# Swisher Electric to Observe 50th Anniversary at Annual Meeting 

Incorporated on September 30 1939, Swisher Electric Coopera tive will be commemorating its fiftieth anniversary year Satur day, March 18, at its annual membership meeting.

Lois Wales, national Co-Ener gy Chairperson for W.I.F.E., will be the featured speaker Saturday at the meeting at the cooperative's headquarters in Tulia. Mrs. Wales, a Dimmitt resident, has worked with the Texas and the national American Corn Growers associations on ethanol issues. In October, she attended the National Ethanol Conference in Washington, D. C Mrs. Wales is also the Texas Energy Issue Chairperson of


Lois Wales

## March 22 is Filing Deadline for Elections

Both Silverton Independent School District and the City of Silverton will be conducting elections on Saturday, May 6. Filing deadline for the two entities is Wednesday, March 22.
The terms of Mayor A. R. Martin and Councilmen John Bowman and Lynn Frizzell are expiring this year, as are the terms of School Trustees Cathey terms of School Trustees Cathey Weaks, Carolyn Lowrey and Jack Graham. These vacancies
will have to be filled in the

## Pet Vaccination

 Clinic is March 30A pet vaccination clinic will be conducted at the City Hall in Silverton Thursday, March 30, from 3:00 until 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Paul Glasson, veterinarian from Lockney, will administer the shots to the dogs and cats of this area.

## School to Observe Easter Holiday

Thursday, March 23 , will be an early-out day in the Silverton Schools, with classes dismissing and buses running at 1:30 p.m.
The school will remain closed Friday, March 24, and Monday, March 27.
Monday had been set aside as a "snow" day, and if there is no snow this week, Monday will become part of the Easter holiday.
elections which will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. May 6 at the City Hall in Silverton.
If you wish to be listed on the City ballot as a candidate for Mayor or Councilman, you should contact Jerry Patton at the City Hall.
If you would like to offer yourself as a candidate for School Trustee, you may do so in the office of the superintendent of schools.
Absentee voting for both elec tions will be open from April 17 through May 2.

## Senior Boosters To Sponsor <br> Tournament

Silverton's Senior Boosters will be sponsoring a volleyball tournament March 16-17-18 in the school gym. There will be men's, women's and mixed divisions.
You are invited to come out and enjoy the games and homemade ice cream from the conces sion stand.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

TO MEET FRIDAY
Silverton Senior Citizens will meet at the center Friday for their monthly luncheon and business meeting, with the ladies from the Rock Creek Church as hostesses for the luncheon.
A children's choir will enter tain from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m.
W.I.F.E, and has served in the following capacities with W.I.F.E.: National Hazardous Waste Issue Chairperson, past charter President of Dimmitt charter President of Dimmitt Chapter of W.I.F.E., and past
Secretary of Texas W.I.F.E. Secretary of Texas W.I.F.E.
organization. Her work has concentrated on generating agricultural issues through W.I.F.E.
Registration for the coopera tive's annual meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, with the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. Business to be conducted by the members at the meeting includes the election of three directors listening to reports from Board President Charles Kay, the Board Secretary's report, the auditor's report, and the report of General Manager Lyle Robinson.
Other highlights of the meeting will include C. D. Taylor, the first President of the Board, offering a welcome and a recollection of the first board meeting in 1939. Ernie's Barbecue will in 1939. Ernie's Barbecue will cater a meal for members and
their families and guests, and their families and guests, and
invited guests of the cooperative beginning at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m.
Between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the cooperative will be showing informative videos regarding earth energy heat pumps, rural TV satellite programs, electrical safety, and the rural electric youth tour sponsored by the cooperative
Master of ceremonies Kenneth Wyatt will keep the audience's attention at the meeting with his humorous remarks and the drawing for door prizes. During the business meeting, the children of members and guests will be entertained at the Royal Theatre with the showing of "Ghostbusters." Guests are welcome to participate in all the activities with the exception of voting and the drawing for door prizes, which.are reserved for active members of the cooperative (those receiving service).

## PTA Update

Bring your favorite salad or covered dish to the PTA meeting for a salad supper and officer's election in the school cafeteria Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.
If you are unable to attend the supper at 7:00, we urge you to come later for the election of 1989-90 PTA officers.


All-District Selections-(back row, left to right) Neal Edwards and Bradley Brunson, named to the AllDistrict second team, and Jamie Frizzell, chosen as a member of the All-District first team; (front, left to right) Brian Martin, named to the All-District academic team; Kendal Minyard, honorable mention for the All-District team, and Teddy Hubbard, a member of the All-District academic team.

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## All-District Teams Are Announced Here

Selected as members of the girls All-District basketball team were Tammie Henard and Kimberly Macina, both of Samnorwood; Misty Magee, Kim Beaver wood; Marla McAnear, all of and Da
Chosen for the girls All-Dis trict second team were Leslie Lindsey, Samnorwood; Alicia Reynolds, McLean; Gina Conne and Shadi Mullin, Valley; Julie Graham and Tracy Tomlin, both of Silverton.
Named to the boys All-District team were Sid Brass and Donald Harris, both of McLean; Rob Harris, both of McLean; Rob Sharp, Samnorwood; Chad Wiggins, Lakeviev,
Chosen as members of the
Mrs. Flute (Junis) Hutsell entered High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Saturday, and has been undergoing treatment for pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg visited his sister, Betty Olive, Sunday

All-District second team were John Rosalez and Rudie Gon zalez, both of Lakeview; Neal Edwards and Bradley Brunson, both of Silverton, and Quinton Brown, McLean.

## One-Act Play to Be Presented Today

The Silverton High School One-Act Play, "Dear Papa," will be presented for public viewing March 16 (today) in the school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
The cast of characters includes Gran Harper, played by John Cavitt; Miss Huxtable, portrayed by Tracy Tomlin; Esther Trumble, played by Julie Towe; Emmaline Trimble, played by Penni Fogerson, and Edna Trimble, portrayed by Tara Nance.
The crew consists of Teddy Hubbard, Joey Leal and Amy Ramsey.
The play is directed by Juannah Jennings.
Admission will be $\$ 2.00$ for adults and $\$ 1.00$ for students.

