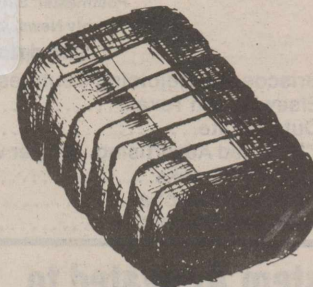
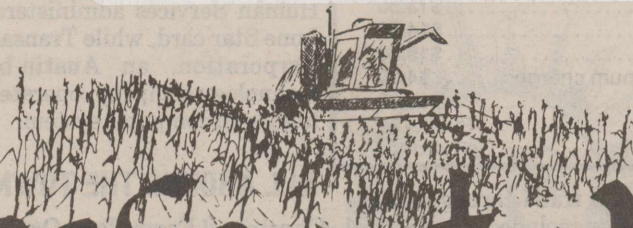




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Several residents and former residents have spent at least part of this hot summer weather in a cast. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all of them. I spent from June 19 into the Fall when I was 19 in a full leg cast, so I know first-hand about the discomfort. Have you guys tried a straightened-out clothes hanger or a fly-swatter handle?

Victor Weaks tore up an ankle playing volleyball in Lubbock and underwent surgery there early last week. They had to pin it in several places. Jeff, Misti and Dusti Weaks have been visiting relatives here for a few days.

Able Asebedo has a neat little cast from the knee to his toes that he acquired a few days ago.

Kim Mayfield told me about her son, Gid, breaking his leg in two places while he was at camp.

Sara Kirchoffner went off to Colorado to visit relatives and attend camp and broke her foot back earlier in the summer.

There probably have been other leg and foot breaks that I haven't heard about, and undoubtedly there have been a few broken arms scattered here and there.

Let's hear it for the rattlesnake! There were some people from Florida in the *News* office Monday morning who had spent the night camping at Caprock Canyons State Park. A rattlesnake had joined them at their camp and they didn't seem to have anything with which to kill it. They didn't discover it until after dark when they found it in the beam of their flashlight.

Just how hot has it been, anyway?

Hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, I imagine.

At least, when the kids get out of the swimming pool they don't tarry long on the hot concrete with their barefeet.

In August 1985, there were two days of 100 degree temperature. In 1989 there was one day of 100 degree temperature in July. The temperature reached 101 degrees once in July 1992.

In 1994, the temperatures climbed to 105, 104 and 109 in June. In July they followed with 100, 103, 103 and 101. In August that year there were three days on which the temperature rose to 100.

So, July 1995 probably hasn't been any worse than the previous year, but it seems we quickly forget how hot it was (especially if the high daytime and nighttime temperatures result in good cotton crops). Temperatures this June included a 101 and a 100, and in July high temperatures have included 100, 101, 105, 106, and 105.

It's been a welcome break in the See ALL AROUND — Continued on Page Two

System Activated to Abolish Food Stamps in Silverton

State Comptroller John Sharp has activated the Lone Star card in the Silverton area, announcing that the new electronic benefits delivery system will abolish paper food stamp coupons—and much of the fraud associated with them—

in Briscoe County and 89 other counties beginning August 1.

"This security card is going to virtually take public benefits off the black market, saving taxpayers millions of dollars and returning the food stamp

program to its original intent—feeding hungry families," Sharp said, as he officially brought the innovative new system on-line.

"For the past week, the electronic system has been undergoing final testing. Since July 24, emergency food stamp clients have received Lone Star cards instead of the old paper food stamp coupons," Sharp said.

"And starting August 1, the Lone Star card is expanding across several other regions of the state, including Amarillo and Lubbock," Sharp said. "From that moment on, it will revolutionize the way these areas of Texas deliver public assistance benefits."

Recipients also will be able to use their cards to access Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits at nearly 4,000 grocery stores displaying the red, white and blue decals that read "Lone Star Card Accepted Here". The AFDC program is a cash benefit for qualifying families.

The Lone Star card is the See SYSTEM ACTIVATED— Continued on Page Two

Farmers May Be Eligible For 1994 Disaster Loans

Swisher and Briscoe County farmers and ranchers may be eligible for emergency loans to help cover losses they sustained as a result of the drought, rain, hail, etc. during 1994, according to Ross W. James, Rural Economic and Community Development Agency County Supervisor.

James said that any farmer who was denied an emergency loan or discouraged from applying for a loan because he or she did not have crop insurance

for the 1994 crop might be eligible for a loan since the crop insurance requirement for 1994 has been waived by the Agency.

"Any farmer or rancher in that category who is interested in a loan should visit the Consolidated Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible," James said. "In any case, they must apply no later than 30 days from publication date; however, no applications may be accepted after the eight-month termination date for the particular disaster."

Caprock Jamboree All Set For August 5

August 5 the Caprock Jamboree, which is held every first Saturday night at the Briscoe County Showbarn in

Silverton, will be presenting another outstanding show.

At 6:00 p.m. the Quitaque Lions Club will begin serving mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings along with a dessert and your choice of coffee or tea for \$4.00 per plate.

At 7:00 p.m. local and area musicians will provide entertainment for approximately 400 music lovers who attend from all over the Panhandle.

Thanks to local businesses and loyal fans of the Jamboree, many door prizes are given throughout the evening. A \$25 cash prize is given at the end of each show. No purchase is necessary for a chance to win a prize.

No admission fee is charged at the door.

Bring a lawn chair, if you have one; if not, chairs will be provided.

Joe Crabb Joining Silverton ISD Staff

Joe Crabb will be joining the coaching staff of Silverton ISD as the girls basketball coach this fall. He and his wife, Tina, have two daughters, Lauren, eight, and Kirsten, four. They are moving here from Sayre, Oklahoma.

Coach Crabb has coached and taught the last two years at Erick, Oklahoma. He assisted with the Silverton Basketball Camp last week.

Tina Crabb also will be joining the faculty and will be teaching one section of the first grade class. Mrs. Crabb has taught at Sayre, Oklahoma for the last three years.

BCAA To Have Merchants' Ropings

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Merchants' Roping during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration Rodeo Friday and Saturday, August 11-12. Each merchant is urged to participate in this event and is asked to contact Hand Baird, Tobe Riddell or Ed Norris by Thursday, August 10, so they can be scheduled for either Friday or Saturday night.

