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Skeet shooting has become a popular pastime in Howard and Martin Counties. There are even 4-H clubs that practice the sport. See stories and picture, Tuesday on Outdoors.

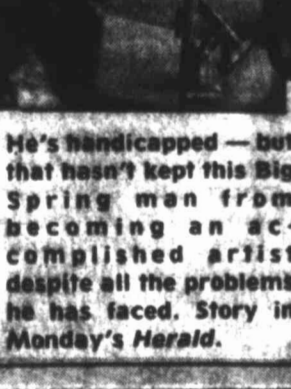
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He's handicapped — but that hasn't kept this Big Spring man from becoming an accomplished artist despite all the problems he has faced. Story in Monday's Herald.



Gerald Cobos jumps back to avoid an inside pitch during baseball tourney action Friday. For additional details, see Sports.

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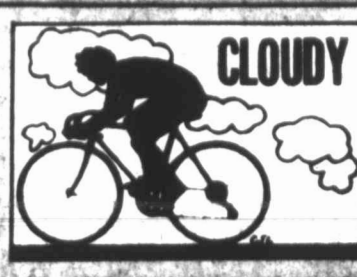
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New prisons effort gains support

By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A coalition of the city and county governments and public service agencies are actively attempting to recruit two new prisons to Howard County, public officials confirmed Friday.

"It's something we're doing together," Howard County Judge John Coffee said of the attempt to draw state prisons to the Big Spring area.

"It's pretty well a community project," he said.

Big Spring Mayor Maxwell Green said representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, In-



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Coffee said 800 new jobs would be created if the larger facility were located here and 300 jobs would be created if the smaller prison were located here. Approximately \$1.4 million in total salaries would be allocated for the larger facility with a salary range of \$12,000 to \$37,000, he said.



GREEN

dustrial Foundation, city manager's office and county commissioner's court have met several times in recent weeks to develop an overall plan.

Under the arrangement, the county would apply for the prisons, the city would build the water and sewage lines the facilities would require and the other agencies would

act in a support role, said Wayne Moore, executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Moore described the Chamber's

role as collecting information pertinent to the prisons and helping coordinate the group's activities.

Moore said the impetus for the partnership between the different groups began in 1987, after the city unsuccessfully vied for a state prison that was eventually awarded to Snyder. City officials indicated the expense involved for the city to attempt to compete for a contract by itself would be prohibitive, he said.

The state is currently considering building two sites in the next year and may build others in the following years. One of the proposals is for a 1,000-bed facility. **PRISONS page 2-A**

Victim: Finally, system worked

Editor's note: For the purposes of this story, the victim's name has been changed.

By RUTH COCHRAN
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — When Martha was raped four years ago, she didn't know that her ordeal would start an overwhelming groundswell of support.

Not only did her family and friends rush to her aid, but strangers throughout the city rallied around her.

That support helped Martha survive the aftermath of the brutality she suffered. More gratifying to Martha, however, is that Big Spring residents didn't forget her or the terror she was forced to endure.

Because of Martha and because of the people of Big Spring, the system was made to work.

Her story began one lazy day in 1985 when Martha found a young man, Ricky Dale Payne, at her door posing as a handyman.

"This is the case of a military widow — had been a widow for over 15 years and lived in Big Spring for 20 — and a young man she's never seen before broke into her home in the middle of the afternoon," Martha says.

Payne assaulted Martha and threatened her with worse if she

• **VICTIM page 2-A**

Group aids victims of violence

By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Assisting rape victims is a small but very important part of what the local Rape Crisis/Victim's Services does for Howard County, the executive director for the service said Saturday.

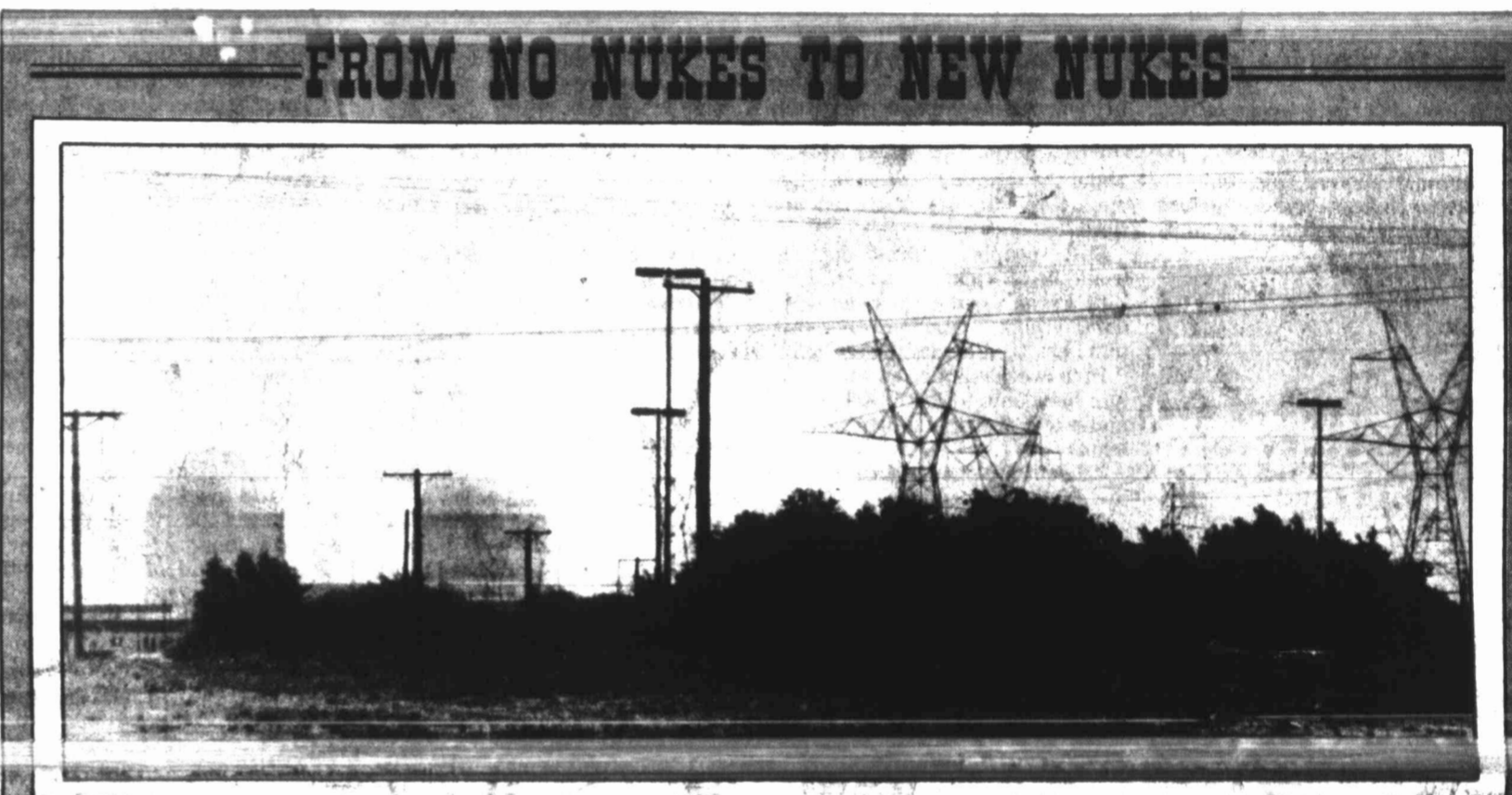
"Most of our job deals with assisting victims of domestic violence," executive director Lisa Brooks said. The number of those cases have increased as summer weather brings hotter temperatures and flaring tempers, she said.

Brooks said of the approximately 150 cases the service has handled this year, most are victims of domestic violence. The next largest group are victims of sexually-related crimes and others are victims of other violent crimes. The service helps all three kinds of people, she said.

In domestic violence cases, the victim's service group usually tries to help issue a protective order. Those court orders legally restrain individuals mentioned in the order from being in close proximity with the people who sought to have the protective order issued, Brooks said.

To file a protective order, the victim must be related to the person a court order is being sought against

• **SERVICES page 2-A**



The 26-story twin domes — constructed of 4 1/2-foot thick concrete — are the centerpiece of Comanche Peak nuclear plant.

Comanche Peak gets ready to turn it on

By ROBERT WERNISMAN
Publisher

COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR PLANT — Most likely things that you can count on two things happening: • He's going to apologize for being cynical; and, • You're going to hear an earful about Three Mile Island.

Perhaps two other things can be counted on as well: You'll soon understand the nature of his cynicism and realize that the Pennsylvania nuclear plant's 1979 disaster played a major role in causing a loss of confidence in nuclear production of electricity.

Commentary

Jones, assistant to the Fort Worth regional manager and a longtime player in TU Electric's drive to bring its north central Texas nuclear-driven power plant on line, is exasperated. He's exasperated, mostly, by the government's intervention to ensure safety in connection with the production of this electricity. It is produced by splitting atoms that create massive heat and, in turn, tremendous amounts of steam that drive turbine engines.

