

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Deadline for getting news and advertising into the Briscoe County News has, for a long time, been "noon Tuesday". It seems that we are getting more and more things submitted at noon or just after noon on Tuesdays, and this makes it hard for us to plan our pages.

You would do us a BIG favor if you would try to get the things you want included in that week's paper to us on Mondays. And if you can't get it here on Monday, please try to get it here before 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

Mary Monroe Strange, editor and publisher of the Kress News, is a graduate of Silverton High School. Her mom, Iwana Monroe, and her sister, Carlye Fleming, still live here and she has assorted other relatives among the Stranges who are cousins of her husband, Louie.

Since we've known one another for quite a few years, Mary and I "check out" one another's newspapers every week. In her "Mary's Musings" column this week she wrote about stumping her toe on a small stool, looking down and seeing her little toe sticking out at a forty-five degree angle.

The funny thing about it was, she said, that it did not hurt at all at first, but she knew that would not last. She went to the doctor's office for an x-ray, which confirmed that the toe was broken. Just tape it to the next toe, the doctor said.

The only reason this experience of Mary's is so funny to me is that I've been there, done that!

It was while Doctor Tuan was here, and when I looked at my toe I immediately knew that either I was going to have to get it set (and straightened) or I was going to have to cut a hole in the side of all my shoes so it could stick out. Dr. Tuan wasn't able to do anything at all with the thing, and the right angle remained. Finally, Charles had to drive me to Amarillo to a foot doctor. And you should have seen the scene at the doctor's office: me on the table with the doctor and assorted nurses gathered all around at the foot. No one could seem to get hold of it long enough to pull it and set it. Finally, they got the thing fixed.

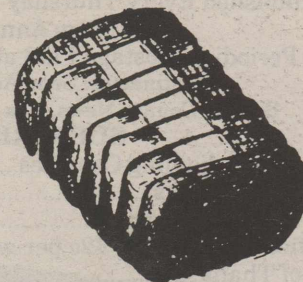
I had one of those old foot surgery shoes that my mother had used sometime before, and I wore that around for awhile. It really did seem to help.

There's another thing I have in common with Mary Strange: my great-nephew has a tremendous crush on Mary and Louie's little granddaughter. The four-year-olds met at the Friendly Frog in Tulia last year, and I think the romance continues. But James does NOT like her to be referred to as a Strange. He hasn't quite got that figured yet.



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DPS Gears Up For Belt Enforcement

The Department of Public Safety will begin enforcing the revised seat belt law September 1.

The new law requires that children under 15 years of age be properly restrained throughout the vehicle. (Current law already imposes the same requirement for children under four.)

Senate Bill 60 was sponsored by State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, and was co-authored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso.

"There just hasn't been enough publicity about the new law yet," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "We will be stopping motorists for violating the new seat belt law and taking appropriate enforcement action.

"We urge Texans to start complying with the new law today--seat belts should be a no-brainer by now," said Thomas. "We're also asking adults to set a good example by wearing their safety belts at all times." Some other facts about the new seat belt law:

*The new law also extends the seat belt requirement to one-ton pickups for children under 15. Children under four already were covered.

*The law clarifies "seat belt" as meaning both the lap and shoulder belt when the vehicle is so equipped.

*Punishment for violating the law is the same--a fine of between \$25 and \$50.

*For those 15 years of age and older, safety belts are required only in the front seat of vehicles. However, the DPS strongly recommends universal seat belt usage.

*Fifty-two percent of those killed in traffic crashes in 1997 were not wearing seat belts. (1998 figures are not yet available.)

*The law requiring children under two years of age to be in an approved car safety seat remains in effect.

New Home, Groom To Play Here Soon

New Home and Groom will play on Payne Field in Silverton on Thursday, September 16.

The Junior Varsity game will start at 6:00 p.m.

Loss Spoils Coach Lee's Debut

The Owls dropped a close 42-36 decision to Wellman-Union Friday night, but were unable to keep Coach Dewaine Lee's debut from being spoiled by the loss.

The two teams were close on first downs, 10-11, and penalties 4-30 and 5-30, but were miles apart on yards gained.

The Owls rushed the ball 21 times for a gain of 89 yards, while the Wildcats rushed 35 times for a gain of 177 yards. Nathan Francis passed for 211 yards, while the Wildcats managed just 83 yards. This gave the Owls a total offense of 300 yards as compared to 260 for the Wildcats.

The Owls kicked off to open the game, and in spite of defense by Clint Ivory and the other Owls, Wellman-Union picked up a quick first down. After an incomplete pass and a less-than-effective right end sweep, the Wildcats went around left end on fourth and eight and put the ball into the endzone. They kicked the PAT, and held an early 8-0 lead.

When Wellman kicked off, Paul Segura returned the ball to the Silverton 27. Ivory and Issac Garcia picked up three yards rushing, after which Nathan Francis hit Adrian Ramirez with a pass that was good for a first down. Ramirez scored two plays later, but Ismael Alvarez's PAT kick failed, and the Owls continued to trail, 8-6.

Ivory kicked off for the Owls, and Wellman went through one first down to score out of the spread offense with 3:58 remain-

ing to be played in the first quarter. They passed for the touchdown. There was no PAT due to an infraction, but on the second attempt the Wildcats added two point to their score to lead 16-6.

Silverton's next offensive effort was totally ineffective, and Wellman came back as the second quarter got underway and scored with 7:35 remaining before halftime. They kicked the PAT, and extended their lead to 24-6.

When Wellman kicked off, Segura returned the ball to the Silverton 30. Nathan Francis hit Segura with a pass that was good for a first down, then hit Isaiah Ivory with another pass which was good for a 14-yard gain.

Nathan Francis scored on the next play. There was no PAT on the first or second try, but on the third attempt Alvarez succeeded and with 5:49 remaining in the second quarter, the Owls trailed 24-14.

Wellman set up its offensive game near midfield, and made a first down before moving into scoring position again. Even though there was a lot of lateral running on this series, the Wildcats were able to score with 35 seconds remaining before halftime. They added the PAT, and moved ahead 30-14.

When Wellman kicked off, the Wildcats controlled the return and with 12 seconds remaining in the first half, went back on offense. Time expired before they

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Homecoming Game is Friday

Friday night's football game with the Miami Warriors has been designated as Silverton's homecoming ballgame. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m., but there will be some pre-game activities which will begin at 7:00 p.m., including the presentation of Mr. and Miss Flame.

The homecoming bonfire will be burned Thursday night near the ballpark, and this will begin at 8:45 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance will be held following the football game in the PE gym.

