

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



### THE PLAYOFFS

Several local people have grandsons who have excelled in their football programs.

Nathan Wheeler was one of the Valley players who led the Patriots to the runner-up position in their district. He is the son of Rebecca Wheeler, daughter of J. W. and Betty Reid.

Anthony May has led the Canyon Eagles into the playoffs. He had an injury that kept him from playing in the entire games at the last of the regular season, but was able to continue doing the extra-point and field-goal kicking. He is the son of Canyon barber Thurman May, son of Edwin and Claudine May. The Eagles will be playing El Paso Parkland in Odessa Saturday.

A former Silverton student, Aaron Wederski, had led his team of Paducah Dragons into the playoffs and they will be playing Rotan at Haskell Friday.

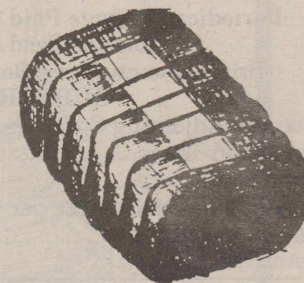
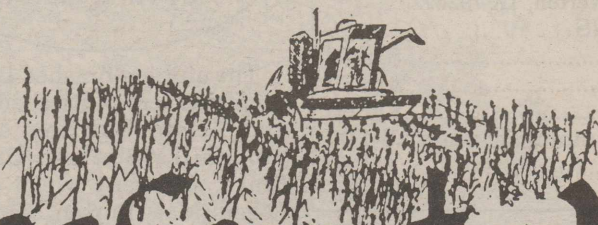
Paul Segura had to undergo surgery as the result of an injury received in the game with Whitharral. I was told that as he was being taken into surgery, he was asking how long before he could play basketball.

Would you like to "rent a teen" to work for you? Due to conflicting basketball schedules, the Rock-Salt Youth Group teen auction had to be postponed. Rather than trying to re-schedule the event or cancelling altogether and losing this source of income, they have decided to go "cellular." In other words . . . call Jay today! 823-2140 or 2149.

There are 25 youth available for rent and they will do any work you need done around the home or office (up to four hours). The price? Whatever you are willing to donate to the group.

All proceeds will go toward Rock-Salt's activities and ministries.

Jay Stinson said, "Our most



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## Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee To Be Held in Silverton Nov. 20

Final plans have been made for the annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee which will be held this Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton. Exhibitors wares include candles, leather work, clothes, purses, wood crafts, clocks, vests, lamps, frames, Christmas signs and arrangements, and yard art.

Plan to come and have lunch before or after you shop. Norma Garcia will have a mini cafe set up with her delicious Mexican food. Other food items that will be available for sale include Tamales, Burritos, Funnel Cakes, Fudge, Peanut Brittle and lots of other fresh-baked goods.

All your Christmas shopping can be done in one fun-filled day, so make plans now to come early and stay late. All your favorite craftsmen from Silverton and surrounding towns will be there with all their newest creations. No admission will be charged at the door.

For more information, you may contact Brenda Patton, 823-2446; Madeline Stone, 823-2204, or Beverly Minyard, 823-2108.

## Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, November 18) at the City Hall.

All members are encouraged to attend.

immediate need is to raise money for a mission project. We are sending Christmas care packages to the Children's Home in Borger. Each child will receive one small gift each day of Advent. Then in January we are planning to make a trip up there."

Everyone in Silverton is asked to support this youth fund raiser by calling Jay today to line up a "rented teen"!

## Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon, Business Meeting

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

Members of the First Baptist Church will be hosts for the luncheon.

## Blood Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 23

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Silverton City Hall



Terry Barker

## Barker is the New Postmaster

Terry (Hoot) Barker is the new postmaster in Silverton. He has 19 years Federal service with 16 years in Lubbock as Mail Processing Supervisor. He was City Marshal at Buffalo Springs and worked the past three years with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office as a patrolman and detective in the Criminal Investigation Division. He will be working part-time with the Briscoe County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff.

His wife, Katy, has a degree in commercial music from South Plains College in Levelland and is completing an Associate Degree in science in preparation to enrolling in Amarillo College's dental hygiene program next fall. She has worked the past three years in Lubbock as a dental assistant.

The Barkers are expecting their first child early in March. They are excited about coming to Silverton and "living the dream" in a small town. Mrs. Barker will finish college in mid-December and they will make their permanent move to Silverton then.

"I am anxious for Katy to get here and experience the friendliness and hospitality that I have in my first week here," Barker said.

"The Silverton Post Office is a neat office with very dedicated employees. I am equally excited about being the Postmaster here. What changes that I have in mind are minor and really more 'cosmetic.' As the folks in the community get to know me, they'll realize that I love cowboy culture and western heritage. I have been active with the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock for the past several years," he said.