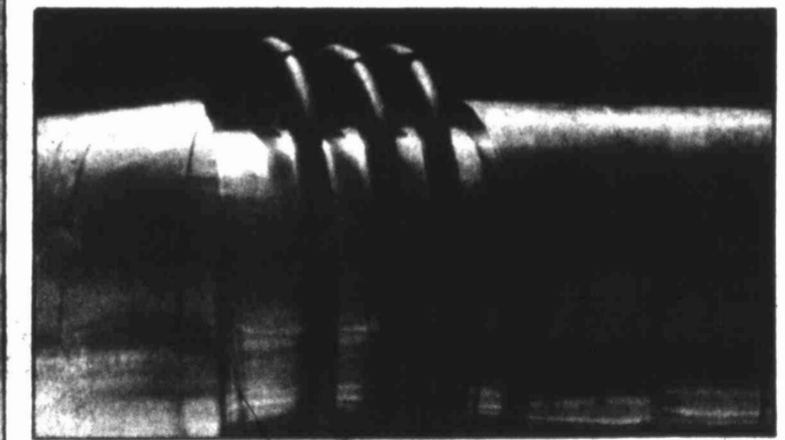
It couldn't be made much simpler than that. But, because nine years have passed since this plant 30 miles southwest of Ft. Worth was first supposed to go on line, Jones' exasperation has had much time to grow. He was the tour guide for a group of West Texans who visited the site Tuesday afternoon.

Sprawling along the edge of Squaw Creek Park Reservoir, the plant is within weeks of its highest level of security, at which time such tours will cease and nuclear-powered electricity will be produced.

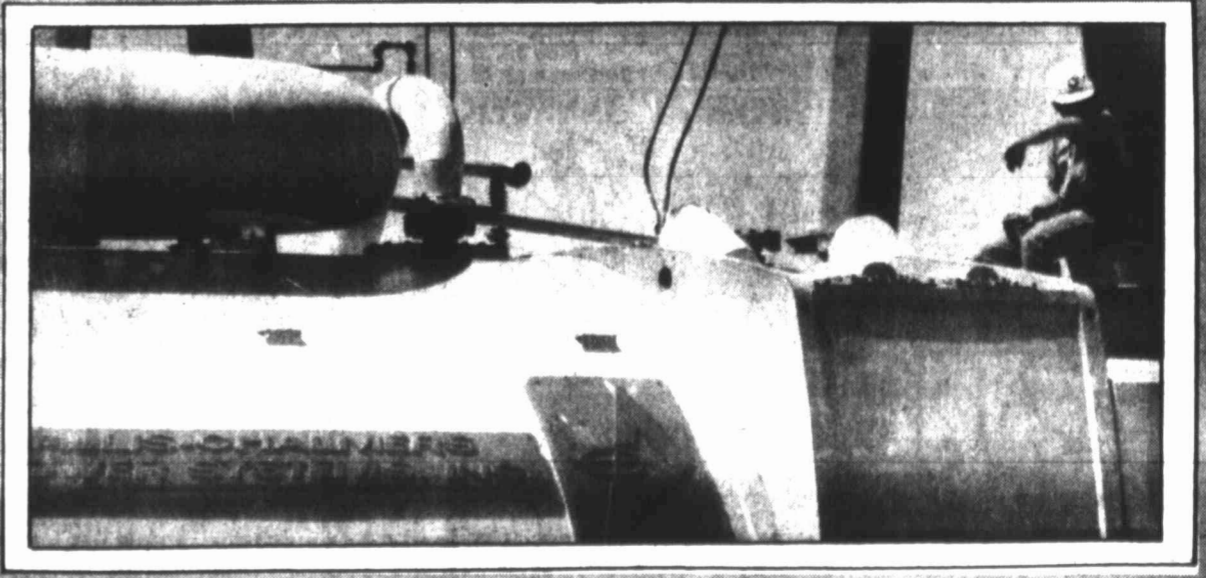
It will be, Jones believes, one of the most important days in the state's history. **NUKES page 2-A**



Four participants Clyde McMahon Jr. looks over a portion of the nine-billion-dollar TU Electric nuclear plant, located about one-half hour southwest of Fort Worth.



Steam created by the heat of splitting atoms will travel through this pipe and to a turbine to create electricity.



Plant employee watches as nuclear power plant goes through the paces before opening.

For West Texas it means more energy, costs

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — The operation of a new nuclear power plant outside of Fort Worth will mean more energy for West Texas and probably more costs.

Beginning the first of two nuclear generators on the site, Comanche Peak nuclear plant will mean an increase in available power for consumers. It may also mean a possible 10 percent rate increase with the operation of the first generator, and another 10 percent with the second generator, TU Electric District Manager Hooper Sanders said Saturday.

Sanders said because power rates had been decreasing in recent years, the first 10 percent cost increase will mean rates will rise to their 1984 level.

The benefits and the burden of the new nuclear facility — TU Electric's only nuclear plant — will be borne by all of the nearly 2 million TU Electric customers, Sanders said. TU Electric provides electricity for about one-third of Texas, he said.

As a cost saving measure, the electric service will rely on its cheapest source of fuel (the nuclear power plant) first and then turn to natural gas and coal to meet additional power needs, Saunders said.

Nation

Search for crash victims ends

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — The search for victims of Flight 232 ended Saturday while investigators used a crane to get better access to the tail section of the United DC-10 jetliner that cartwheeled at the Sioux Gateway Airport.

"We feel comfortable enough that ... the search has been terminated for victims," said Gary Brown, spokesman for the Woodbury County Emergency Services.

While officials were confident that all of the bodies had been recovered, there still was disagreement on how many were

killed, with a city official saying it was 110 and the National Transportation Safety Board saying it was 111. A doctor at one of the hospitals treating the injured said more patients could die.

Meanwhile, the carcass of the wide-body jet remained sprawled over the airport as NTSB crews sifted wreckage for clues to what caused the tail engine to disintegrate in flight.

A spokesman said officials would not move the fuselage section, which landed in a cornfield, but workers used a crane to shift the shattered tail section slightly in order to get a better view.

Union to offer contract proposal

DUFFIELD, Va. (AP) — The Pittston Coal Group Inc. will respond next week to a United Mine Workers' proposal for ending a 15-week strike, the company's president says.

The union made two proposals Friday, said Bruce Bratten, an assistant to UMW vice president Cecil Roberts.

The union would try to address Pittston's need for miners to work on Sundays if Pittston gives assurances that any new mines opened by the company will employ some of the 4,000 Pittston employees who have been laid off.

The second proposal was a request in writing that the two sides

meet face to face. Negotiators have been meeting in separate rooms at a motel with federal mediators carrying messages back and forth.

Pittston Coal president Michael Odom said there was "nothing new" in the UMW proposal.

"It's hardly a contract proposal," Odom said. "If they want to play games, fine, but I thought we were going to see something of substance."

But Odom said the company would give a definitive response next week.

A recess was agreed up for the talks until Tuesday, amid accusations of bad faith on both sides.

Gunman kills two in Bible class

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A hooded gunman burst into a Bible study class at a church Friday night, opening fire and killing two women and wounding a man inside a chapel crowded with adults and children, police said.

The gunman ran into the Mount Olive Church of God in Christ and opened fire as about 45 adults and children attended class at the church that had a reputation for its anti-drug activism, said Sgt. Frank Mena.

One man, who was shot in the leg, was taken to California Medical Center, Mena said. Identities of the dead were not immediately known.

"We heard ... that this church is very anti-gang, anti-drug," Mena said. But he added it was unclear if the killings were gang-related.

No arrests were made and a search for the gunman was under way, police said.

One woman whose children were inside the church at the time of the attack said she was told the assailant wore black clothing.



INVESTIGATING OFFICER



MANILA — The wreckage of a Philippine Airlines BAC-111 lies on a service road near Manila International Airport after it overshot the runway as it was trying to land in heavy rain Friday.

Associated Press photo

Pilot told not to land in rainstorm

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The pilot of a Philippine Airlines plane that crashed on a busy highway ignored air traffic controllers who warned him not to land in a heavy rainstorm, airport officials said today.

Officials also said that electricians apparently failed to turn on runway lights to assist the pilot as he brought the plane in for landing at the Manila airport.

At least eight people were killed on the ground Friday and 91 others, mostly passengers, were injured when the twin-engine BAC 1-11 jet overshot a runway, plowed through a concrete wall and bounced onto Manila's South Expressway Friday.

The plane, carrying 98 people, slammed into at least four vehicles on the 12-lane highway and careened onto some railroad tracks, witnesses said.

Thirty of the injured remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition, said airline spokesman Enrique Santos.

The plane was attempting to land in Manila after traveling from Zamboanga City, 540 miles southeast of Manila.

"At that time, the pilot was given instructions to pull up, based on the analysis of the controller that he was not going to make it," Rudy Flores, control tower supervisor, told The Associated Press. "The pilot did not acknowledge and in-

stead of pulling up, he continued to descend ... Unluckily enough, he did not make it. He overshot the runway."

Rolando Estabillo, another airline spokesman, declined comment on the allegation. Santos said earlier that the pilot, Capt. Ricardo Misa, had been cleared for landing "when runway is in sight."

Rose Reyes, Flores' deputy, acknowledged that such clearance was given, but said it was before the weather suddenly deteriorated. She said the clearance was given when the plane last radioed the tower while the aircraft was at least 5 miles away.

The instructions were changed when the weather suddenly deteriorated and controllers, who were keeping track of the aircraft, determined he could not make it safely, officials said.