If the merchant doesn't rope, he may secure a roper to do this for him and may elect to run with the ribbon off the calf himself or have an employee do it for him.

Cheerleading Day Camp is August 14

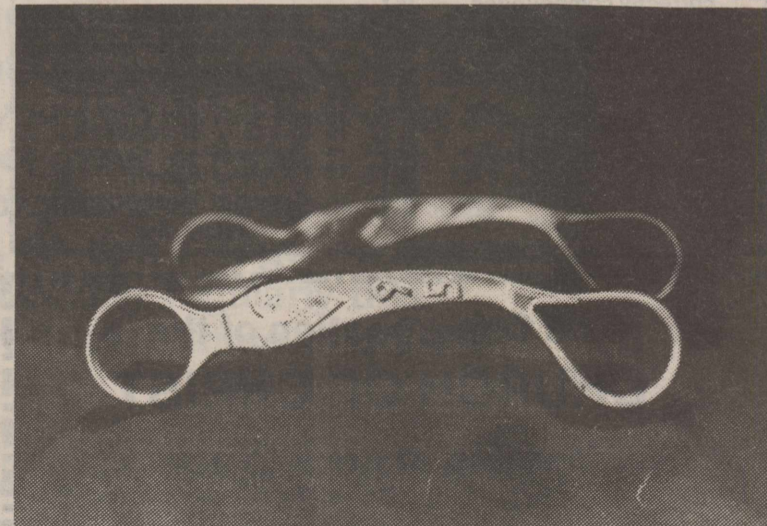
The SHS Cheerleaders will be hosting a day-camp for K-6th grades on August 14. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The cost will be \$12.00 per person attending. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Parent presentation will start at 1:30 p.m.

Elementary students are invited to come learn the new cheers, chants, dances and stunts to help raise school spirit.

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The 1995-96 Silverton High School Cheerleaders are taking donations to help pay for their cheerleading uniforms. One of those who donates to this project will be the winner of a handmade bit made by Wade Brannon. The drawing will be held at the Saturday night performance of the rodeo on August 12. This year's cheerleaders are Molly Bomar, Lori Brannon, Shannon Weaver, Michelle Warren, Kenzie Burson and Molly Brooks. Lindsey Jennings is the Owl Mascot. The girls will appreciate your support.

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cornerstone of Sharp's wide-ranging welfare reforms, which were approved during the recent session of the Texas Legislature and signed into law by the governor. Sharp first proposed the card in his 1991 *Breaking the Mold* report and has overseen its development.

Beginning August 1, 300,000 families in 90 counties are using the Lone Star card instead of paper food stamp coupons to access their food stamp benefits.

"In Houston, where the Lone Star card has been operating since February 1, grocery retailers reported an immediate increase in food sales," Sharp said. "From one month to the next, food sales rose by \$4.5 million because the benefits may be spent on food-and food alone."

The Lone Star card is also expected to dramatically reduce

food stamp fraud throughout the 90 counties included in the third phase of the program's expansion.

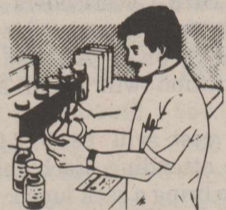
"Just six weeks into the system in Houston, \$1 million was taken off the black market in one 'bust' alone," Sharp said. "These were taxpayer-funded benefits that previously had disappeared into the black hole of the black market."

"The Lone Star card returns public assistance to its intended purpose, while cutting out the middlemen who printed, distributed, stored and otherwise made millions of dollars off the old paper coupon system," Sharp said.

Nationwide, taxpayers spend \$45.5 million to print food stamps, \$4.5 million to distribute them and \$23 million for the final processing and destruction of the coupons.

The Lone Star card automatically subtracts the purchase of food items from a recipient's account. No cash ever changes hands on food purchases, while those who also receive AFDC payments may purchase non-food items and receive small amounts of cash in separate transactions.

The Lone Star card is the largest electronic benefits transfer program in the country. The expansion into the 90 counties across four regions of the state will almost double the number of households served



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from 400,000 to 700,000 statewide. The system will continue to expand region by region until it covers the entire state by early 1996.

The Texas Department of Human Services administers the Lone Star card, while Transactive Corporation, an Austin-based technology company, operates the high-tech computer system.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN—

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heat with the clouds and moisture that have been blown this way by the tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico.

★
The Silverton High School Classes of 1954, 1955 and 1956 will be having a reunion from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the school cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to stop by for a visit with the members of these classes, and their former teachers are extended a special invitation to attend.

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Bill Durham made a hole-in-one on the 16th hole at the Tulia Country Club over the weekend. Bill and Shirley placed second in their flight of the Jack & Jill Tournament in which they were playing.

Cotton Boll Trade Days Planned Soon

"The Cotton Capitol of the Panhandle" will host Cotton Boll Trade Days Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 13. This is the third monthly flea market to be held on the square in downtown Memphis on the weekend prior to the second Monday of each month.

Limited vendor spaces are available beginning at \$15.00 for a 10x10 space. Admission and parking is free.

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Youth Bicycle Race Set For August 19

The Caprock Bike Club will sponsor a youth bicycle race for kids in Quitaque, Turkey and Silverton and other area youngsters. The race, scheduled to be held on August 19, starting at 9:30 a.m., will accommodate all youth through age 12. There will be four boys and four girls classifications by age groups and is designed to be fun for participants, spectators and parents.

First, second and third place winners will be declared for each group and all participants will receive participation ribbons. Cost to participants will be \$1.00 to cover costs and parents will be asked to sign entrance and waiver forms.

The course for the event will be located on the old Co-op Gin yard in Quitaque and racers will be in view of spectators throughout most of the race. The course will be approximately one mile long and will consist of many turns and curves. Older youth will be required to ride the course two or more times to complete the race. Some interesting obstacles will be located on the route but will not be too difficult for riders.

Any kind of bicycle may be used or participants may want to borrow from entrants who are not participating at the time. Wide tires will probably work best. All riders will be required to wear helmets and shirts. No open-toe shoes may be worn while

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1995 competing.

Events for younger boys and girls will start first, followed by the older groups. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until race time. Experienced adults will lead the race of the younger riders and adults will be positioned along the course to help insure safety. Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Wilburn Leeper or Janelle Smith in Quitaque.

