

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Gospel Lighthouse Church, an intra-denominational organization which is not affiliated with the Assembly of God or Seventh Day Adventists, is opening March 6 at Sixth and Broadway in Silverton. Their meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, with no Sunday services.

They will be having singing with those listed below:

March 6 -- Jacky Stone of Muleshoe; March 13 -- Crystal Rivers of Lubbock; March 20 -- to be announced; March 27 -- Fred Goldsmith and Sherry Holly of Lubbock; April 3 -- Otwell Brothers of Amarillo.

For information, call Joyce Green Cooper, pastor, at 806-823-2069.

My neighbor, Sybil King, is having knee replacement surgery in Amarillo this week.

Lataine Dillard provided us with a list of those who gave blood the last time Coffee Memorial Blood Center's bloodmobile was in Silverton.

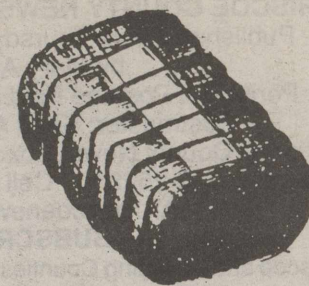
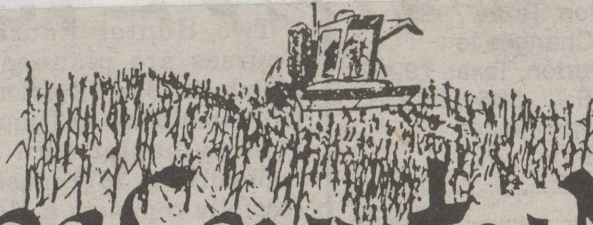
They are Lataine Dillard, Krista Hale, Martin Hernandez, Mike Juarez, Ramona Martin, Bill Mayfield, Carl Minyard, Eric Minyard, Rick Minyard, Jimmy Myers, Wayne Nance, Colleen Reed, Ty Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Chance Rhoderick, Lisa Schott, Judy Segura, Brandon Stephens, Hanna Tiffin and Harlen Vernon.

It is just great of these people to give the gift of life!

The precipitation that has been received in Silverton so far this year (4.52 inches) has been so wonderful that it helps erase the memories of the dry year we experienced in 2003 (10.53 inches).

One thing that often seems to indicate a 'normal' year of rainfall is that in some years we have whole months without a drop of moisture. Then we have a month where a lot of precipitation is received.

This may give the year a 'normal' total amount, when actually adequate moisture wasn't received and irrigation had to provide the pre-plant totals, or no rainfall fell during the growing season and then was abundant later in the fall.



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Applications Due For Places on Silverton School Board Ballot

Applications for a place on the Silverton School Board ballot may be obtained in the office of the Superintendent until March 15.

School Trustees whose terms will be expiring in May are Zane Mayfield, Rance Young and Bill Strange.

Board members accept a tremendous responsibility when they are elected to serve the school district. Considering the financial distress that the district is currently in, the men and women who serve on this governing board must be ready to make many serious decisions concerning the future of the school. They make considerable sacrifices of their own time and resources to serve the students and parents of the community.

Councilmen Have Terms Expiring

Three Silverton City Councilmen have terms expiring this year. They are Dwain Henderson, Flute Hutsell and Charles Sarchet.

If you would consent to have your name placed on the ballot as a candidate for Councilman, please contact Jerry Patton at City Hall as soon as possible.

March 15 is the deadline for getting your name on the ballot.

'Doppler' Dave is Speaker For Chamber Banquet

Dave Oliver, weatherman for Channel 10 in Amarillo, has confirmed he will be the guest speaker for the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Banquet scheduled for April 3 in the school cafeteria.

The Chamber would like to encourage everyone to support your community by attending this event.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this opportunity to enjoy a nice evening with your friends and neighbors.

