



Did you ever think you would read in the newspaper that your local city and school elections had been cancelled?

Well, believe it now.

According to Texas Election Laws (Sec. 2.052 Election Code) if each candidate who files for election is unopposed on the ballot, the election may be cancelled.

By ordinance and certification, the unopposed candidates will be declared duly elected at the next meeting of the governing body.

In Silverton's case, the candidates who signed up for the City General Election were the incumbents, Flute Hutsell, Dwain Henderson and Charles Sarchet. Since there are three places to be filled, they will be considered duly elected.

In the case of Silverton ISD, there were two places on the board of trustees to be filled and the incumbents, Penny Carpenter and Dewey Estes, were the only ones who signed up as candidates. Under the new law, they will be declared elected if no write-in candidates declare themselves with Board Secretary Penny Carpenter before 5:00 p.m. today (Thursday).

There will be no city elections held in Quitaque or Turkey, but the Valley School will be having its trustee election.

There's no place but the Panhandle of Texas where this could happen. Last Saturday, Silverton's high school tennis team played a tournament at Memphis in the worst imaginable weather. Not only was it cold, with many players wearing their coats and warmups during their matches, but it was windy and the grit was sandpapering everything in sight. The wind was variable and sometimes it would decline just after a player had hit the ball and the ball would just die before it got to the net. On the other side of the coin, the junior high track team went to Miami to finish their meet that began there Friday and never got off the bus because it was raining and the remaining events were cancelled.

The courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday, but since Friday is the last day of early voting in the Democratic and Republican runoff primaries, the office of County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you plan to cast your ballot early, be sure to do so today or tomorrow.

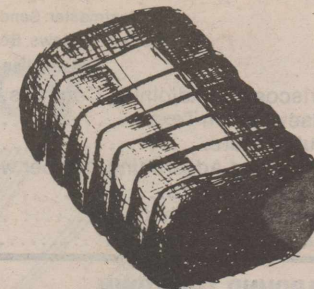
Rural burning has been banned in Hall County due to the extremely dry conditions. Penalty for violating this new ordinance is \$50 to \$1,000. Everything is so dry that everyone is urged to be

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Zack Burson and his Reserve Champion at Houston

Zack Burson Shows Reserve Breed Champion at Houston Show

On February 27, Judge Warren Beeler, a hog producer from Caneyville, Kentucky, chose Zack Burson's middleweight Spotted Poland China as the Reserve Breed Champion of the 1996 Junior Market Barrow Show in Houston.

The animal sold for \$7,500.

Zack, a third-grade student in Silverton, is the son of Bryan and Lana Burson, and is the grandson of Mary Tom Burson of Silverton and James and Wilda Fuston of Turkey. He is a member of 4-H, Scouts and plays youth basketball, in addition to raising show animals.

Judge Beeler has been judging livestock shows for 20 years and commented that the first thing he looks for in a hog is muscle, then shape through the center of the ham. "Most judges see everything the same," Beeler, a hog farmer with 950 sows, said. "The difference is how the judge prioritizes these characteristics." Judge Beeler said that Burson's barrow had tremendous body conformation, good production, and a huge chest and excellent muscle expression.

"I have anticipated judging Houston for a long time," Beeler said. "It is the biggest show in the country, and it's everything I expected and more. I may not remember the hogs, but I'll remember the kids, and how good their attitudes were at the show." Beeler said he has judged a lot of shows all over the country but he

has never seen the quality of hogs or kids that he saw in Houston.

An interesting sidelight to this story is that Zack's father, Bryan Burson, was a winner at the San Antonio Junior Livestock Show twenty years ago, on February 19, 1976. He showed a Spotted Poland China in the Market Barrow show that was chosen as first-place animal in the lightweight class and went on to become Reserve Champion of the show.

Zack's barrow was chosen for first place in the mediumweight Spotted Poland China class and went on to be named Reserve Breed Champion in the Market Barrow division of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Youth Basketball Tournery is April 20

There will be a Youth Basketball Tournament Saturday, April 20.

Games start at 9:00 a.m.

The concession stand will be serving hamburgers all day.

Closed Good Friday

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Two Favorite Groups of Caprock Jamboree Plan to Return Here Saturday, April 6

The April 6 Caprock Jamboree will highlight two groups which are favorites of Jamboree fans. They are "Country Six" from Olton and "3M's" from the Matador area. These groups always provide music which is enjoyed by those of all ages. They have won the "Band of the Month" award every time they have performed on the Jamboree stage.

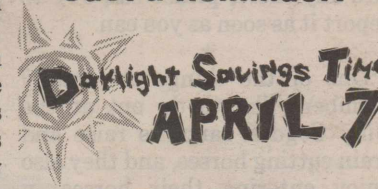
Caprock Jamboree will give away a tape and CD player during the Anniversary Show in May. Your name can be placed in the drawing for a \$1.00 donation to the Jamboree. If interested, see John Francis. You do not need to be present to win.

The Soil & Water Conservation District will be preparing the hamburger supper. Proceeds are used for awards for the youth in their conservation poster contest, etc. They will begin serving at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m.

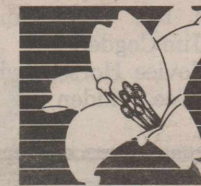
Everyone is invited, no admission fee is charged, and an evening of good family entertainment is promised. Bring a folding chair if you have one, but if you can't bring a chair, one will be provided for you.

Just a Reminder!



SPRING FORWARD!

Be sure to move your clock ahead one hour when you retire Saturday night so that your time will be correct when you arise Sunday morning. Time moves forward one hour beginning at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, April 7.

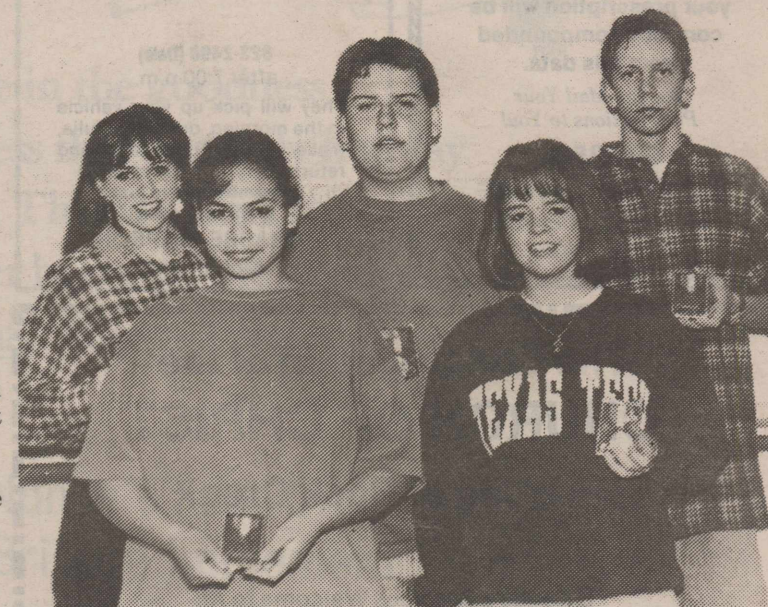


Easter Sunrise Service Planned

The Ministerial Alliance invites the community to experience the Risen Jesus.