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August 1, 1985-- Heavy rains during the past week have raised the level of Lake Mackenzie approximately seven to eight feet, and water now covers the first "falls" on Tule Creek. Coupled with the fifteen-foot rise in June, this places the lake depth at the dam near 117 feet--an all-time high... Fred Strange, who keeps the official record of rainfall, shows 3.70 inches as the July rainfall. This brings the 1985 rainfall to date to 17.72 inches, which is nearing the annual normal figure of 20.50 inches... Russell Bingham won first place in his age division in the fiddling contest held in Tulia during the annual Picnic celebration... Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stephens will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday at a Patio Party at the home of their daughter, Elaine Forbes, northwest of Silverton... Tracy Hughes, bride-elect of Shane Reagan, honored at shower here... Amy Burson is 1985 New Mexico Cinderella Teen... Pete and Dorothy Hale had the pleasure of having most of their children and grandchildren home July 21. They came to help celebrate birthdays and anniversaries...

July 10, 1975-- Shonda Smith underwent surgery Wednesday night at Highland Hospital in Lubbock for the repair of a neck vertebrae which was broken on both sides when she was injured in a one-vehicle accident east of Silverton about 4:00 p.m. July 2... Mrs. Oford King was taken to Central Plains Hospital Monday by the Silverton ambulance... Marlin Jarnagin was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital by the Silverton ambulance Monday... Mr. and Mrs. Stan Martin are parents of a son, William Wayne... Mr. and Mrs. Dana Martin are parents of a daughter, Kami Lynn... Record sunflower yield could be seen here... Cynthia Edwards was the winner of the 4-H county dress revue and Melinda Sutton was the first runner-up... As a guy who spent half his life squeezing the precious juice from a West Texas windmill, Ben Bingham could be voted least likely to succeed as a professional "ocean maker." The sunbrowned, booted, ex-cowboy, skin still dry from the arid winds of his native plains, today is responsible for the filtration, curation and daily turnover of 2½ million gallons of fresh and salt water for the 14 main pools and lagoons at Seven Seas...

July 15, 1985-- Ten boys from this area, including Gary Whitfill of Silverton, will be leaving Sunday for the Pihlmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico... Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger, Roger, Lexie, Jennie, Lydia and Lisa have recently enjoyed a vacation in New Mexico and Colorado... Boy Scouts from the Silverton Troop who are at Tres Ritos Camp in New Mexico this week are Lane

Garvin, Jimmy McWilliams, Darrell Muckleroy, Nicky Long, Jim Davis, Bill Strange, Steve Brown, Monty Teeple, Tommy Burson, David McDaniel, Ricky Hester, Paul Ray McWilliams, Darrell Long, Larry Comer, Buddy Comer, Gary Whitfill, Clinton Dickerson, Lynn Smith, Wade Brannon, Jimmy Walker, Trent Brown and Ronny Strange. Adults who accompanied the group are Norman Strange, George Long and Bob McDaniel. They plan to return Saturday... Services conducted for Ralph L. Gamble, 17; Mrs. Ida Lou Cowart, 95, and Mrs. Annie Louise Savage, 80... The First Baptist Church was the scene of the 10:00 a.m. ceremony which united in marriage Miss Latresa Cox and Virgal Minyard. The Rev. Clyde Cain officiated at the impressive double-ring ceremony... Glynn Tomlin, who is working at Friona this summer, spent Saturday at his home here... Mrs. Odell Johnston and David visited Mrs. Ted Hester Sunday afternoon... Mrs. Grace Cox and Gene Vaughan were united in marriage Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes...

July 14, 1955-- Plans are being made for a celebration tonight at the top of the Caprock leading to Clarendon, to celebrate the completion of the paving of the final gap in state highways 256 and 70. The plan calls for an old-fashioned food spread at Inspiration Point atop the Caprock... Ernestine Strange to wed O. B. Barnes... Miss Sharon Gilkeyson is acting lifeguard at the Baptist Assembly Campgrounds near Floydada this week... Glynn Bunch, local vocational agriculture teacher, won the jackpot on the KGNC Teletest program Monday. His neighbor, Mrs. Lily Wafford, rushed in with the correct answer to the current question... Miss Glenda Juan McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boone McCracken of Quitaque, became the bride of Alvie Francis of Rock Creek Friday at the Church of Christ in Silverton. Earl Cantwell read the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with lighted candelabra flanked with baskets of pink gladioli, greenery and caladiums. Mrs. Maebelle Francis attended as matron of honor. Mary Scott and Ann Barefield were bridesmaids. Johnny Ted Bingham was best man. John Francis, brother of the groom, and Nuke May, brother-in-law, seated the guests and lighted the candles... Harvey McJimsey burned his left arm with ammonia, while filling a tank with fertilizer from a storage tank Monday morning...

July 12, 1945-- Cpl. Roy Mack Walker phoned home Wednesday evening from New York saying that he expected to be home within a week. He has been overseas in the European Theatre for over two years... Ensign Clifford J. Arnold, USNR, in four months of overseas duty, flew 12 anti-submarine missions as pilot aboard a big Navy patrol plane that operated from bases in the United Kingdom... Roy Teeter

and H. Roy Brown were in Silverton on business Wednesday. Brown enjoyed a five-day vacation last week on a tractor and plow... Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mills are the parents of a son, Larry Craig... Miss Wilford Mae Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks, was united in marriage to Technical Sergeant Roy A. Thomas in a single-ring ceremony Tuesday, July 10... Glen Chessir killed in action in

fighting on Mindiaou. He had been wounded twice in action and had just returned to duty after being wounded... Mrs. F. M. Hill has three sons in the service and at present all three are receiving medical treatment. Pvt. J. E. Hill is in the hospital at Camp Joseph Robinson, Arkansas with pneumonia. Sgt. F. M. Hill is in the hospital at Lemoore, California after having a hand operation. J. Norris Hill CM 3-c is

suffering with a bruised hand... **July 10, 1925--** The life of R. F. Stevenson, jr. has been very interesting since he came to the county some 34 years ago. For several years after coming here Mr. Stevenson lived with his father on a place four miles northeast of Silverton. After he had been here for some time Mr. Stevenson moved to a place on See LOOKING BACK—
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CAPROCK JAMBOREE AUGUST 5

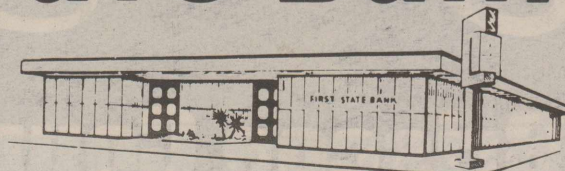
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Norris Reunion Held Here on July 22-23

The Norris Reunion was held at the home of Charlie and Fern Parker July 22-23 officially. The fun began with the first arrivals Tuesday, the 18th, and continued. Overflow from the house, campers and tents found nice sleeping quarters at the homes of Edwin and Ann Norris, Dwain and Shirley Henderson. Some even served breakfast! After a night on the ground, one couple found a bed at the home of Dale and Pat McWaters.

