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Texas-size ranch to hold Texas-size party

DALHART, Texas (AP) — It was a Texas-size ranch from which legendary and mythical tales of the West arose.

Each year, this Panhandle town holds a Texas-size party in honor of the XIT and the men and women who worked it.

The ranch's history is a tale of superlatives as is the festival Dalhart residents have created in its memory.

For three days, beginning Thursday, Dalhart's population will swell from its usual 7,200 to at least 50,000 as people flock to the far northwest corner of the state for the 49th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion, which boasts the world's largest amateur rodeo as well as the world's biggest free barbecue.

The event was begun 49 years ago as a reunion for cowhands of the XIT, which in the late 1800s and early 1900s was known as the

world's largest fenced ranch.

Its three million acres — all in Texas — stretched from what now is Lubbock to the Panhandle border in an irregular strip about 30 miles wide, and during its nearly 40 years of operation, the XIT employed thousands of people.

The ranch was bought from the state by two Chicago business brothers, who agreed to build the Lone Star State's capitol as payment. Though the ranch has been sold into smaller ranches and farms since its heyday, the capitol constructed from the proceeds of the XIT still stands in Austin.

Throughout the years, the Dalhart reunion has turned into more than a get-together for old cowhands, and now attracts visitors from all parts of the country, organizers said recently.

"We have people who have been coming for years, and they had

nothing to do with the ranch," said Nancy Hanbury, information director for the event. "One Georgia couple was passing along the highway one year, saw our signs and stayed. They've been back every year since."

A California family likewise happened upon the XIT Reunion 17 years ago, and has returned every August, Mrs. Hanbury said.

"It's unusual enough and fun enough to draw the people," she said.

Along with the rodeo, three country-and-western dances, and a parade, the reunion offers enough free food for all.

Thursday night, visitors can savor stew Friday evening, they wait for watermelon. And Saturday, attendees bite down on barbecue.

All the food is paid for through donations or money taken in at the dances, Mrs. Hanbury said.

"It's not a profit-making event. We hope to always break even," she said.

When the reunion first was organized, hundreds of men who worked the XIT attended, said Dessie Hanbury, who manages the XIT Museum in Dalhart.

"It's hard to know how many men worked for the XIT, but in the early days, we had about 400 men, plus their families, coming here," she said.

The mother-in-law of Nancy Hanbury, Dessie Hanbury, said only three former cowhands are known to be living.

"With time, it's just been cut down. But we know of these three, and we think they're coming this year," she said.

Ira Taylor of nearby Amarillo is one of those cowhands who does plan to attend this year's reunion.

"I've went to all them (reunions), except last year. It's something special," Taylor said recently.

While he enjoys the Dalhart reunions, Taylor said he holds different feelings for the XIT.

"It wasn't like any other outfit. It was pretty low ... I only worked there as long as I had to," he said, adding that he is one who believes most of the grandiose tales of the ranch are mythical.



WHAT A MUG—Scotty Stone of Greenville and his bulldog Sir Winston pose after the dog won the Most Wrinkles prize at a pet show during the 1983 "Where the Heck is Merit?" celebration in Greenville recently. (AP Laserphoto)

White-winged dove season in jeopardy, officials say

The Lower Rio Grande Valley stands to lose millions of dollars in tourism business this fall if the white-winged dove season is called off, officials say.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission was scheduled to meet early today to discuss the matter, which surfaced because of an unusually low white-winged dove population this year.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service already has cut the two-weekend season in September to one weekend.

The Texas commission could scratch the season altogether, which draws about 45,000 hunters to the Rio Grande Valley each year.

"It's traditionally a major hunting event in Texas going back 40 years or more," said Ron George, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in

Austin.

The white-winged dove hunting season means millions of dollars a year in business for the Lower Rio Grande Valley, said another biologist Gary Waggener of the agency's office in McAllen.

"We're talking money," he said. "The department itself stands to lose a quarter of a million dollars from the white-winged dove stamps."

Hunters have to purchase the \$6 each stamps before they are licensed to hunt white-winged doves. Proceeds from the stamps goes to land purchase to increase natural habitats for wildlife, Waggener said.

Wildlife experts say the white-winged dove population is down because its normal habitat of citrus trees was severely damaged by the winter freeze of 1983.

"About 54 percent of the citrus

acreage was bulldozed," George said. "The remaining citrus has been severely pruned to remove dead limbs."

Many birds have nested in surrounding brush, but heavy rains in June and early July washed away the nests and the eggs, George said.

Spring breeding counts, he said, indicated 361,000 white-winged doves in the valley, the primary spot for hunting the fowl.

"The majority of the white-winged breeding population is found south of San Antonio, Uvalde, Alpine and El Paso," he said, adding that 90 percent of the population is in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Waggener said closing the season this year would save about 135,000 birds and put the valley in good shape for nesting next year.

Off beat

By
Dee Dee
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The hidden handicap

Dyslexia - the hidden handicap - the so-called "word blindness" first described by scientists in the 1890s.

I remember my mother telling me that a friend of mine and his little sister had dyslexia. "Oh, they're retarded," I thought. "Funny, they didn't seem retarded when I knew them." I was in grade school at the time.

My next encounter with dyslexia came when a boy in my journalism class in college told me he had dyslexia. I knew he wasn't retarded. He was brilliant, probably borderline genius. But a story that might take me 20 minutes to write took him two hours of painstaking labor. And then after we edited the story, he would spend even more time going over the corrections, constantly leafing through the dictionary.

Dyslexia is not a form of retardation, though that is a common misconception about the condition. It is a language disability characterized by difficulty in learning how to read, write and spell. Dyslexics usually reverse letters and words: "b" for "d", "q" for "p", "saw" for "was," "quite" for "quiet," and many others. Sometimes dyslexics are confused about directions (right and left, up and down, yesterday and tomorrow), uncertain about right or left handedness and have difficulties in mathematics. Their problems may range from mild to severe.

Dr. Bill and Martha Boswell spoke of their personal encounter with dyslexia to the Downtown Kiwanis Club recently. The Boswells' daughter, Robin, is believed to have dyslexia, a diagnosis arrived at after many years of heartache for the whole family.

"We first suspected the problem when Robin was in kindergarten," Dr. Boswell said. At home Robin was "rambunctious, on the move, aggressive, sharp as a tack," he said. Yet at kindergarten, the teachers hardly knew she was in the room. This outgoing child became quiet and withdrawn in the classroom, he said. And, even through the first and second grades, she did not do well, although she seemed quite intelligent at home.

The Boswells decided that perhaps Robin was immature for the class, so they held her back a year. Still she was an "underachiever," he said. "So we decided to apply parental pressure, a little authority. We got nowhere with discipline. No matter what we did, she was not doing the work at school."

And children being as children can be, teased her, telling her she was stupid, Dr. Boswell said. And she began agreeing with them.

A ray of light appeared for Robin and her parents, when Dr. Boswell heard Pampa Mason Gene Gates tell of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas in Lubbock which offers help for dyslexics and learning disabled young people. Dr. Boswell told Gates of his problems with Robin. Gates got the Boswells in touch with Betty Roy, director of the center, who suggested Robin undergo a few tests.

"Pampa's school system was very cooperative with us," Dr. Boswell said. Through the school district, Robin was given the necessary tests which showed that according to whether the tests were given orally or through writing, Robin's IQ ranged from a learning disabled 60 to a lower-level genius range of 130 — a clear indication of dyslexia.

"Thanks to the Scottish Rite and local Masonic lodges, we received the financial and moral support for Robin and Martha to go to the center," Dr. Boswell said.

The two spent six weeks at the center this summer, learning the alphabetic phonics curriculum developed by the center for teaching dyslexics.

Mrs. Boswell, a certified grade school teacher, is now also a qualified language therapist. During her intensive six-week training, she learned to teach children through three senses — seeing, hearing and touching.

Most children are able to learn through simply seeing and hearing, she said. However, a dyslexic child need the added help of being able to touch what they are learning. "They're three-dimensional learners," she said. Alphabetic phonics curriculum incorporates all of the three senses.

A writing frame is also used to help students establish the proper position and allow them to use the large muscles of the upper arm which somehow helps them remember what they learn, she said.

And the dyslexic children are drilled in the alphabet and use of the dictionary to help them in their studies.

Because of the Scottish Rite Learning Center "there's hope for us," Dr. Boswell told his fellow Kiwanians.

And for other parents of dyslexics out there who think they have no hope, contact the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, 602 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79408, telephone (806) 747-3268. The services of the learning center are free. It is funded by contributions from Masons and the public.

And for you dyslexics who think you have no hope either. Believe it or not, you're not alone. Your fellow dyslexics include Leonard da Vinci, Hans Christian Anderson, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, General George S. Patton, Woodrow Wilson and Nelson Rockefeller.

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News.

Former Getty official confirms Texaco offer

HOUSTON (AP) — The former chairman of Getty Oil Co. says the company reluctantly approved a merger with Pennzoil because the deal was a "bird-in-handish situation," according to court evidence.

But former Getty chairman Sidney R. Petersen also said in a deposition presented as evidence Tuesday that even after the merger was approved, Getty continued to look for another buyer.

Petersen's deposition, taken by Pennzoil attorneys, came out in federal court during the third week of testimony in Pennzoil's 15

billion lawsuit against Texaco Inc. Pennzoil alleges that when Texaco acquired Getty Oil last year, it forced Getty to break a previous agreement to merge with Pennzoil. But Texaco contends Pennzoil and Getty never had a valid definitive agreement for their proposed merger.

Texaco paid \$10.1 billion — or \$125 a share — for Getty's outstanding stock in what is the second largest merger in U.S. corporate history.

Getty began looking for another buyer by Jan. 1, 1984, just days after Pennzoil announced its tender offer for Getty stock,

according to Petersen's deposition.

The court document stated Petersen told Fortune magazine in an early 1984 interview that Getty Oil sought another buyer even after Pennzoil offered to acquire 16 million shares — or 20 percent — of Getty Oil stock at \$100 a share.

