

Higher percentage of wells fail RRC tests

A higher percentage of Panhandle Field wells have failed to meet the proper gas to oil ratio standards after retesting procedures completed last week by district Railroad Commission personnel.

According to figures released this morning by District 10 Director Bob Blakeney, 39.6 percent of the 260 wells tested through Friday were showing a high gas to oil ratio.

The Monday morning statistics indicated 103 wells have shown the higher gas to oil ratios, with 157 wells meeting the RRC standards.

On Friday, July 12, the Pampa RRC office figures showed 223 wells had been tested, with 31.4 percent (70 wells) failing to meet the required ratio of 100,000 cubic feet (Mcf.) of gas per barrel of crude oil.

Last week Blakeney had indicated the percentage of wells not meeting the ratio standards was likely to

increase as testing proceeded. He said this was because of the number of volunteers who had requested early testing knowing their wells would probably meet the ratio guidelines.

The retesting is being conducted because of a RRC order issued in May and implemented in June concerning the use of low-temperature or high-pressure separation units (LTX units) being used on many leases in the Panhandle Field by independent oil operators to turn gas into a liquid, the so-called "white oil."

Phillips Petroleum Co. contends many of the independents were mixing the resultant liquefied gases with crude oil to increase the reporting of their oil production and to maintain their oil well classification.

Under RRC regulations, a well must produce no

more than 100,000 Mcf. of gas per barrel of oil. Those having a higher gas to oil ratio are subject to classification as a gas well.

The well classification is significant, since an oil well can be drilled every 10 acres on a lease, while only one gas well is permitted for every 640 acres.

The local RRC personnel began the testing procedures officially July 1 under the order. But a number of wells had already been tested by that date under volunteer requests, Blakeney reported.

The office estimated 1100 wells had been scheduled for the retesting. But a number of those have been dropped from the testing schedule, either because the wells had not installed or used the LTX units or because gas production has ceased and gas connections have been removed, Blakeney explained.

The number of wells dropped from the schedule has increased in the past week. Today's statistical report reveals 160 wells have reported no gas connection and 270 wells have no LTX unit on the leases. Last week the totals were 125 and 188 respectively.

Blakeney estimated there are 410 wells left to be tested in efforts to meet the Sept. 1 deadline imposed by the RRC order, down from the 564 wells remaining last week.

Sixty-two wells were tested last week, with 113 wells scheduled this week.

Wells not meeting the ratio standards will be subject to reclassification as gas wells, portending their being closed down under the separation of oil and gas lease rights in Panhandle Field areas.

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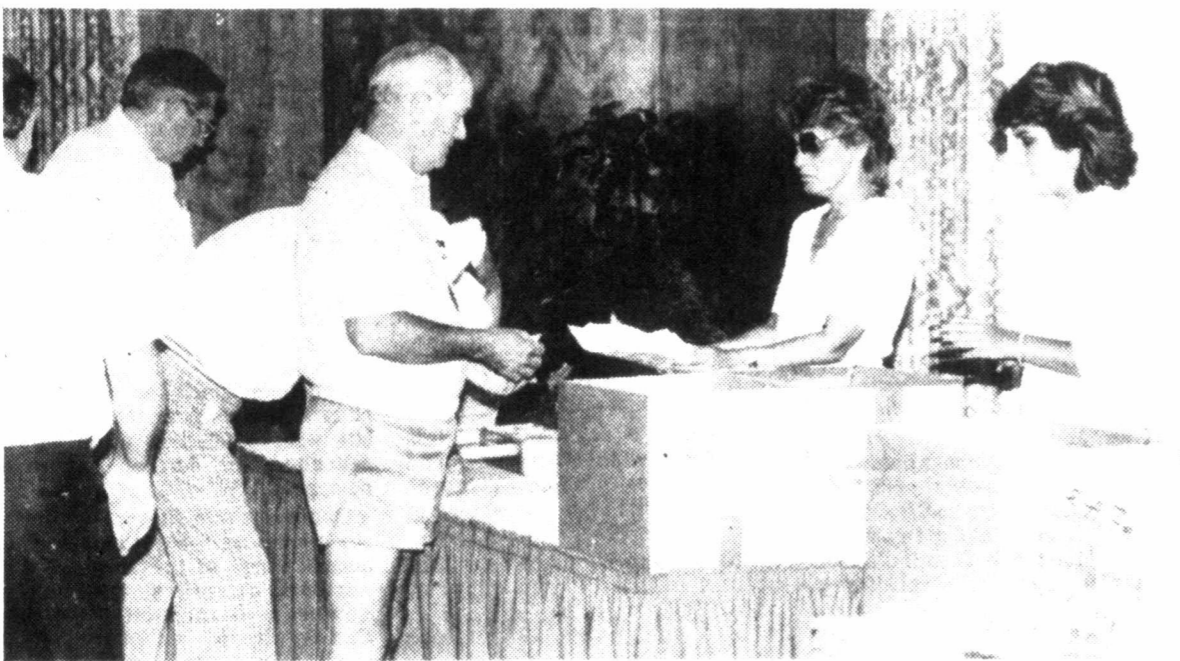
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SENIORS ARRIVE—Contestants in the 51st Tri-State Senior Golf Association tournament started registering for the event Sunday at Pampa Country Club. Members of the chamber of commerce staff Debbie Musgrave, right, Carolyn Wallar and Sherry Johnson (not shown) registered the contestants and presented them packets from the chamber. Activity started with practice rounds today. Tournament activity begins Tuesday. (Staff photo)

Nixon considered use of bomb four times

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon said he seriously considered using the atomic bomb four times during his presidency, in Vietnam, the Middle East, China and Pakistan, according to a published report.

