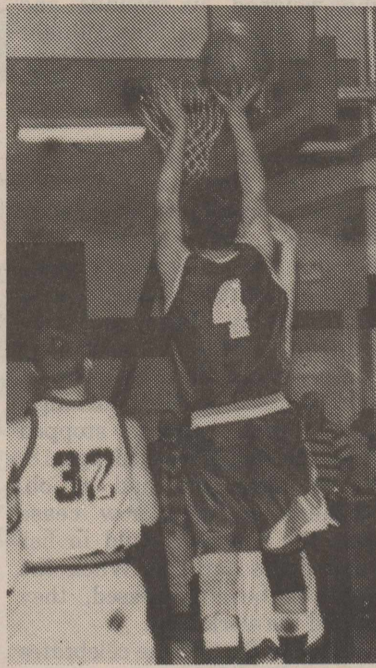
Three pointers were scored by Sarchet, three; Cherry, two; Wyatt, one.

This game brought the Owl season record to 17-4. They have won their last eleven games.

## Varsity Teams Split Games at McLean

Silverton's varsity teams drove to McLean for a couple of games Friday night, and saw the Lady Owls drop a heart-breaking one-point game to the Lady Tigers and the Owls extend their winning streak with a victory.

The Lady Owls weren't getting the ball into the baskets very



*Jack Cherry rang up another basket as the Owls beat the McLean Tigers last week.*

*Briscoe County News Photo*

well, but neither were the Tiger Ladies. The Lady Owls saw the score knotted in a low 5-5 first quarter and had fallen behind 14-21 by the intermission. They trailed 28-37 at the end of three quarters, but rallied to lose by a single point. Lacy Brunson and Dara Ramsey led the scoring with 10 points each. Molly Bomar and Kenzie Burson added nine points each. Michelle Warren caged four and Lori Brannon rang up two points for the Lady Owls.

The Owls trailed by a point, 13-14, at the end of the first period, but had moved into a 32-21 lead



*Michelle Warren puts a shot in the basket as the McLean Tigerettes battle for position underneath.*

*Briscoe County News Photo*

# JV Lady Owls Win Second at Lazbuddie

Silverton's junior varsity Lady Owls won the second-place trophy in a tournament at Lazbuddie last weekend, while the JV Owls were beaten out after winning their second game.

The Lady Owls defeated Adrian 42-34, in the first round of the tournament, leading at the end of the other quarters: 7-2, 17-9, 28-19.

Lindsey Weaks led the offense by burning the baskets with 15 big points and Misty Wilkinson also scored in double figures with 11. Adding to the score were Lindsey Jennings, six; Destiny Ivory, four; Molly Brooks and Kimmie Blazier, three points each.

In the second round, the Lady Owls beat Lazbuddie 35-29. Misty Wilkinson led the offense with 15 points and Lindsey Weaks added 11 in this matchup. Also scoring were Molly Brooks, Lori Chandler and Lindsey Jennings, three points each.

The Lady Owls led 8-1, 18-10, 28-20, 35-29.

In the final game, the Lady Owls dropped a close 24-28 game to Vega. The score at the ends of the quarters was 5-7, 12-15, 17-22, 24-28.

Lindsey Weaks led the offense by scoring 15 points. Adding to the score were Lindsey Jennings, four; Molly Brooks, three; Misty Wilkinson, two points.

This was the second loss of the season for the JV Lady Owls.

The Owls lost their first game to Adrian, 63-74, being outscored in every quarter except the last: 6-13, 25-35, 36-52, 63-74.

Cory Chandler burned the baskets with 29 big points to lead the Owl offense. Also scoring were Hector Martinez and Will Hester, nine points each; Chris Justice, eight; Jeremy Holt, five; Donny Burson, three, and Jason Cherry, two points.

Three pointers were scored by Martinez and Burson.

The Owls beat Vega, 43-35, in the second round. Cory Chandler once again led the scoring, this time with 14 points to his credit, and Jeremy Holt also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Chris Justice, six; Will Hester, five; Jared Francis, four; Donny Burson and Hector Martinez, two points each.