"We thought there was a better deal out there, but it (the Pennzoil proposal) was a bird-in-the-handish situation. We approved the deal, but we didn't favor it," Petersen, who lives in California, was quoted as telling the magazine.

Petersen said in his deposition that Geoffrey Boisi, an investment banker with Goldman, Sachs & Co., told him that Pennzoil's offer could attract 30 percent of the outstanding shares.

The Getty Oil management previously had agreed with the J. Paul Getty Museum and Gordon Getty, as trustee for the Sarah C. Getty Trust, that the company was for sale, but not at \$100 a share,

according to the deposition.

Petersen said, "\$110 would not have been unreasonable."

Pennzoil is not seeking dissolution of the Texaco-Getty merger.

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Author says Texas shaped U.S. history

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas and its revolution helped shape America and played a key part in U.S. history, according to Texas author and historian T.R. Fehrenbach.

So he thinks it's only fitting that the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration be one that is "second only to the signing of the Declaration of Independence."

Fehrenbach addressed the summer meeting of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association on Tuesday.

"When Texas won its independence in 1836 it made the

United States secure as a continent," he said. "The defeat was so decisive to the Mexican government, there is a lasting humility we Americans should be able to understand."

A native Texan, Fehrenbach is president of a San Antonio publishing company, a columnist and the author of 17 non-fiction books.

Commercialism of Texas' 150th birthday can't be avoided, he said, but Texans should remember the purpose of the celebration.

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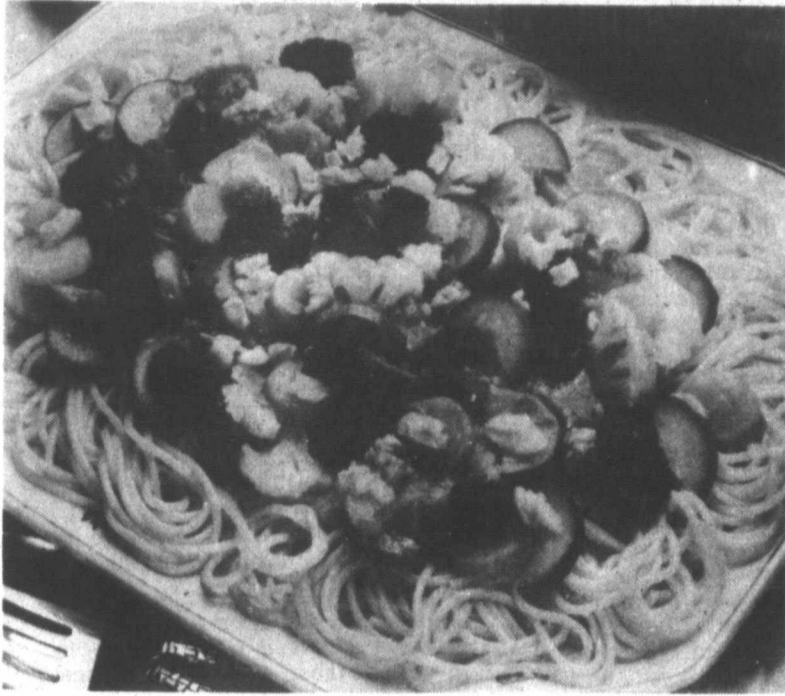
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Endless summer pastabilities



FRESH VEGETABLES are a quick, easy way to dress up a pasta dish.

By KAREN SULLIVAN
Summer is the season of picnics and parties, brunches and backyard barbecues. But, cooking for summer celebrations is not always something I like to do. Summer is just too hot for heavy dishes, too hectic for elaborate meals, and too precious for spending a lot of time in the kitchen.

For me the answer to summer cooking is versatile pasta. Cold summer pasta salads can be cooked ahead. Light sauces make for light pasta for the diet conscious. I've even discovered pasta hors d'oeuvres. There are elegant, gourmet pasta recipes that will delight family and friends.

For parties, a pasta buffet bar is a more sophisticated and appropriate twist on the traditional outdoor summer-fete. Choose several of your favorite pasta dishes, open a few bottles of wine, light the candles and you've got the basis for a fabulous party. One of my favorite buffet dishes is this refreshing pasta fruit salad:

PASTA FRUIT BUFFET SALAD
(Makes 12 servings)
4 c. elbow macaroni
2 c. dairy sour cream
2 c. creamed cottage cheese
1/4 c. chopped pecans
1 t. salt
1/2 t. cinnamon
2 c. orange sections
2 cans (20.5 oz. each) pineapple chunks, drained
crisp salad greens
2 cans (26 oz. each) apricot halves, drained
Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain in colander. Rinse with cold water; drain again. Mix together macaroni, sour cream, cottage cheese, nuts, one

teaspoon salt and cinnamon. Add orange sections, pineapple and three tablespoons of the pineapple syrup. Toss lightly and chill. Mound on salad greens; surround with apricots. Garnish with cinnamon, if desired. Serve with additional sour cream, if desired.

Pasta perks up afternoon picnics, too — mixed with tuna, seafood or vegetables, a pasta salad is an impressive substitute for the usual potato salad. All you need to add are some crusty rolls, a bunch of juicy green grapes and a thermos of something cold and you'll have a delicious afternoon in store. Try this delicious pasta salad at your next picnic.

SHRIMP SHELL PICNIC SALAD
(Makes four servings)
8 oz. seashells pasta
1 c. parsley sprigs
1/2 c. Lemon Mayonnaise (recipe follows)
3 large ribs celery, quartered
1/2 small onion
1 lb. shrimp, cleaned, deveined and cooked
few grains pepper
Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain in colander. Rinse with cold water; drain again. While pasta is cooking, prepare Lemon Mayonnaise and shrimp mixture. Mix parsley and 1/4 cup Lemon Mayonnaise into macaroni; reserve. Put celery and onion into processor. Process until chopped. Add shrimp, 1/2 teaspoon salt, pepper and remaining Lemon Mayonnaise. Process until shrimp are chopped. Arrange shrimp mixture with pasta. Garnish with additional shrimp, tomato and lemon wedges and lettuce as desired.

Lemon Mayonnaise
Combine one egg, one tablespoon each vinegar and lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon each salt and dry mustard and 1/4 cup salad oil in electric blender. Cover and turn on low speed. Leaving motor on, immediately uncover and slowly pour in 1/2 cup salad oil until blended.

I love to prepare special brunches during summer weekends. If you're tired of the same old egg and cheese casserole, give your standard recipe a pasta twist by substituting pasta seashells for bread crumbs. Toss in some cubes of ham and fresh mushrooms and you've got a hearty, festive casserole sure to bring your guests back for seconds.

Friends are always amazed at just where I can sneak in the pasta, but one of our family favorites is barbecue pasta with hotdogs.

It's made with rigatoni, barbecue sauce, onions, and hotdogs — a winning combination that your children will ask for

again and again. And you'll be glad they did, because it's delicious and you can fix it in a flash!

BBQ PASTA WITH HOTDOGS
(Makes 4 servings)
4 c. rigatoni
1/2 c. barbecue sauce
1 small onion, sliced
1 c. peas, thawed
4 hotdogs

In each of four individual squares of aluminum foil, place one cup cooked pasta, two tablespoons barbecue sauce, one to two slices onion and 1/4 cup peas. Fold over foil and cook in preheated 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes or until hot or place on grill approximately eight to 10 minutes or until hot. Top each with cooked hotdog.

With these recipes and a little imagination, anything's pastable for summer.

NOTE: Karen Sullivan is a freelance writer who loves pasta and hates to cook during the summer.

Garden-fresh pasta

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

If you've ever tasted pasta primavera in a restaurant or had it at a dinner party, you know why it's time you made your own.

It's quite easy and you may vary the vegetables used. This is an attractive and healthy way to eat. The fresh vegetables in bite-sized chunks are poached briefly and served over pasta. To make it even quicker, this version has a canned clam sauce mixed with the vegetables.

PASTA WITH CLAM AND VEGETABLE SAUCE
8 ounces spaghetti, linguine or fettucine
Water
1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup broccoli florets
1 cup cauliflower florets
1 cup sliced zucchini, cut in quarters
2 cans (10 1/2 ounces each) white or red clam spaghetti sauce

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a medium skillet bring 1/2 inch water to a boil. Add carrots, broccoli, cauliflower and zucchini. Simmer, covered, until almost tender, about 4 minutes. Drain off water. Add clam sauce. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 1 minute. Drain pasta and place in a serving dish.

Spoon clam and vegetable sauce over pasta.
This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 portions.

CLAM AND FISH STEW
1 can (10 1/2 ounces) white clam spaghetti sauce
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
3/4 cup water
1 cup green peppers, cut in 1/2-inch squares
1 cup minced onions
3/4 teaspoon thyme leaves, crushed
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 pound fresh or frozen fish filets (partially thawed)

Strain out clams from clam sauce; hold for later use.

In a medium saucepan combine clam liquid, tomato sauce, water, green peppers, onions, thyme and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until peppers are tender, about 10 minutes.

Cut fish into chunks; add to sauce. Simmer, covered, until fish turns opaque, about 5 minutes. Add reserved clams. Simmer, uncovered, for 1 minute.

Serve over steamed rice, if desired. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 portions.
(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Make tasty tuna pickups

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

6 1/2-ounce can tuna
2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
1/4 cup mayonnaise
8 thick slices bread

Drain tuna and flake; mix in vinegar and let stand an hour for flavors to blend; mix in mayonnaise. Make sandwiches with tuna mixture and bread; cut each sandwich into 4 triangles. Garnish, if available, with fresh tarragon sprigs. Makes 4 servings.

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Planning eases post-vacation depression

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The Monday morning you come back to work after a vacation is admittedly "the world's worst Monday," according to Dr. Gary Lawson, a psychologist on the faculty of United States International University here.

But there are ways to bounce back after a vacation to avoid having a serious case of post-vacation blues, suggests Lawson, who spent two years on a kind of continual "vacation," living out of a suitcase and teaching in a different European location every 10 weeks.