Time magazine, in its July 21 issue, quoted Nixon as saying he considered and rejected the use of nuclear weapons during the Vietnam War.

"I ruled out bombing the dikes and the nuclear option. I rejected the bombing of the dikes, which would have drowned 1 million people, for the same reason that I rejected the nuclear option. Because the targets presented were not military targets," he said.

Nixon said he also considered using nuclear weapons in China when there were border conflicts

with the Soviet Union.

Henry Kissinger, then national security adviser, "used to come in and talk about the situation. Henry said, 'Can the U.S. allow the Soviet Union to jump the Chinese. — that is, to take out their nuclear capability. We had to let the Soviets know we would not tolerate that.'"

Another occasion came in 1971 during the India-Pakistan war, Nixon told Time during two interviews conducted in early July.

"After (Indira) Gandhi completed the decimation of East Pakistan, she wanted to gobble up West Pakistan. At least that's the way I read it. The Chinese were climbing the walls. We were concerned that the Chinese might intervene to stop India," Nixon said.

"We didn't learn till later that they didn't have that kind of conventional capability," he said. "But if they did step in, and the Soviets reacted, what would we do? There was no question what we would have done."

He said the fourth occasion involved the Middle East during the 1973 war, when Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev "threatened to intervene unilaterally in the Mideast. We could not allow Israel to go down the tube. We could not allow the Soviets to have a predominant position in the region."

Nixon said U.S. diplomats "did not so much want to threaten the Soviet Union with nuclear weapons as to indicate that the U.S. would resist them, conventional and nuclear."

Canadian fund-raisers scheduled

CANADIAN — Residents here will spend the weekend raising funds to help 3-year-old Amanda Ward, a local child who has leukemia.

Representatives of service organizations and sorority chapters in Canadian have planned several activities which will culminate in Amanda Ward Day Saturday. Several Canadian businesses have agreed to turn over a percentage of that day's sales to a fund to help pay expenses for Amanda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ward of Canadian.

The David Frizzell Band from Nashville and the Clyde Logg Band of Amarillo will be featured at a benefit dance 8-30 p.m. Thursday on the parking lot of CRC Wireline, south of Canadian on U.S. Highway 60-83. Admission is \$10 and tickets will be on sale at the YMCA, Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank and the First State Bank.

A community-wide garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on the parking lot of the Hemphill County Courthouse. Three valuable items — a painting of cottonwood trees in autumn donated by Tom Gibson, a color television set and a side of beef — will be featured at the sale.

Births increase in 1984

Baby Boomers causing Baby Boomlet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The children of the postwar Baby Boom are having children, creating a national Baby Boomlet, but statisticians say the upward population trend will reverse if current fertility rates continue.

The nation's population was 237,839,000 as of Jan. 1 this year, the Census Bureau reported Sunday.

Births were up in 1984, with 3,690,000 newborns, compared to 3,618,000 in 1983 and 3,681,000 in 1982. There were 2,046,000 deaths in 1984, up from 2,014,000 in 1983, the bureau said in its first report since

1979 that analyzes population change.

Immigration last year also helped boost the population, although the estimated 523,000 people entering the country was down from 539,000 immigrants in 1983, the Census Bureau said.

Census officials said the increase in births did not reflect a higher fertility rate, but rather the fact that there are so many people of childbearing age. The children born in the post World War II Baby Boom of the 1950s and early 1960s are having babies themselves.

In fact, the nation's total fertility

rate for 1984 was 1.819 births per 1,000 women, which is below the level needed to keep the population constant.

Total fertility is a term referring to the number of children who would be born to 1,000 women during their lifetimes if the birth rate for a particular year were to remain unchanged in the future.

To keep the population constant, experts estimate a rate of 2.100 births per 1,000 women is needed, to allow each woman to replace herself, her partner, and to allow for some infant mortality.

If the current fertility rate

continues, census researchers say the population increase will turn around as the smaller "Baby Bust" generation behind the Baby Boomers produces sharply fewer babies.

At the current total fertility rate, the population will eventually stabilize and then could begin to fall as deaths begin to exceed births, experts say.

"However, even with the assumption of ultimate... fertility of 1.9 births per woman, it would take about 40 years for the population to stop growing," the bureau said.

Larger auditorium board considered

Pampa city commissioners will consider an ordinance amendment concerning the M. K. Brown Auditorium Board during their regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The ordinance will increase the membership of the board to nine members and require regular monthly meetings instead of the current quarterly meetings.

In other matters, the commission will consider designating the land around the water tower in the Northeast Addition as a park. The

recommendation for the park has been made by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in response to a request by neighborhood residents.

Commissioners also will consider the declaring of surplus items and authorizing the staff to conduct an auction for the sale of the surplus.

In other business, the commission will consider authorizing the mayor to execute a

warrant for payment to Wagner and Klein, Inc., for architectural services rendered concerning the proposed renovation of City Hall.

Commissioners also will consider on second reading an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 352 concerning outdated restrictions on drilling activities inside the city limits.

The commission will set Aug. 13 as the date for two public hearings, one concerning an ordinance

amendment relative to home occupations and the other regarding oil and gas well drilling guidelines within the city limits.

In his report session, City Manager Bob Hart will discuss a Traffic Commission report, an insurance trust ordinance and the July 30 work session.

Commissioners also will approve bills for payment and meet in executive session to discuss contemplated and pending litigation and personnel matters.

OPEC debates price cuts

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — OPEC oil ministers debated what Saudi Arabia called "a must" cut in oil prices today, but Iran and others were advocating further production cuts as a way of shoring up prices.

Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister of Saudi Arabia, said that he would press for an unspecified cut in the price of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' lower-grade crudes. He said a price cut was "a must" for OPEC.

