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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, January 3-Tuna Salad, Pork & Beans, Tomato Soup, Pudding

Wednesday, January 5-Beef Tips, Rice, Sweet Peas, Buttered Corn, Mixed Fruit, Hot Rolls

Friday, January 7-Sauerkraut, Weiners, Blackeyed Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Jello

Menu subject to change.

Happy New Year!

We had a nice Christmas holiday, and hope it was the same at your house.

Friday afternoon we visited in the home of my brother and sister-in-law in Tulia, where they had their sons, daughters-in-law and five grandchildren present for a big holiday dinner and opening of Christmas gifts.

We had Jordan and Molly with us all during the holiday weekend, and Brandon and Meredith had lunch with us (prepared by Jordan and Molly) on Sunday as they were returning to their home in Lamesa from Borger where they had spent Christmas with Meredith's family.

Note to the editor: "Please renew our subscription. We love getting the 'news from home' but just as Gene Hardin pointed out our paper is always late and later. Sometimes we get two or three papers at the same time and those are even later yet, two to four weeks. Thank you, Don Paige."

We're sorry about when your newspapers are delivered. We mail them on Wednesday mornings before 10:00 a.m. That's all we can do. I can't begin to know where they stay until they are delivered to you.

Christmas lighting and decorating contest winners are Jeff Smith, first; Doug Cherry, second, and ck Minyard, third.

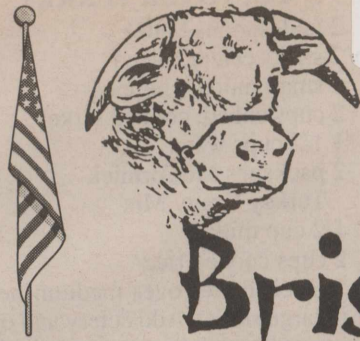
The contest was sponsored by Briscoe County Activities Association.

This world, after all our science and sciences, is still a miracle, wonderful, inscrutable, magical and more, to whosoever will think of it.

Thomas Carlyle

Elbow grease; the kind that don't soil a shirt.

Garry Moore



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2004

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DSHS to Give Flu Shots in Silvertown

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be giving flu shots in Silvertown from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 29. The clinic will be held at City Hall, 409 Broadway in Silvertown.

Among the high-risk groups, DSHS is emphasizing the need to vaccinate those in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, those 65 and older who have chronic health conditions and medical care workers who provide direct patient care.

Overall, high-risk groups for whom flu vaccinations are recommended this season are: children six months through 23 months of age, adults 65 and older, anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions, women who will be pregnant during flu season, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, children

six months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, medical care workers providing direct patient care and caregivers and household contacts of children under six months old.

Health officials strongly encourage persons in these groups to seek a flu shot.

Medicare, Medicaid, or a \$10 donation will be requested for each dose, but officials said no one will be turned away for inability to pay the fee.

The vaccine supply for Silvertown is part of some 124,000 doses ordered by DSHS for use by its regional offices around the state for use in filling flu vaccination gaps in high-risk population groups.

When you teach your son, you teach your son's son.

The Talmud

Peery Wins 40th Annual NHRA

Pete Peery of Bowie, Texas, a two-time super-stock National Event runner-up and consistent late rounds finisher, closed his 2004 season with a thrilling final round victory over Gary Stinnett, a former NHRA Super Comp Champ with his GT/CA Oldsmobile sponsored by Lipscomb Motors of Bowie, Texas, at the 40th Annual Southern California NHRA Finals in Pomona on November 14, 2004.

Peery cut his best light that weekend in the finals with a .003, and ran a hundredth over his dial for the win.

Peery was runner-up last year in Topeka, Kansas, and again this spring in Houston, Texas.

During Peery's racing career he also has won the 1973 AHRA Championship and the 1974 Division IV Modified Championship.