He offers these tips on how to plan your vacation to minimize stress and to avoid a big letdown:

—Leave some time at both ends of your vacation. It's not a good idea to hit the road an hour after you get off work on Friday, nor to return home late Sunday night.

—Try to tie up loose ends before you go. There's nothing worse than being in some far-away spot feeling guilty and worrying about

unfinished tasks at home.

—Avoid taking a vacation that is merely an extension of what you do at home or work. Remember, a vacation by definition is something that allows you to get your mind off what you do routinely.

—Don't try to cram too much into a vacation. Make plans that will relax you rather than leave you exhausted and stressed.

—Take into account the wishes of others in your family to plan a holiday that will be right for everyone.

As an example, Lawson points to his own family's vacation experiences. "My wife was from a family that acted on whim," he explains. "As a result, it is now extremely important for her to know what we're going to be doing on vacation — to have a plan."

"On the other hand, I grew up in a family so structured that there was never anything that was a surprise or a unique experience. I knew exactly what time my parents would be home from work,

what we were having for dinner and when it would be ready — every day of my life. So for me a vacation involves doing something exciting and not knowing exactly what's going to happen."

With that scenario, one might think the Lawsons would have to take separate vacations. But they've found some compromises, he says. For instance, they have come to like vacationing on a houseboat because Mrs. Lawson has the security of knowing where they will be sleeping and what they will eat, while Lawson wonders "what will be around the next bend of the river."

People who are insecure in unfamiliar surroundings might have a more relaxing vacation on a tour planned by someone else such as a travel agent or tour guide, Lawson points out. But others who share his sense of adventure might enjoy being dropped into a foreign city, where even ordering dinner in an unknown language can be a challenge.

Once you get back from this perfect vacation, there are a few things you can do to make it easier to readjust to the routine of being back at work, Lawson adds. He suggests writing a list of reminders and first tasks before you leave for the holiday so you won't come back feeling confused and disoriented.

"Start slowly and don't assign yourself too much work the minute you return," he advises.

"It's also a good idea to bring back something for your home or office that will remind you of your pleasant vacation experiences and inspire your dreams and hopes for next year's vacation," he says.

Finally, if you carefully planned vacation and efforts to ease back into work still leave you feeling depressed and disappointed, Lawson suggests you take time to evaluate whether you are in the right job.

"It's a good sign if you can enjoy getting back into the groove," he says.

Packing with forethought assures right clothes

NEW YORK (AP) — Creating a maximum number of outfits with a minimum amount of clothing is possible if you pack with forethought and savvy, say travel experts.

A vacationer can pack only what is needed and carry it comfortably by careful planning, first answering these questions:

Where am I going? Why am I going? How will I get there? When will I get there? Who will I see? What will I do?

The answers to these simple questions will help to decide what clothing is appropriate. Some suggestions for selecting clothing include:

—Don't go with going away. Resist the temptation to take clothes that aren't really you.

—Stick to separates in one or two colors. Mix and match these items to create different outfits.

—Make the most of clothes. If one favorite T-shirt can be a nightgown and a beach cover-up, why pack three items?

—Be weather-wise. Climate is fickle, so pack a warm sweater even for the beach and a cool blouse even for the mountains.

—Accessorize everything. Diversify outfits by packing a selection of scarfs, ties and jewelry.

For women, ck is a big decision. For a two-week trip, three pairs, of the following types, should do:

—All-around athletic shoes. Ideal for walking, they're lightweight and comfortable. "comfort" shoes or leather-strap outsole bottoms and padded soles will cushion long walks.

—A low-heeled basic pump, a classic style that rounds out dress wear.

When packing, stuff toes of shoes with scarves, pantyhose or tissue paper to maintain shape, and wrap loosely in plastic bags.

"Keep in mind how new shoes are packed in boxes," says Rich Learn, women's shoe buyer for Kinney Shoes. "They're stuffed with tissue paper and dowel sticks, packed heel to toe and then wrapped with more tissue paper."

He stresses that packing shoes

properly is especially important with today's popular soft-sided luggage; these pieces are very light but offer little protection for a shoe's shape.

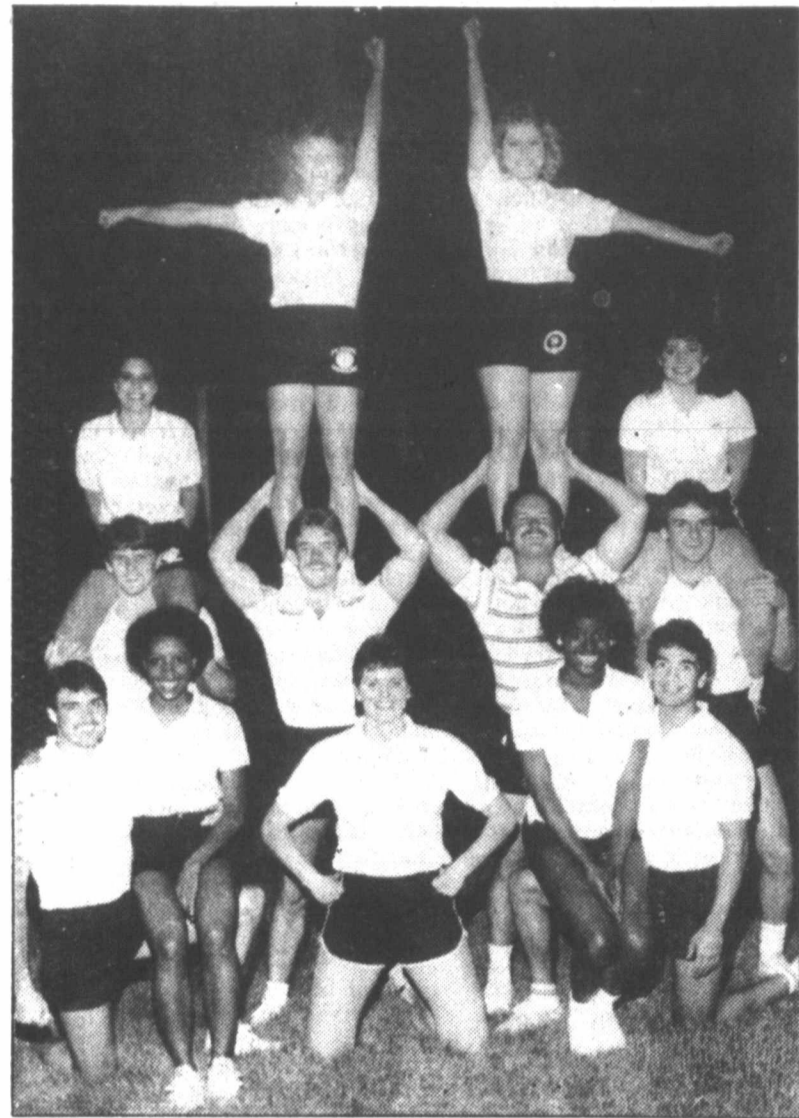
Shoes should be packed in the middle of the bag. If they are placed at the bottom of the case, Learn points out, the bag is bottom-heavy and more difficult to carry. And if they are packed on top they will crush the clothing underneath.

For packing, follow these guidelines:

—Lay all clothing and other items on a bed.

—Interfold all heavier items such as slacks, jackets and skirts with another article of clothing or with dry cleaner plastic bags to prevent wrinkles.

—Place heavy items such as blow dryers and toiletries in the middle of the suitcase to prevent clothes from sliding and wrinkling.



1985-86 WBU CHEERLEADERS—Wayland Baptist University's 1985-86 varsity cheerleader squad is to be made up of 12 students — the largest number ever — including a senior from Pampa. Named to the squad were, front row, from left: Steve Hughbanks, Salem, Ore.; Terri Skinner, San Antonio; Nancy Ratliff, Farmington, N.M.; Lisa Cash, San Antonio; Eddie Felan, Floydada. Middle row, from left: Joe Ky Shultz, Plainview; Bryan Moore, Ropesville; David Preston, Farmington, N.M.; Robert Chadwick, Tucson, Ariz. Back row, from left: Charmy Fellers, Pampa; Jami Shores, Plainview; Sherrie Cole, Iowa Park and Sydney Snelling, Plainview.



Dear Abby

Kids must learn to be wary of strangers, even at home

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: As a door-to-door solicitor for a non-profit charity, I knock on about 1,500 doors a week.

Frequently—all too frequently—when I ring the doorbell, it is opened by a 3- or 4-year-old child—and there is no adult present.

It would be so easy for someone to grab the child and run—or simply to walk right into the house! This is extremely dangerous, with the possibility of robbery, kidnapping or child molesting.

Each time this happens (four times yesterday), I caution the parents who eventually come to the door, but I believe a nationwide warning should be given.

I hope you see the value of printing this.

JOHN G. WORD,
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DEAR MR. WORD: I do. And along the same line:

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Pampa child goes to pageant

Nicole Watson, 5, the daughter of Gene and Sheila Watson of Pampa, has been selected as a contestant in the 1985 Today's Little Dream Pageant, Aug. 16-17 at the Municipal Coliseum Auditorium in Lubbock.

The pageant winner will receive a \$300 cash award, crown, banner, trophy, portrait and round trip flight to Florida to compete for the national title Oct. 30 - Nov. 3.

Contestants will be judged on poise, personality and appearance. Trophies will also be awarded to the four runners up, Most Poised, Best Personality, Best Party Dress and Miss Photogenic.

Gymnasts attend camp

Three Pampa gymnasts were among the 187 girls attending East Central University's 10th Girl's Gymnastics Camp in Ada, Okla., July 14-19.

Attending from Pampa were Traci Baumgardner; Laura Gilbert, who also was awarded a trophy for Best Improved All-Around; and Jennifer Ward, winner of the Best Improved Vault trophy.

The gymnasts were instructed in beginning, advanced and intermediate levels on the balance beam, bars, vault, floor-x, trampoline, and dance routines. All students were given a commemorative gymnastics medallion in honor of the camp's 10th anniversary.



