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Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, April 18-Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Salad, Dessert

Wednesday, April 20-Baked Chicken, Roll, Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Fruit, Cookies

Friday, April 22-Ham & Cheese on Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Soup, Crackers, Dessert

Menu subject to change. Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

Wylie Bomar sent us the following, written by his niece Melinda Bomar. We're sorry we weren't able to get it in before the anniversary date and the special observance, but nevertheless it has an important message.

"April 2, 2005 will make one year since I learned of my brother Jason's untimely death. His death was sudden, although we knew he was not well. He died from an enlarged heart, which really says a lot about him.

"Jason also suffered from obtructive sleep apnea. We used to make fun of his snoring-it was Ernesto Ferrusca quite loud and obnoxious. His friends even said it used to take the paint off the walls. Towards the end, to be honest, I really hated hearing it. I would gladly listen to it now if I could. I think many of Jason's complications were directly related to his sleep apnea. He was just too tired to get well.

"Sleep apnea is serious-it can effect your whole life. Think about wow you feel when you don't get enough sleep (worked too late and had to get up too early, stayed out too late, bad dreams, etc). This is sleep apnea and encourage you to how my brother felt all of the time. He started falling asleep doing everyday tasks. His leg would shake restlessly and sometime while he slept his arms would flail to cut and paste into your browser). as if he was punching something.

sleep apnea, but has since received prayers as this is already proving treatment (CPAP machine-con- to be a tough time-at least for me. tinuous positive air pressure). It is a cumbersome awkward mask that love and encouragement. Melinda' he has to wear every night (he even takes it on vacations) but it changed his life because he finally

Awareness Week, with Thursday, trips to visit from there each day. March 31st dedicated to Sleep Apnea Awareness.

"I invite you all to learn about Corsicana area.

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Owls Win Second in District Track Meet; Lady Owls Place Fourth

Silverton's Owls won second place at the District 3-1A Track Meet held at Randall High School last week. The top four finishers in each event qualified for competition in the 4-1A Area Meet April 15 at Frenship High School.

Individual placings in the individual events included:

3200 run-1. Jesse Reynolds; 2. Zak Perkins

Discus-1. Gid Mayfield; 2. Max

Pole vault-2. Gabriel Vargas Long jump-4. Tanner Young; 6.

Triple jump-4. Tanner Young Shot put-5. Max Comer 800 meter run-3. Jonathan Garcia; 5. Gid Mayfield

100 meter dash-4. Ernesto Ferrusca

800 relay-1. Silverton (Tanner Young, Yance Forbes, Ernest Ferrusca, Chance Rhoderick)

300 meter intermediate hurdles-1. Tanner Young

1600 meter run-2. Jesse

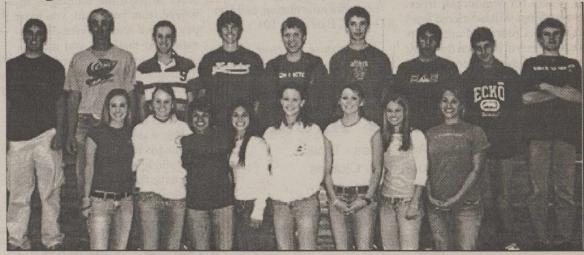
get treated if you think you have a sleep disturbance. Check out http:/ /www.sleepfoundation.org/ NSAW/pk myths.cfm (you'll have

"Please continue to keep me and "My dad also suffered from my family in your thoughts and

'Thanks for everyone's support,

We had a very pleasant surprise last week when our friends Helen gets a good night's sleep. He liter- Strange from Corsicana and her ally does not leave home without sister, Glenna Cornett from Dimmitt, stopped by to see us. "So I would like to take this Helen had flown in from time to let you know that the week Corsicana, rented a car and driven Forbes of March 28 is National Sleep to Dimmitt. They were making

> Helen said the bluebonnets and azaleas were very pretty in the



Area Track Meet qualifiers are (back, left to right) Max Comer, Chance Rhoderick, Yance Forbes, Gid Mayfield, Tanner Young, Jesse Reynolds, Ernesto Ferrusca, Gabriel Vargas, Zak Perkins; (front) Kelsie Estes, Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez, Trichelle Ramirez, Kelsi Birdsong, Haylee Simpson, Shandy Forbes, Sasha Wood. Annual Staff Photo

Time For Soil Testing

It is time for homeowners to start testing their soil. By know-400 meter dash-5. Yance Forbes ing what nutrients your soil needs, you can put out the proper amount of fertilizer. Giving a plant the correct amount of nutrients increases drought tolerance, protects water quality, and improves plant health Reynolds; 5. Zak Perkins

