

Court report

DISTRICT COURT

Divorces

Melissa Lee Nichols Ely and Jared Brad Ely
Daena Gayton and Jaime Gayton
Efrain Silva and Irma Castillo Silva
Holly Ruth Holly and Rob Douglas Holly
Lecia Kay Coffman and Keith Arnold Coffman
Donna H. Campbell and Bryon K. Campbell
Orville William Whinery Jr. and Tony Lynn Whinery

Criminal

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of burglary of a habitation against Christopher Lance Mirabella because he was convicted in another case.

Christopher Lance Mirabella pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was assessed 10 years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice with credit for 42 days served, \$140 restitution.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of theft \$750-\$20,000 against Wiley McIntire because the defendant made restitution.

An order was entered granting a change of venue to Tarrant County in state of Texas vs. Henry Watkins Skinner.

An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Bronnie Paul Vaughn because he pleaded guilty to a Potter County charge.

An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Jerry Lynn Bullard because the defendant paid all fees in full.

An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Jonnie Langford because the defendant was convicted in another case.

Order were entered continuing Evaristo Vasquez Jimenez and William Clark Talley on probation.

Civil

In re: Pedro Hernandez, claimant and Petrosurance Casualty Co., carrier, petition for judicial review.

Larry E. Smith vs. Doug Boyd d/b/a/ Doug Boyd Motor Co., deceptive trade practice

Lefors Independent School District vs. Rev. Charles J. Cook, tax

COUNTY COURT

Marriage licenses issued

Julio Lopez Soto and Kerri Lynn Moxon
Jimmy Craig Johnson and Mandy Jane Mata
Roger Leroy Klein and Heidi Beth Simpson
Chad Wayne Clancy and Mindy Dawn Holtman
Charles Leonard Reeves and Joelynn Cox
Ross Dwayne Allen and Tammi Ann Kotara
Gary Dean Timmons and Elizabeth Marguerite Rodgers

Criminal

Harold Hoyt Goodwin pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$250 fine, two years probation and \$211 court costs.

Paul Lavern Wilson pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed \$500 fine, one year probation and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of evading arrest against Jeffery Frank Allen because the case was used in revoking felony probation.

Jason Scott Wood pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed six months deferred adjudication probation, \$1,000 fine and \$135 court costs.

Vernon Woodward pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He was assessed \$200 fine, one year probation, \$165 court costs and \$35 restitution.

Wade Ray Wood pleaded no contest to evading arrest. He was assessed \$150 fine, six months probation and \$135 court costs.

Donald Joe Williams pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was assessed \$450 fine, two years probation, \$210 court costs, 72 hours mandatory jail time with credit for one day served, and driver's license suspension for 180 days.

Stephen Duane Andrews pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was assessed \$450 fine, two years probation, \$210 court costs, 72 hours mandatory jail time with credit for 24 hours served, and driver's license suspension for 180 days.

An order was entered revoking misdemeanor proba-

tion of Lance Mirabella because he failed to pay court costs, fine and probation fees and failed to complete Allen Treatment Center. He was assessed 30 days in jail.

Marlin William Bunch pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$300 fine, two years probation and \$210 court costs.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of driver not secured by seat belt and unsafe speed, appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 2, against Christopher Lance Mirabella because the defendant was convicted in another case.

Rondell Deloy Dalton pleaded nolo contendere to speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 2). He was assessed four months unsupervised deferred adjudication probation, \$238 fine and \$115 court costs.

Orders were entered dismissing the following from misdemeanor probation: Bennie Bee Owen, Donald Eugene Terry, Jana Turlington, Toni Lea Martin and Benjamin Douglas Ashton.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of domestic assault against Ricardo Kelly because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

An order was entered finding Pablo Lozano Gonzales not guilty as charged.

Richard Leland Curtis pleaded nolo contendere to driving at unsafe speed. He was assessed \$78 fine and \$115 court costs.

Charles Joe Burk pleaded nolo contendere to reckless conduct. He was assessed \$1,000 fine, \$135 court costs and one year deferred adjudication.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft over \$200 against Charlie Edward Broadbent because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

David Ross Hinton pleaded no contest to public intoxication. He was assessed \$200 and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered revoking the misdemeanor probation or Marc Edmond Martinez because he was arrested for public intoxication, did enter a bar or lounge and failed to pay court costs, fine and probation fees.

Mark Edmin Martinez pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was assessed \$450 fine, \$210 court costs and 20 days in jail.

Mona Frazier Nunamaker pleaded guilty to resisting arrest. She was assessed \$350 fine, four months probation and \$135 court costs.

Alvin James Dauer pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed one year probation, \$400 fine, \$135 court costs.

Jerry Lee Hicks pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was assessed \$450 fine, two years probation, \$210 court costs, 72 hours mandatory jail time and driver's license suspension for 180 days.

Gary Shane Johnson pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed two years deferred adjudication probation, \$1,200 fine and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of theft of property by check against Kena Michelle Reno because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered releasing Ferguson Bail Bond Co. from surety for James Donald Laden.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering arrest of Tina Mansell Crossman because she failed to maintain employment, was delinquent in court costs, fine and probation fees.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering arrest of Ivan Dell Brandt Jr. because he was delinquent in court costs, fine and probation fees.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering arrest of Andrew Salinas because he was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated - breath test refusal on Aug. 11 and admitted to using alcohol on the night of the arrest.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 4) against James V. Smith because the defendant is unapprehended.

An order was entered revoking the probation of James Leroy Triplett Jr. because he is delinquent court costs, fine, probation fees, restitution, failed to complete driving while intoxicated classes, and failed to report and stay in Gray County.

Woody Guthrie tribute



J.B. Duckworth and Dixie Sims, both of Lefors, and Carol Selby of Pampa, along with other musicians, play a few Woody Guthrie tunes out at Central Park Saturday in tribute to Guthrie, who lived in Pampa from 1929-1937. The Third Annual Woody Guthrie Tribute also consisted of a visiting time with his family members at the Coronado Inn and a banquet at the Coronado Inn. A few songs Guthrie is known for are "This Land Is Your Land," "Oklahoma Hills" and "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You." (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Sarpalius seeks limits on further species listings

A Texas Panhandle Congressman is trying to stop further listings of species until the Endangered Species Act is reauthorized.

Congressman Bill Sarpalius of the 13th District said Friday that he is an original co-sponsor of legislation that will suspend the further listing of endangered or threatened species and the designation of new critical habitats until the Endangered Species Act is reauthorized by Congress.

"The Endangered Species Act is being used as a weapon to attack private property owners' rights,"

Sarpalius said. "We have heard numerous horror stories of property owners losing the use of their land because of unbalanced enforcement of the Endangered Species Act. In Texas, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a petition to place the swift fox on the endangered species list, which could restrict farming, ranching and oil field activities in its habitat."

The swift fox ranges throughout the Great Plains from Southern Canada to south of Midland. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has also proposed listing the Arkansas River shiner in the Canadian River as an endangered species of fish. The comment period for the proposed listing of the Arkansas River Shiner closes Monday, according to Fish and Wildlife Service officials in the Tulsa office.

"We must pass this legislation so there can be an open and honest debate on the Endangered Species Act," Sarpalius said. "Through this process, I am confident we can improve the Endangered Species Act by enacting common sense provisions that protect both private property owners and the environment."

A&M student slain at her home during burglary

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A male Texas A&M University student was in custody Friday charged with capital murder in the slaying of another A&M student during a break-in at her home.

Lori Ann Baker, 20, was killed early Friday by a gunshot wound to the head, authorities said. Her home also had been set on fire.

Ron Scott Shamburger, an Amarillo native and A&M senior majoring in biomedical sciences, later walked into College Station police headquarters. Investigators said Shamburger provided a statement on the slaying and other burglaries in the area.

Shamburger, 22, was held in the Brazos County Jail.

Ms. Baker's 20-year-old roommate, Victoria Kohler, also a student at the university, was abducted from the home and ordered into the trunk of her car. She freed herself later.

Authorities discovered Ms. Baker's body about 3:30 a.m. when they responded to a call of a fire at the home.

Police Lt. A.W. Ontstott said Ms. Kohler arrived home late and heard noises from her roommate's bedroom. As she started walking down the hall, she was confronted by a man who had just left the rear bedroom of the house.

The man "caught her and took her outside and placed her in the trunk of her own vehicle and drove her to a street nearby where she was told to stay in the trunk and not leave until she heard sirens," Ontstott said.

"When she heard sirens she got out of the trunk and made contact with police."

Detectives said the intruder apparently returned to the home and tried to cover up the burglary by pouring gasoline inside the house and setting it on fire.

Ms. Baker, a junior majoring in accounting, was a graduate of Kingwood High School in suburban northeast Houston.

A&M officials said they were making counseling and other support services available to students to help them deal with the slaying.

Nelson Mandela arrives in U.S. to drum up business

NEW YORK (AP) — South African President Nelson Mandela slipped into town Saturday for a U.S. visit that will include a United Nations speech and meetings with business leaders.

Four years after his triumphal tour of the United States as a newly freed political prisoner, Mandela is making his first visit here since winning the presidency last spring.

Mandela, 76, made no public appearances Saturday after arriving on a private jet. He was to spend Saturday night at the Rockefeller family's estate in Westchester County, just north of the city, and attend church Sunday with former Mayor David Dinkins.

His weeklong visit to New York and Washington will include an address to the U.N. General Assembly, meetings with President Clinton and other U.S. officials and a series of luncheons and dinners with business leaders whom Mandela hopes to persuade to invest in South Africa.

As his nation's first black president, Mandela has a simple message on this trip: It's time to do business.

Sanctions against South Africa for its former apartheid policy have been lifted and U.S. money could help create jobs for millions of poor South Africans.

Victory by Mandela's African

National Congress in April's all-race election ended white minority rule. Now the Novel Peace Prize-winner must build a stronger economy and attract foreign capital.

He has promised the impoverished black majority a multibillion-dollar plan to build houses, schools and hospitals, provide electricity and running water, and create jobs.

Father, daughters found dead in pond

FORT WORTH (AP) — Shirley Draper refused to believe the friends and law enforcers who insisted her ex-husband had kidnapped their two daughters.

"He would not have kidnapped them," said Mrs. Draper, who lives in Wimberley. "The two girls were his life. He was a good man."

When her ex-husband, Gregory Cook of Fort Worth, never showed up with Marissa Cook, 8, and Shauna Cook, 10, at her home last Sunday, she began a frantic search. Early Thursday, Mrs. Draper's suspicions were realized.

Law enforcement officers notified her that they had pulled three bodies from a pond only a few miles from her home. Cook's car apparently had hit a tree and plunged into the water sometime Sunday, Mrs. Draper said.

Security officer Carlos Tristian discovered the same skid marks while on patrol Wednesday afternoon. Then he found Marissa's body floating in the 10-foot-deep pond.

Hours later, Cook's car was pulled from the murky water. The bodies of Cook and his older daughter were inside.

It was the same pond Mrs. Draper's husband, Harry Draper, had checked Monday when the couple discovered skid marks and damage to a tree near an intersection. But could not see anything in the water.

The Hill family would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our friends and co-workers for all of the flowers, food, cards, and support during our time of grief.

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Letters to the editor

Pedestrian right of way

To the editor:

The pedestrian has the right of way while crossing streets, but some of the nice Pampa ladies and gentlemen will kill you rather than grant this right.

While crossing North Hobart at 19th recently, I crossed at the proper crosswalk, and traffic that could see me from two blocks away did not slow down or even show any sign of recognition. One of these nice ladies continued within two steps of me without any effort to slow down or miss me, and had I not stopped, no doubt would have said I just walked in front of her car, which is exactly what right of way means. I suppose she thought her speed gave her the right to run down anyone foolish enough to cross her street.

Before you challenge the next pedestrian, remember the next 76-year-old you aim at may not be as spry as I am.

Most folks do grant this right when going slowly within a couple of blocks of our city hall, but watch out when they get up speed on Hobart Street. Have you seen a police car or other city vehicle slow or stop in order to grant a pedestrian this right? If City of Pampa cars and trucks granted the right of way, would this not be a visible sign of recognition of this law?