Leading at the end of each by halftime. They continued to lead 55-36 at the end of the third quarter, and went on to take the 74-55 victory. It was the third time this season the Owls had defeated the Tigers.

Jack Cherry led the offense with 17 points, while Trey Wyatt and Brandon Sarchet were right behind him with 16 points each. Jay Arnold scored 12 points. Sarchet hit four three pointers.

Also scoring were Jared Holt, eight; Cory Chandler, three; Cy Comer and Jon Ivory, one point each.

period, 9-5, 21-12, 32-24, the Owls finished ahead 43-35.

In the last game, the Owls lost to Bovina, 53-63. Scores at the ends of the other quarters were 15-23, 25-32, 33-49.

Jeremy Holt led the scoring with 17 points and Cory Chandler tossed 15 points into the baskets. Will Hester and Hector Martinez added six points each; Chris Justice and Jason Cherry, five points each; Jared Francis, two points.

## Silverton School Activities

Fri., January 19--Cotton Center, there, 4:00

Sat., January 20--JH Tourney, Kress

Mon., January 22--Lakeview JH, there, 5:00

Tues., January 23--Hedley, here, 5:00

January 25-27--Briscoe County Stock Show

Thurs., January 25--Cattle Show

Fri., January 26--Swine weigh-in; Lakeview, here, 6:30; School Holiday

Sat., January 27--Swine and Lamb Show

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Mon., January 22--Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Cornbread, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Tues., January 23--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Bread, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Wed., January 24--Chili Corn Chip Pie, Salad, Ranch Beans, Cornbread, Crackers, Brownie, Milk

Thurs., January 25--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk

Fri., January 26--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Fries, Fruit, Milk

### BREAKFAST

Monday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday--Biscuit, Gravy, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

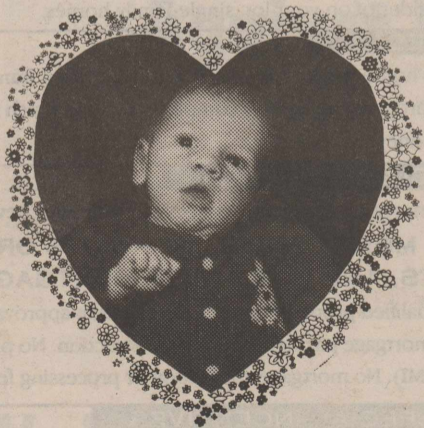
Friday--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk



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# Junior High Teams Win Trophies at Lockney

Three of the Junior High teams won consolation trophies at the conclusion of their participation in the Lockney Shorthorn Tournament last weekend.

The Seventh Grade Lady Owls played well, but were unable to win their game against the big girls from Hart on Saturday. They trailed 0-6 at the end of the first quarter, 4-16 at the intermission and finished on the short end of the 13-22 score after rallying in the second half.

Taylor Griffin led the scoring with seven points. Brooke Garvin added four and Vanessa Reyna put up two points.

The Seventh Grade Owls took a 39-24 victory over the Nazareth boys, leading 6-3 at the first stop and 15-8 at halftime. They went on to win the game without being seriously challenged even when their big man, Adrian Ramirez, fouled out after scoring 14 points. Clint Ivory added 12 points and Vance Chandler also scored in double figures with 11 points. Isaiah Ivory added two points for the Owls.

The Eighth Grade Lady Owls took a big victory over Plainview, leading by large amounts at the end of each quarter: 20-3, 26-6, 35-12.

Sara Kirchoffner had the hot hands and scored 21 big points, including four three pointers. Dara Johnston scored two three pointers and a total of 12 points for the Lady Owls. Also scoring were D. D. White, three; Tyra Younger and Julie Weaver, two points each.

