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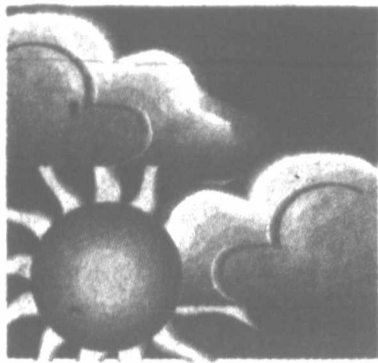
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AMARILLO, (AP) — A year after risking his life during an armed standoff with a Wisconsin fugitive, Hemphill County Sheriff Billy V. Bowen has died of cancer. He was 58.

Bowen, sheriff in the northern Panhandle county since 1984, helped chase down a van driven by Ronald John Kohl last year. After a long chase and tense negotiations, Kohl killed himself.

"He (Bowen) put himself in danger," said Sheriff Ken Hataway of nearby Ochiltree County, where the chase ended.

"He walked right up to the car and talked to (Kohl). He took a big chance into trying to talk that guy into surrendering."

Bowen learned he had cancer a month after the August 1996 incident, dispatcher LaRue Cates said. He died Thursday at his home.

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Friday returned \$153.7 million in sales tax payments to cities and counties, collections that are running well ahead of a year ago.

"Consumers continue to show confidence in the rising employment numbers and robust rate of growth of the Texas economy," Comptroller John Sharp said.

"So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are running 5.7 percent ahead of the same period last year."

Payments to the 1,086 cities levying sales taxes totaled \$140 million, a 7.4 percent increase over July 1996.

The 117 counties levying the tax got \$13.6 million, a 7.6 percent increase. Another \$4.1 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

The payments are for local taxes collected on May sales and reported to the comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

- Clarence Duncan "C.D." Alexander, 93, instrumental in agricultural and civic growth in Texas County
- Sheriff Billy V. Bowen, 58, elected sheriff in 1985
- Luella Jane McBride Edwards, 95, auxiliary worker, retired nurse aide
- Claude Frank Lard, 75, retired wildlife biologist
- Mary Ellen Gowin, 93, homemaker
- Howard Williams, services pending

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Germans' 'arrest' all in Rodeo fun

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The long publicized Route 66 anniversary brought some East German visitors to area, only to be arrested after three days in this country.

The Sauermann family - Judith, Brigette, and Wolfgang - and their friend Marco Hasselbarth came all the way from East Germany to travel the Old Route 66.

The group arrived in Chicago on Monday to start the world-renowned trek. Then early Thursday, while traveling on I-40 the rental car they were driving was pulled over and an arrest was made.

No, this was not your ordinary arrest. The travelers were rodeo arrested. That is they were stopped as out of state drivers and were special guests of the Rodeo Association for Thursday's events.

The family was treated to a guest night at the Best Western Northgate Inn, Dyers

Barbecue and a full evening of rodeo fun. An interpreter had to be located as the Sauermann's and Hasselbarth speak very little English. Acting as interpreter was Adolf Bressler, a Pampa resident.

In broken English and with the help of Bressler, Judith said, "We were very frightened when we were stopped. We didn't understand why or what was happening."

"It has turned out to be so fun," said Hasselbarth, through Bressler.

During the saddle bronc competition, Hasselbarth was asked if he would like to ride one of the horses. At first he said yes, until he understood he was being asked if he wanted to ride one of the broncs.

He then shook his head emphatically "No!"

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(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Wolfgang, Brigette, and Judith Sauermann and Marco Hasselbarth were treated to an exciting first time event, at least for them. The family from East Berlin was traveling on I-40 when they were arrested and brought to town for some Texas hospitality. At the rodeo they visited with queen contestant Sarah Oxley and her horse Chico.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Rodeo clowns always have props to help when clowning around and this year's prop happens to be Frijole, a registered miniature Brahm Bull with an extremely sweet disposition. He readily plays the part of straight man to the clowns and then gladly accepts well-deserved petting from rodeo goers.

Religious right, others divide over standards

AUSTIN (AP) — When the process of developing new Texas education standards began, John Stevens' son was an eighth-grader. As the State Board of Education wraps up its work, the younger Stevens is about to begin his senior year of high school.

Debate over the standards has highlighted a divide on the 15-person board between six

Republicans backed by religious conservatives — who among other objections say some standards aren't rigorous or specific enough — and other members.

The rift deepened with a 9-6 vote Thursday to approve, as a package, a new curriculum for English, math, science, health and social studies.

Final action is scheduled for Friday on the Texas Essential

Knowledge and Skills, which supporters say set high standards but give educators leeway in how to reach them.

For Stevens, who has worked on the standards as executive director of the Texas Business and Education Coalition, the important thing isn't the politics.

It's the superior education he believes his son, Jason, would

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Siren fund grows; still short

The cash in the Emergency Siren Replacement Fund has reached \$28,000, reported Ken Hall, Gray County emergency management coordinator.

This means the Local Emergency Planning Committee must still raise at least \$100,000 to receive the matching donation from the M.K. Brown Foundation and purchase 10 new state-of-the-art warning sirens.

The sirens would reach a broader range and could emit up to three different tones, alerting citizens of various dangers — tornado, chemical and as well as sounding an all-clear.

With the various tones, residents would not have to wonder about the type of danger present. Hall is

hoping the new system would keep citizens from going outside during hazardous situations, which could prove fatal.

A benefit hamburger cookout and dance is set Aug. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium, with entertainment provided by Indian Summer. The cost is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 669-5820.

LEPC members also discussed the future purchase of an emergency alert receiver for local hospitals and other organizations.

With the Emergency Alert System, all radios, scanners, etc. would be built with a specific crystal that would activate to give emergency information.

Rain, rain... High Plains relishes 156 percent increase

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Excessive rainfall across the state has impacted the crops, the ponds, the ground water level, the lake levels and possibly even the Ogallala Aquifer.

The 39 counties of the High Plains have received more than 156 percent of the annual amount of rainfall, and this does not account for the last two storms or the next six months.

Rainfall since 1961 for the area has averaged 18.87 inches. This year the area has already received 13.14 inches. This is the highest percentage of rainfall for the state.

The area receiving the next highest percentage of rain is the low rolling plains, just east of the Pampa area. Those counties have received 143 percent of their annual rainfall. The low rolling plains normally receive 23.78 inches and have already received 16.07 inches.

The counties of the upper coast and the lower valley are tied at having already received the lowest percentage at 93 percent of their annual average rainfall.

While the upper coastal counties normally receive nearly 48 inches of rain they have received about 24 inches during the first six months of the year. The lower valley area normally only receives 25.34 with year-to-date accumulation at 14.73 inches.

According to Matt Street, Gray County Farm Service Agent, "There's a lot of water standing in the playa lakes. I don't know the condition of the lakes and streams, but I imagine there's some water there too."

Area game wardens could not be reached to give details of amount of water in creeks and rivers.

Statewide the cool, wet spring and the drenching summer has brought to life many fresh water aquatic plants which have been dormant during the last two years of drought.

Dr. Jim Davis, Texas Agricultural Extension Service fish specialist, said "We have everything from algae to willow trees and water lilies."

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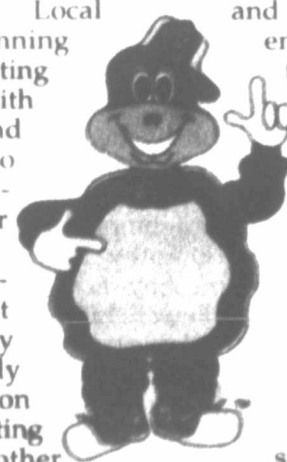
Counties seek to join hands

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

In an effort to "bring cohesive-ness to LEPC's in our area" the Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee is attempting to band together with Hutchinson and Carson counties to provide shelter-in-place training for area residents.

Ken Hall, the emergency management coordinator for Gray County, recently attended Hutchinson County's LEPC meeting and is hoping other LEPCs in the panhandle

will follow the example. Because emergency planning committees are very sparse in the panhandle, he said, it is important for them to interact and be able to deal with emergency situations together.



One example of how Hutchinson and Gray counties could work together, he said, is by training residents how to shelter in place during chemical spill emergencies. This is a safety measure already in practice in larger industrial areas, such as Houston. See COUNTIES, Page 3

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALEXANDER, Clarence Duncan "C.D." — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, Guymon, Okla.
ANDERS, Jimmy Don — Memorial services, 12:30 a.m., Rotary Bowl at Fair Park, Childress.
EDWARDS, Luella Jane McBride — 11 a.m., Wallace Funeral Home Chapel, Tulia.
GOWIN, Mary Ellen — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia.
LARD, Claude Frank — 2 p.m., Memorial Funeral Home, Bryan.
ROOT, Fern Erna Crum — 2 p.m., Ted Dickey Funeral Home, Plano.

Obituaries

CLARENCE DUNCAN 'C.D.' ALEXANDER
GUYMON, Okla. — Clarence Duncan "C.D." Alexander, 93, brother of Pampa residents, died Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Victory Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Chaffin officiating. Burial will be in Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Alexander was born at Wills Point, Texas, moving to the Oklahoma Panhandle south of Goodwell in 1904. He attended country schools and Goodwell schools and was a 1922 graduate of Texhoma High School. He married Sue E. Lindsay in 1927 at Guymon; she died in 1981.
 He was instrumental in the agricultural and civic growth of Texas County and the surrounding areas. He was inducted into the Horseman's Hall of Fame as a cattleman and a horseman. He owned-operated several businesses. In addition, he served as the parade marshal of the Texas County Pioneer Day parade in 1983.
 He was a member of Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, India Shrine Temple in Oklahoma City and Scottish Rite Consistory at Guthrie. He was active in Guymon Lodge #335 AF&AM, Panhandle Shrine Club and was a York Rite Mason.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter. Survivors include a son, Lindsay I. Alexander of Tulsa, Okla.; three sisters, Lulu Kuhn and Mable Ford, both of Pampa, and Jewel Davidson of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Ray Alexander of Harrison, Ark.; a granddaughter, and two great-granddaughters.

The family requests memorials be to C.D. Alexander Memorial established for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Memorial will be accepted at Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

SHERIFF BILLY V. BOWEN
CANADIAN — Sheriff Billy V. Bowen, 58, died Thursday, July 10, 1997. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in W.S. and E.S. Jones Community Pavilion with the Rev. Andy Taylor, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Sayre, Okla., and Roger Smelser, senior minister of First Christian Church of Canadian, officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Dell Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Bowen was born Jan. 25, 1939, at Odessa, Texas, to Bill and Gertrude Bowen. He married Carol Powell in New York, N.Y. He later married Cindy Newton. The couple moved to Hemphill County in 1980 from Roswell, N.M.

He had worked for the Chaves County Sheriffs Department in New Mexico and for the Canadian Police Department, later serving as a deputy for Hemphill County from 1983 until being elected sheriff in 1985.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Texas Major Crimes Assessment Committee. He was director of the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy and the Texas Sheriffs Association and was president of the Canadian Golf Association. He was a former director of the Panhandle Planning Commission.

He was a member of First Christian Church. Survivors include his wife, Cindy, of Canadian, two daughters, Debra Ward of Lake City, Fla., and Shana Bowen of Canadian, two sons, Billy Box of Artesia, N.M., and Lloyd Box of Houston, and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1920 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79104, Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106, or Sheriffs Association of Texas, P.O. Box 4488, Austin, TX 78765-4488.

The body will be available for viewing from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

LUELLA JANE MCBRIDE EDWARDS
TULIA — Luella Jane McBride Edwards, 95, sister of a Shamrock resident, died Wednesday, July 9, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Wallace Funeral Home Chapel with Troy Morgan, minister of Central Church of Christ, and Curtis Camp, minister from Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards was born at Inbbee, Okla. She moved to Forrest, N.M., in 1910 and to Quitaque in 1915. She had been a Tulia resident since 1920, moving from Quitaque. She married Lawrence Edwards in 1935 at Panhandle; he died in 1990.
 She was an auxiliary worker and a nurse's aide at Swisher Memorial Hospital for several years. She was a homemaker and a professional quilter. She was a member of Central Church of Christ, where she, along with her husband, was custodian for eleven years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Orin W. Jewell, in 1931, a daughter, Clara Edwards, and a son, Thomas Edwards.
 Survivors include two daughters, Christine Horn of Big Spring and Dorothy Nickell of Russellville, Ark.; two sons, Loy Edwards of Aurora, Colo., and Harlie Fewell of Amarillo; three sisters, Mary Pope and Lenora Pope, both of Estancia, N.M., and Cleora Moore of Shamrock; a brother, Artie McBride of Amarillo; 21 grandchildren, and 39 great-great-grandchildren.

MARY ELLEN GOWIN
TULIA — Mary Ellen Gowin, 93, died Thursday, July 10, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Fields, pastor of Parkview Baptist

Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gowin was born in Pottawatomie County, Okla. She was raised in Oklahoma and attended school there. She married Charles Gowin in 1921 at Perryton; he died in 1982. The couple moved to Briscoe County. She moved from Quitaque to Tulia in 1975 and from Tulia to Amarillo in 1983. She was a member of Parkview Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Juanita Gowin of Hale Center; a son-in-law, Marion Wilson of Pampa; two grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Affiliates in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Reba Wilson, in November, and a son, Jay Gowin, in 1988.

CLAUDE FRANK LARD
VICTORIA — Claude Frank Lard, 75, died Tuesday, July 8, 1997. Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday in Rosewood Funeral Chapel with Derrel Starling officiating. Additional services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home at Bryan, Texas, with Starling officiating. Burial will be in Smetana Cemetery near Bryan. Arrangements are under the direction of Rosewood Funeral Chapels of Victoria.

Mr. Lard was born Aug. 7, 1921, at Miami, Texas, to Claude and Lola Lard. He married Joyce Machan June 18, 1947, at Bryan. He was a wildlife biologist for 50 years and was employed by the U.S. Government Department of Interior. He was a member of Glasco Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Annie Belle Love.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Joyce, of Victoria; a daughter, Pamela D. Lard of Victoria; a son, C.T. Lard of Caldwell; a brother, Kenneth E. Lard of Amarillo; and a grandson.