OPEC prices currently range from \$28 a barrel to \$26.50.

In an opening address to the group's regular summer conference, Indonesian Oil Minister and OPEC President Subroto said the group was facing perhaps the severest test in its 25 years of existence.

"We are all facing a dilemma," Subroto said. "On the one hand, we all appreciate the importance of maintaining solidarity in the face of the current threat to our source of livelihood and even survival. On the other, we cannot view our steeply plunging oil revenues with equanimity."

Subroto said OPEC no longer could afford to lose sales to non-OPEC competitors such as Britain and Mexico.

"We want to make it quite clear that we are not here with the express purpose of cutting prices or reducing production," Subroto said. "We are here to initiate measures that will lead us to regain control of the market."

Other ministers made it clear, however, that a cut in the price of at least some OPEC crudes was likely.

The Saudi position was challenged by Iran's oil minister, Mohammad Gharazi, who said he

saw no good reason for cutting prices again. Last January, OPEC cut prices for the full range of its oils by about \$1 a barrel.

Asked by reporters Sunday whether he would oppose a price cut, Gharazi said, "Yes, it's fixed," referring to the current OPEC reference price of \$28 a barrel.

Gharazi said he favored a previously proposed 7 percent cut in the group's production ceiling, from the current 16 million barrels daily to 14.9 million.

That idea was discussed but abandoned at an emergency OPEC meeting earlier this month in Vienna, Austria.

Surgery scheduled for Rep. Whaley

The office of State Rep. Foster Whaley has announced that he was admitted to the Lutheran Pavilion at M.D. Anderson hospital today to undergo surgery.

Doctors expect him to be hospitalized for two to three weeks.

Whaley said during this period all constituent phone calls and mail

should be directed to his administrative assistant, Mae Beth Palome, in his Austin office.

The toll-free telephone number for his Austin office is 1-800-692-1289. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769-2910.



CENTURY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—Cora Long cuddles a fuzzy birthday gift as she is honored with a 100th birthday celebration Sunday at the Pampa Nursing Center where she is a resident. In addition to her many other gifts, Mrs. Long received a birthday card from President and Mrs. Reagan. Nineteen family members, including two sets of five generations, also attended the cake and ice cream party. Mrs. Long was born on July 20, 1885 in Cook County. She has three children, seven grandchildren, five step grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. (Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)



Between the hours of 7:55 and 9:05 p.m., Feb. 6, 1985, a burglary occurred at a residence located at 317 N. Starkweather, Pampa. An unknown person or persons forcible entered the residence by prying open a back door. Once inside, they removed a large diamond ring set with 22 diamonds with a pump-jack logo in the center, numerous credit cards, a grey Century brand safe containing loose diamond and rubies, diamond and emerald rings, gold chains and various types of valuable papers. Estimated loss is \$17,000.

Crime Stoppers of Pampa will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime. If you have information about this burglary, or any other crime, you can report it in a remain anonymous by calling 669-2222.

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Fatal bus accident probe is to begin



BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — As family members and friends of four victims of a weekend church bus accident deal with their grief, federal inspectors today were due in town to investigate the crash.

National Transportation Safety Board inspectors will look into the causes of the Saturday night accident on U.S. 87 near Ackerly, about 25 miles northwest of Big Spring, state troopers said.

Trooper Wayne Whiteaker of Lamesa said his own report on the accident, which killed four and injured 37, points to possible speeding in rainy conditions.

"I'm not going to file any charges, but I think the bus was running too fast for the conditions," Whiteaker said Sunday night.

The driver of the bus, Robert Scott, 48, of Big Spring lost his wife, Anita, 41, in the accident. Also killed were Clyde Clark Jr., 3, and Sheila Albert, 15, both of Big Spring, and Darlene Hammork, 41, of San Angelo.

"I came up on a long stretch of water, and it felt like the bus lifted up and turned sideways," Scott told the Big Spring Herald.

The bus was carrying 54 people, said Whiteaker, who said he got a list of all those on board. The bus was designed to carry only 45 people, he said, although he wasn't sure if a violation was involved since several of those were small children sitting in their parents' laps.

The passengers were from Church of God in Christ congregations in Big Spring, San Angelo and Midland. They were on their way to a choir gathering in Lubbock that preceded a weeklong regional meeting now under way.

Of the 37 injured, only four remained in a Big Spring hospital. They were listed early today as in satisfactory condition.

The Rev. Frank Nelson, pastor of the Power House Church of God in Christ in Big Spring, said Scott was an experienced driver who works for Howard County as a driver of large vehicles.

Nelson, his wife and two children were following the bus at the time of the accident. Both Nelson and his wife said they didn't think Scott should be blamed for the tragedy.

Sunday night, Nelson held a brief prayer service for members of his

church who wanted to share their grief. Three of the four accident victims attended the Big Spring church.

Only eight of the 35 to 40 adult members of the church showed up at the little stucco church on a dirt road on Big Spring's north side. The 31-year-old minister urged them to "come together to give each other strength. Not only family members, but all of us have suffered a loss," he said.

The weekend bus accident was the second such tragedy for the church. Last fall, a van it operated wrecked in Midland, killing the niece of Nelson's wife, Gail.

Scott was not the driver of the van, which was carrying youngsters to a church youth meeting.

Nelson and his wife said they saw the bus turn sharply across the road, overturn 2½ times and come to rest in a cotton field.

Mrs. Nelson said the bus fell on its side, bounced upright and fell back back on its side, crushing four of the passengers.

Some of the children on the bus, occupied mostly by young adults, also had been on the van involved

in last year's fatal accident, Nelson said.