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the ceremony was a combination the ceremony was a combination of both. My brother and sister-in-
law hosted a lovely rehearsal law hosted a lovely rehearsal
dinner, to which the bride's dinner, to which the bride's family was unaccustomed, but it was a very pleasant interlude with good food and service and I was very proud when my brothe was able to introduce everyone there by name and relationship and name of spouse when he, too, had just met many of them. (He had just met many of them. (He "Cousin" Dominic right.)
Cousin" Dominic right.)
It was the first time I had ever been present at a dinner party where the waiters unfolded the napkin and placed it in your lap for you. One of the friendly waiters had a little joke to tell ust before everyone left. "Ther was a Texan in New York," he said, "and he drove into a said, and he drove into gasoine station. After the tank had been filled, he came to the
window and asked, 'How's your oil?' And the Texan replied, 'We'all's just fine; how's you'all."
The ceremony was performed in a very beautiful Catholic Church out among the pine trees in a wooded area of Houston near Spring, not by a priest but by a Spring, not by a priest but by a deacon with whom Brad and Theresa had established a friend-
ly relationship while enjoying ly relationship while enjoying
dinner prepared by his wife in their home earlier in the week.
The unity-candle lighting ceremony was added and there was no mass.
The New York traditions were very much in evidence at the reception dinner-dance, where reception dinner-dance, where
tables seating eight circled the tables seating eight circled the
dance floor and a band played dance floor and a band played
selections including love songs, western music and others. It would have brought tears to the eyes of the hardest-hearted person when the bride and her father danced alone to the melody of "Daddy's Little Girl." The strains of "New York, New York" were heard along with "Hork were heard along with York folks watched a moment York folks watched a moment
and then joined in for "Cotton and then joined in for "Cotton Eyed Joe." Music varied from fast disco numbers to slow waltzes to "The Bunny Hop," taking into consideration the preferences of those present who ranged in age from three to their eighties.

There had been a long buffet of appetizers served in an anti-room before the doors of the banquet hall were opened, and these hall were opened, and these
included many delicacies includincluded many delicacies includ-
ing shrimp. Inside, a delicious ing shrimp. Inside, a delicious
four-course meal was served four-course and the wedding cakes as dessert. After all the guests were seated, the parents of the couple, members of the wedding party and last, the bride and groom, and last, the brid
Instead of forming a receiving line, the bride and groom visited personally with everyone there circling the room and going from table to table giving everyone a chance to chat with them and have a closeup look at the bride's beautiful gown which she wore throughout the evening.
When I went to thank Terry and Vivian Laprise for their and Vivian Laprise for their
hospitality and compliment them on the very nice reception, her relatives told me, "We say goodbye with a kiss," and each gave me a hug and a kiss on the cheek in parting.

As we left the chandelier-hung ballroom, "Uncle" Mario was re-entering, and I thanked him


Last week Buck and Virginia Hardin and their grandson, Chance Patrick, planted the three large red maple trees donated by Jim and Sheila Reid of Coulter Gardens in Amarillo for Silverton's downtown Pocket Park.

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for being so friendly and kind and not laughing at my " $y$ 'alls," and he graciously replied, "We're the ones with the accent and we're on your turf." (He doesn't even know how different "my turf" is know how dif I the I from Houston!) I told him that I realized that we might never see one another again, but that I had enjoyed meeting his family and appreciated their warm friendliness.

Any doubts I had held earlier in the courtship and engagement about whether this marriage could work were dispelled as I saw my nephew basking in the warm light of his acceptance into warm light of his acceptance into the signs of deep affection the signs of deep affecti
between the bride and groom.
I saw the couple once more as they were checking out of the hotel early Sunday morning to leave for the airport where they were to board their plane for the flight at 8:00 a.m. to San Juan, Puerto Rico where they were to uerd a ship for their Caribbean ooard a ship for their Caribbean cruise. He hadn't told her where he was taking her, only that she should pack for warm weather. They were very tired and sleepy, but she was still being a good sport about being teased that he was taking her to South Padre for their honeymoon. Somehow I believe they will be a happy couple and their marriage will endure the storms that surely are ahead of them

Institutes of learning were first called "universities" in the twelfth century.

## Cholesterol Screening Will be March 29

A county-wide cholesterol screening, sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Committee, will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the City Hall in Silverton.
The Red Cross from Lubbock will do the cholesterol check. Cost is $\$ 6.00$, and results are available in minutes.
A cholesterol exhibit, wellness slide presentation, blood pressure check, computerized health risk appraisal, and cholesterol publications are a part of the free services available throughout the day.
Citizens are asked to mark this date on their calendars and plan to participate in this health education program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
For further information, contact County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson at 823-2131.


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saws and many other useful items . . . Gerald James of the Rock Creek community has accepted a position as butcher with Nance's Food Store . . . Dinner guests in the M. B. Self home Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martell Grover are parents of a son, Gail Grove

March 16, 1939-Gerald Smith and Miss Anna Mae Martin united in marriage Saturday afternoon in Amarillo . . . With Miss Freda Lee Elliston featured in a choir of 200 voices, Texas State College for Women's final Choral Symphony concert of the year will be presented Thursday evening . Kansas men impressed by J. H. Burson Herefords . . Miss Hazel Merrell
and Mr. Frank Wallace united in marriage . . . M. A. Holloman probably had the hardest luck of anyone this week. He put a brand-new Chevrolet truck on the job at the caprock this week and the very first load, wrecked the truck. The driver Eddie Morris, evidently got a little too close to the edge of the fill and over went the truck and rolled clear to the bottom and was almost a complete wreck. The driver was slightly injured . . . A. L. McMurtry and True Burson listed as candidates for school trustee . . . Silverton defeats Quitaque in boxing, with the bout of the evening being bebout of the evening being between Han Bran way
before, but Hank really went to town on him and emerged the winner. Hank proved that he knows what he's about as far as boxing is concerned . . . The Los Lingos Hotel, which has been closed since January, has recently been opened for business by Mrs. O. E. Hutchison of Quitaque


A newly hatched alligato is just eight inches long. It will grow about a foot a year until it reaches the average adult length of six to eight feet

Plainview Monday . . . Wylie Bomar III to exchange marriage . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West to observe fortieth wedding anniobserve fortieth wedding anni-
versary . . Nancy Lou Reynolds is bride of Ken Daryl Wood Mrs. Ashel McDaniel has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital...
March 13, 1969-Daniel Geron Shelton buried here Tuesday . . . Ricki June Rampley listed on dean's honor roll at Southwestern State in Oklahoma
Debbie Dickerson on dean's honor roll at Tech . . . The anniversaries of the former Delma Dean and Deal Self were celebrated Sunday in the W. T. Masey home. Delma Dean is Mrs. W. T. Masey. The couple has two sons, George and Harve. Deal is Mrs. O. L. McGowen and she and Mr. McGowen are parents of a son, Steve . . . Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lark Miller were their daughter, Mrs. Joan Crawford and daughter, of Garland . . . Jimmy Myers received Outstanding Young Farmer Award . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Hyatt are parents of a son, Heath Arnold . . . Danny Vaughan, Max Weaver, Larry Comer, Gary Martin and Roy Dale Wood placed fifth in the judging contest held in conjunction with the fat stock show in Pampa ... Cynthia Sutton selected for State FHA Choir ...
March 12, 1959-Mrs. Lena Northcutt honored on 84th birthday . Miss Wanda Louis Alcorn, Delbert Leonard Mattheus exchange wedding vows at Prousidence ... B. D. Fanning, 76, buried Tuesday ... Haylake Club meets with Mrs. Clarence Gaither ... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange and children were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clauda B. Welch and children near Parnell .

