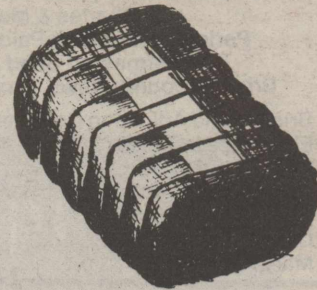




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I have in my hand a copy of Jimmy Burson's new demo, which is titled "Texas in the Swing." It is available on CD for \$15 and on tape for \$10.

This is something that Jimmy, our Singing Judge, has looked forward to and planned for quite a while. It is an expensive endeavor, and I'm hoping a lot of his friends and fans will want to buy a copy to help defray his expenses.

The demo was recorded at Cowboy Connection Music in Muleshoe and was mixed at Johnny Mulhair Studio in Clovis, New Mexico.

In addition to Burson on the fiddle and doing the vocals, there are Brad Billingsly, drums; Randy Elmore, fiddle, mandolin, rhythm guitar; Paul Goad, piano; Lloyd Jordan, acoustic bass; Tom Morrell, steel guitar, lead guitar.

Two of the numbers on the demo are written by Jimmy, and sound pretty good to me.

Don't fail to get yourself a copy! You don't want to be the only one who doesn't get in on the ground floor.

Park Gears Up For Canyon Ramble

Caprock Canyons State Park officials are gearing up for "Canyon Rambling" from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday at the park.

"We have an old Army four-wheel drive truck that is open air in back," said Geoff Hulse, park superintendent. "A park ranger takes 10 per trip and drives from the North Tunnel parking lot on the old back trails to North Prong Canyon."

Hulse said canyon ramblers can expect to see some spectacular rugged scenery.

"It's an area people would have to hike or ride a horse to get to; it's the most isolated part of the park," Hulse said. "You get places where the red bluffs meet the white bluffs that have a lot of caliche, and it's just beautiful. There are some great photo opportunities."

Hulse said the area boasts lots of wildlife.

"There's a good chance people could see some mule deer and aoudad sheep," Hulse said.

Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12, Hulse said, and includes the \$2.00 park fee for those 12 and over. Cost is \$5.00 for those with Texas Conservation Passports, Hulse said.

Jimmy Burson TEXAS IN THE SWING



This is the cover of Jimmy Burson's demo which was released on compact disc and tape. Burson appears in the photo with his violin in front of the Texas flag. Several numbers are on the demo, including two written by Burson.

Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program To Be Discussed Here

All Briscoe County cotton producers are invited to a meeting at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Show Barn for the purpose

of discussing the boll weevil diapause control program.

The meeting is sponsored by the Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in support of the Long-Range Extension Plan State Goal #3 (economic competitiveness, viability, stability); Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. board of directors, and PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee.

Purpose of the meeting is to receive input from Briscoe County cotton producers on the organization and operation of the High Plains Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program.

4-H Dinner Theater Set For April 4

Briscoe County 4-H will be having a Dinner Theater on Friday, April 4, at the Show Barn 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.

4-H'ers who have participated in the 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.

Expanded Local Calling Now In Service For Telephone Patrons

Expanded Local Calling Service from Silvertown to Tulia and Vigo Park was implemented Tuesday, April 1. This service also will allow Tulia and Vigo Park to call Silvertown as a local call.

The Expanded Local Calling Service fee for this service will be \$1.75 per month for residential customers and \$3.50 per month for business customers and will apply to each line. These charges will commence with the May 1 billing.

The Expanded Local Calling Service to Floydada, Lockney and Plainview cannot be provided until approval is received from the Federal Communications Commission. It is not known when this approval might be received.

ceived.

Once Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative is able to provide the Expanded Local Calling to Floydada, Lockney and Plainview, the monthly fees will increase to \$3.50 per month for residential customers and \$7.00 per month for business customers and will apply to each line.

Mid-Plains To Have Annual Meeting Friday

The Annual Meeting of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 4, in the Tulia High School Cafeteria.

There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Three directors are to be elected, and the nominees are:

Elkins--J. L. Whitmire (incumbent) and Mikeal Barnes

Redmon--Dwain Strange and Lloyd Rahlfs (incumbent)

Umbarger--Stanley Wieck and Richard D. Friemel (incumbent)

If you are served by Mid-Plains Telephone Cooperative, you are eligible to attend, vote and register for door prizes at the Annual Meeting.

