

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I don't pretend to think I'm smart enough to run a university, but I can tell you that I believe I could make some decisions as well as those who are running universities.

Take this for example: at Texas Tech, when it was time for classes to begin, financial aid checks were to be distributed. Students stood in a line that extended down the hall and outside the building. Some stood in line for eight hours or more on two different days.

Sure I understand computer problems even though I'm not very good with computers.

What I don't understand is why people in their right minds would schedule the distribution of checks when classes were beginning. Why didn't they do that the week before, so the students would have their money to buy their books, pay their tuition, and the other expenses for which the money was to be used.

Is it too logical to think that when classes begin the students should be able to attend with the books and supplies the courses require?

I read in the *Avalanche-Journal* about one student who was taking notes in class on napkins because he didn't have the money he needed to buy supplies.

Two students named to the dean's honor list at West Texas A&M University for the fall semester were Michael Reagan, sophomore computer information system major, and Jill Millican, senior generic special education major.

Michael is the son of David and Sheila Reagan, and Jill is the wife of the County Extension Agent Pammy Millican.

Bryant (Slow) Eddleman was hospitalized in Lubbock for tests and treatment Monday morning of this week. Jerry and Jeleta Baird have been staying with the Eddlemans while the power is off at their house.

## Tree Limbs To Be Piled Near Rodeo Arena

Silverton residents who are needing a place to put all the limbs which broke off their trees during the ice storm last weekend are asked to pile them near the rodeo arena where the homecoming bonfires usually are held.

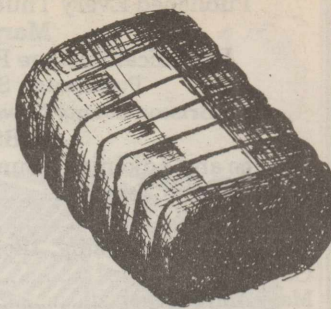
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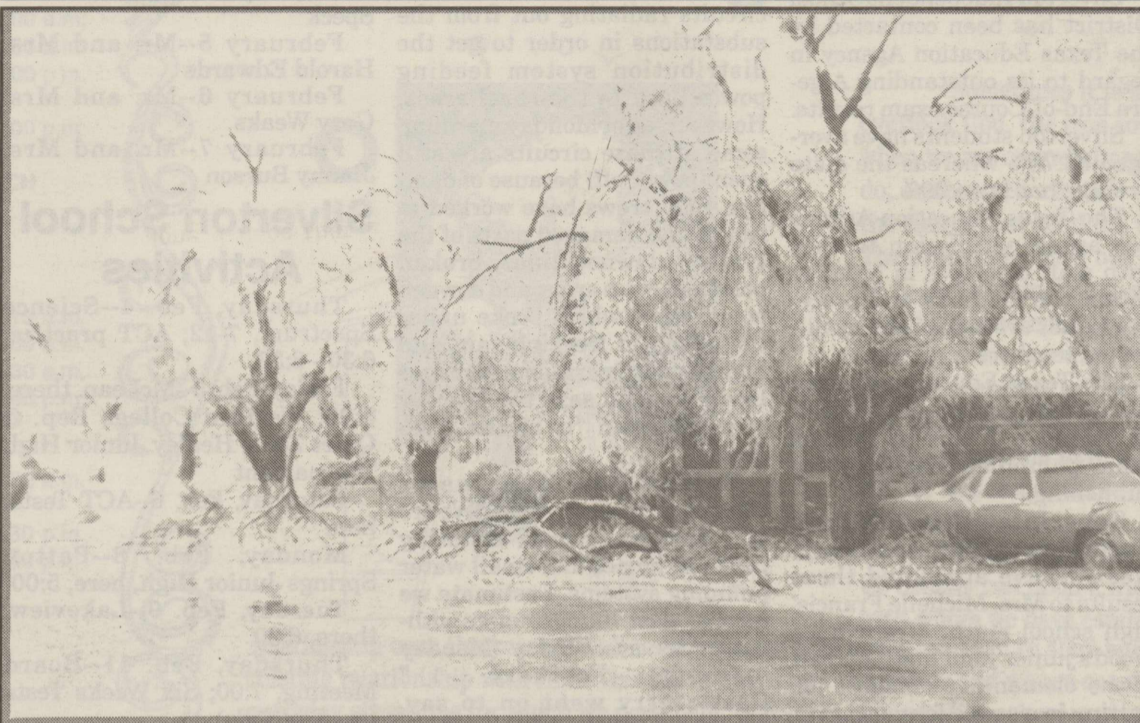
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Two inches of rainfall froze on the limbs of trees in the Silverton vicinity over the weekend, causing limbs to come crashing to the ground beneath the weight of the ice. This picture was made at the home of Johnny and Karen Tiffin. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Grand Jury Date Set In Quitaque Slaying

After nearly eight months of delays, the murder case of slain Quitaque resident Roye Pigg heads to a grand jury February 24, District Attorney Becky McPherson said last week.

