

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Classes in the Silverton Schools will be dismissed early Friday, April 6, and buses will run at 1:15 p.m.

School will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. every Friday until school is out, with the exception of Friday, April 13, which is a school holiday.

The Silverton Schools are joining other school districts across the state in support of the Texas Child Identification Program.

The Program is distributing 3.2 million FREE Inkless Child Identification Kits to students across Texas. This is part of a three-year effort to provide free ID Kits to almost four million Texas school children, kindergarten through twelfth grades.

A number of celebrities sponsor the program. The group came together for children's safety after learning that each year 800,000 children are missing in America (one child every 40 seconds).

The program provides FREE ID Kits to all grades, plus new students. If you would like to order additional ID Kits immediately, an order form has been included in each ID Kit.

The Inkless ID Card in the kit can be completed in the safety and security of your home, with no messy inks to clean.

The ID card remains in the possession of the parent. In an emergency, the parent can turn the ID card over to the authorities to help give them vital information they may need in a time of crisis.

Silverton Firemen will have their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall. Supper will be served.

April 7 is Volunteer Day at Caprock Canyons State Park. You are invited to join Caprock Partner's Foundation for hard work and lots of fun. Call 806-455-1492 for the list of projects and sign up for one you will enjoy. Work will continue until 12:30 p.m. and then the group will meet for a potluck lunch.

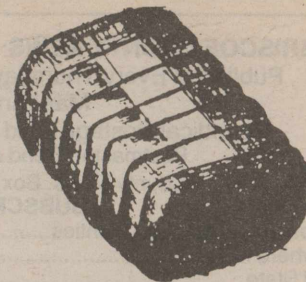
Evening Birding will be a program for both the beginning birder and the expert. You may join a short discussion about bird identification and some common species you might expect, then take a leisurely walk around Lake Theo scouting for birds. Regular park fees apply. This begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7.

There will be a Wildflower Walk at the State park beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, and an Evening Interpretive Program which begins at 8:00 p.m. Regular park fees apply for both programs.



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Briscoe County News

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Jimmy Davidson Retires After 42 Years of Service to Quitaque Bank



Jimmy Davidson

Briscoe County 4-H April Calendar of Events

Provided by Cory Payne

April 2--Rifle Club meets at 3:15 p.m. at Ted and Jennifer Daugherty's

April 3--Consumer Decision Making Practice at the Silverton School Library at 3:00 p.m. for Silverton 4-H'ers

April 4--County Camp Participants and Parents Meeting to Discuss Fundraisers, 4:00 p.m. at the courthouse

April 5--Consumer Decision Making Practice at Valley School at 3:30 p.m. for Valley Junior and Intermediate age 4-H'ers

April 6--Mini Consumer Decision Making Contest for all 4-H'ers at 6:00 p.m. at the courthouse

April 7--Deadline to enter District Fashion Show in Consumer Buying or Construction

April 10--Silverton 4-H Club meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Silverton School Cafeteria

April 11--Valley 4-H Club Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Valley School Home Ec. Room

April 11--Clothing project meeting after the 4-H club meeting

April 12--Photography Contest entries due to the Extension Office

April 15--Applications for Bobwhite Brigade due

April 17--Horse Bowl entry deadline and Horse Bowl Practice at 3:30 p.m. in the Valley School Home Ec. Room

April 23--Registration and money due for the Texas State 4-H Adult Leader Reining Horse Clinic

April 23--Clothing Project meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the

Jimmy Davidson will be honored at a retirement reception Sunday, April 8, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at First National Bank in Quitaque. His last day at the bank was March 31.

Davidson began his employment at First National Bank in November of 1959 as a teller. At that time, Orlin Stark was President; O. R. Stark, jr. was Vice-President; Bob Ham, Cashier; Veda Morrison and Christine Brummett, Bookkeepers. The bank had \$2,000,000 in assets. Since that time Davidson has served the bank as Assistant Cashier, Cashier, Administrative Officer and Vice President, with the bank growing to \$32,000,000. Davidson's friendly, helpful manner of serving the bank's customers has been very instrumental in First National Bank's growth.

The reception also will honor Davidson's wife, Clara Ruth, who has been employed at the Quitaque Post Office since November of 1966 as a temporary appointment. Since that time she has served as Officer in Charge at the Turkey and Flomot post offices, Clerk, and Postmaster of the Quitaque Post Office since 1995.

The Davidsons have been very active in many community organizations and activities. He has been a member of Lions Club for over 40 years, serving as an officer most of those years. He served on the City Council for eight years and as Mayor for five years. He served on the school boards of the Quitaque and Valley schools for 13 years, and was Boy Scout Leader for many years.

The couple is very active in their church, First United Methodist Church, having served on many committees and boards. They also are active in the Anmmaus Community and Kairos Prison Ministry.