Parents Asked to Help Plan For Graduation Party

Parents of all the students in Silvertown High School are urged to attend a Project Graduation party planning session tonight (Thursday, April 3) at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at the high school.

The graduation night party is held for all the high school students, and for this reason all the parents are asked to help with it.

The party is an all-night chemical-free celebration of the end of the school year, and activities are planned and carried out throughout the night by parents and others who are interested in the safety of the young people while at the same time affording a good time for all.

The Chamber Needs You! Signup Underway For Summer Baseball

Signup for Little League summer baseball will continue Friday night at the youth basketball games at the school gym.

The baseball program is for those ages 6-12, and the cost will be \$20.00 per player. Contact Melissa Estes or Colleen Reed for further information.

PARENTS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of summer baseball parents at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday, April 3) in the school cafeteria.

Stock Show Board To Meet April 10

There will be a meeting of the Briscoe County Stock Show board members Thursday, April 10, at the Briscoe County Show Barn in Silvertown.

This information was provided by County Extension Agent Rebel L. Royall.

• In 1995, KTB was named "Best Statewide Program in the Nation" by Keep American Beautiful, Inc.

Swimming Pool Members to Meet

Members of Silvertown Pool, Inc. will have their annual meeting and election of officers at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Silvertown 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.

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I-30 Express is Returning Here For Jamboree

Saturday, April 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the Caprock Jamboree will feature the I-30 Express, a bluegrass band well known in the Dallas and Oklahoma areas.

I-30 Express performed in the Jamboree in June 1992 and during the Bluegrass Festival in Silverton in 1995. Band members are Allen Thomas and his wife, Tish (he is the son of Violet Thomas and the late Buck Thomas), Joe Ben Cason, Fred Ulich, Jody Grubb and Archie Darling. They will be the featured band at the "Early Bird Kick-off" at Canton in April.

Assisting the Jamboree in maintaining its reputation as having the best variety of entertainment will be two from Amarillo, Scott Cordell and Doris Allen; Lollie Luna from Lockney;

the Saint's Roost group and their leader, Wesley Thomas, from Clarendon.

The Briscoe County Activities Association will host the mesquite-grilled hamburger supper beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For information on how to register for a chance to win the Ibanez guitar and case to be given away at the conclusion of the May Anniversary Show, see Janice Hill, John Francis, Jimmy Burson or Clifton Stodghill.

A Letter to the People of Briscoe County

This letter is to serve as notification to you that I will be resigning my position as County Extension Agent - Agriculture for Briscoe County on April 30, 1997.

It has been an honor to serve you for the past two years. Briscoe County became the home of myself and my family. I very much enjoyed working with your young people and conducting the adult educational activities in the county.

As in all things, there were some problems and hard times along the way. There are some things I wish I could have made better. This is an agricultural county with two towns that are very similar, and although we



The I-30 Express Bluegrass Band will perform at the Caprock Jamboree Saturday night, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. Organized in 1989, it is from the Dallas area and performs regularly in Dallas and Oklahoma. I-30 Express has two new tapes out, "Heading East," and "Heading West," which will be available at the Jamboree. The band members are Al and Tish Thomas, children of Violet Thomas and the late Buck Thomas; Joe Ben Cason, Fred Ulich, Jody Grubb and Archie Darling. I-30 Express is known for its old bluegrass style and hard-driving sound.

made the cooperation between them somewhat better, I wish I somehow could have done a better job of uniting the two as a County Program. I wish I could have made cooperation between the FFA Chapters and the 4-H Program better so that kids could feel comfortable being in both, which would make both programs a lot stronger. But with even these wishes, I am still very proud of what we have accomplished here in the last two years.

The decision to move was one of the most difficult of my life. My education and career have moved me several times in the last six years, and never in that time period have I ever felt so tied to one place. Your love and caring for my family and for me has been wonderful.

However, change is inevitable and due to the nature of my career and my desire to do what is best for my family, I must go. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
 Rebel Royall

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Methodists To Have Revival

Your friends at the Silverton United Methodist Church invite you to come to the revival April 27-28-29.

Come hear Tom Mills from St. Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock and listen to the joyous voices of Steve and Pam Hutsell of Groom, Texas.

National Weather Service To Have Open House

Everyone is invited to an open house at the National Weather Service located at 2579 south Loop 289 in Lubbock (east side of the Science Spectrum).

The open house will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.



The Most Important Instrument in the Treatment of Stroke



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Smokers have more than twice the risk of heart attack as nonsmokers, and smokers have a greater risk of stroke, too, says the American Heart Association. Chronic exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (passive smoking) increases the risk of heart disease in nonsmokers.