"At that time he was still very high but he was above the runway already," Flores said.

Ms. Reyes said the runway lights were not on because it was mid-afternoon. But after the skies darkened and rain began falling in sheets, tower controllers asked airport electricians to turn on the runway lights to help guide the plane.

"They told us the lights were on, that's it's okay, but when we saw that there were no runway lights, we called them again," Ms. Reyes said.

World

Soviet miners reject settlement

MOSCOW (AP) — Miners in the country's biggest coal field on Saturday rejected a government offer to end their weeklong strike, and reports indicated half the coal industry's 1 million workers remained off the job.

"All mines have stopped," the Tass news agency reported from the Donetsk Coal Basin in the Ukraine.

Miners in one major coal center, Karaganda in the republic of Kazakhstan, began returning to work after negotiators worked out a settlement package, Tass said. But other strikes were depriving vital factories of fuel amid threatening industry

nationwide. The Donetsk Basin has 121 pits with an annual production of 210 million metric tons.

Miners, many in helmets and overalls, gathered outside government offices in the city of Donetsk and rejected the pact, which would have increased vacation time and paid workers for time spent descending into pits.

Western reporters said about 5,000 miners assembled to vote down the deal. Strike leaders told a rally they would continue the walkout because they didn't have faith the government would implement the agreement.

Governing party is underdog

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Soudake Uno attacked the rival Socialist Party in a final campaign speech Saturday, the eve of parliamentary elections, while the Socialist leader urged voters to "make clear your disgust" with Uno's scandal-plagued government.

At stake Sunday are half the seats in the upper house of Parliament.

A poor showing by Uno's conservative Liberal Democrats could increase pressure on Uno, in office less than two months, to resign and lead to early elections for the more powerful lower house of Parliament.

A Liberal Democratic loss there could bring Japan a Socialist-led government, since the lower house elects the prime minister.

"Socialism does not fit in Japan. Please help us defend freedom in this country," Uno, 66, told several hundred workers of his Liberal Democratic Party. He praised his party's record in raising Japan's status in the world.

Personally hobbled by allegations he kept paid mistresses, Uno made few public appearances during the 18-day campaign and his last was in a secluded parking lot at party headquarters.

Street vendor sets himself on fire

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A street vendor set himself on fire Saturday during a demonstration in which 2,000 people threw rocks and firebombs at police to protest new government restrictions on vendors in Seoul.

The man survived when police put out the blaze with fire extinguishers.

Police said 30 other people were injured and 20 parked cars were damaged by rocks. It was not clear whether any police officers were hurt during the two-hour clash in front of Myongdong Cathedral in central Seoul.

Police blocked the protesters with interlocked shields.

Witnesses said Park Ho-kyu, 29, poured gasoline over his body and set himself on fire during the clash. Park — who suffered burns on his hands, neck and chest — was taken to a hospital, where he was expected to recover.

The man, who sold hats near the plush Lotte Hotel, and the other vendors are enraged by a new government regulation that forbids them to sell in downtown areas. The rule was designed to help keep the city's streets clean.



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Congressional commerations may cease

2WASHINGTON (AP) — Two House members say they are making headway in a long battle against Congress spending time and money commemorating jukeboxes, asparagus, dairy goats and hundreds of other things.

Reps. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., and Claudine Schneider, R-R.I., are proposing to turn the time-consuming job of recognizing pet causes over to a commission, which would pass worthy proposals on to the president for action.

In the 100th Congress that ended last year, lawmakers passed 258 bills designating commemorative days, weeks or months. Among them were National Asparagus Month, National Dairy Goat Awareness Week and National Jukebox Week. A decade ago, the 95th Congress passed just 34 such measures.

"This is clearly a reform initiative that will focus members of Congress more on substantive legislation," Schneider said. Not to mention saving some \$500,000 in printing costs and staff time, she estimates.

McCurdy has been introducing legislation on the subject since 1985, but it has never moved, primarily because lawmakers are reluctant to give up a goody they can pass out to constituents.

But this week, McCurdy and Schneider met with Rep. Tom Sawyer, D-Ohio, chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee that handles commemorative bills, and won a promise that for the first time a hearing will be held on their idea.

In the meantime, the beat goes on. Some 268 commemorative measures have been introduced in the first seven months of this year; 81 have passed either the House or Senate, and 28 have been signed in to law.

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Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent 'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

U.S. Gov't. Approves Patent
Claims for New Diet Pill

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special)—An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady fat loss and calorie reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors' claims for a hard-to-get patent that confirms "there has never been anything like their fat-bonding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

You Can "Eat Normally"
Best of all, "you can continue to eat your favorite foods and you don't have to change your normal eating habits. You can start losing fat and reduce calories from the very first day, until you achieve the ideal weight you desire without exercising."

Flushes Fat Out of Body
The new pill is appropriately called the "fat-magnet" pill because it breaks into thousands of particles, each acting like a tiny magnet, "attracting" and trapping many times its size in undigested fat particles. Then, all the trapped fat and calories are naturally "flushed" right out of your body because they cannot be absorbed.

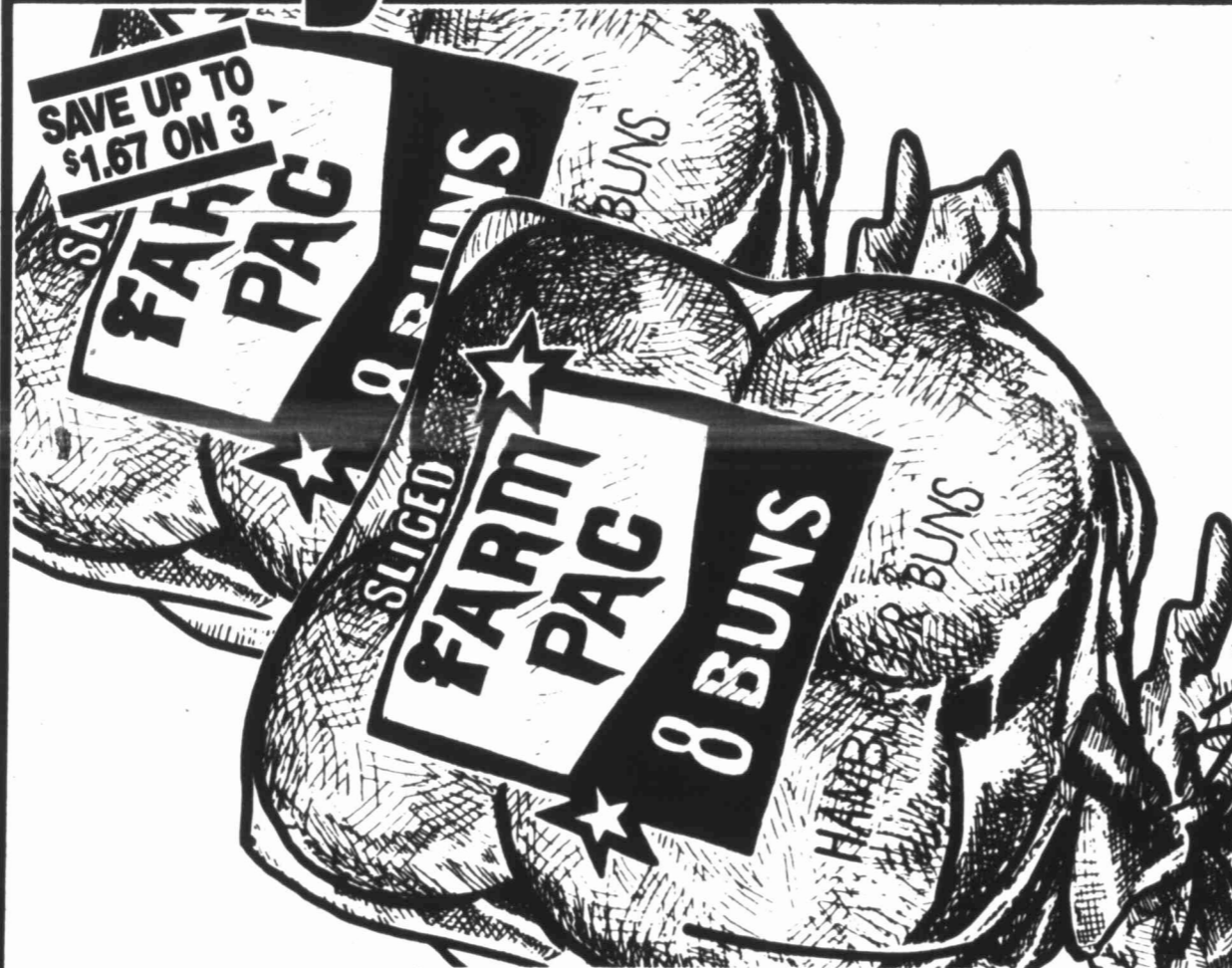
Within 2 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

"Automatically" Lose Fat
According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-bonding process is a "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

The fat-magnet pills are already sweeping the country with glowing reports of weight loss from formerly overweight people in all walks of life who are now slimmer, trimmer and more attractive again.

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On the light side

Stanley Steamers

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Stanley Steamers chugged and puffed from lobster bakes to parades and museums as owners from all over the continent headed Down East to pay tribute to the Maine twins who invented the automobiles.