The Eighth Grade Owls finished the four-game series with a narrow 35-34 victory over Petersburg. Nathan Francis led the offense by scoring 15 points and put the winning point in the basket with seconds remaining in the game. Jordan Sarchet also scored in double figures with 11. Paul Segura and Mickey Juarez scored four points each and Charlie Bomar rang up a point from the line.

The Owls led 10-9 at the end of the first quarter, but were behind 12-19 at the midway stop. By the end of three quarters, the Owls had regained the lead, 28-25, and went on to take the victory with no foul-outs.

## THURSDAY

Silverton's Junior High boys put their undefeated records on the line Thursday, and recorded their first losses as a result. The Lockney teams have some very tall players and some good shooters, and the Seventh Grade Owls lost their game by a point after leading throughout the game. The Eighth Grade Owls kept the score close until seeing the Shorthorns open their lead in the last stanza of their game.

The Seventh Grade Lady Owls went up against a very good team of Lady Horns and suffered a 14-50 defeat. Several Eighth Grade players had been moved to this

team to even up the numbers for the tournament, and Heather Bowling, one of the eighth graders, suffered an ankle injury in the game. She and Brooke Garvin led the scoring for the Lady Owls with four points each. Taylor Griffin and Catherine Reyna tossed two points each into the baskets. Misti Mattheus and Diana Garza rang up a point each from the line.

The Lady Owls trailed at the end of each quarter: 2-16, 4-32, 11-38 and 14-50.

The Eighth Grade Lady Owls played hard but trailed at the end of each quarter: 6-12, 8-21, 15-37 and 25-45.

Sara Kirchoffner led the offense with 13 points, including two three pointers. Julie Weaver caged four; Dara Johnston, Ana Pena and D. D. White, two points each; Tyra Younger and Kenda Wood, one point each.

The Seventh Grade Owls had the closest game of the series, and led at the end of the first three periods: 12-4, 24-20, 33-31. The Shorthorns came from behind in the fourth quarter, never leading by more than a point, and won the game 42-41.

Adrian Ramirez led the offense with a 16-point effort. Also scoring in double figures were Clint Ivory, 11, and Vance Chandler, 10. Adding to the point total were Isaiah Ivory and Isaac Garcia, two points each.

The Eighth Grade Owls led for a time in their game, but the Shorthorns came back really strong in the second half and took the 52-38 win. The Owls led at the end of the first period, 16-11, and were behind only a point, 25-26, at the intermission. They had fallen behind by ten, 32-42, at the end of three periods.

Daniel Reagan led the offense by scoring 12 points, including a three pointer. He had a really big second-quarter effort during which he scored eight points. Nathan Francis and Jordan Sarchet scored seven points each, and Paul Segura and Vince Cruz added six points each for the Owls.

The two greatest stimulants in the world are youth and debt.

—Benjamin Disraeli



The first President to be married while in office was John Tyler. His first wife, Letitia Tyler, died in 1842, while he was in office, and he married Julia Gardiner, in 1844. The second Mrs. Tyler was First Lady for eight months.

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## 1995-1996 Basketball Schedules

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Jan. 16	PATTON SPRINGS	H	4:00
Jan. 19	COTTON CENTER	T	4:00
Jan. 23	HEDLEY*	H	5:00
Jan. 26	LAKEVIEW*	H	6:30
Jan. 30	SAMNORWOOD*	T	5:00
Feb. 2	HEDLEY*	T	5:00
Feb. 6	LAKEVIEW*	T	6:30
Feb. 9	SAMNORWOOD*	H	5:00

GAME TIMES: Junior Varsity Girls, 4:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls, 6:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys, 5:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys, 7:30 p.m.



### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Jan. 11, 13	LOCKNEY TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 15	GROOM	H	4:00
Jan. 20	KRESS TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 22	LAKEVIEW	T	5:00
Jan. 29	VALLEY	T	4:00

GAME TIMES: 7th Girls, 4:00 p.m.  
8th Girls, 6:00 p.m.

7th Boys, 5:00 p.m.  
8th Boys, 7:00 p.m.