Pedestrian right of way laws should be enforced in Pampa.

Wm. J. Ragsdale
Pampa

Attention, all you smokers

To the editor:

Attention, all you smokers.

There must be someone out there besides myself that indulges in this awful deadly sin.

I remember long before our Surgeon General read us the health act, that we would all surely die of heart disease and lung cancer and would surely kill off all our offspring, not to mention our neighbors and enemies. As I was saying, I remember that I was mad and outraged about the rising cost of my addiction. Now that a single package of Winstons cost \$2.15, I say they are well worth it, every cent of it, considering that two dollars goes for taxes. Just like Good Ole Uncle Sam to get his cut first, now! We are still only paying the tobacco companies about 25 cents for 20 cigarettes.

One of our Great Leaders said, quote, "a woman is a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke." I don't exactly agree with that, but I'd say a Winston is at least 10 minutes of pure pleasure.

Let's get real, people. I know and you know we have a costly habit, right!! We are the products from the early Forties, when it was the in thing; now we are outlaws, despised and frowned upon. So let's form a smokers club or smokers union and meet once a month like high society, and have a real old-fashion smoke out.

I'm already sure this has brought a smile and chuckle from everyone in

New Orleans municipal judge gets prison sentence in marijuana case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A New Orleans municipal judge who admitted making a mistake because he needed money to pay for the birth of his child was sentenced to almost two years in prison for possessing 85 pounds of marijuana.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery Friday ordered Jami I. Mitchell, 36, to 21 months confinement, but said he

would recommend the U.S. Bureau of Prisons allow him to serve out his time in an "intensive confinement center" or boot camp, if eligible.

Mitchell's attorney, Nancy Barohn, said Mitchell had been trying to make extra money by acting as a "mule," transporting the marijuana from San Antonio to New Orleans.

Pampa, and especially a well-known friend on North Russell Street. Come on, Gattis, get real — this is life.

Helen Adair
Pampa

P.S. My husband still smokes those big, black cigars, and he wouldn't be caught dead smoking a cigarette.

'Journal' writer is a liberal

To the editor:

On Sept. 26 the paper published an article titled "Thornberry to sign 'Contract with America,'" which contained several references to *The Wall Street Journal*. Specifically, the references were to an opinion piece written by Al Hunt which was correctly described as "a bashing" of the concepts presented in the "Contract."

What I believe you should research is what is Al Hunt's official position with the *Journal*. I am under the impression that he is a writer under contract for opinion pieces that are to present the "liberal" slant in his commentary to various issues and topics that make up current events. In the many years that I have been a reader of *The Wall Street Journal*, I do not recall ever having seen an editorial written by Al Hunt. He does frequently have opinion pieces and stories published, but to ascribe them as opinions of the *Journal* is misleading and I don't believe it to be accurate.

Mr. Hunt is a liberal, and quite typically his views are what he wants to believe. They are frequently the usual mixture of fact and fiction that appeal to emotions. Mac Thornberry and any other conservative should be very pleased to find themselves being criticized by Al Hunt.

Thomas H. Grantham
Miami

What else is hidden in bill?

To the editor:

The 1,400 page Clinton-Mitchell "Health Care Reform" bill contains many things unrelated to health care. There is included a steep 35 percent tax on employer-provided health benefits if "core" insurance benefits don't conform to mandates imposed by the Clinton-Mitchell bill, according to the National Right to Work Committee.

This stiff tax on health benefits only hits employees who AREN'T under forced union contracts! To escape this ruinous tax, the employers must submit to a forced union contract and the employers then are required to pay union dues. This the Labor Bosses were able to get into the bill because of the millions of dollars they paid into the Democrat election funds.

What other unrelated, obnoxious items are in this "Health Care Reform" bill? This is an example of Democrat sleazy character!

W.A. Morgan
Pampa

Shuttle radar surveys volcanoes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The powerful radar carried into orbit on the space shuttle Endeavour sliced through clouds and sand Saturday to survey volcanoes and hunt for ancient river channels buried in the Sahara Desert.

Endeavour's six astronauts described and photographed the scenes 138 miles below as the shuttle radar gathered three-dimensional images.

Ground controllers planned to aim the \$366 million radar during the night at the Klyuchevsky Volcano in Russia's Far East.

The volcano erupted Friday: perfect timing for Endeavour. Previous eruptions were recorded only in 1737 and 1945. The latest blast began shortly after the shuttle took off on its 10-day mapping mission.

Video beamed down by the astronauts showed thick, gray smoke billowing 8 miles high from the volcano, located on a sparsely populated part of the Kamchatka Peninsula. "Quite a sight," said astronaut Peter "Jeff" Wisoff.

By midday Saturday, the radar had scanned Hawaiian volcanoes and Washington's dormant Mount Rainier. High school students from Seattle set up homemade radar reflectors on Mount Rainier and

photographed the area as Endeavour orbited overhead.

Later this week, the radar will focus on New Guinea volcanoes that began erupting two weeks ago and Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

Pinatubo was among the volcanoes mapped by the shuttle radar during its orbital debut in April. There were no major eruptions then, however.

Scientists hope the radar images will shed light on the climatic effects of volcanic ash and gases spewing into the atmosphere. The findings may also provide clues for predicting volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, said NASA program scientist Miriam Baltuck.

Other radar researchers are more interested in the past. Archaeologists hope to find traces of ancient river tributaries buried by the Sahara. The radar can penetrate dry sand by up to 13 feet deep as well as ice, dust, ash and vegetation.

These so-called radar rivers are generally one-third of a mile wide and carved in bedrock, which is a strong radar reflector. The radar search for 2,000-year-old mud walls of towns along China's Silk Road is expected to be much more difficult because of their comparatively small size and lack of bedrock.

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Poll shows tight race for governor

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards and Republican challenger George W. Bush remain in a dead heat going into the final month of campaigning, according to a poll conducted by *The Houston Post* and KHOU-TV.

Of 676 likely voters surveyed throughout the state, 43 percent said they favored Richards. Bush was selected by 41 percent during the Sept. 23-28 survey.

The poll by Rice University political scientist Bob Stein has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

"I like the trend. Any time you have an incumbent under 45 percent, that says something," Bush said.

Richards, in a prepared statement, said she is anything but discouraged.

"I have always said this was going to be a tight race, so it's gratifying to see we're still holding on to a lead, even after six weeks of negative advertising by the Bush campaign," the governor said.

Other statewide races included in the poll weren't even close.

In the U.S. Senate contest, incumbent Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison led Democrat Richard Fisher, 46 percent to 20 percent.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock held the most commanding lead in any race included in the survey, beating Republican challenger Tex Lezar 46 percent to 6 percent.

In the race for attorney general, incumbent Democrat Dan Morales was favored by 39 percent, compared with just 12 percent for Republican Don Wittig, a state district judge in Harris County.

Other polls in the past few months have shown similar results in the gubernatorial race. While Richards has consistently been ahead, the lead has been smaller than the margin of error, meaning the candidates are virtually tied.

All told, the poll shows 20 percent of likely Republican voters support Richards, compared with 70 percent for Bush. But among likely Democratic voters, she carries 74 percent of the support, compared with 10 percent for Bush. Among independents, 39 percent favor Richards and 38 percent choose Bush.

The ethnic breakdown finds no surprises. Bush is significantly ahead among white voters, 48 percent to 36 percent, but trails far behind Richards in all other groups. Among blacks, Richards leads 79 percent to 8 percent; among Hispanics she is ahead 53 percent to 28 percent.

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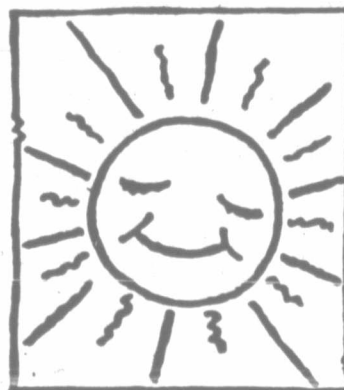


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Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Quality is timeless

It was a sight that gladdened this old farm boy's heart. The sun was a bright red ball slowly sinking into the western Kansas horizon. The tractor was a vintage John Deere, and it was crawling slowly across the field with a chisel plow in tow. I stopped the car on the wide shoulder, and stepped out to enjoy the scene.

I listened intently to the distinctive sound the tractor made. There is no sound like it. Anyone who has ever spent even a few hours on a two-cylinder John Deere will never confuse its exhaust rhythm with any other tractor.

The driver was a seasoned farmer with a sun-lined face and a friendly smile. He waved as he neared my end of the field. I waved back. He expertly turned the rig and headed back the other way. As he sank the plow back into the soil, I heard the governor open as the engine surged to find equilibrium with the load. The smell of the freshly turned earth took me back about 30 years.

As the sun disappeared, I got back into the car. I savored the quality experience and tucked it in my memory. For a moment I returned to my roots.

I took note of the farmer's fence as I pulled back onto the highway. The fence row was clean, the posts were straight and the barbed wire was tight.

I also noticed that the line the plow was drawing across the field was straight and true. The tractor, though nearly 50 years old, was obviously well-maintained and still working flawlessly. Everything I saw indicated quality.

If you can judge a man by the quality of his work, I'd guess that Kansas farmer is a loving husband, father and grandfather. I'll bet he lives in a comfortable, but unpretentious house. I'd guess his children are hardworking and well-educated. I'm sure it brings him satisfaction to know that the wheat he raises helps feed dozens of other families.

As I drove into the darkening night, I realized that I'd discovered another quality theory. Suddenly, I knew how the Japanese discovered quality.

How the Japanese learned

Many presume that it was W. Edwards Deming who taught the Japanese all about quality. I proposed that the Japanese had already learned many quality lessons prior to Deming's efforts.

Assuredly, Deming taught the Japanese all about statistical process control. However, the Japanese had already discovered this key quality principle: If you want to be the best, you study the best.

The Japanese studied America. They observed our way of life — our culture. They experienced our steel making, car building, electronics production and chemical processing. They learned about quality from the greatest country in the world.

Absolute proof

You want evidence to support my theory? Here it is. Who makes better film than Eastman Kodak? Who builds better tractors than John Deere and Case IH? Who sews better jeans than Levi Strauss? Who makes better heating controls than Honeywell?

Still not convinced? Consider these products and services: Locomotives by General Motors, aluminum foil by Reynolds Metals, copper by Asarco, movies and theme parks by Walt Disney, soft drinks by Coca-Cola, supercomputers by Cray, Teflon by DuPont, pianos by Steinway and Sons, washers by Maytag, Post-it notes by 3-M, computer chips by Intel, crystal by Steuben glass, and copiers by Xerox. There are scores of other examples.

Yes, in America we have quality all the way back to our roots. Think about that the next time you see a working antique tractor, sit in a 100-year-old-rocking chair or read a vintage book. Quality is timeless.

SEC budget battle drags on in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission's 1995 budget snagged in the Senate on Friday, and one senator said the problem could threaten "the markets and the personal savings of millions of individual investors."

The Senate's inability to pass a supplementary funding bill means the agency will impose a hiring freeze and eliminate non-essential travel beginning Monday morning, said Kathryn Fulton, the SEC's director of legislative affairs.

"The fact that non-essential travel is halted could affect our ability to inspect broker-dealers and investment companies," Fulton said.

The SEC supervises the nation's \$4.8 trillion stock markets, including 8,200 broker-dealers and their 427,000 brokers.

If not resolved early next week, the lack of funding could force the agency in charge of policing Wall Street to begin a hiring freeze, issue layoff notices, and shut down a computerized filing system widely used by investors, law firms and brokerages, said Sen. Donald Riegle Jr., D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

"We face a very serious situation, because the Securities and Exchange Commission has not yet been provided with funding sufficient to carry it through the new fiscal year," Riegle said in a statement.

The SEC's budget has had a tortured history in Congress this year. At first, a dispute over whether the SEC should become self-funded agency left it with a fraction of the \$306 million it requested to operate for 1995.

