

Saddle Now On Display at First National Bank

The beautiful handmade saddle that will be given away by the Briscoe County Activities Association during the rodeo in August is now on display at First National Bank in Quitaque.

Contact a member of BCAA if you would like to have a chance to win the saddle.

Cutting Horse Demonstration To Be Held Soon

The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum will feature cutting horse trainer Bailey Reece on his American Quarter Horse Thursday, June 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the outdoor Justin Boots Arena.

Reece, of Canyon, competes and has won numerous awards in the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association. In his demonstration, he will explain the art of cutting and the different training techniques used in preparing a horse for competition.

Demonstrations are held throughout the summer, usually on Friday and Saturday. Large groups visiting the Heritage Center may request a demonstration by appointment. All demonstrations are dependent on weather and arena conditions. Call 806-376-5181 for a schedule.

The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum provides visitors an overview of the history and development of the American Quarter Horse. The museum offers interactive exhibits, video presentations and many wonderful works of art and traveling exhibits. Also stop by the museum store, Quarter Horse Outfitters, and enjoy the many Western gifts, tack and instructional books and videos. Now through September 1, visitors can enjoy "The Texas Cowboys" a photographic exhibit by David Stoecklein. Located along I-40 East at Quarter Horse Drive (exit 72A) in Amarillo, the HeritageCenter is easily accessible.

Silverton Library News Notes

Last chance to join the Silverton Public Library's Summer Reading Club is June 13.

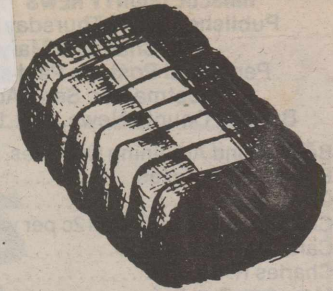
There will be three groups: picture books for next year's first grade; Primary books and Junior fiction.

The ones who read the most books from start to July 3 in each division will receive a \$50 savings bond.

Library hours are 8:30 to 11:30 Tuesday mornings, and 2:00 to 5:00 Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.



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Kyle Fuston was pictured presenting Jo Hamilton with a balloon stuffed with money at the conclusion of the Customer Appreciation Day held at the First State Bank on Tuesday of last week. The money-filled balloon was a door prize won by Mrs. Hamilton. *Briscoe County News Photo*

South Plains Weather was Cooler, Wetter Than Normal During May

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of May 1997 was cooler and wetter than normal.

Temperatures averaged 2.5 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.3 degrees below normal at Jayton to 0.7 degree below normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

Maximum temperatures averaged 4.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 6.4 degrees below normal at Spur to 2.3 degrees below normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. The highest temperature reported during the month was 99 degrees at Big Spring on the 18th.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 75.5 degrees, which was 3.2 degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 0.8 degree below normal and ranged from 2.8 degrees below normal at Jayton to 1.6 degree above normal at Morton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 32 degrees at Dimmitt on the 4th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 50.8 degrees, which was almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged .26 inch above normal and ranged from 1.27 inches below normal at Post to 3.16 inches above normal

Booher Family To Present Musical Concert Here

Group to Meet Tuesdays, Thursdays

The committee to build new pens for the Briscoe County Stock Show will be meeting each Tuesday and Thursday night at 6:30 in the Silverton Ag Shop.

Construction has begun and all helping hands are needed in order to finish this project by January.

Monetary donations are still needed. If you would like to help, please contact Deb Burson or Morris Wilcox at the First State Bank.

Father's Day Bake Sale

Silverton High School cheerleaders will be having a bake sale Saturday, June 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Nance's Food Store.

Be sure to stop by and pick up some goodies for Father's Day.

The Chamber Needs You!

at Tulia.

Silverton received 3.32 inches of precipitation during May, which was above normal for this city and was .37 of an inch above the South Plains average.

The Booher Family, the National Amateur Music Family in 1990, will present a concert here on Tuesday, June 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Silverton School Auditorium. The concert will be sponsored by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

They have just completed one month at Silver Dollar City during the American Music Festival at Branson, Missouri. They are coming here from an engagement in Buffalo, New York, enroute to Arizona.

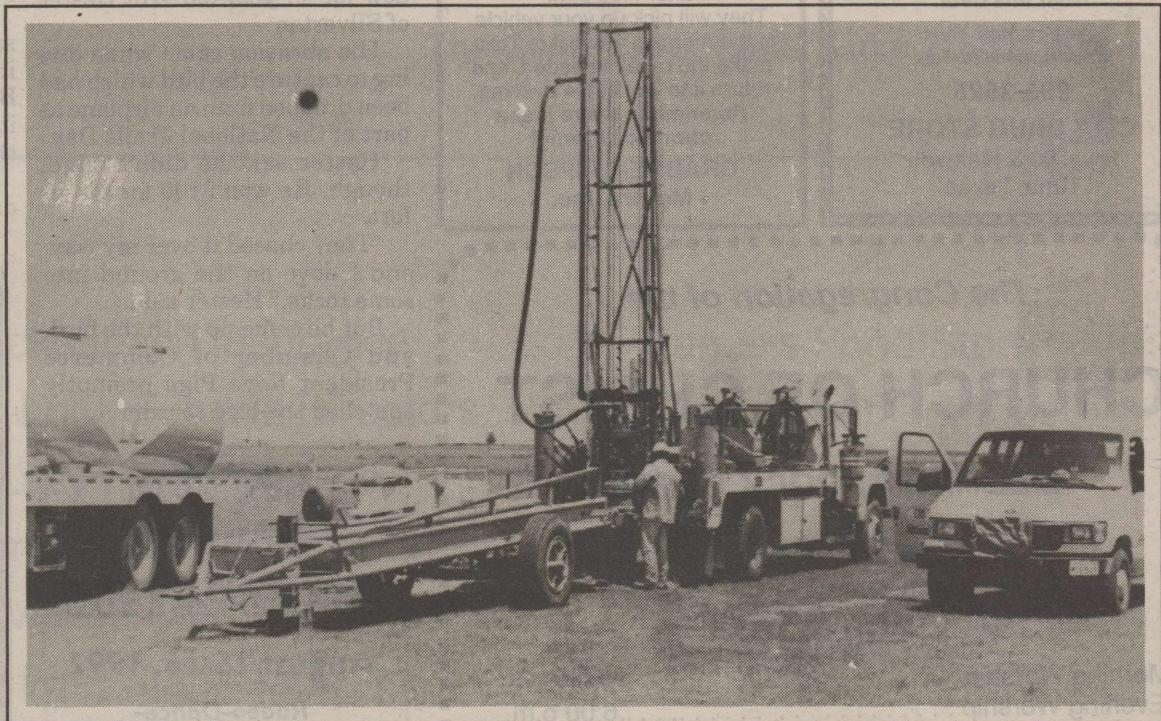
Tickets will be available at Nance's Food Store and the Malt Shop, or at the Caprock Jamboree.

The Booher's reside in Yoncalla, Oregon. The group has won over 100 top state, regional and national awards with their fiddling. This will be their second concert in Silverton.

Some Students Haven't Gotten Report Cards

Some students in the Silverton Schools have not yet picked up their report cards.

You can pick up your report card any business day at the school office.



Les Taylor Drilling of Sunray is drilling a test hole for a new city water well on the Tom Brooks farm east of Silverton. Rhode Pipe Company of Lubbock was the low bidder on the project for which the City of Silverton received a \$250,000.00 grant. *Briscoe County News Photo*

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A Change in Living Arrangements Could Affect Your SSI Benefits

by Mary Jane Shanes
 Social Security Manager
 Plainview, Texas

It's important that you tell Social Security when your living arrangements change so that you will receive the correct amount of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Your monthly benefit may vary depending on where you live and whether someone else pays for your living expenses.

Generally, you can get up to the maximum SSI payment if you live in your own place, or you live in someone else's residence, but you pay the full cost of your food and shelter.