Pigg's widow, Mary Pigg, said she was relieved to hear the news.

"I didn't know that. I'm proud that they're moving forward," she said. "As a family, we're not seeing anything done. I hope that justice is done."

Roye Pigg died June 4 of a gunshot wound at the home of 64-year-old John (Corky) Garner.

While authorities said they believe Garner shot Pigg, the circumstances surrounding the shooting have remained a mystery since there were no other witnesses to the crime.

In addition, Mrs. McPherson said, Garner--who was required to leave Briscoe County and surrounding counties as a condition of his release from jail--has since stopped talking to authorities.

"He hasn't given a statement that we've had access to," Mrs. McPherson said.

The day of the shooting,

Briscoe County Sheriff Max Whitworth said Garner notified authorities of Pigg's death. A .22-caliber rifle was found at the scene.

Authorities have said Pigg died of a single gunshot wound through the neck.

Most notably, authorities haven't yet revealed what motives might have driven the sus-

pect to shoot Pigg.

Pigg was the Chamber of Commerce president and a chief organizer for the community's annual National Trails Day.

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Four inches of snow coated ice-covered limbs on trees here Friday night, adding further to damage suffered by trees and shrubs at the home of Russell and Amanda Simpson. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## It's Time For Another Big Jamboree Show

Lots of new faces will be on stage at the Caprock Jamboree Saturday night, February 6, at the showbarn in Silverton. If you enjoy an evening of family entertainment, then you won't want to miss it!

One of the most sought-after fiddlers around, Valerie Green, will be here with her band, "Texas Sand."

Jane Thacker and Lynn Alexander, both from Lubbock, will make their debut on the show.

A first for the show will be a "Mimi" group from Amarillo and a solo dancer from Claude.

Donnie Richardson of Crosbyton will be making a repeat performance, and there will be the showcase for anyone in the audience who wants to perform.

Come early, eat a mesquite-grilled hamburger and enjoy the show which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

Bring a folding chair for your comfort, if you have one; if you don't bring a chair, one will be provided for you.

## Proceeds To Benefit Barn

The hamburger supper at the Caprock Jamboree Saturday night will benefit the Showbarn Improvement Fund. Those who are raising money for improvements at the barn will appreciate your enjoying a mesquite-grilled hamburger with them.



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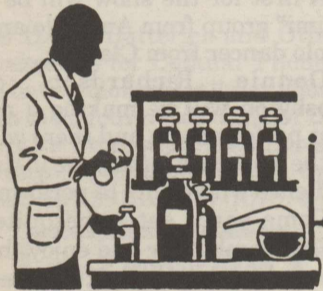
## Silverton Junior High Teams In Hedley Tourney

A round-robin junior high basketball tournament will be sponsored by the Hedley Booster Club Thursday, February 4, and Saturday, February 6.

On Thursday, the Silverton Lady Owls will play Samnorwood at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Owls at 7:45 p.m., also taking on Samnorwood.

On Saturday, the Lady Owls will play McLean beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Owls and McLean at 1:45 p.m.

The Lady Owls will come back at 5:30 p.m. to play the Hedley Owls, and this game will be followed by the Silverton red Owls and the Hedley green Owls at 6:45 p.m.



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## Student Performance To Be Featured

Silverton Independent School District has been contacted by the Texas Education Agency in regard to its outstanding Algebra End-of-Course exam results.

Silverton students have averaged 83.75% whereas the state average has been 39%.

The Texas Education Agency has asked permission to visit with staff members in order to obtain the methods and procedures that are being used by Silverton teachers.

The Texas Education Agency will include our school's name in an Algebra I End-of-Course exam pamphlet that they are publishing.

Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner and Principal Sheryl Weaver have attributed these results to Mrs. Michelle Francis' high school math, Mrs. Nance Wood's junior high math and all of the elementary teachers for putting in a sound foundation in math.

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## Winter Storm Ravages Power Lines in Area

Swisher Electric Cooperative began construction Monday, February 1, to repair the damage inflicted by the severe winter storm that hit the area beginning late Thursday evening, January 28. All parts of Swisher Electric's (SEC) system have received damage.

For the last three days, SEC crews have been restoring major circuits radiating out from the substations in order to get the distribution system feeding power back to the rural areas. However, as of Monday morning, some of these circuits are still open (power off) because of damage. SEC crews have worked to isolate the damaged parts of the system: downed lines, broken poles and cross arms, and downed power lines which broke under the strain of freezing rain and high winds. Operations manager Lewis Cannon says the number of poles down "is in the hundreds."