1600 meter relay-5. Silverton (Gid Mayfield, Drew Reed, Jonathan Garcia, Chance Rhoderick)

In the girls division, individual placings included:

Discus-3. Sasha Wood

Long jump-6. Kelsi Birdsong 400 meter relay-3. Silverton (Danielle Ramirez, Krista Hale, Kelsie Estes, Haylee Simpson)

800 meter run-5. Abby Reyna 800 meter relay-4. Silverton (Danielle Ramirez, Krista Hale, Kelsie Estes, Haylee Simpson)

400 meter dash-4. Shandy

300 meter hurdles-5. Kelsi Birdsong

Trichelle Ramirez, Krista Hale) Scarborough.

and growth.

one month before any fertilizer is can provide you with soil sample put out in an organic garden. A soil bags, instructions and information test is recommended once every sheets. two to three years. The test only costs about \$10 for homeowners.

Contact your county Extension Soil tests should be done at least office for more information. They

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1600 meter relay-2. Silverton UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers are (back, left to right) Gid Mayfield, (Kelsi Birdsong, Haylee Simpson, Tanner Young, Jesse Reynolds; (front) Jacob Francis, Laura Annual Staff Photos

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plies for optimum care for the trees. A minimum order may be required on the seedling orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want.

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Our Missionaries are Back Home!

Rock Creek Church of Christ will be honoring Lendal & Peggy Wilks Sunday, April 17, at 2:30 p.m. They have been missionaries in Africa for 36 years and are coming back to the States to live. Through the generosity of many people and various churches we will be able to present them with a sizable retirement fund. We are inviting everyone in the community to attend the reception and the presentation of funds, and to personally thank them for the many years they sacrificed in order to teach others about Jesus and His saving grace.

Please come and share this special time.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Sunday a.m. 10:30

Briscoe County Stock Show Group to Meet Happy Birthday-

A Briscoe County Show Show Board meeting will be held Mon-Pioneer Room at City Bankto attend and all who are present

are eligible to vote. Officers will be elected, judges for the 2006 day, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the show will be chosen, and various stock show rules will be discussed. Silverton. Everyone who has an in- Please take advantage of this opterest in the stock show is welcome portunity to be part of a countywide effort for the young people.

Have the Pink Flamingos Come To Your House?

Have you been pink flamingoed yet? Theyhave migrated in to help with the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. To flamingo your friends for a great cause, call Patsy Towe, 823-2482, or Juannah Jennings, 823-2370. In order to have the flamingos removed from your yard, you must pay a "bird removal" fee of a donation. At that time you may reflamingos. All donations will go to the American Cancer Society and in turn be used for Briscoe County residents only.

If you are concerned about the flamingos returning to your yard, ask about our insurance policy when the flamingos are picked up.

Please join in the fun and give us a call today!



Texas Cooperative EXTENSION David Hawkins, CEA-Ag Briscoe County, Texas

Cotton and rice farms in the U. S. could lose as much as 20% of their net worth by 2009, according to a Texas A&M University study. Researchers studied 16 rice farms, and found projected losses resulting from high fuel and fertilizer expenses.

To add fuel to the fire, many farms have carried loans over from years past. Not all projections are

Beef and dairy operations depend less on fuel. Cheap grain and high commodity prices have boosted their profit projections.

Leaf-cutting ants in South Texas are much more prevalent this year than most. Homeowners, citrus growers, and now even cotton farmers are complaining that the ants mercilessly strip leaves from their plants.

While the ants' sting is painful, the lack of available treatments also stings. There aren't many products available to consumers that combat the rampaging insects' destruction. Extension believes the increased activity may be droughtrelated. For more information, contact an Extension agent.

Veterinarian To Be Here to Vaccinate

Pets on April 16

Dr. Guy Ellis from Clarendon will be at City Hall Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to hold the annual vaccination clinic for dogs and cats.

Fees for the veterinary services include: For Cats: Rabies, \$10.00; FVRCP, \$17.00; FeLeuk, \$12.00; For Dogs: Rabies, \$10.00; DHLPP, \$17.00; Lyme, \$12.00.

Dr. Ellis also will have flea and quest the next hosting yard for the tick products and wormer medicine. Please make plans to bring May your pets in to get them protected.

EATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m. **During April 2005**

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Normal Precip. to date 3.6				

April 14-Macy Brannon April 15-Benjamin Norris, Chase Comer, Betty Tiffin

April 16-Brandi Beth Davis, Johnny Walter Perkins, Lacy Brunson, Jim Fobes, Richard Jarnagin, Meranda Marie Younger, Chelsea Bingham, Bill Carthel, Pat

April 17-Avery Baker, Joan Roehr, Nadyne Childress, Peggy Rowell, Dianne Johnston, Chase Younger

April 18-Venita Chappell, Mary

April 19-Linda Minyard, Jeanetta Bradford, Lauren Haylee

April 20-James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson, Tanner Wood

Happy Anniversary-

April 14-Mr. and Mrs. Edwin

April 18-Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sternberger

April 19-Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming

April 20-Mr. and Mrs. Eric Patton

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the **Briscoe County News**

sophomore in SHS and post for the Owl basketball team, has been named to the Six-Man Coaches Association Second All-State Basketball Team. He was the only one designated for All-State honors from the small schools who was not a senior . . . Molly Bomar, a senior in SHS and a four-year letterman for the Lady Owls, has been selected to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Game in Amarillo April 5-6... Sheriff's race to highlight second democratic primary. . The basement of the new physical education gym has been excaated and preparations are being made for pouring the concrete walls . . . FHA to serve turkey dinner Sunday in the cafeteria . . . One-Act Play, "The Happy Scarecrow," to be presented Monday . . Rosary conducted for Trinidad Sierra, 86 . . . Clay and Tracy Schott of Friona are the proud parents of a daughter, Sarah Cheyann, born in Amarillo March 6 . . .

March 20, 1986-Larry Comer

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filed for a place on the ballot in the school trustee election to bring the number of candidates who will be seeking the three available positions to five. The terms of Jimmy Burson, Cathey Weaks and Carolyn Lowrey are expiring. Mrs. Weaks and Mrs. Lowrey have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Gerald Smith, Jack Graham and Comer . . . Members of the cast of the UIL One-Act Play are Kathy Brown, Donna Tomlin and Kori Baird. The play is directed by Gene Whitfill . . . Services conducted for Don C. Burson Mrs. Stella Cearly celebrated her 84th birthday Sunday with family and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Frizzell of Lockney celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday . . . Kathy Brown received the most votes of any of the other candidates to be named to the girls All-District basketball team. Receiving honorable mention were Lee Ann Durham, Suzann Settle and Tonnette Miller. Named to the boys All-District team were Cal Brannon, Russell Simpson and Scotty Harris. Jamie Frizzell received honorable mention . . . National Honor Society officers are Norma Trevino, president; Donna Tomlin, vice-president; Kristy Fogerson, secretary; Kathy Brown, treasurer; Kori Baird, parliamen-

March 21, 1996-Jack Cherry, a of the class are David Brunson, Roger Brunson, Bobby Boyles, Arnold Castillo, Jimmy Davidson, Rex Harmon, Jerry Maupin, Mary Woods and Warren Merrell, all of Quitaque; Eugene Ferguson, Don Mills, H. W. House, J. B. Young, Lowell Proctor, Doyle Proctor, Jerry Landry, Neil Guest, Billy Pinkerton, Ray B. Calvert, Ronald L. Mullin, Mack Seymour and Jan Turner, all of Turkey; Jerry Patton, W. D. Rowell, Becky Woods, Stanley Fogerson, Charles Sarchet, Flute Hutsell, Charlie Parker, Bill Yoakum, Emmett Tomlin, Roy Younger, Ted Kingery, Robert Haley Hill and Jay Towe, Silverton. The class is being taught by George Nussbaum, assistant director of nurses at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson honored Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weast with a dinner party in the Long home . . . Mrs. W. A. Holt is critically ill and is Mrs. Ted Hester of South Plains are being cared for by her family at home . . . Carver Monroe has been a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo . . . Karen Ziegler returned home Thursday after having been a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital since the previous Sunday

include William Henriques, who placed second in the 880-yard run at the Panhandle Relays and is on the mile relay team; Randy Hughes, who high jumps, pole vaults and runs the high hurdles, 220 and open 440; John Montague, a member of the mile relay team who broad jumps and runs the 440, 220 and high hurdles; Charlie Baker, also a member of the mile relay team, who runs the 220 and 440... Funeral services conducted for Mrs. Annie Kate Fowler, 79... Jimmie House elected to serve as Boss Lion. Chosen to serve with him were Dee McWilliams, first vice president; George Seaney, second vice president; Fred Mercer, and Mrs. Bailey Hill spent Sunday in Hereford with Mr. and Mrs.

five Air Force officers were recovered from the burned wreckage of following: Mr. T. L. Callaway and March 18, 1976-First EMT an L-20 liaison plane found on the Miss Geraldine Brown; Mr. J. C.