BETH GENUNG, left, accepts the \$1,000 per semester scholastic scholarship given by Lewis Meers Accounting Firm, represented by Lewis Meers, right. Genung is to attend Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., in the fall, majoring in math. (Staff photo by Deborah Hendrick)

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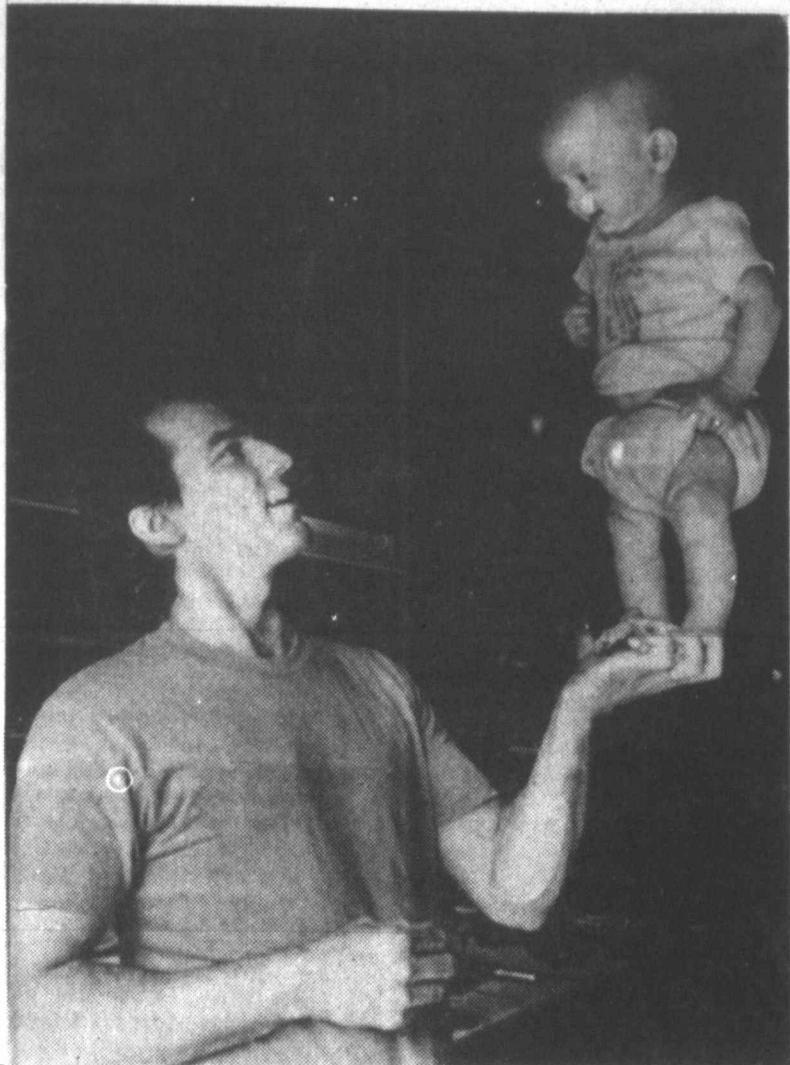
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FATHER AND SON—Guy Tryon Rilleau, 6½ months, balances on his father Kim's hand at their home in Provincetown, Mass. Guy was a nameless baby until he was 6 months old, while his parents Kim and Lynne searched for an unusual name by way of a community-wide contest to name their baby. (AP Laserphoto)

Town takes six months to name baby

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. (AP) — Rambo would be topical, said one. Rupert, said another. Ziggy was a third suggestion in a name-the-baby contest that kept this seaside town's residents busy for six months while a smiling, blond infant grew anonymously older.

"It sort of got to be a town joke," the boy's father, Kim Rilleau, said Tuesday. "But you would be surprised how many people put energy into this. A day wouldn't go by when people wouldn't give us ideas."

When the Rilleaus finally decided on a name last week, they hired a plane to skywrite the news over Provincetown as residents cheered.

The baby's first name is Guy — "pronounced Guy as in geese. It's French," said Rilleau.

For a middle name the couple chose Tryon, Rilleau's mother's maiden name.

"I think the name fits his vibrations," said Rilleau. "He's small, compact and muscular, but he also has a certain williness about him." The name 'Guy' was suggested by tourists whom Rilleau, a part-time waiter, met at a waterfront restaurant. He also runs a leather shop in the town of 2,900 people.

When Guy was born in January, Rilleau and his wife, Lynne, were in no rush to name him. They had waited six weeks to name their 2-year-old daughter, Elena, and Rilleau's parents had waited seven weeks to name him.

"I guess it's sort of typical of my family — anti-establishment," he said. "I think it's real important to give a kid a name that fits his

personality."

After five months of indecision, the Rilleaus turned to the local weekly newspaper, The Advocate, for help and agreed to take part in a "name this baby contest."

Dozens of suggestions poured in for three weeks.

"I would like to give my name to the baby because I don't want it anymore. It is a good name," wrote Tori Rowe. "It's easy to spell and write. People remember it. It's also easy to pronounce."

Tourists who learned about the contest while in Provincetown called with suggestions from as far away as Australia.

The Rilleaus were appreciative but not satisfied, and halfway through the contest, they decided to give the boy one of their own choices — Remy.

"It looked like it was going to

stick for a little while there," said Rilleau. "Then, ugh, we decided we didn't like the alliteration."

The Rilleaus set a deadline of July 18 — the baby would be six months old by then — but couldn't meet it. Two days later, a group of tourists recognized Rilleau from the newspaper and promised him a name by the end of the night.

"A couple of hours later they said, 'We have it — the name for your son — it's Guy,'" recalled Rilleau.

Guy seemed oblivious to the breakthrough.

"Before he had a name, we got away calling him 'he' a lot of the time," said Rilleau. "Or all sorts of names — Champ, Buster, Buddy, Hercules, Baby. My sister really wanted us to name him Sam, so she called him Sam. We tried out names on different days.

'War on Drugs' needs czar: congressman

WASHINGTON (AP) — A much-heralded "War on Drugs" needs a czar, someone to act as a force to make the battle effective, according to a congressman whose committee oversees the war.

"We haven't been beaten in the War on Drugs. Quite frankly we haven't had a War on Drugs," Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla. told the congressional Border Caucus on Tuesday.

English, who is chairman of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice and Agriculture, suggested the naming of a "drug czar" to coordinate the various federal efforts aimed at illegal drugs.

He said the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, which is headed by Vice President

George Bush, has done little.

A Government Accounting Office report found that NNBIS had "no mission, no staff, no budget and no authority," he said.

"We desperately need, and this is nothing new in the War on Drugs, a leader, a general, a drug czar — the vice president, whoever," English said.

English said the cornerstone of the War on Drugs was to be a 1981 amendment to the Posse Comitatus Act to allow military support for civilian drug interception efforts.

But the few military surveillance planes used in the effort by 1984 could not fly where Customs needed them, such as a "choke point" on the South American route to the United States near Cuba.

The military planes "had to have a fighter escort to fly down there,"

said English.

Therefore, the cost of military flights on behalf of Customs didn't pay, he said, giving as an example

233 hours at \$7,500 per hour flown by AWACs radar aircraft in 1983 that resulted in no drug cases for Customs.

Probe costs nursing home chain \$1 million

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Houston-based nursing home chain has spent more than \$1 million to defend its Texas City facility and five current or former employees accused of murder, a financial officer for the chain says.

Robert E. Stoddard Sr., comptroller for Houston-based Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc., said Tuesday that costly legal fees have "taken away from patient care" at the chain's facilities.

Stoddard's testimony came during the fifth week of pretrial hearings in State District Judge Don Morgan's court in Galveston.

Autumn Hills and the five other defendants in the case are scheduled to stand trial on murder charges starting Sept. 9 for the 1978 deaths of two elderly women residents at the chain's Texas City facility.

The murder indictment returned against Autumn Hills in November is the third such set of charges issued in the investigation. Since the first murder indictments were returned March 1981, the firm has reduced the number of nursing homes it owns from 16 to six.

Of the two previous sets of indictments, one was dismissed and another case was dropped because of a plea bargain that eventually was withdrawn.

Also Tuesday, a former state investigator testified that sworn statements from a dozen current or

former employees of the firm's Texas City facility actually are investigators' summaries of interviews.

The statements were taken by a state team investigating Autumn Hills from October 1980 to October 1981 and from July through September 1982.

Patricia Rosendahl, a La Marque law student, said she was a social worker for the Texas Health Department when she served as a member of the investigative team.

Ms. Rosendahl testified that her investigative duties included interviewing witnesses and summarizing the interviews.

She said summaries also were compiled by other investigators, including Assistant Texas Attorney General David Marks, who has spearheaded the nursing home probe since 1979.

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TROOPER TRIPLETTS—Captain Matt Geddie, left, inducts the Stoops triplets into the Air Force in Corpus Christi. The triplets, recent graduates of Aransas Pass High School, are, from left, Larry, Barry and Gary Stoops. (AP Laserphoto)

Triplets join Air Force together

ARANSAS PASS, Texas (AP) — Air Force recruiting officers may have thought they'd handled too many forms in triplicate when Larry, Barry and Gary Stoops walked in the door.

The Stoops brothers are 18-year-old triplets who have signed up for the Air Force. They gave the recruiters quite a start when they solemnly marched in wearing matching shirts, pants, shoes and wristwatches recently.

"They looked at us real hard. They had a real shocked look on their faces," Larry said, recalling the recruiters' faces. "My dad had talked to them earlier, but they still looked kind of shocked."

The brothers are intent on staying together in the Air Force.

"We took the same jobs and the same places in the Air Force together," said Larry.

He explained that he and his brothers chose the Air Force in part because recruiters assured them they could probably stay together even when basic and advanced training ends.

"Their chances of staying together are very good," said Master Sgt. Felipe Tamez. "The boys are going to fill out a dream sheet," an Air Force form where they list their personal preferences for assignment.

"We're pulling for them to stick together," Tamez said.

