

**All Around
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Jeff and Alison Thomas of Decatur, Georgia announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Lauren Thomas, on January 30, 2002. She weighed in at nine pounds and thirteen ounces and measured 22 1/2 inches in length on arrival.

Grandparents are Don Thomas of Wichita, Kansas; Judy Thomas of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and Gary and Leslie Heavener of Evans, Georgia.

Great-grandparents are Perry and Estelle Thomas of Silverton; Carl and Marion Allen of Blacksburg, Virginia and Allen and Ruth Heavener of Blacksburg, Virginia.

Becky Woods was in the shop the other day and was telling me about the home of her nephew, Jeff and Alison Thomas, being featured in Southern Living magazine.

The Thomases are architects and their newest house plan "Winonna Park" is their personal home. Built in an established post-World War II neighborhood of older homes, the new home combines classic details of surrounding homes with the floor plan and convenience of a modern one. The house won the Southern Living 2002 Southern Home Award not only for its perfect fit to the neighborhood, but the creative plan making good use of space. It is described as compact and efficient, yet open and whimsical.

If you have access to the February issue of Southern Living magazine, you might want to take a look at the home.

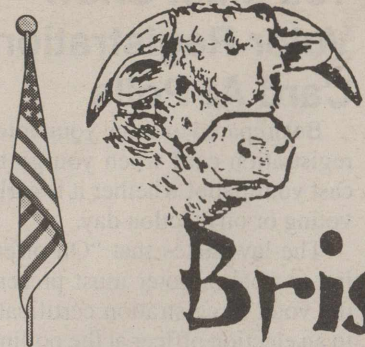
Representatives of the National Weather Service will be in Silverton tonight to present a program on severe weather for the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, the season for which is rapidly approaching. Members of the EMS and fire departments in Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey have been invited as guests.

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in memory of Kristy Fogerson Dorman at City Bank in Silverton.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Silverton High School graduate.

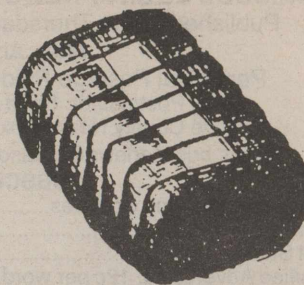
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Lady Owl Powerlifters who are going to the State Meet at Killeen Friday, March 15, are (back row, left to right) Krystle Clinton and Brandi Rice; (front row) Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Danielle Ramirez and Tarran Forbes.

Briscoe County News Photo

Briscoe Has Numerous Races

Briscoe County has numerous contested races on the ballots that will be voted in the Republican and Democratic Primaries Tuesday, March 12. This brings a true two-party system to the county.

In the Republican Primary, County candidates will be:

- Commissioner, Precinct 2: Lee Smith, Roland Hamilton
- Commissioner, Precinct 4: John True Burson, Eddie Rhoderick
- County Judge: Wayne Nance
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:

- Edwin Norris (incumbent)
- Sheriff: Jeff Fuston (incumbent)
- 110th District Judge: Tempie T. Francis
- In the Democratic Primary, County candidates will be:
- Commissioner, Precinct 2: Danny Maynard (incumbent), Dale Smith
- Commissioner, Precinct 4: Gary Weak (incumbent), John L. Wyatt, George Reed
- County & District Clerk: Bena Hester (incumbent)

All-District Girls Team Announced

Announcement has been made of the girls All-District basketball team, of which Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth senior, is the MVP.

Nazareth repeated as the State Champion, giving good representation to the local district.

Members of the team are Chandra Adkins and Megan Simons, Happy juniors; Brittany Spradling, Happy sophomore; Wendy Black, Nazareth junior; Lesley Brockman and Mandy Hoelting, Nazareth seniors; Chelsey Cherry and Amanda Estes, Silverton seniors; Jana Merrell, Valley senior, and Natalie Wheeler, Valley junior.

Honorable mention went to Lori Griffin, Silverton sophomore; Bryn Mayfield and Kassie Strange, Silverton juniors.



Lady Owl All-District Basketball Players are (back row, left to right) Kassie Strange, junior, honorable mention; Chelsey Cherry, senior, All-District; Lori Griffin, sophomore, honorable mention; (front) Bryn Mayfield, junior, honorable mention; Amanda Estes, senior, All-District.

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Important 4-H Parent / Adult Leader Meeting

There will be a meeting of all 4-H parents and adult leaders at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the Extension Office. At this meeting a proposed budget will be voted on and various supply needs will be submitted for approval.

