

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Charlie Parker is planning to go to Houston soon to spend time with his son and family, and especially with his granddaughter, Jeri Parker, who will be undergoing bone marrow transplants soon.

Needless to say, this has rocked the family to its foundation. Charlie said he would much rather have it himself than for her to have to go through this experience. Isn't that the way all parents and grandparents feel when a member of the younger generation gets sick?

If you would like to use your computer to contact the Parkers, this is the correct URL:

<http://home.houston.rr.com/jeriparker/>

Brit's address is
Bparker@Houston.rr.com

Silverton's fire department joined many area firefighters late Sunday afternoon to help extinguish the blaze that destroyed a large part of the First Baptist Church in Floydada. As a large group of church members gathered around to watch the firemen at work, the pastor went into a prayer of thanksgiving and said: "Oh, Lord, I just want to thank you! This is the largest crowd I have ever had for Sunday night services."

When the work of the firefighters continued past mealtime, volunteers brought sandwiches and wedding cake to sustain them. That's another story, I'm sure; people gave what they had available.

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I marvel occasionally when I run across track programs that have the meet records printed in them. Dayne Mayfield continues to hold the meet record in the discus which he set a good many years ago at the Tulia Hornet Relays.

Perry Thomas is in Northwest Texas Hospital Room 442 recuperating from hip replacement surgery. His daughter, Becky Woods, says he is doing very well.

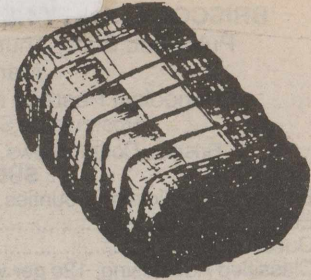
Silverton's UIL One-Act Play group traveled to Stinnett for a critique of their presentation last Friday.

They were complimented on their interpretation of the characters in the play.

The roses known as old roses--yellow briars, damask roses, moss roses and many climbers--usually only bloom once a year, in early summer.

Esther Cleveland, the second child of President Grover Cleveland, is the only child to have been born in the White House.

A white spot on a cat's chest is called a locket.



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The Courthouse Criminals, (counterclockwise from lower left) Bena Hester, Pat McWaters, LaQuetta Schott, Mary Jo Brannon, Lena Dueterhaus, and Jeannine West, were pictured as the Walk Across Texas kicked off Sunday, March 12. Briscoe County News Photo

Local Teams to Walk Across Texas

by Lena Dueterhaus, Briscoe County Extension Agent

Sunday, March 12, was the "Kick Off" day for Walk Across Texas. Briscoe County will have eight teams competing.

The captain from each team should report his/her team's total mileage to Lena Dueterhaus, 823-2131, on Mondays. An official Texas state map will indicate the walkers' position traveling from the Panhandle to South Padre Island. It will be posted in the Extension Office.

The teams include:
Winn Jammers--Shawn Miller, Kyle Fuston, Marty Haley, Patricia McJimsey, Madeline Stone, Beverly Minyard, Brenda Patton, Morris Wilcox

Kirchoffner's Crusaders--Frank Kirchoffner, Don Brown, Ramona Martin, Missy Forbes, Lana Burson, Michelle Francis, Trisha Davis, Dorothy Martin

Leapin Lizards--Emmett Tomlin, Jay Stinson, Michele Stinson, Tyler Young, Sandi Tomlin, Jared Davis, Amy Otis, Anthony Kingery

Tom's Team--Tom Burson, Deb Burson, Lane Garvin, Paula Garvin, Perry Brunson, Marsha Brunson, Aaron Younger, Mary Lane Younger, (Rhenda Burson)

Mike & The Dixie Chicks--Patsy Towe, Donna Francis, Donna Estes, Dixie Johnson, Shelley Brock, Laura

Long, Mike Long, Joni Bomar
First Baptist Faithfuls--Linda Vernon, Shirley Reynolds, Traci Tout, Valerie Mullin, Randy Mullin, Carolyn Lowrey, Toy Cogdell, Kippi Cogdell

Courthouse Criminals--Lena Dueterhaus, Brandon McGinty, Debra Grabbe, Bena Hester, Pat McWaters, LaQuetta Schott, Mary Jo Brannon, Jeannine West

Peregrinators--Bobbie Bean, Sheryl Weaver, Max Weaver, Jane Self, Wayne Nance, Tina Nance, Kathy Kingery, Theta Holt

The program ends Sunday, May 7. A victory celebration will be held Thursday, May 11, at the courthouse shelter at 6:00 p.m. I hope everyone picks up a good habit of walking daily. Happy Walking and Good Luck!

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon

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

Friendship Quilters will be hosts for the luncheon.

People often use the expression "as the crow flies" to mean in a straight, direct path from one location to another. Problem is, crows don't fly in straight lines.