Swisher Electric manager Charles Castleberry said, "We are still days away from restoring power to homes and small water pumping systems. I estimate we have at least 700 customers without power as of today (Monday morning, February 1)." Castleberry went on to say, "Swisher Electric appreciates everyone's patience, understanding and continued support in the restoration of service. This storm is the worst our system has experienced since the one in February 1977, and the damage to the system is perhaps the greatest in the history of the cooperative."

A contractor from Quitaque, Big V Construction, arrived Monday to assist in putting the system back up. Also arriving Monday were crews from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative in Tahoka, Cap Rock Electric Cooperative in Stanton, as well as a contractor crew, Cade and Company from Andrews, that Cap Rock is arranging. Castleberry said, "This is typical of electric cooperatives; we pull together in times of emergency to help each other. We certainly appreciate all the offers of help from our neighboring electric cooperatives."

Ed Shelton, former operations superintendent for Swisher Electric, came out of retirement to help supervise some of the construction crews.

Tuesday morning, Joe Vaughn flew SEC operations manager Lewis Cannon and marketing and safety coordinator Justin Proctor to survey the damage to SEC's system from the air. They took a count and noted the location of broken poles, broken crossarms and downed lines.

Two loads of poles, of approximately 60 poles each, arrived Monday from Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), Swisher Electric's statewide association.

## Happy Birthday-

February 4--Jerry Bean, Andrea Ramirez, Della Boling  
 February 5--Dixie Johnson, Cody Culwell

February 6--Hope Patino, Duston Baker, Duane Reynolds, Dianne Reynolds

February 8--Brad West, Susie Yates, David Warren

February 10--Derrick Franklin Smith, Russell Bingham, Adelmira Ramirez, Kent Holt, Lottie Garrison

## Happy Anniversary-

February 4--Mr. and Mrs. Carl Speck

February 5--Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards

February 6--Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weeks

February 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burson

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Feb. 4--Science Spectrum, 7-12; ACT practice, 6:30 - 8:30

Friday, Feb. 5--McLean, there, 5:00; Western College Rep. @ Quiet Zone; Hedley Junior High Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 6--ACT Tests, here

Monday, Feb. 8--Patton Springs Junior High, here, 5:00

Tuesday, Feb. 9--Lakeview, there, 6:30

Thursday, Feb. 11--Board Meeting, 7:00; Six Weeks Tests (even periods)

Friday, Feb. 12--Girls' Practice Game; Prom Meal Payment Due; End of Six Weeks; Six Weeks Tests (odd periods)

## Personalities Are Chosen By the Students, Faculty

Student personalities have recently been voted on by Silverton High School students who chose Jeremy Holt and Misty Wilkinson as Mr. and Miss SHS.

Class favorites are Andrew Francis and Chelsey Cherry, freshmen; Adrian Ramirez and Taylor Griffin, sophomores; Charlie Bomar and Dara Johnston, juniors; Donny Burson and Dara Ramsey, seniors.

Selected as best dressed students were Tyler Young and Lindsey Jennings.

Jeremy Holt was chosen as most handsome, and Dara Johnston was designated as most beautiful.

Most popular students named were Jeremy Holt and Dara Ramsey.

Wittiest are Donny Burson and Lisa Comer.

Friendliest are Josh Breedlove and Lisa Comer.

Most athletic students are Jeremy Holt and Sara Kirchoffner.

The following personalities were chosen by the faculty.

Lindsey Jennings was chosen as most outstanding student and student most likely to succeed.

Josh Breedlove was selected for good citizenship.

Matt Martin was named most dependable.

Elected to Who's Who were Kurby Garvin and Andrew Francis, freshmen; Brooke Garvin and Tyler Young, sophomores; Sara Kirchoffner and Nathan Francis, juniors; Lindsey Jennings and Jeremy Holt, seniors.

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Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**February 1, 1979**-Nazareth leads first round of district action . . . Services held Sunday for Leland Wood, 61 . . . Philip March Smitherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smitherman and grandson of Mrs. W. E. Autry of Silverton, was a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington . . . P. L. Arnold is home from the hospital after suffering a stroke on January 16 . . . Brownie Troop 453 members taking part in their Investiture Service were Penni Fogerson, Keri Hester, Linda O'Neal, Tara Nance, Keeley Burson, DeLyn Patton, Julie Towe, Tonia Perkins, Tracy Tomlin, Jana Kitchens and Lynn Vaughn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Couch are parents of a son, Lyndon Don . . . Mrs. Lillie Mae McCloud and Boyd Bingham were married New Year's Day at her home in Silverton . . . Don Cornett, Arch Martin and Charles Sarchet were in Waurika, Oklahoma Saturday to bring back a load of firewood . . . Mrs. Dora Levena Johnston to celebrate 99th birthday . . .