Also discussed will be a spring fundraiser, the 4-H certificate of deposit, and a County 4-H Scholarship Program.

Everyone's input is needed, so please attend this important meeting.

County Judge: Ted Kingery (incumbent)

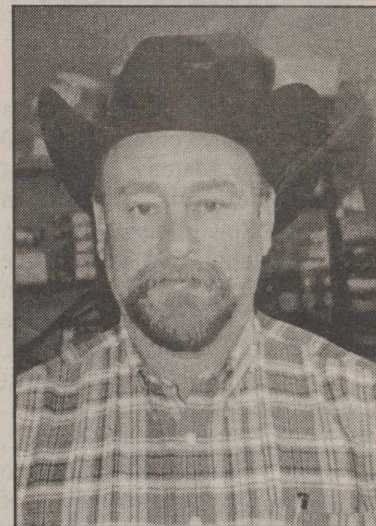
County Treasurer: Mary Jo Brannon (incumbent)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2: Richard Dale Ramsey (incumbent)

Sheriff: Terry Miller, Charles Stidham

110th District Judge: John (Randy) Hollums (incumbent)

In past years, when candidates have not filed for county offices in the Republican Primary, those who won election in the Democratic Primary were "as good as elected." Now, many races will not be decided until the general election in November. Those elected in November will take office January 1.



Eddie Rhoderick

Rhoderick Is Candidate For Commissioner

Eddie Rhoderick has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for Commissioner, Precinct 4, in the upcoming Republican Primary on Tuesday, March 12.

Rhoderick made the following statement: "I am Eddie Rhoderick and I would like to ask you for your vote and support in the upcoming Republican Primary for County Commissioner nomination, Precinct 4, on March 12.

"I have lived in Briscoe County for 20 years along with my wife, Charlotte, and our five wonderful children.

"We moved to Briscoe County to engage in farming and ranching with my father, J. C. Rhoderick, jr. and in 1990 expanded our operation by opening Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc.

"I have served locally with the Boy Scouts of America, Chamber of Commerce, and BCAA, and nationally have served three years on the Dealer Council Board for Lindsay Manufacturing Company, and two years on the board of directors of the Texas Agriculture Irrigation Association.

"The future of Briscoe County is important. I feel that my diversification will be an asset to Briscoe County. Thanks again. Be sure to vote March 12!"

Receive what cheer you may; the night is long that never finds the day.

--William Shakespeare, Macbeth

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hugs, words of comfort, memorials and many acts of love and concern at her passing will long be remembered. We extend our special thanks to the folks at Silverton Church of Christ for providing a reception for us after the graveside service.

God bless each of you,
The Family of Mildred Davis

Thank you so much for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and food during my surgery in January and February.

A special thanks to Katie, Jeannine and Betty Ruth for doing all the things I was not able to do.

Love, Juanita

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Re-election

WAYNE NANCE

For County & District Clerk,
Briscoe County, Texas:

BENA HESTER

Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe
County, Texas:

JEFF FUSTON

Re-election

TERRY MILLER

LANCE STIDHAM

For County Treasurer, Briscoe
County, Texas:

MARY JO BRANNON

Re-election

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe
County Precinct 1:

EDWIN NORRIS

Re-election

CONNIE SMITH

For Commissioner, Briscoe
County Precinct 4:

GARY WEAKS

Re-election

JOHN WYATT

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JOHN TRUE BURSON

EDDIE RHODERICK

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Marie cared deeply and sincerely for people and remarked that love poured from the sky like buckets of water. You who prayed, cared and were concerned in every way, our deepest thank you.

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Her love and mine,
Rex D. and family

Our thanks, love and prayers of gratitude are extended to our EMTs and ambulance crew, all of our neighbors and all doctors and nurses at Swisher Hospital, and to Tony and our church for your wonderful help and prayers on our behalf when Shafe and I needed help. You are the greatest and we praise God for each of you.
Shafe and Jonnie

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
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Tom Craiker, 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
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Tony Boyd, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**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.

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

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Armando Davalia, Pastor

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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.

Renew Your Faith This Easter

Is Your Job Taking Over Your Life?