Pete is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery, and brother of Jon-

**See Peery Wins--
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TxDOT Working To Preserve the Roadways in Area

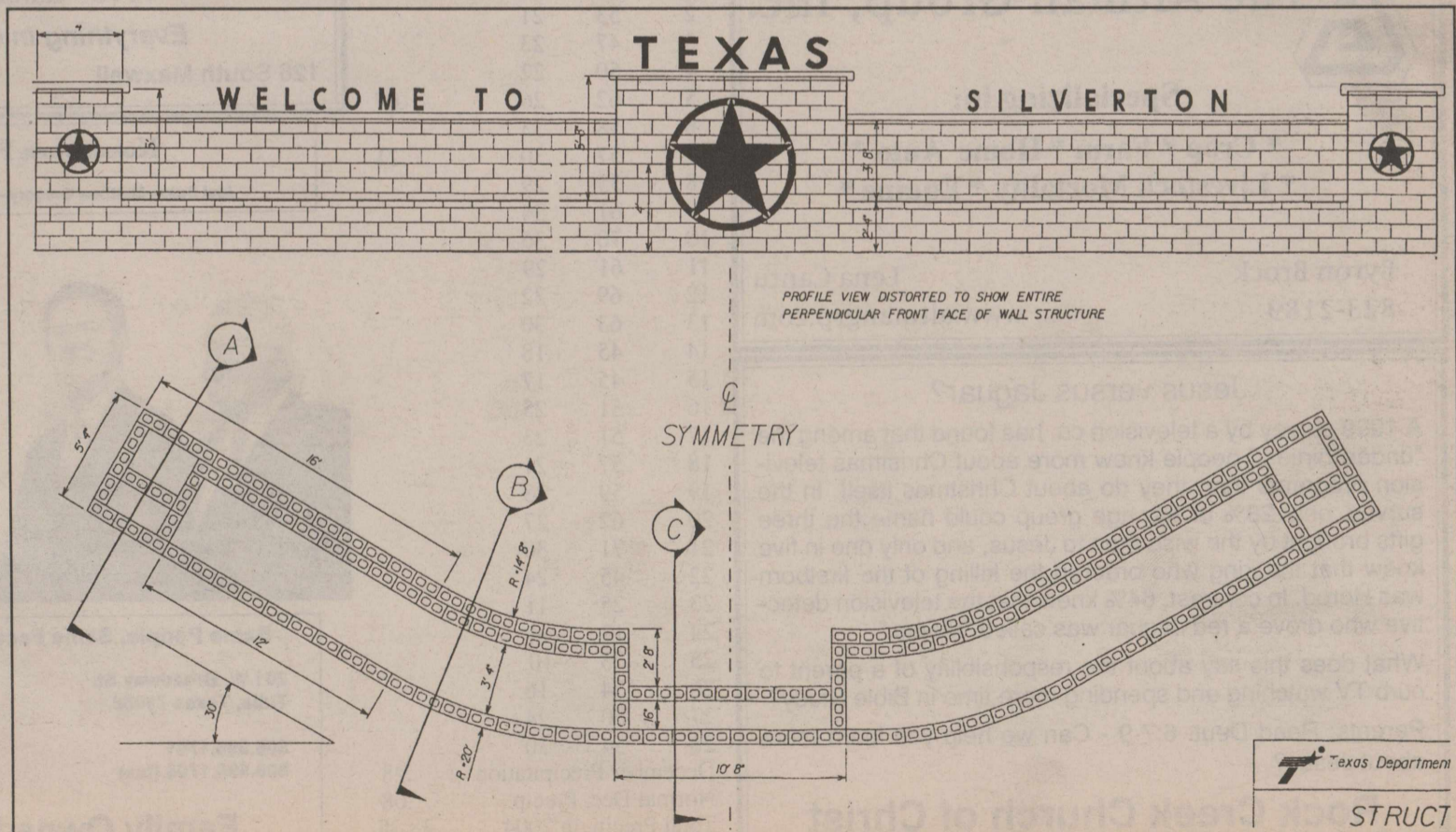
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Briscoe County Maintenance section, continues to work to preserve roadways in the Silvertown area.

"We are working to re-establish our waterways," said Gary Clinton, Briscoe County Maintenance Supervisor. "This work includes cleaning out the ditches and culverts to allow the water to flow," continued Clinton.

"This type of work is necessary to keep the water flowing in the ditches, culverts and waterways, instead of the roadway where it would be hazardous to the traveling public," said Clinton.