He served as a board member

## Community Thanksgiving Service Planned

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving together.

Drinks and snacks will be served. The Baptists are hosting the fellowship, and are asking that everyone bring a snack to be shared.

## Christmas Greeting Page Deadline Coming Dec. 10

Century of Progress Study Club has announced that the deadline for getting your name on the Christmas Greeting Page is Saturday, December 10.

If you would like to donate to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and Silverton Public Library in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, you may donate whatever amount you wish to this project.

For more information, contact Jackie Mercer, Annell Davis, Faye Rampley or any other member of the sponsoring organization.

on the Ranch Host Association for the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

"My wife and I also share a love for music and enjoy playing bluegrass music. And, no! Contrary to the rumor going around, I do not play the fiddle. I play the upright bass and 'some rhythm' guitar. Katy is really the 'instrumentalist.' She gets upset when I tell folks that she plays the five-string banjo, guitar, bass and mandolin. She quickly corrects me and says that 'there is a difference between playing and holding an instrument.'"

Mr. Barker added that he and his wife are excited about the opportunity they have in Silverton and look forward to meeting everyone.

*In the middle ages, people believed wearing the word abracadabra on an amulet would ward off disease.*



Owls named to the All-District teams were Issac Garcia, Daniel Reagan, second team; Isaiah Ivory, first team; Nathan Francis, Clint Ivory, Adrian Ramirez and Paul Segura, second team.

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**Obituary**

**GRACE VAUGHAN**

Services for Grace Cox Vaughan, 86, were scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. Randy Hughes of Waco and the Rev. Edwin Norris of Silverton officiating.

Burial was to follow in the Silverton Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vaughan died November 14, 1999 in Amarillo.

She was born February 18, 1913 in Cook County. She married Troy Cox on November 11, 1944, in Silverton. He died July 18, 1953. She married Gene Vaughan on July 9, 1965, in Sil-

verton. He died July 30, 1984.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton, and was a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Silverton Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by two sisters and a half brother.

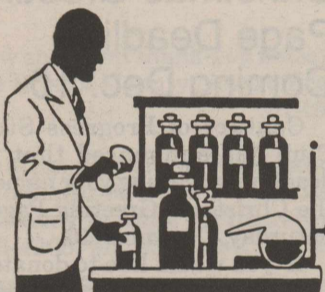
Survivors include a daughter, Latresa Minyard of Silverton; a brother, Berton Hughes of Waco; two grandchildren, Kendal and Stacie Minyard, and a great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the Silverton Cemetery Association or the Silverton Senior Citizens.

**Facts About Your Benefit Statement**

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

This month the Social Security Administration launches the largest customized direct mailing to the public that the federal government has conducted. Each year, approximately 125 million workers age 25 and older, who are not already receiving Social Security monthly benefits, will receive a Social Security Statement. The Statement provides estimates of the monthly retirement, survivors and disability benefits you may receive now and



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**Friendship Quilters News Notes**

by Nina Martin

The quilters finished Laverne Stephens' cross-stitched quilt, and began quilting on Joy Stodghill's Stylized Dresden Plate. Present were Marie Rogers, Mary Burson, Sybil King, Laverne Stephens, Ann Norris, Bobbye Bean, Wanda Strange and Nina Martin.

Sybil and Neil King had Neil's son, Joe and Terry King, and grandson, Mike, last weekend. They live at Wiggins, Colorado. They went to Flomot and watched cotton and peanuts being harvested.

**Happy Birthday-**

- November 18--DeLynn Fitzgerald, Frank Ramirez, jr., Jerry Perkins, Don Cornett
- November 19--Staci Hill, Arla Polley, Frances Gamble
- November 20--Dianne Reynolds, Ty Rampley
- November 21--Susie Younger, Tara Kersh, Michelle Warren
- November 22--J. E. Patton, Kaleb Copeland

- November 23--Cayson George, Debbie Davis, Cody Whitfill, Neal Edwards, C. L. McWilliams, Mackinsey Louise Strange

- November 24--Brandon Kitchens, Dana Martin, Erma Polley, Carrie Ann McJimsey, Billy Cogdell, Fred Strange, Paul Ledbetter, Dustin Hale

**Happy Anniversary-**

- November 19--Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fowler
- November 20--Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hester
- November 22--Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGinn
- November 23--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mayfield

in the future, and a year-by-year record of earnings posted to your record.

The following are some points of interest and reminders about the Social Security Statement.

- If you're married, you and your spouse will not receive your Statements at the same time unless your birthdays fall within the same month. The mailings are selected according to birth month.

