

**All Around  
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Governor Rick Perry prayed with students at an East Texas middle school gymnasium recently, saying afterward that he believes prayer should be allowed in public schools.

Organized prayer has been banned in public schools since a U. S. Supreme Court ruling in 1963.

"From my personal perspective, I think that a prayer life and a country that respects a higher being, our God, is a stronger country," he said. "I believe that, and I think the vast majority of the people in Texas and in this country believe that."

I feel that the time has come for this issue to return to the schools, and that each school be allowed to have prayers or not to have prayers as the majority of citizens in the school district favor.

Since the Supreme Court took prayer out of the public schools, surely it could put it back in. And even if the people of the school district were asked to vote on the issue as a strictly local question, I think all of us would be happier about it than we are as it is.

Prayers at sporting events are not really the same kind of prayers that you might hear in a church. For the most part they are petitions for good sportsmanship for the athletes involved and for the safety of people as they travel to their homes.

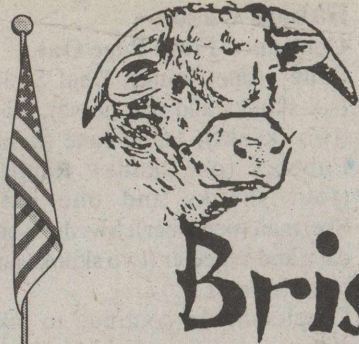
When it comes to student-led devotionals or prayers where each student writes his own material, it seems to me that this would be worthwhile both for the student preparing and presenting it and for the students hearing it.

Casey, Tyra and Connor Paige are in Omaha, Nebraska today. Connor is undergoing tests in preparation for his being placed on the national register of candidates for transplants.

Century of Progress Study Club will be sponsoring the Christmas Greeting Page again this year. They are asking you to donate the amount you would have spent mailing Christmas cards locally to a fund to be divided among the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Silverton Public Library and Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The special page listing all the names of those who have supported this project by their donations will appear in the Briscoe County News on December 20, 2001. Deadline for getting your donations and how you wish to have your name on the special page is December 9.

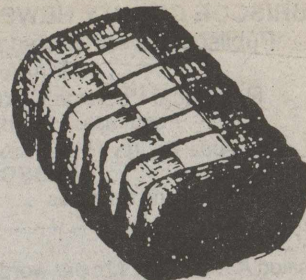
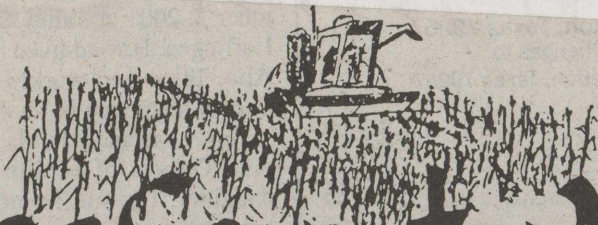
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## Early Voting Underway This Week

Voters across the area have the opportunity to mark their ballots early, selecting their choice for a state Senate seat and 19 constitutional amendments.

Early voting began Monday and ends November 2, and takes place in local county courthouses during normal business hours.

The District 30 Senate seat up for election came as a result of the July 12 death of Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls. The term expires in

January 2003. District 30 includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cottle, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Hardeman, Motley, Swisher and Wheeler counties.

On the ballot are Republicans Craig Estes of Wichita Falls; Harry Reynolds of Sherman; Doug Jeffrey of Vernon and Kirk Wilson of Sherman; Independent Rick Bunch of Wichita Falls, and Democrat Greg L. Underwood of Bowie.



Sherman and Tammy Aten

## Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Edwin Norris was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held October 9-12, 2001 in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Creating a Bias-Free Court, Justice Civil vs. Small Claims, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Magistrate Duties, Probably Cause and Search Warrants; DOT Regulations, Landlord Tenant Issues, Minor In Possession, Attorney and Pro Se Litigants, J. P. Office Procedure, and Financial Management.

## BCAA Meets Today at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, October 25) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

## 2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	3.23
April	1.49	1.12
May	3.11	5.26
June	3.78	.93
July	2.39	.32
August	2.64	4.42
September	2.49	1.94
October	1.75	.02
Totals	19.83	20.05

## Confirmed Rabies Cases Increasing

The number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas is continuing to increase, raising the possibility that the state may set a record this year for rabies cases.

October 6, the total number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas surpassed last year's total of 830 cases. Since then, the total has climbed to approximately 850 confirmed cases. There have been 87 more rabid skunks than last year--a 16 percent increase--and more cases are expected; over the past five years, the last three months of the year account for at least 22 percent of the rabid skunk cases, on average.

The state is also experiencing an increase in the number of rabid bats. So far this year, 155 rabid bats

have been confirmed, an increase of 26 percent from last year at this time. The peak period for rabid bats runs from September to October, and about half of each year's total is diagnosed during the last four months of the year.

The Panhandle-South Plains region also is experiencing an increase in rabid animals. There have been 39 cases of rabies confirmed this year, compared to a total of 26 for the year 2000.

Gray County has reported the most cases: 17 skunks, with all but one being in or near Pampa. Other counties that have reported animal rabies cases and their totals are:

**See Confirmed Rabies--Continued on Page Two**

## Methodist Revival To Be Held October 28 - 30

Sherman and Tammy Aten will be here to lead a revival at the Silverton United Methodist Church from Sunday, October 28, through Tuesday, October 30.