"Right now in your community, at this very moment, there is someone who is dreaming about doing something to improve his/her lot. If we could learn how to help that person transfer the dream into meaningful work, we would be half-way to

Deadline For Ordering Trees Is Monday, Mar. 8

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for wind-break trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for your trees. Delivery will be made in March 2004. Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 8, 2004.

A minimum order may be required on the seedling orders. There is no minimum on the large trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

If all difficulties were known at the outset of a long journey, most of us would never start at all.

William F. Buckley

changing economic fortunes of the community."

Ernesto Sirolli



V. H. Harman, James McMorries, Foster Cummings and Gail Bullock are shown playing in the Domino Tournament sponsored at the Showbarn Saturday by the Briscoe County Activities Association. Briscoe County News Photo

Good Turnout for Domino Tournament

Briscoe County Activities Association sponsored a Domino Tournament at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday. There was a good turnout of players. Food was served throughout the day.

First-place winners were

Foster Cummings and V. H. Harman, both of Lubbock.

Winning second place were Gail Bullock and James McMorries, both of Silverton.

Third place was won by Craig Bennett and Scott McKelvey from Kress.

March 10 is Office Day

The USDA Rural Development Local Office in Amarillo, that serves the Texas Panhandle area, which includes Briscoe County, will be holding an office day Wednesday, March 10, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance. The USDA Rural Development office day will be held at Silverton City Hall, 409 Broadway. Interested applicants are requested to schedule an appointment by calling 806-468-8600 ext. 4.

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New Device Replaces The Cotton Bale Ties

Provided by Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County CEA-Ag

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Silverton School Activities

Mar. 4--Junior High Track @ Motley County
 Mar. 5--High School Track at Motley County; OAP Din-

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 Mar. 10--Junior High and High School Cheerleading Tryouts, 1:30

Mar. 11--Board Meeting; Junior High Track @ Lefors
 Mar. 12--High School Track @ Lefors

Mar. 15-19--Spring Break; Houston Stock Show

Parents Teach Children Healthy Living Habits

Provided by Brandon McGinty
 Briscoe County CEA-Ag

Parents are the biggest influence in their children's eating and exercise habits. Exten-

Hunter Education Courses Planned

Two Hunter Education Courses are planned, for March 12-13 in Silverton and for March 26-27 in Tulia.

Every hunter born after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

Minimum age for certification is 12 years of age. Cost of the course is \$10.00.

The first course is to be held Friday, Mar. 12, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Silverton City Hall. The course will continue on Saturday, Mar. 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Tulia course will run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 26, at the Texas Cooperative Extension Meeting Hall at 310 West Broadway in Tulia. It continues Saturday, Mar. 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

All planning to attend one of the courses must call Texas Game Warden Clint Hunt at 806-847-2571 before 5:00 p.m. Friday, Mar. 5, 2004, to pre-register.

Students must attend both days of class and pass written exam to receive certification.

Child development specialist Steve Green advises parents to start building healthy habits early.

Green suggests families plan fun outdoor activities, like going on a nature walk, or playing hide-and-seek and freeze tag.

Parents should let their children know these activities help strengthen their muscles and bones. Parents need to talk about healthy habits, but also show their children that they are serious by putting their words into practice.

BSE SPURS BAN ON FEEDING BROILER LITTER TO CATTLE

East Texas cattle producers should look for an alternative to broiler litter feed. Poultry feed often contains meat and bone meal. These byproducts are banned from cattle feed over concern they may transmit "mad cow disease".

The ban on poultry litter is expected to raise winter production costs for many East Texas cattle producers using the litter as a winter protein supplement.

The ban on broiler litter feed should take effect in the next few months.