- If you have requested a statement of your earnings and benefit estimates within the past 11 months, you will not receive a statement in this year's automatic mailing of the Social Security Statement. You should receive one in the next yearly mailing sequence that begins October 1, 2000.

- When your employment is not covered by Social Security, those earnings will not be shown on your Statement. Only earnings for which you paid Social Security taxes are posted to your earnings record and reflected on the Social Security Statement.

Bobbye and Walter Bean are expecting Casey and family from Midland.

Tom Burson is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery. He is doing fine.

Bonnie May is recovering from cataract surgery, and is doing well.

Nadyne Childress is feeling better but still faces three more chemo sessions.

The "42" Club met at Pauline Chitty's last Tuesday. Present were Eudean Crow, Juanita

Stephens, Margaret Ellen, Lallie Patton, Elsie Cornett and Nina Martin.

Violet Thomas had her daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jody, down for a visit. They went to Quitaque to eat at the Sportsman Cafe. Violet has talked to Mary Martin at Midland. Mary has a couple of weeks more in the rehab. after her knee replacement.

Tidbit--Keeping one's mouth shut keeps a lot of ignorance from leaking out.

*You'all Come!*

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**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

Now all has been heard;

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**November 16, 1989**-Owls advance to state playoffs as the runner-up team again this year after losing 12-8 to McLean . . . John and Maebelle Francis have been honored with a Special Recognition citation in the American Music Conference's 1989 "Amateur Music Family of the Year" competition . . . Services conducted for Agnes Seaney, 86 . . . Ross and Melissa Estes are parents of a son, Jimmy Shane . . . Judy Northcutt is certified as a public accountant . . .

**November 15, 1979**-SHS Cross Country team wins district. The girls placed in the following order: 1. Staci Mayfield; 2. Jeni Denton; 3. Cynthia Hale; 5. Rose Lee Perkins; 6. Kim Fitzgerald . . . Claudia Welch has been moved to Colonial Convalescent Home in Lubbock . . . Zane Reagan and Cynthia Edwards win 4-H Gold Star awards . . . Recipients of the 4-H Silver Spur awards were Jerry and Vicki Bean . . . Several Silverton residents are having oral surgery for the removal of wisdom teeth in Amarillo this week. Both Mrs. Dwain Henderson and Riley Harris had wisdom teeth removed Tuesday, and Mrs. Joe Brannon is scheduled to have her surgery today . . .

**November 27, 1969**-Lloyd Hugh Nance, 52, buried Monday afternoon . . . C. L. Whitehead raised some prize turnips in his garden this year, including a five-pound and four-ounce beauty he brought to the News Office . . . In the first outing of the season against another high school, the Silverton High School Owlettes defeated the Quitaque High Pantherettes 64-59 . . . The Owls bowed to the Panthers 47-41 . . . Relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to help celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick at a reception in their home Sunday . . . The Good Samaritan Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Friday in the home of Mrs. Ray C. Bomar . . .

**November 19, 1959**-Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith are being honored Sunday with open house in their home at the Cap Rock Station. The occasion for the celebration is their golden wedding anniversary . . . Cadet James E. May, jr. is undergoing pre-flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida . . . Buster Wilson was taken to a Plainview hospital Tuesday of this week. He is thought to be suffering from injuries received in a school bus mishap last month . . . Winding up their high school football careers in a blaze of glory last Friday night were Bobby Stafford, James Roy Brown, Jerry Patton, T. D. West, Jerry Don Brannon, Floyd Perkins and Bobby Crass. They beat the Hale Center Owls 40-0 before a shivering crowd who huddled in the 15-degree

weather to view the event . . . Nell Rackley is Football Queen. The other candidates were LaJuan Curby and Carolyn Frizzell . . . The home of Mrs. Ray Thompson was the scene for a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Ronald Dale Kitchens . . . Pat Northcutt, Wayne McMurtry, Jim Mercer and F. E. Hutsell returned home Sunday after enjoying a few days of pheasant hunting in Kansas . . .

**November 10, 1949**-The Francis reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis Sunday . . . John Earl Simpson and Roy Morris left Thursday for the Big Bend country where they spent a week on a deer hunt. They bagged one deer while away . . . C. L. McWilliams took his brother, Bobby, to Amarillo Saturday night to catch a plane to Virginia. Bobby is in the U. S. Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker of Dill, Oklahoma visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks are parents of a daughter born Friday, November 4 . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson and Sharon spent Sunday in Lubbock with their daughter and sister, LaRue Gilkeyson . . . Clyde Hutsell and son, Esdell, were in Plainview Monday on business . . . Mrs. John Gill, third grade teacher, was ill with the flu Monday. Mrs. Lee D. Bomar taught for her . . . Fourth graders whose names appear on the honor roll for the past six weeks are Marjorie Autry, Janice Donnell, Patsy Ely, Sharon Eddleman, Carol Elkins, Leah Dare Kellum, Gail Mercer, Vaughnell Rowell, Zenobia Self, Charles Strange and Karla Weaver . . .

