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The Five Most Deadly West Texas Tornadoes occurred on: April 9, 1947 in Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Lipscomb counties with 68 deaths and 272 injuries. This was rated as an F5.

May 22, 1987, 30 deaths and 121 injuries resulted from an F4 storm in Reeves County.

May 11, 1970, a Lubbock County storm, rated F5, took 26 lives and injured 500.

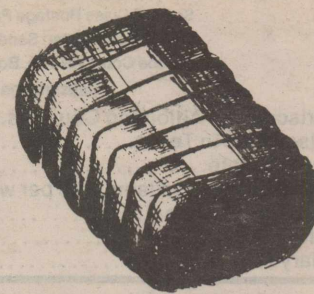
May 14, 1923 Howard and Mitchell counties were hit by an F5 tornado that killed 23 and injured 250.

The May 15, 1957 tornado which hit Briscoe County and Silverton killed 20 and injured 80 more. It was rated as an F4 tornado.

You will notice that all of the top five Deadliest Storms occurred in April or May. We are nearing that season again, and it will be time for everyone to be on the alert whenever moisture returns to this area.



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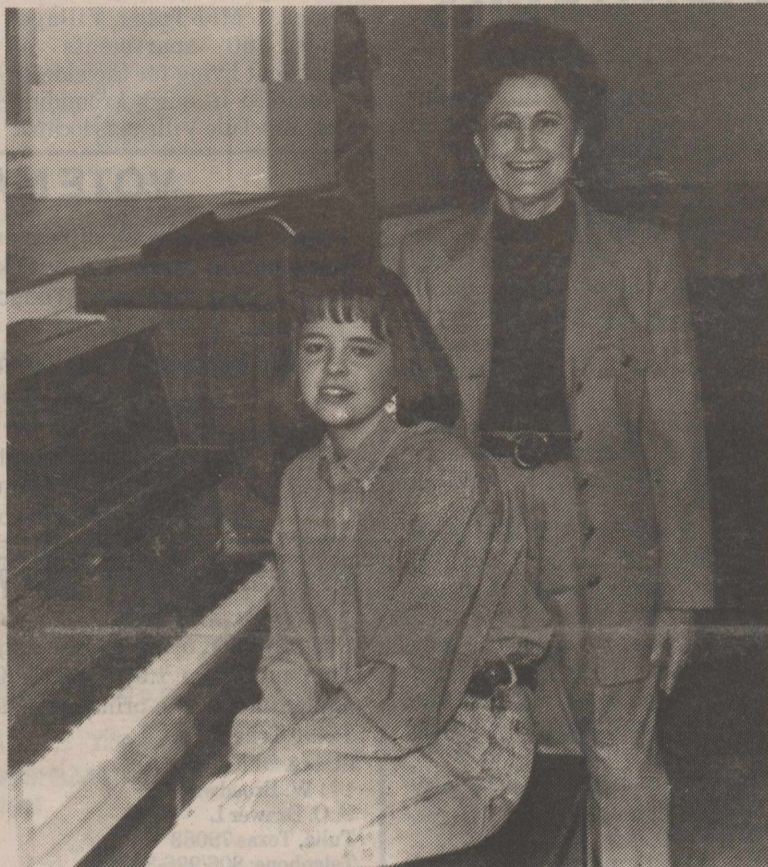


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## Early Voting Closes Friday



Lindsey Jennings, with her piano instructor, Patsy Herrington

## Lindsey Jennings Wins Trip to State UIL Music Contest

Lindsey Jennings was among several hundred music students to compete in the Regional UIL Solo & Ensemble Music Competition held Saturday, February 24, at the Texas Tech School of Music in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Juannah Jennings of Silverton and Rick Jennings of Friona.

She entered Class I, the most difficult division, and earned a I superior rating, which won her a trip to the State Meet and a gold medal.

Lindsey performed "Rondo 'A La Turque'" from Sonata 16 by Mozart, in competition with students from larger schools such as Plainview, Lubbock, Brownfield, etc., and all had the same tough judges.

Lindsey will represent Silverton High School at the State UIL Meet in Austin May 25-27.

She is a student of Mrs. Ross (Patsy) Herrington of Quitaque, who has taken ten previous

students to the State Meet, including Tara Nance, daughter of Wayne and Tina Nance, and Iva June Johnson, daughter of Rex and Dorothy Johnson. Lindsey is her first freshman to achieve this honor.

Mrs. Herrington had two other students to win I superior ratings. They are her granddaughter, Traci Ham of Crosbyton, daughter of Max and Anne Marie Ham, formerly of Quitaque, and Melody Farley, daughter of Lisa and Dennis Farley of Quitaque and granddaughter of Nadyne Childress of Silverton.

Melody earned her superior rating on a Class II solo and Traci earned hers with a Class I solo, and each received a gold medal.

Their judge was Joan Hines of Hobbs, New Mexico, a well-known music adjudicator.

Students begin working on these piano pieces in September; they must be selected from the State Music List and are quite difficult.

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Primary elections will continue through Friday in the office of County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams in the Briscoe County Courthouse.

According to Mrs. McWilliams, the voting has been very light to this point.

You no longer have to give an excuse for voting early.

County voting places for the Republican Primary on Tuesday, March 12, will be the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton and the Catholic Center in Quitaque.

Voting places for the county's Democratic Primary Tuesday, March 12, will be City Hall in Silverton, Precinct 1; Community Center in Quitaque, Precinct 2; Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton, Precinct 3; D & K Manufacturing, at the intersection of Highways 86 and 207 in Silverton, Precinct 4; Lake Mackenzie Office, Precinct 5; City Hall in Quitaque, Precinct 6.

The voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Each party will be nominating its candidates for the General Election this fall. No person shall legally cast a ballot in more than one Primary election.

## Youth Group to Serve Mexican Luncheon

Silverton Youth Group will serve a Mexican Food meal Sunday, March 10, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall. The menu will consist of enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and drink.

The Youth Group is trying to raise money for their ski trip. Donations will be accepted.

If you are unable to attend the lunch, just let someone in the Youth Group know, and we will deliver a plate to you. 9-2tnc

## Science Fair is Today

PTA's Elementary Science Fair will be held today (March 7) from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m.

Parents can view these projects in the school library.

## Sorghum Seminar Planned Tuesday

A seminar for all grain sorghum producers will be held at the Briscoe County Courthouse beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, according to County Extension Agent Rebel Royall.