A community Sunrise Service will take place Sunday, April 7, at 7:00 a.m. on the front steps of the United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to attend.



ONE-ACT PLAY AWARDS RECIPIENTS—Members of Silverton High School's UIL One-Act Play Cast who won awards at the Zone Contest last week were (left to right) Terri Chitwood, Maria Castillo, Billy Edwards, Lindsey Jennings and Trey Wyatt. Edwards and Miss Jennings received All-Star Cast awards, while Wyatt and Misses Chitwood and Castillo received honorable mention.

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especially careful with fire and sparks. Be sure not to throw lighted cigarette butts out car windows because lots of range fires are traced back to them. Those butts never burn, and are dead give-aways as to the cause of the fire. If you happen to spot a fire anywhere, please call 911 to report it as soon as you can.

One of the things the family members like to do out at the Billy Cogdell ranch is raise and train cutting horses, and they also enjoy entering their horses in cutting competition. Recently the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association held a two-day competition at Alford Arena with 107 entries on Saturday and 94 on Sunday. Different judges were used on the two days.

Saturday's results included:
 Non-Pro: 1st. Work Smooth, ridden by Jim Cogdell
 \$5000 Novice Horse: 3rd (tie) Teaspoon Cee, ridden by Dick Cogdell

Youth: 1st. Jack Cee owned by Rank Cogdell
 \$10,000 Amateur: 2nd Lil Peppy Rey, ridden by Toy Cogdell
 Sunday:
 Open: 1st. Work Smooth, ridden by Jim Cogdell
 Non-Pro: 1st. Work Smooth, Jim Cogdell
 \$5000 Novice Horse: 3rd (tie) Teaspoon Cee, Dick Cogdell
 \$2000 Limit Rider: 2nd (tie) Lil Peppy Rey, Toy Cogdell

Silverton Ambulance Service Hosts Annual Banquet Here

Members and their spouses of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service held their annual banquet Saturday, March 23, at the Senior Citizens Center in Silverton.

A delicious meal consisting of mesquite-grilled steaks, baked potatoes, salad and homemade rolls and desserts were enjoyed by all. The chief chef, Dale McWaters, did an outstanding job with the steaks.

After the meal, an award, which was voted by secret ballot, was presented to Janice Hill as "Ambulance Attendant of the Year" for 1995.

Attending were Rick and Bena Hester, Emilio and Nora Cruz, Anthony and Kathy Kingery, Emmett and Sandi Tomlin, Bryan and Lana Burson, Ralph and Janice Hill, Lynn and Connie

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Tulia on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Swisher County A&M Club Muster Chair John W. Vaughn '82.

The Muster activities consisting of fellowship, a catered dinner and the Muster ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Swisher County Memorial Building in Tulia, according to the chair. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students, and friends of Texas A&M.

Texas A&M is in its "Second Century of Greatness." Since 1876, Texas A&M has grown

from a small Land Grant College to one of the leading research and educational institutions in the world, now holding the distinction of sea and space grants as well.

The Muster tradition is more than 100 years old. More than 400 Musters will be held around the world this year, Vaughn said, "wherever Texas A&M former students live or work."


During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II, a Muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same, Vaughn reported. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here".

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Smith, Donald and Faye Perkins and Dale McWaters. Special guests were Physician's Assistant Joe Foust and his wife, Kathy.

A special "thank you" to the members of the Silverton Senior Citizens for allowing the group to hold its annual banquet in your facility.

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24-HOUR MARCH READINGS

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
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27	42	17	
28	50	26	
29	67	30	
30	78	40	
31	57	25	

Total Precip. in March .17
 Normal Precip. in March .93
 Total 1996 Rainfall to Date .39
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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April 3, 1986-- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance visited in Dell City with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wood and Kelli Lois last week . . . The ranch home of Walter Arnold northeast of Silverton burned last week while he was away roping in a rodeo . . . Fishing continues to improve at Lake Mackenzie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ross Estes are parents of a son, Payton Ross . . . Sally Grinland returned from Santa Rosa, California last week where she spent several days visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Ronny Vaughan and family, Justin, John, Robert and Ryan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Grady and grandson, Mikel Ryan Grady, spent a visit with Cletus and Margie Grady at Kennedy recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. McCoy are parents of a daughter, Kayla Rose . . .

April 1, 1976-- From All Around the Town: I wonder just how many pies, cakes, cookies, party sandwiches and sack lunches it takes to get a kid through school. Everytime I think of sack lunches I recall the time the dog got on the bus at McLean and was in the process of eating the junior high football players' sack lunches when he got caught. He was having a ball, eating a sandwich here and a candy bar there. But for all those who have been asking me lately, these past twelve years have been a lot of fun . . . Lake Mackenzie to open May 1 to fishing, camping, hiking and picnicking. No boating will be allowed yet because water in the lake is not up to the boat ramp . . . Sheila Wilkinson won third place in singles at the tennis tournament in Canyon. Competing in the boys division this year are David Strange and Gary Turner, Doug McJimsey and Earl Jarrett, Kyle Bean and Greg Blair, doubles; Darrell Reynolds and Kirk Durham, singles. In the girls division are Tammy Stephens and Dara Garvin, Debra Strange and Suzette Fitzgerald, doubles; Sheila Wilkinson and Donna Hale, singles . . . Mrs. James Davis elected District TFWC third vice president . . .

March 31, 1966-- Members of the Owl track team include Harvey Masey, who throws the shot and runs the 440; George Masey, who throws both the shot and discus; Monty Smith, who throws the discus and runs the 220; Hand Baird, who throws both the discus and the shot . . . Bob Stafford elected to serve as president of Jaycees for coming year. H. B. Simpson is vice president and Dyrle Maples is secretary-treasurer. New directors are Bill Wristen and David Tipton . . . The House All-Stars won second place in the Turkey Outsiders' basketball tournament Saturday night. The locals lost a close game to Childress in the finals. Players taking part in the Turkey Tournament were Steve

Jarnagin, Randall Eddleman, Bill Durham, J. E. Patton, Tommy Thornburg, Herb Stephens, Dan Evans and Jerry Nutt . . . Fiftieth anniversary reception to honor Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Gregg . . . Rocky Curby was honored at the Texas Tech All-College Recognition Service recently . . . Silverton clubwomen win awards at District TFWC Convention . . . Gerald Smith has been designated as a Distinguished Student in the College of Agricultura of Texas A&M University for the fall semester . . . Mrs. Alva C. Jasper underwent surgery in Plainview last week . . .