In their retirement, the Davidsons plan to enjoy their six grandchildren and attend their

Silverton School Home Ec. Room

April 24--4-H Adult Leaders Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the courthouse

April 28--District Horse Judging, Horse Bowl Contest in Lubbock and Livestock Judging Contest in Canyon

Mid-Plains Telephone Plans Annual Meeting

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will host its 51st annual membership meeting Friday, April 6 at Ezra Jones Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. A light buffet of finger foods and refreshments prepared by the cafeteria staff will be served.

Board President Kenneth Littlefield of the Vigo Park exchange will welcome guests and then a short business meeting will cover the cooperative's performance over the last year.

Three director positions will be voted on by the members during the annual meeting. As required in the by-laws of the cooperative, two candidates must be nominated from each exchange. Members then vote on all candidates, not just the ones from their exchange.

Representatives from Cleta, Goodnight and Kress will be chosen.

In the Cleta area, incumbent Emery Goodin is opposed by Jack Fields.

In the Kress area, incumbent Jeremy Reed is opposed by Buddy Vineyard. Reed is new on the board, having been appointed earlier this year by the directors to fill the position vacated by Johnny Street when he moved to Plainview and became ineligible to serve on the board.

There will be door favors for everyone, and approximately 80 door prizes will be awarded throughout the meeting. A grand prize of \$51 will be given for each exchange.

many activities. Their son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy Don and Angie, along with their children, Jenna, Deidra and Willie, live in Sterling City. Their son, Jon, and daughter-in-law, Laura, along with their children, Macy, Mollie and Mary Kate, live at Turkey.

The Davidsons will continue to reside in Quitaque, planning to serve the community any way they can. They both say they have enjoyed working at their jobs and have wonderful memories of those they have worked with and all the good people they have come in contact with through the years.

Everyone is invited to attend to wish them well in their retirement.

Stock Show Meeting is Re-scheduled

The Briscoe County Stock Show meeting was re-scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Everyone interested in helping plan the 2002 Stock Show is invited to attend.

Silverton Buyers Club will have a short meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and make changes to the donor list.

Goat Production Meeting Tuesday

There will be a Goat Production Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at the Valley School beginning at 6:30 p.m., according to Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag Brandon McGinty.

Topics will include Management, Nutrition, Selection, Disease and Production.

Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist from San Angelo, will be here to present the program.

Everyone interested is invited to attend this very important meeting.

Junior High District Track Meet To Be Here

The District Junior High boys and girls track meet will be held in Silverton on Saturday, April 7.

Teams that will be competing are Silverton, Adrian, Amherst, Channing, Happy, Hartley, Lazbuddie, Nazareth, Texline and Valley.

Only four NFL coaches have ever taken more than one franchise to the Super Bowl: Don Shula (Colts, Dolphins), Bill Parcells (Giants, Patriots), Dan Reeves (Broncos, Falcons) and Dick Vermeil (Eagles, Rams).

In 1821, with the help of the Rosetta Stone, Jean-Francois Champollion became the first person in thousands of years to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics.

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ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada, 1-806-983-3635. 16-tfnc

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, gifts and cards for Reba while having her tonsils out, and since she's been home. You have all been great and we really appreciate your kindness. She is doing great now. Thank you all very much for caring the way you do.

Thank you and God bless you. Reba Garvin and family

Dear Friends,
Words cannot express my appreciation for the love and concern shown to me during my recent hospital stay. Thank you for each prayer, card and visit.

Sincerely,
Christene King

Thanks to my friends and family for all their help while I was in the hospital and since I've been home.

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Exercise Can Benefit Arthritis Sufferers

Cory Payne, CEA-FCS

In our Senior Citizens Exercise class this week, we discussed arthritis. Arthritis is the most common disease affecting humans. Over 40 million people, including 400,000 children, suffer from joint disorders in the U. S. Joint disorders strike at the heart of independence--the ability to move freely. Although there is no cure for arthritis, the symptoms can be controlled.

Warning signs of arthritis include: pain, stiffness or swelling in or around joints; problems moving a joint through its free range of motion; loss of muscle around joints; development of nodules of bone around joints; fatigue and loss of appetite and aching during inclement weather.

There are over 100 illnesses that fall under the category of arthritis. Four of the most common types are (1) Rheumatoid Arthritis--a chronic inflammatory disorder that causes pain, stiffness, and deformation in the joints; (2) Osteoarthritis--degenerative joint disease in which the breakdown of joint tissue leads to joint pain, morning stiffness and changes in the joints; (3) Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis--rheumatoid arthritis that affects children; (4) Gout--caused by a buildup of uric acid in the body.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our youth basketball program a success.

We appreciate your support and attendance.

Exercise for arthritis depends on the type of arthritis. Three forms of exercise may be beneficial: range of motion exercises maintain flexibility, reduce pain and stiffness, and improve joint function; muscle strengthening exercises provide support for the joints; endurance exercises, such as walking, sustain muscle strength over a length of time; and exercise works best if done after a warm bath or after the use of a heating pad.

What works to treat arthritis?

- Exercise
- Cold/heat pads, alternating 10 minutes on and 10 minutes off
- The effectiveness of diet is unknown. A special diet does help people with gout.
- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like aspirin, actaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen are used.