Boll Weevil Foundation Hiring For 2000

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is hiring employees for the 2000 cotton growing season in the Northern Rolling Plains zone. Various positions are open throughout the 14-county zone. Seasonal positions in-

Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department meets tonight (Thursday, March 16) at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

clude assistant field unit supervisors, airport recorders, ground observers and trappers.

Interested individuals may apply at 1415 N. 20th in Memphis.

Open Wells Threaten Underground Water Supply

Continued From Last Week, by Matthew Kast

If opened or abandoned wells exist on your property, you should take steps immediately to have the wells capped or plugged.

Cost share assistance is available through the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service for decommissioning opened or abandoned wells.

Please follow state laws and protect the quality of water in the Ogallala Aquifer.

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Project Graduation Meeting Set March 20

There will be a meeting Monday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Silverton High School Board Room to plan this year's Project Graduation. Everyone interested in helping with this project is asked to attend.

This meeting is NOT just for Senior parents, it is for anyone interested in keeping this drug and alcohol free event for the high school students going each year. Everyone's help is needed to make this a special 2000 party.

The Senior parents will meet following the Project Graduation meeting. All Senior parents are asked to be present to help plan special events for the class of 2000.

Video Game May Improve Eating Habits

A fun, fast-paced video game called "Squire's Quest!" might entice kids to eat more fruits and vegetables. Researchers at the Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston are trying out the action-packed computer game at Houston elementary schools. American children eat about two servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Yet, five servings are recommended for physical and mental growth. Each

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Bruce, Susie and Hanna
Jeff, Vicky, James.
Brittany, Heather
Our extended family

child playing the video game starts as a squire and trains to become a knight. Knights help to protect an imaginary kingdom, called "Five-A-Lot," from invaders bent on destroying its fruits and vegetables. As squires earn points,

they learn about fruits, 100-percent fruit juices, and veggies. The video game is part of a classroom session in which kids make tasty recipes using fruits and vegetables. Then they set personal goals for making those recipes at home, and for eating at least one more serving of a fruit or vegetable each day.

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus
The giant hummingbird, found in Ecuador and Chile, is more than eight inches long.

In ancient Rome, parents seeking a good night's sleep would pray to a goddess that their babies would lie quietly in their cots.

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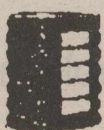
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

KEEP FAITH IN THE LORD

What Should I Worry About Today?

It seems, that at times, we look for things to worry about: the weather, our job, our home, our family, and on and on. A little concern about our daily lives is probably good, but we should not let worry or fear take over our lives. One thing I know for sure about worry and fear is that they do not come from God. They are either a figment of our own imagination or they are coming from the evil one who, incidentally, was defeated two thousand

years ago at the cross, and the only thing he can use against us is fear. There is nothing that can happen to God's children that our Lord is not aware of. In the book of Matthew, Jesus tells us not to worry, and that worrying can not add a single hour to our life. We are told to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of the things that we need will be given to us. We should not worry about tomorrow because there is no need to add to the troubles that each day brings. Our Heavenly Father loves us and wants us to be at peace with ourselves and worry free.

*I have the strength to face all conditions
by the power that Christ gives me.*

Good News Bible Philippians 4:13



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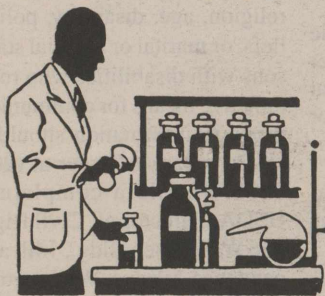
Obituaries

JOE BILL PERKINS

Funeral services for Joe Bill Perkins, 74, of Rusk, Texas were conducted Monday, March 6, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at Ricks Chapel in Teague, Texas.

Mr. Perkins passed away March 4 at Tyler.

Survivors include his three daughters, Faye Lockhart and husband, Tim, of Jacksonville, Texas, Billie Tieman and husband, Charlie, of Teague, Jeannette Linzy and husband, Cecil, of Odessa; one son, Johnny Perkins and wife, LaDonna, of Tyler; sisters, Frances Edwards of Silverton, Joyce Simmons of Burkburnett, Jeannette Offield of Henrietta, and Belle Griffin of Weatherford; brothers, Thomas Lee Perkins of Silverton, Johnny



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Marvin Perkins of Childress and Son Perkins of New York, New York; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Ruth Perkins.

Interment in Greenwood Cemetery at Teague followed the services.

BUTCH McCRAVENS

Graveside services for Butch McCravens, 52, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in Prairie Dell Cemetery at Canadian with the Rev. Gary Jahnel, pastor of Mobeetie First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. McCravens died Tuesday, March 7.

