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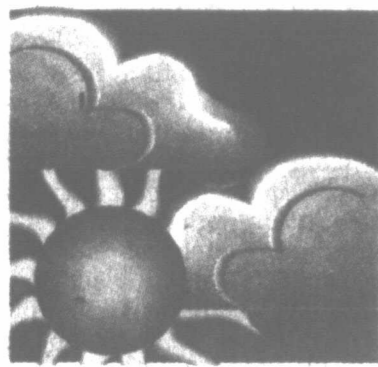
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PAMPA — A fund to help defray the medical costs of Raymond Jennings has been established at Boatman's First National Bank. Jennings is undergoing treatment for cancer.

PAMPA - Recent changes in tax collection services has the Gray County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Pat Baggle worried.

Effective today, the appraisal district will no longer collect taxes for the Pampa Independent School District or the City of Pampa. And, his concern, is that many residents may be confused by this new change.

The change, voted into effect by city commissioners and members of the school board in May and June respectively, allows the taxes to now be collected by the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Residents needing to pay their taxes should go to the Gray County tax office located in the first floor of the county courthouse.

PAMPA — The Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold their next regular meeting Wednesday, July 2 at 3 p.m. at 301 N. Ballard.

Board members will elect new officers and discuss the 1997-98 budget during this meeting. All residents are invited to attend.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 02-03-12-15-28.

Number matching five of five: three.

Prize per winner: \$45,249.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Frisco, El Paso, San Antonio.

Matching four of five: 399.

Prize: \$510.

Matching three of five: 14,075. Prize: \$24.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

- **Sonna Murry Endsley, 54**, LVN in Fort Worth
- **Forace B. Evans, 86**, retired highway department engineer
- **Bonnie Hinger Ford, 80**, retired teacher
- **Frank Charles 'Pete' Harmon, 76**, retired Follett Grain employee
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Woman pleads guilty in embezzlement case

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Ruby Kellison, a Lefors resident, was sentenced to five years deferred adjudication probation, \$6,000 in restitution and was ordered to return a computer to the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department after pleading guilty to theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Despite the sentence Monday afternoon, members of the Lefors Volunteer Ambulance Service and Fire Department were not pleased.

"I think she could have had more punishment myself," said Volunteer Fire Fighter Archie Summers.

About 20 residents from Lefors, many members of the volunteer services, filed the 223rd District courtroom at the hearing. Although many were glad Kellison was sentenced, most voiced disappointment at the leniency of the sentence which will not require any jail time.

Former Lefors resident and Volunteer Fire Fighter Van Criswell, who returned specifically to attend the hearing, said, "I think she should have done time in the correctional facility."

These harsh feelings towards Kellison stem from the taking of money she embezzled from the volunteer services during the 1993, '94, and '95 fiscal years. According to testimony, the sentence only accounted for \$6,000 that had been stolen, howev-

A total of \$11,790.34 is unaccounted for, Certified Public Accountant Tom Grantham said in an interview. But, because the evidence of embezzlement is often circumstantial, only \$6,000 could be traced to Kellison without the bookkeeping records, which have never been recovered.

er, an audit prepared for the city of Lefors in 1994 by Grantham Cory & Heare indicates at least \$10,560 is unaccounted for during the 1994 fiscal year alone.

From January 1993 to November 1994, a total of \$11,790.34 is unaccounted for, Certified Public Accountant Tom Grantham said in an interview. But, because the evidence of embezzlement is often circumstantial, only \$6,000 could be traced to Kellison without the bookkeeping records, which have never been recovered.

Fire Chief Eddie Joe Roberts is just glad that a portion of the money will be returned.

"It's as good as we could have hoped for," he said.

Other residents, such as Suzan Summers, disagree and feel Kellison should have been made to

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'Pot' case defendant is no show for court

By Dave Bowser
Staff Writer

WHEELER — Law enforcement officers were searching for a Nevada woman today after she failed to appear for a pretrial hearing in 31st District Court here.

Judge M. Kent Sims issued an arrest warrant for Catheryne Kay Pittman, 52, who was to appear Monday afternoon in his courtroom in connection with pretrial motions filed in her case which was scheduled to go to trial today.

Pittman and Wilbert Hilton Rowland, 49, were charged with possession of marijuana

after being stopped on Interstate 40 by Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Estes in December for a traffic violation.

Law enforcement officers said they found 253 pounds of what they suspected of being marijuana in the back of the padlocked U-Haul van the couple was driving.

Pittman and Rowland told authorities that they had been hired to drive the van to the East Coast, and they had no knowledge of what was in the van.

