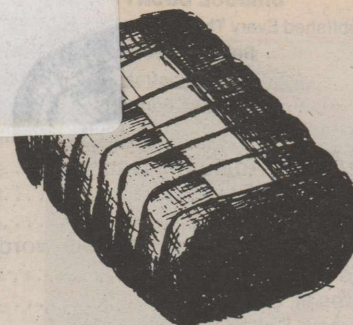


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All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



It is interesting to note that several of the men who live at Lake Mackenzie have joined the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and are very active in its meetings and projects. The fire department now has a water tank truck located at Lake Mackenzie which these firefighters will take to fires in the northwest part of the county. They can get there quicker than the firemen who live in town and probably can cut 10 to 15 minutes off the response time. They are Elwyn Vaughn, Albert Hartman, Bob McCall and Jack Oetgen.

We are trying to help a friend locate the G. W. Burkett family in regard to purchasing part of their plot in the Silverton Cemetery. The only burial on the plot was made in 1928. If you know how we can locate someone in this family, please call me at 806-823-2333.

Winston Hamilton told me a few days ago about a day when Silverton's ambulance crew took his wife into the emergency room at the hospital in Tulia. He said the hospital's emergency room doctor and nurses were very complimentary of our ambulance service and the efficient work of its personnel.

Hats off to our community service volunteers!

Panhandle Cutting Horse Competition Held in Amarillo

The Panhandle Cutting Horse Association recently held a two-day show at the EE Arena.

Jim Cogdell won second riding Work Smooth in both the open and non-pro divisions.

Toy Cogdell tied for third place riding Little Peppy Rey in the \$2,000 Limit Rider division.

Rank Cogdell, aboard Jack Cee, placed second in the \$500 Limit Rider division. Zack Baldwin also tied for second in this division.

In the open division, Dick Cogdell placed first riding Susie Dry and also won first on Susie Dry in the Non-Pro division.

In the Youth division, Rank Cogdell placed first riding Jack Cee and Zack Baldwin tied for first.

In the \$2,000 Limit Rider division, Toy Cogdell placed second.

Rank Cogdell, riding Jack Cee, tied with Zack Baldwin for second in the \$500 Limit Rider.

People believe if you are a girl, don't whistle, or you will grow a beard.

Worker Protection Standards Reviewed For Hoe Hands

by Rebel L. Royall
Briscoe County Extension Agent

There always seems to be some confusion about WPS and what farmers have to do to be in conjunction with the standards. Questions always seem to arise this time of year, because we always have hoe hands in the fields. Some growers do not realize that they, as employers of workers, are only obligated to provide training and issue the blue card to employees who are going to work for them for more than 15 days. For 1995, training and cards must be provided by the 16th day of employment. These 15 days of employment need not be consecutive. Therefore, if a farmer is employing a hoeing crew for only a week or ten days, he is not required to provide training and issue cards. These 15 days, however, are being reduced to five in 1996. But for now 15 still stands. Handlers must have been trained before they begin any handling task. The 15-day rule does not apply to them.

In order to provide training and issue cards, the grower must be a certified or licensed private applicator of have gone through a "train the trainer" program. Training of workers and handlers can also be provided by TDA, licensed TAEX employees and individuals who have gone through a train-the-trainer program. Trained handlers can provide training to workers only.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service does not issue cards, but we do provide training materials. These can be checked out to individual farmers. Issuance of the cards are the responsibility of the employer. The employer must contact the TDA regional office in Amarillo or Lubbock, or a TDA field pesticide inspector in order to obtain the cards for issuance.

A grower does not have to provide training to members of his own family. However, for family members he does have to comply with other aspects of WPS, such as providing them with personal protective equipment.

It is easy to get confused about the Worker Protection Standards. Remember if you are in doubt, call

WEATHER

24-HOUR JULY READINGS

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
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1	76	56	
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2	82	56	.80
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3	86	61	.34
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Total Precip. in July	1.14
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Normal Precip. in July	2.39
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Total Precip. Year to Date	10.49
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Normal Precip. Year to Date	12.95
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your Texas Agricultural Extension Service office at 823-2131, or the Texas Department of Agriculture regional offices in Amarillo or Lubbock.

Historical Group Reduced Book Price at Meeting

Briscoe County Historical Committee met June 27 in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank with 13 in attendance. Several items of business were discussed.

It was decided to sell the remainder of the Vol. II Briscoe County History Books at \$55.00, which includes tax. These will be sold through the County Judge's Office and by members of the Historical Committee.

The Pioneer Memorial on the Courthouse Square also was discussed along with plans for further development of that area plus the restoration plans for the Briscoe County Jail Museum.

Omelet Breakfast

Silverton Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee is hosting its quarterly Omelet Breakfast beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Showbarn.

Everyone is invited. Come be a part of the Chamber of Commerce and find out what's happening.

For more information, contact Ronda Alexander, 823-2131.

Upcoming events in which the Historical Committee will be involved include the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration August 10-12 and the Caprock Jamboree concession stand on September 2.

Sales of the Briscoe County History Book, *Footprints of Time, Vol. II*, and the memorial tiles for the Pioneer Memorial will be conducted by members at both those events. The price of the memorial tiles is \$75 per memorial.

Three new members of the committee from Quitaque were nominated. They are Eunice McFall, Bobby and Arlene Hinkle.



"TEXAS" Musical Drama has played nightly except Sundays from mid-June through late August since 1966 in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. For ticket information, write Box 268, Canyon, TX 79015, or call 806-655-2181.

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Nominations Sought for Rural Minister of the Year 1995

The search has begun for the state's top rural minister for 1995.

"The Texas Rural Minister of the Year Award recognizes the valuable contributions and leadership provided by the ministers of congregations in the small towns and rural areas of Texas," said Dr. Greg Taylor, program leader for community development in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Extension Service and the *Progressive Farmer* magazine sponsor the award, which is given annually at the Town and Country Church Conference in the fall.