Born June 26, 1967 in the St. Louis-area town of Washington, Mo., the Stoops brothers later moved to Bridge City, Texas, a small town about 20 miles southeast of Beaumont. They graduated from Aransas Pass High School last May.

Through the years, Larry said, the triplets have restrained themselves from intentionally confusing schoolmates, teachers and friends.

"It's just too cruel. We try not to aggravate people too much," Larry said.

Father is acquitted in rape of 2-year-old

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Tarrant County jury has acquitted a man charged with the sexual assault of his 2-year-old daughter.

But Bennie Harold Boyd, 34, still faces a murder charge in the Oct. 31, 1984 beating death of his daughter, Una Yvette Boyd. Her case was considered one of the city's worst instances of child abuse, officials said.

Boyd had earlier confessed to

raping and beating his daughter, but he recanted his statement in trial testimony last week.

One of the jurors, Sally Sroczyński, said the defense attorneys presented "just too much evidence" that the little girl's assailant was another man.

Boyd was separated from his wife and was rearing the 2-year-old himself in an apartment he shared with Michael Doyle Gray and

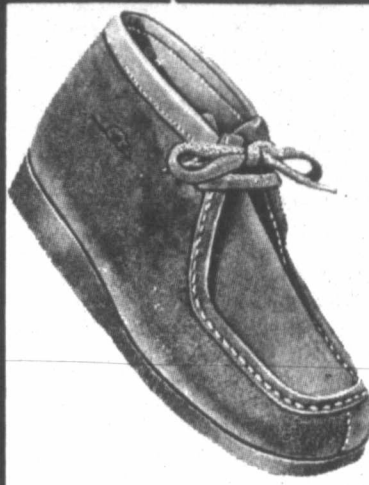
Gray's wife.

One of Boyd's lawyers argued that the "bulk of medical testimony" showed the assault of the child occurred when Boyd was at work.

Prosecutors said they had investigated Gray but found no evidence he was responsible for the child's injuries. Gray is currently serving a prison sentence for burglary.

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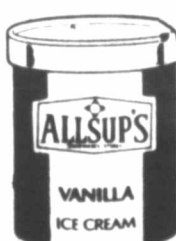
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Island boom is fueled by federal subsidies

By JAMES DRUMMOND
The Houston Chronicle
GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Galveston's billion-dollar construction boom is a fascination to many Texas cities because much of the growth blossomed with the help of government programs.

Cities eager to learn how Galveston turned a relatively new state law into a billion-dollar real estate boom are keeping a close eye on this seaside city's thriving development program.

Galveston has become a powerful magnet for real estate investment using state and federal subsidy programs. And people from all over have called on its City Hall to find out how they did it so quickly with such success.

Since 1981, local developers have planned about \$1.5 billion worth of homes, hotels, golf courses and marinas within Galveston's 10 special tax zones. These developments have drawn millions of dollars in related projects outside the zones, officials said.

Galveston's 34-year-old city manager is at the heart of the building boom. So when delegations from cities such as Austin and San Marcos traipse in to City Hall to find out how Galveston did it, it's generally Douglas W. Matthews, they talk with.

With the help of a San Francisco consulting firm and such innovative developers as Houston's George P. Mitchell, Matthews has been able to orchestrate a building boom that already has \$700 million worth of projects completed and under construction in Galveston.

The boom, Matthews says, wouldn't have happened without the help of three government programs Galveston has become adept at using.

Two are federal subsidy programs: Urban Development Action Grants and Industrial Development Bonds. The third program is a state law that allows cities to set up special tax districts to pay for roads, sewers and water systems. The city also operates a housing authority that offers low-interest financing to apartment developers.

Matthews had a background in government grant programs from a previous job at City Hall, so when the new state law passed in 1981, Matthews was ready.

"I started thinking like a developer," he said.

Galveston had been stagnant for years, with little growth and hardly any new development, said Mitchell, chairman of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp.

"Galveston was a distressed city," he said.

So when Matthews proposed that 70 percent of Galveston Island be made eligible for tax programs, City Council passed the measure in 1981.

Much of Galveston's building boom occurred without the help of the government programs. The new crop of high-rise condominiums that have sprouted up along the seawall, for example, were ineligible for the assistance. Critics say some development along the seawall and downtown flourished without the help of the tax increment program, but developers and city officials agree the program has drawn several of the largest projects.

Homecraft Land Development, an affiliate of U.S. Home Corp., approached Matthews with a plan on the western-most tip of Galveston Island. With the tax program in place, the company expanded the project tenfold to what is now White Sands of San Luis, a resort with plans for a golf course, hotel, condominiums and single-family homes.

Construction has begun on a resort hotel that will include a golf course and condominiums within the development planned by Gold Cloud Development of College Station and Houston.

Homecraft is nearing completion on a \$4.5 million road across virgin flatlands on the bay side of San Luis Pass Road that will be paid for by property taxes the city will gather through the reinvestment zone. Homecraft plans to finish the four-lane esplanaded road next month.

The city also will reimburse Homecraft for another \$10 million in public improvements including a 500,000-gallon water tank to be completed in the fall and a large sewer treatment plant that has been finished.

"Developers go where they

receive incentives," Matthews said.

Since the city set up its first tax reinvestment zone in December 1981, more than 2,300 acres, mostly on Galveston Island, have been targeted for development in the city's 10 zones.

Once finished, the projects will include \$30 million worth of public improvements that will be owned by the city and paid for through the tax zones.

Tax increment financing, the method used in Galveston's reinvestment zones, can be a sweet deal for developers.

Using property tax dollars paid by the owners of buildings in the project, the city reimburses developers for a wide variety of project costs.

Basically, the program can pay for any improvements that will be for public use. The developers build the improvements, then deed them over to the city when completed.

Developers are reimbursed for interest expense of money they borrowed to pay for public improvements, the cost of sewer and water systems, roads and drainage work. Galveston even picks up the tab for a developer's engineering and legal fees.

The program is particularly well-suited for Galveston for two reasons, Matthews said. When Galveston voters placed a 7 percent yearly cap on the city budget in 1979, the city's ability to finance improvements was choked off. To make matters worse, half of Galveston is untaxable because of parklands and the like, Matthews said.

Galveston has become adept at using such federal programs as UDAG federal grants to help developers renovate much of the city's historic district. Since they

were first used in 1978, UDAGs have helped along \$108 million in development.

The city has drawn \$250 million in new development since 1981 through another sort of federal subsidy, Industrial Development Bonds, Matthews said.

Developers are drawn to bond money because it means they can borrow construction money at 25

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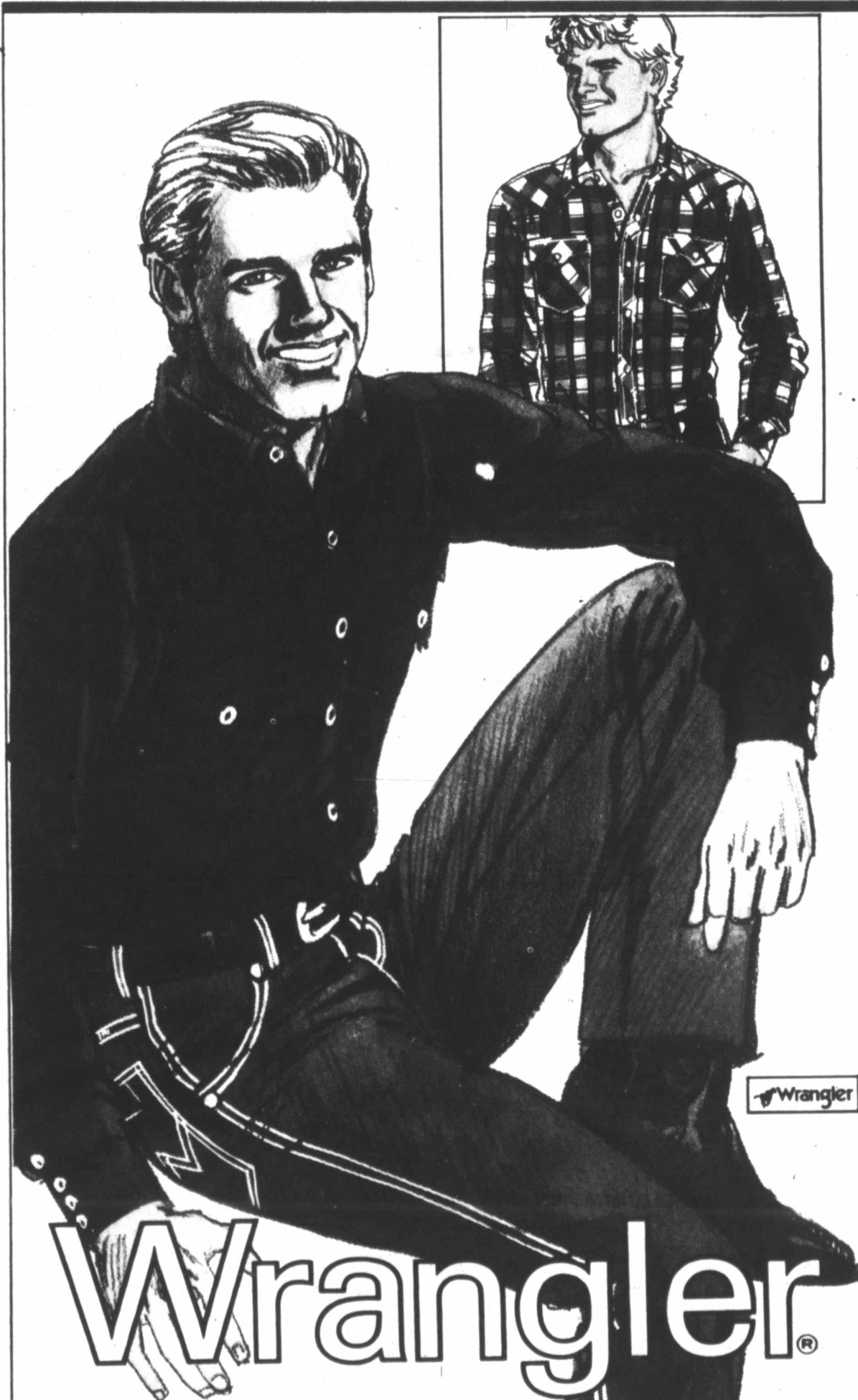
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Doll doctor brings ancient 'babies' back to health

By ALICE NOLAN
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — When Pam Kennaugh comes to town, she dons her white lab coat, pulls out her doctor's bag and offers free check-ups to all comers.