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Briscoe County News

April 2, 1987--Elana Mayfield is Arkansas State FBLA Vice President . . . The end of March will not be the end of freezing weather in the Texas Panhandle--as usual--if meteorological history repeats itself. In Silvertown, April 13 is the last date of frost based on 23 years of records . . . Chosen for the boys All-District team were Ricky Clardy and Jamie Frizzell, Silvertown; Kirk Saul and Matt Barrett, Valley, and Watts of Hedley. Named to the girls team were Renee Brittan and Melissa Maupin, Valley; Melissa Watson, Lakeview; Carol Glover and Cheryl Glover, Hedley; Suzann Settle and Tonnette Miller, Silvertown. Honorable mention went to Mitch Clardy, Neal Edwards, Joe Ramirez and Gina Myers . . . Mrs. D. O'Neal surprised on 85th birthday . . .

April 7, 1977--District literary events qualify Mignone Rauch, Dayne Mayfield and Susan Grabbe for Regional competition . . . Rhett Perkins, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perkins, was struck by a motorcycle behind his home in Amarillo recently. Twelve stitches were required to close the head wound he received in the accident . . . Silvertown Major League Little Dribbler All-Stars won second place in the Region II tournament last weekend. The players are Monroe Hill, Rank Cogdell, Kyle Couch, Cary Fleming, Shane Reagan, Randy Lacy, Craig Patton, Tad Cornett, Clifford Clardy, Eric Patton, Mitcheal Martin and Kerry Baird . . . Archie Ray Martin, Fred Strange elected to City Council . . . Jack Robertson, jr. received the senior Best of Show award at the Student Art Exhibit sponsored by the Plains Art Association at the Llano Estacado Museum Sunday. His entry in the photography division was a color portrait of his sister, Stacy . . . Silvertown's Owlettes placed third in their track meet at Springlake-Earth last Friday and finished in fourth place at Quanah on Saturday . . . Mrs. John Wyatt named Mental Health Bellringer chairperson for the May campaign . . .

April 6, 1967--Final report due on Mackenzie Municipal water project . . . Joe Self and Larry McWilliams and two of their friends received a trophy for catching the third-largest diamondback rattlesnake of the day at O'Keene Rattlesnake Roundup. All of the boys are students at Southwestern State College at Weatherford . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavy, Arlene, Jennifer and Donna were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Lavy's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts, at Afton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rhoderick are parents of a daughter, Wreasha Marie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Von Kleibrink are parents of a son, Kevin Lee . . . Dwain Henderson and Eural Vaughan were in Amarillo Monday for Mr.

Vaughan's medical attention . . .

April 11, 1957--The high school division of the UIL Meet for this district was held in Matorador. Silvertown scored 233 1/2 points to win first place. Matorador was second with 149 points and Quitaque was third with 108 points . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and family were in Amarillo Saturday to visit his nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Pitts . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rowell and family spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Rowell, other relatives and friends . . . Ted Hancock was a Sunday dinner guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Smithee . . . Bruce Eddleman took his wife to Amarillo Wednesday where she entrained for Phoenix, Arizona, to be with her mother, Mrs. Hulen, who is reported to be very ill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Davis and Miss Luree Burson were weekend guests of the ladies' mother, Mrs. J. H. Burson . . . Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr. underwent surgery at the Tulia hospital Sunday afternoon . . . J. Don Stephens trying for Lone Star Farmer degree . . . Pvt. Carroll Welch returned to Fort Carson, Colorado Thursday after having visited his wife, Judy, and his mother, Mrs. Mabel Welch . . . Judy Stephens was honored with a birthday party Saturday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens . . .

April 3, 1947--Estelline walked off with the top honors at a District Interscholastic League Meet which was held here last weekend with a score of 220 1/2 points to their credit. Turkey won second place with a total score of 155 1/2 points, and Silvertown took third place with 105 points. Quitaque placed fourth with 70 points, Flomot, fifth with 57 points and Kirkland last with 15 points . . . No test required to get new drivers license . . . Football spring training to be started next Thursday . . . Bob Hill and Sid Richards left Sunday for Temple where they planned to go through the clinic . . . J. W. McCracken and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and daughters visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Byrd at Wayside recently . . . Donna Jean Mayfield spent Sunday night with Patsy Crass . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lovvern spent Friday with the John Lee Francis family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper visited in Tulia Sunday afternoon . . . Mmes. U. D. Brown, Scott Smithee and Ora Mills visited with Mrs. J. L. Self Monday afternoon . . . Mrs. J. C. Jacobs visited Mrs. Johnnie Burson Monday afternoon . . .