In spite of a clogged sewer line (only the kitchen) repaired by some fantastic family members first thing Sunday morning, everyone had a great time visiting, eating and playing. Many cousins became re-acquainted; some had not seen one another in 20 years or more!

Attending from out of town

were Mark and Steven Norris, Salinas, California; Becky Weisenburger, Petersburg, Alaska; David, Carolyn and Alex Norris, Canyon, Texas; Elvin and Dorthy Norris, Safford, Arizona; Martin, Kelly, Megan and Krista Norris, Memphis, Tennessee; Michael, Jo Ann, Chuck and Shelley Norris, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Leland Norris, Monahans; Jackie, Linda and Matt Davis, Muleshoe; Jackie Lynn, Michael and Warren Davis, Fritch; Brit, Virginia, Randi and Jeri Parker, Houston; Susie Yates, Midland; Cindy Thomas, Hereford; Angela Beames, Lubbock; James and Loveta McNeil, Shamrock; Eron, Jessica and John Norris, Vallejo, California; Kenneth and Ruby Lee, Hereford; Ken, Noel and Cheyanne Hutson, Amarillo; Jr.

and Brandi Martinez, Hereford; Mike Norris, Port Aransas; Daryl, Tavia, Tia and Brenna Norris, Amarillo; Roy Lee Norris, Plainview; Norma Yocum, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Gale Yocum, Roswell, New Mexico; Bill and Wanda Wilcox, Albuquerque, New Mexico; L. W. and Margaret Motsenbocker, Paradise, Texas; Larry and Ruby Farmer and Marlo, Orvilla, Texas; Chuck and Helen Hays, Longview; Mattie Lee Ingram, Tulia; Zane Henderson, Amarillo.

Joining the family were a host of friends. All are looking forward to, and making plans for Reunion '98.

Michael Hill, Silverton; Marsha and David Miller, Roscoe; Mary and Louie Strange, Dwain and Shana Strange and McKenzie Louise, Kress; Darrell Strange and Lou Lemieux, Odessa; Cortney and Taylor Hill, Sonora.

A birthday dinner and a day of visiting was enjoyed by everyone.

New Arrivals

Ty and Patrice Wood are parents of a son, Bailey Brook Wood, who was born July 20 and weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

Welcoming her brother into the family is Morgan Ashley, who is four years old.

Grandparents are Bill and Diana Wood of Bryson and Earl and Susie Shields of Lelia Lake.

Great-grandparents are Norman and Peggy Strange of Silverton, Eugene Wood of Claude, and Lorilla Jones of Enochs. Fern Holt is the Great-grandmother.

Emily Garcia is proud to announce the arrival of her brother, Brewster Cip, born Monday, July 24, at 8:50 a.m. at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Brewster weighed eight pounds, nine ounces, and measured 21¼ inches long.

Parents are Cip and Norma Garcia. Grandparents are Tavo and Esther Trevino and Ramon and Elva Garcia. Great-grandmothers include Rosita Trevino of Pharr, Texas and Cruz Olivas and Soledad Garcia, both of Chihuahua, Mexico. "Special grandpa" is J. D. Nance.

Guests in Loyd Home

Irene Loyd and Bailey Loyd have had as guests during this vacation time Anita Cooper of Lubbock, Melba and Jack Williamson and their children Jackie and Blake Smith of Olney; Susan and Rob Franklin, Lamesa; Mark and Kim Williamson and infant son, Eric, Minot, North Dakota.

Monroe Family Celebrates Birthday

The Carver Monroe family had a gathering Sunday, July 23, to celebrate Carver's 85th birthday which was July 25.

Those present, in addition to Carver and Iwana Monroe, were Carlye and Donald Fleming and

Twins Celebrate 75th Birthdays Here

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia had as their weekend guests, T. L. Hamilton of Abilene and Lathe Owens of Belton. They were here to celebrate the 75th birthday anniversary of twins, LaNelle Hill and T. L. Hamilton.

Saturday night they went for a hamburger cookout at the home of Janice and Ralph Hill.

Sunday morning, they went to Pampa to spend the day with their aunt. On their return trip they stopped in Clarendon to visit the Frank Howells, friends of the family.

Happy Birthday To . . .

August 4--Kristy Dorman, Debbie Holt, Mabel Tomlin, Lorn Estes, Ryan Smith, Victor Weaks, Monty Roehr, Denise Kellum, Henry Juarez

August 5--Larin Johnson
August 6--Leon Lavy, Lori Reid, LaNell Harrison, Trista Davis

August 7--Dwain Tipton, Rhett Montague, Walt Garrison, Michael Davis

August 8--Eddie Rhoderick, James Davis, Penni Bentley, Jimmy Chappell, Scott Perkins, Sandi Tomlin, Erica Edwards

August 9--Cindy Flores, Sandra Smith, Joni Daniels, Jay Earl Jarrett

Happy Anniversary To . . .

August 3--Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garvin

August 4--Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brown

August 5--Mr. and Mrs. Cam Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt

August 6--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Comer

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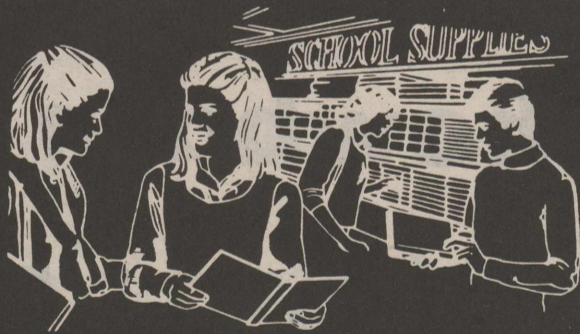
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Attend Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Championships

Bud and Norma Vaughan recently returned from watching their grandson, Ryan Vaughan, participate in the Babe Ruth Pacific Southwest Regional Championships held in Reno, Nevada. Ryan's team beat teams from Utah, Nevada and Guam before placing third in the tournament.

