



THEY'RE OFF

If turtles can really run, that's what they were doing during Highland Baptist Church Vacation Bible School this week when a turtle race was one of the activities. The turtle entered by Matt Archibald, age 7, won the race and the title "World's Fastest Turtle." Others placing, in order, were Misty Wortham, 6; Chris Archibald, 12; and Tausha Summers, 10. The third and four-grade turtle, "Speedy," won the departmental competition. The turtles' times were not available. (Staff photo by Deborah Hendrick)

Botha stand may assure sanctions

By R. GREGORY NOKES
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — By resisting any dramatic easing of its apartheid laws, the South African government has failed to give President Reagan what he wanted — ammunition to defeat strong congressional pressure for economic sanctions.

It may also have put another nail in the coffin of Reagan's controversial policy of "constructive engagement" toward the white South African government.

The administration had looked to the speech President P.W. Botha on apartheid Thursday for a dramatic move to ease the plight of South Africa's black majority.

But it was disappointed. Instead of giving the administration an opportunity to defeat sanctions, pro-sanction lawmakers claimed their position had been strengthened by Botha's speech. Heavy majorities in both the House and Senate already have voted for sanctions, although the Senate hasn't yet approved final passage.

In a speech regarded as unexpectedly uncompromising, Botha declared he will never support such equal political rights as one-man, one-vote for blacks. He indicated it would be unacceptable for South Africa's 24 million blacks to wrest control from the 5 million whites.

Yet the administration had called earlier in the week for "political rights, equality and

justice" for South Africa's blacks. To Americans, political rights means one-man, one-vote.

The Reagan administration was subdued in its response to Botha's speech, calling it a "positive statement," but otherwise declining to publicly characterize it. Administration officials said the most positive feature was Botha's expressed willingness for a dialogue with black leaders, although the conditions for such a dialogue weren't specified.

Reagan, who is recuperating in Santa Barbara, Calif., from recent cancer surgery did not watch the speech, which was carried live by the Cable News Network, so his personal response was not known. He has in the past bent over backward to defend actions of the South African government.

But a senior administration official, who did not want to be identified, said the speech was disappointing.

And Robert C. McFarlane, the president's national security adviser, said Botha had given less to blacks than he had been led to expect when he met in Vienna last week with South African Foreign Minister R.F. (Pik) Botha.

"I'd have to say it was a rather diffuse reference today to the apparent commitment of a week ago to the participation of blacks," McFarlane said in one interview after Thursday's speech. "It was more conceptually cast today and that is too bad."

He also voiced disappointment that Botha didn't announce an end to the state of emergency, which



P.M. BOTHA
...no vote for blacks

Washington has sought, or the release from prison of Nelson Mandela, widely acknowledged as the key black leader in South Africa who has been imprisoned for more than 20 years.

"In our earlier talks there didn't seem to be a foreclosing in the release of Mr. Mandela," McFarlane said. "Today, he seemed to toughen that stand."

A statement by House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill was typical of much of the congressional reaction.

"This is an embarrassment for the defenders of constructive engagement," O'Neill said.

Which race to run?

Sarpalius ponders bid for state, congressional post

By PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

A run for state agriculture commissioner is under serious consideration but a race for Congress has not been ruled out either, State Sen. Bill Sarpalius told about 65 Democrats here Thursday night.

"We're just considering it," the Canyon Democrat said of the agriculture race. "We feel like that we should be able to make a decision pretty soon."

The senator's remarks came during a dinner held in his honor in the Starlight Room at the Coronado Inn. He spoke of his own political future, that of the Democratic Party in Texas and touched briefly on several issues. He drew

applause when he denied rumors that he plans to switch to the Republican party.

"I'm not going to change parties," he said. But Sarpalius used the occasion to lash out at Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a Democrat, calling him "basically a hippie that holds statewide office."

The only agricultural experience Hightower has "was growing tomatoes in his back yard," the senator added.

Sarpalius criticized Hightower for supporting "unworkable" pesticide laws and laws making it easier for farmers to be sued and lose their farms. Farmers are required to pay workman's compensation and unemployment, he said, meaning an illegal alien

can come in, work on a farm, then sue the farmer before going back to Mexico.

The senator said he is concerned about the state of agriculture in Texas, calling it one of the backbones of rural communities. He said he has received encouragement across the state to run for the agriculture post.

But also under consideration, Sarpalius said, is a run for the 13th Congressional seat now held by Amarillo Republican Beau Boulter. Democrats in the Panhandle have encouraged him to run for that office, he said.

Sarpalius did much in his speech to try to dispel the notion of a

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SEN. BILL SARPALIUS

County hears fund requests

By PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

It's budget time in Gray County.

The Gray County Commissioners Court heard several budget-related requests Thursday morning. Each request was followed by a promise to take it into consideration when the commissioners begin making up the county budget next month.

Topping the list was a request for \$5,000 from the Tralee Crisis Center for Women, Inc., of Pampa. Curt Beck, president of the center, and Jo Potter, a member of the board of directors, were on hand to make the request and provided statistics on spouse abuse.

Potter told the commission, according to police department statistics, Pampa has the highest assault rate in the Texas Panhandle — 720 calls in 1984 — and the Panhandle rate is higher than the U.S. average. Most of the assaults are related to domestic violence, she said.

The crisis center, which recently opened a shelter, provides counseling and shelter to raped and battered women and their children and also operates a hotline. Potter said 78 women and children have been sheltered since Jan. 1, with the center using hotel rooms until the shelter was set up in June.

The center's annual budget is about \$62,000, over half of which goes to salaried staff. Most of the workers are unpaid volunteers, Beck said. A large portion of the budget comes from donations, he added. The group failed in its application for a state grant last spring.

Beck said he plans to meet with

county and city officials in each of the eight counties served by the center. He mentioned the possibility of entering into a contract with the county, a possibility County Judge Carl Kennedy promised to look into.

Roberts County currently gives the center \$1,000 but center officials have not yet met with officials there, Potter said.

Potter pointed out the shelter program may be a form of cost-prevention. She noted 85 percent of the men in American prisons came from violent homes and the cost of rehabilitating a juvenile in a state institution is estimated at \$100 a day. By comparison, she said, the center spends about \$20 a day per resident of the shelter.

"We feel like the shelter is good preventive medicine," she said.

Kennedy said the county has traditionally helped private and charitable groups with federal revenue sharing money, a program that will come to an end in 1987. He said he is unsure if the commissioners can give county tax dollars to private organizations, but added that a contract with Tralee might change that.

The judge said he hopes to have the county budget finalized by September.

The commissioners also met briefly with Precinct Two Justice of the Peace David Potter, who said he feels his job is not paying enough for the amount of time he puts in. Potter earns about \$16,400 per year. By contrast, he said, the justice of the peace in Carson County serving Panhandle and Skellytown makes \$18,400.

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JP Prestidge gets office in Lefors

Beginning Sept. 1, Precinct One Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge should have an office in Lefors, following action by the Gray County Commissioners Court on Thursday.

Prestidge, who has been working out of her Lefors home, requested office space during the Aug. 1 commissioners meeting. A new state law requires counties to furnish office space for justices of the peace, according to County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Thursday, Commissioner O.L. Presley, who had been directed to look into the matter, recommended the county rent a small three-room house on West Fifth in Lefors. He said he looked into several lots for sale before finding the house, which rents for \$135 per month. With the possibility of a new justice of the peace being elected next year, Presley said he

feels it is wiser to rent than purchase office space.

"That's what I propose to do, rent this house the rest of this year and maybe next year," he said.

Under a tentative agreement, Presley said the county will pay utility bills and the property owner, Pete Roberts, will take care of maintenance.

One point of disagreement arose over whether the county should begin renting the office this year or wait until January when the new county budget takes effect. Commissioner Ronnie Rice said he would like to wait until the first of the year.

Rice, who eventually voted against renting the office, said Prestidge has been working out of her house for 10 years and "it never bothered her until she got up here," a reference to the time Prestidge spent in Pampa filling the unexpired term of Nat Lunsford.

But Presley responded that finding a house as cheap may not be as easy in January. He said he did not think he could ask Roberts to hold the property until January.

In other action, the commissioners tabled a proposal by Newt Secrest to pay individual employee cancer insurance premiums through a payroll deduction plan after County Treasurer Jean Scott voiced opposition to the plan. Secrest said the payroll deduction plan would save county employees money. He detailed the plan for the commission.

But Scott said the plan could wind up costing her office and that of the county auditor more in the long run. She said she was uncertain whether it would require hiring additional help.

"How much is the taxpayer required to take care of the

employees' insurance premium?" she asked. She said the proposal would increase record-keeping responsibilities and added new mandates are already causing uncertainty in her office.

"This is an uncertain time because of the new wage and hour law. Our payrolls are becoming more involved with laws that are mandated," she said. "I'm not saying this can't be done. What I'm saying is it's uncertain what it's going to do in terms of time and help."

Rice said he likes the idea of payroll deduction but added he feels the county should wait on it to see how the new laws effect the treasurer's and auditor's offices. Commissioner Ted Simmons opted for tabling the proposal, saying, "I think we need to work out some problems before we make a decision."

Retail sales continue strong in Pampa

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Pampa's retail sales continue to show revenues above sales for last year, according to figures released this week by State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock this week sent checks totaling \$112.3 million in local sales tax payments to the 1,005 cities levying the one percent city tax. The August checks represent taxes collected on sales made in June and the second quarter and reported to the Comptroller by July 20.

The state sent Pampa a check this month for \$197,289.10, representing taxable sales of more than

\$19.7 million. That indicates an increase of approximately \$2.1 million above the sales reported in June, 1984, when the city received an August check for \$175,988.88.

For the year to date, Pampa has received sales tax payment checks totaling \$1,113,789.73, a 5.42 percent increase above the \$1,056,500.24 recorded through August of last year, Bullock reported.

The latest check indicates an improving economic trend for Pampa, based on sales tax collections. Last month the Comptroller listed Pampa sales tax payments running 4.09 percent above last year, and in June the city was recording only a 2.85 percent increase.

But the figures cannot be compared with complete

accuracy yet, since the new totals include taxes on items that were added to the sales tax provisions Oct. 1. The comparison will be more accurate when the December checks are received.

Elsewhere in Gray County, Lefors showed improvement in its sales tax collections, though the city is still running behind last year's totals.

Bullock sent Lefors a check this month for \$915.56, more than \$200 above the \$709.66 payment received last August. Total payments for the year to date are \$3,371.83, a decline of 26.12 percent from the \$4,563.79 recorded at this time last year. But last month Bullock reported a 36.27 percent drop for Lefors.

McLean registered a slight decline. The city received an August check for \$2,347.28, down from

the \$2,912.63 payment it had last August. Yearly totals to date are \$13,414.93, running 14.35 percent under the \$15,662.51 received at this time last year. Last month the city was reporting a 13.19 percent decrease over the preceding year.

All Carson County cities were reporting falling sales from last year.

Groom had a check this month for \$1,762.24, down nearly \$1,000 from the \$2,744.27 payment it received last August. Total payments for the year to date are \$13,323.32, falling 7.52 percent below the \$14,406.17 garnered by this time last year. In July, the city had a decline of only 0.86 percent, indicating a decrease

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DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

COBB, Thelma — 10 a.m. Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

obituaries

THELMA COBB

Services for Thelma Cobb, 82, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Claude Cone, former pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Cobb died Thursday. Survivors include one sister. **ELGIN BARNES** SHAMROCK — Services for Elgin Barnes, 47, were to be at 2 p.m. today at St. James Baptist Church with the Rev. J.S. Davis and the Rev. J. Booth officiating. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery. Mr. Barnes died Saturday. Survivors include two sisters and two brothers.

police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for a 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 15

The Hutchinson County Sheriff's office, Borger, reported a subject wanted outside the agency for theft by check. Debora Rippetoe, 1009 Darby, reported criminal mischief at 934 E. Franck. A juvenile reported theft of a bicycle at 1910 Beech. Mildred Thrasher, 400 Jupiter, reported theft at the address; an unknown subject removed a plant from the porch. Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories was reported at B and B Auto Co., 400 W. Foster; hub caps were damaged and removed from a vehicle. The Ochiltree County Sheriff's office, Perryton, reported a subject wanted outside the agency. Theft of parts and accessories from a motor vehicle was reported at Culbertson Stowers, 805 N. Hobart; an unknown person took a stereo out of a vehicle. Minor subjects were reported in possession of alcoholic beverages at 800 S. Octavius.

FRIDAY, Aug. 16

A suspect driving while intoxicated was reported at 1700 N. Hobart. A suspicious person was reported at Allsup's No. 81, 900 S. Faulkner. Criminal mischief was reported at Allsup's No. 94, 859 E. Frederic; an unknown subject removed a meter from a wall.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa			
Wheat	2.90		
Milo	4.15		
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of completion			
Danison Oil	3%	Phillips	11%
Ky. Cent. Life	36%	PHSA	24%
Serco	5%	ST	36%
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Amoco	63 1/2	up	1/2
Beatrice Foods	34 1/2	up	1/2
Cabot	26 1/2	dn	1/2
Celanese	116 1/2	NC	
DIA	17 1/2	NC	
Halliburton	28 1/2	NC	
HCA	47 1/2	NC	
Ingersoll-Rand	31	NC	
InterNorth	63	dn	1/2
Kerr-McGee	29 1/2	up	1/2
Mobil	29 1/2	dn	1/2
Penny's	48 1/2	NC	
Phillips	11 1/2	up	1/2
PHSA	24 1/2	NC	
ST	36 1/2	NC	
Southwestern Pub	46	NC	
Tenneco	48	NC	
Texasco	46	dn	1/2
Zales	35 1/2	NC	
London Gold	28 1/2	NC	
Silver	335 1/2	NC	
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Retail sales

In sales. Skellytown made improvements in its sales figures, though totals are still behind last year. Bullock sent the city a check this month for \$3,358.35, up more than \$1,300 from the \$2,041.72 payment in August, 1984. Total payments to date this year are \$12,970.28, running 25.76 percent behind the \$17,471.21 recorded at this time last year. But last month Bullock reported Skellytown with a 37.70 percent dip. The state sent White Deer an August check for \$2,152.29, nearly a hundred dollars above the \$2,057.77 check for the same month in 1984. White Deer has a yearly total to date of \$12,515.84 in sales tax payments, falling 30.13 percent behind last year. But that represents some slight improvement; last month the city was registering a 34.63 percent drop. In Hemphill County, Canadian received a check this month for \$14,722.40, nearly \$4,700 less than the \$19,402.89 payment earned last August. For the year to date, the city has total payments of \$102,432.58, down 16.66 percent from the same 1984 period. Miami had an August check of \$2,517.07, about \$155 under the \$2,672.40 check for the same month last year. The Roberts County city reported yearly totals to date of \$14,092.80, a 26.30 percent decrease from the \$19,121.73 in payments for the same 1984 period.