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# Local Teams Defeated Groom Here Monday

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls earned three victories over the teams from Groom here Monday. Earlier in the season, the seventh and eighth grade Lady Owls had suffered defeats while the Owl teams had earned victories over the always-tough teams from Groom.

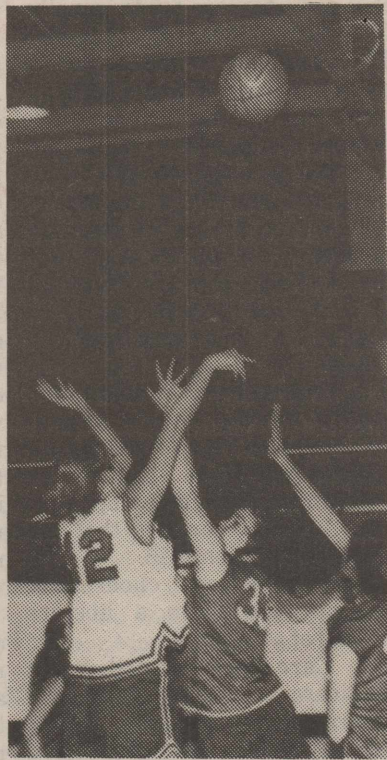
The seventh grade Lady Owls played to a 36-18 conclusion, after having led at the end of each of the other quarters: 6-4, 16-9, 30-13.

Taylor Griffin had the hot hands and threw 14 points into the baskets, while her teammate, Brooke Garvin, added 10. Kayla Davis rang up eight points, and Katy Hester and Heather Bowling scored two points each.

The eighth grade Lady Owls, who are playing their best of the season right now, earned a 45-24 decision after having been in a 12-12 tie at the end of the first quarter and leading 24-15 at halftime. They held a 40-18 lead at the end of three quarters.

Sara Kirchoffner and Dara Johnston tied for scoring honors with 12 points each. Lisa Comer caged nine; Tyra Younger and Julie Weaver, four points each; Kenda Wood and D. D. White, two points each.

The seventh and eighth grade Owls played together since Groom had some boys sick and had only nine players available. Eleven of the 16 Owls scored during the game which they led at the end of each quarter: 13-7, 29-



Tyra Younger takes a shot for the eighth grade Lady Owls as they extend their winning record against Groom.

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13, 49-21, 57-38.

Nathan Francis and Paul Segura led the offense by scoring 12 points each. Adding to the score were Daniel Reagan and Vince Cruz, six points each; Jordan Sarchet, five; Charlie Bomar and Adrian Ramirez, four points each; Clint Ivory, Isaiah Ivory, Vance Chandler and Daniel Castillo, two points each.

Three pointers were scored during the series by Dara Johnston, two; Sara Kirchoffner and Vince Cruz, one each.

The eighth grade teams will be playing in a tournament at Kress Saturday, with the Lady Owls scheduled to go against Happy at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Owls at 9:45 a.m.

Winners of these first games advance to play at 4:00 and 5:15 p.m. against the winners of the San Jacinto-Kress games.

Losers play at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. against either San Jacinto or Kress.

The Junior High has games at Lakeview scheduled for Monday, with games at Valley scheduled the following Monday. These games will conclude their season.

You never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough.

—Samuel Blake



The ancient Greeks believed the mineral jasper could draw the poison from snake bites.

Paul Segura jumps high into the air to get another two points into the basket.

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## Questions Social Security Receives

Here are some questions I receive on a regular basis:

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**Q. Some of the earnings on the statement of earnings and benefit estimate form I received from SSA are incorrect. How can I get them corrected?**

A. If the error involves recent earnings reported by your current employer, you should contact your payroll office. If the statement shows any other incorrect earnings, you should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Be sure to have records showing the correct wages when you call, such as your W-2s, pay stubs and tax

returns.

