



**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME
BEGINS APRIL 6TH**

4-H To Have Dinner Theater

Calley Payne

County Extension Agent

Briscoe County 4-H will be having a Dinner Theater on Friday, April 4, at the Showbarn beginning at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5.50 and the dinner will consist of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

The show will feature local youth talent from around the county and the Senior Share-the-Fun act, "Along Came Jones," which has advanced to state competition.

Also 4-H'ers who have participated in the 4-H clothing project will be modeling their garments.

Proceeds from this event will help to support the 4-H program in Briscoe County.

For more information or tickets, contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 823-2131.

BCAA To Meet Here Thursday

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 at the Showbarn in Silverton.

All members and prospective new members are urged to attend.

WEATHER

MARCH 24-HOUR READINGS

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1997

Swisher Electric Sets Thursday, March 27 For Annual Meeting

The 57th annual meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative members will be held Thursday, March 27, at the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. The

meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria located at 501 N. E. 4th Street.

Two directors will be elected with incumbent Guinn

Fitzgerald opposed by nominee Gary Martin for position one, and incumbent Gene Latham opposed by nominee Sherrol Patton for position two. The candidates were selected by a seven-member nominating committee that met on January 16.

Other highlights of the meeting will be attendance gifts for members, a buffet supper for members and their guests, brief management and audit reports, and door prizes. The grand door prize will be an 18" RCA DSS (Digital Satellite System), with a month of free programming from USSB. All door prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes and have registered prior to the start of the business meeting. Voting is reserved for current members who registered in person or by proxy representative.

Three Signed Up For School Board

Three have filed for places on the school trustee ballot for Silverton Independent School District.

Two are incumbents, Tommy Burson and Perry Brunson. They are joined by challenger Norma J. Garcia.

Two are to be elected.

CITY OF SILVERTON

The terms of Mayor John Bowman and Councilmen Lane Garvin and W. D. Rowell are expiring this year. The three have filed for re-election, and since no others also filed, no City election will be held and the incumbents will be declared re-elected.

Motorists to See New Notices Soon

Texas motorists whose vehicle registrations will expire in May will be among the first to see the state's new and improved registration renewal notice. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has dramatically changed the form to make it more customer-friendly and will begin distribution during the first week of April.

Gone is the multi-part card Texans have been getting since 1970. The new notice is a standardized 8 1/2" x 11" document, similar to a tax, utility, or credit card statement.

"The state has developed a renewal notice that's convenient to use," said Betty Ann Stephens, Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector. "The form has many features that weren't available before."

The new renewal notice simplifies registration. Key pieces of information are highlighted in red, including special instructions, fees, and proof of insurance requirements. The name, address, and phone number of the recipient's tax assessor-collector is printed on the form, providing a local contact for registration questions. Each mailing address on the renewal notice is printed with barcode technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system. And, for the first time, a return envelope is enclosed for customers who wish to renew by mail.

"We believe the public will appreciate the new form," Mrs. Stephens said. "There are many features on the new form that make it more customer-friendly."

Some Texans have already seen a prototype of the new renewal notice. TxDOT showed the form to several focus groups last summer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The state also invited all county tax assessor-collectors to

give their input.

An inset with a graphical explanation of the new form will be included with each renewal notice. Anyone with questions about the new renewal notice should contact the Briscoe County tax office at 823-2136.

Cherry Chosen For Elite Team

Jack Cherry, 6-6 junior post for the Silverton Owls, was chosen as a member of the Class 1A All-South Plains Team by the sportswriters of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

Mark Makeever of Nazareth was selected as Coach of the Year, and Joe Jimenez, 6-1 junior forward of Smyer was the choice as Player of the Year.

Others on the elite team were Bryan Braddock, 5-9 senior guard, Nazareth; Jason Poteet, 6-4 junior forward, Paducah; Nathan Hoelting, 6-4 senior post, Nazareth.

It was noted in the article that Cherry was the Most Valuable Player of District 6-1A and averaged 21.4 ppg and 11.9 rpg.

'Barn Improvements To Aid Stock Show

Plans are now underway to build new pens and bleachers for the 1998 Briscoe County Stock Show.

A fund will be started at First State Bank for anyone wanting to make a monetary donation, or you may contact Deb Burson.

The next meeting for this project will be Monday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the showbarn.

Anyone wanting to help with this project in any way is urged to attend this meeting.

Swimming Pool Members to Meet

Members of Silverton Pool, Inc. will have their annual meeting and election of officers at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Silverton City Hall. All members are urged to be present.

Discussion of the operation of the pool this summer and the pool clean-up day will be on the agenda. 13-2tnc

Parkinson Support Group To Meet

The Panhandle Area Parkinson Support Group will meet on Tuesday, March 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Fox Rural Health Clinic, which is located south of Childress Regional Medical Center.

Members of the Lubbock Parkinson Support Group will present the program.

Meetings last one hour and a light supper will be served.

Call Althea Driver, Speech Pathologist, at 817-937-6371, Extension 228, for information.

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday on the front steps of the Silverton United Methodist Church, with fellowship and coffee afterward.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Important 4-H Meeting Tonight

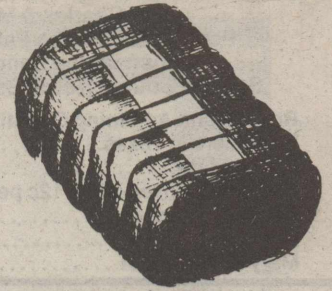
There will be a very important meeting of all Briscoe County 4-H'ers, parents and leaders tonight (Thursday, March 27) at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Senior Citizens To Have Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Center.

Those who have birthdays in April will be honored.

The party will be hosted by those who had their birthdays celebrated in March.



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Producers Need to Check Fields Now For Russian Wheat Aphids

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 County Extension Agent

The Russian wheat aphid, dreaded by farmers because it menaces croplands, is showing up in a few area wheat fields now, says Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This is the time to look for spots of obvious damage in the fields," said Patrick. Starting now, and until mid-May, the insects will be active and begin to spread.

"If the aphids are present, farmers will see tillers with obvious purpling and white lines, also known as chlorotic streaking," Patrick said. Oftentimes, the leaf will be rolled up like a soda straw. The insects are one-sixteenth inch long, lime green in color, spindle-shaped, and can be seen by unrolling the plant's

leaves.

"Aphids prefer feeding on the younger leaves in wheat," the specialist said. Damage occurs when the insects inject a toxin as they feed. Dryland wheat will likely be most affected. Additional information on how to identify the insect, check for damage and appropriate control measures is available through local County Extension Offices.

According to Patrick, beneficial insects in the form of predators and parasites will feed on aphids; however, once the aphid is protected inside the rolled plant leaves, beneficial predators are less effective. In most cases, an insecticide application will likely be required to prevent significant yield losses when the economic threshold is reached.

Decisions on control are calculated using the cost of chemical application versus the value of the wheat. For example, if insecticide control will cost \$8.00 an acre and a value of the wheat is estimated at \$100 an acre, then the producer may want to consider treatment when 16 percent of the plant tillers show damage and feeding aphids are present.

Several insecticides have been shown to be effective for controlling aphids in wheat, Lorsban

4E-SG, Dimethoate, and Di-4E-SG, Dimethoate, and Di-Syston.

"Producers should check the label restrictions before any chemical application," said Patrick. There is a 14-day non-grazing interval when using Lorsban or Dimethoate. There should be no grazing whatever if Di-Syston has been used.

For information about control and crop value determinations, contact your County Extension Office. Dr. Patrick can be reached at 806-359-5401 in Amarillo.

March Is National Nutrition Month

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 County Extension Agent

All residents are reminded that the month of March has been designated by the American and Texas Dietetic Associations as one component of the 1997 *Eat Right America* "All Foods Can Fit" campaign. The focus of the campaign is to learn more about how to eat healthfully, select healthful choices of foods when eating all types of food fare including healthful choices for all seasons. Knowing how to modify your own recipes to reduce fat, saturated fatty acids, cholesterol, sugar and sodium and how to increase your dietary calcium are all important.

