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Shaken base seeks return to its routine

By ESTES THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Still stunned by a sniper's ambush that left one dead and 18 wounded, paratroopers of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division tried to shake off their shock and get back to work Saturday.

Investigators, soldiers and the victims' families wondered how it could have happened.

"My heart goes out to the person because he was obviously distraught," said Diane Badger, whose husband, Maj. Stephen Mark Badger, was killed. "What drives a man to do that? To turn on his fellow man? I don't know ... I can only have compassion for him and hope he gets the help he needs."

The suspect, who was tackled by a group of soldiers exercising nearby, is a member of the unit that was fired on early Friday — the 2nd Brigade Task Force. Late Friday night, Sgt. William J. Kreuzer, 26, was sent to the military jail at Camp Lejeune Marine Base in Jacksonville.

Kreuzer, an infantry squad leader assigned to Company A of the 4th Battalion of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, might not be formally charged for

several days, said Maj. Rivers Johnson, the division spokesman.

No information on his military record, including disciplinary problems, has been released.

The gunman opened fire on the 1,300 paratroopers as they set out in the fog and dark on a four-mile run.

The sniper hid in a stand of pine trees overlooking the floodlit exercise field.

As the shots rang out, soldiers dashed for cover and some screamed "Incoming!" as the wounded soldiers fell.

On Saturday, soldiers returned to their routine along Ardennes Street near the site of the attack. Some got their hair cut at the division barber shop and others bought cigarettes and soft drinks at the PX.

A wedding party, including some soldiers in dress blue uniforms, gathered at a nearby chapel. A jogger in red pants ran on the outdoor track where wounded were being tended the day before.

"It still hasn't set in yet," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shively, who stopped to look at two bouquets placed on the name plaque of the field. "I can't believe anyone would do it. It shows anybody can go off their rocker."

Shively was running on Ardennes Street and heard shots, but wasn't in the formation on the field Friday.

The tradition of running is basic in the airborne infantry because of the physical conditioning the job requires. Exercise sessions are called PT, for physical training.

"PT is the last place you think you would be fighting for your life," Johnson said. "Division PT time is sacred. The tempo we go at requires it."

Badger, a 36-year-old native of Salt Lake City, had been a captain on the promotion list for major when he was shot in the head, Johnson said. He was promoted after his death.

Mrs. Badger, 49, said she and her husband had been married 2 1/2 years. They met at a Mormon church conference. Between them, they had eight children from previous marriages, aged 8 to 21. His four children live with his ex-wife.

"He's my best friend," Mrs. Badger said. "It's hard to imagine life without my best friend. He was kind and gentle and loving and compassionate. He was a neat man. He was a quiet leader. He really loved his religion."



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)
Hope Shiver, center, performs as Sojourner Truth Friday afternoon on the Pampa Middle School Auditorium stage. Shiver used PMS students Anthony Carbone, Renee Brown, Reginald Bryant and others not pictured as examples of the divisiveness of the Civil War.

Former Miss Alabama tells students to speak out against injustices

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

"When you see someone do something wrong to someone else, speak up. ... When you see an injustice, try to make it better for someone else," told one solitary woman to an auditorium full of Pampa Middle School sixth graders Friday afternoon.

The inspirational message came at the conclusion of a crowd-pleasing, one-woman performance by former Miss Alabama Hope Shiver.

Shiver took on the role of Civil War-era abolitionist Sojourner Truth, singing spirituals and speaking in Truth's pidgin Dutch accent. Dressed in a severe black dress and white turban much like the Quakers that freed the former slave, Shiver as Truth told her life story.

Truth, the students learned, was born to slaves in New York in the late 1700s. At age 11, she and her family were separated. Eventually, Truth (or Isabella, as she was known then) had lived with four masters before escaping to freedom at age 53.

It was then she changed her name to Sojourner Truth, or a traveler for truth.

Truth traveled much of the North and mid-West, speaking for the freedom of slaves and the rights of women everywhere.

Shiver began her presentation

quoting from one of Truth's most famous speeches, "Ain't I a Woman." That speech generated from a rally in which Truth was verbally accosted by a man who felt only men should be given any power.

Shiver's show was a family affair — daughter Abby acted a number of roles. In other shows, Shiver's husband and sister perform with her as well.

Shiver has performed as Truth for the past four years, and for the past six years as Harriet Tubman. In fact, Pampa students first saw Shiver as Tubman last year.

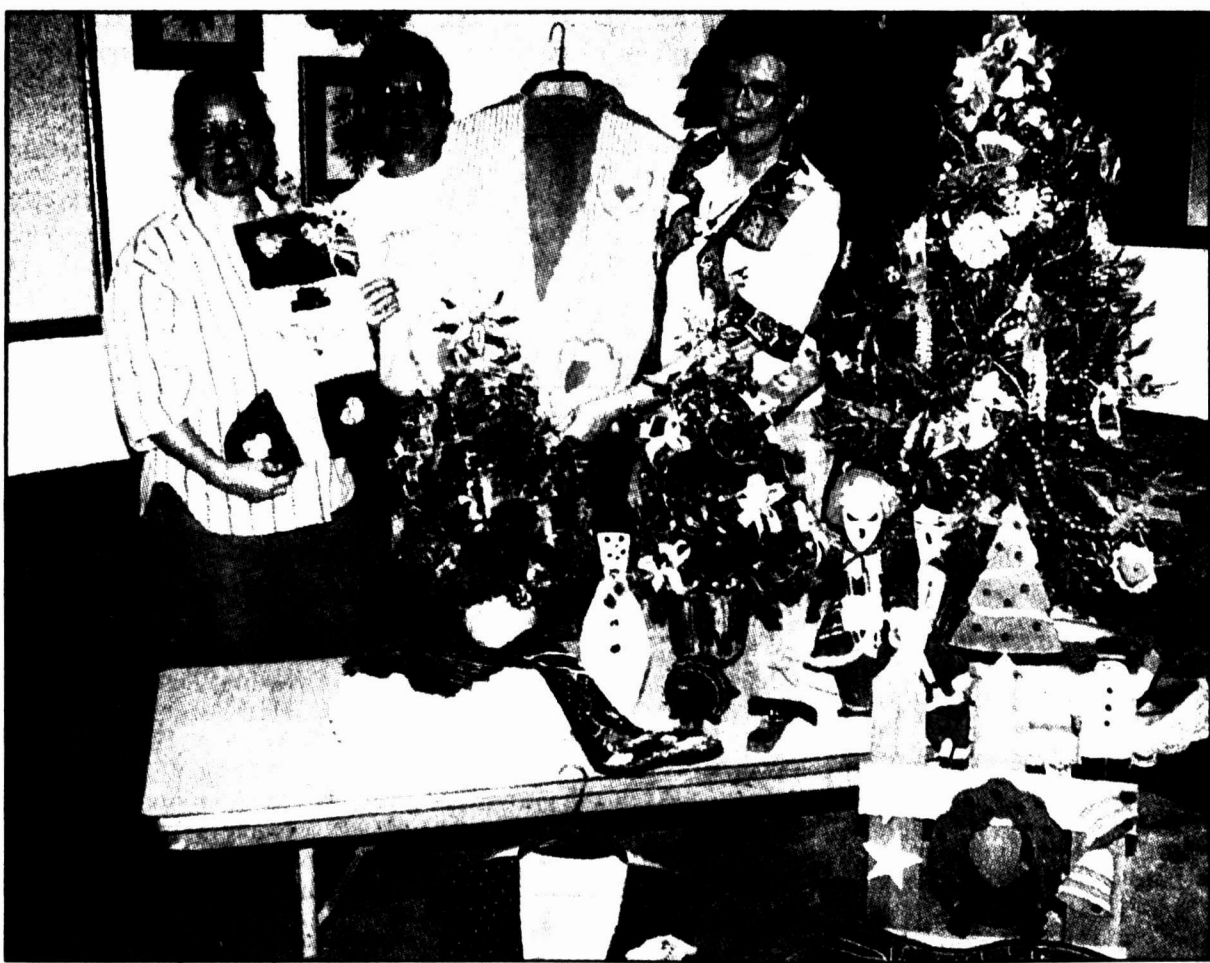
This year alone, the Houston-based Shiver has traveled to Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama and Sweden.

Shiver, a preacher's daughter, says she "can't remember when [she] didn't have a microphone in hand." A college vocal instructor, she says she became disturbed six years ago when she discovered that most of her students had not heard any spirituals.

So, Shiver combined the music of slaves with acting to create her shows.

Shiver's week of performances at Pampa schools was funded in part by the Texas Commission on Arts, the National Endowment of the Arts and Pampa Independent School District.

CFW Bazaar '95



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

From left, Jan Maul; Robbie Pepper, bazaar chair; and Nancy Broggin show some of the items that will be sold at the Christian Women's Fellowship Bazaar '95 at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The exhibitors will be church members, with Christmas holiday items, a sewing booth and wood crafts available, as well as the Country Kitchen booth with food items and the Boy Scouts pecan booth. In addition, fully decorated Christmas trees will be for sale. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be served from 8-11 a.m., and homemade stew and chili will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bazaar is the CFW's annual fund-raiser.

Astronauts long for pizza, showers halfway through flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia and its astronauts soared past the halfway point of their 16-day mission Saturday, with more laboratory experiments on tap.

If Columbia lands next Sunday as scheduled, it will be the second-longest flight in the shuttle program. Endeavour holds the record with a 16 1/2-day astronomy mission in March.

Scientists in charge of Columbia's 14 laboratory experiments are delighted to get so much time in orbit for their projects, which involve semiconductor crystals and potatoes, among other things.

Crystals grown in orbit are bigger and purer than those produced on Earth.

And researchers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison hope the potato plants will help them learn more about the feasibility of growing edible crops on long space

flights. The crew hopes to bring back one marble-sized potato from each of the five plants.

In a study of fluid behavior in weightlessness, the astronauts used sound waves to bounce two chemical-laced drops of water together inside a chamber.

Halfway through their 16-day science mission, space shuttle Columbia's astronauts long for pizza and showers.