HOWARD WILLIAMS
McLean — Howard Williams died Friday, July 11, 1997, at Coronado Hospital in Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

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Milo	1.68	Coca-Cola	69 3/4	up 1/8
Corn	4.36	Columbia/HCA	39	dn 1/16
		Enron	41 7/16	up 7/16
		Halliburton	84 1/2	up 3/4
		Ingersoll Rand	62 1/8	up 1/16
		KNE	42 3/16	dn 3/16
		Kerr-McGee	63 1/8	up 1/16
		Limited	20 3/16	NC
		Mapco	32 5/16	NC
		Mobil	71 1/8	up 5/16
		M. Donald's	49 9/16	up 11/16
		New Atmos	23 1/16	up 1/16
		Parker & Parsley	37 15/16	up 1/16
		Penney's	55 1/2	up 1 1/16
		Phillips	43 1/16	dn 1/16
		SLB	141 3/8	up 2 5/16
		SFS	39 5/16	NC
		Tenneco	45 1/2	dn 1/16
		Texasco	110 1/16	up 3/8
		Ultramar	33	up 1/16
		Wal-Mart	35 1/4	up 3/16
		New York Gold	319 1/8	4 3/4
		West Texas Crude		19 28

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amco	89 1/2	dn 1/4
Amco	68 1/16	up 1/16
Cabot	27 1/2	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	17 1/16	dn 1/16

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 10
 Trena Charlene Garcia, 25, of Gruver, Texas, was arrested on charges of probation violation, and Dallam County warrants for an expired motor vehicle certificate and failure to appear.
 Vicki Lynn Ogden, 34, 2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested on charges of forging or altering a prescription.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, JULY 10
Arrests
 Inston Andrew Hilton, 17, 1829 N. Christy, was arrested on four capias pro fine warrants.
 Clayton Johnson, 33, 412 Harlem, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and assault by contact.
 Michael Brandon Voss, 20, Price and Kentucky, was arrested on two charges of speeding and two charges of failure to appear.

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, July 10
 8:18 a.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 8:23 a.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of North Wells on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 9:24 a.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing home.
 10:24 a.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing home.
 11:10 a.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to the 200 block of South Sumner.
 1:53 p.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home to transport one patient to the 600 block of Sloan.
 4:30 p.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 6:52 p.m. — A Mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 at the rodeo grounds on a fall and one patient was transferred to Columbia.

GERMANS

of the big bulls, and fast moving horses.
 "This is very interesting," said Judith. "Why do they do this?" she wanted to know about calf roping.
 She said she had heard of some things cowboys did and was pleased to get to see them in action. Brigitte and Wolfgang didn't have to much to

say, but they seemed to be enthralled with the events in the arena.
 The visitors had the opportunity to meet one of the Rodeo Queen contestants and get up close to the bull pen, just not too close.
 All agreed that this would be a great memory to take home after they finished their Route 66 tour.
 "We will always remember our first rodeo and the welcome we received in Texas," said Judith.

Rain

Even though the plant life is pretty, it limits the usefulness of ponds as well as limiting their life, he said.
 Fish can't eat the aquatic plants as fast as they sprout, when the plants die they settle to the bottom of the ponds and lakes and eventually replace the

water, which of course kills the fish.
 Davis recommends land owners consult a professional before using chemicals to kill off the excess weeds.
 For removing plants growing along the edges of ponds, Davis recommends "40 goats to the acre."
 The runoff is of course going to feed into the springs, river beds and seep, eventually into the aquifer.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 36-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, July 9
 A 1985 red Chevrolet S-10 driven by David Perez Gutierrez, 41, 313 Anne, was in a traffic accident with a 1995 blue Kia Sportage van driven by Tami Childress Thompson, 27, of Pampa, at the intersection of Cuyler and Tyng. No citations were issued.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, July 9
 4:31 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 812 W. 25th as First Responder to a medical assist.
 7:26 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Tyng for a motor vehicle accident, oil clean-up.
 7:47 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1028 S. Nelson on a good intent.
 9:38 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 313 Anne as a First Responder to a medical assist.

THURSDAY, July 10
 5:08 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Columbia Medical Center for a medical-evacuation standby.
 6:13 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1321 W. Kentucky on a good intent.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN
 Clean Air Al-Atteen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie at 665-1206, or after 6 p.m. and week-ends, 669-9364.

MOBILE MEALS
 The Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, July 12, will be baked ham, yams, greens, bread and dessert.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low of 70. South wind 10-20 mph and gusty. Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high near 95. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s.

WEST TEXAS
 Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high 90 to 95. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s to near 70. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains. Highs from the mid 80s mountains to around 100 along the river. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s and 70s.

NORTH TEXAS
 Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms west. Low 72 to 75. Saturday, partly cloudy. High 94 to 98. Saturday night, clear to partly cloudy. Low 72 to 75.

SOUTH TEXAS
 Hill Country — Tonight, mostly clear with late night low clouds. Lows in the 70s. Saturday, morning low clouds becoming mostly sunny and hot. Isolated late afternoon or early evening showers or thunderstorms along the Rio Grande. Highs in the mid and upper 90s, except to near 102 far west. Saturday night, mostly clear with late night low clouds. Lows in the 70s. Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in

the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, mostly sunny and hot. Highs in the mid 90s inland to near 90 coast. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Extended forecast, Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy. Hot with highs near 90 coast to near 103 Rio Grande plains. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, widely scattered thunderstorms mountains and east until around sunset, then fair skies. Lows upper 30s to low 50s mountains with mostly 60s elsewhere. Saturday and Saturday night, a slight chance of thunderstorms central mountains and northeast during the afternoon and evening otherwise fair skies. Warmer with highs mid 70s to lower 80s mountains with 90s to near 102 lower elevations south. Lows upper 30s to lower 50s mountains with 60s to lower 70s elsewhere.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

IMAGES SEMI-Annual Shoe Sale 30-50% off. Brighton, Cole Haan, Pappagallo. 123 N. Cuyler. 669-1091. Adv.

WILLIAMS SIGNS "Affordable Signs" for your business! Board Signs, Truck Lettering, Vinyl Letters, Magnetic Signs, Plastic & Metal Letters, Window Signs, 669-3879. Adv.

PAMPA POOL & Spa Waterbed Whse. still alive & doing well, 1700 W. Kentucky, 665-6064. Adv.

CLASSIFIED LINE ads advertising deadline has been changed for Sunday to noon on Friday, effective July 11. Questions? 669-2525.

DANCE AT McLean Country Club, Saturday 12th, 8-12. Music by Texas Rythm. Members and guests welcome. Adv.

SETTLE THAT Rodeo dust with a Cherry Lime from the Dixie Dog 725 N. Hobart, 665-4061 Open Monday - Saturday 11:00 a.m.-9 p.m. Adv.

LAWN CARE: Call Family Lawn Care. 665-3257. Adv.

ANNIE'S TAN-N July Special. 10¢ a minute or \$35 a mo. Includes 3X on our new Hydro-Therapy Massage bed. Lotions 30% off. 669-5940. 831 W. Kingsmill Ave. Adv.

PAMPA ACADEMY of Christian Education - A Different school with a District Purpose. Enrollment for '97-'98 school year is now being accepted. Call for information and application at 665-2273. Last day for enrollment for '97-'98 year is July 23rd. Adv.

HOME DELIVERY. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carriers. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period. For your protection make checks payable to The Pampa News.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, turkey and dressing, chicken fried steak, barbecue chicken. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

TWICE IS Nice. Great Summer Sale 25%-50% off. Next to Subway. 665-3989. Adv.

LOWER AIRFARES in SW Markets until Sunday! Call Travel Express. 665-0093. Open Saturdays. Adv.

CORONADO CENTER - Saturday. Food, Train ride, Face painting, Crafts. Come join the fun! Adv.

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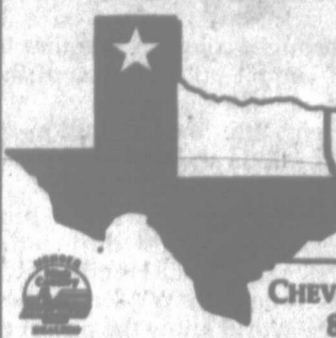
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Icecream at the Schneider House



Members of the Altrusa club, Pampa Chapter, one more time brought a little joy to the lives of residents of the Schneider House with some homemade ice-cream, cookies and coffee on Wednesday. Mary McDaniel, Georgia Johnson and Nancy Coffey dish up the cold summertime treat to resident Anthony Kilgore. Other members who participated in the treat day were Chris Kirkpatrick, Pat Johnson, Kathy Phillips, Doria McAndrews and a number of other club members.

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Standards

have received under the new curriculum, which represents the first wholesale overhaul of education standards in more than a decade. "He will not benefit at all from this," Stevens said of the rewrite, which he calls considerably stronger than existing standards. "They establish learning standards that will serve our students well when they go out into the world."

Education board members already have approved a new curriculum for geometry, Algebra I and II and enrichment courses, including fine arts and career and technology. The curriculum, which forms the basis for statewide tests and the adoption of instructional materials, will begin being implemented in the 1998-99 school year.

Among other changes that will benefit people as they enter the working world, Stevens said, the rewrite puts an emphasis in mathematics on important skills of probability and statistics; and it addresses the need for students to be able to write clearly and concisely, not just in a more flowery literary style.

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Counties

And, although the possibility of chemical-related emergencies are far less in the panhandle than Houston, that possibility does still exist. Hall pointed out to LEPC members that dangerous chemicals are used in various businesses, such as painting, chemical plants and even dry cleaners.

A chemical-related accident of any kind could be very dangerous and potentially fatal in any of these industries. Because this threat does exist anywhere these industries exist, Hutchinson County LEPC recently invested in a Wally Wise program to teach the shelter in place procedure.

The program contains a "Wally Wise" turtle costume. "Wally Wise" visits various school-age children teaching them what to do in chemical emergencies. At this time, Gray County LEPC does not have the money to invest \$3,000 in the Wally Wise program but is hoping they can work together with Hutchinson County on the project.

The basic concept of shelter in place teaches residents to go inside immediately when a chemical-related danger is present. Once inside, residents should close all windows and doors and turn off anything that circulates air into or through the house (such as air conditioners, fans, etc.). If an airborne chemical is present, these devices could continue to circulate the dangerous substance into the home.

After these steps are taken, residents should then secure themselves in one room of the house, sealing all doors, windows and vents with tape or plastic. Last, a local radio station should be tuned into so residents are aware of the danger and when it is safe to return outdoors.

Shelter-in-place training will probably begin for Gray County residents once the new emergency warning sirens are in place, said Hall.

Veteran of Hemphill County Sheriff's office set to receive award

Carol Ann Wilson's trip to Austin in August will be a lot more fun than the circumstances that got her there.

Wilson, a twelve year veteran of the Hemphill County Sheriff's office, is the communications supervisor and jailer for the Sheriff.

At 8 a.m. Dec. 16, 1996, a 911 call came in to the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office. The caller was a frightened six-year-old, Kristan Davis.

After starting her car that cold winter's morning, Kristan's mother, Stephanie Diane Davis, was walking toward the front door when the car slipped into gear, pinning Kristan's mom against the porch steps.

Wilson calmed the child and

kept her from hanging up the telephone.

There was some confusion as to the correct address. The information from the 911 system did not indicate a direction and Kristan did not know her home address.

While Sheriff personnel and EMS units began to look for the residence, Wilson talked calmly with Kristan to reassure her. Kristan gave Wilson her grandfather's telephone number. Wilson called the grandfather and using information he provided was able to direct emergency vehicles to the residence.

Because of her actions that December morn, Wilson was named one of the 13 Public Safety

Telecommunicators of the Year.

"I am very honored," Wilson said today.

Ms. Davis is doing well. "She was very lucky," Wilson said. "She was on crutches for quite some time."

And Kristan is doing fine. "The awards committee was most impressed by her profession-

alism and skill in responding to the six-year-old caller whose mother was pinned under a car," said James Goerke, executive director of the Texas Advisory Commission on State Emergency Commission which is making the award.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the covenant commandment.

L.W. McCall
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Morning News on Nolan Ryan and politics:

Nolan Ryan's plans to enter Texas politics ended before they ever got started. The Texas Rangers former star pitcher decided last week he would not run for state agriculture commissioner. The potential conflict of holding public office and being featured in television commercials became too troublesome for the perennial all-star.

Mr. Ryan's decision is understandable, given his contractual obligations. He already had advertising agreements with several companies.

A Federal Communications Commission official said TV stations would have to provide equal time for other candidates each time a commercial featuring Mr. Ryan appeared. It's good there are election guidelines for candidates. Without them, politics everywhere would be even rougher.

But it's unfortunate the guidelines cost Texas an interesting race next year. Mr. Ryan's big league status would have brought widespread coverage of the agriculture commission campaign. And that would have boosted the state's ranchers and farmers.

As Texas becomes more urban, interest in agrarian issues has waned. Current Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has done a good job of raising the public's consciousness about the challenges facing farmers. But it has been no easy chore.

Texas needs candidates who can amplify the importance of agriculture. It still accounts for more than \$42 billion of the Texas economy. Texas is the second leading American producer of agri-products, trailing only California. The agriculture commissioner's office deserves the attention that a Nolan Ryan candidacy could have generated.

Houston Chronicle on airline tax proposals:

House and Senate budget bills will be ironed out in conference following Congress' Independence Day break.

Overall, we are not happy with budget proposals, as presented, because we don't believe they will actually achieve a balanced budget and because they don't adequately address the necessary restructuring of entitlement programs.

Nevertheless, it seems likely the public will be stuck with some kind of compromise on the House and Senate tax bills, assuming President Clinton goes along.

But for our state's needs and economic prosperity, the package of airline tax proposals is particularly troubling, along with Congress' failure to do away with the ethanol subsidy which, in effect, robs the Highway Trust Fund.

We understand the airline business is highly competitive, but we are greatly concerned that the House bill to assess a fee of \$2 per passenger for each segment of domestic flights could have an inordinate financial impact on lower-fare carriers such as Southwest Airlines. Southwest says the fee would amount to \$12 for a passenger who travels from Austin through Houston to Corpus Christi and back. That seems unfair.

