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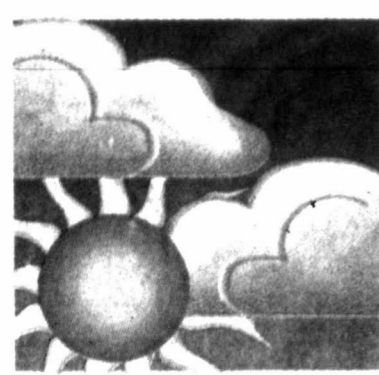
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PAMPA — Gray County Latch Key Inc. is gearing up for a new school year.

A pre-enrollment will be held at Lovett Memorial Library today from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium on the north side of the building.

Latch Key, a United Way affiliated agency, cares for elementary age children after school. Games, crafts, homework assistance, outdoor play and snacks are included in the activities at Latch Key.

Reduced fees are available with application.

For more information, contact Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

LEFORS — The Lefors City Council will meet tonight at 7 in regular session in the town civic center.

Items on the agenda include auditor's report, proposal on computer programming, consideration of procedure change on accepted bids, consideration of expanding phone service, consideration of water tank repair, city vehicle log books, stray animals, city judge and matters pertaining to the land giveaway.

Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — In the Thursday, Aug. 15, regular monthly meeting of the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group, Dr. James Stafford, radiation oncologist from the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, will address the guests on advances in radiation therapy.

Dr. Stafford specializes in several varieties of treatment of cancer. He will conduct a question and answer session with those present after his presentation. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The group will meet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Medical Office Building, on the north side of Columbia Medical Center of Pampa.

For more information about the support group, call 665-4742 or 66-7919.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Texas delegation is pleased with Bob Dole's choice of a running mate, according to one Pampa delegate to the Republican National Convention.

"Everybody is just ecstatic about [Jack] Kemp," said Carolyn Stroud by phone this morning.

Stroud said she attended two parties for the Texas delegation Sunday, and the main topic of conversation was Kemp.

Today, Stroud will attend committee work sessions before the planned speech by retired Gen. Colin Powell and others tonight.

Stroud is one of three delegates from Texas' 13th Congressional district and the only one from Pampa.

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Republicans hope to lift Dole's campaign spirit

SAN DIEGO (AP) — With an opening night splash of political all-stars, Republicans launch their harbor-front convention today hoping to lift Bob Dole's struggling campaign and redeem his promise that "the era of Bill Clinton is about over."

Dole and running mate Jack Kemp brought an air of excitement to this convention city where nearly 1,900 delegates — ages 18 to 93 — were eager to turn from partying to politics. "Here in San Diego, the real race begins," Dole declared.

"I don't get excited too easily," Dole told CBS in an interview broadcast today. "But I told my wife, I said, 'This is getting exciting, Elizabeth.'"

Dole also said he and Kemp are resolving their differences. "We're going to be a good team. We now have two four-letter words you can teach your children: Dole and Kemp. This is what's happened over the years. You've had sort of the Kemp wing of the party, the Dole wing of the party, come together."

Filling his time before accepting the nomination Thursday night, Dole planned a mid-morning speech at a solar turbine plant to tout the tax-cutting plan that is the centerpiece of his campaign, of jobs from Clinton.

Down in the polls Dole proclaimed, "It's a fresh start for us."

Two surveys showed Clinton ahead by about 10 points, half his lead in earlier polls. Two others suggested Clinton's advantage was nearly 20 points.

"Let me just tell you here

today, unambiguously, Bob, you are the quarterback and I am your blocker and we're going all the way," Kemp said.

With security tightened after the Olympics' pipe bombing, the San Diego Convention Center was ringed with a chain-link fence, metal detectors and police officers. Concrete barriers lined the streets.

The four-day convention was scripted for television, fast-paced with a 10-minute limit on speeches and big-screen videos showing "average Americans" with "above average accomplishments."

The first-night headliners were not so average: former Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford, soldier-turned-statesman Colin Powell and Nancy Reagan, standing in for her ailing husband Ronald Reagan.

A slew of Republican candidates for Senate and House seats also got a turn at the mikes.

The main order of business was the ratification of the GOP platform with its bitterly debated anti-abortion plank and a proposed statement of "tolerance" relegated to the appendix.

Three governors who support abortion rights, California's Pete Wilson, New York's George Pataki and Massachusetts' William Weld, were denied or gave up prime-time speaking spots.

The platform is a staunchly conservative document that urges elimination of four Cabinet departments and denial of automatic citizenship to chil-

dren born in America of illegal aliens. It declares opposition to same-sex marriages and quotas and preferences under affirmative action. Dole said he hadn't read it and wouldn't be bound by it.

Denying Dole a solitary role in the limelight, Clinton was interrupting his Wyoming vacation for a speech at Yellowstone National Park today. And if that wasn't enough for the cameras, the president, his wife, Hillary, and their 16-year daughter, Chelsea, planned a hike in the park.

Dole's primary rival, Pat Buchanan, staged a rally with supporters and took credit for the platform's conservative flavor. But in a show of unity, Buchanan also declared, "It is time for a party truce in the name of Republican victory."

Buchanan did not endorse Dole.

Up the California coast, Ross Perot and former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm were trying to lure Republicans and Democrats alike to Perot's fledgling Reform Party.

"The two major political parties are not part of the solution — they've become a very large part of the problem," said Lamm, waging a long-shot bid against Perot for the Reform Party's presidential nomination.

Perot also blasted both major parties, declaring that the public must "demand an end to negative politics, mean-spirited name calling, and demand that the candidates deal with the issues."

Army patrols stepped up in Mexican state

ZUMPANGO DEL RIO, Mexico (AP) — Some 200 troops with machine guns and artillery combed Guerrero state after two soldiers were injured by unidentified gunmen in a weekend attack, reports said Monday.

Saturday's shooting was the latest in a series of mysterious attacks on soldiers since a shadowy group calling itself the People's Revolutionary Army surfaced on June 28 in the poor southwestern Mexican state.

The Ninth Military Region based in the state said the attack occurred on Saturday afternoon when gunmen firing from the underbrush wounded two soldiers.

