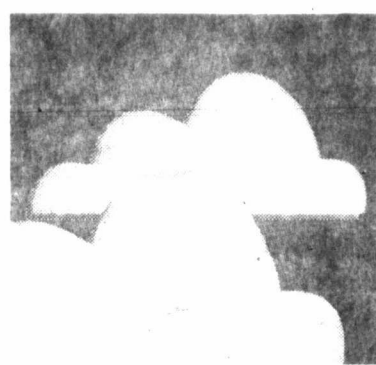


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PAMPA — Monday, starting at 9 a.m., Gray County Judge Richard Peet will meet with the Gray County commissioners to continue discussions on the 1997 fiscal budget for Gray County.

The workshop meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the second floor of Gray County Courthouse. Representatives of several county offices will attend the meeting to review their annual budget needs. There will be no other items on the agenda.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering CPR and first aid classes this week.

An Adult CPR course is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. A Standard First Aid course will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Both classes will be held in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For registration and fee information, call (806) 669-7121.

PAMPA — Local law enforcement officers will test their marksmanship skills when they compete Wednesday for title of Gray County combat pistol champions.

Scheduled to participate are officers of Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and the District Attorney's Office.

A traveling trophy will be awarded the winning department and an individual prize will go to the top shooter.

The match will be held at the city shooting range Wednesday morning.

PAMPA — Dale's Car Wash at 1300 N. Hobart is going to start donating \$2 from every car wash to various charities in Pampa.

Owner Dale Knott said he plans on donating to a different charity every month. Charity organizations wishing to be included may contact Knott at Dale's Car Wash.

The first charity Knott has selected, for the month of September, is the Pampa Community Day Care Center.

CLARENDON — An Introduction to Criminal Justice course will be offered at Clarendon College for the first time this fall. The class is to meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

Kim Jefferys will teach the class, which will meet in Room 106 of the Administration Building. It is a three-hour course.

For more information, call (806) 874-3571.

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Democrats get ready to back Clinton again

CHICAGO (AP) — Democrats streamed into their convention city Saturday determined to propel President Clinton to a second term and recapture control of Congress. Framing his case for a hectic week ahead, the president declared: "America is on the right track."

The city shone on a beautiful summer day even as police deployed to blunt any protests that could recall the troubles of the 1968 convention here.

Clinton was in Washington, preparing to depart Sunday for a "21st Century Express" train journey to the convention. Vice President Al Gore was among the early arrivals, joining delegates and Democratic activists for an array of pre-convention festivities.

"I've got a file folder full of party invitations," said Gary Hines, the Delaware Democratic chairman.

At a welcoming rally in Chicago's Grant Park, Gore was greeted with chants of "Four More Years" and the slogan was emblazoned on a hot air balloon flying overhead.

"I am confident of victory," Gore said. "The American people are not buying what the other party is offering."

Afterward, Gore told MTV in an interview taped for later airing: "We're psyched."

There were a handful of demonstrations Saturday, including one where 22 people were arrested after a scuffle that left two police officers with minor injuries. Police spokesman Paul Jenkins said protesters threw bricks and other objects at the officers at Garfield Park, about two miles west of the convention hall, after decrying racism and welfare reform.

The White House was bracing for welfare protests throughout the four-day gathering. The issue is extremely divisive for the party — even the Democratic national chairman has criticized Clinton's decision to sign wel-

fare legislation that ended the 60-year federal guarantee of cash assistance to the poor. Noting that Clinton had twice vetoed similar Republican proposals, two-time presidential candidate Jesse Jackson said, "He should have done it three times."

Clinton faced pressure from the right, too.

Republican challenger Bob Dole was attending a GOP picnic Sunday in suburban Chicago to outline a new anti-drug initiative and cast Clinton as negligent in the fight to keep children off drugs. On Saturday, Dole sought to insulate himself from the coming torrent of Democratic criticism, rebutting the White House claim that he could not cut taxes by \$548 billion without making draconian cuts in Medicare, education and other popular programs.

Delivering the GOP response to Clinton's weekly radio address, Dole said of the Democratic incumbent: "Instead of offering solutions, he offers a harsh and negative advertising campaign, hoping to scare you into believing that our plan would harm those Americans who rely on Medicare."

Democrats will make their case against Dole — and for a second Clinton term — from a high-tech podium built in Chicago's United Center, the place where Michael Jordan earns his living for the NBA champion Bulls. As the sound system was checked and double-checked Saturday, workers hoisted a half-dozen giant nets filled with red, white and blue balloons to the rafters for the traditional festive finale.

In addition to ticketmates Clinton and Gore, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has a prime-time speaking role, highlighting Tuesday's agenda. Mixed in with the predictable parade of Democratic leaders were a handful of everyday Americans called on to speak about how Clinton initiatives have improved their lives.

Source: Bomb may have started a 'chain reaction'

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — TWA Flight 800 may have been destroyed by a bomb that was not especially powerful, but large enough to ignite a "chain reaction" that blew the jetliner in half, a source close to the investigation said Saturday.

Most aircraft bombs have detonated at higher altitudes when the plane is fully pressurized. In those cases a simple fuselage rupture led to massive decompression, causing the plane to disintegrate without a large explosion.

But Flight 800 exploded in a huge fireball seen as far away as 10 miles.

Although not the usual effect of a bomb, the Boeing 747 was well below cruising altitude and not yet pressurized. Under those conditions, a small bomb that could fit in carry-on luggage would probably not cause an immediate break-up.

Instead, the plane could keep flying until its jet fuel, ignited by a bomb, eventually exploded.

A bomb is one of three theories under consideration in the blast, along with possible mechanical failure or a missile attack.

One problem with the particular bomb theory is that jet fuel, a kerosene-like compound, is prone to burn rather than explode.

Some investigators have theorized that vapors lingering in the empty tank from the plane's previous flight from Athens to New

York could have been what ignited.

Sources theorize that if it was a bomb, a piece of carry-on luggage placed beneath a seat and above the plane's center fuel tank could have caused the chain reaction needed to produce such a massive explosion.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said the tiny bits of residue from a plastic-type explosive called PETN were found "on the floor" of the passenger cabin.

FBI chief investigator James Kallstrom said the microscopic bits were not enough to conclude the jetliner was destroyed by a criminal act.

More evidence, such as telltale damage to metal, would be needed, he said.

A source also said the FBI was expanding its inquiry to cover passengers, service and maintenance personnel who came in contact with the jetliner on its last Athens-to-New York trip prior to the fateful day.

"We're going back one more trip. We're leaving nothing to chance," the source said. "We want to talk to everyone who had any connection with that airplane ... everyone on that prior trip."

TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed July 17 while climbing out of Kennedy Airport on a flight to Paris. All 230 people aboard were killed.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Kelvin Ollinger climbs back on his tractor to finish plowing the acreage where his wheat will be bedded down this week. Ollinger says some crops still need a lot more moisture, but it's as good now as it was bad three months ago.

Summer rainfall has made planting crops easier for Gray County farmers

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Plowing fields, readying their ground to bed the wheat, is a chore made much easier the past few days for a couple of Gray County farmers, because the ground has finally absorbed enough moisture to make it worthwhile.

"We sure have a lot more underground moisture to start with this season ... it's (wheat) got a lot better chance than last year's crop," said Barry Fields, who farms his land in the south Gray County, approximately 15 miles south of the Hoechst Celanese Plant.

Thursday afternoon he was in the midst of plowing a field to plant his wheat in the next couple of days. He wishes for a little more rain, although he is also worrying about rain producing more weeds, too.

"I've just put out Atrazine for careless weeds, spraying by air and also using the ground-spray rig, but I'll tell you, I'm not complaining about the weeds or the rains," Fields said.

Fields' milo will be ready to cut in October, but he will soon be harvesting his cornfields after the first of September, he said.

Along with spraying to kill his weeds, he said, "I'm spraying for green bugs bothering the milo, and some head worms that are going into the grain. Others may be dealing with the Southwestern cornborer and the European cornborer starting to bother the corn, but right now everyone has probably sprayed for those for the last time."

In another field a few miles away, down Farm Road 2300, a neighbor, Kelvin Ollinger, finishes plowing acreage for wheat. Ollinger said the rains have been good, although spotty in his area this summer, but he is hoping his wheat will turn out much better this year due to the moisture received.

Two teens die in pipeline explosion, fire

KEMP, Texas (AP) — A liquid butane pipeline exploded and burned near a rural subdivision Saturday afternoon, killing two teenagers who were driving to report a leak in the line.

Firefighters from six communities battled flames from the rupture, which occurred near where the line crosses Farm-to-Market Road 148. Flames and a column of black smoke could be seen for miles.

Authorities said fuel to the line had been cut off by 6 p.m., but residual fuel was expected to burn well into the night.

Kaufman County Sheriff

Robert Harris said Daniel Smalley, who lives near the pipeline, sent his daughter, Danielle, and her friend, Jason Stone, to report the leak.

As the 17-year-olds left the house in a pickup truck, the vehicle apparently triggered the explosion, Harris said. Both teens were killed.

There were no other injuries in the explosion and ensuing fire, Harris said.

Witnesses reported seeing butane leaking from the broken pipeline before the blast.

"Liquid gas was spewing out into the air," said one man. "I ran

back inside the house and told my wife there is a major leak. Then there was a huge explosion and a horrendous fireball."

A woman who answered the telephone at the nearby Scurry Volunteer Fire Department said the blast occurred near a subdivision called Beautiful Acres, close to the small community of Lively, about 10 miles west of Kemp.

About 30 families in the neighborhood were evacuated while firefighters allowed the pipeline to burn, Harris said.

No homes were set ablaze by the explosion.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Barry Fields stands before acreage he just plowed, getting it ready to put down winter wheat. In his milo and sorghum fields, he said he had sprayed for weeds, green bugs and head worms. Fields said, "I'm not complaining about the weeds or the rains."

Brush, forest fire threatens Oregon city

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A fast-moving brush and forest fire swept into a residential area near this south-central Oregon city Saturday, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate and apparently igniting some homes.

The 2,000-acre fire was spreading at about one mile an hour, officials said.

Residents of some 500 homes in two subdivisions six miles southeast of Bend were evacuated during the morning before the flames reached the area.

"I don't have a confirmed number, but we have heard that we have structures lost," said Mike Skeels of the Bend Fire Department.

One of the subdivisions also was evacuated briefly Friday night when a smaller fire burned within a few hundred feet of some homes. That fire was contained Saturday at about 100 acres.

It was one of about 30 Oregon fires started by lightning on Friday, and more lightning was forecast during the weekend. Temperatures soared toward 100 degrees Saturday.

"With the very dry, warm weather, it could be a very hectic day for firefighters," said Stan Hinatsu, fire information officer for the Northwest Coordination Center in Portland.

A group of lightning-caused fires in the Waldo Lake area of the Willamette National Forest, 50 miles southwest of Bend, forced evacuation of four campgrounds. There were no estimates of how many people had to leave, but officials said the campgrounds would have been crowded for the weekend.

Tri State Antique Truck and Tractor Show scheduled

AMARILLO — The Tri State Antique Truck and Tractor Association will hold its third annual show Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at the Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo Grounds in Amarillo.

To be on display are rare and unusual antique trucks, tractors, engines, implements and machinery, along with a toy show and toy swap meet.

Special events include daily parades, truck games, tractor games and children's rides. An antique tractor pull is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$3. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted free with the donation of one can of food for the High Plains Food Bank.

Those having antique trucks and tractors are invited to participate in the show. The Tri State Antique Truck and Tractor Association is a non-profit association.

For more information, call (806) 374-3056 or (806) 358-3433.

PEP watermelon feast



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Travis Elementary School students Logan Baker, Lacie Long, Cortnee White, Amy Youree, Marissa Hudson and (standing) Nicole Fernuik and Seth Peerson dig into a sample of what will be offered at Monday's Talented and Gifted Association and Pampa Enrichment Program watermelon feast. The party is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Central Park for students and their families to begin the year's activities and introduce new officers and new students.

State Reform Party warms to Morales

AUSTIN (AP) — The absence of presidential candidate Ross Perot didn't dampen spirits at the Reform Party's first Texas convention, but Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm and his entourage appeared to irritate a few people.

One man walked out after Gramm, who was among major-party and independent candidates wooing about 150 convention-goers Saturday, expressed his opposition to sending American troops to Bosnia.

"Do you favor genocide?" the man called out. Minutes later, while Gramm was still speaking, the man left the room, saying, "I've heard enough."

Another convention-goer, Stella Garcia of Coldspring, appeared vexed that members of the Texas Young Republican Federation followed Gramm into the gathering.

The Republicans, who heard earlier from Gramm at a separate meeting, led applause several times during his speech to the Reform Party convention, drawing glances from the rest of the crowd.

"These people that appeared

were planted here. Where were they earlier?" said Ms. Garcia. She added, after Gramm's speech, "If you notice, they're all leaving."

Gramm was applauded by others at the convention, which was open to members of the public. One woman thanked the Republicans for coming.

"I want less government and more freedom," said Gramm. He noted that he had championed a balanced budget amendment, which the Reform Party favors; and said he is for other ideas they support, such as a fair and simple tax system and term limits for officeholders.

The crowd had a more enthusiastic reception for Gramm's Democratic opponent, Victor Morales, who declared he almost ran as an independent. Many stood to applaud him.

"I didn't want anyone to place me in a little cubbyhole — Democrat, which I've been, or Republican," said Morales, a Dallas-area school teacher who took a leave of absence from his job to campaign. "I'm a very, very

independent man."

But Morales, who lacks the financial wherewithal of billionaire Perot, is also practical: "The reality of the world is that I need a podium. I needed a voice."

Morales, who campaigned around the state in his pickup to win the Democratic nomination to challenge Gramm, demonstrated some independence in his speech.

While agreeing with some party proposals, such as banning congressional junkets and holding elections on the weekend, Morales was outspoken in his disagreement on others. He doesn't favor a balanced budget amendment, for example, nor term limits.

"Criticize me for disagreeing with you if you must," Morales told the crowd. "But you can't take away that I am here to help. ... You cannot remove the fact that I dance for no one."

Morales threw in that he's not for a flat tax, an idea not listed on the party's reform list. Gramm said he would favor a flat tax or consumption tax.

Toxicity kills lawmaker's daughter

HOUSTON (AP) — The adult daughter of a Texas lawmaker died of methadone toxicity before her body was dumped behind an apartment complex in a cardboard box, according to an autopsy.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's office determined that 38-year-old Sarah Williams, daughter of state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, died of poisoning from methadone, a synthetic narcotic

used to treat heroin addiction.

Ms. Williams' corpse was found two weeks ago in a box outside a southeast Houston apartment complex.

On Wednesday, 44-year-old Leon Banks was charged with abuse of a corpse for alleged unlawful disposal of the body. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

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The Family of Woody Pond

Judge limits water pumping by users of Edwards Aquifer

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge's order to limit water pumping from the Edwards Aquifer was an unprecedented action to protect endangered species, legal specialists said.

Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton III has ruled that San Antonio and other major users of the Edwards Aquifer must restrict pumping from the reservoir to protect people and species that rely on the water.

"I do not recall any comparable example in which the courts have ordered a reduction in groundwater withdrawals to meet endangered species objectives," said Michael Bean, chairman of the wildlife program for the Environmental Defense Fund, a nonprofit group based in New York City.

Bean told the *Austin American-Statesman* that the only case remotely similar involved the successful federal effort to force a landowner in the early 1970s to reduce groundwater pumping to protect the Devil's Hole pupfish, a small fish found at Death Valley National Park in Nevada.

Although it involved an endangered species, the case was brought under antiquities laws that protect public lands from external threats, Bean said.

In the 10-page ruling, Bunton says pumping must be reduced

by Oct. 1. He also affixed a plan that outlines recommendations for voluntary water conservation.

The injunction overruled an Aug. 17 decision by the 8-week-old Edwards Aquifer Authority to allow summer pumping at 1.4 times the normal winter rate. San Antonio had lobbied for relaxation of pumping rules, saying it couldn't meet a more stringent 1.2 mark.

Bunton reinstated the 1.2 standard in situations where the flow from Comal Springs drops below 175 cubic feet per second. Water is running at about half that level, court documents said.

The springs support such endangered species as a fish called the fountain darter, the San Marcos salamander, the Texas blind salamander and the Texas wild rice.

San Antonio Mayor Bill Thornton, whose city is most affected by the restrictions, said the injunction will be appealed Monday to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

He accused Bunton of placing the needs of tiny amphibians above those of humans.

"It's water for our families, for our homes, for our jobs," Thornton said.

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Opinion

FEC lawsuit picky enforcement ...

It is difficult to believe that a lawsuit filed by the Federal Election Commission against the Christian Coalition as innocent of the intention of dampening the group's activities during this election year.

The burden of the FEC's complaint is that the Christian Coalition released and distributed its famous voter guides in clever and strategic ways that assisted the campaigns of George Bush, Jesse Helms, Ollie North and others.

Why does this lawsuit sound phony? For starters, dozens of groups of all ideological stripes, from the Sierra Club to the conservative Frontiers of Freedom to the liberal Americans for Democratic Action, do precisely the same thing.