County budget

"I'm putting in a lot of time and I don't think it's worth it for what I'm getting," he said. "I don't feel like it's an equitable salary for the time I'm putting in." County Assessor - Collector Margie Gray also asked the court

to consider raises for county employees while making up the budget. Commissioner Ted Simmons said if budgets are kept down, raises might be affordable. Kennedy has said in recent weeks the "higher echelons" of

county employees might not receive raises in 1986 because of other budgetary problems, including the state's indigent health care bill requiring counties to set aside up to 10 percent of their budgets for indigent health care.

Miami sets ambulance meet

MIAMI — An informational meeting on setting up an ambulance service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 in the Miami High school auditorium. Supporters of a local ambulance service are counting on a good turnout to show support and commitment to emergency medical services in the area. There is no ambulance service in Roberts County and the nearest ambulances are 25 miles away in Pampa and Canadian. "If there is not enough interest and commitment and participation, we cannot have an ambulance service," said Miami resident Starlet Bright, who with

her husband Wayne conducted a petition drive calling for county support of an ambulance service. On Monday, Bright presented a 234-name petition to Roberts County Commissioners, who chose to delay their support until they get a guarantee of commitment from area residents. That "commitment" comes, commissioners said, when more residents become trained Emergency Medical Technicians. There are currently seven EMTs and two Emergency Care Attendants living in Miami. Several residents are trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. "We are urging all qualified EMTs in the area and anyone who

is interested in becoming an EMT to come to the meeting," Mrs. Bright said, expressing hopes that Roberts County Commissioners and judge Newton Cox could attend. Dan O'Neal, an Amarillo paramedic who represents a private Amarillo ambulance firm, will discuss the costs of an ambulance and emergency equipment. The meeting will also feature a film on the responsibilities of an EMT. Mrs. Bright also invited representatives of the Lefors Volunteer ambulance service and representatives of other ambulances services to attend.

Money supply surge dashes chances of lower interest

By SKIP WOLLENBERG AP Business Writer

Rapid growth in the nation's basic money supply is making it more difficult for the Federal Reserve Board to respond appropriately to listlessness in the economy, credit market analysts say. The central bank reported late Thursday that the money supply surged by \$5.3 billion in early August, more than twice what analysts had expected. The increase, which left money growth well ahead of the upper target the Fed has set to permit steady, non-inflationary economic growth, reduced chances that the Fed will relax credit to stimulate the economy, said Raymond Stone, manager for financial economics at Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. Earlier Thursday, the Fed reported a modest 0.2 percent July increase in output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities, continuing the slow pace of the past year.

The July gain left industrial production just 1.4 percent higher than a year ago. By comparison, production grew 12.2 percent in the 12 months ended in July 1984 as the country pulled out of a steep recession. Economists say the news so far this month has given little support to the administration's forecasts of more rapid second-half economic growth. "If the money supply had been growing more moderately, the Fed may have eased. But this fast money growth will preclude that for the immediate future," said Stone. Others, however, feel that the decline in interest rates to date has set a firm foundation for an economic pickup later this year. John Albertine, president of the American Business Conference, a coalition of high-growth companies, predicted growth would climb to between 3.5 percent and 4 percent in the last half of the year with the rebound spurred by this year's declines in interest

rates. "The recovery continues to inch along, stubbornly refusing to give in to rumors of a recession," he said. In other economic news: —The government reported that Americans took on \$6.8 billion more in installment debt than they paid off in June, the year's smallest monthly gain, which analysts said could be an indication that consumers have started to cut back on buying big-ticket items because of a high burden of debt. —U.S. automakers scheduled the assembly of 112,606 cars this week as annual model changeovers and vacations kept many assembly lines idle at some companies, Ward's Automotive Reports said. By comparison, 114,777 cars were built last week and 116,809 in the comparable week a year ago. —Greyhound Corp. said it planned to streamline its Greyhound lines bus unit, in part by eliminating 1,900 jobs and possibly some routes. Its passenger load has dropped 50 percent from the 1960s, to 34 million passengers a year. —General Motors Corp. said it would offer 7.7 percent financing on 1.3 million leftover 1985 cars and trucks. The special financing would be available on 24 car lines and six truck lines until Oct. 2. The 1986 model year would be pushed back to start Oct. 3 instead of Sept. 26.

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liberal Democratic party in Texas. He said the Legislature, mostly Democratic, did not raise taxes last session and the state ranks 48th nationwide on a tax base. "The Republican Party has done their best to make it look like the Democratic party is the liberal party and the Republican party's the conservative party," he said. "But that's just not true in Texas. We are a very conservative state Legislature." He said himself and other Senate Democrats have suggested to the party leadership in Austin that changes need to be made within the party. He noted it is difficult to run on a party platform that supports such issues as gay rights. Sarpalius defended licensing fees, which have often been equated with taxes. He said fees are set up so that programs can pay for themselves. The senator also discussed his efforts against alcohol abuse. He quoted statistics detailing the link between alcohol and crime.

"I strongly believe that if we're ever going to stop the rate of crime in this state, we've got to eliminate the abuse of alcohol," he said. Other issues brought up by the senator and during a brief question-and-answer session following his speech included oil and gas concerns, seat belt laws, repeal of blue laws and no pass - no play legislation. Sarpalius called the no pass - no play rule "tremendously weak" because making a student sit out six weeks for a failing grade destroys incentive. He said he supported legislation that also would have prohibited failing students from participating in extracurricular activities but would have reinstated participation as soon as grades were brought up to par. Sarpalius called the white oil controversy an critical economic issue facing the Panhandle and the entire state. He said he has been trying to emphasize the issue to the governor and the Railroad Commission.

City briefs

- THE GIFT Box** has lowered its price per pound on sale books. Adv. 669-6827 or 669-9308.
- 6 BEDROOM house** for sale, call 669-6827 or 669-9308. Adv.
- MASON-DIXON** will be at The Catalina Club, August 23. Get tickets in advance at Hastings, Service Liquor No. 1 or the Club. Adv.
- ERVIN SKUNK Band** plays tonight and Saturday at The Catalina Club. Adv.
- RUIDOSO CONDO** - All American Futurity Week, August 30 - September 6. Sleeps 6. 665-6194. Adv.
- DESK AND Derrick Fund** Raising Rummage and Bake Sale - 9 a.m. til dark. 2400 Navajo. Adv.
- DANCE AT Lancer Club** to Buck Creek Band Saturday 9-1. Adv.
- HEY KIDS** if you're interested in collecting for MDA you could win a

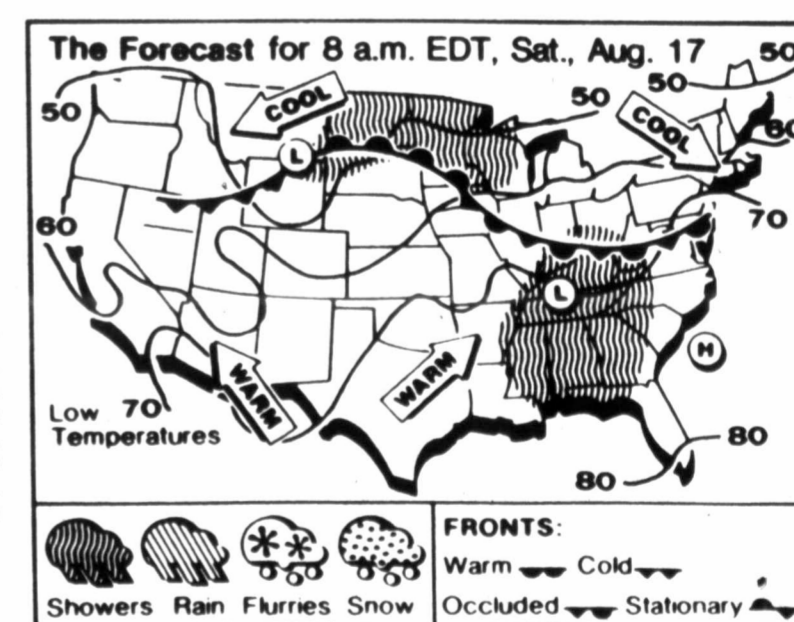
- new bike. If you collect \$200 your choice BMX or ten-speed. Come by 7-11 or call 665-9747 or 665-6861. Adv.
- THERE WILL be a reception** honoring Mrs. Travis White on her 85th birthday, August 18, 1985 at Calvary Baptist Church from 2:30-5 p.m. No gifts please. Adv.
- THOMPSON HOUSE Restaurant**, New noon buffet; also new Salad Bar. 732 E. Frederic formerly Stedum's. Adv.
- PAMPA SHRINE Club** regular meeting 7 p.m. Friday. Sportman Club. Covered dish. Adv.
- EMT CLASS** will begin at Clarendon College August 20, 7 p.m. Enroll now or 1st night of class. Tom Leggitt, instructor. Adv.
- GARAGE SALE:** 105 E. 27th Saturday and Sunday, 9-? Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Fair and warmer with the highs in the 90s. Low near 65. Southwesterly winds at 5-15 mph. High Thursday, 77; low, 61.

REGIONAL FORECAST
North Texas: Partly cloudy and warmer through Saturday. Fair and mild tonight. Lows tonight 70 to 77. Highs Saturday 92 to 101.
South Texas: Isolated to widely scattered mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers through Tuesday, more numerous southeast. Partly cloudy with hot afternoons, highs both days around 90 coast to near 100 west and south. Lows tonight in the 70s except near 80 along the coast.
East Texas: Fair and warm tonight, low in the middle 70s. Light wind.
Saturday...sunny and warm with the high in the upper 90s. Light south wind.
West Texas: Partly cloudy southwest, otherwise mostly fair and warmer. Fair tonight. Generally sunny Saturday. Very warm Saturday most sections. Lows tonight mid 60s to mid 70s. Highs Saturday mid 90s except upper 80s Panhandle and near 101 Big Bend.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Saturday through Monday
NORTH TEXAS: A chance of thundershowers. Temperatures near seasonal normals with daytime highs mostly in the 90s



and overnight lows in the 70s. **SOUTH TEXAS:** Partly cloudy, scattered afternoon and evening showers or thundershowers mainly Southeast Texas. Daytime highs in the 80s coast, near 100 Rio Grande plains and Edwards Plateau, 90s elsewhere. Overnight lows near 80 immediate coast, 70s inland. **WEST TEXAS:** Scattered mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers mountains eastward Sunday and Monday. Little day-to-day temperature change. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Highs in the upper 80s and 90s.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma: Clear to partly cloudy through Saturday. Widely scattered showers and thundershowers mainly Saturday. Lows tonight low to mid 70s. Highs Saturday in the mid to upper 90s.
New Mexico: Isolated afternoon and evening thundershowers mainly near mountains. Otherwise fair today through Saturday. Highs Saturday 70s and 80s mountains with 80s and 90s lower elevations. Lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains and mostly 60s elsewhere.

Attorney general's plane has problem for second time

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox says there were some very tense minutes when the cabin of his twin-engine airplane lost air pressure and filled with smoke during a midnight flight to Austin.

"In light of the other airline disasters that have recently taken place, I must admit I uttered a little prayer," he said after the Thursday morning incident. "It was a frightening experience."

An aide said it was the second time this year the cabin of the state-owned, 1967 Beechcraft King Air had filled with smoke.

The incident occurred shortly after midnight as Mattox, an aide and the pilot were returning from Huntsville. Mattox had been there for the scheduled execution of Jay Kelly Pinkerton, who obtained a stay from the U.S. Supreme Court just before midnight.

"Five to seven minutes out of Huntsville, the seal around the doors that ... maintains the pressurization of the cabin went out," Mattox said.

There was "a loud, whistling, air-escaping noise around the doors, plus it makes your ears hurt," he said.

Three to four minutes later, Mattox said, "The cabin within a matter of just a couple of seconds filled up with a very dense smoke,

smoke that smelled like it was from an electrical fire. I was sitting about four feet from the pilot, and it was so dense you could just barely see him."

As they readied to make an emergency landing at Bryan, Mattox said, the pilot shut down some electrical systems. The plane began to descend and as it neared the ground, the pilot opened cabin windows, clearing out some of the smoke.

The plane was able to continue to Austin, landing about 12:45 a.m.

"It takes a good while to get an airplane on the ground, and you don't know how long you're going to be able to go without oxygen if that's what it takes," Mattox said.

"My first thought was that we were not going to be able to get the thing on the ground quick enough. I was afraid that the plane was on fire."

Elna Christopher, Mattox's press secretary, said the same plane caught fire this spring while on a flight to San Antonio.

"As we started to land, smoke came out from under the control panel," said Ms. Christopher, who was aboard the plane with Mattox and others of his staff. "It turned out to be a short in the control panel lighting."

Body identified as Abilene man's

ANSON, Texas (AP) — Pathologists have identified decomposed remains buried in a ditch along a dirt road as that of a 23-year-old Abilene man who has been missing since July.

The victim was identified on Thursday as Adam "Junior" Garcia, said Jones County Sheriff Mike Middleton.

The identification, made through Garcia's dental records which were sent to the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, has changed the missing persons investigation into a murder inquiry, said Middleton.

"Based on evidence at the scene, we're looking at it as a homicide," he said on Thursday. "We will be working on this jointly with the Abilene Police Department."

Middleton said Garcia's body was discovered Tuesday evening. He said it appeared the victim had been dead about three weeks.

Garcia was last seen July 1 when he left work at J.D. Moore Transport and Storage in Abilene. Police thought foul play was involved in Garcia's disappearance, and that of a 26-year-old friend, who was last seen June 7.