Pittman was free on \$25,000 bond. Authorities said Pittman was supposed to have caught a

plane in Las Vegas and been in Pampa Monday afternoon.

"She just didn't show up," said John Mann, 31st District Attorney.

Authorities said she had not contacted the court. The last contact her attorneys had with her, she said she was on her way to Pampa.

"She has not contacted the district attorney's office, the court or her attorneys to the best of our knowledge," Jo Ann Green of the district attorney's office in Shamrock said today.

"The district attorney's office moved to the court to issue an arrest warrant for her," Mann said, "to take her into custody."

PEDC official worries about impact of law

A new law passed in the recent state legislative session allows cities with a 4A sales tax, such as Pampa, to use the money for infrastructure improvements.

Before House Bill 1525 was passed, 4A sales tax could only be used for the economic development of industry within a city. A 4B sales tax had to be approved by voters to fund infrastructure projects, which includes improvements to roads, waste water treatment plants, etc.

With this new law, voters do not need to adopt yet another tax to fund these projects. Rather, voters must approve each specific project. If a project is approved by voters, then the funds will be taken from the 4A sales taxes collected, leaving less funds for the economic development corporation.

Although this bill could be beneficial to cities

with a 4A sales tax, it leaves many economic districts fearing the loss of potential funds.

"This could be a big problem," said Lewis Meers, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

One problem he mentioned is lack of control over the 4B projects. Any project suggested by the city commissioners, he said, could not be vetoed by the PEDC board of directors. Rather, each of these projects only has to be approved by the city commissioners and the citizens of Pampa without requiring any input from the PEDC.

In the PEDC regular meeting last week, board members said they have been approached by city officials concerning funds for a sewer plant. However, city officials were not available for comment today and PEDC board members would not give any further details at this time.

Bigger stadium... Facility would be largest in U.S.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Eyes of Texas are upon the biggest football stadium in all the land.

The University of Texas, already preparing to expand the Big 12 Conference's largest football stadium, is setting its sights on a 115,500-seat arena with 200 luxury boxes.

A college football stadium that size would be the nation's largest.

It also would cost far more

than the nearly \$92 million in Royal-Memorial Stadium renovations and other UT athletics projects now under way.

In a story published Monday by the Austin American-Statesman, UT athletics officials said the dream, outlined in a stadium master plan, is merely a vision for the future. The package doesn't even have a price tag yet.

"We haven't put pencil to

paper," said Doug Messer, senior associate athletics director in charge of finances.

Austin Gleeson, a physics professor and chairman of the campus master plan committee, said he had heard various estimates — ranging from \$130 million to \$150 million.

He said it was his impression that the additional expansion would begin when the current

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Quite frankly...

Q — What effects will the Supreme Court decision have that requires tobacco manufacturers and marketers to enter into an agreement to limit marketing methods and advertisements? (The agreement must, first, be ratified by Congress.)

"I think it, tobacco, needs to be clear as to what the product really is. If it is identified as harmful, then maybe it will stop younger people from wanting to smoke. Most teens do it from peer pressure to start with, I believe."

MARTHA CAVINESS
waitress

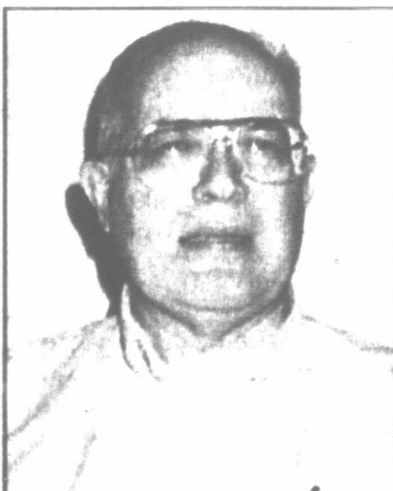
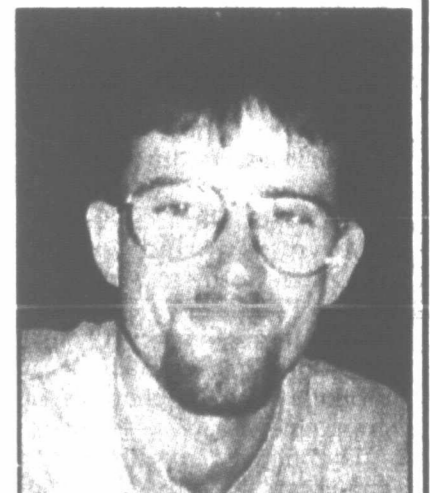


"My wife smokes. My mother smokes. I do not. But, I have been raised around smoking people all my life, and smoking does not bother me ... morally. As a business owner I wish I did not have to monitor the younger generation for smoking. I generally have too much to do as it is."