However, your SSI benefit may be reduced if:

- You live somewhere else and you pay only a part of your share of food or housing costs; or
- You live in a house, apartment or trailer, but someone else

pays for your food, rent or mortgage expenses, and other things like electricity and garbage removal; or

• You're in a nursing home or hospital for the whole month and Medicaid pays for over one-half of your bills.

Your SSI payment is based on your income, not on your expenses; however, the cost of living expenses such as food, clothing or shelter that someone else provides may be considered income to you and could reduce your SSI payment. Items you receive that cannot be used for food, clothing or shelter are not considered income and will not affect your SSI payment. For example, we don't count things like small kitchen appliances or a piece of jewelry of modest value that someone gives you.

If you are homeless, you may receive up to the maximum SSI amount payable. But, if you live in a public shelter, you can only receive SSI for up to six months out of any nine months that you live there.

Contact Social Security for more information about living arrangements and how they may affect your SSI eligibility or monthly payment amount.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call **995-3565** during the day or call **823-2498 (Dale)** after 7:00 p.m.

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Guineas Drop Safely From Planes At Quitaque's Trail Day Celebration

Michael Harris was in the right place at the right time Saturday morning. The first guinea dropped from a plane over Quitaque's 1997 National Trails Day Celebration glided northwest of Main Street and into a tree. Below, about 150 people raced toward the tree in hopes of nabbing the fowl, which had a coupon worth \$100 attached to its leg.

Harris, 29, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and his friend, Bobby Kelsey of Artesia, New Mexico, watched from a pickup near Texas Highway 86 and prepared to make a move.

"They're not going to climb that tree," Harris told Kelsey. "Pull up the truck, and I'll climb the tree."

But before they could, several people did start up the tree, causing the guinea to fly down in the direction of Harris. He hopped out of the pickup as Kelsey yelled, "Get him! Get him!"

The bird crossed south over Highway 86. Another chaser lunged toward the guinea, causing it to go directly into Harris' arms.

"Some old boy dove for him," Harris said. "I caught him just like a football."

As Harris held the bird aloft, Kelsey, 38, jumped in the air and thrust his arms skyward.

Said Harris: "You would have thought I beat Mike Tyson or something."

It was difficult for the two--both of whom have been in town for five months on a road-construction job--to stop laughing.

"That was great," Kelsey said. "That was cool."

On two occasions four hours apart guineas were released.

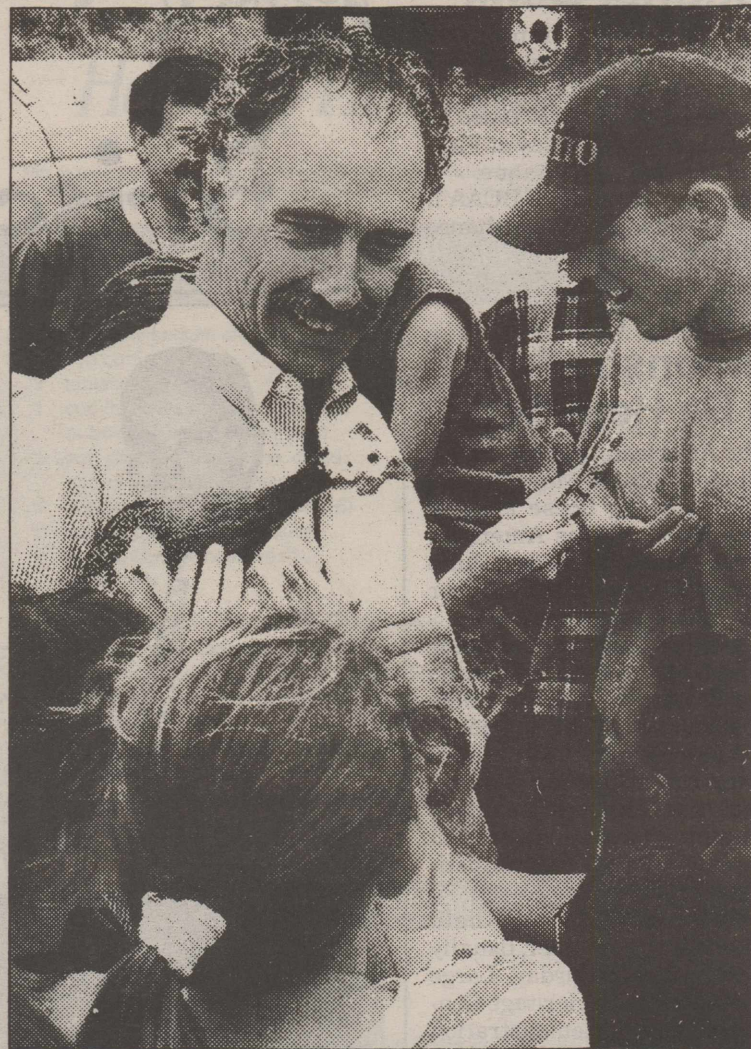
When the second guinea was released, it glided into a den of about 50 youngsters and resulted in only one injury--a skinned elbow for 17-year-old Will Hester of Silverton.

His abrasion came while diving to capture the bird which had been dropped from an airplane as part of the National Trails Day.

Hester said he didn't mind, though. He won \$100 for his effort.

"They chased it over my way, and I dove on the ground into some rocks," Hester said.

But he came up with the bird, and Chamber of Commerce President Roye Pigg promptly snatched the bird to calm it.



Quitaque Chamber of Commerce President Roye Pigg holds a guinea rooster captured by Will Hester (right), accepting his \$100 reward.
 A-J Photo/John Wise

Animal rights activists had expressed concern that the event would be traumatic to the guineas.

No protesters attended the third-annual guinea drop, but letters and phone calls from animal- and poultry-rights groups inundated this small town. Mayor Jimmy Davidson even received a protest letter from super model Christie Brinkley.

Despite the protests, Pigg said, the guinea drop is becoming a bigger success each year. Because of its growing popularity, it would be foolish not to stage the drops again, he said.

Pigg was estimating that, by day's end, about 1,700 people

would stop in for other activities, which included shopping, food, live music and dancing. The guinea drop, however, attracted hundreds of curious onlookers.

Plainview resident Frank Bass, in town with his family from Austin, said he was one of the curious.

"It looks like fun if you're young and want to chase it," he said.

Dianne Johnston was winner of the buffalo chip throwing contest, and now that she has found a suitable chip has said that she is ready to take her show on the road. Her sister, Ruth Purcell, was winner of the chili cookoff during the big celebration.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

June 11, 1987-Activities Association has planning session . . . City Council hears State Waste Disposal report . . . Silverton Karate Club to compete in Floydada . . . Bass fishing good over the weekend . . . The school gym will be open for public use beginning Monday . . . Junior high and high school students on the semester honor roll were Gwen Clardy, seventh grade; Julie Towe, ninth grade; Tara Nance, tenth grade; Shannon Bingham, Kim Burson, Stacie Chappell, Gina Myers, Sylvia Ramirez, Juannah Woods, eleventh grade; Tonnette Miller, twelfth grade . . . Caprock Food wins Tulia bowling league . . . Andy Bullock was named to the vice President's honor roll for the spring quarter at Texas State Technical Institute . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse of Flomot announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Derinda, to Mark Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton, jr. . . Miss Lupe Garcia, bride-elect of Kyle Couch, honored at tea and miscellaneous shower . . . Katrice Minyard receives diploma at Huntsville . . . Wayne and Robbie Cartrite are parents of a son, Tanner Wayne .

June 16, 1977-High winds, gusting over 60 miles per hour, pushed a wall of dust through Silverton Monday night dumping .50 of an inch of rain and causing some wind damage . . . The first load of wheat was brought in to Briscoe Cooperative June 8 by Evert Williams and W. E. Montgomery of the Antelope community . . . Johnny Cagle buried here June 5 . . . Dick Cogdell was admitted to Swisher Memorial Hospital Friday after being dragged and kicked by his horse while roping at Walter Arnold's ranch . . . Alvie Francis had back surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olos Chitty will be honored Sunday at a reception celebrating their golden wedding anniversary . . . Engagement of Virginia Sue Day, Brit Parker is announced . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike Juarez are parents of a son, Michael Dewayne . . . Students from Silverton making the honor list at Texas Tech for the spring semester are Julia Dickerson, Mrs. Lynda Fogerson and Marshall Rauch . . .