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin May and children of Abilene spent Friday and Saturday here with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May . . . Miss Thada Lackey united in marriage to J. C. Fowler . . . Mr. and Mrs. Minyard Long are parents of a daughter, Carolyn Dean . . . Jim Mercer is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock this week where he is being treated for a back injury . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Guest of Floydada and Mrs. Normal Strange returned home early this week after a ten-day vacation on the Gulf Coast
Robert Bomar underwent an appendectomy at the Tulia hospital Friday morning of last week .

March 17, 1949-Owls win first baseball game of season over Flomot Longhorns, 7-3 . . . Mrs. Cecil Seaney honored with miscellaneous shower . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Boyce and son, Garry, visited his sister and family, Mrs. Don Garrison and other relatives, last week . . . Janice

Donnell fell and broke her arm at school Friday ... C. R. Badgett of Quitaque buys Ballard Drug Funeral services for Mrs. S. B. Gilkeyson held Tuesday . . . Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Mrs. Bill Price of Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Campbell Friday at Dou gherty . . . Mr. and Mrs. Amp Boling visited Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg Sunday . . . Cecil Seaney was honored with a shower Saturday night in the home of George Long. Assistant hosts were Billie Wood, Norlan Dudley, Carl D. Bomar, Jack Strange and L. D. Griffin. Cold refreshments were served after which Cecil received miscellaneous gifts, which included pliers screwdrivers, baby chicks, hack


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Lane Garvin assisted his daughter, Brooke, in getting her kite off the ground last week when the Kindergarten class had its annual Kite Flying Day.

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## Rebates Continue To Rise in Texas <br> cent; Idalou, \$2,919.73, up 144.2

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that March's city sales tax rebates, which reflect sales made in January, were up by an average of 27 percent statewide.

Although consumers usually slow down their spending in January, this is a good sign that the state's economic engine is running strong and steady," Bullock said.
Checks totaling $\$ 61.7$ million were sent to 888 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent. Bullock said that's an impressive gain over last year's March payments to cities, which was payments to cities, which
just $\$ 48.6$ million statewide.
Bullock added that 26 cities that began collecting an optional half-percent local sales tax in January received their first payments with this month's allocation.
According to Bullock, a total of 5.9 million was allocated to 91 counties that collect the one-half percent county sales tax. Ten counties that began imposing the local sales tax this year received their first allocation in March.
March's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the Comptroller's office by February 21.

In Briscoe County, the rebate checks for Silverton and Quitaque were up an average 17.38 percent. Silverton's check was $\$ 1,002.01$, which was lower than that received for the same month last year but which brought the 1989 year-to-date figure to $\$ 5$,138.06, up 12.01 percent from the $\$ 4,587.30$ that had been received at this same time last year.
Quitaque's check was for $\$ 542.24$, and since that community received no check for this same month last year it was considerably higher. This brought the 1989 rebates to $\$ 3,053.80$, up 27.69 percent from the $\$ 2,391.64$ that had been received at this same time last year.
Area cities, the amount of their current rebate and the percentage of its increase or decrease include Claude, \$1, 935.63 , up 0.64 percent; Groom $\$ 2,119.75$, up 31.62 percent; Hart, $\$ 942.15$, down 9.09 percent; Nazareth, $\$ 1,041.28$, up 7.34 percent; Childress, \$15,781.98, up 9.07 percent; Paducah, $\$ 3,231.68$, up 7.03 percent; Cros byton, $\$ 3,268.93$, up 7.47 percent Lorenzo, $\$ 1,412.74$, up 2.88 per cent; Ralls, $\$ 2,962.24$, up 11.73 percent; Dickens, $\$ 826.61$, down 34.39 percent; Spur, \$0, down 87.29 percent; Clarendon, \$6, 87.29 percent; Clarendon, $\$ 6$,
041.45 , up 13.94 percent; Hedley, 041.45, up 13.94 percent; Hedley,
\$0, down 24.15 percent; Howard\$0, down 24.15 percent; Howard-
wick, $\$ 0$, down 30.31 percent; Floydada, $\$ 5,998.79$, up 15.97 percent; Lockney, $\$ 3,886.46$, up 145.45 percent; Lefors, \$0, up 18.29 percent; McLean, \$1,252.96, down 1.54 percent; Pampa, $\$ 95,286.68$, up 13.47 percent; Plainview, $\$ 117,192.29$, up 49.93 percent; Estelline, $\$ 642.48$, up 1.86 percent; Lakeview, \$0, down 46.35 percent; Memphis, \$5,829.15 , down 16.44 percent, Turkey, \$0, down 20.25 percent; Jayton, \$0, down 23.55 percent; Higgins, $\$ 610.96$, up 9.25 per
percent; Lubbock, \$919,411.05, up 15.37 percent; New Deal $\$ 595.69$, up 14.91 percent; Mata dor, $\$ 940.46$, up 8.71 percent; Roaring Springs, \$964.19, up 15.76 percent; Amarillo, $\$ 795$, 329.66 , up 10.24 percent; Canyon, $\$ 25,454.46$, up 10.51 percent; $\$ 25,454.46$, up 10.51 percent;
Happy, $\$ 687.43$, up 538.96 perHappy, $\$ 687.43$, up 538.96 per-
cent; Kress, $\$ 822.00$, up 503.95 cent; Kress, $\$ 822.00$, up 503.95
percent; Tulia, $\$ 13,127.44$, up 54.78 percent.

## Rep. Bill Sarpalius Appointed to Four Subcommittees

U. S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, less than one month after being appointed to the House Agriculture Committee, received assignments to four of that committee's most prestigious subcommittees.
Sarpalius this week learned he has been appointed to the following subcommittees: Conservation, Credit and Rural servation, Credit and Rural
Development; Cotton, Rice and Sugar; Domestic Marketing Consumer Relations and Nutrition; and Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains.
The congressman said he believes the appointments represent a coup for the people of the 13th District.
"These four subcommittees are going to play a big role in writing the 1990 Farm Bill," said Sarpalius, D-amarillo, "and the 1990 Farm Bill is going to have a big impact on the economy of our district. I'm just grateful we're going to be in an even stronger position as a district to have an impact on the process."