Football Queen To Be Crowned

The Football Queen will be crowned at halftime of the Silverton-Miami game Friday night.

Nominees for this honor are Jenny Young, freshman; Chelsey Cherry, sophomore; Taylor Griffin, junior; Dara Johnston, senior.

Pep Rally

Pep rally will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday in the Owl basketball gym.

The Pep Squad Beau will be presented during the rally.

Candidates for Pep Squad Beau are John Arnold, freshman; Matt Strange, sophomore; Adrian Ramirez, junior, and Ryan Minyard, senior.

New Law Took Effect Sept. 1

Among the slate of new Texas laws taking effect on September 1 is the electric industry restructuring statute, which changes the regulations governing how electricity will be provided in the future. The customer choice provision, intended ultimately to allow consumers to select their electricity supplier, does not become effective until January 1, 2002. In the interim, the law calls for changes designed to move the industry toward that goal.

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**Blood Drive
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Silverton City Hall**



Charlie Bomar and an unidentified Owl team up to make a stop on the Wellman-Union ballcarrier. Briscoe County News Photo

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Obituaries

OLENE EDWARDS

Services for Alice Olene Edwards, 89, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Renay Rice officiating and the Rev. Melvin Clinton assisting.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Edwards died September 2 in Plainview. She was born June 26, 1910 in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

She married Roy Edwards in 1926. He died in 1974. She worked as a practical nurse and

a cowgirl, wrote poetry and performed ballads. She was a member of the Hope Baptist Church.

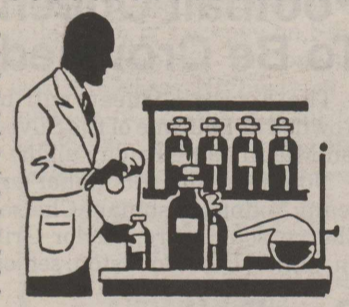
Survivors include four sons, Jearl Edwards of Amarillo, Jerry Edwards of Quitaque, Bruce and Bobby Edwards, both of Ingleside; five daughters, Christine Brummett and Kay Beavers, both of Quitaque, Nelta Green of Plainview, Rita Northcross of Chandler, Oklahoma, and Anita Ramsey of Silverton; 26 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Turkey Heritage Foundation, in care of Lawana Cruse, Turkey.

Date Changed For Punkin Day Events

In an effort to make life easier on arts and crafts vendors and visitors, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce has moved its Punkin Day celebration from the last weekend in October to the first weekend. Punkin Day will be held this year on October 2.

"We are hoping this will help with our chances of having prettier weather," said Chamber President Jon Jones. "It will also make it easier for our producers to sell pumpkins. The pumpkins will be plentiful the first of Octo-



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Psalm 27: 1-3

The Lord is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh
 when my enemies and my foes attack me
 they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
 though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Government Pension Offset

by Mary Jane Shanes
 Social Security Manager
 Plainview, Texas

If you worked for a federal, state or local government where you did not pay Social Security taxes, the pension you receive from that agency may reduce any Social Security benefits for which you are qualified.

There are two laws that may reduce your benefits. One of them affects the way your Social Security retirement or disability benefits are figured. For information about that provision, contact Social Security for the factsheet, *A Pension From Work Not Covered By Social Security* (Publication No. 05-10045).

Some or all of your Social Security spouse's or widow(er)'s benefit may be offset if you receive a pension from a job where you did not pay Social Security taxes. The offset will reduce the amount of your Social Security spouse's or widow(er)'s benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your government pension. In other words, if you get a monthly civil service pension of \$500, two-thirds of that, or \$400, must be used to offset your Social Security spouse's or widow(er)'s benefit, you'll receive \$100 per month from Social Security (\$500 - \$400 + \$100).

If you take your annuity in a lump sum, the offset is figured as if you chose to receive regular monthly benefits.

For more information on Government Pension Offset, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the factsheet, *Government Pension Offset* (Publication No. 05-10007).

ber. The fields are already harvested by the end of October."

Punkin Day is designed specifically for the enjoyment of the whole family. Most of the games are free and there are even chances to win \$25.00 in the "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Trailer" contest, and a total of \$1,000 in prizes in Cow Patty Bingo.

All events are either held on the Courthouse Square or begin around the square.

For more information on Punkin Day, please call Angie Lipham at the Chamber of Commerce office, 983-3434; or Alice Gilroy at 983-3737.

Jimmy Burson To Perform at National Cowboy Symposium

Jimmy Burson and his band will present music at the American Cowboy Culture Awards Show Thursday, September 9, beginning at 8:00 p.m., which opens the National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration.

Burson also will be master of ceremonies for the Friday, September 10, program that begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater.

Continuing Education Computer Courses Set at Clarendon College

Want to know what all of this "www dot com" business is all about? Or do you want to learn basic computer skills? Clarendon College continuing education is the solution.

The Clarendon campus of Clarendon College will be offering three continuing education computer courses in September.

Unlocking the Wonders of the Internet, is scheduled for September 14 and 21, from 6:00 until 9:20 p.m. Cost of the course is \$30.

It will cover how to get connected to the Internet and what to do once you are connected. The course includes hands-on experience in finding information, downloading, sending and receiving email and attachments and more.

Beginning Microsoft Word Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Cost of the course is \$25.

The course covers commonly used word processing tasks such as the basics of creating professional letters, faxes and other documents. Students should be able to perform basic tasks such as opening and closing programs, saving and opening files and printing before taking this class.

For more information or to register for a course, please contact Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

Funding Available For Improvements

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, a Texas non-profit corporation, is now implementing the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program for low and very low-income residents of Texas. Funds will be readily available to qualifying residents to improve the basic livability of their homes.

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•Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation will also pay for closing costs up to \$2000.

The Home Improvement Loan Program will be available through December 15, 1999. For more information, contact Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation at 1-888-638-3555 extension 423.

WEATHER

24-HOUR SEPTEMBER READINGS 6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	94	63	
2	92	65	
3	89	63	
4	91	64	
5	91	65	
6	83	60	
7	90	66	.03

Total September Precip.	.03
Normal Sept. Precip.	2.49
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September 7, 1989--Aubrey Rowell has beautified his home and yard with numerous hanging plants, potted plants and bulbs which are now making a dazzling display of color . . . An Ice Cream Scream will kick off the graded choir year at First Baptist Church . . . Tracy Tomlin is Miss Congeniality of the Miss Mackenzie Pageant . . . Jeannita DeAnn Stephens to marry Jody Keith Ellison . . . Mike and Annette Grady of Snyder are parents of a son, Nolan Patrick . . . 4-H Clubs hold first meeting at Lake Mackenzie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Seaney of Colorado Springs and Lottie Owens of Quitaque spent Sunday afternoon visiting in the home of Ollie McMinn and Travis McMinn . . . Meagan Welch of Amarillo and Greg Hunter of Midland have been recent visitors with their grandmother, Carrie Dickerson .