Congress moved to fix that problem earlier this week, with the House passing a supplemental bill to give the SEC authority to raise about \$180 million, which would restore the full funding.

That bill was supposed to sail easily through both chambers this week and get signed by President Clinton. But it ran into trouble in the Senate Friday.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, pushed to add an amendment that in essence would permit home-equity lenders to operate in Texas. That could kill the bill, because the amendment likely would be rejected by the House.

Fulton said Gramm apparently had ceased his efforts to amend the bill early Friday evening, but the legislation still couldn't move because of unspecified requests by other senators. The nature of those requests couldn't be immediately determined.

Mills Engine and Machine



The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Mills Engine and Machine, 2525 W. Hwy. 152, to the Pampa business community. Gathering for a ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Gold Coat Charlene Morriss, Ryan Mills, Ross Mills, Terri Mills, owner Jim Mills, and Gold Coat Randy Watson. Mills Engine and Machine, on the Borger highway, provides automotive and industrial machine work. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Wilkinson re-elected to TAHC directors board

The annual State Meeting of the Texas Association for Home Care was held recently in Austin, with Ernest Wilkinson of Pampa elected to a second term on the board of directors.

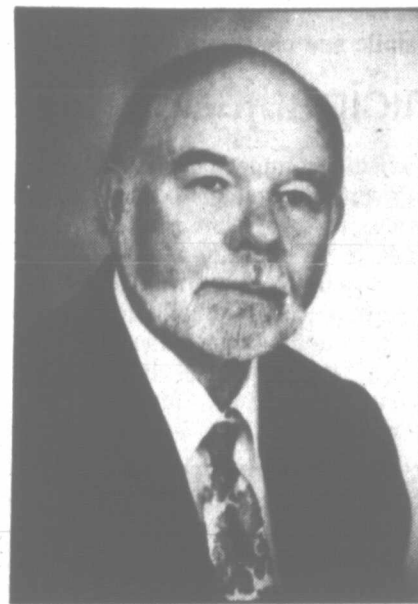
The meeting celebrated 25 years for the Home Health Association.

Wilkinson has been active on a statewide basis in issues involving community health. His wife Suzanne is co-owner of Shepards Nursing Agency and Shepherd's Home Health Agency, which serves the Texas Panhandle with seven offices.

In TAHC, Mr. Wilkinson has served on the Medicare and Finance Committees, and he has served as chairman of the Business Development Committee and the Owner's Forum. His second term on the board of directors began Oct. 1.

"The issue of physician compensation for home care services is of critical priority, and I shall denote a great amount of effort to this goal," Wilkinson said.

Mrs. Wilkinson was elected to the TAHC Nominating Committee.



Ernest Wilkinson

Executive director for Shepards Nursing Agency, she has served six years on the TAHC Medicare

Committee and served as chairman for the Medicaid Committee.

Attending the meeting from Shepards Nursing were Teresa Henson and Mike Kirkpatrick.

Henson, executive administrator at Shepards Nursing, serves on the TAHC Committee for the Texas Department of Aging and as secretary on the Committee for Computer Information Services. She is president of the board for Shepherd's Helping Hands, a non-profit, charity group which aids the needy elderly in Pampa.

Kirkpatrick, a registered nurse, is director of nursing at Shepards Nursing Agency, a position she has held for six years. She has served on the Medicare and Medicaid Committee. She is vice president of the board of directors for Shepards Nursing Agency.

Chamber Communique

Welcome new Chamber members! CAROUSEL EXPRESSIONS, Carol Martin, 1600 N. Hobart, #1, and FREEDOM MUSEUM, U.S.A., Deborah Hendrick, 600 N. Hobart.

Mark your calendar to attend the COUNTRY FAIR Saturday, Oct. 15, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. There are a limited number of "Drawing" tickets for sale, so don't miss a chance to win \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$5,000. Admissions tickets are \$15 per adult.

Nominee(s) from Pampa for the CHRISTMAS PARADE GRAND MARSHAL need to be mailed or brought to the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas 79065 or P.O. Box 1942, Pampa, Texas 79066-1942, by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1. The Parade "Top O' Texas

Christmas Carols" will be Saturday, Dec. 3.

Donations are also needed for "Santa's" candy. The committee welcomes volunteers to help with this event. Please call the Chamber office, 669-3241, if you would like to volunteer.

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA needs volunteers to help at the museum on a part-time basis, 12 noon until 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Limited training will be provided. To volunteer, call the Chamber office, 669-3241.

Meetings:

- Monday - 12 noon - Membership Committee
- Tuesday - 8 a.m. - Retail Committee
- Wednesday - 12 noon - Gold Coat Meeting - Chamber

Oil and gas rig count drops by two

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of oil and gas rigs operating in the nation this week slipped by two to 838, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

The rig count was 856 at this time last year.

Of the rigs running this week, 476 were exploring for natural gas, 348 for oil and 14 were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940.

The count peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low of 596 in the summer of 1993, exceeding the previous low of 663 in 1986.

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LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & SOUTH MAGOUN Lower Morrow) Slawson Exploration Co., #2-968 Akers '2-968' (640 ac) 1250' from North & 2200' from East line, Sec. 968,43, H&TC, 8 mi SE from Follett, PD9600' (621 North Robinson; Suite 490, Okla. City, OK 73102)
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Alpar Resources, Inc., #5 South Lips '17' (640ac) 2640' from North & 1250' from West line, Sec. 17, A, H&GN, 26 mi NW from Miami, PD 9000' (Box 1046, Perryton, TX 79070)
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & CARRIE KILLEBREW Douglas) Strat Land Exploration Co., #3 Morrison (640 ac) 2580' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 221,42, H&TC, 21 mi NW from Miami PD 6200'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT Cleveland & CARRIE KILLEBREW Douglas) Crawley Petroleum Corp., #4-213 Morrison (640 ac) 1650' from North & 1000' from West line, Sec. 213,42, H&TC, 21 mi N-W from Miami, PD 7100' (105 North Hudson, Suite 800, Okla. City, OK 73102)
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Medallion Production Co., #3 Kim (640 ac) 2600' from North & 2180'

from East line, Sec. 79, C, G&M, 13 mi NW from Miami, PD 9000' (7130 South Lewis, Suite 700, Tulsa, OK 74136)
Application to Plug-Back
**WHEELER (WILDCAT) Samson Resources Co., #1 Zybach (648 ac) 1320' from South & West line Sec. 13,—, CSL, 6 mi SW from Allison, PD 14995' (Two West Second, Tulsa, OK 74103)
Oil Well Completions
**OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Shrader 'B', Sec. 483,43, H&TC, elev. 2875 rkb, spud 6-8-94, drlg. compl 7-12-94, tested 9-14-94, pumped 18 bbl. of 43.6 grav. oil + no water, GOR 4444, perforated 11009-11154, TD 12000', PBDT 11249' —
**WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., #47 P.M. Keller, Sec. 48,24, H&GN, elev. 2546 kb, spud 4-14-94, drlg. compl 4-19-94, tested 7-13-94, pumped 13 bbl. of 38.7 grav. oil + no water, GOR 462, perforated 2205-2680, TD 2680' —
Plugged Wells
**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Riata Energy, Inc., #1 Pope, Sec. 242, B-2, H&GN, spud 8-28-28, plugged 8-25-94, TD 2675' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Empire Gas & Fuel
**HANSFORD (HORSE CREEK Tonkawa) Strat Land Exploration Co., #190-1 Birdwell, Sec. 190,45, H&TC, spud 10-15-91, plugged 8-15-94, TD, 7090' (gas) —
**HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Rio Petroleum, Inc., #1 Edward Abraham Memorial Home Unit, Blk. 6, Shalers Addition, LA Halphen, spud 8-22-79, plugged 6-22-94, TD 7282' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Inca Exploration
HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Douglas & S.W. FELDMAN Tonkawa) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1-U Jones 'S' & #1-L Jones 'S',************

Sec. 8,42, H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 8-30-94, TD 8176' (gas) Dual Plugging
**HEMPHILL (N.W. GLAZIER Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Kelly 'B', Sec. 19,43, H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 9-6-94, TD 11168' (gas) —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #19 Logan, Sec. 135,5-T,T&NO, spud 8-14-58, plugged 8-12-94, TD 3270' (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp.
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #24 Logan Sec. 135,3-T,T&NO, spud 7-30-58, plugged 7-24-94, TD 3235' (inj-oil) — Form 1 filed in The Shamrock Oil & Gas
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #1017W Bryan Mayfield Unit, Sec. 21, A, DL&C, spud 10-2-54, plugged 8-12-94, TD 3350' (inj) — Form 1 filed in Dollie Adams Oil
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #801W Bryan Mayfield Unit, Sec. 4, R-2, D&P, spud 2-6-45, plugged 8-16-94, TD 3295' (inj) —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #3 Whitewall-Burnett 'D', Sec. 132,5, I&GN, spud 11-26-58, plugged 8-11-94, TD 3305' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Whitewall Oil Co.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)************

**Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #A-11 Herring 'A&B', Robert Walters Survey, spud 7-25-51, plugged 8-23-94, TD 3250' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Panhandle Producing Co.
**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #A-2 Yake, Sec. 35,47, H&TC, spud 8-3-53, plugged 8-29-94, TD 2878' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Panhandle Producing Co.
**MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #10 Russell, Sec. 5, M-16, AB&M, spud 7-10-57, plugged 8-8-94, TD 3286' (oil) —
**MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #4 C.R. Jones, Sec. 170,3-T, T&NO, spud unknown, plugged 8-17-94, TD 3415' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Mobil Producing
**OCHILTREE (MCGARRAUGH St. Louis) Strat Land Exploration Co., #3 McGarraugh 'A', Sec. 150,13, T&NO, spud 10-3-85, plugged 8-18-94, TD 10000' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Murexco Petroleum
**SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGOTON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #G-1 Craig, Sec. 99, 1-C, GH&H, spud 8-17-48, plugged 8-10-94, TD 3010' (gas) —
WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Barker Production Co., #1 Nicholson, Sec. 58,17, H&GN, spud 11-25-59, plugged 9-16-94, TD 1836' (gas) — Form 1 filed Sidwell Oil & Gas************

Texas Wal-Marts helping with restoration projects

The State Preservation Board and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. have announced "Capitol Days at Wal-Mart" to be held Oct. 1-8 in all Wal-Mart, Sam's and Bud's stores in Texas.
 Wal-Mart has joined the State Preservation Board in a statewide effort to reach the people of Texas about the restoration of the State Capitol, a five-year project which will be completed in the spring of 1995.
 Wal-Mart has committed \$300,000 to the Capitol Fund Drive and presented a check from Wal-Mart to the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Pete Laney on Friday to kick off "Capitol Days at Wal-Mart."
 Wal-Mart will set up "Capitol" booths in all their Texas stores and clubs to distribute information about the restoration project and to give people throughout the state an opportunity to donate to the Capitol Fund Drive.
 All donations received during the week will be presented to the state after the week-long event has concluded and contributions have been counted.
 Funds raised through the drive will also make possible the restoration of historically significant places in the Capitol, as well as educational programming, funding for the Capitol Complex Visitors Center, grounds restoration and an endowment for future preservation.
 Jan Bullock, wife of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, chairs the \$5 million Capitol Fund Drive, and Nelda Laney, wife of Speaker Pete Laney, is co-chair.
 "We are excited about this opportunity to take the Capitol restoration to the people of Texas," Mrs. Laney said.
 To date, \$3.5 million has been committed to the Capitol Fund Drive. With this major commitment, Wal-Mart becomes the largest single donor to this effort.