Similarly, the Senate bill, which would assess a 10 percent tax on the domestic portion of international flights, as well as an additional \$8-per-passenger departure and arrival fee on international flights, would seem to hurt both Texas-based Continental and American.

These new taxes would not be necessary if the House and Senate could agree on cutting government spending and reducing or eliminating useless and inefficient government programs.

Finally, the ethanol subsidy of 54 cents a gallon has shown itself to be a burden on taxpayers without any significant improvement in air quality.

It has taken billions of dollars from the Highway Trust Fund at a time that Texas roads and bridges are in need of expansion and repair and reduced highway safety.

Let's hope House-Senate conferees leave airline taxes alone as much as possible and eliminate the ethanol subsidy entirely.

Is the melting pot sludge?

The United States has long been called the "Great Melting Pot" because of our practice of accepting all comers. This is fine. I have no problem with anyone wanting to better themselves through the better lifestyle offered in the United States.

I do have a problem though, with the way certain individuals continue to be accepted. I'm not talking about race or religion or beliefs. I'm talking about the person themselves.

Murderers, rapists, drug dealers and terrorists scream about their rights, but what about the right of the victims?

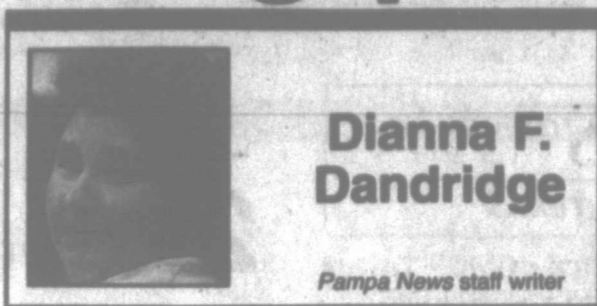
Did the 24-year-old mother of three, living in a Boston suburb, planning to take her children out for an evening, not have a right to walk away from the ATM machine, unaccompanied? Apparently not.

A 15-year-old street thug attacked the woman in front of the security camera and put a knife in her back for the \$50 she had just withdrawn.

He was sentenced to eight years and a psychiatric evaluation. I wonder if those children will be over the loss of their mother when her murderer is released to strike again?

A man charged and indicted with aggravated sexual assault on a child under the age of 14, commits suicide as police go to serve the arrest warrant. People then scream, what about his rights and the rights and feelings of his family?

Rights! I realize he had not been found guilty, but what about the rights of the children everywhere who have been molested, raped and permanently traumatized because of actions of perverted individuals, many of whom have been



Dianna F. Dandridge
Pampa News staff writer

released a number of times to prey again. A corner drug dealer has a right to a fair trial and I hope I'm lucky enough to be on the jury. Was it fair that a single parent sat on the floor of her child's bedroom holding the dying child, who had been offered a sample of the drug dealer's wares?

A terrorist destroys a federal building and the lives of innumerable people who were injured directly or indirectly have been changed forever. After his trial the question is raised, "Can this honorably discharged U.S. veteran be buried with honors in a military cemetery?"

Granted, Congress and the Legislature acted quickly on this and said "No Way," but why would it ever be considered?

What is with the American public? Have we gotten so fearful of stepping on criminals toes that we are willing to let the criminal element run our world?

The people of this country have always stood for what they believed was right. The Stamp Act, the confinement act and other atrocities passed

down by the crown brought colonists together to tell King George we weren't going to accept the wrong doings of anyone.

Twenty some odd years after the Revolutionary War, we supported our militia and once again told the crown to back off in the War of 1812.

Union and Confederate armies marched to protect what they believed to be right during the worst conflict on this continent. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers fought in WWI and then again in WWII to let the world know the power of democracy.

So what is going on? Can we only stand up to major political powers? Can we not convince these petty criminals that we're not going to stand it anymore?

I realize that drugs and violence run rampant through the country, and one person can't stand against it all.

So now let me refer to an old saying, "Now is the time for all good men to come to aid of their country."

Let every individual turn off the TV shows glorifying sex, violence, and filthy language. Let all the parents correct the neighborhood kids, and as a group lets celebrate our 221st Independence Day by taking back what we have fought so long to keep, and let the individual criminals know - never again.

For the home of the Brave and Land of the Free can only remain so if we fight as ardently against the criminals infesting our neighborhoods as we did against the Nazi invasion, the destruction of the Union and the atrocities of a far away King.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, July 11, the 192nd day of 1997. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

On this date:
In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was created by an act of Congress.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal while in office.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.



Colonialism led many to freedom

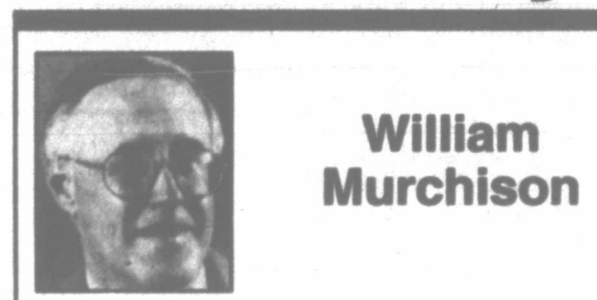
The anxious chatters of the mass media with their worried brows - what if the spectacle they have been covering in Hong Kong were reversed?

I mean, what if some pack of Third World thugs were ceding to the British, a territory of six million souls complete with laws and law courts, polling and trading places, skyscrapers, schools, clubs, churches, temples and McDonalds? Would Peter Jennings be wincing? Would anxious editorialists be wagging their fingers London-ward with admonitions not to constrict free speech, not to muzzle the press and not to commit other dark crimes against human rights?

You know they wouldn't. The reason the British excite no fear is that the British virtually invented political freedom. Or, put it this way: They were the first to make freedom central to their political arrangements. So central indeed that once the colonialists began clamoring for a larger taste of this blessing, the British had to search industriously for reasons to withhold it. (Philadelphia, July 4, 1776, initiated this agonizing process.)

There was an illogic to the old British Empire. The empire builders supposed that dominion over palm and pine could be maintained without serious objection from the dominated. The problem begins when you start to see the dominated as potential legatees of the human-rights tradition.

When Mahatma Gandhi's followers squatted on the very railroad tracks British money and power had laid, there was every reason, imperially speaking, to wish they wouldn't do so - and no logic whatever to arguing they should comply with such a wish.



William Murchison

The British had inadvertently opened Pandora's box. They had introduced the concept of constitutional liberty to people who could not previously have distinguished liberty from a mashed potato but who, making its acquaintance, found they enjoyed it.

The post-World War II tendency to blast imperialism, the American brand included, ignores a stark fact - without all this vile imperialism, the Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights would have remained as foreign as bubblegum in Asia and Africa. They clearly aren't foreign to Hong Kong.

Witness that the British received from China in 1842, via the Treaty of Nankin, an unpromising strip of undeveloped territory. What the Chinese receive back, in 1997, is an economic powerhouse - built by liberty and the exercise thereof. Hong Kong represents, in secular-economic terms, anyway, the triumph of open minds over minds closed tightly both to compassion and reality.

Oh, the fun it would have been and the mischief

it would have made for some philanthropist to fly an entire Ivy League student body to Hong Kong for Dependence Day. There, as the symbols of Eurocentric domination toppled, our young intellectuals could have drank the comparison between reality (God's and man's) and ideology (their own).

Such a comparison hardly flatters the Chinese cult of the iron fist. It flatters, rather, the West's understanding of personhood, which ratifies the Jewish-Christian understanding of how we all got here in the first place.

What the rest of the world has done for liberty isn't a patch on what the British and, yes, the Americans - the good old environment-ravaging, Native American-persecuting, woman-enslaving Americans - have done these 200 years past.

Could the Anglo-Americans get a little credit for a change? Please. Liberty under law, the right to vote, the right to publish and the right to worship: If, in Anglo-American bailiwicks, they haven't always received their fullest expression, well, haven't we tried harder than almost anyone else?

Comes round again the anniversary of the great Anglo-American falling-out 221 years ago - Lexington and all that. It behooves 1990s Americans to recall what the falling-out was about in the first place - not whether to have freedom but how best to express the freedoms that British and Americans alike saw as their natural right.

On this July 4, in the "Eurocentric" ears of us all - black, brown, yellow, white - let freedom ring and ring.

The Postal Service is a monopoly

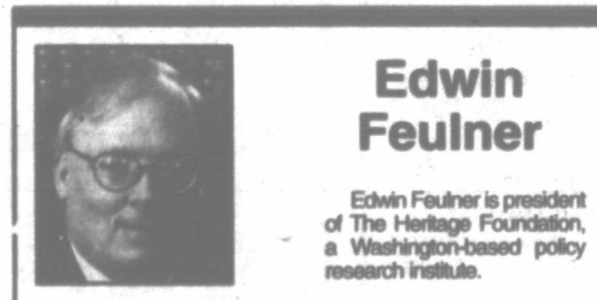
You gotta hand it to the U.S. Postal Service: Neither rain, now snow, nor the dark of night keeps our intrepid mail monopoly from trying to crush Federal Express and United Parcel Service.

Think about it: The Postal Service is an agency of the executive branch of the federal government that spent some \$232 million in 1996 trying to convince us that its two-or-three-day express-mail service is just as good as FedEx and UPS's overnight service. The latest gimmick from the \$60 billion a year (estimated 1996 revenues) agency is to lobby Congress to give it a freer hand to jack up first-class and other mail rates, producing additional money it could use to subsidize its other operations.

The scam is simple: If the Postal Service can fatten its coffers from its first-class mail monopoly, the additional funds would enable it to lower its "express delivery" prices and undercut the competition.

Remember, the Postal Service has a monopoly on first-class mail. You and I pay whatever it decides to charge because we have no place else to turn (heck, I'm old enough to remember the 5¢ stamp!). The Postal Service's "other" operations, on the other hand, must compete with private companies, each of which must pay its own way, every day, in a very competitive environment.

As a free-market conservative, I have a philosophical objection to a governmental monopoly



Edwin Feulner

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even being allowed to "compete" with private companies, because it's inherently unfair competition. But the "unfair" becomes the "unsavory" when the express intention of this quasi-government monopoly is to put the private companies out of business and throw their employees into the unemployment line - which is exactly what the Postal Service has in mind.

When Postmaster General Marvin Runyon appeared before the House subcommittee on the Postal Service last year, he actually bragged about his agency running some small delivery companies out of business. Ain't that nice?

The Postal Service's chief operating officer, William Henderson, has been even more candid. "Two-day Priority Mail is gold waiting to be mined," he was recently quoted as saying. "If we could make it two days, we could drive everyone

out of business."

If you don't get the picture yet, listen to Postal Service marketing manager Dave Shinnbarger, who told the National Postal Forum a year ago that "I really believe I was put on this earth to help UPS have financial difficulties. I think that's my mission."

Oh really? In the grand scheme of things, of course, putting Airborne Express, FedEx and UPS workers out of work might be good for Postal Service business. Just imagine how many more "overdue" notices and "final" notices credit card and mortgage companies will have to mail out when the pilots and delivery people who now work for these companies can't pay their bills.

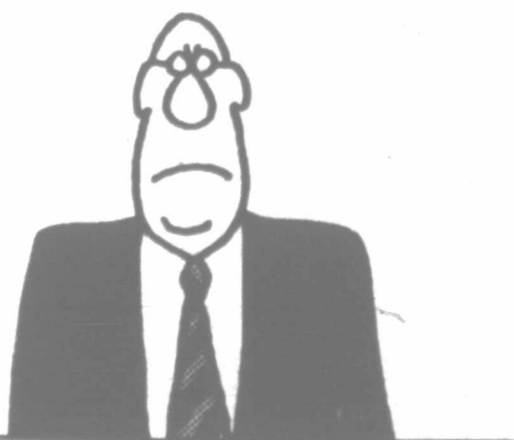
Let's all agree that competition is great. I am a true believer in competition. But American companies shouldn't have to compete against their own government - especially when that same government awards itself all the advantages. The Postal Service doesn't have to pay the same sales, property, income and other taxes or follow the same regulations private companies do.

Fine: If the U.S. Postal Service wants to compete against FedEx and UPS in the express delivery business, then these private companies ought to be allowed to compete with the postal service in delivering first-class mail.

After all, fair is fair.

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Glenda Joyce Smith Haynes, of the McLean High School graduate class of 1947, Lynn Reeves, of the class of 1950 and James Reneau, of the class of 1943 were among those students who attended the 1997 high school graduates' reunion in June.

Classmates from Class of 1947 meet for 50-year reunion

McLEAN — The McLean High School class of 1947 recently celebrated their 50-year reunion. There were 19 class members, along with 14 spouses attending the class meeting at the Church of Christ Annex in McLean.

On Saturday June 21, the class members enjoyed dinner and visiting at the Pampa Country Club. According to one of the local 1947 classmates, Jane Herndon, each class member received an attractive reunion booklet containing updated information about their lives and their families.

Those attending from out of town were

James and Ina Cooke, Norma Earnestine (Dickinson) and J.R. Smith, Naomi (Glenn) and Dick Smith, Chester and Jacque Golightly, Richard and Claudette Grigsby, Cecil (Higdon) Fulks, Johnny Jo and LaVerne Hutchison, Gerald and Audette Knutson, Larry and Shirley Ledbetter, Oma Bell (McPherson) and David Schmedel, Eddie Mac and Delores Steward, and Margie (West) Holland.

Attending from McLean were Rae (Allen) and W.C. Simpson, Dorothea (Back) Goodwyn, Jerry (Evans) and Troy Corbin, Marjorie (Goodman) Fish, Sam and Linda

Haynes, Joyce (Smith) and Johnny Haynes and Laura (Willis) Kennedy.

Class members who were unable to attend but sent greetings include Patsy (Alexander) Ferguson, James Ayers, Robert Beall, Loreva (Davis) Ross, June (Drum) Dunnam, Clarice (Harbison) Medley, Betty (Johnston) West, Bill Kalka, Harold Richardson, Patty (Rippy) Skoog, and Alfred Smith.