The gathering was to wind up Friday evening with a Blow-Down Banquet following a showing at a coastal transportation museum. After operating their cars, drivers "blow down" the boilers, venting steam.

A day earlier, more than 30 drivers made the trip to Squirrel Island, where F.E. and F.O. Stanley, inventors of the celebrated steam-powered cars, used to spend summers.

In their first Maine "hub tour," owners of Stanley Steamers and the less-common White steamers came from all over the continent. Three vehicles made it on their own steam, while others made most of the trip on trailer beds.

"A lot of these people came 700 or 800 miles," said Don Bourdon of Woodstock, Vt., who made the 250-mile trip in his 1913 Stanley Mountain Wagon.

"I would say this is the largest number of Stanleys that have been running (together)" said Gordon Smith of Orillia, Ontario.

Drivers must adjust valves to control water, fuel, throttle and steam pressure. For the car to be ready to go, a pilot light must be lit. It takes about 20 minutes before a cold steamer will move.

Of the roughly 400 Stanley Steamers nationwide, about 150 are still roadworthy, said Bourdon.

Stanley Steamers were built between 1899 and 1924 in Massachusetts. It was a family-owned business until 1917, when F.E. Stanley was killed in one of the steamers and the business was sold.

Conscientious juror

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Some people will go a long way to defend their hometowns.

Richard Friese, a soldier stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, didn't try to dodge his civic duty when he was summoned for jury duty. Instead he took some vacation, hopped a plane and traveled 6,000 miles to meet the obligation.

"We get Johnny Carson in Korea. He is continually cutting down this town. I felt it was my duty to come back and do this and maybe show the people that someone (living) out of Bakersfield does care for this place," Friese said.

He reported to Kern County Superior Court on Monday and still hadn't been seated on a jury Friday.

It may have been well worth the trip, had Friese been paid the usual 15 cents for every mile traveled from home to the court.

Authors search the boob tube to find words to live by

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two authors journeyed into the vast wasteland of television and returned with 1,900 gems of wisdom. There's a little horse sense from Mr. Ed, and leave it to Beaver to add homespun sagacity.

Words to live by from the boob tube?

"It's true, you just have to search for them," said Jack Mingo, who with John Javna wrote "Primetime Proverbs: The Book of TV Quotes," published Friday by Harmony Books of New York.

"No one's ever looked to television for wisdom, but 100 million people can't be wrong."

The cherished quotes, which the authors say already have become folklore, came from the mouths of Maxwell Smart, Fred Flintstone, Gilligan and the Skipper, too.

Among the adages, preserved for literary posterity under 231 topics, are Archie Bunker's summation of the Divine: "God don't make no mistakes. That's how he got to be God."

Angel Martin of "The Rockford

Files": "You can't make one thin dime giving people what they need. You've got to give 'em what they want."

Mork: "One man's ceiling is another man's floor."

Ted Baxter of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show": "You know what makes this country great? You don't have to be witty or clever, as long as you can hire someone who is."

Whitey of "Leave It to Beaver": "You don't need any brains to grow up; it just happens to ya."

There are even sayings from four commercials, which are seemingly already heard often enough on the tube itself.

Those include one by Head and Shoulders shampoo, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression," and another by the National Enquirer, "Enquiring minds want to know."

Research for the book involved hundreds of hours of TV viewing by the two San Francisco Bay area writers. They also used 112 volunteer viewers, including Jim

Davidson from the National Association for the Advancement of Perry Mason, a fan club.

"The generation that grew up with TV in the '50s and '60s is at the point it has a lot of disposable income and that's why there's a lot of TV nostalgia coming out on the market, like this book," said Davidson, who also publishes a monthly listing of TV shows from the '50s.

Mingo said television doesn't deserve its reputation as an "idiot box."

"It's always been considered a declassing thing to watch a lot of TV, so people are reluctant to admit they get anything good from any of it other than by watching a few hours of public television," he said. "But we found many things of the sort you'd find from philosophers, and that you don't expect to see in the mass media."

Not surprisingly, Mingo now often finds himself quoting Mr. Ed. "People are always happy to hear things straight from the horse's mouth," he deadpanned.

TV at its most quotable

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Following are excerpts from "Primetime Proverbs: The Book of TV Quotes."

"If women dressed for men, the stores wouldn't sell much. Just an occasional sun visor." — Groucho Marx, "You Bet Your Life."

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"A cardinal rule of politics: Never get caught in bed with a live man or a dead woman." — J.R. Ewing, "Dallas."

"When you want something done, go to the busy man. He's the one who'll find time to do it." — Dr. Jim Anderson, "Father Knows Best."

"Love's the only thing in life

you've got to earn. Everything else you can steal." — Pappy Maverick, "Maverick."

"Just remember: things are always darkest just before they go pitch black." — Kelly Robinson, "I Spy."

"Artists are always ready to sacrifice for art, if the price is right." — Gomez Addams, "The Addams Family."

"Fair or foul weather, we must all stick together." — Underdog, "Underdog."

"When on Earth, do as the Earthlings!" — Mork, "Mork and Mindy."

"All faith must have a little doubt mixed in... Otherwise it's just flabby sentimentality." — Dr. Loveless, "The Wild, Wild West."

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Ranchers learn benefits of cactus

KINGSVILLE (AP) — If they heard what their descendants were up to out on the ranches these days, the pioneers who settled South Texas might think somebody had been out in the sun too long.

Ranchers on the vast stretches of semi-arid range country are learning to love the prickly pear cactus.

Yes, the prickly pear — the same spiny plant they have cursed, chopped, dug up and tried to get rid of for as long as anyone can remember.

They're looking at the ubiquitous prickly pear as a new way to make money: as a fruit and vegetable crop, as forage for livestock and feed for wildlife on hunting leases.

But growing the range-crowding, leg-stabbing cactus on purpose?

"We've tried to get rid of it, and I decided to work with it instead of against it," said Jim Manley, who has a ranch in Webb County near Laredo. "We need to look at any avenues of diversification for a profit."

A two-year drought that continues in some parts of South Texas has reminded ranchers of the valuable resource the prickly pear can be. With no grass for grazing, ranchers have resorted to "burning pear," or charring the spines to make the cactus edible for cattle.

Scientists and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are promoting the idea that there are ways to turn the prickly pear into a permanent, profitable asset. Many ranchers appear ready to listen.

"It's been neglected," said Bill Maltsberger, a rancher from Cotulla. "I think the future of ranching in South Texas will be largely dependent on cultivation of this plant."

More than 100 ranchers turned out July 14 for a conference at Texas A&I University in Kingsville, titled "Developing Prickly Pear as a Forage, Fruit and Vegetable Resource." The idea of such a conference would have drawn laughter 25 years ago, but the importance of economic diversity is catching on in the ranch country.

"We're looking at the prickly pear as something that could be very profitable," said Thomas Martinez, who wants to develop the cactus on his family ranch near Alice.

Still, prickly pear has an image problem.

U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, told the gathering of ranchers about a letter he received from an irate constituent who wanted the congressman to attend the prickly pear conference.

"He said and I quote: 'This conference is tantamount to holding a conference on the virtues of the coyote or screwworm,'" de la Gar-



Associated Press photo

KINGSVILLE — Texas A&I University plant physiologist Dr. Peter Felker poses with one of the 40 varieties of prickly pear cactus grown at the Center for Semi-Arid Forest Resources. Felker is promoting the production of the prickly pear for animal forage as well as human consumption.

za said. De la Garza, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, calls the prickly pear fruit the "Texas kiwi."

Ten years ago, most Americans did not know what kiwi fruit was, but shrewd marketing has created a demand for it, he said.

Some see the same potential for the prickly pear fruit, known in Mexico as "tuna." It varies in color from greenish white to a rich purple, and tastes like a cross between a fig and a kiwi.

The fruit is cultivated on thousands of acres in Mexico, but in the United States, only a few hundred acres are devoted to it, mainly in California.

James Manassero, vice president of D'Arrigo Brothers Co. in San Jose, Calif., said his company grows the fruit to sell as a specialty food on the East Coast, where consumption is increasing.

"The yuppies are starting to buy," said Ernesto Villalobos, a

direct marketing specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture in San Antonio, who compared prickly pear to other products that have taken off in recent years with the right type of marketing.

"As soon as the yuppies started buying fajitas, I couldn't afford them," Villalobos said. "Corona (beer). When the yuppies started buying it, I couldn't afford it."

The leaf pads also can be marketed for human consumption, a food known in Mexico as nopalitos, said Dr. Peter Felker, project leader at Texas A&I's Center for Semi-Arid Forest Resources.

The tender leaves, with the spines removed, normally sell in the United States during Lent, when many Mexican Americans use the cactus as a meat substitute. It is used year-round as a vegetable in Mexico.

Felker and others think nopalitos have potential as a vegetable crop in this country. The taste has been compared to green beans.

The A&I center collected 40 varieties of cactuses of the *Opuntia* genus, or prickly pear variety. Variations include spineless leaf pads and those with fruit of different colors.

The prickly pear thrives in dry conditions and its leaf pads easily take root and clone new plants when placed in the soil. Ranchers have found that attempts to chop and knock the plants down to clear range land for grass production often end up creating thicker stands of prickly pear after the broken leaves turn into new plants.