Speakers will include Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, and Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist.

Two Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be offered for Certified Private and Licensed Private Applicators.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Flag Service Renewal Sales Beginning Soon

Boy Scout Troop 262 will begin its annual Flag Service sales and renewals in the next few weeks. This project is a major fundraiser for the troop, and helps replace camping gear, and fund projects and programs.

Everyone has been very generous in past years by purchasing this service from the Scout Troop. One year's service includes seven holidays for \$25.00.

If you wish to receive the service, and are not contacted by a Scout, please see Rick Minyard, or Larry Comer to have your name added to the list.

## Good Turnout Monday For Republican Rally

There was a large turnout for the Republican Bean and Cornbread Supper Monday night. Candidates Terry Grimland and Rance Young were asked to speak.

The meeting was attended by Hollis Cain of Springlake, a candidate for State Representative from the 85th District. Susan Wenges, representing Mac Thornberry, also was present.

Republicans in the Silverton area will vote at the Briscoe County Showbarn and Republicans in the Quitaque area will vote at the Catholic Center on Tuesday, March 12.



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**Services Available For the Visually Impaired Veterans**

There is a light at the end of the tunnel for visually impaired veterans. According to Billye Kesler, Veterans County Service Officer for Briscoe County, that light is provided by the Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) at the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The purpose of the team is to assist visually impaired veterans with all services offered by the VA.

There is currently estimated to be more than 663,000 severely visually impaired veterans. By the year 2010 this number will increase to more than 889,000. Over 70 percent of these veterans will be age 75 or older. This represents an average annual increase of 15,000 severely visually impaired veterans.

In the same regard, it is estimated that there are more than 94,000 legally blind veterans and that this number

will increase by 62 percent by year 2010 to over 135,000, over 76% of whom will be age 75 or older.

Legal blindness is defined as existing when best corrected central visual acuity with ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses is 20/200 or less in the better eye.

When a veteran is known to have severe visual problems, his or her computer records are flagged. VISA is notified each time one of these veterans is admitted to the VA Medical Center for care.

VIST members also coordinate annual reviews which include an assessment of medical and psychological situations. They are available to assist in ensuring that medical/surgical, ophthalmologic, optometric and other examinations and corresponding treatment is given, special aids and equipment for the blind are made accessible. Assistance is also given in filing compensation and pension claims through the VA Regional Office.

Another of the team's duties includes assisting veterans with resources outside of the VA. Some of the non-VA benefits include talking book programs, travel discounts, vocational training, radio taping and exemption of directory assistance charges.

The VA offers blind rehabilitation training to all eligible, legally blinded veterans.



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**WEDNESDAY**

Evening..... 8:00 p.m.

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This training is conducted at the Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center at the VA Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, and lasts for eight to ten weeks.

Visually impaired veterans interested in the services offered to them by the VA are urged to contact the VIST at 713-794-7532.



**OBITUARIES**

**SHIRLEY DURHAM**

Funeral services for Shirley Durham, 55, were scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the Silvertown Church of Christ. Officiating were to be Ted Kingery, minister, and J. D. Nance, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Burial was to be in the Silvertown Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Durham died of cancer Monday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

The former Shirley Ann Fitzgerald, she was born June 11, 1940 in Briscoe County and was the youngest child of Wayland and Florene Fitzgerald. They made their home on a farm southwest of Silvertown and she attended the Silvertown Schools, graduating with the Class of 1958. She married William Lee (Bill) Durham on September 23, 1960.

She was employed by a local florist before starting her own business, Shirley's Plants & Gifts, and assisting her husband and children in the operation of Bill Durham Fertilizer.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Tulia Ladies Golf Association. They bought and restored one of Silvertown's first homes which was awarded a Texas Historical Medallion. She enjoyed beautifying her yard with flowers in the warm months and Christmas decorations during that season of the year.

She was preceded in death by a son, Trevor Durham, who died at the age of five months in 1966, and a daughter, Amy Durham, who died the day she was born in 1975.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Kirk Durham of Silvertown; a daughter Lee Ann Todd of Tulia; her mother, Florene Fitzgerald of Silvertown; a brother, Guinn Fitzgerald of Silvertown; a sister, Betty Breedlove of College Station; six nieces and nephews, and her mother-in-law, Florine Ratliff of Lockney.

Pallbearers were to be Chris Breedlove, Craig Breedlove, Curtis Breedlove, Rodger Kennedy, Ron Nistler and Clifford Oldham.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

This year, as Volunteers of America marks its 100th anniversary of service to our nation, we are reminded that many of the same problems that plagued turn-of-the-century America still demand our attention today. Even in the face of reduced government funding, Volunteers of America is meeting a steadily increasing demand for its services.

Today, Volunteers of America's century-old spiritual heritage is expressed in more than 158 different human service programs that help nearly two million people every year. In our community alone, Volunteers of America, Mid-Tule Village, provides 50 apartments of independent living for the elderly and disabled in our surrounding towns. Mid-Tule Village is located

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at 321 S. E. 7th St., Tulia, TX. Join with us in developing creative new partnerships with private, public and not-for-profit sectors to ensure quality programs that work. Together, we can make a stronger community.

Meanwhile, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Tulia and our surrounding towns, for your faithful and generous support.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Hayes  
Community Administrator



The first known machine for making paper bags was built in 1860's.

**VOTE MARCH 12**

I have tried to visit with everyone in our precinct during the election campaign, but I know I have missed some. Be sure to cast your ballot Tuesday and take part in selecting your county officers.

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**March 6, 1986--**Warren Wayne Merrell and Jamie Frizzell were successful in catching a calf during the calf scrambles held during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davidson have moved to Pampa . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jarrett are in the process of moving to Ruidoso, New Mexico . . . Services conducted for Frances Lucille Davis, 53 . . . Word received here that R. H. Stodghill, jr., 65, had died in Birmingham, Alabama . . .

**March 4, 1976--**UIL music competitors have been Lee Ann McMurtry, Lesa Francis, Danna Garvin, Becky Francis, Kim Hutsell, Tracy Gill, Mignone Rauch and Rebecca Reid . . . Mrs. Mildred Brooks has announced the sale of Mildred's Cafe to Wayne and Anne McMurtry . . . Terry Culwell recovering at home following a vehicle accident in Kansas . . . Eric Patton showed the Grand Champion Other Pure Breeds Barrow in the San Antonio Stock Show. Bryan Burson was exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Poland China Barrow . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitfill are parents of a daughter, Leah Robin . . . Senior Master Sergeant Darrell E. Sorter recently participated in Bold Eagle '76, a joint Army, Navy and Air Force training exercise held in Nevada and the Southern California desert . . . Attending the meeting of Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority at Crosbyton Tuesday were Silverton Directors Norman Strange and Charles Whitfill, and Jerry Patton, Bill Yoakum, Charles Sarchet and Flute Hutsell . . .