The 1947 Class voted to buy and install plaques for the local museum to honor two classmates, Billy Hall and Ray Longino, who were killed while in military service.

Reading & Bates, Falcon to form largest offshore driller

HOUSTON (AP) — Reading & Bates Corp. and Falcon Drilling Co. have agreed to merge in a \$5 billion deal to form the world's largest offshore driller.

RB Falcon Corp., the product of the merged Houston companies, hopes to be better positioned for the deepwater drilling boom around the world.

"This positions us well everywhere in the world," said Paul Loyd, the Reading & Bates chairman who will be chairman of the new company. "The area out past about 3,000 feet is really a brand new market and before there never really was a fleet built to operate in those water depths."

Most of their 5,500-worker combined work force will be retained in the merger, although some layoffs may occur, Loyd said Thursday.

The new company will include 14 vessels capable of drilling in water depths of more than 3,000

feet, said Steven Webster, the Falcon Drilling chairman who will be president and chief executive officer of RB Falcon.

"This is a true merger of equals," Webster said. "This will give us the biggest presence in the deepwater markets."

Under the terms of the deal, the new company will issue about 164 million shares of new stock that will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Reading & Bates shareholders will receive 1.18 shares of the new company's stock for each of their shares. Falcon Drilling shareholders will receive one share of the new company for each of their Falcon shares.

Reading & Bates shareholders will own 52 percent of the new company and Falcon's shareholders will hold 48 percent.

Shareholders of both companies must approve the deal at a vote scheduled for the fall.

"It's an exciting combination because Falcon is the largest drillship operator in the world and Reading & Bates has a first-

class fleet of jack-up rigs and semi-submersibles," said William Herbert, an analyst with Howard, Weil, Labouisse, Friedrichs in Houston. "They will cover the entire spectrum."

Both companies' stock closed up Thursday. Reading & Bates stock closed at 31, up 2 7/8, while Falcon closed at 57 7/8, up 2.

The merger threatened the future of Reading & Bates' Total Offshore Production Services unit, which provides offshore ser-

vices and takes equity in wells the company drills through Reading & Bates Development Co.

Webster said the company

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—Steven Webster

would look closely at spinning off the subsidiary as a separate company.

Analyst Herbert said a spinoff would be popular with investors.

"We think Reading & Bates Development has been a real drag on the earnings," Herbert said. "They have drilled four dry holes in a row now."

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NEA supporters count on Senate to keep funding for agency alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defenders of the National Endowment for the Arts are counting on the Senate to keep it alive after the House, in dramatic fashion, took a step to kill the grant-making agency.

The House move came on a 217-216 Thursday to begin debate on a major spending bill that would slash the NEA's budget from the current level of \$99.5 million to \$10 million — about what the agency would need to shut down.

House GOP leaders, who have long wished to put the NEA out of business, want to strike even that shutdown money from the bill. House Majority Leader Dick Armye, R-Texas, called the agency the "single most visible and deplorable black eye on the arts in America that I have seen in my lifetime."

NEA supporters, who earlier failed to win a separate vote on funding, have now set their sights on the Senate, where the agency enjoys considerable support. The NEA administers the government's arts grants program.

The House also was to vote, possibly today, on an amendment that would kill the NEA and send about \$80 million to the states in the form of block grants for schools and local arts groups.

NEA Chairwoman Jane Alexander said the endowment deserved a vote on its merits and "did not get one due to party politics."

"We now look to the Senate for a fair debate and vote on the future of the agency," she said in a statement.

That prospect appears likely.

Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., chairman of the Senate Appropriations' subcommittee that controls spending for the NEA, said during an April hearing that the panel supported giving it at least \$99.5 million next year.

Meanwhile, Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., head of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which oversees the NEA, said Thursday he would soon introduce legislation to reauthorize the arts agency.

The agency has not been authorized since 1993 — which techni-

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cally means it should not be getting any money. That issue emerged as a sticking point as GOP leaders said they would not continue to fund unauthorized programs.

The Senate's commitment to federal support for the arts will ensure that the arts continue to be widely available in local communities throughout this nation," Jeffords said in a letter to Gorton.

NEA supporters also have the promise of a presidential veto.

The White House has said it will advise President Clinton to reject the measure if it withholds money from the arts endowment.

NEA funding is part of a \$13 billion spending bill for Interior Department, energy and forestry programs in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The vote Thursday was on a measure to allow debate on the interior bill while at the same time denying NEA supporters an opportunity to offer an amendment that would restore money for the arts agency.

Republicans began the campaign to eliminate the NEA after they gained control of Congress two years ago. They also slashed its budget nearly in half to the current level of \$99.5 million.

When several dozen Republican moderates who support the NEA protested and threatened to stall action on the interior bill, the leadership held a late-night meeting Wednesday to propose what was billed as a compromise — the proposal for block grants.

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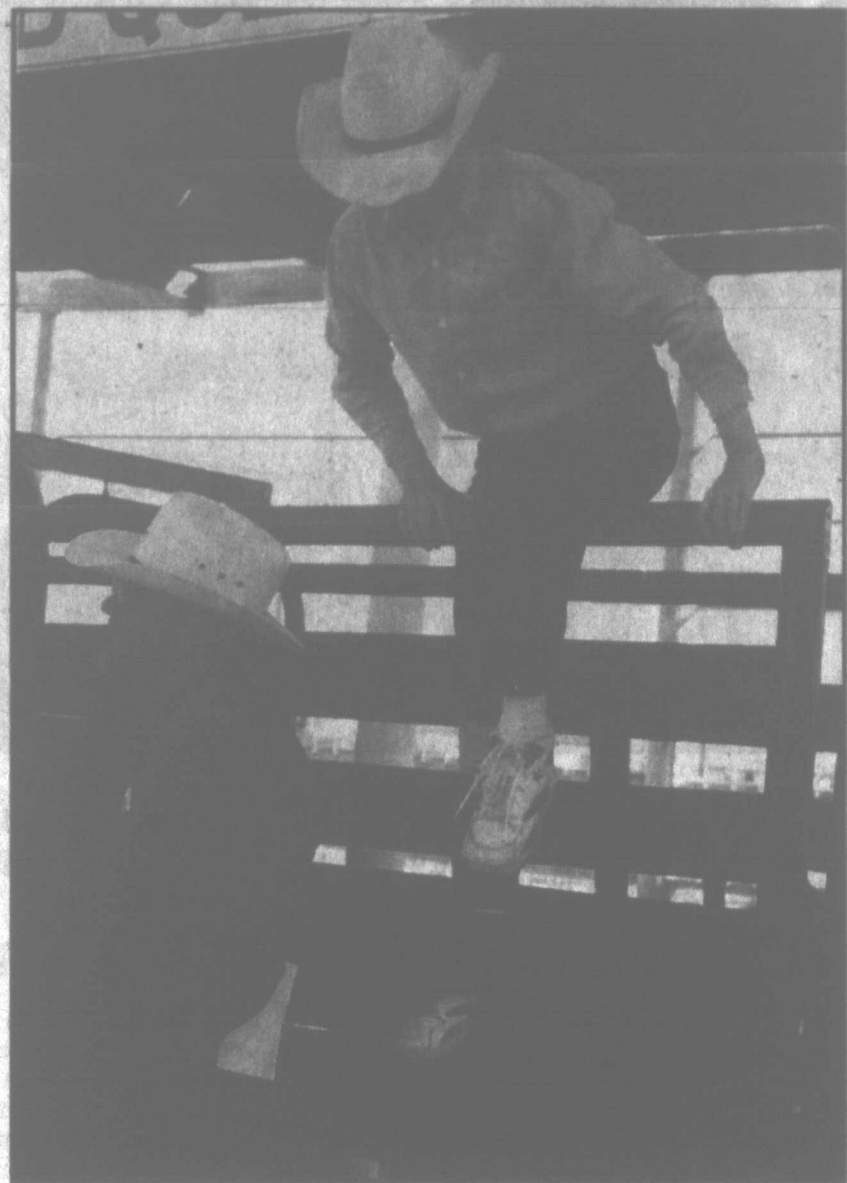
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Rodeo week fun for all!



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Skylere Montana Young is just a bit too young to participate in the rodeo events, but during a moment of rest Skylere relaxes on the seat of saddle, mounted on a 25-year old Mustang named Honey Girl. Standing by the mare is 3-week-old Jazzy, her colt.



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Not all the interested parties were contestants at the Kid Pony show. Kevin Schiffman was just hanging around, learning how the chutes worked, waiting for the time when he gets to ride.



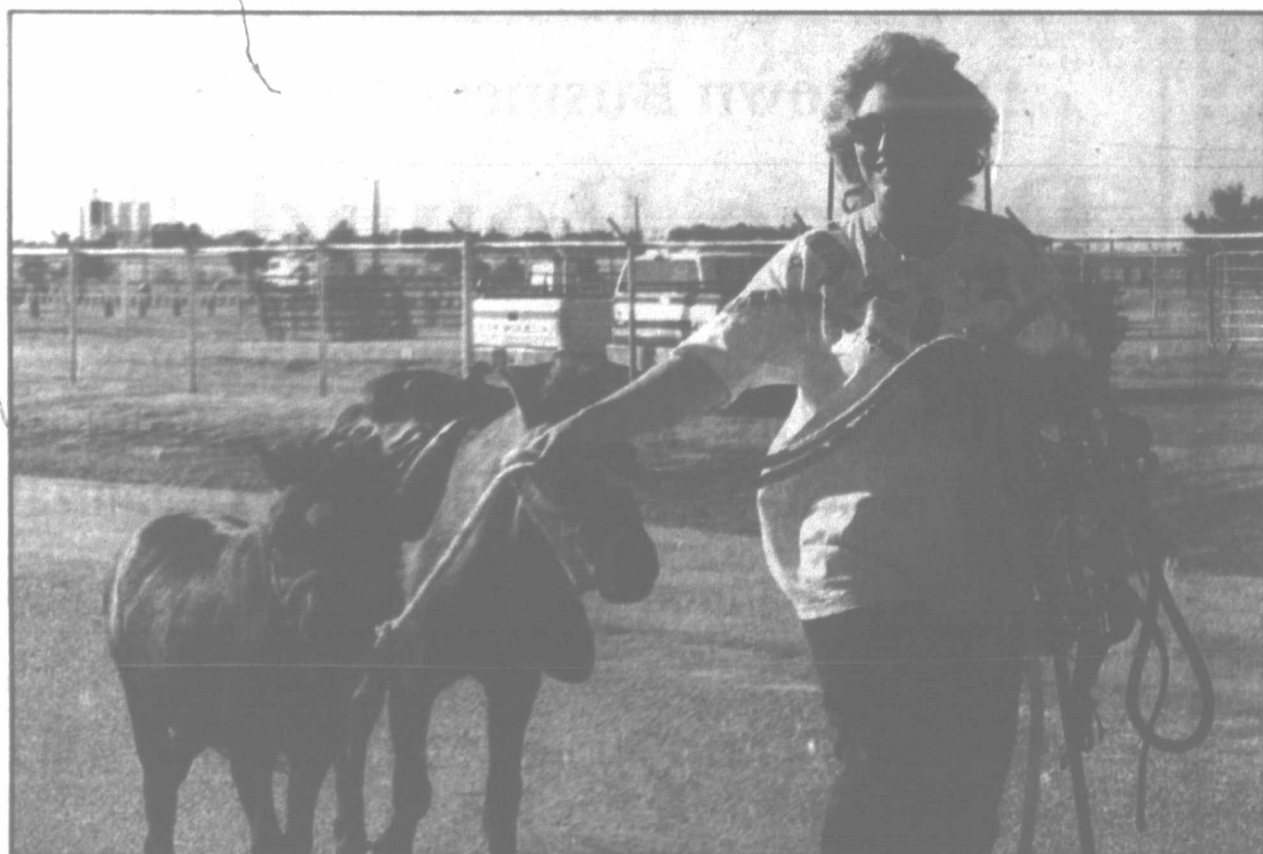
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Like Jerry Tice, so many young calf riders came out of the chute only to hit the ground and see their calf run off to the far end of the arena. Tice had a good start, but his calf left him in the dirt.



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Bobby Hendrics and J.W. Wilcox practice the fine art of being a rodeo hand by helping get a calf ready to ridden by one of the numerous young riders. The cowboy-wanna-be's worked hard to get the bull rope on the calf that had no intention of being ridden. His rider didn't make the 6-second timer.



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"The Mom," as Lajona Reeves identified herself, leads her daughter's ponies shortly before the beginning of the Kid Pony Show. Meanwhile, daughter Tristin was off riding a "big horse" on the show grounds with friends arena.