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m. Daily in February

	High	Low	Precip.
1	68	28	
2	33	21	.02
3	54	19	
4	45	25	.07
5	36	30	.03
6	46	20	
7	46	19	
8	47	22	
9	59	29	
10	46	25	
11	46	19	
12	46	18	.03
13	21	16	
14	25	18	.12
15	49	18	
16	49	21	
17	56	19	
18	63	23	
19	78	32	
20	73	31	
21	57	36	
22	61	36	
23	64	39	.61
24	54	37	
25	37	27	.25
26	40	22	
27	58	22	
28	67	34	
29	51	34	.71
February Precip.			1.84
Normal Feb. Precip.			.60
Total Precip. in 2004			4.52
Normal Precip. to Date			1.25

It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

Alfred Adler

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Mar. 8--Chicken Chalupa, Fiesta Corn, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Mar. 9--Turkey Tetrazini, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 10--Vegetable-Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 11--Chicken Fingers, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Honey, Milk

Friday, Mar. 12--Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pudding, Milk

Research Indicates Newer Reforestation Methods Efficient

Provided by Brandon McGinty
 Briscoe County CEA-Ag

New ways of planting pine trees can increase survival rates. Extension forestry specialist Eric Taylor recommends containerized seedlings over bareroot seedlings. Although containerized seedlings are up to three times more expensive than bareroot, research shows the benefits outweigh the cost. But containerized seedlings have a bigger root system, so they can survive hot and dry conditions better than bareroot.



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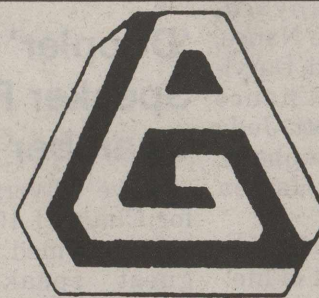
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 21, 1994--Alvie Francis was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service on his retirement after 13 years of service to the farmers and ranchers of Briscoe County as a County Committeeman... Dick Cogdell beat 19 other cutters to score a 224.5 in the 5/6-year-old Classic Championship at the Augusta (Georgia) Cutting Horse Futurity on Jan. 7... Caprock Winery in Lubbock will be the setting for the marriage of Miss Kathy Brown and Carl Speck Feb. 4... Owls run into injury trouble; Lady Owls continue to win... Tulia Council increases rate for using landfill...

January 19, 1984--Jack Chandler is candidate for Sheriff... One-day Junior High Tournament slated here... The fall Dean's Honor Roll at Wayland Baptist University includes Staci Mayfield, a junior, who posted a 3.62 grade point average while playing very well for the Flying Queens... Ashel McDaniel was honored on his 70th birthday with a surprise celebration Sunday at the home of his daughter in Floydada... Oner Cornett returned home last week after having been in a Lubbock hospital recuperating from knee surgery... James Patton recently spent a few days in the hospital for regulation of medication... Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard, Amy and Missy hosted a Christmas lunch for Mildred and Bud Mouser, Roy Brooks, Bill, Janinne, Josh, Jeremiah and Molly Brooks... Dennis Tomlin hired to coach at Snyder...

January 17, 1974--Mackenzie marker moved to a better location on State Highway 86... Cynthia Edwards, Kim Cornett and Doug McJimsey exhibit grand champions of Briscoe County Livestock Show... Class Favorites chosen by the students of SHS include Barry Francis and Virginia McCoy, seniors; Mary Chris Cantwell and Ricky Hutsell, juniors; Doris Cantwell and Ken Sarchet, sophomores; Brad Ziegler and Susan Northcutt, freshmen... Larry Comer received his BS

degree in agriculture mechanics at Texas Tech University in December. He finished his final semester with a 3.29 grade point average earned while carrying 17 hours... Mrs. Bill Rampy honored at layette shower... Reserve champions at the County Stock Show were exhibited by Debra Strange, Bobby McPherson and Mike Cornett...

January 16, 1964--Tommy Burson and Marvin Self exhibit grand champion animals at Briscoe County Livestock Show. Showmanship awards were won by Buddy Comer and Max Garrison. Larry Comer and Wayne Nance exhibit the reserve champions... Briscoe County jail escapee still at large... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer were in Abilene recently to return their daughter, Peggy, to Hardin-Simmons University... Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal and Klela spent several days in Arizona during the holidays... Troy Chitty is spending the holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty... Mrs. J. K. Bean was in Lubbock for a checkup last week... Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Donnell are parents of a daughter, Pammie Charise,

born Jan. 5... Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wood are parents of a daughter, Tracy Ann, born Jan. 2... Mrs. W. E. Schott, sr. honored at birthday open house...