Young hemophiliacs enjoy camp activities

Young campers share a problem

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

MARBLE FALLS, Texas — In between events at the Camp Ailhpomeh olympics, 12-year-old Paul Hampton talked about the common ground that brought the 52 boys together.

"I had two uncles that had it, they died. I have four cousins with it. I would have had a brother with it, but he died when he was 2-days-old," the boy said from beneath a visor that blocked the Central Texas sun.

"One of my uncles had a throat bleed. One head a head bleed," he said, adding that one uncle died at age 3. The other was 60.

Ailhpomeh is hemophilia spelled backwards. For the campers, it's a week-long experience with activities usually considered too risky for children who suffer from the hereditary disease that interferes with normal blood clotting.

"They hardly let me play any sports," Wayne Martinez, 14, of El Paso said of his parents. "They're afraid I might get hurt seriously."

Hampton, who lives in nearby Briggs, said his parents also are careful.

"I don't blame them really," he said.

For one week, under the close eye of counselors and medical staffers, the hemophiliacs play softball and basketball, learn archery, go swimming and ride horses. Helmets are required for the horseback riders.

The basic plan is to run as close to a normal camp as possible, according to Dr. Keith Hoots, camp director.

"We try to come to camp equipped to handle major bleeding problems," said Hoots, assistant professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Texas at Houston.

Hoots started Camp Ailhpomeh five years ago. The camp is a project of Gulf States Hemophilia Center at the UT-Houston Medical School.

"One of the reasons we set it up is because most of the other camps are very, very uncomfortable having kids with this degree of bleeding tendency," he said.

"We know we are going to have a number of bleeding episodes, most of which are routine bleeds like they have at home and like they treat at home," said Hoots.

This week's top medical excitement was provided by Rhett Tutt of Silsbee, Texas. The 17-year-old junior counselor, a hemophiliac, barely missed running into a clothes line. But he managed to hit a second line, opening a facial cut that required three stitches to close.

"I was scared," he said.

In addition to the danger caused by surface cuts, hemophiliacs face the danger of internal bleeding that can damage joints. It adds up to a carefully planned menu of activities.

Horseback riding is the most dangerous activity offered.

"You never know what a horse is going to do. We have our kids wear baseball helmets. It's pretty rocky terrain around here," Hoots said.

"We've, knock wood, been remarkably free of life-threatening incidents. We've had a couple of scares," said Hoots.

An Austin helicopter ambulance has been notified about the camp and the potential need for quick help.

Routine care, including infusions of the clotting agent the hemophiliacs need, is handled at the camp. Many of the campers infuse themselves.

In addition to teaching activities, the camp tries to show the campers that hemophilia does not have to be a major obstacle in everyday living. Hour-long education sessions are offered each day.

"They have to live with the contingency (of facing a major bleed) all the time. It's not that they can't do most things, but there are certain things that are verboten — contact football. But most other sports, with good preparation, can be undertaken," said Hoots.

Hemophilia also carries "psycho-social" effects, he added. Current publicity about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome can be a problem. Hemophiliacs can be exposed to the fatal disease through the use of blood products needed to control hemophilia.

"We've tried to prepare them for it so they're prepared for the publicity," said Hoots. "But just when you think you've anticipated everything, something like Rock Hudson comes along."

"People are making decisions without researching the facts," he added, referring to a Kokomo, Ind. boy banned from school because he suffers from AIDS.

"We try to educate our kids and their parents that people don't have the degree of information they have. We all have to live with that," said Hoots.

Off beat

By
**Deborah
Hendrick**

A way to make 'em read

During the middle of the school year while my son was a sixth grader, I realized that his reading level was not what I thought it should be. I wanted to cultivate in him a love for books; my problem was that by forcing him to read more, I might drive him away from the very thing I wanted.

My plan, when it finally came to me, was perfect. Now, nearly five years later, I can see that it was better than perfect...it was an idea that actually worked.

My child was horror stricken when I presented my proposition to him. That gave way to shock. Then I could see on his little face a look that asked, "Is this some form of child abuse they forgot to tell me about in school?"

It was simple, I explained to him: You will read equal time for watching television. A 50-50 deal. If you watch TV for one hour, then you must read for one hour.

"Read for an hour! Are you nuts?" he enquired. "Sure," I replied, "and if you don't want to do any extra reading, then I just unplug the television now."

He wanted to negotiate, but I was firm. I did soften the blow by informing him that I would excuse watching the news and other television specials of my choosing. If a classic movie came on, or maybe a new Cousteau documentary, then I would allow him to watch.

Like the colt being broke to halter, he fought and fought, but I was firm. And it worked.

Quickly, he learned that he couldn't waste precious TV time by watching endless reruns of "Gilligan's Island," or "MASH." I let him read things of his own choosing, but school assignments were exempt; this was additional reading. We made more trips to the library, where most of his selections turned out to be technical rather than fictional, but I didn't care.

He read books about cars, airplanes, ships, submarines and anything else that could move and carry people at the same time.

Then he discovered the "Reader's Digest." That small magazine not only had interesting, but short, articles, but it had all kinds of jokes, too. After that, I rarely got to read the magazine myself, but a small pile of them was building up beside his bed. Soon I had to tell him to turn off his light and go to sleep, or he would read late into the night.

His vocabulary took a big jump, his reading comprehension improved and he sounded less like a cartoon when we talked. He started retelling me story plots instead of repeating the punchlines from sitcoms.

It worked. My simple little idea worked, and it will work in your home, too, if you are tough and patient. I can't tell you that my son, now fifteen, loves to read, but he accepts it as a tool, the means to an end, and the loathing is gone.

Hendrick is staff photographer of The Pampa News.

Sunbathers baring all in East Texas

WILLS POINT, Texas (AP) — The way the American Sunbathing Association sees it, removing clothes is just another way to get rid of status symbols.

About 400 members of the association, including infants and grandmothers, have gathered in East Texas at the Ponderosa Ranch to talk about their favorite pastime — nudism.

"When you remove your clothes, you take away status symbols, and you see and accept people the way they really are," said Eilyn Kern, who owns a nudist camp in Indiana. "You feel much more comfortable."

The sunbathing association bills itself as the largest nudist organization in the Western Hemisphere.

"I believe everyone should have at least the chance to try it out," said Hap Hathaway, public relations chairman for the association. "It's not as big a change as it seems."

Jim Hadley, 59, the owner of a Miami-area camp said practicing nudism is a basic American right.

"That's what this whole country was made for: freedom for each one to exercise their own moral code," he said. "There are other types of recreational activities I think are unusual."

Nudist clubs prohibit sexual contact between guests, association officials said.

"Some people come thinking they'll be able to witness or partake in overt sexuality," said Pete Hadley, Jim Hadley's wife. "That's not true. They will be asked to leave."

Many conventioners said they have encouraged their children to take part in nudist activities.

"I think it is a beautiful atmosphere for them," said Mrs. Kern, who has four grown children. "They accepted themselves and each other. My son's childhood friends now come to camps with them."

Charles Moss, who owns a nudist camp outside of Decatur, one of 11 in Texas, said voyeurs are in for a disappointment.

"For the most part, you're not likely to see the body beautiful," he said. "Most people have imperfect bodies. It's very asexual."

Thousands of fish killed in generating plant lake

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — Tests on water and dead fish removed from Lake Monticello should give some clues to what has killed about 204,000 fish in the East Texas lake since July 24, a Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman in Tyler said.

The majority of the fish were threadfin shad, small fish usually eaten by larger game fish, Victor Palma, a chemist at the Parks and Wildlife regional office, said Thursday.

One of the dead fish counts had placed the number as high as 160,000, with 157,000 of those being threadfin shad, Palma said.

But a count Tuesday turned up an additional 44,000, and 43,000 of those were threadfin shad, he said.

One possible cause, according to Palma, is the heat.

With temperatures ranging from 95 to 105 degrees recently, "the

lake is very hot," he said. But other lakes in the area are just as hot, and fish have not died.

Many of the killed fish have been found on the eastern shores of the lake near Texas Utilities Generating Co., according to Palma.

TUGCO has collected fish and water samples for analysis at an independent laboratory in Houston, and Palma said the results of those tests should indicate if foreign substances may have played a role in the fish kill.

He said the location of so many dead fish near the generating plant does not necessarily mean it is to blame, since winds are strong enough to blow the fish from other parts of the lake.

He said TUGCO is making efforts to cool off the lake by turning on the pumps to bring water in from Bob Sandlin Reservoir.

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Ghost towns echo prosperity from the past

CLAIREMONT, Texas (AP) — E.J. Parsons was the first person buried in the Clairemont Cemetery.

Parsons died February 27, 1891. One of a handful of early settlers struggling to scratch out a living on the West Texas Plains, he was buried in an open field under a marker reading: "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

From the hard, honest work of Parsons and those that followed came Clairemont. First a stop on westward wagon routes, it grew into a full-blown town with a Saturday trading days and Sunday socials, spring weddings and early winter harvests.

Hundreds of townfolk grew old and followed Parsons to the grave. Saplings grew to respectability as generations were buried in the field on the east side of town which became the city graveyard.

Now, a roofless jailhouse stands as a tombstone for the town that once was.

The post office, bank, livery stables and stores are gone. A few facades of the old town remain, including the jail and part of the old courthouse, both proudly built in 1895 with red sandstone quarried from nearby Treasure Butte.

With her gas station on State Highway 380, where downtown used to be, Margie Hart is the only person left in town. She says she'll be buried in the city cemetery, too.

"Clairemont was a pretty good little town, though you can't tell that now," she said.

She lives in an old house behind the two-room wood gas station she owns. She still uses the outhouse built by the Works Progress Administration decades ago.

"It's not much, but it's medicine for me," said Ms. Hart, who has lived in the area most of her 50-plus years.

The slow death of Clairemont — from a once-thriving town of almost 1,000 to a population of one — has become a familiar saga on the expanses of the Texas plains.

Unlike the tumbleweed ghost towns of Texas lore where saloon doors swing in the breeze until the

end of time, towns like Clairemont die and leave little behind.

They are scattered across West Texas, places that lose their reason to be and quietly fall down. Every time the census taker comes knocking, more Clairemonts join the ghost town list.

In the harsh plains of West Texas, old-timers say, there's not much room for holding on. If something isn't growing, it's dying, and that goes for towns as well as cotton.

"We're all just hanging on by the skin of our teeth," said Charles Kimmel, a Kent County rancher who used to count Clairemont as the closest town. "Hanging on don't last. You can look around and see that."

Clairemonts can be found in nooks and crannies across West Texas. The railroads, highways, refineries or factories passed the towns by, or came only to leave again. The people left thereafter.

The growing list of dead and dying towns, officials say, is a paradox in a booming Sunbelt state.

The western half of Texas grew by more than a half-million people between 1970 and 1980, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. By the turn of the century, state officials estimate, an additional 2 million or so will move to towns and counties in the area west of Fort Worth and northeast of San Antonio.

But at the same time, 41 West Texas counties have lost more than 5 percent of their residents since 1970. Isolated counties like Terrell in the Trans-Pecos or Cochran on the New Mexico border have seen one out of five of their neighbors die or move away.

For every death of a town there is a story with its own particulars, but local officials agree that common threads bind the towns that used to be.

Virtually all reached their peaks in the 1940s and '50s and have since ebbed. Then, travel across the vast plains was still cumbersome. And, it still took plenty of laborers to run a farm, so the towns had a reason for being.

"It took more than half a dozen men to work what one can now when I was farming," said Robert Harrison, an 86-year-old retired farmer from Jayton, who remembers when Saturday meant jammed streets and singing into the night at the Kent County seat.

With few radios and televisions and a long, slow drive to nearby towns, he said, "There wasn't much else for folks to do," but come to Jayton.

But the vast distances of the plains are now spanned easily in pickups and Cadillacs. Few people have business in the towns now. The children leave after high school and generally don't return.

"They go to Lubbock, Abilene, Big Spring. Off to the big cities," said Margie Hart.

And the older people, those born and raised in once self-sufficient towns, stay as long as loyalty and good health allow them.

Jayton, for instance, now has fewer than 500 residents and is slowly but steadily shrinking. The Barfoot Hotel building is boarded and vacant, as is the former storefront office of the Jayton Chronicle. The county high school in recent years has only been able to field a six-man football team.

"We don't think we'll die off completely," said Kent County Judge Mark Geeslin. "But there isn't much reason for the young people to stay. There's no industry here. Farming is being mechanized. We're just a victim of that."

Because it is the county seat, Jayton will at least remain in some form, Geeslin said. After all, someone has to keep the courthouse open.

Other small towns that have lost their purpose and seen their youth stolen away have no such hopes.

The remains of Sparenberg lie in southern Dawson County, but most of the town's former residents have moved north to Lamesa or south to Big Spring.

"There was no reason to stay," said Conception Castaneda, one of less than a dozen people still living in Sparenberg. The original town high school is now used as a storage shed by a local farmer, machine parts and shattered glass littering its hallways.

In Borden County, just east of Dawson, the same cycle is being played out in the county seat of Gail.

Somehow, the interstates and even the larger state highways

managed to pass all around Borden County without passing through.

The county high school in Gail — which has fielded a six-man football team for years — provides teachers with houses so it can attract them from faraway cities during the academic year.

There is no bank in Gail, nor anywhere else in the county. Instead, the hangers-on who know Gail as their home have become accustomed to driving up to 50 miles to shop or see a movie.

The lone cafe in town is run by Ruby Hall and her husband, and she remembers the town in better days.

"It's still a good town," she said. "What's left here, anyway?"

But, like other dwindling towns, residents said, the population of Gail is getting steadily older, and

there is little fresh blood to keep it going.

Jack Jones, an 82-year-old retired highway-department worker, has lived in Gail for just over 50 years.