**October 19, 1939**-Clyde Lightsey had the misfortune to break his right wrist Tuesday afternoon. He was hitching a trailer to the car, and in some way fell. His right wrist went under the wheel of the trailer . . . At high-noon October 15, Miss Vivian Rentfro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rentfro of Henrietta, and Mr. Berton Hughes, of this city, were united in marriage before an altar of cut flowers and ferns . . . The contest sponsored recently by the State Highway Department for the best appearance of highway service station, was won by Maurice Foust's Magnolia Station in Silverton. This is the third straight win for Foust in this annual contest . . . Quitaque opened her new lighted field last Friday night with the first conference game of the season. Estelline and Quitaque tied with a score of 7-7 . . . If the present plan materializes Mr. Don Walton Terry will be added to the faculty to instruct the school band . . . Senior class officers are John Henry Crow, president; Gene Arnold, vice-president; Vivian Burleson, reporter; Bruce Burleson, secre-

tary-treasurer; Bob Brooks, parliamentarian; Aulton Durham and W. E. Sherman, sponsors . . . Junior officers are William Long, president; Frances Davis, vice-president; Anita Hill, secretary; Bobbie Allred, treasurer; Lola Fern Foust, reporter; Nona Lee Deavenport, parliamentarian; Paul S. Rogers and Miss Fern Murphy, sponsors . . . Sophomore officers are Billie Rampley, president; Raymond Lee Womack, vice-president; Freda Wimberly, secretary-treasurer; Neta Bob Carter, reporter; Victor L. Harmon and Miss Willie C. Wilson, sponsors . . . Freshman officers are Winona Francis, president; Dorothy Roy McMurtry,

vice-president; Joe Earl Deavenport, secretary-treasurer; Jean Northcutt, reporter; Miss Jessie Davis and Miss Opal Cross, sponsors . . .

**October 24, 1929**-Aa heavy, killing frost, with considerable ice, was in evidence here Thursday morning, the first of the season, but little damage was done, as feed crops had reached maturity . . . The football game between the Owls and Happy Jacks played last Friday on the Happy field was accompanied by much not mentioned in the rules, but the final result was a scoreless tie . . . Two Briscoe County youths are in jail in Tulia, charged with stealing the automobile of J. F.

Cowsar . . . Dead horse is buried in the courthouse yard . . . Nineteen students of vocational agriculture will accompany their instructor, W. M. Gourley, to the State Fair in Dallas, leaving Friday night on the Denver railway from Quitaque. While there the boys will attend the state convention of the Future Farmers of America . . . Miss Gladys Vaughan visited Miss Grace Hughes Thursday night . . . Dee Reid spent Sunday with Ashel McDaniel . . . The most delightful affair of the season in Silverton society was the "41" luncheon given by Mrs. Tom Nichols Wednesday. Hugh vases of dahlias adorned the room . . .

Wrap Up Your Christmas Shopping at the

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at the Showbarn in Silverton

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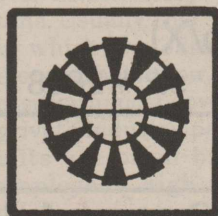
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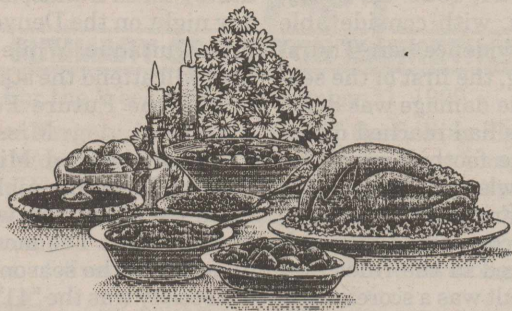
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package provides critical flow relief to hard-pressed farmers. The aid comes just in time to help farmers in the midst of sharply depressed prices and adverse weather.

Agricultural economist Edward Smith says the aid package does not cure this agricultural crisis. Smith says liquidity issues will plague the nation's farming community if the prices of major program crops remain low. He says the emergency relief package alters the short-term picture significantly.

Smith explains that while the 1999 emergency package helped relieve the pressures facing crop producers, additional aid will be needed unless prices improve.

**SURVEY AIMED AT HELPING MEAT PROCESSORS**

Texas A&M University is helping small meat processors in Texas better market what they do best--processing or smoking meats such as sausage, jerky,

hams and barbecue brisket. To do that, agricultural economists at Texas A&M conducted a survey to find out what makes meat processors successful, and what would help them develop new markets. The number of meat processors has been declining over the years.