Sarpalius said the Conserva tion, Credit and Rural Develoption, Credit and Rural Develop
ment Subcommittee in particular ment Subcommittee in particular
would be pivotal in the Farm Bill would be pivotal in the Farm Bill
process. That subcommittee has process. That subcommittee has
jurisdiction over the Agricultura Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers farm subsidy programs.

The other three subcommittees, he said, also will be of critical importance.
"When you consider how im portant wheat and the other feed grains, cotton and marketing are to our district, you can begin to see the importance of these subcommittees," Sarpalius said.
Sarpalius said he cannot emphasize enough the role these subcommittees can play in im

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proving the economy of Northwest Texas.
"Our congressional district is the fifth-largest cotton producing district in the nation," he said. We are among the state's leaders in producing wheat and other feed grains. Agriculture is a vital part of our district's a vital p
"By getting on four very mportant subcommittees, we're n a position to make sure the district's priorities are heard when the 1990 Farm Bill is written. If we can get a good farm bill next year, we can take a big step toward getting this district's economy moving again."

## SILVERTON SCHOOL <br> LUNCHROOM MENU

 March 20-23Monday-Soft Burritoes, Salad, Chips and Taco Sauce, Brownie, Milk
Tuesday - Vegetable Soup, Sandwich, Fruit and Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Loaf Bread, Fruit and Jello, Milk
Thursday-Steak and Gravy Baked Potatoes, Green Beans Hot Rolls, Peanut Butter and Honey, Milk
There will be no school Friday because of it being part of the Easter holiday.

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Displaying their "floats" in the Book Parade last Friday afternoon were (left to right) Charlie Bomar and Ryan Minyard.

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Pictured are (left to right) Shauna Kingery, Andy Bullock and Windy Wood as they took part in the Book Parade last Friday afternoon in front of the school buildings.

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## 'Fangtastic' Event Scheduled at Waurika

The 28th annual Waurika "Fangtastic" Rattlesnake Hunt sponsored by the Waurika Volunteer Fire Department and Jaycees is scheduled for March 18-19 with activities to begin at 8:00 a.m. both days. A registration a.m. both days. A registration fee of $\$ 2.00$ per hunter is required to hunt for fanged rattlers and is good for both days with registration opening at 8:00 a.m. both days.

Snake catchers and sacks are available for rent or sale.
The longest snake captured will be auctioned and trophies will be awarded Sunday evening, March 19. Trophies or cash will March 19. Trophies or cash will
be given for several classificabe given for several
tions of snakes caught.
First-place money for the longest snake caught is $\$ 200.00$ second place is $\$ 175.00$; third place is $\$ 150.00$; and fourth place is $\$ 125.00$, plus a bonus for live rattlers over six feet long. An
added money prize provided by the Lawton Coca-Cola Company. First-place prize for the snake with the most rattlers is $\$ 75.00$; second place is $\$ 50.00$, and third place is $\$ 25.00$. There will be four specially marked snakes released in the hunt area and will be worth $\$ 25.00$ each if recaptured.
First, second and third place trophies will be awarded for the trophies will be awarded for the
shortest snakes caught. Trophies shortest snakes caught. Trophies
will also be awarded each day for will also be awarded each day for
the longest snake brought in by a the longest snake brought in by a
first-time hunter. All snakes first-time hunter. All snakes entered for prizes must be alive at the time of the contest and all snakes entered become the property of the Waurika Rattlesnake Hunt. All live rattlesnakes turned in will be purchased for top market prices. No gassed top market prices. No gassed
snakes will be purchased and no snakes will be purchased and no
gas or firearms are allowed in the gas or firear
hunt areas.

A Chinese artist of the 1920's, Huang Erhnan, painted designs on silk cloth using his tongue as a brush.

## Little Dribblers Off to Great Season Start

Little Dribblers basketball got underway on Tuesday, March 8th. In the first game of third and fourth graders, Marsha Brunson's Yellow team defeated James Edwards' Red team 20 to 5. Scoring for the Red team were Minerva Patino, three points, Minerva Patino, three points,
and Anthony Gamble, two and Anthony Gamble, two points. Scoring for the Yellow
team were Trey Wyatt, 10; team were Trey Wyatt, 10;
Kenzie Burson, four; Lacy Brunson, four, and Kimmie Blazier, two points.
Max Weaver's fifth and sixth grade Green team defeated Lynn and Connie Smith's Purple team, 26 to 8. Scoring for the Purple team were Manuel Vargas, six, team were Manuel Vargas, six,
and Leticia Vargas, two. Adding points for the Green team were Jess Brannon, 10; Phil Patino,

## U.S. Air Force Salutes The South Plains

On Saturday, March 25, 1989 the U. S. Air Force salutes the South Plains, Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with a special perfor-
six; Shannon Weaver, four; LaToya Baker, four, and Rosa Segura, two.
In the last game of the night Larry Comer's Red team of fifth and sixth graders outscored Bill Brooks' Black team by a score of 32 to 4. Scoring for the Black team were Jeremiah Brooks, two, and Lori Brannon, two points. High pointer for the Red team was Michael Hill with 24 points. Also scoring for the Red team were Brandi Brunson, four, team were Brandi Brunson,
and Cy Comer, four points.
mance by the aerial demonstration team, the Air Force Thunderbirds. The six F-16 Falcon jet fighters begin their show at 2:00 p.m.

A variety of military aircraft will be on display on the flightline throughout the day. Fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft will be displayed.
Admission is free. There will be plenty of food, drink and parking available. Bring the family and spend the day learning about today's Air Force.
For more information about the Reese Air Force Base Open House or Air Force career opportunities, call Air Force Recruiting in Lubbock at (806) 791-4714.

The first known mention of a game resembling table tennis is as a miniature lawn tennis game in a London catalog of 1884.

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performed by Ben Furman on February 4 in Middletown, Ohio. Best man and matron of honor for the couple were Tim and Claudia Roberts. Emily Martin was flower girl.
The couple are making their home in Miamisburg, Ohio and both are juniors at Miami University in Middletown. The groom is originally from Wichita, Kansas.
The bride is the granddaugh ter of J. L. and Faye Self and is the niece of Lynn and Kathy Frizzell, with whom she lived while attending the Silverton Schools.

## P.A.S.S. Meets For Bible Study

The Prayer and Share Sister (PASS) met with Lois Nance for bible study Wednesday.
The March study was "Jesus Christ, Ministry and Teaching." Joining in the round-table panel were Lanita Cantwell Florene Fitzgerald, Glenda Francis, Wanda Hancock, Maebelle Francis and Mrs. Nance.
The Prayer and Share Sisters welcome anyone to study with them.