September 6, 1979--Tobe Riddell planted 160 acres of cotton this year, and after a late afternoon hailstorm which moved across Briscoe County Saturday, he has 37 acres remaining . . . Lily Kitchens Wafford, 85, buried here . . . A 52-year-old self-employed builder from Happy remains in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with injuries suffered Saturday in a boating accident at Lake Mackenzie. His wife, LaVenne, was admitted to Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia with chest and leg injuries . . . Mrs. Oner Cornett broke an arm and a knee in a fall Friday morning at the grocery store . . . Billy Woods of Houston and Norlan Dudley of Lubbock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley one day last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payne are parents of a son, Orville Darren, born August 26 at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia . . .

September 18, 1969--Bid let Tuesday for new City Hall . . . Owls to play Turks Friday night . . . Young Farmers elect Jimmy Myers as Area I President . . . Five Briscoe County girls, Roy Dale Garrison, Cynthia Sutton, Cathy Jones, Pat Jarrett and Jackie Cheatham, to compete for Floyd County Fair Queen . . . During the Area I convention of Young Homemakers, Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, junior past president of the Silverton chapter, was elected to serve as a vice president during the coming year . . . Rock Creek Club meets with Anne McJimsey . . . New officers of the Happy 4-H Club are Brenda Payne, president; Jill Hutsell, vice president; Christi Northcutt, secretary and treasurer; Ken Wood, 4-H Council representative, and Ken Sarchet, reporter . . . Miss Linda Janell McDaniel became the bride of Earnest Dean Bowers in a ceremony solemnized Saturday in

the home of the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Love, in Tulia . . . The Silverton Quarterback Club requests the honor of your presence at the splendid marriage of Miss Jacqueline Dewanne Robertson to Doctor Henry B. Simpson Saturday in the school gymnasium. The bride will be gowned in a lovely formal dress fashioned especially for her in Paris out of a stained bedsheet. She will carry a traditional bridal nosegay fashioned from yesterday's flowers accented by wilted lettuce in combination with bits of stinkweed . . .

September 10, 1959--Silverton loses opener to Matador . . . Tomlin-Fleming Gin received its first bale from Silverton September 7. The cotton was ginned for Barney Stephens at 6:00 p.m., barely beating the bale which was ginned for L. O. Weaks at Dempsey Gin at 6:35 p.m. the same day . . . Tiffin's Department Store recently received a new storefront to modernize and improve the store. Buddy House, who purchased Grundy's Grocery, is repainting the outside of his store. Salem Dry Goods has done inside remodeling and redecorating . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long, Nick and Nancy spent Friday and Saturday in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sissney are parents of a daughter, Pamela Kay, born September 2 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McWilliams are parents of a daughter, Darla Jean . . . Johnny M. (Corky) Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Garner, left for Tucson, Arizona last Thursday where he will attend the University of Arizona . . . The home of Mrs. Clarence Anderson was the scene for a miscellaneous shower Wednesday honoring Virginia Stephens, bride-elect of Dyrle Maples . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey, who were married August 1, were honored with a housewarming Friday night of last week . . . Terry Grimland celebrated his ninth birthday Monday by inviting several of his neighbor friends to help him enjoy the chocolate cake. Attending were Thurman May, Mike May, David Green, Lynn Smith, Jackie Durham, Alan and Connie Grimland . . .

September 8, 1949--Enrollment in Silverton School reaches 398 . . . Attempted robbery at local post office Sunday night . . . A deal was closed this week in which Hugh Nance becomes owner of the Chicken House, the produce business operated by Andy Marcus for the past several months. Mr. Nance employed John D. Baird to operate the business for him and they took over early in the week . . . After spending some time in Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watters are moving to California where they will journey in their new "Chevy".

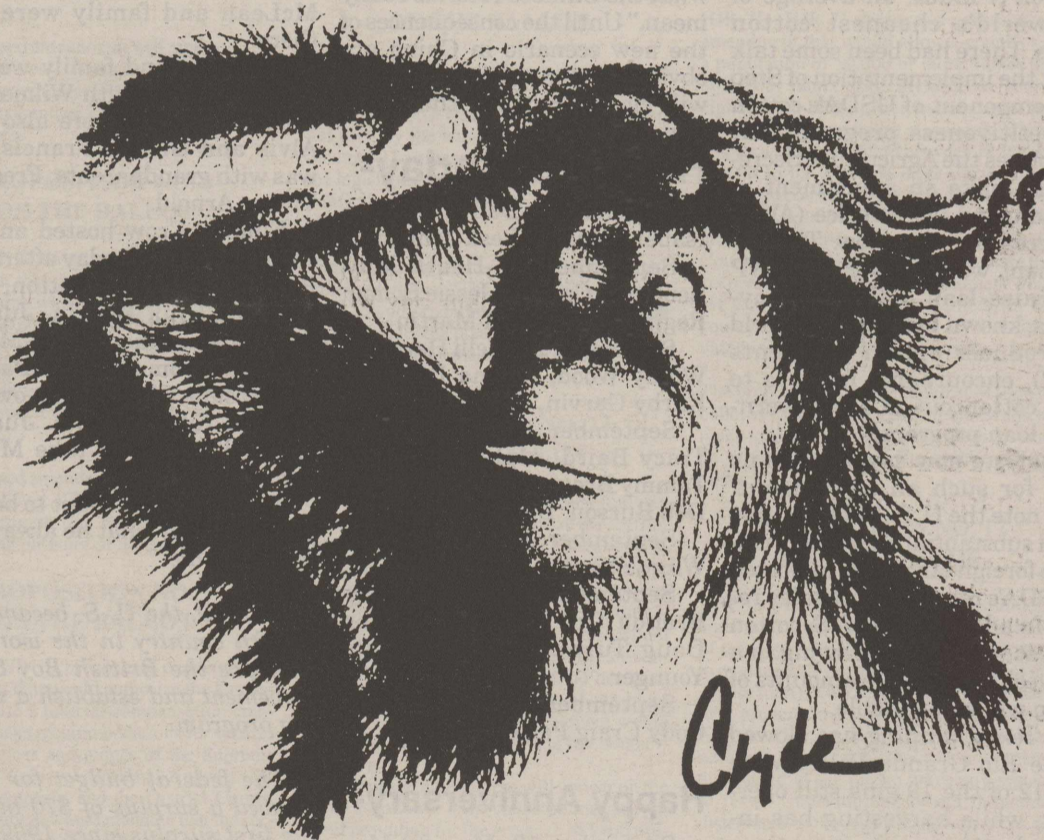
Their son, Jimmy Dicus and Jack Strange will accompany them to their new home. Jack will drive the car for them on the trip . . . 3.10 inches of rain fell in Silverton since Sunday . . . Before an altar of fern and white asters, Miss Geraldine Browning became the bride of John Arthur Arnold Sunday . . . Joe Lee Bomar was admitted to the Briscoe County Clinic Hospital Sunday for treatment . . . Mrs. Roy McMurtry and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier were visitors in Tulia Thursday . . . Mrs. Glenn Allen spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Burson, and attended the wedding of her nephew, John Arthur Arnold . . .