January 14, 1954--Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange are parents of a son, Ronnie Allen, born at the Briscoe County Hospital... Oil leases being paid in Briscoe County... Raymond Reeves will report for induction into the armed services Thursday... Mildred Reid, LaWanda and Paula were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gaston and children in Amarillo... Mmes. Joe Montague and Toby Penn took Mrs. Dan Montague to Amarillo last Thursday, where she boarded a plane to Denver, Colorado, to visit relatives... We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done...

January 14, 1944--Paul Reid announces for County Treasurer... Clyde Hancock was killed in a dynamite explosion at Hobbs, New Mexico, according to word received here Sunday... Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Miss Dorothy McMurtry spent from Thursday until Saturday in Lubbock with friends. Miss Dorothy left Monday from Amarillo for Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri... James W. Reid, jr. was commissioned a

Second Lieutenant and given his pilot's wings at Randolph Field last week... Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter Sunday...

January 27, 1994--Ricky Hughes of the Valley FFA was chosen as recipient of the Don Burson Memorial Herdsman award for excelling in all areas of feeding and show... Rick Minyard, Barry Francis, Scoutmaster Larry Comer and David Kellum attended the Haynes District Leader Recognition Banquet in Plainview. Comer was presented the Wendall Patterson Chrome Axe award for having the Top Quality Troop in the district and also received his Woodbadge Beads. Minyard received the Spark Plug award and Organizer's Pin for being instrumental in organizing Cub Scouts in Silverton... Miss Jennifer Leigh Grimland became the bride of Walt Lee Garrison in a double-ring ceremony performed at the First Baptist Church in Silverton Dec. 18...

January 26, 1984--Merlene Stephens has attained certification as a Reach to Recovery volunteer for the American Cancer Society... Don Burson has been digging the ditch, Carman Rhode and Harvey McJimsey donated to the installation of a new sewer line at the Briscoe County

Showbarn. They were assisted in the work by Jerry Baird, Calvin Shelton, David Kellum and Fred Brannon. The Silverton Young Farmers and Silverton Fire Department are continuing to make improvements on the Showbarn... Silverton Brownie Scouts to begin annual cookie sale... Patti Perkins weds Dee Whittington in double-ring ceremony... Teresa Ann Chatham and Tommy Wayne Lacy married in Alabama... Mrs. Roger Cantwell, the former Miss Shannon Swift, was honored with a bridal shower here Saturday...

January 24, 1974--Eric Patton showed the first-place Chester White barrow which was selected as Breed Champion of the Amarillo Junior Fat Stock Show last week... Pamela Kay Hutsell weds John Rondel Vaughan... M. G. Moreland asks re-election as County Judge... Mrs. W. W. McGavock, who collapsed here last week at the funeral of her husband and was taken by ambulance to Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia, continues to receive treatment there... Bud Couch and his brother, Darrell Couch, have purchased Meacham Food in Turkey and have been operating as Couch Food... Don Brown has purchased Turkey Implement Company, and his son, Steve Brown, is moving to Turkey to operate the business...