The Chamber Needs You!

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Social Security and Household Workers

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

This time of year we frequently get questions about reporting household worker income. The questions come from people confused about changes in the law or people who have re-

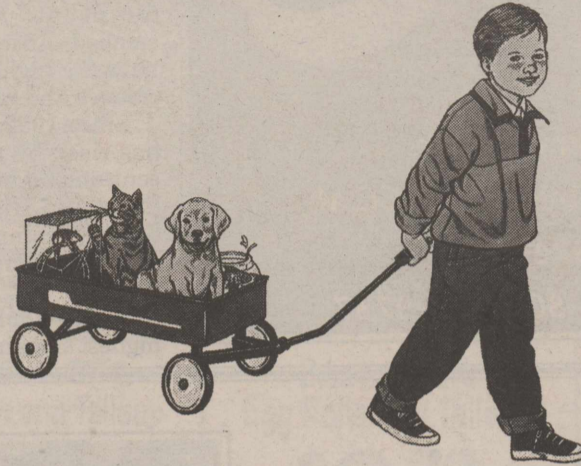
cently hired a household worker and have only a vague notion of their responsibilities as employers.

The rules are simple. If you paid someone \$1,000 or more to work in your home during 1996, you must report his or her wages and pay the Social Security and Medicare taxes no later than April 15. As the employer, you pay your share of the taxes (7.65 percent of wages) along with the

taxes (also 7.65 percent) that you withheld from the employee's wages. You can file your report and pay the taxes with your personal income tax return.

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Smoking is responsible for 87 percent of lung cancers (American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 1996). The risk of dying of lung cancer is 22 times higher for male smokers and 12 times higher for female smokers than for people who have never smoked. African American men have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality rates.

Since 1992, the smoking rate has risen by more than 20 percent among high school student (National High School Senior Survey, commissioned by the National Institute on Drug Abuse).

White adolescents have the highest smoking rates. According



Gary and Ramona Martin of Silverton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vanessa LeAnn, to William Shawn Barbour, son of Steve and Debbie Barbour of Haskell. The couple is planning a June 14 wedding at 6:00 in the evening at First Baptist Church in Silverton. Rev. Jess Little of Silverton will perform the ceremony. The bride-elect is a graduate of Silverton High School and attends West Texas A&M University. She is employed by the University. She is the granddaughter of Mary Martin of Silverton. Her fiance is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and is employed by Briscoe Implement in Tulia. He is the grandson of Erlene Barbour and Neil and Louise Powell, all of Tulia.

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For information on smoking prevention and cessation call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 800-4-CANCER.

JCAHO will be visiting Olsten Health Services at 111 West 3rd on May 8, 1997 in Clarendon. If you have any information you would like to share in a JCAHO public information interview, please notify: Survey Operations and Support Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook, Ill. 60181.

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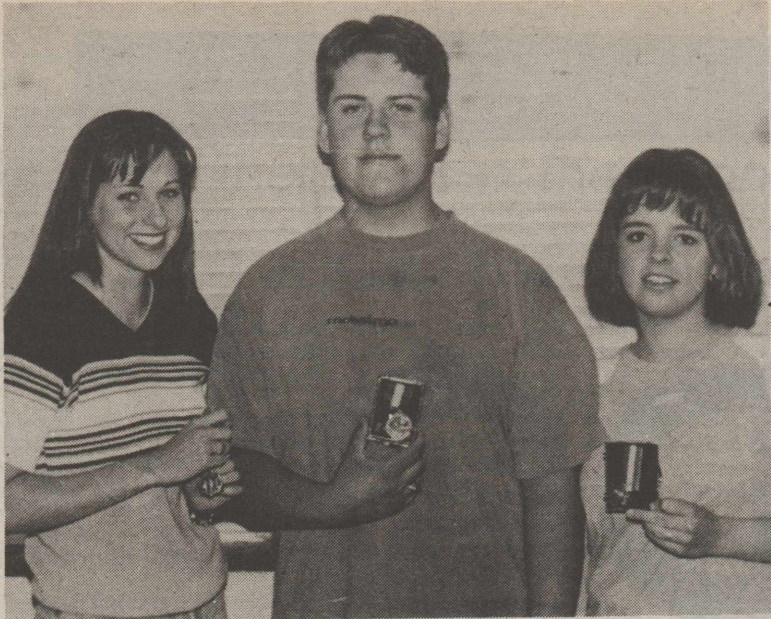
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Although Silverton High School's UIL One-Act Play did not advance in competition, Terri Chitwood was named to the All-Star Cast and Billy Edwards and Lindsey Jennings (right) received honorable mention awards. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Monday-Friday, April 7-11--TEA Audit