Sunday services will be at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday the special services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Atens minister to churches of all denominations through their concerts, evangelistic crusades, family and marriage retreats, as well as many para-church organizations such as Promise Keepers,

Emmaus and Aglow ministries.

The focus of Aten Ministries has always been to lead the Body of Christ in true worship, not entertainment. Their music reaches young and old alike with a central message for today's families.

They have two children, Joshua and Brooke. They spent an average of 40 weeks per year ministering around the world in such places as South America, Wales, Romania, Russia, Mexico, Canada and the United States.

## Pesticide Storage, Facility Security

Provided by Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag

Recent national events have caused a heightened awareness of inspecting and evaluating pesticide security programs, Dr. Don Renchie, Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural and environmental safety specialist, said federal and state regulatory officials are asking agricultural pesticide users to review and update their security programs.

"Each of us is asked to conduct a thorough inspection of our pesticide and pesticide equipments' storage facilities to locate and eliminate any weak areas," Renchie said. "Any inspection should be aimed at removing the risk of unauthorized entry into pesticide storage facilities. In addition, and most important, is the prevention of pesticide removal by unauthorized persons."

Renchie recommends: Store pesticides in a separate location, preferably in a locked storage building dedicated for just that purpose. Separate pesticides by use (insecticides with insecticides, herbicides with herbicides, etc.) and when practical, store application equipment separately, under lock and key. Always lock pesticide storage cabinets, closets, rooms and buildings. Locks should be case hardened, tamper resistant and in top working order. Use cable seal locks to secure individual storage containers.

Keep perimeter fences six to eight feet tall, with appropriate signs posted (Danger - Pesticides and No Smoking) and dusk to dawn security lighting supplies. Limit access to appropriate personnel, and tightly control access keys. Thoroughly scrutinize any unauthorized personnel. Maintain through stock records and perform frequent inventories. Also, establish contact with local law enforcement and fire authorities.

"Security also involves being alert to unusual or suspicious actions," he said. "Indications that something is amiss may include unusual behavior by a purchaser or individual."



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New shipment of sympathy cards has arrived at the Briscoe County News. 9-tfnc

Chevrolet '96 SUV For Sale. 66,000 miles. 983-0010. 43-tfc

Christmas Special: Now through Christmas Eve, 25% off Montana Silversmith items. Rhoderick Irrigation. 43-tfc

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## SERVICES

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

## GARAGE SALES

Two-Family Garage Sale: Starts 9:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 903 Braidfoot, Anne McJimsey. Tools, Dearborn Gas Heater, Ice Cream Freezer, Picture Frames, Mixmaster, Blender, Vaporizer, Ironing Board, Small TV, Dishes, Few Clothes, lots miscellaneous. 43-1tp

Garage Sale: 106 Loretta, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Children's Clothes, Miscellaneous Items, Set Bunk Beds. 43-1tc

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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

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For Sale: Nice House, three bedrooms, two baths, basement, central air and heat. Almost-new steel siding. 1102 Braidfoot, 806-823-2146. 34-tfc

## Cards of Thanks

We deeply appreciate your loving concern for Iris Burson. The prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, hugs and words of encouragement meant so much to her. She loved the people of Briscoe County.

C. D. and Betty Kirk  
Mary Tom Burson  
Tom, Deb and Donny Burson  
John and Trena Burson  
Bryan, Lana,  
Zack, Dusty and True Burson  
Clipper, Kelly, Ian, Haley  
and Shelby Kate Dunbar  
Jack, Lynnette, Jacob,  
and Shelby Lynne Maize

I would like to say "thank you" to all of those who brought food, called, sent cards, came by or said a prayer for me while I have been sick and since I've had surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. It is so good to live in a community where everyone cards. Thanks again, Ann West

I want to thank each one for the prayers, flowers and food during the death of my brother. May God bless each of you. Betty Olive

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## TASS Survey to Provide CEU's

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) has initiated its annual Cotton Objective Yield Survey and accompanying chemical use questionnaire. This year's survey includes an additional benefit for participation.

Growers who receive the survey packet and return it will qualify for one Continuing Education Unit in Laws and Regulations from the Texas Department of Agriculture to apply toward their private pesticide applicator's license. TASS and TDA teamed to offer the additional CEU to encourage wider participation among growers.

The survey is used to help track pesticide use trends. The survey's results also are a key component in the policy development process.

For more information, contact the TASS office at 1-800-626-3142.

### NASS SURVEY

Despite mounting evidence that the 44 percent of Texas cotton acres rated as poor or very poor is dragging down the size of the 2001 cotton crop, the National Agricultural Statistics Service has left production figures unchanged from a month ago.

The High Plains crop still is forecast at just more than 2.6 million bales. The U. S. crop is estimated to produce a record 20.2 million bales crop, building carryover stocks to levels not seen in the U. S. in more than a decade.

*Italy is the leading lemon-growing country in the world. The U. S. ranks second.*

## HELP WANTED

Irrigation Help Wanted: Apply in person at Rhoderick Irrigation in Silverton. 40-tfc

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# Doug Jeffrey

**for Senate**



**EXPERIENCE:**

*24 years City Attorney for the City of Vernon, City of Chillicothe and formerly the City of Quanah. Council for Vernon College, the Herring National Bank, and the Wilbarger County Humane Society.*

**ISSUES:**

*Health Care Professionals received raises last year and are taking home less money because insurance rates have gone up.*

**Doug stands for accountability at the state level.**

*Education professionals put in countless dollars out of their own pockets to provide for our children.*

**Doug wants to put money where it belongs.**

*Unemployment because of the September 11th disaster has caused many in the District to lose their jobs.*

**Doug wants to create jobs for Senate District 30.**

# Vote Doug Jeffrey Nov. 6th

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## Obituaries

### IRIS BURSON

Funeral services for Iris Crawford Burson, 92, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, at the Silverton Church of Christ, with Rev. Ed Norris officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Burson died Tuesday, October 16, in Amarillo and arrangements there were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia Street.

