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### Teens self-portrait in governors office

Clyde's Ysmael Olvera's self-portrait was submitted to the steps of the state capitol by his Clyde Jr. High art teacher, Carole Day. From there, the portrait was selected as one of the 100 finalist by the Capitol's Central Gallery. It was from those 100 that the First Lady picked the 12 that would hang in the governor's office for a year.

Ysmael is the son of Mike and Gloria Olvera of Clyde.

### Clyde teen awaits judges sentencing

A 19-year-old Clyde teenager is awaiting a decision from state District Judge Jess Holloway if he will have to serve time in prison for the shooting death of a friend last summer.

David Alan Cunningham plead guilty to manslaughter charges on Monday in 350th District Court as a result of the death of 18-year-old Christopher Levi Kniffen in Buffalo Gap last summer. The two teens had

apparently been horse playing with the handgun when the shooting occurred.

Cunningham could be sentenced up to 20-years in the Texas Department of Corrections or he could be granted deferred adjudication which means there would be no final conviction if he obeys probation rules set for him by the judge which could be up to 10 years.

A pre-sentencing investigation has been set for Monday, July 28.

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2 pkgs. of Manila paper (12X18), 3 red pens, scissors and glue, 1 floppy notebook (plastic with rings), 1 spiral notebook (single subject) and 2 scotch tape. You may purchase markers if you want, please try and label all supplies.

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Beginning of Second Semester - 2 boxes kleenex and 2 rolls scotch tape.

#### Sixth Grade

20-#2 pencils, 1-3 ring notebook (science), 2 pkgs. notebook paper, 2 red pens, 1 pkg. of multicolor highlighters, map colors, crayons, felt tip markers (optional), 1 spiral notebook (spelling), 6 pocket folders with brads (reading, reading TAAS, language, S. Studies, math & Math TAAS), 12 inch ruler with centimeters, 1 18X12 pkg. of Manila paper, 2 boxes kleenex, erasers, scissors, P.E. clothes (shirt, shorts, tennis shoes) and OPTIONAL: locker organizer (shelves).

#### Fourth Grade Mrs. Menzies

40-#2 pencils, 1-12" wooden ruler (must also show cm), crayons, map colors, 3 pkgs. notebook paper, 5 pocket folders with brads, 1 looseleaf notebook with dividers, school box, kleenex, 2 pkgs. of colored construction paper (12X18),

#### K-3 Resource Room

2 pens, 2 pkgs. of 200 count wide ruled paper, 1 pkg. of crayons or map colors, 10 pencils, 1 box of kleenex, 2 spirals for notes and box for supplies to be kept.

### Clyde man convicted of Cisco area cattle thefts

A Clyde resident was convicted in 91st District court on June 24th for a cattle theft south of Cisco. Convicted was Leonard Elbert Bodine, age 63, a rancher in the Scranton area.

Several Eastland County ranchers began to report stolen cattle in the fall of 1995. Cattle continued to be reported stolen through the Spring of 1996, most being from the Scranton area in Eastland County. Ten head were reported stolen at one time from one local rancher.

An investigation was begun by the Eastland County Sheriff's Department along with the Special Ranger from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Ultimately the investigation led to the indictment and arrest of Bodine in early 1997. During the investigation Bodine gave a written statement concerning the theft of ten head of cows and made incriminating verbal statements of several other local cattle thefts.

In District Court Bodine was convicted of a third degree felony and received six (6) years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with community supervision for six (6) years together with the payment of a fine and court cost of \$3,143.00. In addition, Bodine admitted in open court other unadjudicated cattle thefts and made complete restitution to the ranchers whose cattle he has stolen.

District Attorney Mike Siebert said "not only were ten head of cattle recovered for one rancher but Mr. Bodine paid a sizable fine to the County and made complete restitution to several ranchers". Bodine paid restitution totaling \$9,366.00. "It was a pleasure to see these people be repaid for the loss of their cattle" reported Siebert.