**February 2, 1989**-A wildcat well is being drilled on the eastern edge of Swisher County, not far from the west Briscoe County line . . . Chosen to guide the Briscoe County Activities Association during the coming year were Leon Lavy, president; Arch Martin, vice-president; Betty Nan Tiffin, secretary; Raye Smith, treasurer; Waynelle Couch, reporter . . . Julie Graham was exhibitor of the Grand Champion of the Swine Show at the annual Briscoe County Livestock Show . . . Funeral services conducted for J. C. Rhoderick, jr., 68, and R. E. (Buster) Dickerson, 78 . . . Jared Francis was exhibitor of the Reserve Champion of the Swine Show, and Reserve Champion of the Lamb Show was Keeley Burson at the County Livestock Show . . . Scotti and Freddy Sweet are parents of a daughter, Magan Renee . . .

**January 30, 1969**-Miss Jackie Carol Tate was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Silverton Rainbow Assembly in a public ceremony held Saturday at the masonic hall . . . The Silverton cagers took a pair of wins from McLean in games played here Tuesday evening . . . A new Home Demonstration Agent has been appointed to serve Briscoe County. She is Mrs. Naomi Hunt, a native of Colorado . . . Walter M. Watters buried here Sunday . . . Officers elected to serve the Silverton Riding Club were Louie Kitchens, president; Jim Brooks, vice president; Anna Belle Tipton, secretary-treasurer; Jack Loudermilk and Farris Martin, parade marshals . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grabbe are parents of a son, Mitchell Sloane . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Verita Faye, to Mr. Johnny D. McGavock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock . . .

**January 29, 1959**-Kim Steele, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele, had the misfortune of having her clothing catch on fire when she stood too near an open heater Saturday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an informal reception at their farm home Sunday . . . Miss Ruth Ann Autry, Joe Lynn Allard married Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry McWaters, Mrs. Joe McWaters and Dale were in Lockney Friday and Saturday for medical attention for Henry McWaters . . . Miss Wanda Alcorn to wed Delbert Leonard Mattheus . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson were hosts at a family dinner Sunday for Mrs. Bland Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Burson and sons, Mrs. Una Burson, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Burson and sons, Mrs. Betty Penn and Karen . . . Attending the Helping Hand Club in the home of Mrs. John Lee Francis Thursday were Mmes. E. O. Fitzgerald, Lenton Lanham, Jack Harris, Aubrey Rowell, Jack Jowell, Alva Jasper, Lowell Callaway, Garland Francis, Clyde Bramlett, Wade Steele, Frank Mercer and Virgil Baldwin . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh, Kathy, Kenneth and Dalra spent Sunday in Amarillo with Deleath Peugh and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bell . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Boyles moved from the Haylake community to Quitaque last week . . .

**February 3, 1949**-Mrs. E. J. Vaughan celebrates her 97th birthday January 30 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Turner, residents of Briscoe County for 31 years, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday . . . Palace Theatre having super western, "Blood on the Moon," with Robert Mitchum and Barbara Bel Geddes . . . Judd Donnell opens hatchery here . . . Mr. and Mrs. True Burson went to Lubbock last Friday to get their daughter, Miss Betty Nan, and Jean Dudley . . . Miss Polly Byan spent the weekend with Betty Nan Burson . . . Bomar One Stop Pontiac to show new cars this week . . . Mmes. Fred Lemons, Avis Cowart and T. C. Bomar made a business trip to Childress Monday afternoon . . . Miss Gladys Hyatt of Plainview spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt . . .

**January 26, 1939**-Icy rain Sunday night brings another .11 of an inch of moisture . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coy Chappell January 25, a daughter, named Betty Jo . . . Lock boxes, for the keeping of valuable papers were installed this week in the check exchange of the Silverton Mer-

chants Retail Association . . . Rufus Sanderson, 67, dies Sunday . . . J. P. Elmore was here for three days the first of the week at the Gulf Service Station in a special demonstration of Ted Roussin's new equipment for wheel aligning and correction of all steering troubles . . . Officers of the March of Time Study Club next year will be Mrs. Dutch Tidwell, president; Mrs. Marvin Tull, first vice-president; Mrs. Boots Bryant, second vice-president; Mrs. Maurice Foust, corresponding secretary; Miss Gwendolyn Cloyd, recording secretary; Miss Fern Murphy, parliamentarian; Mrs. D. T. Northcutt, treasurer; Mrs. Roy

Hahn, reporter . . . Mrs. Beavers is quite ill with pneumonia . . . Miss Georgia Kirk was home from Lubbock last Sunday . . . Jake Honea drove to Huntsville Penitentiary Monday to take a couple of prisoners who will be serving time for car theft . . . French McGavock spent Saturday night with Edward Edwards . . .