June 15, 1967-Homecoming is planned June 16-18 by the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Members of the church are extending an invitation to their diamond jubilee celebration to former members, pastors and music directors . . . Larry Comer wins State Tractor Operator Contest on the campus of Texas A&M University June 6-7 . . . Walter Arnold wins matched steer roping at Tulia . . . Jerry Patton, who loves to hunt and fish, caught a 20", 6 3/4 pound bass below the Caprock and had entered it in the fishing rodeo being sponsored by Quitaque merchants . . . Mr. and

Mrs. Floyd Williams and Annette spent a recent weekend with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McAlister at Portales, New Mexico . . .

June 20, 1957--A. A. Howard's last rites held Friday at Methodist Church . . . Truman Loyd undergoes surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas . . . Mrs. Don Garrison, Raye and Roy and Miss Kay Garrison were in Amarillo last Friday. Mrs. Carl Gauntt and Mickey returned home with her mother, Mrs. Garrison, for the weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Arnold and Lois were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal, Eldon and Klela . . . Miss Ina Lou Grabbe has arrived home from Pasadena, California, where she has been a student at Ambassador College for the past term . . . Lem Weaver cut wheat crop at Brice June 14 . . . Miss Nancy Black, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Black, has returned home for the summer. She is a student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar are parents of a son, Kelley Lee . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb were in Wichita Falls Monday and Tuesday where they met Karen and Taylor Webb and Tracy Hall who have come to spend an extended visit with their grandparents, the Webbs .

June 12, 1947-First of county's 1947 wheat crop is harvested Tuesday morning . . . Rev. Grady Adcock is new pastor of Methodist Church . . . The proud owners of the new shiny-looking airplane which has been seen whizzing around over Silverton this week are Mr. and Mrs. Theron Crass . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown are parents of a daughter, Rita Gayle . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens are parents of a daughter, Donna Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox are parents of a daughter, Latreca Lorene . . . Mary Tom Bomar is ill in a Plainview hospital suffering from bronchial pneumonia . . . While enroute to the Rock Creek Station yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Seay had the misfortune of having their 1937 Chevrolet turn upside down, probably caused when their car started skidding in loose dirt. Mr. and Mrs. Seay were approaching the Rock Creek Station from the south on the new highway . . . Carl Tidwell, who left Saturday for Austin where he will attend Lone Star Boy's State, entertained a group of friends Thursday with a skating party at the Vets Hall . . . Mrs. Bob McDaniel, Linda Beth and Wanda Sue returned home Tuesday after visiting with their husband and father, Bob McDaniel, who is working in the harvest near Vernon . . . Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Jasper were Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nance and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Graves and family, Lone Star; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pool and family of Trinidad, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scarborough and family, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs.

Dick Garvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance and Loyd Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper, all of Silverton . . .

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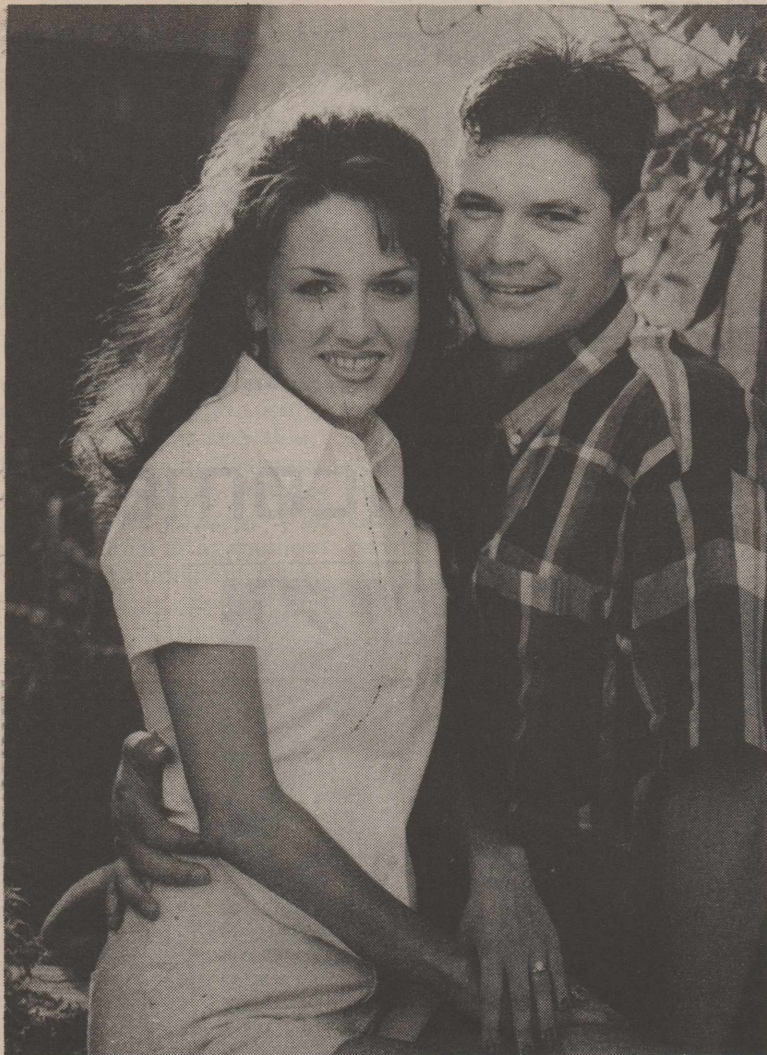
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Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Guin of Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Yearwood of Georgetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Susan Yearwood, to Curtis Clayburn Garrison, both of Stephenville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Schuesler of Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Garner Garrison of Johnson, Kansas. The bride-elect received a B.S. in home economics education at Tarleton State University and is employed by Stephenville Independent School District. The prospective bridegroom attended Tarleton State University and is self-employed. They plan to marry at 7:30 p.m. August 2 at Cana Baptist Church in Burleson.

Moving Kids Safely is Summer Challenge in Car

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent
School is out and vacation



My Gosh,
Grandma--
I can't believe
you're 50!

Love, Allen

plans are being made. Kids will be moving about with parents and caregivers. This is a good time to review safety steps.

Remember that kids are fragile and proper safety precautions need to be taken. Statistical information from 1995, the most current year, tells us that more than 390,000 children under the age of 16 were injured and at least another 3,300 were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. An estimated 200 lives could have been saved had the children been properly secured in child safety seats.

More than one-third of the bicyclists killed were ages 10 through 18 and 90 children ages 18 and under were killed and an estimated 1,000 injured at railroad crossings. It should also be noted that life jackets would have saved the lives of approximately three dozen children who died from recreational boat drownings.

To make summertime a safer time, follow these 10 simple safety steps for kids on the move:

1. Safety belts should always be buckled, whether a child is in

a motor vehicle or on an airplane.

2. Young kids should always be properly secured in child safety seats.

3. Kids on bikes should always wear helmets.

4. Kids should stop at the curb, look left, right and left again before crossing the road. At intersections, they should pay special attention to turning vehicles.

5. Kids should never play on or near railroad tracks.

6. Kids should always wear life jackets when boating or around water.

7. Kids should always be visible when walking or biking. They should wear light, brightly-colored clothing. At night, they should wear markers that reflect light.

8. When riding on an escalator, kids should stand facing forward, always hold the handrail and never touch the sides or sit on the stairs.

9. No one, especially a child, should ever ride in the cargo area of a pickup truck.

10. Kids should never play near a subway platform edge or by the curb at a bus stop.

Many tragedies can be avoided if kids and their parent observe proper safety measures. Teach children safety: make the odds swing in their favor and give parents some peace of mind.

