

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Thanks to our sister-in-law, Daisy Sarchet, for an article she sent us about help that is available for finding wildflowerers.

The hot line, operated by the Texas Department of Transportation, can be reached at 800-452-9292.

Wildflower information is available for 79,000 miles along the state highway system.

The hot line will operate through early May. Users can follow a voice-activated menu that offers wildflower information by Texas region. Maps showing the best viewing spots will be available online: www.dot.state.tx.us/wflwr/main.htm

Each year, the state agency spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas roadways. Each pound of 170,000 seeds contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

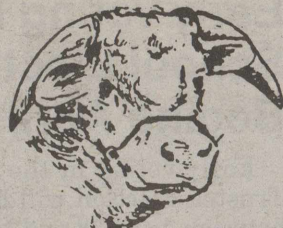
Stan and Waynelle Couch drove to the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Lupe Couch, last Thursday for the celebration of grandson Zachary's third birthday, which was April 6. Brother Kyler also enjoyed the visit with his grandparents.

Attending the Hee Haw Show March 27 at the Fair Theatre in Plainview were Rose Mary Perkins, Eudean Crow, Bettie Ruth Williams, Peggy Garvin, Pat McJimsey, Joy and Clifton Stodghill, Diane and Jack Mayfield.

Joni Bomar furnished us with the names of the cheerleaders and mascot who will be serving during the next school year. The cheerleaders are Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez, Kelsie Estes, Sasha Wood, Brittany Tiffin, Shandy Forbes, and the Owl mascot will be personified by Tory Patton.

T-ball will be available for four-year-olds this summer, and if you need a form to fill out for your son or daughter, contact Bronc or Amy Otis.

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly business meeting and luncheon at the Center Friday, April 16.



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Able Asebedo (right) and his nephew, Weston Howell (left), won first place in the lawn mower tractor pull during the Post Enduro held at Quitaque the weekend of March 13.

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Pet Vaccination Clinic is April 20

A pet vaccination clinic will be held at City Hall in Silverton on Tuesday, April 20, from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Prices of the vaccinations for dogs will be: Rabies, \$12.50; Distemper/Parvo, \$25.50; PLD Wormer, Flea and Tick Medication, \$10.00. For cats, the fees will be: Rabies, \$12.50; PLD Wormer, Flea and Tick Medication, \$10.00.

Republican Runoff Will be Held April 13

Texas Republicans will have a runoff in the Railroad Commissioner race between Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler.

Early voting will be held in the County Clerk's office in the Briscoe County Courthouse during regular business hours each weekday that is not a holiday April 5 - 8.

Election day will be April 13 at the Silverton Senior Citizens Center.

Members of the Methodist Church will host the luncheon.

Language is the picture and counterpart of thought.

Mark Hopkins

Methodists Have Special Pre-Easter Services Planned

A Maundy Thursday Service will be held at the Silverton United Methodist Church during Holy Week Worship services. This special service will begin at 7:00 p.m. April 8 in the church sanctuary.

The following day, Good Friday, a Brown Bag Lunch will be held at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich or your favorite picnic meal and join the fellowship. Drinks will be provided and a Holy Week Devotional will be shared.

Worship will continue on Easter Sunday, April 11, with a sunrise service in the Burson's pasture just south of the cemetery. A campfire, refreshments, music and a message will be shared beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Regular services will be held at the church. Please consider these opportunities to experience "The Passion" of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In any contest between power and patience, bet on patience.

W. B. Prescott

Doppler Dave Comes Into Silverton Like a Cool Breeze

by Lataine Dillard

What a fun night as Weatherman Doppler Dave Oliver spoke at the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday evening, April 3, 2004. He is a very knowledgeable meteorologist, speaker and a fine Christian man.

Oliver worked at KZTV in Corpus Christi and at ABC in Victoria before he came to KFDD, Channel 10, 18 years ago. His wife, Carol, and son, Luke, came with him. They also have a 16-year-old daughter and two dogs, Muffin and Bernie. He loves chili, hunting, camping and fishing.

"I love to visit face to face with families who invite me into their living room every day. People in small towns are hard-working, clean-living and are always willing to lend you a hand.