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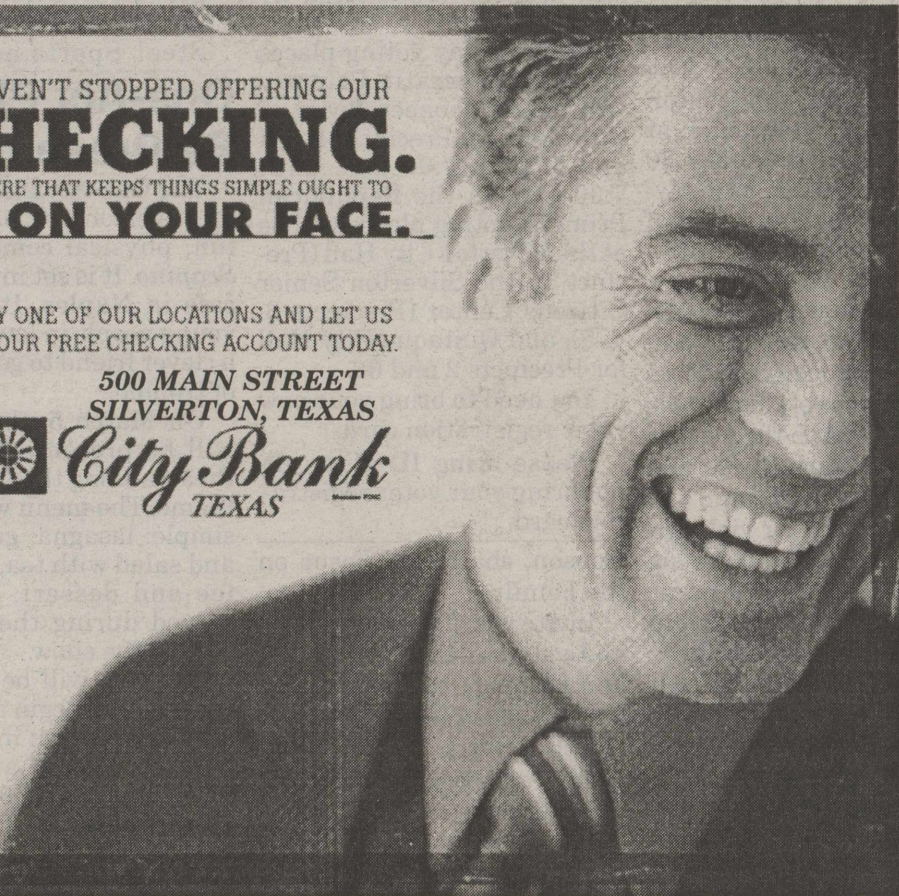
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Briscoe County Ag Conference Slated March 4

The annual Briscoe County Ag Conference will be held in Silverton Thursday, March 4, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to discuss insect management in wheat and sorghum.

"What is New in Cotton Insect Management?" cotton variety technology updates, forage sorghum production, beef quality assurance introduction, chemical residues in livestock, and laws and regulations are topics for discussion.

Program presenters will include Carl Patrick, Jim Leser, Randy Boman, Kim McCuiston and Levon Harmon.

Registration fee is \$5.00 per person and this includes a meal and there are five CEU credits available.

Please RSVP to the Extension office in Silverton, 806-823-2522, by Thursday, February 26.

FBC Sponsoring Movie Showing

First Baptist Church in Silverton invites its members and the community to attend the powerful retelling of the most important story in history. An auditorium seating 205 people at Cinema 6 Theatre in Plainview has been rented for the 7:30 p.m. showing on Sunday, March 7. The free ticket and concession vouchers may be picked up at the church office from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Included is a bag of popcorn, a soft drink and a piece of candy.

Directed and written by Mel Gibson, the movie dramatically and graphically captures the last 12 hours of Christ's life on Earth, based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The film is graphic and has an "R" rating for violence. The violence is to help the audience understand the harsh reality of what Jesus went through for them. Children under the age of 16 will only be allowed into the theatre with a parent or guardian.

"The Passion" by Mel Gibson is one of the most deeply disturbing and powerful movies I've ever seen, but one that everyone should watch. I recommend it highly," said James

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

Correction from last week: Bobbye Bean's middle name is Lu. She was named for her Uncle Luther.

Present Feb. 26 were quilters Frankie Christine King, Joy Stodghill, Laverne Stephens, Bobbye Bean, Rose Mary Perkins, Evelyn Smith, Ann Marie Norris, Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton, Nadyne Childress and Nina Martin. We are quilting on Christine's "Potpourri" and Wanda's "Hexagon."

We enjoyed visiting with Teresa Sutton at break time.