**March 3, 1966--**Area I officers of Young Farmers, including G. W. Chappell of Silverton, met in the Chamber of Commerce Building in Plainview February 17 . . . The grand opening of Tom's Shamrock Cafe is planned Friday. Located on the eastern city limits of Silverton, the cafe is now operating under the management of Tommy Strange . . . First State Bank had just installed a night depository . . . Young Homemaker officers are Vaughnell Brannon, president; Wayma Bomar, first vice president; Virginia Hardin, secretary; Elaine LaBaume, reporter; Maebelle Francis, second vice president; Lois Francis, treasurer . . . Mrs. Ruth Baker spent a recent weekend with Mrs. Kitty Lawler in Canyon. They were in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh spent a recent weekend in Waco with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millsap. Mrs. Millsap returned home with her parents for a two-week visit . . . Mrs. J. T. Gilkeyson returned home from the Lockney Hospital Sunday after having been a patient there since the previous Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. George

Long have visited recently in northern Arkansas and with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Long in Vian, Oklahoma . . . Mrs. C. O. Allard visited Mrs. Gertrude Arnold in People's Hospital in Floydada Tuesday . . . Joann Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, has recently completed the requirements for a bachelor of science degree from Arizona State College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williamson and Mrs. Robert Rhea returned home Saturday after a vacation with relatives in the Rio Grande Valley and with his sister in DeQuincy, Louisiana . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McJimsey returned home Monday from Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where they had spent a long weekend with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Claunch . . .

**March 8, 1956--**FHA members attending the Area I Meeting in Amarillo were Mike Reid, Ina Lou Grabbe, Roxanna McJimsey, Patsy Brannon, Helen McJimsey, Paula Reid, Eulane Rackley, Kay Williams, Sue Reid, Norma Sue Gamble, Beverly Seaton, Darlene Miller, Joy Strange, Susie Anderson, LaWanda Reid, Marjorie Autry, Melba Loyd, Elaine Stephens, Mary Jane West, Diane Fogerson, Joy Ann Gatewood and Peggy Grundy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle and children of Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer Sunday afternoon . . . Little Freddie Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, was operated on Tuesday morning at Plainview Hospital . . . Funeral services conducted for George Edward Heckman . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hardin are parents of a baby boy named Wendell Roy . . . Iris Mae Graham of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard and family . . . WSCS meeting held in the home of Mrs. Hugh Nance. Attending were Mmes. S. R. Turner, Jeff Simpson, J. S. Fisher, R. M. Hill, Orville Turner, L. J. Fowler, Robert Ledbetter, Bill Edwards, Arnold Turner, James Patterson, M. G. Moreland, Ralph Glover, George Seaney and Nance . . . Mrs. R. C. Harris, who broke her hip last July, was taken by ambulance to the Plainview clinic for examination last week. She was told that the bone had healed and was given her dismissal . . .

**March 23, 1946--**George Colvin of Turkey received the Eagle and Life awards at the Tule Council Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America, here on Tuesday night . . . William C. Donnell, fireman second class, USNR, whose wife, the former Christine Carthel, resides in Silverton, left the escort carrier USS Savo Island recently bound for discharge from the Navy . . . Announcement has been made that Dick Bomar has purchased the Fogerson Feed and Seed Store . . . Services in memory of Dwain Bullock, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bullock, were conducted Saturday afternoon at Vigo Park . . . County receives big benefit from nearly inch of rain . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoyt of Corpus Christi visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliston, over the weekend. Mr.

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and Mrs. T. L. Anderson accompanied them home for an indefinite visit . . . Mrs. Jim Stevenson and Mrs. Dee McWilliams were scheduled to undergo tonsillectomies Thursday at the Tulia hospital . . . Attending a youth rally in Plainview were a group of young people from the Silverton Methodist Church, including Hazel and Pauline Chitty, Betty Marshall, Betty Gardner, Jack,

Lester and Donald Paige, Clifton Beardon, Bailey Hill, Howard McCoy, Haskell, Dan, Ed and Paul Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gardner, Mrs. Verne Beardon, Geron Shelton and Rev. H. W. Barnett . . .

**March 5, 1936--**Another of the Briscoe County pioneers is gone. Cooper Wimberly, 75 years old and a resident of this county since 1890, passed away Thursday at his home. Mr. Wimberly came to

Briscoe County from Stevens County, and homesteaded in the southwest corner of the county, and where he has made his home ever since—a fine type of pioneer, and one who did more than his share in the building of Briscoe County. He was an excellent businessman, always at work, and a member of the Silverton Farm Loan Association for twelve

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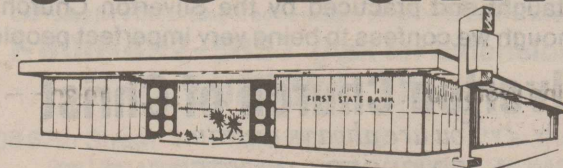
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## Rampley Attends National Leadership Contest Recently

Mandy Rampley of Muskogee (Oklahoma) High School was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference February 6-11 in Washington, D. C.

The conference is for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Miss Rampley, a junior, was among 350 outstanding national scholars attending the conference.

Theme of the conference was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today."

Throughout the six-day conference, Miss Rampley interacted with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program included welcoming remarks from the floor of the United States House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Scholars also visited foreign embassies and received policy briefings from senior government officials.

"The conference provides the opportunity for students to



Mandy Rampley

distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said John Hines, Congressional Youth Leadership Council director.

"Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Miss Rampley is the youngest daughter of Wayne and Pam Rampley of Muskogee, and is the granddaughter of O. C. and Faye Rampley of Silverton.

### Wounded in the House of a Friend

Religion's greatest enemies are not the militant anti-religious. Nor are they the non-religious. They are certain religious people.

They are the hypocrites who make long prayers at church on Sunday, and live like the devil Monday to Saturday.

They are the cult leaders who brainwash people. They make mockery of religion in general, and Christianity in particular.