SCOTTY GRAY
restaurant owner

"I think that the ruling is good because if kids can't see the cigarettes on the shelf, maybe they won't try to buy them."

EARNIE BATEN
service business employee

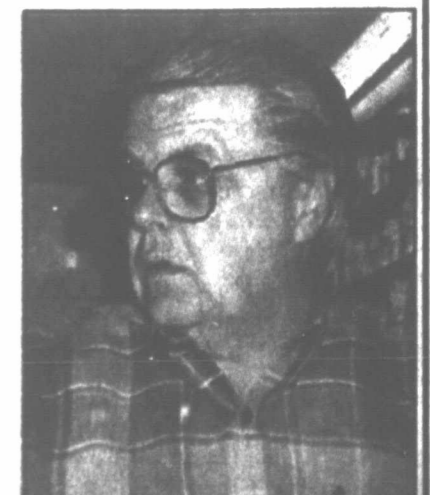


"Don't smoke — never did smoke — but I agree with what they did in court. It is a dangerous product and should not be advertised. The Joe Camel guy which was supposed to be so 'cool,' to pull the young people to their product, is bad."

JOHN MEAD
customer

"I think that is a good ruling, but it is not strong enough. There are still too many loopholes. That is really the way I look at it."

BILL HITE
pharmacist, and-retail business man



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Gray County students, from left to right, Lori Hefley of McLean and Kelby McClellan and Lorri Phillips, both of Pampa, recently participated in Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

Gray County students attend Citizenship Seminar

SAN ANGELO — Gray County students Lorri Phillips and Kelby McClellan, both of Pampa, and Lori Hefley of McLean, attended Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar June 16-20. Sponsored by the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, these students were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties statewide.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic

free enterprise system, according to Joe Van Zandt, Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of San Angelo University. "Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Dale Bullock (TFB field representative), Cara Chrimes (1996 Miss TFB), and Michael Santos (1996 TFB speech contest winner) presented a program

entitled "Farm Bureau Youth Activities." Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were: David Vernon and Jerad Boyd, Lubbock Christian University, "Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)"; Earl Taylor, National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America"; and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "American."

The video tape *A More Perfect Union* was shown at the seminar and special presentations were given by motivational speakers Dale Minnick and Clebe McClary.

Convicted murder wants visitation rights in prison

BOSTON (AP) — Elizabeth "Lizzie" Thompson was three when she watched her father break into her house and fatally stab her mother 24 times.

Now, when she sees him on television news, she covers her eyes and says, "Tell me when he's gone, because I don't want to see him." That hasn't stopped her father from trying to convince the court to force Lizzie to visit him in prison.

Since that night in August 1995, when her father left her alone with the body of his estranged wife, Lizzie has moved in with her maternal grandparents in West Springfield. She sees a therapist; she plays with Barbie dolls, dinosaurs and horses; she loves to watch cartoons and NASCAR races on television.

Neither Lizzie, now five, nor her mother's family want her activities to include visiting her father, Charles Thompson Jr.

In May, the family presented a legislator with 26,000 signatures supporting "Lizzie's Law." The measure would ban judges from ordering a child to visit a parent convicted of first-degree murder of a spouse, the charge which sent Thompson to prison.

Lizzie's cousin, Dottie Alessi, was scheduled to testify today before the Legislature's Judiciary committee.

"It's important to stop the continued victimization of the

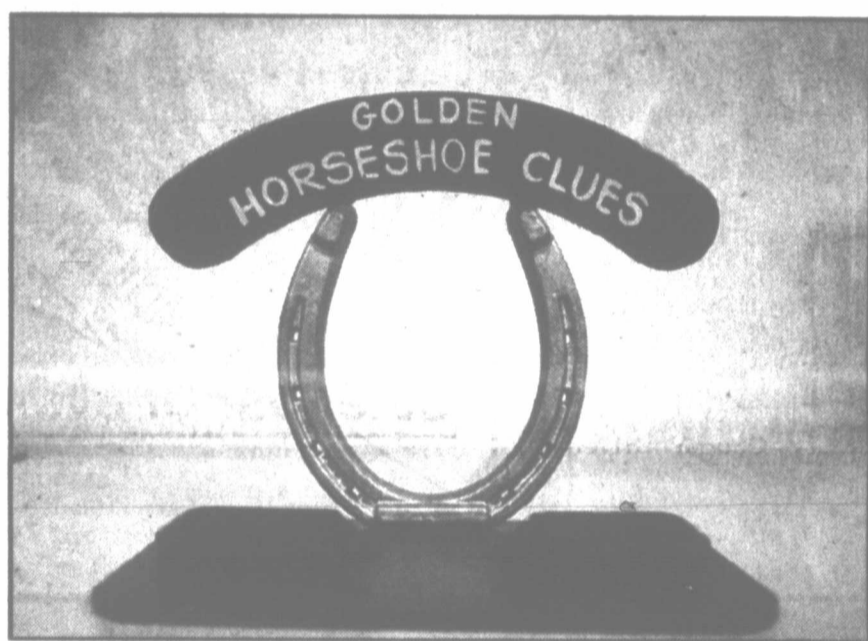
family," said Rep. Paul Caron, a Democrat who sponsored the bill. "He still has the ability to reach out from within his cell and grab control of the family and force them into turmoil."

