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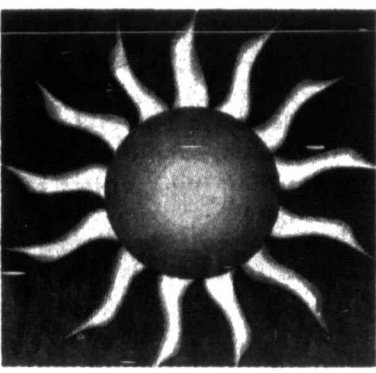
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GALVESTON, (AP) — Another 58 people have been identified as victims of bacteria-tainted oysters from Galveston Bay. Doug McBride, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Health, said the cases confirmed Thursday bring the total since June 1 to 245, including 206 in Texas, 36 in Florida and three in Tennessee.

The number surpasses an outbreak last year involving 208 people in the Pacific Northwest who were sickened by bacteria-tainted oysters. One died.

The Oklahoma Department of Health also said Thursday that four people there are suspected of developing a bacterial infection after eating contaminated raw oysters harvested from Galveston Bay.

In California, the state Department of Health Services has confirmed six cases of the illnesses, including three in San Francisco. Other California reports are under investigation, the agency said.

Fishermen have agreed to stop harvesting from Galveston Bay and recall in-shell oysters taken from seven of the bay's 43 commercial lease sites.

Oysters harvested and shipped for cooking are not included in the recall. Health authorities blame the problem on a bacterium called *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, which is killed by thorough cooking. Symptoms range from diarrhea to nausea and fever.

• Joni D'Ann Andrews, 27, formerly of White Deer.

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Pony show donations needed; Celebrity pickup riders sought

Without donations from the public, youth from Boys Ranch and girls from the family center at Borger won't get to ride in next week's Kid Pony Show.

"We are in desperate need of donations for these youths," said a Top O' Texas Rodeo Association spokesman. "Anything anyone can give will be greatly appreciated."

Donations may be made at the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard.

Also, there is a shortage of entrants for Thursday night's Celebrity Pickup Race at the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Those interested may sign up at the rodeo office as individuals or teams.

Winners will receive some very attractive silver belt buckles.

Supporting their party...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Some of the Gray County representatives who returned from the recent State Convention in San Antonio include Brenda Moody (front left), Christopher Moody, Zetha Dougherty (back left), Jim Osborne, and Pat Lee.

Demos go to convention Osborne new regional chairman

Several area Democrats recently went to the state Democratic Convention in San Antonio. Besides voicing support and discussing strategy for Democratic candidates the party faithful passed several resolutions.

One called for a patient's bill of rights, wanting to guarantee a patient's right to choose their own doctor. Another called for affordable child care, and a third called for increased teachers

pay, smaller classroom sizes and allowing teachers more control over their classrooms.

County chairman Jim Osborne was elected to the Democratic State Agricultural Steering Committee and was elected Regional Director for the County Chair Association.

Others attending included Pat Lee, Zetha Dougherty, Richard Case, Brenda Case, Christopher Moody and Brenda Moody.

Grandview-Hopkins school bond election passes, 21-7

A \$2 million bond election to provide facilities and equipment for the Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District has been approved by a three-to-one margin. Of the 148 registered voters, 21 voted for the bonds and seven cast ballots against the measure.

The election Saturday was called by trustees after the 75th Texas Legislature modified the "Robin Hood" school finance statute to allow sinking and interest payments on bonded indebtedness to be excluded from recapture provisions.

Furthermore, the school districts which insti-

gated the "Robin Hood" method of school financing filed an "Edgewood 5" suing the state and property rich school districts on May 7. The passage of these bonds will allow local money to be invested into the community through school improvement.

The Grandview-Hopkins School Board will consider renovations or the construction of energy efficient classrooms and facilities, update equipment, furnishings, enlarge the library and develop a community center.

The school board will discuss bond use options when it meets in regular session July 14.

Law steers Texans toward right lane

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Linger in the left lane of a highway for any longer than it takes to pass someone could cost you.

A little noticed law passed by the 1997 Legislature makes it a misdemeanor to drive in the left-hand lane on any major thoroughfare in Texas for longer than it takes to pass a slower car and return to the right lane.

Drivers who refuse to budge from the left can be fined up to \$200, Phyllis Chandler, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said Thursday.

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warning, "Left Lane For Passing Only" only now are going up in most parts of the state.

The signs have been up for some time in Amarillo, the

Beaumont area, Brownwood, Laredo and Dallas, Ms. Chandler said. But just this week they were unveiled in San Antonio and in some areas just south of Austin, along the heavily traveled I-35 corridor.

The new law will replace signs reading "Slower Traffic Keep Right."

Texas Department of Public Safety officials said they don't yet have figures on the number of people, if any, who have been reprimanded under the new law.

"I think it's important for people to realize that the signs are going to be another tool to keep traffic moving," Ms. Chandler said.

"Everyone has experienced getting behind someone

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Street sealing gets under way Citizen cooperation sought

This year's sealcoat program just got under way and citizen cooperation is sought as streets will be closed for short periods of time. Businesses and citizens will be notified by door hangers a couple of days before their street is to be worked. All are asked to remove any parked vehicles from curbside.

The streets to be sealed are: Barnard Street from Tignor to Hughes, Hughes Street from Barnard to Frederick, Gillespie Street from Brown to Tuke, Russell Street from Brown to Thut, Huff Rd. from Brown to Wilks, and the intersection of Wilks and Huff.

Lefors from Browning to Francis, Fisher from Lefors to Sloan, Sloan from Browning to Jordan, Louisiana from Duncan to Yeager, Yeager, Starkweather from Short to Louisiana, Georgia from Duncan to Russell, Russell from Georgia to 23rd, Randy Matson from Duncan to Charles, 17th from Duncan to Dogwood, Evergreen from 16th to 18th, 21st from Banks to Duncan and 22nd from Hobart to Zimmers.

Hobart from 21st to 23rd, 30th west of Perryton Parkway, Sumner from Kentucky to Harvester, Wells from Somerville to Kentucky, Somerville from Zimmers to Kingsmill and M.K. Brown parking lot.

Pampa fireworks show set Saturday L. Meredith event called off

The Fourth of July fireworks show at Lake Meredith has been canceled for this year but all is on go for a big show Saturday night at sundown at Recreation Park in Pampa.

This year's show is expected to be better than usual, according to city officials, because of a \$1,500 donation by Operations Management Inc.

OMI, who contracts with the city to provide water and water waste services, donated the money to compliment the \$5,000 fireworks display the city usually provides each year, according to Director of Community Services Bill Hildebrandt.

The Fritch Fireworks Committee announced it has been unable to raise the money to put on the show. They said they will continue to try and raise funds but it will be almost impossible to raise the nearly \$6,000 that's left to pay for the show.

"This is a real disappointment," said Scott Salter, chairman of the committee. "It is harder every year to raise the

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\$9,000 for the fireworks. As hard as we've tried it just isn't going to happen this year."

He said that about 35,000 people view the display each year.

"If each of those folks donated just 25 cents each we would have more than enough money to put on a spectacular fireworks show," he said.