TxDOT maintenance forces perform these operations as preventive maintenance of the roadways and for the safety of the traveling public.

Anyone with questions about this should call Barbara Seal, 940-937-7145.



This is an artist's drawing of the Texas Highway Department monument that is being constructed in the Silvertown City Park.

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Obituary

HENRIETTA PAYNE

Graveside services for Henrietta (Skeet) Payne were conducted Tuesday, December 21, 2004, at Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque. Ricky Smithson, her nephew, officiated.

Mrs. Payne was born March 15, 1925, in El Paso, Texas. She died December 18, 2004 in San Marcos, Texas following a lengthy illness.

She married H. E. Payne August 28, 1941 in Portales, New Mexico. They moved to Briscoe County the following year where they lived, farmed and worked for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Cecil Payne.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna Green and husband Danny; two sons, Lonnie Payne and Earl

Payne and wife Ann; one sister, Betty Porter; two brothers, Bill Beckworth and Lloyd Beckworth; twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

BRYANT EDDLEMAN

Ozro Bryant (Slow) Eddleman, 87, of Silverton died Friday, December 24, 2004, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Services were conducted Monday, December 27, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at the Silverton Church of Christ with J. D. Nance officiating.

Born in Hall County, Texas June 26, 1917, to Charlie and Mitt Eddleman, he was graduated from Quitaque High School in 1938 and married Ruby Lee Dickerson October 24, 1937. They had two daughters, Sharon and Jealeta. He farmed for 65 years in Briscoe County. He was a Briscoe County Commissioner for 12 years.

His wife, Ruby Lee, preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Sharon and husband Gary

Cureton of Austin, and Jealeta and husband Jerry Baird of Silverton; two brothers, W. C. Eddleman of Eureka, California and Bailey Eddleman of Dimmitt; one sister, Johnnie Morrison of Quitaque; four grandchildren, Randy Marshall, Patti Slaughter, Kerry Baird and Kori Land; 13 great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Katy and Kara Marshall, Jody, Dusty, and Hayley Slaughter, Marcus, Alexander and Rocco Baird, Amanda, Josh and Eli Land and Jason Bailey.

BAILEY ELLIOTT

Funeral services for Bailey Elliott, 96, of Matador, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Mike Crowley. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Elliott died Sunday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born February 24, 1908 at Cottonwood in Callahan County, Texas, she married Murle (Ted) Elliott November 3, 1945, and moved to Matador the same year. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a former member of the Matador Garden Club and the Eternas Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her eleven brothers and sisters, by her husband in 1985, and by a

LEFTOVER TURKEY

2 tablespoons butter
 2 stalks celery, sliced
 1 small onion, chopped
 2 cups cubed, cooked turkey
 1 1/2 cups water
 2 packages McCormick Turkey Gravy Mix
 1/2 cup milk
 2 cups cooked rice
 1. Melt butter over medium heat in large skillet. Add celery and onion and cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add turkey.
 2. Blend water, gravy mix and milk. Pour over turkey mixture. Stir; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 5 minutes. Serve over rice.

granddaughter, Kristy Dorman.

She is survived by one son, Larry Elliott of Beaumont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Stan Fogerson of Anson and Karen House and Peter Kann of Princeton, New Jersey; five grandchildren, Penni Bentley and husband Chad of Amarillo, Hillary Lane and husband Clayton of Princeton, New Jersey, Petra, Jason and Jade Kann, all of Princeton, New Jersey; four great-grandchildren, Chase and Grace Bentley of Amarillo and Ben and Cassion Lane, Princeton, New Jersey.

Silverton School Activities

Tuesday, Dec. 28-Thursday, Dec. 30-Clarendon Varsity Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 4-Motley County, here, 4:00