Sometimes, because of either necessity or choice, a person's job can take over their life. We all probably know someone who is a hardworking success-oriented individual whose dedication and life revolves around their work. Such individuals are sometimes motivated by financial gain, personal status, or fear of failure, and in some cases, this could be jeopardizing their personal lives. Although God wants everyone to be successful in their work and to have a fulfilling life, we should put everything in our lives into proper perspective. Our job is important, and if we can accept it as a ministry by serving others and doing our best, we should be successful in the workplace.

In addition, if we can balance our vocation with family, recreation, hobbies and a good spiritual life, we will be successful in God's eyes.

Ask the Lord to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out.

Good News Bible Proverbs 16:3



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**Friendship Quilters
 News & Notes
 by Bobbye Bean**

Laverne Stephens, Wanda Strange, Nina Martin, Sybil King, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Ann Norris and I quilted this past week. We are nearly through with my Lone Star Quilt. We started on Sybil's Stack and Whack.

We will miss Marie Rogers. She was a lot of fun and a really nice person. Our sympathy goes out to Rex and the children.

As winter draws to a close, gardeners must take steps to protect their flowerbeds and plants from the season's last freezing breaths. They should protect the plants that have the best chance of coming back. Cold season plants such as pansy, snapdragons, poppies, dianthus and larkspurs can survive freezing temperatures if they are protected. The plants should be covered with blankets, sheets or plastic. Cover plants in late afternoon when most of the warmth of the day can be maintained close to the plant. When plastic is used, remove during the day when temperatures reach the mid-30s or higher.

**Upcoming Events at
 The State Park**

Events scheduled for March 2002 at Caprock Canyons State Park include:

March 9--Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m.; Evening Program, 7:30 p.m.

March 15--Kids Day, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

March 16--Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m.; Evening Program, 7:30 p.m.

March 29--Evening Program, 7:30 p.m.

March 30--Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m.; Evening Program, 7:30 p.m.

March 31--Easter Sunrise Service - at sunrise

The family nature hike is approximately one hour long. Investigate plants, animal tracks, more. Spectacular scenery and fun for the whole family. Regular park fees apply.

Join Park officials for a beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater followed by a slide show in the evening interpretive program. Topic may vary from wildlife to wildflowers. Call ahead for the specific topic. Regular park fees apply.

Kids! Come enjoy Spring Break at the Park. The plan is to hike and do several activities. For kids eight to eleven years old. Please call ahead to let Park officials know if you plan to attend (806-455-1492). There is no charge for the activities. Parents must sign a consent form when they drop off their kids.

Join the Quitaque community for their annual Easter Sunrise Service which will begin at sunrise (about 6:30 a.m.) on Sunday, March 31.

**Two Voting
 Precincts Move**

Voting precincts for the Primary Elections to be held March 12, 2002 will be:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
 Precinct #1--Silverton City Hall
 Precinct #2--Community Center, Quitaque

Precinct #3--Pioneer Room, City Bank, Silverton

Precinct #4--PE Gym Foyer, Silverton

Precinct #5--Fire Station at Lake Mackenzie

Precinct #6--City Hall, Quitaque

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
 Precincts #1 and 3--Senior Citizens Center, Silverton

Precincts #2 and 6--First National Bank, Quitaque

Precinct #4--Church of Christ, Silverton

Precinct #5--Bobby McCall Home at Lake Mackenzie

In France it was once believed that the delphinium plant would keep away ghosts.

Some believe that an emerald worn on the finger will burn at the approach of a poison.

**You Must Show
 Voter Registration
 Card At Polls**

Be prepared to show your voter registration card when you go to cast your ballot whether it is early voting or on election day.

The law states that "On offering to vote, a voter must present the voter's registration certificate to an election officer at the polling place."

Early voting is currently underway in the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse in Silverton. Last day for personal appearance early voting is March 8. You do not have to have an excuse to vote early; it is just a convenient way to exercise your right to vote.

WEATHER

March Readings at 6:00 a.m.
 Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	56	17	
2	55	9	.01
3	29	4	
4	40	5	
5	61	17	
Total March Precip.			.01
Average March Precip.			.93
Average Precip. to Date			2.18
Total 2002 Precip.			1.25

Obituaries

ANETTA HELMS

Funeral services for Anetta Helms, 92, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque. Rev. Robert Kirk, Rev. Don McMahan and Rev. Lance Cypert officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Helms was born August 13, 1902 in Greer County, Oklahoma, and passed away March 2, 2002 in Lubbock. She came to Texas with her family at the age of four in a covered wagon. She was graduated from Lockney High School in 1927.