"A search for the aggressors is under way," said the two-sentence dispatch, which did not mention who may have been involved.

There was no claim of responsibility made.

At least four military helicopters flew over the region Sunday, said the newspaper La Jornada in a dispatch from Zumpango del Rio, a town 120 miles south of Mexico City.

The newspaper added that a 20-vehicle convoy, including Hummers and cars with mounted machine guns, took part in patrols Sunday near Zumpango del Rio and that at least 80 sol-

diers had set up a camp.

Guerrero has seen an increase in army patrols since June 28, when dozens of masked, heavily armed persons announced a rebellion against the government at a Guerrero rally to remember peasants massacred last year by state police.

The group called itself the People's Revolutionary Army and said it was opposed to the federal government. The gunmen fired shots into the air and retreated into the southern Mexico mountains.

Mexican officials have dismissed the militants as criminals.

Investigators still seeking cause of explosion of TWA Flight 800

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — With the cargo hold looking less likely as the explosion site, investigators into the crash of TWA Flight 800 were considered carry-on luggage or a food cart in the front right section as a possible hiding place for a bomb, sources said today.

Investigators want to examine the passenger section near the right wing to see if it will provide evidence of where the explosion occurred, the sources The Associated Press.

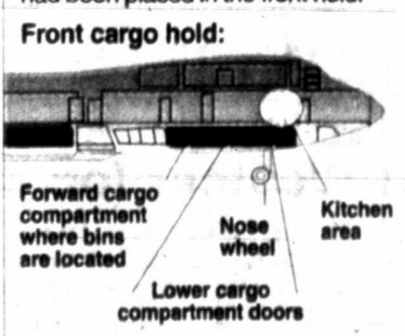
On Sunday, the last cargo bin to hold passenger luggage was brought up from the ocean relatively intact, raising serious doubts about the theory that a bomb could have been in the jet's front cargo hold.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that probes now are investigating the possibility that an explosion began near where the front of the right wing is attached to the fuselage. Significant fire damage was found in the area where the two pieces are joined.

One of the sources told the AP on Sunday that preliminary inspections of three of the jet's four engines showed no indication of what caused the plane to explode.

TWA flight 800 update

The third of four cargo bins was hauled ashore in relatively good condition raising doubts that a bomb had been placed in the front hold.



The engines "didn't tell them much," the source said.

"A food cart, hand luggage and other things" are possible sources of a bomb, which remains a leading theory to the July 17 crash that killed all 230 people aboard. The source added it was possible hand luggage with a bomb could have been placed beneath a seat on the 747.

Little proof has surfaced to support the theory speculated upon for weeks, that a bomb placed in or around the forward cargo hold caused the 747 to crash.

A missile hit or mechanical failure also have not been ruled out as possible causes.

"We have these three theories and they're all on the board. Until we know exactly what happened and which theory proves to be the case, they'll remain there," said James Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation.

Three of four forward cargo bins were recovered over the last two weeks and showed no signs of an explosion. The fourth bin was brought ashore early Sunday and showed signs of damage from crash impact, but not from an explosion, sources said.

The cargo holds were still being tested for chemical residue, Kallstrom said.

Investigators are now looking for more parts of the plane from the wing forward, particularly the cabin section around the wing, the front of the coach section and the remainder of the first-class cabin, sources said.

Navy crews also brought up another of the plane's four engines Sunday from the ocean's floor.

The engine was the third in two days to be salvaged.

Altrusa style show



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Karen Bridges, left, and Judy Rutledge admire a center-piece to be used at the Altrusa International Style Show set for Aug. 24 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The show will begin at 10 a.m. and feature live entertainment by dancers from the musical drama TEXAS, a production of the Lone Star Ballet. For \$10 tickets to "Texas: A State of Style and Elegance," call any Altrusan. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Chechen rebels agree to negotiate cease-fire

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen rebels agreed today to negotiate a withdrawal of fighters from the capital and to try yet again to reach a lasting cease-fire with the Russian government.

The agreement was the result of overnight, secretive talks that Russian security chief Alexander Lebed held in the secessionist republic with rebel leaders, including military leader Aslan Maskhadov.

Lebed said he and Maskhadov agreed to hold truce talks and to discuss a rebel withdrawal from the capital, which they overran earlier this week in fierce fighting that has killed scores of Russian soldiers and humiliated government forces.

"We must pull apart the fighters first," Lebed told reporters today after returning to Moscow. "If this step is made, then we can talk about the next steps."

The security chief said that Maskhadov began talks this

afternoon by telephone with Russia's acting commander of troops in Chechnya, Gen. Konstantin Pulikovskiy.

During the weekend, President Boris Yeltsin appointed Lebed, a former general, as special envoy to Chechnya. Yeltsin's office issued a statement today saying that Lebed's "proposals for settlement of the situation ... on the whole, received the Russian president's approval."

There was heavy fighting in Grozny earlier today with the rebels holding much of the city. Russian forces said they were abandoning air attacks and would send in ground troops backed by armored vehicles.

Lebed traveled to the secessionist republic after Yeltsin demanded action to regain Russian control of the capital. The recent attack on Grozny was the rebels' largest offensive since March, and the military's failure to oust the separatists has embarrassed the president.

Head Start, pre-K applications to be taken Tuesday at Lamar

Applications for Head Start and pre-kindergarten will be taken at Lamar Elementary School Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

This year, PISD will offer bilingual Head Start and pre-kindergarten in addition to the regular English instruction offered before.

To qualify, prospective students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1. Other qualifications include the family meeting income guidelines, family on public assistance, child with a documented disability and/or a foster child.

Children are enrolled based on need and eligibility, not a first-come, first-serve basis.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate,

income verification (check stubs and income tax forms), immunization record, social security numbers, documentation of disability (if available) and proof of public assistance (food stamp card, AFDC benefits, Medicaid, WIC, SSI and HUD).

If parents participated in pre-enrollment in the spring, they still need to come Aug. 13 to apply. Applicants will be notified of their child's status before the first day of school.

All children who qualify for Head Start will be placed in Head Start or in district-supported pre-kindergarten classes.