Born in Hatton, Arkansas, and was graduated from Silverton High School. He moved to Canadian in 1969 from Silverton. From 1977 until 1985, he owned and operated Butch's Roustabout Service. He had been a 4-H leader for several years.

He married Debbie Sanders in 1976 at Canadian.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Tyrel McCravens of Canadian; his mother, Emaloy McCravens of Canadian; a grandmother, Vesta Blackwood of Mena, Arkansas; and two sisters, Judy Godden and Barbara Johnson, both of Canadian.

The family suggested memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Matthew 11:28-30

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For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Rock Creek Church of Christ

4-H'ers Participate in Consumer Contests in Amarillo Saturday

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

One hundred 4-H'ers from 21 Texas Panhandle Counties gathered in Amarillo on Saturday, March 11, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center to compete in the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest. Youth used critical thinking skills to decide which of four products was the best consumer choice for the situation given.

To prepare for the contest, youth studies several products including cameras, healthy snacks, children's toys, compact disc players, and sunscreens, ATM cards and cellular phones. Following placement of the products, youth justified their choices in a process called oral reasons.

The top two senior teams (ages 14-19) will advance to state competition in June on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station. The first place team won from Ochiltree County and the second place team was from Dallam County. Alternates to state competition are from Oldham County.

Winning intermediate individuals were from Hutchinson, Dallam and Randall Counties. Top placing junior teams (ages 8-11) were from Hutchinson, Deaf smith and Donley Counties.

Competing from Briscoe County on the junior team (ages 8-11) were Nichole Schott, Charla Rhoderick and Torrey Fuston. Camisha Wilson became ill and was unable to attend with her team.

4-H and other educational programs sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Services serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Talking about money matters isn't very romantic, but it's hard to avoid in marriage. Expenditures can easily be the cause of financial arguments. Improving communication and trust can help resolve sensitive money issues.

Try these techniques. Schedule a time to discuss and plan. Treat the appointment seriously. Stick to money business. Strike a compromise when you seem polarized.

Let each one give a little and take a little so that neither loses. Don't assume you know your partner's point of view. Ask questions to clarify until you do. Discuss debt, child support, having more children, employment for both spouses, and anything else that contributes to better communication and understanding.

People often try to make healthy changes by cutting dietary fat. However, if you're overweight, you will benefit more from cutting calories and increasing exercise.

USDA administrator Floyd Horn says research found that dietary changes don't have much of an effect on cholesterol level. In a recent study lean and overweight men switched to low fat diets. Cholesterol in the overweight men dropped less than half that of the lean men.

Three Track Meet Records Fell Saturday at the Amherst Relays

Two Lady Owls set new records at the Amherst Relays on March 11 at Anton High School.

Sara Kirchoffner placed first in the long jump with a distance of 15'10" and also won first in the triple jump with a distance of 33'10 1/2", both of which set new records. She also won second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 67.13.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds set a new meet record and won first place in the 2400 meter run with a time of 10:19.07. She also won first in the 1600 meter run, with a time of 6:22.31.

Caleb Francis placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:31.80 and in the 1600 meter run with 5:49.41.

Humberto Vasquez won fourth place in the 1600 meter run with 5:58.00.

Brandon Stephens ran fifth in the 400 meter run with a time of 64.20.

Dustin Hale ran fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:57.25.

Other participants in the meet were Zack Burson, Eric Minyard, Ma Comer, Chase Comer, Nathan Francis, Monty Wood and Daniel Rogers.

Jim Cogdell Finishes Third, Chosen As "Showman of the Year" by Peers

Jim Cogdell continued his quest to win the average of the John Deere World Finals in the Non-Pro division, scoring an outstanding 229 for the highest score of the night aboard his gelding Work Smooth. Cogdell, who currently sat in third place in the overall standings, also the lead for the average.

Cogdell placed second in the first go-round with a score of 221. He was first in the second go-round with a score of 228, which was six points ahead of second place. He was first in the third go-round with a score of 229, which was three points ahead of second place. He was leading the average for total number of points going into the fourth go-round. He had a great run going and a cow ran over him two seconds before the buzzer. He marked a 209 with 15 penalty. As a result he ended up third in the average, only 1/2 point behind Wade Rust for second place.

Cogdell went into the Finals in third place and was able to maintain his third place spot for the year.

His horse, Work Smooth, earned \$54,531.56 for the year.

After a grueling year of hauling around the country and strenuous cutting horse competition, the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) World Championship Title comes down to four nights at the John Deere World Championship Finals presented by DeltaAir Lines, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the NCHA.

Obtaining a place in the World finals is the dream of every weekend cutter, and is the final pay-off to the long hours and hard work dedicated to the sport after an arduous year of competing in many of the 1,400 NCHA approved shows held annually around the world.

The John Deere World Finals is a by-invitation-only event, where the top 15 non-professional riders and open division horses come together to compete for top money and the championship, promising fierce cutting competition as well as an exceptional display of athletic skill and agility.