April 5, 1956-- Briscoe County 4-H boys entered one steer and three barrows in the recent Junior Fat Stock Show in Lubbock. Entering the steer was Teddy Gail Hancock. Barrows were entered by Wayne Stephens and Dewey Estes . . . W. D. Rowell, FFA member, wins DeKalb award . . . The City Grocery recently has installed a new two-tier six-foot Webber Dairy Case . . . Kenneth Garvin, a student at San Marcos Academy, spent the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garvin . . . About 55 people enjoyed the Easter sunrise services at Sky-High roadside park Sunday morning . . . Mmes. Lily Wafford, Fred Mercer and Pat Northcutt attended an announcement tea for Miss Ann Belt, bride-elect of Eddie Foster, near Lockney Saturday afternoon . . . E. W. Yancy was in Amarillo Friday for a checkup at the Veterans Hospital . . . P. H. (Pack) McKenney spent last Friday with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Mack) McKenney and children at New Blane, Arkansas . . .

April 18, 1946-- J. C. Hill announces that he has opened his automobile repair shop in his new building on the highway just east of the courthouse . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vern Beardin have announced that they will close their cafe each Sunday until harvest . . . Clean-up campaign scheduled here next week . . . Some good wheat was being exhibited in Silverton Wednesday by Roy Teeter. The few stalks on exhibition were headed out and indicated a fine crop in the making. The wheat was taken from the Joe O'Neal farm six miles west and four miles south of Silverton . . . Mrs. Freeman Tate entered the Tulia hospital Saturday where she underwent a tonsilectomy . . . Thomas Olive was a visitor in the Arthur Arnold home Sunday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon spent Sunday at South Plains with her mother . . . Miss Frances Tennison and Miss Oneta Henderson entertained with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Fred Lipham, the former Doris McClendon, in the home of Mrs. J. S. Fisher Saturday . . . Mrs. Vaughter Self was honor guest Friday at a shower in the home of Mrs. O. T. Bundy. Assisting Mrs. Bundy as hostesses were Mrs. Rex Dickerson, Mrs. Troy Burson, Mrs. Virgil Ballard and Mrs. Clarence Anderson . . . Miss Doris

O'Neal and Edward Clifton were united in marriage Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter left Monday for Grapevine to visit with relatives . . .

April 2, 1936-- Little Miss Betty Jo Peacock entertained a group of her friends Friday afternoon with a party celebrating her tenth birthday. Attending were W. T. Diviney, Evelyn Coffee, Patricia Bomar,

Mary Frances Wilson, Millie Hill, Fay Tice Bomar, Jan Castleberry, Clyde Mercer, Vance Burson, Lou Ann Williamson, Melvin McIntyre, Betty Hill, Ted Childress, Carl Bain Burleson, Charles Ross, Claynelle Fowler, J. C. Fowler, Jean Northcutt, Russell Smylie, Dorothy Roy McMurtry . . . Mr. W. P. Hawkins and Mrs. Ava Ware of Quitaque were issued a marriage license Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jeff

Morriss of Amarillo were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blocker, over the weekend . . . Mrs. Perry Thomas is visiting her son, Walter and his wife, at Memphis this week . . . Jim Bomar and Luther Gilkeyson were transacting business in Fort Worth the first of the week . . . Mrs. Bob McDaniel had quite a

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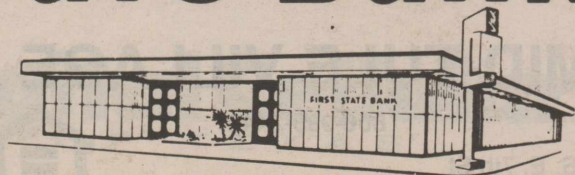
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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Adams of Kress and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Simpson announce the marriage of their children, Amanda and Russell, on March 13, 1996 in the home of the bride's parents. The newlywed couple plans to make their home in Silvertown.

Inspiration Provided During Council Meet

A former quarterback who matters provided inspiration stutters, a blind student, and an during the Wayland Advisory athlete who came to Wayland Council meeting recently. with little interest in spiritual Gerald Smith of Silvertown is a

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Neal Jeffrey, who quarterbacked Baylor to its first Cotton Bowl appearance in 50 years back in 1974, said he was able to overcome his speech obstacle when he realized it was a gift—"It reminds me every day of my life how much I need Jesus Christ. That's when I realize it's not a thorn but a gift."

Now minister to married adults and director of the prayer and discipleship ministries of Prestinwood Baptist Church in Dallas, Jeffrey encouraged his audience to:

--Follow the Olympic motto of "Higher, swifter, stronger" in their service to God

--Make each day count, regarding each day as precious and a chance to be a blessing to mankind

--Dream big as Baylor Coach Grant Teaff did when he took over a floundering program and coached the team to the SWC title in just two seasons

--Let their Christian light shine in a dark world

--Keep "the main thing the main thing--your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and honoring him with your life"

Rodney Wallace, a senior from Joliet, Illinois, who has won numerous All-American track honors, said he came to Wayland with "Christian influence the last thing on my mind."

But, he related, "through Wayland I accepted Jesus Christ and found ways to overcome many obstacles through the Lord, found my wife to be, and found that I was not complete until the Lord took over my life.

"I am here by his grace, love and mercy and he's using me in many places (and through several campus ministries). I want others to see Jesus living through me.

"Wayland is the best choice I've ever made," said Wallace.

Amy Gray, a senior from Idalou who is blind, accompanied herself at the piano as she sang *Not Too Far from Here* about people who need the love of Jesus who are close to where each of us live.

Happy Birthday To . . .