You can see how easy it is to incorporate the foods you like within a healthful eating style by choosing a diet that follows the dietary recommendations of the USDA Food Guide Pyramid and also is varied, moderate and balanced. The Pyramid is simply an outline of what to eat daily. It is no rigid prescription, but gives a general guide that permits you to select healthful choices within each group. That helps to insure that you obtain necessary nutri-

ents with enough calories to maintain a healthy weight.

The Pyramid also focuses on fat because most Americans eat too much fat and saturated fat too. By lowering the fat in your diet, you can reduce the changes of getting certain diseases while also helping you maintain a healthy diet.

In addition, for your copy of four special healthful recipes available from the American Heart Association-Grilled Chicken Burgers, Fresh Herb Potato Salad, Bran Muffin Breakfast Trifle and Sherbet Parfaits--contact your local County

Extension Office by telephoning 823-2131. See how easy it is to start making these simple lifestyle choices.



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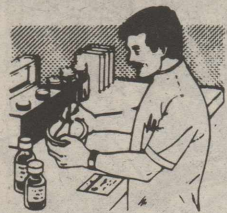
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Summer Admin Support Tech - 2 Positions (7-25-A022-478)

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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 26, 1987--Spring may have come in like a lamb Saturday, but Monday's blizzard conditions showed Old Man Winter's ferocious side. High winds drove the snow and lowered the chill factor to near zero . . . The Owls competed in a track meet at Jayton Saturday, and did pretty well in spite of the problems that plagued them all day. In the 440 relay, the Owls were running second in the finals when they missed a handoff and didn't finish . . . Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lupe, to Kyle Couch . . . A. R. Martin and Calvin Shelton cooked a pig for the John Deere Luau at the Martin home Saturday night. Guests were Don and Lottie Garrison and Shelton. Others attending were Gerald, Raye and Lance Smith, Danny, Donna, Aimee and Matt Francis, Red, Susan and Bonnie Emert, Dave, Vicki, Aaron and Kelsey Wederski, Fred and Vivone Arnold, David, Dianne, Dedra and Dara Johnston, Arch and Sybil Martin. Entertainment was provided by Dianne Johnston . . . Project Graduation celebration planned at Six Flags . . .

March 31, 1977--Those who attended Saturday's Cyclone Relays in Memphis won't soon forget the discus competition. Many learned several years ago, when Marvin Self was tossing the platter, that it was a good idea to park their cars a little farther away from the discus-throwing area than they'd done in the past. Saturday, another Silverton discus thrower, Dayne Mayfield, used his last attempt in the finals to unleash his best throw. It sailed up, levelled off, caught the wind, and came back to earth 183'4" later. The toss erased the 172'3" meet record set in 1972 by Self, who won the state shot and discus titles as a senior. Mayfield's throw also erased Self's school record of 176'9" established in 1972. But more important, Saturday's meet-winning toss makes Mayfield the Panhandle area's second-longest schoolboy discus thrower in history. Pampa's Randy Matson rests atop the shot and discus list. As a senior, Matson whipped the platter 199'4" on a sloping field to win the Region I-AAAA title. He had a 192'1" legal best. Mayfield, the Class A state champion as a sophomore, hit a 170'7" best last year, qualified for the state meet, but failed to place. He was hampered much of last season by a sore wrist, one he broke playing football . . . Jeff Jones was named Best Actor at the conclusion of the UIL one-act play competition Monday . . . Mrs. Billy Jack (Mike) Settle, a teacher in the Silverton Schools, will join the nine present members of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame during the

induction ceremony which will be held in conjunction with the All-Girl Rodeo May 14 in Hereford. Mrs. Settle is a graduate of West Texas State University and was a national collegiate rodeo champion in barrel racing for three consecutive years. Mrs. Settle's rodeo winnings began at the age of eleven when she was the Texas State High School Champion Barrel Racer. Her first trophy saddle was won at the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford her senior year in Silverton High School . . . Miss Kim Hutsell, bride-elect of Zane Douglas Mayfield, was honored at a tea and miscellaneous shower Friday in the home of Mrs. L. D. Griffin . . .

March 30, 1967--Army Private William M. Mercer, 23, has completed eight weeks of advanced training as a combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri . . . Owl tracksters scored 80 points in the Sundown Meet to win third place behind Olton and Abernathy . . . Pvt. Lynn Dale McDonald was assigned to the Home Town News Release Center in Kansas City, Missouri . . . David Strange had a small growth removed from behind his right knee Monday morning at the Plainview hospital . . . Mrs. Clifton Stodghill, Mary, Donna and Carol, Mrs. Robert McPherson, Leila Jo and Bobby were in Amarillo one day last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mercer, Kent and Jett and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morris, Joel and Tim were holiday visitors in Houston . . . Mrs. Lynn Welch, William and Walter Carl spent Easter Sunday in Lubbock with her mother, Mrs. W. E. McAlister, who has recently returned home after having spent the winter in Houston with another daughter . . . Mrs. Charlie Parker underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday and hoped to return home Wednesday . . . Fred Brannon returned home from Swisher Memorial Hospital Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland spent the weekend with Mrs. Will Smithee, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green . . .

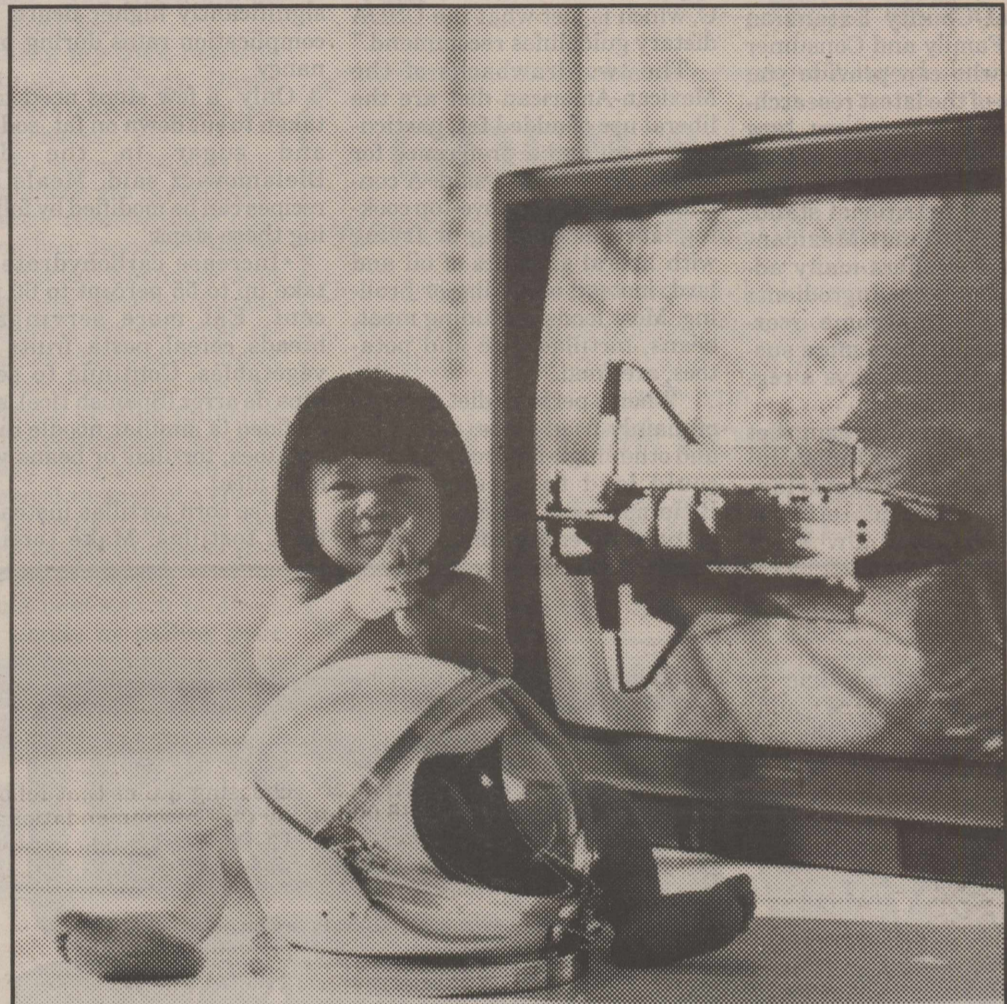
April 4, 1957--Six million onions are being transplanted on the Roy and W. V. Bomar farm just south of Silverton . . . Tina Weaver and Marsha Alexander entertained those at the Sweetheart Banquet Friday night with the Mexican Hat Dance. A delicious menu of Mexican foods was served . . . Pvt. Donald R. Bean is a member of the 738th Anti-aircraft Artillery Missile Battalion's Headquarters Battery in Pedricktown, New Jersey . . . Mr. and Mrs. Other Vardell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Vardell were Sunday dinner guests of the men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell . . . Mmes. Keyth Tiffin, Fred Arnold and children and L. G. Arnold and children left here Wednesday for a visit with relatives downstate . . . Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald are parents of a

daughter, Nanette . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitfield spent the weekend in Lawton, Oklahoma, guests of Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Powers and children . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rivers sell laundry to Roy Morris, who plans to consolidate it with his own laundry . . .