The committee hopes to raise enough money to put on a fireworks show over the Labor Day weekend in September.

Donations may be sent to Fritch Fireworks Committee, Rt1, Box 3-16, Fritch, TX 79036.

Borger newspaper among 28 bought

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — The Donrey Media Group said Thursday it was selling eight dailies in Texas, including the Borger News-Herald, among 28 newspapers in eight states to Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. of Birmingham, Ala.

A purchase price was not disclosed. The sale is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close by Sept. 1.

"I applaud the efforts of the staffs at all of these newspapers and will be sad to leave many of the classic markets we have served over the years," Donrey Media Group president Emmett Jones said.

The other Texas newspapers to be sold are the Athens Daily Review, Cleburne Times-Review, Gainesville Daily Register, Jacksonville Daily Progress, Kilgore News Herald, Sweetwater

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Texas Panhandle weather



Steve Kersch, meteorologist for KVII TV Channel 7 in Amarillo, recently talked with residents and staff at Pampa Nursing Center about severe weather in the Texas Panhandle. (Special photo)

Medicaid must cover Viagra

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite concerns by some states about cost, the federal government says state Medicaid programs must pay for Viagra, the popular but expensive new impotency pill.

Use of the drug will be closely monitored, however, and abuse could land it on a list of drugs states can choose to exclude from coverage by the health insurance program for the poor.

"The law requires that a state's Medicaid program cover Viagra when medical necessity dictates" said Medicaid administrator Nancy-Ann Min DeParle in a letter Thursday to the National Governors' Association.

However, DeParle said that Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala "is greatly concerned about the potential for clinical or financial abuse of Viagra."

State Medicaid programs that include prescription drug coverage are required to pay for any drug prescribed for purposes approved by the FDA. The Health and Human Services Secretary can add to a list of exceptions only when there is evidence a drug is subject to inappropriate use, such as with some diet drugs.

DeParle said pointedly that Medicaid "intends to establish a rigorous system to monitor utilization of Viagra."

She also recommended that states take steps to discourage Viagra abuse, such as limiting the quantity of prescriptions or number of refills, requiring documentation by doctors of impotence diagnoses and disciplining those who promote inappropriate use.

The governors' association calculated that covering the \$10 Viagra pill would add up to more than \$100 million each year, given its immense popularity. In a May letter to Shalala, Govs. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., and Michael O. Leavitt R-Utah, argued coverage should be an option, not a mandate.

Some states, including New York, had been saying no to Viagra pending the federal ruling. Others have been covering it, however.

DeParle said in her letter that about 90 percent of the nation's 37 million Medicaid beneficiaries are women and children, saying, "The number ... that could be diagnosed with erectile dysfunction is very small."

Fires used to flush out accused killers

MONTEZUMA CREEK, Utah (AP) — Fires set in heavy brush along the San Juan River failed to flush out two accused cop-killers authorities hoped were still hiding near this Navajo community.

Police have been seeking Jason McVean, 26, of Durango, Colo., and Alan "Monte" Pilon, 30, of Dove Creek, Colo. since May 29.

They were among three men wanted for the killing of Cortez, Colo., police officer Dale Claxton in a firefight in which two other lawmen were wounded. The men were driving a stolen water truck at the time.

The pair had reportedly been sighted in the area Sunday. Twice in the previous two days, lawmen found footprints, saw flashlights or heard voices in the area.

More than a dozen flares were fired Thursday afternoon and evening into the heavy tamarisk and brush that choke the riverbank. More than 85 heavily armed officers lined the bluffs above the river to cut off escape routes.

By late Thursday the fires had died down without any sign of the fugitives.

San Juan County Sheriff Mike Lacy said more fires might be set today.

Lacy said a search team may have come within 30 yards of the pair before dawn Wednesday.

"What our people heard was giggling. They were playing in the river," Lacy told The Salt Lake Tribune. "They've been out there long enough that they think they are getting away with it."

The fugitives disappeared into the desolate Four Corners back country and reappeared June 4 near Bluff, about 12 miles west of Montezuma Creek, when a San Juan sheriff's deputy was shot and seriously wounded near the river. Police found the body of the third suspect nearby, an apparent suicide.

One of the West's largest manhunts ensued, with more than 500 officers involved.

On Sunday, a 9-year-old girl who reported seeing two men near the river at Montezuma Creek picked out the suspects from a series of photographs. She said the man she identified as Pilon had a limp — which he does.

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U.S. Census offers statistical look at Independence Day

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — "It's a grand old flag," goes the patriotic song, and indeed, millions of Americans will fly the Stars and Stripes on the Fourth of July.

But at least some of those banners will not be born in America. In a statistical look at Independence Day, the Census Bureau has found that imports of American flags totaled \$710,200 in 1997. Most, \$566,700 worth, came from Taiwan.

On the other hand, the bureau's analysis of foreign trade found exports of U.S. flags totaled \$473,200. The Dominican Republic was the biggest customer, spending \$102,400.

On the holiday, there is one other thing Americans like to see overhead — fireworks.

Imports of fireworks totaled \$93 million in 1997, nearly all from China. U.S. exports of fireworks totaled \$6.2 million, with Canada the leading country of destination, buying \$2.5 million worth.

The Revolutionary War to claim the nation's independence was fought against England, as every schoolchild in America learns.

Well, most of them, anyway, judging by a poll of 1,004 adults and 502 children commissioned by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Asked the purpose of the Declaration of Independence, 82 percent of adults and 59 percent of children knew it was to state that the

colonies were free of British rule. Some thought it was to repeal the stamp act and others suggested it was to free Virginia from the other colonies.

The poll found that 81 percent of adults and 68 percent of children knew the "Redcoats" were the British regulars in the Revolutionary War. Others suggested both sides in the Civil War and some chose soldiers in World War I.

Also, 89 percent of adults and 76 percent of children knew there were 13 original states. Six percent of adults and 15 percent of youngsters thought there were 50.

Despite having fought the British in two wars — the Revolution and the War of 1812 — the Census Bureau reports that today, Britain is our fourth leading trading partner.

During the January-February period this year, there was \$11.5 billion worth of trade between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Even the Boston Tea Party did not stop the trade in tea. The United States imported \$5.6 million worth of tea from the United Kingdom last year, making that country the sixth leading source of tea imported by the United States.

The cry, "the British are coming," nowadays applies to tourists rather than Redcoats. During fiscal year 1995, some 2.3 million British tourists visited the United States, more than from any country except Japan.

GM says slow-moving car lines could be axed sooner than planned

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. appears ready to jettison some of its weaker car lines, a move that is being welcomed by industry analysts but is sure to worsen tensions with workers.

Most auto industry watchers agree that GM needs to trim its model roster further to bring its per-vehicle profitability more in line with that of Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and foreign automakers.

"It's not a radical strategy," analyst Scott Merlis of Merlis Automotive International Inc. said Thursday. GM already has pared its lineup from 109 models four years ago to 80 today.

Even so, GM's talk of dropping more models and perhaps closing some aging plants can only add to the No. 1 automaker's tensions with the United Auto Workers, whose strikes at two Flint parts plants have all but halted GM's North American production.