In her bag, instead of a stethoscope, hypodermic needles and medicine bottles, Kennaugh carries hog-ring pliers, elastic cord and \$10-an-ounce glue. At her improvised clinic, doll owners line up with their "babies" to ask anxious questions such as: "Is she worth fixing?"

As a doll doctor, Mrs. Kennaugh feels qualified to answer.

Often, this experienced 24-year-old must preface the answer with another question: "Are you keeping it or selling it?"

About 75 percent of her customers want to keep the doll for sentimental reasons. The other 25 percent are professional collectors.

"It makes a difference," she said. "If the doll is to be handed down, it may have more sentimental value than it will ever have a price tag."

Repairing 49 fire-damaged dolls is the biggest job she's tackled so far. That project will cost the owner \$2,000.

Mrs. Kennaugh, who prides herself on what she terms "invisible restoration," studies her patients with a practiced eye.

"This one has been loved to death. Its nose and mouth have been kissed off," she said looking closely at the features of a very needy Effanbee baby doll.

Then she begins listing aloud in quick succession all of the things she will have to do to restore it. Nearby is the doll's "twin sister." Looking almost as good as new, the twin is ready for release to its owner.

The two Effanbee babies are a perfect example of dolls with sentimental value, Mrs. Kennaugh said. Their owners are twin sisters who received the dolls together one Christmas back in the 1930s. Now both sisters have teen-age daughters they want to inherit the dolls.

Clients such as the twin sisters send their dolls to Mrs. Kennaugh from all over the country. Mrs. Kennaugh has met most of her clients personally at one of the more than 50 dolls shows she has done.

"If Tommy (her husband) gets transferred to Timbuktu, I'd still have a business by mail," Mrs.

Kennaugh said.

The Denver-based doll doctor is the former Pam Lee, Miss Port Arthur of 1979. She also worked for her mother, Patsy McDonald, at Patsy's Bridals and Formals in Groves.

Mrs. McDonald said she always has known her younger daughter would grow up to do something with her hands. While most children are better at breaking things than repairing them, Pam had a special touch as young as age 5.

"Even as a very small child, she knew how to fix things that broke," Mrs. McDonald says.

A gift of a small porcelain doll from her mother started Mrs. Kennaugh collecting dolls at age 16. Soon her interest diversified to dollmaking.

Mrs. Kennaugh's first creations were hand-painted, porcelain baby dolls. But because the hobby was expensive, she decided to sell some of the dolls.

At a doll show in Houston, Mrs. Kennaugh discovered many of her customers were interested in repairing the dolls they already owned.

At age 20, she married and moved to Houston where she decided to give up a secretarial job to go into the doll restoration business.

"Everybody says, 'you've come a long way in a short time,'" Mrs. Kennaugh said. In the basement of her Denver home, she employs three assistants to work on a backlog of some 100 dolls.

In just 3½ years Mrs. Kennaugh has gained extensive how-to knowledge and skill doing everything from minor surgery to intensive care with hard plastic, vinyl, composition and porcelain dolls. Although the work comes naturally to this artistic Texan, she said her knowledge did not come easily or cheaply.

"You have to be serious to get into this business," she said.

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — Trucker driving their 18-wheel rigs through Texas can expect to get more than the usual chatter over their citizen band radios.

"We pray for people over the CB radio," said Jack Rife, regional director of the Association of Christian Truckers. "Many drivers

are depressed, especially the independent owners who have been hurt by deregulation."

Rife said the trucker ministry can make highways safer.

"We think that a driver right with God will be a safer driver, a good husband and a better worker," he said.

"There are very few doll doctors in the country. I really had to dig."

To refine what she had learned on her own and from two instructors in Houston, Mrs. Kennaugh traveled to Leesburg, Va., in November 1984. There she gained knowledge of the trade secrets of two internationally known doll restorationists, Karin and Robert MacDowell. The knowledge cost \$1,200 plus expenses for three days of intensive one-on-one training.

But the training paid off. The MacDowells are commissioned by the curator of the White House and by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

"As a student I got to work on the expensive presidential china that Nancy Reagan bought. I couldn't believe that they put it in the dishwasher," she said. "Then they'll bring in a stack that's chipped around the edges to be repaired."

Under the MacDowells' expert direction, Mrs. Kennaugh said the repaired china shows no evidence of a crack or chip.

Today Mrs. Kennaugh expects flawless work of herself.

"My favorite thing to do is to turn a really bad repair into a good repair. There are a lot of poor repair jobs out there," she said.

While Mrs. Kennaugh confessed that she cannot do miracles, Ms. McDonald recalls witnessing a near-miracle performed by her daughter.

"She had an Oriental piece in a plastic bag. It was so bad that I thought she had picked it up with a vacuum cleaner," she relates. "Four months later I saw it, and she had put it all together. You couldn't tell it had been broken."

Mrs. Kennaugh said her goals now are to learn as much as she can and eventually teach master classes the way the MacDowells do. She also plans a trip to Europe with her mother next summer to buy antique dolls to restore.

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Explorers in West Texas go underground

By RON GILMORE
Midland Reporter-Telegram
MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — What does a cave climber think of caves? "They're spooky," said Tony Grieco, president of Midland's only cave explorer group, the Permian Basin Speleological Society. "And I've done it thousands of times."

Spooky or not, Grieco, an oil company geologist, keeps going back, along with several other "wild cavers," to explore the world beneath them.

Descending hundreds of feet into unknown caverns, with little before them but a beam of light and a beating heart, the spelunkers insist it is a safe sport.

"We've been doing this for two years and never had an accident," said Grieco. The "we" consists of four hardy souls who monthly don their cave gear (a sundry of high-tech gadgetry, worn-out blue jeans, sturdy boots and plenty of bravado) and follow their leader into the earth's depths.

Bill Bentley, Matt Killam, Bill Greenlee and Terry Hill, along with Grieco, make up the core group of the "grotto" — a small band of spelunkers. Several grottos are included in the Southwest

Region of the National Speleological Society. The national group is part of an international organization.

Grieco, 29 was introduced to caving three years ago.

"I was working in the field in New Mexico and noticed that the mudloggers were using cavers for some of the work," he said. "I had a lot of equipment from when I used to work in mines for my thesis in college, and I just decided to go down with them and try it out."

Greenlee, however, climbed his first caves solo.

"Ever since I was a lad I used to be intrigued by caves," he said. "I used to crawl around in the culverts in Andrews where I grew up. Years later, I became a caver."

"I did a few renegade cave trips alone and uneducated," he said. "One day I heard there was seven to eight caves open to the public, and I went there and asked the ranger about going in them."

"Are you a caver?" he asked me.

"I said, 'No, how do you get to be a caver without going into caves?'"

Killam became a caver by hanging around Greenlee.

"I moved to Andrews a year ago

and lived across the street from Bill," said Killam, at 14, the youngest member of the group. "I saw all his equipment and asked him if he was a mountain climber. When I found out he was a caver I begged and begged until he let me go."

Killam's mother, however, is not sure about his underground exploits.

"Every time I go out and come back and tell my Mom what I did, she gets real scared," he said.

The cavers admit they too have been scared on a number of occasions.

One trip had them literally dangling at the end of their rope.

"We went down into a cave through a maze of an entrance and descended 50 feet through the blackest crack," said Grieco.

"When we reached the end of the crack we found ourselves on the ceiling of a large room, dangling 200 feet from the bottom of the room."

Other trips bring back their own "special" memories.

Like the time the group decided to go into a shaft on the site of the Odessa meteor crater.

"The shaft was built by government workers during the depression so that scientists could look for meteor pieces," said Grieco. "It was full of dead things and smelled real bad."

Bentley admits that he didn't

stay in the shaft long enough to get a good look.

"I stepped on a dead rat," he said. "Boy, you've never seen anyone move so fast. Before you could have said anything, I climbed 176 feet non-stop to the top."

The unpleasantness of the trip, however, followed Grieco home.

"The rope smelled so bad from the shaft that it was drawing flies," he said. "I took the rope into the laundromat and still couldn't get all the smell out."

"You don't get any stranger looks than when you take 300 feet of rope into a laundromat and stick it in a washing machine," he said.

Despite occasional unpleasant experiences and the concerns of friends and family, the group continues its sport.

"People say the dumbest things to us," said Hill. "Like warning us not to go caving at night."

The cavers, however, take their hobby seriously.

"We're like a family," said Grieco.

"When we're down in those caves hanging a rope, our lives depend on each other."

Proper equipment is a necessity.

"We weed out the cheap equipment," he said.

Surprisingly, the sport is relatively inexpensive.

"For horizontal caving, you can get started for around \$50," said

Bentley. Vertical climbing requires more equipment, he added, "but you can still get outfitted for around \$200."

Several impressive climbing devices are used, including an "ascender" which allows the cavers to climb up a rope, a "descender" for gradual descents on the rope and a "rollerbox" which allows the climbers to free their hands while on the rope.

The key tool for cavers, however, is light. And the climbers take along plenty of it, although they don't always agree on which is the best source of light for caves.

"I like carbide lamps," said Grieco. "You always know how much carbide is left, and you can fit as much as you need into a baby's bottle."

Carbide, an element when mixed with water forms acetylene gas,

was used by miners before the advent of electric lights, explained Grieco.

Bentley, however, swears by electricity.

"With a rechargeable lead acid battery (similar to a car battery), you can get 24 hours of light," he said. The four-volt unit is no larger than a portable radio.

Still another light source is chemical lights, which when broken in two, produce a chemically-induced glow. The flare-shaped lights are used only in emergencies.