March 27, 1947--District Interscholastic League Meet to be held here this weekend . . . Vern's Plumnelly Cafe, the popular drive-in located just west of town

at the junction of the Tulia and Floydada highways, lived up to its name last Saturday night when it was driven into by a local man . . . The Methodist WSCS met in the home of Mrs. N. R. Honea Monday afternoon . . . Mmes. Luther Gilkeyson and Roy S. Brown were in Lubbock on business Wednesday . . . Walter Allard, sr. is visiting his son, Roy Allard, and Mrs. Allard at Brice this week . . . Mrs. Lily

Wafford and little Marcia Wingo of Quitaque are visiting with Mrs. Roy McMurtry this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and Mrs. Shelby Haynes were in Plainview Wednesday transacting business . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gene Long and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean were business visitors in Plainview Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards took their son, Harold, to Matador Friday for a tonsillectomy . . .



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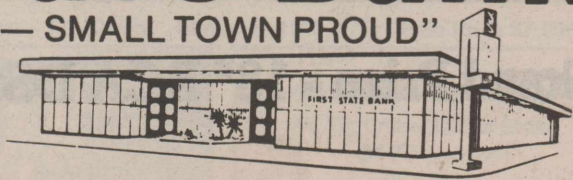
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Mexican-American Foods Can Fit

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During National Nutrition Month 1997 EAT RIGHT AMERICA "All Foods Can Fit" campaign, contact a local dietitian, allied health professional or your local County Extension Agent in Family and Consumer Sciences who can provide you with some of the latest research-based information about how Mexican-American foods can actually fit into a diabetes meal plan. From a nutritional standpoint, a traditional Mexican-American diet offers many advantages, but some ingredients cause people to become overweight, making them more susceptible to diabetes, says a registered dietitian.

"The Mexican-American diet reflects Spanish and Indian influences--mainly vegetarian, based primarily on maize, beans and squash," said Dr. Mary

Kinney Bielamowicz, a nutrition specialist and professor with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "It is high in complex carbohydrates and emphasizes the consumption of fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins A and C, which is just what the USDA dietary guidelines recommend."

The two drawbacks of the Mexican-American diet are the liberal use of added fat, particularly lard, and a preference for high-fat meats, she said. A contributing factor is stove-top cooking, such as stewing or frying with liberal amounts of oil and lard, instead of baking or broiling. Most foods, including meat, beans, tortillas, rice and potatoes, are fried.

"When a person's diet consists of mainly fried foods, added fat and other high-fat products, this could lead to obesity," said Bielamowicz, a member of the cultural diversity committee of

the American Diabetes Association-Texas Affiliate. "As a result, this individual could end up with hypertension, health disease, diabetes mellitus or a combination of these illnesses."

According to the American Diabetes Association, more than one million of the estimated 22 million Hispanics in the United States have diabetes--one in every 10 Hispanic adults. Also, population studies among Hispanic women with diabetes show significantly higher death and complication rates during pregnancy.

Only a few steps need to be taken to cut down on fat, sodium and sugar in the diet, Bielamowicz said. Meals and recipes can be modified by following these steps:

- Increase carbohydrate intake up to 55 percent to 60 percent. Eat more servings of breads, cereal, pasta, fruits and vegetables. Continue to serve sopa de arroz (Spanish rice), sopa de fideo (a similiar noodle dish), potatoes, tortillas or beans with each meal.

- Use corn tortillas instead of flour tortillas. Make tortillas

from ingredients using whole wheat flour and margarine made with unsaturated fat such as canola, corn, soybean and safflower oils. Include beans daily to maintain high levels of soluble dietary fiber consumption. Increase intake of fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Incorporate sweets such as pan dulce into a mixed meal that includes protein and fat only if diabetes is controlled and body weight is reasonable. Account for calories in the total meal plan. Use no added sugar in drinks such as licuados and aguas frescas.

- Eat the appropriate amount of protein. Daily protein intake for the average man would be equivalent to that in 8 ounces of red meat or two cups of beans. For a woman, the intake would be 6.25 ounces of meat, or slightly more than one and a half cup of beans.

- Reduce oil used in preparing sopas. Prepare frijoles cocidos (boiled beans) instead of frijoles refritos (refried beans). Prepare meats asadas (grilled) instead of fried. Chill and skim fat off broths and stocks when preparing caldos. Use skim, 1 percent or lowfat milk instead of whole milk or cream. Avoid high-fat cheese using part-skim milk queso fresco instead. Bake corn totilla chips to replace fried chips. Rather than frying tortillas, heat in foil in an oven, in a heavy pan for a short time on each side, or in a microwave oven.

- Restrict egg consumption to less than three a week. Eat chorizo (sausage) and menudo only on special occasions. Instead, select some of the new, light sausage available on the market today. Drain fat from fried chorizo, and trim visible fat from meats. Avoid using lard in cooking. Use polyunsaturated oils or olive oil instead.

- Replace sweetened carbonated soft drinks with water or diet sodas. Use artificial sweeteners in beverages.

- Taste food first before using salt. Minimize consumption of salty snack foods such as chips, chicharrones (fried pork rinds) and dips. Instead of salt, use lemon in drinks or on fruits such as melon. Add flavor to foods using onion, garlic, cumin, oregano, cilantro and other spices.

Nearly any recipe can be modified for a more healthful meal, Bielamowicz said. For example, instead of having refried beans with Mexican sausage, eat boiled beans with chili sauce made with lean meat.

For more information on modifying recipes and planning healthful menus, contact the family and consumer sciences Extension Agent. Celebrate National Nutrition Month 1997 EAT RIGHT AMERICA "All Foods Can Fit" by knowing that even if you have diabetes, you don't have to give up your favorite Mexican foods.

How Much is Your Child's Life Worth?

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A child's life is priceless to most parents. Yet many parents overlook simple practices that could save their child's life. One such practice is the habit of securing a child in a child safety seat on every trip in a motor vehicle. Child safety seats have been shown to be very effective in preventing injuries and death. Research reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on the effectiveness of child safety seats has found them to reduce fatal injury by 69 percent for infants (less than one year old) and by 47 percent for toddlers (one to four years old).

Texas law requires child restraint use for children who have not yet reached their fourth birthday. The fine for not restraining young children can be as much as \$50, plus court cost.

Education about the safety benefits, how to correctly use child safety seats, and that it is the law should convince most parents to place their young children in safety seats. Yet observations of usage reveal that as few as 34 percent of the children are restrained in some rural areas of our state.

"Since we have such a low usage rate, perhaps vigorous enforcement and a stiff fine for violations are essential for increasing compliance with child restraint laws," says Janie Harris, passenger safety education specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For children ages zero to four, every dollar spent on child safety seats saves \$2 in medical costs and \$6 in future earnings.

"Insurers (both public and private) pay \$175 million annually in claims resulting from crashes in which children were traveling unrestrained in motor vehicles," she added.

Happy Birthday. .