"God put in me, from birth, a love for weather. I was born in Wichita, Kansas and went to school at the University of Oklahoma where there is lots of interesting weather. On my 'jamies' there was a lightning bolt." When Oliver started drawing cold fronts and dry lines in his Malt-O-Meal at age four, it was decided he really did have an interest in the weather.

"We are having an awesome spring," he continued. "I hope it lasts. Spring starts our wet season and fills the lakes. Not much rain here is Biblical. When the flood came during the days of Noah, we got .04 inches!"

Doppler Dave told the group that he would get a split around his house and his neighbors were thinking of seeding the clouds there.

Then he said he needed to get serious on two main subjects. He spoke of his love for his Savior, Jesus Christ and credited Him with all that he is and for his wife and chil-

dren.

Then he spoke of the 1957 tornado and how it slipped up on folks. He spoke of the national Meteorological Center in Maryland and the viper radar that helps predict the weather now. "It is taking the place of the most effective way the weather had been predicted before," he stated, "when they blew a hole in the wall and put a window in it!"

It is very important to the weathermen, John, Alan and himself, to get the news out and save lives. "I don't think 1957 would be a repeat," Oliver said.

Yes, Doppler Dave Oliver, you were a refreshing breeze coming in and we hope you will come back again, but hopefully not for a tornado. And he did predict rain for Monday and Tuesday!

Jerry Baker Chosen As Citizen of Year

The biggest smile was on Jerry Baker's face as he came forward to claim the 2003 Silverton Citizen of the Year plaque.

The other two nominees were Fred Strange and John Burson.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds read her first-place winning essay about living in a small town. Runners-up were Brandon Stephens and Lori Griffin.

About 140 attended the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Desperados from Amarillo served brisket, sausage, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and all the trimmings.

Many door prizes were given, donated by The Altman Group, Mackenzie Water Authority, Main Street Dollar, Caprock SWCD #126, Silvercot Gin, Cellularone, **See Doppler Dave--**
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Obituaries

LOUIS T. BARBIAN

Graveside services for Louis T. Barbian, 97, of Tulia, who died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday in Plainview Memorial Park with the Rev. Gerald Petsch, pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tulia, officiating. Arrangements were by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Barbian was born October 30, 1906 in Dallas. He was a farmer.

Survivors include two sons, Wilbert Barbian of Rogers, Arkansas and James Barbian of Tulia; three sisters, Barbara Berner and Magalene Young, both of Kress, and Bertha James of Silverton; a brother, Tony Barbian of Kress; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

JASON RANDOLPH BOMAR

Jason Randolph (Jace) Bomar of Denton, Texas, was born December 4, 1970, in Hobbs, New Mexico, to Robert and Linda Bomar. He was only 33 when he passed away on April 2, 2004.

Jason graduated from Midland Lee High School in 1989 and shortly thereafter joined the Navy. After an honorable discharge he attended Midland College where he received his associate degree. He then attended the University of North Texas in Denton. After moving to Denton, he became manager of Express Lane, where he was employed until his death. He was very proud to have been inducted into and become an honorary member of the Theta Chi fraternity.

Jason had a quick wit and an easy smile and was a good

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m. Daily in April

	High	Low	Precip.
1	80	40	
2	79	40	
3	58	48	.43
4	62	44	
5	46	43	.42
6	56	43	T
April Precip.			.85
Normal April Precip.			1.49
Total Precip. in 2004			7.42
Normal Precip. to Date			3.67
Soil Temperature			56°

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m. Daily in March

	High	Low	Precip.
1	50	33	
2	56	32	
3	44	29	.16
4	49	37	.32
5	46	39	1.02
6	57	32	.07
7	68	33	
8	57	34	
9	69	33	
10	64	41	
11	74	41	
12	54	38	
13	54	38	.48
14	60	42	
15	60	42	
16	68	37	
17	72	37	
18	81	39	
19	76	46	
20	88	46	
21	73	47	
22	56	37	
23	71	37	
24	72	52	

friend to many who knew him.