**Q. I got this benefit estimate statement in the mail unsolicited. Do I need to call Social Security or take some other action?**

A. After you read the statement, you don't need to do anything unless you want to apply for Social Security benefits, or you believe the earnings information is incorrect. If the error involves recent earnings at your current job, contact your employer. If your statement shows any other incorrect earnings, report the discrepancy by calling Social Security's toll-free number to report if your name or Social Security number is incorrect on the statement. When you call, be sure to have your records of the correct earnings handy—such as W-2s, pay stubs, and tax returns.

**Q. My wife is 62 and she gets Social Security benefits. Why didn't she get a benefit estimate statement? I understand it was sent to everybody 60 and over.**

A. The Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements were sent to people age 60 and older who have posted earnings and are not currently receiving Social Security benefits.

**A. I didn't get a benefit estimate statement, but my co-worker at the next desk did. He said everybody 60 and over should get one. Why didn't I get one?**

**PAGE NINE**  
A. If you are age 60 or older, have earnings posted to your Social Security record, are not currently receiving Social Security benefits, and we have your current mailing address, you should receive a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.

If you meet the above requirements and don't get a statement, call Social Security's toll-free number (1-800-772-1213) and ask for a Form SSA-7004 (Request for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement—"PEBES"). You should receive your statement in about four to six weeks after you return the form to Social Security. If you're not yet 60 and would like to receive a PEBES, call 1-800-772-1213 to request the application form.

**Q. I heard that I can get more time to complete my PASS. How does this work?**

A. As of January 1, 1995, Social Security will not apply the 36 to 48 months limits on time permitted for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients to complete a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS). The amount of time permitted will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

It is very foolish to insist on being the only one who is right.

—La Rochefoucauld

## WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE

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Now, if one of these congregations strays from the Bible way, that does not mean we must go astray with them. We are an independent congregation; accountable to the Lord alone. What freedom we enjoy! How sweet it is!

Because Jesus Christ "is the head of the body the church" (Colossians 1:18), we recognize his word as found in Scripture as our guide. As our complete guide; for the Scriptures are profitable "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

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Briscoe County News Photo

# Golden Spread Announces Incorporation of Affiliate Coop.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative announced the incorporation of GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., an affiliate cooperative which will operate as an exempt wholesale generator of electric power. The new cooperative intends to construct a 400 megawatt generating plant and sell the output to Golden Spread beginning in 1998.

Golden Spread owns sites near Denver City and in Moore County south of Sunray which could be utilized for the project, which is estimated to cost \$165,223,000. Golden Spread proposes to use the Denver City site.

Golden Spread President Robert W. Bryant said, "The plan proposed by Golden Spread will provide the lowest cost power supply for the 94,000 retail member/consumers served by the Golden Spread member systems. Golden Spread's studies show substantial savings for consumers compared to current rates paid for wholesale purchases from SPS."

"The retail customers of SPS will also benefit because SPS will not need to construct new generating plants to serve the Golden Spread loads," Bryant added.

Golden Spread also filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission seeking approvals needed for Golden Spread to purchase power from its affiliate cooperative, and certification of the wholesale power contract between Golden Spread and GS Electric Generating Cooperative.

Golden Spread's actions follow years of study and evaluation to find the best means of serving the loads of its eleven member systems.

Because additional power resources are needed to meet area loads by 1998, Golden Spread filed a request on September 15, 1994, for approval by the Public

Utility Commission of a notice of intent to construct a 400 megawatt power plant. The Commission approved Golden Spread's notice of intent on April 17, 1995.

However, the Texas Legislature amended the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") effective September 1, 1995, to eliminate the need for a notice of intent. The legislature also amended PURA to allow exempt wholesale generators to sell power at wholesale in Texas.

As a part of its planning process, Golden Spread hired the consulting firm of R. W. Beck to conduct an all-source competitive bidding process, and to independently evaluate alternative power supply proposals from other utility and non-utility suppliers. Golden Spread received proposals from 11 bidders offering multiple power supply options. Bids included 2,555 megawatts of supply-side capacity and 11 megawatts of demand-side load reduction. At the conclusion of the evaluation of proposals received, R. W. Beck ranked two generating proposals developed by Golden Spread superior to all other supply-side alternatives.