John Siebert and his colleague, Rudy Nayga, want to reverse that trend by providing the best management information possible. The study focused on factors like retail store space, plant locations, types of products made and what is profitable. Surprisingly, the researchers found that the most profitable businesses are not the largest in sales or assets. Instead, factors like locations in shopping centers, high levels of in-store sales, and low levels of employees contribute to their success.

**KEYS TO WEIGHT LOSS STILL EXERCISE AND BALANCED DIET**

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Fad diets are sweeping the nation and nutrition experts are concerned.

Nutrition specialist Jenna Anding says fad diets set people up for failure. These diets are not healthy and run contrary to what long-term research has shown about weight loss. For successful long-lasting weight loss, people need to adopt a lifestyle that includes a healthy diet and regular physical activity. High protein/low carbohydrate diets can actually be very harmful. Some fad diets are based on the idea that by reducing carbohydrates, the body is forced to burn fat reserves for energy. However, when you run out of carbohydrate stores, the body breaks down muscle. Without carbohydrates the body cannot use the fats that are broken down. These fats then turn into ketone bodies. Ketone bodies build up and can cause ketosis. And says ketosis leads to unpleasant and potentially serious side effects.

Counselor Laurie Baker-Brown thinks most people know fad diets will not work. Baker-Brown thinks most people feel guilty when they don't stick to their diets. She works with many patients trying to lose weight and says this can create a vicious cycle that only adds to a person's emotional hunger. Anding says for weight loss to be long term people need to adopt permanent behaviors that promote healthy lifestyles. Anding recommends people set realistic goals and commit to eating a healthy diet and regular physical activity. Fruits, vegetables and whole grains should take place of high fat foods and snacks.

**EXTENSION UNVEILS NEW WEB SITE**

A new web site can answer questions about food safety. The Agricultural Extension Service recently unveiled its food safety web site, <http://foodsafety.tamu.edu>. Food Protection coordinator Michelle Ledoux says food safety is an important concern for consum-

ers. The site was designed to provide food safety information and programs to the people of Texas. The site also includes links for Extension county agents, consumer information, a photo gallery and contact information for food safety questions.

**MONEY 2000**

It's that time of year again when our mail boxes begin to bulge with mail-order catalogs. For the past several years, catalog sales have become an increasingly popular way to take care of holiday gift-giving.

If this type of buying suits you, here are some tips to help keep it glitch-free.

You're covered under the Federal Trade Commission's Mail or Telephone Order rule regardless of whether you order by mail, telephone, computer or fax machine. Among the rules many requirements is for companies to ship your order promptly. If there will be a delay, the company is required to notify you and offer you the chance to agree to the delay or cancel the order and receive a prompt refund. Remember the money you save will continue to earn you money if it's in a saving account. To enroll in the Money 2000 Plus program, contact your county Extension agent.

*A tower in the shape of a stepped pyramid is called a ziggurat. This ancient structure usually formed the base of a temple.*

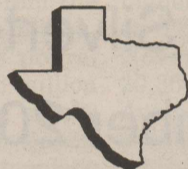
*Though Robert Fulton is more widely known, the steamboat was actually invented by John Fitch in 1786.*

*Some experts equate the intellectual development of the African gray parrot to that of a three-to-five-year-old child.*

*Goat's milk is used more widely throughout the world than cow's milk.*



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Briscoe County 4-H Food Show winners included (back row, left to right) Camisha Wilson, Enequina Valdez, Nichole Schott; (front row) Destiney Wilson, Marie Valdez. Not included was Maddie Ramsey who had to leave before pictures were made.

## Six Briscoe County 4-H'ers to District Food Show in Amarillo

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Briscoe County 4-H Food Show was held November 12, 1999 in the Silvertown School Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Nine contestants competed, including Hanna James, Tori Perkins and Jamie Butler. Six contestants will go on to represent Briscoe County at the District Food Show in Amarillo December 4.

In the Junior Division, the following first-place winners were Destiney Wilson, Nutritious Snacks; Nichole Schott, Fruits & Vegetables; Maddie Ramsey, Main Dish; Marie Valdez, Breads & Cereal.

In the Intermediate Division, the following first-place winners were Camisha Wilson, Breads & Cereal; Enequina Valdez, Fruits & Vegetables.

At the District Food Show this year there will be a Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition. Briscoe County will be represented by Hanna James, Camisha Wilson, Destiney Wilson and Tori Perkins. These four students will be asked nutrition-related questions. This is the first year for this competition, and we wish them all the best of luck.