Saturday, April 12--FFA Judging at Texas Tech

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 7--Assorted Sandwiches on Whole Wheat Bread, Salad, Dirty Potatoes, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, April 8--Beef Taco, Salad, Beans, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, April 9--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, April 10--Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green

Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, April 11--Hamburger and Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

BREAKFAST

Monday--Breakfast Burrito, Milk, Juice

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Wednesday--Biscuit, Gravy, Milk, Juice

Thursday--Cinnamon Toast, Milk, Juice

Friday--Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Juice, Milk

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Golf Team Places Third in Tourney

The varsity Owl golf team earned third place in the Cotton Center Tournament Monday at Hale Center. Six-man football schools were the participants.

Whitharral won the boys division, followed by Amherst.

Trey Wyatt was the second medalist in the tournament with an 83. Others playing on the team were Max Whitworth, Brandon Sarchet, Michael Reagan and Miles Comer.

Playing as individuals were Will Hester and Ryan Minyard.

The Lady Owl team placed fifth. Making up the team were Lori Chandler, Heidi Tiffin, Michelle Warren, Lindsey Jennings and Misti Matheus.

Silverton School Activities

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

Friday, April 4--FFA Judging at WTAMU; end of six weeks; High School and Junior High Track Meet at Groom

Saturday, April 5-- FFA Judging at Clarendon College; Groom Track Meet Continues

Monday, April 7--District Golf Tuesday, April 8--G/T Field Trip for Grades 2, 3, 5

Thursday, April 10 --High School District Track Meet at Groom

Friday, April 11--Junior High District Track Meet at Groom

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	Umbarger:	Stanley Wieck Richard D. Friemel	(Incumbent)

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and Save These Tips — They Can Save Your Life

Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except ground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County.

If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained of the fire siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

STORM CELLARS:

Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-lit room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and basements are usually best.

Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

MOBILE HOMES:

Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building.

If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

SCHOOLS:

If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay

inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

IN VEHICLES:

- Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.
- Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.
- Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

IN OPEN COUNTRY:

- Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

—Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

—Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

—Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines that are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

Lightning Storm Safety Rules

—Move indoors immediately.

—Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections outside.

Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including

Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal objects which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

ON THE GOLF COURSE:

- Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.
- Avoid open areas and trees.
- Move away from golf carts.

NEAR WATER:

- If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.
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- Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

IN ANY LOCATION:

—Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

—A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

Tornado Facts

April, May and June are the peak months of tornado activity.

Most tornadoes touch down in the late afternoon or early evening, between 3 p.m. and midnight.

The average tornado is on the ground for less than 15 minutes, travels about 6 miles, and moves at a rate close to 30 mph.

Tornadoes usually form in the southwestern quadrant of a severe thunderstorm.

Peak tornadoes may be only a few yards wide and contain winds less than 75 mph, but the most intense tornadoes may be more than a mile wide with winds approaching 300 mph.

Depending on the available light, a tornado funnel may appear black in color or sometimes nearly pure white.

Large hail sometimes (but not always) precedes a tornado.

Most tornadoes rotate in a counterclockwise direction.

A funnel-shaped cloud does not need to extend all the way down to ground level to cause a tornado. If debris is sighted whirling at ground level beneath a funnel, a dangerous tornado is in progress.

Authorities now say that you should NOT open windows when a tornado approaches.

The worst tornado in Briscoe County history was the Silverton tornado on May 15, 1957, which killed 21. Since that time, there have been several tornadoes in Silverton and the rural area, with the worst killing four members of a ranch family.

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A Message From Sheriff Beck

For the past six years I've been escorting funeral processions. We do this as a sign of respect for the family. There have been a few times that I could not be here due to circumstances which I could not control. Friday was one such time. I apologize to the family for not being here. One of the things I always feared was for my car to quit during a funeral procession. I have been very fortunate that this has never happened to me. Max Whitworth was not so fortunate. In trying to do a two-man job by himself, he elected to have his wife block traffic on Hwy. 86 while he led with my old car. Before reaching town it died and he coasted out of the way of the procession. This is, at least, a very embarrassing situation. To make matters worse, the rumors beat him to town. Max DID NOT pull over to turn around on a car that didn't stop. People tell me to ignore such rumors and they will blow over. They tell me to consider the source.