For additional information, contact Betty Beyer at Carver Center, 669-4700.

Charter schools open statewide at onset of school year

MISSION, Texas (AP) — When 15-year-old Rey Ochoa got into a fistfight at his junior high school last year, he received a four-day suspension. It was a situation neither he nor his parents wanted repeated. So this year, instead of entering high school, Rey will attend the One-Stop Multiservice Open Enrollment Charter School in Mission. The school targets children ages 14-21 who already have dropped out of school or are leaning that way. Rey's father hopes the school helps keep his son on the straight and narrow path toward a diploma. "The kid wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up, so he's trying to dodge trouble," said Alejandro Ochoa. "I hope there will be less problems, less fighting and a little bit more discipline." The One-Stop school is one of 19 open-enrollment charter schools opening across the state this fall in what advocates call a new era of public education in Texas. "This is the wave of the future in education," said Brooks Flemister, director of the charter

school program at the Texas Education Agency. The Legislature created open-enrollment charter schools as part of its 1995 education reform law, which aimed to shift education control from the state to the local level. Charter schools are publicly funded but independent of school districts and free of many state regulations, such as requirements on hiring certified teachers. While the schools must meet state education standards, they have broad leeway in accomplishing those goals. The State Board of Education received about 30 applications for 20 available charters. Of the schools opening this fall, there are seven in Houston; two each in Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi and San Antonio; and one each in Irving, Jefferson, Waco and Mission. Another charter school is set to open next year in Irving. The schools are as different as the cities in which they're located. "They have described in their charters an area

they'll serve," Flemister said. "Some are focusing strictly on academic excellence. One is working primarily with students of limited English proficiency, and many are dropout-prevention schools or second-chance schools." Enrollments range from 25 students to more than 300, while the age groups served range from pre-kindergartners to young adults seeking their GED certificates. Some of the institutions are housed in old school buildings, but most are in such facilities as storefronts and churches, Flemister said. The One-Stop charter school operates out of an old hardware store in downtown Mission. Most of the 100 students are young women who dropped out of school because they were pregnant or got married and now are seeking their GEDs, said Principal Leo Valdez. Others are teenagers, such as Rey Ochoa, who find it difficult to learn in a public school. "There are a lot of students who can't function in

a regular classroom," said Felipe Gonzalez, one of the school's three teachers. "This is another avenue for them." At the Waco Charter School, creating a sense of community is the primary objective, said Johnette Hicks, executive director of the nonprofit organization that manages the school. "The area of Waco that we targeted was an area that had been disenfranchised since the '70s," Hicks said. "The kids in our neighborhood were sent to five different schools across the city." The Waco school, stationed in an old school building, is surrounded by a downtown neighborhood that suffers from high crime. Some 140 students, in kindergarten through second grade, have enrolled for the first year. An additional grade will be added each year thereafter. All 20 charters are valid for five years, but the campuses will be reviewed annually. If they fail to accomplish their goals, the state may revoke their charters.

Tambourines for Chautauqua



(Special photo)

The Pampa Tambourines will be one of many groups and individuals providing entertainment on the free Chautauqua stage from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 15th annual Chautauqua celebration will be held Labor Day, Sept. 2. Exhibitors, craftsmen or those desiring booth space can call 665-9369 after 6 p.m. for fee costs and additional information. Registration should be made as soon as possible to be placed on the map.

Nation briefs Major's court martial centers on military's homosexuality policy

Autistic boy survives five days in swamp

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 12-year-old autistic boy drank creek water to survive for five days in a snake-infested swamp, emerging hungry and naked but in good condition.

Taylor Touchstone was found Sunday bobbing along in a river at 7:30 a.m., 14 miles from where he vanished Wednesday afternoon while on an outing in a remote, wooded area of Eglin Air Force base.

"We know it's a miracle to have found him but if it was going to happen, we knew it was going to happen to him," said Taylor's mother, Suzanne Touchstone. "Nothing much surprises us about him anymore."

Touchstone said her son is moderately autistic. Although he didn't say much about his adventure, he remembered his boat ride to safety out of the dangerous swamps, home to snakes and alligators.

The conditions Taylor endured surprised some of the searchers.

The Rangers, Army Green Berets, Marines, airplanes and helicopters searched for the boy using infrared sensors that could have picked up his body heat, Hord said.

Taylor's ordeal began on an outing with his mother and sister while walking near Eglin in the Florida Panhandle. The boy jumped from a small bridge over Turtle Creek when he went in and "just kept going," Hord said.

Washington neighborhood faces fines for flowers

WASHINGTON (AP) — City authorities say a new breed of crime is growing — literally.

It's flowers, flowers that are simply too tall for safety and health's sake, at least according to District of Columbia public works officials.

Last week, many residents of the Bloomingdale neighborhood — where drug deals and burglaries usually rank as the most worrisome crimes — were warned to chop their flowers or face a \$25 fine.

The problem lies in tree boxes that line the neighborhood's sidewalks as part of a beautification program by residents. According to an 8-year-old ordinance, flowers cannot exceed 18 inches in height, and the timbers of tree boxes sometimes add to decorative boxes are no-no's.

Texas Gov. Bush claims national spotlight at Republican convention in California

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The day began with religious broadcaster Pat Robertson singing the praises of Texas Gov. George W. Bush as a future presidential contender.

"He would make a super president, he really would. We'd just be thrilled to see somebody like that hit the ticket one of these days," Robertson said.

Bush, who said he's happy with his current job, has nevertheless plunged into a whirl of activity that's raising his national profile as the Republican National Convention begins this week.

The in-demand governor chatted with Robertson before each appeared Sunday on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

Bush followed the broadcast with a practice run of his speech for Monday's opening of the convention, where he is temporary co-chairman; sandwiched in a C-SPAN interview and sessions with reporters trailing him; then headed out to speak to other states' delegations and attend a fund-raiser. And, as if he needed more

exercise, he made time for a mid-day run. "I want to run every day and get my conditioning in so I keep a positive outlook on life," he said.

But one thing he's not running for, he said, is a national office. At least not yet.