The LTD Club met with Mrs. Dee McWilliams Tuesday with eight members and one visitor, Mrs. Edwin Davis, present. Guess What's were given to Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. and Mrs. Coleman Garison . . .

August 17, 1939--Preparations being made for the opening of school; larger enrollment expected this year . . . Friday afternoon, August 11, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis, their daughter, Minnie Margaret, and Mr. Milton Frizzell were united in marriage by Bro. Earl Cantwell. Mrs. Frizzell is a charming and sweet girl. She graduated from Silverton High School with the class of 1938. She

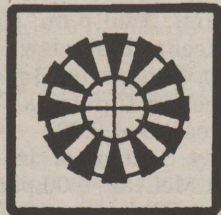
is popular with the younger set. Mr. Frizzell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frizzell of the Lone Star community in Floyd County. He is a fine, intelligent young man and popular with the younger set. Mr. Irving Francis was best man and Miss Laverne Frizzell was bridesmaid . . . Word was received here of the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch August 11 at the Tulia hospital . . . John Montague this week bought a new eight-foot McCormick-Deering horse drawn broadcast binder from Tull Implement. Mr. Montague intends to use horses in a part of his feed cutting . . .

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended September 2

Oversold conditions influenced trade buying and boosted New York cotton futures on August 31, but the rally was short-lived and the market dipped once more.

Even USDA's export sales report could not boost the market despite its supportive data. Net upland cotton export sales were considered "impressive" at 181,500 bales for the week ended August 26, more than twice the amount seen in the previous week. Analysts expected the interest in U. S. cotton to increase that week because prices had dropped significantly; however, the department's sales figure was better than many expected.

As of this writing, the U. S. Memphis cotton quote is approximately 500 points above the Cotlook A Index, an average of the world's cheapest cotton prices. There had been some talk about the implementation of Step 1, a component of USDA's cotton competitiveness program that authorizes the Agriculture Secretary to make an adjustment in the adjusted world price (AWP) to increase cotton flow. The adjustment would lower the AWP and raise loan deficiency payments, known in the cotton world as producer option payments (POP), encouraging farmers to keep cotton out of the government loan program.

Analysts now say there is no need for such an adjustment. They note the U. S. has been able to sell substantial amounts of cotton to foreign buyers, as indicated in USDA's recent export sales report. In addition, the U. S. cotton harvest will be in full swing in a few weeks and ample amounts of cotton will be available.

In Texas, ginning has slowed in the Rio Grande Valley with only 12 of the 19 gins still operating, while harvesting has increased and ginning operations are at full capacity in the Texas Upper Coast and Winter Garden areas. Elsewhere in the state, boll weevil eradication treatments were scheduled to begin this week on the Western High Plains. In the Far West, plant development has continued to improve in response to favorable weather conditions; however, moisture will be required in the near future.

On the spot cotton scene, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton continued to be steady this week as trading on TELCOT totaled 4,495 bales, slightly lower than the 4,622 bales sold the prior week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 36.14 to 41.66 cents per pound versus a range of 37.25 to 43.00 the previous week.

In other news, all eyes remain on China, where cotton reforms

began this week. On September 1, 1999, more than four decades of government-set prices ended. The move toward a market-oriented system is expected to lead to lower local prices, cuts in production, and huge stocks.

At an international conference in China, an official with the China Cotton and Jute Bureau said domestic cotton plantings are expected to drop 30 percent in the year 2000, and production could fall to approximately 16.0 million bales. Currently, USDA estimates Chinese production at 19.0 million bales.

Analysts continue to wonder how the cotton industry will handle the reforms. "People are a little cautious," said one cotton broker. "I don't think they know what the Chinese reforms really mean." Until the consequences of the new scenario in China are obvious, cotton market observers will closely monitor the situation.

Happy Birthday-

September 9--DeLyn Sanders, Isabel Colunga, Lesa Johnson

September 10--Heath May, Benjamin Castillo, Jessie Bomar, Regina Reed, Carol Martin

September 11--Kelli Harrison, Windy Wood, Norma Birdwell, Kurby Garvin, Pat Rice

September 12--Sharon Bell, Tracy Baird, Alpha Mattheus, Tammy Brannon, Harold Storie, Deb Burson, Dayne Mayfield

September 13--Ryan Grady, Winnie Smith, Bud Couch

September 14--Bonnie May, Brenda Gill, Brandon Bitner, Doug Turner, Anna Augusta Younger

September 15--Kaylee Self, Cody Craig Patton

Happy Anniversary-

September 13--Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minyard, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wills

September 16--Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, September 13--Corndog, Cheese Stix, AuGratin Potatoes, Okra, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, September 14--Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Wednesday, September 15--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Hot Sauce, Crackers, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, September 16--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey and Butter

Friday, September 17--Hamburgers with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookies

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

I lost my list of quilters from last Thursday. If I leave out somebody I am apologetic. Nadyne Childress, we are thinking about you and hope you feel better today. Ann Norris, we know you and Ed are having a good time in California. Those who quilted were Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Ruby McWaters, Mary Burson, Sybil King, Laverne Stephens, Marie Rogers and myself. Bonnie May came by to visit.

Dana and Dorothy Martin spent the holiday weekend in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Little Mayson Martin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Brian Martin and me. He is three months old and a sweetheart.

Elton Cantwell went to Raton, New Mexico to visit daughter, Debbie Burk and family. His daughter, Brenda Gaskins and family, and his cousin, Steve McLean and family were also there.

Eber Gill and family were at church Sunday with Wilma Gill. Katy and family were also with Alvie and Glenda Francis. Tay was with grandparents, Fred and Vivone Arnold.