"The best thing we have on board ... is peanut butter," chief shuttle scientist Kathryn Thornton said in a TV interview Friday. "We just put it on tortillas because we don't use bread up here because it crumbles, and we don't want to make a lot of crumbs in the air. So we have peanut butter burritos quite a bit."

She added: "I would like a pizza." As for hygiene on high, shuttle commander Kenneth Bowersox said sponge baths are fine

but nothing beats "a good, solid Earth shower."

The seven astronauts have been conducting fluid, crystal, potato plant and other experiments in Columbia's laboratory module since Oct. 20. The mission — one of the longest shuttle flights ever planned by NASA — is due to end Nov. 5. Saturday marked the halfway point.

The crew hopes to bring back five marble-sized potatoes, or one per plant. Researchers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison want to learn more about starch formation in weightlessness and the feasibility of growing edible crops on long space flights.

Columbia experienced double trouble Friday: a micrometeorite gouged a cockpit window and two steering jets temporarily failed.

The micrometeorite pitted only the outer pane of the window. Mission Control said the chip was small — its exact size was unknown — and posed no safety hazard.

Did you set clocks back?

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's payback time for that hour of sleep much of America lost April 2 when daylight saving time began.

The extra hour — a boon to everyone except those working the night shift — arrived at 2 a.m. today as most of the nation returned to standard time.

At this time of year, the change benefits morning people, with an hour of daylight shifting from the evening to the morning. To do that clocks are turned back — for example from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Daylight saving time returns on Sunday, April 7.

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City seeking adopter for Central Park

Clean Pampa Inc. and the Pampa Parks Department are looking for some organization to take over Central Park and West Central Park in the Adopt-A-Park program.

Pam Green, Clean Pampa executive coordinator, said the previous adopter has had to give up its responsibility for the two parks. She said it would take a large organization to adopt either or both of the parks.

Any organization interested in adopting the parks should contact Green at 665-2514 or Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick at 669-5770.

The Adopt-A-Park program has been "tremendously successful" since its implementation nearly 10 years ago, with the city's 33 parks being continuously adopted.

"We appreciate each and every volunteer who works," Green said, adding that the program "requires a lot of commitment."

In other matters, Green said pledge cards for the state Texas Recycles Day project are available at the Clean Pampa office, 836 W. Foster, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the Pampa Recycling Center, Hobart Street Park, from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Gov. George W. Bush has declared Nov. 15 as Texas Recycles Day, with those signing pledge cards to start or increase recycling having a chance to win prizes, including a 1995 Jeep Wrangler and thousands of dollars in gift certificates.

The contest is open to adults who are at least 18. Entries must be received by Nov. 14.

For more information, contact the Clean Pampa office, 665-2514.

Pampa United Way agency profile

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1995 "Paint A Brighter Tomorrow" fund-raising campaign.

The Pampa Sheltered Workshop has changed for the better the lives of many of Pampa's mentally impaired adults, helping them to lead happier, productive lives. For them and their families, the Workshop makes a dramatic difference.



This operation is so much more than a workshop — it's a place to interact with peers and make friends, to have fun and to learn lifeskills that help participants to function more comfortably in their community.

In addition to the work they do there, they go shopping, out to eat, bowling, to church — things most people take for granted but which for them are exciting opportunities to discover their own self-worth and lead well-rounded lives.

Yes, they do work each day, usually at assembly workstations where they build up or package products for the fulfillment of contracts with cooperating wholesale and retail companies who will market the final products. Workshop participants are paid according to the amount of work they produce, and while the wages are



(Special photo)

Clients of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop are busy with packing items at an assembly workstation, fulfilling a contract with a company. The task provides a job and income for the participants, one of the services offered by the agency.

an important source of independence, the biggest payoff is the sense of accomplishment and self-esteem that comes from being productive members of society.

Some of these delightful people work outside the Workshop, but they all feel good about themselves because of their gainful employment.

The Workshop is always a big hit on Pampa United Way's Real Deal '95 Tours, which give the employees of local businesses an opportunity to discover for themselves all the wonderful work being done by our United Way agencies. If your company has not

taken a Real Deal Tour, call the United Way office today to make an appointment.

Pampa Sheltered Workshop relies in part on United Way for operational funds. The vital work of this and 15 other Pampa United Way agencies would not be possible without your support. When you give to United Way, you are helping friends and neighbors who only want the chance to make our community a better place to live.

If a United Way volunteer has not contacted you, call 669-1001 to receive your pledge card. Please, give generously.

Crime of the Week

Pampa-Gray County Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week is a residential burglary which occurred between July 17 and 18 in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Burglars stole a 24-inch Zenith television with remote control, Sony video cassette recorder, a three-inch pewter figurine of a wizard holding a crystal ball and assorted clothing.

Total loss in this burglary is estimated at \$610.

Crime Stoppers wants any information you might have

leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime or any other felony crime or narcotics trafficking. Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward by calling 669-2222.

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Police hunting suspects in couple's brutal attack

DALLAS (AP) — Police continued to hunt Saturday for three men responsible for a brutal attack in which a couple were abducted and robbed and the bound man helplessly watched as his wife was repeatedly raped.

Authorities were tight-lipped about their two-day-old investigation, but said there had been no arrests.

"We've got a lot of people saying they've seen suspicious people, but that's about it," Dallas police detective J.E. Tremain said.

The 3 1/2-hour ordeal began Thursday night as the couple entered their rear-entry garage and ended in a Collin County field where the assailants dumped the nude victims, police said.

"I can't remember the last time we had a case like this," said Lt. David Goelden of the sexual assault unit. "This is very, very serious."

Police spokesman Sgt. Jim Chandler called the rape "extremely brutal," saying the trio assaulted the 30-year-old woman in front of her 34-year-old husband.

"Her husband was there, but he was bound and couldn't do anything," Chandler said.

The couple had just entered the garage around 8:30 p.m. when they were confronted by the three

gunmen wearing ski masks.

Investigators believe the attack could be related to others in which people returning home were attacked and robbed. However, in the other three incidents this month, none of the victims was abducted or sexually attacked, although one was shot.

"There are some similarities in suspect description, weapons and a few other things," Chandler said.

In the latest attack, the assailants seized the man's wallet and the woman's purse, took their automated bank machine cards and demanded the code numbers. The couple were then bound with duct tape and thrown into the trunk of a car, which the suspects drove to three ATM locations and apparently withdrew money, police said.

After the couple were driven to a remote field and ordered to take off their clothes, the three gunmen took turns beating and sexually assaulting the woman.

Afterward, the man and woman were put back into the trunk and driven to Lake Lavon, where they were dumped on a road just east of the town of Lucas.

The couple managed to walk to a nearby house and called the Collin County Sheriff's Department about 11:30 p.m.

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Letters to the editor

Getting stuck with a judge

To the editor:

I think you can tell a lot about salary levels by how many good people want the job. Most of our elected positions always give us a choice of applicants to choose from. The one exception I can think of is the District Judge. It seems that if this position is filled, no one ever runs against them. It means that if we are lucky enough to get a good, fair person in the office, we can expect to have a good one for as long as he wants the office.

I believe Lee Waters is such a man. All the decisions he makes seem to be fair and in favor of the people he is representing. A case in point is the murder trial going on in Pampa now. He knows the people of Pampa can make an impartial judgment, regardless of the publicity, at the most economical cost to the county.

On the other hand, Judge Sims makes decisions in favor of himself and special interest groups. One case in point is the giveaway of the people's land on the Canadian River to a special interest group. I would like to know if or how Sims benefited from this decision against the people who elected him.

Another case was the recent murder trial he moved to Fort Worth, which cost the county in excess of \$300,000. The county had to pay travel and living expense for everyone involved in the trial, except for the jury. This meant we paid the expense for the defense lawyer as well as the prosecution lawyers. The Commissioner's Court asked why, if this trial HAD to be moved, couldn't it just as well have been moved to an adjacent county within driving distance of everyone involved. Sims said it was so everyone could be comfortable. Again Judge Sims made a decision in favor of a special interest group.

The main point of my letter is, I think, that the salary of the District Judge's office should be raised so more lawyers would want the job, and maybe the district would not be STUCK with a judge who makes decisions against the people he's supposed to be representing.

Calvin Lacy
Pampa

Keep believing in God ...

To the editor:

I guess everyone realizes that M.D. Hood, the man that lived across the railroad tracks from Hoechst Celanese, recently died. His wife, Carolyn, was instrumental in forming the lawsuit against Celanese.

Honestly, my faith has been tried by all the "goings on" in Gray County. Warren Chisum was back in the newspaper recently. He is now in our nation's capital. The article states plainly that he wants to change all the environmental laws to protect big industrial polluters. If the Republicans succeed in this we will have NO RIGHTS. No right to know anything they have done, and no right to file suit.

I want everyone to know what really went on with our lawsuit. Celanese won. Everyone that signed that settlement agreement agreed to NEVER TALK about Hoechst Celanese again. Celanese got ALL the evidence we had gathered. They stated in court that they would keep the evidence for two years, then it would be DESTROYED. Consequently, it is due to be destroyed May 2, 1996. As far as I know, there is nothing I can do to stop it.

I keep saying to myself, "Okay, God, where is the justice?" Then I open my Bible and read:

"Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:1-4

I can do nothing else, but keep believing in God.

Karen Son
Pampa

Three new DPS troopers patrol Gray County

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A new crop of Department of Public Safety recruits are on the main roads and back roads of Gray County, charged with keeping the pickups, cattle trucks, roaring teens and grandmas in Cadillacs motoring safely.

Two of the new troopers, Jeffery Poole and Jeanne Bangasser, are assigned to the Pampa station. A third, Chad Estes, is assigned to the McLean DPS office. The trio, still shiny and pressed, will ride alongside veteran troopers for a six-month training period. At the local station, Poole rides with Jeff Robertson and Bangasser with Jim Bishop. Estes pairs up with Ron Shank of McLean. The new troopers complete weekly tests and performance evaluations before riding alone.