Silverton School Honor Roll

Sixth Six Weeks

First Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes

Second Grade--Silvia Baeza, Ami Dunn, Robert Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Third Grade--Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Fourth Grade--Brittany Perkins

Fifth Grade--Lori Griffin, Danielle Netro, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Sixth Grade--Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

Seventh Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel

Eighth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Ninth Grade--Nathan Francis, Jordan Sarchet

Tenth Grade--Lindsey Jennings, Matthew Martin, Misty Wilkinson

Eleventh Grade--Molly Brooks, Andy Bullock, Kenzie Burson, Miles Comer, Trista Davis, Shauna Kingery, Michael Reagan, Michelle Warren

Twelfth Grade--Kimmie Blazier, Billy Edwards, Brandon Sarchet

Second Semester

First Grade--Shandy Forbes, Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes

Second Grade--Silvia Baeza, Ami Dunn, Kiefer Dutton, Robert Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Third Grade--Ethan Long, Gif Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Fourth Grade--Max Comer,

Susan Netro, Brittany Perkins

Fifth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Sixth Grade--Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Jenny Young

Seventh Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel

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Ninth Grade--Nathan Francis, Jordan Sarchet

Tenth Grade--Lindsey Jennings, Matthew Martin, Misty Wilkinson

Eleventh Grade--Molly Brooks, Andy Bullock, Miles Comer, Trista Davis, Irene Gonzalez, Shauna Kingery, Michael Reagan, Michelle Warren

Twelfth Grade--Kimmie

Blazier, Billy Edwards, Brandon Sarchet, Heidi Tiffin



A mother elephant calls to her young by slapping her ears against her head.



The tail of the male fighting fish may grow longer than its body.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



BUDGET AGREEMENT GLASS IS HALF FULL

All government — indeed, every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act — is founded on compromise and barter —
Edmund Burke

The budget agreement Congress approved in May represents a classic illustration of Burke's observation. I was a less-than-enthusiastic supporter of the agreement because, like the proverbial half-empty glass, it leaves something to be desired. At the end of the negotiation process, the executive branch and members of Congress on both sides of the aisle achieved some (not all) of their objectives.

I voted for this agreement despite my reservations because, if its assumptions are correct, it will lead to balanced budget in five years. We have to keep our eye on the goal of achieving a balanced budget, and the agreement focuses on that over-arching principle.

The agreement outlines \$85 billion in net tax cuts which should include: a phased-in, \$500-per-child tax credit for families, a phase-out of income limits for IRA deductions and the creation of new IRAs that don't have tax-free deductions, but do allow tax-free withdrawals, cuts in inheritance taxes and capital gains taxes and education tax credits for college.

In addition, the following provisions were agreed to:

- An estimated \$16 billion for expanded health coverage for needy children
- \$10 billion to restore some benefits to immigrants
- Increased spending on schools and the environment
- A projected \$115 billion savings in Medicare spending to keep the program solvent for another decade

The agreement does not cut government spending as much as I would have liked. And I am committed to providing Americans with significantly more tax relief that this measure allows. But it does give us the opportunity to provide some tax relief for working families.

I suspect that I wasn't the only member of Congress who voted for this measure primarily because it offers a real chance of balancing the federal budget by the year 2002. I continue to believe that deficit spending robs this country of its life's blood, mortgaging future generations to pay for what we want to do today. Balancing the budget remains a critical necessity.

That said, Texans need to understand some pertinent facts about this budget agreement. It doesn't cut spending, it limits the growth of spending. The savings necessary to balance the budget will come largely in projected savings from reducing the growth of entitlement programs. And, most important, the books are not yet closed.

A budget resolution is a measure that sets only general targets for spending and revenue. It describes the size of the pie and a rough outline of how it's to be sliced. Specific tax and spending legislation remains to be written. That will be the hard part. When that process begins, my priorities will remain the same: a child tax credit, significant capital gains tax cuts, expansion of IRAS and the eventual elimination of the death tax. This budget gives us an opening to pursue those objectives.



ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry*

Mac

Nearly 57% of Those Who Pay Capital Gains Taxes Make Less than \$50,000 a Year

If there's one tax that's misunderstood in America, it's got to be the capital gains tax.

Most people think it's a tax on the wealthy. But when you look at who really pays capital gains taxes, it quickly becomes apparent that it's not.

Nearly 57 percent of those who pay capital gains taxes make less than \$50,000 a year. These are people who are selling a home or small business, or parents who have to sell some of their shares in a mutual fund to help put their child through school. These are the people who are affected by capital gains taxes, and these are the people who'll be helped by reducing the capital gains tax.

But it's not just working Americans who will benefit from such a reduction. The economy as a whole will also stand to win. This week, the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and I will

release a report which shows that reducing the capital gains tax would increase the Gross Domestic Product by \$51 billion dollars each year; create 500,000 new jobs by the year 2000; and, increase business spending by an average of \$18 billion dollars annually.

The study will also show that because the United States taxes capital gains at a higher rate than its major foreign competitors, reducing the capital gains tax will help American businesses compete around the globe.

Fortunately, some relief is in sight. In the next few days, the Ways and Means Committee is expected to announce that capital gains taxes will be reduced as part of the balanced budget agreement. Coupled with a family tax credit and some relief from inheritance taxes, these tax cuts will serve to not only boost the economy, but help working families and businesses as well.

Expanding the Health Care Options for Military Retirees and Their Families

For over 40 years, the federal government has been telling young Americans that if they signed up for military service to our country, health care would be provided to them for the rest of their lives.

Until recently, that was a commitment the government could easily keep. But with the military downsizing and the number of military retirees continuing to rise, there's now not enough space or personnel to handle all the demand. While we all understand things are changing, the fact remains that the government gave its word and must keep it.

I introduced legislation this past week to try to solve this problem by expanding the health care options available to military retirees. Among

other things, my bill would give retirees over the age of 65 the option of continuing to receive care in military facilities, or of joining the same health care plan which covers federal employees. It also would require improvements in health care for retirees younger than 65.

This bill isn't perfect -- it doesn't provide completely free health care to all retirees. But I believe it is a step in the right direction, and will make a real difference for military retirees. It's also something that will help keep our national defense strong.

After all, in order to get and keep top quality people in the military, not only do we have to provide them with appropriate benefits, but they have to know that the government will keep its word.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC, 20515.

Get off it. Exercise.

Happy Birthday--

June 12--Harold Edwards, Elsa Ramirez, Dona Smith, Jimmy Burson, Gary Younger, Cayden Dale Mayfield

June 13--Carolyn Kitchens, Seymour Brannon

June 14--Margie Braddock, Wayne Reed, Betty Stephens, Eddie Baker, Casey Manning

June 15--Tara Renee Perkins, Bonnie Watters, Colter Gilmore

June 16--Kathy Woodard, Bradley Brunson, Blythe McPherson, Amanda Stephens, Bob Hutsell, Brent Grabbe, Dale McWaters, Angie Castillo

June 17--Van Martin, Loretta Gamble, Rita Hartman, Courtney Gail Marrs

June 18--Lexie McCutchen, Will Hill, Bradley Davis, Tonya Baird, Aida Ramirez

Happy Anniversary--

June 12--Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rowell
June 16--Mr. and Mrs. Rick Minyard

An elephant herd may wander over an area of about 390 square miles.



West Point, NY has served as the U.S. Military Academy since 1802.