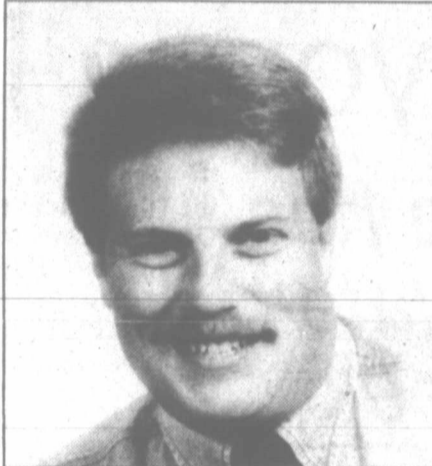
Swearingen aircraft deal close

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Gov. Gaston Caperton said Friday a long-awaited deal with a Texas aircraft manufacturer to open a plant in Martinsburg is "a reality" but refused to provide details.
 Swearingen Aircraft Corp. of San Antonio on Friday also repaid a \$2 million loan the state of West Virginia gave it two years ago, Caperton told reporters.
 "Today is a great day for West Virginia," he said. "The Swearingen plant is a reality."
 A group of businesses from Taiwan have agreed to help finance the company's proposed \$130 million aircraft manufacturing plant at the Eastern Regional Airport, the governor said.
 "It's an outstanding group we'll be happy to do business with," Caperton said. He would not name them, saying they did not want to be identified.
 Details will not be released for at least three weeks while legal documents are prepared, he said.
 "It's as good as you could-ever have a deal done. It's a matter of having the legal documents done," Caperton said.
 However, Lane Bailey, spokesman for Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said Taiwan Aerospace Corp., of which 29 percent is owned by the government of the island nation off the Chinese coast, has an interest in the operation.
 He said "four or five" other Taiwanese companies also are involved.
 Swearingen wants to build seven-seat SJ30 business jets. Rockefeller said the jet will go faster and cost less to operate than any other corporate-style jet.
 The Taiwanese investors want to begin building the 800-worker plant next month, Rockefeller said.
 Lockheed Corp. agreed to contribute \$10 million to the Taiwan consortium as part of an obligation to the Taiwanese government, Rockefeller said. Lockheed sells Taiwan many military airplanes and is obligated by law to reinvest some of its profits in Taiwanese ventures.
 The Taiwanese group and related companies will build some of the jet parts and ship them to the plant in Martinsburg, said Lane Bailey, Rockefeller's administrative assistant.
 Taiwanese companies also will market the SJ30 and repair jets sold in Asia, Bailey said.
 "All the necessary pieces are now

in place to allow financing, construction and hiring of West Virginia workers," said Rockefeller, who has led the two-year effort to build the aircraft plant.
 The \$2 million loan, meanwhile, was repaid after Swearingen could not make a March deadline and the Legislature extended the deadline for six months. Another \$2 million loan from the state was repaid by giving the state shares in the plant.
 Caperton denied that the Swearingen project is being handled in secret. However, it has had a long history of secrecy.

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United States, Japan reach trade accord, heading off sanctions

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Japan struck a series of market-opening trade agreements Saturday after a 20-hour negotiating marathon, averting a threatened trade war between the world's two largest economies.

The Clinton administration, which had been pressing the Japanese to open key markets, hailed the accords, which cover telecommunications, medical equipment, insurance and glass as landmark deals that should result in billions of dollars of new sales of American goods and services.

"This is a good deal for the United States and a good deal for Japan," U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor told reporters.

The government procurement agreement covers purchases of medical and telecommunications equip-

ment by the Japanese government and Japan's huge government-controlled telephone company, NTT.

The procurement agreement and the insurance deals were finalized Saturday while both countries agreed in principle to a proposal to open Japan's \$4 billion glass market. Remaining details will be worked out over the next month.

However, the two countries could not reach a deal to lower barriers in Japan's auto and auto parts market — which account for 60 percent of America's record \$60 billion annual trade deficit with Japan.

For that reason, the administration said it would begin negotiations over the next 12 to 18 months seeking to open Japan's replacement auto parts market to foreign producers, who now capture just 2.6 percent of total sales compared to 47 percent in the United States.

But the administration refrained

from citing Japan under a more feared section of trade law known as Super 301, which carries the stigma of being labeled an unfair trader.

Kantor said that Japan's willingness to reach deals in the other areas had been a factor in withholding a Super 301 designation. He said no country would be cited this year, although the administration would publish a "watch list" of countries with unfair barriers on Monday. Such a list would not carry the threat of imminent sanctions.

Various industry groups, from telephone giant AT&T to glass producer Guardian Industries, were unanimous in their praise of the deals. But they warned that results — that is, increased sales — would be what counted.

And Andrew H. Card Jr., president of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, expressed disappointment that more headway was

not made in the auto sector.

"No agreement with Japan can be meaningful without addressing the auto and auto parts sector," he said.

However, Clyde Prestowitz, the president of Economic Strategy Institute, a Washington trade research group and frequent critic of administration trade policy, said he was "pleasantly surprised" with what the administration had been able to achieve.

The dollar, which hit record lows earlier this year because of market fears that a trade war could erupt between the world's two biggest economies, should rise in value when trading opens Monday, Prestowitz predicted.

"The administration has demonstrated that it can be firm with Japan without blowing up the whole U.S.-Japanese relationship," he said.

The trade agreements were only reached in the 20th hour of a

marathon negotiating session that saw Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto shuttle back and forth between Kantor's offices and their hotel room throughout the night.

The administration had set a mid-night Friday deadline for reaching deals or hitting Japan with sanctions.

Saturday's outcome was a far cry from last February when President

Clinton and then-Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa decided to let a summit meeting collapse rather than paper over their differences in the framework talks.

These negotiations were started in July 1993 and were supposed to put U.S.-Japan trade relations on a sounder, less acrimonious footing. But up until Saturday, they had not worked that way.

GM workers OK strike settlement

By MIKE McKESSON
AP Auto Writer

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Striking autoworkers who said they were forced to build too many cars with too few people voted overwhelmingly Saturday to end their walkout in exchange for a General Motors promise to hire new workers.

Several thousand workers applauded, cheered and whistled when United Auto Workers union leaders explained the deal at an auditorium near the Buick City complex. Employees then voted 1,850 to 151 to approve the proposal.

It was not immediately clear when the workers would be back on the job.

The 11,500 workers who walked out Tuesday build new General Motors Corp. cars, but more important, they make transmission and suspension parts that are used in most GM vehicles. The shutdown at Flint threatened to hamstring GM operations nationwide and by Saturday had forced several plants to close or cut back operations.

Under the settlement, GM would hire more than 500 new workers from the ranks of long laid-off union members whose benefits and call-back rights have expired. It could set a pattern for resolving similar disputes over staff size and overtime that threaten to disrupt other GM plants.

"I think in the future you're going to see that solved across the country," Dave Yettaw, president of striking UAW Local 599, told his members at Saturday's session.

UAW Vice President Stephen Yokich said Friday that he and GM President Jack Smith would work together in the next two weeks to try to head off threatened strikes at several other GM plants.

Yokich, who will become the union's president next year, praised Smith for his role.

"Quite frankly, I think (Smith) has worked damn hard to try to keep both of us on an even keel," he said.

If the agreement does set a pattern, it is unclear how it might affect GM's campaign to cut staff and costs. Wall Street analysts have applauded GM for closing plants and eliminating 52,000 hourly employees since 1991.

Yokich complained that Wall Street analysts have pressured GM to continue eliminating workers at a time when it can't build enough of some cars and trucks to satisfy buyer demand.

By Saturday, the strike had caused at least three other GM plants to shut down and four others to cut back their schedules.

Three other plants told workers Friday that they should not report for work Monday.

The agreement means work might resume Sunday at Flint, but it will take several days before the supply of parts is back to normal.

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Lifestyles



Top left: Loralee Cooley, story spinner, dresses as Johnny Appleseed while telling the story of Johnny Appleseed to the younger students of Skellytown School — complete with the fabled saucepan Applesseed used to wear on his head as a hat.
 Top right: Cooley acts out the an Irish Ghost Story for the seventh and eighth graders.
 Three center photos: Students from various classes listen as Cooley tells her tales.
 Bottom, middle right: Cooley tells a tall tale about a hippopotamus taking some of the fifth graders over to the University of North Texas in Denton after they mistakenly got on the wrong school bus.

Listen as she spins the yarns for the imagination

Photos and text by Melinda Martinez

SKELLYTOWN — A professional storyteller she is, (or story spinner as is her professional trademark name) and with each expression of her face, her hands and each word she delivers, Loralee Cooley can captivate and draw a person in closer to hear more of her storyteller's tale.

Cooley who has been a professional storyteller for the past 17 years is every bit as articulate and expressive as she appears to be.

Listening to her recount an Irish ghost story to a group of seventh and eighth graders from Skellytown School, it's easy to see that she knows how to captivate an audience with her cool yet energetic style. And it was apparent with each grade from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade that she knew how to give them what they wanted. From her comical yet educational portrayal of Johnny Appleseed for pre-kindergarten students to third graders to her ominous way of telling the Irish ghost story for the older students, she knew how to tell a tale in a way that each group would best respond.

A story, she said, is told for the delight of the story.

"A lot of people think a story has to be used for something," said Cooley. But, she said, there is nothing wrong with just getting pure enjoyment out of it.

If morals are drawn or someone is enhanced by being exposed to another culture, those are the byproducts of the story.

"If something else comes out of it, that fine," she said. Most people tend to think that they are supposed to draw immediate results or answers from a story. But, Cooley said, a story is something that can't be analyzed "right off the bat."

If someone is drawn or someone is enhanced by being exposed to another culture, those are the byproducts of the story.

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"A story," explained Cooley, "is like a cup of tea. Tea has to steep before it's really tea. A story has to steep before a person can work with it."

A storyteller, said Cooley, doesn't always pick the story, but the story picks the storyteller. That is because someone in the audience probably needs that story at that time, she said.

"I like to tell the story that fits the moment," Cooley said.

"The two stories have common threads," she said.

"It (storytelling) is something that has been around for a long time," Cooley said, adding that many cultures have storytellers.

She also added that there are many misconceptions about storytellers such as storytelling is only for children.

Stand-up comedians, Cooley explained, are in some ways storytellers to a certain extent. Bill Cosby, she cited, is a storyteller.

Beginning nearly 17 years ago in Arizona, Cooley decided that she wanted to be a professional storyteller. She had been working in a library where she was reading and acting out stories and folk tales with the children. Within a year or two, she said, she was on her own.

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Living in Texas for the past three months has given Cooley a chance to explore the history her husband Ed, minister of First Presbyterian Church, grew up with.

"His mother," said Cooley, "was born in Gray County." Mr. Cooley was born and raised in Amarillo.

A native of Illinois, she and her husband have lived in different parts of the country. This is the first time for both of them that they have lived in a place where either of them had roots.

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Taylor

Max and Judy Taylor, Pampa, plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday.

The Taylors were married Oct. 4, 1969 in Hurst. She is the former Judy Seals. They have resided in Pampa for 15 years. Mr. Taylor worked with his father at the family business, Rudy's Automotive. Mrs. Taylor worked for Albertson's Food and Drug Stores. Both are retired.

The Taylors are members of the Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club. Mr. Taylor holds the office of range master.

Their children are David and Valerie O'Brien and Robert and Sara Taylor, all of Pampa. They have two grandchildren, Kaitlyn Taylor O'Brien and Sierra Anne Taylor, both of Pampa.



Simpson-Klein

Heidi Simpson and Roger Klein, both of Pampa, were married Saturday at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The parents of the bride are Judy Simpson, Carthage, and Jerry Simpson, Pampa. The parents of the groom are Robert and Beverly Klein, Lefors.

Serving as the maid of honor was Heather Simpson, Amarillo. Standing as the best man was Jeff Williams, Pampa.

A reception followed at the chapel.

The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Utility Co. The groom is employed by Seagull Midcon Inc.

After a honeymoon to Branson, Mo., the couple plan to reside in Pampa.



Walls

G.M. and Frances Walls celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Saturday with a family dinner hosted by their sons and their families; G.M., Diana, Andrea and David Walls, all of Pampa; Trac Walls, Denton; Wilbur and Judy Walls, Miami; Autumn, J.L., and Ian Hunter Smith, all of Pampa; Alicia Walls, Lubbock; and Stephen, Diane, Chad and Jordan, all of Hurst.