Friday, Jan. 7-End of first semester; Groom, here, 6:30

Basketball Schedules

JV B&G, VB&G

Jan. 4-Motley Co., 5:00, here, JVG

Jan. 6-8-Lazbuddie Tourn., TBA, JV G&B

Jan. 7-Groom, 5:00, here, JVB

Jan. 11-Valley, 4:00, there

Jan. 14-McLean, 5:00, here, JVB

Jan. 18-Samnorwood, 5:00, here, JVB

Jan. 21-Hedley, 5:00, there, JVB

Jan. 25-Groom, 5:00, there, JVB

Jan. 28-Valley, 4:00, here

Feb. 1-McLean, 5:00, there, JVB

Feb. 4-Samnorwood, 5:00, there, JVB

Feb. 8-Hedley, 5:00, here, JVB

JH G&B

Jan. 10-Valley, 5:30, here

Jan. 17-Groom, 6:00, there

Jan. 24-Amarillo T.F., 5:30, here

Jan. 31-Hedley, 6:00, there

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December Precipitation			.28
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Normal Precip. to Date			21.22

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Jesus versus Jaguar?

A 1999 survey by a television co. has found that among the "under-thirties," people knew more about Christmas television programs than they do about Christmas itself. In the survey, only 28% of the age group could name the three gifts brought by the wise men to Jesus, and only one in five knew that the king who ordered the killing of the firstborn was Herod. In contrast, 64% knew that the television detective who drove a red Jaguar was called "Morse."

What does this say about the responsibility of a parent to curb TV watching and spending more time in Bible Study?

Parents: Read Deut. 6:7-9 - Can we help you learn more about Jesus?

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Commissioners Have Regular Business Meeting December 13

Commissioner's Court of Briscoe County convened in regular session December 13, 2004, and those present were Wayne Nance, Judge; Terry Grimland, Commissioner Precinct #1; Danny Maynard, Commissioner Precinct #2; Larry Comer, Commissioner Precinct #3; Gary Weaks, Commissioner Precinct #4; Bena Hester, County Clerk, with none absent.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2004, meeting as corrected and the November 10, 2004 meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weaks and passed.

Other items of business which were approved included:

- To reimburse the county road hands \$25 per month toward their personal cell phones to be appropriated from repairs/supplies.

- To approve the surety bonds of county elected officials, William P. Smith, Betty Ann Stephens, Larry Comer and Terry Grimland.

- To advertise for bids on the 1999 Crown Victoria Patrol Car in both county papers.

- A budget amendment to decrease the sheriff's auto expenses.

- To pay monthly bills as presented.

- To pay salaries and line items.

- To allow monthly reports.

- To approve the treasurer's office holder report for the month of November, 2004.

Belated Post Office Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want pink gloves. And I want a purple thing to make cookies out of and a cookie cutter thing. I want it to be an Easy Bake Oven. And I want a snow hat with pink gloves.

I have been good. I have been waiting for you and I will leave you milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

I love Santa.

Love, Taeleigh Barbour

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, please bring me a rocket ship, a Barbie, Sponge Bob Squarepants game, a Dora Explorer computer game, and a horse baby. Please bring Mike some chocolate. My sister would like 2 reindeer. I am 3 years old, and I have been a good girl. I love you.

Samantha Smith

Santo
Rudolph has the shiniest nose. I know the song. See Rudolph, but I have to go to bed early. I like school

a lot. I made some pictures for the elves and Rudolph the red nose reindeer and for you santa. I wish I could have the Teddy Panda that hugs and sucks bottles and talks and I wish I could have a new Barbie doll and I really need a flashlight for my dad.

Merry Christmas Santa

Love, Kali McDowell

P. O. Box 183

Silverton, TX 79257

Dear Santa

I want an electric train with three trailers. I want a remote control cattle trailer and truck and a yellow Peterbilt with a drop deck trailer with a real horn. I love you Santa.

Your friend, Dylan Smith

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Blue's Clues DVDs and some Barney movies or DVDs.

I hope you come to see me. Happy Holidays!

Love, Greyson Reagan

Dear Santa Clause
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I want a big barbie house and some barbie clothes. I will leave milk and chocolate chip cookies.
Love Julissa

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year but if you do come to my house I would like An I Quest, a trapper keeper for school, and a saddle blanket just like my Dad's. I hope you like cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love, Kaitlan Reagan

Words, like eyeglasses, blur everything that they do not make more clear.

Joseph Joubert

A child, like your stomach, doesn't need all you can afford to give it.

Frank A. Clark

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This was a White Christmas in Silvertown. Pictures were taken while it was still snowing!



Home of Ryan and Heather Dykes and children.