This year's conference is planned for October 2-3 at the Rudder Center on the campus of Texas A&M University. It is the 50th year of the conference, and the theme is "Celebrating Rural Ministry."

Last year, two ministers were honored instead of one. They were the Rev. Paul W. Hartfield of St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod at Serbin in Lee County and the Rev.

Curtis R. Lucas of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond.

Others among the top five candidates for the award were Bernardino P. Espinoza, Templo Emanuel Church Latin Assembly of God, Crystal City; Boyd Faust, St. John's Lutheran Church, Deanville; and Virgie Holbrook, Lakeway United Methodist, Pottsboro.

To be eligible for the award, a minister should have served a congregation for at least two years in a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less.

Taylor said nominations can be made by anyone, but he suggested that the ministers themselves help assemble the information needed.

"Often a congregation wants to surprise its pastor with the award," Taylor said, "but most nominations are more complete if the ministers also are involved in preparing them."

Nominations also should cover these points: how the minister has encouraged leadership in the church, how the minister has made a significant difference in community programs, contributions that the church and congregation have made to the community under the minister's guidance and what the minister has done for his or her personal and professional growth.

Nominations should be postmarked by July 15 and sent to the Texas Rural Minister of the Year Committee, Blocker Building, Room

340, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2124.

To obtain a nomination form or for more information, contact your local County Extension Agent or call Minister Committee member Dr. Ruth Schaffer at (409) 846-7240.

Floydada Catholic Church Plans Jamaica

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will be hosting its annual Jamaica, a church carnival, on Sunday, July 9, at the Floyd County Courthouse square. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue through 6:00 p.m.

On tap for this year's event will be lots of fun, food, games and entertainment throughout the day.

Food booths will be serving up everything from nachos to tamales. Menu items will also include brisket, chili dogs, chalupas, tacos, barbacoa, along with Mexican delicacies like tripas, gorditas and carnitas. Soft drinks will be available to quench everyone's thirst.

Prizes, dishes and T-shirts will be given to those participating in the various game booths that will be set up. Some of the games will include Pie in the Eye, where shaving cream pies will be used, a coin toss, spin and win, dart games, horseshoes, miniature golf, basketball hoop and War Bombs which will cool off participants using water balloons. A dunking booth is also planned.

Musical entertainment will be highlighted by the Tejano band, Potencia from Tulia. Other local bands will also be participating.

New to this year's event will be a local talent hour featuring Floyd County residents. Confirmed for the afternoon are Annett Garcia, Candace Herrera, Karen Resio, Mary Medrano, who will vocalize selections by the late Selena, and Elvis impersonator Lupe Maldonado.

Proceeds from the Jamaica will

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For information on free or low-cost immunizations in your area, call the Texas Department of Health and Shots Across Texas Shotline at 1-800-252-9152 or write Shots Across Texas, Immunization Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756.



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COTTON NEWS

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1994-Crop Upland Cotton Texas High Plains Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre Harvested	Total Bales
Bailey	89,600	84,800	454	57,900
Briscoe	40,400	38,900	387	31,400
Borden	28,700	22,600	159	7,500
Castro	57,700	52,300	770	83,900
Crosby	201,100	194,100	477	193,000
Cochran	130,300	124,500	469	119,000
Dawson	238,500	221,900	303	140,100
Deaf Smith	4,800	4,100	885	5,100
Dickens	30,300	29,300	274	16,700
Floyd	174,600	169,300	619	218,200
Gaines	288,100	262,400	613	335,300
Garza	36,700	35,300	273	20,100
Hale	212,800	205,200	710	303,400
Hockley	239,500	230,700	439	210,800
Howard	90,800	86,300	265	47,600
Lamb	174,400	166,600	646	224,300
Lubbock	259,100	250,100	529	275,700
Lynn	245,300	233,200	313	151,900
Martin	112,100	101,500	308	65,100
Midland	30,300	27,800	345	20,000
Motley	32,000	30,700	186	11,900
Parmer	56,700	44,400	741	68,500
Swisher	68,700	62,700	692	90,400
Terry	246,200	234,100	491	239,700
Yoakum	131,100	122,200	509	129,700
Totals & Averages	3,219,800	3,035,000	482 (weighted)	3,067,200

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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July 4, 1985-- Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Montague are parents of a son, Monty Grant . . . Rainfall so far this year totals 14.02 inches, with the .45 of an inch received Wednesday night of last week added . . . Residents of Lockney Care Center have adopted a large turtle they have named Herman Francis Stallone . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel had the pleasure of having all their children home recently. They were here to celebrate their Dad's eightieth birthday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Jon David McDaniel and Kesha, Janell McDaniel, Dean Agee, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Inland and Stephany, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stack, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wilson, Candice, Shawn, Tonia and Allen White, Robert Stack III, LaVerta Fore, Edythe Wilson, Sue, Bryan and Brandi Breedlove . . . The Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Plainview is participating in a nationwide program to redeem Coke product and Sprite cans for computers for school use . . .

July 3, 1975-- New Lake Theo State Park open for day use . . . Services to be conducted this afternoon for Mary Long, 79 . . . Graveside rites for Amy Durham, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham, were conducted Sunday afternoon . . . Carthel-May vows exchanged Saturday evening in formal ceremony . . . Lee-McWilliams marriage solemnized in formal service at Tulia Saturday . . . Dr. and Mrs. Danny Vaughan are parents of a son, Spencer Spike . . . Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hubbard are parents of a son, Stoney Phil . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner are parents of a son, Chad Wayne . . .