Reminder: Senior Citizens yearly dues.

Early Voting Ends Friday

Early voting for the March 9, 2004 Democratic and Republican Primaries began Feb. 23, and will run through March 5, 2004.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's office which is located on the second floor of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Eligible voters may request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be obtained at the County Clerk's office and must be submitted by March 1, 2004.

Election Day voting places in the Democratic Primary will be the Pioneer Room at City Bank for Precincts 1, 3, 4 and 5, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In the Republican Primary, voting places will be at the Silverton City Hall (Precinct 1), the Silverton Senior Citizens Center (Precincts 3, 4, 5), and Quitaque City Hall for Precincts 2 and 6.

You need to bring your new voter registration card.

Please bring ID if you do not bring your voter registration card.

Dobson, chairman, Focus on the Family.

Invite your friends, come by and get your ticket vouchers, and be ready to be reminded of God's great love. Please notify the church if you wish to attend and would rather not drive after dark. If you pick up vouchers and decide not to attend, please return them as soon as possible so that someone else may use them.

March Events At State Park

March events at Caprock Canyons State Park include:

March 6: Hike & Camp Safely With Your Children, 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy your outdoor experiences with your children, but worry about their safety? Join the park interpreter for some basic safety tips on orientation, what to do in an emergency and how to avoid the dangerous aspects of nature. The introduction will begin at the amphitheater and the hike will be along Eagle Point Trail to apply the new skills of you and your child.

March 20: Fern Cave Hike, 9:00 a.m.

Explore the North Prong Trail leading up to Fern Cave. This moderately difficult hike is approximately seven miles in length. Hikers should be in good condition. Water, snacks and variable clothing are a necessity. Regular park fees apply.

March 20: History of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, 7:00 p.m.

Join the park interpreter for a canyon sunset at the amphitheater followed by a slide show that will guide you through the history of CCSP&T. Warm clothing and blankets would be advisable. Regular park fees apply.

March 27: SteelSports CCSP&T Adventure Race
Steel Sports.net.LLC is

One-Act Play To Be Presented

The One-Act Play students in Silverton are preparing a fun, physical comedy called *Scapino*. It is set in a dockside cafe in Naples, Italy where young people in love appeal to a clever friend to get them out of trouble.

On March 5, the students will be presenting a dinner theatre along the Italian Cafe theme. The menu will be very simple: lasagna, garlic bread and salad with tea, water, coffee and dessert. It will be served during the intermission in the show.

The cost will be \$6.00 and the play will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Intermission and dinner will fall about 6:30. The meal will be served buffet style. The play should be over by 8:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door. 9-2tnc

Happy Birthday--

March 4 -- Zane Reagan, Bronc Otis, Emily Garcia

March 5 -- Wayne Cartrite, Wesley Francis, Matt McGinn, Carl Minyard, Enrique Gamez

March 6 -- Preston May, Mary John Harris

March 7 -- J. T. West

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

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

March 10 -- Michael Dallas Marley, Juannah Brice

sponsoring a two-day adventure challenge in conjunction with CCSP&T and Mackenzie Reservoir. Events include a 70-mile mountain bike excursion, five miles of paddling, 40 miles of hiking and orienteering and special tests of skills. Lots of prizes and awards will be included. Contact SteelSports for information and reservations at 866-447-1426 (toll free), 903-871-8466 (local) or via e-mail info@SteelSports.net.

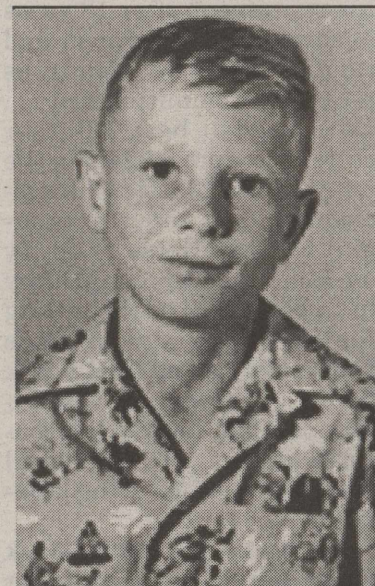
Winning isn't everything. Wanting to win is.