Silverton . . . The annual Sweet- baseball Sunday afternoon, and heart Banquet was held Thursday Rock Creek was the winner this evening in the high school study hall. Hawaii was the theme used for the banquet, and decorations of flowers, tropical fruits, stars, moon and water were in keeping with the theme. A chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Mercer, sang songs of old Hawaii, Pagan Love Song, Aloha Oe and Lovely Hula Hands. Tina Weaver, Joni Self and Marsha Alexander entertained with Hawaiian dances. Mrs. Lem Weaver directed and Mrs. Fred Brown was honoree at a beautiful Mercer accompanied them . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold and Lannie Arnold spent the weekend in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton. They also visited Mrs. A. C. Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall at Forrest, New Mexico . . Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Susan spent Sunday and Monday in Oklahoma City . . . A family dinner was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman Sunday. Guests included Messrs. and Mmes. Elbert Dickerson, Winston Hamilton and Freddie, and Edwin Dickerson and children . . . Mr. and moving back to Silverton. Mr. Hester has been advised by his doctor that he should leave the farm because of his health . . . Mrs. J. B. Sweek left for her home in Mineral Wells Sunday after having visited relatives here for sometime. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and March 24, 1966-Owl tracksters Ronda took his mother to Rotan to catch the bus . . . Miss Virginia May, Mrs. Carl Crow and Mrs. Elmer May and Mike were in Plainview last Thursday.

March 19, 1936-In making a forced landing a mile north of Silverton Friday night, Lieutenant Hughton crashed his U.S. Army plane. He was uninjured and the plane was not badly damaged . . . Declamation contestants will be Vance Burson and Guinn Williamson, junior grade school boys; Bobbie Allard and Roberta McMurtry, junior grade school girls; Wilma Joyce Smithee and Daphne Ferne Blackwell, junior high school girls; Roy Bechtol and Len Lee, junior high school boys; third vice president; Charles Joe Burson and George Martin, se-Sarchet, secretary-treasurer; Bill nior high school boys . . . Mrs. T. Wristen, tail twister; Alvin Redin, R. Whiteside, Mrs. Bert Douglas Lion tamer. Holdover directors are and children, Gaynelle and Rex, H. A. Cagle, J. S. Hinds and Claude Wynona Bomar and Mrs. Terrell Jarrett. New directors are Troy were returning home from Lubbock Jones and Robert Ledbetter . . . Mr. Thursday night when they struck loose dirt and a tire blew out, the car was overturned, breaking several glasses. They were shaken up, March 22, 1956-The bodies of but not seriously injured . . . Marriage licenses were issued to the course enters third week. Members side of a rocky hill Friday morning Lackey and Miss Doris Cypert...

about fifteen miles northeast of Haylake played Rock Creek in time . . . A party was enjoyed Saturday night by the young folks in the home of Gladys Faye Johnson

. There will be a pie supper given for the benefit of Paul Reid at the Rock Creek schoolhouse. Paul is planning to go back to Missouri for further treatment for the cancer on his face. The pie supper is a good cause and everyone is invited to attend . . . Monday in the home of Mrs. Bland Burson, Mrs. Durward tea and shower . . .

Nature does not bestow virtue; to be good is an art.

Silverton School **Lunch Menu**

Monday, April 18-Enchiada Casserole, Beans, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, April 19-Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, April 20-Fish, Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 21-Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly,

Friday, April 22-Steak Sandwich, Salad, Fries, Brownie, Milk

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Family Land Heritage Program Recognizes 142 on 30th Anniversary

san Combs honored 142 Texas year. farms and ranches from 89 counties during the 30th annual Family Land Heritage ceremony March 18, in Austin. The ceremony recognizes families who have kept their farm or ranch in continuous ture," Combs said. "The dedication agricultural production by the same of these families-especially those family for 100 years or more.

The ceremony was held in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the campus of The University of Texas.

This marks the fifth year the Texas Department of Agriculture honored farms and ranches in the 150-year category. TDA recognized twenty properties that were established between 1808 and

To date, 226 of Texas' 254 counties have had recognized properties. Gaines, Hartley, Lynn and Midland counties were added to Burson.

Agriculture Commissioner Su- the list of counties honored this

"The families honored at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony have made an enormous contribution to the heritage of rural Texas and the history of Texas agriculwho have kept their properties in continuous production for more than 150 years-should be an inspiration to all Texans."

Neal Speice, a well-known Texas broadcaster, served as master of ceremonies. Cowboy poet and entertainer Red Steagall performed following the certificate presentation. County music artist Dan Roberts opened the ceremony.