April 4--Christine LaRee Bean

April 5--John Segura, Loretha Rhoderick, Albert Hartman

April 6--Billy Roy Fuston, Ross Estes, Lance Bradford, Amanda Estes

April 7--Cip Garcia, Ty Reed, Bill Baker, Warren Davis, Rose Lee McCoy, Linda Johnson,



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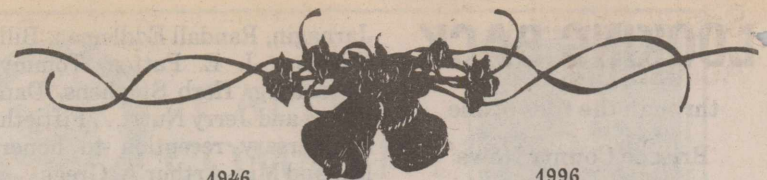
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Campaign Conducted To Replace Seats in Pioneer Amphitheater

The Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation proudly announces the completion of the "Plant Your Seat At 'TEXAS' Campaign". The project, designed to replace seating for the "TEXAS" musical drama, beat the deadline, thanks to a generous gift from the Meadows Foundation.

The Meadows Foundation grant of \$55,200 will go toward the purchase of 600 stadium chairs in the Pioneer Amphitheatre where "TEXAS" plays. The drive to replace 1,724 chairs at "TEXAS" began in September 1995. L. Pete Gilvin kicked off the campaign with a \$23,000 contribution.

Since it began, the "Plant Your Seat At 'TEXAS'" fundraiser has attracted attention from across the state. "TEXAS" President Patty Bryant says, "Chairs were purchased by people who have

Tonnette Perkins

April 8--Sidney Taylor Taitano, Clifford Oldham, Shafe Weaver, Lance Smith, Bryan Breedlove

April 9--Kevin McLeland, Micki Jasper, Jared Robert Fudge, Janet Mercer

April 10--Debra Smith, Allison Turner, Amber Oldham, Donna McWaters, Robert Gragson

Happy Anniversary To . . .

April 6--Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fudge, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long

April 8--Mr. and Mrs. Zane Mayfield

never contributed to the TPHF before. We certainly appreciate our members who bought chairs and are excited by the fresh enthusiasm throughout Texas and the southwest. It is also a huge honor to be awarded the Meadows Foundation Grant."

Each chair cost \$92.00 and bears a plaque with the buyer's name on it. The total cost for the new seats is \$158,608. All 1,724 chairs are scheduled for installation before the 31st "TEXAS" season begins June 12. A special "Chair Night" is planned June 10. Everyone who purchased a chair will be invited for a one-time-only opportunity to sit in his own chair and watch a pre-season performance of "TEXAS".

The Meadows Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organization that benefits programs throughout Texas. The Foundation supports education, arts and culture, social services, and civic endeavors. Algur H. Meadows and his wife, Virginia, created the Foundation in 1948 to benefit people in Texas.

The Foundation has particular interest in projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency; in capital plans which enable programs to flourish; in imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems; and in ways to alleviate pain, ameliorate social ills, and promote better human relationships.

"TEXAS" will play nightly except Sundays through August 24, 1996. For information about "TEXAS" or membership in the TPHF, call the "TEXAS" office at 806-655-2181 or write to P. O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015.



Pansy flowers are so-called from the French *pensée*, meaning "thought."

Social Security Across the Globe

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

In 1935, Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. For the past 60 years, Social Security has been an integral part of life in the United States. However, you might be surprised to learn that Social Security did not originate in this country, and that many countries around the world have Social Security programs similar to our own. In fact, the first Social Security system was established in Germany in 1799. By 1937, 28 countries had such systems. Today more than 165 countries have Social Security programs.

All Social Security systems are alike in that they are established by law to insure people against the interruption of income or loss of earnings power. This protection for an insured person and dependents normally consists of cash payments or services. The cash is meant to replace at least a portion of the income lost as a result of old age, disability, or death, and the services usually include hospitalization, medical care, and rehabilitation.

However, each country's program may differ as far as who is "covered" by the system; in other words, who may participate. In some countries, the program may allow the entire population to participate; in others, participation may be limited to workers only. The extent of social security coverage in a country is determined by the kind of system, the age of the system, and the degree of industrialization in the country itself.

The way a person qualifies for benefits also varies from country to country. Some programs are universal: a person's income, employment, or resources are not considered in order to qualify for payments. Other countries measure the resources a person has against a standard based on subsistence needs, and benefits are usually limited to needy or low-income applicants. Other countries have Social Security systems like our own, which are related to employment. Eligibility is based on a person's length of employment.

The programs also differ in the way they are funded. They may be paid for by employers, workers, or both. In some countries, the government subsidizes the contributions or benefits.

Most Social Security programs operate on a "pay-as-you-go" basis similar to our own; that is, the contributions made by workers are immediately paid out as benefits to those collecting from the system.

Further information on these and other aspects of the Social Security programs in other countries is now available in the

1995 edition of *Social Security Programs Throughout the World*. This publication is produced by the Social Security Administration and provides, in summary form, the basic provisions of social security legislation and administration and provides, in summary form, the basic provisions of social security legislation and administration in 165 countries. To order call 202-512-1800, 202-512-2250 (fax), or write to: Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office Washington, D. C. 20402-9325

The stock number of this publication is 017-070-00468-7 and the cost is \$25 (\$31.25 overseas).

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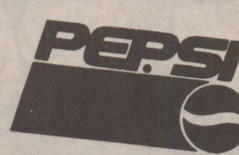
January 7, 1926-- Silverton up in arms over railway delay; telegrams sent to various officials urging aid to get quick action from ICC... Announcement of the building of a new theatre in Silverton is expected to be made soon. Raymond Patton has acquired a lot east of the Orange Cafe, on the south side of the square... Six men were assessed a fine of \$31.70 each Wednesday morning by Justice of the Peace Morton. The crap shooters had been discovered Tuesday evening in the rear of a local business house... Just now the snow is slowly falling and has been since the early morning hours... H. R. (Hard Run) Brown recently made a deal for the S. C. Woods residence located about one block north of the northeast corner of the courthouse square... Amos Persons and Jim Wise of Quitaque were in Silverton Tuesday... Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Penn announce the arrival of a baby girl December 31... Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Patton enjoyed a fish fry at the home of W. W. Melton last Sunday. The fish came from a tank on the Melton farm... Clarence Sheets who farmed on the Q. E. Brown place last year has moved to the Charlie Dickerson residence in Silverton. Mr. Dickerson is building a residence at Quitaque and will move to it as soon as completed...

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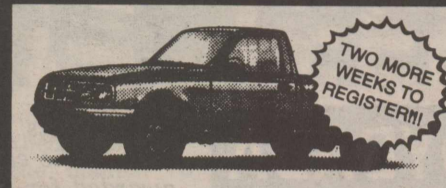
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The parents planned a Surprise Easter Egg Hunt for the seniors Monday afternoon. They walked the class to City Park, just as in elementary years, where the hunt was held, prizes awarded for special eggs, and refreshments were served. The seniors are (left to right) Lori Brannon, Vanessa Martin, Johnny Leal, Maria Castillo, Christina Stephens, Kristi Smith, Cy Comer, Dedra Johnston, James Hall, Phil Patino, Lana Patino, Kara Kingery, Jeremiah Brooks, Patrick O'Neal, Shannon Weaver, Zeb Holt and Molly Bomar.

an effort to rediscover who he once was and who he wanted to be.