Because additional power resources must be in place by 1998, Golden Spread is seeking regulatory approval to go forward with its plan. However, Golden Spread has invited bidders Southwestern Public Service Company of Amarillo, CSW Energy, Inc. of Dallas, and LS Power Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri to review Golden Spread's plan, and Golden Spread will consider revised proposals that offer better value for Golden Spread's members.

Planergy, Inc. of Austin and Southland Industries Services, Inc. of Lakewood, California offered demand-side proposals that could reduce load now served by Golden Spread's member

systems through energy efficiency improvements. The Planergy and Southland proposals would not alter the amount of new generating capacity to be installed in 1998, but offer long term value and are being pursued by Golden Spread.

Golden Spread intends for GS Electric Generating Cooperative to construct 300 megawatts of combined cycle generation and 100 megawatts of simple cycle generation. Natural gas will provide the primary fuel for the plant. Black & Betch, a Kansas City based engineering firm, is expected to oversee the design and construction.

Golden Spread purchases more than 95 percent of its power requirements from Southwestern Public Service Company, the largest supplier of power in the panhandle region. Golden Spread will continue to purchase a large block of power from SPS following the completion of the GS Electric Generating Cooperative's power project. Golden Spread also purchases power and energy from West Texas Utilities Company of Abilene.

Golden Spread's member systems are Bailey County Electric Cooperative (Muleshoe), Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative (Hereford), Greenbelt Electric Cooperative (Wellington), Lamb County Electric Cooperative (Littlefield), Lighthouse Electric Cooperative (Floydada), Midwest Electric Cooperative (Roby), North Plains Electric Cooperative (Perryton), Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative (Dalhart), South Plains Electric Cooperative (Lubbock), Swisher Electric Cooperative (Tulia) and Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Hooker, Oklahoma). Golden Spread's member systems serve 94,000 retail customers in the Panhandle and on the South Plains of Texas and in the Panhandle of Oklahoma.

personal care, including homemaker services and counseling. In other words, it's the special type of care that a terminally-ill person needs.

A hospice may be a public agency or a private organization that provides care for terminally-ill patients. It is not a hospital. The terminally-ill patient can be cared for in their home or as an inpatient at the hospice. The hospice also provides respite care for the patient, so the home caregiver, usually a spouse or relative, can have a few days off. Respite care is limited to no more than five days in a row. There is a limit to the number of times respite care can be used during an illness.

A terminally-ill patient can qualify for the hospice benefit and Medicare Part A will pay for hospice care if all three of the following conditions are met.

1. A doctor certifies that the patient is terminally ill.

2. The patient chooses to receive care from a hospice instead of a hospital.

3. Care is provided by a Medicare-participating hospice program.

In addition to doctor and nursing services, the hospice provides other Medicare-covered services including medications, home health aide and homemaker visits, medical social services, medical equipment, short-term inpatient care (including respite care), and counseling for the patient and the caregiver.

The hospice benefit covers a seven-month period. This time can be continuous or, if the patient chooses, may be used in two 90-day periods, and then a 30-day period. If necessary, this time can be extended. The patient may stop the hospice benefit period, return to regular Medicare coverage, and then start the hospice benefit again, if another benefit period is available.

The patient pays \$5 toward each prescription, and 5 percent of the Medicare-allowed rate for respite care, approximately \$5. If a patient needs treatment for a condition not related to the terminal illness, Medicare continues to help pay for all necessary covered services under the standard Medicare benefit program.

If you are caring for a terminally-ill person and have any questions about Medicare and the hospice benefit, visit or write your local Social Security office. You also may call the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The busiest times are early in the week and early in the month. If possible, it is best to call at other times.

## Social Security: The Reality for Families

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on August 14, 1935, he stated, . . . "We . . . have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family .