Home of Roberta Griffin.



Home of Marvin and Mary Ann Carlisle.



Home of Jeff and Sonya Smith and family.



Home of Rick and Beverly Minyard and sons.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 1, 1994-Quitaque to have annual Caprock Country Christmas . . . Teams in Smyer tournament Dec. 1-3 . . . Merwin and Kelly Dunbar announce the arrival of their son, Ian Kirk Dunbar, on Nov. 17 . . . Neil and Sybil King and Lina Whittington have been in Pierre, South Dakota to visit the ladies' mother, Charlotte Baker, who resides in a nursing home there . . . Bronc, Amy, Butler, Forrest and Minnie Otis spent the Thanksgiving holiday visiting relatives in Santa Fe, New Mexico . . . Lady Owls roll past Lazbuddie . . .

December 13, 1984-Burn victims have reunion in Doyle Stephens home . . . Emmett Tomlin, who is employed by Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, has completed a 326-hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Amarillo College. Upon completion of the Academy, Officer Tomlin graduated third highest in the class with a 93.6% average . . . Owlettes win second in home tournament . . . The 1984 State Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest held at Texas Woman's University in Denton Dec. 1, included a new category-the professional division, won by Lynda Fogerson . . . Maebelle Francis and Lois Nance attended the Ombudsman Certification Training held in Arlington last week . . . Coach and Mrs. Randy Clay are parents of a son, Daniel Maddin . . .

December 12, 1974-Funeral services conducted for Jose Maciel, jr., 41, who died at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia after having been taken there earlier in the day by the Silverton ambulance . . . Silverton Young Homemakers, June Herrington, Shirley Henderson, Fay Perkins and Tommie Blackerby, put up the Christmas decorations on the Courthouse square . . . Sheryl Worrall, bride-elect of Max Weaver, honored at shower here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters are parents of a daughter, Christi . . . Airman David L. Self has been assigned to K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michican as a pavement maintenance specialist after completing Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB . . .

December 10, 1964-The Owls and Owlettes took twin wins from the Nazareth teams at the local gym Tuesday night. Mert Mills led the scoring for the Owlettes with 19 points, closely followed by

Tena Williams with 18. Greg Towe led the scoring for the Owls with 16 points while Fred Stafford had 15 to his credit . . . The Silverton Owls and Owlettes won the third-place trophies in the Kress Tournament last weekend. Each team defeated Kress in the finals. Fred Stafford, Greg Towe, Mert Mills and Tena Williams were named to the All-Tournament teams and received individual awards . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison have been recent visitors with Mrs. Gerald Arnold, Susie, Doug and Lydia in Phoenix, Arizona . . . LaNelle Montague and Louise Vaughan were among artists of this area who displayed their work in the Texas Fine Arts Show held in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louie Strange are parents of a son, Louis Dwayne . . . Mrs. Pete Chitty spent Saturday in Idalou with her son, Troy, who is an athletic coach there . . . Mmes. H. P. Rampley and J. K. Bean were in Plainview Saturday . . .

December 9, 1954-Don Ledbetter and Douglas O'Neal receive Lone Star Farmer certificates at convention in San Antonio . . . Funeral services conducted for Carl S. Crow . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gilkeyson, better known as Betty and Red, have purchased the B & B Laundry . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with open house Dec. 19 . . . ASN Riley Joe Ziegler and Miss Lois Butcher were united in marriage at six o'clock Saturday evening at Clovis, New Mexico . . . Jaye M. Turner on honor roll at Tarleton . . . The Friendship Class of the First Baptist Church held its Christmas party Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer . . . Marjorie Autry and Melba Loyd were crowned queens in a beautiful coronation service for intermediate and junior Girls Auxiliary Sunday at First Baptist Church . . .