### Silvertown School Activities

Friday, Nov. 19--Owls vs. Lorenzo, there  
 Saturday, Nov. 20--Lady Owls vs. Borden Co. at Slaton, 6:30  
 Monday, Nov. 22--JH at Groom, 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 23--Owls, Lady Owls at Hedley, 5:00  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Nov. 24-26--Holidays  
 Monday, Nov. 29--JH at Happy  
 Tuesday, Nov. 30--Claude, here, 4:00 p.m.

### Silvertown School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 22--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Corn Chips, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat  
 Tuesday, Nov. 23--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Nov. 24-26--Holiday  
*Stones that are hewn, squared and smoothed for use in building are called ashlar.*  
*The fear of vehicles is known as ochophobia.*



Briscoe County 4-H'ers who will be taking part in the Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition at the District Food Show are (left to right) Camisha Wilson, Tori Perkins, Hanna James and Destiney Wilson.

## New Way of Keeping Track of Your Social Security Earnings

by Mary Jane Shanes

Social Security Manager, Plainview, Texas

It's not your high five years of earnings or your high three years that determine the amount of your monthly Social Security retirement benefits, as is the case with most government and private industry pensions. Your benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings. And keeping track of the earnings posted on your Social Security record is about to become much easier.

On October 1, Social Security will begin mailing Social Security Statements to the approximately 125 million workers or self-employed persons who are 25 years or older and not already receiving Social Security benefits. You can expect to receive your Statement each year about three months before your birthday. For example, if you were born in February, you should receive your Statement in November.

Your Statement will display a year-by-year record of earnings your employer have reported to Social Security and estimates of the benefits you and your family may be eligible for now and in the future. If you are self-employed, the earnings you reported to the Internal Revenue will also show up on your Statement. Unfortunately, some people plan their retirement finances around a benefit that's based on their highest five, or even three, years of earnings. If that is the case, it's likely that your calculation will not be correct. When Social Security calculates your benefit amount it's based on your average earnings over most of your working lifetime. Usually, that's the 35 years in which you earned the most money. That is now, however, the case with most government and private industry pensions. Benefits are often based on the employee's high five or high three years.

Read your Social Security Statement carefully and be sure to check your earnings history as it appears on the Statement. If you think there's a mistake, please let us know right away. That's important because your Social Security benefit will be

based on your lifetime earnings.

If you have questions about Social Security benefits, call, write or visit your local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778. You also can reach Social Security at this Internet website: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

### IRS Refunds Still Not Claimed

Almost \$5.3 million worth of federal tax refund checks were returned to the Internal Revenue Service this year because the post office couldn't find where to deliver them.

"A lot of these folks probably depend on their refund. So if there's someone out there wondering why his or her check hasn't arrived, it's probably because the mailman couldn't find them," IRS District Director Ladd Ellis said.

In Texas, 8,792 unclaimed refunds totaling \$5,275,416 were returned to the IRS this year. Nationwide 102,840 taxpayers checks were returned to the IRS. These checks total almost \$72 million, an average of almost \$700 per check.

Refund checks usually go unclaimed because move without notifying the IRS. By law, the Postal Service cannot forward an income tax refund check. But filing Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS can help prevent that problem, he said. The form is available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by downloading it from the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

To claim an undelivered refund, Texas residents can call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

To reduce the chances of a lost or stolen refund check, the IRS can deposit tax refunds directly into a taxpayer's bank account. This year, more than 23.5 million taxpayers chose Direct Deposit by including their required bank account information on their tax return.

The IRS has processed nearly 90 million refunds totaling more than \$139 billion. The average refund through October 1999 was

### REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.100 mi of landscape development on VA at SH 86 (west end of Quitaque) covered by CL 925-12-4 in Briscoe County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., December 8, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Roy D. Wright, Area Engineer, Wellington, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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## WEATHER

24-HOUR NOVEMBER READINGS  
 6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	67	40	
2	73	34	
3	55	31	
4	74	34	
5	79	33	
6	83	42	
7	77	42	
8	74	42	
9	74	41	
10	82	46	
11	78	41	
12	78	43	
13	76	41	
14	78	42	
15	76	44	
16	74	36	

Total November Precip.	.00
Normal Nov. Precip.	.71
Total Precipitation Rec'd Year to Date	18.47
Normal Precipitation Year to Date	20.54
\$1,551.	

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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

## A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended November 11, 1999

The market largely ignored USDA's supply/demand report, which showed U. S. and world production estimates within industry expectations and closed lower four out of five days this week.