The Scranton area cattle thefts stopped after Bodine's indictment and arrest. Siebert praised the local officers of the Sheriff's office, the Cattle Raisers Association and all the local citizens who provided information to the authorities.

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Clyde man named administrator

Clyde - Jack Eppard of Clyde has been named city administrator, replacing Tim Powers who resigned to work for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Eppard, a retired army major, was selected from eight applicants. He has been self-employed in aviation and has been a substitute teacher in the Clyde schools.

Eppard said he wanted to live in a small town close to a military base and chose Clyde. Eppard has a degree from the University of Arkansas.



### Classified Ads

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By Lupe Garcia, Jr.  
City Editor

A big congratulations go to **Forrest Starr** and **Tracy Smothers** for opening up a new convenience store in Putnam. "Sure Shots", formerly "Beth's" is the new name for **Forrest's** and **Tracy's** new establishment.

**Forrest** and I have been friends for many, many years, and he is one of the best you will ever meet.

Let me take you back in time, to the 1970's. Disco, Saturday Night Fever, and **Forrest** and I were the hottest thing in Cisco, well at least that is what we thought.

His father, **Travis**, landed me my first gig as a service station attendant, and \$2.00 an hour was more than any kid on my block was making. **Forrest** and I did a little time on the clock there and that is where I made a friend for life.

A few years later, we were wearing the black and gold Lobo insignia and playing football for a coach named **Clyde Evatt**, (and according to my records, **Coach Evatt** is presently an assistant coach for the Clyde Bulldogs.)

During that memorable season we were in Albany taking care of business against the Lions when the play of our lifetime came in to our huddle .... "I" right, 24-belly pass, on two."

would benefit the most from the increased homestead exemption would be those who live in the highest tax rate districts, she said.

"People are concerned about their property taxes," Stallmann said, "particularly the school property tax because it has doubled in the last 10 years."

If passed, the increase

As soon as our quarterback, **Forrest**, uttered those words, my world went blank. There were only three things in my life at that moment, **Forrest**, the football, and myself. .... the ball was coming my way.

It was a scene out of the **Burt Reynolds** movie, **The Longest Yard**. Just as the audio was turned down when **Burt Reynolds** made that final leap in the movie, the volume in my head went blank as well.

As the play was developing, no sound was coming from the "collisions" on the field, no sounds from the stands, no sounds from the coaches on the sidelines. It was just me and that ball gliding from **Forrest's** fingertips and into my hands.

The next thing I knew, I was approximately 30-yards down field, teammates congratulating me, and **Coach Evatt** carrying me back to the sidelines. And the first distinct sound that was audible in my head was an "that ta' boy" from my old boss, **Travis**. I had scored my first touchdown.

Yes indeed, no one can ever take your children's moment of glory away from him or her, and I hope to be there to record them for you.

Those Friday night lights are just around the corner!

in the homestead exemption will decrease tax revenues for local school districts, affecting school districts with a low tax base more than other districts because it may exempt a larger percentage of their taxable value, she said.

Lower school property tax revenues from this

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### Tax relief with voters in election

Texas voters will be able to vote on a school property tax amendment on Aug. 9 that could have an impact on their homestead exemption and the tax freeze for people who are 65 years old or older. Early voting is underway.

Economist Dr. Judith Stallmann of College Station said House Bill 4, passed at the end of the recent legislative session, increases the residential homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Additionally, persons who are 65 years old or older will be able to transfer their tax freeze, with adjustments, from their current home to a subsequent home.

The homestead exemption applies only to homeowners — renters and landlords will not see benefits from it, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist said.

Increasing the homestead exemption by \$10,000 will lower school property taxes by \$140 for the average Texas homeowner. The actual amount will depend on the tax rate in each district. For example, in a school district with a tax rate of 1.23, the increased exemption will result in a tax savings of \$123. The people who

**Star Attraction .....** Shirley Photides and Vicki Donald have recently opened "Primrose Lane" a new antique store filled with gifts, unique treasures, cards, gift sacks and art. The new antique shop is located at 203 Market St. Shirley and Vicki invite you to come in and visit. Regular business hours will be available soon.