"Taxpayers will pay for his attorney," he said. "The grandparents will be forced to pay for an attorney and relive that night."

Caron, whose wife worked with Lizzie's mother, Andrea "Holly" Thompson, said there is tremendous support for what may be a first-of-its-kind bill. Three-fifths of the 200 legislators signed on as co-sponsors. Lawmakers from Texas, California, Florida, New Jersey and Washington states have asked for copies.

"This has the potential to become the next Megan's Law," Caron said.

After seven-year-old Megan Kanka was raped and murdered by a twice-convicted sex offender, New Jersey required sexual offenders to notify police when they move into a community. At least 41 states and the federal government adopted similar laws.



(Pampa News photo)

The Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt, with a prize of a box seat for all three performances at the Top O' Texas Rodeo July 10-12, is under way. Today's clue can be found at Rheam's Diamond Shop. Wednesday's clue can be found at a bank. The finder of the horseshoe should bring it to the rodeo office in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, to claim the prize.

Bush approves TEKS

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's first major curriculum rewrite in more than a decade now has the backing of Gov. George W. Bush, who criticized an earlier draft as vague and warned that he wouldn't be satisfied with "mush."

"After a lot of hard work by a lot of smart people, the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) has been improved a lot," Bush said Monday.

Bush, who has placed particular emphasis on ensuring young students can read on grade level, added, "Based upon what I've been told by people who have made a living in the field, people whose whole life experience has been built around teaching people to read ... this document in terms of the reading program puts Texas on the leading edge of educational change."

The State Board of Education next week is scheduled to consider the revised curriculum standards in English, math, science, health and social studies.

Bush's comments came after State Board of Education member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands, one of six people on the 15-member board who have the backing of religious conservatives, criticized the TEKS proposal as not being rigorous enough or age-specific.

She called on Bush in particular to support an alternative curriculum rewrite for English, noting his interest in reading.

"I think the only way we can get the votes on the board now ... is if we have the support and influence of our governor," Ms. Ballard said. "I think it would be nice for him, since he is the reading governor ... to see him endorse this" alternative proposal.

Bush said some portions of the alternative proposal, developed under the leadership of a high school teacher, were incorporated in the version to be voted on by the State Board of Education.

Birthday girl



(Special photo)

Barbara Tice, operator of Meredith House Salon, puts the finishing touches on Myrtle Reeves hair prior to her birthday celebration. Reeves turned 103 last month.

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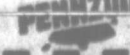
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TRUTA concert



The southern gospel group "TRUTA" entertained a crowd of over 250 during a praised-filled program of worship Thursday, June 26, at Calvary Baptist Church.

Rep accused to conflict of interest

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two government watchdog groups say Rep. Sue Palmer was wrong to have allowed the oil company she owns to sell gasoline and diesel fuel to the state while she was working in the Texas Legislature.

Palmer, a Republican who represented Fort Worth in Austin for the first time, said she sees no conflict of interest in having continued the relationship between her Lucky Lady Oil Co. and the state. The business deal was set up several years before she was elected.

"The constitution and the opinions of the various enforcement bodies have been pretty clear that legislators cannot contract directly with the state," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, of Public Citizen, a national group founded by consumer crusader Ralph Nader.

"She'll probably have to make a decision as to whether she wants to continue to sell to the state or whether she wants to serve."

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Economy said to have 'best of both worlds,' low inflation, strong growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — In many ways, it's back to the 1960s for the economy. Back to the days of moonwalks and Motown. Back to an inflation rate so low few people thought much about it.

Economists offer plenty of reasons for the current combination of strong economic growth and low inflation, the reversal of the stagflation that characterized the 1970s after the OPEC oil embargo. But, down deep, they're surprised.

The question for Federal Reserve policymakers going into a two day meeting today is how long can the good times roll.