Some ranchers who lease their land to hunters also are looking at using the prickly pear as a means of enhancing wildlife habitat, particularly for bobwhite quail, white-tail deer and javelina. Prickly pear accounts for up to one-third of the deer's diet during the summer and 85 percent of the javelina's annual diet, researchers have found.

Three Rivers rancher Elizabeth Kay said her family operation has tried to eradicate the prickly pear for years.

"Now I'm going to make plans for the (prickly) pear as well as everything else," she said. "You better believe it. There's a place for the pear."

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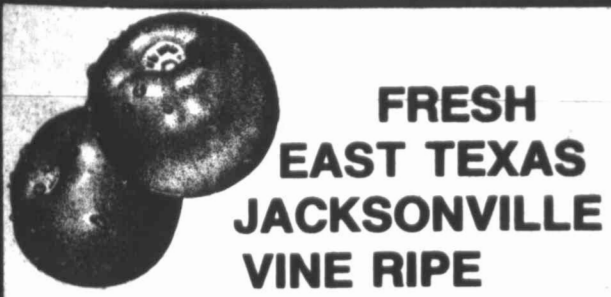
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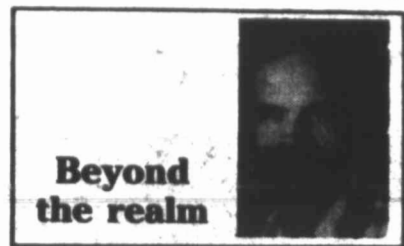
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Beyond the realm

Mind over manubrium

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Words — I love 'em. Words are a reporter's tools; his stock in trade. Without words, I'd be jobless. But, professional considerations aside, I'd still be in dire straits if I didn't have my words to keep me company.

Words were my equalizer when I was younger. I never have been your average Charles Atlas physically, so I used words to make friends and confound my enemies.

I also take comfort in the words of others. Reading is a passion to me. My wife will testify that I sometimes become so absorbed in a book or magazine that I ignore everything else.

It's nothing fatal, though. She simply raises her voice gradually, by degrees, until I finally snap out of my trance.

Failing that, she begins throwing things.

WRITER'S NOTE: Honey, I'm just kidding. Ha-ha-ha. Wasn't that funny? Wasn't it? Honey?

I especially like those words that do not trip lovingly over the tongue. You know the ones I'm talking about; those multi-syllable monstrosities that send one scurrying for a dictionary or thesaurus.

Words like manubrium. Or nasopharyngeal. Or even damascene.

If you haven't guessed what's coming by now, you should read my column more often.

That's right, folks. It's time once more for a stroll through Uncle Stevie's Garden of Grammatical Delights, when yours truly takes a look at the dictionary, selects a few weird-sounding entries and asks you, the faithful reader, to supply a definition.

A few months ago, I asked for reader suggestions for the garden. And, being the conscientious types you are, you gave me your answers:

Silence — deafening, shattering silence.

I thought I would at least get one or two suggestions from folks, but noooo. Oh well, no one ever said mind enrichment would be easy.

So, slightly humbled but still unbowed, I open this chapter of the Garden with one of the above examples: damascene.

One would think that word to be part of an Italian movie critic's vocabulary, like, "The damascene just dragged on and on."

Not so, dear readers.

Damascene refers to those who are natives of Damascus. It also is defined as to ornament with wavy patterns like those of watered silk.

Thrilled? Too bad — we've only started.

The next example for your consideration is prolegomenon. Whew, if you think this one sounds weird, you ought to try typing it.

Any guesses out there? None? Not even one teensy-weensy guess?

Oh well, prolegomenon, for those who really care, is a formal essay or critical discussion serving to introduce and interpret an extended work; sort of like a chapter summary before the chapter begins.

See how much fun this is? See what you're missing by not sending your suggestions? Is anybody still reading this thing?

The next word for your consternation is belga. There, I gave you one that's short and sweet. No 85-syllable monster here, just five little letters. Now, what does it mean?

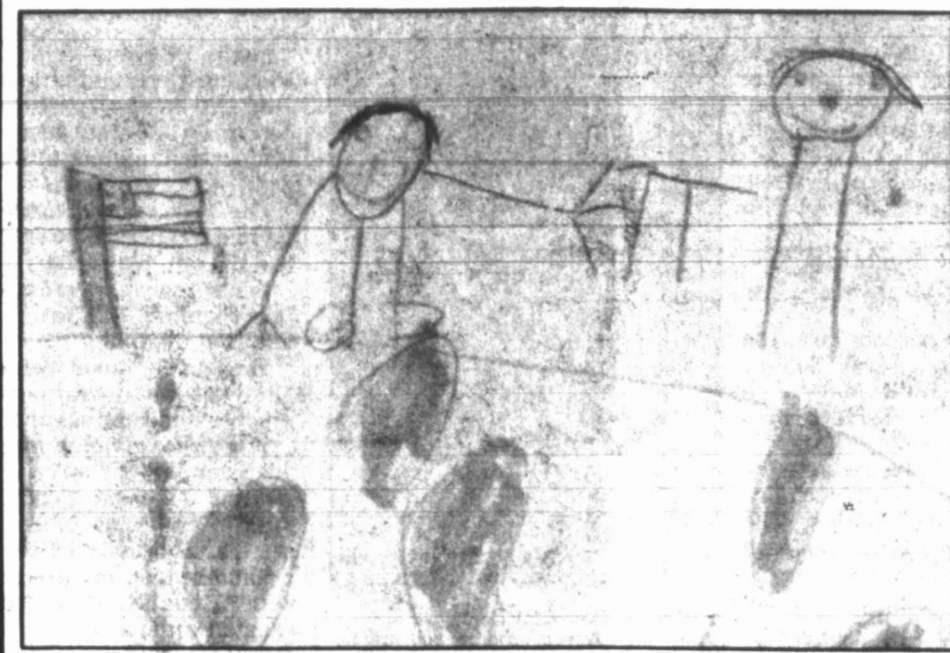
No, it doesn't refer to the sound one makes after drinking too much beer, dear readers. Belga is defined as a former Belgian monetary unit used on foreign exchanges, equal to about five francs — which, now that I think of it, won't buy diddy at the Big Spring Mall.

We're going to conclude this stroll (I can hear the applause building) with another of the three examples I cited earlier: manubrium

Contrary to what you may think, manubrium is not some weird form of cow droppings; it is the point of your sternum (breastbone) closest to the head.

So, to impress your wife or husband in the future, tell them you enjoy feeling your manubrium.

Just don't be surprised if they start throwing things.