The Department of Agriculture's November adjustments to the 1999-2000 U. S. cotton crop showed a reduction in projected output in the Southeast, but an increase in estimated production in the Memphis Territory and Far West. Modifications to prospective outturn were made to all states but Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The department pegged overall U. S. production at 16.5 million bales, up slightly from the October estimate of 16.4 million, but well within analysts' pre-report expectations of 16.3 million to 16.6 million. Ending stocks now are projected at 4.6 million bales compared with the previous 4.7 million.

Around the world, expected cotton production rose by 1.3 million bales to 87.35 million. Analysts noted that the increase could have been much higher as most in the market had anticipated a 2.0 million bale jump in the figure. The increase in world production was met by a substantial rise in consumption. World mill use increased 760,000 bales to 87.82 million, a rise that was considered to be positive but was not enough to push the market higher.

Cotton news from China overshadowed USDA's supply/demand report this week as China's official news agency reported that the state-run All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives, which procures most of the domestic crop, expects the country to produce 17.0 million bales of cotton in 1999-2000. The figure is down from their estimate for the previous year's crop due to fewer planted acres.

Due to the fact that USDA's current estimate of Chinese production is much higher at 19.0 million bales, the news came as a surprise to the market. Industry observers now will closely watch the size of China's crop while the country seeks to cut production and diffuse an over-supply of cotton.

In Texas news, a considerable amount of cotton acreage has been abandoned in the Rolling Plains area. However, regional authorities believe USDA's estimate for the northern portion of the High Plains is understated; therefore, lower yields on the Rolling Plains may be offset by production from larger-than-expected acreage on the High Plains. Harvesting is nearing completion in the southern dis-

tricts of the Rolling Plains. Harvesting is nearing completion in the southern districts of the Rolling Plains, but has just begun in the northern areas as producers there still are awaiting a killing freeze.

Meanwhile, net export sales of U. S. cotton reached a marketing year high in the week ended November 4. The 144,300 bale sales figure was well above the previous week's sales of 212,300 bales. Major buyers included U. S. trade partner Mexico with purchases totaling 45,000 bales. Indonesia and Brazil also were among the top buyer with acquisitions of 29,200 and 24,500 bales, respectively.

Spot cotton sales also were higher as 36,103 bales were sold on TELCOT in the week ended November 11 versus sales of 20,360 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 38.60 to 42.12 cents per pound compared to a range of 39.35 to 42.14 the previous week.

### Funds to Assist Medicare Recipients Largely Unused

"A lot of people with disabilities or who are 65 or older are missing out on substantial savings," says Marcia C. Rachofsky, a Texas Legal Services Center staff attorney. Part of Rachofsky's job is to get the word out about several little-used programs for Medicare recipients. Indeed, some people haven't even applied for Medicare fearing that they won't be able to pay the premiums, she says.

Yet "QMB, SLMB and QI-1 will pay the monthly Medicare premium for people who are eligible," Rachofsky says. "And QMB goes even further. It pays the deductibles and co-payments too." An additional program which pays a smaller portion is QI-2.

So why aren't people using these programs? "In large measure," Rachofsky says, "they don't know about them. Or they don't know who to call or even how to ask about them." This, in part, is due to the complicated nomenclature: QMB meaning Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, SLMB meaning Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary, and QI meaning Qualified Individual. "We're hoping our outreach will fix this."

Rachofsky's plan is to blanket the state with pamphlets, posters, placemats and stadium cups publicizing the savings that the programs have to offer. "We're trying to get them into all of the places that the elderly and people

with disabilities who have limited resources are likely to go." For starters, Rachofsky will be placing the products in senior centers and sending them to group meal sites, hospital waiting rooms, and assisted living centers. All of the materials are free.

Those interested in applying for QMB, SLMB, QI-1 and QI-2 programs should contact their local Texas Department of Human Services office for information. Rachofsky advises, "If the local office handles Medicaid, it will handle AMB. If it doesn't handle QMB, it can refer the caller to the nearest office that does." The number for the regional office serving your county is 1-806-472-2504.

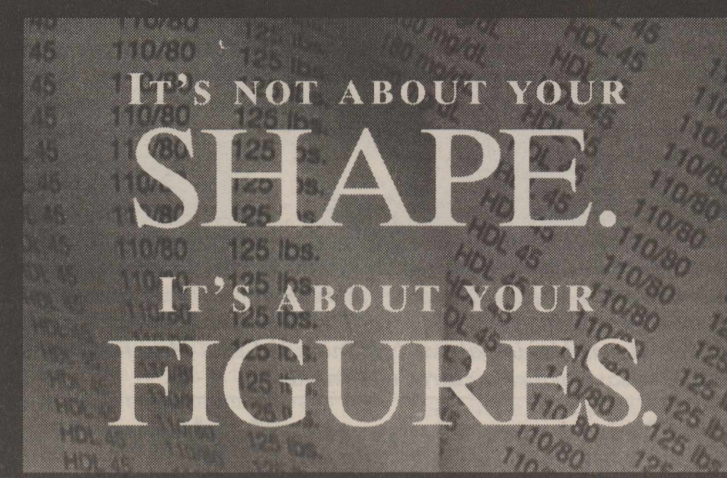
Rachofsky also points out that "the application process has been simplified. The form is short and callers can have it sent to them at home. No affidavits or proof of income or resources is required with the completed application, and it can be mailed back in."