Then there's the timing. The events that the lawsuit alleges were unlawful occurred in 1990, 1992 and 1994. If they really were unlawful, why wasn't action taken earlier?

It is especially ironic that this dubious action is being taken even as labor unions vow to spend \$35 to \$40 million to campaign openly against Republican freshmen — using compulsory dues rather than voluntary contributions.

The Federal Election Commission's action seems calculated (intentionally or not) to affect the outcome of a current election.

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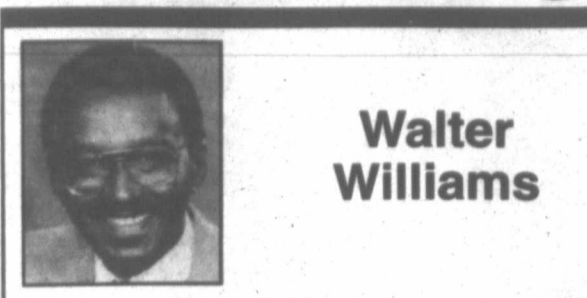


Corporate downsizing in America

One strategy of those who seek increased control over our lives is to manufacture a crisis. Corporate downsizing stories on the presidential campaign trail and in the national press are an example of that strategy.

At our nation's birth, 95 percent of the population was in one way or another engaged in agriculture. Today, only 2 percent of Americans farm. In anybody's book, that's some heavyweight downsizing.

Downsizing is mostly a process where companies find cheaper production methods. Labor tends to be the costliest input; therefore, companies have profit incentives to seek methods to save on labor.



Walter Williams

freed up to be used elsewhere in the economy. If labor-saving methods had not been found to free up that 95 percent of early Americans engaged in farming, where would we have gotten workers to produce other goods that contributed to our wealth?

We don't have to go back to our early history to make these points. Last year, according to an article in Policy Review, Wal-Mart added 41,000 new jobs, Motorola added 5,000 and Intel added nearly 10,000.

been: to bid up wages and hence the price of the product, wait for new workers to be born, or get more foreigners.

In a dynamic, robust and growing economy, there are always going to be changes in the use of labor. Some jobs will be eliminated while others are "born." Using government to prevent this process will make the nation poorer.

None of all this is to deny there are hardships faced by displaced workers, particularly those up in years who have children to raise and mortgages to pay.

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Sunday, August 25, the 238th day of 1996. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 25, 1944, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

On this date: In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some of them settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1825, Uruguay declared its independence from Brazil. In 1875, Captain Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany. In 1943, U.S. forces overran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.



CLINTON LOSES HIS COOL

A brief description of Islamic beliefs

Now that it's clear that the government has adopted terrorism as the new bogeyman, it will sooner or later get around to so-called Islamic terrorism. You ought to know something about Islam, the third great religion to spring from the Middle East.

The main requirements to be a Muslim are to believe in God, believe that Mohammed was his prophet, pray five times a day, give to the poor, observe the fast of Ramadan and, if physically and financially possible, make the pilgrimage to Mecca once during your lifetime.

Muslims believe in the same God in which Jews and Christians believe. "Allah" is just the Arabic word for God. Just as Jews and Christians believe in the same God but differ on the question of Jesus' divinity, Muslims believe that Abraham, Moses and Jesus were holy prophets. They believe, however, that God spoke again to mankind through Mohammed. The words of God, transcribed by Mohammed, are in the Koran, the sacred book of Islam.

The moral code of Islam is essentially the same as that of Christianity, though a bit more strict in some respects. For example, Muslims are forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages. But if you lived in the middle of a Muslim neighborhood, you would live among nice people whom you would find to be hospitable, helpful and honest.

In my travels in the Middle East, I never encountered any rudeness or hostility from Muslims. One night, after an interview with the

Charley Reese

editor of an Egyptian newspaper in Cairo, I got lost and wandered on foot — an American in a business suit with a briefcase — into the worst slum I've ever seen.

We Americans do not have the kind of poverty you find in other parts of the world. Our poor would be considered middle class. This neighborhood, teeming with people, looked like one of Charles Dickens' nightmares. Yet, not once was I accosted by a beggar much less threatened.

There are a number of myths about Islam. Many people believe that Muslims are hostile to Christians and Jews. Not so. Islam teaches that religious Jews and Christians are to be respected because of their shared belief in God.

Another myth is that Islam requires forced conversions. Again, not true. Another myth is that all Muslims are Arabs. False. There are about one billion Muslims in the world, and only a minority are Arabs. Muslims have been in the United States since the 1800s. Today there are about as many Muslims in America as there are Jews.

Islam is not a hierarchical religion. There is no head Muslim. There is no equivalent to the Roman Catholic college of cardinals or to the Pope. There is not even the equivalent of the Southern Baptist convention.

Any group of Muslims anywhere may get together and build a mosque (their church building.) It is independent of all other mosques or congregations. They meet on Fridays to pray and to hear a lecture by a teacher, called an imam. He is roughly the equivalent of a Protestant minister, though often unpaid, but not at all equivalent to a priest. He has no power or authority over the worshippers.

So-called Islamic fundamentalists are not unlike Christian fundamentalists. They are not anti-Western. They oppose the same Western values that many Christians oppose — violence, drugs, greed, materialism, sexual promiscuity. Like Christians, they believe these values can destroy a society.

Like everyone else, Muslims are human beings who also live a secular life in business and politics. The conflict between Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and Israel is not religious; it over Israeli occupation, a secular political issue. The religious part of Hamas operates schools, hospitals and welfare agencies. Hizballah, the Party of God, opposes Israeli occupation of Lebanon, a purely political issue that has nothing to do with Islam and Judaism.

Islam does not condone terrorism or offensive wars. Naturally, there are people in Muslim countries who are terrorists just as there are terrorists in Christian, Buddhist and Hindu countries. Muslims, after all, are human beings just like all of us.

The guardians of political correctness

The Republicans chose a geographical jewel for the site of their convention. San Diego claims to have more sun than any other city in the republic. It ought also to boast of its fine sea breezes and its cleanliness. The only endangered species here is the litterbug. Naturally, joggers, bikers and energetic lady walkers abound — the latter pumping their little fists back and forth, some carrying light dumbbells. By and large, this is a city of health enthusiasts, with many of its older citizens wearing peculiar straps on their knees and forearms — the consequence of one jog too many or a tennis swing that went haywire.

Over at the Marriott by the marina, the political journalists have congregated.

This was supposed to be a national Republican convention with people coming from all parts. Yet, at the Marriott, the same old Washington-New York personalities hog the show. What characterizes them? Joyous Republicans are everywhere, and when Jack Kemp's vice presidential nomination is announced, the joyous Republicans become almost delirious. The Washington-New York press giants are not joyous. Their salient characteristic is a huge and unhappy self-importance. They rarely smile, and when they laugh, it is a bitter laugh.

One of the talking heads of the evening news comes through the lobby. A couple of aides clear the way. His voice is as deep as his tan. His suit is flawlessly tailored over a curiously desiccated frame. Two young female pressies rush to him with their disposable cameras. They want his picture. He is amenable, even agreeable. The television news personalities are America's Ceremonial

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

Figures, our Royal Family — no brighter or more accomplished. Anyway, this Ceremonial Figure is particularly preposterous. As his aide snaps the pictures, a passerby intrudes. Our Ceremonial Figure waves his arms towards the passerby. "Step aside, there," he commands. The term sounds stilted. What will he intone next — "Avast!" or "Forsooth!"

Yet, he is not the only ridiculous figure from the press. Into the milling crowd of pressies comes Sidney Blumenthal, the left-wing writer for such conventional magazines as the New Yorker. He is smoking a gigantic cigar in a hall that the reformers of his ilk have made tyrannically nonsmoking. No one else has dared to light up. After imparting his words of wisdom — briefly — he proceeds magisterially through the lobby and out into a wide hallway beneath clouds of cigar smoke. The hallway is clearly marked by no-smoking signs. I like to think that at some point, he was accosted by a squad of health-nut Nazis and beaten horribly about the head and shoulders. Serves the leftist bon vivant right.

Back in the lobby, the giants of the press corps dominate. They all talk to each other grimly. Ken Bode is conferring with Nina Totenberg. Al Hunt looks particularly miserable. Is he having trouble digesting his breakfast, or is it the grim specter of this radical Bob Dole taking over the White House from our enlightened Boy President? I make a

horrible blunder. The kind of social faux pas that one never recovers from among the Washington-New York press corps. I tell one of the giants that I am off to lunch with Norman Mailer. "He knows nothing about politics," the giant informs me. My transgression could have been more embarrassing. I could have been off to lunch with Mozart or Aristotle.

Anyway, Norman is in excellent form. He is fascinated by the convention. My guests and I fill him in on our observations. We talk as reporters. He talks as a novelist. He operates from instinct. He sees drama and theme where the idiots back at the hotel lobby see only statistics and an opportunity to pontificate. Mailer is particularly happy when the conversation turns to bullfighting and boxing. He talks of a young bullfighter he knew with a case of the nerves. He talks of Muhammad Ali being afraid of Sonny Liston until, in their first round, Ali suddenly saw an opening, and — whammo — no more fear.

Mailer is no spring chicken, yet he laughs readily, moves quickly across a wide range of topics and is vastly interesting. His political party, the Democratic Party, is in ruins. Nonetheless, Norman Mailer is a much happier fellow than the grim giants back at the Marriott — the giants who claim to have no political affiliation. It is their burden to serve as the conscience of the republic — or, at least, pretend. Ironically, many of Mailer's lusty interests are now ruled politically incorrect because of these idiots. Prize fighting? Bullfighting? A cigar after lunch? I hope Mailer recognizes that only Dole-Kemp can liberate us from the storm troopers of political correctness.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to the fans

To the editor:
I wanted to write this letter of thanks to our fans before the school year ended, but it seemed our championship basketball season had no end. I know it must be gone now because the bells are ringing for another term, which is hard to believe.

Winning the state championship and accepting the many accolades that accompanied it extended our program far into the summer. Last on the agenda was coaching school in Houston from July 28 through August 1st, where I was honored on behalf of our great team.

Now it's my turn to thank and honor the many people who pulled for us throughout the year and helped in so many, many ways.

I want to first cite the thousands of fans who follow our games on KGRO, in the Pampa News, the media, and across the backyard fences and coffee shops of our community. We know you are pulling for us and it lifts our hearts. Your spirit adds greatly to our efforts.

The fans packed into McNeeley Fieldhouse are great, and it's amazing how many of them have followed us around the country to the away games. It's uplifting to walk onto the floor of the opposing team and look up into the stands to see that Pampa people outnumber the home crowd. The support in Austin was unbelievable and is still talked about around the state. It certainly helps us play hard.

On behalf of myself, our coaching staff, and the State Championship 1996 Harvester basketball team, we say thanks to the school administration, the student body, the community, the fans, and all the people who supported us.

On a personal note, a heart felt thank you to the '96 Hustlin' Harvesters for all the memories and great moments you've given me, Pampa, and the state of Texas. Looking forward to this season. See you at the "Pit."

Coach Robert Hale
Players: Lynn Brown, Devin Lemons, Jason Weatherbee, August Larson, J.J. Mathis, Gabe Wilbon, Coy Laury, Chris Miller, Rayford Young.
Managers: Kerry Adams, Jason Bliss, Brad Been, Todd Lancaster.

Playoff Additions: Tyler Alexander, Matt Harp, Jared Knipp.

Netters: Misti Adams, Jamie Cenicaros, Nicole Meason, Krissy Nunn.

Assistant Coaches: John Darnell, Troy Bell, Jay Lamb, Jay Knight.

Best things in life

To the editor:
After more than 60 years of life, trying to make the best of it, trying to be as good to others as some have been to me, asking for help when I needed it and giving sometimes when I couldn't afford it, I have managed to find some enjoyment in life, and most of the time I had very little as far as money.

Residents smoldering over slow-burning mulch fire

JONAH, Texas (AP) — A Texas-sized pile of cedar mulch caught fire about three weeks ago, spewing smelly smoke that has aggravated people with breathing problems and annoyed just about everybody else in town.

Depending on the wind's direction and strength, the odor of burning cedar can be smelled up to several miles away. Fire officials have chosen to let the fire burn itself out, which could take anywhere from two weeks to two months, depending on the weather.

"It's bad. My three kids all have asthma. They haven't been able to play outside at all," said David Vasquez, one of about 60 Jonah residents.

Despite complaints, state and local officials say there's little that can be done except to let the pile burn.

The cedar pile, owned by an

I guess my greatest satisfaction comes from knowing that somewhere above us we have a creator of life and all things around us. The smell of flowers and a fresh plowed field. The freshness of rain and a soft spring breeze.

Without money, all these things and others can be enjoyed, but when money and worldly goods become our worship, the time spent in greed is going to let us miss what God of love, mercy and forgiveness has for us.

I guess the next greatest thing in life is for man and woman to have a companion to share this life with or without riches. To be able to look at each other often and say "I love you." (The "I love you" will resurface again in what I am trying to say.)

I have found a pastime and pleasure that has brought me more strength and reward than most people ever enjoy. I strum a guitar and sing a few old songs that some listen to and show appreciation for. The real pleasure comes when I sing a song that creates a reaction. Whether they get up and stomp to a fast song or dance to a slow song, it feels good. They may clap their hands and sing along, but it's good to come up with the right song. Once while I was singing in a bar, a lady with her back to me more than 30 feet away got up and dragged her chair to right in front of me and sat to listen while I sang "Let's say goodbye like we said hello." You never know what will bring a reaction.

On Friday night, Aug. 9, at a ranch party north of town the greatest thing happened. I was singing "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You." A lady sitting on a bale of hay got up, walked around behind her husband of more than 50 years marriage, hugged and kissed him. I almost lost control of that song, but I made without much more than a few big tears on my face.

If you are searching for money and worldly goods to fulfill your life, you're looking for the wrong thing.

Thanks from PAAF

To the editor:
A great big thanks to all the merchants, politicians and others who supported the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion by buying ads for our program.

We appreciate the door prizes many of you donated.

Words cannot express our appreciation to Cleo Worley, Janet Howell and Lisa Powell for tours of their beautiful homes and to Kristie Hutto for the tour of the Hughey Home. We thank all of you.

Thanks to Freeman's Flowers for the beautiful floral arrangement they furnished for our Saturday night banquet.

To all of you who had a part in this year's 24th annual reunion, we thank you for making it a success.

Tampa Douglass, PAAF Reunion Secretary
James Baird, PAAF President
Russell Abbott, PAAF Vice President



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

City employees Raymond Roberson and Tommy Swindle, on the truck lift, pick up grass clippings left by Pampans and transport it to the municipal landfill for composting.

Pampa landfill honored for composting project

The City of Pampa Sanitation Department was honored by Clean Pampa 2000, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and Gov. George W. Bush for outstanding efforts in environmental protection and pollution prevention.

The department was selected a competition finalist based on its use of composted material for a soil erosion project, according to

Sanitation Superintendent Rick Stone.

The project, conducted with North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation District, tests the use of composted yard waste as a soil additive for increased fertility and erosion control of crop land.

In September 1995, compost and wood chips were applied to six different plots on land owned by County Commissioner Jim

Greene, east of Pampa on Loop 171. The compost will be incorporated into the soil through normal farm operations.

Test plots will be monitored for three years to determine if the yard waste can increase soil fertility, reduce erosion and reduce pollution.

Compost was applied to the strips at rates varying from five to 15 tons per acre.

Philanthropist brutally murdered at home

AUSTIN (AP) — Mary Moore Searight was a lover of Texas history who herded cattle in a 1964 Studebaker, shot snakes with a side arm and donated a park to Austin.

Last week, the 87-year-old was brutally murdered.

Mrs. Searight, a Paris, Texas, native and longtime Austin resident, was beaten and sexually assaulted in her Paris home last Sunday. She became the city's first murder victim this year when she died Wednesday.

Paris police are pursuing leads but had no suspects in custody as of Saturday.

In 1988, Mrs. Searight donated 294 acres to the Austin parks and recreation department. The former ranch, now Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park, attracts birdwatchers and families in droves.

"There was nothing there except for some small neighborhood pocket parks. It was a great thing for the City of Austin to get," said Jim Halbrook, parks spokesman. "With the different amenities, it sure brought in a whole lot of interest inside Austin and outside Austin. It became a popular park real fast."

A founding member of the Heritage Society and the Audubon Society chapter in Austin, Mrs. Searight lived by choice in a small house on the ranch with no indoor plumbing until the late 1980s.

"She was a colorful person, very charming person," said Paris City Manager Mike Malone, who unofficially managed Mrs. Searight's affairs. "She lived very independently and enjoyed being outside with her pets. She enjoyed nature and

loved to go out and walk in her yard and look at her trees and bushes — just enjoyed being home."

Mrs. Searight moved with her family to Austin in 1939 when her father, W.R. Moore, a former assistant attorney general, was appointed acting chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court. She graduated from the University of Texas, and in 1940 she married Dan Searight.

In 1944, Mary and Dan Searight bought the ranch on Slaughter Creek and began raising Black Angus cattle. Dan Searight died in 1959, but Mary Searight continued living on the ranch, picking off snakes with her .38, until she donated the property.