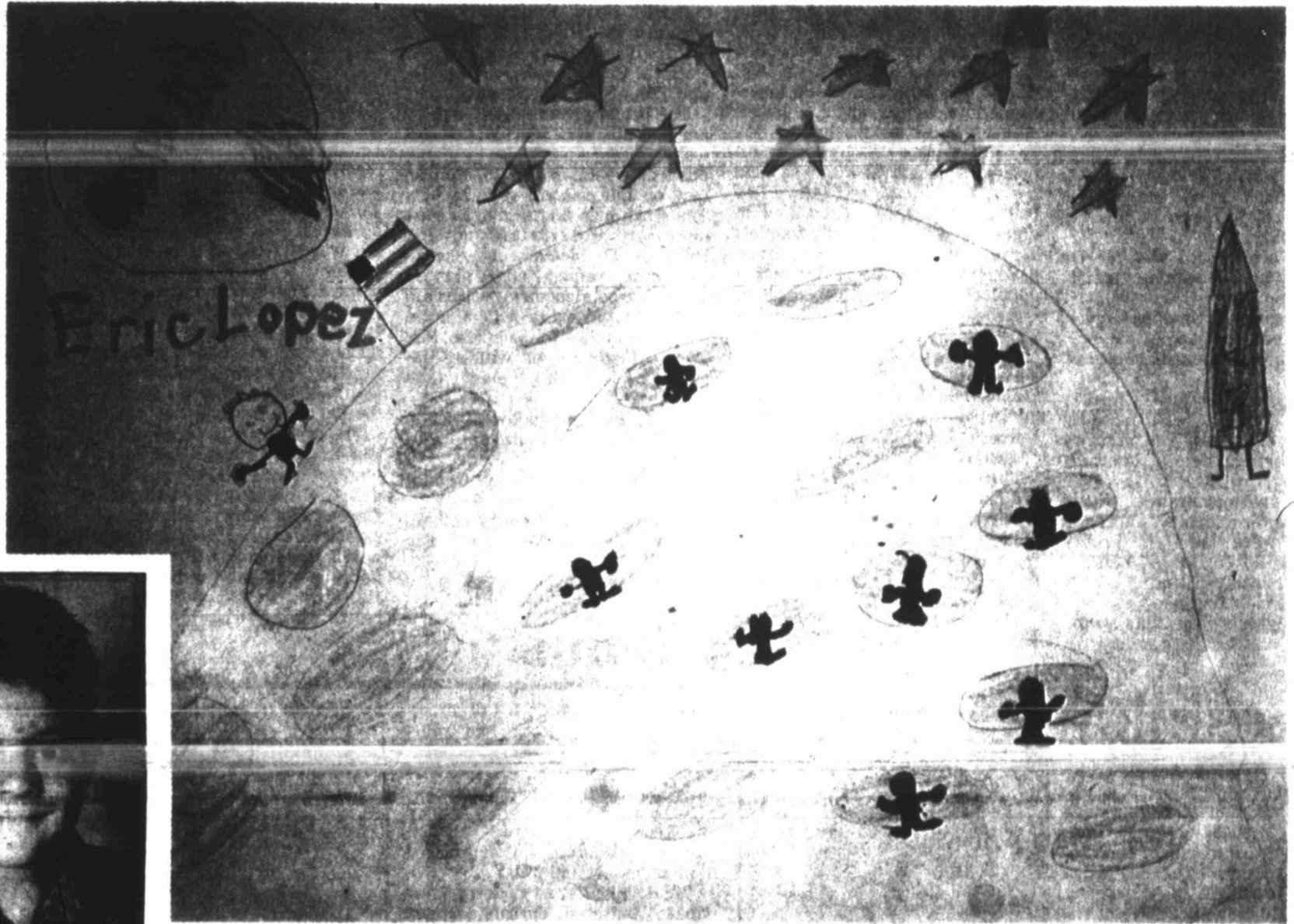


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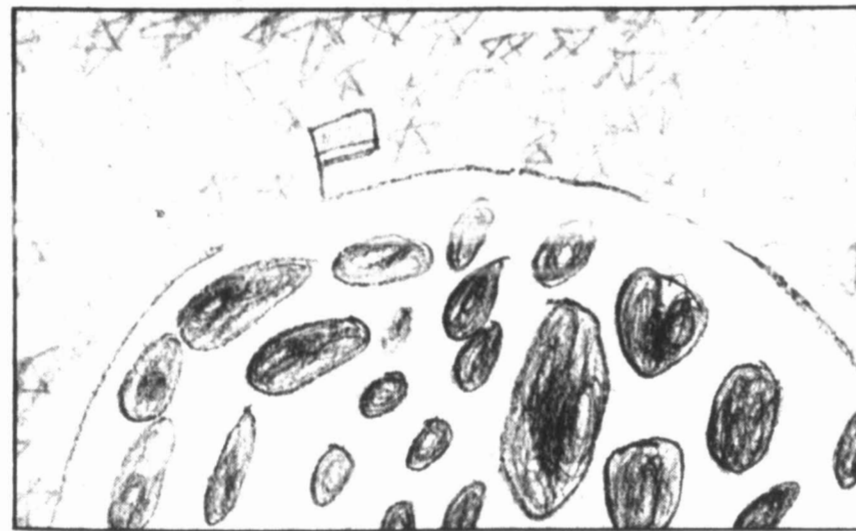
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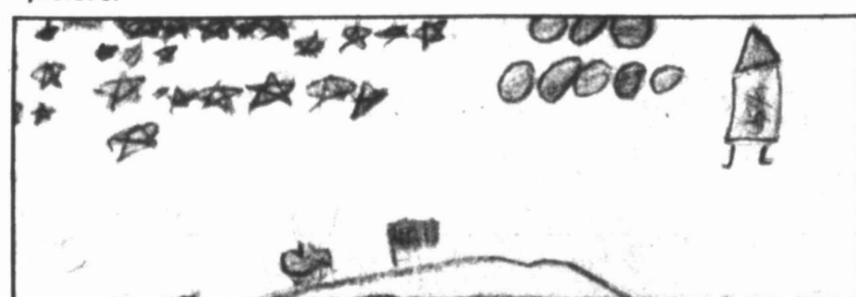
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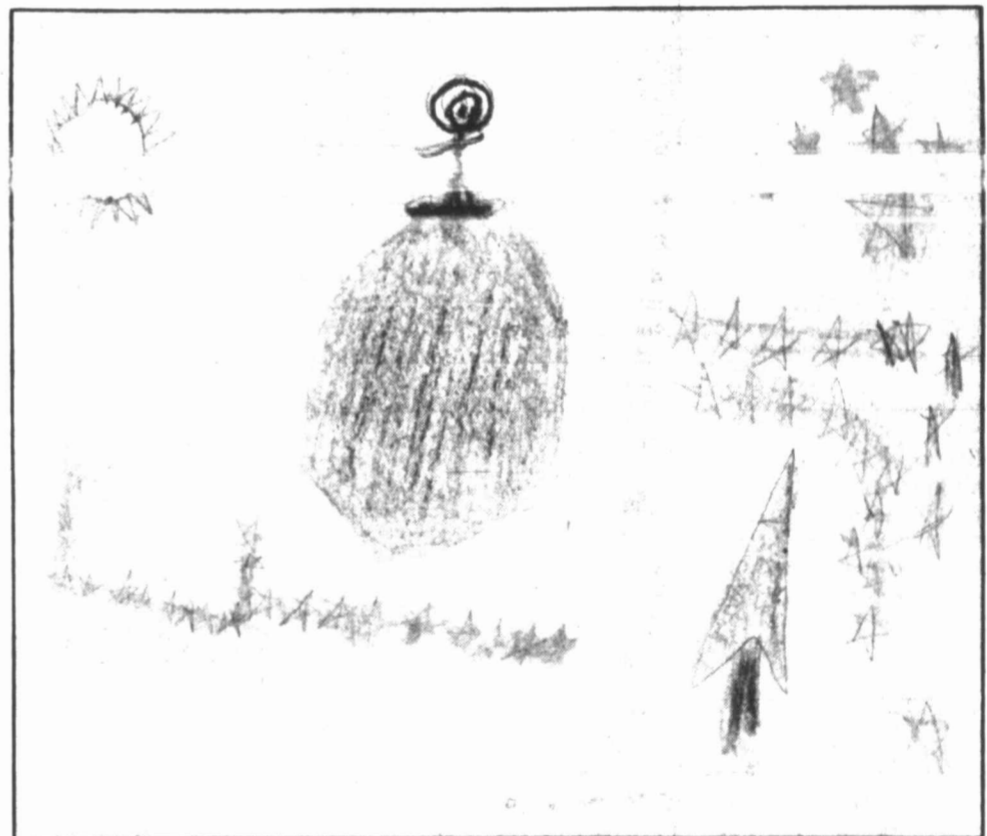
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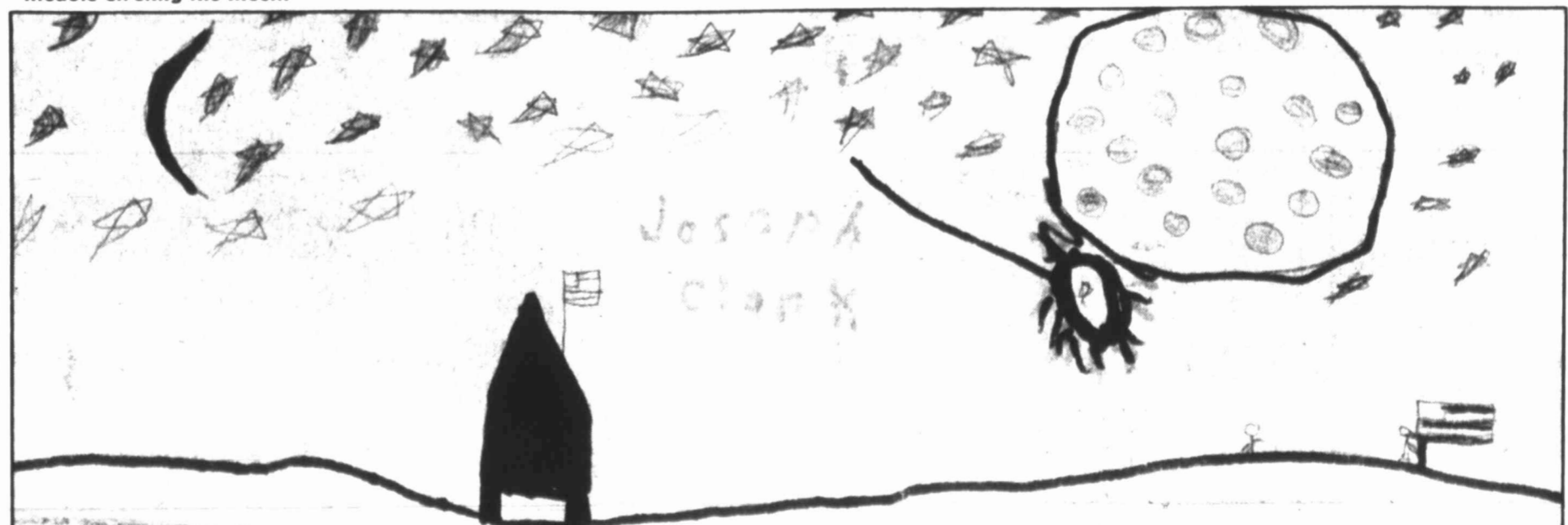
Kristie Isaacs has Neil Armstrong in front of a starry sky in her picture.



The drawing by Shannon Sellers correctly shows the command module circling the moon.



Complete with constellations is a piece done by Rosendo Robles



Joseph Clark has a comet passing by the moon as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin plant the flag.

Around Colorado City

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High school reunion

The 1939 Class of Colorado High School is planning a class reunion and needs addresses of Marjorie Burgess, Ray Ellis, Lillie Mae Fuller, Mildred O'Keffe, Myrtle Pike, Marguerita Welcher, Ella Nora Howard, Wyma Dillard and Doris Winchester. Please call Lillian Thomas, 728-3169, or Martha Smith, 728-3228, if you know any of these.