Physical and occupational therapy can make living with arthritis less painful.

If you have arthritis you could benefit from the exercise program every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Senior Citizens Center at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

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**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.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.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.,
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
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
BAPTIST MISSION**

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.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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.

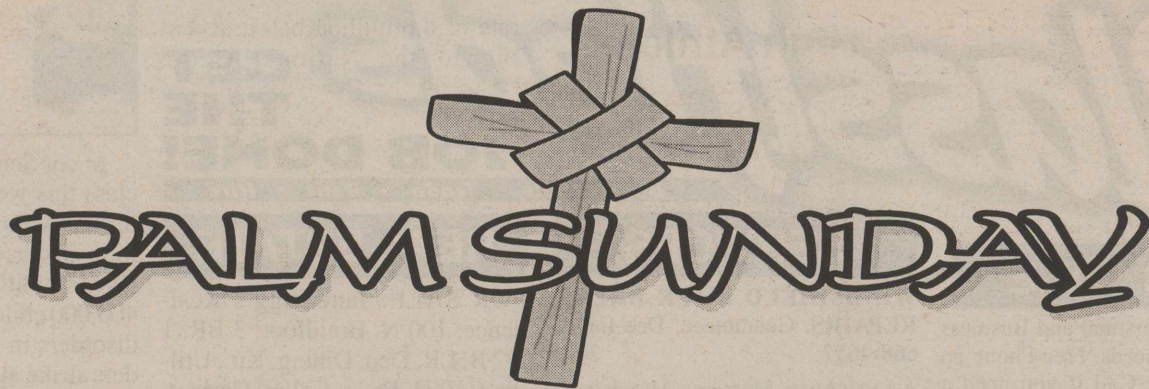
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Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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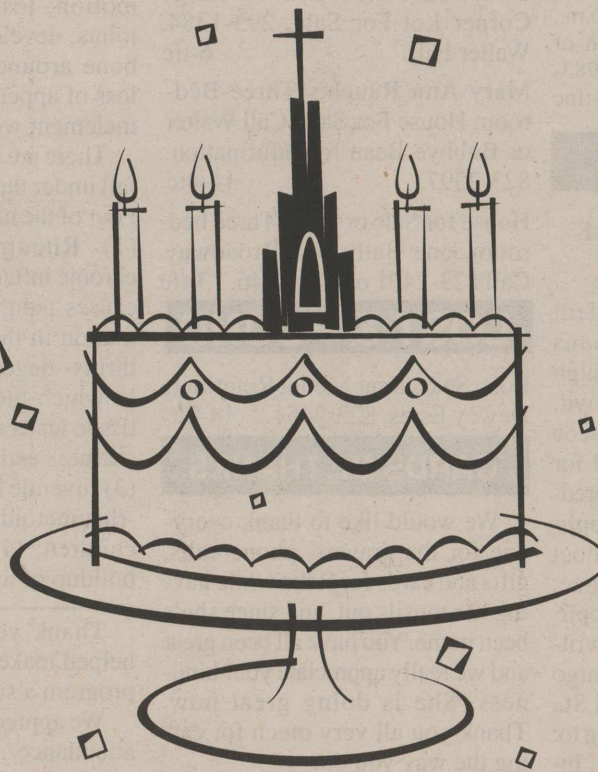
SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.



Family Traditions



Family traditions and customs can be wonderful, and are essential for passing on culture. Many families establish them and pass them on without even realizing their significance. A common tradition observed by many is celebrating a family member's birthday with a cake and candles. For many families it just wouldn't seem like a birthday without a cake. Different cultures have various customs that are passed down from one generation to another, and tradition is what helps to define who we are.

Being aware of God in our lives and having a deep faith and trust in Him can also be passed down in a family. The Bible tells us that if we train our children in the way they should go, then when they are old they will not depart from it. Attending religious services, praying, and having respect for others are all good attributes that a loving family can pass down to future generations. The Bible is filled with tradition, and God honors the family that loves Him and lives according to His will.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

K.J.V. 2 Thessalonians 2:15

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Texas Agricultural Extension Service News
 Provided by Brandon McGinty, County Extension Agent-Ag

Animal health officials in Texas are watching with concern the relentless westward march of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the most recent outbreak of which was confirmed in late February at several sites in England in cattle. Additional cases of FMD have been detected among cattle, sheep and swine in Great Britain.

hybrids. New TAEX sunflower production publications will be available for growers. One CEU will be offered. For more information, contact the Hale County Extension Office at 806-291-5267 or the Swisher County Extension Office at 806-995-3726.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

- Monday, April 9--Barbecued Sausage, Onion Rings, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Milk, Fruit and Pudding
- Tuesday, April 10--Mexican Casserole, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Chips, Milk, Fruit
- Wednesday, April 11--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit
- Thursday, April 12--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter
- Friday, April 13--No School

Obituaries

CARL WILSON TURNER
 Services for Carl Wilson Turner, 74, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at First Baptist Church in Floydada with the Rev. Jimmy McGuire and Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiating.

Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Turner died Tuesday, March 27, in Lubbock.

He was born September 7, 1926 in blue Ridge, where he attended school. He moved to Floydada in 1942 and married Peggy Carthel on February 14, 1949, in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in World War II. He retired from farming and ranching in 1992 and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Terry and Tracy, both of Floydada; a daughter, Judy Stanley of Lubbock; a brother, Billy Turner of Silverton; two sisters, Maxine Griffith of Lockney and Ravanell Cummings of Glen Rose; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Light the Cross, c/o American State Bank Ministerial Alliance Fund, 217 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, or the Exodus Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada, TX 79235.

Dry Fall May Pose Problems For Wheat

This year's wheat crop got off to a rocky start due to a dry fall in the Texas Panhandle. Wheat

PAUL E. NEESE
 Paul E. Neese, 77, a retired welding supervisor, died Sunday, April 1, in Arlington.

Graveside services were scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, in the Silverton Cemetery.

Paul E. Neese was born May 7, 1923 in Paris, Texas. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Silverton and Mosiah Temple in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Naomi Neese of Arlington; a son, Paul A. Neese and his wife, Cathy, of Belton; a daughter, Connie Chitty and her husband, Roy, of Arlington; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and a brother, George Neese of Strathmore, California.

The family requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimers Association.

planted in November or later did not fully emerge until mid-January. Dryland and irrigated wheat yield potential will decrease when planted after October.

Research showed that dryland wheat planted in October yielded an average of 39 bushels an acre compared to wheat planted in November that yielded 26 bushels.

Wheat planted late does not have the benefit of producing tillers in the fall, which are critical to achieve acceptable grain levels. Moisture is another factor that impacts wheat. Even when soil moisture is good, a late-planted crop will not set roots deeply enough to take advantage of it.

This information was provided by Brent Bean, 806-359-5401, bbean@tamu.edu

FMD, which has not been seen in the United States since 1929, is caused by a highly infectious virus that can cause death or disabling blisters and sores in and around the mouth, muzzle, teats and feet of livestock with cloven or "split" hooves. Cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer are highly susceptible, and can exhibit clinical disease signs after an incubation period of only three to eight days. To stop the spread of infection, affected or exposed animals must be slaughtered, then burned or buried. Premises and equipment must be disinfected to prevent disease spread.

One of the biggest worries of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the U. S. Department of Agriculture is the number of people from these countries who enter the United States daily with food items, such as sandwiches, delicacies, or other food items that could be contaminated by the virus. The virus could also piggy-back on clothes, shoes, or even the respiratory system of a human. Humans who are affected by the virus will only experience very mild flu-like symptoms.

"If your livestock become lame or develop blisters or sores, call us at 1-800-550-8242. Our emergency response within the first 24 hours after the first signs of disease will affect our outcome over the next six months," Dr. Logan said. Dr. Logan is Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a Sunflower Production Meeting in Plainview from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Ollie Liner Center on South Business 1-27. Calvin Trostle, TAEX agronomist from Lubbock, will discuss production agronomics for both confectionary and NuSun oilseed sunflowers as well as concerns common to sunflower production and how to compensate for them.

Greg Cronholm, TAEX-IPM agent, Hale and Swisher counties, will outline control strategies for sunflower moth and other insects. Sunflower contractor, processor, and seedsmen representatives will be on hand to answer questions about 2001 pricing, delivery and

Mrs. Stephens To Be Honored

You are cordially invited to the celebration of the 85th birthday of Juanita Stephens on Saturday, April 7, from 2:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

The celebration is being hosted by the honoree's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Science Fair Lights up UTPB

It was all about science Saturday, March 24, as hundreds of area students and parents took part in the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin gym.

Eight-year-old Christine Bean of Bonham Elementary School in Midland was one of many in the junior division to come away a winner.

"My experiment shows if location or weather affects air pollution," in Midland, she explained.

She said she discovered that weather is the deciding factor. It took her two to three weeks to gather information and write up her project.

For her efforts, she was awarded top project by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and a first-place trophy in the Earth/Space Science category.

Christine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bean of Midland and is the granddaughter of Walter and Bobbye Bean of Silverton.

The first horse to win racing's "Triple Crown" was Sir Barton in 1919. The triple crown consists of

New Arrivals

Langdon and Shelley Reagan are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Dalton Gaige. He was sent to them from heaven on March 23, 2001 at 7:57 a.m. He weighed seven pounds and ten ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed into the world by a proud brother and sister, Heath and Danielle.

Grandparents are Calvin and Carolyn Shelton of Silverton, Ralph and Janelle Studer of Vernon and Bennie and JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque.

Great-grandparents are Milton and Margaret Frizzell of Silverton, Vera Studer of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ward of Cisco.

Richard and Lori Stone of Amarillo proudly announce the arrival of Joshua Lee on March 21 at Baptist/St. Anthony Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and eight ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Sheila Reid of Amarillo and Joe and Jody Stone of Lamesa.