Folks, there have been more than a few rumors lately, none of which are true and most of which are public record if anyone took the time to ask. A few people complain to the Commissioners or

County Judge about something they have heard. Very few people have come to us and asked about something they have heard. Some just accept it as fact and spread it. The sad part is that the same few people start these rumors and everyone else listens. I know that people like to talk about elected officials; that's part of the job. My deputy works long hours and tries very hard to do a good job and never complains. We have a Highway Patrolman who has made his home here. He cares about the people of Briscoe County. He never fails to come when we need him even on his day off. We're all here because we want to be. If you don't want to support us, please don't try to hurt us with rumors that are completely unfounded.

Jerry Beck

WTAMU Foundation Establishes New Memorial Scholarship

The O. V. Hodges Memorial President's Honor Scholarship is a newly-established West Texas A&M University Foundation scholarship.

The late Wilma P. Hodges of Quitaque bequeathed \$30,000 toward a scholarship in memory of her late husband, O. V. Hodges, according to Roye Pigg, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges.

"As far as wealthy, they were not," Pigg said. "My uncle traded labor and pulled cotton, and my aunt had a small grocery store here in Quitaque."

Although Mr. Hodges never attended college, Pigg said his uncle understood the benefits of education.

"O. V. was a reader," he said. "He read books constantly. In fact, the only gifts he really wanted were books."

Pigg offered his opinion on why his aunt left the money to WTAMU instead of another institution.

"Many of O. V.'s friends graduated from WT," he said. "O. V.'s belief in education, coupled with WT's roots in teacher education, is probably the reason my aunt chose West Texas A&M University."

Eligibility preferences for the O. V. Hodges President's Honor Scholarship include graduating from Valley High School, status as a resident of Briscoe, Floyd or Hall County and an ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1200.

The President's Honor Scholarship Program began in 1992. It is the most prestigious academic scholarship currently available at WTAMU, and provides \$2,000 per year for four years as long as the eligibility requirements are maintained, according to Sid Walker, WTAMU executive director of development.

To maintain eligibility, the recipient of the Hodges scholarship must have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average while taking a minimum course load of 15 hours per semester. Additionally, the student must prove leadership and service to the University and community.

For more information on funding or establishing a scholarship, contact the WTAMU Foundation Office at 806-656-2065.

•The Great Texas Trash-Off, sponsored by TxDOT and KTB, will kick off Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful Month.

Obituaries

ALVA C. JASPER

Funeral services for Alva C. (Putt) Jasper, 73, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with J. D. Nance, minister, and the Rev. Edwin Norris, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jasper died at his home Tuesday, March 25, 1997.

He was born in Briscoe County August 12, 1923. He married the former Nelda Stark November 27, 1943. He retired as a farmer and rancher in 1986. He was a member of Rock Creek Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Vici Baird of Silverton; two sons, Micki Jasper of Plainview and Billy Nye of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Steven Jasper, Amy Jasper, Russell Baird and Carrie Baird; and two great-grandchildren, Blake Jasper and Kassie Jasper.

Pallbearers were Joe Brannon, W. D. Rowell, Burl Anglin, Richard Eddleman, Jack McFall and Don Curry.

The family requested memorials be to the American Heart Association, the Silverton Cemetery Association or a favorite charity.

SONDREA C. MESSING

Graveside services for Sondrea Carmen Messing, 79, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 31 with Trey Morgan, minister at Central Church of Christ in Tulia, officiating. Burial arrangements were made by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Messing died Wednesday, March 26, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Reared in Tulia, she was graduated from Tulia High School in 1933. She worked for a period of time at a radio station. She vacationed in New York City

and met and married Edward Messing in 1939. They lived at Port Washington, New York, and owned and operated a commercial printing company. They retired in 1980 and moved to Austin, Texas. They moved to King City, Oregon in 1985. Mr. Messing died in 1988, and she moved to Beaverton, Oregon to live with her son and his family.

She was a member of Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Beaverton.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Chaun Messing of Beaverton; her mother, Annie Lee Finch of Dimmitt; two brothers, David Finch of Tulia and Charles Finch of Seminole; three grandchildren, Annie Messing, David Messing and Elisabeth Messing.