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# The Star Classifieds

## TSU Spring graduates

## Courthouse News

July 14 - 18

**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings:

- State vs. Jennifer Kay Stone, Speeding
- State vs. Jacqueline Lea Valdez, TPC
- State vs. Thorton G. Shackelford, TPC

### Misdemeanor minutes:

- State vs. J.W. Miller, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Toni Stephenson, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Brian Scott Roberts, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Jon R. Hanna, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Michael Shane Wilson, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Robert Roland, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. David A. Goff, Motion to revoke community supervision and adjudicate.
- State vs. Jody L. Hare, Motion to revoke community supervision.
- State vs. Ryan W. Burks, Motion to revoke community supervision and adjudicate.
- State vs. Charles Charlie, Order extending community supervision.
- State vs. Nancy J. Shapman, Order extending community supervision.
- State vs. Delbert G. Gabbert, Order extending community supervision.
- State vs. Ed McConnell, Order extending community supervision.
- State vs. Burgess Sara Riggs, alias, Chastan Cheryl Lee, LARC
- State vs. Gregory D. Cullum, Order revoking community supervision.
- State vs. Deresa Mosley, Order releasing cash bond.
- State vs. Wade L. Little John, Order amending conditions of community supervision.
- State vs. Emma Elliott, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Jose Santos Monter-Apolinar, Order granting probation under misdemeanor act.
- State vs. Caroline Yates, Order deferring judgment and granting probation.
- State vs. Brandi Colvin, Order deferring judgment and granting probation.
- State vs. Jalayne Williams, Order deferring judgment and granting probation.
- State vs. John Coleman Wooten, Order granting probation under misdemeanor probation act.
- State vs. Clifton Boyd Lindsey, Order granting probation under misdemeanor probation act.
- State vs. Deresa Mobley, Order granting probation under misdemeanor probation act.
- State vs. Kathy Brady, Motion to dismiss
- State vs. Marcus D. Cook, Motion to dismiss

More Courthouse News continued in the next edition

**Child Abuse  
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Atkinson has been on the Tarleton faculty since 1967 and was chairman of the Social Science Department for eight years.

Dr. Jack Russell, a recent recipient of the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor award and a member of the faculty in Tarleton's Department of Computer Information Systems, was commencement speaker.

Graduates for Baird were: Sara Humes Crow - MED-EDUCATIONAL Administration, Amy Dawn Welch - BBA-Interdisciplinary Business.

Clyde: Valerie Breeding Cantrell - BS-Interdisciplinary Studies, Mendy Drucilla Meier - MED-EDUCATIONAL Administration, and Michael Allen Palmer - BS-Ag Services & Develop.

Cross Plains: Janice Carey Phillips - BS-Interdisciplinary Studies.

## Read The Classifieds Cross Plains C of C to have annual banquet

The Cross Plains Chamber Of Commerce will have their Annual Banquet and Silent Auction on July 24, 1997. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Banquet following at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker this year will be Norman Archibald of the Hendrick Medic Foundation. Also the Chamber will honor the volunteers of the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

Tickets are available at the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Office at \$10.00 each. To order tickets or for more information call 254-725-7251.

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Commencement exercises for the spring 1997 semester at Tarleton State University were held Saturday, May 17 on the Tarleton campus.

Tarleton President Dr. Dennis P. McCabe presided over the two ceremonies held to accommodate the large number of graduates. Seventeen members of the Class of 1997 were recognized as Departmental Outstanding Graduates during commencement exercises.

In other special presentations made at commencement, Dr. Eugene Atkinson, a Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Tarleton, was named as the 1997 recipient of the Jack and Louise Arthur Excellence in Teaching award. Dr.