"They were pretty brave," Nelson said of the children.

Many of those on the bus were related.

"It had been raining real bad," but was just drizzling when the bus "hit a water spot in the road and the driver lost control," said Debra Fowler of San Angelo, who was on the bus.

Ms. Fowler's aunt was Ms. Hammork, one of the victims.

Ms. Hammork attended Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in San Angelo, which is pastored by Mrs. Nelson's brother, the Rev. Kenneth Weatherspoon. He is also minister of the church in Midland, Wayside Church of God in Christ, which also had members on the bus.

Nelson said he does not think his church members are bitter toward God because of the accident.

"I don't think there's any explanation (for what happened). We believe in the Lord and the work he wants us to do," Nelson said.

Added Mrs. Nelson, "It was just their time. When God gets ready, there's nothing anyone can do."

Grand jury looks at 'escort services'

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Beth Taylor, an assistant district attorney for Bexar County, said she was stunned at the grand jury testimony of more than a dozen attractive women who said they were paid up to \$175 an hour by

men who contacted them through "escort services."

"It's absolutely phenomenal that people in this town are willing to pay that much money for sex," Ms. Taylor said.

Ms. Taylor has worked since March with police officers, Texas Department of Public Safety officials and the Bexar County sheriff's investigators in one of the most extensive local prostitution sting operations ever conducted.

The investigation resulted in indictments against 14 people and brought to light a number of so-called "escort services" that provided prostitutes, authorities said.

Some of the services used luxury automobiles to deliver women to waiting clients, many of whom were well-paid businessmen, investigators said.

Unlike previous, random police raids when only prostitutes were arrested, authorities targeted the owners of escort services who ran thinly veiled ads in local newspapers, the San Antonio Light reported Sunday.

A grand jury issued 22 indictments last week against 14 people following the investigation, which was aided by a former escort service employee.

The informant provided authorities with "accounting records" of one such service, including a pictorial roster of its

employees, authorities said.

"No prostitutes or johns (customers) were indicted because we were concentrating on the people in management positions," Ms. Taylor said. "We went after the big people, the people making big money."

Assistant District Attorney Ron Mendoza described the prostitutes as "attractive women, dressed in expensive clothes who look like many other successful women who are able to blend in with any type of crowd."

Mendoza said about half of the women, who ranged in age from 16 to 30, reported they had some college education and had entered the business to pay burdensome debts with the high salaries, some of which amounted to as much as \$5,000 per month.

"Some girls made as much as \$700 in one night," Mendoza said.

About 15 of the women appeared before the grand jury during the past four months and were granted immunity from prosecution on

WATCHES BUS ROLL—Rev. Frank Nelson and his wife Gail, with sons Isaac and Mark, stand outside of the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ in Big Spring. The Nelson family was following a church bus near Ackerly Saturday when it rolled over several times, killing five people. Nelson said the bus driver could not have done anything about the accident. (AP Laserphoto)

Abortion clinic director is at ease in the cross fire

DALLAS (AP) — Charlotte Taft, the director of a Dallas abortion clinic and a leader among pro-choice forces, describes herself as a "lightning rod" because she's not willing to be scared.

"I can't be intimidated," she says. "And I know the issues. I even know what the Bible says."

Ms. Taft, the founder of the Dallas CHOICE organization, is a budding national spokeswoman for abortion rights and does not shrink

from the spotlight, often holding news conferences and facing the leaders of the opposition.

One of her opponents, Dallas Right to Life President Bill Price, calls her "the undisputed leader of the pro-choice forces" in the Dallas region.

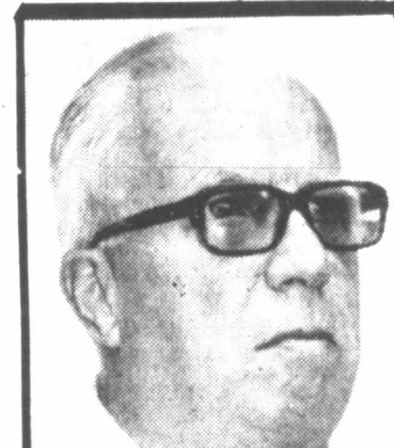
Ms. Taft, who persuaded the Dallas City Council last week to restrict the use of protesters' bullhorns near abortion clinics, has been consumed by abortion and women's rights issues since her

days as a peace monitor in student demonstrations at Brown University.

Sixteen years ago, her mother let her in on a family secret.

At 4 a.m. one night in 1960, her mother, Sylvia Weaver, a woman raising six children while married to an unemployed real estate agent and boat salesman in Stamford, Conn., self-aborted with a knitting needle because she didn't believe the family could care for another child.

Last year, her mother detailed her experiences in a letter collected as part of a national "Abortion Rights: Silent No More" campaign sponsored by the National Abortion Rights Action League, of which Ms. Taft is a member.



Off beat
By Fred Parker

The rusty Studebaker days

Ever feel like a rusty old Studebaker caught up in a world full of shiny Cadillacs?

Don't worry, that general picture crosses nearly everybody's mind from time to time.

It's quite natural to decide the whole world is trying to pass you by and you can't get out of the way.

On the other hand, most people also can count on having a few days when the engine is humming and the transmission is in high gear. And you take consolation that someone else is stuck in the old clunker mood.

These mental and physical highs and lows are frustrating because no one seems to be able to control them.

One day you go to the vending machine and find extra coins in the return slot. Other days, you feed the mechanism, make your selection and get nothing in return for your money.

One morning, you catch all the traffic lights perfectly and zip to work. The next, you're a little late and all the signals seem to be conspiring against you.

Sometimes the boss is all compliments. Other times, you can't accomplish the simplest of tasks without messing up and getting chewed out.