Glenda Francis will be the April hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance visited recently in Fort Worth with their grandchildren, Fares, Nanda, Michael and Christopher Lahoud.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

March 16-Traci Bounds, Abby Chappell, Dara Johnston March 17-Lois Hill, Colleen Sternberger
March 18 -Ky Landon Williams, Mary Jo Brannon
March 19-Ty McMurtry, Betty Olive
March 20-Missy Forbes
March 21-Leti Ramirez, Dick Cogdell
March 22-Mary May
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... March 16-Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry
March 17-Mr. and Mrs. H. A Cagle

The longest sermon on record lasted 48 hours and 18 minutes. A congregation of eight was still present at the sermon's end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammi Carol, to Mr. Wesley Anderson Stafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Stafford of Matador. The wedding will take place June 3. Miss Edwards is a 1984 graduate of Silverton High School. She attended West Texas State University where she was a member of the Student Foundation and Zeta Tau Alpha Women's Fraternity in which she served as president. She also attended Texas Tech. Mr. Stafford is a 1982 graduate of Motley County High School in Matador, and was graduated from Texas Tech University in the spring of 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture. He is manager of Beethoven's Restaurant at Lubbock Plaza Hotel. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McNeill of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards of Weatherford, and the late Varah Cagle. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Armstrong of Dallas, Loyd Stafford of Amarillo, and the late Tommie Stafford.

## Couple Honored on Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Smith of Quitaque were honored with a family dinner on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, March 11, 1989 in the home of their son, Dale Smith.
They were married in Amarillo on Saturday, March 11, 1939 in what they remember as one of the worst dust storms they had seen. It was so bad they had to

## Girl Scout Ceremonies Held Friday Night

The Silverton Girl Scouts had their Investiture / Rededication /Bridging ceremonies on Friday, March 10, at the Scout Hut.
Those attending were LaToya Baker, Staci Hill, Carrie Baird, Shauna Kingery, Christina Stephens, Jamie Casillas, Katy Hester, Destiny Ivory, Lindsey Jennings, Laura McCammon, Heather Rice, Misty Wilkinson and Windy Wood.
Also attending were Janice Baker, Fred Hill, Richie and Will, Hand Baird and Russ, Kathy Kingery, LaVern Kingery, Wayne and Betty Stephens, Danielle Netro, Rick Hester and Will, Clarence and Diana Ivory,

Juannah Jennings, Darrah Mc Cammon, Gloria Wood, and the leaders, Bena Hester, Vici Baird and Lois Hill.
The Silverton Girl Scouts also helped celebrate the Girl Scout birthday by attending the worship service at the First United Methodist Church in a group. Afterward they went to the Pizza Box for lunch.
Those attending were LaToya Baker, Staci Hill, Carrie Baird, Christina Stephens, Destiny Ivory, Lindsey Jennings, Laura McCammon, Heather Rice, Misty Wilkinson, Windy Wood, and their leaders Lois Hill, Betty Stephens and Vici Baird.
tie a chain on the back bumper of the car to drag so that the car would run. When they returned home to Silverton, they had to use a large grain scoop to get the sand out of their house. Their fiftieth anniversary will be remembered as the hottest on record for that day.
They made their home in Silverton until 1947 when they moved to Quitaque where they have made their home the last 43 years.
After a meal of brisket with all the trimmings, a fiftieth wedding cake was served to those helping celebrate, including Dale and Dona Smith, Quitaque; Mickey, Debra, Wynter and Tara Smith, Turkey; Shonda and Andy Wills, Bryan; D'anna, J. D. and Colton Russell, Matador; Devona Smith, Lubbock; Ben and Bobbie Bingham, Wylie.



Ronald and Allean Patterson of Claude announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Rae, to David Lee Schott, son of John and LaQuetta Schott. Miss Patterson is a 1986 graduate of Claude High School, a 1988 graduate of Clarendon College, and is presently a senior at Tarleton State University pursuing a degree in general business. Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of Silverton High School, attended Clarendon College, and is presently a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. The couple is planning a May 20 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Claude.

## Social Security In <br> Briscoe County

by Terry J. Clements
If you get social security checks, promptly report any changes that may affect your benefits. In this way, you can avoid an overpayment . . . and possibly a penalty.
The biggest cause of overpayments is not reporting or under reporting earnings from work. Keep in mind that some pay-
ments must be withheld if your 1989 earnings exceed $\$ 8,880$ if you are 65 through 69 ; or $\$ 6,480$ if you are under 65. If you earn over the annual limit, $\$ 1$ in benefits will be withheld for each $\$ 2$ of excess earnings.

Let's say you retired two years ago and now plan to take a part-time job. Or maybe you're already working and expect a pay increase. If you're under 70 and your 1989 earnings will go over the annual limit, let social security know.
There are special rules, which include medical considerations, if

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## Keeley Burson in Washington this Week

Keeley Burson is having the rare opportunity to see her government in action this week as she and approximately 350 other outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country take part in the Spring 1989 National Young Leaders Conference. She was Leaders Conference. She was
selected for this unique honor selected for this unique honor
based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.
Keeley left Tuesday for Washington. Theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conferThroughout the six-day confer-
ence, the scholars will meet with ence, the scholars will meet with from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps. "It is one thing to read and learn about one's government in a textbook," said John Hines, executive director, "but it is a completely different educational experience to see, educational experience to see,
firsthand, one's government at work and to witness the democratic process."
Highlights of the program include a breakfast panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club, welcoming remarks from a Member of Congress on the floor of ber of Congress on the floor of
the United States House of Representatives, and a government relations forum comprised of lobbyists from various corporations and public interest groups. A visit to a diplomatic embassy and a foreign policy briefing at the State Department are also included among the week's activities.
Keeley will have a unique opportunity to meet with Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Senator Phil Gramm and Representative Bill Sarpalius or members of their respective staffs. Culminating the National Young Leaders Conference is the Mock Congress in which the scholars assume the roles of United States Representatives by debating, lobbying and voting on proposed drug testing legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council which was founded in 1985 by Co-Chairmen Barbara Harris and Richard Rossi. The
you work while getting disability checks. Any work you do must be reported. You must also report any medical improvement if you get these payments.
Following are additional events that must be reported to prevent an overpayment:
*Death of a beneficiary
*Marriage of a dependent or survivor
*Payee no longer has custody of a beneficiary

* Change of address

For more information about reporting responsibilities, read the booklet you got with your benefit award letter.
For more information or to file a claim please call $1-800-2345$ SSA.
When female elephants fight, it is said, they usually try to bite off each other's tail.

Council is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization committed to recognizing outstanding youth and providing them with a "hands-on" civics learning experience in the nalion's capitol The Council has tion's capitol. The Council has States Congress who comprise States Congress who comprise
its Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors joining in the commitment to educational excellence.