When Mrs. Searight returned to Paris, she moved into the family home, a white, two-story, wood-frame house.

Food poisoning suspected in students' illnesses

TYLER (AP) — Elementary school students who were sent home from school with severe vomiting may have been victims of cafeteria food poisoning.

Brenda Elrod, environmental health director and chief sanitarian for the Smith County Public Health District, said the 34 children were suffering from some sort of food-borne illness. Possible culprits are salmonella, shigella, E coli or staphylococcus.

Calling the outbreak "very unusual," Ms. Elrod said school is the only common link among all the children. No other school has reported a problem.

Food samples were sent to a lab, but results probably won't be known until Monday.

Judy Richter, Tyler Independent School District food director, notified health officials after the children started throwing up.

Sanitarians went to the school to investigate. Elrod said although some people believe a lack of cleanliness leads to problems with food, the cafeteria was spotless.

"What we are looking for is how the (food) was handled, where it came from, how it was stored and how it was prepared," Elrod said.

The sanitarians inspected the school kitchen equipment to ensure it was working properly. They also developed a flow chart for the handling of the food, based on reports from the food service manager and cafeteria workers.

Officials were trying to find a

possible food handling or temperature violation along the route.

The pupils began eating in the cafeteria Wednesday, the first day of school. Although the children became sick Friday, the cause could be something they ate earlier, Elrod said.

The school cafeteria emptied the refrigerators as a precaution. The school will start with all new food products on Monday.

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The word "walk" simply means manner of life. To "walk by the Spirit" is to live as the Holy Spirit directs God's people to live (Titus 2:11-14; Phil. 1:27.) The communication from God to man is His inspired word (2 Tim. 3:16-17.) Since the day of Pentecost when the first gospel sermon was preached (Acts 2), the Holy Spirit has spoken through the word of God. Initially, the word was in the spoken form. The apostles, and other gifted persons, spoke as the Holy Spirit directed them to speak (1 Cor. 2; 1 Pet. 1:16-21.) Later, the same Holy Spirit directed the writing of the New Testament (1 Cor. 14:37; Eph. 3:1-7.) And so, today the only way we can know how the Holy Spirit directs us to live is through the inspired word, the Bible.

The truth, which is the word of God (Jn. 17:17), is as unchangeable as God is (Mal. 3:6; 1 Pet. 1:24-25.) Therefore, what was written thousands of years ago is still the same as it was then. It is still as applicable today as it was when the apostles preached and wrote it. What was sin then is still sin now and no amount of apologies of men is going to change that fact. The fulfillment of fleshly, evil lusts, which is what Paul was writing about (Gal. 5:16-21) is contrary to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Those who persist in so living have no promise of eternal life (1 Cor. 6:9-10.)

- Billy T. Jones

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Success and change

"Everything you talked about today I already knew," he said. "My business is different, that stuff won't work."

I'd just finished a four-hour presentation to a group of small-business owners. Though I'd pleased most of them with the information-I shared, it was obvious that I hadn't connected with one member of the audience.

Later, I expressed my concern to the trade association director who had hired me. I related to her my lengthy conversation with the attendee who told me he'd already heard it all.

"Who were you talking to?" she asked. I told her, and she rolled her eyes and nodded with a knowing look.

"Not to worry," she said. "Randolph hasn't been happy with anything since 1957."

I laughed, then indicated that I was still disappointed with the feedback. "I'd like to think that I could still help someone with more than 40 years experience," I said.

"Forty year's experience!" she exclaimed. "He doesn't have 40 years of experience. He has one year's experience 40 times. He hasn't made any changes in 40 years."

I've replayed that conversation with Randolph several times. One comment he made again and again keeps haunting me. As we discussed several options that might help his business, his pat answer became, "We tried that once." It is obvious now that Randolph didn't want to change.

Success requires change

Recently, a friend asked me if I knew how many psychiatrists it takes to change a light bulb. I said, No.

"Just one," he said. "However, it takes a very long time, costs a lot of money and the light bulb really must want to change."

As I study prospering businesses, I find that success usually requires change. And like the light bulb, you must want to change.

A few years ago, I worked for a client who had three retail stores. One was losing money, one was at break-even and one was doing very well. The owner lived more than 100 miles from the stores and only visited them occasionally. He asked me to help improve the stores' profitability.

I studied the operation and detailed several changes in a written report. I discussed these with the client, who thanked me and paid for the work.

Later, I returned to the city where the stores were located. I was surprised to find the stores closed. Even the profitable location was empty. It turned out that the owner decided it would be easier to close all the stores than make the necessary changes to restore sagging profits.

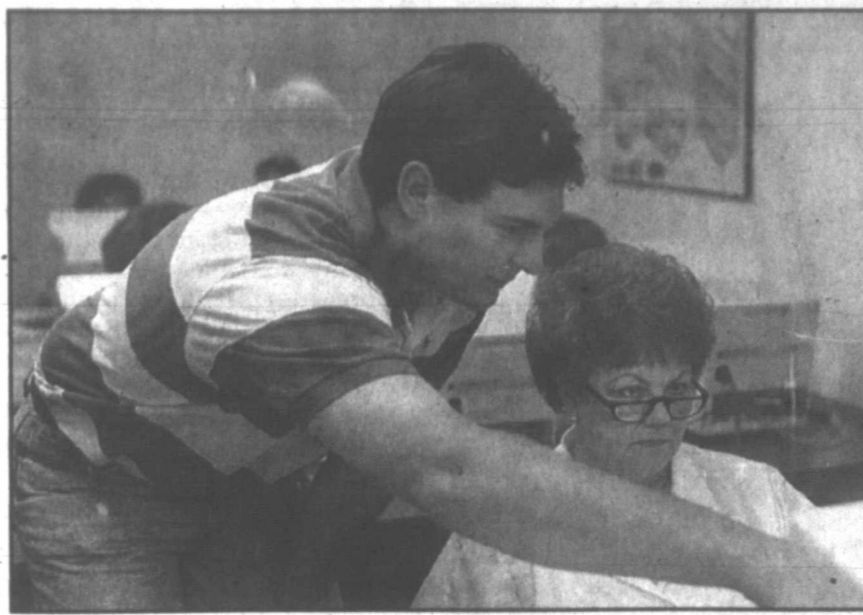
Outside the box

To overcome resistance to change, I encourage you to begin to think outside the box. Don't allow yourself - or anyone else for that matter - to shutdown new ideas just because someone says it won't work or because you've tried it before.

Even if you've heard something before, look for ways to apply it to improve the current situation. Remember, what you know isn't as important as what you do with your knowledge. Positive, productive people focus on how they can make something happen, rather than spending time and energy pointing out why it won't work. Positive actions are always more productive than negative thoughts.

The first team to scale Mt. Everest did not know it couldn't be done. The Wright brothers flew after scientific geniuses proved that man could not fly. Edison lit the world long after he'd "tried it once."

Here's a little poem that sums it all up:
We tried that once, it didn't work,
There's no reason to pursue it.
You can't and I won't are words that mean,
I'd rather fail than do it.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Instructor John Studebaker, standing, shows Travis Elementary School second-grade teacher Jeannine Peurifoy some tips on using the LANtastic computer network during a recent class at Computer Sales & Technology.

Computer Sales & Technology adds room for training facilities

Computer Sales & Technology recently added an Educational Training Room as part of a renovation of the firm's front office area at 112 E. Francis to provide classroom training facilities.

The first class taught teachers from Travis Elementary School the basics of using their LANtastic computer network which was recently installed by CST.

The class was taught by John Studebaker, a technician in Techview Services who earned his certification in May as a LANtastic trainer from Artisoft, the company that produces LANtastic.

The teachers attended one of two classes held Friday, Aug. 16, one from 10 a.m. to noon, the second from noon to 2 p.m. The

teachers learned how to send and read e-mail messages on the network, as well as how to connect to hard drives and devices such as printers that are shared by the network.

In a computer network, many "workstation" personal computers (PCs) are connected to one or more "server" stations which regulate system resources and use of shared devices, such as printers.

Future classes planned by CST will include more courses on using LANtastic and courses teaching the basics of using DOS, Windows and Windows 95.

Computer Sales and Technology (CST) and Techview Services are subsidiaries of Computer Manufacturing and Sales Corporation. For more information, call 665-4001.

Labor Dept. recovers back wages

WASHINGTON (AP) - Continuing its campaign against sweatshops, the Labor Department reported Friday it had recovered \$699,323 in back wages due 2,486 garment workers from April through June.

The department said in its second quarterly Garment Enforcement Report, \$148,867 in civil fines were imposed against 95

manufacturers for 131 wage and hour violations.

"For the second time in a row, the Garment Enforcement Report shows that far too many garment assembly firms are routinely violating our nation's labor laws," said Labor Secretary Robert Reich. "More importantly, too many garment workers are being exploited."

Durable goods orders increase 1.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories for durable goods climbed 1.6 percent in July, the government said in a report Friday that some analysts said showed little sign of an anticipated economic deceleration.

"It shows the economy is still very healthy," said economist Gary Thayer of A.G. Edwards & Sons, a St. Louis stock brokerage. "If it's slowing down, it's not slowing down significantly."

Amid other signs recently the economy may be braking on its own with few indications of inflation, Federal Reserve policy makers declined to raise short-term interest rates earlier last week.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last month that if economic growth does not slow soon, the central bank will be forced to boost rates to avoid a surge in prices. Fed policy makers next meet on Sept. 24.

The Commerce Department report aggravated those inflation concerns on Wall Street, where stock and bond prices fell and interest rates rose.

The report contained little suggestion of slowing in the industrial sector, which exhibited weakness earlier in the year when orders fell during three of the first four months.

It said most major categories shared in the orders growth to a seasonally adjusted \$172.7 billion, up from \$170 billion in June. Durable goods are products such as cars and computers expected

to last more than three years.

The advance was the second in three months, including a big 4.2 percent jump in May. Orders had slipped a revised 0.2 percent in June, which was less than the original 0.8 percent estimate.

Also suggesting strength was a 1 percent increase in unfilled orders, the 10th advance in 11 months. A growing backlog suggests businesses may have to increase production facilities and manpower to meet demand.

Shipments, a measure of current activity, also advanced, a 0.7 percent gain that erased a 0.4 percent drop in June. It was the third increase in the last four months.

"The durables report seems out of line with other measures of industrial activity, notably reports from purchasing managers," said economist Cheryl Katz of Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York. "We suspect that the next month's data will be considerably more subdued."

The National Association of Purchasing Management reported earlier this month that a membership survey suggested manufacturing growth unexpectedly slowed in July, including a drop in orders.

Orders are considered a key gauge of the manufacturing sector, since continued gains could mean increased production and more jobs.

Transportation orders, one-fourth of the total, were unchanged in July, the only major category that failed to grow.

Chamber Communique

Welcome new Chamber member! The Collector's Corner owner, Carolyn Copeland, is welcomed to the Chamber membership. Her antique/gift shop is located at 2216 N. Hobart.

Early voting for the Pampa Independent School District bond election is being conducted Monday through Friday, through Sept. 6, between 8 a.m. and 5

p.m., at the Carver Center.

Early voting also may be done at the following schools:

Baker Elementary, Aug. 27, 7-9 p.m.; Lamar Elementary, Aug. 27, 7-9 p.m.; Wilson Elementary, Aug. 29, 7-9 p.m.; Wilson Elementary, Aug. 29, 7-9 p.m.

Meetings:
Tuesday - Tourism Committee - 2 p.m., Nona Payne Room, Pampa Community Building.

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(Special photo) Texas Gov. George W. Bush, center, visits with Pampans J.B. Horton, left, and Eric J. Kirkpatrick during the GOP convention in San Diego.

Pampans provide service at Republican convention

At the recently held Republican National Convention in San Diego, Calif., Gray County was disproportionately represented. Carolyn Stroud served as a delegate from the 13th Congressional District of Texas and was active in making sure that Sen. Bob Dole received the presidential nomination. J.B. Horton, Pampa High School graduate, served the Republican Party of Texas with assisting in daily meetings with both delegates and elected officials. Horton also assisted the state party in coordinating events with U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Dick Armey and several other prominent Republican leaders. Another Pampa High School graduate, Eric J. Kirkpatrick, also attended the convention as a page of the Republican National Committee. Kirkpatrick helped backstage at the convention in moving speakers to and from the podium, such as Colin Powell, Nancy Reagan, former President George Bush, Dole and vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp.

U.S. Marines working to extend border barrier in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Work being done by U.S. Marines to extend a border barrier will make it harder for drug smugglers and car thieves to cross between the United States and Mexico, a sheriff says. The Marines — 59 construction workers and heavy equipment operators of the 8th Engineering Support Battalion from Camp Lejeune, N.C. — will build a fence made of railroad steel for 2 1/2 miles west of an existing wall at Naco, a border community in Cochise County in southeastern Arizona. In addition, the Marines over the next three weeks will grade and improve drainage on a 60-

mile stretch of Border Road, which runs adjacent to the international border between the San Pedro River and the Perilla Mountains east of Douglas. The work is being done as part of a training exercise arranged by Joint Task Force 6 at Fort Bliss, Texas, which is responsible for assisting anti-drug efforts of civilian law enforcement agencies. Cochise County Sheriff John Pintek said Friday the Marines' work will greatly improve the safety of Naco-area residents by forcing vehicles carrying drugs into the United States and southbound criminals out of residential Naco. Last year, an Army engineering

company from Fort Hood, Texas, extended the border barrier 2 1/2 miles east of the border wall. Before the fence was built, the area had become a favorite crossing point for car thieves

and drug smugglers. "It's stopped," said Pintek of the vehicular border-crashing. "It'll do the same here, slow down the traffic in stolen vehicles and drug trafficking in vehicles."

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Notebook

BASEBALL

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Dillas and the Amarillo National Bank have announced the Texas-Louisiana League Fall Concert Series featuring The Beach Boys. The concert will be at Potter County Memorial Stadium on the Thursday, October 3 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at the Dillas Ticket Office, 3322 E. 3rd on Saturday, August 24 at 9:00 a.m.

The seating for the event will be general admission only and consists of on-field and stadium seating options. Call (806) 342-3455 for additional ticket information.

HUNTING

PAMPA — A hunter education class is scheduled Sept. 6-7 in the Gray County Annex Building. Starting times are 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 8 a.m. Sept. 7.

Interested persons can call Jim Baker at 665-2749 to pre-register.

VOLLEYBALL

LUBBOCK — Pampa won five of six games in Friday's pool play two to take first place at the Lubbock Invitational. They beat Lubbock Estacado, 11-9, 11-1, split with Brownfield, 11-7, 5-11, and defeated Frenship, 11-0, 11-4.

In Saturday's tournament play, Pampa defeated El Paso Franklin, 8-15, 15-6, 15-9, in the quarterfinals and lost to Seminole, 15-13, 11-15, 4-15, in the semifinals. Seminole, which is picked to go far in the Class 3A playoffs, had plenty of problems putting away Pampa. The Lady Harvesters were down 8-1 in the first game before coming back to claim a 15-13 win. In the second game, Pampa was leading 11-7 when Seminole scored eight consecutive points for the win.

Pampa was slated to play either Lubbock Coronado or Lamesa for third place Saturday night. Coronado won the tournament last year.

GOLF

CORNELIUS, Ore. (AP) — Maybe if Bobby Jones magically walked out one of the corn fields that surround Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club there would be a chance of Tiger Woods losing in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

But this tournament is turning into Woods' own field of dreams, especially the back nine at the Witch Hollow course where Woods once again pounced on an opponent and advanced to the finals for the third straight year.

No one has played in the finals trying for a third straight title since Jones in 1926. And he lost to George Von Elm 2-and-1.

Woods was far from perfect in Saturday's 3-and-1 victory over Stanford teammate Joel Kribbel, but he made every big par save he needed to make and when Kribbel, who played a brilliant front nine, opened the door, Woods stormed through.

Woods gets his chance today to move into the golf history books against Steve Scott, a 19-year-old University of Florida student who defeated his college teammate, Robert Floyd, 3-and-2, winning the last three holes of the match.

HORSE RACING

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — James Bond had his way Saturday at Saratoga.

Will's Way, trained by H. James Bond, won the Travers and denied clear-cut leadership of the 3-year-old division to Louis Quatorze and Skip Away.

Making only his sixth start, all of them this year, Will's Way, ridden by Jorge Chavez, took the lead with a quarter-mile remaining, then outduelled Louis Quatorze for a three-quarter-length victory that avenged a neck loss to him in the Jim Dandy three weeks ago at Saratoga.

BYU upsets A&M to kick off college football

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Steve Sarkisian wrecked the "Wrecking Crew."

The Brigham Young quarterback threw six touchdown passes Saturday as the Cougars upset No. 13 Texas A&M 41-37 in the Pigskin Classic, the opening game of the college football season and the Aggies' debut as a Big 12 Conference representative.

"One thing to remember is when BYU gets rolling on offense, it's kind of hard to stop the train," said Sarkisian, who completed a career-best 33-of-41 passes for 536 yards against A&M's vaunted "Wrecking Crew" defense.

Exploiting the Aggies' sophomore-laden secondary, Sarkisian threw the winning, 46-yard TD pass to K.O. Keahlahuhi with 1:07 remaining.