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church, 17th and Hickory Streets, Colorado City, will sponsor a Vacation Bible School July 24-28, 7-9 p.m. daily.

Those needing a ride should call 728-5567 or 728-8697. Everyone is invited.

Board meeting

The Colorado City Playhouse board of directors will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse.

C-City arrests

The Colorado City Police Department arrested two persons in connection with the recent theft of firearms from a parked vehicle.

Police Chief Bobby Sparks said the theft of two firearms valued at \$475 occurred in the 900 block of Austin Street on July 7. On July 8, two persons were arrested and charged in connection with the burglary. Charged with burglary of a motor vehicle was Darrin Lee Webb, 18, Colorado City. Charged with theft by appropriation was Carolyn Webb Terry, 44, also of Colorado City.

Sparks said the investigation is continuing and a warrant may be issued for a third suspect.

Exercise classes

It is time to register for the new body control classes begin at July 24 with Joanne Sanderson as instructor.

The classes will meet three nights per week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the high school gym at 6:15.

The water exercise schedule will be Monday night at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Ruddick park pool.

The cost will be \$30 for all three nights of body control or \$25 for two nights. The water exercise will be \$25 for the two nights plus \$12 pool fee. (\$1 per night at pool). Classes will run for six weeks.

Pre-registration is required through Wallace Center before the classes begin.

For further information call Wallace Community Education Center, 728-2392.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving course is scheduled for July 25 and 27 at the Wallace Center in Colorado City sponsored through Western Texas College in Snyder. The classroom sessions offer pointers in preventing accidents in spite of the incorrect actions of others and adverse driving conditions.

The course will have two sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-10 p.m. Films and other visual aids will be used to demonstrate how to improve driving skills.

Persons completing this course will be eligible for a reduction in insurance premium rates, also for possible ticket removal. The fee for persons 60 and over is \$20. Others pay \$25.

Tidbits

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

When the Knott School classes of 1948 and 1949 gathered for their first reunion, they didn't have an alma mater to return to. The school — where all grades were taught in one building — was consolidated with Sands Independent School District in Ackerly in 1959, and the old school building was torn down.

The reunion was hosted here at Wanda Roman's home, with dinner at the Brandin' Iron Inn. According to Betty Cole, 36 attended — "we had 95 percent of the students from both classes."

Wanda had a surprise: she still had two "Knott Hillbillies" football jackets emblazoned with the school's mascot, a billy goat.

Attending from out of town were Maxie Roman, Albuquerque, N.M.; Myrtle Cline and husband Ray, Norman, Okla.; Reba Teeters, Ft. Worth; Curtis Raspberry and Mrs. Raspberry, Waco; Joe Bell and Mrs. Bell, Houston; and David Smith and Mrs. Smith, Lubbock.

Wanda and Betty worked on the reunion since last October, along with Merle Roman, LaRue Shanks and Laverne Morris. "Most of us hadn't seen each other in 40 years," Betty says. "It was just fantastic!"

"I've heard of hand-me-down



Tidbits

clothes in a family," says Beverly Taylor, "but never hand-me-down houses!"

John and Beverly's youngest son, Matt, has just purchased a home in Dallas that was once owned by their oldest son, John Jr.

The vintage 1930's house was first bought by John Jr. in 1982, and was sold a couple of times more before Matt drove by one day and saw the "For Sale" sign on it again.

For John and Beverly it was *deja vu* — it was the second time they had been in Dallas to help a child get settled into the same house.

By the way the Taylors' daughter, Cindy Bohmfalk, and children, Holly and Maddie, arrived Thursday from Douglas, Ariz., for a visit with John and Beverly and the children's great-grandmother, Lillian Stulting.

LaVerne Chrane has been visiting in the Charlotte, N.C. area. Bill and LaVerne's children live in small towns clustered around Charlotte.

LaVerne visited Tommy and Rita Chrane with Derrick and Zane in Ablemarle, N.C.; Bill

and Karen Beth Klackum, with children Paul and Christi Ferguson in Gastonia, N.C.; and Charles (Chuckie) Chrane in New London, N.C.

Tommy, Karen Beth and Chuckie all attended Big Spring and Forsan schools.

Guess what Gale Pittman did on his vacation? He baked cookies!

Gale took leave of his bakery business to visit his twin brother, Dale, in Denver City. Gale's trip just happened to coincide with the town's 50th annual birthday celebration, which Dale was chairing.

So Gale was pressed into baking cookies for the event's hospitality room.

Bobby and Margie Hill are just back from a vacation in St. Louis. They visited their son, Alan, and Kathy Hill and 11-month-old Kaitlin (who was the main reason for the trip, Margie confesses.)

"Kaitlin just loves her grandfather," Margie says. "She looks for him every time she comes into a room."

Bobby and Margie also visited former Big Spring residents, Newell and Barbara Derryberry. Bobby and Alan joined Newell and Newell's son, David, for several rounds of golf.

Doyle and Virginia McClain's

son, Rick, was in town for a couple of days recently. Rick is a photographer in Salt Lake City.

The family found time to go out to the rifle range — "We've all been shooting for many years," says Virginia. Rick was formerly a member of an Army rifle team that won national competitions.

Thelma Underwood will be confined to a Midland hospital for the next five weeks, undergoing treatment.

"We've already received many gifts, cards and phone calls," says Mack Underwood, "and Thelma sends her thanks."

Thelma's temporary address is Room 471, Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, 79701.

"We hadn't seen each other in 44 years!" says Cotton Mize.

In San Antonio recently for a softball tournament, Cotton ran into Furman Steadman, a former Big Spring resident.

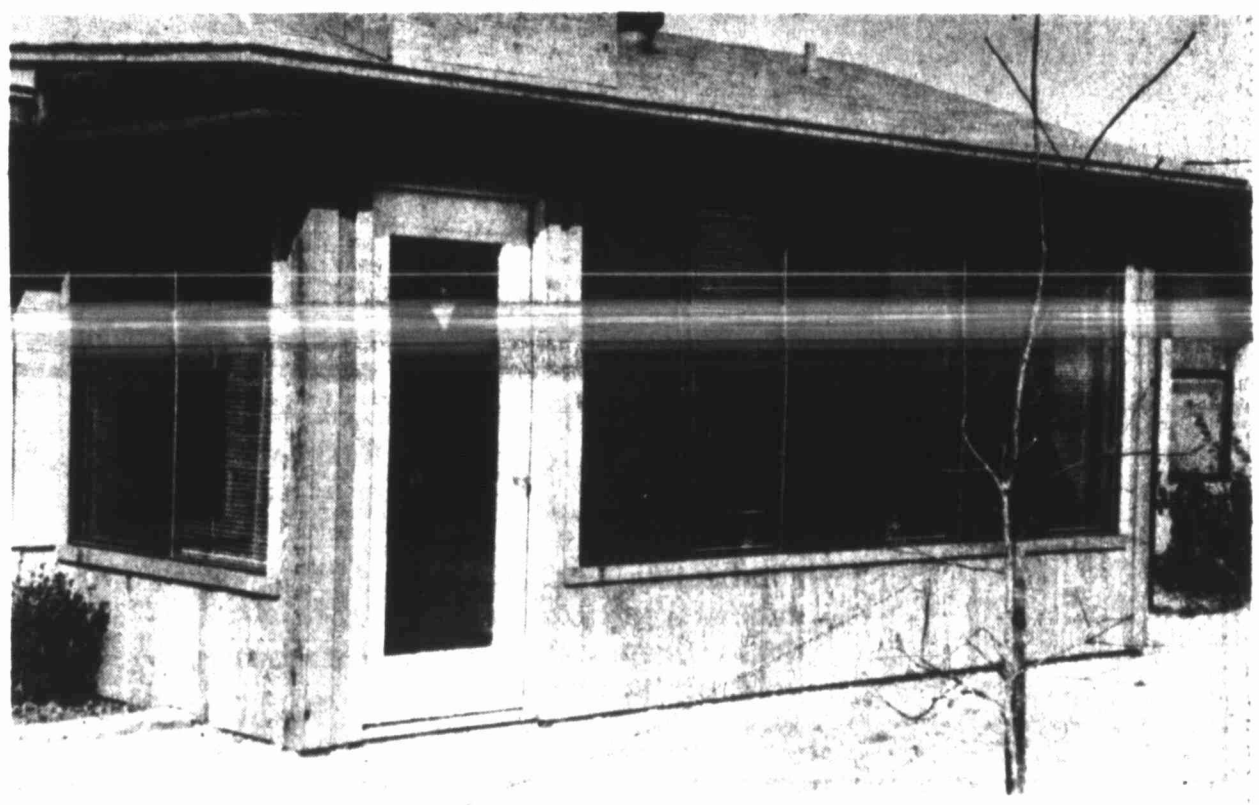
"Furman was my best friend in high school," says Cotton. "We both went into the service — and went our separate ways. We never saw each other again until I was in San Antonio."

Furman promised to come up for their class reunion in October, says Cotton.

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Custom remodeling

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Fundraisers pay off

The Coahoma USDA divisions I through IV girl's softball All-Star teams were out in full force Saturday raising money for their trip to Abilene this past week.