Negotiations at the plants ended Thursday without a settlement and resumed this morning. Vice President Norm McComb of UAW Local 659 said talks at one

of the plants — the Flint Metal Center — had accomplished nothing.

On Wednesday, marketing chief Ronald L. Zarrella told reporters that GM faced a sharp drop in market share if the strike continued through July, and that GM was looking at the strikes' financial effects "on every aspect of the business."

"We may well take this situation as an opportunity to move up some future plans in terms of eliminating overlap in our portfolio," he said. "We have more cars than we need and not enough trucks. One of the outcomes of this may be getting out of those cars faster."

While Zarrella's comments were aimed at UAW leaders as much as Wall Street, analysts said GM appears serious about killing off slow-selling lines.

"I don't think this is bluster," analyst Joseph Phillippi of Lehman Brothers said. "There's been plenty of talk inside the organization about how many entrants they need to serve all those market segments."

"When you stack them up

against Ford or against Honda or against Toyota and look at the number of offerings they have relative to their overall volume, it's clear they don't need all those models."

Two models most likely to go first are the Pontiac Firebird and Chevrolet Camaro made at the St. Therese plant in Quebec. The two so-called "pony cars" date back to 1967, when GM was forced to respond to the staggering popu-

larity of Ford's Mustang. There has been speculation that GM may keep either the Camaro or Firebird rather than give up the entire segment to Ford.

Camaro-Firebird sales have declined sharply since the 1980s. The Camaro has always sold better than the Firebird, but its sales also have fallen the most. Last year, GM sold 55,973 Camaros, down 52 percent from 1994.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Houston Chronicle on bill reforming IRS: You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone, at least anyone outside of Washington, D.C., who disagrees with House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer's assessment of a measure that restructures the Internal Revenue Service.

"What we do here today," he said this past week, "is very much in the spirit of July Fourth. Today we enhance the power of the individual and reduce the power of an abusive arm of the government. ... This bill strikes the right balance between granting taxpayers the freedom to pay their taxes without abuse, while providing the tools necessary to fund the government."

Indeed, there is much to appreciate in the bill, which shifts the burden of proof of taxpayers by giving them more than 70 new "rights" in dealing with the IRS. It also creates an independent board to oversee the tax collecting agency.

Archer, R-Houston, deserves particular credit for inserting into the legislation a provision that makes the seizure of taxpayers' homes by the IRS without a court order more difficult. People will not be driven from their homes without judicial review, he says.

And an "innocent spouse" provision would allow people who were divorced or separated, usually women, to owe taxes only on their portion of the joint income — to prevent the IRS from going after them for what their spouses owed.

Like almost anything dealing with taxes and the Congress, however, nothing is as simple as it first appears.

For example, a controversial provision that, in effect, reduces capital gains taxes has also been inserted. And Archer was particularly adamant in preventing a "technical correction" to previous tax reform legislation that, left uncorrected, provides a special inheritance tax break to fewer than 300 of the nation's wealthiest families with estates valued at more than \$20 million.

The full extent of what other items were tacked on and slipped into the bill to ensure its passage remains to be seen.

Nevertheless, the legislation is expected to pass easily in the Senate and be signed into law by President Clinton.

Not as praiseworthy is an earlier vote in the U.S. House to scrap the whole U.S. Tax Code, without saying what would replace it. At best, it's another case of political grandstanding to curry election-year favor.

At worst, the measure relies on future Congresses to come up with a new taxing system and would create foolish uncertainty about the nation's finances and make effective business and retirement planning and the like nearly impossible. And since it was the very same Congress that has contributed to the tradition of making the tax code ever more complicated and politicized, the measure is the height of hypocrisy.

The Senate is expected to say no to this silly exercise, and House members can still claim they attacked the tax menace.

But in evaluating these two forays into the tax system, score one mostly for the taxpayers and one only for the Congress.

The Dallas Morning News on Henry Lee Lucas:

If Henry Lee Lucas didn't kill "Orange Socks," who did? Who killed Linda Phillips, Dianna Lynn Bryant, Lillie Pearl Darty, and the other women whose murders he pleaded guilty to? Who killed the dozens of women he at one point said he'd slain?

Law enforcement agencies have been able to avoid these questions for years. Mr. Lucas' prodigious confessions allowed them to clear dozens of pending murders. Now that Texas Gov. George Bush has commuted Mr. Lucas' death sentence to life in prison, all the old embarrassments resurface.

That's exactly as it should be. There is strong evidence that Henry Lee Lucas was in Florida in 1979, when an unidentified woman wearing orange socks was murdered in Texas. That evidence, in the form of employment records, has been available for a decade. Yet there's little indication the execution would have stayed if Gov. George Bush hadn't expressed doubts about Mr. Lucas' guilt.

State courts, the attorney general's office and the Board of Pardons and Paroles could have acted before now. The 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals declined to interfere because some of the evidence suggesting his innocence had been presented at trial, so he couldn't claim an unfair trial. It didn't matter that he probably didn't commit the crime; he'd had a fair trial. Mr. Lucas, who said he liked humiliating police officials, managed to reveal the cruel absurdities of the entire criminal court system.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles recommended commuting Mr. Lucas' death sentence. Board Chairman Victor Rodriguez told reporters that board members believe Mr. Lucas is guilty, but that a lesser penalty would suffice. Gov. Bush still doubts his guilt.

That's a surreal ending to this twisted saga. But the sad fact remains that we still don't know who killed Orange Socks.

Press corps poison pen

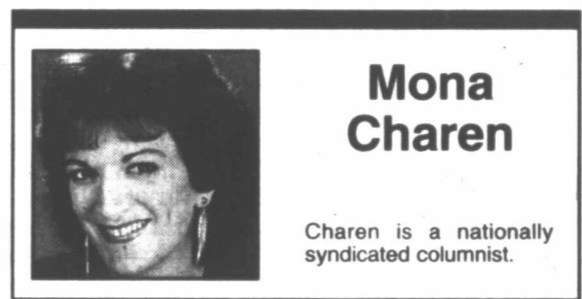
During the Gulf War, members of the press complained to the Pentagon that they were kept too much in the dark about military plans and operations. They cited World War II for contrast, when, it was claimed, members of the press often accompanied American units even into dangerous situations. "That was different," explained one U.S. commander. "You were on our side then."

Is that too harsh an assessment?

Not really. Mike Wallace once said he would not inform an American military unit about an enemy ambush — a tactic his profession has polished to a high art. He is journalist first, American second, apparently. The Gulf War crimped journalism's anti-military style for a time because against its wishes and its coverage, the American people supported the war and made heroes of its generals. (If the war had gone on for months or years, or featured heavy casualties, opinion might have shifted, but that's another matter.)

So poor Peter Arnett, unable to persuade the world that Americans were purposely bombing Iraqi women and children and wantonly destroying baby-formula factories, has gone back to Vietnam hoping for the big payoff. In a brassily hyped joint CNN/Time magazine project called "Valley of Death," Arnett and reporter April Oliver have put their names and reputations (as have their employers CNN and Time) behind an obvious skein of lies about a 1970 American operation in Laos that involved the use of deadly Sarin nerve gas.