For some reason, fate seems to bring both the bad and good in big doses. The result is a series of very high peaks and very low valleys.

People have tried to sort through the reasons for this roller coaster ride for eons. Everything from food rings to biorhythms to horoscopes have been used to try to forecast highs and lows and react accordingly.

Believers in the unscientific methods swear by them. Often, though, horoscopes look good only upon reflection. Many folks remember the days when nebulous statements — "A stranger could bring romance back into your life" — come close to being true and forget the days when they missed the mark altogether.

Although predictions of good or bad vibes aren't all that reliable, the victim doesn't have much trouble determining how a day is shaping up. The figurative black cloud or sunshine above his or her head is a fair indication.

Fatalists probably would attribute the alternating rashes of both kinds of luck to "getting even." A person who has enjoyed a long run of good fortune is due for some bad tidings. And vice-versa.

But experts more mindful of mental processes might well point out that the sufferer, or recipient, helps add to the trend.

When things are going downhill, people tend to despair. After a few strokes of outrageous fortune, they start assuming that the whole day is shot. Therefore, it will be.

If someone happens to be on a roll, his or her mental juices start bubbling. A couple of nice breaks early in the day can get the old brain perking in rare form. Zingo, the day is made.

The real secret, of course, would be learning how to save up some of the good and sprinkle it throughout the bad. Perhaps some secretive soul will eventually figure out the puzzle. In the meantime, though, most of us don't have a clue.

So we'll just have to be content to wander out into the world each day and gradually discover whether a Cadillac or a Studebaker awaits.

Parker is city editor of The Pampa News.

Young mayor tries to keep promise, will cost his job

CRABB, Texas (AP) — Brian Zimmerman was only 10 years old when he ran for mayor of this small Fort Bend County community in 1983.

He promised to work to get the town incorporated, keeping Houston or other nearby towns from taking Crabb in by annexation, and voters took him at his word.

They elected him over two adult mayoral candidates in an unofficial election at his aunt's grocery store.

Now he's 12 and on the verge of fulfilling his campaign promise. An Aug. 10 election has been scheduled on the question of incorporation. Unfortunately for Brian, if the election passes, he'll lose his job. The Texas election code requires the mayor and aldermen of a village to be at least 18.

"I'll keep my word to the people even if it costs me my job for doing it," Brian said. "I'll be 13 years old on Aug. 20 so I'll have to wait five more years before I can be anything ever again," he said.

But Brian said incorporation is what he wants.

"At least if I go out this way, I'll have done what I said I would get accomplished if people stood

behind me," he said.

Brian has proposed the incorporation of a 2-square-mile area with a population of about 3,500. He is uncertain how many are eligible to vote.

The area includes a residential subdivision, a grocery store, a broom factory, a grain dryer facility and a shopping center, he said. Crabb is two miles southeast of Richmond on Farm Road 2749.

Brian said he has discussed the idea with a lot of people and they seem to like it.

"I've talked to quite a few people and I'm going to talk to a lot more," he said.

Incorporation of Crabb would mean residents would begin paying city taxes to support law enforcement and fire protection. But Brian said Crabb residents would pay higher taxes if the area is annexed by another municipality, he said.

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Homemakers News

Tips on selecting a new refrigerator

By DONNA BRAUCHI
County Extension Agent

Summer is here and your "old faithful" refrigerator is getting a workout. Or - perhaps your seventeen-year old refrigerator finally gives out. If your refrigerator is on its last leg or has already died, be sure to select a new one carefully.

Remember - refrigerators have really changed in the last seventeen years. You will have to make decisions about defrost cycles, efficiency, and size. You must decide if you want the freezer at the top, bottom, or side. Ice trays, water dispensers, and variety of storage compartments are all features to look at carefully.

And if all these new designs and features aren't enough to boggle the mind, you will discover a refrigerator on the sales floor that electronically monitors itself, and signals if a door has been left ajar, the temperature is too warm, a

power outage has occurred, or the condenser coils are coated in dust.

Buying a refrigerator is not a simple task. A purchase that takes a hefty portion of the family budget and will be in your kitchen for the next 15 to 20 years requires some study and some careful shopping. Learning how refrigerators work can help ensure that your selection will be the one that best fits your family's needs now and in the future.

First, note that all refrigerators cool by removing heat, not by adding cold. As heat is removed from food, frost is created in the process. Because frost build-up limits both the cooling performance and energy efficiency of a refrigerator, there must be a way to remove it. Three basic defrost systems are used in modern refrigerators: manual defrost, removing frost by hand; cycle (or automatic) defrost, moving frost automatically from

the refrigerator section, and by hand from the freezer compartment; and no-frost (or full automatic) system, where frost is removed automatically from both refrigerator and freezer systems, and never builds up.

Decisions must also be made on where to purchase a standard or a high-efficiency model. Every new refrigerator displays an Energy Guide label which compares its average operating cost with models in the same size range. Compare labels for refrigerators of the same size and with the same features and defrost systems. Then calculate the energy cost difference for each. Do the savings on energy use pay for the higher purchase price of the high-efficiency unit within a reasonable time?

Once you have selected a refrigerator, ensure that it lives up to your expectations by reading and following the use-and-care guide and by following these tips for energy-efficient use: (1) Install refrigerator away from range, direct sunlight, or any other heat

source. (2) Set temperature controls so that milk is cold and ice cream is firm. (3) Open and close doors quickly. Remove or return several items at once. (4) Keep condenser coils clean.