She attended West Texas Normal College and began teaching at the Gasoline School in 1929. She married William E. (Bill) Helms

February 25, 1935, at Gasoline. He preceded her in death January 31, 1979.

She also was preceded in death by a son, W. E. Helms, jr.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Quitaque.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Edd Helms of Quitaque and Johnnie Helms of Amarillo; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Helms, Phillip Helms, Kelby Phillips, Johnnie Helms, Bobby Phillips and Bob Ham.

Honorary pallbearers were Maynard Wilson, Deloy Myers, Buck Chadwick, Terry Don Morrison and Johnny Griffin.

**Freezing Temps May
 Harm Landscapes**

Brandon McGinty
 County Extension Agent-Ag.

In Memoriam

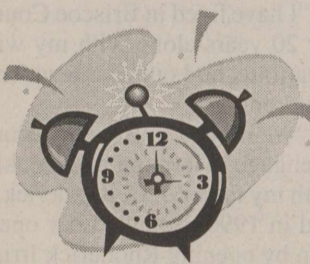
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*"To fly west, my friend, is a flight we all
 must take for a final check"*

I love and miss you daddy.

Your son Elliott Hutsell

**TIME FOR
 A CHANGE!**



**VOTE
 John Wyatt
 Precinct 4 Commissioner**

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you?
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 23, 1992--Wilburn Leeper, who until his retirement was superintendent of the Valley Schools, will be Silverton ISD's interim superintendent... School adopts new dress code policies... Silverton Volunteer Firemen were honored at a Mexican Stack dinner at the First United Methodist Church Thursday evening. It was the way the church members expressed appreciation to the firemen for their service when the steeple was struck by lightning, resulting in a fire in the sanctuary... Officers of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department are James Edwards, president; Dwight Ramsey, fire chief; Doug Bradford, assistant fire chief; Tom Justice, assistant fire chief; Emmett Tomlin, secretary; Tom Burson, treasurer... Teams earn victories over San Jacinto Christian Academy in Amarillo... 4-H members adopt honorary grandparents...

January 28, 1982--Anthony Kingery, Silverton's first paramedic and current president of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, was recipient of the first annual Ambulance Attendant of the Year award at the association's banquet Saturday night. The award presentation was made by Lynn Frizzell... Fred W. Mercer seeking re-election as Briscoe County Judge... Mildred J. Reid asking for re-election as Briscoe County Treasurer... Bess McWilliams seeking re-election as County & District Clerk... Jeff Jones, an employee of Harris Gin, presented a check for \$5,000, which represented a donation from Riley, Sandy, Shelly and Scotty Harris toward the purchase of a \$9,600 Hurst tool, to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department. The Hurst tool, with Jaws of Life, was purchased by the fire department last week in time to avoid a 12% price increase... A birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Bob (Weta) Hill was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia... Don Perkins selected as the Most Outstanding Student and Cynthia Edwards as Most Likely to Succeed... Jim Estes and Katy Francis are Mr. and Miss SHS... Shane Reagan was chosen by the faculty to receive the first school spirit award...

January 27, 1972--Mrs. O. C. Rampley, a member of Century of Progress Study Club, was a guest at a seated candlelight tea in Post Tuesday night. Guests of honor were officers of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and Caprock District TFWC... Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Rene... Flying Queens to play YaTung girls basketball team from China... Plainview PCA ranked first in

Texas last year... Silverton, Wheeler split pair of games... Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds were honored with an anniversary dinner Sunday in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Ford, Dene' and Kay Lynn...

January 25, 1862--Roy S. Brown in race for Commissioner, Precinct 4... LaJuan Curby to be installed as Worthy Advisor of Silverton Rainbow Assembly... Sue Lynn Allard and Judy Yancey celebrated their birthdays Sunday afternoon with a skating party at Plainview. Mrs. Sybil Martin and Mrs. Bettie Yancey were hostesses for the party. Others attending were Tonda Montague, Kay Fleming, Pam Fleming, Dorothy Yancey, Robbie Martin, DarLee McPherson, Stevie McPherson, Gay McPherson, Terry Yancey, Nancy Long and Judy Stevenson... Four Silverton boys, Rusty Whitfill, Jerry Don Brannon, Bobby Durham and Jerry Lynn Baird, escaped serious injury Saturday when the automobile in which they were riding went out of control and overturned twice southwest of Edmonson... Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal visited his brother, D. O'Neal, in Swisher County Hospital in Tulia Monday... Mrs. P. D. Jasper celebrated her birthday at a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper, Vici and Micki Sunday... Roy Lynn Deavenport is spending the between semester vacation here with his mother, Mrs. Lee Deavenport; he is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock... Mrs. W. H. Tension was taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Sunday... Rev. and Mrs. Elvin Norris of San Andreas, California have adopted a son, Martin Andrew, who weighed seven pounds... Sam Brown, a student at Baylor University, came home Thursday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Brown, and other relatives... Mrs. Oscar Weeks was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after having been a patient in the Tulia hospital for a week... Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Boling and daughters were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dale Boling and Rickey in Amarillo... Football jackets were presented to the senior players, Robert Rhode, Larry May, Bobby Kitchens and Kenny Thornton, and other members of the team...