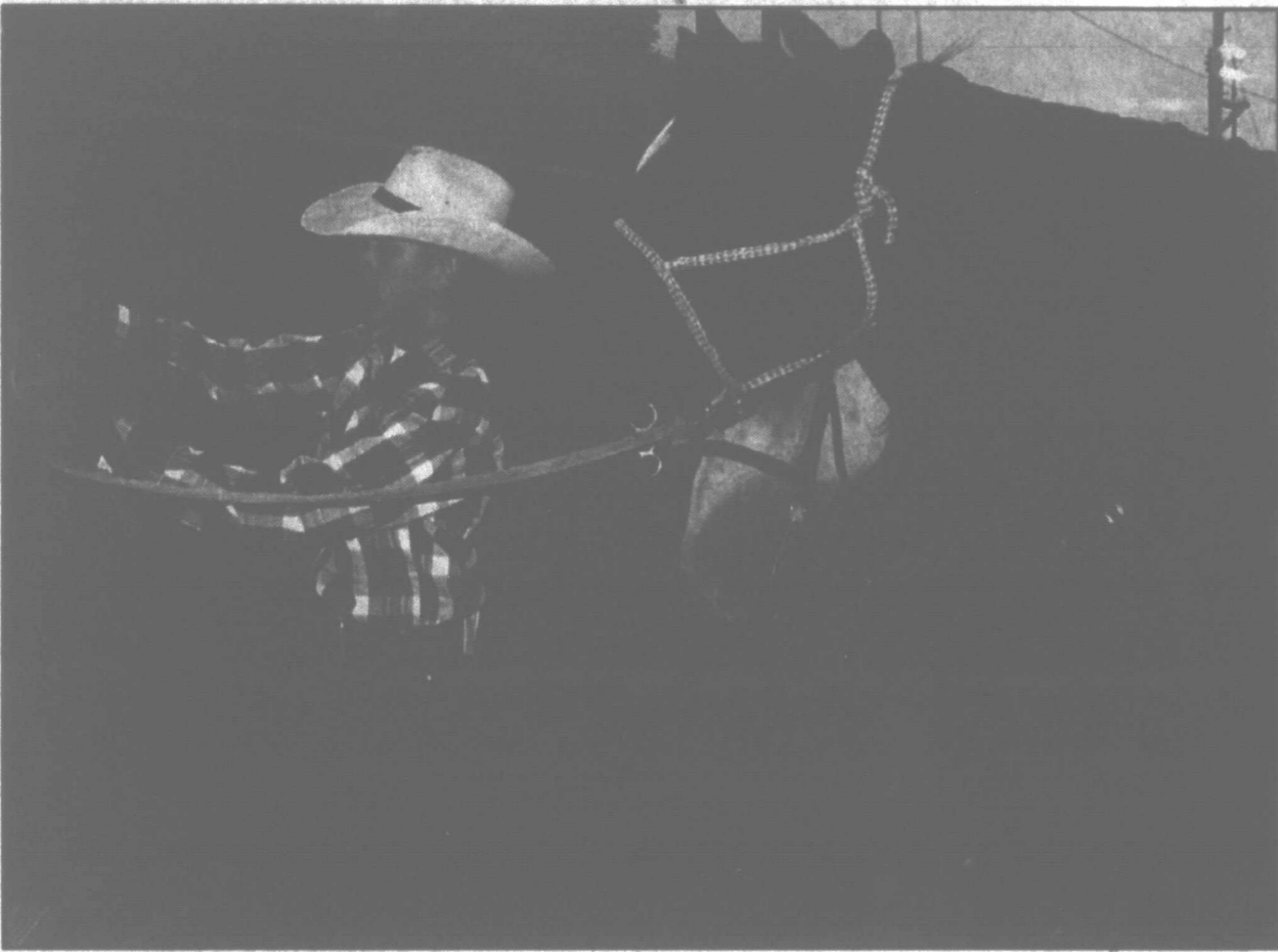
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Trevor Craig, son of Shawn and Barbra Craig, enjoys a Popsicle before taking off to watch his sister, Shea, compete.



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The Top O' Texas Queen contestants are ready to display the flags of their sponsors at Thursday's event. The contestants rode in in the order they were lined up. Mandy Poole, Caryn Lowery, Melody Seely, Robyn Lowery, Amy Carr, Kaely Blay and Sarah Oxley.



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All is not fun and games at the rodeo, at least not for workers like 16-year-old J.D. Fellers from Granbury, Tx. While his father was in front of the rodeo crowd, clowning around, J.D. carried out his duties for the stock contractor which supplied the rodeo stock.



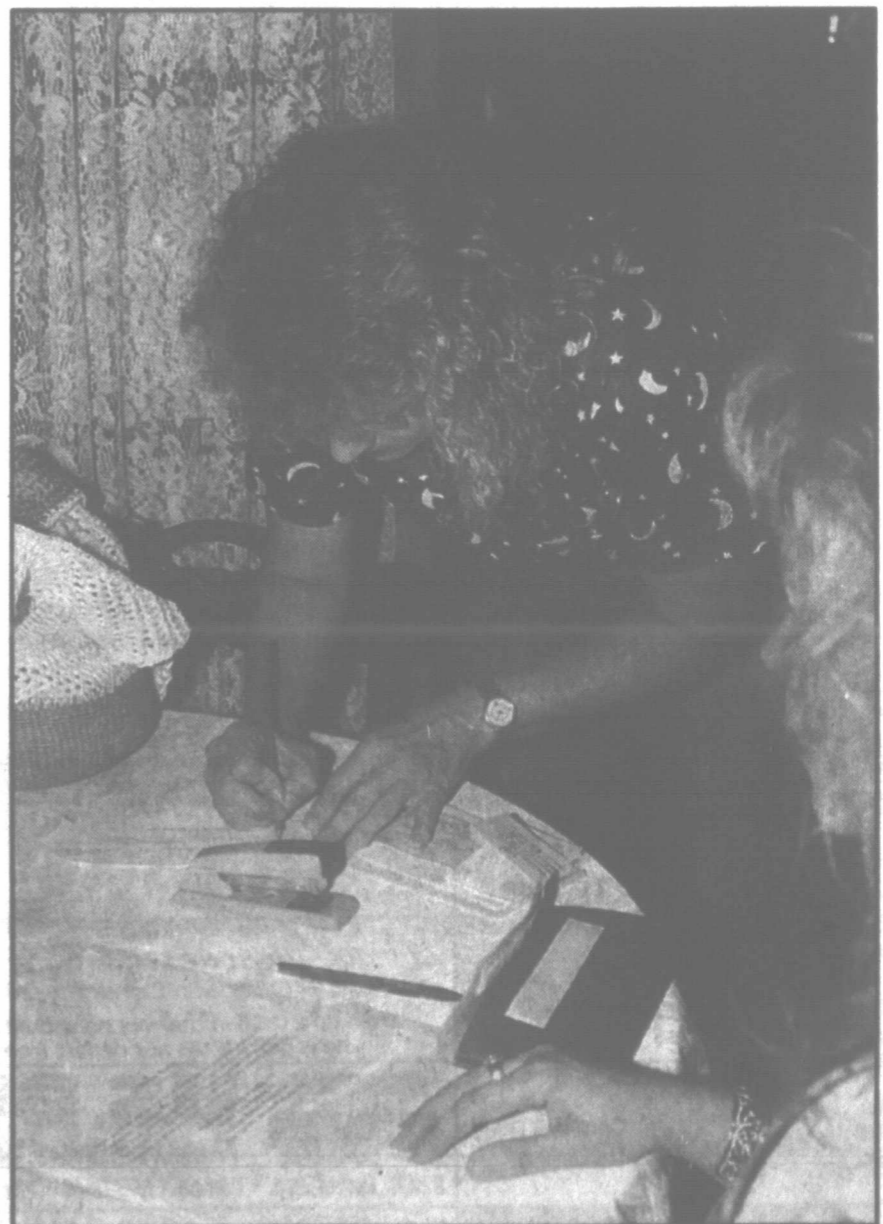
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Queen contestant Kembra Malberg, teen contestant Melody Seely, her mother Pat Seely, Lee Ann Winton, mother of two teen contestants and Debra Farnum, another queen contestant mom patiently wait for their turn to turn in rodeo ticket and sponsor money, Thursday at the meeting at the Hughey House.



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A family of tourists from East Berlin were treated to the Top O' Texas rodeo on opening night. The family Judith, Wolfgang and Brigitte Sauermann and their companion Marco Hesselbarth along with a local man Adolf Bressle acting as their interpreter were awed by the cowboys, the horses and the bulls. They all had a great time.



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Dana Rideout, mother of the Top O' Texas Rodeo queen contestant, Danyelle Rideout wrote out a check Thursday morning at the contestants meeting for advanced tickets.

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Racing chaplain Trinity guest

Russ Weaver, Chaplain for the State of Texas Racing Commission will minister in both the Word of God and music on Sunday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Fellowship Church at 1200 S. Sumner in Pampa.

Weaver participated in calf roping at various rodeos in the past. Russ is a former cowboy missionary for the PRCA. He will be working with the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys at each performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo this year. He will hold church services at the rodeo arena at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 13, in addition to the Sunday morning services at Trinity Fellowship Church.

Come to church wearing your western wear. After the service we'll have our traditional barbecue with catering provided by the Cattle Call in Amarillo. This year we will have BBQ chicken in addition to the traditional BBQ beef. Tickets may be purchased at the door at a cost of 45.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 years of age and under.

There will be live entertainment, fun and games, simulated calf roping and trick roping demonstrations.

Guest pastor, Bartel to visit Calvary Bapt.

On Sunday July 13, Calvary Baptist Church will host Richard Bartel, the pastor of Bunavista Baptist Church in Borger.

Bartel has served as pastor at Mt. Pleasant and Mingus. He has also served as a Youth Minister, Youth Teacher, and Training Leader. Come meet him and his family this Sunday morning and listen to him preach Sunday night.

Beginning on July, Calvary Baptist Church will begin a new sermon series about the creation. Topics to be covered the following weeks are The Making of a Man, The Making of a Woman, The Marriage Bond, Marriage Mutilator, Sibling Rivalries and Stopping the Cycle of Violence.

Starting July 15 through the 19th, 6:30-9 p.m., come join Calvary Baptist Church at 900 E. 23rd, (806) 665-0842, for Vacation Bible School at the "Circle of Friends" ranch where children 4 years old to 6th grade will experience a rustic western setting while learning about the Bible.

Past preachers getting honored by Miami church

MIAMI - The Centennial Committee of the First Baptist Church of Miami hopes many old family members or descendants of the congregation of the early organizational years of their church will return to visit and help celebrate the end of an era, and new beginnings for the second 100 years.

Marsha Tennant and Elaine McDowell, members of the planning committee, have worked through a maze of materials, searching old records, looking for old photographs, and making lists of former pastors.

Among their findings, they have come up with the following pastors, but they have had difficulty in getting current information on the men and their families. The church extends an invitation to these people and families of the preachers to come to the Church Reunion on Aug. 15. And, if anyone knows the families, they are encouraged to contact Tennant and McDowell to help them update their records before the weekend celebration.

In the earliest recorded information it was found that the religious teachings were first brought by a minister referred to only as "Reverend Dobbs, who came from Mobeetie to preach the Baptist gospel" but no one can come up with a first name. Dobbs is credited with the original organization of the church in 1897, and remained in the vicinity as the pastor for some time.

Rev. (no first name) Whatley also was called a permanent pastor of the church in 1907, and remained there through 1911 or 1912.

A building committee was first formed in 1915 when Rev. Dan Reeves was serving the church from 1912 through 1915. He left Miami before the building project started on the first brick church. In addition to the pastors named, according to Tennant and McDowell, the following pastors served the Miami church, in this order:

Rev. Willsford, Rev. E.G. Pennington, Rev. J.H. McCauley, Rev. Joe Wilson, Rev. W.H. Jackson, Rev. J.L. Gregory, Rev. N.B. Moon, Rev. Joe Wilson (second), Rev. H.B. Cornelson, Rev. R.A. Pryer, Rev. William Waldrop and Rev. J.H. Gentry;

Others are Rev. Dwight Baker of Dallas, Rev. Marvin D. Kilman of Jackson, Tenn., Rev. Ray Manning, Rev. John Archie Martin of Lubbock, Rev. Clifford Potts, Rev. G.B. Bailey, Rev. Truett White of Lubbock, Rev. Roy Moody of

Golden City, Miss., Rev. Mike Sullivan of White Pine, Tenn., Rev. Jerry Howe of Ballinger, Rev. Dale Dunn of Amarillo, Rev. Chris Cowan of Leonard, and lastly, Rev. Wes Wellborn, now of Miami.

Interim pastors included Rev. Dirzel Leonard of Canadian and Rev. J.C. Burt of Pampa, and area missionaries include Dr. Larry Heard of Pampa, Rev. Lucio Moreno of Pampa, Rev. Doug Dubose of Pampa and Rev. Carroll Ray of Burleson.

The reunion weekend begins Friday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. when homemade ice cream will be served at the church. Saturday, at 7 p.m., a pot luck sandwich dinner, with musical entertainment will be scheduled.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, FBC Church will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a catered lunch. Everyone is invited to participate in Sunday's big day, said Tennant. The lunch tickets will be available for purchase on Friday, at \$6.50 per plate. To reserve tickets call the church office at 806-868-3351 or call 868-5321.

"Those with additional information to help us with our collection of names and more history, or if anyone has a question about the celebration, call Tennant at 806-868-6441.

VBS bound...