Poole, a native of Mineral Wells, served three years in the U.S. Army as a petroleum supply specialist, worked in a prep work release facility in Mineral Wells and as a jailer at Palo Pinto County jail before completing the academy.

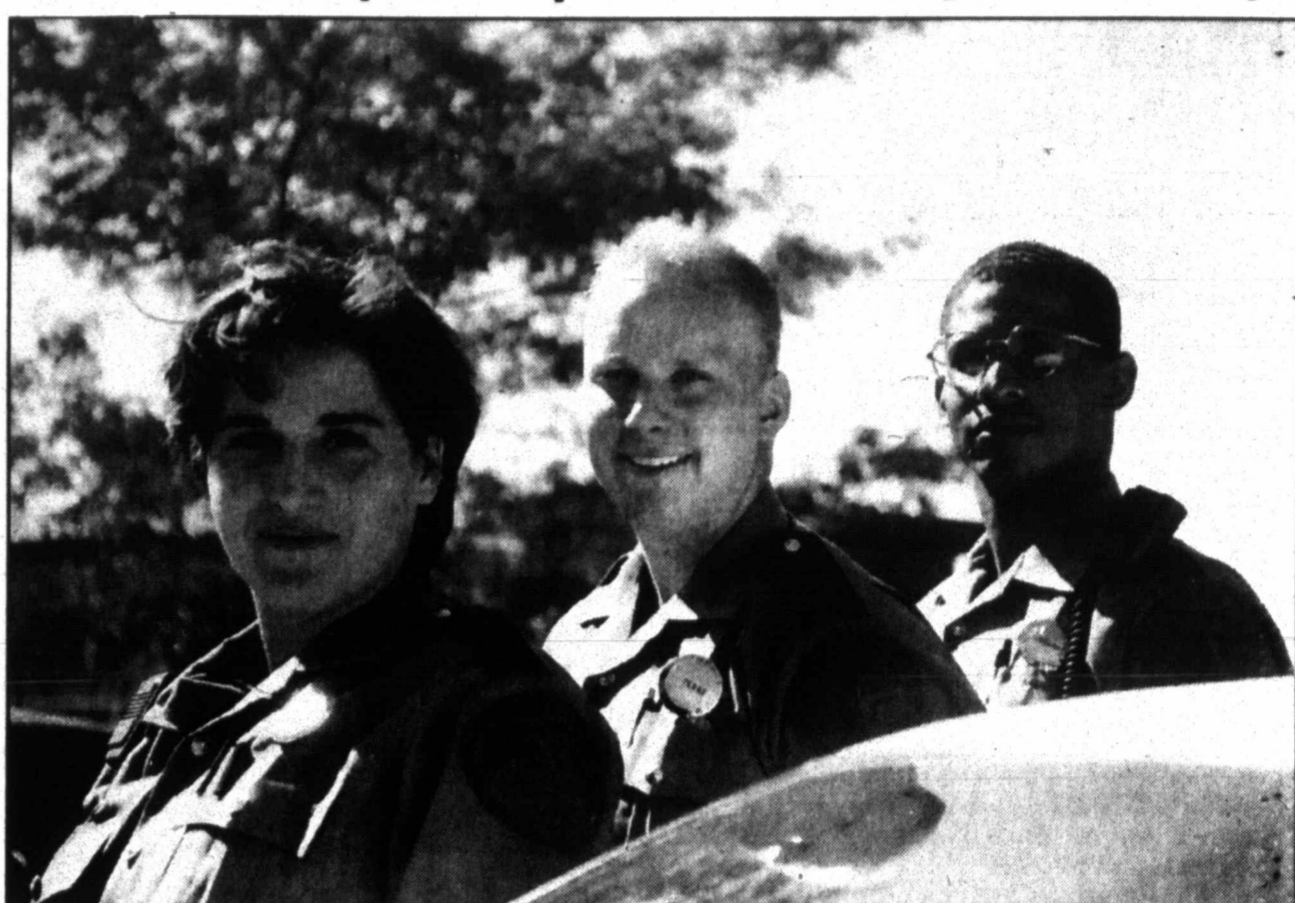
"It's something I always wanted to do. I thought about it when I was in the military and I finally got going. There's something about law enforcement ...," said Poole.

He can't bear the idea of sitting behind a desk and wants to get out of the office and meet people. Moving to Pampa with Poole are his wife Loretta and sons Jeffery Jr., age 3, and A.J., 18 months. His hobbies are fishing, softball, basketball, football, "... and spending time with the kids."

Poole said if he could tell a room full of school children how to make a career as a trooper, he would tell them to stay out of trouble, be open-minded and set goals. If, then, he were on the other side of the desk hiring troopers, he would look at the applicant's dress, neatness, carriage and attitude toward others.

The future for Poole? "Probably still roaming the highways for DPS," he grinned.

Bangasser, a native of El



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Department of Public Safety troopers new to Gray County roads are, from left, Jeanne Bangasser, Chad Estes and Jeffery Poole.

Segundo, Calif., is the daughter of a motorcycle police officer father and youngest of 11 children.

"I was daddy's girl and wanted to be just like my dad," Bangasser said.

While Bangasser has her eye on other DPS operations, including the elite Ranger corps, criminal and narcotic investigation, she said, "I'm pretty much living my dream right now."

Bangasser said while she is not a perfect person, she sets a high premium on personal integrity.

"The kids are the reason I'm doing this job ... I've worked with kids all my life," she said.

"I'm trying to be a positive role model. Everybody makes mistakes so I guess by any means I'm not the best example," she said.

While Bangasser is working in a non-traditional field for women, she doesn't rule out being a mom someday.

"It's a tough thing to have a family in a job like this," she

said citing her own traditional rearing.

Bangasser holds an associate's degree in speech communications from El Camino College.

Estes is a Marine Corps veteran who started his DPS career in a clerical position before applying for the academy.

"I didn't really know 100 percent if I wanted to do this job. But it was one stop we made, we didn't seize any money ... but it was the adrenaline rush, it really pumped you up. You help people out ... people stopped on the side of the road," Estes explained.

"This job suits me. I have a pretty outgoing personality."

While being a trooper is fulfilling, Estes said, it is not without its scary moments.

"Anyone who says they don't get scared in this job is full of it," he said.

Estes, husband and father of eight-year-old Josh, said he gets up every day knowing it could be his last.

"(Paula, his wife) is proud of

me. She understands. She worries, too. She knows I'm careful, but there are some risks," he said.

"I like to get criminals. You have to stop speeders to get criminals. I don't think everybody needs a ticket. I like to get criminals to get them off the street and make them safe for everybody. I used to want them to catch criminals, now I'm in a position where I can," Estes said.

"A trooper needs three skills - integrity, common sense and judgment - and four personality traits - friendliness, self-confidence without over-confidence, adaptability and ability to deal with stress - to do his job," Estes said.

"Sometimes you're gonna be out there by yourself 20 miles from your sergeant and you have to make a decision," he said.

"I just want to say I got up in church ... I told them I appreciated everything they done for me. (McLean) has rolled out the red carpet for us. I appreciate the support," Estes said.

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Business

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Quotes for business

Often in this column we've devoted some portion of the quotes we use to subjects related to success. Equally often we've used quotes related to business topics. However, we've never done a column that only utilized those quotations which related to success in business.

Most of your regular readers know how I feel about the subject of business. I believe that well-managed businesses are the backbone of this country, and are mostly responsible for our robust economy. Therefore, we could say that business and success are related. Here are some quotes on business success.

Business and Success

- Big companies are small companies that have succeeded. - Robert Townsend
- Capitalism and communism stand at opposite poles. Their essential difference is this: The communist, seeing the rich man and his fine home, says: "No man should have so much." The capitalist, seeing the same thing, says: "All men should have so much." - Phelps Adams
- Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value. - Albert Einstein
- The business of America is business. - Calvin Coolidge
- Remember that just the moment you say, "I give up," someone else seeing the same situation is saying, "My, what a great opportunity." - H. Jackson Brown
- Business underlies everything in our national life, including our spiritual life. Witness the fact that in the Lord's Prayer this first petition is for daily bread. No one can worship God or love his neighbor on an empty stomach. - Woodrow Wilson
- Business is never so healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets. - Henry Ford
- The value decade is on us. If you can't sell a top-quality product at the world's lowest price, you're going to be out of the game. - Jack Welch
- Success is never final. - Winston Churchill
- The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are, and doing what you enjoy. - unknown
- A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. - Francis Bacon
- If you can dream it, you can do it. Always remember that this whole thing was started by a mouse. - Walt Disney
- Things do not happen; they are made to happen. - John F. Kennedy
- A corporation - or an business for that matter - must first do well before it can do good. - Richard C. Gerstenberg
- Unless the cash register rings, the factory whistle can't blow. Nothing happens in our economy until something is sold. - unknown
- Business more than any other occupation is a continual dealing with the future; it is a continual calculation, an instinctive exercise in foresight. - Henry R. Luce
- It is not the employer who pays the wages. Employers only handle the money. It is the customer who pays the wages. - Henry Ford
- Work banishes those three great evils: boredom, vice, and poverty. - Voltaire



Billy D. Parks, right, district engineer of the Amarillo District, presents Joe W. Duncan of Pampa with the Texas Department of Transportation's 'Service Award' for 35 years of service with the department.

TxDOT honors Joe W. Duncan for his 35 years of employment

Joe W. Duncan of Pampa received the Texas Department of Transportation's "Service Award" for his years of service to the department. Duncan accepted the award from Billy D. Parks, P.E., district engineer of the Amarillo District. Duncan has been employed with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for 35 years. He began his career as a

maintenance technician in the Borger Maintenance Office. In 1977, he was promoted to his current position as roadway maintenance supervisor in the Pampa Maintenance Office of TxDOT. Duncan attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. He and his wife, Ginger, live in Pampa and have three children.

SBA plans teleconference series

LUBBOCK - Two of a series of five satellite teleconferences on the many changes in Federal Contracting Laws will be presented this week at the Small Business Development Center, 2579 South Loop 289, Lubbock from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, and Thursday, Nov. 2.