They are the groups who take up the sword and kill fellow man in the name of religion. Jesus clearly taught that his kingdom is not defended by the sword. "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight..." (John 18:36a). Yet we see acts of terrorism and cruel massacres committed in the name of religion in one part of the world; and in another part we find "Christian" groups warring with each other. It's little wonder so many people are "turned off" by religion.

Then there are the religious racketeers whose preaching on television and radio is calculated to take advantage of human weakness and to extract funds. They say these funds are needed to keep the gospel on the air. While some of the "electronic" preachers are no doubt honest, many are making themselves rich by this means; no accounting is made of just how the money is spent.

These are a few of the "friends" of religion who are doing it great harm. But let it be known that original Christianity, as taught in the Bible is different. It is beautiful. It is reasonable.

When people look into it, its simplicity and purity have a strong appeal. And we believe you will find this kind of religion taught and practiced by the Silverton Church of Christ, though we confess to being very imperfect people.

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## New Arrival

Jim and Pam Cogdell are parents of a daughter, Harlee Elizabeth, born at 2:09 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 1996, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed seven pounds, two and one-half ounces on arrival.

Grandparents are Billy and Bette Cogdell, Chuck and Kay Harfelder of Amarillo and John and Germaine Witt of Amarillo. Moree Barnes of Tulia is the baby's great-great-grandmother.

### Happy Birthday To . . .

March 7--J. P. West, Diamond Williams, Estelle South

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

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

March 10--Michael Dallas Marley, Juannah Brice

March 11--Linda Jarnagin, Ruby Brannon, Holly Beth Gaskins

March 12--Brett Gill, Dennis Farley, Roy Dean McCoy, Marcy Roys, Cynthia Younger, LaVerne Long, Stephanie Smith

March 13--Jill Elizabeth Bean, Billy Turner, Russell Couch, Katrice Matchett, Hubert Braddock

### Happy Anniversary To . . .

March 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood

March 12--Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger

## Self-Employed Use Tax Return to Report Social Security Tax

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Are you self-employed? Does your business employ a few people or do you work alone? No matter how small your business--or whether it is a full or part-time occupation--you must report your earnings and pay Social Security tax with your income tax return due by April 15.

If you operate a trade, business or profession, by yourself or as a



Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Fudge of Tulia are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Suzanne Fudge, to Eric Lee Patton, son of Mary Jane and J. E. Patton, jr. of Silverton. The couple plans to wed April 20, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tulia. The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Tulia High School and has completed several courses through Amarillo College. She is currently employed as the Payroll/Insurance Clerk at the Tulia Schools Administration Office. The bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of Silverton High School and a 1987 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in entomology. He is currently employed as a technical representative by Gustafson's of Plano. The couple plans to reside in Silverton after their marriage.

partner, you are self-employed. Net earnings of \$400 or more in a year must be reported on your schedule SE. If you earn under \$400, your earnings can still count for Social Security if you decide to compute your earnings using one of the optional methods of reporting. However, the option available to you depends on whether you have income from an agricultural trade or business or a nonagricultural trade or business. Call the Internal Revenue Service for information on the optional method of reporting.

The Social Security tax for 1995 was 15.3 percent on self-employment income up to \$61,200. If your net earnings exceed \$61,200, you continued to

pay the Medicare portion of the Social Security tax, which is 2.9 percent, on the rest of your earnings.

The employer's share of the Social security tax is not considered taxable income to the employee and that is true for the self-employed as well. Thus, in figuring your net earnings from self-employment for income tax purposes, your net profit from the business is reduced by a percentage equal to half of the self-employment tax rate. And, also for income tax purposes, you can deduct half of your Social Security self-employment tax as a business expense.

If you have wages as well as self-employment earnings, compute the taxes on your wages first. Then, your self-employment income is the difference between your wages and the maximum earnings taxable by Social Security in 1995 (\$61,200).

Remember, even if you don't owe any income tax, you must fill out the tax return Form 1040 and Schedule SE to pay self-employment Social Security tax. For more information, call the Internal Revenue Service.

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years. Cooper Wimberly, a member of the Baptist Church, was a man who lived his religion in his every day life. During the past few hard years, donation after donation of flour, meat and clothing were made by Mr. Wimberly to those less fortunate than himself, and always in a quiet unobtrusive way . . . Mrs. Stuart Johnston, supervisor of the W. P. Archaeology project at Clarendon, has moved her men to ten miles south of Silverton where they have found an unusually rich fossil bed. A giant ground sloth, an unusually large wolf, a camel, the remains of horses as large as the modern horse are among the uncovered fossils. Mrs. Johnston says that these fossils are of the Pleistocene age and are at least a million years old . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "P. D. Jasper was visiting in a community where a relative of his had lived. A native told him, "Why, he was the meanest man I ever knew." Mr. Jasper, very much surprised asked for details. "Well, he broke up our school." "And how?" "He moved his family away" . . . Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mrs. Will Dunn entertained the Garden Club Friday. A delicious plate of ice cream and cake was enjoyed by Mmes. Raymond Patton, Will Newman, Milton Dudley, Clifford Allard, Joe Blocker, J. C. Patton, Hubert Simmons and the hostesses . . . The Haylake School was closed last week because of several cases of diphtheria . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foust and family

were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long . . . Roy Bomar is nursing a rather badly injured V-8 coupe, after being forced into another car Sunday . . .

**December 10, 1925--** Flashing through snow, rain and over and down mountains, a stock Chrysler Six roadster recently broke all motor car speed records between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It averaged 51.64 miles an hour for the 439 miles of run . . . F. M. Arnold, 81, died at his home here Monday. He had been suffering for years from cancer which was the cause of his death. He was born in Tennessee and came to Texas from Arkansas in 1908. He was a veteran of the civil war . . . Change in Tulia Route gives better postal service . . . The old warehouse back of the Peoples Pharmacy is being removed but Jeff Burson would not confirm the report that it was being cleared away in order that the drug building could be moved back on the lot so as to make room for a handsome two-story brick on the corner . . . W. Allard is having a fine home built in the east part of town . . . Mrs. Ada Kitchens, Mrs. Lily Wafford, little daughter, Jack, and Mrs. J. H. McClendon visited Mrs. Carl Kitchens and sons in Quitaque Sunday . . . W. E. Schott and family are moving to their home east of Haylake school house and Billie Moore will manage their ranch under the caprock next year . . . Bud Brooks is busy hauling brick for the school building at Haylake . . .