She had recently broken her legs in a fall and had been transferred to a rehabilitation center.

She was born December 23, 1908 on the "F" Ranch near Quitaque, to Miner and Eula Crawford. She married True Burson in 1929 and they lived on the family farm that was home-steaded by Jno. Burson. She moved from the farm to town in the summer of 1979. She had been a resident of Silverton for 90 years. In September 2000, she left a treasure to each member of her family, her published memoirs.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977; a son, Don Burson in 1986, and a granddaughter, Karen Bixler in 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Kirk and her husband, C. D., of Amarillo; a brother, Wayne Crawford of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Tom Burson, John Burson, Bryan Burson and Kelly Dunbar; eight great-grandchildren, Lynette Maize, Donny Burson, Zack Burson, Dusty Burson, Lee True Burson, Ian Dunbar, Haley Dunbar and Shelby Kate Dunbar; and two great-great-grandchildren, Jacob Maize and Shelby Lynn

### LANIE WELLMAN

Services for Lanie (Tince) Wellman, 85, of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Silverton, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Church of Christ in Turkey with Ted Kingery officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wellman died Thursday, October 18, 2001 in Las Vegas.

She was born November 27, 1915 in Wolf Bayou, Arkansas. She was a homemaker and had owned a grocery store at Buffalo Flat for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. A. (Bus) Wellman, in 1987, and by a son, Glenn Martin Couch.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley and Bud Couch, both of Silverton, and Darrell Couch of Lubbock; two daughters, Mary Ann Carlisle and Glenna Steele, both of Las Vegas; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

### OWL 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Oct. 25-- Amarillo Trinity,	There,
	5:00
Nov. 1-- Motley County, Home,	
	5:00

Maize.

Pallbearers were Wayne Nance, John Schott, Joe Brannon, Pat Northcutt, Terry Bomar and Lee Smith. Honorary pallbearers were J. C. Fowler, Jack Strange, James Fuston, George Long, Dr. J. Rush Pierce, Mike Smith, Jay Towe, Seymour Brannon and Alvie Francis.

The family suggested memorials be to the Silverton Ambulance Fund, Silverton Cemetery, or a favorite charity.

### GERALD D. GARVIN

Gerald D. Garvin, 62, died October 2, 2001 at Valley Baptist in Harlingen. He had lived in Monte Alto, Texas and worked at Bush Supply Company in McAllen.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Garvin of Monte Alto; a daughter, Deanne Romosca and her husband, James, of Ohio; four sons, Randy Garvin and wife, Karen of Sugarland, Texas, Steve Garvin and fiancée, Jodi, of Plano, Texas, Scott Garvin and wife, Karen of California and Derek Garvin and wife, Dawn of Valley Ranch, Texas; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, Jeannie Trimble of Ravia, Oklahoma and Dorothy Blasingame, 1809 Lindsey Lane, Waco, Texas 76708.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dee and Ruby Garvin, who made their home in Silverton, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted October 4, 2001 at Abundant Grace Community Church in Edinburg, Texas. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Brumley of Abundant Grace Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested that memorials be sent to the American Heart Association or the Rio Grande Valley Children's Home.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ric Brown Family Funeral Home in Mission.

### Walk Across Texas! Is Wrapped Up

Provided by Cory Payne  
 Texas Cooperative Extension  
 Agent-FCS

Walk Across Texas! wrapped up with a party Monday, October 22, 2001 at the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Results were revealed as: Team

### Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobbye Bean

We finished Ann's "Churn Dash" quilt. We quilted on Juanita's "white on white" quilt. Those quilting were Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Nadyne Childress, Laverne Stephens, Lallie Patton, Marie Rogers and Bobbye Bean.

Juanita Howard came by and brought us brownies. She was working at the City Hall, but took time to bring us refreshments.

Correction: Juanita went to Virginia to see her sister, not Atlanta.

Laverne, Loyd, Sybil and Neil attended the chuckwagon cookoff in Ruidoso last week and a former Silvertonite, Bessie Vaughan and her daughter, Pam, visited with them. Bessie said to tell all her friends hello.

We are missing Ada Clay and Oleta Warren at quilting.

Joy said her mom, Bonnie, has good days and bad days. It was good to have Joy back for the morning quilting.

### Rabies Cases-- Continued From Page One

Bailey (one skunk); Deaf Smith (six skunks and one horse); Hale (two skunks); Lamb (one skunk); Lubbock (one skunk); Randall (four skunks and one bat); Sherman (one steer); Swisher (one cat); and Wheeler (two skunks and one raccoon).

People should continue to take steps to discourage skunks from approaching houses. Pet food and water should be moved indoors at night, and areas which could be used as a den should be eliminated. If a skunk attacks a litter of puppies or kittens, the survivors should be euthanized to prevent human exposure a few weeks later.

All pets and livestock with frequent human contact or extraordinary value should be vaccinated to prevent rabies.