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Book Parade-Students constructed "floats" depicting books they had read for the parade which was held in front of the school buildings last Friday. Shown (left to right) are Jared Francis, Lacy Brunson, Molly Brooks, Trey Wyatt, Trey Ziegler and Leland Wood.

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One second of the Sun's energy is 13 million times the annual mean electricity consumption of the United States.


13 million times the annual mean


## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought conditions are being drought conditions are being
accepted at the Farmers Home accepted at the Farmers Home
Administration office located in Administration office located in
Floydada, Becky Via, County Floydada, Becky Via,
Supervisor, said today.
Floyd and Briscoe counties are two of many counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.
Becky D. Via said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business of $\$ 500,000$, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.
"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Ms. Via said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.
"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 3, 1989 but farmers should apply as

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soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the new farming season," Ms. Via said.
FmHA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U. S. citizens and to farming partner ships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizens hold a majority interest.
The FmHA office in Floydada is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Postal Inspectors Warn of Telephone 'Prize’ Scams

The U. S. Postal Inspection Service today warned the public about the increasing number of "boiler room" scams that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick.
Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson says the bogus companies flood post offices with computerized mailings notifying people "they've won a prize," usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies. "The operators then followup with high-pressure telemarketing," Clauson says, "usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges."
Clauson says the best way to defend against the scams is to "check out the company and call them back-without giving out your credit card number or any money-and if still suspicious, get in touch with a postal inspector through the nearest post office."
Just last week a promoter and 12 telephone pitchmen were arrested in the New York City area for misrepresenting the sale of cleaning supplies.

Several weeks ago four opera tors from Seattle, Washington and Las Vegas, Nevada, were arrested for mail and wire fraud for offering prizes as part of a nationwide promotion
And in Houston, William E. Gardner, 35, operator of International Direct Mail Marketing Inc., is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud charges. He told those who responded to his mailings to call a Houston area phone number to claim a motorboat and outboard motor, he said was worth as much as $\$ 500$, as part of a marketing survey. The thousands who responded-by each paying more than $\$ 120$ for shipping-received an inflatable raft and motor worth $\$ 40$.
Chief Inspector Clauson says "the telephone boiler rooms have been concentrated in certain areas of the country but the victims come from all over."

If you receive, through the mail, such material as described, or if you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please contact the U. S. Postal Inspector at (806) 762-7821.


For a nine-year-old boy, a tour of the Texas Capitol is fun, but a tour of the Capitol dome is "neat!" The tour of the Texas Capitol is full of interesting historical facts. A tour of the Capitol dome is full of "neat" historical facts. For example, the top of the dome stands 366 feet above the ground. This makes it above the ground. This makes it taller than the. United States
Capitol in Washington, D. C. Or Capitol in Washington, D. C. Or
consider the fact that the entire Capitol dome is made, not of pink granite, but of a sheet steel painted to look like the pink granite of which the rest of the Capitol is built. But maybe the "neatest" fact for a nine-year-old is that of the four people who have died in our State's Capitol, have died in our State's Capitol, one was a workman who, while
working on the star at the very apex of the dome, and fell the entire 366 feet to the main floor, crashed through the floor and anded in the basement.
Anyone who is not bothered by climbing over 100 narrow, steep steps can go on a tour of the steps can go on a tour of the
Capitol dome. The tours begin on the fourth floor of the Capitol the fourth floor of the Capitol building just next to the chapel. I
took my son, Andrew, and his friend, Tate, on a tour of the Capitol dome recently. We were guided by Officer Fisher of the Capitol police. He stood straight and tall and was full of "neat" facts. The boys thought he was wonderful.
There is not much inside the Capitol dome. Sitting on the floor beside the steps is a telephone. Officer Fisher asked the boys if they knew why there was a telephone way up here in the Capitol dome. Andrew's friend, Tate, responded instantly that its purpose must be to enable people to "report if they see something amazing."
Of course, beneath the dome there is an amazing amount of activity that takes place. Last week, among other things, Senate Resolution 167 was filed. I filed this Senate Resolution to allow the boards of trustees of West Texas State University, Texas A\&M University, and the University of Texas to study the possibility of merging WT with one of these flagship institutions one of these flagship
of higher education.
Since taking office, I have had as much constituent interest on this issue as I have on almost any other. I believe it is safe to say the catalyst for this interest was action taken in the last session of the Legislature wherein a Senate resolution was passed that authorized a study similar to this affecting several universities in affecting several universities in
South Texas. That study produSouth Texas. That study produced a recommendation that Pan
American University merge with the University of Texas and Texas A\&I University, Laredo State University and Corpus Christi University merge with the Texas A\&M system. The boards of each of these institutions voted to merge. Approval of these mergers is currently pending before the Texas Legispending
lature.

I have talked to many constituents including students, faculty, and administrators at West Texas. I have also spoken either directly or indirectly with every member of the board of West Texas, University of Texas and Texas A\&M as well as their presidents. Responses of all of these people to the idea of a these people to the idea of a
study ranged from "I would study ranged from "I would
oppose such a move" to enthusioppose such a move" to enthusi-
asm. I was informed by the folks at U.T. and A\&M that they believe they need some type of legislative approval to engage such a study. A Senate resolution which is not required to pass the House of Representatives nor be signed by the Governor was signed by the Governor was
sufficient authorization for the sufficient authorization for the
South Texas study. This being South Texas study. This being
the case, it seems that a Senate the case, it seems that a Senate
resolution is the simplest way to go so as to facilitate a WT study.
So the purpose of the resolu tion simply is to allow the three schools to engage in a study. I took my lead from action taken by the WT board the week previous to filing the resolution, The board voted to create a subcommittee to study the posisubcommittee to study the posi-
tives and negatives associated tives and negatives associated
with a merger. My resolution with a merger. My resolution
simply allows that study to be conducted with input from all sides.
There is one aspect of the resolution that I believe to be important. I believe that a question of this magnitude queuld not be answered without should not be answered without
appropriate input from students, appropriate input from students,
faculty, and alumni of WT as well faculty, and alumni of WT as well
as input from concerned citizens as input from concerned citizens
of the region. Therefore, I made certain that the resolution called for this input.
The 71st Legislature has wisely adopted new rules severely restricting the number of legislatively authorized studies that can be staffed at state expense. This be staffed at state expense. This
action was taken in response to a action was taken in response to a
skyrocketing number of studies skyrocketing number of studies
that cost the State of Texas a that cost the State of Texas a
great deal of money. Because of great deal of money. Because of
these new rules, Senate Resolution 167 does not call for staffing at state expense. However, I was pleased to see that the Panhandle Area Alliance has volunteered its services to WT for purposes of staffing such a study. It is obvious from the fact that I authored and introduced SenI authored and introduced Sen-
ate Resolution 167 that I support ate Resolution 167 that I support
study of the possibilities of merger between West Texas State University, University of Texas or Texas A\&M University. But that is where my support stops. At this point, I have no preconceived ideas as to whether preconceived ideas as to whether a merger would be good for
higher education in our part of higher education in our part of
the state or bad. Universities by the state or bad. Universities by
definition provide a forum for the acquisition of knowledge through study. On occasion I believe it is entirely appropriate for univer sities to study themselves Through this endeavor we will be able to gain knowledge-knowledge on which to base important decisions affecting the quality of higher education in Senate District 31 .