.. " On the 60th anniversary of the program, its impact on the "average citizen and his family" has largely followed Roosevelt vision.

While Social Security is most often thought as a program for the elderly, it has become even more a program that provides economic security for the American family. The expanded concept began early. In 1939, a year before the first benefits were paid, the law was changed to extend coverage to dependents of retired workers and established the survivors insurance program for survivors of deceased workers. These provisions had been under development when the first act was signed, and established the concept of family protection that was to become characteristic of the growth of the program over the years. In 1956, the disability insurance program was signed, recognizing the "forced retirement" of the disabled worker.

Today fully 40 percent of the almost 43 million people receiving Social Security benefits are not retired workers; they are the spouses and children of retired workers or are receiving disability benefits or survivors benefits as the spouses, children, widow(er)s or parents of retired, deceased or disabled workers.

Benefits paid to the worker with a spouse and two or more children may replace as much as 90 percent of prior earnings for low-income families. In 1994, the average family benefit paid to a widow(er) and two children was \$1,328; for a disabled worker and spouse with one or more children, \$1,088. The maximum benefit payable to a widower and two children of a worker who died at age 25 was \$2,430; for a worker who became disabled at age 25 with one child, \$2,073.

Although to qualify for retirement benefits a worker needs to have worked at least 10 years under Social Security, he/she can qualify for survivors and disability benefits for his/her family with as little as 1½ years of work. The amount of work needed depends on the worker's age and increases to five out of the last ten years for workers 31 and older.

Benefits are paid to spouses, children, and even dependent parents in the case of deceased workers. The benefits are paid on the earnings record of either worker. Since two-worker families are becoming more and more common, most families now enjoy double protection.

Most Americans would agree that the Social Security program makes a difference in the lives of American families—the kind of difference envisioned by its makers 60 years ago.

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Self-control is at the root of all virtues.

—Samuel Smiles

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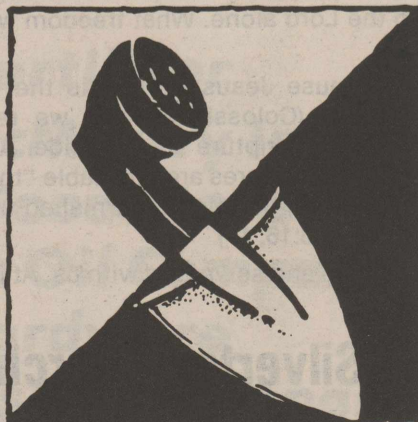
Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.

—Theophrastus

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## Medicare Provides Help For Terminally Ill

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Caring for a terminally-ill patient can be a difficult and stressful task. The stress can be eased, somewhat, if the patient has hospice coverage under Medicare. The special service, available only once in a lifetime, provides the highest degree of comfort care and convenience to the patient and his/her family.

The hospice benefit provides coverage for a variety of services not usually covered under Medicare. There are no deductibles and Medicare pays for services provided every day by a hospice. This benefit also permits a hospice to provide appropriate

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Ted Kingery, Minister  
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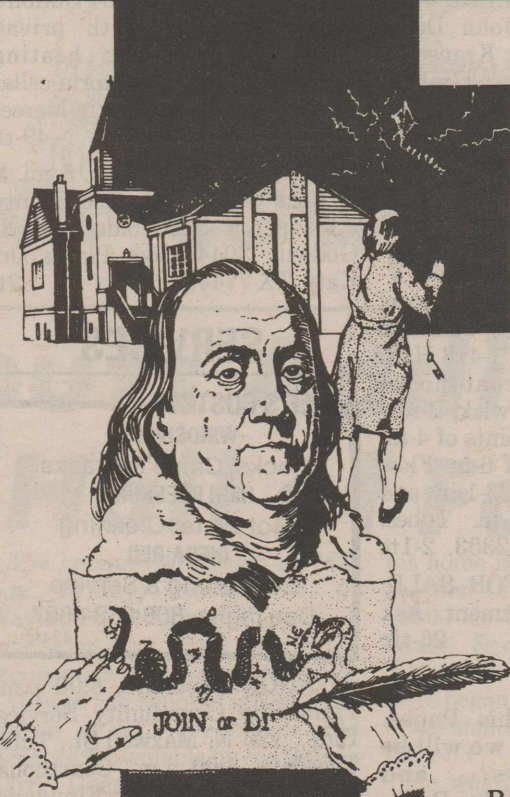
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Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
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Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.  
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United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.  
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Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
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Family Fun Night ..... 7:00 p.m.