It has been my privilege and honor to serve this county through four terms as sheriff and I want to thank all of you for your support. I have made it a habit to respond to any and all calls or to have as good a deputy as I can get available to respond to your needs.

I have worked with our fire departments and ambulance services assisting in virtually all emergency situations. I have kept pace with the changing Criminal Codes and Procedures passed by each legislature and have over 1500 hours of training in the field of Law Enforcement. I am rated by the state agency, a Master Peace Officer.

I have tried at all times to work with the Commissioners Court and the judicial system to keep costs down and performance up, to be as professional as possible and maintain a system of community policing.

Overall, I have enjoyed these years of service. There have been actions and events that were not pleasant but still the good has outweighed the bad.

Now I am running as a candidate for yet another term. I believe the experience and knowledge that I offer at this time qualifies me to lead the Sheriff's Department of Briscoe County into the 21st century.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS (CONDADO DE BRISCOE, TEXAS)

MARCH 12, 1996 (12 de marzo de 1996)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:

Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee

(Preferencia para un candidato nombrado para presidente)

- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
- Bill Clinton
- Sal Casamassima
- Fred Hudson
- Elvena E. Lloyd-Duffie
- Ted L. Gunderson
- Heather Harder

United States Senator

(Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Jim Chapman
- John Will Odam
- Victor M. Morales
- John Bryant

United States Representative, District 13

(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)

- Samuel Brown Silverman
- Aaron Alejandro

Railroad Commissioner

(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Hector Uribe

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

(Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema)

- Andrew Jackson Kupper

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Patrice Barron

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Gene Kelly

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Bob Perkins
- Frances Northcutt

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Winston Cochran
- Gary Taylor
- Charles Holcomb
- Norman Lanford

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 3)

- Frank Maloney

State Representative, District 85

(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)

- James E. "Pete" Laney

District Attorney, 110th Judicial District

(Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 110)

- Becky Bybee McPherson

Sheriff

(Sherife)

- Jerry D. Beck
- Richard C. (Dick) Roehr
- Steve Miller

County Tax Assessor-Collector

(Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Betty Ann Stephens

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)

- Aaron E. Younger

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)

- L.B. Garvin, Jr.
- Dwain Henderson (Write-In)  
(Voto Escrito)

County Chairman, Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

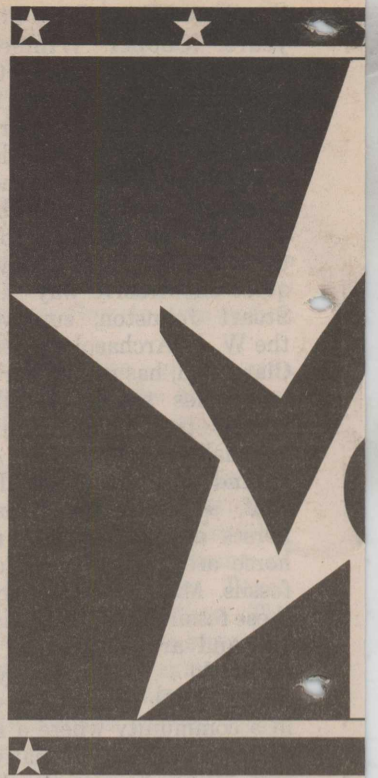
(Presidente del Condado) Precinto Núm. \_\_\_\_\_

- Rhenda Burson
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In)  
(Voto Escrito)

Precinct Chairman, Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Presidente del Precinto, Precinto Núm. \_\_\_\_\_)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In)  
(Voto Escrito)



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REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS (CONDADO DE BRISCOE, TEXAS)

MARCH 12, 1996 (12 de marzo de 1996)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. "I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or you may vote as uncommitted by placing an "X" in the square beside "Uncommitted". Make only one choice.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:

Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. "Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la eleccion primaria o la convencion de algun otro partido politico durante este ano electoral." Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato o usted puede votar como votante no comprometido por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado de las palabras no comprometido. Haga solamente una seleccion.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee

(Preferencia para un candidato nombrado para presidente)

- Lamar Alexander
 Phil Gramm
 Richard G. Lugar
 Patrick J. "Pat" Buchanan
 Bob Dole
 Steve Forbes
 Mary "France" LeTulle
 Susan Ducey
 Charles E. Collins
 Morry Taylor
 Alan L. Keyes
 Uncommitted

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Jeffrey B. Keck
 Sue Holland
 Matthew Paul
 Janice Law
 Glen Beaman
 Susan Baetz Brown
 James (Daniel) Boone

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Ray J. McQuary
 Mike Keasler
 Pat Barber
 Brad Wiewel
 Paul Womack

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 3)

- John Bradley
 J. Gary Trichter
 Cheryl A. Johnson
 Tom Price

United States Senator

(Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Phil Gramm
 Henry C. (Hank) Grover
 David Young

United States Representative, District 13

(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)

- Mac Thornberry

Railroad Commissioner

(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Carole Keeton Rylander
 Robert A. (Bob) Wood

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

(Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema)

- Tom Phillips

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- John Cornyn

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- James A. Baker

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3, Unexpired Term

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Greg Abbott

State Representative, District 85

(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)

- Hollis Cain

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District

(Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7)

- John T. Boyd

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)

- Terry Grimland

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)

- Rance Young

County Chairman

(Presidente del Condado)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In) (Voto Escrito)

Precinct Chairman, Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Presidente del Precinto, Precinto Núm. \_\_\_\_\_)

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## Silverton Cub Scouts Have Pinewood Derby

Silverton Cub Scout Pack 262 held its annual Pinewood Derby Race on Monday, February 26, in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Following a potluck meal, races were held for the Dens, including the Tigers, Wolves, Bears and

### To The Voters

Friends, it's almost election time. I've tried to get to your homes and meet all of you. If I've missed coming by your home I'm truly sorry I missed the opportunity to meet and visit with you. It has been a pleasure to visit with the people I know and a privilege to meet all of you I didn't know. I feel a little inadequate as a politician, so I haven't told you much about my plans if I'm elected. I can't make promises that I'm not 100% sure I can keep, so I'll tell you the things I won't promise. I can't promise that I'll be there each and every time you call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but someone will be there to help you when you need them. I can't promise that you will agree with everything I do anymore than I will agree with everything you do, but I'll do all I can to get along. I can't promise to make budget cuts in the Department; there is very little to cut and still serve you effectively. The bottom line is serving the public. Treat people fairly, with respect, and show you care. Be concerned for the welfare of the people you serve and the welfare of their property. Be personally offended when someone violates one of these rights, as you are entrusted to protect them. I can promise to do these things. My record should reflect that I believe this, and apply it to my dealings with the people I serve. I can promise that if I should ever lose sight of this belief, I will voluntarily resign. The responsibility of the job is too great to undertake half-heartedly. Above all, I will promise to do the very best I can to ensure that I never have to keep the last promise. I would appreciate your support March 12, but above all, vote for someone.