The final broadcast on Thursday will be a summary highlighting key topics from the prior four programs. The broadcasts are interactive, and telephones and fax machines will be available for use by the audience.

Persons interested in attending the satellite broadcasts or wanting more information should call Nancy Walton with the SBDC at (806) 745-1637 or Vicky Norton with SBA at (806) 743-7462 or 1-800-676-1005.

Santa Fe Railway plans more rail repair projects

FORT WORTH - The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (Santa Fe), a unit of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation (BNSF), has completed 40 miles of track capacity expansion work on its 2,200 mile Chicago to California corridor at a cost of approximately \$52 million.

Santa Fe will also begin installation of 55 miles of new, dispatcher controlled, Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) signaling on this corridor in late 1995, from Pampa to west Amarillo, at a cost of approximately \$26 million.

Additional miles of multiple main line trackage are being added to Santa Fe's lines in Southern California and California's San Joaquin Valley by the railroad's San Bernardino based commuter rail construction group. Most of the funding for these projects is being provided by state and county agencies to relieve train congestion, eliminate delays to commuters, intercity passenger and freight trains using Santa Fe tracks, and to accommodate proposed additional commuter and passenger trains.

A \$62 million California Department of Transportation funded San Joaquin corridor expansion project is scheduled to be completed in 1997, and a \$100 million, publicly funded capacity expansion project in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties will be completed in 1996.

BNSF owns the largest railroad network in the United States with more than 31,000 route miles reaching across 27 states and two Canadian provinces to provide single line service to shippers. The network stretches from the Midwest to California and to the Pacific Northwest, between the Southeast and Southwest and Pacific Northwest, and between the Gulf of Mexico and Canada.

Installation of approximately 55 miles of additional second main line track, originally scheduled to begin along this corridor in 1996 or later, will begin during the fourth quarter, 1995. Three new double track segments will be created in Texas and Oklahoma, from Goodwin, Okla., to Coburn, Texas, west of Woodward; Canyon to Dawn, west of Amarillo; and Parmerton to Texico, west of Hereford, at a cost of approximately \$72 million.

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Clinton, GOP swap denunciations over rival budget-balancing plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and congressional Republicans raked each other's budget-balancing plans Saturday, just hours after the Senate approved an immense GOP package of spending slashes and tax reductions.

The Senate's 52-47 passage, virtually along party lines, came moments after midnight and capped a frenetic day of 39 roll-call votes, a record.

The House blessed a comparable measure Thursday envisioning a balanced budget by 2002 with savings squeezed from Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and virtually every federal sector but defense. The two chambers begin drafting a compromise next week.

One late amendment adopted by the Senate altered the GOP's plans for re-amping Medicaid, part of the successful effort by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., to ensure Republican senators' votes. Furious Democrats charged the changes would cheat states they represent and weaken federal nursing-home standards, which Republicans denied.

Outnumbered Democrats could do little to thwart the Republican measure, but they have an ace up their sleeve: Clinton, who has already vowed to veto the legislation because he

says the GOP would cut spending and taxes too deeply. In his weekly radio address, the president said he would never surrender to Republican priorities, which he painted bleakly.

"Before or after a veto, I am not prepared to discuss the destruction of Medicare and Medicaid, the gutting of our commitment to education, the ravaging of our environment, or raising taxes on working people," he said.

Since Republicans lack the votes to overcome a veto, all signs point to an attempt at a negotiated bipartisan pact later this autumn. But Clinton indicated that he was not yet ready to bargain.

"So I say to the Republican leaders: Back off your cuts in these vital areas. Until you do, there's nothing for us to talk about," he said.

In a joint broadcast response, Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., signaled a willingness to sit down "anytime, anywhere," as Gingrich said. But they, too, conceded little ground, praising the GOP drive to overhaul government and casting Clinton as a stubborn defender of the status quo.

"President Clinton threatens to be a road block," Gingrich said.

"He would be wise to think twice about vetoing the balanced budget and jeopardizing long overdue revolutionary change."

Dole said the GOP had spent the year trying to fulfill campaign pledges to streamline government and boasted, "This week, the Republican Congress kept that promise."

But Friday, he and fellow Republicans were the target of bitter attacks by Democrats angry over the eleventh-hour changes in Medicaid, the federal-state health-insurance program for the poor.

The alterations were made after GOP senators from Texas and elsewhere complained that their states would lose too much money under Republican plans to trim spending and loosen federal controls on the program.

Democrats distributed tables showing that of the 18 states with two GOP senators, 14 would do better under the new formula for distributing money. Of the 13 states with two Democrats, only six would get additional funds.

The biggest winner was Texas, due to receive an extra \$5.2 billion over seven years, while California would lose \$4.2 billion, the largest reduction.

Latch Key art works



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Susan Gallagher, director of the Gray County Latch Key program, shows some of the art work the youngsters in the program have drawn during the United Way drive check-in meeting held Thursday at the Pampa Community Building.

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Church's haunted house features AIDS, abortion, suicide

ARVADA, Colo. (AP) — A church-sponsored haunted house shows scenes that go beyond scary: a gay man with AIDS in a coffin, a woman covered with a blood-soaked towel having an abortion, a depressed teenager shooting himself in the head.

"The message is about the decisions people make, and the consequences," said Paul Veliquette, pastor of The Abundant Life Christian Center, a Pentecostal church.

The scenes, criticized as outrageous and insensitive, were shown for the first time Thursday night to hundreds of people who waited an hour in line and paid \$5 each.

The "Hell House" is one of several church-sponsored haunted houses around the country this Halloween that have grown from a 1972 project known as "Scaremare," designed by the youth division of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's church in Lynchburg, Va.

And like other "Hell Houses," the one in Arvada is disturbing

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audiences with its scenes, which are described on accompanying fliers and played out by church members.

"It was OK, but it was too real," said 15-year-old Shaun Gonzales. "They're making fun of gay people. They shouldn't do that."

Children under 12 were not allowed into the production, which continues nightly through Tuesday.

In one of seven scenes shown at the church, the man with AIDS is taunted by Satan, who points to him and says, "This is the terrible physical devastation brought on by his decision to lead that kind of lifestyle."

Matt Patrick, director of the Boulder County AIDS Project, a counseling service, said churches should spend their time caring

for people with AIDS. "The ostracism they're fostering does no one any good," he said.

In another scene, a bloodied woman screams while having an abortion — a bloody bowl of animal parts rests on the table.

"It's frightening and needlessly terrifying teens, instead of providing real information on ways to avoid abortion and AIDS," said Ellen Brilliant, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood in Denver.

Veliquette said the AIDS scene wasn't meant as gay bashing and that the abortion scene is intended to show that abstinence or adoption are alternatives for women.

"We in the church are very compassionate about people in pain and suffering, and want to depict what is happening

now," he said.

At other similar haunted houses, a person in a gruesome mask and black robe greeted visitors in Middletown, Pa., Thursday with: "You say you want some sex? A little drugs? How about some alcohol or some violence? Well, let my friends show you some."

A "Hell House" in Portsmouth, N.H., included a fortune teller, a New Age philosopher and a Mormon because the Bethel Assembly of God believes they stray from the true teachings of Christ.

Not everyone in Arvada, a bedroom community of about 100,000 people just north of Denver, disagreed with the church's approach.

Patricia Murphy, who brought her 24-year-old daughter Jodi to see the production, said the church has to compete with Hollywood and television.

"Too many other things are taking children in the wrong direction," she said. "Something like this shows them the consequences of their actions."

More than 60,000 Promise Keepers at rally for Christ

IRVING (AP) — Tens of thousands of men descended on Texas Stadium this weekend, not to cheer on the Dallas Cowboys but to celebrate Jesus Christ.

"We Love Jesus, Yes We Do," chanted the Christian men who call themselves the Promise Keepers.

During the emotional two-day gathering, scheduled to end Saturday, men sang, prayed and committed themselves to practice their Christian faith at home, in the workplace and in the community.

Almost 60,000 men took part in the event Friday, each paying \$55 to attend the rally, officials said.

"I found it real encouraging that so many men have come together to profess the Lord as their savior," Steve Luchye of Topeka, Kan., told Dallas television station KDFW. "I think sometimes men hold back and don't want to say

where they stand."

"It's real encouraging to see 60,000, 70,000 men that are willing to stand up and make a difference," Luchye said Saturday.

Randy Phillips, president of the Denver-based organization, said he understands why so many men gathered.

"This is not caused by some corporate mid-life crisis among men," Phillips is quoted as saying in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "It's caused by the heart of God. It's a miracle."

Although major efforts have been made to bring all ethnic groups into the movement, the Promise Keepers crowd was mostly white.

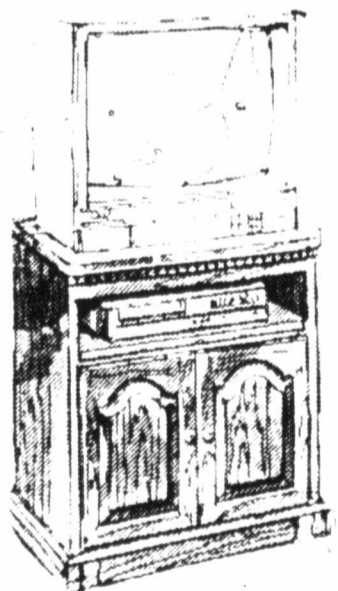
Hassen Pruitt, 35, a Plano MCI executive attending his third rally, said many blacks like himself support the movement.

Said Victor Jackson, 31, who is black: "In the true body of Christ, there is no race."