No tool, however, can prepare the explorers for one intangible element — surprise. The caves are continually on the lookout for the unknown.

"We're still looking for virgin caves," said Greenlee.

He marches to a different strummer

By DENIS M. SEARLES
Associated Press Writer
DENVER (AP) — To most people, guitars are inanimate instruments whose life and music rests with the musician who strums them — but not to Harry Fleishman.

Fleishman is a luthier, a maker of stringed instruments. The guitars he creates from drawing board to finished concert pieces are personalities, each with an individual character.

"Guitars are different — like people," he said. "A guitar can be bold or sweet. A guitar can even have a sense of humor."

Fleishman speaks from experience, having designed guitars for 23 of his 36 years and full time for the past decade.

In his loft workshop are cluttered work benches, a drawing table, power tools, necks and backs and faces of guitars stacked about and on shelves. A fine sawdust silt covers everything like a light frost.

The smell of fresh-cut seasoned wood, oils and glue jostles for recognition over the aroma of baking spiced food drifting out from the back room.

"I build guitars the way I cook ... I don't like recipes. I generally don't tend to build the way others do," Fleishman said.

"The guitar's personality is largely developed in the bracing pattern (geometric designs of scalloped wood strips inside the back and face) and in the thickness of the woods and in the way one allows the vibration from the strings into the guitar," he explained.

Fleishman has little use for the "scientific method" of guitar design which uses computers and oscilloscopes. Although the method can lead to an efficient guitar, it lacks soul.

"That's where the magic is," said the 6-foot, athletically built Fleishman. Picking up an acoustic steel guitar he had made from boya wood, he began to pick out a delicate, harpsichord-like melody.

"This guitar doesn't like strumming. This guitar was designed for a customer who asked

for finer picking and jazz playing. And its dynamic range within those styles is very broad," he added, as he played a little Bach.

"Some of my designs are more radical than others, but they don't dive off the deep end," Fleishman said.

One that seems on the edge is his Basic IV electric bass guitar that looks straight out of Mos Eisley's cantina in Star Wars. It has no traditional body or head. It is a descendant of his first original design built 18 years ago.

"It was the first fretless electric bowable bass — the idea of getting rid of the body started with me in 1967. If you're playing a bass (guitar) you can just bow straight across and can't just bow the strings individually," he explained.

"I arched the fingerboard (like a violin's) and removed the body ... Unfortunately, I was not a very good woodworker — I flunked it in school. Initially, I had to learn all the woodworking techniques," he said.

Fleishman's love affair with the guitar goes back to boyhood and the emotional experience of seeing Elvis Presley on the Ed Sullivan Show.

"I didn't long to jump a freight train and follow after Jimmie Rodgers or Hank Williams," he said. Presley, The Beatles, The Drifters and The Coasters — "had a profound impact on me."

By age 13 he was playing guitar in a rock 'n' roll band. He spent a couple of years writing songs under contract to Criterion Music but failed to get a big hit. The Los Angeles earthquake of 1970 leveled his neighborhood and sent him to Denver in search of more stable geography.

So far, 50 Fleishman handbuilt acoustics and electrics have been created. The acoustics start in price at \$2,000 and take 150 to 200 hours to build. There is a year's waiting list.

Now married and with two young children, he admits he is still struggling financially.

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- 23 Music buff's purchase
- 24 Measure
- 25 Biblical land
- 27 Sullen
- 30 Greek letters
- 32 Greek letter
- 33 Before (pref.)
- 34 Night before a holiday
- 35 Made odor
- 38 Egyptian deity
- 41 Patch
- 42 Radio type (abbr.)
- 44 River in Flanders
- 46 Maori tribe
- 47 Term of address
- 48 So (Scot.)
- 49 Coat
- 52 Kickoff type
- 55 Agile
- 56 Throws
- 57 Pass
- 58 One hundred per cent

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- 1 Cables
- 2 Each

- 3 Cue
- 4 Chance
- 5 Summer (Fr.)
- 6 Pertaining to a kidney
- 7 Thick string
- 8 Lincoln's nickname
- 9 Wooden tub
- 10 Swings
- 11 Manor
- 12 Fur wrap
- 19 Record speed (abbr.)
- 22 Rapped
- 24 One of two parts
- 26 Darkness
- 28 Unclose (poet.)
- 29 Invitation response (abbr.)
- 31 View
- 35 Sell
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- 37 551. Roman
- 39 Saint Francis' town
- 40 Double-
- 41 French river
- 43 Created story
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- 54 Fast aircraft (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Subdue impulses today to take financial risks or to speculate on something about which you know little. Betting in the blind will prove foolish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Normally you're a tenacious person in pursuing your objectives, but today if you suffer a setback, you might toss in the towel instead of exerting a second effort.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 19) Try to be helpful to the deserving today but, by the same token, don't let someone who is a user make you feel obligated to comply with his or her wishes.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unfortunately, there aren't apt to be any shortcuts to success for you today. You can still be an achiever, but you'll have to earn what you hope to attain.

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Women operate dude ranch

EDITOR'S NOTE — Henrietta Horton, 81, and Margi Schroth, 34, are an odd couple who've come to care for each other as they preserve the legacy and beauty of a Wyoming dude ranch, a parting gift from the men in their lives. There are no handbooks or rules for running a 10,000-acre ranch. It's all on-the-job training.

By TAD BARTIMUS
Associated Press Writer
SADDLESTRING, Wyo. (AP) — Two women, separated in age by nearly half a century but bonded by love for their historic piece of the West, today boss one of America's oldest dude ranches.

Neither Henrietta "Hank" Horton, 81, nor Margi Schroth, 34, knew much about horses, cattle or farming before they came to the HF Bar in northern Wyoming about 30 miles south of Sheridan. Hank was a newspaper drama critic in Chicago when Skipper Horton swept her off her feet in 1936. Two generations later, Margi was working in public relations in Billings, Mont., when she met grandson Jack Horton and lost her heart to a man destined to break it.

Both Horton men are dead now. Skipper, the ranch founder and patriarch, lived a full life and died old. Jack, the heir and dreamer, succumbed to leukemia when he was 41.

It has been four years since his ashes came back to the HF Bar. Four winters that the herd of 300 elk, a couple hundred deer, a lost moose or two have pawed at the pastures, scraping off snow in search of leftover alfalfa bits or errant sprigs of lush grass. Four summers that the lilac bushes with trunks as thick as a man's thigh have filled the air with sweetness and harbored singing birds and fearless rabbits.

Hank and Margi carry on, an odd couple who've come to care for each other as they preserve the legacy and beauty of the HF Bar, their men's parting gift. There are no handbooks or rules for running a 10,000-acre dude ranch. It's all on-the-job training.

"I've made a lot of mistakes," says Ms. Schroth, sitting in the circa-1921 house her fiance left her, the one he was brought to as a baby. "You turn around here and things fall apart, and mostly I didn't know how to fix them. But you grow into a job like this. I've got a 10-year plan."

Ms. Schroth is a tall, dark-eyed woman who mixes preppy and cowboy clothes to stride or ride her horse around the ranch. Jeans, sweater, down-filled vest and neckerchief are her uniform parts. It's a far cry from her days as a New York City magazine writer, or college life at Briarcliff, where she earned an English degree.

Saddlestring is a 36-building settlement in the heart of the HF Bar. It's composed of guest cabins; a sprawling main lodge where the dudes eat; a circa-1931 swimming pool with the concrete held firmly together by 1,000 horseshoes; sheds; Mrs. Horton's house; Ms. Schroth's house, and the Saddlestring Post Office. The most recent structure was built in 1921. It is an old-fashioned place that has never advertised its dude operation. Eighty percent of the guests are repeat clientele who want "their" cabin and horse from years past.

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"The dude part started because so many of Skipper's friends wanted to come out West for a visit," says Mrs. Horton. "They'd live in tents, but pretty soon they'd ask my husband to build them a cabin and buy them a horse. They'd pay for it all, even their meals. They'd draw plans for the cottages on the backs of envelopes or bags, or even napkins. That's why some of these places look so peculiar."

The HF Bar's lopsided authenticity won for it the distinction of being named a National Historic District in 1984.

Mrs. Horton still marvels that she, the educated daughter of a Maine marine architect, wound up spending more than half her life in the middle of the Big Horn mountains 20 miles from the nearest grocery store.

"When I met Skipper the only thing I'd seen of Wyoming was from a Pullman car on the Union Pacific, and I couldn't stand the looks of it. But finally I said I'd come and see."

Traveling to Wyoming with a self-composed message in her pocket, the young newspaperwoman tried to send it to her editors in Chicago the day she arrived. But the telegraph office at nearby Buffalo was closed and there was no phone at the ranch.

"After several weeks I returned to Chicago, the message still unsent in my pocket. It read: 'Send me a telegram telling me to return immediately.'"

Soon afterwards, Henrietta Stuart of Chicago became Hank Horton, mistress of Saddlestring.

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As the years passed, post-war America boomed and the automobile and interstate came to dominate vacation plans. Their dude business changed to resorts with many guests who demanded tennis courts, hot tubs, gourmet food, and three-day package deals.

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"When Jack graduated from Princeton I thought maybe we should get rid of it, since it isn't very productive operating just two or three months a year. There's a terrible problem hiring help, and so much is invested in equipment and facilities and horses," says Mrs. Horton, "but Jack said he'd just work until he could get himself another ranch. So we kept the place ... but then Jack died ..."

Ms. Schroth was shocked when she discovered Jack had left his share of the ranch to her in his will. But she's used to the idea now, and

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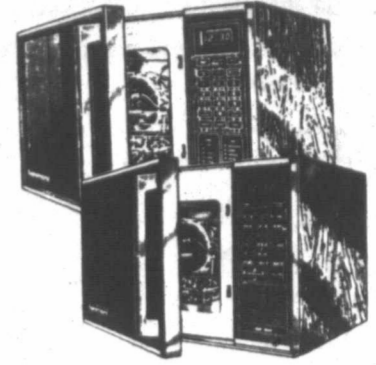
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"I love to put my finger on the map and go there," says the slim, gray-haired woman who's a faithful reader of the New York Times and at least 15 magazines. "I get terribly 'homesick' — that means I'm sick of home. I did China last winter, and I went to Grenada to see what was going on, but I got angry when I couldn't get a room because of all the Congressmen and the Army."