WEATHER

JUNE 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	76	55	
2	86	55	
3	81	58	
4	81	58	
5	81	58	
6	77	57	
7	76	60	.31
8	75	56	.92
9	64	55	.37
10	79	55	.08
Total June Precip.			1.68
Normal June Precip.			3.78
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			14.38
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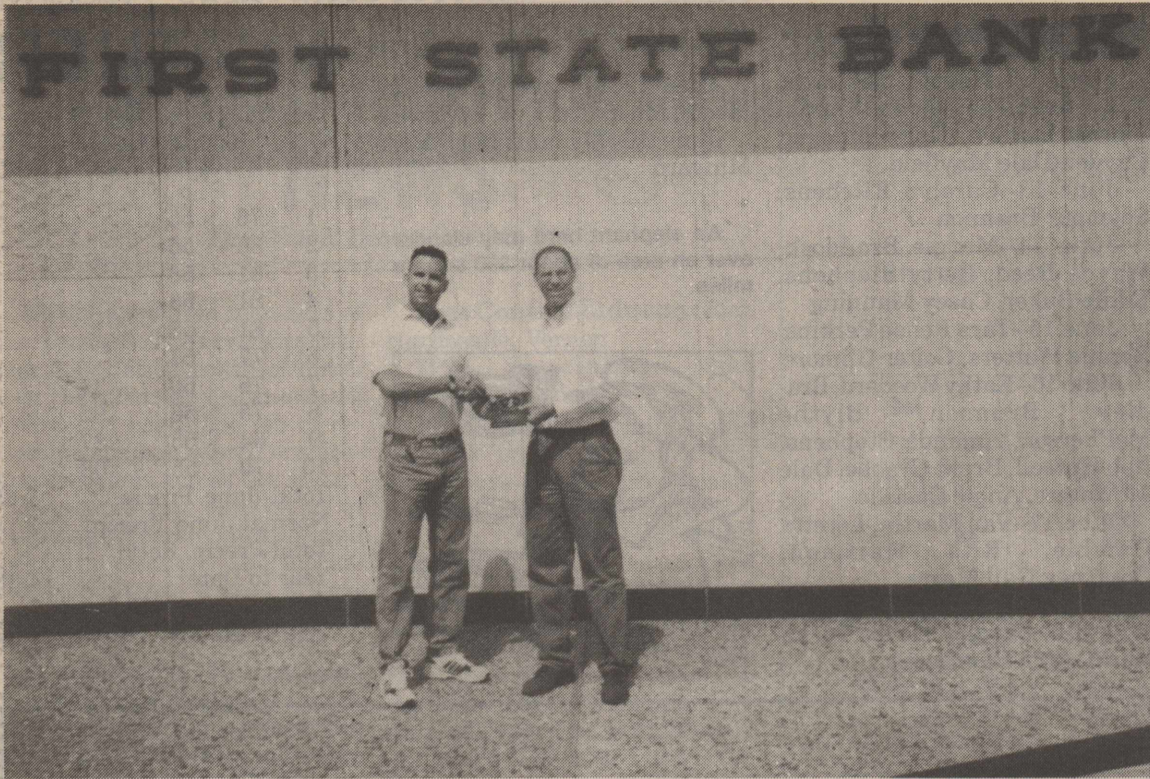
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Peter Buchholz (right), executive with Haynes Boy Scout District, presented a "Friend of Scouting" award to First State Bank which was accepted by Morris Wilcox Tuesday of last week.
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Consumers Urged to Use Caution With Their Credit Card Capital

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

If you are interested in starting a home-based business, gaining the necessary funding to begin can be a challenge. Banks are usually unwilling to make loans to individuals for business start-up due to the high risk of failure and loss on loans. The reason is that smaller businesses are believed to be a more risky investment for traditional

lenders, such as banks, than larger business ventures.

Some people use credit cards as a source of alternative funding, to generate a quick source of capital for their new businesses. Credit card capital should only be used when no other source can be secured. It should be used with extreme caution. Make certain that you can exercise strict self-control in the use of credit cards as sources of money. Remember that you

are personally liable for the debt and that cash advances on credit cards often cost more because of higher interest rates or fees associated with cash advances.

The credit card should only be considered as a temporary funding source. Most credit cards require payment within 30 days. Otherwise high interest rates on unpaid balances after the 30-day period can cost more than you had planned. Currently, credit card interest rates are very competitive. Shop around for low interest cards. Replace the credit card loan as soon as possible with a conventional bank loan or other lower interest loan. Use the credit card only to fill a short-term need, not to fund the entire initial start-up of your business. You should have enough cash from other resources before you begin your business without relying on credit card financing.

In a recent study of small businesses seeking alternative sources of start-up capital, only a small percentage used credit cards. However, the more difficulty encountered in raising capital the higher the percentage of use of non-traditional capital, such as credit cards. More new businesses in smaller communities with a population below 25,000 relied on personal savings for obtaining cash for the business. Entrepreneurs needing smaller amounts of money to start the business also tended to use more non-traditional sources of funding.

Use of personal resources, such as a family savings account, can also be risky for the new owner. Making yourself "credit worthy" is a positive step to take before seeking a loan for your business. Using a credit card to gain access to money for the business should be a last resort. And when used, should be paid off within the 30-day payment period to avoid additional costs.

Check Your Credit Load

How can you know if your credit load is within your ability to repay? First, list all loans and creditors you owe except for your home mortgage. List the balance due and the payments due each month for each source of credit. Now, add up the total of your monthly payments. The following calculations can help you look at your credit load before making another credit commitment.

Multiply your monthly net income by .20. Your monthly credit payments, not including a home mortgage, should not exceed this amount. While 20% of your net monthly income is a good rule of thumb, 15% is considered manageable for most people.

Another check is to see if you could pay off your debts in two or three years using only 10% of your net income. Add up all your credit balances, excluding your home mortgage. Divide your total debt by 10% of your net annual income. The answer tells you how many years it would take for you to repay your debts using only 10% of your after-tax income.

If the answer is less than two, consider the other costs and benefits of adding to your credit commitments. If the answer is between two and three, you will probably be able to get the loan, but an emergency or change in income could put you at risk. If the answer is more than three, stop and start working on ways to increase your loan payments and reduce your credit balance.

Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Younger, Harold Storie, Virgil Kidwell, Jerry Baird, Guinn Fitzgerald, Bob Ham, O. R. Stark, Keith Green, Anthony Kingery and Dale McWaters.

The family requested that memorials be in the form of donations to the Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

MARY G. BURSON

Funeral services for Mary Garrison Burson, 81, who died Wednesday, June 4, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel in Plainview with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burson was born and reared in Quitaque. She was graduated from Quitaque High School and attended Texas Tech University. She married Keltz Garrison in 1936 at Quitaque. They moved to Silverton and later lived in Post, Jayton, Farwell and Crosbyton. They operated Garrison Hardware and Furniture in Crosbyton.

They moved to Plainview in 1955 and owned and operated Garrison Furniture and Appliance until 1969, when they purchased Plainview Credit Bureau. They operated it until 1974. Mr. Garrison died in 1984.

She married Max Burson in 1987 at Plainview.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, the Plainview Women's Forum, the Plainview Travel Study Club and the Knife and Fork Club.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Ray Garrison of Irving and Chip Garrison of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Beverly Eggert of Sugarland; a stepson, Erral Gentry of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two brothers, E. J. Hamilton and Norman Hamilton, both of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

D. R. (SPUD) TIFFIN

Services for Doyle Ray (Spud) Tiffin, 60, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Donald Ledbetter.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Tiffin died Saturday, June 7, in Tulia.

He was a lifetime resident of Briscoe County, having been born here January 5, 1937. He attended Silverton Schools and married Betty Nan Tomlin on June 10, 1955, in Silverton. He was a farmer and gin owner. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bruce Tiffin of Canyon and Jeff Tiffin of Plainview; his mother, Vivian Tiffin of Silverton; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Duane Reynolds, Bud Couch, Bennie Brown, Harold Edwards, Larry Don Price, Wayne Reed, Joe Brannon and Jimmy Davidson.

Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Younger, Harold Storie, Virgil Kidwell, Jerry Baird, Guinn Fitzgerald, Bob Ham, O. R. Stark, Keith Green, Anthony Kingery and Dale McWaters.

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Summer Campaign Focuses on Work Zone Safety

For most Texans the most dangerous part of their jobs is the commute to work. For highway maintenance and construction workers, the roadways are their offices, and this summer, they're concentrating on making their work places safer.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has kicked off a new public and internal information campaign called "123 Days of Summer" to put highway safety out front this season. The program's goals are to increase employee awareness of work zone safety practices, prevent on-the-job accidents and educate the public about the dangers road crews face. It runs through August.

"Summer is probably our busiest time since we can accomplish a lot of roadway maintenance and construction during the warmer, drier months. That's also the time more Texans are out on the roadways traveling. What we want is safer roadways for motorists and our workers," said Jerral Wyer, safety and industrial hygiene section director with TxDOT's Occupational Safety Division.