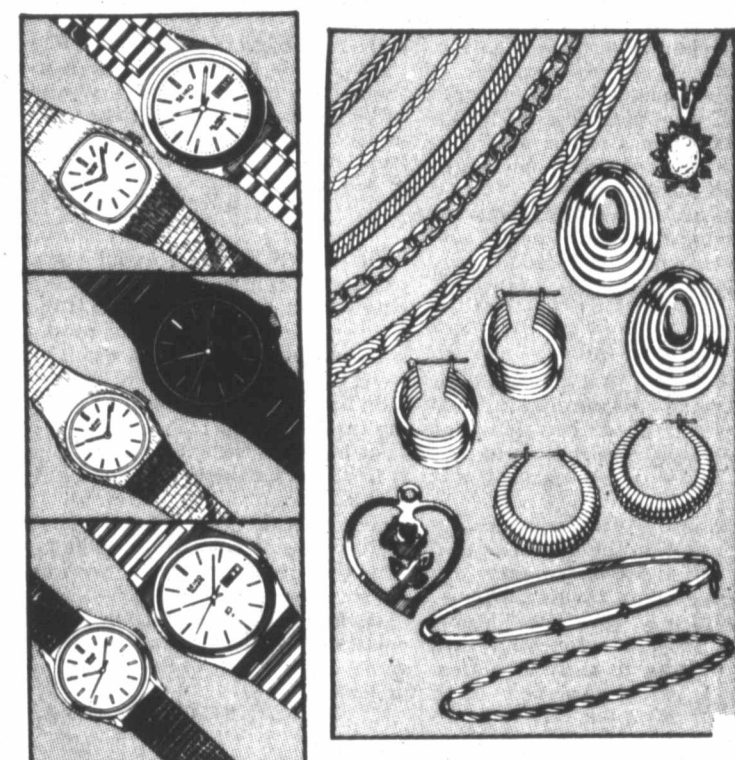
Like its dying brothers and sisters across West Texas, he said, Gail has become a town that simply has little reason to remain.

Jones' house, with its flat-tired 1957 Chevy parked out back, sits directly across the street from the end zone of the county high school's football field.

On football nights, if he wants to, he can sit on his front porch and take in the games, even watching an occasional errant pass bounce across his front lawn.

For years, he has watched as the teen-agers played the game, graduated and then left town.

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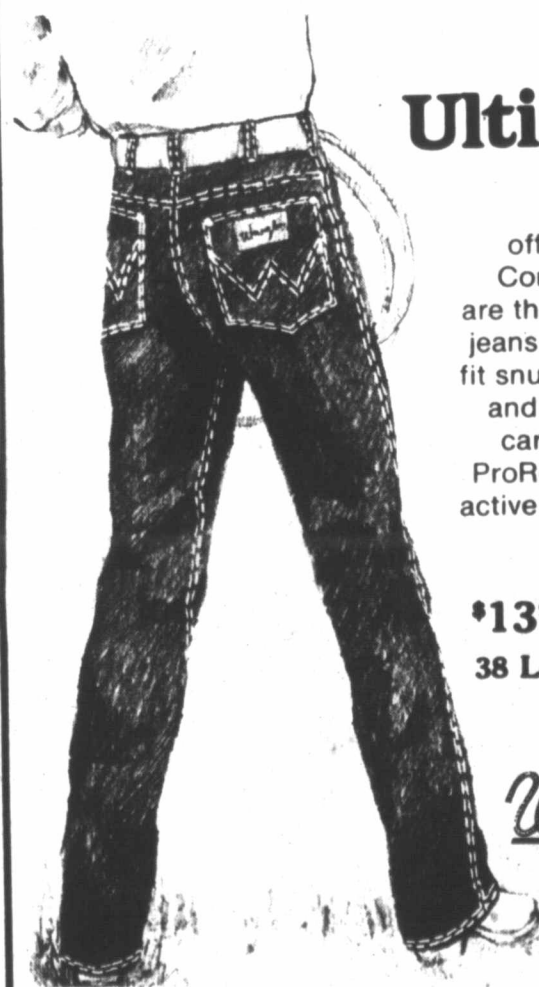


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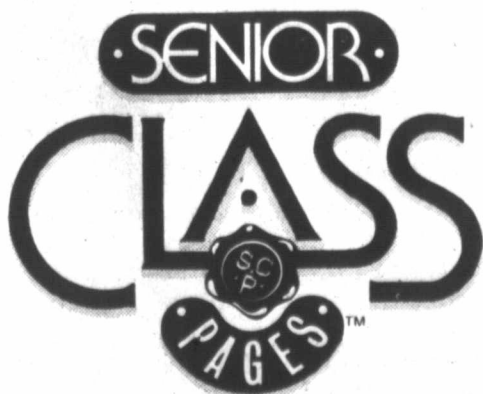


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Dear Abby

Compassion is the main course when dining with the disabled

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I've never written before but now I need your thoughts on a subject that really bothers me. I don't know how to put this delicately, but what is your opinion of people who take persons who are unable to eat normally to high-class restaurants? I mean people who have had strokes, can't eat without drooling and make a terrible mess.

A co-worker told me that he and his wife went to a lovely restaurant for a relaxing evening, only to be seated right next to a family that included a woman who had to be fed. He said there appeared to be more food coming out than going in and it looked like she was vomiting. He said it was revolting, and it spoiled his appetite.

This kind of stuff doesn't bother me because I'm a nurse, but I can understand how some people might not be able to tolerate it.

If people want to take someone out who can't eat normally, out of consideration to the other diners, why don't they request an out-of-the-way table?

SEES BOTH SIDES

DEAR SEES: Most people with special needs do request an out-of-the-way table, but it's not always possible to accommodate them. Those who cannot eat normally desperately need to get out and dine in a lovely restaurant, and their friends and families deserve commendation for taking them. If one happens to encounter a "revolting" sight, he need only turn his head and avoid looking in that direction again. I, too, can see both sides—but my plea is for more compassion and understanding on the part of the "other diners."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old male. In my youth, I hitchhiked great distances—even coast to coast. I was given rides by many kind and interesting people. Only in one situation did I have any concern for

my personal safety, and that came to nothing.

In recent years I have not picked up hitchhikers, but when my wife passes on (she is terminally ill) I plan to travel extensively by car. Long stretches of highway driving will be lonely, and I would gladly give rides to strangers for companionship if I could substantially reduce the risk of robbery or worse.

Abby, is it safe to pick up hitchhikers? And what measures can a driver take to reduce the risk if he does give someone a ride?

TACOMA READER

DEAR READER: No, it is NOT "safe." For 100 percent protection, pick up nobody. I would offer a would-be hitchhiker the same advice. Sorry, but we're living in crazy times.

DEAR ABBY: To avoid "surprising" a bride with an engagement ring she may not like, I submit the following idea. It was used by my husband many years ago when he went to buy me a wrist watch but didn't have the slightest idea about my taste:

He bought a cheap toy watch, took it to a fine local jeweler and asked him to place it in one of their lovely boxes together with a handwritten certificate stating: "Redeemable for a real watch of your choice with all my love. Happy Birthday!"

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B-25 IN FORMATION-A formation of B-25s flies over Pampa, far right, while pilots train at the Pampa Army Airfield during World War II. The Canadian River, full of water, runs

through the top portion of the photo. (Photo courtesy Pampa Army Airfield Association)

Airshow features oldest B-25

The public is invited to a free airshow Saturday at 2 p.m. at Perry Lefors Field, sponsored by the Pampa Army Airfield Association as part of its reunion activities this weekend.

Highlights of the show is to be "The General," the oldest B-25 bomber in existence and the only one still flying today. The bomber was the fourth off the assembly line and was assigned to General Curtis LeMay, hence its name.

Also planned for the event is a program presented by "The Texas Airborne Rangers," a paratrooper and helicopter team from the

Texas National Guard.

Pilots and other personnel stationed at the Pampa Army Airfield during the three years of operation in World War II are gathered in Pampa this week for their annual reunion which will culminate in a banquet Saturday featuring Congressman Beau Boulter and entertainment provided by opera singer Lyn Benaventura of Manila, Philippines.

Special guests who are to be present for the reunion are Col. Theodore Keller, base adjutant,

who helped open the airfield in 1942, and Col. William A. Poe, commander of the Quartermaster Corps.

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Women's art show

CHADDS FORD, Pa. (AP) — Examples of works by 38 of the more influential female artists of the mid-19th to mid-20th century period will be shown at the Brandywine River Museum from Sept. 7 through Nov. 24. Among the artists featured in "America's Great Women Illustrators: 1850-1960" will be Alice Barber Stevens, Ellen Bernard Thompson Pyle, Elizabeth Shippen Green, Violet Oakley and Sarah Stilwell Weber. The more than 70 works in the exhibition organized by the Society of Illustrators of New York City are on loan from museum and private collections.

Back issues are still available at the old rate of \$7 until Sept. 1 and then the new rate of \$8.50 will also apply to those issues. A complete contents and price list of back issues is available upon request.

Write Cluny House, P.O. Box 2207, Kingston, Ontario, K7L5J9, Canada for more information. The 1983 issues have several articles that might be of interest to you.

Blackwells of Georgia and Texas might help connect your family or another possibility would be the Index of Blackwells in England before 1700. John D. Blackwell is the founder - editor of the Blackwell Newsletter and does an excellent job. The issues contain a

variety of quality information. Money well spent if you have any Blackwell ancestors.

Time again for those notices relating to books of "The Complete Registry of the ----- In America." Usually this is a printed letter and the surname is changed for each family. Be VERY CAREFUL if you order this book. You might receive

what is undoubtedly pages printed from telephone books and - or city directories. This information is available in many of the public libraries without charge. It might supply you with a lead as to someone to contact with the same surname but does not give any indication as to the relationships.

Although genealogy is one of the leading hobbies in the country, not all people are interested. Try writing to distant relatives or contacts made through other "cousins" before trying a list of names with no known connection.

Are you writing a family newsletter? Do you receive one that might help others? Send the information for a column to Gena Walls, 8825 S.W. Maverick Terrace No. 1009, Beaverton, Ore., 97005.

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Easy-to-care-for pets for dog lovers

DEPOE BAY, Ore. (AP) — For a business that's gone to the dogs, Kuzie Ames' is something else.

Mrs. Ames sells ideal pets: dogs that don't bark or growl or howl. They don't run up vet bills and they'll never mess up the rug.

In a blue house on U.S. Highway 101 just north of Depoe Bay, she and her husband, Buck, run a one-of-a-kind shop. They sell nothing but dog figurines — and mostly pugs, at that.

For 20 years they bred the small, wrinkly skinned pugs — a breed that was introduced to the Western world centuries ago after Dutch traders discovered the pug in a Chinese palace.

According to literature Ames has read, pugs were bred strictly as pets. They were carried in the loose sleeves of women's kimonos, he said.

Since those days, pugs have increased in size. Today's pugs

normally weigh between 14 and 18 pounds, said Mrs. Ames, with some hitting as much as 20 pounds.

She became interested in them after they lost a dog while living in Portland. When their five children decided the family needed another pet, they visited the Humane Society. They wanted a boxer, but didn't find one.

The "only friendly dog" Mrs. Ames saw at the shelter was a pug, but it was reclaimed by the owners.

She was so impressed by it that she told her husband "that was the kind of dog the kids need" — not to mention the fact that she wanted it even more.

Ames had an idea that they might make a go of raising pugs, and he was right. The pugs they bred sold well. Mrs. Ames said she wasn't good at showing dogs, but her pugs began winning ribbons anyway at shows around the country.

While their children were growing up in Portland, the family frequently vacationed on the coast and the couple liked it there. After Ames retired as a highway inspector, they moved to Depoe Bay.

They no longer own a real pug. Their last one died at the age of 15. Since they do quite a lot of traveling, they haven't looked for another one.

Dramatics students perform tonight

Participants in ACTION Creative Dramatics Workshop, conducted this week at the First Presbyterian Church, are to put their new acting skills to work tonight.

The group is to present "Rainbow Connection," at 6 p.m.

at the First Christian Church fellowship hall. The performance is free to the public.

During the week of activities, youngsters ages 9 to 12, learned the rudiments of acting, mime and puppetry. The workshops are co-sponsored by ACT I and the

Pampa Fine Arts Association in order to create more awareness of the dramatic arts in the community.

"Innocence is the chief of virtues." Greek proverb

Class of 1945 joins for weekend of fun

The Pampa High School Class of 1945 began its 40th year reunion Aug. 9 with a supper at a local cafeteria attended by classmates and spouses. Gene and Shirley Sone Lunsford hosted an open house following the supper. A breakfast buffet opened the festivities on Aug. 10.

Derrel Hogsett of Pampa and his brother Duane Hogsett of Tulsa, Okla., hosted the reunion. The brothers spent many hours sending out letters and telephoning class members. Newspaper advertisements were published in an effort to contact all the "lost, stolen or strayed members of the class of 1945."

Teachers who attended the reunion include Mr. and Mrs. Flaudie Gallman, Mrs. R.H. Sandford, Miss Roy Riley, Mrs.

Les Hart and Bill Postma. Four members of Mr. Postma's 6th grade Baker School Band were also present.

For many students, this was the first visit to Pampa in the 40 years since their graduation. Twenty of the classmembers have since died.

After a morning of visitation, a buffet lunch was served. The afternoon was spent visiting or sightseeing.

Wayne Barnes of Spain was recognized as having come the furthest. Winnie Lou Cox Cavilla, daughter of Wenell Cox of Pampa, has the most children, 10 in all. Duane and Linda Hogsett were a close second with nine children.

The final event of the reunion was a Sunday morning breakfast buffet.

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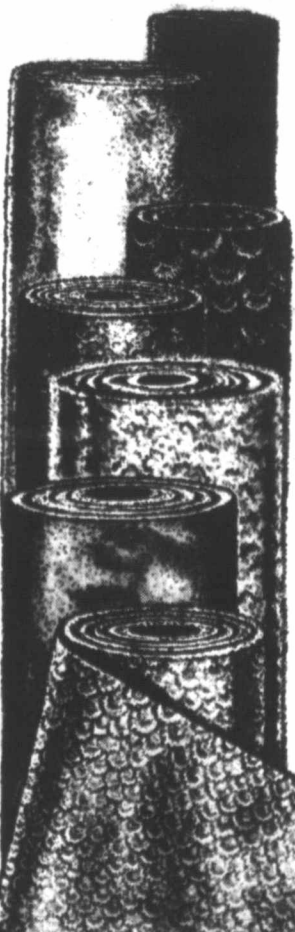
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FLOODWATERS—A boatload of people make their way down a flooded road Tuesday near Louisiana, after Hurricane Danny caused

widespread flooding of low-lying areas. Danny came ashore Thursday with high winds and heavy rains. (AP Laserphoto)

Hurricane Danny not bad compared to other storms

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Flash-in-the-pan Hurricane Danny left power failures, downed trees and minor flooding in its wake today, and emergency centers were quickly abandoned by people one official said "have been through this so many times before that they've got it down to a science."