January 24, 1952--Miss Nadine Pierce became the bride of Jim E. Mercer in a recent ceremony read at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon. The bride wore a gown of ivory satin designed with a fitted bodice and long sleeves which ended in petal points over her hands. Her bouffant skirt formed a long train and her fingertip veil of

white French lace fell from a pearl tiara. She carried a white bible topped with a single white orchid... Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bingham and daughter, Myrna Sue, of Kress visited her mother, Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, sr. and other relatives Sunday... Mrs. Wayne Crawford and Mrs. Don Alexander announce that they are working this week on re-decorating the building next door to the Palace Theatre preparatory to opening a sewing shop... Everyone is invited to bring a basket lunch and attend the 100th birthday dinner of Grandmother Vaughan Wednesday in the basement of the First Baptist Church... Officers of the 1925 Study Club are Mrs. Warner Reid, president; Mrs. G. R. Dowdy, first vice president; Mrs. A. H. Jackson, second vice president; Mrs. M. G. Moreland, recording secretary;

Mrs. Ben O. King, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Avis Cowart, treasurer; Mrs. W. Coffee, parliamentarian; Mrs. G. A. Elrod, reporter... Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. John Gill spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Franks... Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Ashel Cross and Billy Faye visited in the Jack Jowell home Saturday night...

January 22, 1942--The Silverton Owls lost to Turkey 43-21 Saturday night after having reached the finals in the district tournament at Turkey by winning over Flomot 32-18 earlier in the day. The other entrants were Estelline, Quitaque and Roaring Springs. Bonds made the all-district team as a guard while Alvie Gardner was selected as forward on the second team. Due to the tire shortage, the basketball season will

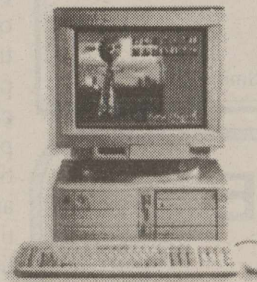
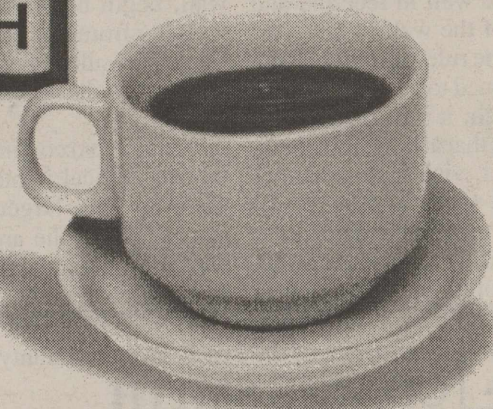
Early Voting Began Monday

Early voting for the Republican and Democratic Primaries began Monday, February 25, and continues through Friday, March 8, in the office of County & District Clerk Bena Hester.

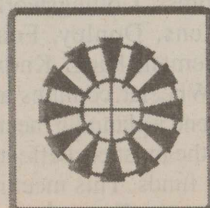
You no longer have to state a reason for voting early.

probably end soon... Led by Bonds, the Silverton Owls trounced the Quitaque Panthers 33-22 in their first county championship game Tuesday night at Quitaque. The Silverton girls strutted off with a 43-8 victory over Quitaque. Led by Marilyn Johnigan, the girls played their best game of the year in defeating their rivals...

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Beau and Brooks Brock, with Beau's Grand Champion All Other Breeds Steer at the San Antonio Stock Show

Beau Brock Exhibits Breed Champion at San Antonio Show

Beau Brock of Silverton was in the spotlight when he took home the Grand Champion All Other Breed award at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo 2002.