Eudean Crow hosted an "88" Domino Party Monday afternoon. Present were Lallie Patton, Elsie Cornett, Nina Martin, Juanita Stephens and her sister, Minnie Edwards from Abilene. Pauline and Rosalie Chitty came over an enjoyed refreshments. Juanita and Lallie plan to take Minnie home on Thursday.

Tidbit: Nobody is apt to build a reputation on what he always intended to do.

In 1909, the U. S. became the twelfth country in the world to embrace the British Boy Scout movement and establish a scouting program.

The federal budget for 1998 showed a surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969, and the largest ever.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, September 9--Bonfire, 8:45 p.m.

Friday, September 10--Owls vs. Miami, here, 7:30; Homecoming Dance after game in P. E. gym.

Saturday, September 11--Owl JV at Miami, 1:00 p.m.; Cross Country Meet at Plainview

Tuesday, September 14--Boy Scouts meet in Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.; Grades 2-5 at 2:30

Thursday, September 16--JH/JV Owls at McLean, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16--New Home vs. Groom, here; JV game at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17--End of first six weeks; Owls vs. McLean, here, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18--Cross Country Meet at Tulia

Owls--

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Wellman kicked off, and Segura took the ball to the Silverton 27. Nathan Francis carried the ball a couple of times, and Wellman received a penalty for touching the face mask, which gave the Owls a first down on the Wildcat 30. Nathan passed complete to Andrew Francis before carrying the ball to another first down.

Garcia and Nathan Francis both took shots at the endzone, before Nathan passed to Ramirez for another score. Alvarez kicked the PAT, and moved the Owls into a 30-22 score with 6:46 remaining in the third quarter.

This time the Owl defense held the Wildcats and forced a punt. Nathan Francis passed to Ramirez for a 14-yard gain, then passed to Andrew Francis and Ramirez to move the ball to the 12. Nathan passed to Clint Ivory for the touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 2:45 remaining in the third period the Owls trailed 30-28.

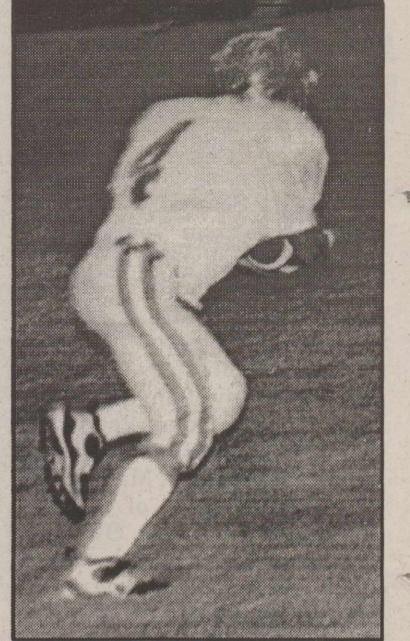
Charlie Bomar kicked off and the Wildcats mounted another drive. They picked up a first down on a penalty against the Owls, but were forced to conclude this series with a punt.

A short punt by the Owls concluded action in the third period, and the Wildcats scored from a yard outside the endzone with 9:06 remaining in the game. They failed on the PAT, and continued to lead 36-28.

Wellman kicked off, and Nathan Francis completed a pass to Ramirez for a first down. Nathan completed a pass to Isaiah Ivory which was good for an apparent touchdown with 7:38 still to be played in the game. But wait just a minute! The play was called back due to a penalty, and the Wildcats intercepted the Owls on the next play.

The Wildcats picked up a first down before scoring from the 10 with 6:02 remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the score stood at 42-28.

Wellman kicked off, and the



Paul Segura

ball was returned by Segura. A quarterback sack followed, and Isaiah Ivory ran the end around on the next play. Nathan Francis ran for a first down on the 14, after which he passed complete to Garcia. Nathan passed complete to Isaiah to move the ball to the one, and the Owls scored on a one-yard run by Isaiah. Alvarez kicked the PAT, to move the score to 42-36.

The Owls did some of their best defense on the next series after Wellman received the kick-off. The Wildcats punted with 2:02 remaining in the game.

Nathan Francis completed a pass to Clint Ivory, and passed for an apparent first down to Isaiah Ivory, but the Owls received a penalty which nullified the play. The ball went back to Wellman with 39 seconds remaining, and the Wildcats killed the clock.



Daniel Reagan and other Owls are shown on defense as Wellman-Union runs for more yardage in the game last Friday night.

Briscoe County News Photo

POW's, MIA's To Be Honored September 18 at Frank Phillips

A former member of the U. S. Special Forces in South Vietnam will be featured speaker at the POW-MIA banquet set for 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, in the Student Union Building at Frank Phillips College.

He is Ray Jennings of El Paso, First Sergeant (Ret.), who served two tours in Vietnam: one tour with the 101st Airborne Brigade at Hue, and the other tour with the Special Forces Group at Ban ME Thuot.

Larry Barnett, president of North Plains Chapter 404, Vietnam Veterans of America, said, "Mr. Jennings is a highly sought-after speaker. He has been featured at many veterans and military affairs gatherings. We are honored to have Mr. Jennings for this special occasion. He has certainly served his country well."

This banquet, which will be open to the public, will be sponsored by local veterans organizations including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Vietnam Veterans. The evening will include a Color Guard presentation by VVA

Chapter 297, Amarillo, a catered supper by Great Western Dining Service, Inc., and a special selection of patriotic songs by Borger High School Principal George Hanna.

Jennings has been awarded numerous military honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross and three Purple Hearts. He is a VVA life member and a past president of VVA Chapter 574, El Paso.

Advance reservations / tickets are available for \$7.50 a person, and may be made by contacting L. E. (Buster) Newberry, 273-2305; Eck Spahich, 857-0129; or Dennis Thomas, 878-2470.

The public is encouraged to join local veterans in saluting former POW's and American soldiers missing in action, Barnett said. He said the public also is asked to submit the names of all former area POW's and those who are MIA's.

A rhinoceros beetle can support up to 850 times its own weight on its back.

Reid Cousins Have Social Security in the Next Millennium Reunion in Denver

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

The descendants of the late W. W. and Elizabeth Reid met in Denver, Colorado August 6-7-8 for a Cousin Reunion.