March 27--Zachary Ian Gill, Fred Minyard, Clay Schott, Marcus Hutsell, Karlie Green, Kylie Green

March 28--Lori House, Ginger Wadley

March 29--Lou Jessica Braddock

March 30--Jacob Francis, Molly Bomar, Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin

March 31--Terry Davis, Martin Younger, Sylvia Trevino, Angela Henderson

April 1--KYLEe Taitano, Nanette Kennedy

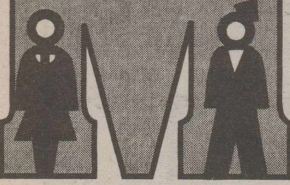
April 2--Becky Drew, Danny Perkins, Kathy Speck, Paul Brannon

Happy Anniversary..

March 31--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myers

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M  **MEETING**

Thursday, March 27, 1997 * 7:00 p.m.

Annual meeting of members



Swisher Electric Cooperative

Ezra Jones School Cafeteria

501 N.E. 4th Street * Tulia

Director
Elections

Buffet
Supper

Door
Prizes

Grand Prize - 18" RCA DSS satellite system

One medium orange will yield about 1/3 to 1/2 cup juice.

Energas Plan To Enhance Customer Service Operations

Energas Company has announced a 12-month plan to enhance the quality of its customer service to better meet customer needs and to prepare the company to meet future changes in the utility industry.

The plan includes several steps.

- Beginning in early summer 1997, the company will create a network of payment centers through an arrangement with a national vendor at grocery stores, convenience stores and other locations in towns where Energas Company currently has offices. These payment centers will offer extended hours and a convenient place for customers to pay their bills.

- Following the opening of the payment centers during the summer of 1997, local business offices will be refocused on field operations such as service calls, and construction and maintenance activities. These field service centers will no longer take over-the-counter payments or handle routine walk-in customer transactions.

- In early 1998, Atmos Energy Corporation, of which Energas is an operating division, will open a central customer support center to serve all of its customers. Customers will call toll-free for service 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The location of the center has not yet been determined.

- The company has already begun implementing new technology to increase efficiency in serving customers, including installation of a state of the art customer information system and use of in-truck computer terminals to dispatch technicians from the central customer support center.

"Energas will be making these changes over the next year to enhance the service and convenience we offer to our customers. We believe it is important to respond to customers' changing needs, and to meet their time schedules. The new central customer support center will be open around the clock to allow customers to request a service appointment, inquire about a bill or ask any other question about their gas service. Currently, we provide emergency call support 24 hours per day, but routine business calls are handled only during business hours," said Gene Ehler, president of Energas Company.

Ehler added, "We also will be opening a network of payment centers in locations convenient for our customers, which will allow extended hours for customers to pay their bills."

The majority of customers currently pay their gas bills by mail or by automatic bank draft, rather than in person.

As part of this plan, Energas also expects to consolidate its field operations among offices that are located in close proxim-

ity to each other, although it is not yet known which offices will be affected. Atmos will close its 108 business offices in six states for routine business traffic. After the consolidations, approximately 77 offices will remain as field service centers in the communities.

Atmos expects that over time, these changes will mean a reduction of about 240 jobs throughout the six states Atmos serves. The exact number of jobs and the effect in Energas locations have not yet been determined, but employees displaced by the changes will be eligible for a competitive package of severance benefits.

Energas Company intends to continue a strong presence in the communities it serves and has added Dan Alderson (Odessa), Junior Aston (Lubbock) and Roy Urrutia (Amarillo) as managers of public affairs, who will focus on working with local governments, chambers of commerce, economic development boards and other entities to help the communities grow.

"We believe that this plan will provide our customers with enhanced service and meet their needs into the future. In addition, these actions will increase the company's future efficiency in order to continue to be competitive," said Ehler. "We will keep our customers and communities informed of our progress in making these changes. For your service requests, please continue to contact your local Energas business office."

Energas Company provides natural gas service to approximately 311,000 customers in West Texas.

Atmos Energy Corporation provides natural gas service to more than 680,000 customers in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Kentucky through its operating companies--Energas Company, Greeley Gas Company, Trans Louisiana Gas Company and Western Kentucky Gas Company.

A Woman's Place Is In the Home?

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

A woman's place is in the home... that is, if she's operating a home-based business. The number of women who own and operate a home-based business is nearly four million and increasing rapidly. In fact, researchers say home-based businesses is a growth industry to watch.

Regardless of whether you're a woman or a man who operates a business in the home, there are records to be kept and taxes to be paid. And Social Security and Medicare taxes are among those to be paid. The current rate for those taxes is 15.3 percent on self-

employment income up to \$65,400. If your net earnings exceed \$65,400, you continue to pay the Medicare portion of the tax, which is 2.9 percent, on the rest of your earnings.

You may not welcome the business expense, especially if you are years away from retirement. But Social Security is a lot more than retirement income. It's important that you realize the day-to-date value of Social Security in your life. The money you pay into Social Security taxes is protecting your and your family from a loss of income if you should become severely disabled and unable to work or if you die before retirement age. At present, more than

six million workers and their family members receive monthly disability benefits. Another 7.4 million receive survivors benefits.

Although the 15.3 percent you pay for Social Security and Medicare taxes may sound steep, when you're self-employed you get two income tax deductions that reduce your tax liability. The deductions are intended to make sure self-employed people are treated in much the same way as employers and employees for Social Security and income tax purposes. First, net earnings from self-employment are reduced by an amount equal to half of the person's total self-employment tax. Second, self-employed per-

sons can deduct half of their self-employment tax on their IRS Form 1040.

If you're operating a home-based business you may have employees. For example, two-thirds of the nearly four million home-based industries owned by women employ an estimated 14 million people. When you have employees, you pay 7.65 percent of their earnings in Social Security and Medicare taxes and withhold their share (also 7.65 percent) and send it to the government. The portion of Social Security and Medicare taxes you pay for your employees is an important part of their employee benefit package.

MID-PLAINS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF THREE DIRECTORS

(Nominees Are:)	Elkins:	J. L. Whitmire Mikeal Barnes	(Incumbent)
	Redmon:	Dwain Strange Lloyd Rahlfs	(Incumbent)
	Umberger:	Stanley Wieck Richard D. Friemel	(Incumbent)

REFRESHMENTS! DOOR PRIZES!

Registration Begins at 7:00p.m.

Tulia High School Cafeteria

April 4, 1997

Junior High Owls Win Lefors Track Meet

Silverton's Junior High Owls ran away with their division of the Pirate Relays at Lefors last week, scoring 130 points.

Other team scores includes 2. Groom, 103; 3. McLean, 90; 4. Fort Elliott, 47; 5. Adrian, 43; 6. Higgins, 29; 7. Allison, 24; 8. Miami, 22; 9. Channing, 16; 10. Hartley, 12; 11. Hedley, 10.

The Owls scored big points by winning the 1600 meter relay in a time of 4:12.32, followed by 2. Groom, 4:16.75; 3. McLean, 4:30.19; 4. Allison, 4:47.50; 5. Hartley, 4:59.22; 6. Fort Elliott, 5:39.25.

The Owls also ran second in the 400 meter relay with a time of 53.06. McLean won the event with 52.87. Other placings included 3. Groom, 54.28; 4. Adrian, 54.84; 5. Fort Elliott, 55.34; 6. Hartley, 56.59.

Clint Ivory won the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.00.

Daniel Castillo won the 200 meter hurdles with a time of 33.75, followed by Garza, with 34.44 in second place and Gossett with 35.35 in fifth place.

Adrian Ramirez placed third in the 400 meter dash with 61.97.

Castillo won second in the 2400 meter run with a time of

9:40.

Ramirez also won first in the triple jump with a distance of 34'7 1/2", and first in the high jump by clearing 5'.

Ivory won second in the shot put with a distance of 37'4 1/4" and third in the long jump with a distance of 15'11". He also placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:38.94.

Capping the competition for Ivory was winning the 100 meter dash in a time of 12.59.

LADY OWLS

The Junior High Lady Owls placed third with 79 points in their division. Higgins won this portion of the meet with 103 points, followed by Groom with 90. The other placings were 4. Fort Elliott, 74; 5. McLean, 71; 6. Miami, 60; 7. Hartley, 54; 8. Channing, 38; 9. Adrian, 23; 10. Samnorwood, 5.