"Once we got in the groove and got people going, we were all right," the senior quarterback said. "They didn't give this to us; we went out and won it."

Football homecoming will honor Harvester veterans

PAMPA — Veteran Harvester athletes will be honored once again during football homecoming next month.

Louie Allen, one of the Homecoming committee organizers, said a full schedule of events is planned for the veteran Harvesters.

Those events are as follows:

Sept. 26 — Visitation, 7 p.m.; Club Biarritz at Coronado Inn, drinks will be available.

Sept. 27 — Homecoming Day, 10 a.m., tour of the high school facilities; 3 p.m. pep rally in McNeely Fieldhouse; 4 p.m. Homecoming parade, followed by a dinner at Dyer's Barbecue; 7 p.m. Pampa-Dumas game; veterans will board their floats at the front east section of Harvester Stadium and taken to their reserved seats. Tickets are five dollars each.

Allen, who played for the Harvesters from 1941-44, said the football program first started in 1919 when a group of country boys met on a field where the Gray County Courthouse now stands.

"They stuffed towels, sheets or whatever they could find into their long johns and pants for pads," Allen said. "This was the beginning of the great pride and spirit that became the fighting Harvesters. That great pride and spirit still lives 77 years later."

The Harvesters pulled off some big wins in that 77-year-span, Allen pointed out, but perhaps the greatest win came in 1941 when Pampa upset Amarillo High, 16-12, on the homefield.

Frank Phillips College begins volleyball program

BORGER — The athletic department Frank Phillips College has expanded its competitive sports program this year and now includes a women's volleyball team.

The 1996 Lady Plainsmen Volleyball Team will begin its first season at the Hill College Tournament in Hillsboro, Texas on August 30-31. The team is coached by Naomi Davila, who is also a business instructor at Frank Phillips College.

Coach Davila stated that she is, "excited to be back in the gym after a 2 year layoff and is very pleased with the talent she has."

Hitting is the teams strong point. The players are working on their communication skills since many of the women have never played together before and were trained differently, however, Coach Davila believes that, "the personalities (of the players) are all comparable for good teamwork."

Eleven freshmen and one sophomore, from Texas and New Mexico, make up the 1996 Lady Plainsmen team.

Julia Burford comes to the team from Devine, Texas as an outside hitter and team captain. She played three years of varsity volleyball at Devine High School and 5 years of club volleyball (Amarillo and Metro). Julia commented, "Borger has really nice people and that is important to me."

Babette Cervantes is one of the three women recruited from El Paso, Texas. She joins the team as a setter and team captain. Babette played varsity volleyball for four

years at Burges High School and two years for club teams (El Paso Junior Club and West Texas Junior Club). "Being on my own for the first time is exciting, but I am homesick."

Celeste Cerda is from Mesquite, Texas and is a defensive specialist. She has seven years of total volleyball experience and was a member of the 4A semi-regional finalist team her senior year at Poteet High School. She played varsity volleyball for two years and club volleyball for three (Metro, Eastside, and Dallas). Celeste believes, "team bonding has been a really good experience."

Rachel Collier is a middle blocker from Vernon, Texas. She played varsity volleyball for three years, varsity basketball for three years, and ran varsity track for four years at Vernon High School. Rachel's biggest challenge has been, "learning to play with new teammates, but it was a chance to be on my own, and I love my coach."

Shelly Hammit is from Dumas, Texas and is a middle blocker for the Lady Plainsmen. She played varsity volleyball for four years at Dumas High School, and went to regional finals her sophomore year, state finals her junior year, and was a member of the 2nd team all district senior year. Shelly is at FPC because, "I have a scholarship, it is close to home and our coach really takes care of us."

Krystal Hicks is an outside hitter and a defensive specialist from San Antonio, Texas. She has seven total years of volleyball experience.

Southwest Conference.

Trailing 37-34 after Kyle Bryant's third field goal for A&M — a 51-yarder with 1:31 left — Sarkisian needed only 24 seconds to complete the winning drive.

Starting at his 22-yard line, he moved the Cougars to the Aggies' 46 with quick down-and-out strikes of 11 and 21 yards to McGuire before throwing the TD pass to Keahlahuhi.

Stewart then drove A&M close to midfield on a 10-yard run and shorts passes to D'Andre Hardeman and Albert Connell. But with nine seconds remaining, Stewart fumbled and BYU's Daren Young recovered.

The Aggies, who forged a 20-20 halftime tie after blowing an early two-touchdown lead, found the Cougars impossible to shake in the second half. Time and again, A&M scoring drives were countered by Sarkisian's passing.

Bryant's 40-yard TD run early in the third quarter was answered by

Sarkisian's 51-yard pass to McGuire. After Stewart's 6-yard lob to Hardeman gave A&M a 34-26 lead late in the third period, Sarkisian threw a 12-yard TD pass to James Dye and added a 2-point pass to Dustin Johnson to tie it again at 34.

BYU struck first, when Sarkisian threw a 5-yard scoring strike to Chad I. early in the first period. But A&M controlled the ball and the tempo for the rest of the opening quarter and half of the second, building a 20-6 lead.

Bryant's 45-yard field goal gave the Aggies their first score of the 1996 season with 7:29 left in the first quarter. Four minutes later, Parker streaked 19 yards down the right sideline to cap a nine play, 67-yard touchdown drive and give A&M a 10-6 lead.

Another Bryant field goal, a 43-yarder early in the second quarter, and Stewart's 57-yard scoring pass on a post pattern to Aaron Oliver with 9:55 left in the half gave the Aggies a two-touchdown bulge.

A&M's defense swarmed the Cougars on the next series, stopping two runs short before forcing a hurried Sarkisian to throw incomplete on a third-and-4 at the BYU 31.

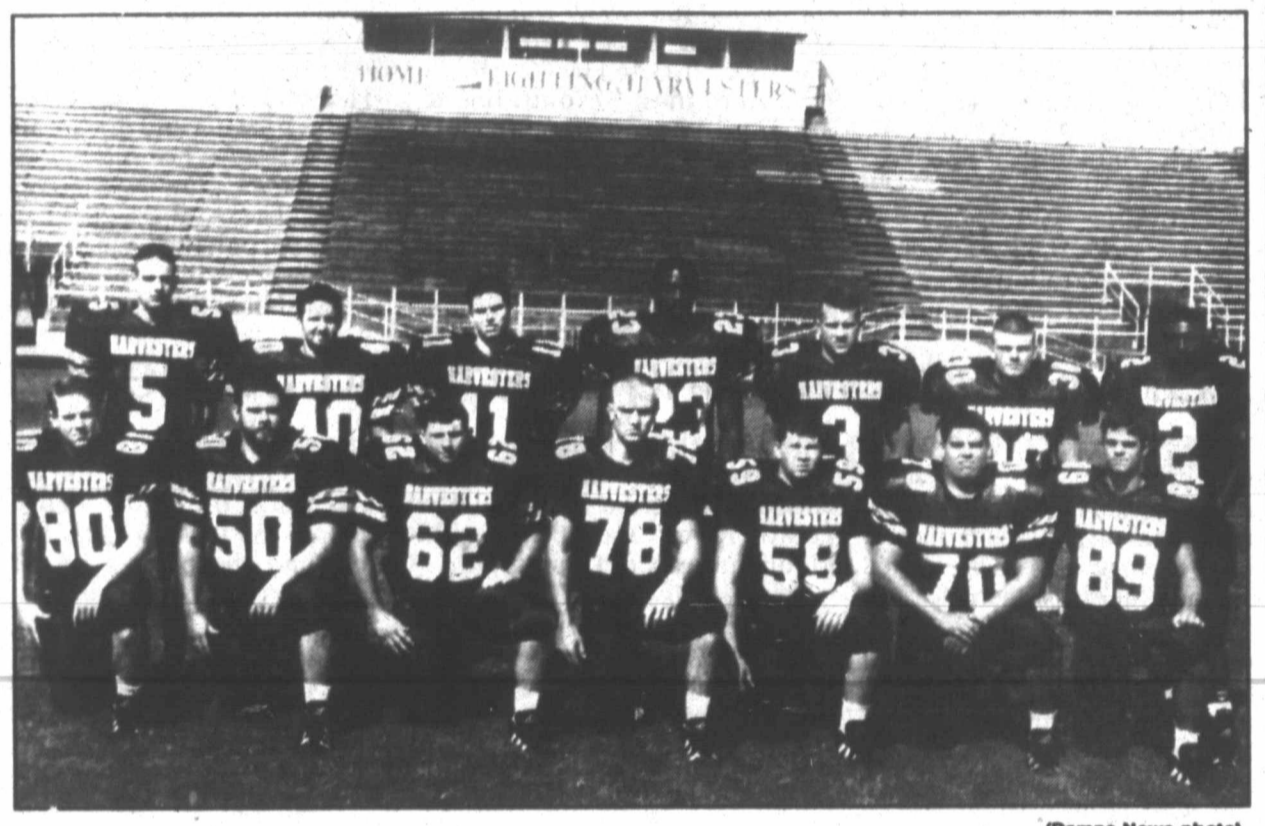
But just as the Aggies seemed poised for an early blowout, disaster struck. The ensuing punt was fumbled by A&M's Michael Jennings, and BYU's Greg White recovered at A&M's 23 yard line.

With fourth-and-5 at the A&M 18, McGuire held on to Sarkisian's hard pass, even as hard-hitting Aggies linebacker Warrick Holdman leveled him, popping the Cougar receiver's helmet off.

The 6-yard gain gave BYU a first down at the A&M 11, and two plays later Aggies cornerback Justin Lucas tipped Sarkisian's 9-yard pass into the arms of BYU's Itula Mili for a touchdown.

Forty-five seconds before half-time, Mili made a diving 10-yard catch deep in the end zone to tie the game.

Harvester seniors



Seniors on the Pampa High school football squad this season are (front row, l-r) Brian Gwin, Ryan Davis, Tanner Winkler, Willie Shaw, Bryan Swift, Burton Jones and Ryan Schumacher; (back row, l-r) Chris Welch, Michael Esparza, Jason McEwen, Devin Lemons, Clint Curtis, Ryan Bruce and J.J. Mathis. Seniors not pictured are Damion Nickelberry, Ray Tollerson, Marques Long, Aaron Wiseman and Allen Contreras. Pampa opens the season Sept. 6 against Lubbock Estacado in Harvester Stadium.

Scrimmage had game-like atmosphere

PAMPA — It was just a scrimmage, but the concession stands were open and a number of fans from both sides turned out at Bulldog Stadium on Saturday afternoon. It goes to show the Pampa-Borger rivalry is alive and well, even when the scoreboard's not lit up.

"It was a very effective scrimmage for us," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "I commented to the coaches that it was the best scrimmage I've ever been a participant in during my years as a coach."

For Cavalier, the Pampa-Borger matchup was as close as a scrimmage could come to being an actual game.

"There was a game-like

atmosphere and a good crowd on hand because of the opponent we were playing. It was just a good opportunity for us to learn more about our team. I saw a lot of improvement, but we also made plenty of mistakes. But we got some good film that will help make some evaluations," Cavalier said.

The teams ran two series of 10 plays each in addition to playing two full quarters of football.

"During the two regular quarters, Borger scored four or five times and we scored twice," Cavalier said. "We had opportunities to score more than we did, but Borger definitely scored more touchdowns."

Taiwan wins again

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Hsieh Chin-hsiung set a Little League World Series record with his seventh home run as Taiwan won the title for the 17th time Saturday with a 13-3 victory over Cranston, R.I.

Dodgers defeat Mets, 7-5

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Todd Hollandsworth hit a two-run homer following rookie shortstop Rey Ordonez's two-out error Saturday and Tim Wallach homered to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 7-5 win over the New York Mets.

Mike Piazza hit a pair of run-scoring doubles to help Tom Candiotti (8-9) earn his first victory at Dodger Stadium in six starts since June 6.

Candiotti allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, recording a season-high eight strikeouts.

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Since last national convention, Democrats' power has ebbed in Texas

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The last time Democrats gathered at a national political conclave, Texas Democrats were riding high.

No one, perhaps, better personified the Texans' good fortunes than Ann Richards. As chairwoman of the 1992 Democratic National Convention in New York, the popular governor with the witty repartee and signature bouffant coiffure was the belle of the ball. As she flitted from the convention hall to swank receptions and television studios, Richards seemed the face of a vibrant Texas Democratic Party.

But in the four years between that convention and the one opening Monday in Chicago, Democrats' hold on the Lone Star State has been substantially weakened. To wit:

— Impressive popularity ratings notwithstanding, Richards was unable to make the case to Texas voters in 1994 that she deserved a second term — losing to Republican George W. Bush after running a lackluster campaign.

— The state's two U.S. Senate seats shifted to the Republican column for the first time since Reconstruction, with the mid-1993 election of Kay Bailey Hutchison to the Senate seat Democrat Lloyd Bentsen had held for 22 years before joining President Clinton's Cabinet.

— Texas Democrats' lead over Republicans in the U.S. House

delegation has been whittled, going from a 19-8 edge to 18-12. Further Democratic losses are expected in November.

Republicans have trimmed the Democrats' hold on the Texas Legislature as well, picking up five seats in the 31-member Senate and seven seats in the 150-member House. The GOP is within two seats of taking over the Senate, and needs 13 seats to gain control of the House.

"Texas has always been a conservative state, and as the state Democratic Party has fallen in line with the national Democratic Party in terms of the liberal McGovernite tilt it's taken, you see more and more Texans voting Republican," Texas Republican Party spokesman Lester Van Pelt III said in a recent interview.

Democratic Party officials concede there has been erosion, but say they're turning the tide with a new, invigorated leadership intent on regaining the hearts — and votes — of Texans who once pulled the Democratic lever without question.

"There is a real revival of spirit in the Democratic Party," said party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday, acknowledging that many had felt the Democratic leadership was "asleep at the switch."

Even as they credit a rejuvena-

tion under the direction of new party chairman Bill White, Democratic officials are quick to claim that their fortunes also are improving because the Texas Republican apparatus has lurched rightward.

"We are luring (voters) back, we really are — with the help of the extremists in the Republican Party who want to return to the gold standard and have English be the official language of the United States and who want to teach creation science in the public schools," Ms. Kilday said.

Beyond tarring the GOP as extreme, the Democrats' mantra of the moment is cultivation of the grass roots.

A spokesman for the Clinton-Gore campaign in Texas points to creation of 21st Century Democrats and the Texas Victory Democrats — two organizations deploying field coordinators to build support at the local level.

"We are relying on more than political consultants and national media buys in the urban areas. We've gone back and started a year ago with a message and outreach to our rural base," said Joe Cutbirth. "The rural Texans are coming home."

The GOP's Van Pelt, predictably, offers a different assessment about which party is gaining the upper hand in the Democrats'

one-time strongholds of East Texas and other rural areas.

"We are still in a growth mode," he said. "We're making a lot of inroads into the East Texas area."

Although the Republican resurgence in Texas is part and parcel of the South's new conservative tilt, some suggest it's too early to place Texas firmly in the GOP column.

Clinton, who is the first Democratic president elected without carrying Texas, is in a statistical dead heat with Republican Bob Dole in Texas, recent public opinion polls show.

And, as Congress grapples with major reform of decades-old social policies, voters may be leery of casting their lot with one party. "While we are somewhat more

moderate than the rest of the country, we are not necessarily any more likely to swing Republican on issues like cutting Medicare," said University of Texas political scientist Bruce Buchanan. "For those reasons, I'm hesitant to call this state firmly in the Republican or conservative camp even through '96 because it's just not that clear cut to me."

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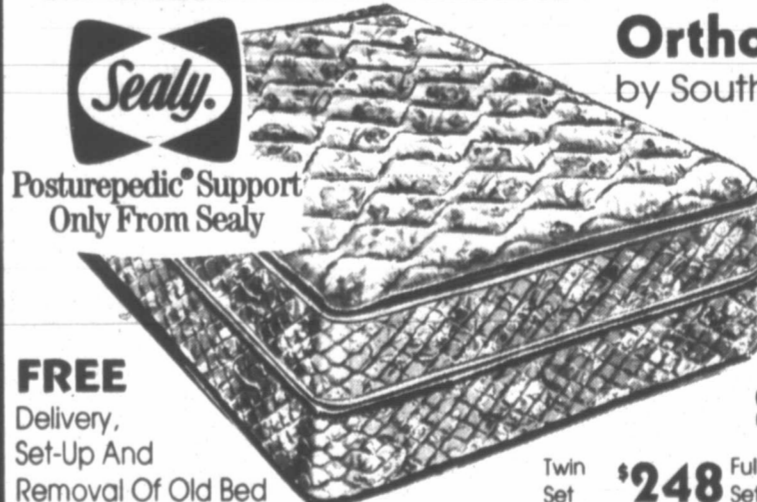
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Lifestyles



Faustine Curry first grooms her horse Buggy at left before bridling him in the right photo. Curry, who has ridden Buggy for three years, placed fifth in a recent international equestrian competition.