Those attending were Peggy Miller, Amarillo, granddaughter of the late Pack and Lois (Reid) McKenney; Jack and Glenda Dodson of Fort Worth, Stewart and Kay Johnson, Stewart Johnson, jr., Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Scott Johnson and daughter, Mendy, from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Chris and Starla Williams and daughter, Cori, from Smiths, Bermuda (daughter and son-in-law of Jack and Glenda Dodson), family of Allie (Reid) Johnson and the late Joe Johnson; Lawanda Baird and son, Jason Baird, Alvord and Paula McWilliams, daughters and grandson of the late Paul and Mildred Reid; Dwain and Judy Reid, Albany, Oregon, son and daughter of Gladys Reid and the late Dee Reid; Bill Reid, Austin and Don Reid, M. D., Norman, Oklahoma, sons of the late Albert Reid; Barbara Woody, Springfield, Colorado, daughter of the late Leroy and Lola Mae (Reid) Shipman.

Those not present were Betty

As we celebrate the 64th birthday of the Social Security program on August 14, it is clear to most people that the Social security program as we know it will change in the next millennium. Over the past 60 years, Social Security has changed to meet the needs of the American people. It must change again to meet the challenge presented by larger numbers of people retiring earlier and living longer. Whether you're one of approximately 148 million people protected by Social Security or one of the more than 44 million people currently receiving benefits, changes are that you're concerned about how these changes will affect current benefits or future benefits potentially

Lou (Reid) Getting, Kearney, Missouri; Pat McKenney, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Gladys and Ronnie Reid, Grants Pass, Oregon; Jimmy Reid, Portland, Oregon; Wilma West, Lubbock.

Some had not seen one another in 45 years.

This was a memorable time enjoyed by all.

payable to you and your family. Will there be a Social Security program? What form will it take? How long will the trust funds be sufficient to pay benefits? What's the value of Social Security protection to workers and their families? Will the Social Security taxes you pay be set aside for your future retirement needs? What are some of the options for insuring the long-term financial stability of Social Security? We do have the answer to the question, "Will there be a Social Security program?" The answer is a resounding YES. We also have answers to trust fund solvency, value of the program, etc.

For help in discussing these and other questions about the future of Social Security, call and ask for the booklet, *The Future of Social Security* (SSA Pub. No. 05-10055). Copies are available from your local Social Security office or by calling SSA toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. You also can download a copy by typing www.ssa.gov to access Social Security Online, our Internet website.



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Start of boll weevil diapause program treatments by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has taken some of the onus for late-season boll weevil treatments off the backs of producers in some areas of the High Plains.

Unfortunately for some, boll weevils are beginning to increase in areas outside the currently active eradication zones. For producers in these areas it means having to make some difficult decisions about whether or not the bolls they are protecting from weevils truly have a chance to be harvested and are worth the additional treatment costs.

AgriPartner Boll Weevil Grid Trapping results for the past week indicate that only Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties failed to show dramatic increases in boll weevil trap counts. All other counties showed increases, some of them dramatic.

Not only are weevils on the rise across the area, but aphids, which have been around at levels just high enough to help sustain a healthy beneficial insect population through the season have begun to creep up as well.

The combination of already rising aphid numbers and boll weevil treatments by the TBWEF and individual producers means producers should be especially aware of the aphids in their fields and watch for potential destructive population increases that could lead to sticky cotton problems.

Producers do have some ability to prevent sticky cotton from occurring and PCG is encouraging a heightened awareness of this potential over the next several weeks as the weevil treatments continue and the crop nears harvest.

Producers should consult their County Integrated Pest management agents and request a copy of "1999 Suggestions for Cotton Aphid Management in West Texas." Copies of the publication can also be found on the internet at: <http://entowww.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/aphweb99.html>

Plains Cotton Growers is encouraging all producers to do what they can to reduce the changes for sphids to cause sticky cotton in order to protect the good reputation this area has with textile mill customers that purchase cotton from this area.

They warn that even a small, isolated problem could spell a long-term loss of markets for High Plains cotton. Textile mill buyers have communicated the fact that the only way to completely avoid sticky cotton is eliminate cotton from problem areas and buy cotton from other sources.

It is the heart that always sees, before tyhe head can see.
--Thomas Carlyle

Dryland Harvest To Start Early

High temperatures and low soil moisture conditions have combined to bring about an earlier than desired end to non-irrigated cotton acres across the High Plains region.

According to Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) officials it is likely that quite a bit of dryland cotton will begin receiving the first treatments of their harvest-aid regimen within the next one to two weeks.

If this process moves forward as expected, gins across the area could be processing dryland cotton on a regular basis before the end of the month.

Overall the dryland crop is expected to yield between one-half and two-thirds of a bale per acre. The high temperature, low moisture combination has limited the yield potential of most of the dryland acres which got off to a pretty good start after receiving good moisture early in the season.

The dryland crop is a welcome sight to producers since many areas haven't had the luxury of having a crop to harvest for the past couple of seasons.

A side benefit of the early harvest of dryland cotton is that it will eliminate many acres that would be treated by Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation during the remainder of the season. This could save a considerable amount since treatments will be able to stop on these acres as soon as they are harvested.

Updated TAEX Harvest Aid Guide Available

An updated version of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service harvest aid guide is now available.

The publication, titled "1999 High Plains Cotton Harvest-Aid Guide," can be obtained from the Texas Ag Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, TAEX County Offices or on the internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/agweb/harvest/1999.htm>

Included in the updated harvest-aid guide are recommendations for various combinations of products based on various environmental and crop conditions. The publication also includes information helpful for determining the stage of a crop, application considerations and a discussion of the different types of harvest-aid products available.

A group of pheasants is properly referred to as a nye.

New Arrival

Doug and Brenda McDonough of Plainview are parents of a son, Zachary Spencer, born at 4:06 p.m. Thursday, September 2, at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. He weighed five pounds and seven ounces.

Welcoming her brother into the family is two-and-a-half-year old Meredith.

Grandparents are Bill and Della Boling of Silverton and John and Barbara McDonough of Plainview.

Aggressive Driving Is Easily Avoided

The scorching hot temperatures in Texas not only can eat away at your electricity bill but also your patience of others. Couple this with unsafe driving practices and you have a roadway full of hot-tempered travelers.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines an aggressive driver as someone who routinely shows little or no concern for traffic laws or other motorists.

Reports from NHTSA show that 66 percent of all traffic fatalities nationwide are caused by aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, failing to yield, passing on the right, running red lights and stop signs, and tailgating.

"Crashes can be prevented if motorists are courteous to other motorists, obey the speed limit, drive at a speed appropriate for the conditions, use safety belts property and never drink and drive," Wes Heald, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), said.

According to an American Automotive Association (AAA) study, the best way to avoid aggressive drivers is to not offend them. Common sense and courtesy are your best defense in avoiding the aggressive driver.

"Getting home safely can be as simple as driving courteously," Heald said.

The study also suggests that motorists don't cut drivers off, use the horn sparingly and the left lane is for passing only. Refrain from tailgating, making obscene gestures, and always remember to signal when merging or changing lanes.