Jim (Catfish) Hunter

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Edmund Burke

To know oneself, one should assert oneself. Albert Camus



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(Condado de Briscoe, Texas)
MARCH 9, 2004
(9 de marzo de 2004)
SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta marcando con una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nominado para Presidente)

- Dennis J. Kucinich
- Al Sharpton
- Wesley K. Clark
- Dick Gephardt
- John F. Kerry
- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Howard Dean

Randy Crow

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Betty Ann Stephens

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(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 3)

Larry Douglas Comer

Party Referendum
(Referendum del Partido)

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Referendum No. 1
(Referendum Num. 1)

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For or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare programs.
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Cotton Market weekly

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New York cotton futures rallied to a strong finish on Feb. 26 as trade and speculative buying was spurred on by discussion that China will be purchasing more cotton in the coming weeks. Traders said unconfirmed reports that China has issued additional cotton import permits whipped through the market Thursday.

China is a large importer of U. S. cotton, and industry observers expect the trend to continue. According to USDA figures, since the start of the 2003-04 marketing year China has bought 4.09 million bales of U. S. cotton compared with 1.02 million bales at the same time one year ago. Continuing the recent trend, China again was the top buyer of U. S. cotton in USDA's latest weekly export sales report.

USDA reported net export sales of U. S. cotton totaled 198,800 bales in the week ended Feb. 19, a 65 percent decrease from the previous week's sales and 51 percent lower than the five-year average. The major buyer for the week was China with smaller quantities sold to Turkey, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Several sources said the report fell below analysts' expectations of 300,000 to 500,000 bales of cotton while others said the sales figure seemed to be in line with expectations.

Export shipments of 271,800 bales for the same period were five percent less than the previous week and six percent lower than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico and Turkey. Some analysts believe export shipments need to be higher to reach USDA's goal for the marketing year.

"The sales figures look great, but the problem is shipping the cotton that we've sold," one analyst commented. "The Step 2 certificate is not in place now, and it could lead to a hold in shipments," he added.

The Step 2 program now is in its second week of positive calculations. In order to be re-established, export shipments likely will accelerate.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ended Feb. 26 totaled 41,826 bales, more than six times the previous week's sales of 6,434 bales. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 61.91 to 63.95 cents per pound versus the prior week's 57.68 to 60.74 cents per pound range. The large sales figure for the week was due in part to the market surge on Feb. 26 which boosted online sales to 24,049 bales for the day.

In other news, meteorologists now say rainfall totals are up this year in areas of West Texas where farmers have been in the midst of a nearly decade long drought that has cost billions of dollars in lost agriculture revenues. According to the National Weather Service in Lubbock, the city and its surrounding area is 1.76 inches above its normal of 1.15 inches for both January and February.

The region has been in a drought for at least eight years, the Texas Department of Agriculture said. During the first four of those years, the state lost \$5.5 billion in agriculture revenues, a department spokeswoman said. Figures for the more recent years haven't been compiled yet, she added.

The increase in rainfall will be beneficial for the region's farmers. Cotton growers in West Texas who plant fields in late April or early May have had to pre-water their fields due to the drought in recent years. With the recent precipitation, however, fields may need less pre-planting water. Of course, additional rainfall would be welcome.

"If we don't get natural rainfall to give us a solid moisture profile in the soil, farmers will have to spend money

Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

The Singing Ladies of Texas went to Shamrock to sing at First Baptist Church Sunday night. We love to sing of Jesus' love and the people receive it gladly. I met a couple named Linnie and Neal Raymond. They sent greetings to their friends, Alvie and Glenda Francis.

At Senior Citizens we were discussing more serious things like eyes. My husband, Jack, has cataracts on his eyes and will have one removed next week. He also has macular degeneration. There are several people we know who have this. We do not know what causes this except some people get it as they grow older, but not everyone does.