According to CNN and Time, American special-operations forces were sent into the jungle to seek out American defectors and kill them. To effect their mission, they were assigned gas masks



and Sarin gas, which they used against North Vietnamese forces.

If any of this were true, it would be fair and right for these respected news organizations to track down the story. But as Eric Felten in The Weekly Standard and Chip Beck in Soldier of Fortune, among others, have abundantly demonstrated, it is false, and what's more, the reporters almost certainly knew it to be false.

Who are the sources? CNN and Time rely most heavily on one Robert Van Buskirk, a lieutenant who led one of three platoons on the Tailwind mission. In 1983, Van Buskirk wrote a book about his experiences in Laos, but the account in the book differs dramatically from the one CNN/Time presented. In the book, Tailwind was merely a diversionary mission to distract attention from a CIA-planned mission about 30 miles away, and the gas deployed was tear gas, not Sarin nerve gas. In fact, it was not until he was interviewed by Arnett and Oliver that Van Buskirk suddenly retrieved his "suppressed memories" of nerve gas and American defectors. The book was never mentioned in the CNN broadcast.

The highest-ranking military officer supposed-

ly to offer confirmation of the nerve gas story was retired Adm. Thomas Moorer. Arnett claims that Moorer confirmed the use of nerve gas in Thailand "off camera." But Moorer later denied this. Besides, as Eric Felten reported, Moorer is 87-years-old, lives in a nursing home and gets confused.

Eugene McCarley, the Army captain who led Operation Tailwind, told The Weekly Standard that he denied the use of Sarin a thousand times in interviews with Oliver. CNN never broadcast McCarley's denials, only a segment of tape in which McCarley said that poison gas "might have been available." How dishonest can you get?

How about ignoring the fact that Sarin doesn't even cause the symptoms described by Van Buskin? He described enemy soldiers vomiting and choking, yet recovering quickly enough to shoot holes in his departing helicopter. Those are symptoms of tear-gas inhalation, not Sarin exposure. A scientist who explained all this to Oliver also talked to The Weekly Standard. He said he had explained that these symptoms were inconsistent with Sarin exposure and that Oliver had gotten angry at him.

Now that Air Force Maj. Gen. Perry Smith has resigned as military adviser to CNN, and Adm. Moorer, Capt. McCarley and the pilot who supposedly delivered the gas have all vehemently denied CNN/Time's account, Arnett and Oliver are claiming that their true source is a secret document they will not reveal.

If a conservative magazine had published such scurrilous lies, the scandal would be scarcely containable. It should work the same way with CNN/Time.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Friday, July 3, the 184th day of 1998. There are 181 days left in the year.
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 In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.
 In 1930, Congress created the U.S. Veterans Administration.

Schools: Hug-free zones

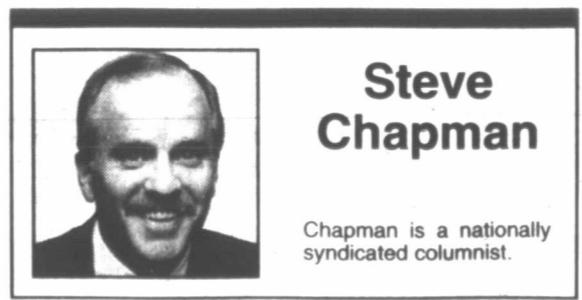
Leo Buscaglia, who was to hugs what Martha Stewart is to domesticity, died at 74 a couple of weeks ago, and the obituaries said the cause of death was a heart attack. My guess is that his coronary collapse was the fault of The Wall Street Journal — not for any bad news it may have printed about his investments but for reporting that the nation's public schools are rapidly becoming hug-free zones.

Teachers, administrators and unions are afraid of lawsuits, investigations by the Department of Education and even criminal prosecutions over the alleged sexual abuse of children. So they have adopted policies that discourage physical contact between educators and their young charges.

The Journal notes that the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Education Association, the biggest teachers union, has guidelines advising members to never do more than "briefly touch" a child on the arm or shoulder. The New Jersey chapter says its policy is "basically, don't hug children."

Tennessee members of the NEA are instructed to "disengage" from any hugs initiated by students. Michigan has a state law barring teachers from touching any student for any reason, except to protect themselves or break up a fight. It's probably only a matter of time before classrooms are required to have Plexiglas partitions, like those you find in taxicabs and self-service gas stations, to seal pupils off from any suspicious physical interaction with their elders.

The other day, the Supreme Court had to resolve a Texas lawsuit that originated when a police officer discovered a male high school teacher in flagrante delicto with an eighth-



grade girl. But this is hardly an epidemic social problem; the occasions when teachers have illicit relations with children are blessedly rare. So there is something wrong when the first concern of educators is not giving youngsters what they need but avoiding trouble with the law.

To essentially forbid touching and hugging in an attempt to prevent child abuse (or allegations of child abuse) is about as sensible as banning exercise to prevent injuries. It exaggerates the risk to ridiculous proportions. It may reduce a particular problem, but only at the price of creating a far bigger one.

Young kids often need a pat on the head, a squeeze of the shoulder or even a hug to console or encourage them. What is a teacher supposed to do when a seven-year-old takes a spill off the jungle gym? Stand 10 feet away expressing sincere sympathy while the child cries?

Of course, children can grow to adulthood without comforting physical contact, just as flowers can survive without being watered and fertilized. But in both cases, the effect will be to produce stunted specimens. Pupils who are perpetually treated as if they were carrying a deadly, contagious disease are not likely to develop healthy bonds of affection and trust

with teachers. Instead, they will learn that suspicion and distance are the cornerstones of all dealings with other people.

Says Jay Belsky, a professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University: "The relationship a young kid forms with a teacher is as important as the intellectual stuff. You can't generate that with rules that say never touch a kid." If we are going to have such rules, he says, we might as well replace teachers with robots.

Buscaglia himself, who came to the United States from Italy at the age of five, illustrates the point. Because of his poor English, he was mistakenly assigned to a class for the mentally retarded — but he loved it because the teacher was so warm and nurturing, qualities he badly missed once he was transferred to regular classes.

Educators and union officials are not the real culprits in this, though they may be guilty of overreacting. The real fault lies with a legal system that exposes people to possible criminal and civil liability for behaving like normal human beings. Teachers who are hostile, cold or indifferent don't have to fear being indicted or sued. It's the ones who feel and express love and affection who are asking for trouble. And winning in court is small comfort for a teacher who is humiliated and bankrupted in the process.

How to restore common sense to relations between educators and students is an open question but one that demands an answer. The way things are moving, we are in danger of turning our elementary school classrooms into sterile settings where nothing bad ever happens, but only because nothing good ever happens.

Texas Department of Public Safety warns travelers beware of dangers during holiday

Independence Day is one of the most celebrated holidays in the United States. Trooper L.-B. Snider, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, states this should be a time to remember and celebrate, but for too many it will be a time of senseless tragedy because of driving errors. "Motor vehicle accidents have claimed more lives than all our military conflicts combined," says Snider, and continues "military people have sacrificed their lives to gain and preserve safeguards for the freedoms of our nation, which earns them honor." Snider asks, "Where does one find honor with dying in a traffic accident?"