There was one death. No other injuries were reported Thursday and none of the immense property damage left by such killer storms as Audrey in 1957, Betsy in 1965, Camille in 1969 or Hilda in 1964.

Still, Gov. Edwin Edwards declared a state of emergency in 13 parishes and said he would try to get federal aid to cover damages.

After building in intensity for three days, Danny finally stormed ashore at Pecan Island mid-morning Thursday with 85 mph winds gusting to over 100 mph.

It was downgraded to a tropical storm by 8 p.m. and by midnight, the National Hurricane Center said the storm's center was between Alexandria and Shreveport, heading north-northeast with 46 mph winds gusting to 63 mph.

Tom Creaghan, director of state emergency operations in Baton Rouge, said damage assessment teams would fan out today through Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, Vermilion, Iberia and Evangeline

parishes.

"We were tremendously lucky — nothing serious and no injuries," said Pete Picou, Civil Defense director at Cameron, about 35 miles west of Pecan Island.

"We had 300 people here less than an hour ago," said Timothy Hooper, manager of the Red Cross shelter at Lake Charles-Boston High School. "Just about all of them were from Cameron and when the Civil Defense gave the OK, 99 percent of them left within a half hour."

"They started cheering and then started packing. I tried to stop them but they heard it on TV and then there was no stopping them."

"Some of these people have been through this so many times before that they've got it down to a science."

The worst peril occurred 40 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico, where a Coast Guard helicopter rescued seven Texans who, oblivious to

hurricane warnings because of radio trouble, sailed a 41-foot yacht into the storm.

They were airlifted to a suburban New Orleans hospital for treatment of injuries ranging from a broken leg to scrapes and cuts.

Another 60 or so people were stranded for a while on a bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway, near Louisiana in St. Mary Parish.

In the town of Kaplan, a man was injured when a mobile home for an oil drilling crew was rolled about 60 yards. He was hospitalized in stable condition, authorities said.

Robert Henry Johnson, 24, of Houston, died Wednesday evening after being electrocuted when the boat he was pulling out of the water to avoid the storm hit a power line.

In the Acadiana section of southwestern Louisiana, unofficial estimates were that Danny knocked out power to 300,000 homes and businesses, leaving them without electricity Thursday night.

Lead poisoning checks save children

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Evelyn Hines says a neighborhood health clinic that automatically checks children for lead poisoning saved the life of her 4-year-old daughter Belinda.

If it hadn't been for the clinic, Mrs. Hines said, the high level of lead in Belinda's blood might have gone undetected until she died.

Efforts to reduce the incidence of severe lead poisoning nationwide have been highly successful over the past decade, according to health officials. And St. Louis appears to be doing a better job than many cities of finding youngsters with a high risk of severe lead poisoning, the officials said.

Before, a large number of children weren't diagnosed until they had very severe symptoms, such as persistent vomiting, seizures and coma," said Dr. Ursula Rolfe, director of the lead clinic at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis. "Now we catch it

earlier." Last year, more than 1,000 children of almost 13,000 tested were found to have abnormal amounts of lead in their blood, said Gilbert Copley, an assistant health commissioner. With immediate treatment and efforts to eliminate lead from their homes, almost all have recovered fully, he said.

Eighteen public and private hospitals and health clinics test children for lead poisoning, Copley said.

Belinda Hines has undergone three treatments since a routine checkup last year revealed a dangerous level of lead in her blood. She was treated in hospitals and a convalescent home.

Mrs. Hines, 30, who has five other children, watched as Belinda received shot after painful shot. Doctors told her the child could not return home until the house was free of lead dust and chips of old, lead-based paint.

"It's very painful, it's very tough on a little child," said Mrs. Hines. "I may miss her and she may be heartbroken, but it's best for her. I didn't feel that way at first, but I do now."

Dr. Jane Lin-Fu, a pediatrics consultant for the federal Division of Maternal and Child Health Care, said figures she compiled in 1983 showed St. Louis had the highest percentage of any major city of children with excessive lead in their blood.

However, she cautioned, her figures could also indicate that St. Louis is finding more children with lead poisoning because it's looking harder.

Fifteen years ago, she said, children weren't diagnosed for lead poisoning until they showed advanced symptoms.

"Many children died of lead poisoning. It was ... very shocking," said Lin-Fu, considered the nation's leading expert on lead

poisoning.

Copley said most of the children poisoned in St. Louis came from poor families who lived in old apartments and houses covered with layers of lead-based paint. When the paint chips and cracks, the sweet taste of the lead makes it an inviting but poisonous candy for children, he said.

"It only takes a chip the size of a pencil eraser every day to raise the amount of lead in the blood to a toxic level," he said.

Gradually, the level of lead in the blood increases, causing equally symptoms such as irritability, loss of appetite or loss of balance, he said.

Products containing lead, such as paint and gasoline, were used for years, but public awareness of the dangers did not spread until the late 1960s.

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Texas may pass New York in 2990 census

By KATHRYN BAKER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Texas could get from two to five new seats in Congress after the 1990 census, possibly surpassing New York, according to projections of reapportionment based on population trends.

The American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees used U.S. Census Bureau data and a system of "equal proportions" to project how the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives would be divided in 1991.

Congressional seats are

reapportioned every 10 years after the census.

"The AFSCME calculations show that the big gainers will be California, Texas and Florida; the chief losers — New York and Michigan," said the group.

Another study, by the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, also predicted that population would continue shifting from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West.

Using data from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis and the National Planning Association, CRS predicted Texas

would gain from two to four seats in Congress.

AFSCME predicted that Texas would get five more seats for 32, while New York, currently at 34, and Michigan would lose three each.

That would put Texas ahead of New York and in second place in the number of House seats. California would remain first by also gaining five seats for a total of 50.

CRS, which gave ranges for most states, said New York could lose from two to five seats and California could gain from two to

States that would gain seats under either of the projections were Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Washington.

Those that would lose seats were Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

CRS analyst David C. Huckabee issued a caution with his figures.

"The apportionment formula is sensitive to minute population shifts," he said. "Adding or subtracting a small number of

people from a state's population can make a difference in whether or not a seat is assigned to that state."

AFSCME president Gerald W. McEntee, a member of the Democratic National Committee, sees the expected changes benefiting Republicans.

"There is a heavily funded Republican effort to take advantage of the population shifts in this decade as the GOP openly plans to use the redistricting process to seize control of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years," he said in a statement accompanying the

projections.

The GOP says it would benefit from increased population in the more conservative Sunbelt, but Democrats counter that many of the voters who move to the Sunbelt

may bring their Democratic preferences with them.

It is difficult to project where any new seats would be located within the state, because the Legislature draws the new boundaries, a process that historically has been fraught with allegations of partisan finagling.

Based on the 1980 census, Texas got three new congressional seats.

White House staff grabbing spotlight

BY SUSAN SCHAFER

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — White House officials went to extraordinary lengths this week to focus the media spotlight on their own activities, while President Reagan remained in seclusion at his mountaintop ranch.

Waves of television cameramen, still photographers and reporters from the 100-plus White House press corps were ushered into a plush cottage at the elegant, seaside Biltmore Hotel to catch a glimpse of Tuesday's unusual telephone-conference among top-level presidential aides here and in Washington.

Not in recent memory, according to longtime White House correspondents, had such attention been focused on a staff meeting. At the White House, such "photo opportunities" are reserved for events attended by the president, and his top aides usually remain out of the cameras' range.

But this week on the West Coast, Reagan stuck to his plans for a tranquil vacation on his 688-acre spread about 25 miles outside this Southern California resort town. Before the president's vacation began, White House spokesman Larry Speakes had said Reagan's aim during his three-week holiday was to complete the recuperation from his July 13 colon cancer surgery.

Long-range network television cameras, poised on a nearby mountaintop, stood ready to capture the president's activities at his ranch — perhaps even his first horseback ride since surgery.

But the cameras came away only with hazy images of several unidentifiable people walking about the ranch, leaving correspondents confessing that they could not be positive the cameras had caught the president strolling or piloting his red pickup truck about his lands.

Therefore, more interesting, and much more accessible thanks-to the White House public relations machine.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Susanne M. Schafer, who has reported on international and national affairs for The Associated Press since 1977, covers the White House and accompanied the president to California.

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- 5 Protective ditch
- 9 Resident of (abbr.)
- 12 Baksheesh
- 13 Villain in "Othello"
- 14 CIA forerunner
- 15 Made a stranger
- 17 Short sleep
- 18 See (Fr.)
- 19 Navy ship prefix (abbr.)
- 20 Daily record
- 22 Defensive missile (abbr.)
- 23 Stevedore union (abbr.)
- 24 Lament
- 27 Set value
- 32 Live
- 34 Noun suffix
- 35 Japanese statesman
- 36 Even (poet.)
- 37 Hockey great Bobby
- 39 Nasal cavity
- 41 More puzzling
- 44 Garfield's pal
- 45 Author Fleming
- 46 See mammal
- 48 Do well
- 51 Same (comb. form)
- 52 Very cold
- 55 Retirement plan (abbr.)
- 56 That can be restricted
- 59 Horse (sl.)
- 60 Pertaining to an age
- 61 Debatable
- 62 Target center
- 63 Size of paper
- 64 City in Italy

DOWN

- 5 Noxious gas
- 6 Horse food
- 7 Mellow
- 8 Babies
- 9 Island off Scotland
- 10 Ivan the Terrible
- 11 Look at
- 16 Knob
- 21 Island of the Aegean
- 22 Years (Fr.)
- 23 Honahu bay
- 24 Submissive
- 25 Work cattle
- 26 Japanese aborigine
- 28 Father (poet.)
- 29 Indian river
- 30 Needle case
- 31 Drug portion
- 33 Tallied
- 38 Japanese currency
- 40 Olympic board (abbr.)
- 42 Dead heat
- 43 Optimistically
- 47 Go bad
- 48 One (Ger.)
- 49 Medical picture (comp. wd.)
- 50 Animal enclosure
- 51 Moslem priest
- 52 Nigerian tribesmen
- 53 Coagulate
- 54 Abominable snowman
- 57 Resentment
- 58 Physicians' association (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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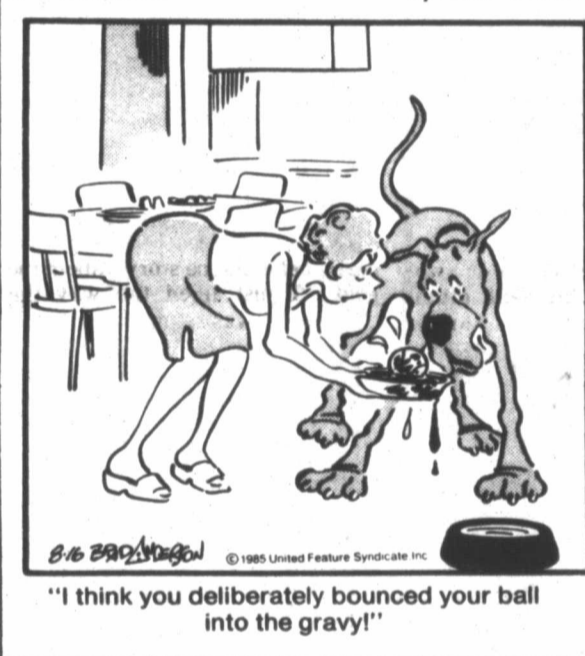
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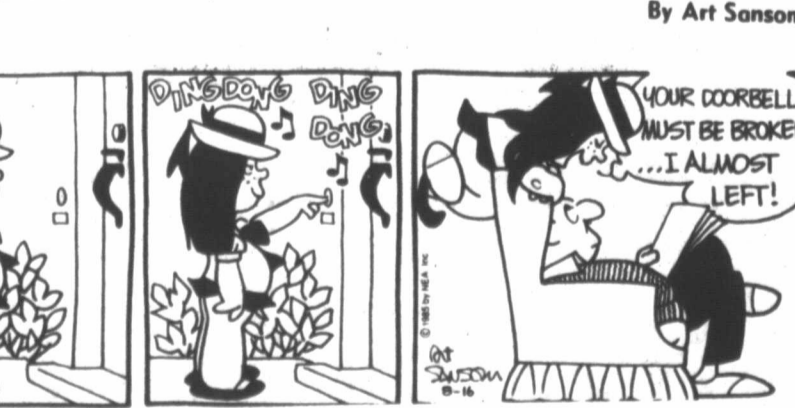
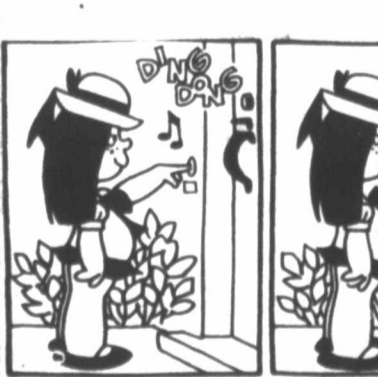
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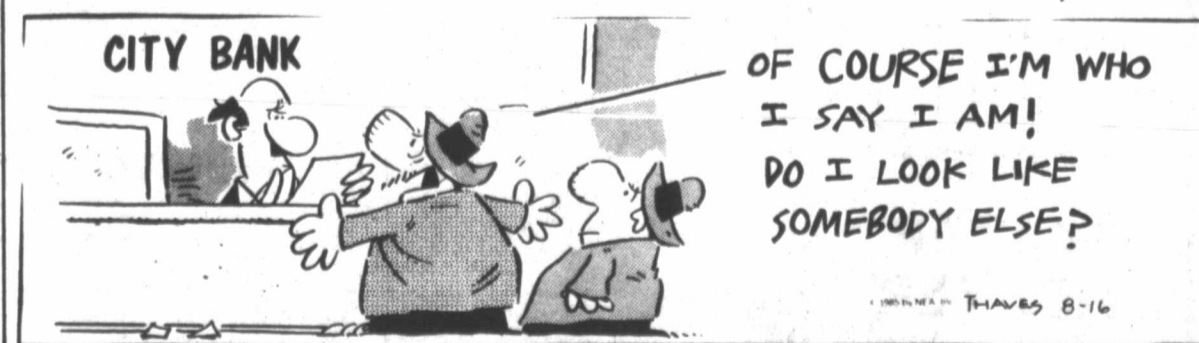
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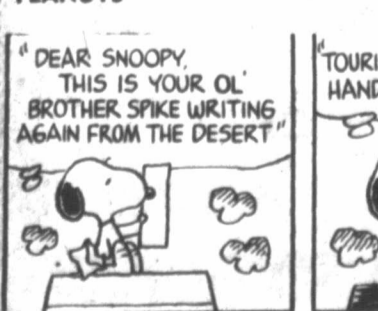
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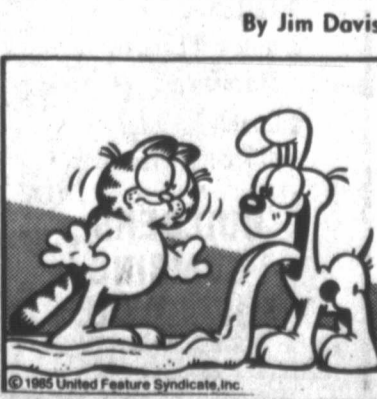
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by bernice bede osol