Great-grandparents are Pauline Jarnagin of Amarillo and J. W. Reid of Silverton.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 14, 1991--Silverton firemen have been busy with grassfires . . . Josh Brooks, Jeffrey Grimland and Melissa Woods won trophies at the State FBLA conference in Austin . . . Services conducted for Wayland Fitzgerald, 76 . . . John Cavitt to be in "TEXAS" this summer . . . Owls finished second in Loop Relays Saturday . . . Ashleigh Wyatt performed a piano solo in the Regional UIL Solo-Ensemble Music Competition, and received a I, which is a superior rating . . . Katrice Minyard to marry Charles Matchett . . . Mark and Jennifer Marley are the parents of a son, Michael Dallas Marley . . .

March 19, 1981--Annette Minyard is among the four members of the West Texas State University Handicapped Students Association who have been awarded \$100 scholarships from the Amarillo chapter of the Indoor Sports Club, Inc. . . . Carl Bomar is receiving treatment as a patient in a San Angelo hospital . . . Briscoe County 4-H, Silverton FFA and Silverton Young Farmers hosted a pig roast Saturday in the school cafeteria . . . Bill Reid has been selected as Outstanding Young Farmer . . . Russell Couch was named to the boys District 4-A basketball team and Staci Mayfield represented the Owlettes on the girls All-District team. Shane Reagan and Missy Brown received honorable mention during the All-District selections meeting . . .

March 25, 1971--Mackenzie Project gets firm commitment from Texas Water Development Board . . . The Silverton FFA Livestock Judging Team, composed of Roger Younger, Ronnie Strange, Ronny Vaughan and James Edwards, finished first in a contest of 55 FFA and 4-H teams in Lubbock . . . Silverton Judo Club wins Shepard Junior Judo Tournament. Placings in the 6-7 year-old class were 2. Craig Patton, 3. Tad Cornett; 8-9 year-olds, 1. Mike Cornett, 2. Mitchell Simpson; 8-9 year-olds, 2. Kirk Durham, 3. Cam Forbes; 10-11 year-old heavyweights, 1. Brent Bean, 2. David Strange, 3. Gary Turner; 10-11 year-old lightweights, 2. Ronnie Hale, 3. Wes Fleming; 14-15 year-olds, 1. Stan Martin, 3. Pete Juarez; 16 year-olds, 2. John Burson, 3. Mark Hutsell. The 12-13 year-old heavyweights was the only division that wasn't dominated by the Silverton Club. Highest Silverton placement was Ken Sarchet, fourth; Mike Griffin and Jack Robertson, jr., tied for fifth place . . .

March 22, 1951--Mrs. Joe Davis, nee Edwina Jackson, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Friday in the home of Mrs. C. O. Allard. Assisting Mrs. Allard were Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Jesse

Grimland, Mrs. Bob McDaniel, Misses Virginia Garrison, Pauline Bradley and Jo Ann Hollingsworth . . . Mrs. Esdell Hutsell and mother, Mrs. R. C. Guest, were shopping in Plainview Monday . . . Miss Bonnie Dell Chappell of Brownfield spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Chappell . . . Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stephens are parents of a baby girl born Saturday in the local hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vaughan and daughter, Lola Mae, took Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan to Hollis, Oklahoma Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Vaughan and family . . .

May 16, 1946--Thelma Gean Mercer is valedictorian of the graduating class with an average of 96.42, and Betty Nan Burson is salutatorian with an average of 95.95 . . . Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new First Baptist Church will be held Tuesday, May 21 . . . W. W. Douglas elected by write-in to the City Council . . . Bryan Strange in race for sheriff . . . Joan Clemmer is valedictorian of the eighth grade with an average of 93 and Donald Paige is salutatorian with an average of 91 . . . Election Saturday to decide whether Wallace School will be consolidated with Silverton Independent School District . . . W. Coffee, jr. left Monday on a fishing trip to New Mexico . . . Mrs. L. H. McGowen moved into her new home in the east part of town on Wednesday . . . Lynn and Claudia B. Welch left for harvest Sunday morning . . . Carrie Dell Watters spent Saturday night with Ruby Sweeney . . . Mrs. Arnold Brown and Mrs. George Seaney were called to Erick, Oklahoma last week by the illness of their mother and sister . . . O. C. Rampley has been elected president of the Buffalo T-Club, a campus athletic organization at West Texas State College. To be eligible for membership, an athlete must have at least one varsity letter . . . Installation of a complete new set of fixtures at the First State bank was started Tuesday. They are of the latest design and will give the bank a greatly improved appearance . . .

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 Linda Watters were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watters . . . Olan Yocum visited

Cotton Management Seminar Offering Two Continuing Education Units

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a Cotton Management Seminar Friday, April 16, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

The TAEX seminar will be held in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and focuses on several issues key to producer management decisions in 2001.

Among the scheduled topics are: a Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Overwintering Update, by Dr.

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 . . .

Stan Carroll, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock; a Validation of COTMAN Rules in the Texas High Plains - Brent Baugh, Extension Agent-IPM, Lubbock; and an Update on Cotton Variety Test Results from 2000 - Randy Bomar, Extension Agronomist-Cotton, Lubbock.