Briscoe County properties honored this year were Bomar Farm, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Virgil Bomar III; and Double Diamond Ranch, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (right) recognized Laree and Wylie Bomar III (left) of Bomar Farm at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin. Bomar Farm Briscoe Co.



was being honored for its acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. Bomar Farm has been in continuous agricultural production since 1901 by the same family.

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Silverton Chamber Receives Members at Recent Meeting

Silverton Chamber of Com- Trena Burson, Carol Sheelar, Kay merce has received three new Hartfelder and Lataine Dillard. members, Rance and Nancy Young, Cindy and Larry Comer and the River of God Fellowship.

"What can we do to build up our town?" "What can we do to promote our businesses?" "We need & Paula Garvin, City Bankwere the wishes of the Chamber members present at their regular Co. Inc. Fred & Wanda Strange meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

You are needed to help out here too. If you are not satisfied to leave meeting. Silverton as it is, come to the meeting on the first Tuesday (May 3, 2005). You are needed to make the city more beneficial to all. You have new and good ideas that work and your input is needed. Don't think you are too young, for you Galleries, Goen & Goen Insurare the future of Silverton.

Following a lengthly discussion on the ideas that Penni Bentley brought at the Chamber banquet, other business was taken care of.A report on the banquet was given with several saying they had been told it was a great banquet. All agreed that Mrs. Bentley did a great job with her presentation. The ver City Mercantile, Attebury Chamber will follow hrough with Grain, City Bank-Silverton, D&K the ideas she gave.

The Chamber will be participating in the Briscoe County Celebration on the first weekend in August.

Come Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. and let us know what good ideas you have. Then stay and help to make Silverton a great place to tributor, Graphic Zone, AAA Fire live. "Live the Dream," that of living in a small town with a great school, friendly people and a low crime rate, making it a safe place Hardware, James Mayfield, There to raise your family. Don't let them were 85 door prizes given away. or your friends down!

Members present were John Burson, Kyle Fuston, Deb Burson, James Mayfield, John T. Burson,

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank **Offsets Rate Hikes**

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA) CEO Robert R. Williams, jr. announced recently that the board of directors authorized additional 4, 6-8 Reading, 11 math; SDAA 3creases in long-term agriculture ing; TAKS retest real estate financing.

these upward adjustments.

million in patronage checks to FLCA.

Other members of the Chamber are Gary & Cathey Weaks, Briscoe County News, Tom Burson, Wayne & Tina Nance, Silvercot Gin-Ken Richardson, Mayor Lane to help our people here." Those Silverton, Richard & Vinita Howell, Jack Dillard, Silverton Oil and Silver City Mercantile. New officers will be elected at the next

> Contributors of door prizes for the Chamber banquet were Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home, Brown-McMurtry, Lavy's Pump Service, Warren Caterpillar-Lubbock, Long's Pecans, Kenneth Wyatt ance-George Reed, Cut & Curl, H&H Fertilizer, Cynthia's Malt Shop, Mid-Plains Telephone, John & Trena Burson, Main Street Dollar, Silverton Oil, Johnson's Gin, Wal-Mart-Plainview, Beesinger Bookkeeping, Silverton Chamber of Commerce, Burson Cattle, The Handyman, Lake Mackenzie, Sil-Manufacturing, Atmos Energy-Dwight Ramsey, Rhoderick Irrigation, Xcel Energy-Doug Cherry, Silvercot Gin, Sara Martin-Braidfoot Boutique, Gary Weaks, Amy's Beauty Shop, O'Reilley's Parts-Plainview, Red Bull Dis-Equipment-Richard Howell, The Altman Group-Byron Brock, Richard & Vinita Howell, Brown

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Silverton School Activities

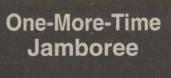
Saturday, April 16-FFA Area Judging at Texas Tech

Monday, April 18-11th TAKS Science Test

Tuesday, April 19-3, 4, 6-8 TAKS math test; SDAA 3-10 test, 1-2 ITBS test

Wednesday, April 20-TAKS test steps to offset interest rate in- 8 reading; ITBS test, 3 & 5 read-

Since mid-summer last year, in- member-borrowers of the associaterest rates have climbed follow- tion. "This is cash in our ing hikes in the Fed Funds Rate. borrower's hands," said board In the past year, the Prime Rate has chairman Larry Fairchild. "We set increased 1.75% points due to this payment as a goal last January, and can't think of a better way Finalizing plans approved ear- for producers to begin the year." lier this year, the Association board This marks a return to cash patronauthorized mail out of over \$1.4 age payments for Panhandle-Plains



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seven consecutive days on the New ures were increased. York Board of Trade before recovering slightly on Thursday. Analysts ered its projection for China's ex- four-week average. Major buyers focused this week on the release of USDA's supply/demand report on down one million bales from last Friday. A jump in the projected month's figure. world cotton crop and a rise in world consumption figures for the U.S. cotton were higher than last nesia. main feature of the department's week's figure, but shipments report, U. S. supply and demand slipped from marketing-year highs. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas deshowed little change while world Net export sales of U. S. cotton creased considerably.