July 8, 1965-- The State Committee that formulates policy for the Great Plains Conservation Program held part of its annual meeting in the Caprock Soil Conservation District Friday . . . Mrs. Ware Fogerson visited her mother, Mrs. R. A. Day, and other relatives in Matador from Saturday until Monday . . . J. L. Webb and Robert Rhea have been visitors in Kansas . . . Mrs. Viola Newman has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital for three weeks . . . Lester Grabbe is spending the summer working in West Germany. He and two fellow students went by plane from Los Angeles to London, and traveled on to Dusseldorf. He is employed as a projectionist at a news reel theatre . . . Dennis Ray Gallington was a patient in the Lockney Hospital early this week . . . Cub Scouts Scott Garvin, Larry Nye, Micki Jasper, Mikel Griffin, Gary Storie, Joel Morris and Renee' Grosdidier honored their Den Chief, Paul Ray McWilliams, with a party on his 14th birthday . . .

July 7, 1955-- A delegation of 10 boys, all members of the Silverton FFA Chapter, will go to Houston July 20-22 to attend the annual convention of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America. The boys will be headed by Bill Stephens and Jim Whitfill, official delegate, and G. H. Bunch, chapter advisor. Others who will make the trip are Wayne Mayfield, W. D. Rowell, Don Cornett, Alton Riddell, James May, Tommy Autry, Ronald Kitchens and Harold Edwards, who will receive Long Star Farmer degrees . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fleming and sons have moved here from Byers, and are making their home in the Bud McMinn house

east of the Baptist Church. Mr. Fleming comes to Silverton with many years of experience in the garage and welding business. He has opened a business establishment on the highway near Allard's Butane. His sons will work with him in the business . . . Scott Smithee and Nuke May, each riding alone, had a car-pickup collision one mile east of the Lewis Francis home Thursday. Mr. Smithee was severely injured and his car was almost demolished. Mr. May was not injured nor was his pickup badly damaged . . . Hugh Nance, owner and operator of Nance's Food Store, has purchased the lots west of the new Post Office, and will probably begin construction of a new building this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill are doing the finishing work

on an attractive grey frame home one block north of the highway, near the Dick Guest home. Work has started on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Rhode who will move here from Clarendon as soon as the new home is completed . . . Luke Thompson, operator of the local Shamrock Gas and Oil Station, while siphoning gas at his place of business, accidentally sucked gas into his stomach, passed out and fell on the driveway. He received treatment at the hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson took their son, John Howard, to Dallas to have stitches removed from surgery done on his right leg several days ago and to have the cast on his leg changed. John Howard was operated on June 9 for an injury sustained when the leg was broken

earlier in childhood . . .
July 5, 1945-- Bud Perkins home from German prison . . . Harvest over with everybody (?) happy . . . Miss Nola Gay Witcher and Glen Dale Digby were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Witcher, Monday night at ten fifteen. Rev. A. C. Hamilton read the wedding vows . . . Miss Betty Jane Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson, was united in marriage to Cpl. Johnny Emmitt in a simple ceremony at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carver Monroe, on Sunday, July 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Barnett, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated at the single-ring

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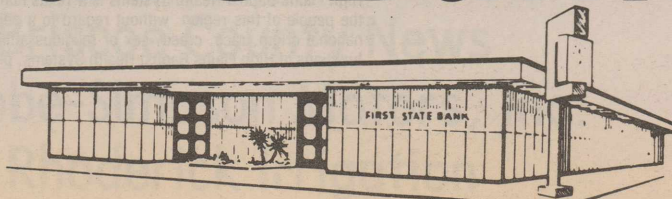
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Registration Due For Basketball Camp to be Held in Silverton

Happy Birthday To . . .

July 6--Todd Reagan, Wesley Reed, Marla Warren

July 7--Travis Whitten, Angela Garcia, Buck Hardin, Dena Thomas, Lou Younger, Calvin Shelton, Jerry Don Brannon

July 8--Wayne Rampley, Kami Martin, Kathi Hubbard

July 9--Dwight Ramsey, Cecil Seaney, Jimmy Wade Myers, Annette Roehr, Cal Brannon, Warren Reid IV

July 10--Christopher Allen Sternberg, Betty Reid, Lucille Scott, Eloise Strange, Samantha Francis, David Donahoo

July 11--Sandy Stephens, Magan Whittington, Carman Juarez

July 12--Bobbye Bean, Gilbert Elms, Christy West, Sandy Tambunga, Pamela Castillo, Christina Hall, Jerry Baker, E. H. McGavock

Happy Anniversary To . . .

July 6--Mr. and Mrs. Brian West, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Miller

July 8--Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill

July 9--Mr. and Mrs. Kent Carpenter

July 11--Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Boyd

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Rhonda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

Fast Foods - Few Nutrients

Fast food eating can be part of a healthy diet. However, selections must be made with knowledge and care. Variety is also a key point to remember in making any food selections.

Some nutrients are provided by fast foods, but they also provide lots of fat, sodium and calories. Fast food meals are also low in fiber. They usually lack the key nutrients: Vitamin A, Vitamin C and Calcium.

As society changes paces, so does the fast food industry. Many establishments now offer fast food meals which are lower in calories and fat. They have also made available to consumers nutrient charts about their menu items. By studying their information, you can make healthy fast food choices. If healthier choices are unavailable and you are limited to fast food, there is still a choice. When your daily menu consists of a fast food meal (or one higher in fat), be sure to compensate with other lowfat and high nutrient selections from your other meals.

Some pointers to consider when eating out are: skip anything fried; select grilled items when available and choose mustard over mayonnaise; a plain hamburger is better than breaded and fried chicken or fish; and omit cheese and bacon, since they are high in fat. Good luck as you stay on the road to good health and fitness.

TODAY'S THE DAY
Stop Smoking.
American Heart Association

New Arrival

Ryder Carpenter is excited to announce the arrival of his new sister, Candy Kate, on Thursday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed six pounds and eleven ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Parents of the children are Kent and Penny Carpenter.