Bats that appear to be flying erratically during the day or which are grounded should be avoided since they have a high probability of being rabid. Students should not be allowed to take bats to school.

Anyone exposed to saliva of a possibly rabid animal through a bite or through contact with an open wound or the mucous membranes should seek medical attention. The local animal control authority should also be contacted to obtain testing of the animal, if it is available.

Domestic animals that are exposed to rabies must either be euthanized or vaccinated and be isolated for a 45-90 day period to ensure public safety.

Placings - 1. Road Warriors, 1830.78 miles; 2. ASKEBAT, 1324.10 miles; 3. Dolls & Guy, 1158.65 miles; 4. The Early Birds, 1108.2 miles; 5. Ankle Express, 975 miles; 6. Sweat & Stress, 663 miles; 7. Fairmont Flyers, 631 miles; 8. The Nutty Fruits, 569.6 miles; 9. Feisty Young Speed Walkers, 500.05 miles; 10. The Wanna-bes, 449.75 miles; 11. Agape, 415.75 miles.

Individual placings - 1. Deloy Myers, 459.55 miles; 2. Wilburn Leeper, 434.5 miles; 3. Faye Pointer, 350.2 miles; 4. Jerry Baker, 304 miles; 5. Susan Young, 273.4 miles; 6. Anthony Kingery, 256.05 miles; 7. Jacki Jenkins, 254.6 miles; 8. Shirley Reynolds, 221.5 miles; 9. Weldon Griffin, 215 miles; 10. Mary Woods, 199.8 miles.

Special certificates and ice cream coupons were given to Bill and Janinne Brooks for "Most Consistently Improving:" because they started out with no miles per week and increased it to seven, then to ten, then to 12 and finally to 14.

See Walk Across Texas!  
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### OWL 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Oct. 25- Hedley,	Home,	5:00
Nov. 1- Happy,	There,	5:00
Nov. 8- Valley,	Home,	5:00

### 4-H October Calendar of Events

Oct. 29--4-H Club Manager & Officer Training, City Bank Silverton Pioneer Room, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Leaders Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Oct. 25--TAAS Exit - Reading; JV at Amarillo Trinity, 6:30; Hedley 8th Grade, here, 5:00  
 Friday, Oct. 26--Silverton Owls at Hedley, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 27--ACT Test-Here

Sunday, Oct. 28--Daylight Savings Time Ends; Fall Backward  
 Monday, Oct. 29--Red Ribbon Week begins; Poison Control Speaker

Tuesday, Oct. 30--Floydada speaker

### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 29--Baked Potato Wedge with Chili or Cheese, Salad, Hot Roll, Apple Crisp

Tuesday, Oct. 30--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 31--Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, Nov. 1--Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Nov. 2--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Milk, Fruit & Jello

### Happy Birthday-

October 25--Sylvia Fogerson, Lynn Frizzell, Kim George

October 26--Ruby McWaters, Melba Caffety, Joe Self, Kay Garrison, Matt Lawrence, Mitch Martin, Delton Cleveland

October 27--Yance Forbes, Lane Garvin, Tobe Riddell, Ashley Kay McCoy, Cheyenne Williams

October 28--Tim Gamble, Gerald Smith, Stephen Stephens, Ester Trevino, Janna Nichole Schott, Coty Braddock, Mike Smith

October 29--Jonnie Weaver, Bill McGavock

October 30--Theta Holt, Adrienne Hubbard

October 31--Carolyn Lowrey, Jeremy Holt, Misty Wilkinson, Linda Baird, Roger Cantwell, Heraclio Ramirez, jr.

### Happy Anniversary-

October 25--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howell

October 26--Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Birdwell

October 27--Mr. and Mrs. Susano Netro, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson

October 28--Mr. and Mrs. Stan Couch

October 30--Mr. and Mrs. Cris Gill

### MATTHEW 22:37

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**



# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**September 26, 1991**--Cotton harvest-aids being put into use for cotton harvest . . . Spec. Venita Asebedo, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in Active Federal Military Service. She is currently attending a Primary Leadership Development Course and will be graduating October 4 . . . Computer course being offered by Texas A&M University Extension Service . . . Booster Club to sell baked potatoes at the ballgame today . . . Lisha DeLyn Patton to marry Kelly James Sanders . . . Venita Asebedo to marry Richard Steven Howell, jr. . . Spelling Bee to be directed here by Debbie Holt . . . Mr. and Mrs. Craig Patton are parents of a son, Cody Craig . . . Mandy Pigg, Josh Brooks, Jeremiah Brooks, Briana Sperry, Will Sperry, George Pigg, Jarret Pigg, Jamie Pigg, Mary Elizabeth Pigg, Wynter Smith, Tracy Guest and Molly Brooks represented Briscoe County at the Capon Show at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock . . . Texas W.I.F.E. has convention . . . Owls go down in defeat to the state-ranked McLean Tigers . . .

**September 17, 1981**--Owls still fighting the "old flu bug" . . . Mrs. Fred Minyard entered Nichols Hospital in Plainview Thursday and underwent major surgery there Friday morning. Katrice and Anthony Minyard stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Rick Minyard while both their parents were in Plainview . . . Rank Cogdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell, was recently named Star Chapter Farmer of the Silverton chapter of Future Farmers of America, and placed second in the Plainview District competition . . .