He is survived by the family who loved him, his parents, Rob and Linda Bomar of Midland, and his sister, Melinda of West Haven, Connecticut; his uncles and aunts and their families: Jack and LaQuita Fields of Childress, Gary and Deborah Peckham of Midland, Wylie and Laree Bomar of Lubbock, David and Julia Wagoner of Hereford, Steve and Becky Hysinger of Hereford.

He is also survived by a host of friends in both Denton and Midland who loved and cared about him.

He was a good guy with a big heart.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to: American Sleep Apnea Association, <http://www.sleepapnea.org/dearfriends.html>, 1424 K. Street, NW, Suite 302, Washington, D. C. 20005.

Early Voting In School Election Begins April 28

Early voting in the School Trustee Election will be held between April 28 and May 11,

25	83	55
26	86	56
27	68	61
28	79	42
29	67	42
30	71	37
31	76	36
March Precip.		2.05
Normal Mar. Precip.		.93
Total Precip. in 2004		6.57
Normal Precip. to Date		3.67
Soil Temperature		57°

on each regular school day from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the office of Ramona Martin.

From the Patio
by Nina Martin

April 1 attendance at the Friendship Quilters included Joy Stodghill, Lallie Patton, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins, Ann Norris, Wanda Strange, Nadyne Childress, Linda Bearden and Nina Martin.

We finished Wanda's "Hexagon" quilt. Rose Mary brought "Stars" to put up.



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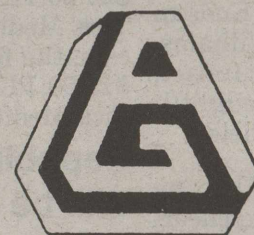
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 "Well, first I have eternal life.
 "I have a mansion in Heaven.
 "I have a peace that passes understanding.
 "I have joy unspeakable.
 "I have a devine love that never fails.
 "I have a pious wife, obedient children and loyal friends.
 I have a Savior who supplies all my needs.
 The assessor closed his book, and said, "Truly, you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 3, 1994--Rain, followed by three inches of snow, gave Silverton a much-needed .48 of an inch of moisture with which to begin the month of March . . . The terms of Charles Sarchet, Flute Hutsell and Dwain Henderson are expiring this year on the Silverton City Council . . . John Christopher White was interviewed in Silverton on the "Texas Country Reporter" last weekend . . . Services conducted for Keyth N. Tiffin, 78 . . . Freshman Class to have Crazy Tournament for fundraiser . . . Owls lost to Groom Tigers in state playoffs . . .

March 1, 1984--Winter storm brings power outage . . . Bern May has been a medical patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell are parents of a daughter, Rebecca Shanique . . . Mrs. Jimmy Stone and daughter, Amber, visited with the Jimmy Stones and Paul A. Ramseys Monday and Tuesday of last week . . . Mrs. Dee Whittington, the former Miss Patti Perkins, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower here Saturday . . .

March 7, 1974--New clinic building going up in Silverton . . . Jerry Brannon was injured Sunday when he caught his arm on a sheet iron fence while breaking a horse east of Quitaque . . . Marvin Self has had to drop out of the track and field program at West Texas State University this spring due to his having contracted mononucleosis . . . Mikel Griffin is recuperating at home with infectious hepatitis . . . Debbie Curtis weds Victor Lee McGavock . . . Storm warning system to be checked today . . . Mrs. Tony Burson continues to receive treatment at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia . . .

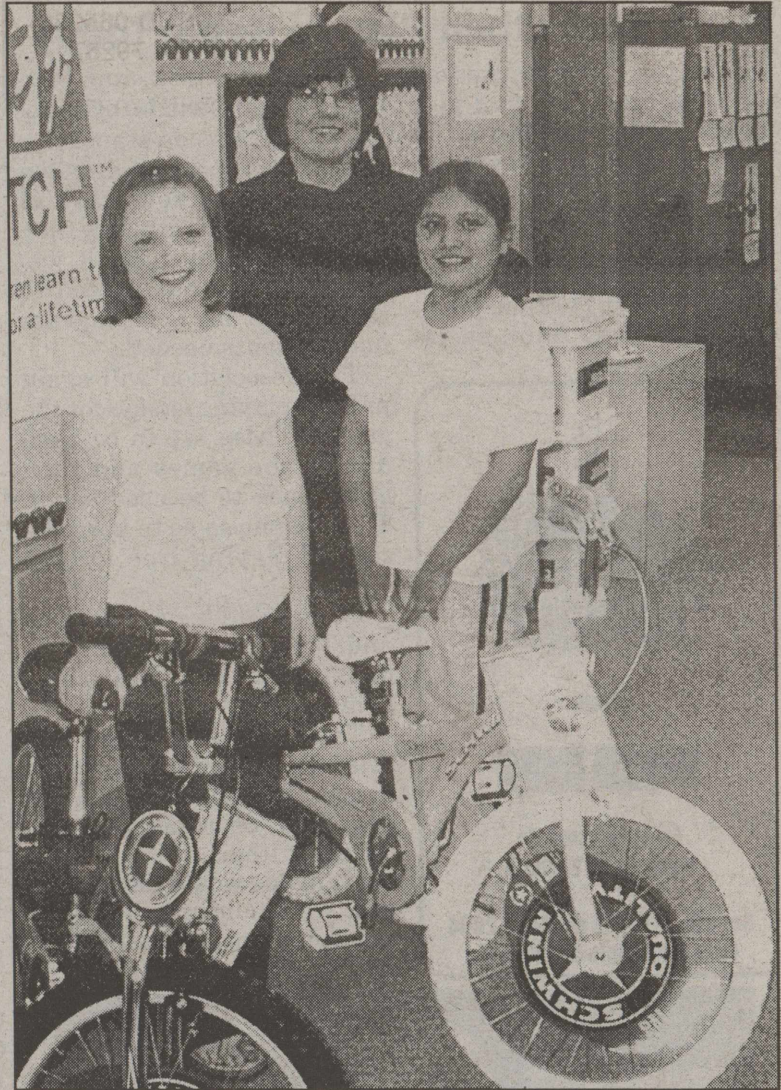
February 27, 1964--The Tule Watershed Planning Committee met at Redin's 66 Restaurant Monday evening, and after a discussion of its historical significance, designated the proposed lake to be located seven miles northwest of Silverton in Briscoe County as Mackenzie Reservoir . . . Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds organized here . . . Troy Jones is new manager at Sa-

lem Dry Goods . . . Homer Stephens underwent surgery in the Medical Arts Hospital in Dallas Wednesday. He was accompanied to Dallas by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, Linda and Janet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McWilliams and family near Quitaque . . .

March 4, 1954--Little Raye Nell Garrison, a second grade pupil in the local school, had the misfortune of breaking both bones in her left leg, just above the ankle, Tuesday afternoon in a fall from playground equipment . . . Honor Boy and Girl are Jack Graham and Ruby Underwood . . . Girls go to Regional Tournament . . . Silverton boys lost to Megargel in Regional game . . . Mrs. Alva C. Jasper and Vici were in Tulia Monday to see the doctor and to visit Pete Stark, father of Mrs. Jasper, who is a patient in the Tulia hospital . . . Mrs. Garland Francis is hostess to Helping Hand Club . . . Mrs. Esdell Hutsell is hostess to Century of Progress Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble are parents of a son, born at the local hospital early Monday, March 1 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Printz Brown left Wednesday morning for Sacramento, California

March 4, 1944--News offers \$10 prize for tall tale . . . Bob Olive and Bill Long took Thomas to Amarillo Friday to start his return trip to Florida, where he is stationed . . . Teresa Crass spent the weekend with Glenna Campbell . . . Red Cross drive gets off to good start here . . . Andrew Edwards was one of the first of the boys to go overseas. He has been in combat areas in North Africa, Sicily and is now on the front near Rome . . . Edward Edwards is now with his ship in the South Pacific. He has been in several major engagements . . . Harley Chappell is now on his way overseas. He has been in service less than six months . . . Valton Chappell is stationed at Pampa. He has been in service 18 months and is with the Army Air Force . . .