"I certainly will never rule anything out. But on the other hand, I didn't seek the governorship of Texas to be in a position to seek something else," he said in an interview.

Robertson isn't the only one to suggest Bush is destined for higher office. Texas Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat with whom Bush has worked well, also has predicted he'll follow his father to the White house.

The elder Bush, interviewed with his namesake on a taped segment that aired on CBS' *Sunday Morning*, said it would be great if one of his sons became president.

"But I'm not like Joe Kennedy sitting there. ... It's not a dynasty. It's not a legacy," he said.

As for Gov. Bush, he said he's satisfied seeing progress toward his goals for Texas. Last year, the

Legislature passed bills giving more control to local schools, overhauling welfare, toughening juvenile justice laws and setting limits on lawsuits.

Although he hadn't held elected office before winning the 1994 election for governor, the national political scene isn't new to Bush.

"When your name is George Bush, and your dad was president, and you're from Texas, you inherit a national profile to begin with," he said.

Still, his profile is rising. His convention speech is his first to a national audience; he's appearing before the convention each night, and there are the interviews with national reporters.

"I've consciously avoided the national limelight because I want to stay focused on my job as the governor of Texas. I will temporarily abandon that strategy and talk to some of the national big shots — and then retreat quickly thereafter back to Texas after the convention's over," Bush said.

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By Ken Bronte
Special Features Writer

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T.O.M.A.

Man digs shrine out of sandstone cliff

By MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press Writer

OJO CALIENTE, N.M. (AP) — Ra Paulette can't stop digging.

For almost two years now he has scooped, sanded, brushed and swept away a huge outcropping of sandstone in northern New Mexico, creating a magical, swirling, echoing shrine he calls Windows in the Earth.

"It's a living thing. I didn't know what it was going to be when I started. It's almost like being Doctor Frankenstein," he says.

The ceilings stretch more than 20 feet high, and the intricate web of small niches and rooms could make up a small house.

"I don't want to live there," says Paulette. "I want to make this place available for personal experiences. It's made to provide an emotional opportunity for people."

For some it's a hallowed place, a refuge from the mad world, a sanctuary for prayer and meditation. Others view it as a work of art, an amazing result of one man's creativity and labor.

"I felt the builder put so much of his soul and heart and mind into it, and I loved his spiritual expression. I felt so much peace," says Junko Fletcher of Arlington, Va., who was brought to the shrine by a friend this year to celebrate her 71st birthday.

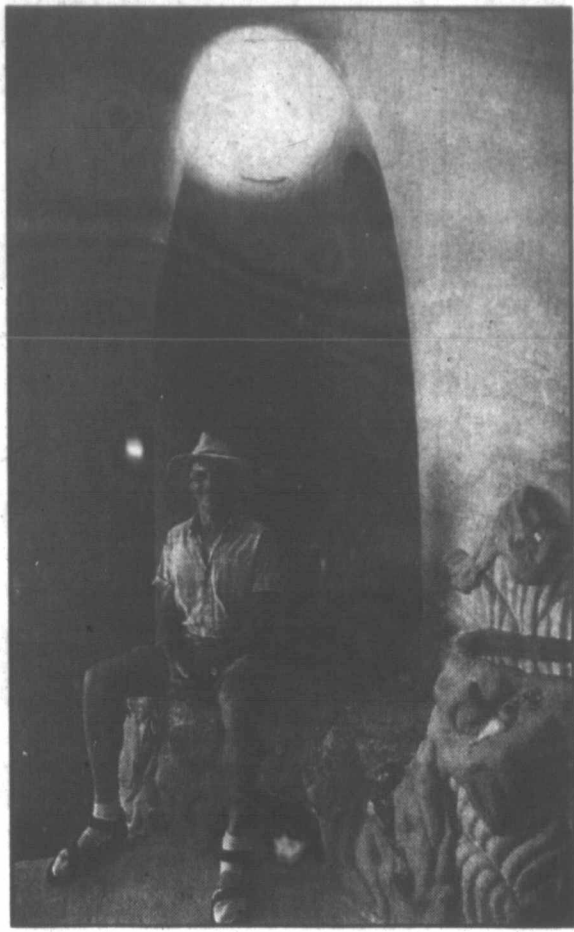
"The first thing that came in my mind was what a perfect place to meditate. I just didn't want to leave," she says.

Peter Gregory of Albuquerque says his reaction was more aesthetic than emotional.

"I didn't feel any otherworldly experience at all. I just admired it as a beautiful, very impressive piece of art," he says. "The carvings in the walls are exquisitely done. It's an amazing feat just to hollow out the mountain, let alone to finish it so wonderfully."

Every inch of the cave is finished with scallops, molded curves, smooth ledges, inlaid stones, narrow pods and crusty ledges. There are small mirrors inlaid that look like glistening pools and a small inlaid table and shelves in one corner.

Then there's the Luminous Egg Chamber, a dark, egg-shaped cavity large enough to stand inside.



(AP photo/Michael Pihos)

Artist Ra Paulette sits inside the shrine he has carved out of a cropping of sandstone in New Mexico.

"I'm still working on that," says Paulette. "When I'm done, you'll sit in the middle of a fog of light in an egg, up on a pedestal with doors. Light will come in from above, but it will look like it's coming from below as well."

Paulette, who turns 50 in August, dug his first limestone cave several years ago near Embudo.

At the time, Paulette, who grew up in northern Indiana along the shores of Lake Michigan, was looking to create a simple and peaceful place to live.

But word got out, and what began as a planned home underground soon grew into "The Heart Chamber," which attracted thousands of visitors from around the world.

"It was clear I couldn't live there," he says. The cave was on public land and had been dug without permission. And, Paulette says, he feared it might collapse on a guest. So, using a shovel and buckets and a wheelbarrow, he buried the chamber and sealed it off.

Then he set off to find a new place to dig. In June 1994, Paulette approached David Heath and John H. Johnson III and asked them if they would like to commission him to dig a shrine on their property near the Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs.

The two men had moved to the area from California to open the elegant Rancho de San Juan Country Inn and Restaurant.