Cogdell will receive a Non-Pro Gold Award. He was selected "Showman of the Year" by his peers in the Open and Non-Pro events.

Jim and his wife, Pam, and their daughter, Harley, were on the road a lot this year. They saw lots of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona, California, Mississippi, Wyoming and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Cogdell had

allowed himself one year in which to try to become first in the world in cutting horse competition. He came very close to his goal, finishing in third place, and now will be returning home to his work on the Tule Ranch.

Among those attending the Finals in Houston were Jim, Pam and Harley Cogdell, Jim's parents, Billy and Bette Cogdell, and his sister, Penny Carpenter, and her children, Ryder and Candy Kate.

Williamson to Present Program in Silverton

Joe Howard Williamson of Archer City, who finished in first place in the non-professional division of the John Deere /NCHA in Houston and is a founder of the Curring Horsemen for Christ, will be in Silverton soon to give a program at school and to take part when horsemen give their testimonies at the show barn that night.

Williamson has been complimented for his integrity, family values and never complaining about judges in the many competitions in which he takes part.

Happy Anniversary-

March 16--Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry
March 18--Mr. and Mrs. Chris Aylesworth
March 20--Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gragon

Happy Birthday-

March 16--Glen Kingery, Dara Johnston, Traci Bounds, Abby Chappell
March 17--Colleen Sternberger, Lois Hill, LaToya Baker
March 18--Haleigh Renee McGavock, Ky Williams, Mary Jo Brannon
March 19--Betty Olive
March 20--Missy Forbes
March 21--Kathy Perkins, Dick Cogdell, Letisia Stidham
March 22--Forrest Glenn Otis, Josephine Cerbantes, Amy Auilar

Grass skirts were not brought to Hawaii from Samoa until the reign of King Kalakaua, which began in 1874.

Do you know that if you put more hiding places in a fish tank, you'll likely see the fish more because they'll feel more secure?

A brown bear can run faster than a horse at full gallop.

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 15, 1990--City requests additional county funds for operation of fire department . . . Only about half of the registered voters in Briscoe County went to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in the Democratic Primary. In Precinct 1, a runoff will be needed on April 10 to select the nominee for Justice of the Peace. Incumbent James Edwards led the field with 227 votes, but failed to get a majority of the votes. Challenger Lynn Frizzell polled 207 votes to gain a place in the runoff. Connie Smith received 66 votes and Jeanetta Bradford polled 59 for Justice of the Peace. . . Silvertown wins UIL District Meet at Hedley . . . 4-H Clover Club has tea for adopted grandparents . . . Shane and Tracy Reagan are parents of a son, Brandon Shane . . .

March 13, 1980--Neighbors, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Francis and their son, Jack, gathered at the Francis farm last week to apply chemicals and prepare the land for spring planting. Garland Francis has been very ill in area hospitals, and at present is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, where he has been undergoing chemotherapy . . . Cowboy Camp Meeting to be held March 22-25 . . . Mrs. Richard Eddleman of Amarillo visited Dawn Jasper Monday . . . Adult workers needed to help with track meet. Teams that have accepted invitations to participate here Saturday are Claude, Happy, Valley, Nazareth, Silvertown, Motley County, Sundown, Whiteface, Patton Springs, Lakeview, Kress, Hart, Lorenzo and Ralls . . . Jim Baird promoted to Superintendent at Alvord School . . . ninety took part in 4-H Ski Trip to Red River, New Mexico . . .

February 26, 1970--Special programs planned during Public Schools Week . . . Tri-Captains elected for the 1970 Silvertown Owl football team. They are Terry Bomar, Bill Strange and Alvin May . . . Evelyn Wood has been elected as president of the 4-H Horse Club, and those chosen to serve with her are John Burson, vice president; Paula Birdwell, secretary; Amy Birdwell, treasurer. Adult leader for the club is Johnnie Burson. . . Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller were honored at a reception and miscellaneous shower January 31 in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Golf with celebrities is common for Brad Wilson, a former Silvertown resident, who is the nephew of Mrs. Bob Hill, and is a professional golfer at a San Diego, California country club . . . Miss Nancy Durene Nance and Benny Joe Montague exchanged marriage vows at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hugh Nance . . . Mrs. Ruby Norris Hutson of Clarendon was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Drewry are parents of a daughter, Tammy Michelle, born February 22 at Swisher Memorial Hospital . . .

March 10, 1960--Doris Estes, local FHA President of Silvertown High School, was elected Area I Recording Secretary at the Convention held in Lubbock Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs.