After spending the day working under the hot High Plains sun, it's easy to understand the value of the Ogallala Aquifer. But, given the comfort of modern day air conditioning, that underground water supply may slip our minds on occasion.
our minds on occasion.
This is a reminder: water is the lifeblood of this state. Keepthe lifeblood of this state. Keep-
ing our water supply safe for

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ourselves and our grandchildren is the duty of every Texan. Keeping the Ogallala safe is certainly the duty of every member of Senate District 31including myself.
In his book, The Golden Spread, B. Bobby Price illustrates the value of the Ogallala to the early settlers of this region. the early settlers of this region.
"In 1885 hundreds of windmills dotted the plains landscape dotted the plains landscape
drawing precious sustenance drawing precious sustenance
from the vast and seemingly from the vast and seemingly inexhaustible aquif

## beneath," he writes.

The Ogallala's worth became most apparent during the severe drought of the early 1950's. In 1950 , there were 14,000 irrigation wells in the high plains, by tion wells in the high plains, by
1954 that number had doubled to 27,500 as the Ogallala provided 27,500 as the Ogallala provi
irrigation to 3.5 million acres.
rrigation to 3.5 million acres.
Now it can easily be argue that the Ogallala accounts for 50 percent of the business in Senate District 31 . The region I represent in Austin produces 35 percent of the agricultural products of the entire state. Water is the key element to that prois the ke
duction.
Without the Ogallala, many, if not all, of the towns that are scattered throughout this region could not exist. It's feasible that pipelines could carry water from some other area to the major towns in this region, but certainly not all of them could be serviced at a reasonable Clearly, the Ogallala Aquifer is Clearly, the Ogallala Aquifer
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Ogallala and the other aquifers of Ogallala and the other aquifers of
Texas does not look bright. It is being threatened by leaking underground gasoline storage tanks and the exorbitant cost of cleaning them up. Between Sept. 1,1986 and the end of 1988 , the Texas Water end of 1988, the Texas Water Commission was notified of 1,332 leaks or releases from underground storage tanks. Of those, 441, or about one-third, were confirmed to have affected groundwater.
Based on the growing age of the nation's underground storage tank population, Congressional studies indicate leaks will continue to escalate at a staggering rate. The Environmental Protec rate. The Environmental Protec tion Agency estimates that 30 percent of the nation's under ground storage tanks are leaking or will leak in the near future Closer to home, several communities throughout the district are struggling with contaminated wells and identifying the source of the contamination.
The federal government responded to the problem by ponded to the problem by
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dards for the operation, inspecdards for the operation, inspec-
tion, testing and closure of underground storage tanks. Under those guidelines, the 70th Texas Legislature was forced to enact similar standards under the direction of the Texas Water the direction of the Texas Wate Commission. One of the primar considerations of the federa legislation is a requirement that individual tank owners maintain a minimum of $\$ 1$ million in pollution insurance for on-site and third party damages that may result from accidental re leases.
The cost of cleaning up a leaking underground storage tank can run more than $\$ 1$ tank can run more than $\$ 1$
million, but estimates put the million, but estimates put the
average cleanup cost at $\$ 80,000$. average cleanup cost at $\$ 80,000$.
The average businessman, the

Mom and Pop corner gas stations and the business that has a tank for convenience sake cannot shoulder that type of expense They need insurance to meet both the regulatory require ments and the financial obliga tions.
However, pollution insurance is very limited and very expensive. The State Board of Insurance tells me that Texas has only three carriers of pollution insurance. And if the insurance is available, the premiums are cost prohibitive. One example of a policy premium costing $\$ 47,930$ or six months of coverage at 500,000 is offered by the Texa Oil Marketers Association. And that amount of pollution insurance is only half of what is required by the federal government. During 1988, liability coverage, which is normall arried in addition to the pollu tion coverage, cost $\$ 16,480$ for one year of coverage at $\$ 1$ million. Additionally, a busines must pay the cost of a site assessment before the insurance company will approve the insur ance-that can cost more than $\$ 10,000$. Again, the small businessman cannot afford those expenses.
It's a catastrophic dilemma we face: set the standards of compliance so high that hundreds of businesses must close their doors, or ignore the potential for contamination and see our most precious natural resource polluted. The question of financial responsibility for cleaning up the
messes of underground storage tanks does not lend itself to an easy solution. But, as my friend Mel Phillips is fond of saying, "All the easy problems have been solved. Only the tough ones remain."
I urge the people of Senate District 31 to give me their thoughts on this pressing issue by writing to me at P. O. Box 9155, Amarillo 79105.

## National Ag Day Set March 20

National Agriculture Day, set to honor the nation's food and fiber providers, will be observed March 20.
According to Curtis Preston, County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, business and consumer groups will join in honoring farmers and anchers on that special day.
County, state and national observances of Agriculture Day will be keyed to the continuing theme of "Honoring America's Providers," said Preston
Coordinated nationally by the Agriculture Council of America in Washington, D. C., the Agriculture Day observance is a part of National Agriculture Week, March 19-25.
"National Agriculture Day and Week observances can reflect the ideas and wishes of every community and county," said Preston.

## HALON II FIRE

## Small Towns Are Worth Saving

(Editor's Note: The following article was taken from the February 28 edition of the Amarillo Daily News. This article was a letter to the editor and included his view on the importance of small towns.)
A sad thing is happening in the Panhandle of Texas. Many of its small rural communities and towns are dying. Not long ago, the small community was revered and respected. People looked upon small towns as places of opportunity and promise. Now

State Department of Highways and Public Transportation employees in the Donley and Briscoe County Maintenance offices were recently honored during the Sixth Annual Service and Safe Driving Awards Assembly. The prestigious event was held at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. Employees receiving awards were (front row, left to right) Rickey Minyard, Lynn Smith, Johnny Tiffin, Jack Eads, Joe Castillo; (back row, left to right) Larry Davis, Windle Thomas, Wade Proctor, James Thomas and Gail Bullock.