Candy Kate is the first granddaughter for Lee and Carole Carpenter of Rowena and Billy and Bette Cogdell.

Great-grandmothers are Moree Barnes of Tulia, Marguerite Holland of San Angelo and Adele Carpenter of Sonora.

Nursing Mother's Support Group Meets on Saturdays

A Nursing Mother's Support Group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Hi-Plains Hospital, 203 W. 4th in Hale Center. For more information, call 839-2471 or 293-2426. Ask for Kim Jennings or Abbie Kleppa.

Nursing mothers and mothers to be who are interested in nursing are invited to come, show off your baby, meet and eat and support each other in this healthy choice group.

The meetings began in June, and will continue July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9.

EPA advises checking well water pumps

COLLEGE STATION—The Environmental Protection Agency is advising homeowners with submersible brass pumps to have their well water tested for excess lead levels.

Laboratory studies have found that significant levels of lead can leach from some types of brass, said Dr. B.L. Harris, a soils specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension service at Texas A&M University.

"While many homes have brass plumbing or fixtures," he explained, "more emphasis is being placed on lead leached from submersible pumps, since these pumps are in constant contact with water."

Some submersible well pumps are made of stainless steel and plastic components, but the majority of these pumps are constructed with brass fittings contained in a cast brass housing, Harris said. These pumps have the potential to leach high levels of lead into drinking water, especially if the water is soft and corrosive.

Homeowners should consult the pump manufacturer to determine if their pumps contain brass components. Otherwise people should have their water tested by a certified laboratory in their area. The EPA advises those affected to drink bottled water until their water can be tested and the quality assured.



Registration is due soon for a basketball camp to be held in the Silverton School Gym for boys and girls 9-14 (1994-95 third through eighth graders) July 24-28. Camp starts at 8:30 a.m. on each of these days and continues until 12:00 noon.

The cost is \$40 per camper and includes instruction and a camp T-shirt. To reserve a place in the camp a deposit of \$10 is requested by July 10, although the entire amount may be paid when reservations are made. All payments and questions should be directed to Donnie Dutton, P. O. Box 287, Silverton, TX 79257, 806-823-2086.

The camp will be directed by Coaches Dutton, Roger Whipkey and Clyde Parham. Primary purpose of the camp is to improve the fundamental techniques of basketball and challenge each camper regardless of present abilities.

Each camper will receive personal instruction and attention, offensive and defensive fundamentals.

Parents must sign a release form when entering students into the camp.

Boys and girls do not have to be Silverton students to participate in the camp.

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ceremony . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Ray Bomar just stopped in after the show. He said I was sitting here typing in my sleep. Could be. Some of the dope I write has kind of a nightmareish touch to it, don't you think? At any rate, it's to bed for me tonight. Anyone who will work on Monday night is a plaindamfool anyway" . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wheelock and John Robert spent the weekend here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheelock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Saul are parents of a daughter . . . Mrs. D. W. Mayfield and Don Thomas spent the weekend with Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr.

July 3, 1925-- Among the old settlers of Briscoe County was W. A. Dickerson who came to the county from Missouri in 1893. Mr. Dickerson was not among the first settlers of the county, however, several others already being here when he came; nevertheless the country was very little better developed when he came than at the time of the first settler here and he has seen almost as much

in the development of the county as the first settler here. When Mr. Dickerson came to the county the old court house and jail had already been built and the county organized and officers installed. He states that there were only two or three stores in the town . . . Miss Gaynelle Douglas celebrated her sixth birthday last Saturday afternoon. Quite a number of her little friends were present, including Onadel and Garner Guest, Delese Blackwell, Joeline Simpson, Ganelle Fort, Roberta and Jack Turner, Ruth Lawler, Juanita Potter, Annis Fowler, Wilmer Dickerson, Imogene Burson, Katherine Norrid, George Piner Bain and Jim Tom Nichols. Hazel Fort and Zollie Bomar helped to entertain and serve the youngsters . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, a daughter, Faye Gene . . .

Frederick and Nathan Montague have been visiting their cousins in Plainview . . . Amos Persons of Quitaque made a business visit to Silverton Saturday . . . Last Saturday morning one of the big International trucks operated on the truckline between Turkey and Amarillo ran into the ditch on Main Street just south of the Cottage Filling Station and turned over . . . The Silverton baseball team played the Flomot team at the Follie picnic Friday and won by a score of three to one in one of the best games of the season . . . J. R. Faust is building a new home in the west part of town . . . J. N. Graves returned last Tuesday from a trip to Greenville and other South Texas points, where he spent a week on business. He closed a deal last week with Willson & Son Lumber Company, whereby he sold a lot on which his blacksmith shop is located for the erection of a modern five-room house which he will erect in the northeast part of town . . . The man who was arrested a few weeks ago on a charge of abusing his wife was again taken into custody last Saturday afternoon and was brought to the county jail where he is being confined. It was thought that he was insane and had planned to kill some members of the Hardin family . . .

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Whitfill-Bumgardner Vows Exchanged In Formal Church Ceremony

Miss Cynthia Michelle Whitfill became the bride of Troy Alan Bumgardner in a formal ceremony performed by Jackie King of Hale Center in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of Gene and Tisa Whitfill of Plainview, and is the granddaughter of Russell and Arvella Haberer of Lubbock and Ben and Pat Whitfill of Lockney. She is the great-granddaughter of J. J. Davis of Lubbock and Eva Whitfill of Plainview.