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Baird C of C to host 4th Saturday Baird light donations still needed  
Farmers Market and Trades Fair

Baird - The Baird Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a 4th Saturday Farmers Market/Trades Fair in the newly refurbished historic "Arches". This is a covered open air pavilion with a concrete floor and electrical outlets. There will be fresh vegetables, arts, crafts, antiques, toys, etc. Bring the family and come and browse and shop through the different vendors and booths. Booths will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The first Farmers/Market Trades Fairs will be July 26. This event will continue every 4th

Saturday as long as weather permits and will pick back up next spring. If you have a garden and are over run with tomatoes, onions, squash, or any fresh vegetables that you would like to bring and sell, or if you make arts and crafts and are interested in a booth, please call the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (915) 854-2003 and ask for a booth application. Spaces still available.

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Two-Thirds of the goal has been reached and the lights will be ordered this week. The Chamber would like to thank the following for their donations. Connie Street, Grumpe's Specialties, LaVerne Ruthford, Callahan O.E.S., Cubelle L. Harris, Georgia Manion, Cliff Harville, Jr. & Mrs. Robert W. Mc Kinney in memory of their parents, Bertha & Cliff Harville, Lurie Eubanks in memory of

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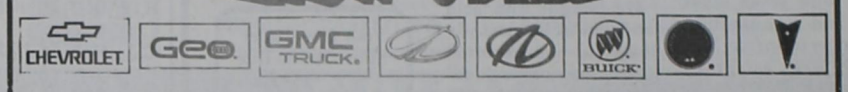
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# Early Settlers In Putnam

In approximately 1879, Mr. William Martin Isenhower (better known as Martin) sent his brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Jobe on a tour of West Texas for the purpose of just checking the territory. When Mr. Jobe saw the mountain range, the rich prairie country and the rough country so suitable for cattle and horses, he knew it to be good grassland. He reported all that he saw to Mr. Isenhower. Thus Mr. Isenhower moved his household and possessions to Callahan County.

From Maxie Soloman (granddaughter) in 1986 Quote: "In 1879 William Martin Isenhower left Johnson County, Texas along with seven other men, and rode the first passenger train from Fort Worth west as far as Eastland. After looking around, decided on a location near the Hart community in Callahan

County. Martin moved his wife, Adelia Jobe Isenhower, and two small daughters, Millie and Annie, by wagon, with his herd of cattle and horses. Later Martin moved to "Lone Pecan," which is about two miles east of Putnam, here the girls finished their education."

Martin Isenhower, having served as ranch foreman on ranches in Dallas, Johnson and Ellis Counties, was well educated in the cattle business. He owned some of the best horses in the state. He sold his horses in 1927, they numbered 128. He was a very successful farmer and rancher, even before the oil boom of the 20's.

He bought and sold land, but at his death in 1927, he had acquired 2,200 acres of land. All except 900 acres went to his first family. He left a second wife and four children. The eldest son John

D., was designated to help his mother in the education of the children. The boys were successful in their own right, having finished college and moved on to good jobs. John D. decided to ranch and with the start of 150 acres of land and with his mothers help, he owns most of the land that was his father's. He built his ranch to about 3,000 acres. He lives in the house built by his father. He has leased the acres he owns to a son, who is very knowledgeable on ranching.

Of all the descendants of the "old pioneers" John D. Isenhower is about the only one living in Putnam. John D. was born July 30, 1914 and has lived all his life in Putnam.

By Roberta Isenhower (Submitted by Correspondent Cline)

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# Sign Up For New Conservation Program

Temple, Texas—Farmers and ranchers may apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) July 14, 1997, through August 1, 1997. The new conservation program, a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, offers a limited number of producers who have serious soil, water, and other natural re-

source problems with technical, financial, and educational assistance.

According to John P. Burt, State Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), "EQIP is not like the former Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) or Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). This pro-

gram is extremely limited and is for persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production who would provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least cost to the program.