Usually, a strong expansion produces rising inflation. But this year, inflation has actually diminished at the same time that growth reached its fastest pace in a decade in the first quarter, 5.9 percent, and unemployment hit its lowest level in nearly 24 years, 4.8 percent, in May.

"This is the best of both worlds," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

And so far this year, there's even been deflation in prices paid to producers such as factories. They've dropped at a 3.9 percent annual rate, having fallen for five consecutive months. That hasn't happened since 1952.

Among the short-term forces keeping inflation low are a strong dollar, which restrains the cost of imports, and sluggish economies overseas, lessening pressure on world commodity prices.

Also, employers can hold down wage increases because memories of downsizing around the 1990-91 recession have kept workers focused on job security.

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During the first five months of this year, consumer prices rose at a scant 1.4 percent annual rate, down from 3.3 percent for all of last year.

Nevertheless, the Federal Reserve reined in the economy a bit in late March with a quarter-point increase in short-term interest rates. But, policymakers have held rates steady since. And with prices so benign, they're likely to postpone any rate increase until the fall, economists believe, even though most expect inflation will creep up eventually.

"We'll see 3.5 percent inflation next year, at the most. In the context of the past quarter century, that's still a good performance," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

The inflation decline this year can be explained by a swing in energy prices — up last year, down this year. But even stripping out volatile food and energy costs, the inflation rate is just 2.6 percent so far this year, the same as last year.

Longer term, the growing capacity of computers has helped manufacturers manage inventories, avoiding production bottlenecks that in the past created inflationary pressures.

In addition, global competition has made factory owners fearful of raising prices. And in some fields, such as transportation, deregulation has increased domestic competition.

Government policies have helped, too. The federal budget deficit has declined for five years. And, when inflation threatened in 1988 and 1994, the Federal Reserve doused the economy with higher interest rates.

But many short-term factors curbing inflation are waning. Economic growth is picking up in Japan and Europe. The dollar has declined from its peak two months ago. And workers are starting to realize greater wage gains.

Such a long stretch of low inflation, since 1991, has had mostly positive effects. But it's been negative for some.

WTAMU briefs

GED Testing...West Texas A&M University's Office of Educational Services offers General Educational Development testing. The GED program offers adults who have not graduated from high school the chance to get their high school equivalency or GED diploma by taking and passing a series of tests. WTAMU offers the Spanish and English language versions of the test. Cost for taking the test is \$40. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register for the GED, call 806/656-2341.

Annual Meeting...Friends of the Cornette Library will meet for an annual dinner meeting at 7 p.m., June 19. Dr. William Green, curator of history at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, will present "A Visual Legacy: The New Deal on the Texas Plains." The business meeting will follow Green's presentation.

Friends of the Cornette Library contribute to the library by presenting programs and speakers, donating books and library materials, contributing to the library's rare book collection, contributing audio/visual equipment, supporting travel to professional conferences and holding book sales to raise money.

Friends members may attend the meeting and dinner at no charge. Membership levels range from \$10 to \$1,000 a year and include a semiannual newsletter, invitations to special programs and extended library loan privileges. Dinner reservations are requested by 5 p.m., June 16. For more information about membership or to make a reservation, call (806) 656-2230.

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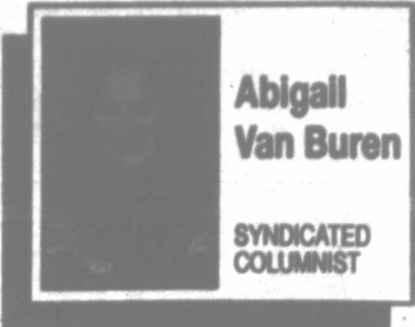
Senators Seek Support For Bill Setting Mammography Standards

DEAR ABBY: We read your column with the letters from breast cancer survivors, and couldn't agree more that early detection is the key to preventing breast cancer. Mammographies are the best tool we have for early detection.

We have introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate to reauthorize the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) to ensure national standards for mammograms. This crucial law was originally authored by Sen. Mikulski in 1992, but will expire this year if it is not renewed.

Mammography is our most powerful weapon in the war against breast cancer, but only if it's done safely, accurately and by trained personnel. We need uniform national standards so women can be assured that the mammogram they get in any clinic across the country, from Maryland to Texas to Minnesota, is safe, effective and reliable, and that the results are read accurately. Since 1992, more than 9,000 of the 10,000 mammography facilities nationwide have been inspected and accredited by the federal government.