Thank you,  
JERRY D. BECK

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Webelos as well as an open race for anyone else who wanted to compete.

Winners in each category included: Tigers: 1. Drew Reed; Wolf: 1. Geronimo Garcia, 2. Ethan Long, 3. Ramon Martinez; Bear: 1. Max Comer, 2. Chance Rhoderick; Webelos: 1. Dustin Hale, 2. Eric Minyard, 3. Tyler Reed.

Other Pinewood Derby racers included Jacob Francis, Josh Foust, Kody Rhoderick, Clifton Baker, Caleb Francis and Chase Comer.

In the Open Class, first place went to Krista Hale, second to Ryan Minyard and third to Nicholas Vargas. Other entrants in the open class were Jennifer Foust, Larry Comer, Charla Rhoderick, Andrew Francis and Ronnie Hale.

Other awards given included: Tyler Reed, sportsmanship; Chase Comer, funniest; Nicholas Vargas, most real; Ronnie Hale, best paint job; Jennifer Foust, best design; Clifton Baker, most original; Nicholas Vargas, Cubmaster's Pick; Caleb Francis, Cubbiest; Eric Minyard, Scout Spirit; Ramon Martinez, most unusual. Winner of the "Hit the Spot" contest was Andrew Francis. All winners in these categories received popcorn prizes.

At the conclusion of the award presentations, each family was reminded that there is still a small supply of popcorn for sale, and that plans will begin soon for the annual Family Campout to be held this spring. Thanks were expressed to Boy Scouts Cy Comer, race-starter, and Heath Braddock, finish line judge and to Cub Scout Den Leader Kevin Swanson, finish line judge.

## BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

### Cain Campaigned in Silverton Monday

Hollis Cain, Republican candidate for State Representative in District 85, a Lamb County rancher and businessman, campaigned in Silverton Monday. He was accompanied by his wife. Cain has lived and been actively involved in the Springlake-Earth community since 1965. He farmed for 17 years prior to working in the banking and insurance business.

Cain's public service includes nine years as a trustee on the Springlake-Earth School Board. He was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to serve on the State Goals 2000 Education Committee in 1995.

Cain has received the 4-H Spur Award which recognizes outstanding adult leadership. Cain, his wife and three daughters were named the Outstanding Farm Family by the Earth Chamber of Commerce. Cain is an active member of the First Baptist Church, Springlake, teaching Sunday School and serving as a deacon.

Cain is running for State Representative because he believes there is a need for conservative leadership that is in touch with the people of District 85. Cain will work to give Texans a voice in government through initiative and referendum. He supports term limits for elected officials to reduce the power of special interests and high dollar lobbyists. Cain, who has been actively involved in education issues, wants to continue education reform to improve academic achievement and to

move more decision making to the local level. Cain will work to lower taxes and reduce government spending. Cain says that as the campaign develops "voters will clearly see there are major differences between my positions on issues and that of my opponent. Differences that call for a change in leadership."

Cain's wife, Charlotte, is actively campaigning for her husband as are his three daughters, their husbands and his four grandchildren. Cain has the full support of the Republican Party of Texas.

Cain is a graduate of Texas Christian University's Ranch Management School.



The on-again-off-again cycle of the 1995 Farm Bill debate is about to be turned on again as the U. S. House of Representatives reconvenes Monday, February 26th.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the endeavor to get workable Farm legislation passed by Congress and sent to the President has reached the critical stage.

"If the pattern of obstacles and roadblocks which delayed the passage of farm legislation to date continues, we could be in a very serious situation," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Time is of the essence and we are hopeful that the House can get right to work on this issue and get something to the President in short order."

Several key decisions will have to be made before the House can vote on farm legislation. An important one will be made by the House Rules Committee which will decide whether or not amendments can be offered to the legislation when it gets to the floor for deliberation.

Members of the House Agriculture Committee appear to be eager to get the process moving as soon as possible. Rapid action will go a long way towards alleviating the apprehension the issue is creating among producers. The calendar waits for nobody and across the nation producers unable to finalize their 1996 production plans are watching as planting windows get closer and closer.

Once acted on, House farm legislation will proceed to Conference Committee where differences between it and the already-passed Senate Bill will be worked out. After that is completed the final package will be sent to President Bill Clinton for his signature.

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Regular listeners to the "AgEd Show," broadcast on Lubbock radio station KRFE-AM 580 from 12:30-1:30 p.m., have probably noticed that many of host "Big Ed" Wilkes' guests have a common interest—cotton and the High Plains cotton industry.

According to Lubbock-based

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Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) there is a simple reason for this phenomenon: Most of these people are in some way associated with an informal group known as the High Plains Cotton Information Committee. The Cotton Information Committee, as it is sometimes called, meets on a regular basis during the growing season and works to develop a cohesive, helpful information flow to area cotton growers.

Originally the group was organized to pool the knowledge and informational resources of Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Plains Cotton Growers, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The group represents a vast supply of knowledgeable and enthusiastic guests and speakers that regularly address various facets of the High Plains cotton industry.

Group members are available at any time. Local news agencies and civic groups wanting to learn more about the cotton industry, are encouraged to make use of the tremendous resource that has been assembled. For more information about utilizing this resource, contact Plains Cotton Growers at 792-4904 or call Kater Hake at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at 746-6101.

### Texas A&M Chemist Cited For Medicinal Research

Development of a process that eventually should allow chemists to produce valuable natural medicinal compounds in the laboratory has won Texas A&M University chemist Dr. A. Ian Scott one of two 1995 Tetrahedron Prizes for Creativity in Organic Chemistry.

Scott, a distinguished professor in Texas A&M's Chemistry Department and director of the university's Center for Biological Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, received the award for his work in developing a "one-flask" method of synthesizing vitamin B-12.

The new process uses a mixture of enzymes developed by Scott and his colleagues from the DNA required for B-12 synthesis. It mimics a cascade of bio-chemical reactions that normally takes place inside cells.