Each year between May and August, on-the-job accidents and injuries at TxDOT increase significantly. In fact, eight of TxDOT's last 10 on-the-job fatalities occurred during the summer. In 1995, more than 100 Texans died in work-zone accidents, most of which could have been prevented. More than 19 percent were caused by drivers either speeding or driving too fast for conditions.

The campaign has two parts: one designed for TxDOT employees, and the second for its external customers--highway drivers. For TxDOT employees, the added emphasis on safety begins before they hit the highways. Each workday will begin with a safety briefing where TxDOT workers will receive additional information on accident prevention and the safe handling of hazardous materials.

But for all its internal measures to keep its employees safe, TxDOT must rely on the public to help. Last May, TxDOT began its companion safety campaign called "Give Us a Brake" to emphasize the need for motorists to obey posted speed limits and pay attention when driving through work zones.

"Work zone safety is really very easy to accomplish. It's just a matter of reminding people of some very simple rules like watching and observing speed zones in work areas. Too many work-zone accidents are caused by motorists driving too fast for conditions," Wyer said. Some other rules of the road motorists need to remember:

- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Most accidents in work zones involve rear-end collisions.

- Stay alert. Pay attention to construction workers and equipment in the work zone areas.

- Be patient. Traffic delays in work zones are often unavoidable while improvements are being made to Texas roads. Patience can prevent accidents.

"Of course, safety awareness isn't just limited to the summer. It's a year-round effort to make our workers and motorists safe on Texas highways," Wyer said.

Check Your Earnings With Social Security

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Do you know how much you have credited to your Social Security record? Do you know for sure whether the second job you held for five years is reflected in your Social Security records, or the farmer you worked for during a summer 20 years ago reported your wages to Social Security?

If the system works as it is supposed to, you're okay--that is, if all your employers reported your wages to Social Security correctly (with your correct name and Social Security number) over the years and paid taxes on the earnings. But Murphy's Law may operate--"If something can go wrong, it will"--and it would be to your advantage to check your earnings in your Social Security record now and then.

If you change jobs frequently, have a difficult name to spell, or have held more than one job at the same time, you increase the risk of an error in your earnings record. Social Security catches most of the errors, but you should not take a chance that we miss yours.

Arnold Morris of Grand Prairie and his sister and brother-in-law, Gretchen and Kenneth Martin of Dothan, Alabama, visited in Silvertown Monday. They didn't see as many as they would have liked, but asked that they be remembered to everyone.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Because of the severe shortage of personnel, the Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service has made application with the Texas Department of Health for a variance.

There will be a public meeting at the First State Bank Pioneer Room on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. At that time there will be a representative from the Texas Department of Health to hear public comment. All interested people are asked to attend in that this will have a direct impact on the availability of emergency care to Silvertown and the surrounding area. 21-6tnc



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Newly-appointed members of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board of directors met Tuesday, June 3, in Abilene to begin the job of re-starting the boll weevil eradication programs across the state.

The meeting consisted of swearing-in ceremonies as well as officer elections and discussions about the status of currently-operating eradication efforts.

In addition to the discussion of operative programs, discussion also was started concerning plans for a referendum to be held in the newly-created Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone.

Information received by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. indicates that the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone (SHP/C) Advisory Committee is being appointed by the Texas Department of Agriculture at this time. It also is understood that the SHP/C Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet June 10, 1997 in Lamesa.

Newly-appointed members of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board of directors, with current officers listed first, are:

Rolling Plains-Central: Woody Anderson, Colorado City, chairman

Southern Rolling Plains: Kenny Gully, Eola, vice chairman

South Texas-Winter Garden: Tryne Mengers, Tynan, secretary

Ag Lender: Mike Wright, Wolfforth, treasurer

Northern High Plains: Jesse Pinkerton, Plainview

Southern High Plains/Caprock: Jim Brown, Midland

Northern Rolling Plains: John Inman, Childress

St. Lawrence: Carey Niehues, Garden City

Blacklands: Donald Stolte, Taylor

Trans-Pecos: Larry Turnbough, Balmorhea

Allied Industry: Craig Shook, Corpus Christi

Allied Industry: Tommy Chapman, Wall

Pest Control Industry: Rick Hardcastle, Vernon

IPM Specialist: Mike McHugh, Uvalde

All of the currently-appointed TBWEF board members will stand for re-election as referenda are conducted in each zone.

The 1997 Upland Cotton Loan Schedule was released April 9, 1997 with slightly larger discounts throughout the schedule. Base Loan rates for locations on the Texas High Plains also were reduced five points to 51.70 cents per pound. The 1996 Loan Rate, Basis Lubbock warehouse was 51.75 cents.

Anyone who would like a copy of the 1997 Upland Cotton Loan Chart with loan values figured to Lubbock warehouse locations can request one from the Plains Cotton Growers office. PCG's telephone number is 806-792-4904.

A side-by-side comparison of the 1996 and 1997 Loan sheets for qualities Color 41/Leaf 4 and higher illustrates the changes.

Asian Ambrosia Beetle is Here

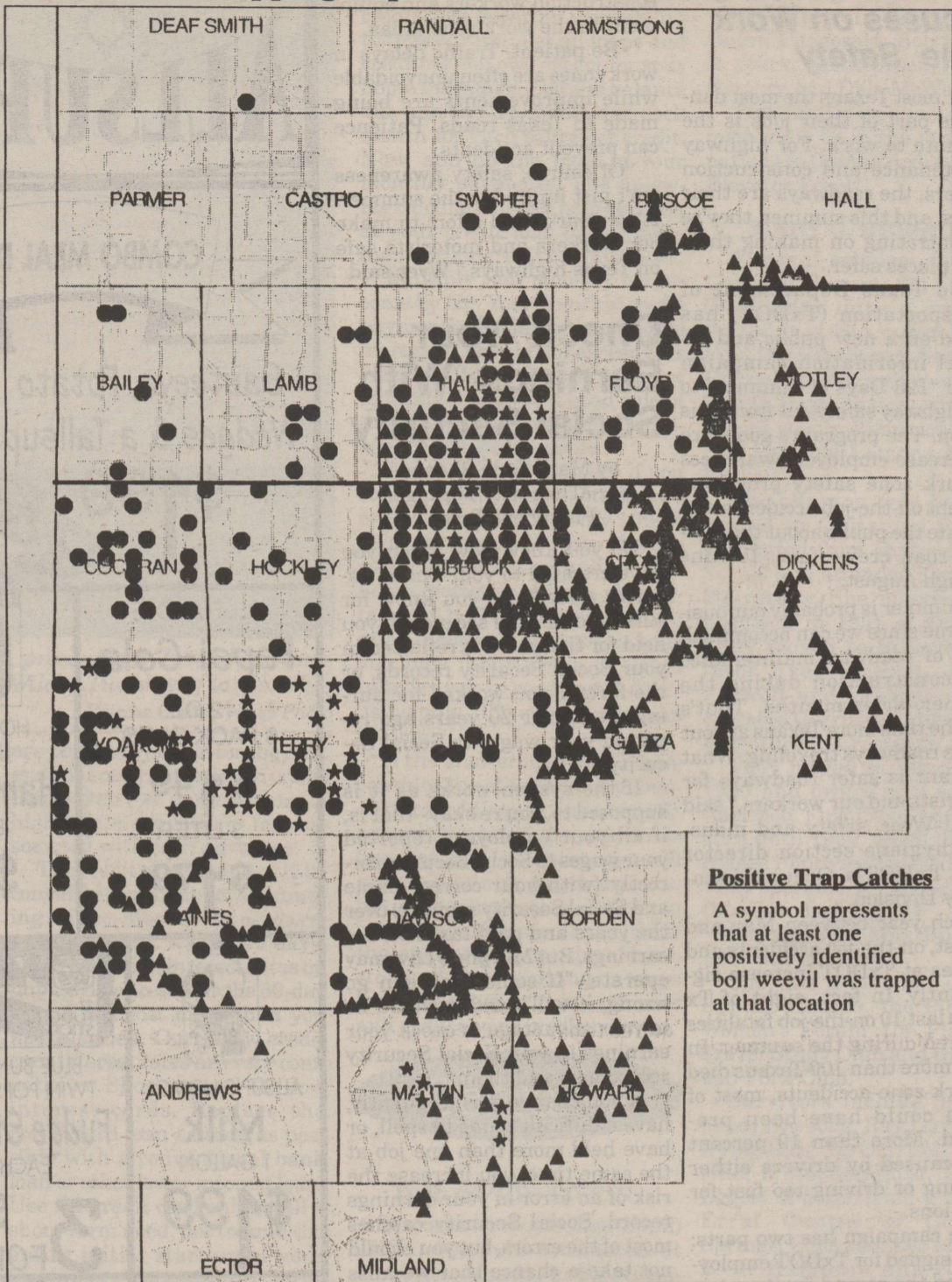
A tiny insect is boring an increasingly bigger hole in the Texas tree population. It seems to be progressing even faster this year. And entomologists are at a loss for how to stop the Asian Ambrosia Beetle.