The Walls have lived in Pampa and Gray County for 55 years. She is the former Frances Ruth Bowers, Miami.

Mr. Walls came from Crossett, Ark., and has been engaged in farming, ranching and oil and gas production.

Mrs. Walls is retired after working 30 years as an elementary school library supervisor and as a teacher.

The Walls belong to the First United Methodist Church of Pampa. They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Collum-Lewis

Shelley Renee Collum, Amarillo, and Jay Scott Lewis, Pampa, plan to marry Dec. 10 at the Bible Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. Jack Collum and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hahn, all of Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene W. Lewis, Pampa. She is a graduate of Pampa High School and Miss Wade's Fashion Merchandising College of Dallas. She is employed at Dillard's in Amarillo.

He is a graduate of Pampa High School and Clarendon Junior College. He is employed at Action Realty.



Subia

Jess and Izaddia (Babe) Subia, Pampa, plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at 1009 E. Kingsmill. She is the former Izaddia (Babe) Lincycumb. The Subias were married Sept. 30, 1944 in Kirklund and have resided in Pampa for 19 years.

Mr. Subia is a retired truck driver and drove trucks for Pampa Concrete for 11 years. Mrs. Subia is a homemaker. They are members of the Central Baptist Church.

The reception is being hosted by their sisters and brother, Bessie Etheredge and Clara Quarry, both of Pampa; Helen Pearce, Jay, Okla.; and Donnie Ralston, Amarillo.

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October rolls along with more activities

September ended with a flourish of uproaring activities to keep the reading interesting. Friends and neighbors, get ready for another fast moving month!

Members and guests of Pampa Altrusa International are still talking about the program given by two members of the Amarillo Opera Company last Monday evening for their guest night. Gene Murray and Jerry Williams presented a two-character light opera titled "Aches and Pains" that brought lots of spontaneous laughter and applause. Gene wrote the words, music and put them all together. Marian Stroup, president of Bravo, a support group for the Amarillo group introduced Murray, Williams, Mila Gibson, founder of the Amarillo Opera Company, and Dr. William Moore, a promoter of fine arts in Amarillo for the past 50 years. Expect a big crowd and a delightful evening when the Amarillo Opera Company presents an evening of western opera at M.K. Brown Auditorium on Nov. 5. A new concept in opera, huh?

Kathryn Green, president of the Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center is busy supervising plans for the center's third annual fund raising banquet scheduled in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium on Oct. 20 with the theme Harvest of Blessings. Jack, Carolyn and Thurston Selby will present pre-dinner entertainment and Sona Solano will provide dinner entertainment. Carl Thomas of Washington, D.C., a well known and controversial radio and newspaper commentator and columnist, will be the straight-from-the-shoulder featured speaker. Contributors underwriting the banquet will attend a private reception preceding the banquet in the home of Mrs. E.L. Green, Jr. Tables are available for prime seating, table hosting at the Center. Individual tickets are available at the Center or First National Bank. A large crowd is expected.

The Center's board is made up of working members who roll up their sleeves and WORK! Other members



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

are Gloria Robbins, Mary Duenkel, Debra Kent, Kim Laycock, Marcia Hoover, Lynnette Poulard, Jerry Wilson, Lonnie Johnson and Terry Pittman. Casual western wear will be the dress code.

Lynnette Poulard lost no time in becoming an active Pampan when she and her husband the Rev. David Poulard moved to Pampa a few months ago. David is the youth minister at First Baptist Church. He is an ordained minister. While he enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, racquetball, his favorite pastime is driving big, manly vehicles, translated as great big trucks. Lynnette has been filling in as receptionist at the church. She has a degree from Texas Tech in theatre arts and is a mezzo soprano soloist. She enjoys hobbies of country crafts and sewing and together they are enjoying re-decorating their new home together. They are nearly newlyweds. Boss of the house is their little five pound Maltese dog name Georgia because David hails from Georgia. Oh, yes! Lynnette teaches a Sunday school class of 11th grade students.

Bob Eskridge, city manager, proved his good sportsmanship at the recent family picnic for city employees and families at the Pampa Youth Center. He and Mayor Richard Peet battled against each other in wallyball. In good humor Bob was accused of but not charged with causing bodily injury to employees by hitting the ball in the observation area. The mob ducked as one to exaggerate his plays, all in the name of fun.

The crowd played games, swam and laughed, a lot. Peggy's place catered picnic food of hamburgers and hot dogs. Bob Banner, super-

tendent of the golf course was in charge of arrangements with the assistance of Neshia Qualls, Danny Winborne, Susan Craig, Lynn Thornton, Shane Stokes, Reed Kirkpatrick and Bob Eskridge. Yes, Bob, you really are a good sport!

Faustina Curry as general chairman and Christi Higgs as president of the Pampa Fine Arts Association keep in close touch about arrangements for the PFAA Arts and Crafts Show in the M.K. Brown Auditorium on Oct. 7, 8 and 9. Artists and craftsmen from near and far will be here to exhibit and sell their wares. Peggy Palmittier originated the idea and continues to exhibit her unusual copper, enamel jewelry and other pieces. Dr. Joe and Johnny Donaldson's daughter Jill is another longtime exhibitor, too. She is an expert at designing and making custom pieces of jewelry.

Fred Mays and Suzie Wilson have worked like beavers preparing for the fall concert of the Pampa High school vocal groups this month. When PHS students sign, expect a big crowd, the best reward possible for hard work and artistic talent.

Karla Kotara of White Deer and daughter of Carol Jean Kotara and John Alden Kotara and granddaughter of Theresa Kotara, Mary and Malcolm McDaniel, is one of eight nominees for Homecoming Queen at the University of North Texas in Denton. Many people of the area will remember her as the older sister of Kalina Kotara, who was always around when Kalina won her several crowns in pageants.

Jeff Andrews, president of the United Way Board gave a motivational talk to employees of the City of Pampa when they met one day last

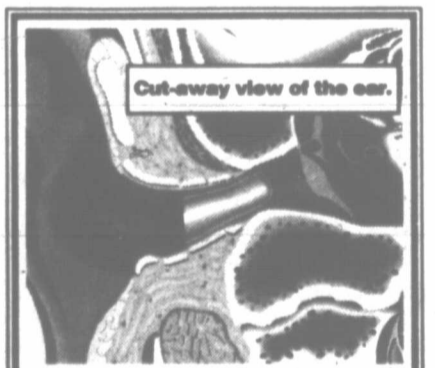
week for a continental breakfast at M.K. Brown Auditorium with about 100 of 180 employees in attendance. Refreshments were supplied to employees on duty and to the remaining shifts to make the presentation all inclusive. Hats off to all of the loaned executives who take time to share with places of business the work and needs of each of the 10 agencies receiving funds from United Way. Katrina Bigham deserves accolades for her work as director.

Ben Shackelford is so engrossed in the Greater Pampa area Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair on October 15 that he has been accused of saying, "Country Fair!!" instead of "Good morning!!" Randy Watson may be tempted to say, "Drawing

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13 Old name for Thailand
14 Lamb's pen name
15 Southern blackbird
16 Once every 3 years
18 Mediterranean vessel
20 Deposit
21 Large deer
22 Actress Gardner
24 Check
26 Fettuccine
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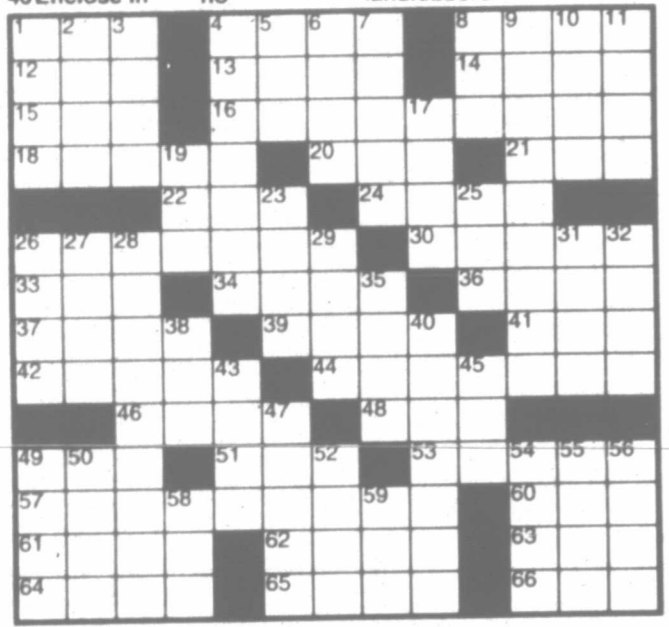
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10111111 ESE DRAWS STE

19 Hearing organ
23 Work like
25 Jesus monogram
26 Vigoda and Lincoln
27 Temporary gift
28 Adieu
29 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
31 Part in a play
32 Reimbursed
35 Deprived of feeling
36 Golfing standard
40 Something landlubbers

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Immanuel
45 Bruins' org.
47 Concord
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55 Non-profit org.
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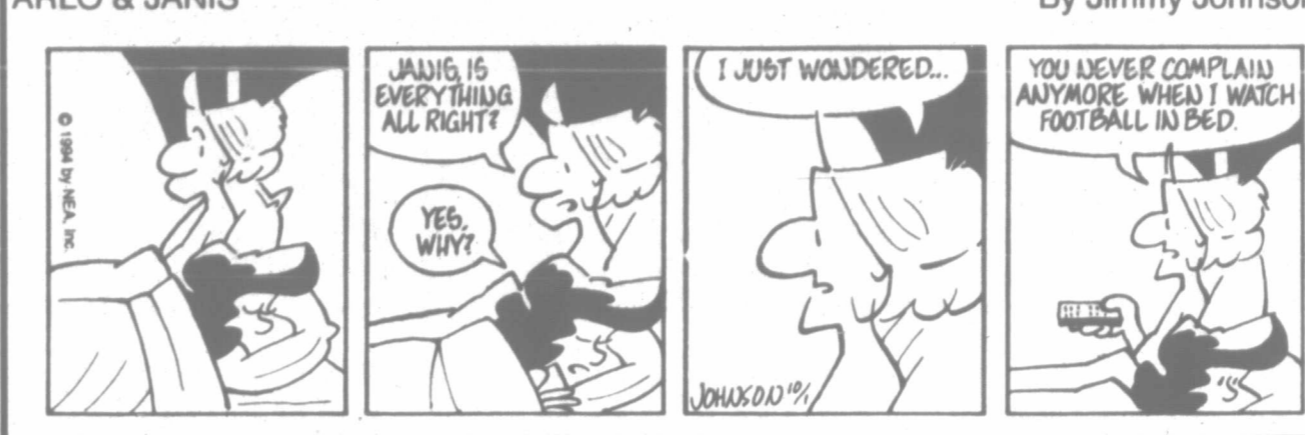