**September 30, 1971**--Owls take Groom 21-6; try Petersburg next . . . Elzie Yancey, 49, buried Tuesday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald, Nanette and Suzette Fitzgerald and Kirk Duham took part in the Appaloosa Horse Show during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Nanette placed first in barrel racing and second in the stake race with her horse F Domino Rip in the youth division. Suzette competed in the junior division with Cheta Barbi. She won first in the barrel race, first in the stake race and first in western pleasure. Kirk placed third showing F Cherokee Sam at halter . . . Thresa Tate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tate, was elected queen of the Silverton Lions Club . . .

**October 12, 1961**--Carolyn Garrison, by winning the State award for her 1961 Garden Records, has earned a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago next month. She

will leave Silverton on Thanksgiving Day for a week's activities to be attended by the most outstanding 4-H Club members from all over the nation . . . Silverton no match for Spur . . . Miss LaGuan Thompson, bride-elect of Mr. Joe Riney, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Bud McMinn Saturday . . . Mrs. W. G. Byrd of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCracken were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Cope at Happy . . . Mmes. Berton Hughes and Grace Cox were in Amarillo Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore are parents of a son, Mark, who came to make his home with them on Sunday, October 8 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett are parents of a son, Michael Don, born at Tulia Friday, October 6 . . . Debbie Dickerson is back in school after a bout with pneumonia . . . Dewey Estes, Joe Anderson and Jimmy Smith, students at Texas A&M College, College Station, spent the weekend here with homefolks . . . Four male cheerleaders were the hit of the Pep Rally held Tuesday. They were Larry McWilliams, Jerry Baird, Jim Reid and Bobby Durham . . .

**December 5, 1946**--Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Gardner are parents of a daughter, Lenda Jeane . . . Miss Polly Steele of Lubbock spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele . . . Charlie Holt, who has been employed as a mechanic at the Silverton Chevrolet Company, left Monday for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he has accepted a position . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams entertained with a buffet supper and "42" party at their home Saturday evening . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, Miss Dee Gardner, Miss Polly Steele, Bruce Bureson, jr., and John Earl Simpson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Griffin Friday evening . . . Willie Amel Smithee has purchased the Texaco Wholesale Agency from George Jones . . . Mollie Nann Ziegler is bride of Clarence E. Nance . . . Mrs. Arnold Brown entertained with a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. H. Roy Brown, Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Milton Dudley . . .

**September 18, 1941**--Football boys are guests of Lions Club at Wednesday meeting . . . More oil activity in Silverton area . . . Mrs. True Burson is host to Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary Monday afternoon . . . The board of education has secured the services of Mr. G. C. Collum as band instructor . . . Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell of Phillips spent the past two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Jasper and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowell . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayland

Fitzgerald and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Earl Cantwell . . . Misses Betty Dickerson, Allena Francis and Nina Zell Cantwell spent Sunday with Ava Nell and Winona Brown . . . Mrs. Pat Pavlicek and Miss Margaret Thomas left Tuesday for Dallas where Margaret is under the care of a doctor . . . Jess Brannon and Seymour Brannon who are now employed at Post spent the weekend here with home folks. Mrs. Seymour Brannon returned to Post with them . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver moved Monday to the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cowart . . .

**February 13, 1930**--Hudson Garrison, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison had a number of friends in the home Saturday afternoon for his birthday

## Walk Across Texas!

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Another special certificate and ice cream coupon was awarded to Bob J. Ham who was deemed "Most Consistent." Mr. Ham walked 12.75 miles each week.

Low-fat recipe booklets were given as participant prizes along with certificates. The first place team received Pacific Coolers, ice cream coupons and bookmarks. The second place team received energy bars, bookmarks, lip balm and ice cream coupons. The third place team received fruit cocktails, bookmarks, Advil samples and ice cream coupons.

party. Present were Billie Lou Lowry, Nora Mae Thompson, Bertie Castleberry, Jean Alexander, Gladys Faye Johnson, Adell Graham, Cleo, Charline, Paschal and Hudson Garrison . . .

The first place team made it to our destination point, South Padre Island, which is approximately 750 miles from here, came back home and kept on going! Our second through fifth place teams also made it to South Padre Island and were on their way back home.

Overall the teams walked a grand total of 9625.88 miles and lost 67 pounds! Several participants commented that the *Walk Across Texas!* program motivated them to exercise, held them accountable, and helped them spend time with their family and friends.

If you were unable to attend the wrap-up party, you may pick up your prizes and participant gifts at the Extension Office. Thank you to all the participants for their hard work and effort to incorporate fitness and exercise into their daily lives.

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## Owls Fall to 6-1 With Loss To Groom Tigers Here Friday Night

The Groom Tigers, ranked second in the state, brought their impressive game to Silverton last Friday night, and even though the Owls were able to stay in the game with them, they weren't able to overcome the power with which the Tigers kept putting the ball into the endzone.

Clay Britten, one of five Britten cousins on Groom's roster, was very efficient at quarterback, and enroute to executing a 48-14 victory for the visitors also earned Player of the Week honors for himself.

The Owls brought several outstanding plays onto the field, giving their fans a number of things to cheer about; however, being turned away at the goal line twice with no points wasn't among them.

Groom received the kickoff which opened the game and returned it 61 yards. A facemask violation was called against the Owls, to move the Tigers to the 25. On second down, Dustin Hale pounced on a Groom fumble on the Silverton 19, but the referees ruled the ball was down. The Tigers made a first down on the 10, after which they scored with 4:57 still to be played in the first quarter. They kicked the PAT and held an 8-0 lead.