March 6, 1964--The yard at the Briscoe County Courthouse is being plowed and leveled this week in preparation for seeding a new bermuda lawn . . . The public is invited to open house at Brown-McMurtry Implement Tuesday . . . Lewis-Davis Ford burglarized . . . Neighbors plowed the farm land and stacked feed for Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Thurman last week. Mr. Thurman has been seriously ill and a patient at the Lockney Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones spent the weekend in Oklahoma City with Mrs. Susie Jones and other rela-



Silverton School Principal Sheryl Weaver was pictured with the winners of the bicycle drawings in the CATCH program, Ashley Smith and Selena Hernandez. See related story on Page Six. *Briscoe County News Photo*

tives . . . Jealeta Eddleman, Student Council president, announced in assembly that Joe Self and Linda Harvell were winners of the TWIRP WEEK awards . . .

The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page. St. Augustine

A hitter's impatience is the pitcher's biggest advantage. Pete Rose

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Youth Basketball Play to Begin Today

Silverton Youth Basketball has been organized and play begins April 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Owl gym.

There are a few changes, but most will remain unchanged.

New officers elected for 2004 are Scott Perkins, president, and Susy Saul, secretary-treasurer.



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NORMA JONES

En la eleccion de Consejo de Escuela

Sabado, el dia 15 de Mayo, 2004
En el municipio de Silverton

Kevin Womack and Barbara Deckard will be overseeing the concession stand.

Tonnette Perkins has taken on the tremendous task of scheduling. This is a very time consuming and difficult job. Tonnette also has agreed to take care of any notes and announcements needed.

The association will again provide playing jerseys for the games. These are to be used during the games and then given back to be used again. This is done so as to keep the cost of playing free for the kids.

Games will be on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The concession stand will offer the usual candy and drinks, as well as nachos, hot dogs and, on occasion, some different items.

If anyone would like to help out, we would gladly accept any donations, such as brownies, Rice Krispy treats or cook-

Tri-County Meals for Homebound

Tri-County Meals board members met March 30, 2004, to go over the budget to send in for a grant.

The list of qualified recipients from Quitaque, Turkey, Silverton and Flomot has doubled since the last report. There are now around 50.

If you know of anyone that would qualify, call Kay Calvert, 455-1275; Dorothy Johnson, 823-2223; George Colvin, 423-1490, or Suzie Shannon, 469-5357. Volunteers will be needed to deliver meals three days a week, so please call one of these members if you could help one day

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 12 -- No School

Tuesday, April 13--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, April 14--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 15--Chicken Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, April 16--Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pudding, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 8--Odd Period Six Weeks Tests; Board Meeting; Senior Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 9--No School
Monday, April 12 -- No School

Tuesday, April 13--Academic Banquet, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14--Baptist Church Senior Luncheon

Friday, April 16--Immunization Clinic, 9:30 - 11:30; Area Track Meet @ Frenship

Saturday, April 17--FFA Area Contests @ Texas Tech.

Make plans now to come out and enjoy this time as the future Silverton Owls and Lady Owls learn and have fun.

Any questions can be answered by calling Scott Perkins, 823-2360, or Susy Saul, 823-2470.

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Persons over 62 coming home from hospitals will qualify for short terms of approximately six weeks.

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CLEANER AIR POSSIBLE

Everyone wants clean air, but buying an expensive air cleaner is not always the answer. First, find out what is causing the indoor air problem. Remove it if possible. Get rid of air pollutants by letting more outdoor air in. Open a window. An air cleaner may be used successfully as a supplement. Visit fcs.tamu.edu and click on "housing and environment" for more information about cleaning indoor air.

Happy Birthday-

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

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

April 10--Debra Smith, Allison Turner, Amber Oldham, Donna McWaters, Robert Gragson, Joseph M. Klein, sr.

April 11--Josh Brooks
April 12--Cindy Johnson, Marvin Self, James Ortiz

April 13--Kelly Ryan Bomar, Linda McWilliams Miller, April DeLeon

April 14--Macy Brannon

Turkey Shoot Set At Nazareth Apr. 18

The Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department is holding a turkey shoot on Sunday, April 18, starting at 1:00 p.m. Also

with night shooting. Located in the draw four miles north of Nazareth on Highway 168.