New refrigerators may also have some strange or unfamiliar sounds. Before calling for service, consider this information. (1) No-frost refrigerators have one or more fans which circulate air throughout the unit. Fans and motors add humming sounds. (2) The defrost timer clicks or snaps periodically as it turns on and off to keep the unit frost free. (3) The newer model refrigerators run more frequently than the older models. They are larger and have a small, high efficiency compressor which uses less energy, but runs frequently to maintain consistently cold temperatures. (4) The automatic ice maker mold fills with water, creating buzzing and trickling sounds. When the frozen batch of ice is dumped from the mold into the storage bin, there is a clatter. All of these are typical sounds of the appliance at work.



OH GIVE ME a home... This little collie mix pup is a stray recently picked up by the Pampa Animal Control. He's waiting at the Shelter in Hobart Street Park for a good home so he won't have to roam any longer. He's tan and black and believed to be about three months old. His happy disposition is evident in his smile. The Shelter also has for adoption a tan chow mix female that is about four months old. Shelter hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays, and 11 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)



Dear Abby

Are graduation invitations only greedy bids for gifts?

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please, please discourage high school and college graduates from sending graduation invitations to every distant relative they and their parents ever heard of? We all know that sending "invitations" to people we hardly know is a flagrant, shameless bid for a gift. And if, in a moment of weakness, one does send a gift, a barrage of birth announcements and invitations to weddings, showers and more graduations is sure to follow.

I am a 75-year-old widow, living on Social Security and very little else. I just received a high school graduation invitation from the granddaughter of a third cousin whom I have not seen in so long I wouldn't even recognize her. (I have never even met her granddaughter.)

I have many relatives in this town, but I never hear from them unless they are celebrating something that requires a gift. I have no car, yet they "invite" me to every imaginable event, knowing full well I can't possibly attend. This is just shameless begging.

I am not cheap. I just sent a generous graduation gift to a neighbor girl who used to stop by every day to bring in my mail and newspaper, and ask if I needed any errands run.

Don't suggest that I send "a nice card" to the relatives who send me invitations to events they know I can't attend. We both know a card is not what these spongers want.

SICK OF THEM IN IOWA CITY

DEAR SICK: Judging from my June mail, you speak for many. Don't blame the graduates. In most cases, their parents send those "invitations."

got home, we sent her a nice gift and wrote to thank her for her hospitality.

This aunt will stay with my parents, but we want to entertain her. My husband and I both work, and there would be a lot of pressure on me if I had to get the house all fixed up and prepare a company dinner for her (I'm not the greatest cook), so we thought we'd take her sightseeing one afternoon and then to a good restaurant for dinner.

My mother is totally disapproving of this. She says I have to entertain in my home with a home-cooked meal.

Do I have to?

TIT FOR TAT (?)

DEAR T. FOR T.: No. Carry out your plan. You do not need your mother's approval to entertain the way you find more comfortable.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were fishing from a boat with some friends. My husband can't swim, but refused to wear a life jacket. You guessed it. He was clowning around, the boat tipped over, and he went under.

I was able to get to him and pull him into the boat, or he would have drowned for sure.

Luckily all he lost were his glasses, a wallet with \$400 and a few fishing rods. You had better believe he will never get into a boat without a life jacket again.

I hope to see this in print. It may save a life.

LUCKY

DEAR LUCKY: Let's hope so. Thanks for a timely warning.

(Getting married? Send for Abby's new, updated, expanded booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents) self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Smart Money:

Boss can't take money

By Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE — My husband is the manager of a small convenience store in our area. He is supposed to make bank deposits periodically so there is never too much cash in the store.

Recently, the store was held up by an armed robber. Unfortunately, my husband had not made the bank deposit when he was supposed to, and the robber got away with a great deal of money.

Now, my husband's boss is taking money out of his pay to reimburse the store for the loss. Is the store allowed to do this? — G.F., ALBANY, N.Y.

DEAR G.F. — In your state, New York, employers are specifically forbidden from penalizing employees by forcing them to make up losses caused by carelessness or robbery. Employees can, however, discharge employers for failing to comply with company policy.

But cashiers whose registers are short and employees who are victims of robbery cannot be penalized financially. This is true in most states.

DEAR BRUCE — I live in a small town in the Midwest. Over the years, I have accumulated what I believe to be a very valuable crystal collection, and I also own some Italian carvings that were appraised at over \$10,000 each, many years ago.

Since I'm in the later years of my life, I would really prefer to have the money and give up the responsibility, so I would like to sell my collection. But when I think about doing it, all I can see is problems.

First, I don't want to put an ad in the newspaper and tell people I have valuable things in my home. Second, I wouldn't know what to ask for the collection if a potential customer were to call me.

I have called one or two dealers in this area, and they say that I should bring the things down, and they'll take a look. But I don't want to do that either. I'd be terrified that I might break one of my treasures or that they might be stolen.

I have no one in my immediate family to turn to. Can you please help

me? I have lost a lot of sleep over this issue. — S.K., KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR S.K. — Sometimes, when we lose our perspective, problems loom much larger than they should, and I think this is one of them.

Let's dissect it and take it in easy bites. I will assume that the crystal and carvings have substantial value. If this is the case, there are many larger galleries in the country that would be very happy to sell them for you on a commission basis. The two largest in the country would be Sotheby Parke Bernet and Christie's, both of which have offices in New York City. (You can find their addresses at your local public library or get their telephone numbers by calling "information.")

There are many other local galleries that also would be interested in executing a commission of this kind. If your accumulation is extensive, the larger galleries will send a representative to your home. They would, of course, first require photographs and descriptions of what you have so they are certain that such a trip would be worthwhile.

Let us assume that it would not be worthwhile, but they are interested in representing you. You can easily package the items that you have to sell and have them shipped (with adequate insurance, of course).