"This guy comes walking up in bermuda shorts and a panama hat, and I said, 'Well, who in the world is this?'" recalls Heath.

After showing them pictures of the Heart Chamber, and after several months of persistence, Paulette prevailed. So far, Heath and Johnson have paid him about \$15,000 — between \$10 and \$16 per hour depending on what he is doing.

Now Heath says they're ready for the project to end.

"I told Ra, quite literally, there must be some light at the end of this tunnel," says Heath.

Paulette says he's getting toward the end. At least of this project.

But he's got a lot more digging to go.

"I'm looking at some Forest Service land. I'd like to do this one with approval. It would be a complex, a place for a cathedral, trails, many smaller hermitage caves, trails going to vistas, a pilgrimage wilderness," he says. "With help, it would probably take me the next 20 years."

Inn guests may visit Windows in the Earth between 9 a.m. and dusk any day of the week. The general public must call in advance for a reservation and pay a \$5 fee. Public visiting days are Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

New X-ray gun threatens Americans' right to privacy

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The latest weapon against terrorism can see right through you.

The Passive Millimeter Wave Imager can X-ray through clothing to "see" a concealed weapon, plastic explosives or drugs. A police officer can surreptitiously aim it into a crowd from as far away as 90 feet.

The new X-ray gun is becoming a symbol for an unlikely alliance of civil libertarians and gun owners who fear the fight against crime and terrorism may be waged at the expense of personal freedoms.

"I'm incredibly concerned," said John Henry Hingson, a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, meeting here this past week. "The entire nation could become a victim of illegal searches and seizures and the law is powerless to protect them from these police abuses."

But in these nervous times following the crash of TWA Flight 800 and bombings at the Olympics, Oklahoma City and the World Trade Center, many Americans are now willing to trade some of their privacy and civil liberties for greater security.

A poll last week by the Los Angeles Times found that a majority of people — 58 percent — said they would curtail some

civil liberties if it would help thwart terrorism. Thirteen percent said it would depend on what rights were at stake. The poll didn't ask people to single out any rights.

The Clinton administration has proposed increased wiretapping and other anti-terrorism steps, and is doling out research grants for cutting edge anti-crime technology that once may have been intended for only military use.

Last year, the National Institute of Justice awarded \$2.1 million to three companies to develop weapon detectors for airports, stores and public buildings.

Two models are being developed of the Passive Millimeter Wave Imager, a creation of Massachusetts-based Millimetrix Corp.

The larger one, about the size of a shoebox, is mounted on a patrol car and pointed at the unsuspecting person. The gadget doesn't send out X-rays; instead, it picks up electromagnetic waves emitted by human flesh.

Anything that stands in the way of those waves — like a gun — or anything that emits weaker waves — like a bag of cocaine or a plastic explosive — will show up on a little screen in the patrol car.

Atheist Madalyn O'Hair still missing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The atheist organization built by Madalyn Murray O'Hair is still trying to regroup nearly a year after the disappearance of its leader.

O'Hair left her Austin home with son, Jon, and daughter, Robin, last year. They reportedly were spotted a year ago Sunday in Virginia but have not been seen since.

Shortly after they vanished, a puzzling note was left on the door of the American Atheists Center, which the O'Hairs founded and operated in Austin for two decades.

"It basically said they would be gone for about two weeks, and we the employees were sort of laid off," center director Orin "Spike" Tyson told the San Antonio Express-News.

At the time, the O'Hairs were a tightly knit team that ran the center. Officially retired, O'Hair

acted as senior adviser to Jon, the group president, while Robin edited publications.

The abrupt disappearance last year was disastrous to the group. The office was closed for several weeks, publications were halted and bank accounts effectively frozen.

Now, after a year of scrambling, the atheist center is beginning to function again.

Last month, the August 1995 edition of the monthly *American Atheist* magazine finally came out. All but six pages of the magazine were printed when the O'Hairs disappeared, but it took nearly a year to finish.

"It's been truly a nightmare. Oh, my word, where is everything? Where do they keep this? We can't even access information in the computers," said Ellen Johnson, who replaced Jon Murray as president.

Anti-U.S. sentiment swells in China, threatens improving ties

BEIJING (AP) — The United States is frustrating China's rise as a global power, foiling its ambitions for sports glory and encouraging its youth to have sex. So run the sentiments expressed on China's airwaves and streets.

Anti-American feelings in China are at their most rabid since President Nixon met Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1972.

The ill will, pushed but not wholly orchestrated by government propaganda and military hard-liners, threatens to hobble the slow, shaky steps Beijing and Washington are making to improve relations.

"The U.S. image in China is deteriorating and will deteriorate further," said Wang Jisi, director of the government-run Institute of American Studies.

Public resentment, simmering for a year, boiled over during the Olympics. Blamed for blocking China's bid to play host for the 2000 games, the United States was pilloried for everything from bad manners and poor organization to inspiring anti-Chinese bias among judges in Atlanta.

The state-run media and Foreign Ministry officials assailed NBC television announcer Bob Costas for mentioning China's dismal human rights record and rampant copyright piracy during the opening ceremonies.

"From the Olympics, you can see that

American nationalism is more dangerous than Chinese nationalism," said Song Qiang, one of five authors of the popular book *China Can Say No*.

The premise of the nationalist polemic is that China must stand up to the United States to save the world from its domineering designs.

The authors suggest "burning down hollywood" in one chapter. In another, they warn against CIA infiltration, claiming the agency promoted sexual promiscuity among Chinese students in the 1980s to nudge the strict Communist society toward liberal democracy.

The book has sold out its first run of 130,000 copies and a second printing is in the works.

Song and two fellow authors — the other two remain anonymous — insist they had no backing from Chinese authorities. But given tight Communist Party control of the media, the fact the book is in print shows Chinese leaders do not disapprove.

"The Chinese (people) do not need to be encouraged to say 'no,'" author Zhang Xiaobo said. "The Chinese people have encouraged us to write this book to tell intellectuals and leaders to say 'no.'"

Beyond politics and sports, a popular TV series now being rerun for the fifth time,

"Foreign Babes in Beijing," has as its villain a sexually voracious, scheming American woman.