The Lady Owls picked up first place in the 400 meter relay with a time of 58.40 and ran third in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 5:14.72.

Amanda Estes picked up second place in the long jump with a 13'1" effort and second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.19.

Catherine Reyna ran fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 3:16.40.

Molly Sarchet won third in the 2400 meter run with a time of 11:47 and also finished third in the 1200 meter run with a time of 4:56.00.

Diana Garza finished sixth in the 2400 meter run with a time of 12.24.

The Lady Owls placed third in the 800 meter relay with a time of 2:07.78.

Laura Gray placed sixth in the 200 meter hurdles with a time of 39.31. She also picked up fifth place in the 2400 meter run.

Amy Maciel picked up sixth place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 76.37.

Taylor Griffin finished fourth with a time of 30.78 in the 200 meter dash.

Owls, Lady Owls Win Fourth at Pirate Relays

Silverton's varsity Owls and Lady Owls won fourth place in their divisions of the Pirate Relays at Lefors last week. The Owls scored 62 points to finish

behind 1. Groom, 132; 2. Miami, 106; 3. Channing, 70, and ahead of 5. McLean, 57; 6. Higgins, 47; 7. Fort Elliott, 18; 8. Adrian, 17; 9. Allison, 12; 10 (tie) Hartley and Hedley, 10; 11. Samnorwood, 2.

The Lady Owls scored 51 1/2 points to finish behind 1. Channing, 123 1/4; 2. Groom, 78; 3. Higgins, 58; and ahead of 5. (tie) Fort Elliott, Lefors and Samnorwood, 54; 6. Adrian, 44; 7. Miami, 29 1/4; 8. McLean, 21; 9. Allison, 20; 10. Hartley, 4; 11. Hedley, 1.

Individual placings by the Owls included a second-place finish by Jon Ivory with a time of 55.18 in the 400 meter dash, third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.25, second in the long jump with a 19'3 3/4" effort, and first in the triple jump with a distance of 40'10 1/2".

Leland Wood won first in the pole vault by clearing 9'.

Andy Bullock won fourth in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:16.90.

Jack Cherry tied for fourth in the high jump with a 5'8" effort and won sixth in the 110 meter hurdles with 20.07.

The Owls finished third with 47.43 in the 400 meter relay behind 1. Miami, 46.16; 2. McLean, 47.38. They also finished fourth in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:50.3.

LADY OWLS

The Lady Owls finished fourth in the 800 meter relay with a time of 2:03.62 and sixth in the 400 meter relay with 57.74.

Sara Kirchoffner won first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 51.69; first in the 100 meter hurdles with 17.82; tied for third in the high jump at 4'6" and finished third in the long jump with 14'3".

Misty Wilkinson placed sixth in the 100 meter hurdles with 20.69.

Shauna Kingery tied for third place in the high jump by clearing 4'6".

Leslie Burkart placed fourth in the shot with a put of 27'10 1/2".

Lisa Comer ran fifth in the 800 meters with 2:59.16.



Silverton School Activities

Tuesday-Thursday, April 1-3--District Tennis at Borger

Wednesday, April 2--Six Weeks Tests (odd)

Thursday, April 3--Six Weeks Tests (even); Dairy Judging at Nazareth

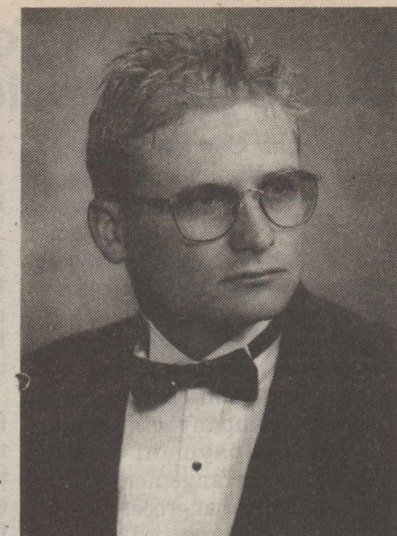
Friday-Saturday, April 4-5--High school track meet at Groom

Friday, April 4--FFA Judging at WT A&M; end of six weeks

Saturday, April 5--FFA Judging at Clarendon College

Sunday, April 6--Daylight Savings Time Starts; Time to Spring Forward

Monday, April 7--District Golf Trip for Grades 2, 3 & 5



Anthony E. Gamble

Gamble Going Into Army Soon

Anthony E. Gamble has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$3,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Gamble, a senior in Silverton High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, for military basic training on July 9, 1997.

He is the son of Stanley W. and Frances A. Gamble of Silverton.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 31--Teacher In-service; no student classes

Tuesday, April 1--Deli Sandwich, Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Marshmallow Treat, Milk

Wednesday, April 2--Steak, Gravy, AuGratin Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Thursday, April 3--Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Salsa, Salad, Cornbread, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 4--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

BREAKFAST

Tuesday--Cereal, Toast, Milk, Juice

Wednesday--Pancake, Syrup, Milk, Juice

Thursday--Sausage, Biscuit, Milk, Juice

Friday--Blueberry Muffin, Milk, Juice

In an emergency, you can substitute 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch for a tablespoon of flour.

Coats of arms were developed during the 1100's as a way to help a knight's followers recognize him on the battlefield.

Silverton Youth Basketball League Work Schedule

DATE, TIME	TEAMS	CONCESSION	GATE	CLOCK	BOOKS
APRIL 1					
5:00	3 & 4 Girls Turquoise - Purple	J. & F. Maciel L. & D. Cowdrey	D. Myers	L. Comer	C. Comer
5:45	3 & 4 Boys Red - Lt. Blue	D. Bullock, I. Gonzales, W. & S. Hancock	D. Estes	J. Crabb	T. Crabb
6:30	5 & 6 Girls Pink - Purple	K. & N. Wood R. & B. Minyard	P. Arnold	R. Estes	M. Estes
7:15	5 & 6 Boys Lt. Blue - Black	M. & C. Simpson S. Walls, J., K. & S. Wilson	D. Garris	C. Forbes	M. Forbes
APRIL 4					
5:00	3 & 4 Girls Turquoise - Grey	Dar. & Di. Reynolds M. & L. Long	M. Forbes	L. Comer	C. Comer
5:45	3 & 4 Boys Dk. Blue - Lt. Blue	R. & S. Perkins, J. Frizzell, J. & T. Crabb	S. Hancock	D. Patton	M. Patton
6:30	3 & 4 Boys White - Red	B. & L. Burson N. & O. Garcia	C. Netro	S. Walls	K. Wilson
7:15	5 & 6 Girls Purple - Ash	P. Arnold, E. & N. Cruz R. & B. Minyard	B. Jasper	K. Wood	N. Wood
8:00	5 & 6 Boys Lt. Blue - Red	R. & N. Young M. & L. Griffin	D. Myers	Z. Mayfield	K. Mayfield
APRIL 8					
5:00	3 & 4 Girls Purple - Grey	B. & M. Francis, O. Bullock, D. & L. Cowdrey	M. Forbes	M. Long	L. Long
5:45	3 & 4 Boys Dk. Blue - Red	S. & B. Jasper, R. & K. Hale, J. & D. Estes	C. Simpson	R. Young	N. Young
6:30	5 & 6 Girls Pink - Ash	R. & M. Estes, J. Baker, M. & B. Klein	C. Reed	C. Ivory	D. Ivory
7:15	5 & 6 Boys Black - Red	R. & D. Garris, Z. & K. Mayfield, B. & S. Strange	C. Netro	Dar. Reynolds	Di. Reynolds
APRIL 11					
5:00	3 & 4 Girls Purple - Turquoise	B. & S. Brock, R. C. Cooper, M. & D. Patton	F. Maciel	Z. Mayfield	K. Mayfield
5:45	3 & 4 Boys White - Lt. Blue	L. Baird, K. White, J. & T. Crabb	M. Forbes	J. Estes	D. Estes
6:30	3 & 4 Boys Red - Dk. Blue	L. & C. Comer, J. DeLeon, M. Patino	S. Strange	M. Griffin	L. Griffin
7:15	5 & 6 Girls Pink - Purple	K. & N. Wood, B. Springer, R. & B. Minyard	C. Reed	R. Estes	W. Reed
8:00	5 & 6 Boys Black - Lt. Blue	J. & M. Castillo, J. & M. Garcia, C. & M. Forbes	K. Wilson	S. Strange	B. Strange
APRIL 15					
5:00	3 & 4 Girls Grey - Turquoise	Dar. & Di. Reynolds M. & L. Long	S. Brock	M. Patton	D. Patton
5:45	3 & 4 Boys White - Dk. Blue	J. Frizzell, W. & S. Hancock, K. White	I. Gonzalez	K. Hale	R. Hale
6:30	5 & 6 Girls Ash - Purple	E. & N. Cruz, B. & M. Francis, S. & B. Jasper	O. Garcia	R. Minyard	B. Minyard
7:15	5 & 6 Boys Red - Lt. Blue	M. & L. Griffin, Z. & K. Mayfield, S. Walls	C. Netro	R. Young	N. Young