Fifteen-year-old Brock is a member of the Briscoe County 4-H, and after college he plans to start a ranch.



Texas Cooperative Extension 4-H Calendar of Events

Cory Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

March 2002--Rifle Club, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging dates not yet determined

March 8-10--Shooting Sports Leader-Coaches Workshop, Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood, Texas

March 13, 14 or 15--Consumer Life Skills Project Club meeting, City Bank Pioneer Room, 4:00 p.m. Date and time to be determined.

March 18-22--Consumer Life Skills Project Club meeting, City Bank Pioneer Room, 4:00 p.m. Date to be determined.

March 15--Texas 4-H Beef Leadership Tour Application due to Extension Office by 4:00 p.m.

March 21--Tarleton Judging Contest, Stephenville

March 22--WTAMU Ag Judging Contests and District 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Canyon

March 23--District 4-H Meats Judging Contest

March 25--Health Tech 2002 applications due to the Extension Office

March 25-28--Consumer Life Skills Project meeting, 4:00 p.m. Quitaque Community Center. Date to be determined

March 28--District Consumer Decision Making Contest entries and fees due to the Extension Office

March 29--Good Friday Holiday; Extension Office closed

April 1--The Opportunity Plan, Inc. scholarship applications due

April 1--Fabric & Fashion Design entries due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.

April 3--District Soil, Range & Grass Judging Contest

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Lackluster interest prevailed most of the week, allowing the cotton market to close with modest gains. Cotton futures finished on negative ground Thursday, however, as strong export sales and domestic consumption figures were not enough to push the market higher that day.

While the market is eagerly awaiting some piece of information that will determine cotton's next large move up or down, many observers are growing weary and have decided to remain on the sidelines until the price picture becomes clearer. Overall, one industry observer said, the market appears to be desperately trying to define a trading range.

"The market lacks technical direction, and it has plenty of time until we start putting some cotton in the ground," he said. "Once a trading range is established, the market probably is going to stay in that range in the short term," he concluded.

Meanwhile, cotton futures settled moderately lower Thursday despite evidence of healthy cotton demand overseas. Indeed, the weekly export sales report released by USDA exceeded market expectations on both the sales and the shipment figures.

Weekly export sales of U. S. cotton were the largest in 11 weeks, according to USDA's data. The department reported 240,200 bales were sold for export during the week ending February 21, more than twice the previous week and 84 percent above the four-week average. Pre-report market expectations ranged between 90,000 and 124,000 bales.

One analyst, however, views the

impressive sales with "a grain of salt" noting that 30 percent of the week's sales were to Canada, a destination that has been good for some large business and then large cancellations. "Only time will tell," he commented.

At 262,000 bales, shipments for the week ended February 21 were the largest in three weeks, the second largest of the season, and the eighth consecutive week exceeding 200,000 bales. Additionally, sales of 41,800 bales for delivery in 2002-03 were sold, primarily to South Korea, Japan and Mexico.

In other news, domestic consumption data collected by the U. S. Census Bureau and reported by the National Cotton Council (NCC) came in better than anticipated although it showed a decline from the previous month. U. S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.4 million bales in January, down only one percent from the previous month but a staggering 17.5 percent drop from the same month last year. The majority of the trade sector had anticipated a figure between 7.0 million and 7.3 million bales, but a few were expecting a slight improvement from the previous month.

"An annualized 7.4 (million bale) rate is not as bad as feared by many in the trade," one analyst said. "All indications are that next month's report should annualize even better," he added.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton were higher in the week ended February 28 as producers sold 7,904 bales versus the

Severe Weather Awareness Week Prepares Families

Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

March 3-9 has been named Severe Weather Awareness Week. The Texas Department of Public Safety and The National Weather Service began the program to assist people preparing for spring storms. Gov. Rick Perry recommends Texans devise a "readiness kit," should a disaster occur in their area.

Kit items include bedding, a three-day supply of non-perishable foods, a can opener, and one gallon of water per person per day. Stow soap, lotion, extra medications, toilet paper, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Keep tarp, a fire extinguisher, rope, duct tape, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio handy. Lastly, don't forget extra keys and important papers such as insurance, money, checks and credit cards.