"Applications will be prioritized after August 1, 1997, according to specific criteria," Burt continued. "After Farm Service Agency (FSA) determines producer eligibility, NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resource problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land management and structural practices the producer will install." Burt added that the extent of the conservation practice, fields and acres to be treated, and cost-share rate and incentive payment levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payments, are included in a ranking

formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPA), encompassing 167 counties, are the primary target for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPAs.

Producers in counties outside of a GPA are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million EQIP funds provided it will solve identified statewide natural resource concerns, such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality.

Each application will compete with other applications in their GPA, while those outside of the GPAs will compete against each other. "Con-

tracts will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of location," cautioned Burt. "That means some counties may not have any contracts, even though they are located inside a GPA," he said. Burt added that applications for a single conservation practice on an individual field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns.

Acceptance into EQIP will require a 5- to 10-year contract, even if only 1 year of cost-share is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost-share. Though entire farms or operating units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets the goals and objectives of the GPA or statewide natural resource concerns. Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a lower than maximum cost-share rate, enrolling entire operating units in the contract, and by agreeing to fully meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm or ranch.

For more information about EQIP, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, Soil and Water Conservation District office, or FSA office in your county or call (817) 298-1214. We will be happy to serve you. This information is also available in Spanish.

Esta informacion tambien se encuentra disponible en Espanol. Por favor comuniquese con la oficina de Servicios para la Conservacion de los Recursos Naturales (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) al telefono (817) 298-1214, estamos para servile.

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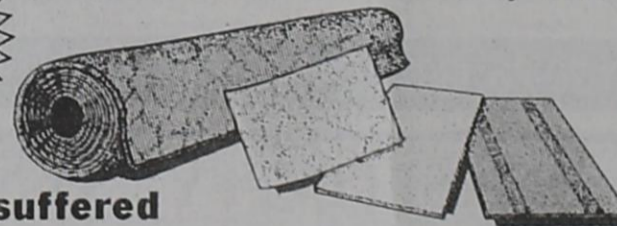
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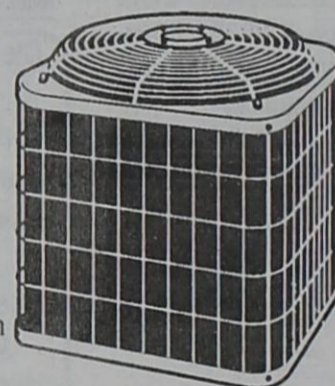
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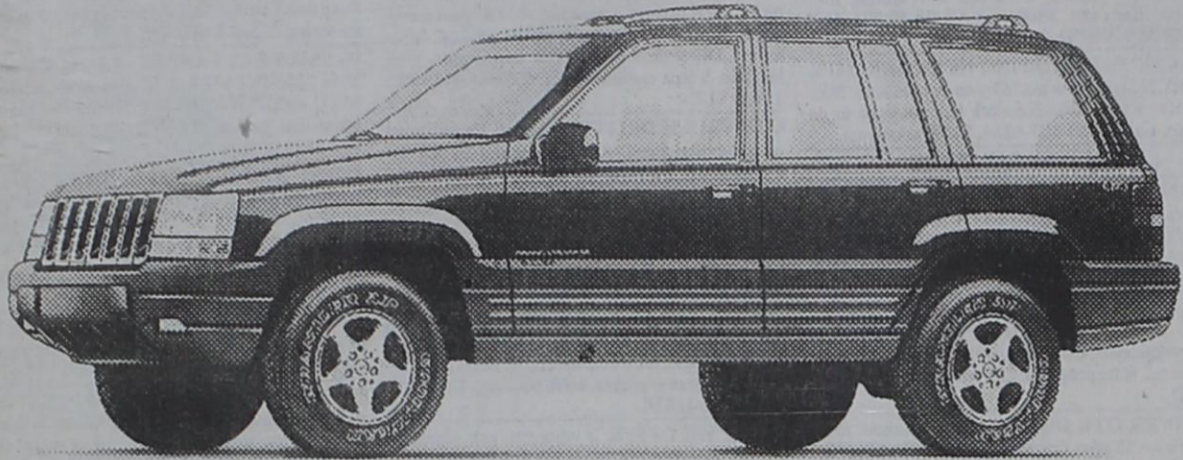