**April 4, 1929**-It is rumored that Silverton is to have another large hotel, this time a \$35,000 building . . . Jim C. Bomar and H. R. Brown, owners of the South Side Grocery, announce their removal to their new home on the west side of the square and change of firm name to Bomar &

Brown. The South Side Grocery, as a name after many years of fruitful service in Silverton, ceases to exist in the community annals, but it has a new birth in Bomar & Brown, as the fuzzy caterpillar blooms into the painted butterfly over night . . . Sheriff N. R. Honea is driving a new Willys-Knight car. The sheriff remarked that he needed a speedy auto to overhaul the flying 1929 lawbreakers. The car was purchased from the Silverton dealer, Whippet Motor Company . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis are the proud parents of a nine-pound girl, named Wilma Lee . . . Little Avanel Brown, who has been ill, is better at this time.

## Caprock Jamboree

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# District Attorney Files Motion To WEATHER Recuse Herself From The Case

Floydada District Attorney Becky McPherson has filed a motion to recuse herself from the Roye Pigg murder case because her in-laws are involved in a land deal with the suspect, John (Corky) Garner, officials said last week.

Mrs. McPherson said the issue didn't come up until the week of January 18, when one of Pigg's family members brought it to her attention.

"I didn't find out about it until just last week," Mrs. McPherson said Friday. "My father-in-law has some money in escrow to buy some property that belongs to Mr. Garner."

The 64-year-old murder suspect has apparently been selling off assets in Quitaque since the June 4 shooting death of Roye Pigg, of which Garner is a suspect. He is also involved in a wrongful death suit filed by the Pigg family in the days following the shooting.

Mary Pigg, Roye Pigg's widow, said that after learning about the pending property deal earlier this month, she asked Mrs.

McPherson to step down.

"That was our main concern--the conflict of interest," Mrs. Pigg said. "It could've been really innocent. It just didn't look good."

Gale McPherson of Lockney, the DA's father-in-law, said he discovered that some of Garner's property was for sale about a month ago after seeing it listed in a newspaper.

"It's farm land that's been put into CRP and has been for 10 years," Gale McPherson said, referring to the federal Conservation Reserve Program, which pays growers to let stressed-out farmland rest for 10 years.

"I was wanting some CRP land so I didn't have to farm it," the 45-year-old Lockney farmer said.

The fact that Garner owned this particular tract did not raise any problems for the elder McPherson, he said.

"I knew (Garner) owned it," he said. "But that didn't make any difference. When it's up for sale, I have a right to it just like anybody else. If I didn't, somebody

else would have."

While the land deal was not likely to have an effect on the outcome of Garner's case, Becky McPherson said, she recused herself "to avoid the appearance of impropriety."

District Judge Randy Hollums of Floydada said a district attorney would have even better reason to recuse herself if someone else involved with the case felt uncomfortable with her connection to the defendant, even if it is indirect.

"If anyone might feel uncomfortable with that person being involved, it might be a good reason for them to step down," Hollums said.

Meanwhile, Hollums said he expected to sign an order Monday that will turn the case over to Pampa District Attorney John Mann.

Mann said he was approached about the case by one of Pigg's relatives the week of January 18, the same week Becky McPherson said she discovered her father-in-law's planned purchase.

## JANUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

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Mann said he will likely accept the case against Garner.

While the case is scheduled to go to a grand jury February 24, Mann said he will have to review the file before he decides whether to follow through with the plan.

"I hope we can go (to the grand jury) on the 24th, but like I said, I haven't even seen the file yet, so we'll see," Mann said.

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 8--No School  
Tuesday, Feb. 9--Burritoos, Salad, Ranch-Style Beans, Applesauce Cookie, Crackers, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 10--Chili Con Carne with Cheese Stix, Onion Rings, Fruit Cup, Crackers or Conbread, Sweet Roll, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 11--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Honey, Butter, Hot Roll, Milk

Friday, Feb. 12--Chili Dog, Oven Potatoes, Fruit Jello, Milk

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## Playoff Picture Continues To Be Cloudy For Locals

The playoff picture continues to be cloudy for the Silverton Owls, in spite of the fact that the second round is now underway.

The Lady Owls have lost only to Guthrie, and since the Lady Jaguars are undefeated, this seems to put the Lady Owls directly in second place.