Producers often consider planting alfalfa in the spring. It is a good crop when diversifying from a cotton or grain operation. Texas Cooperative Extension, however, recommends against this spring seeding. The best planting time for alfalfa is in the fall between August 20 and October 1. It is risky to plant alfalfa in the spring because the root systems and crowns of the plants may develop poorly. This is due to the longer day length. The yield potential is up to 50 percent lower, and weed and insect problems are more severe. In addition, spring-seeded crops normally yield two cuttings, where fall-seeded crops normally yield at least four cuttings. If forage must be planted in spring, a summer grass should be planted.

previous week's 2,730 bale total. Prices received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 24.44 to 27.37 cents per pound compared to a range of 23.50 to 25.89 cents per pound the prior week.

Little Dribblers 2002

Tues March 5	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession
Craiker/Hubbard	5:00	Mike Williams	Tonya Baird/Shelley Brock	Arturo/Tonya Fabela
Grabbe/Cogdell	5:45	Mike Long	Ronnie/Karla Hale	Michael/Jan Curry
Forbes/Patino	6:30	Liz Griffin	Jim/Donna Estes	Rosa Vargas/Erma Reyna
Cogdell/Estes	7:15	Cammie Frizzell	Mark/Derinda Patton	Eddie/Charlotte Rhoderick
Thurs March 7	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession
Craiker/Hubbard	5:00	Debra Grabbe	Lance/Letisia Stidham	Rick/Jana Beesinger
Grabbe/Cogdell	5:45	Lisa Reagan	Lana/Stoney Hubbard	Judy Segura
Ivory/Forbes	6:30	Ana Baeza	Darrell/Dixie Johnson	Tammy Smith/Jamie Scarborough
Estes/Otis	7:15	Mary Garcia	Clarence/Diana Ivory	Brian/Lisa Schott
No games week of March 11-15 Spring Break. Next game Tues March 19 - will have schedule Mon March 18				

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Your Collectibles May Be Worth More Than You Know

(NAPSA)-If you are one of the more than 42 million households with collectible objects, now may be the time to collect some facts about insuring your collection properly.

Here are some tips from Grace Thomas, assistant vice president, Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Division:

- Have collectibles appraised. Homeowners insurance may not cover the full value of a collection. Contact the Appraisers

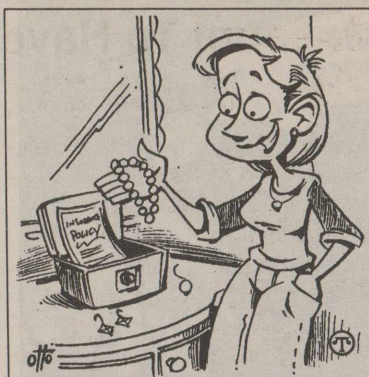
Association of America at 212-889-5404 or at www.appraisersassoc.org.

- Decide how you want your collection to be valued if a loss should occur. One method is agreed value, which means that the owner and the insurance company decide on a set or "agreed" amount to be paid in the event of a total loss. A second method is "market value." The market value of the item is the value that could have been received had the object been

sold on the date of the loss.

- Protect and store your collectibles and fine art appropriately. Consult an expert to determine the best temperature, humidity and light conditions for your wine cellar, rare books and manuscripts, photographs, works of art and other items that can be affected by the environment. Secure items, like jewelry, in a home safe or safe deposit box at a bank.

- Catalog your collection. Keep up-to-date photographic and written records of all items in your collection. Include appraisal information, and keep a copy of the records in a secure, off-site location such as a safe deposit box.



Collecting objets d'art and other items is a \$7.1 billion industry in the U. S. today.

- Insure collectibles properly. Consult your insurance agent regarding the correct type and

amount of insurance.

- Stay current. Auction house results, museum exhibitions, and collectors clubs and societies can offer a wealth of information about the items in your collection. They can also provide information about the market value of your collection. This can affect the insurance limits you carry.

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Swisher County Museum To Have Fund-Raiser Saturday, March 23

The Swisher County Museum is having a Cowboy Poet Dinner and Band program Saturday, March 23, 2002, at the Swisher County Senior Citizens Center, in Tulia.

The program consists of a meal, cowboy poetry and western band music. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Swisher County Mu-

seum in Tulia at 995-2819 by March 18, 2002. Price of tickets is \$12.50 each, which is tax deductible.

A drawing for three crosses, one horseshoe cross and two wooden crosses will be held during the program.

Come enjoy an evening of entertainment that will benefit the Swisher County Museum.

Adding a Stone Wall to Your Garden

(NAPSA)-While good fences and walls are said to make good neighbors, a growing number of homeowners are finding stone walls can add beauty and value to a home and garden.