"Cowboys" Rod Crow and Jim Bennet, are gearing up for the "Circle of Friends" vacation Bible school at Calvary Baptist Church which is being held Tuesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 19. (See related story this page)

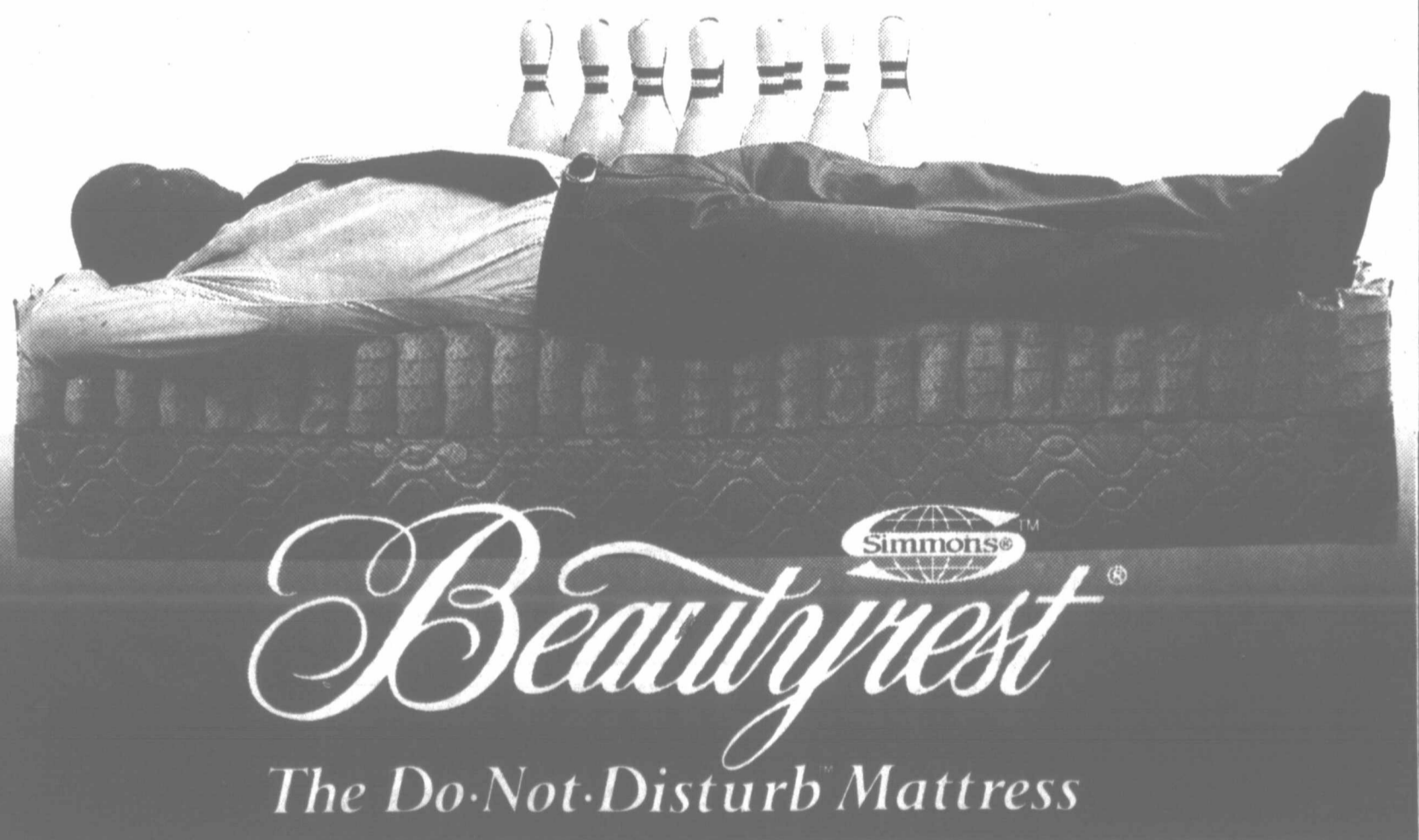
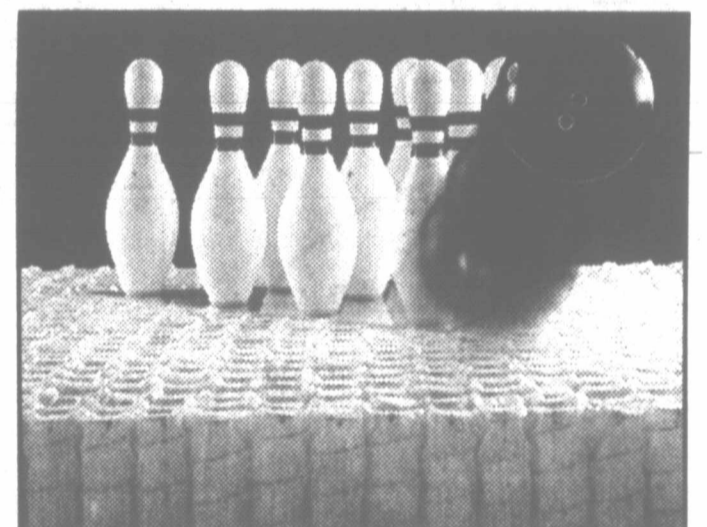
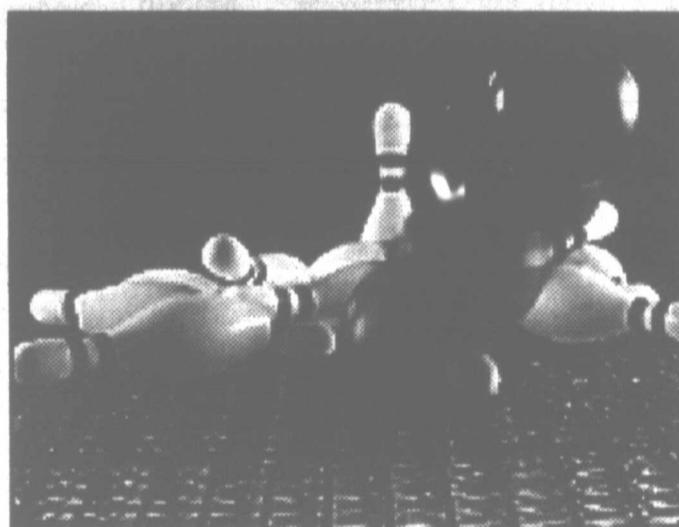
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THE PAMPA NEWS

Friday, July 11

Bill Collectors Ask Neighbors To Knock On Debtors' Door

DEAR ABBY: We have a cordial relationship with our next-door neighbors, but we are not close. We are aware that they have been experiencing financial difficulties, but they have never revealed any details and we haven't asked.

About three months ago, we started receiving calls from collection agencies saying that they had not been able to reach our neighbors, and asking us to tell our neighbors to contact them. There have been 15 or 20 of these calls, usually at dinnertime. When I tell them that we have no intention of doing their work for them and embarrassing our neighbors, they become persistent — even rude.

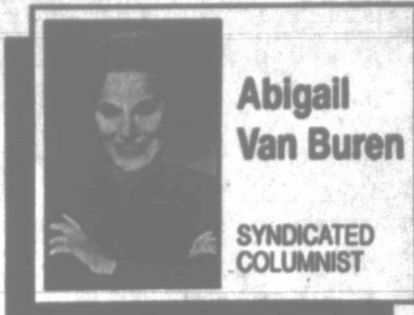
I am infuriated by this invasion of our privacy, and the harassment to which we are being subjected because these agencies can't do their job. If they have our neighbor's address and have had no response to their letters, they should send someone in person to speak to them — they shouldn't ask us to do it.

Abby, is this legal? And is there any regulatory agency we can contact to keep from being bothered?

HARRASSED IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIF.

DEAR HARRASSED: No, it's not legal. According to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you should have received no more than one phone call.

You can deal with this problem in one of two ways: Call the local office of the Fair Trade Commission and file a complaint, and they will go after the



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

collector. Or, contact the local bar association and consult a consumer protection attorney. My experts tell me that you may be entitled to damages.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother and his wife live next door to us. Until recently, we were all best friends. My sister-in-law and I did everything together.

Not long ago, she accused me of doing something that she later found out I had not done. Even after finding this out, she has not apologized for accusing me. We were best friends for nine years, but now she won't even look in my direction.

I am hurt that she accused me before she got the facts, and angry that she never bothered to apologize. How should I handle this? Can we still be friends?

NOT SO GUILTY AFTER ALL

DEAR NOT SO GUILTY: Your sister-in-law may be so embarrassed about her mistake that

she's reluctant to approach you. Since the friendship is clearly important to you, be the bigger person and make the first move. Tell her you are relieved that she learned the truth, and you'd like to put the incident behind you so you can continue to be close friends.

DEAR ABBY: In regard to the family whose parents failed to keep in touch on a road trip, and therefore couldn't be located when a grandparent died, you advised, "The best policy is to leave a detailed itinerary with friends or family or ... make a point of checking in regularly."

I would like to add another suggestion: Before going on the road, invest in a long-distance pager. The cost is reasonable and can even include a toll-free pager number. Give the number to a couple of trusted friends or family members.

Back this up with voicemail service on your home phone and check your messages daily. If you call during off-peak hours, the cost will be minimal.

That's what I did, and it certainly gave me peace of mind.

ELLEN K. HOWE, WEST COVINA, CALIF.

DEAR ELLEN: An excellent idea. Thanks for sharing it.

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Horoscope



Sunday, July 13, 1997

In the year ahead you could be successful in two unrelated areas, provided you manage your time and efforts wisely. Learn how to walk between the two narrow lines.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Serving as an arbitrator might not be the best of notions today. Do not put yourself in the middle between two warring factions. 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) Appreciative friends will try to help you today. If you put down their efforts, when next needed, you might be told to fend for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely prudent in joint endeavors today, especially if you are linked up with someone who tends to be a bit impractical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It is imperative today that you are very selective about whom you go for counsel. A poor choice could get you more confused than when you started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Too much valuable time might be wasted today worrying about things that may never happen. Act first, then fret later if you feel you need an outlet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When handling the resources of another today, treat it as a sacred trust. Make every effort to live up to the esteem in which you're held.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Protect your self-interests today, but do so in ways that do not take advantage of your associates. Be sure there is parity for all

concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take care to discern between your hunches and feelings of apprehension today. Do not treat negative thoughts as intuitive perceptions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be taken in today by a friend who never seems to have money on his or her person when the check is due. Slip away from the table first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not put yourself in a position today that allows others to make important decisions for you. You know what's good for you, but they may not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Put your total focus on your work today, even if you're merely performing mundane tasks. Mistakes are likely if your mind is allowed to wander.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to avoid situations today where you have to make a decision in opposition to your mate. If it is done in public view, hostile reactions may follow.

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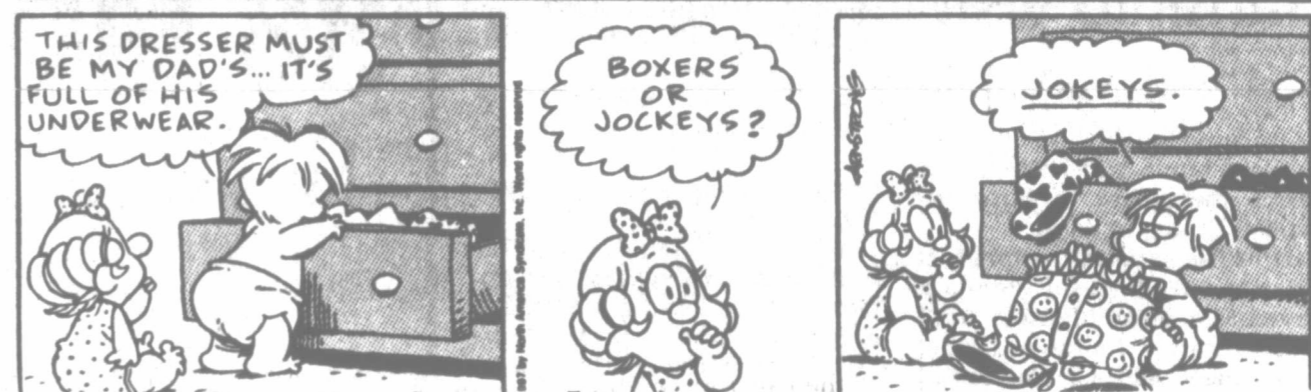
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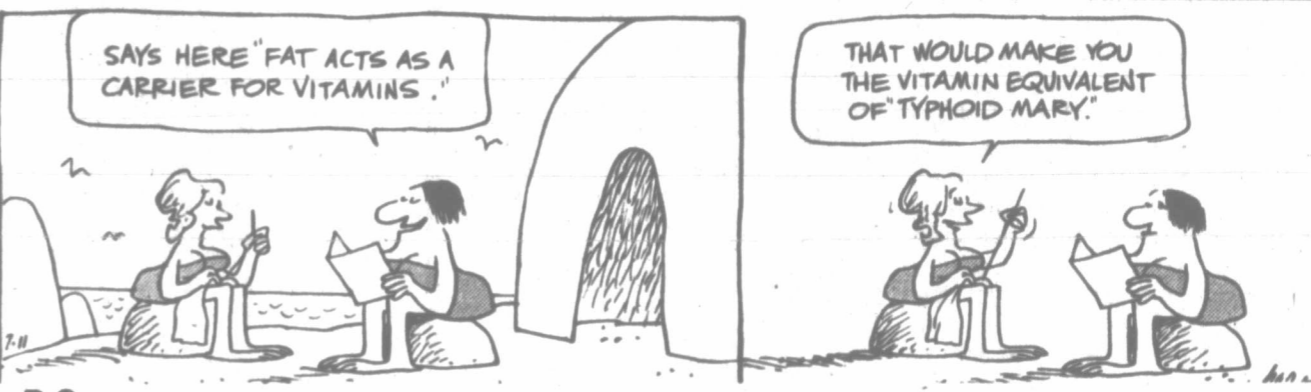
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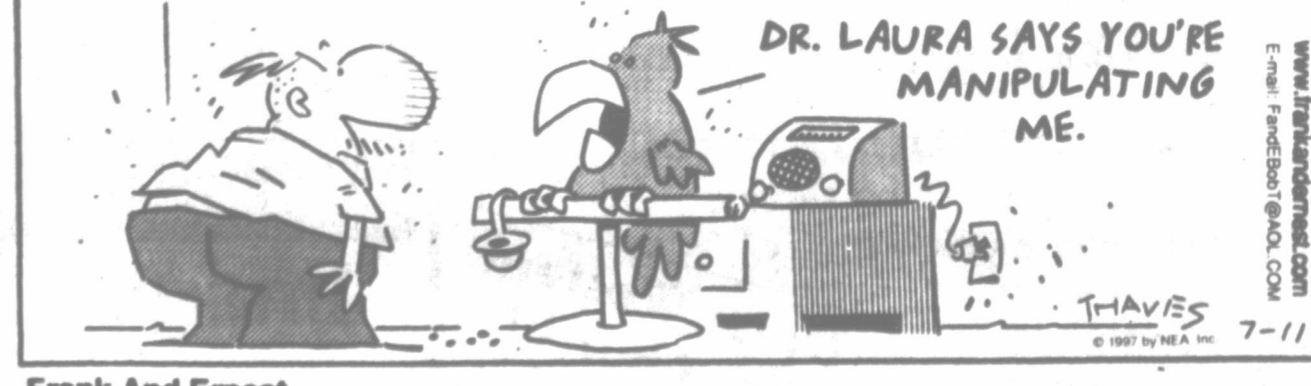
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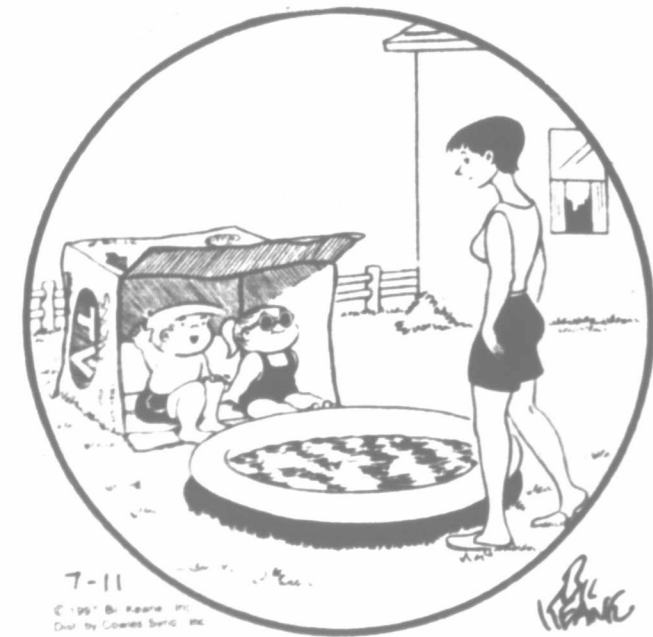
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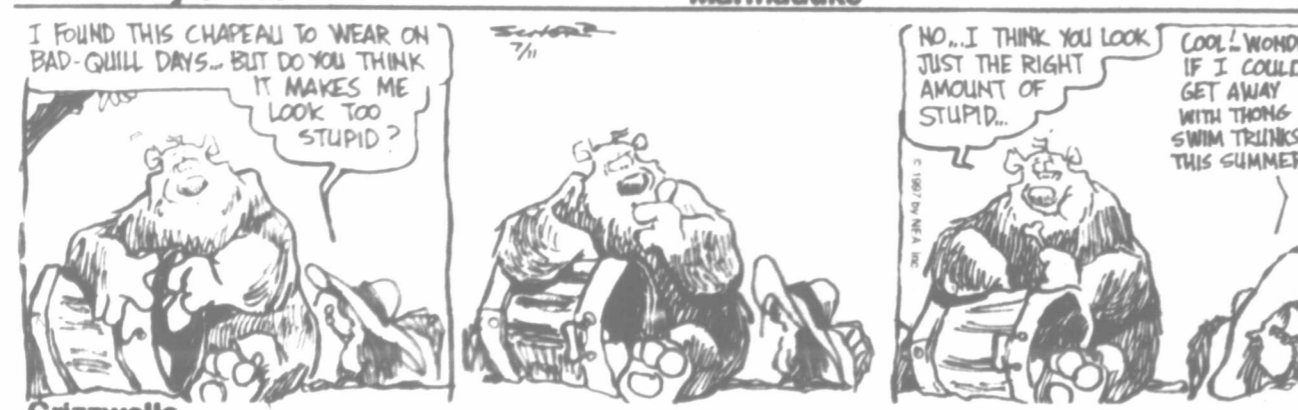