Riding English in a Western world

Working hunter and equitation over fences both involve a horse and rider, yet they're a world away from the kind of horsemanship with which most Pampanos are familiar. But to one Pampa High School junior, they're a ticket to international competition. Faustine Curry placed fifth in working hunter at the recent Youth-World competition in Fort Worth, beating out 64 other competitors in her first international finals appearance. For those unfamiliar with the world of English equestrian events, working hunter requires

the rider to jump eight fences in a set pattern. The rider is judged on how well he or she can make the horse look. Equitation over fences is similar, but has smaller turns in a more difficult field, and the rider is judged rather than the horse. Riders only have an hour before their event begins to study the field's pattern and figure out how many strides their horse must take between each jump. That requires excellent rapport between horse and rider. "They've really started pulling together just this last year," said Curry's mother, Faustina Curry. "But when she's [Faustine] a

wreck, Buggy is a wreck," she said. The two have developed an obviously strong relationship in just a few years. "I've been jumping since I was 10, but I've had Buggy for three years," the 16-year old said. "I've known I wanted to jump ever since I was little. I rode horses at my grandmother's house in Pennsylvania, ... and I got a horse for my tenth birthday," she continued. But since no one in the area trains English horses, Curry has traveled to Edmond, Okla., for the past seven summers to receive special training from

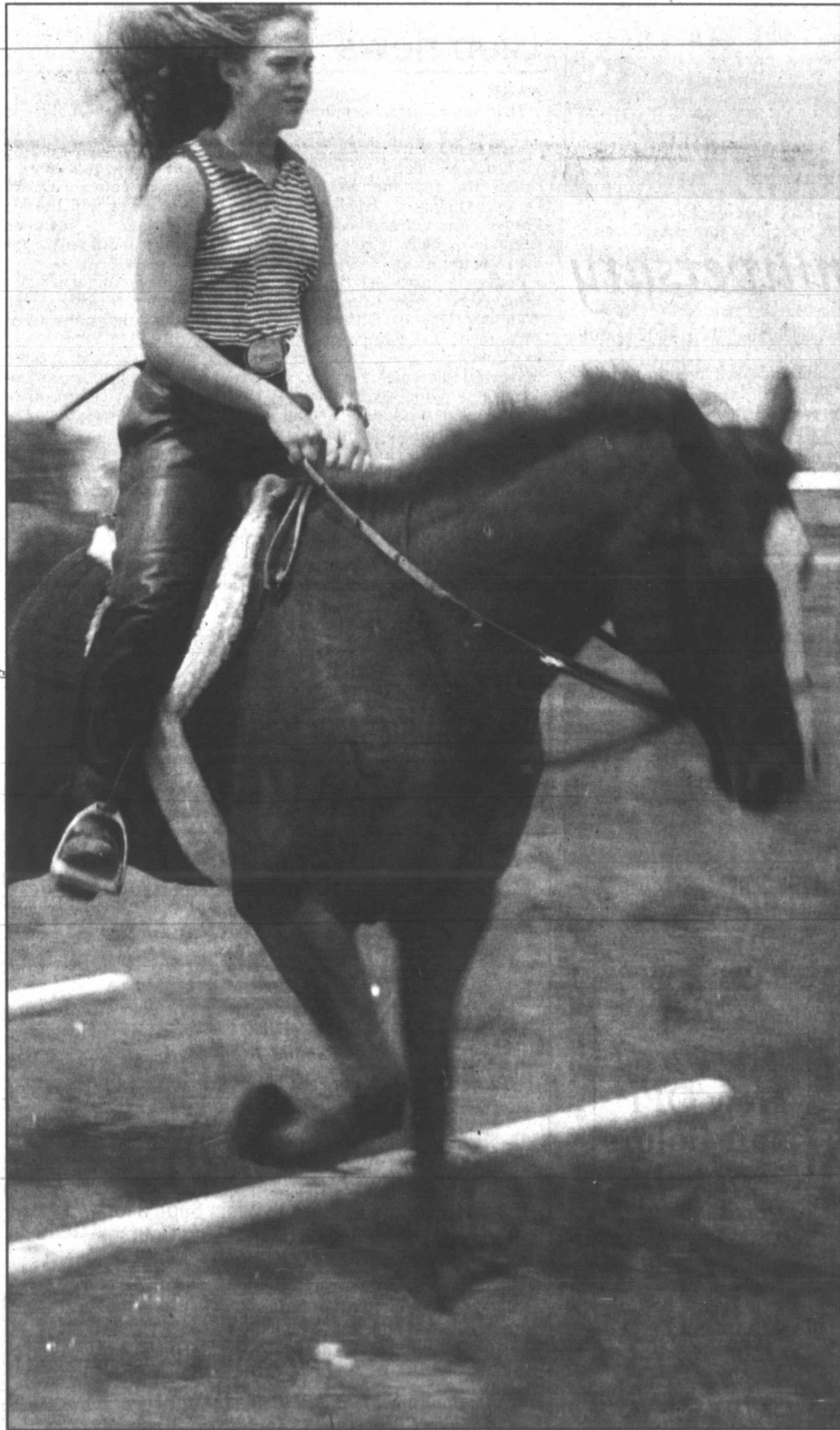
Susan Clune. She goes one to two times each month throughout the year for more practice as well. Buggy's daily care requires even more time of his owner. Curry houses Buggy at stables owned by Betty Wilson on McCullough Road and takes full responsibility for him while he's there. She goes to the stables every day between 9 and 10 p.m. to clean out his stall. She also tries to ride him at least four times a week after school. That's in addition to her school-related activities, including cross country, basketball and concert and show choir. Curry also has homework in advanced placement classes to contend with. "I'd rather [work with Buggy] than all that other stuff," Curry confessed. English horses require specialized care local horses don't see. Buggy's hoofs are kept considerably larger and deeper than other horses'. He is also fitted

with aluminum shoes by a man in Amarillo who specializes in English horses. He's also kept under lights in his stall during winter months to keep his hair short for competition. English horse tradition requires the short body hair as well as an intricately braided mane. Though she didn't pick his name - that's how Buggy was registered when she got him - Curry has rationalized that the name is very fitting. It's a constant chore to keep mosquitoes from marring Buggy's hide, a problem compounded by the fact that the horse is allergic to bug spray, she said. That allergy isn't the only unusual thing about Buggy, Curry said, explaining that her horse loves human junk food: soft drinks, ice cream, cookies and potato chips. He's also got a new addition to his stall: a beach ball. Curry is currently in the process of qualifying for next year's Youth World competition. Points are accumulated throughout the nine-month show period between



Buggy's a little too restless to pose for a portrait. February and October.

She already has enough points to qualify her in equitation over fences and is close in working hunter. She's also going out for another event - jumping. In her new event, fences are usually four to 4.6 feet high - a full foot higher than in her other events.



Curry and Buggy trot over three poles on their practice field just south of town. The rider explained that the PVC pipes are used to replicate jumps in the course. She sets the poles at varying distances from each other to acclimate Buggy to different step sizes. The pipes are also used on the jump stands.



Left: Faustine's mother, Faustina Curry, keeps a watchful eye on her daughter as she completes a jump.



Below: Faustina Curry steps off the distance between practice poles, trying to decipher exactly how great a distance apart her daughter wants them.

Story and photos by Chip Chandler



M.B. and Joyce Hunter

Hunter anniversary

M.B. and Joyce Hunter are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary today. They were married Aug. 25, 1951 in Medicine Lodge, Kan. He is a retired oilfield worker formerly with Halliburton and C.W. Kelly. They are members of Highland Baptist Church. They have lived in Pampa 28 years.

The Hunters are to be honored with a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today at Hamburger Station, US 60 west of Pampa. It is to be hosted by their children Robert and Diana Hunter of Morris, Okla.; Susie and Kenneth Hamon and Christy and Ed Robinson, of Pampa. They are the grandparents of eight and great grandparents of four.



Robert and Jane Jacobs

Jacobs anniversary

Robert and Jane Jacobs, Pampa, are to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 28 with a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. Jacobs married Jane Lynn Reynolds in 1971 at First United Methodist Church of Pampa. They have lived in Pampa except for periods in Arizona, Biloxi, Miss., and Valdosta, Ga. He is employed with Trident - NGL Inc., Lefors. She is Top O' Texas Rodeo secretary. They own and operate Textotics Ostrich Ranch. They are members of First United Methodist Church of Pampa. The Jacobs are the parents of Teena Taylor and Amanda Jacobs, Pampa, and grandparents of Kayla Jane Taylor.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fischer
Tamara Dreher

Dreher - Fischer

Tamara Dreher, Pampa, and Bill Fischer, Wallace, Kan., were married August 10 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Father Scott Raef officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dean and Agnes Dreher, Pampa. The groom is the son of Bud and Elaine Fischer, Wallace, Kan. Maid of honor was Deanna Dreher, sister of the bride, Pampa. Bridesmaids included Jennifer Polcyn, Manhattan, Kan.; Carla Taylor, Logan, Okla.; and Melissa Friesen, Goodwell, Okla. Cousin of the bride, Amanda Dreher, Russell, Kan., was flower girl. Standing as best man was the groom's brother, Daniel Fischer, Ludell, Kan.

Groomsmen included Joby Harrison and Michael Fry, Sharon Springs, Kan.; and Russell Fry, Lubbock. Jacob Wichert, Pampa, was ring bearer. Brothers of the bride Dean Dreher, Goodwell, Okla., and Daniel Dreher, Pampa; and Jessie Schemm, Sharon Springs, Kan., served as ushers.

Guests were registered by sisters of the groom Marilyn Fischer, Sharon Springs, Kan., and Cheryl Fischer, Syracuse, Kan.

Joe Martinez, Pampa, provided vocal music.

Following the ceremony the couple was honored with a reception and dance at the Sportsmans Club.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School and is a senior at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She is employed by the college and Yesterday's Diner, Guymon, Okla.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Sharon Springs High School and 1994 graduate of Colby Community College. He is a senior at OFSU. Following a honeymoon in Red River, N.M., they plan to make their home in Goodwell, Okla.

Club news

AARP
The American Association of Retired Persons met Aug. 12 in Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

President Betty Epperson called the meeting to order. Donna Williamson led the Club Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Della Reeves gave the treasurer's report.

Epperson introduced Eunice King who told about the Widowed Persons Service. She encouraged the Pampa chapter to develop a service. The Widowed Persons Service is sponsored by the AARP.

On Sept. 9, the speaker will be Pampa school superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr. He will present information on consolidation of the elementary schools and the bond election Sept. 10.

Progressive Club
The Progressive Club of Family and Community Education Clubs met Aug. 15 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

President Geneva Dalton opened the meeting with the FCE creed. Eleven members answered the roll call with a garden hint.

A donation was made to Senior Citizens Center. Members were urged to attend the state convention Sept. 10 - 13 in Tyler.

New officers were elected: Geneva Dalton, president; Helene Hogan, vice president; Ruth Barrett, secretary; Belle Lee, treasurer; Polly Benton, council delegate; Pauline Dorman and Mary Ann Bailey, telephone.

The next meeting is Sept. 5 at 614 N. Sumner.



Mr. and Mrs. Milford Jones

Jones anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at Dyer's Bar-B-Q and gathering at their home on Aug. 18.

Hosts for the event were children of the couple Mike Jones and Becky Allen, Pampa, and Sandy Vanderburg, Odessa.

The Jones are the grandparents of seven and great-grandparents of one.

Jones married Glorice Haynes on Aug. 26, 1946 in Panhandle. They are retired and have lived in Pampa since their marriage.



Izah and Hazel Phillips

Phillips anniversary

Izah and Hazel Phillips, Pampa, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 22.

They were married in 1936 in Miami and have lived in Pampa 55 years.

Phillips retired from Cabot Corp. after 35 years service. They are members of the Church of God.

They are the parents of Martha Organ and Joe Phillips, Pampa; June Basham, Phoenix, Ariz., and Carolyn Goodner, Oklahoma City. The Phillips are the grandparents of nine.

Newsmakers

CLARENDON - Commencement exercises for Clarendon College's vocational nursing class of 1996 were held Friday, Aug. 16 in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

graduates included Kathy Campbell, Mary Campos, Sherri Welling and Carol Williamson, Pampa; Sherry Costanza, Miami, and Belinda Plunk, Panhandle.

Licensed vocational nurse **PAMPA** - Pampan Judy West

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wed-

ding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

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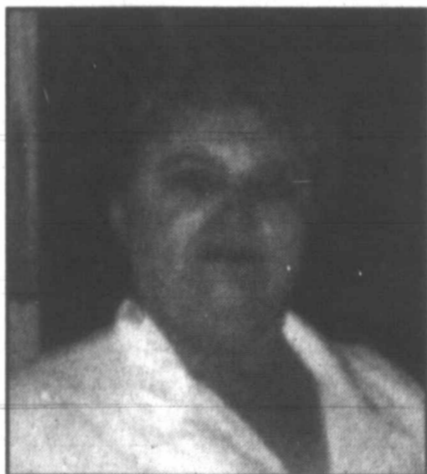
7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

representing ESA Kappa Alpha Chapter #3001 was honored as the District X Outstanding First Year Member at the state convention in Lubbock.

West will compete with other district first year member winners for the statewide title.

AMARILLO - Amarillo College recently named six Pampa residents to the honor roll for the first summer session. Honorees must achieve a 3.4 or better grade point average and earn a minimum 12 college credit hours during the first summer session.

The honorees are studying basic peace officer training. They include Sana Alexander, Fawnsa Burrows, Bettany Cisneros, Shawn Goodman,



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Billy Morgan and William Bynum.

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Mrs. Jeffery Phillip Beyer
Angela Rae Everson

Everson - Beyer

Angela Rae Everson, Skellytown, and Jeffery Phillip Beyer, Pampa, were married Saturday, Aug. 24 at Zion Lutheran Church. The bride is the daughter of Kelly and Joni Everson, Pampa, and the late Sharon Everson. The groom is the son of Betty and Doug Beyer, Pampa. Sister of the bride Jenny Everson, Skellytown, was maid of honor. Shannon Waitman, Amarillo, was bridesmaid. Stefanie Douglass, cousin of the bride, Granbury, served as flower girl. Standing as best man was Scott Beyer, brother of the groom, Abilene. Ben Widener, Amarillo, was groomsman. Cousin of the bride Chad Douglass, Granbury, was ring bearer. Serving as ushers were Phillip Everson, Pampa, and Brannon Stephens, Clarendon. Guests were registered by Tevian Beyer, Abilene. Sofia Solano, Amarillo, provided vocal music. Donna Caldwell, Pampa, served as pianist. Following the ceremony the couple was honored with a reception at Pampa Country Club. Guests were served by Selena Miller, Stacy Sandlin and Kendra Earl, all of Pampa. The bride attends Clarendon College and works at Webster and Associates. The grooms attends Amarillo Technical College and works for Lubrication Service Inc. Following a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, they plan to make their home in Pampa.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

27 - Gray County 4-H enrollment party, 7 p.m., Recreation Park

30 - 4-H participation points due in Extension office

4-H Enrollment Party

Youth between third grade and 19 and their families are invited to the 4-H enrollment party at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Recreation Park. Representatives of all 4-H clubs will be on hand to provide ice cream and cookies and to answer questions about 4-H. Volleyball and other activities will be available.

All youth involved in 4-H during the last year as well as first time enrollees should plan to attend and enroll for the 1996-97 4-H year. Come join the fun!

Recordbook Judging Results

Four Gray County 4-H members' recordbooks competed in state level recordbook judging recently.

Barry Brauchi of the E.T. 4-H Club in Pampa, earned first place in the consumer education category. He will be honored at a state 4-H recordbook recognition luncheon next month in Dallas

and will participate in 4-H EXCELL, a Panhandle and South Plains 4-H recognition trip to Washington, D.C. in November.

Other Gray County 4-H members who earned recognition at the statewide recordbook judging were: Amanda Kludt of Pampa - third place in clothing and textiles; Jason Bliss of Pampa - sixth place in rabbits; and Angle Davenport of Lefors - seventh place in foods and nutrition.

Points Are Due

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to record 4-H participation points on the pages provided in each 4-H yearbook and turn them in to our office by a Aug. 30. Junior and intermediate 4-H'ers who accumulate 250 points and seniors who accumulate 300 points will be awarded jackets at the 4-H achievement banquet in October. If you did not receive a jacket last year, points from last year will be added to this year's. Likewise, those without necessary points for a jacket this year should go ahead and turn in points which will carry over to next year.