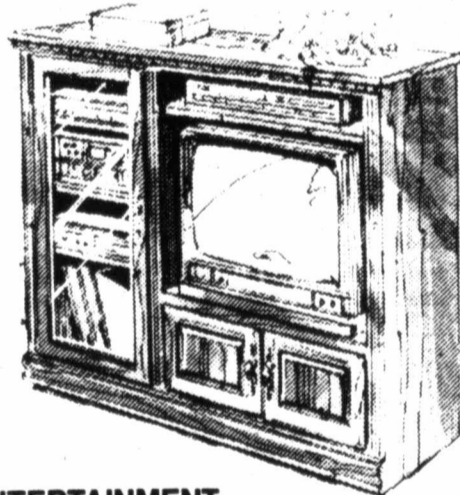
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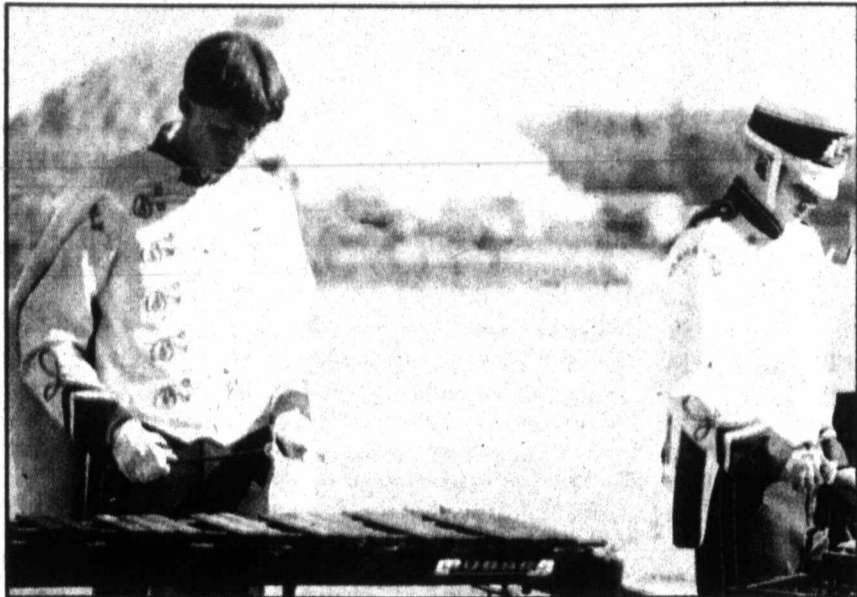
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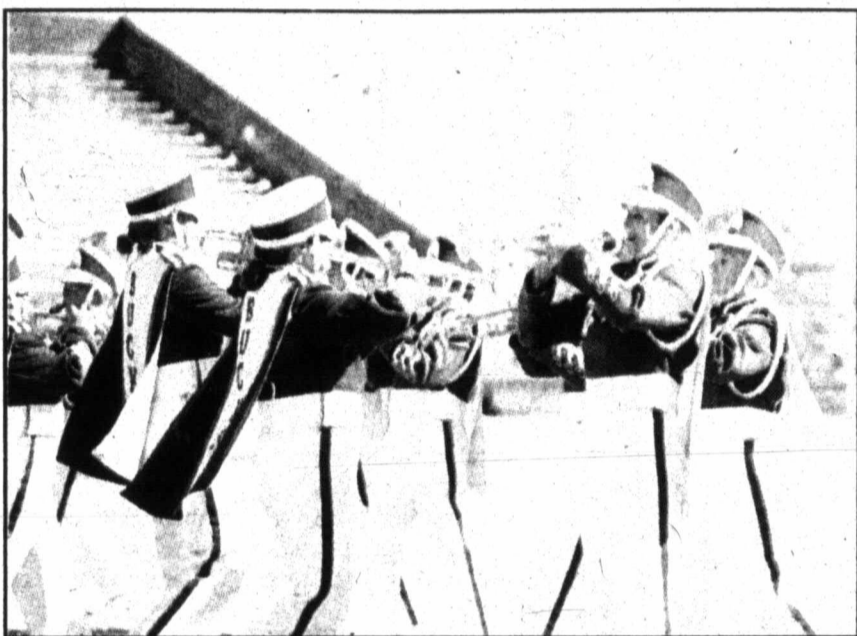
Lifestyles

THE SIGHT OF MUSIC

Area bands take to the field in marching competition



Top: Panhandle Drum Major Josh Luddington and Justin Sitz perform on the xylophone and bells respectively in the band's percussion feature.



Above: The White Deer trumpet line faces off before performing a cross-through maneuver.



Right: Canadian flag corps members Kelisa Moore, Amber Laurent and Kylene Mixon march through the band during the group's performance of music from the Broadway musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



Above: Wheeler band members Haley Hipkins, tuba; MacKenzie Chick, tuba; Andy Copeland, alto saxophone; Monty Long, trombone; and Dan Andris, trumpet; play a little New Orleans jazz during the band's performance of "A Closer Walk With Thee."

Right: Shamrock drum major Marty Martinez leads the band during their performance.



Thirty-five high school bands in Classes 1A through 4A took the field last Saturday during the Region I Marching Band Competition in Borger.

Area bands that marched included Groom, Shamrock, Wheeler, White Deer, Panhandle, West Texas High School, Canadian, Pampa and Borger.

Of those, Groom, Wheeler, West Texas High School, Canadian and Borger advanced to area competition. They were expected to march yesterday at Jones Stadium in Lubbock with representatives of the Lubbock, El Paso and Odessa regions.

Two representatives each from classes 1A, 2A and 4A will then advance to state competition in Austin Nov. 6.

Shamrock, White Deer, Panhandle and Pampa each received division II's at Borger.

Twenty-six twirlers also competed in Borger during a separate competition.

Marching judges at Borger included Clyde Wilson from Bayfield, Colo.; Kenneth Griffin from

Van; and Bryant Harris from Sundown. Twirling judge was Lendra Hailey from Clovis, N.M.

The bands were to perform their regular shows in Lubbock competition.

Borger will play "Cat Scratch Fever," "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," "Ritual of the Tribe" and "The Elks Parade."

Canadian will perform selections from the Broadway musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, including "Jacob and Sons," "Any Dream Will Do," "Song of the King," "Close Every Door" and "Go, Go, Go Joseph."

Groom will play "Armada," "Yellow Rose of Texas," and "Wind Beneath My Wings."

West Texas High School will perform an '60s-styled show with songs including "I Can See Clearly Now," "Joy to the World," "Midnight Special" and "Aquarius-Let the Sun Shine In."

Wheeler will play "El Gato Fiero," "Smoke on the Water," "A Closer Walk with Thee" and "Born to be Wild."

Photos and layout by Chip Chandler

Teen With Time on Her Hands Advised to Pitch In and Help

DEAR ABBY: Recently I attended a family picnic. My 13-year-old granddaughter came up to me and whined, "There's nothing to do."

Simultaneously, my adult children replied, "Take the leaves, visit the sick, help the needy..."

We all burst into laughter; they were quoting from an old column of yours which had been posted on our refrigerator in the late '60s and early '70s.

It obviously made a lasting impression on my family. Will you please run it again?

KATHRYN GIBBINGS,
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read a book.

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again."

"In plain, simple words, grow up; quit being a crybaby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like an adult."

"You're supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibility your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, excused, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit. This they have done gladly, for you are their dearest treasure. But now, you have no

right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy just because selfish ego, instead of common sense, dominates your personality, thinking and requests.

"In heaven's name, grow up and go home!"

DEAR ABBY: In reference to your recent column on the subject of hell for this and hell for that — you might inform the lady who wrote to you that there is a small community in Michigan called Hell. It's located about 50 miles west of Detroit and four miles southwest of Pinckney. (Maybe she would like to go to Hell sometime.)

A few years ago, I saw a sign outside Apache Junction, Ariz., which read: "Apache Junction, Arizona — 90 million miles from Heaven and two feet from Hell."

ROBERT E. VERNON,
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DEAR ROBERT: Thank you for a helluva letter. Although I heard from several readers who claimed authorship of a poem titled "The Hell You Say!" it was copyrighted by Harold Clark in 1964.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Relatives and friends should be kept out of private squabbles today. Their involvement could cause additional problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Render services solely out of the goodness of your heart today. If you try to force someone to reciprocate, your good intentions could be negated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not volunteer to be the treasurer for an extracurricular activity today. You may be stuck holding the check if you fail to collect adequate funds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid raising issues that tend to polarize you and your mate. Instead of reaching an understanding, you might just make matters worse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. If you criticize others, you may receive an angry rebuke.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not put faith in circumstances beyond your control. You must maintain total control of your financial interests.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Oct 30, 1995

Investment opportunities may be fruitful in the year ahead but you still should avoid entering into a financial agreement with close friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will not accomplish much today if your objectives aren't clearly defined. Do not attempt to link together unrelated endeavors. Major

changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail S2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