What is more, the value of the applicant's homestead is never counted when the resources are totaled. The value of one car usually is not included either. "It's pretty easy for a person to find out if he or she is eligible," Rachofsky concludes, "and it would certainly be worthwhile to do that. After all, the savings can add up to over \$500 a year."

Information's pretty thin stuff, unless mixed with experience. —Clarence Day

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**SILVERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
**YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999**

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 1999	97 August 31, 1998
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
<b>Local and Intermediate Sources:</b>				
	\$ 24,720	\$ -	\$ 24,720	\$ 27,289
Investment Income				
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	604,500	27,625	632,125	583,331
<b>5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources</b>	<b>629,220</b>	<b>27,625</b>	<b>656,845</b>	<b>610,620</b>
<b>5800 State Program Revenues</b>	<b>1,273,612</b>	<b>18,001</b>	<b>1,291,613</b>	<b>1,455,823</b>
<b>5900 Federal Program Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,520</b>	<b>153,520</b>	<b>147,105</b>
<b>5020 Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,902,832</b>	<b>199,146</b>	<b>2,101,978</b>	<b>2,213,548</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,170,782	96,767	1,267,549	1,272,430
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	70,299	3,958	74,257	72,008
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	210,718	112,321	323,039	317,977
0040 Administrative Support Services	178,706	-	178,706	197,671
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	267,909	-	267,909	240,172
0080 Capital Outlay	12,524	-	12,524	-
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	-	16,849	16,849	14,139
<b>6030 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,910,938</b>	<b>229,895</b>	<b>2,140,833</b>	<b>2,114,397</b>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(8,106)	(30,749)	(38,855)	99,151
7020 Other Resources	-	29,856	29,856	24,066
8030 Other (Uses)	(29,856)	-	(29,856)	(24,066)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(37,962)	(893)	(38,855)	99,151
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	668,648	3,268	671,916	572,765
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
<b>3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 630,686</b>	<b>\$ 2,375</b>	<b>\$ 633,061</b>	<b>\$ 671,916</b>



**LIGHTHOUSE  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
David Beebe, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, 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.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends.....3:30 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED  
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Jay Stinson, 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.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.



**Community Thanksgiving  
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**Sunday, November 21  
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American zoologist *Dian Fossey* was not allowed to own any pets as a child--except for a goldfish.

*Louis XIV and Napoleon both suffered from ailurophobia--a fear of cats.*

## CARDS OF THANKS

I'd like to thank everyone for their phone calls, flowers and gifts. Especially for all your prayers.

A very special thank you to all who visited me at the hospital and at home.

Love,  
Paul Segura and family

## Money 2000

It isn't too early to start planning for holiday gift buying. By starting now, your chances of not overspending improve dramatically, and it may enable you to control the emotional pull of spending too much to express love and appreciation. Here are some tips on keeping holiday spending in line: plan your holiday budget based on what you can realistically afford; place a dollar amount in front of each person's name and total the figures; allow for other holiday expenses such as decorating, entertaining, gift wrapping and postage; and pay with cash since charging often leads to impulse buying.

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## South Plains Weather Near Normal in October

Weather across the Texas South Plains during October 1999 was near normal.

Temperatures averaged 0.3 degrees below normal and were 1.6 degrees below normal at Plainview.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 59.0 degrees, which was 1.3 degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 1.1 degrees above normal and were 1.0 degrees below normal at Snyder. The highest temperature reported during the month was 93 degrees at Big Spring on the third.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 75.5 degrees, which was one degree below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.8 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.5 degrees below normal at Littlefield to 0.2 degrees below normal at Floydada. The lowest temperature reported during the month

was 31 degrees at Dimmitt and Muleshoe on the 18th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 42.4 degrees, which was almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 1.12 inches below normal and ranged from 1.72 inches below normal at Post to 0.25 inches above normal at Paducah.

Silverton received .36 of an inch of precipitation during the month, which was .30 below the South Plains average and was 1.39 below normal for this area.

There was a trace of snowfall at several locations over the central and western South Plains with isolated amounts of one to three inches over the northwestern South Plains.

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