

All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



We received a fax last week from Gary Oldham of Samnorwood that we would like to share with our readers.

Mr. Oldham wrote, "A few weeks back, Silverton came to Samnorwood to play us for our homecoming football game. The game was close and exciting as both teams played hard. The thing that most impressed me and many others from our community was when the team and the whole community came together on the field after the game and had prayer. With the things that are happening in most schools across the country and in athletics, it is very encouraging to see a school and coaching staff take a stand for God. I have had the privilege of getting to know many in your community and many of your young people and am proud of what you are doing. Again, I just want to commend all of you for supporting Christian action in your school and community."

I would like to say that when you put your young men and women in the hands of teachers and coaches who have strong Christian beliefs influencing their own lives, it cannot help but carry over into their relationship with their students. Some of our teachers also work with our young people through our local Youth Group and in their churches. I think they are teaching them how to be good citizens in the world of tomorrow.

We had a note this week from Greg Hendrick, son of Pappy Hendrick who drove the Thomas Cartage truck to Silverton for many years.

He wrote, "Just a note to say that Pappy is still doing real good. He can hardly get up and down because of his knees but he feels good and has a good appetite. We still take him out to eat once in a while and he enjoys that. He will be 90 years old the 22nd and I guess he remembers every joke he ever heard. We are thankful that his mind is good and clear."

"Thanks for sending him the paper. He is really enjoying his great-great-grandson."

All of us who were on the Silverton-Quitauque-Turkey run that Pappy made for Thomas Cartage know how he wore out his knees-it was running up and down that board into the back of his truck. He did a very good job for our people; he knew and liked everyone on his run, and we loved him and his good nature.

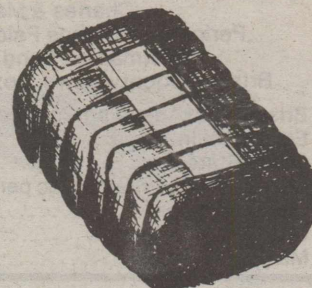
If you'd like to remember him on his birthday, his address is Pappy Hendrick NHC V-B VA Medical Center Amarillo, Texas 79106

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Group Working To Keep Buffalo in Area

The Caprock Partners Foundation took just two minutes to start a project at its first official meeting October 21 in Quitauque.

"When the board heard that the JA Ranch buffalo herd that Charles Goodnight worked so hard to save from extinction might be moved out of the Panhandle, they almost went into orbit," CPF board member O. R. Stark said.

Other board members include Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Burson, Jimmy Davidson, Wilburn Leeper, Weldon Griffin, Maria Cruz, Bill Smith, Eunice McFall and Randy Stark.

Goodnight developed the herd for more than 50 years on the ranch, Stark said. He added that Goodnight conceived the idea of developing a domestic buffalo herd as early as 1866. Ten years later, when the slaughter reached its peak, Goodnight became alarmed at the plight of the buffalo, and he began the fight to save them from extinction.

When Goodnight left the JA Ranch, the herd numbered about 250, Stark said. The herd now stands at about 60. Stark said the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is working with the JA Ranch to move the herd.

Caprock Canyons State Park, located three miles north of Quitauque, is one of the candidates to absorb the herd, Stark said, but the other three candidate parks are downstate.

"Everybody who has grown up in Briscoe County knows about the herd and has probably seen the herd," Burson said. "A lot of people outside of the immediate area don't know we could lose the herd."

Burson said the ranch has good reasons for wanting to move the herd.

"The buffalo are used to pretty

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Here

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at noon at the Center.

Members of the Assembly of God will be hosts for the luncheon.

much going where they want in a range of about 40,000 acres, and the ranch has always kind of tolerated them," Burson said. "They go through fences and just about everything else, and a herd of old rogue buffalo running through fences is not conducive to good ranch practices."

Jeff Hulse, manager of the Caprock Canyons State Park, said the park is ready and willing to manage the historic herd.

"We have areas where the public doesn't hike a lot that would make great buffalo pastures, and we have the right kind of range resources and vegetation for the herd," Hulse

said. "The herd would be a great draw for the park and almost certainly would increase visitation."

Hulse said the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is studying where to move the buffalo and anticipates moving them sometime in the spring.

Hulse said the park is home to 17 buffalo, with three currently on loan to other parks.

Burson said Panhandle residents who wish to join the effort to keep the herd at home should write Andrew Sansom, executive director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

New School Yearbook On Sale Here Now

The 1996-97 edition of the Owlet is on sale now. Please purchase your copy of the Silverton ISD yearbook by Wednesday, November 20.

A yearbook is the best way to

remember the good times. This year's annual will be one of the best ones ever produced. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have a copy of your own.

Contact Brian Weaver between

Mexican Food Lunch To Be Served In School Cafeteria

A Mexican food luncheon will be served in the Silverton School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24.

This will be sponsored by Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church.

Take-outs will be prepared for those who wish to eat at home.

Immunization Clinic To Be Held in Tulia

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled for November 20 at the Texas Department of Health in Tulia. The clinic will be held from 8:00 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 until 4:30 p.m. at 219 SE Second Street in Tulia.

10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at 823-2476 or any yearbook staff member. Parents, your children will receive a note at school and they can take the money to their homeroom teacher.

Price of this year's annual is the same low price of \$18.00 that it has been for many years. Please support the yearbook staff and purchase yours now.



LEADING THE CHEERS--(clockwise, beginning front center) Leading the cheers and performing the dance routines at the ballgames are Kimmie Blazier, Owl mascot; Molly Brooks, Michelle Warren, Lacy Brunson, Kenzie Burson, Shauna Kingery and Lindsey Jennings.

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Simpson Receives Award For 25 Years of GMAC Service

H. B. (Doc) Simpson has been selling cars for 25 years with the assistance of General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC). On November 1, he was recognized by GMAC for his 2½ decades of service.