Average Prices for Harvest Aid Products

(Average from four locations)

		Average Cost per		
		Gallon	Pint	Oz.
Finish (4 lb/gallon)	Rhone-Poulenc	\$55.74	\$6.97	\$.44
Finish (6 lb/gallon)	Rhone-Poulenc	\$88.40	\$11.05	\$.69
Prep	Rhone-Poulenc	\$56.49	\$7.06	\$.44
Def	Bayer	\$42.68	\$5.33	\$.33
Harvade	Uniroyal	\$86.27	\$10.78	\$.67
Ginstar	AgrEvo	\$185.63	\$23.20	\$1.45
SuperBoll	Griffin	\$54.48	\$6.81	\$.43
Cyclone	Zencca	\$27.50	\$3.44	\$.21
CottonQuik	Griffin	\$26.21	\$3.28	\$.20
Na Chlorate (5lb/gal)	Generic	\$4.88	\$0.61	\$.04
Exit non-ionic surfactant	Miller	\$19.25	\$2.41	\$.15
Crop Oil Concentrate	Generic	\$6.40	\$0.80	\$.05

Source: Dr. Randy Boman, TAEX, Lubbock

New Law--

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What does this mean for members of Swisher Electric Cooperative (SEC)? For the most part, it means business as usual.

Beginning September 1, electric cooperatives will be regulated in their local communities and not by the Texas Public Utility

Refusing to engage in the rage of the other driver can be an excellent defense mechanism. If you refuse to become angry, there are no grounds for a fight.

Motorists should always remain calm and be alert of your surroundings. Never pull off to the side of the road to settle the argument. Avoid eye contact with aggressive drivers. If an aggressive driver makes threatening actions, drive to a safe public place such as a busy gas station or police station where other people are around and call the police.

AAA suggests the easiest way to avoid aggressive driving is to make a simple attitude adjustment. Don't make driving a contest. Allow enough time for your trip instead of putting yourself and others in a high risk driving situation.

Learn what the driving laws are and periodically review them with your family. When driving on Texas roads, TxDOT wants you to share the road and remember the basics of driving safely. Buckle your seat belt, don't drink and drive, and watch your speed.

"You can't always control the traffic situations but you can control your own reaction to them," Heald said.

A Frequently Asked Social Security Question

by Mary Jane Shanes
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Do I have to use direct deposit?

Social Security strongly encourages all Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries to receive their monthly benefits by direct deposit. Starting January 2, 1999, most federal payments are being issued through direct deposit. You can still receive your Social Security or SSI benefit by check, but you should consider the many benefits direct deposit offers.



New Study Provides Hope For Treatment of Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer patients who do not respond to conventional radiation therapy may now have new hope. Doctors at The Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston have begun a joint clinical study combining a revolutionary form of radiation with gene therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer.

Recently approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, this study is the first of its kind to test this new multi-faceted treatment. Similar testing in mice proved successful and researchers are optimistic the study will reveal that the combination of radiation and gene therapy will

decrease the recurrence of prostate cancer in humans.

Participants will be treated with Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), commonly known as "Peacock" because of the manner in which the system's rays fan out like a peacock's tail. IMRT utilizes an innovative 3-D computer program that delivers a dose of radiation directly to the cancerous tumor without damaging surrounding tissue. Research shows that IMRT patients experience fewer side effects than those receiving conventional radiation therapy.

The gene therapy component involves injecting a common cold

virus that carries a "killer gene" directly into the cancer cells.

This protocol can be carried out on an outpatient basis, and builds on previous work with this gene therapy approach in which patients experienced no significant toxicity to the treatment. Because gene therapy offers a unique way of killing cancer cells, investigators expect the study to show the treatment is more effective than radiation therapy alone or radiation therapy plus hormones.

Patients whose cancer has not spread to other portions of the body and who have had no prior surgical, hormonal or radiotherapy prostate treatment are eligible to participate in the study. Treatment will last seven to 16 weeks with a multi-year follow-up. Study outcomes will be evalu-

ated 12-18 months after therapy.

"This is a promising new way to attack prostate cancer in patients with localized disease," says Brian Butler, M. D., chief of radiation oncology at Baylor and medical director of Methodist's radiation therapy department. "IMRT combines the most advanced radiation technique available with the latest in gene therapy research." Butler is a principal investigator of the study.

Prostate cancer claims more than 39,000 lives each year. One in 10 men in the United States develops prostate cancer, making it the second leading cause of cancer death among men in this country. Symptoms can include weak or interrupted urine flow, frequent urination, pain or burning during urination, blood

in the urine and nagging pain in the back, hips or pelvis.

Brian Miles, M. D., associate professor of urology at Baylor, says prostate cancer can be successfully treated when found early. Fifty-eight percent of all prostate cancers are discovered while they are still localized, and the five-year survival rate for those treated in early stages of the disease is more than 90 percent.

One hundred men are needed for the study, which is partially sponsored by Baylor College of Medicine, The Methodist Hospital and Advantagene, Inc., a biotechnology company. Patients or their insurance companies must pay standard treatment costs, including IMRT. There is no additional cost for the drug or gene therapy. Patients interested should call (713) 790-2700.



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Good Luck to the Silvertown Owls



THE OWLS--(front row, left to right) Duncan Vernon, Adrian Cruz, Monty Wood, Andrew Francis, Red Ivory, Paul Segura, Chase Comer; (middle row) Issac Garcia, Adrian Ramirez, Clint Ivory, Isaiah Ivory, John Arnold, Nicholas Vargas, Danny Dunn; (back row) Ryan Minyard, Daniel Rogers, Charlie Bomar, Tyler Young, Matt Strange, Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan. John Rogers is the team manager.

Silvertown Owls

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Most Frequently Asked Social Security Questions

by Mary Jane Shanes
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Plainview, Texas

I'm interested in direct deposit but I don't know if it's right for me. What should I do?

If you think you are interested

in signing up for direct deposit but think you need more information, you can do one of the following:

If you have an account, go to your bank, savings and loan or credit union. They can answer your questions about direct deposit.

If you don't have an account, consider opening one and sign up

for direct deposit at that time. Most banks, savings and loans and credit unions offer a variety of accounts, some with little or no fees. Look for one that meets your needs.

You can wait. More information will be available later about a new low-cost account that may be your best choice.