It seems the only thing you can do for it is to take vitamins. That is reason enough to have your eyes checked after you reach 50. If you are in the early stage of macular degeneration, you may be able to slow it down. When I started to get cataracts, I did not have to wear bifocals anymore. The doctor told me that when we get cataracts, they sometimes act as bifocals. That was in 1990 and I can still see to read close up without glasses.

Now that the medical lesson is over, we can talk about ice boxes and the first refrigerators people had. I still call the refrigerators ice boxes since I called them that all my life and you know what they say about teaching old dogs new tricks.

Donaleta Garrison said the first refrigerator she had was a Coldspot from Sears. "It really was a 'cool' one," she said. "It never made ice. It just got the water really cold." It had a kerosene heater that moved the freon through the coils and made it cool. The next one she got had a motor on the top of it and was a butane one. I think it was a Servel. This was the first 'real' refrigerator I ever saw.

Teresa Sutton said she had a Coldspot and it did make ice if you did not open the door for a couple of days. "It wasn't worth a hoot," she said. She on expensive irrigation before they are able to plant," one area observer noted. "Hopefully, we'll get enough rain over the entire season to keep irrigation to a minimum and help cotton producers increase their bottom line."

would make Jell-o by putting it right next to the freezing unit. It did keep milk from spoiling and that was better than having to leave it in the water trough. Joy Stodghill said the Coldspot was pretty bad. These ladies agree that when they finally got electric-

ity, it was like heaven!

Teresa remembers back and so do I, when we would reuse the waxed sacks that bread came in since we did not have rolls of waxed paper back then.

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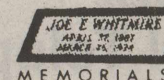
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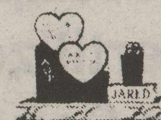
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Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
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Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY
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We all have an obligation to try to bring out the good qualities in others. It is an important responsibility for parents and teachers to recognize and help develop the talents that their children may possess. Coaches, clergy, employers, and even husbands and wives also bear a responsibility to help bring out the best in those with whom they associate. Supporting and caring about others exemplifies the love that God has for us, and in the Bible, there are many examples of ordinary people becoming heroes and heroines because our Lord was able to bring out their best efforts. Being considerate, kind and helpful to others not only brings out the best in them, it also brings out the best in us.

It is important to reflect good values and God's love in our everyday life, and we should be mindful that our words and actions do affect others.

*By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples,
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I want to thank Dori, Linda and Lana for coing to my aid at the clinic. They are truly quality professionals.

Thanks,
Lou Younger

I would like to say thank you to everyone who called, visited, sent a card or letter, offered a prayer or any other encouragement when I had my recent eye surgery.

Your concern and acts of kindness made my long stay in Amarillo much easier.

I especially appreciate the cards and letters from the local churches.

Thanks again,
Teresa Sutton

More Bits & Pieces- Continued From Page Six

Lois Walker celebrated her birthday on Monday. On Saturday, her daughter-in-law Karen called from Amarillo to tell her that she and Jimmy were bringing lunch for Sunday. They and their children, Sunny, Kyle and Emma, Jimie and Cody Kidd of Canyon surprised Roy Mack and Lois by

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arriving for church on Sunday morning. Their grandson, Van Walker, who lives in Dallas and attends West Texas A&M, was there too and they all celebrated a great day with Lois and Roy Mack. Four-year-old Emma looked up at Lois and asked, "Are you feeling all right?" Oh, the sweetness of a child.

Connie Grimland Davis celebrated her birthday last week with a party given by family and friends on Saturday night. They made a wonderful Mexican meal and her mother-in-law, Annell Davis, got her a delicious chocolate and white cake. Yummy!

The capitol dome in Austin is the only dome in the U. S. which is taller than the capitol building in Washington, D. C. (by seven feet). Thanks to Sally Grimland for that Texas information.

Comments or calls are welcome for news or suggestions: 806-823-2328. Have a wonderful week!

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