Simpson began selling in 1971 in Silverton when a dealership became available and allowed him to combine a love of cars with a love for working with the public.

In May of 1986, he and his partner, Joe Grabbe, bought a dealership in Tulia and moved their operations to Swisher County.

Simpson said he has stuck with GMAC all these years because of their service and friendliness.

"They floor plan our cars and finance our customers. Their rates have been competitive and they're nice people to do business with," he explained.

One aspect of the job Simpson has enjoyed over the last 25 years has been the interaction with the people, although not all of those memories have been fond.

Quitaque, and the boys will be back in school at Valley to begin the third six weeks.

Lori is completing her senior year here and will be staying with the Rhodericks.

Sharon (Weaver) and Gary McMullen are moving here and will be living in the home vacated by the Chandlers east of Silverton on Highway 86. Gary is retiring from his job with the telephone company.

The Joe Crabbs have moved to the home vacated by the Joe Foust family (the Doc Minyard place). The Jared Davises have moved to the McMinn house on Lone Star Street.

Beneficiaries Should Report Address Changes Immediately

by Mary Jane Shanes
 Social Security Manager
 Plainview, Texas

If you're a Social Security beneficiary and you moved recently, be sure to notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) as soon as possible. Failure to report their new address when they move is the most frequent reasons beneficiaries do not receive their Social Security checks.

If your benefits are directly deposited into your bank account, you may not have remembered to notify SSA when you moved. But Social Security needs your current address so you can receive agency notices about your benefits. And now you're approaching the time of year when it's particularly important that SSA has your correct address. For example, in January you will be mailed a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099).



Doc Simpson is honored by GMAC representatives for his 25 years of service. *Tulia Herald Photo*

"We have a tendency to remember the bad ones (people), but there are way more good ones," he said with a smile.

When he is not selling cars, Simpson explained that he enjoys riding motorcycles and four-wheelers.

"I have one (a four-wheeler) and me and a friend of mine go down in the breaks off the Caprock and ride them. It's pretty nice," he concluded.

Simpson said he has no intention of slowing down anytime soon. In fact, he concluded, he has his eyes set on the award for 35 years of service.

Top Winners Named At District Roundup

Provided by Calley Payne
 Briscoe Co. Extension Agent

Panhandle 4-H'ers from 19 of the 21 counties in Extension Panhandle District 1 qualified on November 2 to compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station June 2-6, 1997.

About 233 boys and girls competed in the event, which included 27 contests. Winners received their awards in ceremonies in the auditorium at Randall High School in Amarillo.

Randall County 4-H'ers captured the most qualifying wins of any county with 15 teams and/or individual senior wins. Deaf Smith County had 10 wins; Gray and Moore Counties each had four wins; Hartley had three wins; Briscoe, Oldham and Potter each had two wins; Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Hutchinson and Sherman Counties each had one win.

To qualify for the state contests, a team or individual must have a first or second place win in the senior division, which is for those 14 years old and older. Juniors do not compete beyond the district level. Randall will be taking 27 participants; Deaf Smith will have nine; Briscoe, 11; Moore, 8; Hartley, 5; Gray and Oldham, 4 each; Dallam and Potter, 3 each; Armstrong and Hutchinson, 2 each; and Carson and Sherman, 1 each.

Deaf Smith and Randall Counties each had 7 wins, tying for the most county wins in the junior division. Other counties with first and second place junior wins were Hutchinson, with 6 wins; Dallam and Moore with 4 wins; Oldham and Potter with 3 wins; Hansford with 2 wins; and Briscoe, Gray, Hartley, Lipscomb and Wheeler with 1 win each.

Ribbons were presented at an awards assembly which followed the contests.

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Look for donation forms and envelopes in your October Silverton bank statements or use the form below. Be sure to print your family's name as you wish it to appear on the Christmas Greeting Page.

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LOOKING BACK

November 20, 1986--Don Brown and Case IH donate \$1,000 to Briscoe County 4-H program . . . Funeral services conducted for J. T. (Jimmy) Cantwell, 78, in Brownwood . . . Silverton's varsity Owlettes scrimmaged Cotton Center last week, and according to Coach Gary Childs, his girls did well. Both the Owls and Owlettes were scheduled to play Vega here Tuesday night, but due to the newspaper's early deadline, the Tuesday night games will have to be reported the following week . . . Owls finish football season with big 51-14 win over Cotton Center . . . Shannon Weaver was winner of \$100 in the Crayola/Family Circle Coloring Contest . . . Amanda Estes had the misfortune of breaking her arm in a fall last week . . .

November 18, 1976--Snow blankets Silverton area . . . Girls undefeated after three games . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson are parents of a daughter, Brandi Kay . . . Jack Robetson, jr. is wearing a cast on his left wrist which was broken during the football season, he thinks when the team played Claude . . . Juanell Turner was injured Wednesday when she attempted to open the door of a cotton stripper being operated by her husband to tell him that the basket, which was being dumped into a trailer, was about to come in contact with highline wires. The basket touched the electrical line, and Mrs. Turner was knocked to the ground by the electrical shock . . . Memorial on north lawn of courthouse dedicated on eve of Veterans Day . . . Vicki McJimsey had the misfortune of having an accident while sledding in the snow Saturday, and the laceration on her knee required 12 stitches . . .

November 17, 1966--The Owls dumped Claude 14-6 in the last game of the season Friday and finished with a 5-4 record. Randy Hughes carried the first touchdown, with John Montague carrying the two-point conversion. Montague carried the ball for the second Owl score . . . Mrs. Jimmy Ray Baird has been a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo since Monday . . . Darrell Long and Garner Garrison, students at Tarleton State College, have been visitors with local relatives . . . Sue Neeley to marry Van Breedlove . . . Miss Glenna Sue Hill, bride-elect of Dick Reid, was honoree at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton are parents of a daughter, Aleisha Lynn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrison are parents of a son, Joseph Vernon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Riddell Hutsell and children now live in Honolulu and expect to move to Tokyo when housing conditions are cleared . . . Riley Harris is getting the foundation ready to move in a new house on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris . . .

November 22, 1956--Old

Ozark Trail will be brought to life again . . . Funeral services for James Wade Deavenport, 67, who died Sunday afternoon of injuries received in a wreck several days ago, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Main Street Church of Christ here . . . Alvin, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May, underwent an appendectomy in the Tulia hospital last Thursday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grimland spent the weekend in Tatum, New Mexico with her brothers and their families, Messrs. and Mmes. Ronald Dillard and Jack Dillard . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lusk and family were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and daughters . . . Mrs. K. M. Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. Doodle Zackry visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tomlin in Friona Sunday . . . Mrs. Shelley Tomlin and daughter, Mrs. Doyle Ray Tiffin and Bruce, were in Wichita Falls from Friday through Sunday. Mr. R. T. O'Brien, 72, father of Mrs. Tomlin, is quite ill and in a hospital . . . Silverton FFA wins five banners at Plainview last Saturday. Radio Broadcasting placed second out of six teams; Senior Farm Skill placed third out of nine teams; Senior Chapter Conducting placed third out of eight teams; FFA Quiz placed third out of ten teams; Junior Chapter Conducting, first place out of ten teams . . .

December 19, 1946--First grade students on the honor roll are Carol Lynn Elkins, Kay Garrison, Leah Dare Kellum, Waynelle McCutchen, LaWanda Reid, Vaughnell Rowell, Ginger Scott and Wilma Shipman . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ward are parents of a son, Jack Lawson . . . Cold wave hits city while on big rampage . . . Miss Lavelle Montague entertained with a Christmas party for Lillian Brooks, Wilford Thomas, Bertha Pavlicek, Annette Wulfman, Eunice Elkins and Annette Wilson . . . Wayne Stephens, small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stephens, underwent a tonsillectomy in the Tulia hospital Monday . . . Miss Lona Ann Stephens of Lakeview was a Sunday guest of Miss Juanita Edwards . . . Robert Isbell spent Sunday night with Rance Stephens . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price of Lockney visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMurtry Sunday. They also visited with their niece, Mrs. L. D. Griffin, who is ill in the Tulia hospital . . .

November 19, 1936--The Burson Food Store, south of the Palace Theater, has been enlarged and remodeled in order to give more room and better display of merchandise. Hugh Lusk is working on the carpenter end of the job . . . Turkeys from Briscoe County rank highest . . . Man Melton and Tick Puckett were busy Tuesday remodeling the front of Kirk's Cafe . . . R. A. Watson, 95, was seriously ill this week and for a time his recovery was held doubtful; however, word comes Thursday morning that he is much improved . . . Silverton lost a heart-breaking game to Turkey by one point here

Wednesday . . . D. J. Northcutt and family attended a Conoco meeting at Plainview Tuesday evening . . . Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Olga Tunnell and Mr. Earl Hedgecoke . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I walked by that bunch of 'sharpshooters' that sit in front of Brown's Hardware one day last week and had just gotten by when someone remarked, 'By gosh, the editor sure has on a loud pair of

pants'--speaking of my red corduroys--In the first place they're not loud any more. They've been washed too many times. (Man, you should have seen them two years ago when they were new.) In the second place, they are too good to throw away so those birds will just have to see them yet awhile. In the third place, there are plenty of other momentous problems for them to consider, why waste time on my

pants. Here are a few problems they are most likely pondering at present: Why do the girls wear such thin stockings? Does Mrs. So-and-so step out on her husband, and does he know it? Why do the women gossip so? And, after this spasm, how to get a new editor. P. S. My father-in-law is here visiting, and he's not doing

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THE BARE FACTS OF BANKING

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Turkey Tips

Provided by Calley Payne
Briscoe Co. Extension Agent

Thanksgiving is on the way and turkey lovers can look forward to mounds of gravy, mashed potatoes, and of course, the featured attraction. Following a few simple turkey tips will insure a succulent turkey for the holiday.

In order to make this a less traumatic event, there are some steps to follow. First, decide how many people will be served—this will help determine what size bird

is needed.

"One pound of meat should be ample for one person unless you want leftovers," advises Dr. Sarah Birkhold, Extension poultry specialist. "Then, estimate one and a half pounds per person."

Knowing how much to buy alleviates some anxiety for hurried shoppers facing cases crammed with frozen turkeys.

There is no doubt that the freezer section in local grocery stores will be overflowing with turkeys for Thanksgiving. Turkey

lovers can watch for reduced prices as the holiday approaches, she says.

Tenderness? Birkhold dismisses the myth that hen turkeys provide the most tender meat.

"It doesn't matter, tom or hen, tenderness is all the same," says Birkhold.

For those people who are going to battle the frozen food section looking for the perfect gobbler, make sure that the turkey is purchased no less than three days before Thanksgiving. This should leave enough time for thawing.

"It will take a 12- to 15-pound frozen turkey two and a half to three days to defrost. Estimate 24 hours to defrost five pounds of

turkey. All defrosting should be done in the refrigerator, never at room temperature," says Birkhold.

If frozen turkey does not cause a mouth-watering sensation, Birkhold suggests trying a fresh turkey. Fresh turkey should be purchased one or two days before Thanksgiving. As insurance for a savory bird, place an order with a butcher in advance.

Another option is the self-basting turkey. This option is less time-consuming since the bird is already spiced, set with oils and ready for the oven.

An unbasted bird requires the watchful eye of the chef, constantly checking to see if the un-

covered turkey has shriveled to a crisp.

In order to avoid dryness, cook the turkey uncovered while basting with natural juices continually. When 15 minutes of cooking time remain, cover the bird with either the pan lid or a tinfoil tent. These tips will help it remain tasty and tender.

Once the bird is selected, cooks should make sure they remove the neck and giblets from both neck and body cavities, then thoroughly rinse the inside and outside.