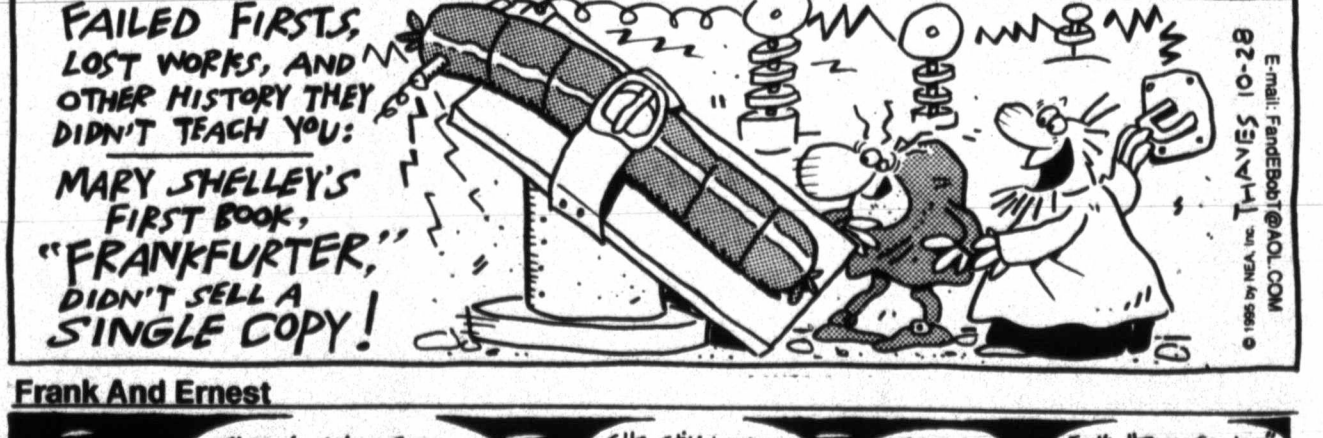
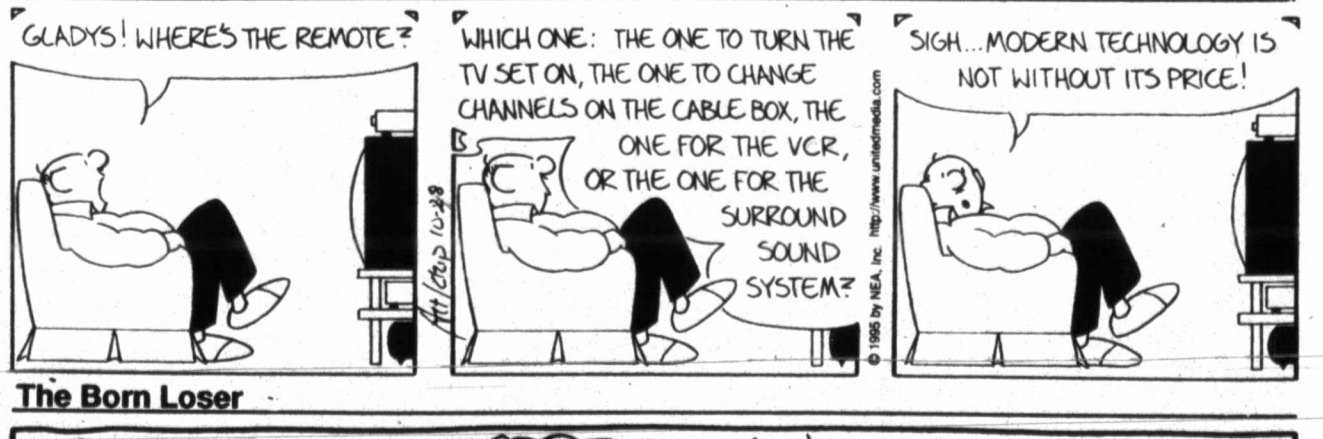
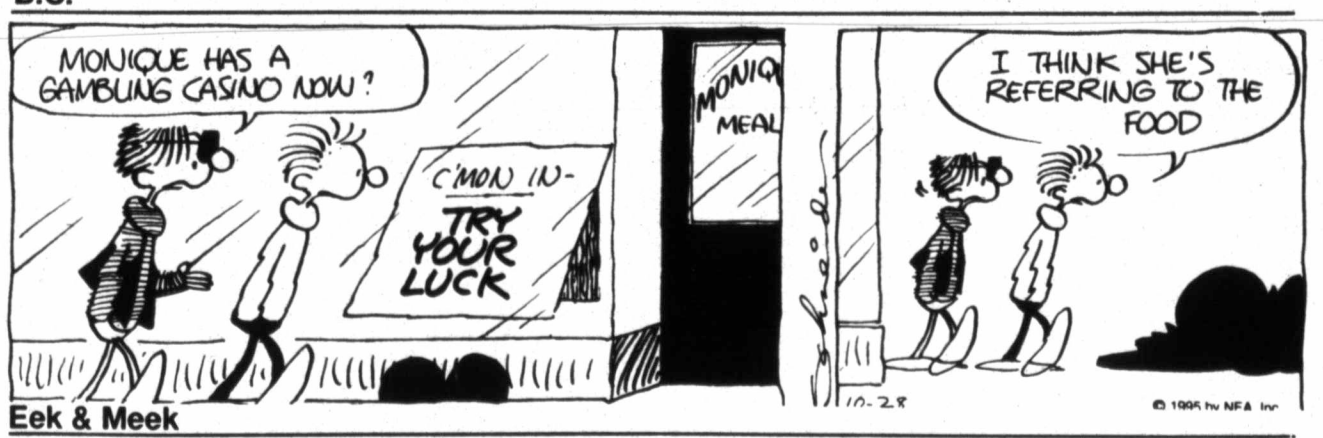
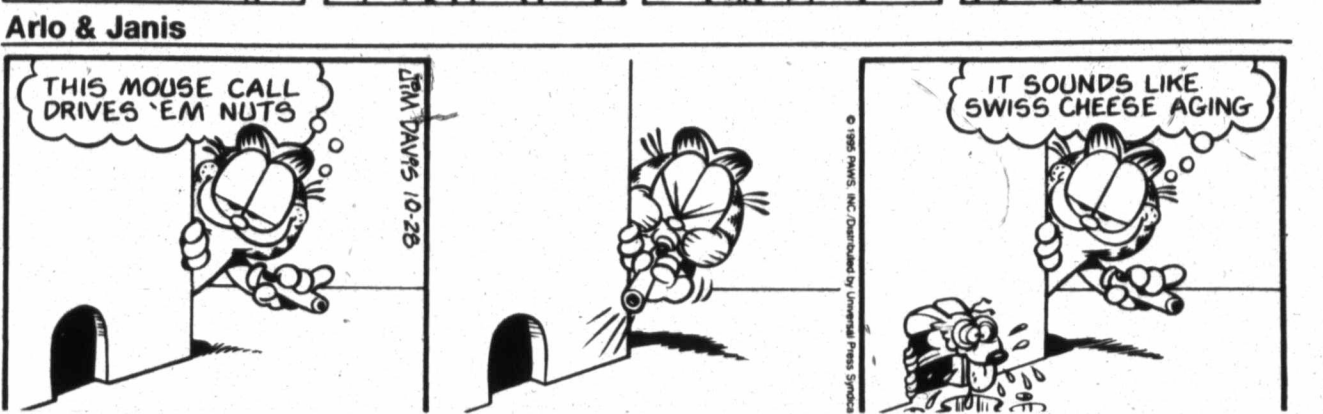
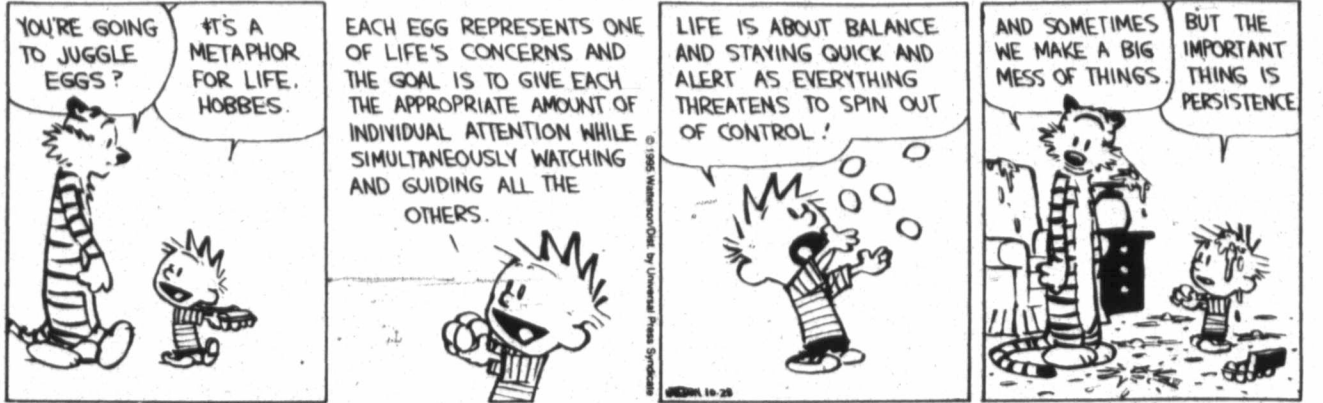
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Avoid making a rash judgment based on unreliable information today. You must investigate the situation yourself to be sure of the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Handle all financial matters very carefully today. Carelessness could result in a serious mistake.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stay clear of a development today that puts you in the middle of two opposing factions. Let the parties resolve the situation themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Responsibilities could pile up on you today if you fail to work in a methodical manner. Take time to plan each move in advance.

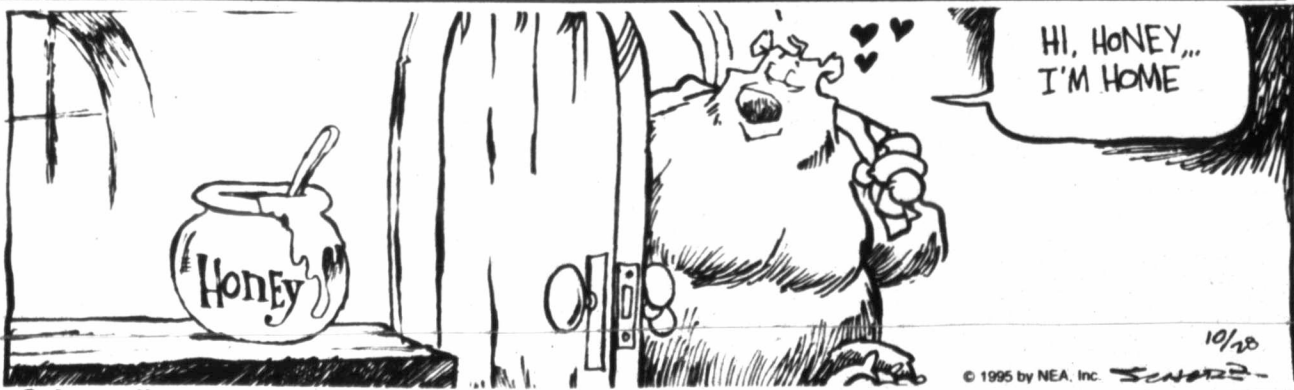
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Business and pleasure may not mix well today. Avoid closing a deal in a social situation even if all relevant parties are present.



"Granddad doesn't hafta set his clocks back. He's on Eternal Standard Time."



"Marmaduke is reserving a place at the table."