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I'm so proud to say that today I'm employed and believe it or not—I'm engaged to get married. Granted, I've done a lot of hard work since we initially spoke, but because you invested your time and money in me, that gave me the belief that I was a valuable human being. You'll never completely know how you changed my life and I'm not real good at expressing myself on paper, but for what it's worth—thank you, Mr. Ross. Thank you a million times over. P.S. I've included a wedding invitation for you and your wife. We'd be honored to have you as guests—no gift necessary.

Ms. C. H. ... *Daily Mining Gazette*, Houghton, MI

to receive it. You may send your letters to Nancy Webber in c/o "Thanks a Million", P.O. Box 39000-W, Mpls., MN 55439. Please specify if we may use your name, city and state.

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Mr. S. A. ... *The Times*, Cullman, AL

Dear Readers: Let any of my critics step forth and tell me now that my column is a waste of space. I'm humbled, yet awed, by the above letter and will treasure it until my dying day. It reaffirms my commitment to this column and to my readers.

As a side note, my editor, Miss Webber, thinks a book based on letters from people who have had their lives touched in a positive or negative way as a result of this column would make for interesting reading. If you'd like to submit a letter that describes how this column has influenced your life—no matter how small—Miss Webber would be pleased

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**OPINION - EDITORIAL  
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By Dolph Tillotson and Roy McQueen, co-chairmen, Legislative Advisory Committee  
Among more than 5,000 bills filed during the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, about 200 attempted to close some aspect of government to public access. Sadly, this effort is not unusual. Virtually every session of the Legislature produces scores of bills that would close various records and meetings.

Just as sadly, the perennial enemies of open government are tax-supported groups set up to serve the public. Most notably among them in 1997 were the Texas Municipal League, the University of Texas Board of Regents, the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. Obviously, both the public and press have an interlocking and compelling interest in keeping government open.

That is why last November, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association formed a joint Legislative Advisory Committee.

The committee's purpose was to identify and fight any bill that keeps Texans out of state and local government meetings or restricts access to public records.

Over the past several legislative sessions, the Texas Municipal League has established itself as the most active opponent of open government in Texas.

In the 1995 session, TML opposed the Public Information Act (HB 1718) by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This session, it opposed the "staff briefings" bill (SB 308) by Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. On March 10, TML sent out a memo to members urging opposition to SB 308.

TML also fought for one of the worst open records bills of the session -- HB 960 by Will Hartnett, R-Irving. It would have removed some computer-generated information and records from the state's cost-copy guidelines. The bill failed.

In addition, TML supported what was perhaps the worst threat to open government -- HB 399 by Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, a bill which removes accident reports from police logs.

Gov. George W. Bush vetoed one version of the bill in stand-alone form, but it was attached as an amendment to another bill and became law.

HB 399 illustrates the problem of attempting to track the open-government impact of some 5,000 bills as they are debated, amended and re-amended in a short time-frame. Almost every session, some damaging legislation slips through.

Here is a summary of the fate of a few key open government bills:

SB 308, by Wentworth, died on point of order. The bill's intent was to close a loophole in the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows staff members to brief government bodies behind closed doors. Opponents of this open government measure in its original form included the UT regents, TML and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Before the bill died, both UT and the TASB attached amendments to exempt them from the bill.

SB 1101, the Holmes vs. Morales bill, by Wentworth. This bill was a response to a 1996 Texas Supreme Court ruling, and it would have reopened access to some investigative files. The bill died in its original form and was later attached as an amendment to HB 951 and passed, but in a much-diluted form. Now, the public may see only information Texas district attorneys deem to be open, a small improvement.