Division I washed cars at the Spring-City Do It Center, raising more than \$250. Thanks to the Howard County Civitan Club for their \$100 dollar donation, which brought the total amount raised to \$350.

Division 3 also washed cars for their fundraiser. The girls washed enough vehicles to reach their goal of \$300. Their wash was located at the Town and Country in Coahoma.

Division II held a garage sale at the former Sand Springs Builder's Supply and scooped up more than \$300. The Division IV sold snowcones all week and also rapped on the doors of several local businesses for contributions.

A word of thanks to all persons who allowed the workers to wipe away a bit of that West Texas dust. Going to All-Stars is a very expensive undertaking (not to mention the ol' nerves) and by all divisions meetings their goal, at least one burden was eased. (Now, where the shackles, gags, and ropes for the room moms, these kids get crazy sometimes, you know.)

Pumper practice

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Departments met at the Coahoma Fire Department at Tuesday to participate in a county-wide training session. C. Roy Wright, county fire chief, instructed firefighters on hose and truck operations.

All area volunteer departments were represented. Two of our firemen will be attending a Texas A&M fire training session this next week at College Station. Wright and son Jon Tod Wright, battalion chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, will be adding to their already vast knowledge on different techniques in firefighting. C. Roy will be instructor in charge of nozzle practices with Jon Tod attending the Firefighters II training session.

Father and son have been fighting fires together for several years. C. Roy began in the early 1960s and Jon Tod followed in his footsteps at the age of six. Since then, both have risen through the ranks and have become a great asset to the Big Spring area.

Bermuda, Bahamas

Tom and Betty Kelley, along with their two children, Brenda and Belinda, took off for an exciting two-week escape from the sometimes hum-drum of the long hot summer.

The family just recently returned from a Carnival Cruiseline cruise aboard the U.S.S. Discovery I. "We left Coahoma and drove to Orlando, taking the southern seaboard route, where we boarded this very large, elegant ship bound for the Bahamas and the Caribbean." Betty sighed. "I think to myself, she may be here in body, but her mind is still on the turquoise water and white sandy beaches!"

Ports of call included La Kaya, just off the Jamaica coastline, and Freeport, located in the Bahamas. With a look of enchantment Betty continued, "... we took a party boat named the Long John Silver's Party Boat out in the Caribbean one day. Dance contests were held and I even won fourth place in one contest." At La Kaya, the family won a special trip to a local yachting club. A white limousine picked the family up at the port and took them to the club for a day not soon to be forgotten.

The Kelleys were also treated to the kitchen while aboard the ship. Eight chefs from all over the world fascinated the family with such wizardry as transforming a simple yellow squash and a chunk of ice into graceful swans, and a turnip into a flaming rose. One chef from France even shared his crepe recipe with the Kelleys.

While in Orlando, the family still wasn't finished. They went to Walt Disney World, Sea World and MGM Studios. While at MGM, the family was treated to a behind-the-scenes view of the making of "Indiana Jones".

From there, the Kelleys were homeward bound; but not without stopping in New Orleans and checking out Bourbon Street. Their route home included Houston and Austin, where the family stopped

Birth announcement

Craig and Terri Peterson announce the birth of their first child, a son, Aaron Taylor, June 22, 1989 at 5:05 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring. Aaron weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces at birth.

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hay were scattered about with Happy Anniversary signs adorning them.

"I saw lots of old friends I had grown up with in Winters, and had such a good time," Anna continued.

"The Hensley's had attended our fiftieth anniversary party November 14, 1987 so we returned the favor."

Visiting daughter

The Ralph Proctor's daughter, Gwen Newton, visited from Arlington last week.

"We went to Midland Wednesday for dinner with our son, Larry and his wife, Adell and our ten year old granddaughter, Tanya," stated Anna.

Weekend visitors

James and Nita Powell and son, Randy, entertained visitors last weekend from Post, Ranger and Colorado City.

Nita's sister, Doris Shedd and husband, Emmett with their daughter, Penny Mahan and three children, Scott, Eric and Jennifer from Post, spent Friday night, going to Midland Saturday. They attended a convention of the Church of God of Prophecy returning to the Powell's Sunday. Accompanying them from Midland

were three of another daughter's children, Shad, Brad and Shandy Robinson of Ranger.

James' mother, Alice Powell, visited from Colorado City on Saturday.

The Powell brothers, James and Alvin and wives, Nita and Betty, own and operated the former H & M Service Station and Grocery at Luther.

50th anniversary

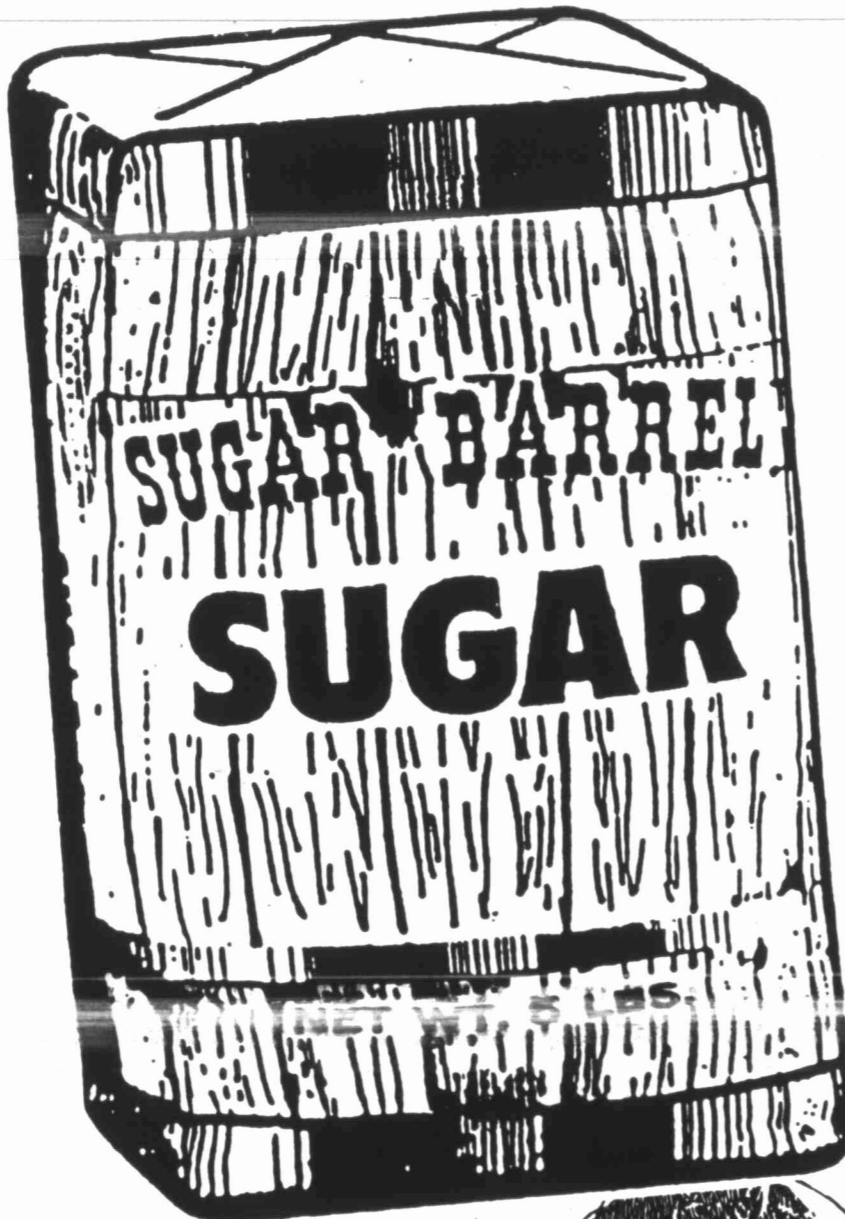
Ralph and Anna Proctor

recently attended a 50th wedding anniversary barbeque celebration of close friends, Durwood and Alice Hensley of Winters.

"Durwood's sister, Frances Bredemeyer, of Abilene, came down and went with us," said Anna.

The celebration, hosted by children, nieces and nephews, was held on a ranch near Marfa. Long tables were decorated with miniature bales of hay topped with cowboy hats. Large bales of

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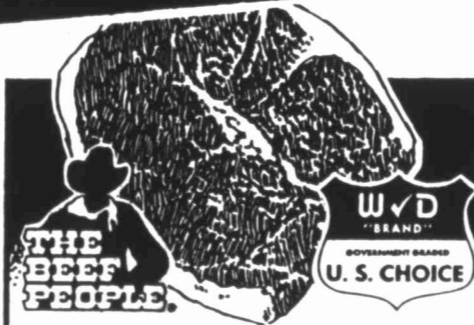
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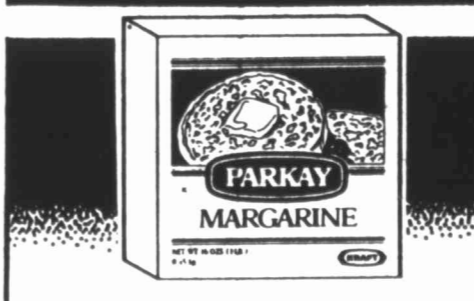
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