James Whitfield were honored guests at a "42" party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer Monday evening . . . Mrs. Lewis Gilkeyson fell at her home here Friday morning, injuring her head and face and breaking her arm . . . Mrs. E. D. Wilmeth breaks hip in fall on ice . . . Susie Arnold, whose ninth birthday was Thursday, celebrated the occasion Friday afternoon, night and part of Saturday with a group of her friends in the home of her parents. Roy Dale Garrison, Kay and Pam Fleming, Marilyn Minyard, Sharon and Ramona Martin enjoyed cake and ice cream, gifts and other party festivities Friday afternoon. All the girls except Sharon and Ramona enjoyed a slumber party overnight and play together Saturday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Hope Diane, to Teddy Jack Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield . . .

March 9, 1950--Don Cornett, Pat Northcutt win one, two at local livestock show. Wayne White of Quitaque took top honors in the swine show and Jim Hardin, a Silvertown FFA youth, showed the reserve champion . . . R. E. Hutsell drills second good water well on his farm . . . Captain Harley J. Redin awarded permanent citations for the Air Medal and one Gold Star by the United States Marine Corps . . . Mrs. A. P. Dickenson entertained the T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in their lovely farm home Thursday afternoon, with the revealing of Sunshine Sisters . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler entertained friends Sunday . . . Mrs. Judd Donnell and daughter, Janice, and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin were in Tulia Monday afternoon on business . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Allard entertained in their home Saturday evening with aq surprise birthday party honoring Mrs. Shelby Haynes . . . The Helping Hand Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Frank Fisch. Mrs. Cleve Jacobs and Mrs. Hollie Francis were awarded the capsule prizes . . .

April 11, 1946--Tribute to the memory of Mrs. W. T. Shelton, 80 years old, was paid Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist Church . . . Three write-in candidates were elected as trustees of the Silvertown Independent School District Saturday. They were R. H. Stodghill, L. K. Gilkeyson, and C. M. Chappell . . . Formal opening of Seaney Appliance and Hardware will be held Saturday . . . Master's degree in Masonry will be conferred upon L. E. Paige and Henry Price at a called meeting of Silvertown Lodge No. 754 Monday night . . . Lynn Welch arrived home Saturday night with a discharge from the Navy after spending two years, six months and 21 days in the Pacific Theater of War . . . Robert Isbell, Johnny Ted Bingham and Mickey Cornett will enter calves in the Plainview Fat Stock Show . . . Mrs. Roy McMurtry, Mrs. Bob Dickenson, Mrs. Chester Burnett and Mary Tom Bomar visited Mrs. J. L. Bice, Mrs. Bob Hill and Mrs. Bruce Gerdes at the Tulia hospital Friday . . . Miss Lois Arnold became the bride of Roy Mack Walker in a double-ring

ceremony read at the College Heights Church in Plainview Sunday. Rev. G. A. Elrod, pastor of the Silvertown Baptist Church, officiated at the rites . . . Mary Charlotte Tunnell became the bride of Willie Amel Smith in an impressive ceremony in Canyon Monday . . . Carl Dean Bomar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bomar, left Sunday for New Orleans where he expects to get his discharge . . .

February 6, 1930--The efforts of Wylie Bomar, local dairyman, to bring his milk products up to the highest standard deserve special mention. He himself has secured a certificate of

health and has secured health certificates for all his cows from a state veterinarian . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patton announce the arrival of a fine baby girl, born Thursday. The little lady is named Bettie Ray . . . Billie McDaniel spent Sunday with Garland Tucker . . . Iva and Lina Watters were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watters . . . Olan Yocum visited Glenn Smith Saturday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown announce the arrival of a fine baby girl born February 1 named Wynona Faye . . . Misses Lois and Doris Brown spent Saturday night with Modena and Maye

Pearl Jasper . . . The following took dinner in the W. W. Reid home Sunday. Miss Catherine and Ester Cline, Viola and Francis Jones, Mildred Chappell, Ruby McDaniel, Master L. L. Callaway and Leon Martin . . . Miss Jewel McCain is on the sick list, having had an attack of appendicitis . . .

If you microwave your foods in a square container and aren't happy with the results, try cooking them in a round one. Food cooks better in round containers