SB 1850, the privatization bill, by Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. It would have provided at least some accountability for public dollars spent on former state functions that are privatized. Unfortunately, the bill died in the House Calendars Committee.

HB 531, by John Shields, R-San Antonio. This bill

would have permitted the Texas Department of Insurance to expunge records of violations committed by an insurance agent if the agent remained clean for six years. The bill was attached as an amendment to another bill in the House and Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, wisely killed the amendment in committee.

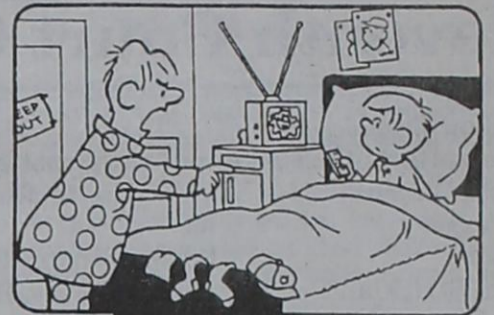
HB 3162, by Kim Brimer, R-Arlington. This bill, filed on behalf of the Texas Railroad Commission, would have allowed the RRC to ignore copy cost guidelines on requests for oil and gas log information. The bill died after newspapers ran stories and editorials explaining it.

HB 951, by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This bill was passed and recently was signed by Gov. Bush. The bill allows for e-mail and facsimile requests for information from public bodies. The bill also contains language seeking to correct the Holmes vs. Morales problems.

During the recently ended session, newspapers succeeded in passing some good legislation and in defeating some terrible bills that would have made officials less accountable to the people they serve.

Much work remains, however. As each new session of the Legislature proves, maintaining open government in Texas requires constant vigilance.

The enemies of open government are strong, well organized, patient and persistent. Those who favor open government must be equally committed.



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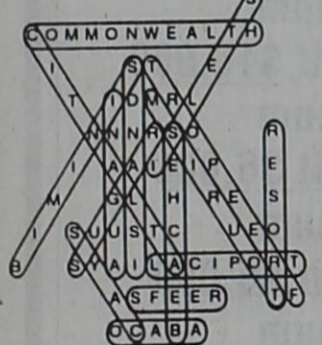
So let's not forget our brother in telling him of God's love by helping out our brother.

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## Eleventh Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas:

**Affirmed**  
 Steven Strickland v. State of Texas, Howard. (Opinion by Judge Dickenson) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)  
 Saul Escobedo v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Opinion by Judge Dickenson) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)  
**Motion Submitted & Granted; Vacated and Remanded**  
 Ronald C. Parks v. State of Texas, Smith. Joint motion to vacate judgment and remand case to county court. (Per Curiam Opinion)  
**Motions Submitted & Granted**  
 Adrian Flores v. State

of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief.

Edwin Brixton Parker v. State of Texas, Harris. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Stacey Lamonds Barker v. State of Texas, Henderson. State's motion for extension of time to file brief. State's motion for permission to file late brief.  
 Wesley Russell Lloyd v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 April Gail Glatt v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.  
 Dalton Dewitt Cozart v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief.

Marion Rudolph Crawford v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

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 Paul Hernandez Aguilar v. State of Texas, Harris. State's second motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Jonathan Anthony Hartland v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Christopher Gene Hovemale v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Christian Jeidel Monge v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for permission to file late statement of facts.

Billy Glyn Brown a/k/a Billy Glen Brown v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Dennis Roy Thomas v. State of Texas, Eastland. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Darrin J. Crooks v. State of Texas, Howard. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
 Larry Wayne Mahan v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's second motion

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Matthew Allan Dahlhauser v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

Jose Rizo v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for leave for appearance of co-counsel.