Swine Leader Training

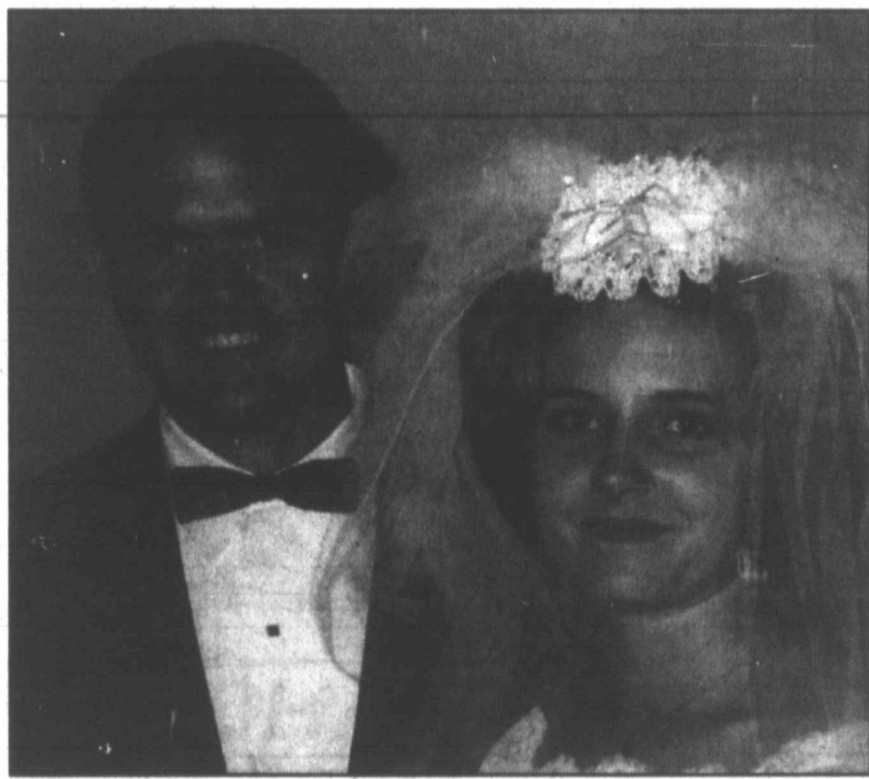
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care of your animals from 4-H leaders who have won major shows all over Texas? Where can you learn the skills needed to come back and teach our kids how to get the most out of their projects? You will have the opportunity to do all of the above at the master volunteer-4-H swine leader training Sept. 7, 17, 18 and 19 in Amarillo.

The training is set up for leaders and taught by 4-H leaders. It's open to District 1 and 2 leaders who are willing to give back to the kids in their counties with 50 hours volunteer service. Many are already giving 50 hours plus to help kids with their projects. The training will cost \$40 per person which includes meals and materials. The Gray County Adult Leaders Council has agreed to pay half of this expense, so your personal cost would be \$20. Interested volunteers may contact Danny Nusser for further information.

CattleWomen plan Sept. 7 show

Top O' Texas CattleWomen's daytime, evening and western. Brunch buffet will be served. Two \$50 gift certificates to the Outback Restaurant and lottery tickets will be given. Seating is limited to 250. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased from Louise Coulter at Rt. 1 Box 15A, Briscoe, 79011 or by calling her at (806)-375-2513. Reservation are due by Sept. 1.



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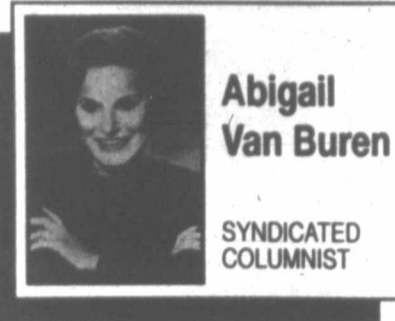
Overall the workshop provides the skills that allow you to remember important information that we read or names of people that we meet in a fun and exciting way. We accomplish this by learning, practicing and reinforcing the techniques of remembering valuable information.

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Female Pallbearers Carry Just As Well As Males

DEAR READERS: I'll be on vacation between Aug. 18 and Aug. 31. Don't panic - I've selected some of my favorite letters from past years to fill the gap. I hope you enjoy them.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: We have an uncle who made a strange request some time ago. He asked us (his nieces) to be his pallbearers when he dies.

He is very sick now and has repeated that request. My father disapproves because he never heard of female pallbearers. I for one would like to be a pallbearer at my uncle's funeral because he is my favorite uncle. My cousins also would like to serve as pallbearers. Have you ever heard of such a thing? And even if you haven't, do you see anything wrong with it?
LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR LOUISVILLE: I have indeed heard of it, and there's no reason why your uncle's wishes should not be carried out when he is.

package, which includes a \$50,000 life insurance policy. Allen told me he made Anna Marie his beneficiary. I was very hurt. I told him that after they are married, she should be the beneficiary, but until then, if God forbid, something should happen to him, I should be the beneficiary of his policy.

He said no; if something should happen to him tomorrow, he'd want his girlfriend to collect on his policy. What is your opinion?
ALLEN'S MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I'm with you. Until Allen and Anna Marie are married (unless she's pregnant), Allen's beneficiary should be his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I have been told by friends that it is possible to get pregnant through your jeans. I can't believe this!

I am a virgin, just turned 15, and know I am going to be more

involved with guys now that I'm dating. If this is possible, I am scared to death to get very close to any guy. I need to know as soon as possible.

I hope you won't think this is a dumb question.
WORRIED IN EL PASO

DEAR WORRIED: It is not a dumb question. It's a very intelligent one. A lot of kids get aroused just by lying close to each other while kissing. Then they just naturally proceed to the next step, which is petting.

It's not possible to get pregnant through one's jeans, but sometimes kids remove some of their clothing because it's "in the way," or they burrow underneath it to explore each other's bodies with their hands. This is known as heavy petting, or "doing everything else but."

The technical (and legal) definition of sexual intercourse is "penetration." (The male's sex organ must penetrate the female's.) However, as impossible as it may sound, in the medical literature can be found cases where there has been no penetration - the girl remained a virgin, but after engaging in heavy petting, she found herself pregnant.

I have included this information in my booklet for teens.

to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some impediments that have been holding you back look like they will be removed today. This should enable you to operate much more effectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually inside tips based on confidential information have little value, but this might not be the case for you today. Listen to a friend's advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though friends may express doubt, approach new endeavors with optimism today. Others may not see the same possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unrelated factors that affect your career will begin to shift in your favor. Continue to operate according to the original plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A close associate might make an interesting proposal today. It will have real merit, but it will still be your responsibility to make it work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something favorable you did recently has attracted

more attention from authority figures than you realize. Now will be a good time to offer new ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Partnership arrangements should produce mutual benefits today, especially if each person involved wants to make significant changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not let yourself be bored by mundane issues. Seek new interests, beginning today. These involvements could be extremely important at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Endeavors you are asked to organize today should work out well, provided you can put things in position the way you anticipate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something that could affect your career might begin to stir today. Do not view it fearfully, because it might offer hidden benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be creative today and you might come up with a clever concept. Do not wait to implement this idea because its strength will be in its freshness.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 26, 1996

New interests and involvements in the year ahead could increase your potential for success indirectly through new contacts. Make a concerted effort to enlarge your circle of acquaintances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you focus your energy on achieving personal goals today, you might do something impressive. You can look out for No. 1 without being selfish. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure

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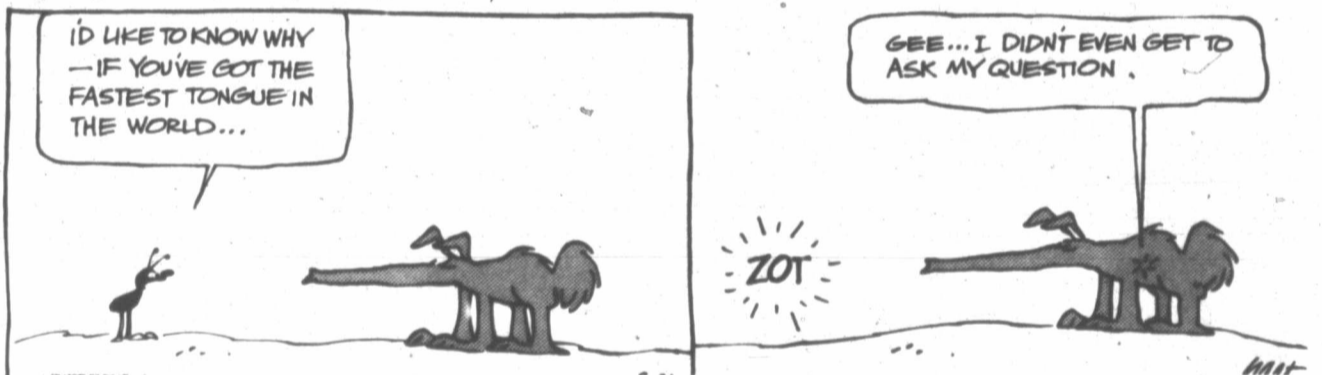
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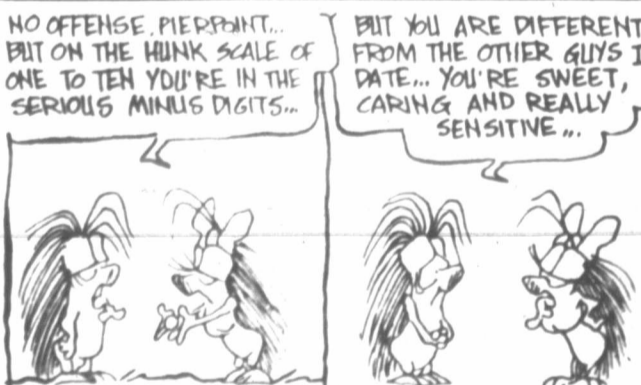
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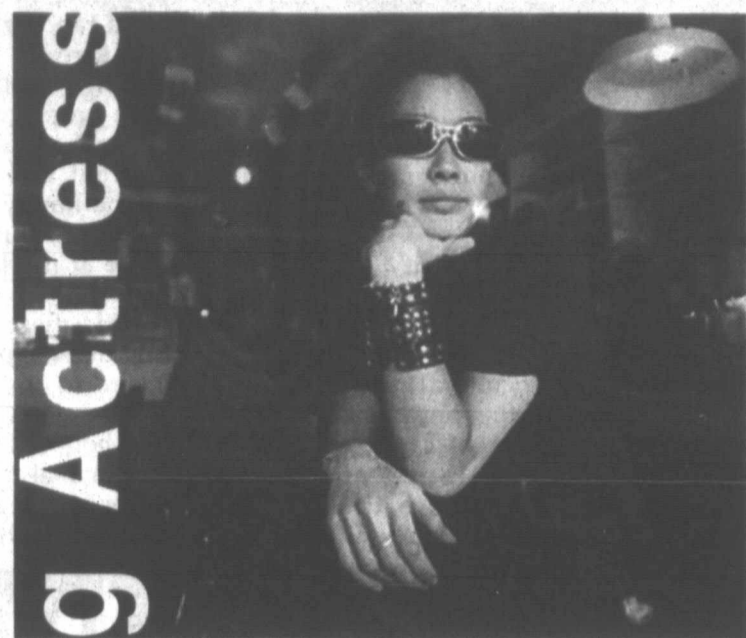
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Entertainment

Five Questions with Jenny Shimizu

Review: 'Moreau' benefits from modern technology

A Car Tuning Actress



It's the stuff of movie legends: The beguiling face. The fabulous physique. The outrageous personality tinged with more than a little bit of rebel. A chance encounter. The Big Break.

World, meet Jenny Shimizu. Jenny Shimizu, the world. Shimizu, one of the stars of the new movie *Foxfire*, has been dazzling the modeling world ever since she was discovered a few years ago riding her beloved '71 Triumph motorcycle. At the time, the Southern Californian was an auto mechanic working at an L.A. garage. As a model with a crewcut and numerous tattoos — including one of a curvy babe straddling a wrench — her original look led to jobs strutting Calvin Klein's clothes and avant-garde shows with Jean-Paul Gaultier.

Shimizu makes her acting debut as the troubled Goldie in *Foxfire*, based on the Joyce Carol Oates book. The word on her ability? Shimizu is more than credible as the brooding young woman with a dark, insidious problem.

Endowed with an active imagination, at one time she toyed with becoming a doctor or a lawyer or, much to her mother's distress, a fireman.

1. You were discovered as a model on a motorcycle in front of a nightclub. Your acting break seemed just as fluke. How does one get so lucky?

Shimizu: It all came out of the blue — all these lucky things. I know, people hate me. It's all about good energy. Basically, I try to treat people nice and have some kind of self-respect. Just be happy. Even if it's denial happy, happy is alright. Also, you know what? Standing on your head for 30 seconds if you're in a bad mood, it'll cure anybody's crankiness. Try it, you'll thank me later. And who cares where you are? Be an individual person.

2. In the film, you're in a gang that's called "Girls Who Run with Foxes" and "Girls Who Run with Geeks." If you had your own gang, what would you call it?

Shimizu: "Girls who listen to Tracy Chapman and don't admit it." "Girls who never watch movies but love to be in them." "Girls who can fix their own bike and don't whine."

3. What's the difference between people in the movie industry and those in the modeling business?

Shimizu: In modeling, there's always someone watching out for you, nagging you. Everybody is always telling you, "You're pretty! You're beautiful!" because, you know, that day they need you to be pretty and beautiful. And acting is the same way — there's always somebody cheerleading you.

4. Did you have experiences growing up where things would escalate to the point where they got out of control, like in the film when the girls broke into the school?

Shimizu: I was a pyromaniac. I caught my backyard on fire. This is the crazy part, I ran away, like four houses down the block, and hid in a shed. And what do you know, but my mother sniffs me out and she finds me in five minutes! She's psychic, man.

4 1/2. How did you start the fire?
Shimizu: I was inventing. I had WD-40 and gasoline — anything that was in the garage — I'd put it together and put it in little bottles. Then I'd throw it on things like trees (and light it). And that's what happened. I threw it on a pine tree, half of it burned. Then I'd watch it and then I'd have a hose and put it out and pretend I was a fireman.

5. What would it take now to get you to do something against your better judgment?
Shimizu: You know what? You don't have to do much really, a simple dare. It's already instilled in me. It's all about this weird thing, "Prepare for battle, world! Here comes the biggest dork in the world."

— Patricia Bibby, Associated Press Writer

Entertainment briefs

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — ER doc George Clooney got the usual treatment during a visit to Israel on Thursday, finding himself surrounded by squealing young women. He took a few hours out from filming his new movie to make a quick visit to promote Tel Aviv's Planet Hollywood. Clooney received a bear hug from one woman and said, "Sure, why not" to a marriage proposal from another. He flew to Israel from Macedonia, where he is wrapping up Steven Spielberg's *The Peacemaker*, a thriller about the theft of Russian nuclear material. Clooney said he will be back in

Hollywood by Monday to begin taping the third season of *ER*. He will also play the title role in the next *Batman* movie.

"The best part is that at the end of the movie I get to beat up Arnold Schwarzenegger," Clooney said.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Funk star Rick James was planning a wedding after his release from prison this week. There was just one hitch to getting hitched: His fiancée was behind bars after a shoplifting arrest.

After being released from prison Wednesday, James reportedly had plans to party in Santa Rosa and marry Tanya Anne

Hijazi, the mother of his 4-year-old son.

But sheriff's deputies arrested Hijazi on Monday on suspicion of shoplifting a \$39 pair of boots.

The state got into the act too, accusing her of violating probation for traveling to Marin County from Los Angeles without permission. Hijazi was paroled in 1994 after serving two years for crimes committed with James.

James, 48, whose 1981 "Super Freak" is a cult fave, served two years in prison for furnishing drugs to a woman at his home in 1991 and for assaulting and imprisoning another woman at a hotel in 1992.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989.

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 1997 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 10, 1996, at 7:30 a.m. at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$435,920.
- The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$23,149.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 11 (full-time equivalent).
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 11 (full-time equivalent).
- The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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- FUN RUN (One Mile) begins at 8:00 a.m.
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Agriculture

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: Wheat has been acting like a poor sister to corn. It's a slave to corn at present since it is a feed grain. At present, it will need to act more like a food grain, but until more is known about the ultimate size of the corn crop, it will continue to be a follower.

The August crop report did indicate a small reduction in the crop size, but it remains a large crop. Actually, the timing is not good for a big rally now since we're entering the spring wheat harvest period. Exports have been fair to good. If China was still in our market to any sizable degree exports would be much better, but this won't happen. China is waiting on Canada's crop.

Bottom line, I do not look for too much additional weakness, but I do not look for any kind of major rally either until later in the year.

Strategy: Hedgers: Our strategy, recommended in previous columns, remains valid. It entails the simultaneous sale of cash wheat [either out of storage or at harvest] and the purchase of at the money call options. This is an alternative to storage which will still allow you to profit from higher future wheat prices. However, unlike storage, it will place a price floor on your potential losses.

The most you could lose would be the cost of your options, so you effectively place a floor under the market. Plus you free the cash stored in your wheat which can then be used more effectively.

Based on a previous recommendation some of you were able to buy the December 440 Chicago wheat call options close to 20 cents.

Spring wheat farmers who bought the September \$6 puts when the wheat was at \$6, have large profits now. Look to cash them in at harvest, and use the proceeds to buy at the money calls as you sell your harvested wheat.

Traders: Based on last week's suggestion, we went short December Chicago wheat above \$4.80. At press time, we are close to our profit objective of 25 cents. If you took this trade do not let it turn into a loss [use a stop to assure at least some profit while holding out for the objective.]

CORN — (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: Last week, I said it would take a spectacular surprise on the August crop report to change my bearish outlook. Well, that's just what we had. The USDA estimate of an 8.7 billion bushel crop, if accurate, changes the supply/demand balance sheet to a major degree. If we knock 300 million bushels off the carryover next year, we have a supply situation somewhat similar to this year, and we all know corn prices rose over \$5 this year.