Aug. 17, 1985

An important project that you started, but abandoned, will be revitalized in the year ahead. This time you'll do what's required to make it work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial dealings may not go as well for you as you'd like today. However, you can still make the most from a bum deal. 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. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The solution to a difficult problem can be found today if you look at it from the opposite angle. Be flexible in your thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be hesitant about returning something you bought recently if you find you can get the same merchandise at a better price elsewhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to keep life's true values in proper perspective today. Put your stock in love and friendship and not in material things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pace your actions carefully today in competitive situations. Time is your ally so don't make your big move prematurely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be mindful of the needs and opinions of people with whom you're involved today. If what you propose is for the general good, all will be harmonious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Let the other person state his terms first if you're making an agreement today. What he has to offer may be better than you'd ask.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 19) If you require a sounding board to bounce your ideas off today, select a person you love and respect instead of one who is uncaring and opinionated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to schedule your more testy tasks for the afternoon. Early in the day, you could be a trifle careless or even indifferent regarding your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Subdue temptations to buy impulsively today. Items or merchandise that look good at first glance might not hold up under closer scrutiny.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not make commitments today without first considering their ramifications. You won't be excused from your agreements because of hasty judgments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best to have someone double-check any important work you perform today. They could spot mistakes that might not be apparent to you.

Glittering tales abound, but gold not found

By RANDY RAY
Temple Daily Telegram

TEMPLE, Texas — Gold. Its shiny allure has made men fight, kill, lie, cheat, steal and desert their families in attempts to possess it.

Texas and the Southwest are filled with tales of lost gold mines and hidden caches of the valuable bullion. The Lost Dutchman and The Lost San Saba Mines, Santa Anna's missing pay chest and Jean Laffitte's buried pirate booty stir our imagination. Some of those treasure legends focus on Central Texas.

At the site of present-day Boy Scout Camp Tahuaya south of Belton, the Spanish conquistadors operated two silver mines, using Indian slaves. They also built a fort at the site to protect the mine and others who operated by the Spaniards at the area.

Ore from the various mines in the area was brought to the Camp Tahuaya site to be smelted and poured into bars for mule train transport to Mexico.

One legend says a pack train of 40 burros loaded with gold bars was attacked by Indians in the 18th century at a site near present-day Jarrell. All the Spaniards reportedly were killed in the attack.

Either the Spanish soldiers, before they were killed, or the Indians themselves, after the massacre, reportedly hid the bars of precious metal in one of the caves that honeycomb the limestone cliffs along Aslado Creek near the border between Williamson and Bell counties.

In 1928 an Oklahoma Cherokee Chief, James Carlton O'Guinn, came to Jarrell claiming to be the only person alive to know where the gold was hidden. O'Guinn claimed he had come to the cave as a boy in the 1890s with his grandfather, head of the Cherokee Nation, and a sub-chief. They had by buggy from Oklahoma, following landmarks described in Indian legends to a cave hidden by loose rocks and dirt.

The two older men uncovered the cave and went inside, leaving O'Guinn outside to tend the campfire, he said. After being gone for a long time, they returned carrying a covered, heavy load, which was placed in the buggy.

After carefully resealing the cave, the group started back to Oklahoma. O'Guinn said he never was told what was in the old sack the men had brought out of the cave. But he said the tribe later sold whatever it was for \$96,000.

O'Guinn said he believed about \$200 million in gold and silver was still hidden somewhere in the cavern.

After that the gold rush was on. Several Jarrell residents found the hidden cave O'Guinn had described, but the entrance was



Ray Brown of Jarrell shows cave where gold supposedly buried

filled by a steady stream of water. In the 1930s, a Belton group formed a corporation to look for the gold, selling stock in the treasure to raise enough money to pay for the unsuccessful venture.

About 10 years later, two Rosebud men also hunted for the gold after finding some old maps that supposedly showed the location of the cave entrance. The men and their helpers eventually laid about 800 feet of rail car track into the cave, uncovering some religious relics but no gold.

In 1965-66, the longest, costliest and most publicized search for the treasure took place, led by Elizar "Les" Guerra, who claimed to have actually seen the treasure.

Guerra said he had learned of the treasure several years earlier when he befriended Pablo Juarez, a Mexican Indian. Juarez had lived in the Jarrell area for years, living in a cave near the suspected treasure site. Residents of the area said Juarez always paid for supplies in gold, though he did not have a job.

Juarez died in Georgetown in 1958 at the age of 108, but before he died he supposedly told Guerra about the treasure, which Guerra said included a life-size bull's head made of gold with ruby eyes.

Soon after the Indian's death, Guerra said he went exploring in caves along Salado Creek, and eventually became lost. For two days he wandered, he said, often having to squeeze through passages barely wide enough for a man to pass.

Finally, he stumbled into a larger cavern, and struck a match — and found neat stacks of gold bars and the bull's head, just as Juarez had described it.

Guerra said he took nothing from the cave because he was too

exhausted and excited. After finding his way out, he spent several months in the hospital recovering from the ordeal. When he finally returned, he found a cave-in had again blocked the cave's entrance.

Guerra's story was convincing enough to entice several wealthy investors to buy stock in his corporation to help finance the search. His main supporter was H.D. "Mack" McCord, a Dallas restaurant and liquor store owner.

Armed with electronic metal detectors, scuba equipment, dynamite and two pumps which worked 24 hours a day to keep the cave from flooding, the gold seekers assaulted the cavern in December 1964 looking for the treasure.

All they found were the rail tracks left behind by the earlier searchers.

The search ended in the spring of 1966 when the Texas Securities Commission ordered Guerra Enterprises Inc. to stop selling stock in the venture.

Today, the property upon which the gold is supposedly buried is owned by Ray Brown, head of the security for an investor in the 1965 operation. He bought the property from McCord's widow in 1974 and built a house there.

Although he invested money in the venture, Brown said he "never really believed the story" about the gold. "I just liked the way the corporation was set up," he said.

"If I'd believed it, I'd be digging for it right now," he added.

But Brown said McCord, his boyhood friend, was convinced the gold was down there.

"Mack believed in it 100 percent, and he nearly went flat busted looking for it," he said. "He dumped his liquor store and his

nightclub down that hold, and had half of his restaurant down it before his wife made him stop."

Other people apparently still believe the stories, too, Brown said.

"A couple of my neighbors must believe in it — they've been trying

to run me off my land for the past three years.

"I have peegends of Texas."

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Steinheimer headed southeast for about 14 miles. They came to several knobs or hills, where they were attacked by Indians. Steinheimer was wounded and his assistants killed, so he buried the remaining gold on the central knob of the group, and set out toward the north on foot.

He was found later by a band of travelers, weak from starvation and dying from gangrene. Before he died, he gave the group a sealed envelope, addressed to his sweetheart in St. Louis, which contained a map to the treasure and a letter telling her what had happened to him.

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Church gives Bible course

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Church plans Bible school

Vacation Bible School at the First Church of the Nazarene, 510 N. West, will begin Monday and continue each night through Friday, Aug. 23. The school will begin at 6:30 p.m. daily. Special feature this year will be Ms. Marie and her friends, Miss Piggy, Kermit, Cupcake, Dumplin, Muffin, Granny Love and others. The Sunshine Store will be a part of the Bible school, with children visiting the store as they earn merit points. A trophy will be awarded in each department to the child who has the greatest number of points. Points are earned by attendance, Bible memory work and bringing others to the school. Purpose of the school is to acquaint children with the Bible, with interesting activities forming part of the school's material.

Religion Roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — Five Christian students from Nanking, China, are spending two months touring the United States to get acquainted with America's diverse religious life. They are the first student delegation sent by the China Christian Council. They are studying for the ministry at Nanking Seminary. Two are the only Christians in their families. One was converted in 1981 by Bible reading. The Rev. Franklin J. Woo, China program director of the National Council of Churches which is sponsoring the tour, says: "It is hoped that the bond established between these future leaders of the church in China and Christians in the United States can be a firm foundation for a long-term relationship of mutuality."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A confidential report to the Vatican by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations says many women leave the church because it is insensitive to their desire to "participate fully." The 1982 report, obtained and recently made public by National Catholic News Service, criticizes the scarcity of women in decision-making positions, refusal to permit girls to serve at the altar and to admit women as deacons. The international women's body said it is "deeply concerned with the fact that the church is losing a considerable number of women and will continue to do so unless more sensitivity is shown toward women's concerns and aspirations to participate fully in the life and mission of the church."

WASHINGTON (AP) — United Methodist bishops, inspired by their Roman Catholic counterparts, are in the process of drafting a pastoral letter on nuclear armaments. Two days of testimony on the subject was taken here last month from theologians, scientists, military experts, members of Congress and Reagan administration officials. The bishops, leaders of the nation's second largest Protestant denomination, praised the 1983 Catholic pastoral letter against nuclear war, in launching their own project. They hope to "mobilize the church against the greatest threat to human survival today," says Bishop C.P. Minnick Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., co-chairman of the project. Some have indicated they may come out against possession of nuclear arms. Catholic bishops conditionally accepted possession, so long as genuine efforts were being made to reduce and eliminate nuclear arms.

NEW YORK (AP) — An American Lutheran, the Rev. Janice M. Erickson-Pearson, has become the first woman minister to celebrate Holy Communion in a Russian Orthodox church in the Soviet Union, a Lutheran group reports.

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Married priests to ask for restoration

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

An appeal is mounting in Roman Catholicism, especially from many former clergy dispensed from active priesthood in order to marry, that they be restored to regular priestly duty.

Their plea takes on international breadth this Aug. 26-30 near Rome at what is billed as the first world synod of Catholic married priests.

"We're willing to serve the church if the church is willing," says Frank Bonnike of Chicago, former president of the National Federation of Priests Council and now head of a prison school.

The current shortage of priests is expected to become more acute in the next decade, and several bishops and national hierarchies have suggested the church may need to open the priesthood to married men.

There have been some concessions. Former Episcopal and Lutheran clergy, who were married in those churches, have been admitted to the Catholic priesthood.

It seems "somewhat inconsistent" for the church to accept these married priests, but reject those "who have been Roman Catholics all their lives," Bonnike said. "It's hard for people

to understand." CORPUS, an organization of dispensed American priests now married, says about 4,200 in that category want to return to active priesthood — about a third of the 13,000 who left the U.S. priesthood in the last 20 years.

The number of former Catholic priests worldwide is about 100,000, and studies indicate about a third wish restoration to active priesthood. That would be a substantial pool of trained priests.

A proposed statement that Americans are presenting to the meeting at Ariccia, Italy, about 20

miles south of Rome, appeals to Pope John Paul II and bishops for readmission to "full and active priesthood."

The statement points out that Roman Catholicism had married priests for its first 12 centuries, with the basis for it in Scripture, and that priestly celibacy has never been a matter of doctrine, but a discipline that could be changed.

It has applied only to the Western rite of the church, and not its Eastern rite branches.

Delegations to the meeting in Italy were planned from the United

States, Canada and most West European countries, with about 200 expected to attend.

European proposals for the meeting were said to focus on the Scriptural basis for optional celibacy in the priesthood, noting that some of Jesus' apostles had wives, and that St. Paul stressed their "right" to marry.

Another proposed paper was to deal with the issue of ordaining women, which the pope has ruled out.

About 10 Americans released from the priesthood were scheduled to take part.



PUNNED NUN SUES - Sister Candida Lund, a Roman Catholic nun, is suing a greeting card company for using a photograph of her on a card along with what she terms "filthy, seamy and degrading verse." The front of the card, produced by California Dreamers, Inc., of Chicago, shows Lund wearing a nun's garb and the words, "It's all right if you kiss me." The verse continues inside, "So long as you don't get in the habit." (AP Laserphoto)

A rope, a camel? It's all in a word

Thousands of sermons had been preached on the text, but this was different. To open the door of this Long Island church was to see Wall Street at prayer. The J.P. Morgans, the du Ponts and other of the country's wealthiest families attended here. Morgan was to take the collection that Sunday morning.

Beads of perspiration began to form on the rector's forehead. The guest preacher had just told him he was going to base his sermon on the well-known Gospel passage, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

This was like telling this congregation they couldn't go to heaven. The preacher of the morning, George Lamsa, the Syrian Bible scholar, moved quickly to calm the nervous rector.

"Don't worry," he said. "The correct translation is 'rope' not 'camel,' as I will point out in the sermon. The Aramaic characters for camel and rope are practically identical. Only a native can tell the difference. The Greek translators got it wrong."

The passage, said Lamsa, doesn't mean it is impossible for a rich man to get into heaven. It means there will have to be some changes first.

Just as you have to remove some strands of the rope before it will go through the needle's eye, said Lamsa, so a rich man will have to strip away some of his material desires before he can get into heaven.

Lamsa, who related this story years later, said Morgan, the great financier-philanthropist, later told him how much he had enjoyed the sermon.