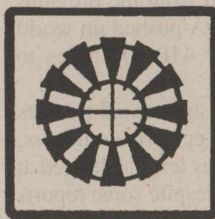
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TUESDAY, MARCH 21	TIME	GATE	CLOCK & BOOKS	CONCESSION SUPERVISOR	CONCESSION	CONCESSION	CONCESSION
Derinda/Randy Diana/Mary	5:00	Debbie Holt	Derrell & Dixie Johnson	Tammy Garvin, Letiwia Stidham	Bronc/Amy Otis	Bill/Shana Strange	
Tammy/Letisia Amy	5:45	JonEtta Ziegler	Clarence/Diana Ivory		Eddie/Charlotte Rhoderick	Erma Reyna	Carol Braddock
Rance Barry	6:30	Missy Forbes	Scott/Tonnette Perkins		Bryan/Lana Burson	Joe/Faye Maciel	
Scott Cam	7:15	Paula Montague	Barry/Michelle Francis		Wayne/Colleen Reed	Darrell/Diane Renolds	
FRIDAY, MARCH 24							
Derinda/Randy Kyle	5:00	Liz Griffin	Ross/Melissa Estes	Lana Burson	Bryan/Lana Burson	Obelia Bullock	Rosa Vargas
Ross Ami	5:45	Brenda Jasper	Mark/Derinda Patton		Randy/Valorie Mullin	Jerry/Sandra Frizzell	
Tammy/Letisia Sylvia	6:30	Becky Dunn	David/Debbie Holt		Scott/Tonnette Perkins	Connie Simpson	
David Connie	7:15	Rhonda Williams	Dick/Kippi Cogdell		Lance/Letisia Stidham	Wayne/Colleen Reed	
Scott Barry	8:00	David Lewis	Mitchell/Connie Simpson		Rhett/Sylvia Perkins	Linda Baird	Dora Bullock
TUESDAY, MARCH 28							
Diana/Mary Kyle	5:00	Kippi Cogdell	Ted/Jennifer Daugherty	Connie Simpson	Arturo/Tonya Fabela	Sylvia Walls	Kippi Cogdell
Amy Sylvia	5:45	Judy Segura	Kyle/Amy Fuston		Palmira Ramirez	Mary Patino	Angela White
David Connie	6:30	Mary Ramirez	Darrell/Diane Reynolds		Mitchell/Connie Simpson	R. C./Rhonda Cooper	
Rance Scott	7:15	Becky Dunn	Jerry/Sandra Frizzell		Clarence/Diana Ivory	Rance/Nancy Young	
THURSDAY, MARCH 30							
Derinda/Randy Diana/Mary	5:00	Tammy Garvin	Bronc/Amy Otis	Erma Reyna	Bill/Shana Strange	Lance/Letisia Stidham	
Tammy/Letisia Amy	5:45	Carol Braddock	Bryan/Lisa Schott		Brad/JonEtta Ziegler	Erma Reyna	Estella Ramirez
Ross Sylvia	6:30	Judy Segura	Zane/Kim Mayfield		Joe/Faye Lynn Maciel	Olga Garcia	
Scott Barry	7:15	Sylvia Walls	Michael/Jan Curry		Derrell/Dixie Johnson	Ana Baeza	
Rance Cam	8:00	Angela Garcia	Barry/Michelle Francis		Mark/Derinda Patton	Rhonda Williams	

Not Enough Space for a Big Rosebush? Try a Shrublet

(MS) — In the wonderful world of roses, shrub roses are the ones that grow tall and wide and provide lots and lots of color in the garden. Sometimes you may need all that color but can't provide the space it takes to grow a huge shrub. That's when it's time to think about a shrublet.

An entirely new class of rose, a shrublet is a rosebush that has flowers and foliage on a smaller scale. But unlike a miniature rose, which has small flowers and small foliage on a small plant, a shrublet is a larger plant that's just chock-a-block loaded with small flowers and foliage.

Depending on the variety of shrublet you choose, the plants grow to between 3 and 4 feet tall, and about 2 feet wide — tuckable! They fit easily into most landscape situations, especially where a season-long profusion of color is important.

In the perennial border, a shrublet is the plant that's always in bloom, providing a wonderful contrast with peonies in the spring, delphinium in midsummer, and phlox in late summer. Even between perennial cycles, shrublets just keep on producing myriads of colorful flowers.

Because these plants are continually laden with bloom, shrublets always fit nicely into foundation plantings. And they make wonderful companions when planted in front of, or intermixed with, the once-blooming old garden roses.

Like most roses, shrublets grow extremely well in warm climates. In cold climates, where many types of roses require protection to keep the bud union (graft) from being damaged by winter winds and freezing temperatures, shrublets thrive without protection. Rather than having been budded onto a rootstock, shrublets grow on their own roots, making these plants less susceptible to the ravages of winter. Where winter winds damage rose canes, shrublets can be pruned in the spring, right to the ground if necessary, and new, strong canes will grow.

New varieties of shrublets are in the process of being introduced to the rose market, but to date there are only a few varieties of these much-loved plants. However, you can find them easily at your local nursery or garden center where Weeks Roses are sold. Or, check out wonderful, floriferous, easy-to-grow shrublets on the Weeks Roses website at www.weeksroses.com.



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Rose Diseases Don't Have to Be a Problem

(MS) — The hardest part of growing really great roses is dealing with the fungal diseases that like roses almost as much as people do. In fact, all of the plants in the Rosaceae family, like strawberries, apples, and lots of other fruits and flowers, are highly susceptible to diseases like powdery mildew and black spot.