"America really wants too much," said a young taxi driver who only identified himself as Li. "If its military wasn't so strong, China should fight it."

Added Miss Lu, a waitress at one of Beijing's luxury hotels: "America's always interfering in other people's affairs. No wonder so many countries don't like it."

Many educated Chinese also are upset at perceived U.S. slights against China, although they dislike the stridency of official propaganda.

China has not sullied relations single-handedly. Since Chinese troops shot anti-government demonstrators in Beijing in 1989, U.S. politicians and the media have vilified China for alleged evils ranging from planned infanticide to executing criminals to harvest their organs for donation.

In March, U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich likened Chinese leaders to terrorists, and top think tanks have warned that China's ambitions for global power status should be contained.

"China has become the symbol of evil," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a University of Michigan scholar and occasional adviser to the Clinton administration.

Doctors struggle with waterborne parasite

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors frustrated by the failure to cure a devastating waterborne parasite are becoming creative: They're culling medicines from such diverse places as the milk of new mother cows, a veterinary drug and even raw eggs.

There is no effective therapy for the harsh diarrhea caused by cryptosporidium, a parasite spread by tainted water that makes healthy people miserable for a few weeks but can kill people weakened by AIDS, cancer or old age.

Nearly 100 potential drugs have been tried without success.

But some unusual new medicines being tested in dozens of patients nationwide are raising cautious hopes that help may finally be on the way.

NTZ, originally developed for dogs with worms, "is going to be a great drug, I think," said Dr. Elizabeth Higgs of the National Institutes of Health, which will begin final testing of its effectiveness next month.

AIDS patients already are shipping in underground supplies of NTZ from Mexico, where the

drug already is used to treat infections in humans and animals.

Dr. John Cello of San Francisco General Hospital finds equal promise in a drug culled from the first milk that cows produce immediately after giving birth. The milk is packed with antibodies that protect newborn calves from cryptosporidium.

Cryptosporidium first made headlines in 1993 when it sickened 400,000 people in Milwaukee and killed 100. Nobody knows how prevalent the parasite is, but one study estimates 45 million Americans are exposed to it, and it sickens one-fourth of all AIDS patients.

People with weak immune systems can't fight it off, and some lose gallons of fluid a day through continual diarrhea. Doctors offer rehydration and, for lack of anything better, some antibiotics, although few patients respond.

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Mom Ignored On Mother's Day Is Loved Throughout The Year

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from "Ignored Mother," who received no cards, gifts or telephone calls on Mother's Day:

I, too, received no such recognition on Mother's Day. I have two sons and two daughters-in-law between the ages of 25 and 40. One son has not recognized Mother's Day since he was in grade school. The other son and his wife occasionally send a card or telephone me — but not this year. However, it's OK with me.

The older son lives 1,200 miles away, and he has picked up my deductible on Medicare hospitalization. He and his wife, whom I couldn't love more if she were my own child, phone me every week. They frequently send me little gifts and pay for my costly medication.

The other son lives next door to me. I am unable to drive, so he takes me shopping on the one day he has free from work. He comes running when I need things done that I can't do myself. (He even put a new roof on my house a few years ago.)

Who needs Mother's Day?
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DEAR MARGARET SMITH: Obviously you don't. However, the royal treatment you receive from your children did not just happen. They learned the joy of giving at their mother's knee.



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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: The way our house and our neighbor's is situated, our bedrooms face each other. Now that the hot weather has arrived and we keep our windows open at night, I can hear them making love. They have sex every night, and sometimes I am awakened at 3 a.m. to the moaning and groaning of their ecstasy.

I am thrilled that they are having such a great sex life — I wish it were me (I am divorced without anyone special in my life) — but I don't want my teen-aged daughters who are in the next bedroom hearing them.

I am puzzled as how to handle this. First, I'd be very uncomfortable bringing this up. Second, I think they have a right to make love as often as they choose and keep their windows open to take in fresh air. So how can I stop the noise without stopping them?

PERPLEXED IN GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR PERPLEXED: Write a note to the neighbors telling them that you are very happy that they have such a glorious love life, but they should be aware that their most private moments are not as private as they think they are.

DEAR ABBY: Although "Gary" and I have been married almost 55 years, he has never called me by my name. If he is outside, he knocks on the wall, rings the doorbell, or throws something against the house or window. If he's inside, he pounds on something or shouts "Hey!"

He refers to me as "Mom" when he talks to our family about something that concerns me.

My name is not unusual or hard to remember. My friends use it when they speak to me, but Gary refuses to. I have asked him to give me a pet name, but he isn't interested.

Abby, this is a real problem for me. What should I do?

STEADY READER IN OHIO

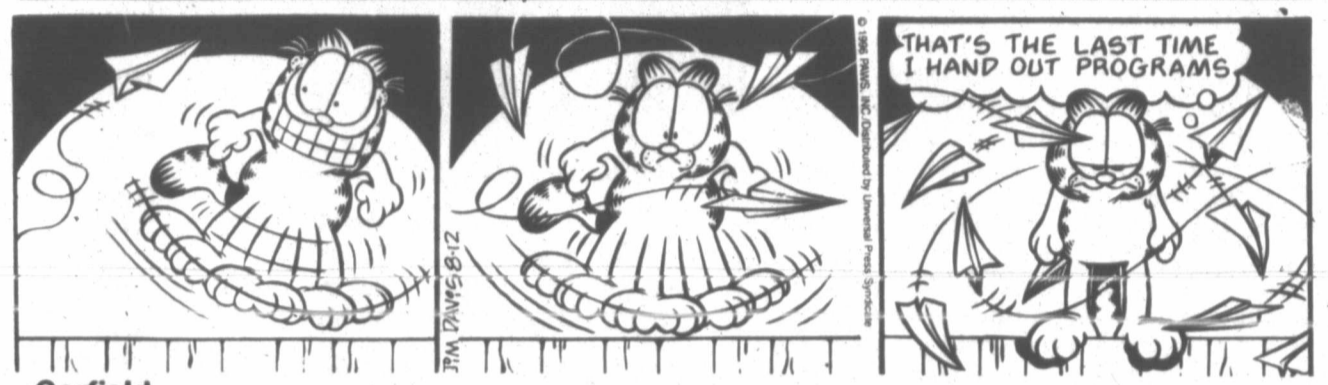
DEAR STEADY READER: What did your husband call you 54 years ago? That would have been the time to insist on being called by your name. Tell Gary you will no longer respond to "Hey!" and will ignore him unless he addresses you by name — then see if you can wait him out. But don't hold your breath; a deeply rooted habit more than half a century old won't be easily broken.