The $\$ 470,000$ cash transfusion pumped into High Plains cotton breeding efforts from 1983 through 1988 sounds like, a lot of money. But it amounts to less than a fourth of the value added to a single average High Plains to a single average High Plains
cotton crop by a price increase of cotton crop by a price increase of
only two-tenths of a cent per only two-tenths of a cent per
pound as a result of improved fiber quality.
That point was made February 28 in a Plains Cotton Improvement Committee (PCIC) meeting where the committee approved a 1989 breeding research grant of $\$ 140,000$, bringing the six-year grant total to $\$ 510,000$. The PCIC is a committee of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. It
was established in 1983 at the request of area compress owners to administer an intensive variety improvement program funded by compress collections of 10 cents per bale.
As described by Committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, the breeding program aims to "put and keep High Plains cotton producers ahead of the competition" in meeting the ever more demanding strength, fineness, maturity and other cotton quality requirements of domestic and foreign spinners.
Heading up the PCIP project is Heading up the PCIP project is regarded Experiment Station cotton breeder at the Texas

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A\&M Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock. He is assisted by research associate Jane K. Deaver and R. Gary Smith. Germplasm lines are performance tested at the Lubbock center and at A\&M's Pecos Research Station, and the effort Research Station, and the effort
is accelerated by utilizing an is accelerated by utilizing an
additional growing season at additional growing season at
Tecoman in the tropical state of Colina, Mexico.
To date a total of 90 germplasm lines have been released to commercial breeders for incorporation into existing materials, and other releases are anticipated this year. Releases, Ganed this year. Releases, Gannaway says, have been those exhibiting various combinations
of excellent quality traits and of excellent quality traits and
yield potentials equal to or exceeding the yields of varieties now in commercial production.
Field testing of new varieties and strains under High Plains conditions at the Extension Center in 1988 produced the first solid evidence of program benesolid evidence of program bene-
fits to come. A total of 48 new fits to come. A total of 48 new
strains and cultivars from commercial breeders were tested, of which five excelled in both quality and yield. Of those top five, Gannaway says, four contained germplasm developed and released by the producer-funded improvement program. All will undergo more extensive trials this year, the breeder continues, this year, the breeder continues,
and limited quantities of seed and limited quantities of seed
from those performing up to from those performing up to
expectations should be available to producers in 1990.

The grant request of $\$ 140,000$ approved by the committee for 1989, up from $\$ 100,000$ grants in each of the previous four years includes a one-time expenditure of $\$ 15,000$ to revamp an existing greenhouse at the station for use in cold tolerance studies, and a recurring expense of $\$ 15,400$ to staff the facility.

The additional funds, Huffaker told the committee, should significantly expedite the search for early-maturing, high-quality varieties with resistance to the ascochyta blight that often reduces both quality and yields on the Plains.
they are considered dull and obsolete.
I like a small town. Most of what I know about life and people I learned in a small town. I learned that in a small town everyone has a responsibility to see that the town functionstime, money and interest are required by every citizen.
Even though I weighed 160 Even though I weighed 160
pounds and was an average athlete there was a place for me on the football team, basketbal team and the track team. I was needed to fill out the cast in the junior/senior play. There was an opportunity given to me to compete in the speech contest. There was room for me and any There was room for me and any
other student who was willing to other student who was willing to
make the effort. It was provided in a small town school.
My family has status and position in a small town-so does every other family in town. Each family is known for how hard it works, where it goes to church and how its members behave.
Our local doctor, teacher preacher, carpenter, farmer and preacher, carpenter, farmer and
banker not only served the banker not only served the
family, they also played " 42 " in family, they also played " 42 " in
our home or in their home on our home or in their home on
weekends. When I was a child growing up, these people were our close friends and we cared a great deal for one another. They were all members of a small town.
There is little crime in a smal town (everyone knows who did town (everyone knows who did town (people share what they have) and not much failure in the local school (the classes are small enough that the teachers get around to each student every day).
Are small towns without value, obsolete, financially inefficient and dull? Should they be required to close down because their population is too small? Maybe we should look again Maybe the "quality of life" is not in the number of restaurants, theaters and other amusements a city can offer. Maybe "quality of life" is found in the quality of relationships people have with one another. It could be found in the opportunities a town affords the opportunities a town affords
its citizens. Quality is knowing its citizens. Quality is knowing
that I am somebody who every body in town knows. It's the feeling of responsibility that I have toward my community. Small towns provide an environment for all of this.
Should we allow big government, big business and social planners to squeeze us into planners to squeeze us into
density, high population areas? It density, high population areas? It
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## Cards of Thanks

Thanks to Viviana and Hector Rodriquez, the Church of Christ Ladies Bible Class, Sylvia Fogerson, Neva Comer, Jerry Smith, son, Neva Comer, Jerry Smith,
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Burson, Daphne McGavock, Faye Rampley, Ted and LaVern Kingery, James Edwards, Lynn Frizzell and Jerry Patton for the cards, assistance in the ambulance and every other expression of your friendship and concern while I ill and in the hospital.

Manuel Aguilar
We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Silverton Fire Department, Vigo Park Fire Department, and our friends and neighbors for a job well done in fighting the fire we had last week. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to count on our community in time of need. The Billy Cogdell family

To our neighbors and friends we say thank-you for all the nice things you have done for us in the past few months.
Thanks for every prayer, visit, phone call, the cards, food, flowers and your concern for us while I was in the hospital and since I came home.
Thanks to Walter Bean, Mule and Mary, Vivian and Lois for and Mary, Vivian and Lois for
sitting with the family while I was in surgery. To our family, we would never have made it without your love and support.
For the love gift, we thank you. The Lord has truly blessed us in so many special ways.
Silverton people are the best in the world. We love you all.

James and Lallie
Thanks to the firemen for putting out the grass fire in our back yard and saving our fence and home.

## Virgal Minyard

Once again we would like to thank our great fire department for their quick response to a grass fire at our home. Thanks to grass ire at our home. the other wonderful who the other wonderful people who helped put the fire out. It is
people like these that make people like these that make Silverton a great place to live. Thanks again to everyone who took part.
J. G. and Stella Hall

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1989
A long past-due thank-you to the employers of our volunteer ambulance and fire department personnel. These include BrownMcMurtry Implement, Briscoe County, Briscoe County News City of Silverton, Silverton Oi Company, Silverton Elevators, Mackenzie Water Authority, Energas, First State Bank, Silverton Well Service, Farm Bureau and Hutsell Insurance, D \& K and Hutsell Ins

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Also thanks to past employers who have allowed employees to be on call. The ambulance and fire departments could not operate without the cooperation of these people.

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