In a surprise move, USDA low-

May cotton futures closed lower production and consumption fig-totaled 183,100 bales in the week ended March 31, 18% more than the previous week and the prior pected imports to 8.0 million bales, included China, Taiwan, Turkey and Vietnam. Sales of 23,800 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were pri-USDA reported export sales of marily for South Korea and Indo-

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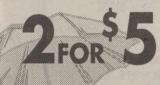
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From the Bird's Nest

by Jerry Birdsong Superintendent Silverton ISD

Austin is heating up concerning school finance. HB 2 and HB 3 have passed the House and are now in Senate committee as the Senate has begun working on a substitute for the House Bills. The preliminary numbers show more money if our enrollment was stable, but not enough to make a noticeable difference. Increases in payroll and general costs will consume most, dance. I am hoping that there if not all, of the new money. While in Austin during spring break, I was given the opportunity to visit with both Senator Duncan and Repre- out that the state has not delivered Assessment System) is a combina-

with me. I did get the opportunity to express my concerns with HB 2 with Senator Duncan and Representative Chisum who assured me that the "arm wrestling" was just beginning.

Austin this month. The final firsttime superintendent academy will be April 12-14. I am also attending a TASB Member's Conference April 24-26 in Austin. The district will receive credits toward our insurance premiums with my attenmight be an opportunity to visit the capitol on these trips

Chevy Cavalier.

system, Silverton ISD continues to I have two trips planned for make passing grades based on last saved by eliminating some of the are three different systems working to show the performance of our district--AEIS, AYP and PBMAS. We are most familiar with the Texas AEIS from which SISD received a "recognized" rating. The AYP system is from the federal government, under which SISD met all requirements. The PBMAS One superintendent has pointed (Performance-Based Monitoring job of preparing these young

sentative Chisum. Both took time 100 percent equity for all the tion of the state system and the No with a high-stakes accountability tiveness and Compliance (DEC) system, but will only fund for a visits from past years. We also had a passing grade in this system with Speaking of the accountability no intervention plans needed. It looks like some money could be year's TAKS scores. Curently there number mashing that is happening

Our preliminary third- and fifthgrade TAKS reading results are in and our teachers and students did an outstanding job. Congratulations to the third-grade teacher Tina Nance, fifth-grade teacher Jamie Scarborough and all of the elementary staff for an excellent people for TAKS.

The week of April 18 is loaded from their busy schedules to meet schools of the state. It looks like Child Left Behind legislation. This with TAKS exams for most of our we want a BMW education system system replaces the District Effec-students. Although our teachers do an excellent job preparing our kids for the exams, parents can also play a major part in the kids' success. Well-rested students with a good breakfast will perform better on their exams. We appreciate all of the help we get in those areas from our parents.

We have also had success in our competitions. Our kids have done a great job of representing Silverton and the school with their efforts and conduct.

Kudos to UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers: Gid Mayfield,

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN **ENVIRONS GAS RATES**

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current	Proposed	
	Bill (1)	Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase it s Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50
(shut-in test required)			

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
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DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's reques	\$29.50 t	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS: Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35,25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's reque	\$39.00 st	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573) Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967

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Junior High Owls Win District Track Title Here Last Week

Silverton's Junior High Owls 60.31 scored 157 points to win first place in the District 3-A track meet which Nazareth, 25.84; 2. Hancock, Valbegan here March 31, was post-ley; 3. Galvan, Valley; 4. Shannon, poned due to the weather, and fin- Valley; 5. Cord Griffin, Silverton; ished April 4.

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Happy scored 140 points to finincluded 3. Valley, 130; 4. Nazareth, 128; 5. Kress, 24; 6. Fabela, Silverton, 6.20.77; 5. Fal-Hedley, 14.