When Groom kicked off, Monty Wood returned the ball to the 35, where he absorbed a tremendous hit. Andrew Francis ran for a first down on the Groom 25, after which the Tiger defense held and the Owls punted the ball into the endzone.

Groom scored again with 9:13 remaining in the second quarter.

Francis blocked the PAT kick, and the Tigers moved ahead 14-0.

The Owls weren't able to do much of anything on the next series and punted to midfield. Groom made a first down, stopped by Francis, enroute to scoring again. With 6:57 remaining before halftime, the Tigers passed for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and the score became 20-0.

Nathan Baker took the ensuing kickoff back to the Silverton 20, after which runs by Red Ivory and Francis netted a few yards. Ivory passed complete to Hale after which Duncan Vernon ran for a first down at midfield. Francis passed to Ivory to move the ball to the 26, then passed in the direction of Hale. A Groom player tipped the ball in the air, and maintaining his focus Hale stayed with it and caught it for a first down on the Groom 5, this being one of the more exciting plays of the game for Owl fans. The Groom defense held, and the ball went over on downs on the Groom two.

The Tigers came back with a couple of first down before passing for another score. They kicked the PAT, and with 51 ticks remaining on the first half clock, Groom held a 28-0 lead.

The Owls made a first down on a personal foul against the Tigers, then made another on a pass from Francis to Hale just as the first half came to a close.

When Groom kicked off to open the second half, Nathan Baker returned the ball to the Silverton 20, and Francis completed a pass to Nathan for a first down at midfield. Ivory completed a pass to Nathan, after which Francis passed to Ivory for an Owl touchdown. Francis kicked the PAT, and with 8:32 remaining in the third period, the Owls narrowed the score to 28-8.

In addition, the Tigers received a personal foul penalty, but scored from 63 yards out with 8:12 still on the third-quarter clock. This brought the score to 36-8.

After the Owls got the ball back, Ivory completed a pass to Francis and moved for a first down on a personal foul call against the Tigers. Francis passed complete to Ivory, but the Owls got a penalty call and even though Francis completed another pass to Hale, the ball went over on downs on the 25 with 6:25 remaining in the third quarter.

The Owl defense held the Tigers and brought about a punt, after which Francis passed to Ivory, the Owls getting a holding call on this play, before Francis was sacked for a loss. Francis hit Hale with another pass before the Owls had to punt, and John Arnold stopped the runback with a very good tackle.

There was some good hitting as

defense was led Francis, Arnold, Vernon, Clifton Baker and Ivory. The Tigers scored on a pass play with 45 seconds remaining in the third frame, the PAT kick was blocked, and the Tigers moved ahead 42-8.

The Owl offense threw four incomplete passes on the next series, and recovered a fumble when the Tigers got the ball back. Francis ran for a first down and a pass was completed to Ivory as the fourth quarter began. Francis hit Ivory again and passed to Clifton Baker for a first down on the 15, but the ball went over on downs due to a penalty.

The defense held and the ball came back to the Owls on downs. They scored two plays later on a pass from Francis to Hale with 5:10 remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the score became 42-14.

The Tigers added six points before the game ended, to bring about the final 48-14 score.

## More Efficient Fire Service Brought to Lake

A more efficient fire service has been brought to the homeowners and visitors to Lake Mackenzie through the cooperation of the Silverton Fire Department, Mackenzie Authority and homeowners of Coronado Shores.

Several of the Coronado Shores homeowners are members of the Silverton Fire Department, and since a truck full of water doesn't have a very fast highway speed and the nearest fire department had been 15 minutes or more away, it was decided to enter this joint venture.

The Silverton Fire Department furnished a fire-fighting vehicle which is being kept at the lake.

The homeowners paid for and poured the concrete foundation and floor for the new fire station, and erected the building which was purchased by the Mackenzie Water Authority.

The equipment will be used for all kinds of fires, including those in homes, vehicles and grassland. This department will hold the line against fire until departments from Silverton and Tulia can arrive.



The new fire station at Coronado Shores on Lake Mackenzie was completed recently and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held. Several members of the Silverton Fire Department live at the lake, and will be able to provide quicker fire service there than if the truck had to come from Silverton.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Notice of Special Election AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL

To the registered voters of the County of Briscoe, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Briscoe, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2001, for voting in a special election to: 1. Adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas; 2. Elect a State Senator for District 30 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Tom Haywood.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirun desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 noviembre, 2001 para votar en La Eleccion Especial para: o rechazar las enmienda: de La Constitucion que son entregados por la legislatura 77, sesion regular del Estado de Texas; 2. Para elector al senador del Estado Para el Distrado 30 Para Servir el unexpired term del Honorable Tom Haywood.

Locations of Polling Places (Direcciones de las casillas electorales) Voting Precincts 1, 3, 4 & 5 Pioneer Room, City Bank in Silverton, 2 & 6 Community Center, Quitaque.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week-day at Office of Briscoe County Clerk (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Issued this the 8th day of October, 2001. (Emitado este dia 8 de octubre, 2001.

Ted Kingery  
Signature of County Judge  
(Firma del Juez del Condado)  
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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Silverton et al will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2001, at the City Hall, Silverton, Texas, on the below listed real estate, located in Silverton, Texas.