Peanuts

ACLU under fire, off target, its critics say

By JEFFREY BAIR
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The issue was prayer. Most of the graduating seniors at Peters Township High School wanted it. One, however, did not, and with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union sued to stop any public praying at this year's graduation ceremonies.

In the end, a statement was added to the program, forbidding prayers. But valedictorian Kerry Ann George, now at the U.S. Naval Academy, ignored it; when she began her speech with "Dear Lord," the crowd boomed its approval.

"ACLU Didn't Have a Prayer," the next day's headline read.

And so it goes in the court of public opinion, where the ACLU is often on the losing side — even as it racks up victories in courts of law.

These are tough times for the ACLU. In its 75th anniversary year, the nation's leading civil liberties group faces a conservative political climate that is forcing it to re-fight battles it fought years ago.

Its clout with the Republican Congress is next to nil. It swims against the tide in opposing plans to crack down on hateful computer speech, amend the Bill of Rights in favor of school prayer and broaden police power in response to the Oklahoma City bombing.

"Here we are, actors in a rerun, with all the rights won in previous decades threatened again," the ACLU said in its most recent annual report.

But beyond that, many critics — citing cases ranging from creation science, to HIV testing for newborns, to forced showers in gym classes — say the ACLU is increasingly irrelevant, trigger-happy or just plain off the wall in its defense of the U.S. Constitution.

"Sometimes I wonder whether we're belittling the damn document with all these lawsuits," said Lee Price, attorney for 18 school systems and a frequent adversary of the ACLU's contentious Pittsburgh office, which sued Peters Township High School.

"If I were a taxpayer, I would be worried about everything the ACLU has been up to," said Michael Dorezas, attorney for central Pennsylvania's Hollidaysburg schools, which the Pittsburgh ACLU threatened with a lawsuit over a forced shower policy.

But ACLU officials are unrepentant. The heavy workload of ACLU attorneys, says Pittsburgh ACLU executive director Witold Walczak, "just means that we are doing our job."

In a way, the ACLU was founded on unpopularity. When Roger Baldwin and others established the organization in 1920, it was an outgrowth of efforts to defend pariahs — World War I's conscientious objectors.

The ACLU has always defended the rights

of the individual under the Constitution, even when those individuals of their causes were unloved. In 1978, when the ACLU defended the right of Nazis to march through Skokie, Ill. — home to many Holocaust survivors — members quit and donations plummeted.

Since last year's elections, ACLU officials say they have seen a slight increase in members, similar to the boost after George Bush criticized opponent Michael Dukakis in 1988 as a "card-carrying member of the ACLU."

An ACLU spokesman, Phil Gutis, said he could not provide membership numbers beyond a ballpark figure of 275,000 households — a figure Gutis said has held steady for about six years.

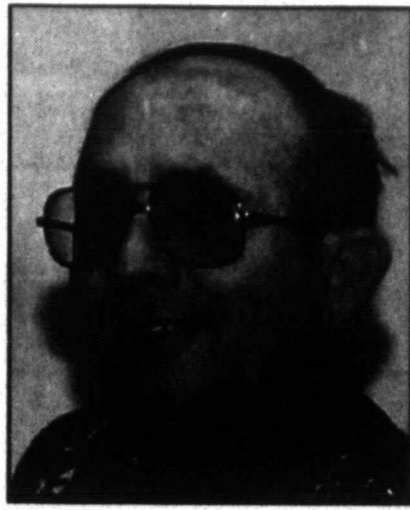
Meanwhile, the ACLU has criticized U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and ACLU Medal of Liberty winner and former Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., in a fund-raising letter.

The ACLU reproached Frank for compromising on the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gays in the military. Edwards was rebuked for his involvement in a bill expanding wiretap power.

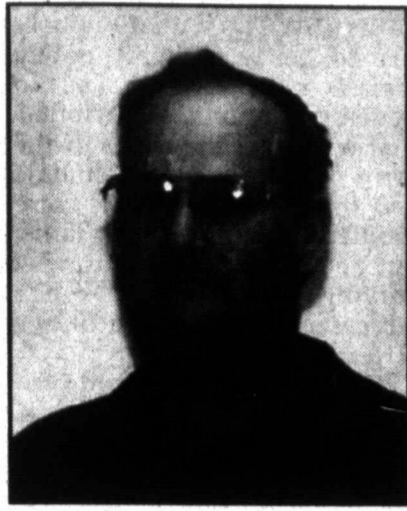
"We're paid to call them like we see them," said ACLU executive director Ira Glasser. "We are not an arm of the Democratic Party. ... You can't be afraid to criticize your friends. Otherwise you would have no credibility."



Jana Perez



Darrell Gililand



Dwayne Furgason



Mike Robertson

TxDOT honors four Pampa employees for service time

Four Pampa employees of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) each received the department's "Service Award" recently for their years of service to the department.

Billy D. Parks, P.E., district engineer of the Amarillo District, presented each of the employees their award.

Gaining the honor from Pampa

were Jana Perez, Darrell Gililand, Dwayne Furgason and Mike Robertson.

Perez and Gililand both celebrate 15 years with the department as engineering technicians.

Robertson has worked for the department for 10 years, and Furgason has five years of service. Both are maintenance technicians.

Durable goods demand rises 3 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Factory demand for large durable goods surged in September for the second straight month. But analysts, noting most of the gains were concentrated in volatile aircraft

orders, said there is little reason to expect an inflationary boom.

The Commerce Department reported that orders for items expected to last at least three years rose 3 percent in September.

Bugs that die at peak of passion are swarming again

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

CLIMAX, Ga. (AP) — Love bugs, those romantic little flies that die at the peak of passion when they splatter on the fronts of cars and trucks, are swarming again from coastal Georgia to Texas.

"I think they're worse this year than they've ever been," said Dixie Hutto, owner of a restaurant in this farming community of 200 in southwestern Georgia.

Scientists say there's no practical way to get rid of the quarter-inch black flies, which swarm over Deep South highways every May and early fall.

Love bugs get their name from their mating ritual. They link in flight while the male fertilizes the 200 to 300 eggs carried by the female.

Because love bugs are attracted to the heat and exhaust fumes of highways, the mating is often fatal. Millions of the bugs end up splattered on windshields and bumpers.

"It's a rough way to go," said H.A. Denmark, a retired University of Florida entomologist who has studied love bugs extensively. "I don't recommend it, but they die happy, I guess."

Love bugs can clog radiators, causing engines to overheat. They can smear on windshields, reducing visibility. And the acids in their decomposing bodies can ruin auto paint.

Everyone agrees that love bugs are a nuisance. Some motorists curse them. Others make jokes about them: "What is one love bug? An unloved bug."

Nobody really knows what to do about them. Some residents

hang bug screens on the front of their cars and trucks. Others just wash their vehicles more often.

"You learn to live with them," said Climax Police Chief Tom Jones. "They're not going away, just like gnats. It's just a fact of life here."

When trucker Jimmy Thomas arrived at Climax's Golden Peanut Co. plant with a load of peanuts, the front of his red Peterbilt cab was covered with thousands of dead bugs.

Thomas ran his hand over the chrome bumper, sweeping them away by the handful.

"In the South, we expect three things: mosquitoes, gnats and love bugs," he said. "I've found a remedy for gnats. I smoke cigarettes. It keeps them away. But I can't find a remedy for love bugs."

Love bugs came from Central and South America in the early 1900s and spread from Texas to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

They arrived in Climax in the 1980s.

"When they first came up, there was a lot of cursing," said Dewey Logue, whose pickup was covered with bugs. "But I think we've learned to live with them. You scrub them off or wear them off."

Climax got its name in 1883 because it was the highest point on the railroad line between Montgomery, Ala., and Savannah. The town holds a Swine Time festival in November, when the love bugs are gone.

"That'll be the climax of this year," said resident Clifford Wells, 75.

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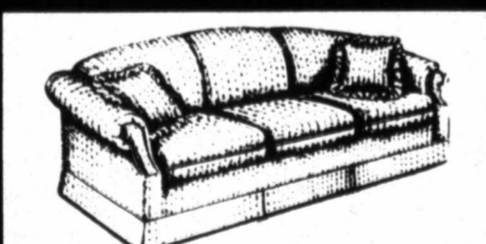
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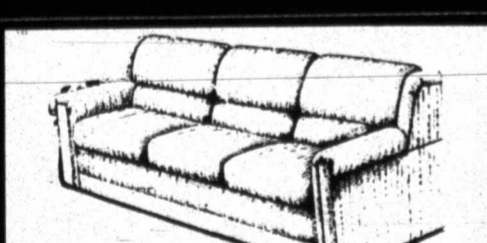
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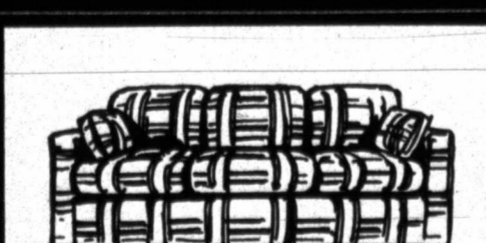
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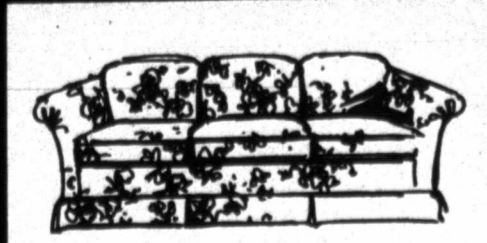
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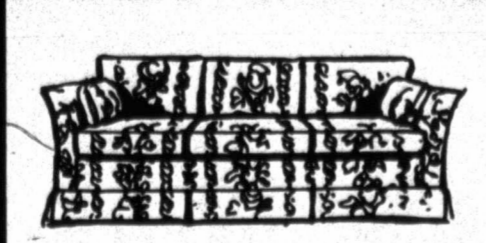
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SWCDs seek ways to keep vegetation on highway land

GALVESTON — Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) have passed a resolution to contact and work with the Department of Transportation to develop ways to retain and maintain vegetative growth during the dormant season on highway right-of-ways.