Results of individual events included:

Daugherty, Happy; 5. Pardo, Kress; Kress, 5.07.12 6. Jon Perkins, Silverton, 10:19.34

51.22 (Carlos Garcia, Cade Holt, Scarborough, Silverton, 93'5"; 3. Nick Garcia, Brooks Brock); 2. Walters, Happy; 4. Thomas Nazareth, 52.5; 3. Happy, 55.56; 4. Watson, Silverton, 81'7 1/2"; 5. Valley, 58.72

110 meter hurdles-1. True Happy Burson, Silverton, 20.63; 2. Costellon, Happy; 3. Black, 17'3"; 2. Schacher, Nazareth; 3. Nazareth; 4. Allen, Valley; 5. Cord Hancock, Valley; 4. Costellon, Griffin, Silverton, 23.72; 6. Miller, Happy; 5. Cord Stidham, Silverton,

100 meter dash-1. Eudey, Happy, 12.34; 2. Nick Garcia, 37'11 1/2"; 2. Cord Stidham, Silverton, 12.78; 3. Roland, Silverton, 37'2"; 3. Blake Strange, Nazareth; 4. Hancock, Valley; 5. Silverton, 35'7 1/2"; 4. Eudey, Shannon, Valley; 6. Galvan, Val- Happy; 5. Adams, Happy; 6.

800 meter relay-1. Silverton, Triple jump-1. Rowland, 1.52.06 (Carlos Garcia, Cade Holt, Nazareth, 32'3 1/4"; 2. Birkenfield, Shawn Johnson, Brooks Brock); 2. Valley, 2.03.19; 3. Happy, 2.03.56; Black, Nazareth; 5. Strickland, 4. Nazareth, 2.11.18

400 meter dash-1. Eudey, 26'4 1/2" Happy, 59.65; 2. Hancock, Valley; 3. Ebeling, Kress; 4. Shawn Scarborough, Silverton, 7'6"; 2. Johnson, Silverton, 1.10.40; 5. Pardo, Kress; 6. Johnson, Nazareth

400 meter dash-1. Eudey, Happy, 59.65; 2. Hancock, Valley; 3. Ebeling, Kress; 4. Shawn Scarborough Johnson, Silverton, 1.10.40; 5.

300 meter intermediate hurdles-1. Addison, Valley, 54.07; 2. Smith, Valley; 3. Miller, Happy; 4. Sims, 100 meters, and Destiney Wilson Happy; 5. True Burson, Silverton, placed sixth in the 200.

200 meter dash-1. Schacher. 6. Phillips, Happy

1600 meter run-1. Birkenfield, ish second. Other team placings Nazareth, 5.56.23; 2. Ebeling, Kress; 3. Garcia, Hedley; 4. Logan con, Valley; 6. Daugherty, Happy

1600 meter relay-1. Silverton, 4.10.44 (Carlos Garcia, Cade Holt, 2400 meter run-1. Birkenfield, Nick Garcia, Brooks Brock); 2. Nazareth, 9:13.32; 2. Garcia, Nazareth, 4.22.10; 3. Happy, Hedley; 3. Santos, Valley; 4. 4.23.37; 4. Valley, 4.59.23; 5.

Discus-1. Blake Strange, 400 meter relay-1. Silverton, Silverton, 98'6"; 2. Reese Braddock, Nazareth; 6. Pearson,

> Long jump-1. 1. Eudey, Happy, 14'5"; 6. Cluck, Nazareth

> Shot put-1. Galvan, Valley, McDowell, Kress

Nazareth; 3. Costellon, Happy; 4. Happy; 6. Cord Griffin, Silverton,

Pole vault-1. Reese Brooks Brock, 7'0"

High jump-4. Carlos Garcia; 5. Cade Holt

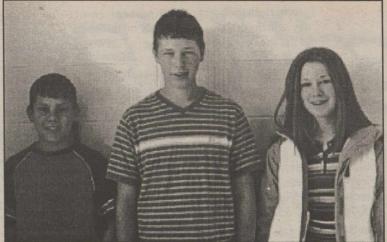
800 meter run-6. Reese

In the girls division, Emily Pardo, Kress; 6. Johnson, Nazareth Garcia placed fourth and Heather Tiffin fifth in the discus.

Townlii Ziegler ran fifth in the



Placing first for Silverton in the Junior High 1600 meter and 400 meter Placing first in the Junior High 800 meter relay last week were Shawn relays were Carlos Garcia, Cade Holt, Nick Garcia and Brooks Brock. Johnson, Carlos Garcia, Cade Holt and Brooks Brock. Briscoe County News Photo



True Burson, Shawn Johnson and Nichole Schott

4-H Livestock Judging Team Does Well in Contest at Frank Phillips

Phillips College to compete in the out. Livestock Judging contest that consisted of 14 teams and 52 individuals. Silverton finished in fifth place with a total of 1403 points which was only 58 points away from first place. They were competing against senior FFA teams and were were unfamiliar to them. They did