It is about the size of a pencil tip and you probably will not notice it until it is deep inside the tree and impossible to reach. Mild winters and wet springs make an ideal environment. The Asian Ambrosia Beetle appeared in Texas a decade ago and now infests the eastern half of the state.

Extension Entomologist Dr. James Robinson says ironically, it's not the insect that kills the tree. It's the fungi she carries with her. She grows the fungi to feed her young. As the fungi grows, it clogs up the vascular system of the tree. Water and

Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997

Week 24 (06/02/97 thru 06/06/97)



Positive Trap Catches

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- ▲ Plains Cotton Growers Trap

Data collected by AgriPartners Program of Texas Ag Extension Service, Independent Crop Consultants, individual cotton producers, and PCG Boll Weevil Control Program.

Map prepared by Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Control Office

nutrients can't reach plant cells and the tree wilts and dies.

The way you tell if a tree has Ambrosia Beetles is to look for lines of sawdust and tree sap kicked out by the burrowing insect.

Robinson likens them to white toothpicks. He says the Asian Ambrosia Beetle strikes more

than 100 species of trees including pecan, peach, plum and pear. Young trees usually are the target.

Robinson says if a tree is infested, it's best to destroy it and spray Dursban or Diazinon on your other trees to try to keep the beetles away from them.

For more information, contact

Briscoe County Agricultural Extension Agent Pammy Millican.

Bagging Those Bagworms

Those little sacks that grow on junipers and some other trees aren't as harmless as they look. They're bagworms and they will kill your trees. Bagworms feed mainly on evergreens and form little pine cone-like cocoons where they lay eggs.

Extension Entomologist Dr. James Robinson says the worms can literally eat a tree. Their damage is more noticeable in the uppermost parts of trees and shrubs.

Robinson says if you had an infestation last year, you're likely to have another one this year. He says there are sprays that will kill the bagworms, but they may not be effective because the bags are difficult to penetrate; therefore, handpicking may be the best means of removing bagworms.

Base Loan Rates at Lubbock Warehouse Locations: 1996 Basis = 51.75 cents/pound; 1997 Basis = 51.70 cents / pound

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Let's discuss some things about cloud seeding that have recently been said in The Herald and the Cross Section (publication of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1).

In the water district's March meetings to inform the public about precipitation enhancement and to hear public comment, Water District Manager Wayne Wyatt reported that 96 percent of the attendance at those meetings indicated support for their cloud seeding program.

I attended the Plainview meeting with about 13 other people that included Mr. Wyatt and his crew of several people. Myself and two other people were very much opposed to cloud seeding.

I believe there were about twenty people at the Littlefield meeting, again counting Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Bomar and their folks. I do not know the number of approvals or objections.

In the Hereford meeting, I believe there was one person, other than the Wyatt-Bomar people. This one person opposed cloud seeding.

If these meetings were typical of the attendance, how many live bodies do you think 96 percent represents as approving cloud seeding?

I challenge your readers to insist that Mr. Wyatt tell us exactly the number of people at these meetings and exactly how many supported cloud seeding.

Citizens For Natural Weather has about 150 signatures or individual statements from the Plainview area opposing cloud seeding. I believe if everyone in the water district who opposes cloud seeding would respond we could count many more votes to leave the clouds alone.

These weather modification promoters are using the same tactics they used years ago when Citizens For Natural Weather were trying to stop them. After three elections it was very apparent that a huge majority of residents of the area opposed cloud seeding.

These cloud seeding people put their intent announcement in the Lubbock and Amarillo papers. Most Plainview and surrounding towns missed reading it. We filed a protest and they said we were one day too late.

We have other objections--but they say our objections are not legitimate. Briscoe County (downwind of the project) has tremendous opposition. Cloud seeders say these folks are not qualified to oppose.

They say the program will not cost anything as the water district is going to pay for the cloud seeding this year. Where did the water district get their money--almost a half million dollars? Who pays next year? Do you need more than one guess?

According to a report in the Herald, I believe they are saying our water district taxes can be

Summertime Tips From Social Security

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Are you a student in search of a summer job? Or, will you be graduating in June and looking for your first job? If so, here are several things you should know about Social Security.

First of all, you need a Social Security number--it's one of the first things your prospective employer will request from you. You should take your Social Security card with you when you apply for work. If you don't have a number, or lost your card, call Social Security's toll free number, 1-800-772-1213, and you can get one within two weeks of completing the application process.

Secondly, while Social Security tax is automatically deducted from your earnings in most jobs, some types of jobs require special reporting. These include jobs where you earn tips, jobs where you work around someone's house, and jobs on a farm. And if your job is self-employment, where you are your own boss, there are other rules for reporting your earnings to Social Security.

If you work at a job where you make \$20 or more per month in cash tips, the income is covered by Social Security. That means you and your employer are required to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes on the income. And reporting tips and other income now will mean more Social Security benefits for you and your family later when you retire, or if you become disabled or die.

If you get a job doing farm work, the farmer will need to pay you at least \$150 a year for work to be counted for Social Security purposes. Your employer should be taking money out of your wages each time you get paid and sending it to the federal government to cover your Social Security taxes.

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increased without a vote by district citizens.

I agree that a timely rain is very valuable. But when a cloud is seeded to induce rain in one area, what effect does that have downwind?

I am about as downwind of this cloud seeding experiment as I can get. Until you have more knowledge and expertise, just leave the clouds alone.

A person told me cloud seeding is successful in Israel? Fine, go to Israel and seed all you want to.

Sincerely,
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- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the Appraisal District that adversely affected you.

INFORMAL REVIEW

If you have questions or concerns about your taxable property or exemptions, etc., you can have an informal review with the Chief Appraiser, Carlye Fleming, or any of the Appraisal District staff at 806-823-2161; or you can come to the office in the Courthouse basement, 415 Main Street, in Silverton.

REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the Appraisal District staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the Appraisal District to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the Appraisal District representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal District office at 415 Main Street, Silverton, TX (Courthouse basement).

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the Appraisal District has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the Chief Appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your Briscoe County Appraisal District, 415 Main Street, Silverton, TX 79257. The telephone number is 806-823-2161. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P. O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests

with the ARB*

USUAL DEADLINE

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves records for the year. Contact your Appraisal District for more information.

SPECIAL DEADLINES

For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Tick and Flea Season Expected To Be a Bad One After Spring Rains

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

Some say death and taxes are the only constants in life, but after our wet spring, most Texans would add insects to the list. Two of our worst adversaries are fleas and ticks. Luckily, pet owners can successfully defend themselves with a little work, some old standby treatments and a couple of new weapons now available.

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist, said the best flea and tick control strategy is an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program involving treatment and management of animals and their surroundings.

"A good IPM program uses ev-

ery available tool to control the problem while being easy on you, your pet, and the environment," said Sansone.

The first step in a successful IPM program is knowing your enemy. Ticks go through four stages: egg, six-legged larva, one or more eight-legged nymph and adult. Hard ticks usually mate on the host (your pet). The female drops to the ground and lays 3,000 to 6,000 eggs that hatch into larvae or "seed ticks." These collect in large numbers on nearby vegetation and wait to pounce on your pet.