Lamsa, son of Near East nomads who grew up speaking the Aramaic language (the language of the apostles), discovered that our Bible translations got many of the Aramaic idioms all wrong.

When a man who had been asked to follow Jesus said, "Let me first bury my father," he meant, "Let me take care of my father until he dies" or, in

effect, "When I have no more family obligations, I'll follow you." Our translations make it sound as if Jesus didn't want the man to take time to bury his dead father.

In somewhat similar fashion, Americans misunderstood Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's boast to the United States: "We will bury you." We took that as a threat that Russia would destroy this country.

In Eastern idiom that phrase means, "We will outlive you" or "We will be around to bury you." Stripped of all idiom, what Khrushchev was saying was, "When capitalism is dead and gone, communism will still be here."

Lamsa was confused as much by American idioms as we are by Aramaic idioms. He became something of a baseball fan after coming to this country in 1917. One day when he was listening to a game on the radio, he heard the announcer say that Babe Ruth had "died on third."

Lamsa was sorry to hear that, for the Babe had been one of his heroes. Two innings later he got an even greater shock. Ruth, dead on third in the fifth inning, came to life to hit a home run in the seventh!

In any case, Lamsa, who died several years ago, took on the task of translating the Bible directly from the Aramaic into English, giving the idioms their English meanings. His is one of the more interesting translations that has just been brought out in a new paperback edition by Harper & Row.

As intriguing as Lamsa's rendering of "rope" for "camel" is in Jesus' passage about the eye of the needle, some scholars still go with camel, saying it was an attempt at humor on Jesus' part.

The disciples, according to one of the Bible scholars, would have slapped their knees in delight, contemplating "the image of a big, gangling, shaggy, awkward camel trying to poke his nose — to say nothing of his shoulders and mountainous hump — through the eye of a needle."

Religion Roundup

DENVER (AP) — Regional leaders of the United Methodist Church say they've been stymied at handling a grievance against an avowed homosexual minister because the rules about it weren't adequately defined.

Consequently, a committee has been assigned to determine just what is meant by a "self-avowed, practicing homosexual," which church rules bar from the ministry.

"The public may feel a definition is easy," says the Rev. Keith Watson, chairman of the regional board of ordained ministry, but he said definitions contained in the complaints "were not ones we could accept."

"We had no other definitions to go on," he added, so the committee was set up to clarify it.

The complaint against appointment of the Rev. Julian Rush as a part-time pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church cited media statements by him acknowledging his "same-sex orientation and his relationship with another male person."

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SPORTS SCENE

Dorsett reports to camp

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — After ending his 25-day-old holdout, running back Tony Dorsett says he's going to put away the name-calling and put on his Dallas Cowboys practice gear today for a team workout.

"I'm happy to be back and I never thought I'd say that about training camp," Dorsett said Thursday as he arrived at the National Football League team's training camp. "It's been an ordeal."

After meeting with his attorneys in Los Angeles to go over his new five-year contract, Dorsett met with Cowboys president Tex Schramm for more than an hour, met with the media for 20 minutes and then went to a local hospital to take his camp physical.

Although Dorsett was to practice with the team today, Coach Tom Landry said the running back will not play Saturday night in San Diego and will see his first game action Aug. 26 in Texas Stadium against Chicago.

"I just want to be a part of this team, and I'm extremely happy,"

he said Thursday. "Through all this, there has been a lot of things said, some that shouldn't have been. Apologies have been made and I owe an apology to the fans of America."

Dorsett was to be paid \$450,000, \$500,000 and \$550,000 the next three seasons. Instead, he'll get \$450,000 for each of the next three years and \$500,000 a year in a two-year contract extension.

He is to get annuity payments of \$300,000 annually from 1993-2012, a total of \$6 million. In addition to getting \$450,000 between the time he retires and when the annuity payments begin, he has a five-year, \$850,000 real estate deal set up by the Cowboys.

Dorsett, a nine-year veteran who has "no bad feelings" towards the Cowboys now, said he decided to come back last weekend after watching the Dallas-Green Bay exhibition game on satellite-fed television.

Dorsett said he is at his playing weight of 185 pounds and ready to play. He added that he is "on a mission now to help this team gain

some respect. Last year we lost some and I'm back to help get it back."

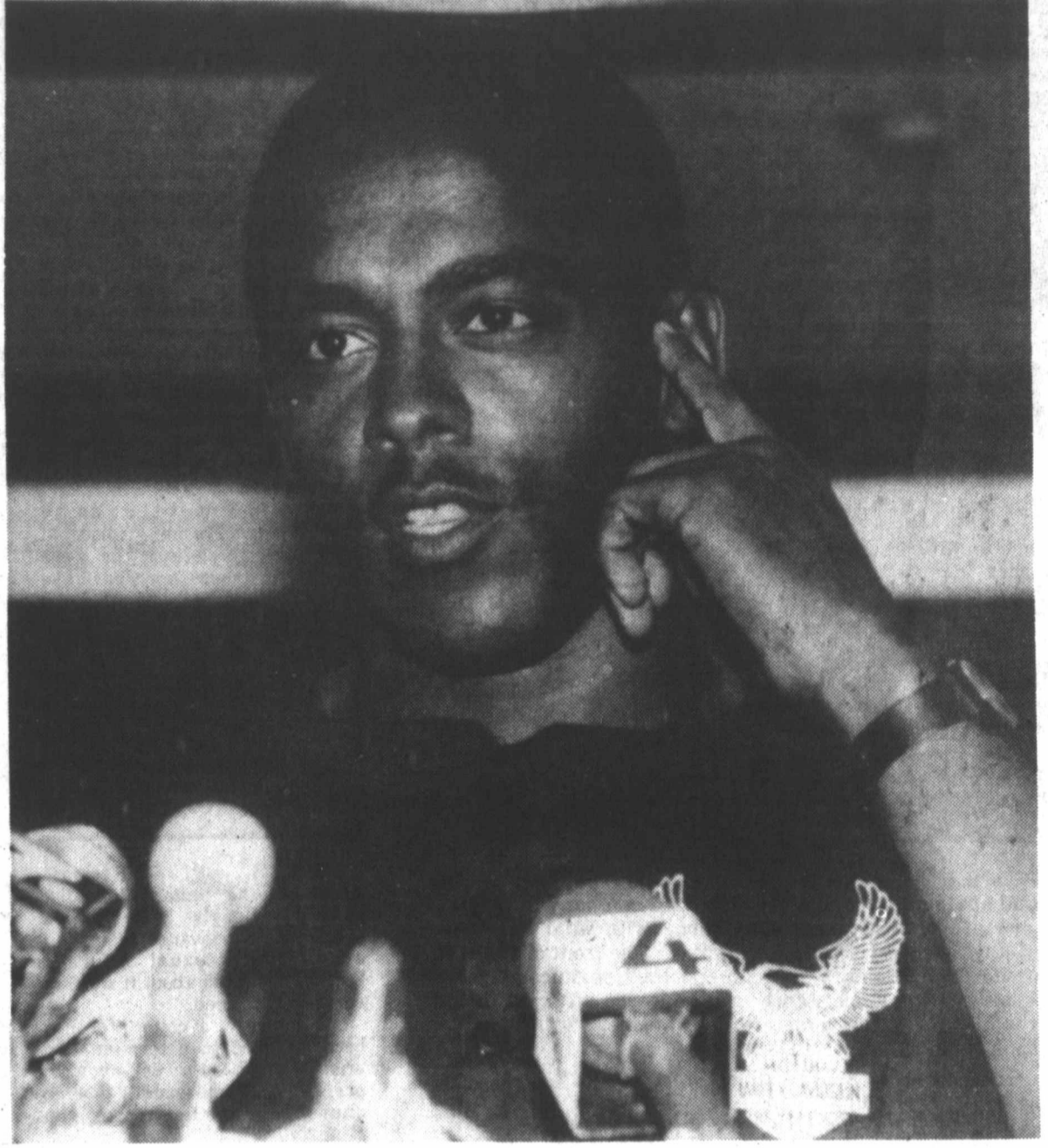
Dorsett was accompanied by agent Witt Stewart when he arrived here.

Stewart negotiated the contract with Schramm Wednesday after another agent, Howard Slusher, had encouraged Dorsett to "stay away from camp at least another two weeks."

Dorsett got into financial trouble with the Internal Revenue Service and made some bad investments that ate into deferred money he had taken up front. He was on the fourth year of a seven-year contract that would have paid him \$450,000 this year.

"I don't think I'll have any problems with my teammates," he said. "They all wore No. 33 (Dorsett's number) wrist bands at the game and that made me feel good."

Schramm said he can forgive and Dorsett's harsh words about the Cowboys: "People say things when they are upset that they don't mean," said Schramm.



Dorsett meets the press.

College Preview

Sooners lack backfield depth

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer said his 1984 football team lacked depth in the backfield, skeptics could be forgiven if they thought he was joking.

He wasn't.

Though Switzer's teams had rushed for nearly 340 yards per game in each of his 12 seasons as head coach, injuries, transfers and ineligible players often left his staff scrambling to make up a depth chart with two players at each backfield position.

Still, Oklahoma went 9-2-1 and earned a trip to the Orange Bowl. Switzer gave much of the credit to his great defense and the play of quarterback Danny Bradley.

This year, things look better in the backfield.

Spencer Tillman, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a freshman in 1983, had an injury-free spring after shedding 15 pounds. A hamstring pull limited him to eight games and 449 yards last season.

Earl Johnson, a junior fullback, is expected to be 100 percent again after having a cracked kneecap fixed in the off-season. Johnson teamed with Tillman to give

Oklahoma more than 2,000 rushing yards two seasons ago, but his injury in 1984 limited him to 80 yards on 33 carries.

A healthy Johnson would give the Sooners a potent 1-2 punch at fullback. Starter Lydell Carr, a sophomore, returns after leading the club with 695 yards a year ago.

Much will ride on the shoulders of sophomore quarterback Troy Aikman, a 6-3, 215-pound strongarm player, who looks out of place in the wishbone.

Aikman started in place of the injured Bradley last season, and Oklahoma lost to Kansas, 28-11.

The rest of the offense showed improvement during spring drills, also. Up front, the Sooners found suitable replacements for the two tackles and center lost by graduation.

Coaches say Keith Jackson, a sophomore-to-be, gives Oklahoma its best tight end in several years. And wide receiver Derrick Shepard returns for his junior season after leading the club with 24 receptions a year ago.

Switzer has always said defense is what wins games, and the Sooners again look outstanding in that area. Eight starters are back from the 1984 squad that led the

nation in defense against the rush, was second in overall defense and sixth in scoring defense. The list grows to nine when Kevin Murphy, an All-America defensive end in 1983, is added. Murphy missed all but one game last season and received a hardship ruling.

The headliner is All-America noseguard Tony Casillas. Switzer has run out of accolades for the senior, but says he might be the best lineman in school history.

Casillas is flanked by quality returnees at tackle and defensive end, as well as linebacker, where sophomore Brian Bosworth returns for an encore. Bosworth was the Defensive Newcomer of the Year in the Big Eight Conference last season after leading the team with 128 tackles.

The weakness is in the secondary, where only one full-time starter returns.

Oklahoma, due to a schedule change, will not open its season until Sept. 28 at Minnesota. The Sooners don't play their first home game until Oct. 19. The non-conference schedule includes Miami, Southern Methodist and Texas, with Oklahoma State and Nebraska waiting in the Big Eight.

Harvesters put on full pads today

Workouts are becoming progressively better for the Pampa Harvesters, who put on full equipment today to open contact drills.

"We've accomplished a lot of things the past four days," said Head Coach John Kendall. "We've had some cool weather and that's put some fire into them."

Two-a-day workouts continue until school starts Sept. 3.

"The kids have a real good attitude and I've been pleased with their enthusiasm," said Kendall, who begins his fourth year at the

Harvester helm.

The Harvesters travel to Boys Ranch for a scrimmage Aug. 22 and then go against Tascosa at home Aug. 30, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Harvesters will be testing some experiments in those two scrimmages.

"We're putting in some new offense and a different defense, so it's taking the kids awhile to get used to it," Kendall said. "It's hard to tell how it's going to work without full pads."

Injuries and illness haven't avoided the Harvesters during the first week of practice. Kendall said

two players have shoulder bruises while three others have been out with the flu.

Pampa's season opener is Sept. 6 against Monahans in Harvester Stadium.

A "Meet the Harvesters" night is planned for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at Harvester Stadium. The public is invited to take photos of the players.

Previous ticket holders can purchase football tickets now at the high school athletic office, located on Decatur Street just east of Harvester Stadium. Tickets go on sale to the general public Aug. 26.

Fehr takes Buick Open lead

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Rick Fehr, who lives in Seattle, makes himself right at home on Michigan golf courses.

In 1982, Fehr won the Western Amateur, which is played at Pointe O'Woods Golf Club in Benton Harbor, near Lake Michigan on the western side of the state.

This year, as a 23-year-old rookie on the Professional Golfers Association Tour, he tied for ninth in the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills in June. On Thursday, the former Brigham Young University star fired a seven-under-par 65 at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club to take the first-round lead in the Buick Open.

"I have a great track record in

Michigan," Fehr said. "My best event as an amateur was the Western Amateur and my best finish as a pro was at the Open," which was played about 30 miles from Grand Blanc in the Detroit suburb of Birmingham.

Fehr entered today's second round with a one-stroke lead over another rookie, Paul Azinger, and a two-shot lead over Bill Kratzert, Gil Morgan, Charlie Bolling, Greg Twigg and Scott Hoch.

Ninety-eight golfers were in at par-72 or below over the rain-softened 7,014-yard course. Seventy-eight broke par and 33 were below 70.

Fehr, making only his seventh 1985 start in a PGA Tour event, had

an outstanding record as an amateur. He played on the Walker Cup team and twice was an All-American at BYU.

However, he doesn't hold a Tour card from the PGA's qualifying school. As a result, Fehr was unable to compete in Tour events this year and spent most of the season playing on the Tournament Players Series satellite tour.

He finally landed a PGA starting spot in the Houston Open as a qualifier and later was granted a sponsor's exemption for the Westchester Classic.