Of particular interest will be the variety test results that include economic and production comparisons of varieties and production systems utilizing different transgenic and conventional varieties. This data was developed through research supported by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

Growers with pesticide applicator licenses will receive two continuing education unit credits, one general and one pest management, to count toward their continuing education requirement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 5-6--Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

April 6--44th PCG Annual Meeting, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 8:30 a.m., Room 107

April 6--Cotton Management Seminar, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 2:00 p.m. Room 107

April 9--FARM 4-Farmer's Lawsuit Meeting, KoKo Palace, 6:30 p.m.

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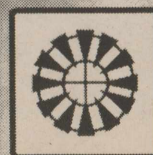
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High School, Junior High Athletes Do Well in Track Meet at Miami

Silverton's High School and Junior High Owls and Lady Owls earned a lot of ribbons in the track meet at Miami Saturday.

In the High School division, the Owls brought home third-place in most of the events they entered, including their 400 meter relay, which is run by Andrew Francis, Duncan Vernon, Isaiah Ivory and Nic Vargas, and the 1600 meter relay, which was run by the same four athletes.

Ignacio Gamez ran third in the 1600 meters, Isaiah Ivory ran third in the 400 meters and Red Ivory finished third in the 300 meter hurdles.

On the Lady Owl side of the meet, the 400 meter relay and 800 meter relay both won second place and both were run by Amanda Estes, Lori Griffin, Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield.

In addition to these placings, Amanda Estes won second in the 100 meters and second in the long jump.

Julie Weaver finished third in the shot put.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds won second in the 3200 meters and second in the 1600 meters.

The Junior High Owls did well in their division, also, winning the eighth grade 1600 meter relay and placing fourth in the seventh grade 1600 meter relay. Runners for the eighth grade relay were Bert Vasquez, Beau Brock, Yance

Forbes and Jesse Reynolds. The seventh grade runners were Tanner Young, Jake Francis, Albert DeLeon and Ramon Martinez.

Thor Patton won second in the 2400 meters and fourth in the 1200 meters.

George Alanis won second in both the 800 meters and 1200 meters.

Bert Vasquez won second in the 200 meters, fifth in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump.

Max Comer won fifth in the discus.

The Junior High Lady Owls won the 1600 meter relay on the legs of Brittany Perkins, Danielle Ramirez, Krista Hale and Kelsie Estes. The same four girls won sixth in the 400 meter relay.

Samantha Garza, Melonie Johnson, Holly Vernon and Angie Lewis placed fifth in the 800 meter relay.

Brittany Perkins won third in the 2400 meters.

Danielle Ramirez won first in the 800 meters and second in the triple jump.

Krista Hale won first in the 400 meters and fifth in the discus.

The Junior High District Track Meet will be held in Silverton Saturday.

rate of 8.6 million bales, according to the National Cotton Council's (NCC) analysis of Commerce Department data. Not only is the number lower than the downwardly revised January figure of 8.9 million bales, it also is contradictory to the normal 1.5 to 3.5 percent increase in consumption during the month of February.

Mills during February used cotton at the lowest rate since an annualized 8.3 million bales in March 1991 when cotton prices were above 80 cents per pound. Analysts blamed the current slump on foreign textile imports and the U. S. economic slowdown.

Even support from a strong weekly export sales report and temperate shipments could not slow the market's plunge in response to USDA's mill consumption data. The department reported combined net sales of 2000-01 and

2001-02 U. S. cotton at more than 300,000 running bales for the week ended March 22. Shipments were moderate, coming in slightly above 150,000 bales. Traders said commitments were on target to meet or surpass USDA's goal of 6.9 million statistical bales, while shipments were just below the weekly rate required to meet the objective.

Meanwhile a resurgence of sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton was seen in the week ended March 29 as 7,319 bales were sold online. The figure is a considerable increase from the 1,614 bales traded the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system varied greatly as cotton prices ranged from 32.70 to 39.38 cents per pound compared to a narrower range of 36.39 to 38.65 cents one week earlier.

Adult Basketball Players Called To Meet Sunday

There will be a meeting of adults, 18 years old and up, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the PE Gym at school for anyone who is interested in community basketball games.

If there are any questions, call Scott, 823-2360, or Mike, 823-2295.

Please come out and participate.

The music term a capella comes from the Italian, meaning "from the chapel."

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New York Cotton futures rebounded temporarily in response to USDA's unexpectedly low cotton plantings estimate released on March 30. With cotton at contract lows after a bearish domestic consumption report the day before, analysts said the plantings estimate "sent futures bouncing higher and shorts darting for cover." However gains were short lived.

'USDA pegged 2001-02 U. S. cotton plantings at 15.6 million acres, an estimate slightly above 2000-01 plantings of 15.5 million but sharply below an average of pre-report industry guesses that placed the acreage at 16.1 million.