The new process eventually should allow chemists to produce "substantial" quantities of important natural medicinal compounds such as the anti-tumor drug taxol in a process that takes hours, rather than years of conventional chemical synthesis.

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# Momentum Building For FFA Endowment Campaign

Familiar to thousands of rural and suburban area Texans are the bright blue and gold jackets worn by young men and women who study the agricultural sciences in Texas schools. The jackets sport the emblem of the FFA, an organization that today is threatened by the ever-widening circle of federal and state budget-cutting.

The good news, however, is that FFA has many friends. They are now joining forces to develop an endowment fund that will preserve the structure of FFA for future generations of students.

Former FFA members, current and past teachers and students, and Texas agricultural leaders have signed on to broaden the funding base for FFA state leadership training, coordination of meetings, conventions, seminars and contests, and scholarship funds.

Durwin Hill, executive director of the Texas FFA Foundation and statewide coordinator of the endowment campaign, reports that more than 60 percent of FFA chapters pledged to underwrite the foundation's current budget. Cash donations, some as high as \$10,000, have helped launch the endowment campaign. Contributions in carrying amounts, plus vehicles, farm equipment and other donations that can be raffled or sold have pushed the total toward the eventual goal of \$500,000 for 1996.

Momentum is building, and it could not happen at a more critical time in FFA history.

"It's really a simple story," said Hill. "State and national funds

have been significantly downsized." In the case of FFA, core program responsibilities that were carried out in 1985 by 16 professionals and eight staff support personnel must be provided now by four professionals and one half-time support person.

"There is no reason to believe that the budget cuts will stop at current levels," Hill said.

Early contributions and pledges to the endowment campaign reflect an understanding of the dilemma, and a serious commitment to help by those who already know FFA or have participated in it.

The letters FFA once stood for Future Farmers of America. With the technology revolution in agriculture, fewer farmers are needed to grow food for the rest of the population. Today's FFA, however, continues to prepare students for careers in agricultural science. Even students who choose careers outside of agriculture say the hands-on skills they learned in FFA are valuable to them. In addition, the emphasis in learning and practicing FFA traditions of personal responsibility, productivity and community-building, is attracting growing numbers of parents and students who are participating in FFA chapters in suburban Texas.

"Parents would rather have their youngsters learning about the environment, our food and fiber system, and problem-solving and leadership skills than to have them hanging out at the mall," said Elvin Caraway, a past state and national FFA officer,

attorney and FFA Foundation board member.

Interest from the permanent endowment fund will be spent in two ways, Hill explained. It will fund the support staff needed to carry out Texas FFA activities. This includes the state convention, state office coordination, leadership training, career development and the Texas FFA magazine. The funds also will be used to continue and expand the FFA scholarship program.

"For the students and teachers who've experienced FFA, it is difficult to imagine education in Texas without a significant role for the organization," said Hill. "Make no mistake, current funding will eventually disappear, and if we are not ready with the endowment, FFA as we have come to know it will cease to exist."

To help build a strong Texas FFA for future generations of our young people, send your contribution to Texas FFA Foundation, 614 E. 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, or call 512-472-3128 to find out how you can become a volunteer. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## SPS Requests Slight Increase in Fuel Costs

Southwestern Public Service Company filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas February 29 for small increases in the "fixed fuel-cost recovery factors" used by the PUCT to guide recovery of the costs of fuels SPS uses to generate electricity.

A standard residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service a month under the proposal would see the current monthly bill, for \$61.29, increase by 16 cents, about one-quarter of one percent.

Other retail customer classes, such as industrial and commercial classes, similarly would see small incremental increases in bills, said SPS Vice President, Rates and Regulation, Gerald Diller. "The amounts will vary according to usage and rates applicable to different types of customers," he said.

SPS last changed the fuel-cost recovery factors in April 1990, Diller said. "Then, we decreased the fuel-cost factors, reducing overall bills by almost ten percent," he said. "The slight increases that are now required reflect on-going inflationary increases since 1990 in the costs of delivered natural gas and coal."

Diller emphasized, "SPS works hard, consistently, to hold fuel costs down, in order to keep electric energy competitive. We have been quite successful in delaying even these small

increases."

Diller noted that SPS does not profit on the fuels used to generate electricity. Fuel costs are "a strict dollar charged to customers for each dollar of fuel expense incurred. Whatever our fuel cost is—is exactly what our customers pay. There is no charge or profit added for SPS."

Southwestern spent, then collected, more than \$375 million for total-system fuel needs, and related purchased-power costs, in fiscal 1995, Diller said.

In Texas, he said, fuel costs initially are collected from electric customers through a fixed fuel-cost factor, estimated for each customer class. Periodically, the PUCT reviews actual fuel costs, and requires that a utility reconcile the estimated and actual fuel costs, either through a credit or charge to customers.

Southwestern Public Service Company is a regional electric utility providing service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area covering the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Southwestern Kansas.

## Antique Tractor Show Set in Plainview

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Antique Tractor, Equipment and Engine Show in Plainview on March 16-17 at the Ollie Liner Center on Business 87 South. Early setup is March 15 from 1-6.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their antiques for public viewing. Daily parades and field

events are planned.

There will be free admission, arts and crafts, concessions available, door prizes.

For more information, contact Cody Gruhlke, Kress (806) 684-2282 or Debi Smith, Littlefield (806) 385-3555.

There also will be a swap meet. All makes of tractors, engines and equipment welcome. Arts and crafts spaces still available. All exhibits will be locked up at night.

## Driver Safety Course To Be Taught in Clarendon Saturday

A Driver Safety Course will be taught at Clarendon College on Saturday, March 8, 1996. It will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Administration Building. The fee is \$25.00.

Please contact Clarendon College at 1-806-874-3571, for further information.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10% discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace. This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc.

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Things won are done; joy's soul lies in the doing.

—William Shakespeare

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The richer your friends, the more they will cost you.

—Elisabeth Marbury



**STEVE MILLER**

Candidate for Sheriff of Briscoe County

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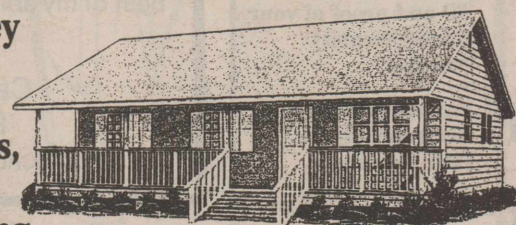
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# WEATHER

## 24-HOUR MARCH READINGS

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	39	18	
2	54	16	
3	60	21	
4	73	30	
5	77	44	
Total Precip. in March			.00
Normal Precip. in March			.93
Total 1996 Rainfall to Date			.22
Normal Precip.			
Year to Date			2.18
Soil Temperature			50°

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## How to Use PEBES in Your Financial Plan

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Knowing approximately how much money you'll receive in Social Security benefits should be an important part of your personal financial planning, regardless of your age. You should know how much you and your family would receive if you became disabled and could not work. You also should know how much your benefits will be when you retire. And you'll need to know how much your family will receive when you die.