In order to qualify for the regional championships, Ryan and his teammates had to win the state tournament held in Ryan's hometown of Modesto, California. Their team also won the Empire, California tournament.

Ryan, who plays catcher for his team, was awarded the "Fastest

Catcher in the West" trophy during competition in the state tournament.

After the regional tournament, Bud and Norma Vaughan were able to spend some time in Modesto, California with grandsons, Justin, John, Robert and Ryan, and with their son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Pam Vaughan, before returning home.

Yearbook Staff Attends Workshop

The yearbook staff for the 1996 Silverton Owllet has gotten off to a great start! The staff and advisor attended Jostens' Yearbook Workshop at West Texas A&M University from Monday, July 24, through Wednesday, July 26. During the three-day workshop, the staff decided on a theme, designed layout pages, and learned many new skills.

To continue their success, the staff would appreciate the support of the community and the surrounding area. The yearbook is not only a school memory book, but it is also a community history book that gets published every year.

The yearbook staff members are Cy Comer, Patrick O'Neal, Brandon Sarchet, Michael Reagan, Shannon Weaver, Kara Kingery and Shauna Kingery, and Mr. Brian Weaver is their advisor.

Remember to support this effort by ordering a yearbook when they go on sale.

Girls Did Well in Red River League

Michelle Warren, Shauna Kingery, Lacy Brunson, Kimmie Blazier, Molly Bomar, Lori Brannon, Dedra Johnston and Shannon Weaver, members of the Silverton High School Lady Owls, played in the Red River League at Childress this summer.

They had two games every Saturday for six weeks. With 100-degree days and gyms that were not air conditioned, these girls stuck it out and really put everything they had into these games.

Lacy, Lori, Molly and Dedra made the All-Star teams.

Boys Played in Lockney Summer Basketball League

Silverton Owls who played in the Lockney Summer Basketball League this year included Arnold Garza, Trey Wyatt, Jack Cherry, Brandon Sarchet, Jared Francis, Cory Chandler, Jared Holt and Jeremy Holt.

The teams played two games a week and finished the schedule with a tournament.

When weighing precious stones, there are about 142 carats in an ounce.

1995 Silverton Owls Varsity Football

Aug. 25--Patton Spgs. (scrimmage), there	6:00
Aug. 26--Hedley vs. Melrose, New Mexico (scrimmage), H	TBA
Sept. 1--Follett (scrimmage), McLean	5:00
Sept. 1--Lazbuddie vs. Chillocothe (scrimmage), H	TBA
Sept. 8--Lefors, there	7:30
Sept. 15--Chillicothe, here	7:30
Sept. 22--McLean**, here	7:30
Sept. 29--Guthrie, there	7:30
Oct. 6--Samnorwood, here	7:30
Oct. 13--Whitharral*, there	7:30
Oct. 20--Cotton Center*, there	7:30
Oct. 27--Three Way*, here	7:30
Nov. 3--Lazbuddie*, there	7:30
Nov. 10--Amherst*, here	7:30

*District Games
**Homecoming

1995 Junior High, Junior Varsity Football

Sept. 21--McLean JH, there	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21--McLean JV, there	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28--Patton Springs JH, here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5--Lazbuddie JH, there	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 7--Hedley JV, here	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 12--Whitharral JH, H	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12--Whitharral JV, H	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 19--Cotton Center JH, here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19--Cotton Center JV, here	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 26--Hedley JV, there	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27--Three Way JH, H	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19--Cotton Center JV here	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 26--Hedley JV, there	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27--Three Way JH, H	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2--Lazbuddie JH, H	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2--Lazbuddie JV, H	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 9--Amherst JH, T	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 9--Amherst JV, T	6:30 p.m.

Cheerleaders Earn Trophy at Camp

Silverton High School's cheerleaders attended camp at Texas Tech University in Lubbock June 20-23.

The group received a trophy for Superior Squad.

Included in the group are Molly Bomar, Lori Brannon, Shannon Weaver, Michelle Warren, Kenzie Burson and Molly Brooks. Lindsey Jennings is the Owl Mascot.

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Silverton School Supply List

Pre-Kindergarten: One box Crayola washable bright markers, classic colors; two boxes of eight Crayola crayons, classic colors; two No. 2 pencils; Fiskers for Kids scissors; one bottle glue (4 oz.); two glue sticks; one school box (cigar box size); one box Kleenex; large shirt for painting; one pocket folder; a change of clothes for accidents (optional). Please put name on all supplies.

Kindergarten: No. 2 pencils; two boxes of eight crayons; eraser; two bottles of glue (not stick kind); two boxes Kleenex; Fiskers scissors; washable markers; one package construction paper (any one color); large paint shirt; mat or towel for naptime; one package lunch sacks; one box Ziplock bags; school box.

First Grade: Box of eight crayons (no more than 16); Elmer's glue; pencils; scissors; waterbase markers; six Ziplock sandwich bags; two boxes Kleenex; Mead 48210 tablet; one small school box; dryerase markers; construction paper (any one color).

Second Grade: No. 2 pencils; crayons; scissors; glue; small school box; one set markets; Mead 48337 tablet; large box Kleenex; notebook paper (wide ruled); construction paper (any one color); one 70-page spiral notebook; two pocket folders; six Ziplock sandwich bags.

Third Grade: Crayolas; notebook paper; scissors; one set markers; No. 2 pencils; red ink pen; school bag; glue; large box Kleenex; two pocket folders; one 70-page spiral notebook; construction paper (any one color); small school box.

Fourth Grade: Dryerase marker; notebook; notebook paper (wide ruled, not college ruled); several No. 2 pencils; two red pens; glue; scissors; crayons or map colors; ruler with metric measure and inches; two large boxes Kleenex; three 70-page spiral notebooks; one folder with

pockets; two Erasermate pens; one set markers (optional).

Fifth Grade: Protractor; pencils; one dry erase marker; eraser; sharp scissors; map colors; Crayola markers; metric ruler; one highlighter; Elmer's glue; Erasermate pen; wide-ruled notebook filler; one 3-subject spiral notebook; Crayolas.