"This is our cabana."



"If you'd stop nudging me, I could fill your dish a lot faster."

The Family Circus



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SPORTS

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PAMPA — The High Plains Bass Anglers, an affiliate of Honey Hole, held its last tournament at Crowder Lake in Oklahoma on June 28-29.

Randy Hinds won the tournament with a total of 12.21 pounds of fish. Second was Benny Baker with 7.19 and third went to Jerry Nicholas with 5.18 pounds. Hinds also won Big Bass with a 5.58-pound fish.

The next club tournament will be held at Fort Cobb, Oklahoma on July 12-13.

The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at Topographic Land Surveyors, 2225 Perryton Parkway, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

GOLF

PAMPA — A seniors 4-man handicap tournament was held Wednesday at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows:
First place: W. White; H. Malone, I. Williams and D. Riddle.

Second place: D. Dubose, W. Haynes, H. Harvey and G. Gamblin.

Third place: B. Epperson, J. McGuire, J. Davis and R. Abbott.

Fourth place: 1. C. Johnson, G. Gates, D. Crossman and P. Buchanan.

Fifth place: D. Haynes, J. South, R. Field and C.C. Lewis.

Sixth place: B. Tarpley, G. Downs, B. Young and J. Osborne.

PAMPA — The Pamcel Golf Club will host a two-man scramble July 19-20. The club is located at the Celanese Chemical Company.

Cost is \$90 per team. Deadline is 12 p.m. July 18.

The tournament will be fought by a total team handicap. There will be a 10-stroke maximum handicap difference.

Golfers will have a choice of a Saturday tee-time (8 a.m. or 2 p.m.) and there will be practice round Friday, July 18. Carts are available.

Saturday night, an evening meal and calcutta is planned. There will be complimentary beverages and door prizes.

To enter or for more information, call Steve Lusk (663-4855), Gard Gershmel (663-4479) or Jeff Kramer (663-4317)

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa lost to North Randall County, 14-6, Thursday night in the District 13-year-old Tournament at Optimist Park.

SEATTLE (AP) — At his first All-Star game in Cleveland this week, Joey Cora of the Seattle Mariners got some sage advice.

Obviously, he wasn't listening. "The fellows there were telling me, 'Don't go out and hit 20 home runs because then people will expect it next year,'" he said.

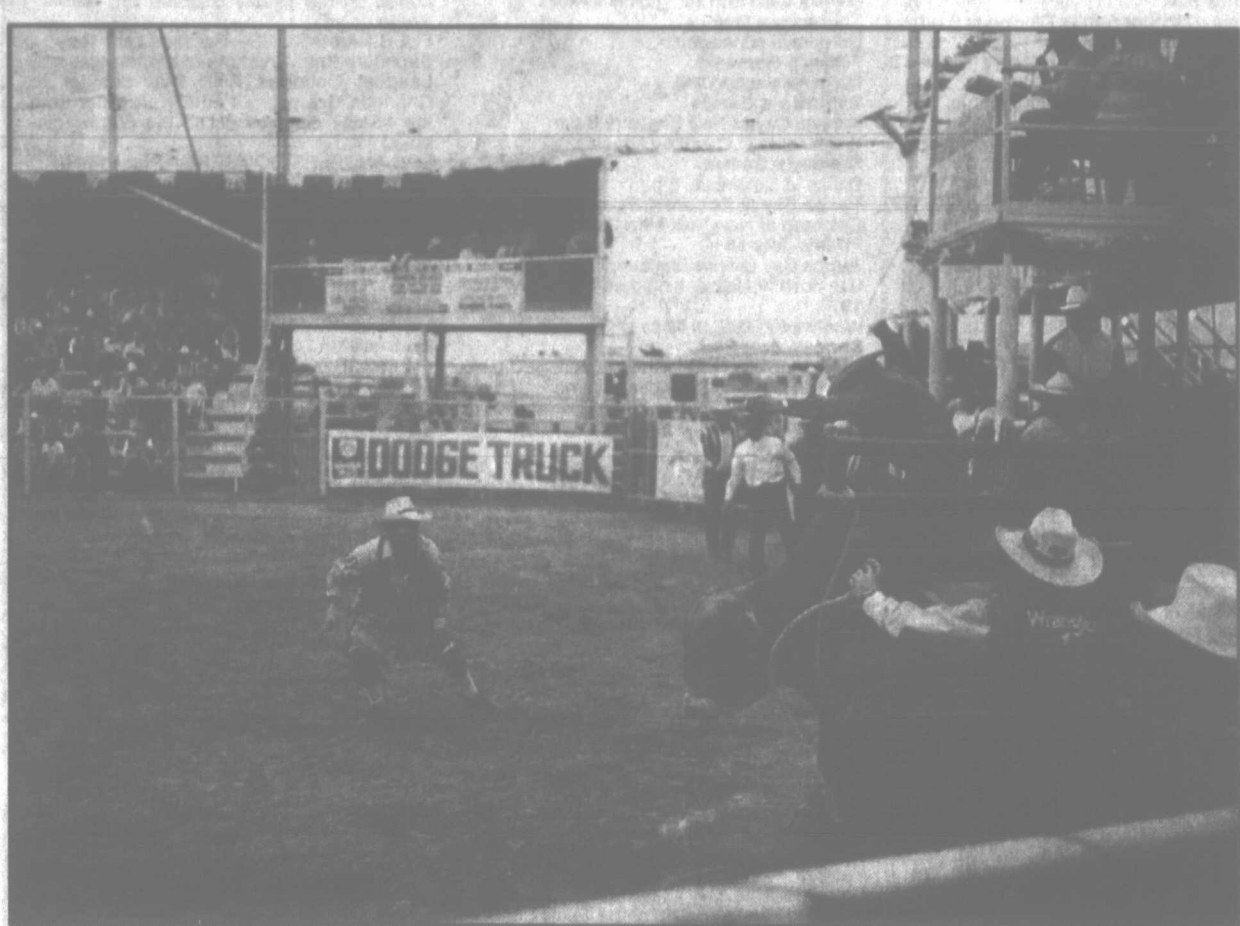
Cora, a switch-hitter whose previous high was six home runs, hit his ninth — a three-run shot that capped a seven-run inning — as the Seattle Mariners continued their mastery over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

The Mariners beat Texas 12-9 for their fifth straight victory over last season's AL West champs.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox might have upset the balance of power in the NL Central race by not pitching Houston's Darryl Kile in the All-Star game.

Kile, the league's hottest starting pitcher before the All-Star break, shut down what had been the league's hottest team, pitching the Houston Astros back into a first-place tie by shutting out the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-0 Thursday night.

Kile made certain the surprising Pirates didn't get off to a fast start in what was billed as Pittsburgh's biggest series since it last won a division in 1992.



(Pampa News photo)

Rodeo clown Gary Martin of Lake Charles, La. tries to coax a bull out of the chute during the Wrangler Bullfight Thursday night.

51st TOT Rodeo opens with close competition in almost every event

PAMPA — Opening night of the 51st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo resulted in some close competition in almost every event. None was as close as the steer wrestling event as three contestants finished in a three-way tie for first. Two Oklahoma cowboys, Mack Ford of Clinton and Glen Clark of Woodward, tied for the top position with Brent Arnold of Coleman, Tex.

Another Oklahoma cowboy, Gary Dean of Hammon, won the calf roping with a time of 11 seconds flat. Randal Graf of Vernon was second at 11.3.

The rodeo continues tonight and Saturday at the Top O' Texas Arena with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The annual rodeo parade is set for Saturday morning at 10. The parade will form at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry categories are Ranch, Organization, Commercial, Classic Cars, Riding Club and Antique Tractor.

Thursday night's rodeo

results are listed below:

Bull Riding: first section (National Bank of Commerce, sponsor)
1. Lonnie Stevenson, New Hebron, Ms., 78 points; 2. Brian Bekker, Voca, Tex., 73; 3. Tony Booth, Saginaw, Tex., 72; 4. Dusty Harris, Amarillo, 72.

Steer wrestling (Northgate Inn, sponsor)
1. (tie) Mack Ford, Clinton, Okla., 4.1; Glen Clark, Woodward, Okla., 4.1; Brent Arnold, Coleman, Tex., 4.1; 4. Dean Phelps, Canute, Okla., 4.2; 5. (tie) Reese Taylor, Perryton, Tex., 4.4; Pecos Shafer, Shallowater, Tex., 4.4; 7. Craig Stein, Perryton, Tex., 6.4; 8. Sam Koenig, Cross Plains, Tex., 14.0; 9. (tie) Steven Simpson, Valley Mills, Tex., 14.5; Rodney Brooks, Hydro, Tex., 14.5.

Barrel racing (First Bank Southwest, sponsor)
1. Jim Richards, Stephenville, Tex., 78; 2. Chris Robles, Whitney, Tex., 75; 3. (tie) Chad Ruddy, Itasca, Tex., 71; Zachary Gayton, Billings, Mont., 71.

Saddle bronc riding (Dorman Tire & Service Co., sponsor)
1. Billy Dimmitt, Burrell, Neb., 71; 2. Jason Fairbanks, White River, S.D., 70.

Double Mugging (Tommy Bowers Ranch, sponsor)
1. Jim Richardson, J.R. Baggett and Grayson Lewis, 19.6; 2. Jim Reeves, Matt Reeves and David Rivera, 21.7; 3. Greg Greenhouse, Lee Lowery and Marty Miller, 25.7; 4. Mike Long, J.R. Baggett and Art Rhine, 27.2; 5. Grayson Lewis, Matt Rhine and Justin Taylor, 30.1; 6. Matt Reeves, Alan Tidwell and Willie Shaw, 35.2; 7. William Gill, Tommy Gregory and Wade Helton, 52.5.

Mutton Busting
1. Kasey Anderson, Amarillo; 2. Nikki Jones, Pampa

Calf Roping

(Larry Baker Plumbing, sponsor)
1. Gary Dean, Hammon, Okla., 11.0; 2. Randal Graf, Vernon, Tex., 11.3; 3. Ross Montgomery, Crowell, 17.1; 4. Chad Hiatt, Canyon, 17.2; 5. Sonny Victor, Idabel, Okla., 17.5; 6. Randy McEntire, Sweetwater, Okla., 20.8; 7. Bruce Gibbs, Olney, Tex., 28.6.

Cowgirl Barrel Race (Bowers Ranch, sponsor)
1. Deb Mohon, Gladewater, Tex., 17.58; 2. Kim Squires, Carnegie, Okla., 17.65; 3. Shanti Hext, Goodwell, Okla., 17.80; 4. Shelly McCloy, Morse, Tex., 18.02; 5. Dionne Sanders, Panhandle, Tex., 18.47; 6. Teal Flice, Larkin, Kan., 22.87; 7. Kimbra Pierce, Miami, 22.89; 8. Karen Unterseher, Norman, Okla., 23.88.

Bull riding: second section (National Bank of Commerce, sponsor)
1. Gilbert Carillo, Stephenville, Tex., 82; 2. (tie) Lonnie Carpenter, Wichita Kan., 80; 3. Rendell Thornton, Stephenville, Tex., 80.

Wrangler Bullfight (Wayne's Western Wear and Bowers Ranch, sponsors)
1. John Brogan, 83; 2. Gary Martin, 80; 3. Frank Newsome, 75.