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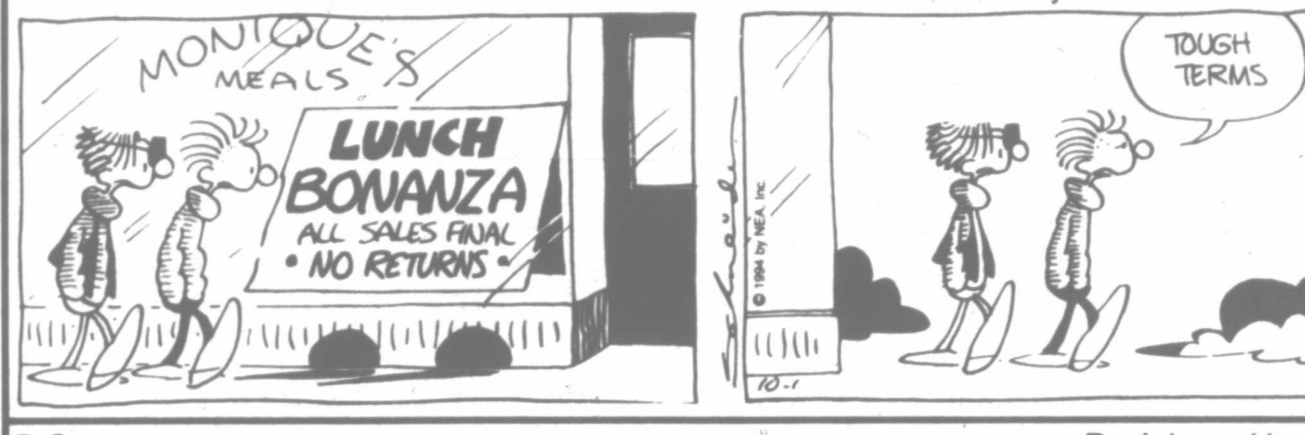
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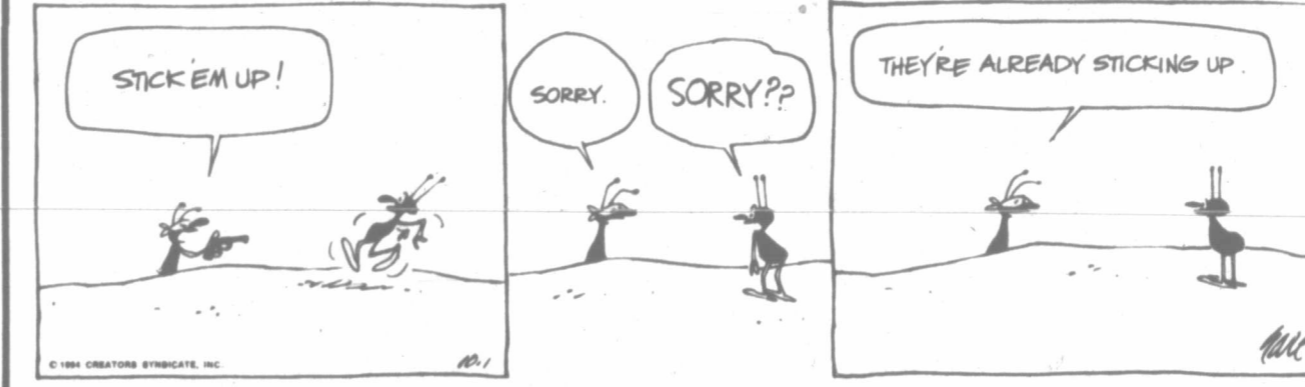
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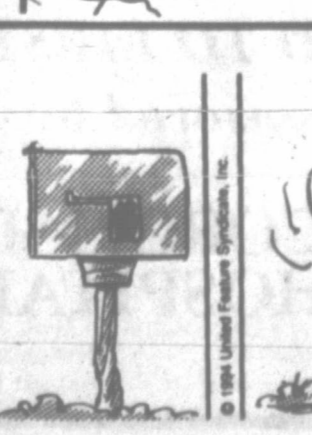
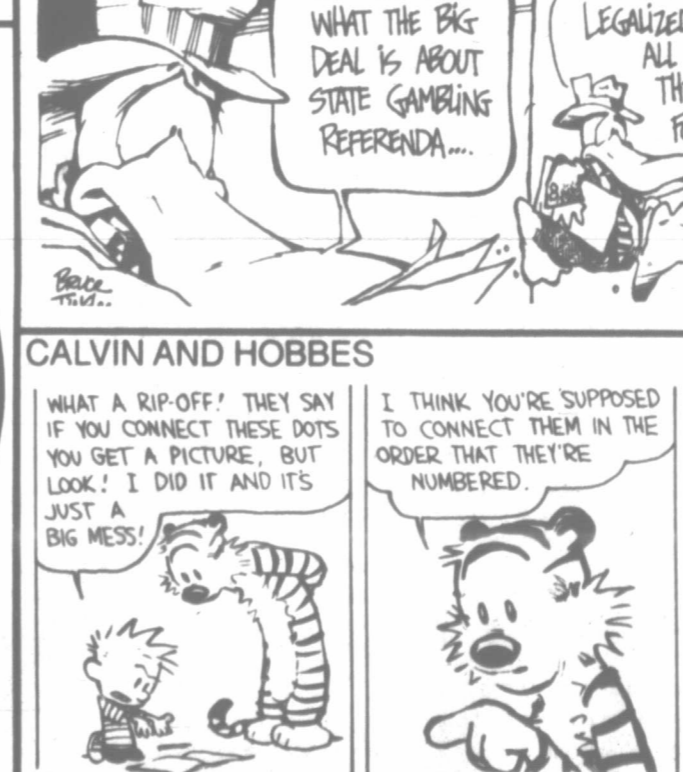
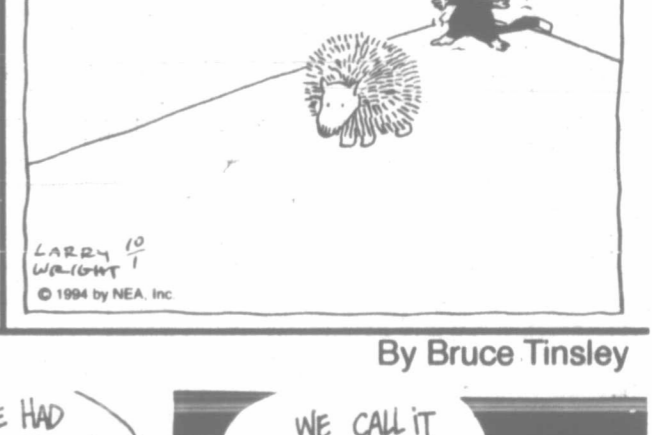
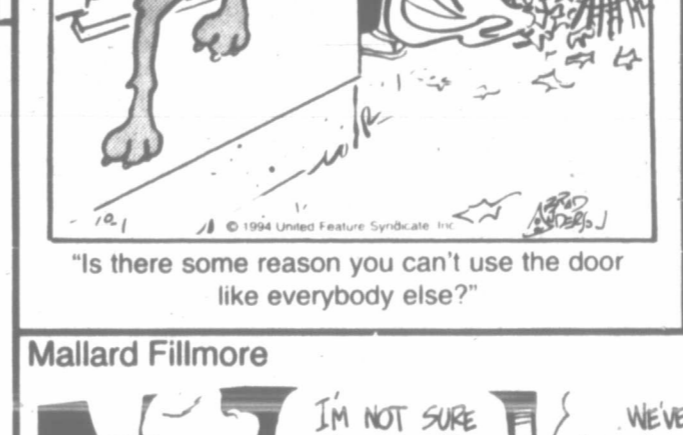
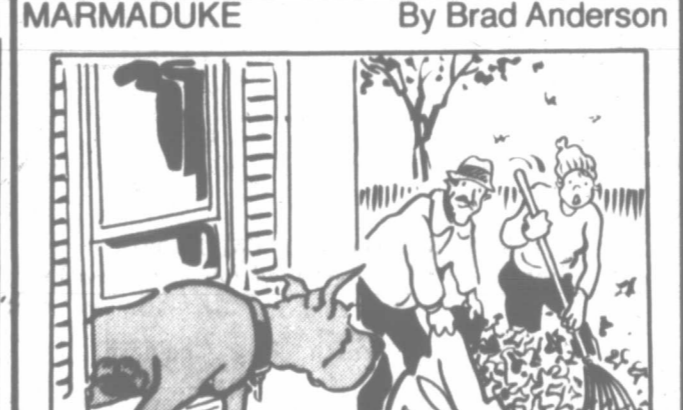
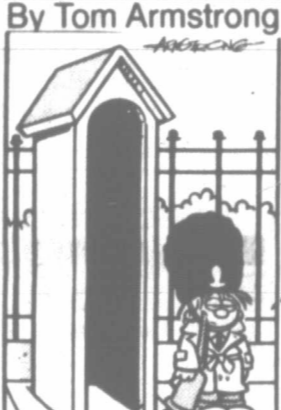


By Howie Schneider

B.C.



By Johnny Hart



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're the type of person who is not reluctant to go out of your way to be helpful to others. Persons you assist today might later find remarkable ways to reciprocate. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be hopeful and positive today and dare to think big. You're capable of applying yourself in ingenious ways that can turn wishes into realities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In situations where you are unselfish and concerned about advancing the interests of others, you could be extremely lucky today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Any dealings you have today with groups, clubs or large corporations should work out well for all. Don't allow size or titles to intimidate you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day for you to establish self-improvement goals. Whatever constructive changes you affect — mentally, physically or financially — have good chances of being accomplished.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you're willing to treat others as you'd like to be treated today, your probabilities for putting together a favorable, lasting agreement look exceptional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Work well done could provide exceptional rewards today, both from the pride you derive from your tasks, as well as from the remuneration and acknowledgment you may receive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your popularity might reach a high point today that could be evident at any social gathering. This is a time when others may want to do things for you. Let them!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Assignments you take on today are likely to be performed in an expert manner. This is because you'll be imaginative, resourceful and pragmatic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good time to put a critical involvement in order. You have splendid organizational abilities today and that which was previously hard to manage should now be easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you shouldn't have much difficulty in getting material support for your projects or interests. Use your resources in meaningful ways while you have the Midas touch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Manage matters yourself today which are of personal importance to you. Even though you may be able to find able delegates, they're not apt to do as well as you could.

Entertainment

Country music stars salute their influences on AIDS benefit album

By JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - There are reasons for country music artists to redo such classic rock radio mainstays as "Teach Your Children" and "Fire and Rain." Really, there are.

Those two songs kick off *Red Hot + Country*, a 17-song album of today's country stars acknowledging their influences for a cause: AIDS.

The results sometimes cast new light on old standards, and at times the singers themselves. Songs about mental or physical imprisonment, like "Fire and Rain" or "Folsom Prison Blues," are that much richer done in light of AIDS.

"People don't just grow up in a rural area and only listen to country music and then become country music singers. It's much wider than that," said singer Kathy Mattea, who came up with the concept of artists using the occasion to show fans their musical roots.

There are some obvious choices: Johnny Cash sings a Bob Dylan tune, and Dolly Parton does one from the George Jones canon. But artists such as Sammy Kershaw and Brooks & Dunn use the opportunity the best - bringing new life to hoary standards and illustrating their roots, and artistry, run deeper than the latest line-dancing hit.

Producer Randy Scruggs said the main pitfall of a compilation project is winding up with a batch of rejected recordings from the artists' vaults.

Instead, he strove to show "the artists' ability to expand where they don't feel like they have to be this character that radio thinks they should be, or a particular fan base thinks it should be."

Kershaw, typecast as a George Jones soundalike, tackles James Taylor's "Fire and Rain." The idea sounds horrible on paper, but Kershaw pulls it off by doing it as an over-the-top ballad, instead of copying Taylor's famous, more intimate version.

"That may have been one of the most surprising," Scruggs said. "The more I learn about Sammy Kershaw, the more I hear him, the more he does surprise me."

Best sellers

By The Associated Press

The best-selling books as they appear in this week's issue of Publishers Weekly. Reprinted with permission.

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. *Talos*, Anne Rice (Knopf)
2. *Debt of Honor*, Tom Clancy (Putnam)
3. *The Celestine Prophecy*, James Redfield (Warner)
4. *The Body Farm*, Patricia Cornwell (Scribners)
5. *Nothing Lasts Forever*, Sidney Sheldon (William Morrow)
6. *A Son of the Circus*, John Irving (Random House)
7. *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories*, James Finn Garner (Macmillan)
8. *Wild Horses*, Dick Francis (Putnam)
9. *One True Thing*, Anna Quindlen (Random House)
10. *The Gift*, Danielle Steel (Delacorte)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus*, John Gray (HarperCollins)
2. *Couplehood*, Paul Reiser (Bantam)
3. *Barbara Bush: A Memoir*, Barbara Bush (Scribners)
4. *All's Fair*, Mary Matalin and James Carville with Peter Knobler (Random House/Simon & Schuster)
5. *In the Kitchen with Rosie*, Rosie Daley (Knopf)
6. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, John Berendt (Random House)
7. *The Kennedy Women*, Laurence Leamer (Villard)
8. *The Book of Virtues*, William J. Bennett (Simon & Schuster)
9. *Baseball*, Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns (Knopf)
10. *James Herriot's Cat Stories*,

"He's an extremely talented artist. In concert, he might go out and do a Lynyrd Skynyrd song or a James Taylor song and just nail it."