"Four factors contribute to many of these deadly accidents," says Snider. The deadly four are: fatigue, alcohol, speed and tempers/attitudes. Fatigue entombs those who try to travel too far without adequate rest. Alcohol and other drugs often cause drivers to believe they have greater driving abilities, when, in fact, they slow the driver's reactions and cripple needed driving skills. Speed can be considered as the urge to drive faster than we can afford to crash. "Any one of these factors is dangerous," states Snider, "Yet when we combine them it magnifies the likelihood of a deadly collision." Trooper Snider reassures, "There is no honor in these deaths and they are needless."

Trooper Snider reminds motorists that all available D.P.S. troopers along with officers from local agencies will be on duty this holiday looking for drivers affected by fatigue, alcohol, speed and tempers, as well as other dangerous factors. These troopers and officers will also be on the lookout for stranded motorists. Snider says that even with the increased coverage there are not enough officers to be on each stretch of road, however, motorists with mobile/cellular phones who come upon errant drivers or stranded motorists may call toll free #1-800-525-5555. When calling this toll free number, motorists are asked to give reasonable location information such as road number/name, approximate distance from a nearby town and what type of assistance is needed. However, if the call is urgent, motorists may opt to dial #911.

Trooper Snider again asks motorists to steer clear of the deadly factors and use their best driving attitudes and skills to cut down the needless deaths on our roads this Independence Day.

Boating accidents frequent on 4th of July weekend

It's a deadly proposition — literally thousands of Texans hitting the water at the same time to celebrate Fourth of July weekend.

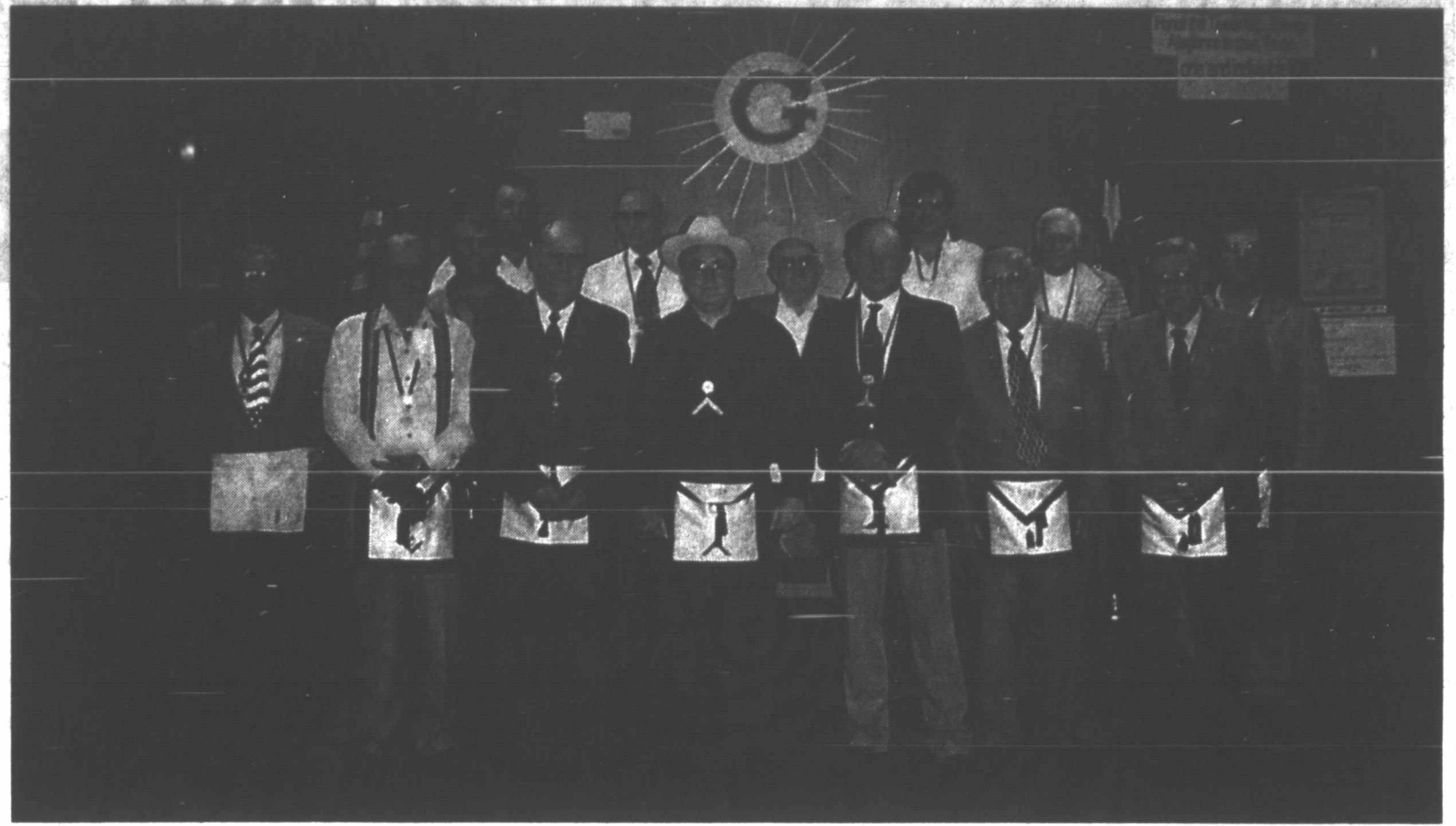
Each year, more than 800 people across the country lose their lives due to boating accidents. And with more than 5,700 natural lakes and nearly 7,000 miles of inland water, Texas accounts for a large number of those deaths.

Surprisingly, many of the 8,000 boating accidents that occur in the U.S. each year could be prevented. More than 80 percent of them involve operator-controlled factors, such as choosing not to wear a life jacket, boating under the influence of drugs, operator negligence or speeding. The National Safety Council reports that almost 90 percent of all boating accidents involve an operator with no boating instruction.

To help prevent boating accidents this holiday weekend, Allstate recommends boaters:

- Buy and use your own personal life jacket. One size does not fit all.
- Never use water toys in place of Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Dispose of life jackets if buckles or zippers fail to function.
- Be prepared with safety equipment: VHF radios, sound devices, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, flashlights, etc.
- File a float plan before leaving on your trip, complete with a description of your vessel, registration number, names of people on board and return date. Give the plan to a friend or relative who can call for help if you don't return as scheduled.

Masonic Lodge #1381



(Special photo)

Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 A.F.&A.M. in Pampa recently installed the following officers: Russell D. Hughes, worshipful master; D. Mike Guess, senior warden; Billy Ray Free, junior warden; E.M. "Bob" Keller, treasurer; Wyeth J. Osborne, secretary; A.W. Calvert, chaplin; Durward J. Williams, senior deacon; James "Buddy" Allen, junior deacon; W. Ralph Milliron, senior steward; M.A. Snapp, junior steward; Jim W. Jennings, marshal; Harold Reid, master of ceremonies; Don Summers, tiler; Allen E. Snapp, musician; and Jackie A. Hendricks, lodge counselor.