Now, I am a bit skeptical of the accuracy of the number as presented. After all, it is only an estimate and the USDA apparently is factoring in some frost damage which may or may not occur. I think the market is also a bit skeptical in that it is trading more two-sided now that the initial shock of the report has passed. Yet, on the chance it may be a good number, the market should now be well supported on breaks.

As long as the crop is looking OK, however, it should also be resisted on rallies. Look for a more two-sided trading affair over the coming weeks.

Strategy: Hedgers: We remain 75 percent hedged in the December with an average price above \$3.36. I would now remain with the hedge, but protect it with the temporary purchase of the at the money [at press time the December 350] call options.

Traders: We remain short December futures just under \$3.50 and own December 360 calls in lieu of stop. Based on the current uncertainty, I would look to liquidate this position. Depending on where you put it on, this should result in a small profit or small loss.

CATTLE — (BULL)

Outlook: In the short run, the cattle market appears to have stalled. It may be in some measure due to the export market. Beef exports to Japan have virtually dried up due to the E coli scare; however, more stringent inspection rules should revive this market eventually.

The longer term fundamentals remain solidly bullish. Due to high corn prices, the total numbers on feed are 15 percent below a year ago, and the smallest number in many years. The cold storage beef supplies are at ten-year lows. Cattle prices should continue their upward march fairly soon, in my opinion.

Strategy: Feeders: We continue to own the October 69 live cattle put options for price protection. Put options act as price insurance, and effectively place a price floor under the market. The main advantage over selling futures or forward contracting is that they never limit your upside potential. As such, they make sense in bull market situations.

Cow/calf operators: The feeder market is caught between an uncertain feed situation and a rising fat-cattle market. This uncertainty makes the put option the preferred hedging tool. Puts will give price protection in down markets, without limiting your upside potential.

Traders: We previously purchased the February futures under 64 and recommend holding. We anticipate this will be a longer term trade, and suggest leaving the upside open at this time. Risk to a close under 6200.

The information and recommendations presented herein are believed to be reliable; however, changing market variables can change price outlooks. Neither Pampa News nor George Kleinman assume liability for their use. Use this section as a guide only. Futures and options trading can involve risk of loss. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Follow the recommendations if they make sense to you and for your operation.

George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions — they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

As harvest nears, time to remember safety

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — With autumn harvest time approaching, agriculture experts are reminding farmers they don't have to become statistics just because they are engaged in one of the most hazardous occupations.

Farming has more accidents and deaths than even mining and construction, notes Herb Willcutt, extension agricultural engineer and safety coordinator at Mississippi State University.

That's mainly because farmers are often required to be jacks-of-all-trades: engineers, chemists, economists, managers and mechanics.

Tractors, one of farming's most important tools, are also one of the most dangerous, Willcutt said.

"Farming averages 44 deaths per 100,000 workers," he said. "Tractors are the No. 1 cause of deaths involving farm activities. One out of every four times a tractor is involved in an accident, the accident is fatal."

Willcutt said 83 percent of these deaths could be prevented by using seat belts and rollover protective structures.

"Spend the extra money for a rollover cover for tractors — it's a

cheap insurance policy," he said.

Check farm equipment regularly for safety, he advises. Before working on any mechanical problems or connecting any equipment, stop the engine. Turn the engine off and allow it to cool before refueling.

Some machinery accidents and deaths are due to fatigue from the long hours and high pressures that full-time farmers face, but most involve part-time farmers, older farmers or rural homeowners who do not have updated equipment.

"Most accidents occur in the afternoon and evening, between 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. These usually involve part-time farmers who do not have safety features on equipment and often are in a hurry," Willcutt said.

Willcutt offers this safety checklist:

— Examine and replace all protective shields, covers and safety interlocks.

— Make sure all flashers and lights are working.

— Check to see if emblems signifying a slow-moving vehicle are attached, clearly visible and in good condition.

— Equip tractors with rollover protective structures.

— Install, maintain and use seat belts.

— Make sure the starter is protected from bypass-starting.

— Start the tractor or equipment only from the driver's seat.

— Use extreme caution when jump-starting by taking the tractor out of gear and checking that battery connections are made properly.

Many tractor fatalities involve children. These accidents can be prevented easily by never allowing an extra rider or passenger on a tractor, especially a child.

"Never allow children to ride on the tractor fender — the slightest lurch of the tractor could cause a child to fall and be seriously injured or killed," Willcutt said. "Watch little ones closely around equipment that is being operated or serviced."

Willcutt also suggested that farmers use eye and ear protection.

"Your eyes and ears are very vulnerable around machinery. Farm equipment can sling materials, and air from the fan can blow things into your eyes, so use eye protection whenever possible," he said. "Ear plugs also are very important, especially for extended operation of equipment."

Minimum wage law helps young farmers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Beginning farmers could benefit from the new minimum wage signed into law by President Clinton last week.

The law broadens guidelines under which state agencies can issue tax-exempt bonds to finance low-interest loans to young farmers.

The changes could double the number of farmers who can qualify for the loans, said Morris Reynolds, deputy director of agriculture for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. The agency has financed \$68 million in agricultural loans to about 700 beginning farmers and ranchers since the program began in 1982.

Last year, 41 producers in

Nebraska borrowed \$4.8 million to finance their stake in agriculture, Reynolds told the *Omaha World-Herald*.

The program allows private lenders to arrange a tax-exempt bond from the authority in exchange for providing low-interest loans to beginning farmers for farm real estate, equipment or breeding stock.

Each year, the authority is allowed to issue up to \$150 million in bonds for first-time home buyers, student loans, industrial revenue bonds and agricultural loans.

One change in the new law doubles the amount of land a farmer can own — from 15 percent of the median farm size in the area to 30 percent. That means

that in many eastern Nebraska counties, for example, 80 acres or more will be eligible; in 36 counties, farmers and ranchers will be able to own 160 acres.

Another change allows for transfer of farm property among close relatives, such as parents or grandparents. That will make it easier to pass the family farm to the next generation, but it will have to be done at market price for the property.

Reynolds said most of the bonds for loans are held by banks, but about 20 percent are financed by the seller, who then receives the tax-exempt bonds. However, the new program will not allow the close relatives selling a farm to a young farmer to hold the bonds.

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New farm contracts prove to be popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 99 percent of eligible farmers signed up for new government contracts that will pay them a fixed but declining amount regardless of their crop success, the Agriculture Department reported.

The contracts result from Republican-sponsored farm legislation aimed at eventually doing away with government crop price supports through a phased-in approach that severs the tie between crop price and government payment.

USDA reported that 98.8 percent of all eligible acreage for wheat, corn, oats, barley, sorghum, cotton and rice had been enrolled in the new seven-year production flexibility contracts.

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SAT scores inch upward; women close gap on college-entrance test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men still outscore women on the Scholastic Assessment Test, but women have nearly closed the gap on the verbal section of the college-entrance test and are gaining ground on the math.

Overall, 1996 college-bound students did better than last year's test-takers, according to test results released late last week. Math scores improved to levels last seen in the early 1970s, while verbal scores remain well below those of 25 years ago.

But some critics question the results because of recent changes in format and scoring. Others claim it is not a fair indicator of how students, especially women and minorities, will do their first year in college.

More than 1 million members of the Class of 1996 took the test — a one-year increase of nearly 17,000.

The average math score was 508, up from 506 in 1995 and just one point behind the 1972 average math score of 509.

The average verbal score was 505, up from 504 last year but still 25 points below the 1972 average of 530.

While the women's average verbal score of 503 was only four points behind the men, their average math score of 492 trailed the male average by 35 points.

"The gap is narrowing slightly. While women are taking more science and more math courses, they haven't closed the gap yet," said Gretchen Rigol, director of admission and guidance services for the College Board, which administers the test.

Overall, the slightly higher scores reflect more students taking honors courses and classes in

calculus, chemistry and physics, according to the board.

College Board President Donald Stewart said he was puzzled about why verbal scores remained below 1970s levels. He speculated that students are watching more television, reading less and spending less time studying English.

Another possibility is that students are not asked to write enough in any of their classes, said Christopher Cross, president of the Council for Basic Education, a Washington-based organization that advocates rigorous liberal arts education.

"Even though the (verbal) score has come back a point, I suspect we will never regain the level we achieved at the high point in 1972," Cross said.

This year's scores are the first to be reported on the SAT's recentered score scale, designed to raise the average score back to 500 and make the scores more statistically sound. Comparison scores also were converted to the new scale.

Jeanne Allen, director of the Center for Education Reform, said the SAT has been rendered useless as a barometer of college freshmen performance because of the change in scoring and 1994 revisions that gave students more time on some parts, let them use calculators and dropped testing on antonyms.

"The changes make it almost impossible for the lay person to determine whether or not children are actually doing better," Ms. Allen said.

Seppy Basili, director of pre-college programs for Kaplan Educational Centers, a New York-based test coaching compa-

ny, disagreed, saying the scoring changes were statistically valid.

Last year, it was not clear whether SAT scores rose because of changes in the test format, or if students prepared more for the test, he said. Rising scores again this year confirms that students are doing more preparation and getting better marks, he said.

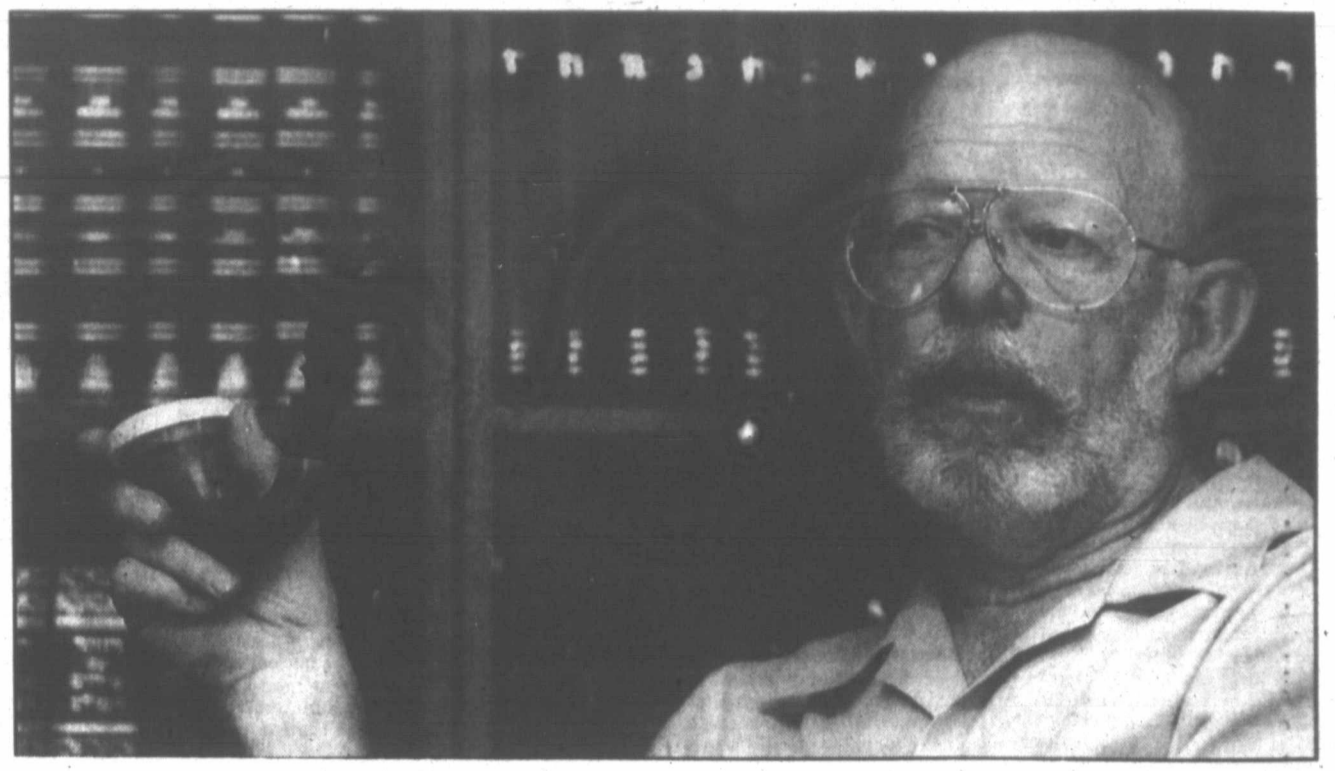
However, Robert Cohen, president of the New York-based Princeton Review, which also coaches test-takers, dismissed the SAT results, saying they "don't tell us anything about American education."

Students from higher-income families often do better on the test because "the language of the SAT is upper-middle class," he said. Higher test scores might actually mean that fewer low-income students, who often are members of minorities, are taking the test because they cannot afford to go to college, he said.

Pamela Zappardino of the National Center for Fair and Open Testing in Cambridge, Mass., said research underscores a gender bias in the SAT. Despite earning better marks in high school and college, girls continue to receive lower SAT scores, she said.

College Board officials denied that the test was geared toward white students from upper-income families. They said nearly half the test-takers have parents who never earned a bachelor's degree.

Sixty-nine percent of college-bound students who took the 1996 SAT were white; 11 percent were black; 9 percent were Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander; 8 percent were Hispanic or Latino; and 1 percent were American Indian or Alaskan native.



(AP photo by Bill Jansche)

Bible scholar and amateur archaeologist Vendyl Jones sits at his desk in his Arlington Institute of Judaic Christian Research. Jones' search for the Ark of the Covenant inspired the Stephen Spielberg film, 'The Raiders of the Lost Ark.'

Bible scholar to continue his quest for tabernacle housing the Lost Ark

By JAY JORDEN
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Whether searching for the Ark of the Covenant or dealing with a family crisis, Vendyl Jones can't stay away from the Holy Land.

The Bible scholar and amateur archaeologist remains in the West Bank with a sickly son. Jones was denied a permit earlier this year from the Israeli government to continue three decades of work near where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

But Jones and associates at his Texas-based Institute of Judaic Christian Research are hopeful that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be more receptive than the previous government.

Jones, 66, believes he's found the Qumran-area site of the Mishkan, the tabernacle housing the ark, where only priests were allowed. He has been aided in his search by son Gershon Bar Yonas, who now awaits an organ transplant at a West Bank settlement.

"His son had renal failure and went into a coma and nearly died. But he pulled out of it and now they are waiting to get a kidney transplant," said Jim Long, a spokesman for Jones' Arlington, Texas institute.

"Vendyl has decided to stay over there. He's working behind the scenes to pursue new permits" for his exploration, Long said.

But he said excavation would likely not resume until late fall or winter.

The ark, the sacred chest containing the Ten Commandments, was carried by the Israelites to Gilgal when they returned from exile in Egypt.

In 1994, Jones' team of volunteers partially uncovered walls 38 feet wide and about two feet high running some 900 feet by 1,500 feet. He contended these formed the partition surrounding the tabernacle three miles north of the Dead Sea in a barren plain near the Jordan River.

"We found the wall that surrounded it in 1994," Long said. "Using the Copper Scroll as a reference, we believe it is buried at Qumran."

The scroll is considered by some biblical scholars to be the treasure map for lost artifacts of the ancient Jewish temple destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70. Unearthed on March 20, 1952, it was the only scroll found in the Dead Sea caves that was preserved on copper sheets riveted together.

Jones said he used Landsat photographs from NASA and Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing to pinpoint the buried walls on a topographical map. He was assisted by Arnon Karnielli of Ben Gurion University.

Jones' search for the ark, which was housed in the First Temple built by King Solomon, inspired the Steven Spielberg film *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Biblical prophecy surrounds

the rediscovery of the tabernacle and ark, with some believing such finds would usher in an era of world peace.

Hundreds of scrolls found in area caves since 1947 contain the oldest known texts of the Old Testament, along with messianic prophecies and moral teachings that shed light on Judaism at the time of Jesus and the origins of Christianity.

"I think what we are doing will have some bearing, a role in future events," Jones said in an earlier interview. "But we are not over there trying to fulfill the prophecy."

His son had accompanied Ernest Easterly III, a Louisiana State University professor, to the Israel Antiquities Authority to reapply earlier this year for continued excavations at Cave of the Column. The application was denied.

Some Israeli archaeologists have been critical of Jones, a former Baptist minister, and his methods.

And Palestinian claims of autonomy in the West Bank are also obstacles. Before excavations at four other sites began, Palestinian authorities demanded that Israel stop digging in the West Bank.

Jones' team tried unsuccessfully for three months last winter to pick up the trail of the ark and tabernacle.

"We couldn't get anybody to pay attention to us," said Long. "They said, 'Come see us if you find something.'"

Relatively few farmers are using synthetic bovine growth hormone

MILWAUKEE (AP) — After more than two years on the market, synthetic bovine growth hormone is being given to only about 10 percent of the nation's dairy cows to boost milk output.

Critics contend the hormone, called Posilac by its manufacturer, Monsanto, is too expensive because it makes cows hungrier. And they say the possibility of health problems for cows makes consumers wary of buying products made of milk from treated animals.