The oven should be pre-heated at 325 F for an unstuffed or stuffed turkey.

Cooking time for an 8- to 12-pound unstuffed turkey is about two and three-quarters of an hour to three hours.

A stuffed turkey of the same size will take approximately three to three and one-half hours. Time may vary depending on the oven.

Birkhold suggests a meat thermometer should be used in addition to the pop-up thermometer found on the turkey. "This adds to the margin of safety and will determine the temperature at two points on the bird," Birkhold says.

A tip to keep the bird savory is to allow it to "rest" 15 to 20 minutes. This will prevent the juices from escaping and to allow them to settle into the meat.

The turkey has been cooked, carved, and served. Now the chore of what to do with leftovers awaits.

"After dinner, leftovers must be refrigerated promptly. By food safety guidelines, you have about two hours to serve and refrigerate the turkey," says Birkhold.

Leftovers can provide satisfying snacks, but be sure to reheat the turkey to 165 F. Gravies should be brought to boiling when reheated.

Happy Birthday To . . .

November 14--E. A. Birdwell, Robert Wayne Bell, Jennifer Turner, Lindsey Alison Williams

November 15--Mildred Reid, Justin McFall, Shane Reagan, Victor McGavock, Thelma Sheely

November 16--G. W. Chappell, Wimpy Vardell, Cam Forbes, Greg Garcia, Donna Francis, London Cantwell

November 17--Kelli Patton, Ian Dunbar, Dean Burson, David Johnston, Jana Kitchens, Don Glenn, Michael Shane Bell, Trenton Younger

November 18--DeLynn Fitzgerald, Frank Ramirez, jr., Jerry Perkins, Don Cornett

November 19--Staci Hill, Arla Polley, Frances Gamble

November 20--Dianne Reynolds, Ty Rampley

Happy Anniversary To . . .

November 15--Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin

November 17--Mr. and Mrs. Don Glenn

November 19--Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fowler

November 20--Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hester

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Wedding Vows Are Exchanged In Las Vegas

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill and Bonnie May were in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2, to attend the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter, Carl Stodghill, to Brent Easterling.

Donna Majors of Lubbock served her sister as maid of honor.

Among the other guests attending were Mary Garner, sister of the bride, and her husband, Bryan, and sons, Matthew and Nicholas, all of Amarillo.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will be at home in Atlanta, Georgia.

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bad. I think the 'shooting gallery' has elected him captain 'or something. That's him that has crowded in and sits right in the middle in Dad Wilburn's old place" . . . Mrs. Lois Cook is working at the King Beauty Salon while Mrs. Fogerson is in New Mexico . . . Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mrs. R. E. Douglas were in Canyon Monday . . . Misses Josephine Daniel and Rosa Cloyd were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday visiting Mrs. Mary Daniel . . . Hi-League officers are Durene Strickland, president; Marinez Cowart, vice president; Anita Hill, treasurer; Rex Douglas, reporter . . . R. C. Hutsells are remodeling their home. The Hutsell farm is 9 1/2 miles southeast of Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Chapman are the proud parents of a son . . . Mrs. Earl Malone is moving to Tulia in order that Louis Earl may attend high school . . . Mrs. F. M. Hill is the proud owner of a new perfection stove . . .

November 4, 1926--Grand Jury finds crime at low ebb in Briscoe County . . . While on his way to Plainview Saturday morning with a truck load of cotton seed and accompanied by his two small children, Ed Blakney turned his truck over on the highway near Plainview. Mr. Blakney lost control of the truck on account of the slippery road as it was raining a little and could not prevent the accident. He nor the children suffered any injury . . . Ex-servicemen will stage banquet and show Armistice Day . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leon Martin visited here Wednesday. Mrs. Martin was formerly Miss Helen Fort . . . Rev. Draper and wife accompanied by Mmes. J. S. Fisher, A. P. Dickenson, G. C. Patton and Jim Bomar motored to Floydada Friday to attend the fifth Sunday meeting . . . The highest-ranking students from each of the first seven grades are: Sidney Christopher, Nora Mae Thompson, Miss Borum first grade; Marvin McCain, Jim Tom Nichols, Dale Blakney, George Bain, Perry Thomas, Miss Ruth first grade; John White, Imogene Pitts, Wilma Dickerson, Miss Anderson second grade; Allyn Bain, Jessie Buchanan, Dorothy Dickenson, Aline Penn, Ruth Thomas, Wallace Alexander, Henry Norrid, Miss Christopher third grade; Edith Hooper, Sam Jenkins, Pansy Dillard, Pauline Shaw, Miss Hubbard fourth grade; Evelyn Crow, Ruby Draper, Louise Buchanan, Joe Lemons, Miss Davis fifth grade; Warner Grabbe, Alfred Summers, Orlene Gunter, Miss Summers sixth grade; Alta Mae Diviney, Frances Buchanan, Louise Brown, Geraldine Biffle, Miss Lane seventh grade . . .

Andreas Vesalius, a Belgian-born physician of the 1500s became known as the "Father of Anatomy".

When Is The Best Time To Retire?

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

For many people, choosing when to retire is not an easy decision. To make the decision that is best for you, there are several facts you should consider. For example, the amount of your monthly benefit check may be the deciding factor. If you retire at age 62, your monthly benefit will be 20 percent less than if you wait until you reach age 65. Once you choose the reduced benefit, you won't be able to change to the full benefit when you reach age 65.

To help you make your decision, we suggest you call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for an estimate of the benefits you would receive at both age 62 and 65 so you can make a comparison. If you take early retirement, benefits are reduced five-ninths of one percent for each month before age 65.

Although your benefit will always be reduced if you retire early, your payments may be increased when you reach age 65 if you worked anytime after beginning to receive Social Security benefits. You'll get credit for each month in which you did not receive a benefit payment because your earnings exceeded Social Security's earnings limit.