There will be annie-oakleys, buddy-oakleys, monkey-oakleys, bushwackers, etc. Cash prizes will be awarded! Also with added bonus of gift certificates at certain times during the day.

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New Arrivals

Lois and Roy Mack Walker are great-grandparents again!

Baxton Taylor Kidd was born March 31 in Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces. His parents are Jaime and Cody Kidd of Canyon.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Karen Walker of Amarillo

and David and D'Ann Kidd of Canyon. He has one cousin, Emma Irlbeck, of Amarillo.

Announcement is being made of the birth of Carlie Brienne McCutchen on March 12, 2004 at 7:45 a.m. She weighed nine pounds 7.5 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches on arrival.

She is the daughter of Allan

and Christy McCutchen.

Proud grandparents are Lexie McCutchen and Milburn Bunn, Travis and Vicky Gilkeyson and Pat Contreras. Great-grandparents are Lou Younger, Louis and Lily Contreras.

Happy Anniversary

April 8--Mr. and Mrs. Zane Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin

Womack

April 11--Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith

April 14--Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May

Doppler Dave

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Marcus Aurelius

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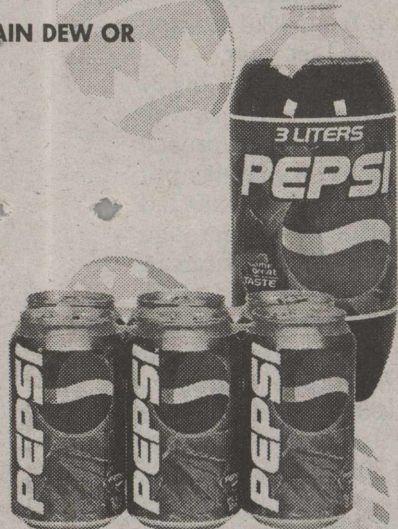
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Second, Third Grade Fun Night Held

The second and third grade family fun night, the Easter Bunny Hop, was held here April 5.

"In 2001 our legislators passed Coordinated Health program legislation that

would impact health behaviors of elementary children. All schools will be required to implement this legislation by the year 2007," said school principal Sheryl Weaver. "The legislation was passed in an

attempt to change the current trend of overweight and obesity in America's children. If this trend is not reversed, the upcoming generation will have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. The latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that 15% of American children weigh too much and in Texas, 22% of fourth graders, 19% of eighth graders, and 16% of eleventh graders are overweight or obese," Mrs. Weaver continued.

"Our third grade class has been participating in the CATCH program this year. CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health and our school has been fortunate enough to be included in a grant for train-

ing and funding of this program. There are four components to the CATCH program. There is classroom curriculum for Health, a physical education component, a school food service part, and a family partnership component.

"We are very excited about this program and we wanted you to be involved in it with us. We invited the second graders so we could introduce you and your parents to what you will be learning next year. The second graders already are doing the Physical Education component along with our third graders.

"The members of the CATCH committee are Ryan Dykes, Ennis Erickson, Shelley Brock, Tina Nance, Betty Hall, Lana Burson,

Linda Moore, Kari Patton and myself," Mrs. Weaver concluded.

Demonstrations conducted under the direction of Shelley Brock included Fat Demo, Kids Demo, Walk, Tour Third Grade, Snack and two drawings.

In the drawings for two new bicycles, the winners were Selena Hernandez and Ashley Smith. (See related picture on Page Three.)

Cotton Market Weekly

Provided by Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange closed lower after the release of a bearish acreage report released by USDA on Wednesday, March 31.

According to data compiled from a survey completed by producers in mid-March, USDA now anticipates a 7 percent increase in U. S. cotton plantings to 14.4 million acres in 2004, up from 13.4 million planted acres last year.

USDA marked almost every cotton planting state in the United States for an increase in 2004 except for Mississippi and North Carolina. Texas led the way in the overall acreage increase as cotton plantings in the state are expected to rise to 6.1 million acres in the upcoming year from 5.6 million in 2003. Oklahoma producers are expected to plant 210,000 acres to cotton in 2004, as compared to 180,000 the previous year, while farmers in Kansas most likely will plant 130,000 acres of cotton, up from 90,000 in 2003.