•The Great Texas Trash-Off is part of TxDOT's tough-talking "Don't Mess With Texas" program aimed at convincing habitual litterers to put their trash where it belongs.

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Kaylee Self: Following In Her Dad's Footsteps

The potential for Plano East High School junior Kaylee Self was established when she broke the school record in the shot put her freshman year.

Self's toss of 34 feet, eight inches as a ninth grader probably surprised everyone but her. As a seventh grader, she threw it 28 feet the first time she even tried the event.

"It felt real natural," Kaylee remembers.

She had not been able to improve much on her freshman toss of 34-8 until a couple of weeks ago. At the Highland Park meet, she recorded a personal-best 35-6.

"I was so excited I almost fainted," she said. "I had been throwing 34s since ninth grade and I finally got past it."

Kaylee's next accomplishment likely will be a first-place finish at a meet. She has consistently placed second in both the shot and discus at most meets this year.

However, winning a first-place medal is not Kaylee's motivation. She is driven to improve only on what she does, not what someone else throws.

"It's really personal," Kaylee said. "Those other people don't matter. I'm throwing against myself and what my best is."

Now that she has thrown 35 feet, she would like to hit 37 feet before the year is over. Before her high-school career is over, she hopes shot putting 37 feet is easy.

"I want to hit 42," she said. "I know it's a high goal, but I know I can do it. At least 40."

Whenever Kaylee needs a little extra help achieving a goal, she has an expert she can call on at any time. Her father, Marvin, was a three-time All-Missouri Valley shot putter while he was at West Texas A&M University.

Marvin Self, a former coach at Plano Hendrick Middle School, is principal of an elementary school in Post this year. He hasn't seen his daughter throw this year, but Kaylee is hopeful he can make the meet in Lewisville.

"I'm excited about him coming," Kaylee said. "He's real good about watching me. He tells me what I'm doing wrong, but he doesn't get mad. He kind of stands back and if I really need help, he'll tell me," she said.

Plano East girls track coach Jerri Wood said being a coach's daughter has helped Kaylee succeed in her field events.

"She's very coachable and very self-disciplined," Wood said. "She takes care of all the little details and all the things you need to do to get better."

One of the major details a thrower needs to take care of is weight lifting. Some girls would shy away from weight lifting, fearing that it could give them a muscle-bound appearance. Kaylee also has those fears, but

she realizes how valuable the training is.

"I hate it," she said. "No, I don't. I have mixed feelings about it. The weight training makes me look fat, but it's mostly muscle. I have a boyfriend, but he doesn't care."

In fact, Kaylee's boyfriend is a Plano East football player, and the two often lift weights together. She trains for explosion, not total weight, but guesses she can bench press 160 pounds.

"I've never tested myself," she said, "but when I work out, I pretty much do five sets of five (repetitions) at 135 pounds."

Kaylee hopes to make working out a career by becoming a fitness and nutrition expert. For now, the weight training simply makes her a better athlete, plus one other bonus. She said she's strong enough to beat up a guy if he makes her mad.

"I know I can," Kaylee said. "I don't tell anybody. I don't want to seem like a psycho, but I know I can."

Kaylee is the granddaughter of J. L. and Faye Self of Silverton.

WEATHER

MARCH 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY HIGH LOW PRECIP.

1	65	35	.03
2	43	20	
3	58	21	
4	75	35	
5	63	26	
6	56	25	
7	61	23	
8	74	34	
9	62	48	
10	61	28	
11	75	29	
12	75	36	
13	69	43	
14	75	27	
15	45	24	
16	50	24	
17	65	40	
18	84	40	
19	64	31	
20	73	32	
21	83	40	
22	91	42	
24	74	37	
25	83	37	
26	57	27	
27	68	27	
28	76	46	
29	71	45	
30	82	28	
31	62	30	

Total March Precip.	.03
Normal March Precip.	.93
Total Precip. Rec'd.	
Year to Date	2.35
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Christine Walls Singing Her Way Across the Panhandle Area

Opportunities continue to arise for young Christine Walls. Back on January 11, competing against all ages, she placed fifth in the Nashville Star Maker Talent competition. Under the same competitive conditions on February 1, auditioning to sing the Star Spangled Banner for the Amarillo Rattlers, she placed in the top five. For the auditioning on February 7, she landed the Rattlers "first choice" to sing this fall. Hockey will not be the only game graced by this little powerhouse vocalist. Christine also will sing the National Anthem for the Armadillos baseball team. That opportunity swiftly approaches this season.