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Tanner Young, Laura Scarborough, Jesse Reynolds and Jacob Francis will participate in the Regional UIL Academic Meet in Levelland on april 22. Earning special recognition in One-Act Play were all-star cast Shandy Forbes and Jacob Francis, along with honorable mention Max Comer. Our FFA students, including Beau Brock, Zack Burson, Dusty Burson, True Burson, Ory Johnson and Tanner Young, survived the tough competition to place at the Houston Stock Show with their animals. In track, eighteen of our student/athletes qualified for the area track meet at Frenship on Friday. The tracksters had an outstanding performance at the district last week, including three individual district champions-Jesse Reynolds, Gid Mayfield and Tanner Young. The boys 800 relay also won a district champi-

Silverton 4-H traveled to Frank a tremendous job for the first time

Shawn received fourth high individual and Nichole was seventh high. The young people have been doing very well as a team in competition this year. They will be traveling to WTAMU April 15 to commade to judge some classes that pete in the District Livestock Con-

> onship with Tanner Young, Yance Forbes, Ernesto Ferrusca and Chance Rhoderick running legs.

Junior High Boys won the district track championship in Teams Do Well in Silverton last week. These guys concluded a very successful athletic year for the junior high. Thanks to everyone who made the Junior High District Track Meet a success. It is refreshing to work with folks who don't mind stepping in when help is needed. We are hoping that next year we can utilize our track facility with more local track meets.

For a sentimental moment, the senior Easter Egg Hunt brought a smile to my face. I enjoyed watching those kids with their kindergarten teacher. It reminded me of how special Silverton Schools are

Thanks again for supporting your schools!

The world is full of cactus, but we don't have to sit on it.

Will Foley



Track Teams Run At Aspermont

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls competed in the Double Mountain Relays at Aspermont April 1, 2005.

The Lady Owls earned 26 points to finish seventh in the meet. Aspermont won the event with 101 points, followed by Benjamin, Paducah, Throckmorton, Grady and Newcastle.

In the shot put, Sasha Wood finished fifth with a distance of 26'0".

The Lady Owls placed fourth in the 200 meter relay with a time of 2:00.63 (Hale, Estes, Ramirez, Simpson).

Kelsi Birdsong finished fourth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 55.82.

The Lady Owl 400 meter relay team placed third with a time of

In the boys division, the Owls scored 18 1/3 points to finish twelfth in the meet behind Borden County, 90 points; Rule, Paducah, Throckmorton, Garden City, Newcastle, Sands, Robert Lee, Grady, Valley and Lueders-Avoca.

Max Comer placed third in the discus with a distance of 127'5". Gabriel Vargas finished sixth in the pole vault with a height of 8'.

Motley Co. Relays

Individual results from the Motley County Relays included:

3200-3. Zak Perkins; 4. Jesse Reynolds

400 relay-5. Josh Maciel, Tanner Young, Ernesto Ferusca, Yance

800-2. Gid Mayfield; 3. Jon

110 hurdles-3. Drew Reed; 6. Ory Johnson

800 relay-3. Josh Maciel, Tanner Young, Ernesto Ferusca, Yance Forbes

400-3. Yance Forbes

300 hurdles-4. Tanner Young; 5. Drew Reed

1600-2. Jesse Reynolds; 4. Zak

1600 relay-3. Gid Mayfield, Jacob Francis, Drew Reed, Jon

Shot put-2. Max Comer

Discus-1. Gid Mayfield; 2. Max Comer; 4. Jacob Francis

Triple jump-2. Tanner Young; 6. Drew Reed

In the girls division, placings included:

800-5. Trichelle Ramirez; 6.

Abby Reyna 300 hurdles-4. Kelsi Birdsong

1600 relay-2. Kelsi Birdsong, Trichelle Ramirez, Shandy Forbes, Haylee Simpson

Discus-2. Sasha Wood; 5. Haylee Simpson

Long jump-5. Kelsi Birdsong

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We want to say thank you very much to all of the parents, coaches, referees and especially the kids for a successful and fun youth basketball tournament! There were eight basketball games played and two sessions of ball handling and awards observed, with each student receiving a certificate for his or her completion of the fundamental skills practices. In addition to their certificates, the sixth graders were presented with drinking mugs and Wal-Mart gift cards from the basketball staff and coaches for their last year of participation in the youth basketball program.

Concession stand food and monetary donations by parents and other community supporters were also greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to Twila Whitten, who was so gracious and patient as she worked with our kids for eight practices teaching them the fundamental skills necessary to play basketball now and beyond. Her knowledge of basketball is truly instrumental! We look forward to next year and to continuing youth basketball for all students who are interested in learning the sport properly in a fun and positive environment.

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