Unit No.	Description	Block No.
1	All of Lot 4	4
2	All of Lot 3	5

Each bid must show the Unit No., Description, Block No. and Amount of Bid. Bids must be sealed in envelope marked "Real Estate Bid" and must have the bidder's name and address on the bid envelope. Bids will be opened at the November 12, 2001 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas, at the City Hall, 409 Broadway Street, Silverton, Texas. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Jerry Patton  
City Secretary

Realestate bid notice2001

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## Black-Out Pep Rally

The Black-Out Pep Rally will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the PE Gym.

Everyone is invited.

### OWL VARSITY FOOTBALL

Oct. 26--*Hedley,	There, 7:00
Nov. 2--*Happy,	Home, 7:00
Nov. 9--*Valley,	There, 7:00
*District Game	

### JV OWL FOOTBALL

Oct. 25 Amarillo Trin.	There, 6:30
Nov. 1-- Happy,	There, 6:30
Nov. 8-- Valley,	Home, 6:30



Those attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were (left to right) Raymond McJimsey, Albert Hartman, Perry Howell, Marlina Howell, Nick Nickel, Bess McWilliams, Frankie Van Pelt, Tom Davey, Cecil Bramlet and Glen King.

DAYLIGHT

# SAVING TIME

ENDS, OCTOBER 28

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

## WEATHER

6:00 a.m. daily readings in the month of Sept. 2001

	High	Low	Precip.
1	78	45	
2	80	44	
3	81	42	
4	85	51	
5	89	48	
6	58	33	
7	67	33	.02
8	80	52	
9	86	53	
10	84	54	
11	72	41	
12	71	44	
13	63	32	
14	72	32	
15	79	42	
16	59	28	
17	69	28	
18	81	38	
19	88	42	
20	77	38	
21	85	52	
22	83	50	
23	86	54	

Total Oct. Precip.	.02
Normal Precip. in Oct.	1.75
Normal Precip. Year to Date	19.83
Precip. Rec'd. in 2001	20.05



# Wishing You The Best This Season!



THE OWLS--2001 Edition--(back row, left to right) Coach Dewaine Lee, Red Ivory, Dustin Hale, John Arnold, Duncan Vernon, Chance Rhoderick, Eric Minyard, Andrew Francis, Coach Ryan Dykes; (middle row) Zack Burson, Galen Smith, James Tiffin, Colt Smith, Humberto Vasquez, Max Comer, Ignacio Gamez, Caleb Francis; (front row) Kody Rhoderick, manager; Monty Wood, Clifton Baker, Nathan Baker, Brandon Stephens, Chase Comer, Logan Fisher, Beau Brock and Coach Lenny Jackson.



**Silvertown Owls**  
**vs.**  
**Hedley Owls**  
**October 26th,**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**There**

Johnson's Gin  
 Brown-McMurtry Implement  
 Nance's Food Store  
*City Bank*  
 Mid-Plains Rural Telephone  
 H. & H. Fertilizer  
 Hutsell Insurance



2001-02 CHEERLEADERS--(back row, left to right) Kassie Strange, Chelsey Cherry, Lori Griffin, Jenny Young; (middle) Bryn Mayfield, Amanda Estes, Kurby Garvin; (front) Krista Hale, spirit of the Owl mascot.

**Silvertown 7th Grade**  
**& Junior Varsity**  
**vs Amarillo Trinity**  
**Thursday, 5:00**  
**There**

**Silvertown 8th Grade**  
**vs. Hedley**  
**Thursday, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Here**

Briscoe Implement  
 Fleming Well Service  
 Briscoe County News  
 Silvertown Oil Company  
 Lighthouse Electric  
 Silvercot Gin, Inc.



## Groom Junior High Takes 19-13 Win Over Seventh Grade Owls

Silverton Owls received the kickoff from Groom with Dusty Burson, Jose Hernandez, Ory Johnson, Deigo Ramirez, Drew Reed and E. J. Ivory on the kickoff return team. Dusty returned the ball to the 38-yard line and Silverton began its offense.

Members of the offensive team were Clay Strange, Drew Reed, Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Deigo Ramirez and E. J. Ivory. The Owls could not convert the ball and had to punt on fourth down. Groom took over the ball on the 20-yard line.

A completed pass play took Groom to the seven-yard line before being brought down by E. J. Ivory. Defense consisted of Tom Craiker, Jose Hernandez, Drew Reed, E. J. Ivory, Deigo Ramirez and Jonathan Garcia. After a fumble recovery by E. J. Ivory, the Owls took over the ball on the three-yard line.

Running plays were made by Deigo Ramirez and Drew Reed, but the first quarter ended with a 0-0 score. The second quarter began with Eric Ballesteros, Clay Strange, E. J. Ivory, Ory Johnson, Deigo Ramirez and Dusty Burson. Deigo Ramirez punted the ball away and Groom took over the ball on the Owl nine-yard line. A Silverton facemask penalty moved the ball to the three-yard line. The Owls held the ball on the one with a tackle by Drew Reed. Groom scored on a play up the middle. PAT attempt was no good, due to a tackle by Jose Hernandez and Tom Craiker. The score was now 6-0.

E. J. Ivory returned the kickoff to the Silverton 34-yard line. Drew Reed ran the ball 45 yards to the Groom two-yard line and E. J. Ivory took it in for a score on the next play. The PAT was no good and the score stood tied at 6-6.