Sixth Grade: Paper; No. 2 pencils; eraser; one red grading pen; metric ruler; Elmer's School Glue; two boxes Kleenex; scissors; Crayola markers; protractor; black ink pen. Mark all items with your name.

Seventh Grade: Two one-inch three-ring notebooks (hard cover); two sets of dividers for notebooks; wide-ruled paper; map colors; pens, black or blue and red; pencils; erasers; ruler; Kleenex.

Art Supplies, Seventh Grade & High School: Make sure you will be in this class before buying the supplies. Drawing tablet (you may bring partially-used tablet); artgum eraser; kneaded eraser; ruler; pencil; glue; sharp scissors; fine or ultra-fine Sharpie pen.

Eighth Grade: Two one-inch three-ring notebooks (hard cover); two sets dividers for notebooks; wide-ruled paper; map colors; pens, black or blue and red; pencils; erasers; ruler; Kleenex.

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Rhonda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

4-H'ers Record Books Do Well at District

Ten Briscoe County 4-H'ers compiled record books which competed for top honors at the District 1 4-H Record Book Judging.

In the Junior Division, Scarlett Sperry's record book in the Share-the-Fun-Vocal category received a blue ribbon and Tara Smith's Recreation record book also received a blue ribbon. A blue ribbon was awarded to Katy Hester's record book which was in the Food and Nutrition category. Both the Junior and Intermediate category record books were

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1	76	56	
2	82	56	.80
3	86	61	.34
4	92	57	
5	87	57	
6	87	57	
7	89	62	
8	92	63	
9	95	62	
10	98	63	
11	100	67	
12	99	65	
13	98	66	
14	94	66	
15	92	69	
16	89	65	.02
17	90	67	
18	85	66	
19	85	65	.19
20	92	66	
21	92	65	
22	96	64	
23	98	66	.04
24	96	64	
25	90	62	
26	101	63	
27	105	68	
28	106	65	
29	105	67	
30	95	70	
31	88	69	

Total Precip. in July	1.39
Normal Precip. in July	2.39
Total Precip. Year to Date	10.74
Normal Precip. Year to Date	12.95

24-HOUR AUGUST READINGS

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	85	64	.87
Total Precip. in August .87			
Normal Precip. in August 2.64			
Total Precip. Year to Date 11.61			
Normal Precip. Year to Date 15.59			

awarded ribbons based on the merit of their individual books. Senior record books were ranked within their individual categories.

Lindsey Jennings' record book in the Fashion Revue category placed first. In the Photography category, Wynter Smith's record book also placed first. Placing first in the Agriculture Achievement category was Jeremiah Brooks' record book. Each of these books will advance to the State 4-H Record Book Judging in College Station August 7-9 to compete for first place in their individual categories and a chance for the 4-H'er to attend a special trip to Washington, D. C.

Placing second in the Swine record book category was a book compiled by Christina Stephens. Shannon Weaver's Clothing record book also placed second, as did Briana Sperry's record book in the Beef category. Placing third in the Home Economics Achievement category was the book compiled by Molly Brooks.

The "TEXAS" Company is preparing for the presentation of the 1995 Annual Scholarship Benefit Production of "Texas Originals" to be presented on Sunday, August 13, 1995, at the Branding Iron Theatre on the West Texas A&M University Campus in Canyon. Two performances will be held: 3:00 p.m. matinee and 8:00 p.m. gala performance. Admission is by donation.

"Texas Originals" is a creation of the unseen talents of the cast and crew of "TEXAS" musical drama. Included talents are of artistic, musical and dramatic aspects. This year's show should prove to be very entertaining, as well as rewarding. Several performance acts were auditioned and twenty-two were selected for the performances.

In addition to the show, the "Texas Originals Art Gallery" will be displayed prior to each performance and during intermission in the lounge, next to the theatre lobby.

Scholarships will be awarded to selected company members of "TEXAS" musical drama on the basis of their contribution to the show, financial need, and academic achievement, following the 8:00 p.m. gala performance.

You will not want to miss this fascinating, professional production and display of talent that "Texas Originals" offers. Again, admission is by donation. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, donations can be mailed to "Texas Originals", Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015, or presented at the theatre.

Three Ways to Increase Your Benefit

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

You may not want to know how to build a better mousetrap-but how about three ways to increase your Social Security benefit? They're fool-proof and guaranteed.

Here's one way. If you begin receiving benefits before you're 65, we'll reduce your check by five-ninths of one percent for each month you are under age 65; however-and here's your cue-when you turn 65, we re-figure your benefit to give back the five-ninths of one percent for each month you didn't receive a check. This feature is important if you're still working and have some months in which you don't receive a check because your earnings exceed the annual earnings limit. (The 1995 limit for someone under age 65 is \$8,160).

As an example, let's say you started receiving Social Security when you turned 62. We reduced your benefits by 20 percent (36

months times five-ninths of one percent equals 20 percent). A year later you returned to work for awhile and earned so much money that you didn't receive a Social Security check for nine months. When you reach 65, we will re-figure your benefit, increasing it by five percent-five-ninths of one percent for each of the nine months you didn't get a check. From then on, your reduction will be 15 percent instead of 20 percent.

Here's another way to increase your benefit. If you continue working after you start getting benefits and your annual earnings are higher than the lowest of the years we used to compute your benefit, we'll re-figure your benefit each year. We add in the higher year of earnings to see whether it will increase your benefit.

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From those first suspenseful launches in the 1960s, I have been an unabashed supporter of this country's space program. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) represents America at its best — forward looking and inventive, committed to the advance of mankind as well as science.

On July 21 the Senate Commerce Committee, of which I am a member, took another step toward our future in space when it approved a bill authorizing NASA to proceed with the next stage of exploration: the space station.

And it wasn't a sure thing. A huge question mark had been hovering over space station funding for months. But the recently approved legislation satisfactorily resolves the problem of space station funding. It will provide a

consistent level of support through the construction period, allowing NASA to bring the space station to completion on time and within its budget.

This is a vital project, because the race for technological leadership continues to be an international competition. Why should families struggling to make ends meet be concerned with maintaining America's technological pre-eminence? Because, it means our children's opportunities will continue to expand. It means that new discoveries will blossom into new products, and the industries which spring up to manufacture those products will offer new, well paying jobs.