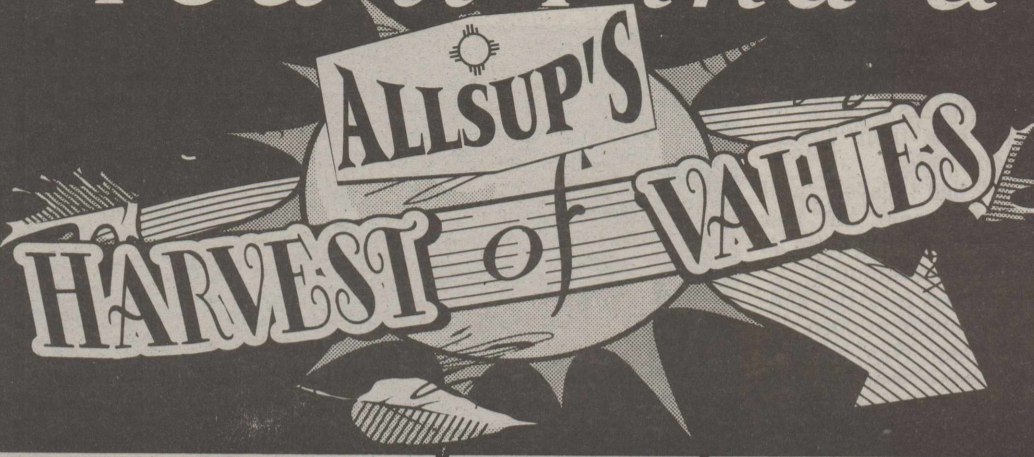
If you retire early, you won't be eligible for Medicare until you are 65. Because you will be receiving Social Security benefits, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare. About three months before your 65th birthday, you should receive your Medicare card. If you don't, call the toll-free number (1-800-772-1213) to let us know. Your automatic enrollment will include both Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Part A coverage is free; however, you must pay a monthly premium for Part B. You have the option to decline Part B coverage. And if you reach 65 and don't retire, remember to inquire about Medicare-it's not automatic if you don't get Social Security.



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Owls Drop Last Game To Three Way Here

After leading most of the way in their game Friday night, the Owls gave up a score to the Three Way Eagles with 18 seconds remaining and saw their victory slip into a 24-30 defeat.

The Owls had played well throughout the game, but just didn't seem to "want it" quite as much in the last few minutes.

Silverton kicked into the endzone for a touchback to open the game, and Three Way made a first down before scoring with 8:27 remaining to be played in the first quarter. They missed their PAT, and held a 6-0 lead.

Three Way kicked off, and Cory Chandler controlled the short kick. Arnold Garza carried the ball twice for 14 1/2 yards after which Jeremy Holt burst through the line and sped into the endzone for a touchdown for the Owls. There was no PAT, and the score was knotted at 6-6 with 7:12 remaining on the clock.

The Owls kicked off and held the return at the Three Way 33, after which the Owls gave up a first down on a penalty. The Eagles passed for a first down before passing for another touchdown. They kicked their PAT, and moved into a 6-14 lead.

When the Eagles kicked off, Garza returned it to the Silverton 27. Chandler passed to Jack Cherry for a touchdown with 2:24 remaining in the first quarter. Andy Bullock kicked the PAT, and the Owls knotted the score at 14-14.

The Owls kicked into the endzone for a touchback, and on third down, Trey Wyatt intercepted an aerial to put the Owls back on offense. Chandler completed a pass to Wyatt for a first down as the second quarter opened, and runs by Garza and Holt were combined



Arnold Garza is shown picking up yardage for the Owls. He gained over 100 yards in Silverton's losing effort against Three Way, and received another honorable mention as Amarillo Daily News Player of the Week.

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with a pass completion from Chandler to Lorn Estes and from Chandler to Holt. This didn't gain enough for the Owls, and the ball went over to the Eagles who moved through two first downs until Jack Cherry intercepted a Three Way pass. The Owls received a 15-yard penalty, but went back on offense. Holt ran for six yards after which Garza picked up five. Chandler passed to Cherry for a first down, and Garza and Holt went back to work on the ground. Garza made the first down and Holt added another. The Owls got another penalty and Chandler

kicked a field goal to make the score 18-14, giving Silverton the advantage.

The Owls kicked and on second down, Leland Wood intercepted an Eagle aerial near midfield. Chandler passed to Jack Cherry for a first down on the 10 before the first half ended.

Three Way kicked off to open the third quarter, and Holt brought it out to the Silverton 10. Garza carried for a first down, after which the Owls concluded the next series with a punt.

Three Way made a first down,

Junior High Owls End Season With Victory

Silverton's Junior High Owls added Three Way to their string here Friday, as they defeated the Eagles 42-24. The Junior High hasn't lost a district game in the last three years, and was the only team to beat the Whitharral Junior High this season.

Ismael Alvarez kicked off for the Owls and Three Way controlled the ball on their 27. After a couple of plays, stopped by Clint Ivory and Daniel Castillo, Adrian Ramirez scooped up a Three Way fumble and carried it to the endzone for Silverton's first touchdown. Alvarez kicked the PAT, and the Owls held an 8-0

stopped by Wyatt, and passed for a first down on the Silverton 10. They missed their field goal attempt. Runs by Holt netted a first down, and runs by Garza got another as the fourth quarter began. Holt carried a touchdown with 9:03 remaining to be played. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 24-14 lead.

Back came Three Way, making a first down at midfield, then passing for another and running for yet another. They scored with 4:05 remaining in the game, kicked the PAT, and narrowed the score to 24-22.

The Owls were unable to move the ball on their next series, and punted away. Three Way controlled the ball on their 21, and drove through a first down and into the endzone with 18 seconds remaining. They kicked their PAT, and held a 30-24 final score.