Many people have just given up on roses because disease has devastated their plants. And what a shame it is, since roses are among the most beautiful of flowers and certainly the most satisfying to grow.

In this new millennium, with a wide variety of new and very safe-to-use spray materials, garden disease is almost history. So roses and other perennials, annuals, shrubs, and trees can flourish in gardens where they've never been able to before.

Gardening is, of course, the most popular hobby in the United States. The fun and challenge of gardening is to learn what your plants require and provide it for them. Roses require good soil, good drainage, a little fertilizer, and a lot of water. But they also need protection against disease.

"New" fungicide chemistry has resulted in spray materials that prevent diseases from attacking roses and will eradicate disease once it has become a problem. Furthermore, these new materials have very low toxicity levels, and have to be sprayed much less often than traditional fungicides. When cared for in the same way you care for your roses,



BLACK SPOT is the most common disease that affects roses. With new spray materials, you can eliminate it forever.

all the other plants in your garden will be happier and healthier, too.

Primary Products (for serious gardeners!) offers a wide variety of spray materials, fertilizers, tools, and growth stimulants that will help you grow fabulous roses. For a free color catalog featuring lots of rose-culture tips, call (800) 841-6630 or write to them at 175-R New Boston St., Woburn, Mass. 01801. Or, check out the company's website at www.primaryproducts.com and subscribe to their free Rose-E-Tips through e-mail. GT004334

WEATHER

24-HOUR MAR. WEATHER
READING, 6:00 a.m.
HIGH LOW PRECIP.

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9	71	36	
10	68	33	
11	56	28	
12	58	28	
13	73	30	
14	61	31	
Total March Precip.			.24
Total Snow in 2000			3"
Normal March Precip.			.93
Total Precip. Rec'd			
Year to Date			.40
Normal Precip.			2.18
Year to Date			49°
Soil Temperature			

New Arrival

Hoot and Katy Barker are parents of a son, Jonathan Cole, born at 11:21 a.m. Thursday, March 2, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce and measured 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Ida and L. C. Barker of Gardendale, Texas; Joe and Marie Skinner of Stephenville. Great-grandmother is Ida M. Lee of Gardendale.

The Barkers said that they appreciate very much all that has been done for them since they moved to Silverton. They would like to thank everyone for the visits, thoughts, prayers, flowers and gifts that made them and Cole feel especially welcome in the community.

By age 14, Bill Gates and his friends had already earned \$20,000 with their fledgling computer data tracking company.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 20--Fish Platter, Tartar Sauce, Dirty Potatoes, Corn, Cornbread, Milk, Sweet Roll

Tuesday, March 21--Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Cherry-o-Cream Dessert

Wednesday, March 22--Pig-in-a-Blanket, Blackeyed Peas, Onion Rings, Milk, Fruit with Pudding

Thursday, March 23--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, March 24--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookies

Silverton School Activities

Friday, March 17--Plainview Tennis Meet

Saturday, March 18--Plainview Tennis Meet; Groom Track Meet

Tuesday, March 21--PK-8 Spring Pictures; Personality Pictures

Redin Earns National Honor

Legendary women's basketball coach Harley Redin has added another honor to his resume.

Redin, 80, said he learned about a month ago he is the winner of the Na-

Thursday, March 23--One-Act Play, North Zone @ Paducah; FFA Judging Contests at Tarleton

Friday, March 24--Girls State Powerlifting @ Killeen; Jayton Track Meet; Memphis Tennis Meet

Saturday, March 25--Boys State Powerlifting @ Killeen; Memphis Tennis Meet

Monday, March 27--One-Act Play, District @ Smyer

smith Outstanding Contribution to Basketball Award scheduled to be given next month by the Atlanta Tip-off Club.

The award, established in 1982, honors a coach who "helped develop the great game to its modern popularity," according to information from the Tip-off Club.

"That makes you feel pretty good," Redin said.

He coached the Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College from 1957 to 1973, compiling a 437-68 record. His teams won six national championships and 35 of his players earned All-America honors..

Redin, inducted into the women's basketball hall of fame last summer, said he plans to travel to Atlanta to receive the award on April 8.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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| Buffalo Springs Lake Canyon | Lubbock* | Shallowater |
| Canyon | Meadow | Silverton |
| Coahoma | Midland | Slaton |
| Crosbyton | Muleshoe | Smyer |
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2000 F-250 Supercab 4x4, V-10, Auto, XLT, Gold	2000 F-350 Crew Cab 4x4, Diesel, Auto, XLT, Black	2000 F-250 Supercab 4x4, Diesel, 6-spd., XLT, Black	2000 F-350 Crew Cab 4x4, V-8, Auto, XL, White	2000 Excursion XLT 4x4, V-8, Auto, Estate Green

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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. March 20, 2000

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U. S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 27, 2000. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2000. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2000

District 2

Harold Bertrand
RR 2 Box 65
Floydada, Texas 79235

Leslie Nixon
RR 4 Box 165
Floydada, Texas 79235

District 5

Randy Bennett
RR 2
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Charles Huffman
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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended March 9

The market moved higher five consecutive days this week as traders were inspired by a rising A Index and the anticipation of new supply/demand information from USDA.