Sheryl and M. A. Thompson, jr. of Enid, Oklahoma and Clyde Bumgardner of Santa Rosa, California are parents of the bridegroom. He is the grandson of Louise Stout of Ford, Kansas.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white raw silk designed with an off-the-shoulder bow atop a fitted bodice, accented with seed pearls and sequins. The full-length gown was completed with a ruffled peplum coming together in the back in a butterfly bow detailed with pearls and sequins. Her fingertip double veil was held by a headband covered with fabric to match her gown, and she carried a bouquet of red roses tied with gold ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Anne Watson of Abilene. Matron of honor was Jennifer Riley of Plainview, and bridesmaids were Cathy Brandes, Katy Williams and Liz Williams, all of Plainview. The flower girl was Lauren Boggs of Plainview.

The bridal attendants wore gowns of red raw silk designed with haltered bodices accented with peplums held by mother-of-pearl and gold buttons worn over black raw silk plazzo pants. They carried single long-stemmed white roses tied with gold ribbon.

Wedding programs were handed out by Misty Enos of Plainview, and Julie Blanco and Amy Robertson, both of Plainview, were in charge of registering the wedding guests.

Best man was Pete deSantiago of Amarillo. Groomsmen were John Edd Duke, jr. and Shawn Riley, both of Plainview; Ryan Sanders of Booker and Jason Vaughn of Lubbock. Guests were seated by Jonathan



Mrs. Troy A. Bumgardner

Whitfill and Patrick Whitfill, brothers of the bride, both of Plainview; Erik Thompson, brother of the groom, of Enid, Oklahoma; Steven Kelley of Norman, Oklahoma; Anthony Bates and Matt Rankin, both of Plainview.

Music was provided by Jennie Lynn Hodges of Olton, organist; Robert Snelling of Plainview, David Patrick of Snyder and Jason Kempf of Clovis, New Mexico, herald trumpets; Wendy Rhodes of Plainview, soloist. A

woodwind ensemble presented the prelude and was composed of Anne Graves, Monica Skipper, Cody Caddell, Charles Dauster, all of Plainview, and Martha Watson of Abilene. A choral ensemble which presented the postlude, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," included Cindy Turpin, Michele Vering, Merlee Chapman, Jenny Hall, Gabriel Gonzales, Paul Gibson and Todd Keller, all of Plainview.

A reception was held in Crawford Hall at the First United Methodist Church following the ceremony. Members of the houseparty were Norvene Owen, Frances Barrera, Debbie Bass, M. K. Boedeker, Jo Betsy Morphis and Monica Soliz.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will be at home in Plainview.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Plainview High School and is attending Wayland Baptist University where she is majoring in music with vocal concentration. She is employed by the Wayland Baptist University business office.

The bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Booker High School and is a senior busiess/computer major at Wayland Baptist University. He is employed by Norwest Bank of Plainview.

A rehearsal picnic was held at the 7th Street Park catered by Chuck Wagon Bar-B-Q. The bridesmaids' luncheon was high tea at Bridal House in Plainview, hosted by the bride's mother.

Other bridal courtesies included a miscellaneous shower given in the home of Tammy Williams. Hostesses were Sherry Akin, Donna Teel, Jan Teague, Jerre Wortham, Martha

Pendergast, Sue Douglas, Vicky Bryant, Judy Melton, Cheryl Dickerson, Patti Tune, Kathy Whisenant, Dorothy Morton, Christi Kelm, Betty Lemons, Melody Miller, Paula Williams, Paulette Manning, Treva James and Linda Hill. A miscellaneous shower was held at Trinity Methodist Church, hosted by the Cornerstone Sunday School Class. A lingerie shower was hosted by the bridesmaids.

Friendship Quilters

by Nina Martin

From one of the school annuals: "Dear Snucky, I think you are a pretty swell girl. I certainly admire your cuteness. Love, Skunk Fuzz."

I want to mention the deceased members of the Class of '45. They are Donald Weast, Ruby Jo Neatherlin, Maggie Mae Jones, Catherine Long, Betty Jean Sumpter and Dimple Jasper.

Sybil King, Nadyne Childress, Lallie Patton, Virginia Hardin, Nelda Jasper, Ann Norris, Juanita Stephens, Joy Stodghill, Mary Burson and I quilted last Thursday. Nelda's Double Wedding Ring top was put in the frames. It is a whole-cloth print.

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Jeff Burson came to Briscoe County in 1893, homesteading a place south and east of Silverton on what is now known as the Ledbetter place. Jeff worked for a while in Briscoe County, returning to Stephens County to marry Annie Todd in 1895. In 1897, he brought his wife and first-born daughter, Minnie Haynes, in a covered wagon to settle on the homestead in a half-dugout. There their second daughter, Abbie Whitacre, was born. They later moved into a two-room house in Silverton.

Jeff worked for Dr. Brown while getting his pharmacy license by correspondence. He was the first licensed pharmacist in Silverton. He later built a drug store, The Blue Drug Store, on the present site of the First State Bank.

Ill health caused him to give up the drug store and he was later involved in other businesses, including grocery, mercantile, lumber, ready-to-

wear, drug store (again) and hotel.

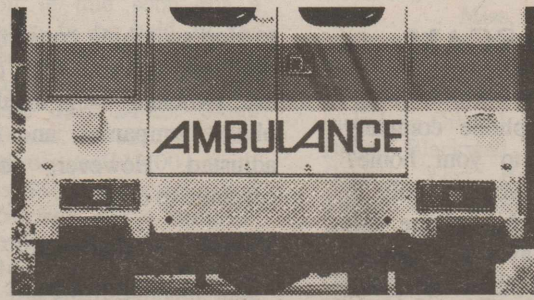
Jeff and Annie added eight more children to their family, all born and reared in Silverton. They were Grady, Maudean, Jessie (Weeks), Jerry, Amye (Light), Max, Imogene (Bell) and Todd Edd. The four children still living are Max and Jessie of Plainview, Amye of Panhandle and Jerry of Mineral Wells.

In 1935, the Bursons moved to Plainview where Jeff again worked as a pharmacist for the drug stores.