One industry observer commented that the actual plantings report in June could show an increase in cotton acreage since producers tend to under-report their planting intentions. Also, wet weather in the Southeast could push corn acreage into cotton.

States that were expected to see sharp increases in cotton plantings failed to produce big numbers. Texas, the largest cotton-producing state in the United States, did not see a sizable increase from a year ago as USDA placed the state's anticipated acreage at 6.0 million versus 6.4 million last year.

Several factors may have led to lower-than-expected U. S. cotton plantings. The energy crisis in California has left producers uncertain that there will be power to irrigate their crops in mid-summer. Additionally, talk of banks refusing to finance cotton plantings may have had an impact on intentions nationwide.

Earlier in the week, New York cotton futures shattered nearby support levels amid a startlingly low annualized monthly mill use estimate. U. S. textile manufacturers consumed cotton in February at a seasonally adjusted annualized

Sharyl Ramirez is Honored With Wedding Shower in Pioneer Room

Saturday, March 31, occasioned a miscellaneous wedding shower honoring Sharyl Ramirez, formerly Sharyl McMurtrey, bride of Adrian Ramirez.

The event was held in the Pioneer Room of City Bank in Silverton. Guests were greeted and registered by Estella Juarez. The bride attended with her mother, Sheila Phelps, and her mother-in-law, Mary Ramirez.

The refreshment table was covered with a lace cloth adorned with a basket of silk flowers with matching bride and groom crystal gobblers, arranged by Jan Curry and given to the bride.

Assorted wedding cookies, iced butter bars, fresh fruit and fruit dip were served along with pineapple punch from crystal appointments. Serving guests at the refreshment table were friends of the couple, Katy Hester and Vanessa Reyna.

Gift of the hostesses to the couple was the latest model Dirt

Quilters' Festival Coming April 6-7 To Dimmitt

The Ogallala Quilters' Society will hold its Fourth Annual Quilt Festival Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The Festival features a quilt show with over 375 quilts, 10 unique crazy quilts, free demonstrations, quilt and food vendors, and trunk shows. Ribbons and cash prizes will be presented to winners in the judged portion of the quilt show. Admission is \$3.00 and everyone is invited.

A free lecture by Yvonna Hays, Dimmitt, the "2000 Ogallala Teacher Scholarship" recipient, will be given at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Expo Building.

Eighteen different quilting classes are being taught by teachers from Midland, Amarillo, Pampa, Lubbock, Odessa, Dimmitt, Plainview, Dumas and Roswell, New Mexico.

Noted quilt teacher and author, Sharyn Craig of El Cajon, California, will be teaching one-half day and all-day classes Friday and Saturday.

Entertainment, ribbons and awards will spotlight Thursday's opening "Fajita Fun Night." At the Friday evening "Steak Night," the feature teacher, Sharyn Craig, will be lecturing and showing her quilts, and a miniature quilt auction will be held. Both events will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Richardson Elementary Cafeteria.

Everyone is welcome. For class fees and meal tickets, please contact Bill Sava, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 806-647-2524; Darlene Collins, 806-647-5585, or Joyce Davis, 806-647-5362.

Devil vacuum.

Special guests honoring the bride with their attendance were her sister, Cindy Degallado from Floydada, and her aunt, Rachel Clark from Friona.

Hostesses for the occasion were Bena Hester, Sharyl Weaver, Mary Ivory, Mary Garcia, Cindy Comer, Nancy Wood, Cynthia Younger, Amy Otis, Paula Garvin, Nancy Young, Cynthia Younger, Amy Otis, Paula Garvin, Estella Juarez, Diana Ivory, Rhonda Williams, Erma Reyna, Jan Curry and Linda Oetgen.

Property Tax Information is Available Here

Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser for the Briscoe County Appraisal District, offers property owners a 2001 pamphlet called *Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities* to help them save on their property taxes.

Published by the State Comptroller's office, the *Remedies* pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Mrs. Fleming noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college and hospital districts).

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Mrs. Fleming said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption

Turkey Jamboree Is June 7 at the Bob Wills Center

The next Turkey Jamboree is April 7 at the Bob Wills Community Center Gymnasium.

Entertainers are Brittany Bennett, a ten-year-old singing sensation from Lubbock who performs at the Cactus Theatre; Dorothea Couch, a wonderful gospel singer from Kerens, Texas; Jimmy Barnes, an impersonator from Lubbock; Pat Seigler and Friends from the Matador area.

The Talent Show case and the Turkey Gems also are planned.

There will be a concession stand. They will start serving at 6:00 and the entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Turkey Heritage Foundation will be selling Joe Bob Barnhill and Route 66 tapes and CDs.

and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on January 1 may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

"A tax freeze, or ceiling, for school taxes is a benefit for homeowners once they become 65 years old," Mrs. Fleming said. "State law provides that homeowners who turn 65 may apply during the year, rather than waiting until the next January 1.

"An elderly homeowner's taxes that pay for public schools cannot increase above the total school tax amount on that home in the first year that the homeowner receives the over-65 homeowner exemption," Mrs. Fleming continued. "But, it may increase if the homeowner improves or adds to the house, such as adding a room or patio."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other taxing units, such as the county and city.