"In some areas of the state, the Department of Transportation removes vegetation from many miles of the highway shoulder and barrow ditch each year during the dormant season of grass," said Kermit Shults of the Terry Soil and Water Conservation District and resolution sponsor. "The wind erosion from the highway shoulder and barrow ditch has the potential to create continuing erosion

on adjoining agricultural lands."

Shults added, "We would like to work with the Department of Transportation to initiate a policy to perform the necessary maintenance work on the highway right-of-ways during the growing season as well as researching for effective practical methods for minimizing the time the soil is without vegetative cover, especially in areas where wind erosion is a serious problem."

Over 1,000 soil and water conservation district directors and conservation representatives attended the 55th Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors which was held Oct. 16-18 in Galveston.

Mexican peso falls to its lowest level since March

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The peso plunged below the level of seven to the dollar Friday, hitting its lowest level in seven months due to investor nervousness over bad economic news and political tensions.

A leading bank, Banamex, was trading the peso at a mid rate of 7.135 at about mid day Friday. The Mexican currency had closed at 6.785 Wednesday.

The peso last closed lower than Friday's figure at 7.15 on March 16.

Analysts said traders were concerned by worse-than-expected inflation figures, a drop in international reserves and guerrilla reaction to the arrest of a suspected rebel leader over last weekend. Some also said the peso was

hurt by news Friday that Russian President Boris Yeltsin had been rushed to hospital with a possible heart attack. That caused insecurity among investors, who began turning to dollars.

The government said Tuesday that consumer prices rose a bigger-than-expected 1.1 percent in the first half of October. International reserves dropped \$98 million to \$13.66 billion in the week of October 13-20.

Also that day, U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., urged Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to demand that Mexico repay \$1.3 billion in credits when it comes due Oct. 31 instead of rolling it over.

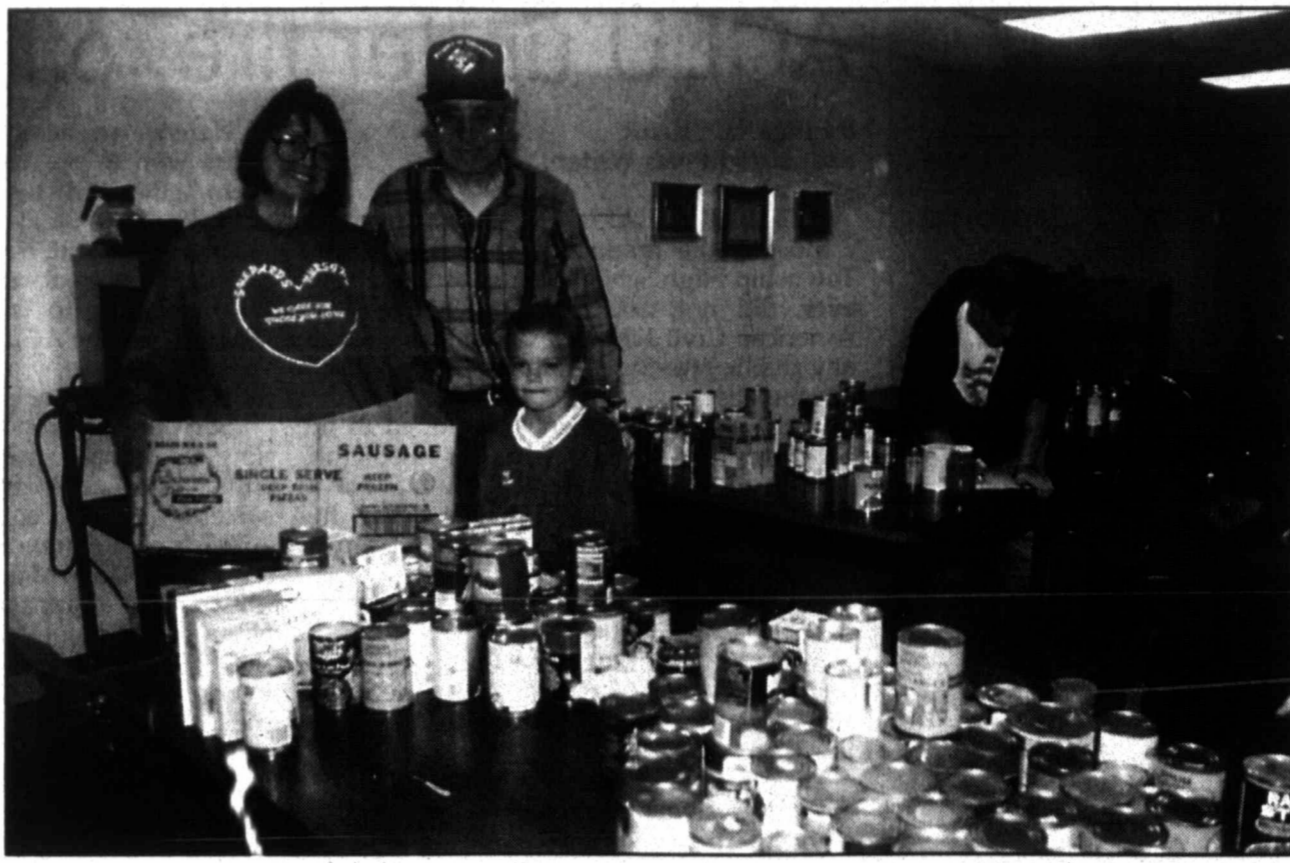
CSFA has farm disaster loans

AUSTIN — In response to a request from Gov. George W. Bush, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated Donley County eligible for emergency physical loss loans through the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA).

Gov. Bush's request came on the heels of damage and losses caused by hail, rain and tornadoes on June 8. In addition to Childress, seven contiguous counties are eligible for physical loss loan assistance: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth,

Gray, Hall and Wheeler counties. The designation allows family-size farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties who suffered severe physical losses only, to be considered eligible for emergency loans from CFSA through April 26, 1996.

CFSA has a variety of farm-loan programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to assist eligible farmers to recover from periods of adversity. Additional information and assistance is available through local CFSA county offices.



(Special photo)

Sorting through some of the food items collected in the recent High Plains Food Bank Drive in Pampa are, from left, Suzanne Wilkinson, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency; Dan McGrath, Knights of Columbus; Ashley Garner, volunteer; and Dee Barker, Shepard's Crook. More than 4,500 food items were collected.

High Plains Food Bank Drive called 'best ever'

The 12th annual High Plains Food Bank Drive in Pampa was "the best ever," according to Chrys Smith of Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, coordinator for the drive.

The drive was held Oct. 16-20 in Pampa schools, with the door-to-door collection conducted on Saturday, Oct. 21. The volunteers were treated to breakfast by the Knights of Columbus before starting their

designated collection areas.

Smith said the volunteers covered as much of the Pampa area as possible, with more than 4,500 food items collected. The food will be distributed among Genesis House, Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc., Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens, Tralee Crisis Center and Trinity Fellowship Church.

"This was the best year ever

thanks to all the people who volunteered their time to go door to door, the citizens that gave food to these people and the children for taking their canned food to school," Smith said.

Smith said the prize of a free pizza party for the group that collected the most items goes to Trinity Fellowship Church this year, "but congratulations to all the groups, they all did a wonderful job this year."

Essay contest set for young wheat farmers

Young Texas wheat farmers are eligible to enter an essay contest to compete for two leadership development awards, of which 40 will be awarded nationally.

The program of the Texas Wheat Producers Association and National Association of Wheat Growers is sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Products Company and the Production Credit Association of Texas.

The awards are designed to acquaint young wheat farmers with the wheat association's organizational structure, leadership development, policy development and the education aspects of attending wheat orga-

nizational meetings, according to Jack Norman, president of the Texas Wheat Producers Association.

The awards, which total more than \$1,000 each, are to defray the cost for the winners to participate in their choice of either the National Association of Wheat Growers 1996 Annual Convention, held Feb. 7-10, 1996, Reno, Nev.; or the NAWG Summer Leadership Conference, July 28-31, 1996, Sun Valley, Idaho.

Any Texas wheat farmer between the age of 20 and 35 years, who has not previously participated in either of the NAWG meetings mentioned

above, is eligible to enter.

The winners are selected based upon completion of a short questionnaire relative to their perception of the current greatest needs of wheat farmers, how they are or would be utilizing their leadership abilities, along with a brief 50-word essay, explaining why they would like to receive the educational grant.

Entry forms may be obtained by either writing or calling Rodney Mosier of the Texas Wheat Producers Association, 2201 Civic Circle, #803, Amarillo, TX 79109, phone number (806) 352-2282.

The deadline for receiving the completed form is Nov. 30.

SWCD leaders vow to work for farm needs with makers of policy

GALVESTON — Flexibility in farming is usually a rarity, but the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts vowed to work with policy makers to meet the needs of farm program requirements and varying producer's needs.

The conservation district officials, which represent the 214 Texas SWCDs, unanimously affirmed to work with policy makers in Washington, D.C. to develop systems of formulas that will meet the needs of the farm program requirements and the guidelines of the commodity insurance programs, but be flexible enough to meet varying producer needs when adverse weather conditions arise.

The current farm bill program requires that producers plant 50 percent of their allotted acres in order to qualify for 85 percent deficiency payments. Producers also have an insurance policy option that does not become active until the crop is planted and therefore many farmers may be enticed to plant their crops in unfavorable conditions due to this limitation on crop insurance policies.

"Planning during adverse weather conditions may result in the soil being pulverized to the point that even the least amount of wind may cause the soil to blow, and as a result damage may be caused to crops adjacent to those which were planted in detrimental conditions," said Edward Dewbre, chairman of the Cochran SWCD. The Cochran SWCD is headquartered in Morton.

"Farmers and ranchers are generally good stewards of the land," added Dewbre.

Conservation district officials attending this meeting agreed that protecting the producer and the land was a goal attainable through cooperation with policy makers.

Approximately 1,000 soil and water conservation district directors and other conservation leaders attended the 55th annual meeting of SWCD directors held in Galveston Oct. 16-18.

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