Critics report *Rebound* is moving and evocative, a sports book unlike any other, capturing the man behind the myth and the life behind the legend.

Tennis Players Advance to District

Dedra Johnston won the championship of the Zone Tennis Tournament at Memphis Tuesday.

Brandon Sarchet lost his championship match, but as the second-place winner also advances to District which was scheduled Wednesday in Clarendon.

Trista Davis, Jennifer Foust and Johnny Leal also played in the Zone Tournament.

Pointers For Parents

Crash Course In Horticulture

(NAPS)—What's colorful and leafy and grows in a bag? A fun new "all-in-one" planting innovation designed for children, called Plant Pals.

These ingenious indoor growing kits include everything your child will need to grow his or her own miniature flower garden.



Allowing children to grow their own flowers could be the ideal way to teach them about gardening. These adorable "growing kits" include everything they'll need to get started.

Instead of a pot, the flowers grow out of cute and colorful bags. Each bag has its own character: meet Fredy Frog, Cutie Cat, Teddy Bear and Baby Dino. The instructions are simple and easy to follow.

- Punch a drain hole in the bottom of the bag.
- Add water.
- Plant seeds 1/4-inch deep.
- Place in warm spot, such as a sunny windowsill.
- Mist daily.

If directions are followed carefully, the seeds should sprout in one to three weeks.

"Plant Pals" growing kits are available at local K MART stores and gardening centers.

Greenhouse Gift

Like to get your youngsters hooked on horticulture? Get them started with a free Kid's Greenhouse that includes planting instructions, growing mix and more than 50 herb seeds. Send \$2 for shipping and handling to: Free Greenhouse, P.O. Box 3498, San Rafael, CA 94912-3498.

It is hard to feel individually responsible with respect to the invisible processes of a huge and distant government.

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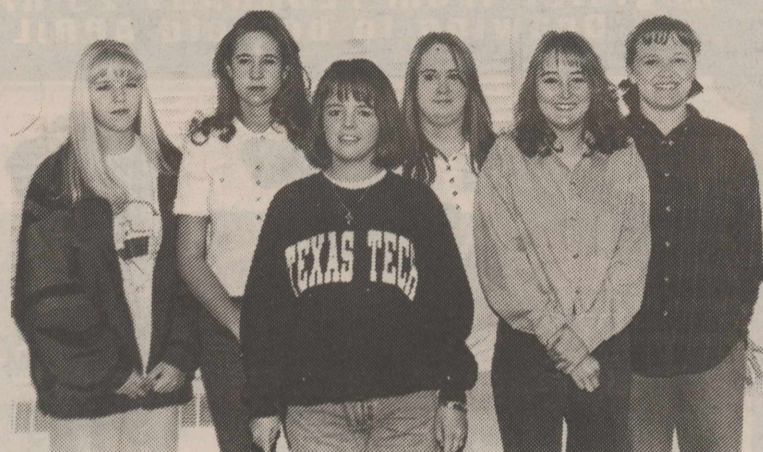
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SILVERTON LADY OWLS GOLF TEAM—(left to right) Michelle Warren, Kenzie Burson, Lindsey Jennings, Heidi Tiffin, Kristi Smith and Lori Chandler. Briscoe County News Photo

Lady Owls Finish Second in Tourney

Silvertown's Lady Owls won second place in a golf tournament played at Hillside Acres Golf Club at Cotton Center recently.

Kristi Smith was second-high individual medalist in the contest.

The others representing Silvertown were Lori Chandler, Heidi Tiffin, Michelle Warren, Lindsey Jennings and Kenzie Burson.

The team from Wilson was first; Cotton Center placed third and Amherst finished fourth. Two individuals entered from Meadow.

Silvertown School Activities

Thursday, April 4--Six Weeks Tests (even); End of Six Weeks

Friday, April 5--Good Friday; School Holiday

Saturday, April 6--Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time Begins

Monday, April 8--School Holiday; District Golf Tournament

Tuesday, April 9--Assembly,

9:48: Drinking & Driving. 4th-12th grades. PTA Teacher Luncheon. Youth basketball, 5:00 Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-11--District High School and Junior High Track Meet, Lefors

Thursday, April 11--Early Out, 1:00 p.m.; Board Meeting, 8:00 Friday, April 12--UIL Junior High and Elementary Literary Meet, Hedley

Saturday, April 13--FFA Area Contests

Silvertown School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 8--School Holiday

Tuesday, April 9--Lasagna, Corn, Coleslaw, Bread, Apple Crisp, Milk

Wednesday, April 10--Beef & Cheese Taco, Salad, Ranch Beans, Crackers, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, April 11--Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 12--Chili Dog, Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

BREAKFAST MENU

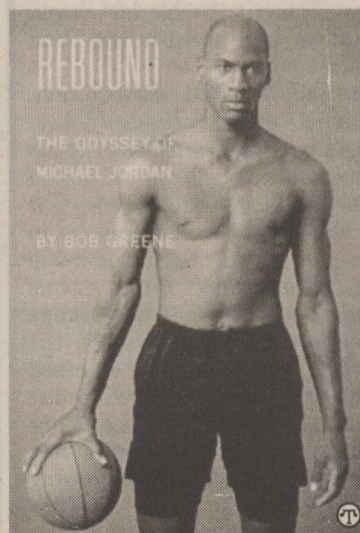
Tuesday, April 9--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 10--Pancake, Syrup, Milk, Juice

SPORTS SHORTS

Michael Jordan—The Man Behind The Myth

(NAPS)—As the NBA season moves towards the playoffs, the Chicago Bulls not only have the best record in the league, they are being talked about as the best basketball team ever. Leading the Bulls on this drive toward history is Michael Jordan, who has reached new heights of achievement since his return from retirement and baseball.



The story of what has gone on behind the scenes with Jordan is as dramatic as anything that has taken place on the court, and offers the answers to what has made Jordan elevate himself and his team in a manner unprecedented in the annals of basketball. In the newly published *REBOUND: The Odyssey of Michael Jordan* (Viking, \$22.95), bestselling author Bob Greene takes an intimate look at a man who rarely lets anyone know what he's really thinking. The book takes the reader from minor league dugouts to packed NBA arenas and is the story of a man who seemingly had everything the world could offer, and then, in pain, left it behind in

Thursday, April 11--Cinnamon Toast, Milk, Juice

Friday, April 12--Sausage, Biscuit, Juice, Milk



Things are happening fast. Passage of the Federal Agricultural Improvement Act (FAIR) of 1996 by the House and the Senate will begin the second phase of the effort to get producers the information they will need to make 1996 planting decisions.