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Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service ..... 7:30 p.m.



*Franklin's  
Advice  
On Living  
Is As Good  
As Ever  
Today*

Benjamin Franklin, whose birthday occurred this week, is remembered for his many achievements. He was a great statesman, an author, a diplomat, a publisher and a scientific experimenter. Thomas Jefferson, who followed Franklin in his ambassadorial mission, said of him, "I can only succeed Franklin; I cannot replace him." However, Franklin is perhaps best remembered today for his common sense advice on living. He was a staunch advocate of thrift, temperance, keeping regular hours and not wasting time, and he apparently lived by his own rules. Your House of Worship would certainly approve of all this good advice, so attend it, and thank God for providing us with a great man like Benjamin Franklin.

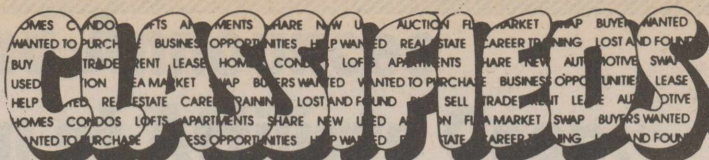
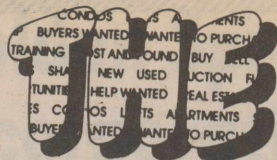
Waste neither time nor money, but make the best of both.  
-- Benjamin Franklin

"Let your moderation be known unto all men."  
-- Philippians 4:5

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We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, brought food, called, visited and especially for the prayers and thoughts after the passing of our precious father and grandfather. This outpouring of love is why he loved this community so much. He was so thrilled by the more-than 200 wonderful cards he received in honor of his 90th birthday recently.

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Dear Friends,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the many things done for us during the illness and passing of our lovely wife and mother. All the food, calls, visits, cards and letters, prayers, words of encouragement, and other acts of kindness have helped sustain us. We would like to thank the ambulance service for their tireless efforts. We especially want to thank all who contributed to the love fund. She thought so much of everyone in this community and all your love gave her great encouragement.

The Lanita Cantwell Family  
Elton Cantwell  
Mark, Debbie and family  
Jesse, Mary Chris and family  
Jack, Brenda and family  
Roger, Shannon and family

My sincere thanks for each act of kindness shown to me when I lost my sister. Your kind words, your hugs, cards, visits and flowers were all appreciated and will not be forgotten.

God bless each of you.  
Rena

Sincere thanks to the people who remembered me during November and December when I was in the hospital with prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers, and assistance and visits since I've been home. Special thanks to the Baptist Church for the letters and prayers.

All my love and thanks,  
Lois Cline

Dear Friends,

Thank each of you for all the nice things you have done for me since I have been sick. For the beautiful flowers, delicious food, the gifts, telephone calls and most of all your prayers. I appreciate all the visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. A special thanks to Josie, Rena and Loretha for taking me to the doctor and running errands.

I thank the Lord for allowing me to live in such a caring and loving community.

Love,  
Jewell Lyon

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The City of Silverton, Texas, will accept bids for the purchase of the following:

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The City of Silverton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to waive any formalities and technicalities.

All sealed bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. January 26, 1996, at City Hall in the Office of the City Administrator. Formal award will be made by the City Council at 8:30 a.m. January 29, 1996 at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Silverton.

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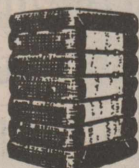
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