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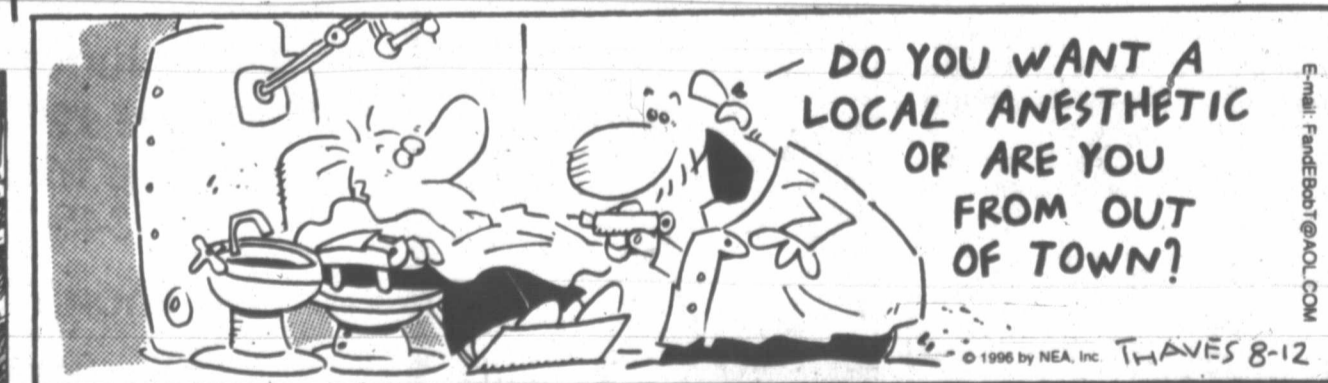
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

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Interesting social developments are indicated for the year ahead. Several people you think of as acquaintances could turn into extremely close personal friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will not fit comfortably into a subservient role today, so don't let a bossy companion try to back you into a corner. Call your own shots. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758 Murray Hill Station New York, NY 10156

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unanticipated complications may arise in a current project. To protect yourself, keep a low profile until you have all the necessary information.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Associates will have a strong influence on your attitude and outlook today. Mingle with friends who are positive and hopeful and avoid negative people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might be inclined to coast rather than to put forth a concerted effort, unless you are personally challenged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A healthy curiosity could prove to be an asset today instead of a liability. If you feel a strong impulse to ask questions, try not to offend others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A close friend might have something significant to offer today that could benefit you as well. Let him or her be the one who promotes it to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your spirit of cooperation and fairness will be

extremely useful assets today when you deal with others. You shouldn't have any problems concluding agreements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you've thought of starting a self-help or exercise program, this will be a good day to launch it. You will be in a favorable cycle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This will be a good day to get together with someone you met recently and found to be quite impressive. This individual will be eager to know you better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not attempt challenges if you think it will be difficult to complete the assignment today. It will be important to build up a record of achievement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have to make a choice between an intellectual or a physical assignment today, choose the former. Your mind could be working better than your muscles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Making do with what you have will give you budget the necessary breathing room. You can still provide benefits for yourself and others.



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"Aw, come on, Daddy! Stop foolin' around. That's only Level One."



"How about a snack bowl for me?"



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State briefs

Meeting on medicine convenes in Corpus Christi

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Ancient tribal remedies for diabetes and chicken soup as a cure for the common cold will get a second look by science at the International Congress of Traditional and Folk Medicine.

The five-day meeting in Corpus Christi will bring academic researchers, healers and practitioners of unconventional medicine from around the world later this week.

The second glance by academia is long overdue according to believers in unconventional medicine, said Leo Carillo, director of international programs at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

Suburbs vote to retain transit agency

FORT WORTH (AP) — Defeat of Dallas Area Rapid Transit would have been a result of Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' influence on the election, says one woman who worked to keep the transit agency in Irving.

"It would have shown anyone that all they had to do was spend enough money and they could get anything that they want in that city," said Linda Harper, chairwoman of Irving Says Yes to DART. "There wasn't the issue of what DART really does for the city of Irving. It was all personal agendas."

Residents in Irving, Carrollton, Plano and Rowlett voted Saturday to remain in Dallas

Area Rapid Transit by an average margin of 39.9 percent.

In Irving, where the issue was made even more high-profile by Jones' campaign to pull out of DART, some 26.4 percent of the city's 82,086 registered voters cast ballots on DART.

Not counting federal elections, the voter turnout is the highest since 25,529 voters cast ballots in a 1981 referendum to allow the sale of alcohol in Irving. By comparison, 5,345, or 6.5 percent, of registered voters cast ballots in the May municipal elections.

State's oldest Civil War monument rededicated

COMFORT (AP) — The first Civil War monument in Texas, a memorial to 36 slain Union sympathizers, has been rededicated after a lengthy refurbishment.

Monument Hill is one of six places, including Gettysburg and Pearl Harbor, authorized by Congress to always fly the flag at half-staff.

Relatives and residents in and around Comfort, an unincorporated town some 40 miles northwest of San Antonio, recovered what remains could be found of the 36 men at various massacre sites and buried them on the hill after the war.

"The citizens of this town felt the horror (of the war) so personally and so directly that they erected the first monument" in 1866, nearly 30 years before Civil War monuments began to appear widely, said Jim Steely, director of the Texas Historical Commission.

Air Force in ongoing battle with computer hackers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The road warriors have hit the information superhighway in the interest of national security.

Hundreds of thousands of times a year, the U.S. Air Force Information Warfare Center at Kelly Air Force Base defends the nation's secrets from the likes of the Legion of Doom and the Cult of the Dead Cow.