Celebrity Pickup Race (L O L Cattle Company, sponsor)
Heat One Winner — Sheryl Lester (cowgirl) and Karl Vigil (city slicker).
Heat Two Winner — Hank Douglas (cowboy) and Jammy Nunn (city slicker).
Heat Three Winner — Robert Douglas (cowboy) and Warden Kenneth Reagans (city slicker).
Heat Four Winner — Damon Wildcat (cowboy) and Rep. Warren Chisum (city slicker).
Finals (consisted of winners of each heat)
Hank Douglas (cowboy) and Jammy Nunn (cowgirl).

Wardens Pickup Race
Overall Winner — Kenneth Reagans (warden) and Damon Wildcat (cowgirl).

Welcome to the bigs, Irapu

NEW YORK (AP) — They sold sushi in the stands at Yankee Stadium and sometime Thursday night, George Steinbrenner was probably biting into a piece of the Japanese delicacy to celebrate the successful debut of Hideki Irapu.

Steinbrenner's newest pitcher got off to a rousing start, often seeming unhittable in a 10-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers. He threw 98 pitches, 61 for strikes

good time. It was hard not to be nervous. I just tried to do what I was capable of."

That turned out to be plenty.

He struck out the last two batters in each of the first two innings, getting all four hitters swinging. He struck out the side in the fourth, two on called third strikes, the last one swinging.

As the strikeouts mounted, each one was recorded in sever-

said. "I told Mel to find out the term for 'stay back' and tell him."

Stottlemyre delivered the message and it worked. The rookie escaped the jam and New York turned the game into a rout, scoring three in the fifth and three in the sixth, batting around in both innings.

When Torre came to get Irapu in the seventh inning, first baseman Tino Martinez just shook his head on the mound. "He said it was remarkable what he did with all the hoopla," Torre said. "We knew it would be a carnival atmosphere."

Irapu's debut attracted more than 100 Japanese media. The game was televised live back to Japan, available in 35 million homes and on 35 giant screens in the country's largest cities.

For his part, Irapu was happy to get past the first game in this American adventure.

"It was my first experience facing a crowd like this," he said. "They were all behind me and I had to accommodate their support."

He let catcher Joe Girardi dictate the approach to pitching against the Tigers. "I followed his lead and his calls and I tried not to go overboard," Irapu said.

"You couldn't help but be impressed with his poise and his stuff," Torre said. "He wasn't afraid to throw his splitter anytime and he showed a couple of different fastballs."

Irapu's next start is scheduled for Tuesday. Sushi will be on sale again.

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Irapu dominated Detroit, allowing two runs on five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out nine, eight in the first four innings, and might have pitched longer except manager Joe Torre wanted him to get the recognition he had earned.

"I did that so the fans could show their appreciation," Torre said. "I thought about finding out the Japanese term for 'Wait for me,' so I wouldn't get booed. I just sent him on his way."

Before the game, Torre met with his new pitcher and through an interpreter, Irapu recalled the conversation.

"Joe told me not to overdo it," he said. "Just go out and have a

al spots around the ballpark by fans hanging "K" signs from the stands. One set in left field and another in right field were in Japanese.

It was not as easy as it looked, Irapu said.

"Up on the mound in the first inning, all the ordeals of the last six months went through my mind like a flashback," he said. "Then I thought I am part of a team. I have to do my best for the team."

He did that, handling the Tigers and the scene with great poise. There was only one shaky moment, when he allowed a run and loaded the bases in the fifth inning, walking two batters.

That brought pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre to the mound for a discussion that would be half-Japanese, half-English.

"He was a little wild, jumping out in front of his arm," Torre

Neumann takes the lead in U.S. Women's Open

NORTH PLAINS, Ore. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam had to be dreaming. A triple bogey? Five over par after nine holes? Ten shots off the pace after the first round?

"It was tough," she said, "real tough."

The calm, graceful player who has dominated her sport for two years crumbled Thursday under the intense pressure of trying to become the first golfer to win the U.S. Women's Open three times in a row.

Golf's "other" Swede, Liselotte Neumann fared much better.

She shot a 4-under-par 67 in a bogey-free day to take a one-shot lead into today's second round of the premier event of women's professional golf. Eight golfers, including Nancy Lopez, were within two shots of the lead.

Neumann, the 1988 U.S. Open champion, used precise putting and, over the difficult final four holes, a conservative strategy to forge her one-shot lead.

A disastrous triple-bogey left Sorenstam at 5-over-par 41 through nine holes.

"I was a little confused. I was a little upset. I didn't know what was happening," she said. "As far as I can remember the last three or four years, I haven't been 5-over-par after nine holes. It's like, 'Where am I and what am I doing? Take me away from here.'"

She had one more bogey before finishing at 6-over 77.

"I felt like I was ready. I didn't feel nervous at all. I was just excited about being here," Sorenstam said. "For some reason maybe it was the tension, maybe there was something inside of me that put this together."

For hours after her round, she took putt after putt on the practice green. She is not one to give up.

"I can shoot 5-under on this course," Sorenstam said. "That's what I've got to tell myself, anyway."

Susie Redman used her first ever hole in one to vault into a tie with Kelly Robbins, Deb Richard and Se Ri Pak at 3-under 68.

Hall of Famer Lopez, who never has won a U.S. Open, was tied with Trish Johnson, Muffin Spencer-Devlin and Lorie Kane at 69.

Six shots back, at a respectable 2-over-par 73, was JoAnne Carner, "Big Mama," who won this tournament twice, the last time in 1976, and is the oldest of the 150 competitors at 58. She is the oldest woman to shoot a score that low in the tournament's 52-year history.

Johnson could have been tied for the lead, but she drove her

third shot into a marshy area in front of the 18th green for a double-bogey.

Sorenstam's triple bogey came on the par-4, 388-yard 9th, when her tee shot sailed into a bunker. Using a 9-wood, she hit her second shot far to the right, into deep, clingy knee-high fescue that hid her ball so long she nearly had to give it up for lost before a member of the gallery found it.

She took a swing, and the ball traveled about three inches, then she swung again, finally getting back onto the course. She finished with a 7.

The 14-hour first round was played in intermittent showers before the skies dried out in the final few hours of competition on the 6,365-yard Witch Hollow course. The 5-year-old course, one of two at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, was carved out of groves of trees and weedy wetlands in the rolling hills 25 miles west of Portland.

Neumann, an eight-time winner on the LPGA tour, said she does not mind being overshadowed by Sorenstam's success.

"I'm just trying to play my game. It's fun to be from the same country as Annika when you look at all the success she's had. She's probably the best player in the world today," Neumann said. "In a way, yes it is inspiring, growing up in the same country and the same climate and all that."

Neumann has not finished higher than a tie for seventh this year and was 47th, 20th, 29th and 41st in the last four tournaments, mostly because of poor putting.

But her putter turned hot on Thursday.

She knocked in a 40-foot birdie putt on the par-3 12th and had 12-foot birdies on Nos. 7 and 9.

Her final birdie came on the difficult par-4 14th, when she hit her second shot out of the rough, then sank a 15-footer.

After that, she turned conservative.

"At that point, I was 4-under, I just didn't want to take any risks," Neumann said.

She had a chance to extend her lead on the par-5, 494-yard 18th, but her 8-foot putt slipped off to the right.

Never a winner in 13 years on the LPGA tour, Redman hit a 6-iron straight at the pin on the par-3, 157-yard 15th. The ball bounced once, then rolled into the cup.

"I've never had a hole-in-one, so I didn't know how to react," she said. "I've seen Tiger Woods get all excited, but I guess I'm a little calmer, and I just slapped a high five."

Tasty barbeque



(Pampa News photo)

R.C. Grider, Pampa, finds his barbeque just right Thursday night prior to the opening performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo at Recreation Park. The free barbeque was sponsored by Munday Companies, Albertson's and Danco Oil Tools.

Nation briefs

Ex-mobster Gravano admits to book deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Seeking to discredit the government's star witness, attorneys for Vincent "Chin" Gigante got ex-mobster Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano to admit he has earned \$250,000 and expects more from his best-selling biography.

Under searing cross-examination by one of Gigante's lawyers, Gravano admitted he had received \$250,000 as an advance for "Underboss." Gravano said he was awaiting royalties and a movie deal that could earn him another \$1 million.

"I hope it's a million," he said Thursday.

The issue created a major distraction in Gigante's trial for seven mob-related murders and other crimes, and was to be aired further when Gravano returned to the stand today.

Prosecutors say Gigante, 69, has feigned mental illness for years to conceal his role as boss of the Genovese crime family. His lawyers contend he suffers from dementia, Alzheimer's disease and a critical heart condition.

Gravano backed up the government's case Thursday by describing four mobster meetings in the 1980s where, he said, Gigante was a lucid, take-charge representative of the Genovese family.

City marks two years without juvenile deaths

BOSTON (AP) — Two years ago, 16-year-old Cassius Love was helping a friend settle an argument over a bike when words and fists escalated to bullets. He died from rifle shots that tore through his face, leg and back.

As grim as his death was, its anniversary Thursday was also filled with hope. Cassius was the last juvenile in Boston to die from gunshots or stabbings.

Police Commissioner Paul Evans is reluctant to talk about the statistic. Yes, it's good news for the city. But he realizes a child could die from street violence at any minute.

When President Clinton announced he was going to visit Boston in February to tout the city's crime reduction success, "We all held our collective breath for a week or so before he got here," Evans said. "I hope a year from now we're still holding our collective breath."

No child under the age of 17 had been stabbed or shot to death in Boston since Cassius was killed. In comparison, 1990 was one of Boston's most violent years with 13 children violently killed.

Police said the numbers look more compelling when compared with cities of similar size. Washington, D.C., had 23 juvenile homicides in 1996 and 22 in 1995.

The Boston juvenile statistics also are part of an overall city crime drop, police said. Last year, there were 61 murders in the city — a 30-year low. Only 29 people were killed so far this year, compared with 37 at the same time last year.

Writers' League taking entries for book awards

AUSTIN — The Austin Writers' League is taking entries for the Seventh Annual Violet Crown Book Awards. Three \$1,000 prizes and trophies will be presented for best books in fiction, nonfiction and literary categories published between Sept. 1, 1996, and July 31, 1997.

The awards are cosponsored by the University Co-op Bookstore. They will be presented in Austin Sept. 21.

Authors must be Austin Writers' League members, but may join when the entry is submitted. Entries must be post-marked by July 31 or may be delivered to the Austin Writers' League, 1501 West 5th St., Suite E-2, during office hours, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

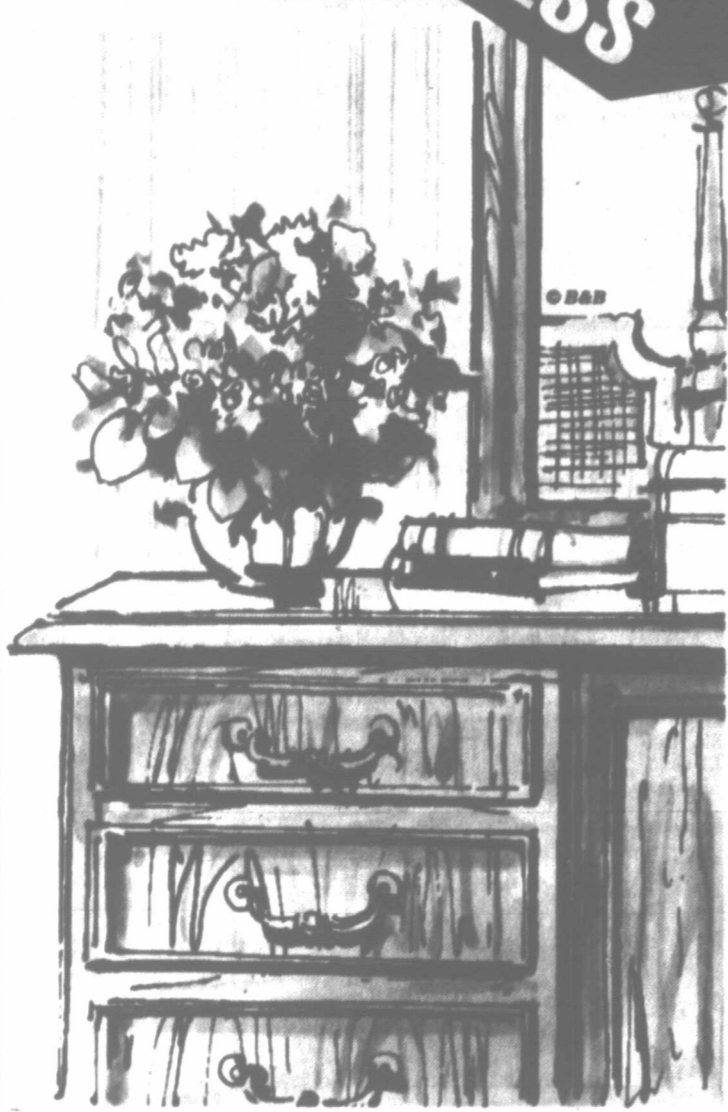
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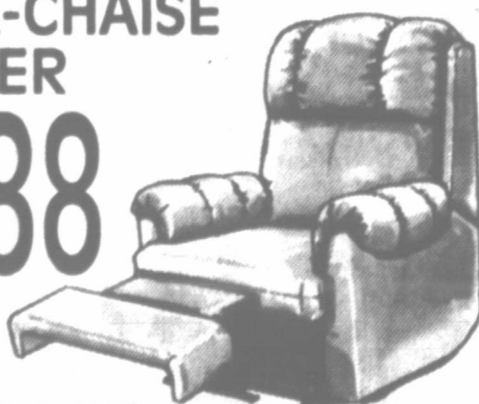


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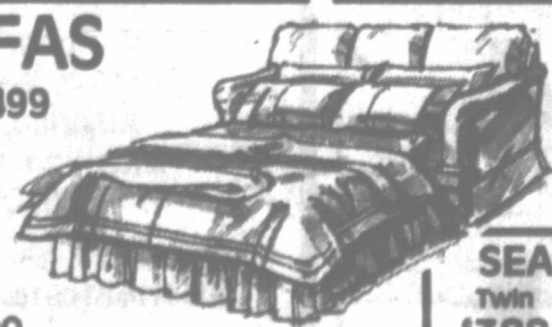
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