The situation is not as clear for the Owls who lost to Guthrie here, defeated the Jaguars at their home and dropped an overtime game to the Motley County Matadors last week. The Jaguars also have lost two games.

The weather was a factor which made the decision to travel Friday night a little uneasy even though Guthrie was not experiencing the same kind of weather that was seen in Silverton. It was a must-win situation for the Owls and they went out and did what they had to do by earning a 59-40 decision over the Jaguars.

Jared Holt led the offense with a big 25-point effort, followed in double figures by Nathan Francis, with 19, and Jay Arnold, with 12. Adrian Ramirez rounded out the score with three points.

Three-point shots were scored by Jared Holt, five; Jay Arnold, two.

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| Owls    | 12 34 46 59 |
| Guthrie | 9 21 35 40  |

The Lady Owls dropped a 59-43 decision even though three scored in double figures. Lindsey Weeks led the offense with 14 points, Dara Ramsey caged 11, and Misty Wilkinson rang up 10. Also scoring was Sara Kirchoffner, who tossed in eight.

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| Lady Owls | 8 17 28 43  |
| Guthrie   | 17 30 38 59 |

Dara Ramsey scored three goals from three-point range, and Misty Wilkinson and Sara Kirchoffner scored two three-pointers each.

The Silverton teams seemed to have things going their way in the series with Motley County until the last quarter of the Owls game. The Matadors were able to knot the score at 44-44 before the final buzzer, and went on to outscore the Owls 9-4 in the overtime period.

Jay Arnold led the offense by scoring 18 points, with two teammates also scoring in double figures: Nathan Francis, 15, and Jared Holt, 12. Jeremy Holt rounded out the score with three points.

Three-point shots were hit by Jared Holt, two.

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| Owls       | 17 21 36 44 48 |
| Motley Co. | 12 16 29 44 53 |

The varsity Lady Owls rolled to victory with no trouble. Misty Wilkinson led the offense with 19 points, while Sara Kirchoffner and Taylor Griffin caged 13 points each. Dara Ramsey locked up 11 point for her team. Also scoring were Lindsey Weeks and Amanda Estes, six points each.

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| Lady Owls  | 18 35 50 68 |
| Motley Co. | 7 17 28 40  |

The junior varsity Lady Owls dribbled their way to a 57-28 vic-

tory over the Motley girls. After taking control of the game in the first quarter, the Lady Owls were never headed.

Dara Johnston hit two three-pointers and enough other shots to lead the offense with 18 points. Brooke Garvin caged 15 points and Sharyl McMurtrey added 10. Also scoring were Kurby Garvin, six; Amy Maciel and Julie Weaver, two points each; Misti Mattheus, four points.

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| Lady Owl JV | 12 27 47 57 |
| Motley Co.  | 0 9 16 28   |

The JV Owls won their game by a healthy margin also, 48-30.

Isaiah Ivory was the top scorer with 18 points, followed by Daniel Castillo, with 12. Also scoring were Clint Ivory, seven; Issac Garcia, six; Daniel Rogers, three; Matt Strange, two points.

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| JV Owls    | 15 34 48 48 |
| Motley Co. | 10 14 17 30 |

Isaiah Ivory and Issac Garcoa hit two three pointers each, and Clint Ivory got one.

The teams were to host the varsity teams from Patton Springs Tuesday evening, and are scheduled to be on the road to McLean Friday night for a non-conference game. The district schedule concludes Tuesday night at Lakeview, and by that time it should be known whether any extra games will be necessary to determine which teams go to the playoffs and in which order they will be seeded.

## Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

Mother Nature has to sock it to us now and then for a reminder. My meter pole is still on the ground, but the electricity is flowing through the wires scattered around. After two days and nights of no power, I'll tke it any way.

Ann Norris, Lallie Patton, Bobbye Bean, Laverne Stephens, Nadyne Childress, Juanita Howard, Mary Burson, Wanda Strange and Nina Martin quilted last Thursday. Nelda Jasper came by at noon.

Thelma and Don Beasley from Sacramento, California have been to visit Ann and Ed Norris. Thelma is Ann's sister.

Sybil and Neil King are back home. They had a really good time in Welton, Arizona, which is about 20 miles from Yuma.

Here are some more grand names. Merlene and Doyle Stephens are Grand-mere and Granddaddy. Vivone and Fred Arnold are Grammy and Grandpa. Bonnie May is Marnie. Fannie Francis is Grammar. Bess McWilliams is Beamer.

## Swisher Electric Offering Two Scholarships to Member Families

Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and employees of Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Applications must be received by February 12. Awards will be presented at the Swisher Electric Annual Meeting on March 25.