"Fire and Rain" and "Folsom Prison Blues" aren't the only songs on *Red Hot + Country* that are reinterpreted. A group of stars including Mattea, Alison Krauss and Suzy Bogguss join Crosby, Stills and Nash on "Teach Your Children."

Mary Chapin Carpenter doesn't bother with metaphor, performing "Willie Short," a song written by her producer, John Jennings, from the point of view of an AIDS sufferer. It also works as a tribute of sorts, as the blues-folk tune wouldn't be out of place on an album such as *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan*.

The new artists don't try to hide their noncountry influences, Scruggs said. "That's one thing about country music today ... it's very open."

"It's like Kathy (Mattea) picking the Jackson Browne song ('Rock Me on the Water')," he said. "And these are songs that are great songs, and not necessarily in just a country flavor, but they can be performed that way as well."

Mattea got Browne to sing on the remake with her, and went on to further showcase her California rock influences on her hit album, *Walking Away a Winner*.

"I've done a lot of work with ... my bluegrass influences and blues and Celtic and folk," Mattea said, "but that's a whole segment that I spent a lot of time with that I've never really ... talked about very much."

Mattea is recognized as one of the first mainstream Nashville stars to publicly address the AIDS problem at the nationally televised Country Music Association awards show in 1992.

A public service announcement campaign featuring country stars ran earlier this year, and Reba McEntire even has a hit single about AIDS, "She Thinks His Name Was John."

John Carlin of The Red Hot Organization said that someone with Mattea's credentials was needed if a successful followup to benefit albums featuring Cole Porter, alternative rock and dance music were to be possible.

James Herriot (St. Martins)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. *Disclosure*, Michael Crichton (Ballantine)
2. *Star Wars: Champions of the Force*, Kevin L. Anderson (Bantam)
3. *Embraced by the Light*, Betty J. Eadie (Bantam)
4. *Door to December*, Dean Koontz (Signet)
5. *Vanished*, Danielle Steel (Dell)
6. *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, Peter Hoeg (Dell)
7. *Pearl in the Mist*, V.C. Andrews (Pocket Books)
8. *Without Remorse*, Tom Clancy (Berkley)
9. *Forrest Gump*, Winston Groom (Pocket Books)
10. *Gone But Not Forgotten*, Phillip Margolin (Bantam)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. *The Shipping News*, E. Annie

Proulx (S & S-Touchstone)

2. *Homicidal Psycho Jungle Cat*, Bill Walters (Andrews & McMeel)
3. *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen R. Covey (S & S-Fireside)
4. *Gumpisms*, Winston Groom (Pocket Books)
5. *Care of the Soul*, Thomas Moore (HarperPerennial)
6. *A History of God*, Karen Armstrong (Ballantine)
7. *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen, eds. (Health Communications)
8. *Lasher*, Ann Rice (Ballantine)
9. *What to Expect When You're Expecting*, A. Eisenberg, H. Murkoff & S. Hathaway (Workman)
10. *The Road Less Traveled*, M. Scott Peck, M.D. (S & S-Touchstone)

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"We were virtual unknowns in the country music community," Carlin said. "Kathy brought to our alliance an intense commitment to make a difference among her peers and the fans of country music."

"Nanci Griffith and Jimmy Webb do a duet," Mattea said, "Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Willie Nelson do a duet. There's a great cut of this sort of Memphis influence that's the Mavericks, Duane

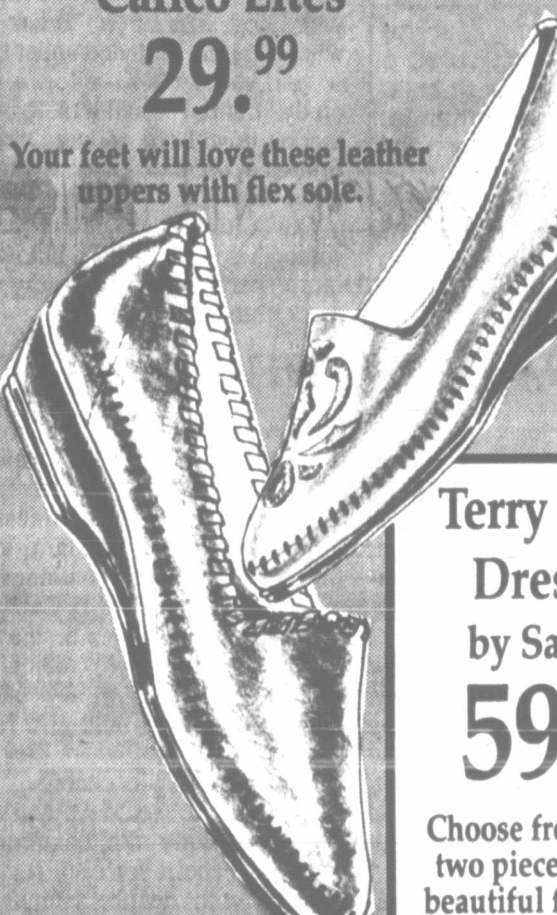
Eddy and Carl Perkins.

"There's an instrumental version of 'Keep on the Sunny Side' - that's Earl Scruggs, Randy Scruggs, Doc Watson, Vince Gill and Ricky Skaggs. There's just a lot of diversity on it."

"So we have this very wide-ranging statement about where modern country music has come from and what the influences are."