The kickoff team of Deigo Ramirez, Jose Hernandez, Clay Strange, Jonathan Garcia, Dusty Burson and E. J. Ivory stopped the Groom return with a tackle by Dusty Burson on the 25. Tackles on this series were made by Jose Hernandez, Drew Reed and Clay Strange. A pass play took the ball to the Owl nine-yard line, before being brought down by E. J. Ivory. The next play ended on the one-yard line with the whole Silverton team aiding in pushing the ball out of bounds. Groom was caught behind the line of scrimmage by Jonathan Garcia and Deigo Ramirez, then tackled by Drew Reed on the next play bringing it to fourth down on the one-yard line. The next play ended with a Groom score with one minute left in the first half. The PAT was good, and Groom moved ahead 13-6.

The kickoff was returned by E. J. Ivory to the 25-yard line, but the ball was taken back to the 15 on a facemask penalty. A pass play from Dusty Burson to E. J. Ivory went 31 yards down to the Groom 34. A

handoff from Dusty Burson to Deigo Ramirez gained nine yards, making it second and six with 24 seconds left in the half. Time ran out with no further scoring, ending the first half with the 13-6 score.

Silverton kicked off to Groom to start the second half. Groom took the ball to the Owl 33-yard line, then scored on a pass play. The PAT was good and the score stood at 19-6. The Groom kickoff was downed by Drew Reed. Running plays by Deigo Ramirez and E. J. Ivory moved the ball down the field, ending in a touchdown by E. J. Ivory. The PAT was good on a pass play from Drew Reed to Dusty Burson, making the score 19-13. Silverton kicked off and the third quarter ended.

On another Groom pass play, E. J. Ivory took the ball away from the Groom receiver and ran to the 35-yard line before Groom recovered a fumble. Helping out on defense in this series were Zak Perkins and Landon Fisher. Groom failed on the next pass play due to rushing by Clay Strange, making it fourth down with 4:23 left in the ballgame. A pass interception by E. J. Ivory brought the ball back into Silverton's possession on the 38. Drew Reed ran the ball to the 28, but a penalty took the ball back to the 39. Drew again ran the ball to the Groom 33, but the Owls turned the ball over on fourth down with 2:24 left. Tackles were made in this final series by Clay Strange, E. J. Ivory and Jose Hernandez, but Groom kept possession of the ball until time ran out and the game ended with a 19-13 score.

### Turkey Jamboree Nov. 3

Turkey's next Jamboree is 7:00 p.m. November 3 at the Bob Wills Center Gym. This month the show is featuring Mike Grace, Turkey; Lynn Alexander, Lubbock, and the Valley Cheerleaders. The Turkey Lions will be selling hamburgers.

### Swisher Memorial Hospital Health Fair

Swisher Memorial Hospital's sixth annual Health Fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25.

They will be offering free blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

There will be drawings for door prizes and giveaways donated by various vendors.

### Immunization Clinic

There will be an immunization clinic in the school nurse's office Friday, November 2, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 until 3:30 p.m.

All vaccines will be given, including flu shots, which are still being given first to the high-risk patients and senior citizens.

## Wildlife Packets Help Establish Habitat in Briscoe County

Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners. Whether it's deer in central Texas or quail and pheasant on the Plains, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are available to assist landowners in creating habitat.

"Now is the time for landowners in Briscoe County to order wildlife packets from West Texas Nursery before preferred species are sold out," says Brian Scott, Texas Forest Service forester in Amarillo.

Four wildlife packets are available: Quail/Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bare root deciduous trees and shrubs that cater specifically to the habitat needs of their labeled species. Each packet includes the following trees:

Quail/Pheasant: Russian olive, aromatic sumac, nanking cherry and plum

Deer: hackberry, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and fourwing saltbush

Turkey: hackberry, bur oak, aromatic sumac and honeysuckle

Squirrel: little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange and bur oak

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks on grasslands, at right

angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated cropland.

Scott recommends 10- to 25-foot spacing between each deciduous tree within a tree row; 6-foot spacing between each shrub within a shrub row; and 20-foot spacing between each row of trees.



Order soon before preferred stock is sold out.

*You're Invited to a "Come-n-Go"*

# Home Interiors & Gift Show

Saturday, November 3, 2001

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pioneer Room - City Bank,  
Silverton

*Featuring Christmas 2001, cash & carry items, door prizes, gift wrapping, refreshments*

*Presented by Norma Garcia & Nancy Pena*

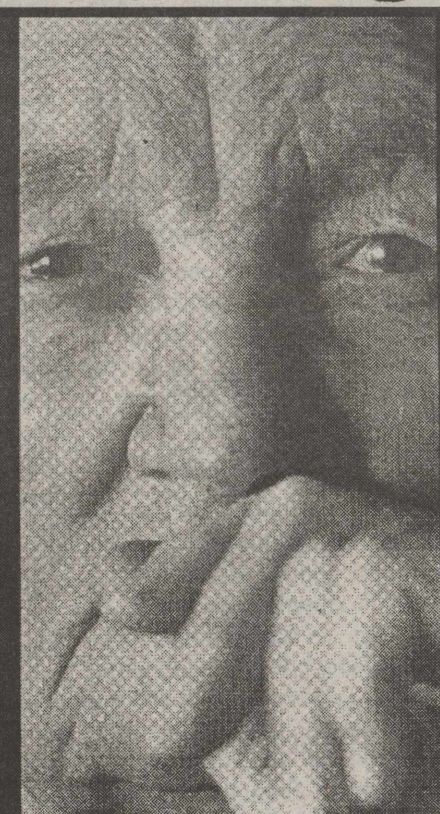
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