Fortunately, many do-it-yourselfers are learning that building a stone wall to enhance the looks of their garden is a project they can undertake with some success.

Here are some ideas from experts on how to get started on your stone wall:

- Start by determining the length of the wall in feet and the height of the wall in feet. According to one rule-of-thumb, if the wall is designed to be no more than four feet high, it will be possible to use stones that are one foot thick.

- Next, visit a stone dealer to see what types and colors of material best suit your garden design. Materials used to construct stone walls often include granites,

limestones, sandstones, quartzites, flagging and other specialty stones.

- Remember, stone is heavy so don't be shocked when the dealer starts to quote prices per ton of stone. For example, a wall that's 50 feet long and 2 feet wide is 100 cubic feet. Most stone weighs an average of 125 pounds per cubic foot. This means the wall would weigh approximately 6.25 tons.

Costs for stone are likely to range anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per ton depending on the type of stone selected.

- When building a stone wall, begin by stacking the wall, working from one end to the other. For best results, lay the stones flat, as they would lie naturally on the ground.

Try to avoid continuous horizontal and vertical joints by breaking them up with larger and smaller stones. Fill in the area behind the wall with dirt and compact it as the building progresses.

WEATHER

February Weather Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	35	16	
2	45	15	
3	46	26	
4	47	26	
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23	65	21	
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25	79	26	
26	46	11	
27	35	8	
28	57	8	
Total Feb. 2002 Precip.			.50
Normal Feb. Precipitation			.60
Normal Precip. to date			1.25
Total 2002 Precip. to date			1.24

Happy Birthday-

March 7--J. T. West, Estelle South

March 8--Shana Strange, Kerry Baird, Katy Bomar

March 9--Mary Asebedo, Jace Francis, Kody Rhoderick, Kaitlyn Davis, Connor Paige

March 10--Michael Dallas Marley, Juannah Brice

March 11--Linda Jarnagin, Ruby Brannon, Holly Beth Gaskins, Jack Graham

March 12--Dennis Farley, Roy Dean McCoy, Marcy Roys, Cynthia Younger, LaVerne Long, Stephanie Smith

March 13--Jill Elizabeth Bean, Billy Turner, Russell Couch, Katrice Matchett, Hubert Braddock

Happy Anniversary-

March 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15--Spring Break

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

--Thomas Jefferson

Community Asked to Help Plan Transportation Services for Elderly

The Texas Department of Transportation is inviting representatives of local agencies and communities interested in public transportation to help plan transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The program, known as Section 5310, provides funds to private, non-profit organizations, public entities, and associations for transportation.

The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchase of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, vehicle rehabilitation, and purchase of transportation services. The funding is appropriated through the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act.

Interested private or non-profit organizations, public entities, and local citizens within the Childress District, located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler counties are invited to attend a planning meeting to discuss the most cost effective use of these funds. This meeting will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office in

Childress, Texas on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. The District Office is located on U. S. Highway 287 at the Lewis H. White Interchange. Please direct all inquiries to Tonya Cumins at 940-937-7164 or via e-mail at tcummin@dot.state.tx.us.

Extension FCS Committee To Meet Here Today

There will be a meeting of the Briscoe County Extension Program Council-Program Area Committee for Family & Consumer Sciences on Thursday, March 7, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at City Bank in Silverton.

Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP by Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

Committee members are Jana Beesinger, Lana Burson, Diana Ivory, Jackie Mercer, DeLane Smith, Eunice McFall and Dona Smith.

A man must thank his defects and stand in some terror of his talents.

-Emerson

Fate leads the willing and drags along the reluctant.

-Seneca

Life is one long process of getting tired.

-Samuel Butler

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, March 7--ASVAB test, Juniors; Board Meeting, 7:00

Friday, March 8--High School Track Meet, Wayland

Saturday, March 9--Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet, Floydada; Junior High Track Meet, Groom

Monday, March 11--Spring Break begins

Friday, March 15--Girls State Powerlifting Meet at Killeen

Saturday, March 16--SAT Tests, here



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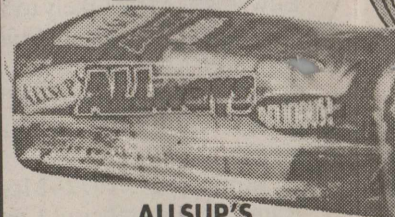
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