"Finishing ninth at the Open opened the eyes of some more sponsors and got me into some tournaments," Fehr said.

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — This is the year of the quarterback in Midwest college football.

Nine of them, all starters, return in the Big Ten. Steve Beuerlein will be back at Notre Dame after shoulder surgery, and all but one of the Mid-American Conference teams have veterans returning.

Illinois, Iowa and Ohio State have been tabbed the preseason favorites, but Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler warns, "Don't count us out." Purdue and Michigan State also are eyeing Pasadena and the Rose Bowl.

Despite losing 15 starters, Wisconsin Coach Dave McClain says he still has plenty of talent returning, but he is concerned about his defensive secondary.

Gerry Faust enters his fifth coaching year at Notre Dame and if the Irish are healthy, they could again become a national power.

The Big Ten failed to land a team in the final Associated Press rankings last year, but conference coaches expect an outstanding season.

"It'll be fun to watch," said Illinois Coach Mike White. "There are more offensive skills and talented individuals in quarterbacks, receivers and running backs than you will see anywhere. The offenses will be explosive."

White will have such an offense. Jack Trudeau, returning at quarterback, passed for 2,724 yards last year. And returning wide receiver David Williams led the nation with 101 passes caught for 1,278 yards.

But the field is crowded with returning, outstanding quarterbacks.

Chuck Long is back at Iowa, Rickey Foggie at Minnesota, Jim Everett at Purdue, Mike Howard at Wisconsin, Jim Harbaugh at Michigan, Steve Bradley at Indiana, Dave Yarema at Michigan State and Mike Greenfield at Northwestern.

That leaves only Ohio State, whose Mike Tomczak was graduated. But Coach Earle Bruce isn't worried — he has Jim

Karsatos, an outstanding passer who backed Tomczak.

Buckeye running back Keith Byars, the nation's leading rusher, also is returning. But if Ohio State has an edge over Illinois and Iowa, it's on defense.

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry isn't overly concerned about his offense, not with Long at the controls and running back Ronnie Harmon returning from a leg injury.

Defensively, Iowa returns only four starters.

"The big job is replacing the down linemen," said Fry, who has linebacker Larry Station and free safety Devon Mitchell, both All-Big Ten performers, returning.

Illinois has to survive a start that includes Southern California and Nebraska before getting into the Big Ten.

The Wolverines have a stronger defense than last year and the quarterback situation appears healthy.

Michigan has one of the tougher pre-conference schedules.

Pampa drivers entered in Western race

Nine Pampans will be among an estimated 400 drivers from West Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas competing in the Western Conference Championships this weekend at Amarillo Dragway.

Pampa drivers (with fastest time and make of car) include Pat Striplin (rear engine crasher), Bill Hughes (front engine dragster), Chuck Kimball (Opel funny car, 156 mph, 8:83.), Keith Stowers (81 Camaro, 141 mph, 9:80) Jack Curtis (71 Corvette, 129 mph, 10:54), George Bullard (72 Vega, 127 mph, 10:80), Mike McComas (78 Javelin, 140 mph, 9:79), Jerry Brazil (72 Vega, 127 mph, 10:60) and Bobby Chase (68 Camaro, 121 mph, 11:40).

all of Pampa. They will compete against drivers from different track areas. The winning teams and drivers advance to the bracket finals at Green Valley Race City the first weekend in October.

Regular drivers at the Dragway earn double points toward the season championships as well as spots at the bracket final at Green Valley.

Curtis and Kimball of Pampa are listed among the top 40 drivers in the current Amarillo Dragway standings. Curtis is ranked 37th with 227 points while Kimball is ranked 40th with 215.

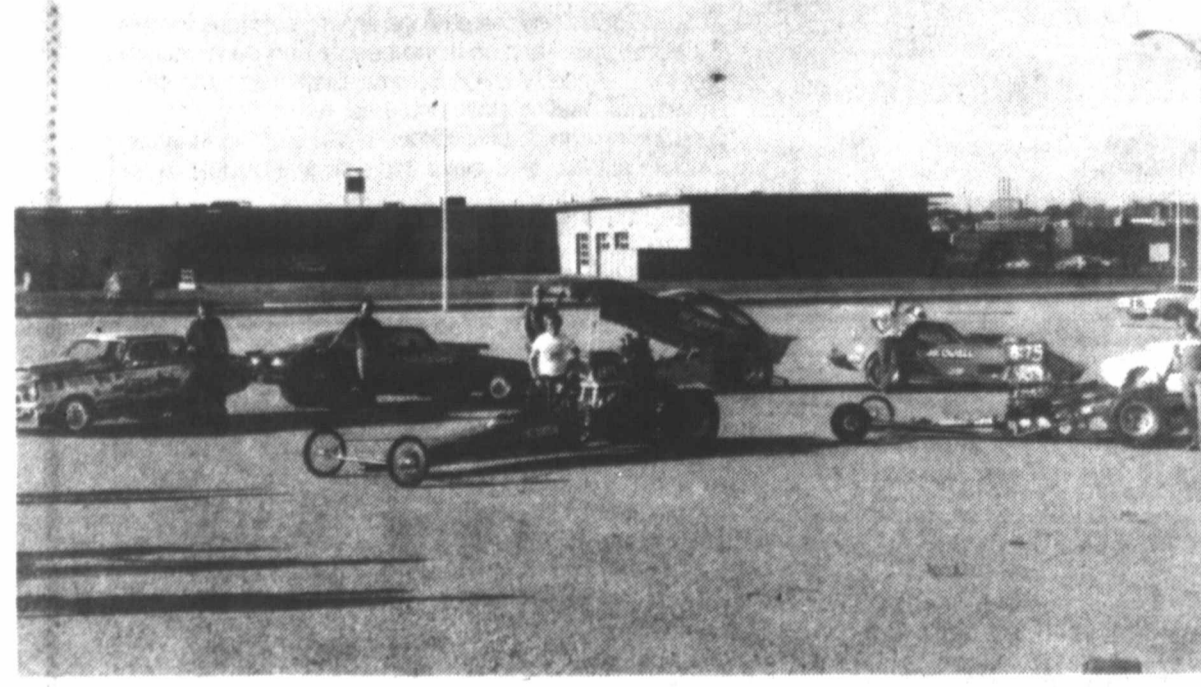
Time trials will be held today and Saturday with eliminations

starting at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The top 32 points leaders from each conference track will advance to Green Valley with the winner and runner-up in each division being seeded in the bracket finals.

The money in each division will be divided up as follows: \$600 to the runner-up; \$200 to the semifinalists and \$100 to the quarterfinalists. Pro divisions pay the same amounts.

The Pampa drivers will present a Car Show Saturday, Aug. 24 at Allsup's, 1900 North Hobart. The public is invited to attend free of charge, but any donations will go to fight muscular dystrophy.



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It takes a special breed to fight fires from the air

EDITOR'S NOTE — Officials call it the worst fire season in the history of California. Since Jan. 1, more than 5,200 fires have burned more than 385,000 acres. Supporting the firefighters on the ground is the state's fleet of air tankers, flown by a special breed of pilots with the "right stuff." A reporter took a ride with one of them, veteran Buzz Blaylock.

By STEVE GEISSINGER
Associated Press Writer

STOCKTON, Calif. — Buzz Blaylock coaxed tanker "72" skyward, bound for a wildfire belching deadly mixtures of smoke, updrafts and debris.

Blaylock, a former fighter pilot who was shot down in Vietnam, banked toward the Sierra Nevada in the twin-engine plane, one of 21 former submarine-chasing S-2s the state refitted to douse fires.

To survive the hazards that killed two tanker pilots last summer alone, the 58-year-old flier must make just the right approach: always diving downhill and upwind.

He must achieve precisely the right speed, flying slowly enough to maintain control as 800 gallons of retardant gushes out, abruptly making the plane four tons lighter.

He must brace against heat-fed updrafts, hoping to miss debris spewed by flames, then peer through smoke for exactly the right spot to release — ideally half in, half out of the fire. He's forced to dodge other tankers and planes, making sure firefighters are clear of the drop, which can squash a fire engine.

His flying comes second nature. Like all S-2 pilots, he flies without a co-pilot.

"It's not really an awful job," says Blaylock, who supervises the tanker pilots. "It's just one where you've always got to know exactly what you're doing."

"Like in late afternoon, when the shadows make the canyons so dark it seems as if you're diving into the belly of a whale. But you learn that your eyes will adjust quickly enough."

Blaylock has flown for 35 years, so long that he goes by "Buzz" rather than his real first name, Monroe. He started in propeller-driven fighters, then flew jets for the U.S. Air Force. North Vietnamese gunners shot him down on March 12, 1966, but he escaped capture.

As a Hemet Valley Flying Service pilot based in Grass Valley, he's flown nearly 10,000 fire-fighting missions since 1977 in the planes the state Department of Forestry leases from the military.

On this mission, he flew 20 miles northeast to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. He had an audience of news reporters, there to view a drill for tanker pilots and the CDF air attack commanders who give directions from smaller planes.

The lime-green and orange tanker flashed overhead, engines popping as if they were backfiring. The noise came from the propeller tips, spinning at 2,800 rpm — so fast they were shattering the sound barrier and spitting a stream of small sonic booms.

Blaylock circled, sizing up the mock fire with the CDF commander.

Then, abruptly, Blaylock's plane gracefully swooped to 154 feet, gushing a sticky red chemical containing fertilizer to both check the spread of flames and later nourish new plant growth.

Besides tankers, the state's air force includes 13 command aircraft and 10 helicopters that drop water from buckets, as well as ferry equipment and firefighters. The planes are ready to fly within three to four minutes.

Fluoridation foes submit petitions

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A citizens group opposed to fluoridating the city's water supply has submitted a second round of petitions seeking to force a referendum on the issue.

C.A. Stubbs, president of the Homeowner-Taxpayer Association of Bexar County, presented petitions he claimed contained 8,425 signatures to the city clerk's office Wednesday.

Stubbs' group earlier turned in tens of thousands of signatures but came up short of the required 40,488 names to force reconsideration on the fluoride issue.

City Clerk Norma Rodriguez will have to validate the new signatures as being those of registered voters. The group needs 1,077 signatures to meet the 40,488 total required.

If the total is reached, the city council will either have to withdraw its earlier endorsement of fluoridation or hold an election in November.

from 19 fields throughout the state, during daylight hours.

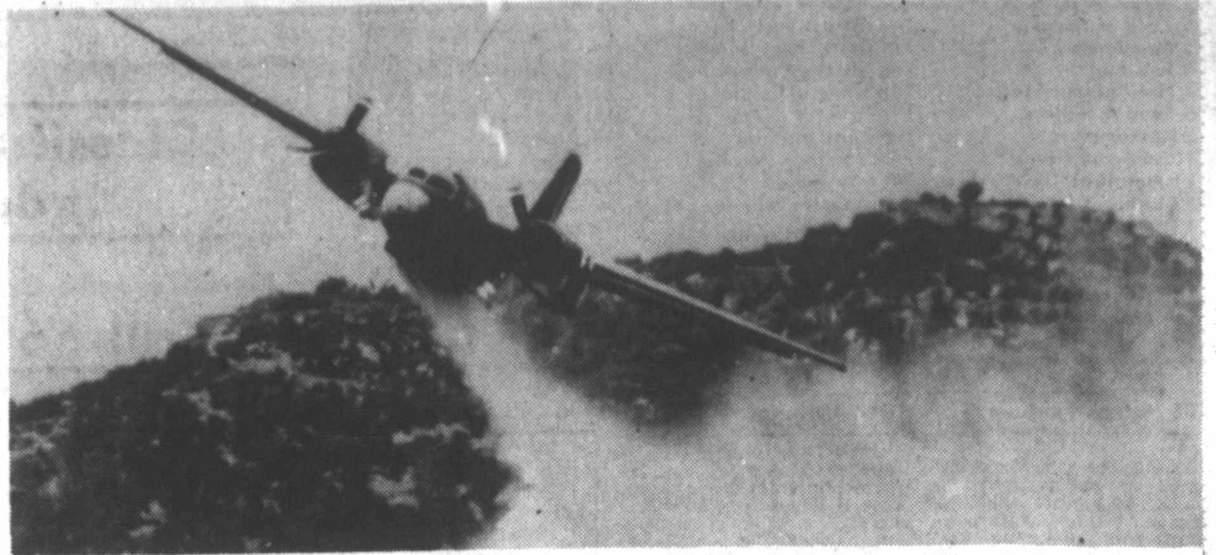
Jerry Partain, director of the Department of Forestry, says so far this year more than 5,200 fires have charred more than 385,000 acres in California, more than three times the amount that burned all of last year. He says 1985 has been "the worst fire season in California history."

A.M. "Sonny" Morrison, chief pilot at Hemet Valley Flying Service, says his company got an exclusive contract this year to

supply tanker pilots and maintain the planes, allowing standardized safety precautions and lower maintenance costs.

Morrison and Blaylock say the 120 air tanker pilots in the nation form a fraternity of sorts. In California, they earn about \$25,000 in five months, working nine days in a row for one day off, then return to their regular jobs as mechanics, real estate sales agents and crop dusters.

"This takes a particular kind of guy," Morrison says.



Buzz Blaylock drops fire retardant

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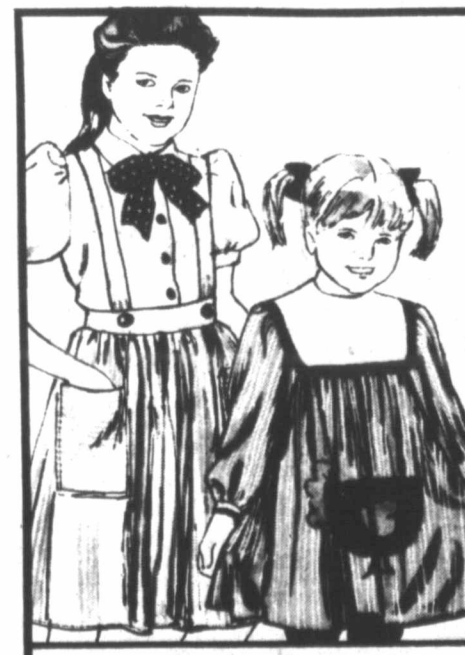
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