One method you might consider is packing them in large boxes in popcorn. That's right — popcorn. It seems to offer very satisfactory protection for delicate goods. There are also firms in most areas that package for a living. They would come to your home, package your precious items and ship them, insured, to the destination of your choice.

I don't blame you for not wanting strangers coming into your home, but the galleries that I have mentioned and many others across the country are well equipped to help you get a reasonable return for your treasures. And when all's said and done, it really isn't worth losing sleep over this matter.

Relax, and live a long life.

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Technology changes method of branding

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — Even the ranching tradition of branding is not immune to technological change.

Liquid nitrogen has replaced the white-hot branding iron as the means of identifying Arizona's wild burro population. The Bureau of Land Management, which monitors the animals and brands them at its Kingman corrals, has changed the process from hot to icy cold.

Burras now have a cold liquid nitrogen-coated iron held against

their necks for 30 seconds. A welt appears afterward and small blisters form, then heal. BLM officials said.

The switch from hot to cold branding was done for humanitarian reasons, said Marlyn V. Jones, BLM Phoenix district manager.

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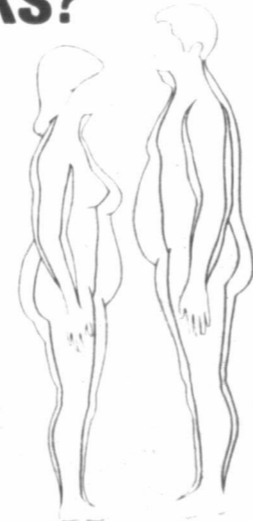
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- 4 Disconcert
- 8 Renown
- 12 African antelope
- 13 Angers
- 14 Mideast nation
- 15 Landing boat
- 16 Massachusetts island
- 18 Affirmed
- 20 Inquire
- 21 Arab country
- 23 Small intestine
- 27 Amusing
- 30 Upset
- 32 Part of eye
- 33 Tusk
- 34 Racket string material
- 35 Stockings (Fr.)
- 36 Fraudulent
- 37 Foot part
- 38 Obliteration
- 40 Indian guitar
- 41 Skating arenas
- 42 British gun
- 44 Roman bronze
- 46 Violent
- 50 Telegram type (2 wds.)
- 54 Bijou
- 55 Chilled
- 56 With (Fr.)
- 57 Openings
- 58 Televisions
- 59 Headstrong
- 60 Man's nickname

DOWN

- 1 Homely
- 2 Handle (Fr.)
- 3 Ditches

4 Fancy trappings

- 5 Plowed land (Sp.)
- 6 Buddhism type
- 7 Is (Sp.)
- 8 Changeable
- 9 Large crude boat
- 10 Actress West
- 11 Noun suffix
- 17 Employing
- 19 Mortal
- 22 Shakes
- 24 Plant disease
- 25 Palette part
- 26 Rhythm
- 27 Thread
- 28 Arrow poison
- 29 Jewish month
- 31 Compass point
- 33 Remote
- 36 Wooden match

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 37 Croon
- 39 Scandinavian poets
- 40 Examine
- 43 Kilmer poem
- 45 Andromeda
- 47 Opera prince
- 48 Roman tyrant
- 49 Federal agent (comp. wd.)
- 50 Underworld god
- 51 High card
- 52 Notwithstanding
- 53 New Deal project (abbr.)

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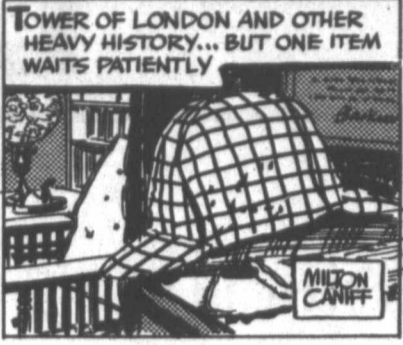
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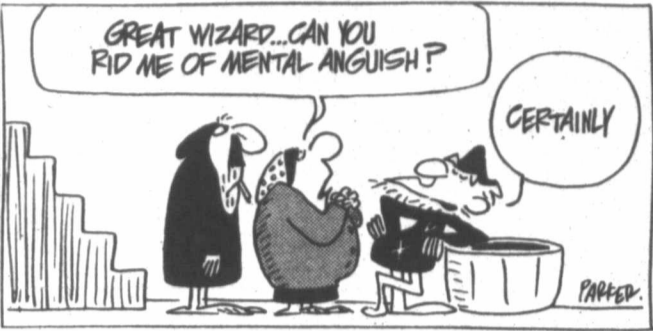
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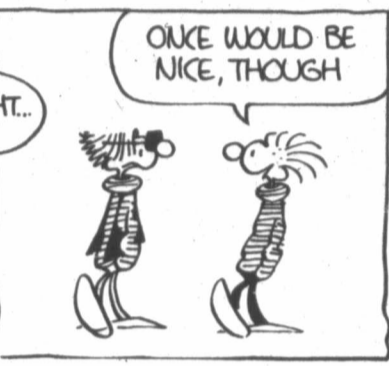
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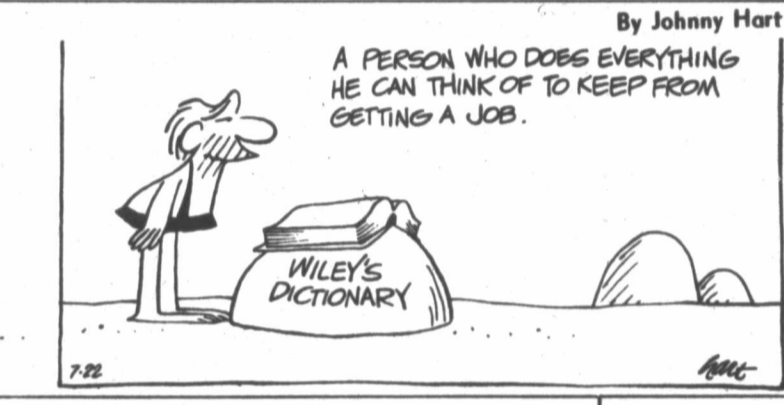
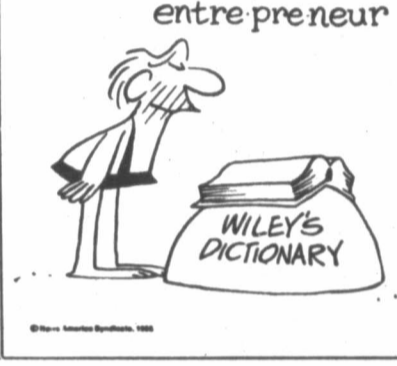
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
July 23, 1985