When we introduced the legislation, we sent around an historic "Dear Colleague" letter asking for support. It began, "We, the women of the United States Senate, invite you, the men of the United States Senate, to join us..." And the good news is — they did! Right now, we have 47 senators, Republicans and Democrats, men and women, signed



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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

on to support this important legislation. A companion bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congresswomen Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., and Nancy Johnson, R-Conn.

Please encourage your readers to write their representatives or senators and urge them to support the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

SEN. BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, D-MARYLAND, AND SEN. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, R-TEXAS

DEAR SENS. MIKULSKI AND HUTCHISON: I wholeheartedly lend my support. Such standards are crucial to women from coast to coast.

Readers, it is worth the effort to take pen in hand and drop a note (or postcard) to your elected representatives in Washington urging their support of the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA). It will ensure national standards for

mammograms, guaranteeing high-quality screenings for breast cancer, as well as peace of mind for those who need it.

DEAR ABBY: My only sister recently suggested that she stop giving gifts for special occasions to my three children who have reached the age of 20, but I should continue to give her children (who are 6 and 8 years old) gifts until they reach the age of 20.

I am uncomfortable shopping for gifts for her children while she totally ignores mine. What do you think?

Please rush your answer because this disagreement is affecting our relationship.
APPALLED IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR APPALLED: I agree with your sister. Your children are adults. She has given them gifts for the last 20 years. You should do the same for her children without demanding tit for tat. But suggest that she send cards to your children on important occasions.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Wednesday, July 2, 1997

Even though you prefer independence, you could do quite well in partnerships in the year ahead. Constructive alliances will be established for specific objectives. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Financial conditions are promising for you today, so don't settle for nominal returns if you have an opportunity to go for something larger. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Avoid tearing up

with people today who think in trivial terms. You need associates who can inspire you to see things on a much grander scale.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Results will be rewarding today in career developments where you exercise your own judgment. Relying on the advice of associates may cause you to drift off track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When socializing with pals today, say nothing complimentary about a mutual friend who isn't present. Your comments could be repeated and distorted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck will be supportive of your efforts today in arrangements where you are unselfishly trying to help others as well as yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you expect tolerance, tenderness and consideration from associates today, you must make it a point to overlook the little things they do that aggravate you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not be reluctant or fearful about spending dollars today if you're certain it can make you more. A little seed money might be

required to prime the pump. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Listen to the thoughts and suggestions of companions today, but don't discount the quality of your conceptions. Chances are, your judgment is the keenest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might reap benefits today from something in which you played only a minor role in bringing about. Lady Luck will do the heavy lifting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Life seldom offers sure things, and this is a reality of which you're well aware. Fortunately, however, today's hopes will be based upon pragmatic assessments.

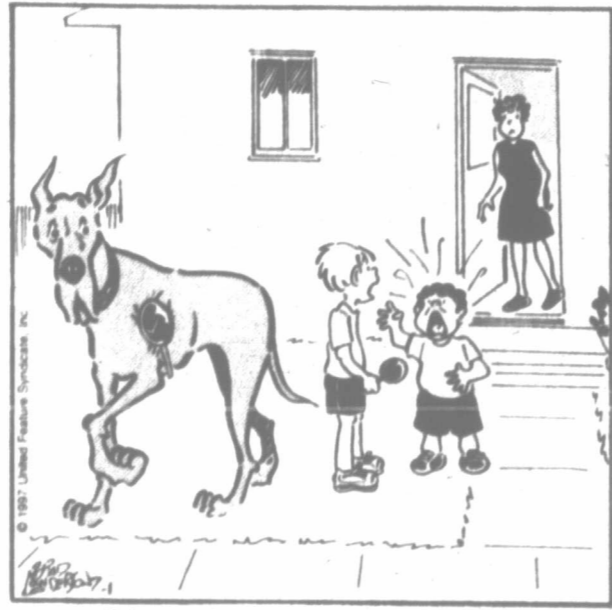
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are a more effective doer than you are a thinker today. Once you spring into action, any self-doubts that may have clouded your thoughts will be eradicated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something in which you're presently involved has more attractive potential than you may realize. Take time today to study this situation in greater detail.

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"Bend down here, Daddy. I wanna tell you a whisper."



"Marmaduke leaned against Gary while he was licking his sucker."