The first phase, getting the new farm bill written and passed, was completed March 28. Once signed by the President the second phase can begin in earnest.

It is expected that writing the regulations for new legislation will take United States Department of Agriculture staffers two to three weeks. So far, there is no word on when the sign-up period for the new program will begin.

Preliminary information about the FAIR Act indicates cotton producers will have a Program

that contains a great deal of flexibility and retains important provisions that made the Cotton Titles of the 1985 and 1990 Farm Bills so successful. Primarily this means provisions authorizing a marketing loan for cotton.

Producers participating in the FAIR Act will sign 7-year contracts. Program participants will receive a set, but declining, payment each year.

Contract acreage will be made up of one or more program crop acreage bases, established according to rules in effect for 1995. Payments will be made on 85 percent of the contract acreage.

Contract commodities include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton and rice. All crop acreage base on a farm at the end of 1995 will be eligible, as will base acreage

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associated with a Conservation Reserve Program contract that expires during the next seven years.

Payment rates will be calculated based on the adjusted Congressional Budget Office estimates of deficiency payments for 1996-2002 divided by the number of eligible quantities of contract commodities.

Information received March 29 indicates the repayment procedure for 1995 advance payments, approximately 1.85 cents, will be applied to the 1997 payment rate instead of 1996 as earlier thought. Producers need to be aware that the estimated payment rates are still subject to revision until the repayment procedure is finalized and sign-up is completed.

Additional details on other Program provisions and how the 1995 advance payment will be repaid will be published as they become available.

Frankfurters were named after Frankfurt, Germany. Experts believe these sausages were first made in Germany during the middle ages.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William P. McDaniel, Deceased, were issued on March 19, 1996, in Cause No. 1355, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

LUCY McDANIEL.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is Route 3, Box 9, Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o Kelly K. Dunbar
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P. O. Box 180

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 19th day of March, 1996.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bernice May, Deceased, were issued on March 19, 1996, in Cause No. 1356, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

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ELECTION OF THREE DIRECTORS

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Gaylord Cogburn

Kenneth Littlefield (Incumbent)

Dan Gardner

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Refreshments

Meeting—7:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES**JEANETTA JEAN ROWELL**

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the First Baptist Church in Hedley for Jeanetta Jean Stykes Rowell, 59, who died Tuesday, March 26, in Hall County Hospital at Memphis following a lengthy illness. Officiating was the Rev. Bruce Howard, pastor.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. that same day with Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Rowell was born in Kansas City, Missouri. A former resident of Silverton, she married A. J. Rowell in 1963 at Hedley. He died in 1984.

Survivors include a son, Raymond Lee Steele of Hedley; a daughter, Kim Jeffery of Hedley; three stepdaughters, Ricki Rowell Baker of Wellington, Marsha Rowell Rickard of Laverne and Tobi Rowell Kuncicki of Tallahassee, Florida; a stepfather, Bill Keefer of South Point; and a sister, Billie Rice of South Point, Ohio.

Arrangements were by Spicer Funeral Home of Memphis.

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The Silverton office is open and a lawyer will be present every Thursday from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment. The principal office of the law firm is located in Tulia, Texas.

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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS**EVA PEARL WHITFILL**

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Lockney for Eva Pearl Weathers Whitfill, 98, who died Thursday, March 28. Officiating was the Rev. Harold Abney. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whitfill was born in Celeste. She moved to Floyd County in 1903 and attended the Aiken schools. She married Ed Whitfill in 1916 in Plainview. He died in 1980. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Glenna Howe, in 1968.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, Lockney Senior Citizens and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Whitfill of Plainview, Ben Whitfill of Lockney and Charles Whitfill of Silverton; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requested memorials be to the First Baptist Church Building Fund or a favorite charity.

MAE BOOTH

Funeral services for Mae Odam Booth, 89, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Lighthouse Assembly of God in Silverton with the Rev. Lloyd Riddlespurger and the Rev. Royce Combs, both former pastors, officiating.

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

Mrs. Booth died Sunday, March 31, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born September 9, 1906, in Denton. She moved to Dickens County as a small child. She married Dave Odam in 1925. They moved to Hereford in 1949. He died in 1963. She married Harry Booth in 1966. They moved to Silverton in 1975.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Mercer, a son, Robert L. Odam, and by a stepdaughter, Marie Roberts.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Patricia Lavy of Silverton; a stepson, D. G. Odam of Devine; a sister, Jewel Brown of Gridley, California; a brother, Frank Duncan of Olivehurst, California; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Don Curry, Bailey Hill, Fred Strange, Emilio Cruz, Riley Ziegler and Robert Lavy.

The family suggested memorials be to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

EMMA JEAN IVORY

Services for Emma Jean Ivory, 68, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Silverton with Rev. Matthew Veals officiating. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ivory died Sunday, March 31, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born April 15, 1927, in Quitaque to Lamb and Florence Dowd, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of New Fellowship Baptist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theo Ivory, and four children.

She leaves to mourn her death four daughters, Juanita Anderson of Lubbock, Mildred Davis of Fort Worth, Cleo Crosslin of Fort Worth and Nelda Barnes of Amarillo; three sons, L. B. Ivory of Silverton, Leo Ivory of Amarillo and Richard Ivory of Midland; four stepdaughters, Nan Walker of Fort Worth, Ruby Dowd of El Paso, Pearl Gallington of Amarillo and

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Dorothy Nell Ivory of Amarillo; two stepsons, Fred Ivory of Lubbock and M. T. Ivory of Fort Worth; 28 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ona Lee Holiday of Lubbock and Billie Ray Dowd of Quitaque; four brothers, Ozean Dowd of Quitaque, Otis Dowd of Los Angeles, William Dowd of Los Angeles, Serene Dowd of Rialto, California; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

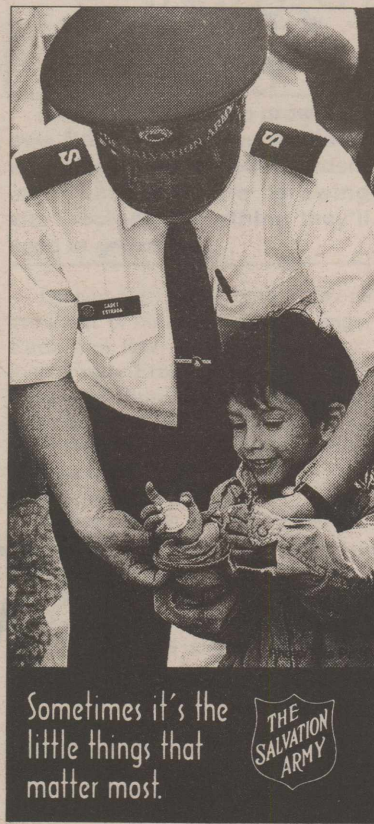
Pallbearers will be Finis Scoggins, Don Taylor, John Schott, Dewey Estes, Wayne Nance and Terry Bomar.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Estes, Terry Grimland, Jerry Baker and Virgal Minyard.