This ended the football season for the Owls, most of whom shifted over to basketball at 7:30 a.m. Monday. There are a few basketball schedules for the high school and junior high at the Briscoe County News, if you need one. Don't miss it as the excitement continues!

lead with 4:03 remaining in the first quarter.

Alvarez kicked off again, and Ramirez held the return at the 35. This time the defense allowed a first down on the Silverton 10 before Three Way scored with 2:22 still to be played in the quarter. There was no PAT, and the Owls continued to lead 8-6.

When Three Way kicked off, Ramirez controlled the ball. Clint Ivory carried for six or seven yards before scoring on the next play. Alvarez kicked the PAT, and with 1:19 still showing on the first-quarter clock, the Owls moved into a 16-6 lead.

Alvarez kicked off once again, and the Eagles returned it to their 32 where they were stopped by Clint Ivory and Ramirez. Three Way received a five-yard penalty on their first play, and made a first down the following try. As the second quarter opened, the Eagles were being held in check by the Owls and on fourth down the ball went over to Silverton at the 15.

With Isaiah Ivory at quarterback, the Owls moved to their 30, where Three Way recovered a fumble. The defense held and the ball went over on the Silverton 20. Ramirez picked up five yards on the first play and Clint Ivory scored on the next one. There was no PAT, and with 1:20 remaining before halftime, the Owls moved into a 22-6 lead.

Three Way was unable to move the ball before halftime, and executed an onside kick to open the third quarter. The ball was caught by Ramirez who ran to the Three Way 35. Clint picked up a first down before scoring with 5:05 remaining in the third quarter. Alvarez kicked the PAT, and the Owls held a 30-6 advantage.

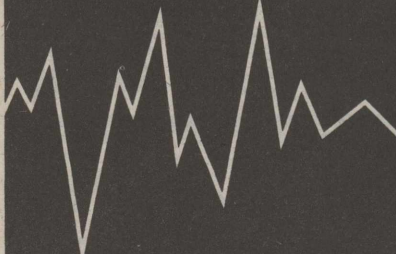
The Owls kicked off and held



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS--Leading the cheers for the Junior High this year are (left to right) Amanda Estes, Elida Garcia, Amy Maciel and Kurby Garvin. Photo by R Photography

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Daniel Castillo is pictured making a tackle on one of the Three Way Junior High Eagles as the Owls won their last football game of the season.

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Three Way at their 25. On fourth down, Ramirez blocked a punt, and the Owls got the ball on the Three Way 15. Vance Chandler passed complete to Ramirez for the touchdown, there was no PAT, and the Owls moved ahead 36-6.

When the Owls kicked off, Clay McMurtrey brought down the returner at midfield. Three Way made a first down on the 25 before scoring with 1:29 still to be played in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and the score was narrowed to 36-12.

Clint Ivory took the kickoff all the way for a touchdown with 1:11 still to be played in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and this brought the score to 42-12.

Three Way made a first down as the third quarter came to a close, and scored with 5:16 remaining in the game. Their pass for PAT fell incomplete, and the score stood at 42-18.

Jimmy Castillo returned the kickoff to the Silverton 30. Nicholas Vargas carried the ball and there were two incomplete passes as the reserves took to the field. The Owls recovered a Three Way fumble before the Owls lost a fumble to the Eagles. Three Way scored with 43 ticks remaining on the game clock. There was no PAT, and this brought the score to 42-24.

Most of the Junior High Owls will be playing basketball, and will make their debut with Motley County here today (Thursday) beginning with the Seventh Grade Lady Owls at 4:00 p.m. The Seventh Grade Owls will play at 5:00, and the Eighth Grade Lady Owls will play at 6:00 p.m. The Eighth Grade Owls will conclude the series beginning about 7:00 p.m.

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Tara Smith in AQHA Horseback Program

Tara Shane Smith of Silverton recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program provides AQHA members recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding their American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000-hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Carolyn Hudnell, AQHA Director of the Horseback Riding Program, said, "The Horseback Riding Program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition. In some cases the program rewards people who already spend many hours riding American Quarter Horses. For others, the Horseback Riding Program is an incentive to get out and ride."

Horseback riding provides good exercise. According to the U. S. Department of the Interior, more than 27 million people participate in horseback riding nationally.

AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a relaxing recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

Time Approaching For Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Silverton School Library December 2-5. All classes will attend the Book Fair at scheduled times.

Good news! The Book Fair will be open from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be present on this night. The Yearbook Staff will be on hand to make a Christmas photo of your child with Clifford. The cost will be \$3.00 per photo. This includes a decorative Christmas folder.

The gross from last year's Book Fair was \$1690.15. The Library is able to keep 20 percent of the profit in paperback books, and also keeps a cash profit that allows the purchase of prizes for the Accelerated Reader program.

There will be contests to motivate the students, including a "Pop a Prize". Each time a student visits the Book Fair, his/her name goes into a drawing. At the end of each day, three names are called and those students come to the Library and pop a balloon that contains prizes inside. There will be a drawing for all the posters that have been displayed during the Fair. For extra fun this year, there will be a "Greedy Teacher" contest. Scholastic will

give the teacher buying the most \$30.00 worth of merchandise.

There will be lots of Christmas ideas, including books, posters, pencils, bookmarks, games and all kinds of stuff kids love. These items make great little stocking stuffers or inexpensive little gifts for classmates.

All Book Fair profits will be used to send the Accelerated Readers to Wonderland Park in the spring.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Nov. 14--Motley JH, here, 4:00; Board Meeting, 12:00 noon

Friday, Nov. 15--Claude, here, 4:00

Saturday, Nov. 16--FHA Tech Ballgame

Monday, Nov. 18--Valley JH, there, 4:00

Tuesday, Nov. 19--Lazbuddie, there, 4:00

Friday, Nov. 22--Happy, there, 4:00

Saturday, Nov. 23--FFA Area Leadership Contests, Clarendon

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 18--Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Chips, Brownie, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 19--Fish Sandwich, Tartar Sauce, Salad, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Krispie Treat, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 20--Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 21--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk

Friday, Nov. 22--Chili Dog, Potatoes, Fruit, Jello, Milk

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Focusing on the future could have been the major theme at the Texas Food & Fiber Commission's (TFFC) Industry Advisory Committee meeting November 7, 1996.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, the TFFC committee met at the Texas Tech International Textile Center to preview research projects set to be carried out during the 1998-99 biennium.