Monsanto and the Food and Drug Administration, which authorized use of the hormone, say there is no evidence that milk from injected cows has more hormone residue than milk from untreated animals. But it can be costly for the farm that uses it.

That is important, since the price of feed has risen sharply this summer. A bushel of corn in July sold for \$4.40 — 77 percent more than a year ago. Farmers also pay more for raw milk. The July price of the grade of milk used to make cheese was \$14.49 per 100 pounds — 29 percent higher than a year ago.

About 10 percent of the nation's 9.4 million dairy cows

were being treated with Posilac in early 1996, an Agriculture Department study showed. Monsanto estimates 15 percent of dairy farmers have bought the hormone since it was introduced.

"When you think about the history of this technology, you see a lot of uncertainty and a lot of emotion," said Bruce Jones, director of the Center for Dairy Profitability at the University of Wisconsin.

BGH is a metabolic hormone that can be produced in large quantities using recombinant DNA technology.

When using the hormone, farmers must provide more feed during the peak of the cow's lactation cycle, said Irv Possin, dairy and livestock agent with the University of Wisconsin Extension in Fond du Lac County.

When the hormone was introduced, opposition was especially strong in Wisconsin, where opponents said the increased production would contribute to price-depressing milk surpluses and help big corporate farms flood the market, squeezing smaller family farms out of the business.

The Wisconsin Legislature adopted a law that allows food

companies to label products made of milk certified as free of BGH.

Higher-producing cattle also are more prone to mastitis, an inflammation of the udder, critics say.

But the number of companies using the label information has decreased, said Andrea Neu, vice president of communications and marketing services for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. Dairies have found the labels do not improve sales appeal because price and brand name are still the big factors in selling milk, she said.

"It's been a disappointment since it's been introduced," said Pat Dunkerly, an analyst with Edward D. Jones & Co. of St. Louis.

Analysts initially predicted that as much as 70 percent of the nation's milk would eventually come from treated cows, he said.

Monsanto spokesman Gary G. Barton said sales of Posilac in the first six months of the year were 40 percent ahead of sales for the same period last year. Posilac sales will exceed \$90 million in annual revenue that Monsanto reports to the FDA, Barton said.

Southwestern Bell considering flat monthly fee

DALLAS (AP) — In an unheard-of pricing strategy, Southwestern Bell is considering a flat monthly fee for domestic long-distance calls.

Bell executives said they are seriously considering the measure, the *Dallas Morning News* reported Friday.

"(Customers) like to know they can call if they damn well please and it's not measured," said Royce Caldwell, group president of Bell's parent company, SBC Communications Inc.

Analysts and executives say they can't think of any large-scale

national long-distance plan similar to what Bell is discussing.

The new federal telecommunications law passed earlier this year will force Southwestern Bell and the six other regional Bell operating companies to open their local phone networks to competition. That could happen as soon as next year.

Last weekend, AT&T, the nation's No. 1 long-distance company, launched a two-month statewide ad campaign, letting Texans know that the law will soon let them pick AT&T for their local service.

Once start-up costs are paid, Bell officials say transmitting long-distance calls could cost from a half-cent to 1 cent per minute.

Bell executives haven't said how much they would charge if they go ahead with the flat fee.

It may be part of a package, because executives say market research shows that consumers want all their telecommunications products on one bill — local phone, long distance, cellular, pagers, Internet and optional services like call waiting.

Mesa Inc. board elects Jon Brumley new CEO

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Mesa Inc. last week named Jon Brumley chairman and chief executive to succeed the oil and gas company's founder, Boone Pickens.

Brumley, 57, was chairman, chief executive and a co-founder of Cross Timbers Oil Co.

"Jon Brumley has spent his entire career in the oil and gas industry; he is an entrepreneur

and has an excellent record. I am pleased that Jon has accepted this leadership position," Pickens said.

Pickens, 68, who founded the Irving, Texas-based company 40 years ago, was one of the most feared corporate raiders of the 1980s.

He attempted acquisitions of Unocal Corp. and of Gulf Corp., which was later acquired by

Chevron Corp. He bought up Texaco shares, which he ultimately sold, when that giant was entangled in legal woes with Pennzoil Co.

Early this year, dissident shareholders, who alleged Pickens had mismanaged the company's finances, sought to unseat him as chairman, break up Mesa and sell it off to pay off the company's \$1 billion-plus debt.

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Drought drains Falcon Lake, hurting economy of South Texas community

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

ZAPATA (AP) — In a typical year, weekends usher a flood of visitors to this town on the Texas-Mexico border.

Jeeps packed with fishing poles lug enormous boats along the main drag, headed for lodges nestled along the community's principal attraction: Falcon Lake.

Stretching more than 78,000 acres, the lake is considered one of the state's best for bass fishing. Up to five tournaments are held here weekly.

Of course, that's in a typical year. This year has been anything but.

The drought has drained Falcon Lake to more than 50 feet below normal, and as the lake recedes, so, too, has the town's economy.

"Every little town has a bass club, but at least 75 percent of those guys are going to other places. There's no bookings," said Gaylen Gilbreath, a lake guide and owner of the Beacon Lodge.

Gilbreath estimates his business has dipped 50 percent this year. The problem, he said, is access to the once-colossal lake.

Usually, there are more than 100 launching facilities in town, from private boat ramps to the public launching site. With the drought, just two still reach the water.

Last year, Gilbreath poured 150 feet of concrete to extend one of his five boat ramps to the lake's edge, and he purchased a portable ramp. The cost was about \$25,000.

Today, the concrete leads to a bed of willow trees and brush. A dilapidated fishing dock and boat launch sit on either side, filled with weeds instead of water. The portable ramp lies dormant in a muddy puddle.

"As the lake went down, we tried to follow it as best we could just to keep in business," Gilbreath said, adding that he'll have to spend another \$6,000 in repairs when the lake returns to normal. "It does not help when something's supposed to float and it's sitting on the ground."

The stories are similar all around this town of 5,000 people, located 40 miles southeast of Laredo. Most of the community's economic base is derived from oil and gas exploration and another drought-devastated industry, ranching.

Tourism is the second-largest income producer and is supposed to be the area's growth industry. But thanks to the drought, it also is suffering.

Marilyn Wieters, manager of the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce, estimates the town has lost millions of dollars in fishing tournament and tourism revenues.

One cancelled tournament cost merchants up to \$500,000. The 300-boat contest, scheduled for October, moved to Del Rio because of the lack of launching facilities here, Ms. Wieters said.

"That shows an effect at the gas stations, restaurants — everything," she said. "It has cut into the business economy of the town, there's no doubt about that."

At the White House restaurant, the impact can be measured during what should be the lunch-time rush. Just two tables are taken, while the rest are dismally empty.

"It's plain to see," Hector Lopez Jr. said of the drought's effect on his family's restaurant. "You're looking at it right now. It's really a pitiful sight."

His father, Hector Lopez Sr., has owned the restaurant for 15 years. He also serves as a local justice of the peace, and worries about the drought's lasting

effect on the town.

"One of the main attractions of our community is Falcon Lake, but in view of this great drought, it isn't much of an attraction anymore," Lopez Sr. said. "Because of the drought, we don't have a lot of tourists or fishermen. Consequently, every business is directly or indirectly affected."

Merchants are hoping the economy bounces back this fall with the return of the Winter Texans, northern retirees who head south for the winter. But others are concerned that they, too, will shun Zapata if the lake remains low.

"The water got them started coming," said Tom Haralson, whose family owns the Redwood Lodge, a motel, RV park and bait and tackle shop. "The ones that come over here to go fishing for white bass, I doubt they'll be back."

Already facing thousands of dollars in losses this year, Haralson estimates just half of his RV spaces will be rented come winter.

Wieters also is worried the retirees, who double the town's population, will look for other places to winter. To combat that, she is trying to lure first-time Winter Texans by highlighting Zapata's other assets.

"The history, the healthful climate, the endangered species are what we're trying to target," she said. "The old-timers expect the lake to be here and they like to go fishing every day. We're trying to attract first-timers."

The chamber also is promoting the few positive aspects of the drought, such as historic bridges, towns and cemeteries that once were submerged by lake water but now can be seen. A month ago, Wieters drafted a new map showing visitors where to find the sites.

Frozen or on the rocks? With or without salt? Margarita drinkers have favorites

By TERESA S. JOHNSON
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO (AP) — It's said the tongue has four types of taste receptors — sweet, salt, sour and bitter, which perhaps explains the popularity of margaritas.

For this popular mixed drink includes each of these tastes.

The first sensation when you sip a margarita is saltiness, as your lips touch the glass traditionally rimmed with salt. Then comes the sour taste of lime, the sweet taste of orange liqueur and the bitter taste of tequila.

And whether it's because people are conducting scientific research on their taste buds or just drinking them for the fun of it, margaritas are one of the most requested bar drinks in the country, according to surveys from the Distilled Spirits Council.

And they are also easy to prepare at home, whether you use a ready-made mix or mix them up yourself.

Many people wanting to make margaritas at home like the convenience of the margarita mixes, said Joe Dicorte, one of the owners of Dicorte Brothers liquor store. And, he noted, there are several good mixes on the market now.

Jose Cuervo makes the No. 1 seller, and it's a good mix, he said. "But then there are people who buy all the ingredients so they can mix them themselves," Dicorte said.

These ingredients are limes or lime juice, tequila and an orange liqueur. The later can be the less expensive triple sec or the more expensive Grand Marnier or Cointreau.

The latter two are used to make what's called "top shelf" margaritas, and you'll want to use one of the better tequilas, Dicorte said. A popular brand is Patron, which sells for \$30 per bottle.

Dicorte's recipe for a top shelf margarita is 1 1/2 ounces of tequila, 1/3 ounce of Grand Marnier and the juice of two limes sweetened with a little sugar.

Another recipe was offered by Manuel Rodriguez, general manager of the soon-to-open Ninfa's:

Equal parts tequila, orange liqueur and fresh squeezed lime juice with a dash of simple syrup (sugar dissolved in water).

"Let me warn you, it's potent," Rodriguez said.

Because the liquor flavors are so pronounced in this recipe, Rodriguez said it's important to use premium brands.

He said the tequila needs to be 80 proof, and he likes gold tequila because it is aged.

"There's a difference in the way the tequila goes down," he said of more expensive brands, such as Patron. He noted that the better the tequila, the smoother the drink will be.

The same goes for the orange liqueur. He said Cointreau is the best, but those who like their margaritas a little sweeter might prefer Grand Marnier.

But you don't have to spend that kind of money or go to that much effort to get a good margarita, Dicorte said.

He said Sauzo Giro is a good, lower priced tequila that works well with margarita mixes, which usually have the triple sec flavor included. With those ingredients you can make a pitcher of margaritas for \$6 to \$7, Dicorte said.

But that's for a margarita on the rocks. Those mixes aren't concentrated so become diluted if blend them with ice, Dicorte said.

For a frozen margarita, Dicorte recommends frozen mixes, such as Dicorte Brothers own frozen margarita mix, or frozen limeade concentrate from the grocery store freezer section.

"You take 6 ounces of tequila, 6 ounces of mix and 2 ounces of triple sec and you put it in the blender with a handful of ice. Put salt on the rim of the glass, then pour in the margarita," Dicorte said.

"The beauty of using mixes like ours or even the frozen limeade is that you can adjust the lime tartness according to your tastes," he said.

Americans, always looking for new flavors, also have embraced flavored margaritas. They can be made with flavored syrups or juices.

Richard Guthrie, general manager of Burgers and Blues, which should open in River Square Center in October, mixed up a strawberry frozen margarita with strawberry-flavored syrup and an orange margarita with fresh-squeezed orange juice.

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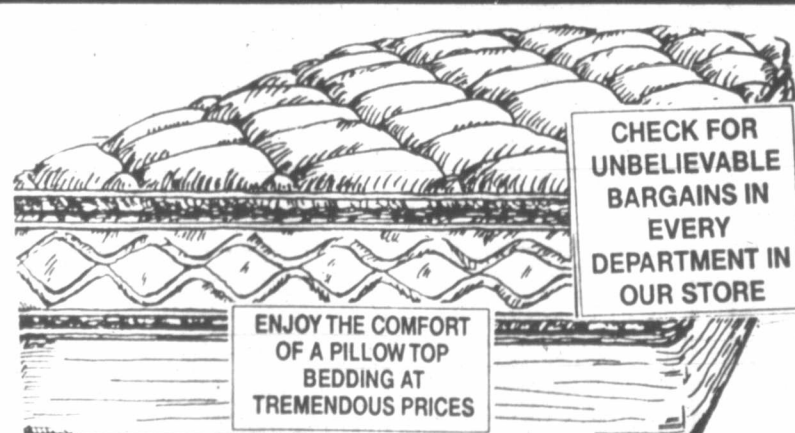
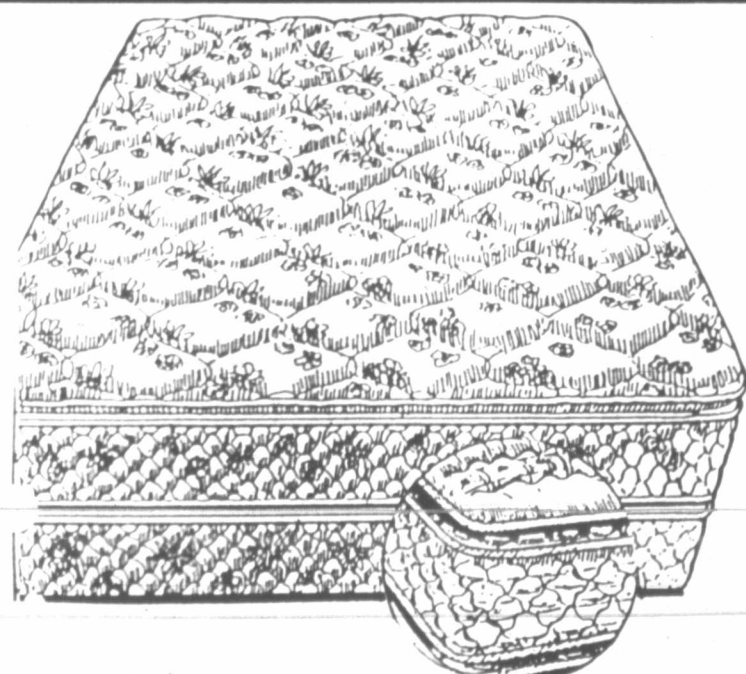
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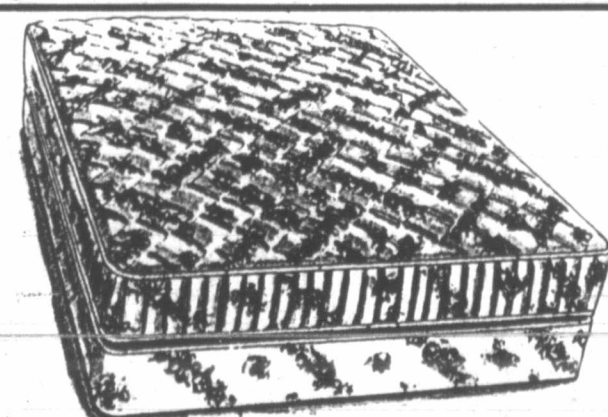


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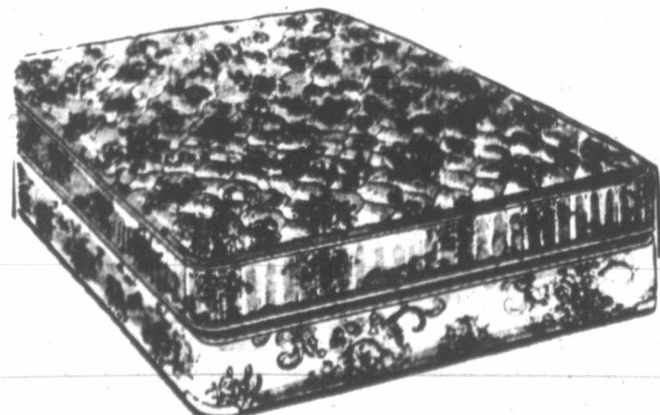
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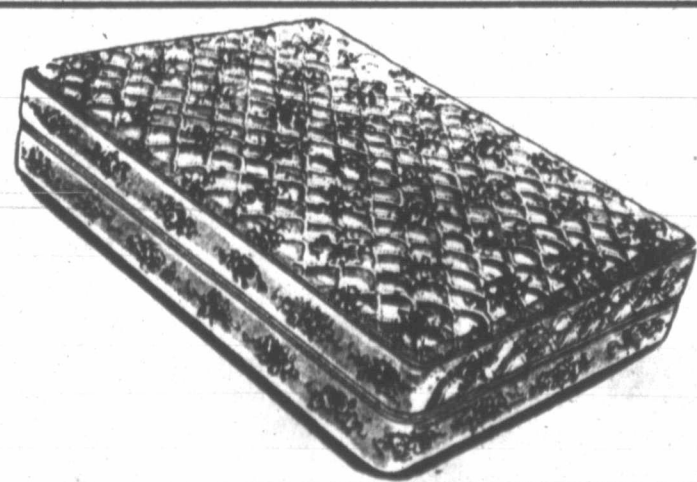


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