From May until October, Mrs. Horton presides over the post office, zip code 82840; helps with the books, bills, supply orders, and employee problems, and visits with the guests. Meanwhile, Ms. Schroth is whizzing from kitchen to stables, or standing beside a broken pipeline (in her nightgown, in the middle of the night) trying to figure out what's wrong, or showing a thrilled youngster how to catch his or her first fish.

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"I knew this was coming in my heart," said Victor Valle, Cooney's trainer.

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Tate's boxing career starting to rise

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Tate, who took the 156-pound division at Los Angeles a year ago, has fought more than any of the other American medalists, compiling a 7-0 record with six knockouts.

But he's yet to have his talents displayed on national television while Houston Boxing Association trainer Jesse Reid brings him along slowly, with a long-range plan.

That will all change Aug. 7 when Tate takes his unbeaten record into a six-round bout against Tommy Smith, 13-1, in Los Angeles.

It could be Tate's stiffest pro challenge yet in a carefully orchestrated plan to bring the Detroit, Mich., native to a world middleweight title bout within two years.

"We're kind of sitting back just taking our time with him and working on what I call the inches of boxing," Reid said. "Things like working on more rotation of the shoulders, head movement and changing angles, like punching in one space and stepping to another spot."

Tate grew up in Detroit where he progressed from fighting in the streets to fighting in the rugged Kronk Gym, home of Thomas Hearn and Milton McCrory.

While some of the other Olympic medal winners have fought regularly on television, Tate does not regret his decision to leave his hometown and try to establish his name from a base of operation in Texas.

"Coming out of the Olympics I wanted to make a name for myself. I didn't want to be under Thomas Hearn or Milton McCrory," Tate said.

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As for the 1982 title bout, "I

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Cooney's career was hampered by injuries and personal problems. Many felt the injuries were merely excuses, and Cooney wound up fighting more with his managers than against foes in the ring.

After losing to Holmes, Cooney was idle for more than two years. He returned to action on Sept. 29, 1984, with a fourth-round knockout of Phillip Brown at Anchorage, Alaska. In his final fight, last Dec. 8, he knocked out George Chaplin in the second round at Phoenix. Plans had been underway for him to fight Eddie Gregg sometime in September.

"I knew this was coming in my heart," said Victor Valle, Cooney's trainer.

Cooney retired with a record of 27-1, including 24 knockouts.

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Tate's boxing career starting to rise

HOUSTON (AP) — They took their Olympic boxing gold medals and went separate ways. Tyrell Biggs, Henry Tillman and Mark Breland went to Lou Duva's Main Events, Inc. and built-in television exposure.

Frank Tate went to Texas and disappeared like a mirage against the flat Lone Star horizon.

Tate, who took the 156-pound division at Los Angeles a year ago, has fought more than any of the other American medalists, compiling a 7-0 record with six knockouts.

But he's yet to have his talents displayed on national television while Houston Boxing Association trainer Jesse Reid brings him along slowly, with a long-range plan.

That will all change Aug. 7 when Tate takes his unbeaten record into a six-round bout against Tommy Smith, 13-1, in Los Angeles.

It could be Tate's stiffest pro challenge yet in a carefully orchestrated plan to bring the Detroit, Mich., native to a world middleweight title bout within two years.

"We're kind of sitting back just taking our time with him and working on what I call the inches of boxing," Reid said. "Things like working on more rotation of the shoulders, head movement and changing angles, like punching in one space and stepping to another spot."

Tate grew up in Detroit where he progressed from fighting in the streets to fighting in the rugged Kronk Gym, home of Thomas Hearns and Milton McCrory.

While some of the other Olympic medal winners have fought regularly on television, Tate does not regret his decision to leave his hometown and try to establish his name from a base of operation in Texas.

"Coming out of the Olympics I wanted to make a name for myself. I didn't want to be under Thomas Hearns or Milton McCrory," Tate said.

"Up there I would be in the shadows. Right now I'm stepping into the sunshine. I don't want to be in anyone's shadow but my own. I did the right thing."

Reid has been instructing Tate on the techniques of throwing punches in the pros.

"In the amateurs you throw a lot of punches and you're just trying to score points," Reid said. "A

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Castro calls for countries to ignore debts

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Latin American radicals, speaking at a conference convened by President Fidel Castro, are closing ranks behind his call for their nations to ignore payments on their aggregate \$360 billion foreign debt.

At Tuesday night's opening session of the five-day conference, several speakers said Latin American nations face economic disaster unless they unite in a debtors' rebellion against Western creditor countries and institutions.

Castro opened the gathering, telling more than 500 delegates from Latin American and Caribbean countries that the gathering was "the widest and most pluralistic meeting that has ever been held in this hemisphere."

Castro, who has argued that payments on the debt would require a degree of austerity that

few Latin American governments are strong enough to survive politically, was expected to outline his position later in the conference.

He has said the portion of the debt owed to U.S. banks should be absorbed by the U.S. government and financed by defense spending cuts.

The conference, which represents Castro's most ambitious effort yet to win acceptance into the Latin American family of nations, has attracted political leaders, academicians, economists, union chiefs and church leaders.

But most governments indicated they are wary about allowing Castro to assume a role as arbiter of the debt issue, and few sent official emissaries.

The highest ranking foreign delegate at the meeting is Nicaragua's vice president, Sergio Ramirez. Also present was

Hortensia Bussi de Allende, widow of the late Chilean President Salvador Allende, who received enthusiastic applause.

All of the Tuesday speakers expressed support for Castro's view on the debt. Several coupled their comments on the debt issue with denunciations of American policy toward Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Bolivia's planning minister, Freddy Justiciano, said the foreign debts amounted to "economic strangulation."

Attempts to pay off creditor nations, he said, would be "taking bread away from the mouths of those who did not contract the debt."

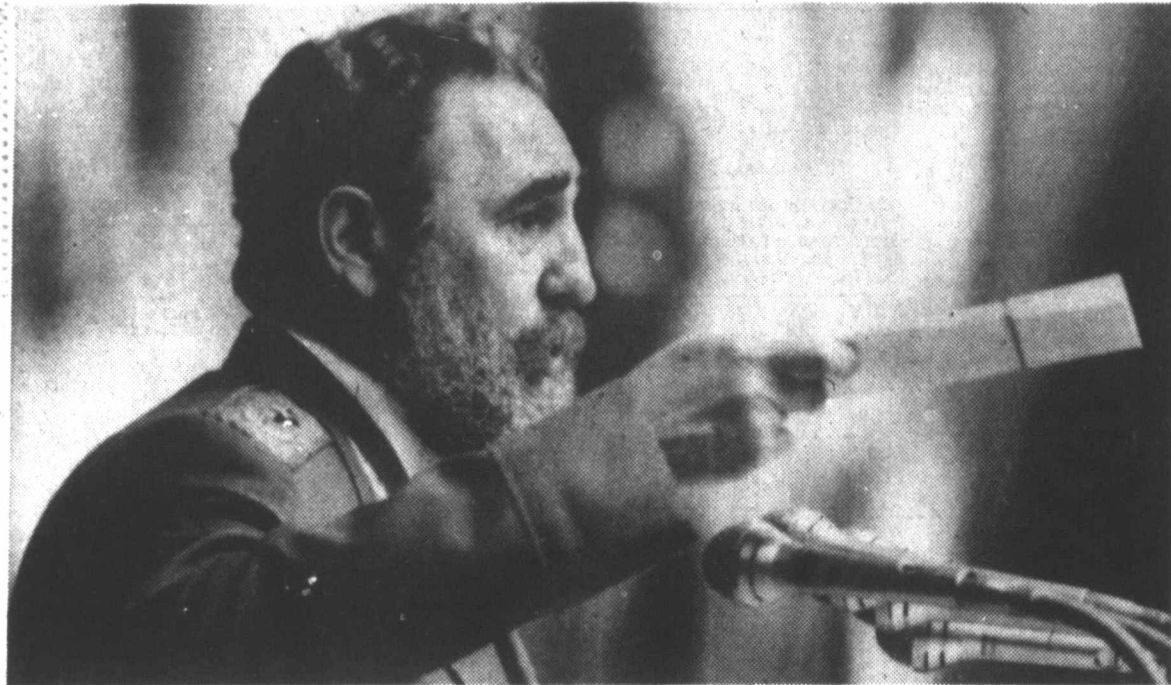
A Mexican economist, Alonso Aguilar, said he agreed with Castro's view that the United States should assume the debt repayment.

Cuban officials have said that leaders of virtually all leftist parties in the hemisphere are attending, as well as two former presidents — Wolfgang Larrazabal of Venezuela and Bolivia's Guevara Arce.

A number of former presidents turned down invitations, including Carlos Andres Perez and Rafael Caldera, both of Venezuela, and Luis Echeverria of Mexico.

Latin American businessmen also showed little interest in

attending. An association of Panamanian business groups noted that Castro rejects capitalism and said it would be incongruous to accept an invitation from a man intent on their destruction.



NO PAYMENT—Cuban President Fidel Castro gestures during his speech to the opening session of a conference arranged by him for more than 500 delegates from Latin American and Caribbean countries in Havana Tuesday. He called for the nations to ignore payments on their overall \$360 billion foreign debt. (AP Laserphoto)

Dissident leader Kim Dae-jung again under house arrest

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Several hundred policemen surrounded the house of dissident leader Kim Dae-jung early Wednesday and a police official informed Kim that he was ordered

to remain inside his residence, a spokesman for Kim said.

The police action was taken on the eve of a national convention of the opposition New Korea Democratic Party, which

denounced the moves against Kim.

Visitors were allowed to enter the house, the spokesman said. An estimated 500 policemen were stationed around the residence in western Seoul.

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