### Money 2000+

Pammy Millican, CEA-Ag.

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|                                 | General Fund    | Debt Service Fund | Water Supply Fund | Recreation Fund |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>                |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| Taxes                           | 142,023         | 339,246           |                   |                 |
| Interest                        | 4,620           | 24,206            | 54,618            | 5,737           |
| Miscellaneous                   | 364             | 558               |                   |                 |
| Water Revenues                  |                 |                   | 341,483           |                 |
| Sinking Fund Deposits           |                 |                   | 475,470           |                 |
| Recreation Receipts             |                 |                   |                   | 88,941          |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>           | <b>147,007</b>  | <b>364,010</b>    | <b>871,571</b>    | <b>86,678</b>   |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>           |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| Administrative and Operating    | 166,837         |                   |                   |                 |
| Bond Principal and Interest     |                 | 341,657           |                   |                 |
| Operating Expenses              |                 |                   | 532,544           | 104,019         |
| Bond Interest Expenses          |                 |                   | 311,167           |                 |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>      | <b>166,843</b>  | <b>341,657</b>    | <b>843,711</b>    | <b>104,019</b>  |
| <b>NET</b>                      | <b>(19,830)</b> | <b>22,353</b>     | <b>27,860</b>     | <b>(17,341)</b> |
| Fund Balance October 1, 1997    | 111,417         | 360,647           | (513,328)         | 341,329         |
| Fund Balance September 30, 1998 | 91,587          | 383,000           | (511,468)         | 323,988         |



# Deadline Is Monday For Annual Valentine Page

Grandparents have an opportunity to show off their grandchildren in the Valentine issue of the Briscoe County News.

Deadline for getting your pictures in is Monday, February 8.

Include the children's names, names of the parents and grandparents, and Thursday, February 11, your little Valentines will appear in the paper.

The cost is \$8.00 per heart.

## PCG Reps Prepare For NCC Meeting

Representatives of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and cotton people from across the U. S. are preparing to come together for the National Cotton Council Annual Meeting February 4-8 in Memphis, Tennessee.

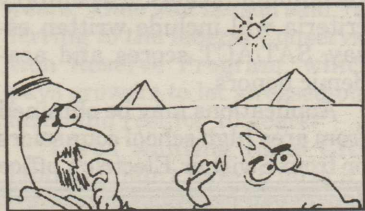
This is an important meeting for the cotton. Efforts to revive the Step 2 program continue and PCG officials will be in the mix as a consensus regarding Step 2 is hammered out among the seven industry segments. Also at the top of many people's agenda is the idea of crop insurance reform and how to improve the safety net beneath producers.

PCG has been actively engaged in efforts to develop new ideas for integration into the reform of federal crop insurance program along with efforts to work out a compromise on Step 2.

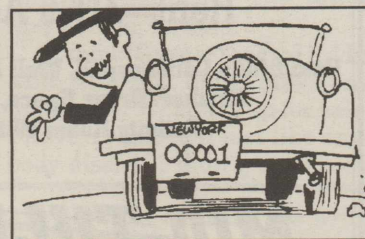
The High Plains will be well represented at the meeting as a number of High Plains cotton pro-

ducers and industry members will be in attendance. Representing PCG on the trip to Memphis are PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and President Don Langston.

Several other PCG members will be in attendance as delegates to the NCC. They include PCG Vice President Ronnie Hopper; PCG Secretary-Treasurer Mark Williams; Van Gaskins, Mike Hughes, Frank Jones and Milton Schneider.



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# How To Grow a Beautiful Lawn

Mowing and spraying lawns here in Lubbock has become a way of life for the Weaks' family. We are beginning our fourteenth season. I get to work side-by-side with my kids during the mowing season. Here in Lubbock getting to work with your kids is as rare as a chicken with teeth. The kids get to see their Dad be human and make a fool of himself on a daily basis! I have taken and completed the Master Gardner course offered through your county agent and Texas A&M. I must take five CEUs per year in lawn chemicals to keep my commercial applicator's license. I find out every summer just how much I don't know. I learn something everyday we go out.

February is the most important month for getting your lawn off to a good start. This is the month to control weeds, whether they are already up and growing or waiting to greet you on a warm Spring day. Within the first two weeks of February you need to apply some kind of pre-emergent herbicide. There are several pre-emergents that work very well. Balan is a good one to use and is available in grnule. Pendulum is a good one that covers a wide range of weeds and grasses. Pendulum is available in either granules or wettable powder. The wettable powder is very easy to use. It comes in little water soluble packets. One packet covers 1000 sq. ft. The residual is three months. Or you can apply Pendulum at the rate of two little packets per 1000 sq. ft. For a six-month residual. You can use a little hand-held sprayer. You will need to calibrate the sprayer to know how many sq. ft. your sprayer covers. After you apply the pre-emergent water your

lawn very good. Apply at least 1" of water. Balan and Pendulum can be applied on Fescue or Bermuda.