The surviving spouse also may retain the over-65 homeowner's exemptions offered by the local taxing units, if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death and owns and lives in the home.

The chief appraiser pointed out that homeowners age 65 or older do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Homeowners turning 65 during the year may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year from the date they turned 65, owned the home, and lived in it as their principal residence. Only those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling--such as the surviving spouse age 55 or older--must apply in 2001.

The taxpayer pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans and other disabled persons.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural or timberland owners. It is available in two forms, referred to be its location in the Texas Constitution: "1-d" or agricultural-use appraisal and "1-d-1" or open-space land appraisal.

"I urge all property owners in the Briscoe County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible property tax relief," Mrs. Fleming said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the appraisal office by April 30 and protests by May 31."



The engagement of DeLynn Fitzgerald and David Dickerson has been announced by the parents of the bride-elect, Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald of Silverton. The prospective groom is the son of Lee and Majorie Dickerson of Foss, Oklahoma. The couple plan to be married June 8 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. Miss Fitzgerald graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997 with a bachelors degree in family consumer sciences. She teaches at Amarillo High School in the consumer sciences department. Dickerson graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1992 with a bachelors degree in social sciences. He is currently employed as a case worker for Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Happy Birthday-

April 5--John Segura, Loretha Roderick, Albert Hartman

April 6--Billy Roy Fuston, Ross Estes, Lance Bradford, Amanda Estes, Judy Towe

April 7--Cip Garcia, Ty Reed, Bill Baker, Rose Lee McCoy, Linda Johnson, Tonnette Perkins

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

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

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

April 11--Josh Brooks, Michele Stinson

Happy Anniversary-

April 6--Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fudge, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copeland

April 8--Mr. and Mrs. Zane Mayfield

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

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April 16 is the Deadline for Tax Renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 16. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 2001.

Business owners and operators are required by law to render, but any property owner--including homeowners, farmers, ranchers--may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

Since the regular rendition deadline of April 15 is on a Sunday this year, property owners have until Monday, April 16, to render.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Comptroller Rylander said. "They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

Even if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties.

Businesses annually report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property. Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render, the chief appraiser estimates the value of the business property.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the same property for

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 5--Six Weeks Tests (even periods)

Friday, April 6--HS District Track at Randall; early out, 1:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 7--JH District Track Meet, here; Texas Tech University Judging Contests

Monday, April 9--High School District Tennis

Tuesday, April 10--High School District Tennis; School Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11--Baptist Senior Luncheon; Senior Cap & Gown Pictures, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 12--Spanish Concert at Lubbock; Area Track at Randall High School

Friday, April 13--Good Friday; school holiday

Sunday, April 15--Easter

Monday, April 16--School holiday

Falling is Serious Concern for Elderly

Approximately one-third of people over the age of 65 fall each year, and serious falls can lead to permanent injuries, and even cause problems that can lead to death. Falls are associated with 40 percent of nursing home admissions, but many incidents can be prevented. Because older people tend to have longer reaction time and poorer vision, something as simple as increased lighting can be a lifesaver. The elderly can reduce the fear of falling by practicing ways to get up after a fall with the assistance of a physical therapist, and having an emergency response plan.

school taxes, if the school district is in both counties.

Comptroller Rylander also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 16 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on January 1, 2001.

Property owners who can show good cause may ask the chief appraiser to extend the rendition deadline to April 30. The chief appraiser must grand owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commissioner or the Railroad Commission a filing extension to April 30, and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

Taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office for rendition forms, or they may e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.tx.state.us. Or, call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information.

Herbs: Natural Controversy

Americans are spending between 3.5 and five billion dollars annually on herbal supplements. Herbs used as health aids count for a lot of that money, and many health professionals urge against their use. Since the Food and Drug Administration does not test herbal supplements, they do not have to meet the same standards that traditional medications do. Herbs are not tested for purity before going on the market, and anyone who is thinking of taking an herbal supplement should study the product before taking it. Talk with a doctor and get an accurate diagnosis before using any herb. Learn about the potential side effects of the herbs considered, and seek unbiased scientific research.

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. Daily March Weather Observations

	High	Low	Precip.
1	33	20	.04
2	59	31	
3	55	40	
4	62	36	.14
5	62	33	
6	69	33	
7	65	37	
8	58	37	.43
9	42	38	1.74
10	54	39	
11	57	40	
12	64	36	
13	64	36	
14	72	36	
15	73	38	
16	50	24	
17	51	25	
18	46	33	.09
19	40	35	
20	58	32	
21	72	32	
22	81	41	
23	73	48	
24	71	37	.39
25	44	35	

2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	3.23
Totals	2.18	6.04
26	45	30
27	32	30
28	36	31
29	49	35
30	63	42
31	61	43
Total Precip in March		3.23
Normal Precip. for March	.93	
Total Precip. in 2001		6.04
Normal Precip. for 2001		
To Date		2.18
Soil Temperature		51°



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