Jeff died at the age of 83 in 1953. Annie followed at the age of 87 in 1964. Both are buried in the Silverton Cemetery, along with Maudean and Imogene.

Among the 42 present at the reunion who enjoyed a wonderful day of picture taking, visiting, swimming, fishing and boat riding were J. E. and Mary Jane Patton, Thor and Tory Patton, Jerry and Brenda Patton, Lallie Patton, all of Silverton; also Alesha Patton of Midland; Kelly and DeLyn Sanders of San Angelo.

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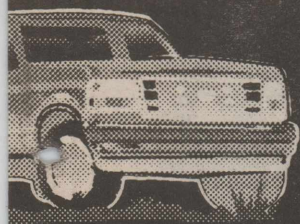
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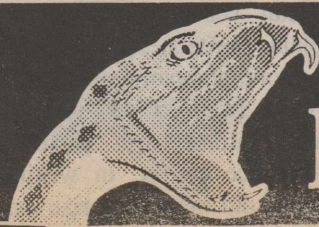
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LEGAL MATTERS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

THE SLAM SCAM

Do you know which long-distance telephone company provides service to your home? You might think you do, only to get a whopping big phone bill from "Ed 'n' Ray's E-Z Phone Co." at the end of the month. Even before you get the bill, you may notice that your long-distance calls are taking longer than usual to go through. If this sounds familiar, then you may be a victim of "slamming," or phone hijacking.

Here at the Office of the Attorney General, our Consumer Protection Division has received hundreds of complaints from Texas consumers about the practice. In some cases, we have filed lawsuits and obtained injunctions requiring the offending companies

to stop switching consumers without their consent. The customers are switched back to their own phone companies, and billing is adjusted. However, new cases continue to crop up.

What is slamming?

Slamming is a tactic practiced by some of the hundreds of new telephone companies that appeared after the break-up of AT&T. Simply put, slamming is highjacking a customer's long-distance account. Many Texans have had their accounts transferred from one company to another without their permission.

The size of the problem is not clear, but consumer groups contend that it is very large. In a six-month period last year, about 5.6 million of AT&T's customers na-

tionwide, or 7 percent, were slammed. Among customers whose primary language was Spanish, the rate was 18 percent.

While illegal, the practice works because local phone companies typically transfer customers from one corporation to another with a beep of an electronic signal. The system is not set up to detect abuses by long-distance carriers. That is because the overwhelming majority of transfers are legitimate and at the customer's request. The phone companies say it is the only efficient way to do business, considering that there are tens of millions of connections, transfers, and terminations annually.

How the switch is made

Ideally, you should be the one initiating the switch in service from one carrier to another. When you decide to change service, you call or write your new company. That's the way it should work. But some unscrupulous companies use the following tactics:

- Phony contests.** We've all seen entry forms for contests awarding new cars, trucks or trips as prizes. Buried in the small type of many of these forms is a notice saying that people who enter will have their phone service switched. Some companies target immigrants from Latin America, using "contest entries" written in Spanish, with the fine print in English.

- Unethical telemarketing practices.** We have heard of cases where telemarketers call, get a child on the phone, and consider the child's response to be authorization to switch. No parent or responsible party is informed.

- Free minutes.** Another common telemarketing practice is to offer free long-distance minutes. What is left unsaid is that by accepting the "free" minutes, you are transferred to another long-distance carrier.

- Snatch and run.** The worst offenders simply open a phone book, and pick out names at random.

Some carriers send out checks for \$10 or more, which say on them that cashing the check constitutes permission for the company to take over the long-distance service. That is fine so long as it is perfectly clear in the offer that you are changing carriers.

How to protect yourself

If you have been slammed, what can you do? In a word, complain. Write a letter to your local phone company stating that you were switched without your consent. Inform your preferred long-distance carrier, in writing, that you did not authorize any change in service. And complain

to the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates long-distance telephone service.

In addition, you can take steps to avoid being slammed. Carefully read all entry forms and mail before you sign or fill in anything. If you do not understand something, do not sign.

Many local phone companies are allowing customers to "freeze" their long-distance service, and will not transfer the long-distance account to another carrier without having an independent third party serve as a witness in a conference call. If you want this service, call your local carrier and get a form that will freeze your account.

You have the right to enjoy the goods and services you select. No one has the right to hijack your account. To lodge a complaint, call our Consumer Protection Division at (800) 621-0508. Working together, we can help put an end to slamming.

What You Can Do To Combat Medicare Payment Fraud

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

Nearly 800 million claims for Medicare benefits were submitted to Medicare for payment in 1992. Some of the claims were fraudulent. As fraudulent claims were detected, some providers were warned, some were fined, some were thrown out of the Medicare program, and some were sent to prison. Despite the efforts, it is estimated that as much as \$10 billion was stolen from Medicare that year.

Each time Medicare pays a claim it shouldn't, the government is being ripped-off, and as a taxpayer so are you. When someone knowingly or willingly lies in order to get paid, this is fraud, a federal crime. Such a crime happens when a provider misrepresents on the claim form what was furnished to the consumer.

When you suspect that Medicare has improperly paid a claim, contact the insurance company that paid. The company will contact the provider to investigate. If you wish, your name will not be used. If you feel comfortable doing so, you may contact the provider that submitted the claim before calling Medicare and inform the provider that Medicare paid for the item or service. Also, explain why you believe Medicare should not have paid.

If the provider made an honest mistake, it can be corrected and Medicare will get a refund. If the provider told you before you received the service that Medicare is not likely to pay for the service, you may have to pay for the service.