In the year ahead, you may become involved in a rather unique joint venture that caters to the public's needs. Your partners will supply the means and you'll furnish the ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Amiability and warmth are the words that describe you best today. Instinctively, you'll say and do the right things at the right times to favorably impress others. Major changes are ahead for Leos in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Material prospects are exceptionally promising today. Substantial gains may come to you by luck or chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Luck will attend you today in ventures or enterprises that you originate or those for which you're responsible. Keep the control in your hands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you may establish a rather unusual goal for yourself. Your methods for achieving it will be quite ingenious, but your tactics will be screened from the view of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something for which you've been hoping has an excellent chance of becoming reality today. Dream on, but also take positive steps to make it happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your motivation is strong enough today, you'll be capable of outstanding achievements. Conditions are good and the harder you try, the luckier you'll get.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It will prove fortunate for anyone who becomes associated with you today in a new enterprise. Chances look great for pulling off something big.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, someone with your best interests at heart can manage an important matter for you better than you could do it yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your charm and sincerity will win the favor of others today. Even someone who has never become especially nice to you will have an admirer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions that affect your work or career are more fortuitous than usual today. You're apt to get some lucky breaks that your co-workers won't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is one of those days where good things you already have going can be expanded. Do not put any limitations on your thinking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It'll prove wisest in the long run today to let events run their course. If something is moving in the right direction, the results will be gratifying.

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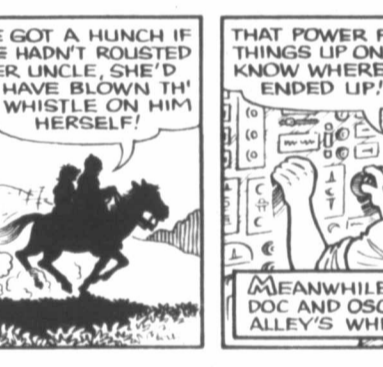
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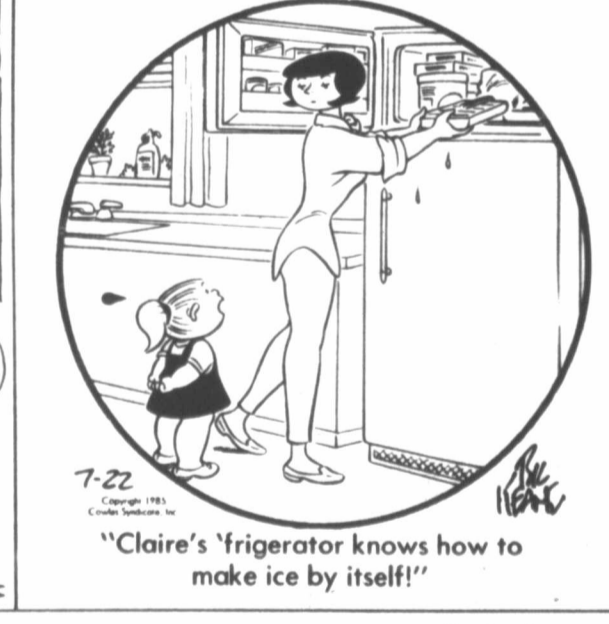
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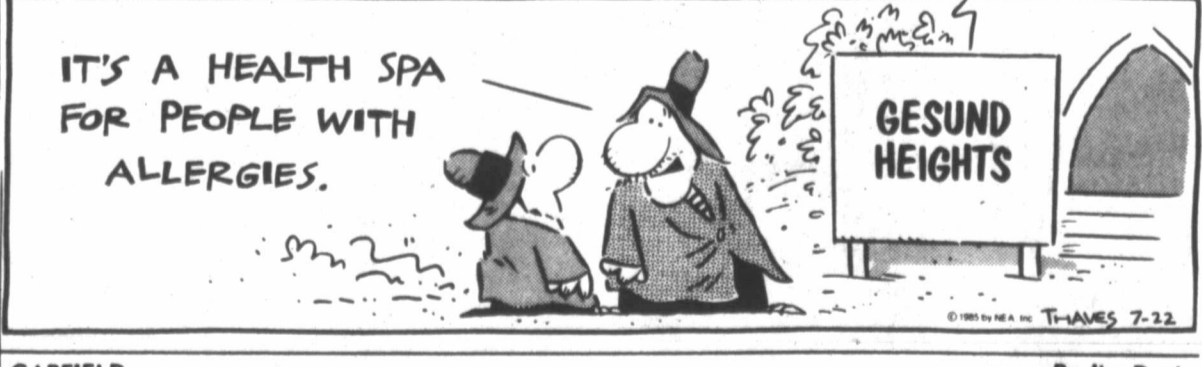
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