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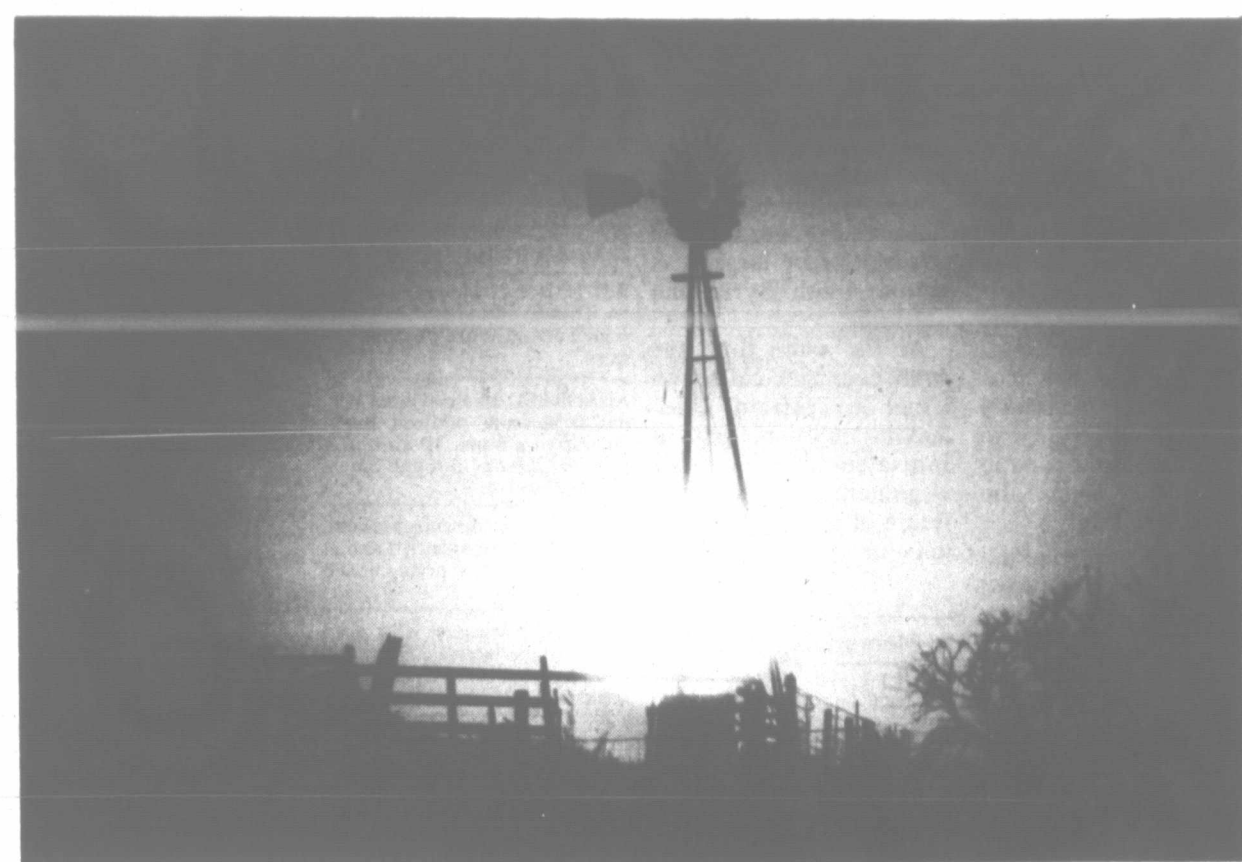
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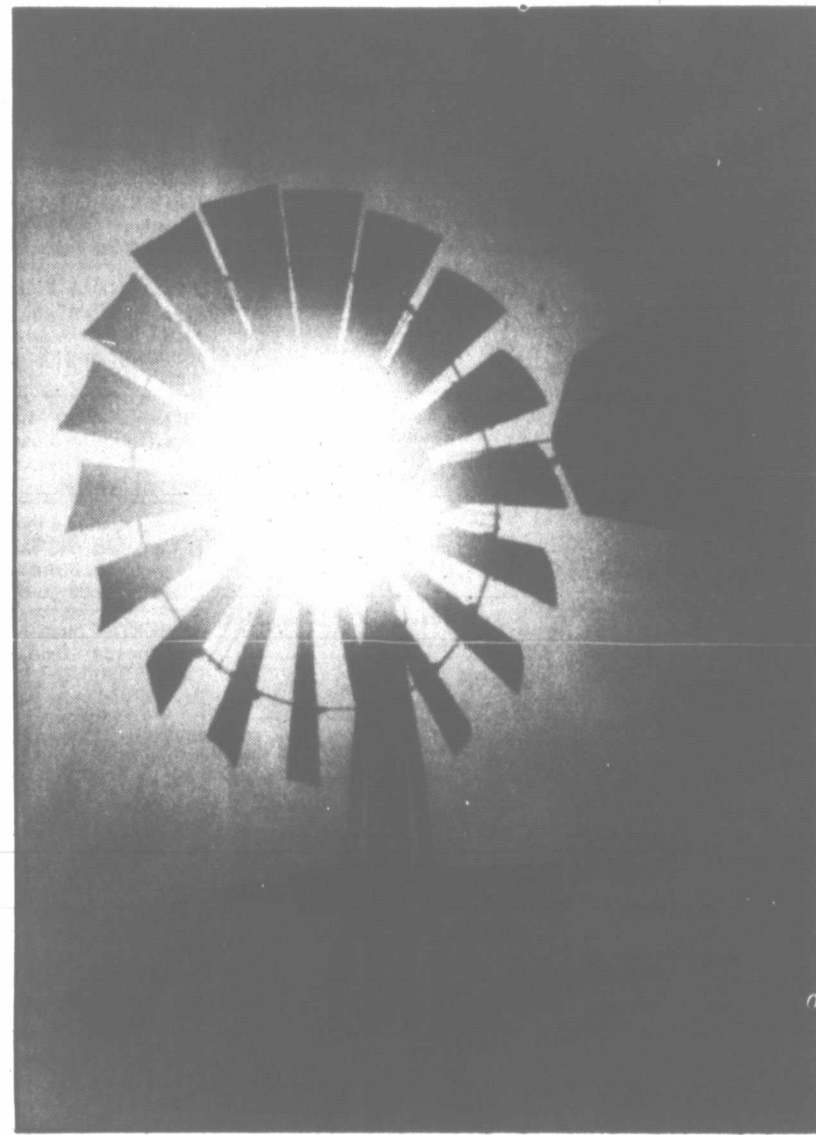
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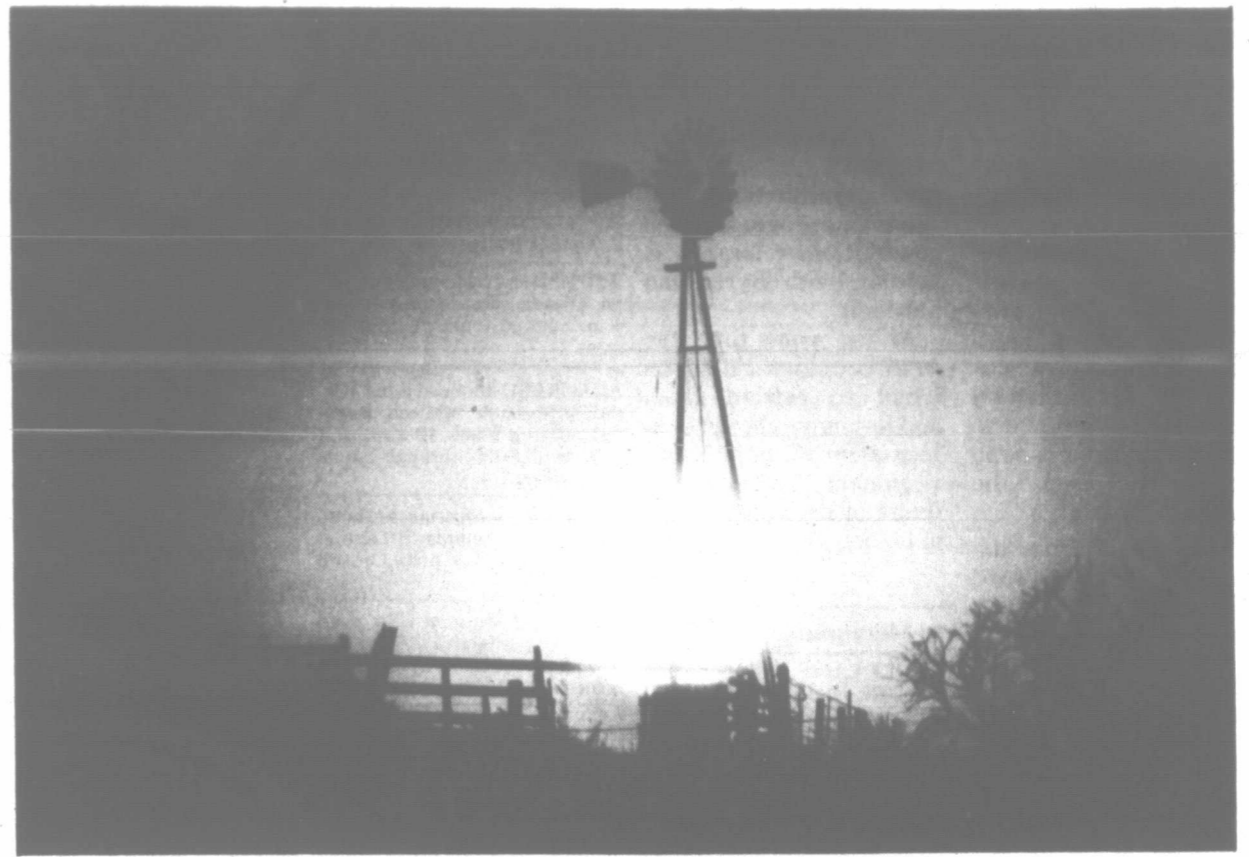
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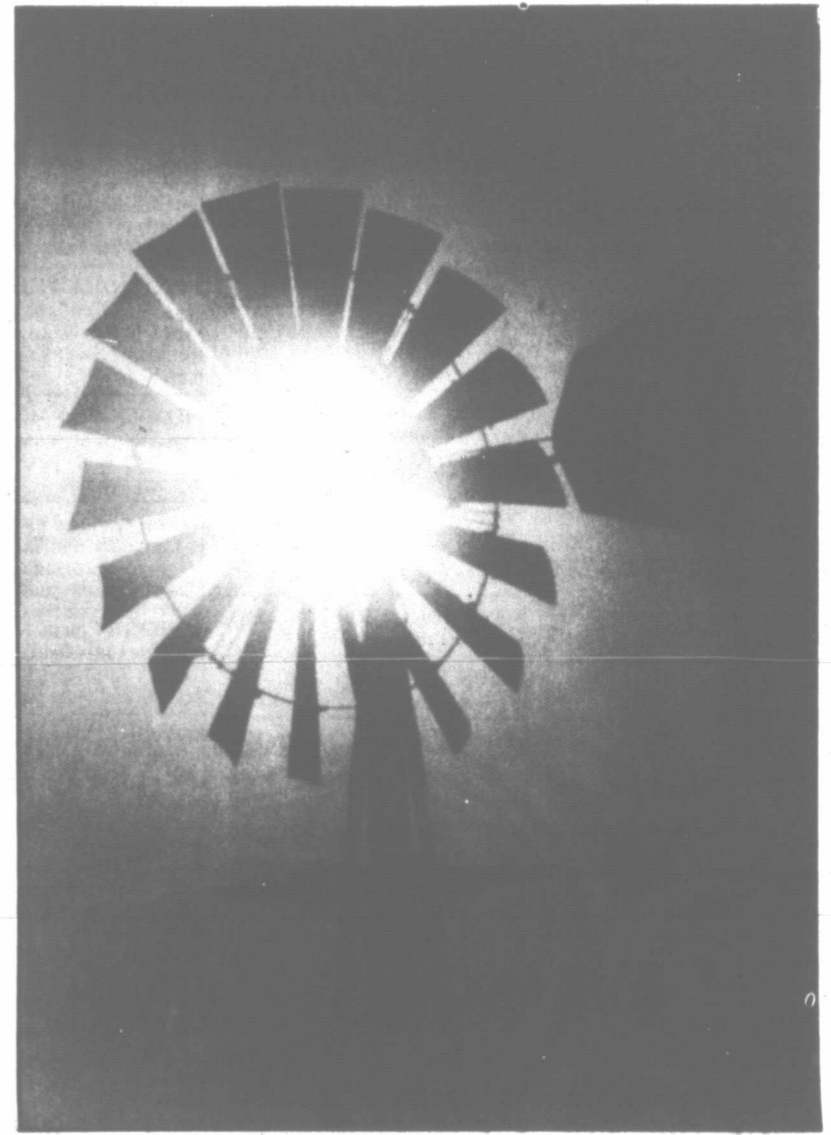
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ELMO (AP) — Henry Qualls settles into a weatherbeaten plastic chair and adjusts his guitar. He takes a long swig from a beer can, then looks over the dozen or so people who have gathered in his front yard.

A comment from somewhere elicits a deep, booming laugh, which evolves into a scratching wheeze before eventually becoming a cough.

"The TB's killin' me," the wiry, 60-year-old says, his bloodshot eyes drooping sadly. "But I'm gonna be OK."

He has to be OK. This is Saturday night in Elmo, which means hundreds will flock to this town about 45 miles east of Dallas to hear Qualls, one of the last true East Texas blues guitarists.

"Some nights, there are so many of them that you can't hardly stir them with a stick," says Qualls, a bristly-bearded chain-smoker who tears through the blues on a 36-year-old guitar he's named Maybelline. "I guess this is one of the last places for real Texas blues."

About 75 people recently filled the dirt driveway and patchy front yard of his house, a converted railway station about 100 yards from the tracks.



Henry Qualls warms up on his guitar, Maybelline, in his Elmo backyard, where he can be found jamming most Saturday nights for gatherings of blues enthusiasts. (AP photo by Pat Sullivan)

(Kan.) Blues Society.

Qualls plays several covers, although many of them would only be known by true blues fanatics. The influences of early 20th-century work-camp "hollers" and "spirituals" also are evident in his music, much of which focuses on familiar blues themes: death, heartbreak and God.

The result, says his promoter,

Chuck Nevitt, is a unique yet traditional sound that has been missing for decades.

"He plays a lot of stuff by Lightnin' Hopkins and those guys, but it still comes out sounding like Henry," Nevitt said.

For a long time, there wasn't much music at the faded yellow house just outside Elmo. Qualls has played his guitar off and on for

more than 40 years, but he never had much time to pursue a career in music.

He had more important things to do, like mowing wealthy people's lawns in Dallas in order to feed his 10 kids. After 35 years, Qualls retired a few years ago because of medical problems.

But Qualls' musical resurgence began in 1990, when he met a local blues enthusiast and bass guitar player, Scottie Ferris.

Ferris owned a trailer outside Elmo that he'd converted into an old-time juke joint. Qualls soon began spending his Saturday nights jamming at the packed trailer. Ferris then began telling stories of Qualls' guitar mastery to Nevitt, who's also president of the Dallas Blues Society.

For years Nevitt — who earlier lost money promoting another old-time bluesman — couldn't be persuaded to take a chance on Qualls.

But Nevitt finally was convinced last year after seeing a video of Qualls playing at his house, where the jams had been moved to accommodate larger crowds.

"The fun thing about seeing Henry play is that you're getting to hear 70 years of history," Nevitt said. "That's why I feel he's so important."

Qualls' first CD, *Henry Qualls: Blues from Elmo, Texas*, was released this year. Nevitt says

about 3,000 copies have been sold, but Qualls already is starting to get some recognition.

He's played clubs in Dallas, and he's been featured in several European blues magazines. He's also been booked for a November blues festival in the Netherlands.

But there are concerns about just how much success Qualls can take. He's had trouble performing in front of large and unfamiliar audiences.

"He's great out there at his house, but if you get him out in a

strange place, people will start slipping him free drinks and it gets bad," says Ferris, who says he's had to unplug Qualls' equipment in mid-song more than a few times.

Then again, maybe it doesn't matter much to Qualls if he winds up touring major cities or just jamming in his yard.

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It looks a lot like a really good house party. And it is. But the alcohol-soaked Elmo jams are also something much more important. They're a link to a time gone by.

"Henry has remained virtually untainted by outside musical influences," says Dick Waterman, who has managed and promoted blues legends like Mance Lipscomb, and Muddy Waters.

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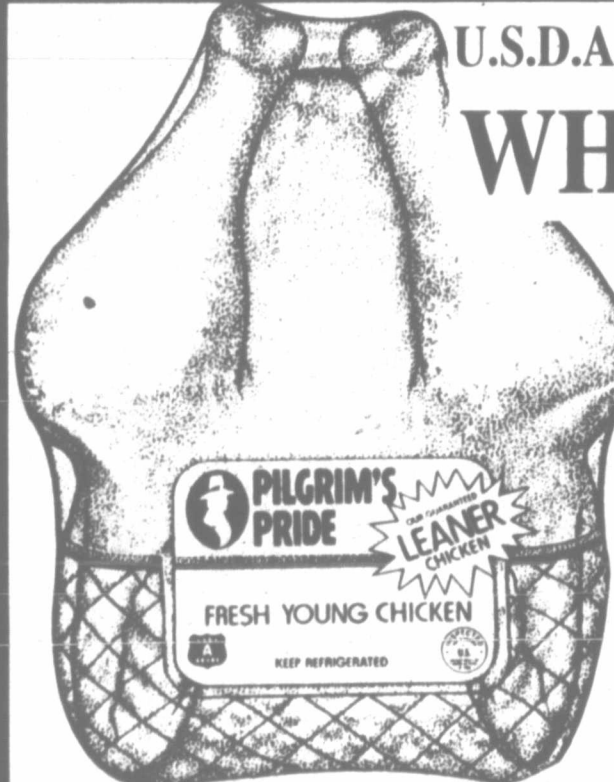
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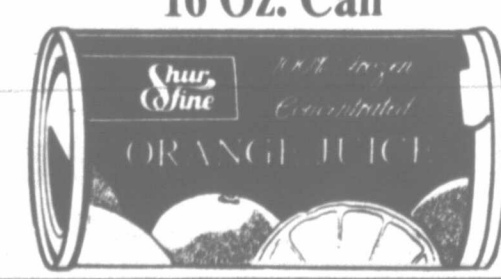
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