In many cases, you will not suspect foul play until you review the Explanation of Your Part B Medicare Benefits (EOMB). These explanations include information on whether or not Medicare paid, how much, and the item/service for which Medicare paid. These statements are valuable in detecting Medicare fraud. Look for:

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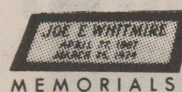
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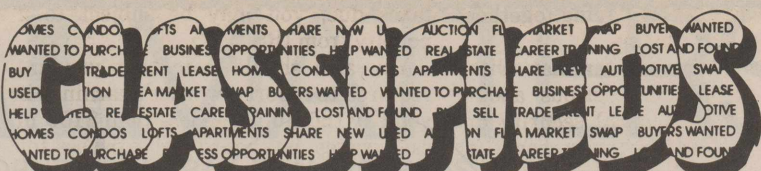
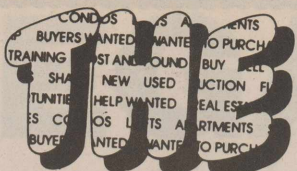
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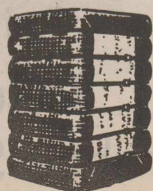
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by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

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These are some 3.7 million children who receive Social Security benefits as the survivors of parents who have died or dependents of parents who are retired or have become disabled. They receive more than \$1 billion a month in Social Security benefits. In fact, virtually all children under 18 would be eligible to receive such benefits if a parent dies, retires, or becomes disabled.

The children who qualify may be the beneficiary's biological children, adopted children, stepchildren, or even children born outside of marriage. Grandchildren may qualify under certain circumstances. Note that even if the parents divorce, the children's benefit rights are not affected.

The amount of benefits payable may range up to 75 percent of the worker's benefit for the surviving child of a deceased worker, to 50 percent for the dependent of a retired or disabled worker. A family maximum is generally reached with a parent and two children collecting benefits.

A child who joins the family after benefits start (through birth, adoption, or the beneficiary's remarriage) also may qualify for benefits. If the child is the beneficiary's new step-child, however, the step-relationship must have existed for a year before benefits can be paid. Also, stepchildren and some adopted children must meet a dependency requirement.

The benefits continue until the child marries, reaches 18, or 19 if he or she is still a full-time high school student. If the child is disabled before age 22, benefits may continue as long as he/she remains disabled.

The role that the benefits play in the lives of these children vary, depending on their circumstances. For the average family, the monthly benefits help them maintain their lifestyle after the loss of a parent's earnings. For low-income

larger families, the benefits may mean the difference between staying together as a family or splitting up.

It's important to be familiar with these rules if you are serious about planning for the financial security of your family. Social Security benefits should be a base for your planning. You can get an estimate of how much your children could get from Social Security by calling 1-800-772-1213 24-hours-a-day. Ask for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement application form.

Farmers, Workers Must Report Earnings

Reporting agricultural earnings for Social Security purposes is still sometimes misunderstood. Social Security continues to find a significant number of wage reports for farm workers to be in error or in some cases, not filed at all.

The problem is especially important for the Silverton area because of the number of farms in the area and the number of people who have earnings from farm work.

The amount of monthly Social Security benefits that a worker and/or the worker's family can receive in case of retirement, death or disability is based on the earnings that are reported to the worker's Social Security number. If you earnings are not reported correctly during the years when you are working, you and your family could lose money every month when it comes time to collect Social Security benefits.

Here is how farm reporting works: If you work as an employee on a farm and earn more than \$150 a year, your employer should be taking money out of your wages each time you get paid and sending it to the federal government to cover your payment to Social Security. At the beginning of each calendar year, he or she should give you a W-2 form, a statement that shows the total amount of money sent in during the past year for Social Security.

What should you do if you own a farm and have employees? In general, you must: 1. keep records of the wages and make the required payroll deductions; 2. report those wages to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on IRS Form 943 and pay Social Security taxes; and 3. provide a pay statement for each of your employees as well as a W-2 form after the close of each year. If

you don't report the wages and pay the taxes due, you may be subject to a penalty from IRS.

You also should note that you are required to report a worker's earnings if you pay the employee less than \$150 in cash wages, but your total expenses for agricultural labor are \$2,500 or more in a year (unless you employ seasonal hand-harvest laborers who commute to work daily from their homes and are paid on a piece-rate basis, and who did less than 13 weeks of farm work in the previous year).

As a farm owner, you must report your own earnings to Social Security. Farmers are covered under Social Security just as other self-employed people are. This is true whether you are an owner, operator, partner, renter, or share farmer. You are required to report your earnings if your net income from farming is \$400 a year or more. You report these earnings on your federal tax return, IRS 1040, using Schedule F and Schedule SE. If you live in Puerto Rico, you must file form 1040PR. You can contact the Internal Revenue Service if you have questions about filing any of these forms.

If you need more information about agricultural work and Social Security, call the toll-free number (1-800-772-1213) and ask for the pamphlets, *A Guide to Social Security for Farmers, Growers, and Crew Leaders* (Publication No. 05-10025) or *If You Are a Farm Worker* (Publication No. 05-10074). These pamphlets are available in English or Spanish.



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Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by July 28, 1995. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. Questions regarding this service may be directed to SWBT at 1-800-836-7928.

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Justice Delayed Has Been Justice Denied

How long should the victims of crime have to wait for justice? In February of this year, Samuel Hawkins was executed at the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville for the rape and murder of a Abbe Hamilton, of Borger, a woman who was six months pregnant at the time she was attacked.

Had her child survived, it would have been nearly 20 years old at the time of Hawkins' death. His execution followed 19 years of litigation over two separate capital convictions, one for the murder of Hamilton and a second for the rape and murder of a 12-year-old girl. The victims' families in these cases were forced to relive their horror on the innumerable occasions when Hawkins' death sentence was postponed by seemingly endless litigation.

While there was never any doubt of Hawkins' guilt, he nevertheless managed to delay justice by manipulating the post-conviction review process, using (and many would argue abusing) federal habeas corpus procedures. But on June 7, the U.S. Senate passed an anti-terrorism bill which would end the unjust lapses of time between capital crimes and capital punishment.