"The TFFC's main purpose is to support Texas natural fiber and oilseed industries through the oversight of research projects conducted at major research institutions around the state," explains TFFC Executive Director Steve Verett. "Research funding is provided directly from the Texas Legislature. Hopefully, this provides a mechanism for research to more easily respond to the needs of the cotton, wool, mohair and oilseed industries."

Verett says a number of research projects scheduled for funding, following approval of budget requests by the legislature, are cotton oriented and directly benefit producers.

Verett notes that an ongoing project funded by the TFFC provides funds used by Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) agents to do fiber testing

on cotton produced in county demonstration projects. These results provide valuable information to producers as they decide on the varieties they feel will best fit their operations. Another TFFC project provides fiber testing to all Texas A&M University cotton breeders for evaluation of new breeding lines and varieties.

Other research areas being addressed by the TFFC in cotton include developing reliable tests to determine and possibly combat fiber stickiness, increase disease and pest resistance, develop improved management systems and to increase the value-added aspects of cotton fiber and seed.

Total funding requested to carry out TFFC research in 1998-99 is approximately \$2.5 million.

"The TFFC's role has really been focused in the last few years as all commodity groups attempt to chart their courses into the next century," concludes Verett. "An excellent example of this work is the outstanding job the wool and mohair industry has done following elimination of government support programs designed to help them.

"Wool and mohair producers have refocused their pertinent research and commodity promo-

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tion efforts. They are now industry driven, helping insure that wool and mohair continue to be a viable economic force within the state."

Harvesting activity is proceeding throughout the Texas High Plains, despite the lack of a true killing freeze in many areas.

Overall, estimates indicate about 35-40 percent of the crop has been stripped. The difference in percent harvested, however, appears to vary widely from area to area.

Reports from the Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing offices show a good quality crop is being harvested. The Lubbock office has processed approximately 500,000 of the 22.5 million samples it expects to receive this year.

The Lamesa office, which receives most of its cotton from areas harder hit by this season's dry condition, has classed 132,000 according to their latest report. The Lamesa office has estimated it will receive around 450,000 samples this year.

Public discourse about the direction and fate of the High Plains Enhanced Diapause Control Program appears to be missing the point, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers(PCG).

"The important thing to remember about the diapause program and its success is that this Fall's program is truly the first investment a producer can make toward reducing his potential outlays for the 1997 cotton crop," says PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee member Mike Hughes of Lamesa. "Assuming a full program is carried out, a producer already infested with weevils is likely to eliminate at least one boll weevil application in the 1997 crop saving themselves several dollars per acre in the process.

"That is probably a conservative estimate of what it could mean financially since many producers have reported a reduction of more than one weevil application following the 1995 program."

Preparations for the program have already been made. Both ground and aerial application methods will be utilized in 1996 in order to more directly address individual infestations that require treatment.

"The only thing that will hold us back this year will be too many people taking a wait and see attitude regarding the future of the program," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "It is time to come together and take the right to the boll weevil. Nothing will be decided one way or the other until after the 1996 program is completed."

Following the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's Board meeting September 19, several important decisions were made, including agreement on USDA funds that will be available for the High Plains program. Approximately \$1.1 million in

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending Nov. 7

The market see-sawed this week before ending slightly higher on Thursday due to profit taking and a lack of volume after the lowest export sales report in three weeks.

USDA's export sales report was considered good, but not as impressive as sales of more than 200,000 bales reported the previous two weeks. USDA reported export sales of 1996-97 U. S. cotton increased a net 101,500 bales in the week ended October 31, down from 254,200 bales reported the previous week. The largest sale was made to China at 39,400 bales, prompting some to continue speculating about the size of the country's crop and whether it will be able to meet mill demand. Other large sales were made to Mexico, Indonesia and Japan.

Beyond the export sales report, analysts are focusing on USDA's supply/demand report, scheduled for release November 12, as many are interested to see what USDA's world numbers will be. Production and demand in Pakistan, China and India have long been on market watchers' minds, and there are many estimates being considered.

An analyst noted Chinese joint venture mills have been making inquiries for cotton worldwide, implying Chinese demand may be larger than their supplies and output can handle. USDA currently estimates Chinese production at 17.5 million; however, the analyst

federal funds will be made available to the High Plains for the 1996 program.

In other TBWEF Board action, a proposed time limit for recall efforts was approved and should take effect in approximately 30 days. The regulation, as approved, would limit recall petition efforts to a ninety day window beginning on the date a certified mailing list is requested from the TBWEF.

Currently operative petition efforts will be required to adhere to the regulation when it takes effect.

The Texas Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments concerning the appeal of the ruling by the 242nd District Court of Hale County concerning the constitutionality of legislation that authorizes the operation of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and boll weevil eradication programs throughout the state.

The Supreme Court hearing will be held November 20. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales will intervene on behalf of the TBWEF in the case.

At the crux of the appeal is the summary judgment decision of Judge Marvin Marshall of Plainview declaring the statute unconstitutional.

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said a revised production estimate of 16.5 million bales for the country would not be surprising.

In Pakistan, organizations are arguing over whether output will be over or under 7.0 million bales, as there are indications the crop is in trouble due to adverse weather and insect pressure. There are even conflicting opinions in the U. S. as USDA pegs Pakistan's production at 7.6 million bales while ICAC projects the crop at 6.6 million.