4-H Clothing Project Tour Day Planned Monday

Calley Payne, CEA-FCS County Extension Agent

4-H'ers and leaders will have the opportunity to visit many interesting places on the Clothing Project Tour Day, Monday, March 31.

Tours will include Vick's Cleaners in Plainview and South Plains Mall, Texas Tech International Textile Center and Bernina Sewing Center, all in Lubbock.

Anyone interested in attending should meet the tour group at the Briscoe County Courthouse in Silvertown at 8:00 a.m. The group will arrive back in Silvertown by 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 823-2131.

April 4-H Club Meetings

Silvertown Junior 4-H Club meets Tuesday, April 1, at 3:15 p.m. in the Silvertown School Cafeteria.

Valley Junior 4-H Club meets Wednesday, April 2, at 3:45 p.m. in the Valley School Cafeteria.

Briscoe County Senior 4-H Club meets Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Teal Bennett's house in Turkey.

On average, over four trillion gallons of precipitation fall on the U.S. every day. People use only about six percent of it.

How Important Is Poison Packaging to Children?

Calley Payne, CEA-FCS County Extension Agent

Children are curious creatures with an ample amount of persistence. When it comes to opening a container if their fingers won't work, their teeth might. The Poison Prevention Council aims to educate adults on the proper use of child-resistant packaging during its National Poison Prevention Week.

The Poison Prevention Packaging Act required that packages be difficult for children under five to open and obtain a toxic amount within what's termed a reasonable time.

U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations require that aspirin and other products be packaged in special containers which would prevent at least 80 percent of those children tested from opening the container during a 10-minute period.

"This means that some children may still be able to open and obtain a toxic amount of the product," said Janet Pollard, Extension associate-health. "Therefore, keep poisonous substances out of reach."

Adults can find child-resistant packaging on products such as aspirin, liquid furniture polish, oil of wintergreen, drain cleaners, lighter fluids, turpentine and paint solvents, Pollard said.

Remember these steps to use child-resistant packaging properly:

- Read the instructions to

make it easier to open the packaging.

- Be sure to resecure the closure tightly. Never transfer the contents to other containers.

- Do not leave loose pills anywhere.

- Keep medicines and household products (even those with safety caps) out of sight.

Each home should follow these guidelines regardless of whether there are small children in the home.

Poisonings do occur in homes where small children are visiting, Pollard said.

With the advent of child-resistant packaging, about 700 children have been saved. This number relates to aspirin and oral prescription medicines, she said.

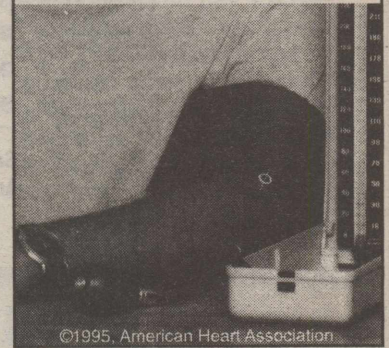
A cataract is a waterfall with a large volume of water going over the edge. A cascade has only a little water.



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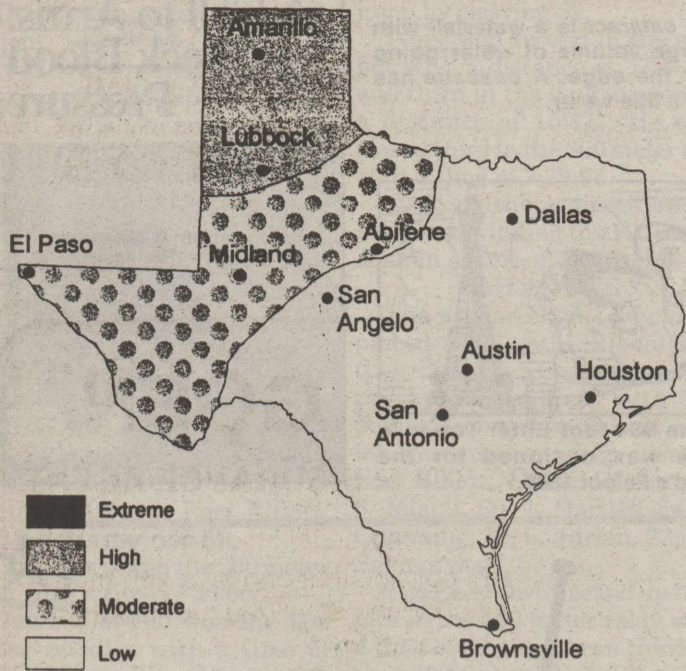
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Wildfire Danger Report



Grass fires increasing in northwest part of state.

Source: Texas Forest Service and Texas Agricultural Extension Service 03-17-97

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors:

I have always looked forward to receiving the paper as it kept me abreast of news of births, weddings, deaths, friends and family in Silverton. That is until I received the February 27th issue where in the article pertaining to the Boy Scouts Hall of Fame, Flute and Junis Hutsell claimed Rick Hutsell as their son.

Rick (real name Riddell Clyde Hutsell, Jr.) is not and never has been their son. He was born January 22, 1957 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia to Grace and Riddell Hutsell.

As you may recall the eight children and I were forced to live in Silverton for seven years when Riddell was a pilot for Japan Air Lines. During that time our housing wasn't adequate but became worse when we had to move into a barracks apartment, when the Towes son came home from the service and moved into the house on Braidfoot.

Fortunately, the older girls went to college but because of living in a one bedroom apartment (there were five of us) it was very crowded. I permitted Rick to spend a lot of time with Flute and Junis as I felt he needed the adult male influence and their son Scott was Rick's age.

When Riddell was released from Japan Air Lines, I planned to join him in Los Angeles with the four youngest children where Riddell was employed by the FAA.

Rick was a senior in high school and didn't want to leave Silverton in his last year, so when Flute and Junis offered to let him stay with them to finish I agreed, feeling it was in Rick's best interest.

As you may recall, Rick broke his neck playing football and was in Northwest Texas Hospital for five weeks. I spent those five weeks on a cot in his hospital room before he was discharged. By then it was December and when Riddell came back for a visit we both felt it was better if I stayed in Silverton until the school year was over.

Rick continued to stay at Flute and Junis' when I left as he planned to attend college at Texas Tech.

Not only am I upset but several of my other children have called me about the article.

In contacting legal advice, they agreed I should write this letter and have it printed in the paper as a correction to the article before possibly taking further action.

Sincerely,

Grace Hutsell

Editor's Reply: I'm sorry that you were offended by the picture and story about Flute that were provided for our newspaper by the *Plainview Daily Herald*.

Everyone (who knows him) knows that Rick isn't really a son of Flute and Junis' and everyone knows that they love him like a son. I guess I always thought that if their own children were comfortable with this, why should it concern me?

There are lots of people who love children who aren't their own flesh and blood. If you don't believe that, just ask Eudean Crow how she feels about Marshall and Laura McCammon.

There are kids who aren't related to me that I'm pretty crazy about, too. I've never told them, but I'm pretty sure they and their parents have known this for quite some time. I always

What To Do With A Poison Victim

Calley Payne, CEA-FCS
County Extension Agent

Some say curiosity got the better of the cat, but don't let curiosity lead your child to poisonous substances. The Poison Prevention Council aims to educate communities on what to do if a poisoning occurs during its National Poison Prevention Week, March 16-22.