This young talent has landed a series of firsts. At the Amarillo Diamond Miss Pageant, she placed first in Talent Queen; was first runner-up overall, first in



Christine Walls
Glamour Girl, and first in Miss Photogenic.
More recently, Christine sang

for the host and patrons of the Country Barn Steakhouse in Amarillo, and has been asked to perform again on April 19 in a thirty-minute program of song and dance.

Christine Walls is the granddaughter of Raymond and Norlin Mora, Murry and Johnnie Morrison, all of Quitaque, and Grover and Syble Thomas.



Members of the Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) board of directors and Boll Weevil Steering Committee met Monday, March 24, to discuss the future of the High Plains Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program.

The result of this most recent discussion is that a series of meetings have been planned in order to obtain additional input from High Plains cotton producers on what they would like to see in the program.

"The first goal of these meetings will be to reach agreement on whether or not cotton growers in this area believe we now have a resident, thriving boll weevil population," explains Wellman cotton grower and PCG President Jackie Burris. "If we can agree on the problem we face, I believe the concerned producers attending these meetings will be able to provide a variety of workable, alternative ideas for funding and carrying out this program."

Burris adds that there is now a high level of awareness on the part of producers and several alternatives have already been put forth by producers for consideration by the PCG board and BWSC.

Unfortunately, any future action to reaffirm the current structure or select an alternative by referendum is in limbo until the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the program.

Despite the pitfalls that could emerge from the Supreme Court ruling when it comes, Burris explains that the PCG board and BWSC are united in their belief that the decision-making process must move forward.

"Whether we stay with what we have in place now or develop an alternative does not change the fact that the boll weevil is moving further afield everyday," says Burris. "The combination of last year's underfunded program and estimates that boll weevil survival rates this winter will at best equal and likely be higher than in 1996 puts us in a serious situation."

Burris notes that he believes a key to this area's success against the boll weevil, at a reasonable cost to producers, will be what type of effort can be mounted in 1997.

"This year is going to be pivotal to the future of the High Plains cotton industry," concludes Burris.

Great Texas Trash - Off: It's Spring Cleaning Time in Texas

Spring cleaning takes on a whole new meaning April 5, when more than 112,000 Texans scour state highways, county roads and city streets and parks in the 12th annual Great Texas Trash-Off. One of the nation's largest single-day litter pickup events, the Trash-Off, is organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB).

Statewide, 1,700 Adopt-a-Highway groups will pick up litter on state highways. Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers in 100 communities will concentrate their cleanups on city streets and parks. Altogether, the volunteers expect to collect more than eight million gallons of litter.

The one-day event is designed to alert Texans to the state's litter problems and to encourage people not to toss their trash by providing examples of litter-free areas. "Imagine what Texas would be like if we had no litter," said Doris Howdeshell, director of TxDOT's Travel and Information Division. "That's the intent of the Trash-Off--to remind people of the state's natural beauty and to provide cleaner, safer roads, streets and parks. The effort of thousands of volunteers is an inspiring reminder that if no one tossed their trash from car windows, no one would need to pick up after them."

The Great Texas Trash-Off coincides with the wildflower viewing season, and this is the twelfth year that volunteers have devoted a day to "getting the bottles out of the bluebonnets." It also kicks off Keep Texas Beautiful Month throughout the state.

The Trash-Off is part of the TxDOT's "Don't Mess With Texas" public awareness campaign. The litter prevention program, which includes Don't Mess With Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, and a grassroots partnership

with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., works to change the attitudes--and the behavior--of would-be litterers. By reducing the amount of trash on state highways, these programs are saving taxpayers \$2-\$4 million in litter pickup expenditures.

Keep Texas Beautiful is a not-for-profit environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

Anyone interested in participating in the Great Texas Trash-Off can contact their local TxDOT office or Keep Texas Beautiful at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

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April 8--Sidney Taylor Taitano, Clifford Oldham, Shafe Weaver, Lance Smith, Bryan Breedlove

April 9--Kevin McLeland, Micki Jasper, Jared Robert Fudge, Janet Mercer

•Don't Mess With Texas, Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful programs are credited with saving the state between \$2 and \$4 million annually in litter expenditures. Texas celebrities like George Foreman, Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson, Little Texas and Ian Moore have donated their talents to spread the word about messin' with Texas.

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Thanks to the Silvertown EMTs for coming out to the house. Your efforts and help were appreciated.

A special thanks to the people of Rock Creek Church of Christ and others for the delicious meals that were served for our family at the church and at our home.

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