U.S. probes general's son in export deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal investigation into satellite exports to China is focusing on whether Hughes Electronics Corp. withheld information about the work being done by a computer scientist whose father is a Chinese general.

The Customs Service investigation was described to The Associated Press on Thursday by a senior defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity. As a result of the Customs probe, the State Department is re-examining one of Hughes' China projects.

At issue in the investigation is the role played by Shen Jun, a satellite project manager and computer scientist with Hughes Space and Communications Co., a subsidiary of Hughes Electronics.

Hughes, a division of General Motors Corp., is a leading maker of commercial satellites. Shen is the son of Lt. Gen. Shen Rongjun, a former senior official in the Chinese government organization that oversees high-tech military development programs.

Because Shen, 30, is a foreigner — he was born in China and now is a Canadian citizen — Hughes had to get a special license for him to work on satellite projects, some of which involve sensitive technology with military applications. Hughes got that license from the State Department in 1996.

Based on a tip earlier this year to the Pentagon, Customs has begun an investigation into Shen's role on a major communications satellite project involving China, and whether Hughes was fully forthcoming about that role.

Hughes said it was cooperating with the government and that Shen continued to work for the company. Hughes maintained it violated no laws in connection with the China satellite issue.

Shen has not retained an attorney, a Hughes official said, and was not made available for comment.

The senior defense official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, outlined three issues in the Customs investigation into Shen and Hughes, first disclosed last month by the AP.

—The younger Shen began working for Hughes in 1994, two years before Hughes got the State Department license that permitted him to work as a language interpreter in non-sensitive areas of the satellite program. Investigators want to know why Hughes waited two years to get the license and what Shen was doing in the interim.

—State Department spokesman James Rubin said State was unaware of the father-son relationship between Shen and the People's Liberation Army general at the time of the license application. Hughes officials said they knew of the relationship. Government investigators want to know why Hughes withheld that information.

Rubin said the main issue of concern to the State Department was whether Shen went beyond what the license allowed him to do in working on the satellite project.

—While the license allowed Shen to serve as an interpreter, the Pentagon received information indicating that Shen was, in fact, a project manager who trained companies that buy Hughes satellites on how to use the software that controls the space platforms. Investigators want to know whether Hughes deliberately withheld information about Shen's activities from the government.

Let's Talk Real Estate

by Jim Davidson
REALTOR

CHOOSING AN AGENT
According to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors, nearly one seller in five (and an even greater percentage of buyers) chooses a friend or relative for a real estate agent. Foremost among other factors that should enter into the selection of an agent is experience and familiarity with the neighborhoods, schools, roads, local government, shopping, and local amenities of the area in which the buyer is interested. Agents who specialize in certain areas and who have done their homework on the asking and selling prices of homes comparable to their clients, also stand the best chance of setting a realistic asking price. In this case, it is what you know as much as who you know.

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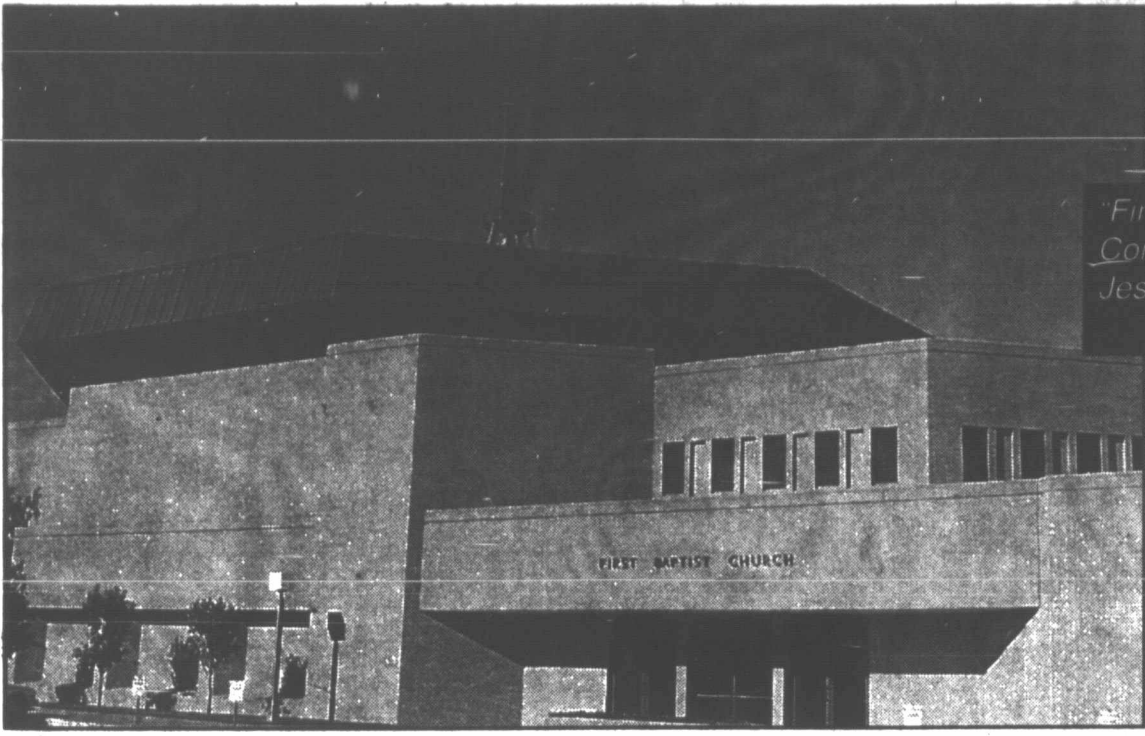
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Minister's musings...

Text: Genesis 45:1-19 "...take your wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones..."

The story of Joseph is one of the most beautiful in history. And it's one in which we see a beautiful type of Jesus Christ. Joseph was a young man who had been sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. They had earlier staged his death so that their father, Jacob, would not want any other accounting of his life. Little did they anticipate what the future would hold for Joseph. His actions and those of Pharaoh would typify the grace of God to us.

Although Joseph's brothers meant evil in their actions, Joseph could not be kept down. God had placed a hedge of protection around him, because He had chosen Joseph for a special purpose. Even while certain ones in Egypt tried to lie on him and ensnare him, God intervened and gave Joseph friends in his prison cell. The conclusion is that he was brought up out of prison to interpret dreams for Pharaoh.

Pharaoh was so impressed with this young man that he made him ruler over all Egypt, next to Pharaoh himself. Joseph having been warned by God of great famine that would come on the land, laid up in store great sums of food. By his leadership, Egypt was saved from the famine. As we'll see, he was in that place of rulership for a purpose.

We find Joseph in a place of leadership, and his brothers had no idea what had become of him. Eventually Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to try and obtain some food lest they die of starvation. This is where we find that Joseph finally revealed to them that he was their brother. It was a tearful reunion, as they wept and kissed one another.