The Family Circus



Grizzwells

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Peanuts



For Better or For Worse



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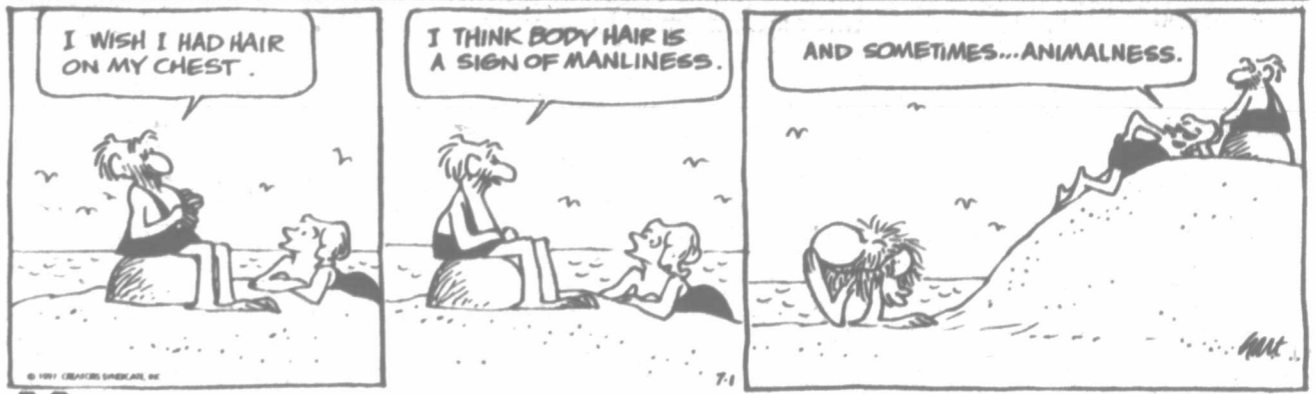
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Two different types of corn Borer found

by DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff writer

Entomologist from across the Texas High Plains and the Oklahoma Panhandle have determined infestations of two distinct types of corn Borer moths in five states, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Infestations of the southwestern and the European corn borer have been determined in production areas of eastern New Mexico, southeast Colorado, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

"Heavy infestations of these borers can severely damage the crop," said Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at the Texas A&M research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Danny Nusser, local ag extension agent, said "In this area we mainly see the the southwestern borer, but most fields have less than a 3 percent infestation and don't require chemical treatment."

The possibility of damage begins when borers overwinter as larvae in corn stubble and old stalks.

Adult moths emerge in late May or early June, and lay their eggs in the fresh crops of corn.

Corn borers require environmental heat, commonly known as degree days, to develop.

First generation corn borers require 374 accumulated degree days for the spring moths; 450 degree days for the first eggs; 631 degree days for peak spring moths and upto 1200 days for the first larval activity.

As the days grow longer, and the soil and air hold higher temperatures for longer periods the life cycle of the borer also speeds up.

Second generation borers pick up immediately following the first generation larval activity, requiring 1400 degree days for the first summer moths and only 2100 degree days for the first-second generation larval activity to be seen.

Patrick said the European borers are attracted to the tallest corn and deposit approximately 15 eggs on the underside of the leaf along the midrib. Eggs hatch in 3-7 days.

The southwestern borer is less choosy and will use any size corn to lay its' eggs. Southwestern borers lay an average of two to five eggs, usually on the upper surface of the leaves. Eggs hatch in about five days.

The larvae of both species move to the whorl (center of the growing plant) to feed.

Patrick said that infestations of the southwestern corn borer on whorl stage corn seldom reach economic levels, but infestations reaching economic proportions is common in fields planted next to unplowed stubble.

Nusser said, "The worst problem in this area is caused when a producer leaves the corn stubble in the field, allowing the borers to winter in the dead stalks."

Entomologists justify the use of pesticide on whorl stage corn when 50 percent of the plants are found to be infested with an average of at least one larva per plant.

The most damaging borers will emerge as second generation invaders during the heat of July and August.

At this stage, the insects destroy the center of the stalks, causing plants to lodge, stopping the maturation process of the plant and making harvest nearly impossible.

According to Nusser most damage from the corn borer has been controlled by the planting borer resistant hybrid species.

"Planting these hybrids cuts down on the amount of chemical treatments and loss from insects," he said.

On a gray day, Hong Kong hopes for a bright future

HONG KONG (AP) — Starting briskly, Hong Kong launched its new life as part of China today with pageantry and purpose, inaugurating a new leader, a new legislature, even a new symphony of its very own.

Chinese authorities responded tolerantly to early challenges, with police halting downtown traffic for a peaceful march by about 3,000 pro-democracy activists.

Newly sworn-in lawmakers worked through the night to ratify bills they approved earlier, including one that would allow police to ban such demonstrations. Then they emerged into Hong Kong's foggy, rain-soaked first dawn under Chinese rule.