The center's mascot is the Cyberwarrior. "There is a big blur between what is peace and what is war, because if you look at it from a cyberspace point of view, we are at war as we speak," said Col. Frank Morgan, commander of the Air Force center.

"The United States has never been attacked on its home soil in the history of this country with the exception of Pearl Harbor. It is happening daily now on the Internet," Morgan told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

In 1993, the Air Force created the warfare center by combining its code and electronic warfare experts into one area to protect its computers from outsiders.

About 1,000 people now work in the center, where the work gets trickier by the day because of increasingly easy-to-use computer software acquired by hackers.

"In the old days, to be a hacker you really had to be good," Morgan said. "Now, it is basically a point and click world. If you can run Windows 95, you can be a hacker."

Such electronic intruders can destroy or alter information in computers used to design weapons, track enemy targets, pay soldiers, mobilize reserves and manage supplies.

The U.S. Cyberwarriors, including those from other military branches, are losing the

battle, according to a recent testimony before the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee for Investigations.

In May, government investigators reported that hackers infiltrate Pentagon computers more than 160,000 times a year, threatening "catastrophic damage," but the military rarely detects and seldom investigates intruders.

Citing Pentagon estimates, the General Accounting Office reported as many as 250,000 attempts may have been made to penetrate military computer networks last year. More than 162,000 were successful.

"The number of attacks is doubling each year, as Internet use increases, along with the sophistication of hackers and their tools," the report stated.

Soaring temperatures, sagging power lines blamed for massive power outage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Weakened by overuse on one of the hottest days of the summer, a Western power grid did what it was supposed to do — shut down.

The disconnection cut electricity to more than 4 million customers in nine Western states, disrupting everything from Disneyland rides to lottery sales.

The second major outage to hit the West in six weeks happened Saturday afternoon with the collapse of the Pacific Intertie, an electrical artery that stretches from British Columbia to Mexico, as air conditioners were working overtime to combat temperatures topping 100 degrees in many parts.

Although the blackout took many by surprise, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesman Lyle LaFever explained the power system was simply doing its job. He said the grid breaks down into pockets of power if available electricity goes below a certain point.

"It's designed to keep something like this from becoming a much larger disaster," LaFever said.

Power wasn't restored until Sunday to the nine states from Oregon to southern California and as far east as Texas. Even parts of Mexico were affected by the outage that darkened movie screens and traffic lights, spoiled produce in stores and forced visitors to evacuate Disneyland's

major roller coaster rides like Space Mountain and the Matterhorn.

"We had regular power resume almost instantaneously," park spokesman Joe Aguirre said. "But it caused certain attractions that use


computers and such to shut down." In Las Vegas, the blinking lights of the Strip stayed on as casinos fired up backup generators — despite the fact that 160,000 area homes and businesses' lost power.

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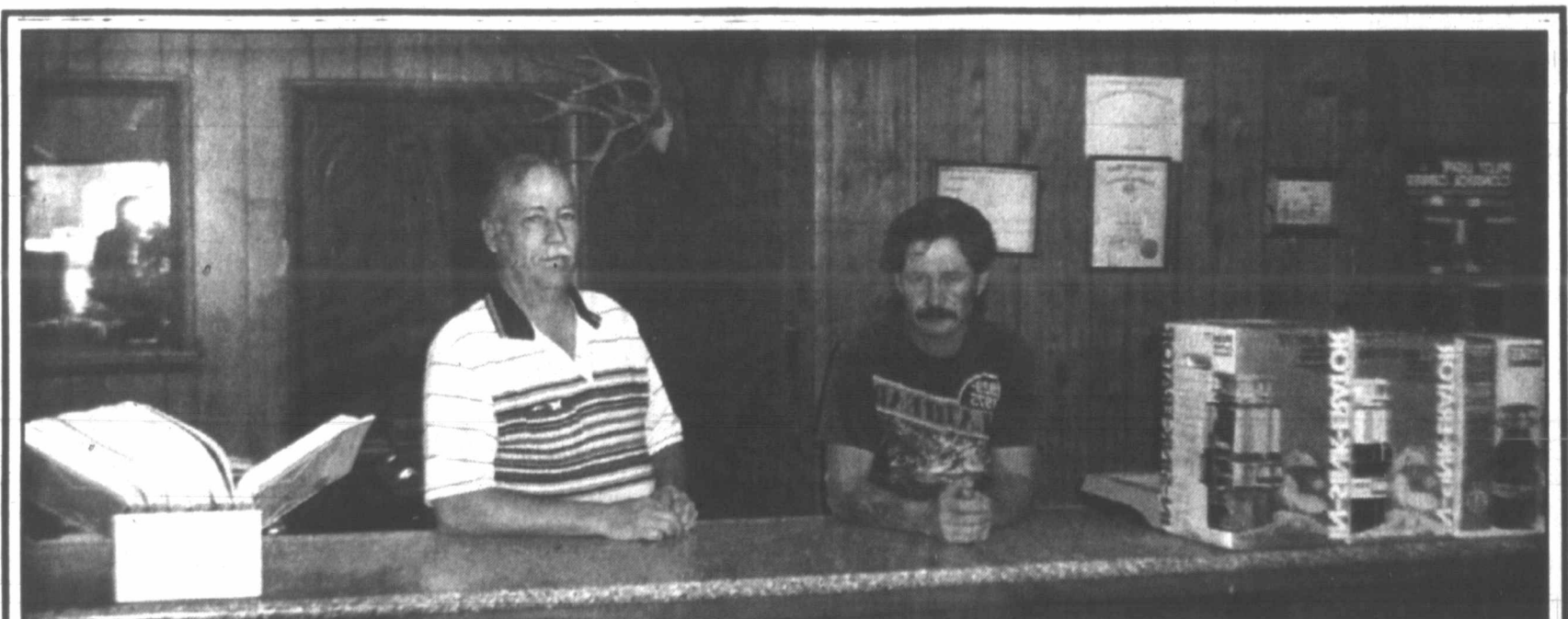
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