Supplies of good quality cotton have grown tighter and the effect on world prices has been clear. The Cotlook A Index, an average of the world's cheapest high-grade cotton quotes, has been rising steadily over the past few months and boosting New York cotton futures prices. Market observers hope the trend will continue.

"as the amount of high-grade cotton dwindles through the spring, world prices should continue to gain," one analyst commented. If the scenario continues, the rising A Index should provide more support and the New York cotton futures should continue to gain.

Meanwhile, most analysts considered USDA's March supply/demand report, which showed small changes in U. S. cotton usage but not adjustment to U. S. carryover and slightly smaller-than-expected alterations in world numbers, as neutral. Traders said the lack of major changes to USDA's balance sheet was not unexpected. The department left 1999-2000 U. S. carryover stocks unchanged at 4.4 million bales, still 12 percent above the 3.94 million bales on hand a year ago.

USDA trimmed U. S. mill use to 10.1 million bales from 10.2 million in its February estimate, taking a small step despite indications that mill use could fall below 10.0 million bales this season. Last year, 10.4 million bales were consumed in U. S. textile mills.

Export projections were raised by only 100,000 bales to 6.5 million bales in spite of the fact that sales currently on the books already are well above this level. As long as export shipments continue to move ahead at a brisk pace under the Step 2 program, many look for further upward adjustments to USDA's export forecast to offset any additional cuts in domestic consumption.

World numbers held more interest. After raising world production 560,000 bales to 86.92 million last month, USDA's world crop again was mostly unchanged at 86.87 million in its current report. Some traders are looking for further upward adjustments in Australia and Pakistan to add to world supplies. World ending stocks were trimmed 340,000 bales to 39.94 million, a reversal from the previous month when USDA pushed up world ending stocks by 410,000 bales to 40.28 million.

Analysts noted some small changes in estimates for certain countries. Pakistan's crop was left unchanged at 8.2 million bales despite some reports of a larger harvest, India's crop was reduced by 200,000, and the country's imports were increased 100,000 bales. In South America, the Brazilian crop was raised 300,000 bales to 2.5 million. Estimates for China remained the same even though many in the industry expect lower production and stocks in the country.

In its latest export sales report, USDA reported net U. S. export sales of 77,200 bales for the week ended March 2. Sales were considered respectable, further boosting the U. S. total commitments above the 1999-2000 target of 6.4 million bales. Turkey was the major buyer listed in the week's report with purchases of 23,000 bales. Brazil and Colombia rounded out the list with acquisitions of 17,900 and 7,100 bales, respectively.

Additionally, export shipments reached a marketing year high at 214,700 bales. Total shipments for the season now are at approximately 52 percent of the export target.

In the spot cotton market, the relatively small volume of cotton remaining for sale has restricted trading, just 6,503 bales were sold on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the week ended March 9, lower than the previous week's sales of 8,082 bales. Producers selling their cotton on TELCOT received average daily prices ranging from 40.96 to 54.13 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 39.68 to 49.40 cents per pound.

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Program To Be Presented Mar. 21

Grace Campbell and Beverly Vinson will present a program entitled "Why the DAR, the DRT, and the UDC?" This presentation will be at the Motley County Library Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. The program will be the first in a series that will deal with the three organizations: the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Vinson will answer the questions, "Are these organizations just self-serving, ego-building clubs or are they organizations that promote civic responsibility, patriotism and education?" At future programs, membership requirements will be explained and help in filling out the application forms will be available.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Vinson are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Campbell is also a member of the Colonial Dames and Mrs. Vinson is a Daughter of the Republic of Texas. They are active in the organizations and are quite capable of helping others become members. This series of programs is sponsored by the Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society and anyone with an interest in these organizations is cordially invited to attend this program.

A good way to give unwanted pounds the cold shoulder, it seems, is skiing. The average adult uses up to 160 calories for every 20 minutes of downhill skiing, 180 calories for every 20 minutes spent skiing cross-country,

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6054-50-001	Cottle	1000.00	45,522.00	34
6054-51-001	Dickens/King	1600.00	77,436.00	58
6054-52-001	Donley	900.00	43,092.00	32
6054-53-001	Foard	900.00	42,822.00	32
6054-54-001	Hall	1000.00	48,519.00	36
6054-55-001	Hardeman	1100.00	52,758.00	40
6054-56-001	Knox	1000.00	49,896.00	38
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