This isn't a gamble, it's a sure bet. NASA and the scientific community that has grown up around it have created a veritable treasure trove of research and technology — and made life better in the United States and the world.

Just a few examples: The \$400 million business that flowed from cordless, re-chargeable power tools was derived from lunar landing machine mobile power source technology; Technology used for orbital navigation translated into computer software technology, a \$250 million-a-year market; A \$1 billion market for a product that binds lubricants to industrial diamonds is being tapped by U.S. companies using NASA technology. The space program has generated more than 30,000 such spin-offs, including Teflon, glass cookware, fiber optic networks, water purification systems, digital watches and high-speed computers.

NASA medical spin-offs include advanced pacemakers based on technology developed to enhance satellite communications, body-imaging technologies such as MIR and CAT scan, wheelchair technology and automobile adaptations for the disabled derived from lunar-rover technology. The bottom line to America's taxpayers is that the returns have been far beyond the investment — jobs and quality of life.

This summer's Hollywood blockbuster, "Apollo 13," reminded us of how important it is to continue America's mission in space — and of the sacrifices so many have made to put and keep us there. The space station, without doubt, will be a bonus for our society.

Texas Leads Nation in National Merit Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has released its 1993-94 annual report and once again Texas universities are among the nation's leaders in the enrollment of top college freshmen recognized as National Merit or National Achievement Scholars.

Four Texas institutions share honors this year: Rice University, Texas A&M University, the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Austin.

Three out of the top four enrollers of National Merit Scholars are also Texas schools. Following number one Harvard are UT-Austin, Rice and Texas A&M.

Texas A&M and UH led the state in the enrollment of high-achieving African-American students recognized as National Achievement Scholars with 10 each, placing the two schools in a tie for 16th nationally. The two universities are the only two Texas colleges to rank in the top 20.

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With September now only one month away, activity surrounding the Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Suppression Program is shifting into high gear. Already the process of mapping some two million acres of High Plains cotton is underway using a combination of the newest satellite technology and manual mapping techniques.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, which will oversee the Enhanced Boll Weevil Suppression Program for the next three years, taking on

the boll weevil in such a large area will be a challenge. PCG officials note that thirty-one years of experience gained fighting the boll weevil below the Caprock and the use of "21st Century" technology will be the key to success.

"This year's program marks a fundamental change in the way we view our fight with the boll weevil," says PCG Boll Weevil Program Coordinator Roger Haldenby. "We will continue to use diapause treatments to keep the boll weevil from moving onto the High Plains. This year's intensified and expanded program will further focus on reducing the number of acres infested with boll weevil in 1996."

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Haldenby notes that five mild winters in a row have allowed the boll weevil to survive in ever-increasing numbers above the Caprock. The result, according to Haldenby, is that we now have to fight "home-grown" boll weevil populations.

Haldenby notes that so far 1995 has been a record-breaking year for the boll weevil in terms of survival and movement. He notes that in prime winter habitats up to 70 percent of the boll weevils that entered diapause were able to survive the winter of 1995.

Haldenby concludes that even though these boundaries roughly mark the weevils' farthest move onto the High Plains, the biggest

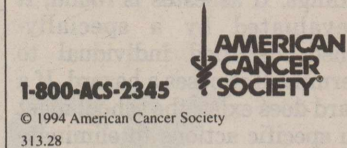
problem is that counties such as Lubbock, Hale, Lynn and Terry now have populations large enough that producers have either considered early-season boll weevil treatments to protect their crop or have actually sprayed for the boll weevil.

Haldenby notes the mapping phase of the 1995 Program should be complete within the next 3-4 weeks and that the treatment phase of the operation is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late September, or when 25 percent of the boll weevil population is observed to be entering diapause.

Aerial contractors will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1995 Diapause Program

PAGE NINE within the next two weeks when they should receive an invitation to bid on aerial contracts for the program.

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CAPITOL COMMENT

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Criminals Do the Crimes, Texans Pay the Price

Since 1991, Constable Victor Trevino of Houston and his volunteer "Zebra" squad have arrested more than 3,000 violent criminals who were out on parole. The people of Houston might well ask why such individuals were running around loose.

The short answer to that question is this: A federal court has virtually taken control of Texas' state prison system and imposed population caps that force the early release of violent criminals. This situation has been repeated all over our country. One-third of all crime in the United States is committed by criminals on parole or probation. Texas inmates serve an average of two months for every year of their sentences.

I think most Texans would agree that prisons exist primarily for the protection of society, not for the comfort and convenience of criminals. People everywhere are dismayed at the results of court-imposed requirements that force the early release of felons back onto our streets.

This interference by the federal courts has forced states such as Texas to put the interests of criminals ahead of the interests of innocent, law-abiding citizens. The Ruiz case, which began in 1972 and wasn't settled until 1992, resulted in a federal court order imposing conditions on how and where new Texas prison beds could be built. In one instance, the court prohibited construction on prisons grounds that were used for a baseball field, telling prison officials that they could not use recreation space for housing without first replacing it with more recreation space.

In other words, the court ordered the state to give the maintenance of outdoor recreation areas such as baseball fields a higher priority than keeping criminals behind bars.

Nor has the courts' prescription for Texas' prison system been cheap. Court-mandated prison population caps will cost Texas taxpayers \$610 million a year for the next five years.

In order to put an end to this, I have introduced legislation in the Senate that would return control of Texas prisons to Texans — and the control of state prisons nationwide back to the people of those states. My bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Bill Archer of Houston, is called the Stop Turning Out Prisoners Act, or STOP.

It would prevent federal courts from using one prisoner's lawsuit to take over an entire prison system, as occurred in the Ruiz case. It would prohibit federally imposed population caps unless a plaintiff can prove that overcrowding is the primary problem and there is no other solution.

And it contains provisions to discourage frivolous lawsuits filed by prisoners, who realize their nuisance value. One prisoner who filed suit demanding the right to pornographic magazines said, "Every dollar they spend fighting a lawsuit is a dollar they can't spend building a place to lock me up." In 1993, prisoners filed 53,713 lawsuits — 7,615 more suits than the federal government filed against criminals.

It seems to me that this has gone too far. Inmates have taken over the institution — aided and abetted by the federal courts. If Texans decide the rights of victims are more important than indulging criminals, Texas and other states ought to be free to set prison standards which reflect their decision.