December 12, 1954-The husbands of the members of the Francis Helping Hand Club were honor guests at a dinner Monday at Mrs. Newman's Kitchen. Low score in "42" was made by Lowell Callaway; high scorer for men was Wade Steele. Low scorer for the ladies was Mrs. John Lee Francis; high scorer was Mrs. Edwin Crass. Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. U. D. Brown, Scott Smithee, Edwin Crass, Garland Francis, Wade Steele, Lowell Callaway, Alva C. Jasper, Aubrey Rowell, Virgil Baldwin, Jack Harris, Lenton

Lanham, Sonny Gauntt, Jack Sutton, J. D. McGavock and Jack Jowell . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hartman and children a Lone Star . . . The Clyde Mercer home was damaged by a fire that started in a clothes closet where most of the family's clothes were hanging . . . Richard Eddleman, a student at Cisco Junior College, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eddleman and family . . . Silverton B-team wins Lakeview Tournament . . . Funeral services conducted for Jess Bean . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis were shopping in Plainview Monday . . .

December 14, 1944-Mrs. Ferris Wade, the former Kathryn Norrid, received word last week that her husband, Lt. Wade, was missing in action in Belgium . . . Staff Sergeant Robert J. Montague, 27, who is serving with the veteran 306th Bombardment Group as a waist gunner in England, has been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson, two of Silverton's most loved and esteemed pioneer citizens, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "As far as this old rough and ready, catch as catch can Yours True?ly column that you are used to-there just isn't any. My brain is dead. If Ann Sheridan came in and put on a strip tease right here in the front office, I don't believe I could get more than one eye open at a time" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowart are parents of a daughter, Rebecca Pearl . . . Roy and Dick Mayfield have been off on a cattle buying trip this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton took Mr. Shelton and Temp to spend the winter with the Sam Shelton family who live near the coast . . .

Silverton School Activities

Tuesday, Jan. 4-Motley County, here, 4:00
Friday, Jan. 7-End of first semester; Groom, here, 6:30
Monday, Jan. 10-Valley JH, here, 5:30
Tuesday, Jan. 11-Owls at Valley, 4:00
Friday, Jan. 14-McLean, Here, 5:00

Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell, the name will carry.

Bill Cosby

Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age.

William Feather

Silverton School Happy Birthday-Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 3-Burrito, Salad, Chips, Salsa, Fruit Roll-up, Milk
Tuesday, Jan. 4-Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 5-Pig-in-a-Blanket, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans, Jello, Milk
Thursday, Jan. 6-Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Jelly, Milk
Friday, Jan. 7-Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Brownie, Milk

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December 31-Rob Weaks
January 1-Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys, Mike Curry
January 2-Cade Holt
January 3-Shawn Johnson, Rene Rampley, Luree Burson
January 4-John Colby McCoy, Wynter Dudley, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Able Asebedo, Jon Ivory, Gail Arnold
January 5-Amy Fuston, Glenda May, Angie Aguilar

Happy Anniversary-

December 30-Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman
December 31-Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell
January 1-Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks
January 2-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed

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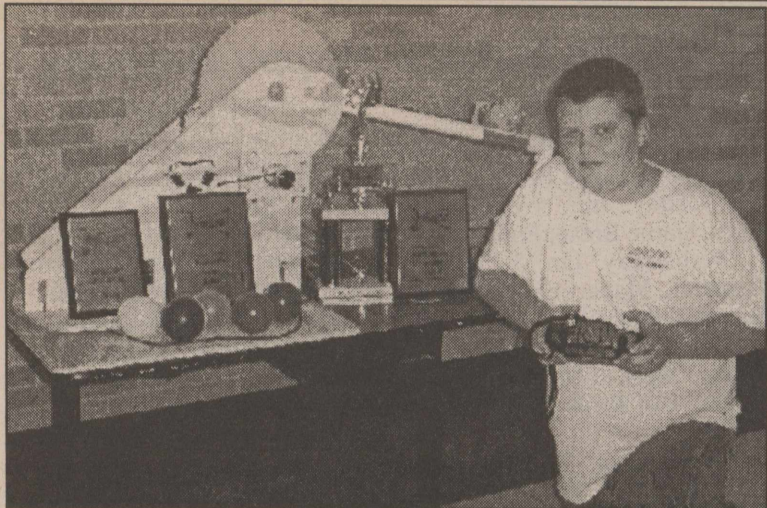
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Mitchell Curry, son of Michael and Jan Curry, is a second-year team member with IE Robotics and plans to continue participating in the annual event.