Why is your benefit information so important to you? Remember, Social Security benefits are designed to replace a portion of your earnings, not all of them. The benefits are supposed to serve as a base on which you can build your financial future. That means you'll know whether you need additional disability insurance and life insurance to protect your

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family. The information will help you decide how much you'll need in savings, private insurance and investments to pay for such things as your children's education and your retirement.

It's easy to get your Social Security benefit information. Just call our toll-free number and ask us to send you a form SSA-7004 (*Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement*). Complete and return the form to Social Security, within four to six weeks you'll receive a *Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES)* in the mail. The statement also will include a year-by-year display of your earnings on which your benefit estimates are based. We recommend you request a PEBES every three years to check the accuracy of your earnings record.

Contact your employer to correct any errors on the last two years of earnings. If the error involves earlier earnings, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. You'll be asked to provide evidence, such as W-2s and pay stubs, to support the correction.

You won't have to ask Social

Security for a *Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement* if you're age 60 or older. By September 30, 1995, Social Security will have mailed statements to about nine million persons who are 60 and older and not already receiving Social Security benefits. Beginning in October 1995 and each year thereafter, Social Security will automatically send a statement to people who reach 60 during the year and are not receiving Social Security benefits. By the turn of the century, workers who are age 25 and older will receive a *Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement* each year to help them plan their financial future.

## Volunteers Are Being Sought For The Ombudsman Program

The Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle has joined forces with Heart to Heart, a new statewide collaboration between the Texas Department on Aging and the American Association of Retired Persons aimed at placing a volunteer ombudsman in every nursing home in the state.

Ombudsmen are specially trained and certified individuals who help nursing home residents and their families resolve problems related to their care, generally without the intervention of regulatory agencies or legal action. During their regular visits to nursing facilities in their areas, they explain rights and benefits to residents, investigate complaints and provide access to advocacy

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services. The 34-hour training course is provided by the Texas Department on Aging's Long-Term Care Ombudsman office. After the training, new ombudsmen serve a three-month internship before being placed in a nursing facility. Ombudsmen receive no pay and are not employees of any public or private organization.

Weldon Scarbrough, the staff ombudsman at the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle, said the Heart to Heart program seeks to recruit at least 500 new volunteer ombudsmen, bringing the statewide total to almost 1,200.

"In our region, we'd like to add about twenty (20) volunteer ombudsmen. Most of our volunteers tell us they receive tremendous personal satisfaction from their work," Scarbrough said. "But they must also be ready to accept a great deal of responsibility. They're asked to commit at least two to four hours a week to their duties and to be at their assigned facilities 48 weeks out of the year."

For more information about Heart to Heart, the long-term care ombudsman program or other local volunteer opportunities for those who wish to help older persons, call Weldon Scarbrough at (806) 372-3381 within the Amarillo area or 1-800-642-6008 outside of Amarillo.

## Tornado Safety Tips Given For Protection

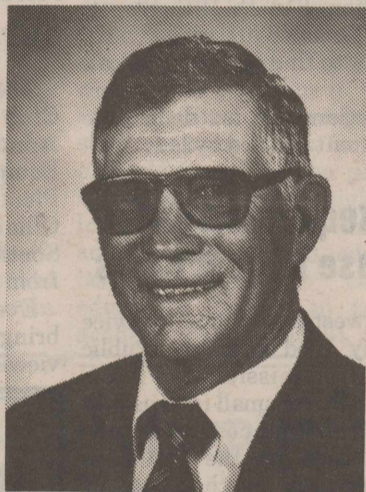
Now is the time to make sure you and your family are ready for tornado season. Take a few minutes to review these safety rules to be prepared.

- Before the storm...
- Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school and when outdoors.
  - Practice your tornado drills.
  - Be sure to have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm and battery backup.
  - Listen to radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for information.
- If a warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches...

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room on the lowest floor.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.
- Abandon mobile homes, which, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

## Be Sure to Vote March 12

As we come to the last few days before the election, I would like to ask you for your vote for Commissioner of Precinct 3. I have tried to see each of you personally, but if I have missed anyone, I am sorry and I hope you will consider this as a solicitation for your vote.



You may be sure that if I am re-elected, I will do my very best to continue to represent the people of Briscoe County to the best of my ability.

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WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ted Kingery, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jess Craig Little, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. .... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
Kevin Swanson, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 7:00 p.m.  
FIRST MONDAY:  
United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.  
TUESDAY:  
United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
In-home Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
THIRD SATURDAY:  
Family Fun Night ..... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST  
MISSION**  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service ..... 8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Mass ..... 9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class ..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High ..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 7:30 p.m.



## GOD'S LOVE APPEARS IN THE LOVELY PASTELS OF SPRING

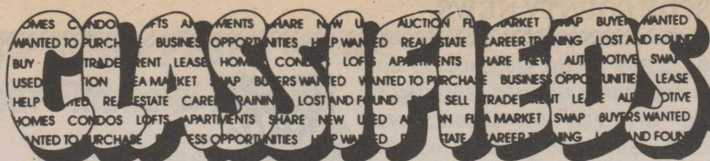
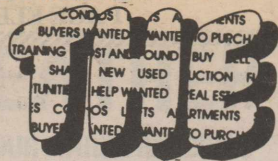
When winter snows have joined the past,  
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The sun will shine and soon, at last,  
A new day it will bring:  
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Will turn to green upon the trees,  
Where birds begin to sing.  
The butterflies are everywhere,  
And flowers' perfume fills the air;  
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Love,  
Christene

I would like to say thanks to the ones who came to the hospital and had prayer for me before surgery. The ones who came to be with me during the surgery. Thanks for the cards, flowers, gifts and food. God has blessed me so much to have friends like all of you.

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Aaron Younger, re-election (D)

Terry Grimland (R)

**COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3**

L. B. Garvin, re-election (D)

Dwain Henderson (D)

Rance Young (R)

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