Coming And Goings

Amy Roberts and Virgil Woods, students at Texas Tech, had Sunday dinner with Bessie Bradford recently. The three became acquainted while working at Yellowstone National Park last summer.

Bessie Bradford spent three days last week with a cousin, Ara Garland, in Amarillo. While there the two women made use of the Amarillo library genealogy department for information on their Lowe family.



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Texas History Takes the High Road

We Texans take our history seriously. We have a better idea than most where we come from — and where we're going. We are careful to preserve our most significant and precious historic shrines, from the Alamo to our county courthouses.

Last month I introduced a bill in the Senate that will expand Texans' opportunities to learn about and enjoy a unique historical legacy in their midst: the Lower Rio Grande Valley. My legislation would designate the valley a "National Heritage Area," as authorized by federal law, to highlight the region's character and rich cultural heritage.

This designation would acknowledge the significance of the lower Rio Grande Valley as a living historical asset, serving as a magnet for tourism, recreation and other economic activity in this distinctive, and beautiful, area of our state.

"Los Caminos del Rio Corridor," as the area is to be called, will stretch from Laredo and Columbia, Mexico south to Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico and the gulf — one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Unfortunately, it also has among the highest rates of poverty and unemployment. I believe the heritage project will function as a positive force to benefit this region.

This project is based on a framework of binational, public and private sector partnerships that include organizations interested in culture, education and tourism development. Project partners in the United States include the Texas Departments of Transportation, Commerce Parks and Wildlife, along with the National Park Service and the Meadows Foundation. The Texas Historical Commission has played a pivotal role in bringing it all together. In Mexico, participants include the Ministry of Tourism, the national Institute

of Anthropology and History and the Tamaulipas state Department of Tourism.

This corridor designation, when achieved, will allow the creation of public-private partnerships to preserve this part of our Texas legacy. It will provide for federal technical and financial assistance, with matching funding from the private sector, from both sides of the border.

What the heritage area designation will not do is create any new means of regulating what property owners may do with their land.

- * The heritage area will not involve federal zoning, land use regulation or the diminishment of property values.
- * The heritage area will not usurp local authority.
- * My bill specifically states that "No entry shall be made onto private property without the written consent of the owner..."
- * The bill contains explicit language prohibiting the acquisition of real property.

I have taken every precaution to ensure that this legislation includes concrete property rights protections.

The corridor will serve as a unifier of the region, and as a catalyst to give communities on both sides of the border an opportunity to improve themselves — along with a sense of belonging and a sense of pride in what they have to offer. It will educate residents and visitors about our history, traditions and environment. This is an area of remarkable diversity and importance. In creating the "Los Caminos Del Rio Corridor" we will be enhancing a precious part of our Texas heritage.

Returning Power to the States

Justice Louis Brandeis once said that the states should be laboratories of democracy. But since World War II, Congress has increasingly relegated them to being regional administrators of federal programs. Washington's hand has been growing heavier and heavier. It spends too much of its time telling the states what to do and how to do it.

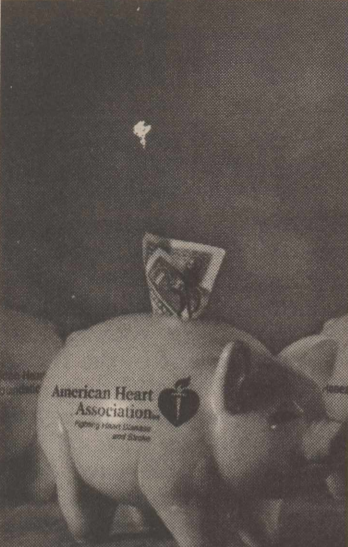
Texans have become increasingly unhappy under the federal yoke, and now other states have joined us in pressing for a restoration of our rights under the Constitution.

And... The tide is turning. The 104th Congress is living up to its commitment to return power and sovereignty to the states, acting on the premise that government is best that is closest to the people.

This process of "devolution," as it is called, is under way in a number of areas. A primary, if not earth-shattering, example of returning responsibility and self-determination to the states was the measure Congress passed last fall that did away with the national speed limit. Now, Texas and other states again may set their own speed limits without reference to federal requirements.

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—Jules Renard



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Mad Cow Disease

Information Given on Bovine Spongiform

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), known as the Mad Cow Disease, is an extremely rare, chronic degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of cattle, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. BSE is not present in the U. S., but has been identified in the United Kingdom and in a few other countries.

No cases of BSE have been detected in the U. S. In fact, over the past nine years, USDA has completed 2,660 tests on brains from cattle that have shown any possible neurological problems. All tests were negative.

To prevent BSE from entering the United States, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has taken a number of steps, including:

APHIS has banned the importation of live ruminants and ruminant products from countries where BSE is known to exist. Since 1991, there has been a voluntary ban in place on the use of rendered products from adult sheep in animal feeds.

In 1986, APHIS established a program for BSE surveillance in the U. S. and provided specialized training for 250 APHIS veterinarians who conduct field investigations involving suspicious symptoms. From 1986 to December 31, 1995, 2,660 brain specimens from cattle exhibiting possible neurological problems in 42 states have been studied by APHIS. All samples submitted have been negative. APHIS veterinary pathologists and field investigators have received training from British counterparts for diagnosing BSE.

More than 60 veterinary

diagnostic laboratories throughout the United States are participating in a BSE Surveillance Program (initiated in May 1990) along with the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

APHIS veterinarians are tracing 499 head of cattle imported from Great Britain between 1981 and 1989 (before the ban on imports went into effect) to check their health status. As of January 22, 1996, 106 imports are known to be alive, 341 are known to be dead, and eight have been exported. APHIS is trying to locate the remaining 34, but based on the age of the animals, they are assumed to be dead. The animals that are alive are monitored regularly, and no signs of BSE have been found.