"After engorging on your pet's blood, the larvae drop to the ground, shed their skin or "molt",

and emerge as nymphs. Nymphs complete the same cycle as do the larvae, but once they molt, they emerge as adults. Adults start the process again. The entire life cycle takes from two months to two years depending on the tick species," he explained.

Sansone said the flea also has four developmental stages: egg, larvae, pupae and adult. The egg is whitish and about 1/32 inch long. "Flea eggs fall off your pet soon after they're laid, usually in your dog or cat's preferred resting place; your couch, for instance," said Sansone. "They hatch into larvae in two or three days. The larvae feed mainly on undigested blood voided by adult fleas before entering the pupal stage. Pupae are found in silken cocoons usually covered with sand, dust or organic debris. The pupal stage is highly resistant to any chemical treatment, because of the covering.

"Adults emerge from the pupal stage in seven to 14 days under good conditions; however, without food, the flea may stay in the pupal stage as long as six weeks. The flea's entire life cycle can be completed in three to four weeks under optimum conditions. Your house provides optimum conditions as do cool, damp areas outdoors. This is where treatments should be concentrated."

Sansone said fleas and ticks are perennial problems in Texas homes. He said there is more than enough protection around our houses for them to survive our coldest winters. Our long growing season gives them ample time to multiply. Because of the long season, pet owners should realize that flea and tick control is a year-around business. If pet owners tackle the problem now, fleas and ticks can be kept to a minimum.

"Flea and tick control must include treatment of the pet and the home, inside and out," said Sansone. "Pet owners are somewhat limited on outdoor tick control options. Products including bendiocarb (Ficam), diazinon, carbaryl (Sevin) and chlorpyrifos (Dursban) are all good when applied properly. Remember, all these products are nerve poisons, capable of affecting not only ticks, but if used improperly, you and your pet as well. Always read and follow label directions, exactly."

According to Sansone, organic outdoor tick control is extremely difficult, because no available, naturally-occurring products provide good residual control. Pyrethrums, made from chrysanthemums, offer the best control but are limited. On the animal, owners now have a number of reasonably safe choices. "One new product is Frontline, sold by veterinarians," said Sansone. "It's active ingredient is fipronil, a nerve poison that is relatively safe on dogs and cats. Frontline gives up to 80 days control of ticks in tests and also gives good flea control although residual effect is not as long on fleas. Other new products such as Bio-spot, con-

Public Meeting Held on Buffalo Herd Placement

Around fifty people were in attendance at the public meeting with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials about the placement of the JA buffalo herd next year. Plans are to meet with groups at all three locations that are being considered for the herd. Much interest was shown for the placement of the herd at Caprock Canyons State Park in the meeting at the Quitaque Community Center.

Members of the Caprock Canyons Partners Foundation presented statements to the officials with favorable reasons for placing the bison herd at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Short term goals were presented to the group. The bison herd must be housed on Texas Parks and Wildlife land; safety for the public; park personnel management and safety; ecosystem management; local community involvement in the project

taining pyrethroids, are available over the counter, but their residual is not as long as Frontline."

Flea control takes perseverance, according to the entomologist. Dedicated vacuuming of a pet's environment and bedding can remove flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Flea traps and combs can reduce populations.

Sansone said there are times when a pesticide is necessary, especially when populations reach high levels. As in tick control, the best flea control occurs when the pet and house, inside and out, are treated at the same time.

Pet owners have two relatively new choices for fleas on their animals, said Sansone.

Indoor flea control must be done cautiously. Sansone said to first mop, vacuum and dust thoroughly. In severe cases, discard the vacuum bag since larvae continue to develop inside the bag. Aerosol sprays should contain insecticides. Before using an insect control, Sansone stresses the need for reading and following label instructions.

"Good flea and tick control is now possible with some of the new products," said Sansone. "Products like Frontline and Program can give long control with little effort. Pet owners must be sure to use a growth regulator like methoprene or pyriproxygen on fleas. The single most important tip is to start early before the insects build high populations."

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and public access to view the herd.

Among the long term goals were the protection of the purebred bison as the keystone species in prairie ecosystems; and the raising of bison to move to other state property.

Needed for the purpose of handling the herd are a holding pasture of 200 to 400 acres; five one-acre sites for isolation pens and a working pen to hold 100 head at a time.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hopes to have made their decision where the buffalo will go by June 16 and to have the holding pen finished by August 1.

Geoffrey Hulse commented that if the herd was placed in the Caprock Canyons State Park it would be so placed that it would not take away any of the existing trails for hiking, biking or horseback riding.

It was stated that the public may help by supplying labor, materials, services and financial help to get the project off the ground.

"Thoughts now are to weed out the impure of the breed and sell them to help support the purebred animals," said Ron George, Deputy Director of the Wildlife Department in Austin, who chaired the meeting with Roy Welch of Waco presenting a slide show with the qualifications required in placing the herd.

The number one concern of both the Parks and Wildlife personnel and those attending the meeting seemed to be the safety of the public. Plans are to have the bison contained in an area where they will be in full view for the public to see but not come in contact with them.

The herd will be fully checked for TB and Bangs disease.

Gary Pitner of Amarillo stated that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, which represents the 26 counties of the Panhandle, would like to give their support to having the herd come to the Caprock Canyons State Park.

Briscoe County Attorney Bill Smith stated that he felt that the herd coming to the Caprock Canyons State Park would have a good economic impact on the area as tourists arrive to view the herd.

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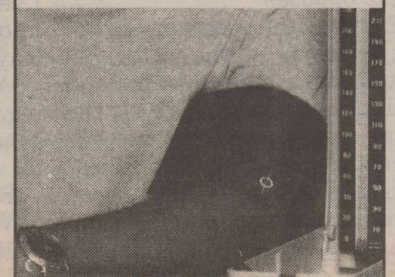


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WHEN FRIENDS COME TO VISIT

It seems that whenever we have company coming to visit, we always try to put our best foot forward. If our guests are planning on staying for a few days, we may stock up our refrigerator and try to plan meals and entertainment for them to make their stay more enjoyable. This is good and it shows our guests that we care for them and are pleased to have them visit. After our company arrives, we should focus on them and not be overly concerned with keeping everything neat and orderly. Of course, certain things have to be done, such as preparing meals and washing dishes; however, those things not requiring immediate attention can wait until later. In the Bible, two sisters, Martha and Mary received a visit from our Lord, Jesus. Martha was always concerned with taking care of the household chores, while Mary directed her attention to Jesus. When Martha complained to Jesus that Mary wasn't helping with the chores, Jesus said that Mary had chosen the right thing. We should enjoy our company; our chores will always be there.



The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing..."

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Asian Hot-and-Sour Soup

See-Suan-Tong (China)

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| 8 cups low-sodium chicken broth | 1/2 pound firm reduced-fat tofu, cut into strips |
| 1/4 cup cornstarch | 1 cup white vinegar or to taste |
| 3 tablespoons water | 1 tablespoon black pepper or to taste (freshly ground preferred) |
| 1 cup thinly sliced green cabbage or bok choy (about 3 ounces) | Egg substitute equivalent to 2 eggs, or 2 eggs lightly beaten |
| 1 cup sliced fresh shiitake, cloud ear, or other mushrooms | 2 teaspoons fragrant toasted sesame oil |
| 1/2 cup sliced green onions (about 6) | |
| 2 tablespoons light soy sauce | |
| 2 tablespoons minced fresh gingerroot | |

Bring the broth to a boil in a large stockpot over high heat. Meanwhile, place cornstarch in a small bowl. Stir in water. Set aside. Add the cabbage, mushrooms, green onions, soy sauce, and gingerroot to the boiling broth. When the broth mixture returns to a boil, stir in the cornstarch-water mixture. Let the mixture boil for about 3 minutes. Add the tofu strips, vinegar, and pepper. Taste and add more pepper or vinegar if desired. Reduce heat to a simmer. Slowly drizzle the egg substitute into the simmering soup, stirring gently. Remove from the heat, stir in the sesame oil, and serve. Serves 8; 1 cup per serving

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