The last two weeks of February you need to spray the existing weeds with either Roundup or Finale'. With this crazy weather we have been having be careful with the Roundup. If we have had a few weeks of warm weather, be careful! If your lawn has green leaves showing DO NOT spray it with Roundup, which is a systemic chemical. That means if you get it on just a few leaves it will kill the entire plant. If you do spray your lawn with Roundup even though you have green leaves showing, you will have dead spots in your lawn this Spring. (Yes this is experience talking.) If you have green leaves showing then you will have to use Finale'. Finale' is a contact killer. It only kills what it comes into will only kill the leaves that get sprayed. Finale' is a quicker killer than Roundup. Finale' gets to the roots by gravity. Roundup is translocated by the natural flow of the plant nutrients. In cool/cold weather Roundup may take a few weeks to work. Last February I

sprayed a lady's lawn on Saturday, on the following Wednesday she called me to tell me that her lawn looked like it had been fertilized and I needed to spray her lawn again! As it turned out I did not respray her lawn. It had been getting down to the high 20's at night, the Roundup was just slow to work. Four weeks later when she called me back to let me know every weed was dead! I was sweating bullets. So have patience. If you apply Finale' put in one teaspoon of ammonium sulfate per one gallon of mix. The weeds love it! You will be using the ammonium sulfate in April so if you have to buy a bag of fertilizer it will get used. Try to time the application of Roundup or Finale' to where it doesn't get rained on for at least four hours. Do not water your lawn immediately after applying Roundup or Finale'. Just for the record, don't apply Roundup or Finale' on Fescue lawns. Read and follow label directions on all chemical.

Well that's pretty well it for February. Next month we'll be talking about scalping and my favorite FESCUE!

Go Owls and Lady Owls!  
Victor (Vic) Weaks

## Are you one of the 7 out of 8 who have not prepared a will?

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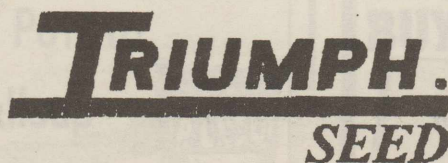
Feb. 17, 1999  
12:00 p.m.  
Ag Show Barn  
Silverton, TX

Triumph Seed Company, Sigco Sun, Silverton Oil & Butane and Flagg Fertilizer are sponsoring a series of informative, educational meetings on confection sunflowers. Topics of discussion will include confection CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, cost analysis of sunflower programs

as compared to corn and sorghum, agronomic tips, and sunflower varieties. In addition, VOLUME AND EARLY PAY DISCOUNTS will be available on Triumph hybrids during each meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about sunflowers and take advantage of discounted seed prices! For more information, please contact:



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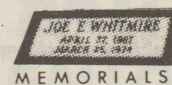


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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
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Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.  
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Sometimes it is all too easy to overlook God, the true source of our being, when we are overwhelmed with so much to do, or obsessed with all the things that we think we need. The primary focus of our lives should not be to just accumulate material things, nor to simply accomplish the various tasks that seem to come our way. We should not deceive ourselves and become complacent just because we are in good health, financially secure, and have all the necessities of life. In this world, these things have a way of changing.

Whenever we need help or support, we usually call upon a friend or relative with whom we have established a good relationship over the years. We all need God, and it is never too soon to start building a loving and trusting relationship with Him. This life is full of ups and downs and we are constantly faced with everyday situations for which we need help. God loves us, and although we may at times forget about Him, He never forgets about us. The Bible tells us that our Heavenly Father will provide for all of the needs of His people.

*But my God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

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Our thanks to each of you for your prayers, love and support through Dad's illness and during our difficult time of loss. We thank you for the cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, plants, memorial donations and all other acts of kindness shown to us. We are so blessed to live in a community that so willingly allows God's love to shine through you.

Lee and Krista Smith and the family of Billy Gerber

## Silverton Library News by Polly Cagle

New paperback books in the library:

"The Man Who Listens To Horses," The Story of a Real-Life Horse Whisperer, by Monty Roberts.

"It all dates from those summers alone in the high desert, me lying on my belly and watching wild horses with my binoculars for hours at a time. Straining to see in the moonlight, striving to fathom mustang ways, I knew instinctively I had chanced upon something important but could not know that it would shape my life. In 1948 I was a boy of thirteen learning the language of horses..."

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