IE Robotics Team Wins First Place

IE Robotics, a home-schooled team covering the Plainview area, participated in the West Texas BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) competition held on October 30 in Lubbock. A first-place win granted IER a spot in the BEST regional competition. The team also received the Founders' Award for the most creative design and the Most Robust Award given to the robot needing the least repairs. There were 24 teams participating in the West Texas competition. This was the second year of competition for IE Robotics.

Southern Methodist University hosted the regional BEST competition on November 11-12. There

were 60 teams that made their way to Dallas and IE Robotics placed twentieth in the competition.

BEST Robotics, Inc. is a program designed to encourage junior high and high school students to choose a career in science. Each team is given a kit containing various components for building the robot and six weeks in which to have the robot ready for competition. The teams also are required to submit a documentation notebook in order to advance to the regional competition. There is no cost for team participation as the sponsoring university secures the funding. Texas Tech is the sponsor for the West Texas Hub.

All-Region Six-Man Football Team

Fidel Valdes, Valley senior, was announced as the Offensive MVP and Charlie Walden, Valley junior, was chosen as Defensive MVP, when the All-Region Six-Man football team was chosen. Bret Tyler of Valley was selected as Coach of the Year.

Other offensive selections from District 2-A included:

Humberto Vasquez, Silverton senior, special teams player

Zack Ramsey, Valley senior, tight end

Defensive selections include:

Albert Espinoza, Valley senior,

and Adam McElroy, Happy senior, linemen

Alex Espinoza, Valley junior, utility player

Wes Shields, Hedley senior, punter

Second-team players chosen included:

Cody Barrett, Valley junior, quarterback

Yance Forbes, Silverton junior, utility back

Kade Bowman, Happy senior, tight end

Max Comer, Silverton senior, and Adam Sims, Happy senior, linemen



Pete Peery receives his trophy at the conclusion of the race.



Peery's Race Car

Cotton Market weekly

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The week leading up to Christmas often is a quiet one, and this year was no exception. Trading volume at the New York Board of Trade was mostly thin as market participants looked forward to the holiday. Meanwhile, a somewhat disappointing export report offered no support.

Net export sales of U. S. cotton totaled 155,300 bales in the week ended Dec. 23. According to USDA, the figure was 34 percent less than the previous week and a 38 percent decline from the four-week average. China was the major buyer for the week with smaller quantities sold to Turkey, Mexico and Thailand. Sales of 20,900 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were primarily for Mexico and Thailand.

Shipments of 215,600 bales were 17 percent more than the previous week and 35 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 47,780 bales online in the week ended Dec. 23 compared to the previous week when 41,925 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.43 to 35.04 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 34.88 to 35.87 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the National Cotton

Council said U. S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.36 million bales in November. The rate was slightly higher than the November 2003 figure of 6.32 million bales of consumption. The new number was well within the expectation of most market analysts.

"The consumption numbers seem reasonable and in line with most expectations," said one observer. "Mill use is on pace to reach USDA's 6.2 million bale domestic use figure for the 2004-05 season."

On the global front, the industry has been focusing on the ever-growing world cotton crop since the beginning of the 2004-05 season, and little has been said about cotton consumption. Between USDA's release of its first 2004-05 estimates in May and its December figures, world cotton production rose by 11.5 million bales while consumption was boosted 4.3 million bales. World production now is estimated at 114.02 million bales while consumption is pegged at 103.29 million. The prospect for more world cotton consumption continues to look promising.

Reports from China, India and Pakistan indicate cotton yarn and fabric output is hitting monthly records thanks to the huge investments made in all segments of the country's textile sections. Since the increase in crude oil prices earlier this year, analysts have noticed a shift from polyester to cotton, but it may take several months for the shift to be reflected in higher USDA consumption figures.

Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Contracts

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(s)

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Contract 0925-00-052 for Striping in Childress County, etc. will be opened on January 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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District Engineer
7599 U. S. 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
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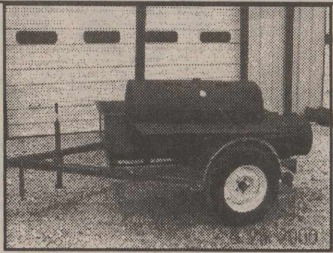
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