Eventually, word of this wonderful reunion reached Pharaoh; he was told the whole story of how Joseph had come to be in Egypt. After hearing all this, Pharaoh commanded that wagons would be loaded. In these wagons would be everything that



By Rev. Terry Jackson
Faith Tabernacle

Joseph's family needed to survive. Now, here is the wonderful aspect of all of this. That picture, of several wagons, loaded with all this family needed, represents the grace of God. Each of us, as the benefactor of God, receives an abundance of grace from the Lord.

Those wagons did not have anything to do with Jacob, with his money, or with his skills. They were sent to Jacob merely out of Pharaoh's desire to save this family from starvation. They were wagons of grace.

The food that was delivered to Canaan was not provided by Jacob. He could not provide anything for himself. He was starving as much as his family. It was provided by God through Pharaoh.

When you finally come to the place in your life that you realize that sin and the world and ungodliness cannot help you, and you finally see your utter helplessness, then down the road come the wagons of God's grace. Here comes a wagon of mercy, a wagon of salvation, a wagon of understanding. It's not dependent on our abilities; it's only dependent on his desire to provide grace and to take out of this world a people called by His Spirit.

Maybe you've been in that place where you didn't know how you were going to make it. Jacob was there. He did not know how his family would survive. Thus, he sent his sons on a desperation trip. He had to make one last-ditch effort at survival. But what was it that made the difference? There

was no great amount of money to buy food, nothing with which to make a trade. Many of us today have been there. You were tired, you didn't think there were any more answers. The family was crying, and you were at your wits end. But while you were feeling so desperate, God had deliverance headed your way. His grace took up the slack where you could not help yourself.

When the wagons reached Jacob's house, the Bible says the boys told their father, "Joseph is alive." Jacob at first did not believe them. When his sons told the entire story, he still could not comprehend it. That's a point we need to understand about the grace of God. Sometimes it's hard for us to believe that Jesus is alive and well and has provided for us. He has already made a way for you. It's too wonderful and great for us to understand it. I don't know how it works, but God's grace works; it can change your life. Jacob's sons told him to look out the window, and Jacob then saw the wagons.

There is one more thing we need to understand about the wagons of God's grace. After some time lapsed, the family remembered that not only had Pharaoh sent wagons, but he had sent an invitation. He invited them to come live in the land of plenty.

What does this mean for us? Not only has God provided for our lives here on earth, but he has given us an invitation. It goes like this: if you repent of your sins, are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and you're sealed by the power of the Holy Ghost, then he will come to take us to the place that he has prepared for us (Acts 2:38).

Eventually Jacob's family went to Egypt, and they did so on those same wagons that had brought them provisions earlier. We are not redeemed by our good works. We are redeemed because God sent wagons of grace. And the good news is that the same wagons that give us grace in our lives today are the wagons that will take us home.

Religion briefs...

VBS July 6-9 at New Life Assembly

There'll be some familiar friends in the form of puppets Babby, Captian and Whosoever at Vacation Bible School at New Life Assembly of God, 1435 N. Sumner, July 6-9.

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Ted Dickman, the president of Aid Association for Lutherans Branch #4049 of Zion Lutheran Church presents a check for \$800 to seminary student Eric Malmstrom to assist in paying for his theological education. An identical amount was also given to another seminary student, George Shaffer. It takes the men three years of seminary classes plus one year of vicarage to qualify for ordination as a pastor of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The money for this project and others, was raised through Zion's annual "Big Z" barbecue.

Crisis Care takes a look at depression

Depression is something we all face in one form or another. Christians are not exempt from depression because it is a normal human reaction. One young lawyer from the midwest suffered from depression. He said, "I am now the most miserable man living. Whether I shall ever be better, I cannot tell. I awfully forebode that I shall not." But he did get better and prospered. His name was

Abraham Lincoln.

Part of any crisis will be a time of depression. We all face crises and will all face times of depression. Depression is not a sin, yet it can render a person incapable of handling even simple tasks. It may come quickly or slowly, but still impacts a persons life in a great way. Those in depression need to be helped in understanding that they can make it through this time in their lives.

Again this Sunday evening, July 5, at 5 p.m., we at Highland Baptist Church, invite you to be a part of Crisis Care as we look at this subject of depression. We will be looking at some of the characteristics of depression and how we might deal with those who are passing through a time of depression. Come join us as we continue to find hope for the hurting.

At 91, church organist plays on; not quitting

DICKSON, W.Va. (AP) — Addie McGinnis was barely 13 when she began playing the church organ. Now, 78 years later, Addie McGinnis Earp is still playing and has no plans to retire.

"It's hard now to find organists," she says. "You have to be here all the time, and not too many want to be that involved."

Her pastor, the Rev. Roby Farley, couldn't agree more. "She's there all the time," he says. "I don't know what the church would do without her."

The Florence Memorial United Methodist Church had to manage without her when she went to Israel to be baptized in the Jordan River. Her son, the Rev. Marcus A. Earp III, performed the rite in 1979. He is pastor at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Hagerstown, Md.

Besides playing the organ, Mrs. McGinnis worked as a secretary for 30 years, raised two children by herself and made two other trips to Israel.

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Woman's Head and Heart Battle Over 'Wonderful Man'

DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged to a wonderful man for more than two years, and cannot seem to set a wedding date. He loves me and my 9-year-old daughter. He does all of the laundry, the dishes and the cleaning, and he accepts my daughter as his own. He works two jobs so we don't go without anything.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Sounds perfect, right? The problem is, I don't think I love him. I say that I do, but I don't feel it in my heart. He is all a woman could ask for in a husband, but is that enough to replace love? Or have I read too many romance novels?

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Hurting in Whittier," I had to write. Your response was excellent, but I would like to tell "Hurting" about my mother.

He wants to get married as soon as possible. I am 29, have never been married, and I feel my daughter needs a father. I am also afraid I won't find a man who will ever love me as much as he does.

Mother became a widow at 63. She, too, had deep wrinkles on her face, but no one noticed because she always had a smile and was interested in other people.

Can I find a man whom I love, who accepts my daughter as his own — or should I marry a man I don't love, but who would be a wonderful husband and father?

Mother's life was not without men. After Dad died, she joined a singles group for older people. There, at age 68, she met a wonderful man. He became my stepfather. When he passed away some years later, she grieved for him for a while, but then decided she wasn't going to stay at home and mope, so she rejoined the singles group and met another nice man with whom she kept company for many years. Then he died. Mom used to joke that it was dangerous to date her because she outlived all the men she had gone with.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

DEAR FOR BETTER: If you marry this man, knowing in your heart that you do not love him, you will be doing yourself and him a great disservice. Marriage is supposed to last forever. And forever is a long time to live with yourself, feeling that you sold out because you were afraid you wouldn't find a man you can love. Let him go.

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ity was not her looks. It was her warm and caring personality. She always made everyone feel she was glad to see them. That was her "secret." All her grandchildren (she had 11) adored her and visited her often. My 20-year-old son took her to Disneyland when she was in her 70s. Like all the grandchildren, he loved being with her.

"Hurting in Whittier" should forget about how she looks and focus on making other people comfortable. She should be glad to see them, offer them a ride, join a club, volunteer for a cause that interests her. She should get out and enjoy life. She may be surprised at the changes that will occur when she changes her point of view.