Ten hours after the handover, in the same building, new Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa and Chinese President Jiang Zemin joined a mostly Chinese crowd of dignitaries at an elaborate celebration of the territory's new identity.

"Today is a momentous day for China. Today is a joyous day for all Chinese people," Tung said. He promised to forge a future of economic prosperity and continued rule of law.

The morning-after celebration featured a 20-minute symphony called *Heaven, Earth, Mankind*, written just for the handover.

Jiang seemed buoyant and unaffected by the late hours he kept while swearing-in the Beijing-backed legislature. In a spirited speech, he welcomed Hong Kong home.

"The flesh-and-blood bond between mainland people and Hong Kong compatriots had never been severed, nor had their shared sentiment for the well-being of the nation," Jiang said before flying back to Beijing.

After 156 years of British colonial rule, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese sovereignty today at eight seconds after midnight with the ascent of China's flag at a handover ceremony.

Chris Patten, the last colonial governor, glumly ceded power and left town an hour later, sailing away on the royal yacht *Britannia* with Prince Charles, heir to the British throne.

Behind him sat an ambivalent city of 6.3 million people both excited about returning to their roots and apprehensive about the role the Chinese government will play in their future.

"We really hope the Chinese government can take good care of us, keep its promises," said Dick Loo, 34, a clothing salesman. "Things are stable here and we want them to remain stable."

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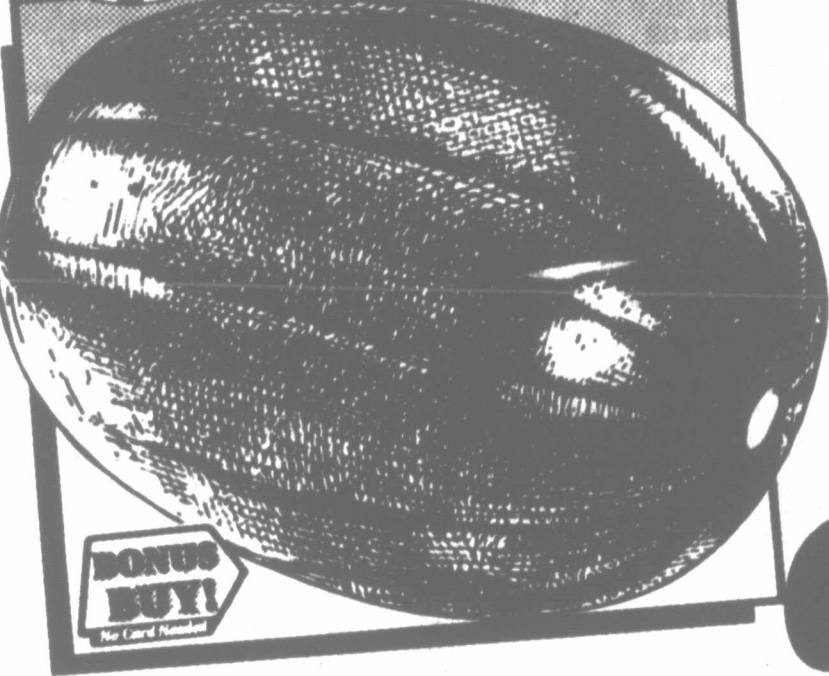
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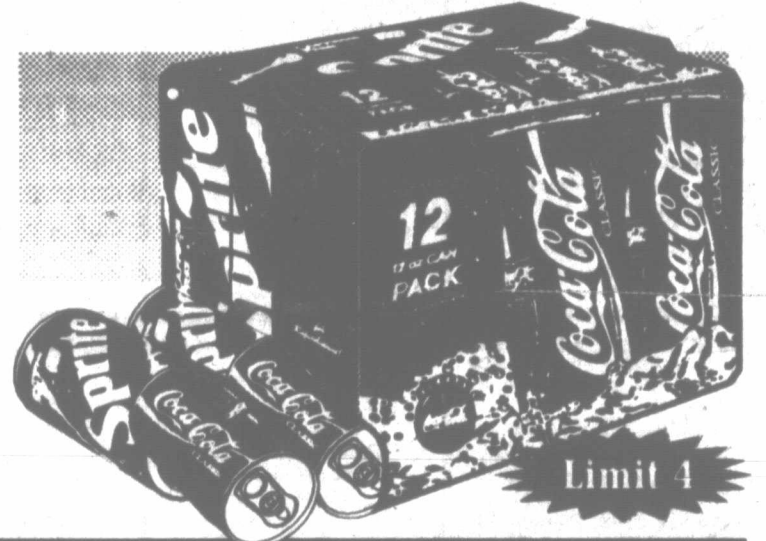
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