"If you suspect that your child may have swallowed a potentially harmful product, you should look for warning signs," said Janet Pollard, Extension associate-health.

Sometimes the child may vomit or appear drowsy and sluggish. Be sure to check the child's mouth and teeth for any remainder of the substance. Burns may appear around the child's lips and mouth from corrosive items or the scent of the product may cling to the child's breath.

If a child has ingested a chemical, follow the first aid instructions on the label of the product and then seek medical advice. The local Poison Control Center, emergency department or a physician can advise an adult on the toxicity of a substance and the recommended treatment.

If a child has swallowed some type of medicine, call the Poison Control Center or a physician immediately. In the event they are unreachable, call the local emergency number (911 in most areas) or the operator.

Emergency numbers should be posted next to the phone before an emergency arises.

When contacting the Poison Control Center or other emergency personnel be prepared to give the facts of the situation. Have the label of product available to read to the expert.

Tell the expert:

thought it was a compliment to have people out of your immediate family or friends to love your kids.

I've always told people that "if you don't have kids of your own, spoil someone else's!" If you don't have grandchildren of your own, or yours aren't near enough to hug, treat someone else's kids like they are your grandchildren!

When they have Grandparents' Day at school, I've always seen kids there with "grandparents" who aren't really their own. I've always thought this enriched the lives of both the "adopter" and "adoptee". Maybe I'm wrong; but I doubt I'll ever change this way of thinking.

Sorry for getting off on my personal philosophy; and sorry we offended your family. The reference to Rick as Flute's son was used by the *Plainview Daily Herald* and I just didn't think about needing to change it.

Mary Ann

- The victim's age.
- The victim's weight.
- Existing health conditions or problems.
- The substance involved: was it swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, or splashed into the eyes?
- Any first aid which may have been given.
- If the person has vomited.
- Your location, and how long it will take you to get to the hospital.

If chemicals or household products have been swallowed, offer the victim a small amount of water. If medicines have been swallowed, do not give the victim anything by mouth until advised by a physician or the Poison Control Center.

Always keep on hand a one-ounce bottle of ipecac syrup for each child under age five in the home. Use only when advised to do so by the Poison Control Center, emergency department or physician.

Memphis Little Theatre To Have Dinner Show

Memphis Little Theatre members are proud to announce they will be having their annual Dinner Theatre on Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Memphis Community Center.

This year they will be presenting a comedy-fantasy in one act by Douglas Parkhurst, entitled "This Way to Heaven."

The characters are Mr. Flannigan, a mild-mannered, middle-aged but ageless charming little man, played by Doug Stewart; Gram Wilson, a lovely white-haired lady of 80, played by Wanda Hall; June Wilson, Gram's granddaughter, 22, warm, pretty, eager, played by Marcene Molloy; Charley Baker, 25, reporter, editor, etc. on the local paper, played by Glen Stilwell.

The play will be an "angelic" experience. A "heavenly" meal will be catered by the Line Shack Restaurant. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any member of Little Theatre or from Branigan's Jewelry, 806-259-2023, or The Place (Ladies Fashions), 806-259-3262 on the square in Memphis.

In order to have enough food to serve everyone, the tickets must be sold in advance, so please buy your tickets early or call and tickets will be held for you at the door.

A mother elephant calls to her young by slapping her ears against her head.

The Chamber Needs You!

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOAN

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any High School located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to, or coming by the Plainview Trust Department of Norwest Bank Texas, N.A., 205 West Fifth, P. O. Box 580, Plainview, Texas 79073-0580. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1997. 13-4tc

ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 3, 1997 for the purpose of: Electing 2 At Large School Trustees.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Towe Agency, 518 Lone Star, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Colleen Reed, Towe Agency, P. O. Box 429, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997.

Issued this the 19th day of March, 1997.

Frank Kirchoffner

Presiding Officer 13-1tc

ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 3 de mayo con el proposito de: Eligiendo 2 Miembros del School Board.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Towe Agency, 518 Lone Star, Silverton entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril, 1997 y terminando el 29 de abril, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Colleen Reed, Towe Agency, Box 429, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de abril, 1997.

Emitida este dia 19 de marzo, 1997.

Frank Kirchoffner

Firma del Oficial Que Preside 13-1tc



Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers' (PCG) will hold its 40th Annual Meeting on April 11 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Convention and Trade Show April 10-11 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Scheduled speakers for the meeting are John Burt, Texas State Conservationist from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Mary Atienza, Director, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Division.

In addition to the scheduled speakers, attendees will hear from newly-elected National Cotton Council President Bill Lovelady of Tomilo, Texas, and from Dr. Don Ethridge and Dr. Sukrant Misra of Texas Tech University. Status reports will be provided on the Plains Cotton Improvement Program by Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah, Texas and the High Plains Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program by Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Don Langston of Lubbock.

Also on the agenda will be reports from PCG President Jackie Burris, PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, and the presentation of the 1997 Outstanding Cotton Agent award.

"We have a very full schedule for this year's Annual Meeting," notes Johnson. "As we prepare to celebrate PCG's 40th Annual Meeting it is fitting that the program reflects the broad scope of PCG's activities."

Following the PCG Annual Meeting, cotton producers have an opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) during a Producer Information Workshop. The workshop is scheduled to begin with CEU registration at 1:00 p.m. in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

"It is hard to comprehend the tremendous positive impact PCG has had on the cotton industry of the High Plains through the years," adds PCG President Jackie Burris. "Sponsoring producer-oriented workshops like this is one way PCG helps keep High Plains producers ahead of the curve in terms of production techniques and technology."

Speakers for this year's workshop will be: new Texas Agricultural Extension Service Cotton Specialist Dr. Randy Boman; Dr. James Leser of TAEX; Dr. Dan Krieg from Texas Tech Univer-

sity; Danny Davis from American Cotton Growers denim mill; Dr. Terry Wheeler of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. Don Ethridge of Texas Tech University; Polly Vann of Virtex Corporation, Littlefield; and Craig Brown of the National Cotton Council.

Presentation topics include soil testing, the recently-completed Boll Weevil Economic Impact Study, mill effects of sticky cotton, late season aphid management, nematodes and soil sampling and pesticide record-keeping and the NCC's new Cotton Risk Management Network.

All producers are invited to stay for the afternoon seminar. The workshop is being jointly sponsored by the International Textile Center of Texas Tech University, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Myths About Direct Deposit

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

If you have signed up for Social Security benefits since August of last year, you know that Social Security automatically sends your payment directly to your bank account. "Direct deposit" saves the government money and the taxpayer time and risk of loss.

However, almost half of existing beneficiaries, some 22 million people, still have not transferred to direct deposit. Their reluctance is hard to understand considering the advantages direct deposit has over getting a check in the mail.

However, some habits die hard. Some people still harbor certain notions about what direct deposit is and is not. These "myths" may be holding them back from seeing its potential benefits for them. Following are examples of some of the myths and the reality.

My money could get lost in the system. Millions of people use direct deposit with confidence. Every month benefits are reliably deposited safely and on time. Accounts are credited early in the day on the day you receive your benefit. You can write checks and use automatic teller machines for cash without going to the bank to cash your check.

It's still new; it still has bugs in the program. Direct deposit has been used by Social Security for more than 20 years.

It's safer having a check in my hands. Bank records provide beneficiaries with a permanent record of benefit receipts. Ben-

efits are easily traced in the banking system. The occasional discrepancy in delivery is resolved quickly. Check thefts have doubled in the last 10 years. Benefits deposited to the bank can't be stolen.

It's not really all that much easier. I don't mind stopping at the bank. When you travel or become ill, your money is in the bank. You don't have to make special arrangements to safeguard your check. And there are no check cashing fees.

Handling my own records protects my privacy. Direct deposit offers more financial privacy than checks.