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Federal Law Requires Asbestos Inspection

A federal law called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) now requires the Silverton School to conduct inspections to determine if asbestos is present in any buildings. If asbestos is found, it is evaluated by a specially-trained, certified individual to determine if it poses a hazard. If a hazard does exist, the school must plan specific actions to eliminate the hazard. Procedures also must be adopted to insure that the condition of nonhazardous asbestos does not change in any way which would create a hazard.

The Silverton School has concluded an asbestos inspection, and is able to tell you that asbestos was found in the following buildings: Silverton Elementary, Silverton Cafeteria and Home Economics and Silverton Junior High. The form and condition of this asbestos indicate that it is not hazardous, but special operations and maintenance procedures will be used to insure this remains true. Periodic surveillance and reinspection by certified personnel will be used to verify that the material remains nonhazardous. Asbestos with some hazard potential was found in the following buildings: Silverton Field House, Silverton High School and Silverton Gymnasium. The district had adopted a specific plan and timetable for implementation to eliminate any possible hazard.

The inspection information and the plan for dealing with any potential hazard that may exist are all detailed in the asbestos management plan prepared by the Texas Association of School Boards. This document is available for your inspection at Silverton ISD, Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Silverton, Texas. If you have questions about the plan, you may contact: Superintendent, Silverton ISD.

The introduction to the management plan provides a good overview of asbestos and the circumstances under which it can be a hazard. It is hoped you will take time to read it so you will better understand some of the procedures you may see in use in district buildings. The regulations governing asbestos are very stringent. The school is required to use some of these procedures to reduce to an absolute minimum even the remotest possibility of asbestos contamination. Such procedures, however, together with the management plan, are evidence that the district intends to fully comply with all federal and state asbestos requirements and that your school board and administrators have no greater priority than the health and welfare of the students and staff members entrusted to their care.

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Medicare Will Be Protected For Future Generations

As the 30th anniversary of the creation of Medicare is marked, the program that has been a life-saver for millions of Americans is itself in ailing health. However, Congress will take action this year to insure that Americans can rely on this vital health program far into the future.

On July 29, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill to protect the medical needs of America's senior citizens. Since that time, millions of seniors and disabled Americans have relied on Medicare to pay for their hospital and physician costs. Many Americans who could not obtain health care coverage were able to receive quality medical services.

Unfortunately, like many government programs, Medicare has not kept pace with changing times. For all the good it does, Medicare is nonetheless a 1960's-style government program operating in the dynamic health-care environment of the 1990s. Private health care systems have made dramatic progress this decade in containing costs without negatively affecting patient care. As a result, private health care costs rose by only four percent in 1994.

That's not the case with Medicare, which has no incentive to control costs and make efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The sad truth is that Medicare costs have been rising at a rate of 11 percent a year. That is 7 percent faster than the increase in the number of Americans

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Medicare serves.

Just as in 1965 when President Johnson acted boldly to give senior citizens health care coverage, Congress today also must act to keep Medicare financially sound for current and future generations. We have no choice, since the Medicare Board of Trustees issued a report which found the Medicare Part A Trust Fund will be bankrupt in just seven years.

If the Trust Fund is allowed to go bankrupt, by law no payments can be made for hospital or home health services. This would have a devastating impact on the 32 million seniors and four million disabled people who rely on Medicare to pay for their health care benefits.

Congress is not seeking to change Medicare to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy or to balance the budget. Even if the government had a balanced budget and the tax cuts passed by the House and Senate were not enacted, the Medicare Trust Fund would still be bankrupt. No one disputes this claim. President Clinton has said it, the Clinton Medicare Trustees have proven it, and the Congress will do something about it.

The good news is that curing Medicare does not mean cutting spending. Under the budget proposal the House adopted earlier this year, Medicare spending will rise by 40 percent between 1996 and 2002. We will save Medicare by preserving the current system for those who want to use it, and by giving seniors the right to choose the type of health plan and coverage they want.

After 30 years, Medicare is as vital as ever to elderly and

disabled Americans. It just isn't working as well as it should be. Congress will take steps this year to insure that Americans can observe Medicare's 40th anniversary with a celebration rather than a funeral.

From the office of
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1535 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, D. C. 20515
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Ranch-to-Rail Program On Tap This Year

Commercial ranchers and purebred breeders need to determine how their cattle fit the current and future needs of the beef industry. The Texas A&M Ranch-to-Rail program is designed to provide feedback to ranchers on how their cattle perform in the feedyard and the type of carcasses they produce. Assessment of this information will allow producers to determine whether or not they are on target or if they need to alter the genetics of their herd or possibly modify their management

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system. The purpose of this program is to provide feedback to help the producer make those decisions.

Nominations for this program are due September 1, 1995. A producer must consign a minimum of five head of steers, and a \$15.00 nomination fee will be charged for each steer. The steers must weigh 500-800 lbs. upon arrival at the feedyard.

Delivery dates for the program are:

Ranch-to-Rail-North-Randall County Feed Yard, Amarillo, October 9-12, 1995

Ranch-to-Rail-South-King Ranch Feed Yard, Kingsville, October 17-19, 1995.

For more information on the Ranch-to-Rail Program, or to get nomination forms, please contact the Briscoe County Extension Office, 806-823-2131.

by Rebel L. Royall
Briscoe County Extension Agent

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City of Silverton

**Monday, August 14
at 7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall
Silverton, Texas**

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
 CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY:
 Library Opens 9:15 a.m.
 Bible Study/S.S. 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH**

Kevin Swanson, Pastor

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST
 MISSION**

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
 CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**ROCK CREEK
 CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service 7:30 p.m.



**BEAT THE HEAT AT YOUR
 HOUSE OF WORSHIP; IT'S COOL**

During the oppressive heat and humidity of summer, remember that your House of Worship is always open, all the year 'round, and always ready to revive your spirits. You'll find it cool inside, and you will leave there feeling refreshed in more ways than one. You will learn that God made this world you're living in, and established the four seasons, including summer, so that we could grow our food and enjoy the beauties of nature that unfold along with the calendar. Remember even in the heat of summer that He made the water that you may have a chance to swim in, the cool grass on which you might enjoy a picnic, and the balmy star-studded nights. So don't forget to attend your House of Worship regularly this summer; it's the "cool" thing to do.

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