Why should I sign up? What

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

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safe. spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

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PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800 252 8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor re-assumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

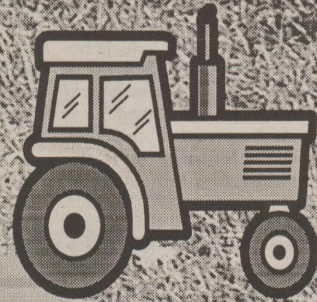
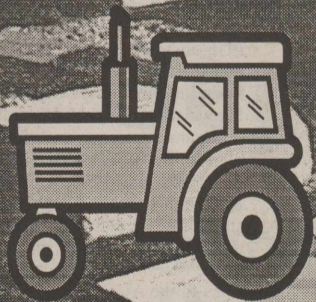
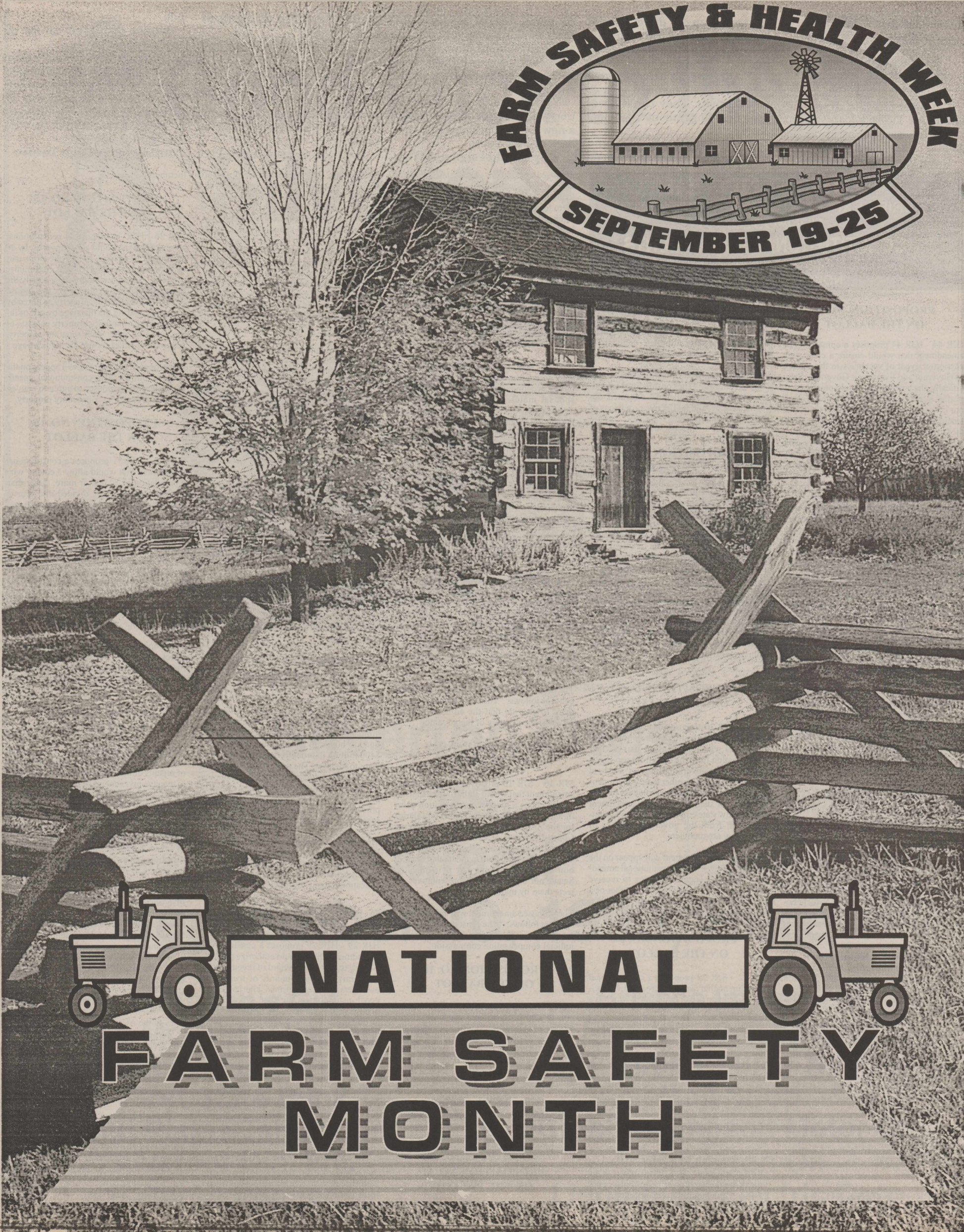
SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The



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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
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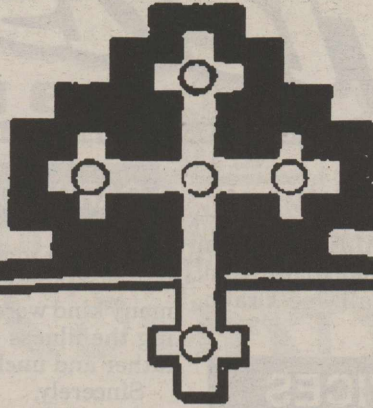
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Everyone Is Good At Something

God has given each of us special talents and abilities, and it is our responsibility to develop and use these gifts for His glory. We may not be a world-class athlete or a famous artist or musician, but we may possess other talents or gifts that are just as important. For example, we may have the gift of encouragement, or perhaps offering comfort, or simply just being a good helper. Although these gifts are often overlooked, everyone needs encouragement and comforting at times, and there is always someone in our lives who needs help.

Special talents and gifts that we may have are only good if we share them. A person may be an exceptional artist or musician, but their efforts may be self-indulgent and wasted if they are not shared with others; gifts of the heart are also wasted if they too are not shared. God wants His people to use their given abilities and talents to enhance the good of others.

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Your money is available for use as soon as it is deposited into your account. You can write checks, pay bills, withdraw money or put some into savings. Anything you usually do with your money now, you can also do with direct deposit.

After I sign up for direct deposit, do I have to stay with the same bank?

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Armyworm Found in Local Cotton Fields

One of the most destructive late-season cotton pests, beet armyworm, has been identified at an unusually high level in Briscoe County. This could be the initial sign of an outbreak or extended egg-lay situation.

Armyworm can be particularly damaging to cotton crops. Upon hatch, the larvae immediately open the new account and make sure your deposits are going to the new bank, savings and loan or credit union before you close the old account.

begin feeding on the leaves, terminals, bolls and fruiting squares of cotton plants. Last year alone, armyworm damage resulted in more than 41,311 lost bales in Texas.

Adequate timing and coverage are important issues for control of armyworm outbreaks. In order to insure maximum efficacy, many consultants recommend targeting worms between the stages of egg hatch and three-day-old larvae.

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