Last week, the Pakistan cotton quote was taken out of the Cotlook A index and replaced with Tanzania, an indication of the limited availability of Pakistani growths. In addition, a USDA team recently visited Pakistan and revised its production estimate from 8.2 million bales down to 7.6 million.

Still, cotton from other countries may make up any shortfall. Analysts are keeping an eye on India which is expected to have a large crop that will compete with U. S. and other growths in the world market. The country is expected to produce 16 million bales in the 1996-97 crop year as compared to 15.6 million a year ago.

USDA's November supply/demand report is expected to show slightly higher U. S. cotton production and increased ending stocks that may lead to lower prices, most analysts and cotton experts said. Although USDA pegged U. S. production at 18.1 million bales in its October estimate, industry forecasts now range from 17.5 to 18.6 million bales. Small increases are anticipated in almost every region of the Cotton Belt and there are great expectations for the state of Texas.

The High Plains area of Texas is in the midst of harvesting and should produce much more than the 2.6 million bales estimated by the state's statistical office in October. In fact, some fields in West Texas are reported to have produced two to three bales per acre. Analysts also said the more marginal acres were taken out of production, and those replanted months ago were high-yielding, irrigated lands. Industry assessments now place High Plains production between 2.8 and 2.9 million bales.

Texas cotton is 41 percent harvested, and fields in the western part of the state are expected to produce some high yields despite some weather and pest problems earlier in the year. Initial harvest information shows high quality cotton of middling to strict low middling grade with micronaire of 35 to 49.

In spot cotton news, sales on TELCOT for the five trading days ended November 7 totaled 33,783 bales, up considerably from the previous week's figure of 15,589 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 63.54 to 65.17 cents per pound.

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Most Customers Are Satisfied With Social Security Services

by Mary Jane Shanes
 Social Security Manager
 Plainview, Texas

Some 79 percent of those responding to an annual survey of customer satisfaction with Social Security service rated the service "good" or "very good." The result is identical to last year's rating and a slight improvement over the two years before that.

The 12th annual customer satisfaction survey was conducted by the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General. The purpose of this survey is to determine the

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current level of customer satisfaction with SSA services and compare it with the levels of previous years. The survey results are based on a questionnaire mailed to a random sample of 1,500 customers who had contact with Social Security around November 1, 1995.

The survey asked customers to compare the service they received from Social Security to that provided by other government agencies. Fifty-eight percent believe that Social Security services are much better or somewhat better, and another 36 percent say Social Security services are equal to the best offered by other agencies. Only six percent said Social Security's service is worse than others.

The survey asked customers to review a list of 17 services and

identify those that were most important to them. They said that a knowledgeable, caring staff, easy-to-understand forms, and easy-to-reach telephone service are most important.

"We are pleased with the survey results, which tell us that we are pursuing the right course of putting customers first and striving for world-class service," Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater stated.

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Medical Savings Accounts

By a resounding margin, Texans say they support an innovative plan to provide small business employees a new way to cover health care expenses.

My questionnaire, which this newspaper graciously published this summer, invited Texans to consider Medical Savings Accounts (MSA). The question asked: "Do you support implementation of tax-deferred medical savings accounts (accounts that allow employees of small companies to establish a tax-free savings account reserved exclusively to pay medical expenses and purchase insurance, similar to 'medical IRAs') to cover your health care needs?"

Eighty seven percent of the respondents said they favored the idea. Texans repeatedly said health care reform should expand options, not add to the long list of intrusive federal regulations already in place.

"The tax-free savings plan sounds like a very good plan for medical care," said one constituent from Perryton. "The program now in place penalizes people who want to save for medical emergencies by taking anything you put in and haven't used by year end.

"How could anyone think that's a fair plan?" she said.

Couldn't have said it better myself. Contrary to the limited options employees have today, MSAs offer the flexibility and security lacking from many of today's managed health care agreements.

Let me offer some background. MSAs were included as a provision of the Balanced Budget Act approved by the 104th Republican Congress in 1995 and represented TRUE health care reform. Unfortunately, the President vetoed this bill, and we went back to the drawing board.

One man in Pittsburg wrote that he thought it best if MSAs were first tested before being "set in concrete."

In the final analysis, so did Congress. When Congress approved the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Care Reform bill this year, we included just such a test.

From January 1997 to 2000, the Department of Treasury will set up MSAs in a pilot study of employers of 50 or fewer and the self-employed.

Individuals and small business employers will have the option of making tax-free deposits to MSAs, which remain the properties of the employees. Participants can also use the money to pay for medical expenses or health insurance premiums.

One aspect I really like is that any money not spent for those purposes accrues interest and can be used in other ways — for medical expenses after retirement, a "rollover" into an IRA or pension plan, or a fund left in the individual's estate.

Let me answer a concern from a small business owner in Grapeland. He wrote: "As a small business owner, what will this cost me? The small business owner is getting hit from too many sides."

He spoke for millions of Texans. The good news is that MSAs cost nothing for a small business owner.

Over and over, Texans said that the federal government besieges small business owners with "inane ... stupid ... outright nutty" regulations and mandates from, as one respondent said, "the center of confusion known as Washington, D.C."

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**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.

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CHURCH**
Rev. Randy Thomas, Pastor
SUNDAY:
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service . . 6:00 p.m.
SECOND SUNDAY:
Praise & Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
United Meth. Women 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
In-home Bible Study. 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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*Hearing is one of the body's five senses.
But listening is an art.*

Frank Tyger

*Remember this, my dear brothers! Everyone must
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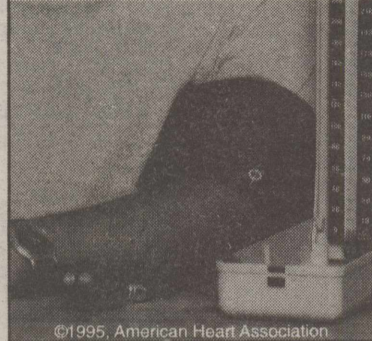
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