Between 1986 and September 1995, an estimated 156,000 head of cattle in more than 32,000 herds were diagnosed with BSE in Great Britain. The number of cases peaked in December 1992, and has declined to less than one-third of that rate and is still declining. A series of precautionary steps taken in Great Britain have resulted in the decline in newly-reported cases. For example, in July 1988, Great Britain banned the feeding of ruminant-derived protein to ruminants. Currently fewer than 300 cases are occurring per week.

Experts in Great Britain are concerned there may be a link between BSE and a small group of 10 cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), a human brain disease. However, the British government's scientific advisors have noted that there is no direct evidence of a link. If there is a risk, it likely would be linked to

consumption of grain or spinal cord from infected animals. Scientific evidence indicates that beef (meat) and milk do not present a risk as there is no evidence the agent that causes BSE is present in meat and milk.

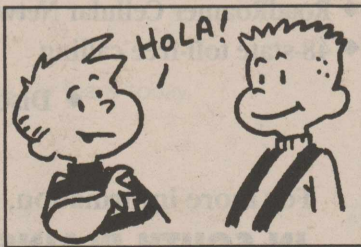
CJD occurs at consistent rates of approximately one case per million people per year around the world, including in nations where BSE has never occurred. In fact, BSE is found only in limited areas. CJD also occurs at a consistent rate among vegetarian groups and meat eaters alike, which would indicate that its cause is not meat consumption. Scientific evidence suggests that there are several possible causes of CJD, including genetic predisposition and certain surgical procedures.

BSE was first identified in 1986 in Great Britain. While it has been found in a few other countries, the vast majority of BSE cases have been concentrated in the United Kingdom. BSE is similar to other animal degenerative brain diseases that include Chronic Wasting Disease in elk and deer and scrapie which has been known for more than 100 years to affect sheep.

Scientific evidence suggests that BSE is not a viral or bacterial infection. Rather, it seems to point to a protein material or "prion" as the cause of the disease.

Scientists conclude that cattle may get the disease from eating protein in feed that was probably contaminated with a Spongiform disease agent. Scientific evidence indicates that BSE does not spread from cattle to cattle or from cattle to other species by physical contact.

Cattle with BSE have coordination problems and are very nervous. In the advanced stages, infected cattle stand away from the rest of the herd and exhibit severe muscular twitching and weight loss.



The number one foreign language studied in the public schools is Spanish.

We don't know what we want, but we are ready to bite somebody to get it.

—Will Rogers



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Texans Know How to Communicate

The busiest room in our Washington, D.C. office is the mail room. Some days, it looks as if all 18 million Texans decided to write to me at the same time. I'm sure it seems that way to the seven staffers whose job it is to open, read and answer the mail.

We receive as many as 5,000 letters a week, plus 1,000 E-mail messages and several hundred faxes. Some weeks we've received as many as 11,000 pieces of mail. In addition to the mail room staff, everyone in the Washington office and our five regional offices in Texas spends time answering the mail. I believe it is important to respond as promptly as possible -- after all, the writers put a lot of time and thought into it. Sometimes we slip, but we work hard to reply within two weeks.

In this column, I thought you might enjoy reading a cross-section of some of the letters I receive. What follows is a (highly selective) sample of the daily mail.

Here's a letter from a student in a history class at League City Intermediate School:

"I always thought that in presidential elections, voters vote for a president. However, I recently learned in school that the voters actually vote for a group of electors and the electors are the ones who actually elect the President. I was shocked!" -- Hotan, League City

Mrs. Comstock's kindergarten class at Plummer Elementary School in Cedar Hill writes:

"We are practicing the letter 'H' so we decided to write to you. Thank you for doing your job. It helps Texas. It helps us. We have 20 students. We learn a lot. We went to the fire station. We play."

Our adult writers have strongly felt opinions, as well:

"Finally it seems there is a general agreement that there needs to be a balanced budget. I am writing to urge you to achieve this goal by cutting wasteful government spending rather than raising taxes...I am convinced that the single most important action Congress can take to boost savings, raise productivity and improve our standard of living is to balance the budget." -- Bill, Amarillo.

The subject of taxes invokes lot of comment:

"There is an inequity in the tax code for young people who want to save for college expenses and work at the same time. If the young taxpayer lives at home with someone who can count them on their tax return as a deduction, then the income they earn is taxed unfairly. There is no better way to improve our great State of Texas than to have a large percentage of our population be college educated." -- Tommy, Wichita Falls

"I am in the midst of filling out tax form 1040. I also have to prepare 1040ES, refer to five different publications and use five or six forms and schedules just to give the government my money to waste. This is ridiculous...I recommend that anyone who is elected to Congress or appointed IRS Commissioner be required to personally fill out form 1040 and all its related forms before they can take office!" -- M.C., Victoria

And finally, another letter from a young writer who already sees the bottom line, in more ways than one:

"I feel that the most severe problem we have in the United States is the expanding national debt...I am 13 years old. I want the United States to still exist when I grow up. My parents want the budget balanced. They both vote." -- William, Mesquite

One of my college interns said to me, "When do you take your turn in the mail room?"

I said, "When you can attend committee hearings and vote on the floor." But he had a point -- his job is pretty tough!



China is the world's leading cotton producer, followed by Russia and the U.S.

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.

—David Russell

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Share In Easter Joy

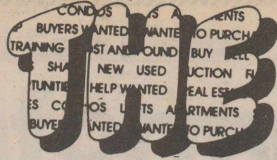


Rejoice in the goodness
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brings. This is a time to
reawaken our hearts to life's eternal
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There are others who should be recognized for an outstanding job through the years, and they are: Emmett Tomlin, our leader (a group is only as good as its leader and we have the best); Anthony Kingery, our instructor (we are fortunate to have an instructor locally); Kathy Kingery, secretary (although our service is small there is a lot of paperwork involved). Let's not forget those that make "runs" in the middle of the night because they can't be available during the day, after a night out, then they must go to work the next day. This is the kind of dedication our service personnel has. I'm proud to be a part of the "team".

I am one of the "lucky" ones who has a job that does not cause an undue hardship on someone when I'm out of my office, except for a few days each month. I need also to say "thank you" to the taxpayers for their understanding when they see my door shut, if I'm gone on a "run."

Once again, "dear friends",
THANK YOU!
Janice Hill

Silverton Youth would like to thank all of the people of Silverton for their support of the ski trip. This was a great success. It couldn't have been possible without all your help.

Thanks,
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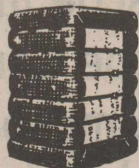
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