The writ of habeas corpus, which dates back to the English Magna Carta of 1215, serves as a way for U.S. federal judges to determine whether a defendant has been wrongly imprisoned. Prisoners can apply for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that their conviction was unconstitutional. Those subject to state courts — where the vast majority of murders are prosecuted — may seek the writ only after they have exhausted all appeals under state law. Defendants have been able to apply for a nearly unlimited number of writs in consecutive order, delaying the execution of their sentences indefinitely.

The bill which the Senate approved last week would limit most death row inmates to one appeal filed within one year under time limits that would conclude most cases within two years of sentencing. A second appeal would be allowed only under narrow circumstances, including new, "clear and convincing" evidence that could not have been discovered during the first trial.

In Texas, for the 92 cases in which the death sentence was carried out, the average time between the jury's assessment of the sentence and its imposition has been more than eight years. But as of last March, there were 156 inmates on Texas' death row who had been there significantly longer than that.

I supported the anti-terrorism bill, and in particular, its change of habeas corpus rules. This is a timely reform. It will apply to prosecutions brought against anyone indicted in the Oklahoma City bombing. Under the old rules, a generation might pass before justice is served.

Americans want their judicial system to be fair and even-handed. But they also have a right to expect it to provide justice swiftly and surely. As Judge Learned Hand wrote in 1923, "Our dangers do not lie in too little tenderness to the accused. Our procedure has been always haunted by the ghost of the innocent man convicted. It is an unreal dream. What we need to fear is the ... formalism and watery sentiment that obstructs, delays and defeats the prosecution of crime."

Should We Tax What We Spend Rather Than What We Earn?

Taxes may well be, as Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, the price we pay for a civilized society. But many Americans these days feel they are paying too high a price for too little civility.

Some in Congress believe we should do away with the federal income tax altogether and find an alternative. Senator Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, wants to cancel the income tax, corporate taxes, capital gains taxes, gift taxes and inheritance taxes — and dismantle the Internal Revenue Service. He would impose a national sales tax instead.

The attraction of such a plan is immediately evident — no withholding tax! Americans would keep the money they earn. They would no longer be penalized for investing what they earn wisely. They wouldn't have to worry about being forced to sell the family farm or firm to meet estate taxes.

With a national sales tax, Americans wouldn't have to account for their income — financial privacy would be re-established. Nor would loopholes tempt them to hide income. The time and money that goes into preparing tax returns would be saved.

But anyone who spends money would pay a national retail sales tax. The tax rate would be the same for everyone. To generate the same revenue we

now raise from income and other taxes, one early estimate is that a 17 percent sales tax rate would be required. It could be more.

In assessing that plan, a key element to remember is that, without a corporate income tax, prices for nearly all products would go down before a sales tax is applied. With savings and investment no longer discouraged by taxation, higher levels of capital formation and an investment boom could be expected to result. That, in turn, would spur productivity and raise income.

With no federal individual or corporate income tax built into the price of American products, base prices will drop and exports increase as a result. (Although the final domestic cost of products would be increased by the amount of the tax). American products should be more competitive in world markets. Under our current system, income and payroll taxes are built into the cost of our exports, but under the GATT, they cannot be adjusted at the border — cannot be imposed on imports or removed from our exports. Substitute a consumption tax, and foreign products sold at retail in the United States would be taxed at the same rate as American products.

Under this plan, the national retail sales tax would be collected in the same way that state sales taxes are now collected. Senator Lugar proposes asking states to make federal collections as well, abolishing the IRS. In my view, the federal government would have to compensate the states for performing this service.

Rewriting our tax laws is the most complex task the 104th Congress will undertake. Our national economic vitality is being sapped by deficit spending — and a tax system that depresses productivity and discourages prudent savings and investment.

I have not yet decided which of the several plans we have before us would be the best one for our country. I think we must look carefully at the advantages and drawbacks of each proposal before taking the giant step of revamping our entire tax system.

Welfare Reform Plan Must Include the Growth Factor

No one ever said fixing our abysmally flawed welfare system would be easy. While the 104th Congress has made historic progress on this repair project, the finishing touches remain to be drawn.

I am convinced that the block-grant approach, which both the House and Senate have approved in principle, offers the best hope of accomplishing what we've set out to do. It is designed to provide states with the flexibility to create programs that meet their individual needs — programs which will encourage their welfare recipients to make responsible choices.

But there remains to be settled an issue of basic equity. Simply put, there is no reason why the federal government should subsidize poor children in fast-growing states less than those in slow-growth states. The block grant funding formulas, as now written, do not take into account the needs of fast-growing states such as Texas.

The current reform plans would freeze Texas welfare funding at the current level over the next five years despite the fact that Texas is expected to witness a population increase of nearly 20 percent over that same period of time.

Meanwhile, states with stagnant or negative population growth would receive, in effect, more funding for each child on public assistance than would states that are growing.

The Senate has not yet finalized its welfare block-grant formulas. But under the House-approved bill, Texas' allocation for family assistance would equal current federal welfare spending in Texas — about \$440 million annually. That amount would increase by only \$11 million over the five-year period of the program.

It is unfair to force Texas or any other state to bear the burden of disproportionate population growth. The needs of high-growth states must be part of the equation.

One way we see to achieve this would be for the Congress to set aside, out of the overall welfare block-grant pie, supplemental grants to high-growth states.

And I've been working with other senators from high-growth states to develop a better basic formula, one which includes credit for state's growth rates and the number of children they have living in poverty. We have succeeded in getting the Senate Finance Committee to adopt a formula that increases Texas basic block grant from \$440 million to \$507 million — an increase of \$67 million a year.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that the underlying objective of welfare reform is to reduce long-term welfare dependency and bring about lower rates of growth in the programs.

Eventually, our overhaul should make the welfare system shrink — successful reform by anyone's definition.

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