About 61 percent of the 43 million people who get Social Security already receive their payment by direct deposit. If the 24 million Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries who now receive checks changed to direct deposit, the savings to the taxpayers would be \$9.6 million a month. The government saves 40 cents each time someone uses direct deposit instead of a check. It costs 42 cents to process and mail each check, compared to 2 cents for direct deposit.

You can now switch to direct deposit simply by calling your

bank. Also, note that under the law, Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who receive a check by mail will be required to switch to direct deposit by January, 1999. Those who don't have a bank account at that time will have available to them special debit-only accounts at designated banks and will be paid by direct deposit.

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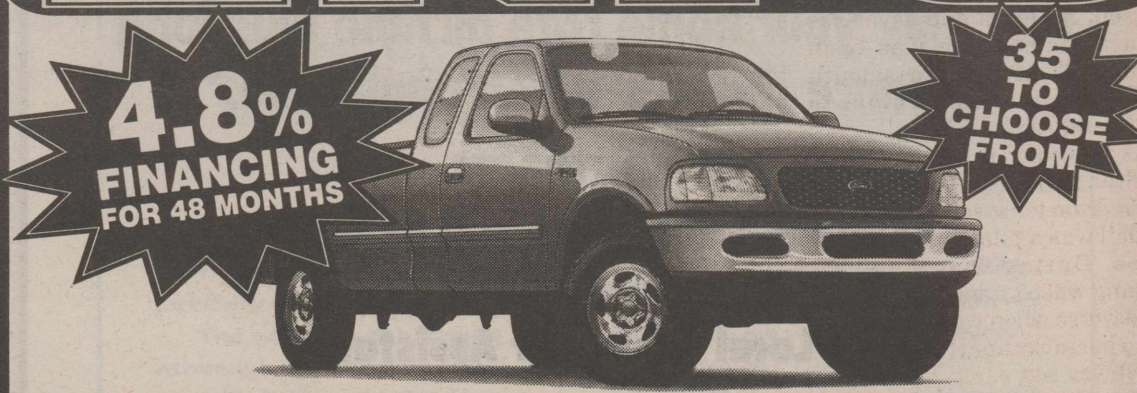
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Obituaries

MELVIN LEON BEASLEY

Services for Melvin Leon Beasley, 54, of Tilden were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigo Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Justice, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Milo Cemetery, with arrangements made by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Beasley died Friday, March 21, in Tilden.

He was born February 4, 1943 in Plainview. He was graduated from Tulia High School, where he was a member of the honor society, football and track teams. He was graduated from West Texas

State College, and attended the Weatherford Oklahoma School of Pharmacy. He moved to Houston in 1974.

He worked for oil companies for more than 20 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Jenna Beasley of California; his parents, Roy and Mary Beasley of Vigo Park; a sister, Faye Marie Brown of Roanoke; and a brother, Wayne Beasley, of Tulia.

The family suggested memorials to the Milo Cemetery Fund, the American Heart Association or to the Tulia Senior Citizens.

CLOVIS HILL

Services for Clovis "C. C." Hill, 68, were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel in Amarillo, with the Rev. Raymond Bowlin,

pastor of First Baptist Church at Bushland, officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 4:00 p.m. in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque.

Mr. Hill died Monday, March 17, in Amarillo.

Born and reared in Silverton, he was a Navy veteran. He worked for Pantex as a developmental supervisor, retiring in 1994. After retirement, Mr. Hill worked part time for Motor Parts of Amarillo. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He was a member of Coulter Road Baptist Church and had been a deacon there for many years.

He married Sue Barrett in 1952 at Quitaque.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jana Holmes, Dee Ann Kelly and Terri Allen,

all of Amarillo; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to Meals on Wheels of Amarillo, 1416 W. Eighth Avenue, Room 106, Amarillo, Texas 79101; or a favorite charity.

BLANTON GARRISON

Funeral services for Clay Blanton Garrison, 78, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo, with the Rev. Gil Lain, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garrison died Thursday, March 20, 1997.

He was born in Silverton and attended Texas Tech. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and later joined the Merchant Marines.

He married the former Virginia Bowsher on February 15, 1951. He was employed as Rocky Mountain district manager of Hudson Motor Car Co. in Denver, Colorado, and as district manager for Ford Motor Co. in Chicago. He later was an automobile dealer in Amarillo.

Mr. Garrison was National Park Service concession developer at Lees' Ferry National Park on the Colorado River in northern Arizona.

In recent years, he was a stock broker and consultant with diversified interests in oil and gas and environmental technology. He was a member of the Khiva Shrine and served on the board of Mary's Little Lambs Pre-School and Kindergarten.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Barbara Geoffroy and Mary Grigsby, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Cleo Pipkin of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Charlene Bruce of Lubbock; a brother, Fred Garrison of Plainview; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Keltz and Coleman Garrison.

The family requested memorials be to Mary's Little Lambs Pre-School in care of Judy Dahl, P. O. Box 7707, Amarillo, Texas 79114.

Benefit Statement For Tax Purposes To Arrive Soon

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

In January, Social Security will send you a statement showing the total benefits you received in 1996. The statement is needed to help you determine if a portion of your benefits is taxable. For 1996, Social Security estimates that about 20 percent of beneficiaries will need to pay tax on their benefits.

If you file a federal tax return as an "individual" and your combined income (your adjusted gross income as reported on your Form 1040 plus nontaxable interest plus one-half of your Social Security benefits) is above

\$25,000, you may have to pay taxes on 50 percent of your Social Security benefits. If your combined income is above \$34,000, 85 percent of your Social Security benefits is subject to income tax.

If you file a joint return, you may have to pay taxes on 50 percent of your benefits if you and your spouse have a combined income over \$32,000. If your combined income is more than \$44,000, 85 percent of your Social Security benefits is subject to income tax.

The SSA-1099 statement you receive includes an IRS Notice 703. You'll know whether you need to pay tax on your Social Security benefits after you complete the worksheet steps on the notice.

For more information about taxable benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at 1-800-829-3676. Ask for Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits (and Tier I Railroad Retirement Benefits); and IRS Publication 554, Tax Information for Older Americans.

April 29 Deadline For Bidding on Forfeited Land

A catalogue listing 109 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). Bids will be opened on April 29, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.

The catalogue, which contains bidding instructions and a detailed description of each tract, can be ordered by calling 1-800-252-VETS.

Located in more than 65 counties (not in Briscoe), the tracts range in size from five to 80 acres. The tracts, known as Type I tracts, can be purchased with no down payment. Bids are restricted to eligible Texas veterans.

The VLB will finance the entire loan amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on; however, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one purchase in the sale.

"Since these tracts have never been offered for sale by the board, this sale gives Texas veterans an excellent opportunity to buy good land with 100 percent financing," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro who is VLB chairman.

Mauro noted that setting aside new forfeitures exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is a long-time VLB policy.

The sale will be by sealed bid only, with a minimum bid set by the board. All bids must be received by April 29 at 1:00 p.m. Details of the sale can be obtained by calling 1-800-252-VETS.

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

Easter

Easter is a special Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is something special about this holiday that young and old alike seem to enjoy. Easter is one of the more popular holidays in the year, and many Christians throughout the world who may not normally attend a religious service on a regular basis, usually try to attend some service on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection, after His dying on the cross, proved that He was God and Savior to the world.



His resurrection assures us that we also share in His victory, and that He is coming again to receive all believers unto Himself. Easter baskets, jelly beans, and chocolate eggs are all good and festive ways for us to celebrate this important holiday; however, Christ's dying and rising again for our sake is the primary reason for Easter. Our heavenly Father who loves us, gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life.

*But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid;
 for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
 He is not here; for He has risen..."
 R.S.V. Matthew 28: 5-6*

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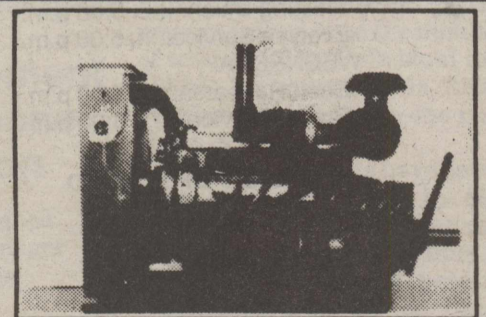
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