The anticipated increase in 2004 U. S. cotton acreage has been met with some skepticism from market observers who believe the actual planting figure will be considerably lower.

"The planted acreage is likely to move lower because of the competitiveness of soybeans and corn," an analyst said. "Spikes in soybean prices to over 15-year highs likely will lure acres away from cotton during the 2004 spring planting season," he explained.

In other news, USDA reported U. S. cotton shipments for the week ended March 25 hit a marketing year high of 395,900 bales which was well above average trade expectations of 300,000 bales. Total net export sales for the same

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James Mayfield
Minister

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

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Jerry Becknal, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY:
Ladies Bible Study.....8:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
SECOND WEDNESDAY:
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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

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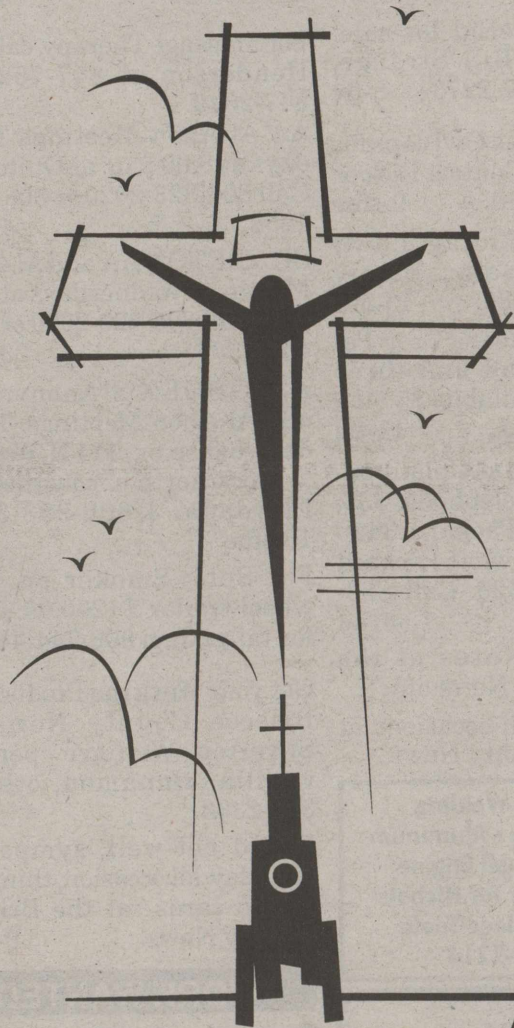
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Cotton News--

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period were 55,200 bales, 55 percent lower than one week earlier and a 73 percent decrease from the four-week average.

China again was the top buyer and shipper of U. S. cotton with purchases of 53,500 bales and shipments of 187,900 bales. Total Chinese purchases at this point of the 2003-04 marketing year now stand at 4.47 million bales versus 1.66 million at the same time last year, according to USDA data.

"The shipment figure was not only a marketing year peak, but an all-time high," said one cotton market observer. "Still, the sales were disappointing and would not be enough to turn futures prices around," she concluded.

Sales were sluggish in the spot cotton market as producers remain reluctant to sell their cotton at current prices. During the five trading days ended April 1, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold just 46 bales online, a decrease from the previous week when 339 bales were sold.

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The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive all technicalities.

/s/ Wayne Nance
County Judge
Briscoe County, Texas
15-4tc

Meanwhile, the 2004 cotton crop is off to a good start in South Texas. Sunny and warm conditions were reported throughout most of the state this week, but rain is forecast for this weekend. Although the precipitation will halt the application of pre-plant herbicides and fertilizer on the Texas High and Rolling Plains, it will help improve soil moisture levels. A slight chance of precipitation is forecast for South Texas, but since planting is nearing an end in the Coastal Bend area, the moisture would be welcome there. In the Rio Grande Valley, young stands are developing normally, and a slow, soaking rain would benefit the crop.

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