STILL MISSING MOM
 DEAR STILL MISSING MOM: Your mother exemplified the adage, "It's what's inside that counts." How special she must have been.

I've always believed that there are two kinds of people in the world: those who say, "There you are!" and those who say, "Here I am!" Your mother was definitely one of the "there you are" people. That's the kind everyone is delighted to see.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1998
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You have a solid point of view. Instinctively, you understand a partner and his problems. Intuition serves you well when dealing with loved ones. Voice your concern. Your friendship means a lot to someone. Ignore gossip about a family member. Tonight: Off to the movies.

Do what you love. Share a favorite pastime or hobby with a friend or child. Togetherness comes through nurturing. A partner shares his hopes for the future; be receptive. Tonight: Let go of any tension.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Stay on top of relationships. You find a discussion extremely rewarding. Someone truly supports you and will do all he can to help you. Having clear lines drawn will help you in the future. Take time with family. Stay close to home until late afternoon. Tonight: Playtime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Start up talks. You aren't shy, yet sometimes you have difficulty steering the conversation to what you need to know. Perhaps a more direct approach would be wise. Join friends, and remain spontaneous. Plan to get together with family at home. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Curb a tendency to be possessive. In some way, you feel that showing your caring in this manner is nurturing. Be more direct about your feelings. Take time for a group get-together or ballgame. Enjoy drinks and dinner with friends. Tonight: Catch up on news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Let others know what makes you happy. Play a game of softball. Love intensifies between you and someone. Let the good feelings flow. Go near water, to relax. Family is key in your planning. A special adventure together will be memorable. Tonight: Slow the pace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Maintain a low profile. Sharing quiet time with a loved one is right up your alley. You also might need some downtime for yourself. Sometimes you can get strung out, with too much to do. Someone presents a great invitation to be with a favorite person. Tonight: Let it happen naturally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Follow a friend's lead. Laughter surrounds you. Be open to someone's suggestion. Aim for what you want; stay in touch with your feelings. Good news knocks on your door. Extend yourself, be spontaneous and take a risk. Later, you slow down. Tonight: Add extra mystery, by vanishing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Others look to you for feedback and advice. Take time to finish a work-related project. What distinguishes you from others is your willingness to put in that extra effort. Let your imagination roll, and share strong feelings with a friend. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Try something totally new. Evaluate an offer, but with due cynicism. Get past restrictive thinking — yours, someone else's or both. Your optimism and positive ways draw others. Take some time for a parent or relative whom you put on a pedestal. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Katherine Helmond (1934), singer Huey Lewis (1951), musician Robbie Robertson (1944)

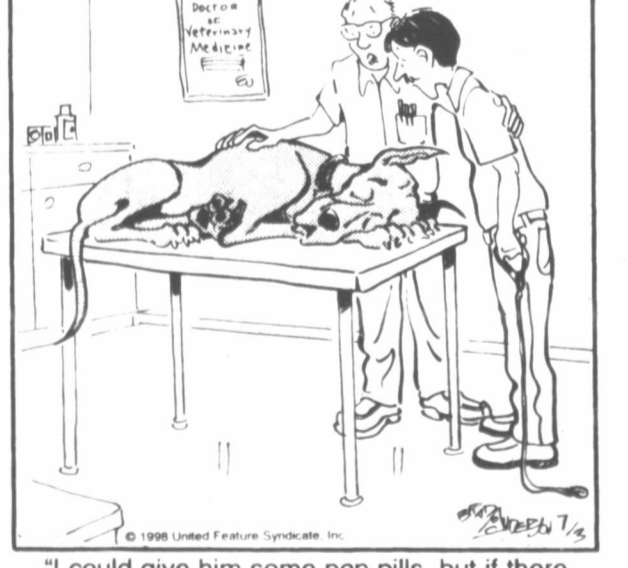
Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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 6. Insignificant
 11. Insertion indicator
 12. Cherish
 13. Court event
 14. Admit
 15. Invite
 16. Sheepish
 18. Dog doc
 19. Bottom-line figure
 20. Office-holders
 21. Grotto sound
 23. Singed
 25. Terminus
 27. Excavated
 28. States
 30. Engrave
 33 — Lanka
 34 "You said it!"
 36. Toreador's encouragement
 37. Swindled
 39. Topper
 40. Tolerate
 41. By the way
 43. Magician's props
 44. First name in TV talk
 45. Wise ones
 46. Suits
- DOWN**
 1. Music range
 2. A bit more than three light-years
 3. Tim Robbins film
 4. Actor Stephen
 5. Travel aid
 6 "The Fixer" author
 7. March time
 8. Tim Robbins film
 9. The East
 10. Tears
 17. Mac
 22. Count start
 24. Feel sorry about
 26. Aridity
 28. Lawrence millieu
 29. Antarctic whale
 31. Doctor's place
 32. Maze walls, at times
 35. Headliners
 33. Catch
 38. Advantage
 42. Bagel topper

Yesterday's Answer

Marmaduke



"I could give him some pep pills, but if there ever was a sleeping dog we should let lie..."

The Family Circus



"For a safe Fourth, let's blow up a bunch of balloons and we'll pop 'em!"

For Better or For Worse



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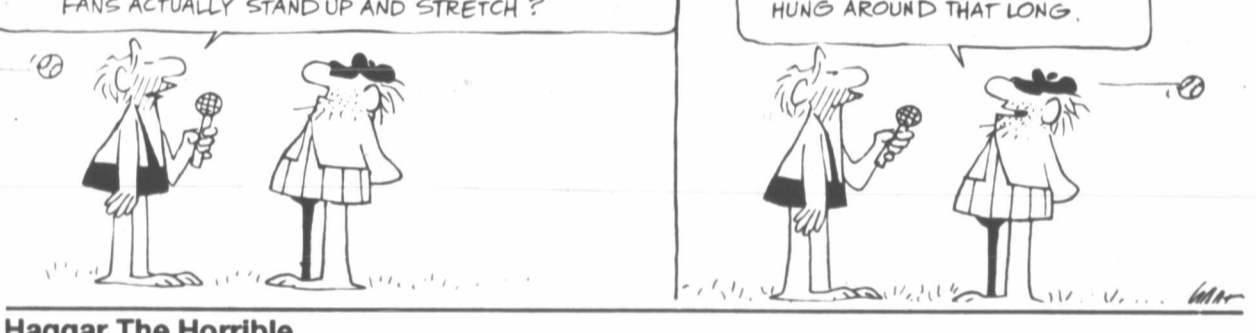
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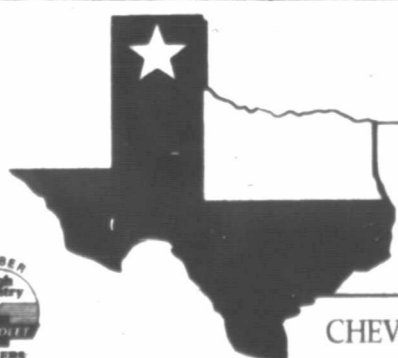
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