Marvin Dwayne Jones v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

Vance Gregory Joyner v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

William Cody Grim v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

William Cody Grim v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

**Motions Submitted & Overruled**

Christine Oring, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Neil Lawrence Oring, Deceased et al v. Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, Harris. Appellant's amended motion for rehearing.

State of Texas v. Charles David Perez, Harris. Appellant's motion for rehearing.

Melvin Ray Williams v. State of Texas, Harris. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright). Appellant's motion for rehearing.

**Case Submitted**  
 Ex Parte Norman Charles Kyle, Erath.

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## Democrats Mapping Plans For Political Season Ahead

Democrats are holding Regional Grassroots Summits around Texas by Congressional Districts. Due to the size of Congressional District 17, Texas Democratic Party plans three or four Summits around District 17.

June Hicks, Eastland County Chair, attended the first of the district's summit at a Lake Brownwood home.

State Democratic Party Chairman Bill White, Houston, intro-

duced Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The congressman, who stated that he felt it too early to announce his reelection bid, assured everyone that he would be running a very aggressive political campaign as a Democrat.

White introduced Representative Bob Turner of Coleman who told the large group of attendees that he did not plan to quit the Democratic Party even though the Republicans had placed him on their

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Most summit attendees felt this news to be very scary as Kent Grusendorf, who was named to Texas Monthly's list of worst legislators for 1997, would become Speaker of the House.

Turner told of the devotional times that a bipartisan group of House members carried on with very little atten-

dance by Republicans. Turner asked for support of neighboring State Representatives Alan Place and David Counts.

Several ideas surfaced from the grassroots people attending. All agreed that the elec-

tion of the new state party chairman was one of the best thing that Democrats had done during the restructuring of the party.

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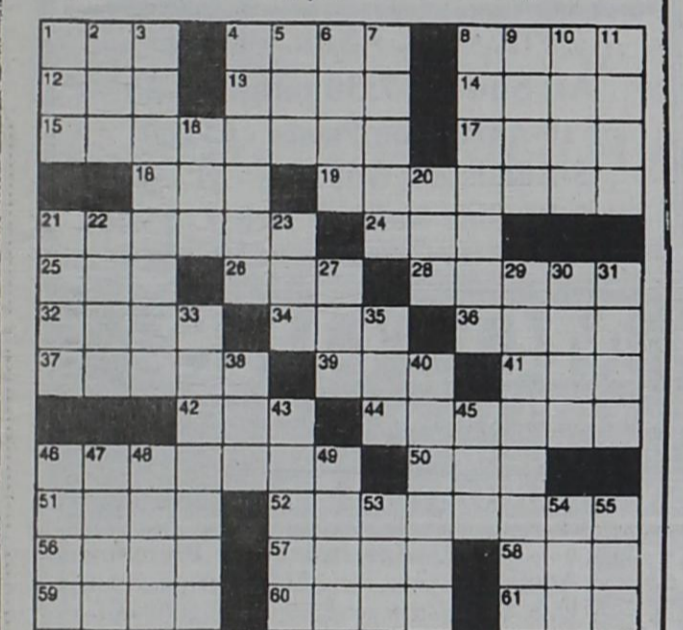
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# Obituaries

## Lee Roy 'Lester' Wilson

GRANBURY - Lee Roy 'Lester' Wilson, 79, brother of two Big Country residents, died Tuesday in a Cleburne hospital. Services were held Friday in Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

Mr. Wilson was born in Farmers Branch and worked as a tooling engineer for General Dynamics for 40 years until retiring in 1978. He was a former volunteer firefighter at De Cordova Bend Estates and was a member of De Cordova Bend Estates Men's Golf Association and Hole-in-One Club.

He was the widower of Kathleen J. Wilson.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Wilson of Brandbury; one brother, Carl Wilson of Abilene; one sister, Evelyn Lee of Clyde; and three nieces and five nephews.

Memorials may be sent to De Cordova Bend Estates Volunteer Fire Department.

## Naomi Davis

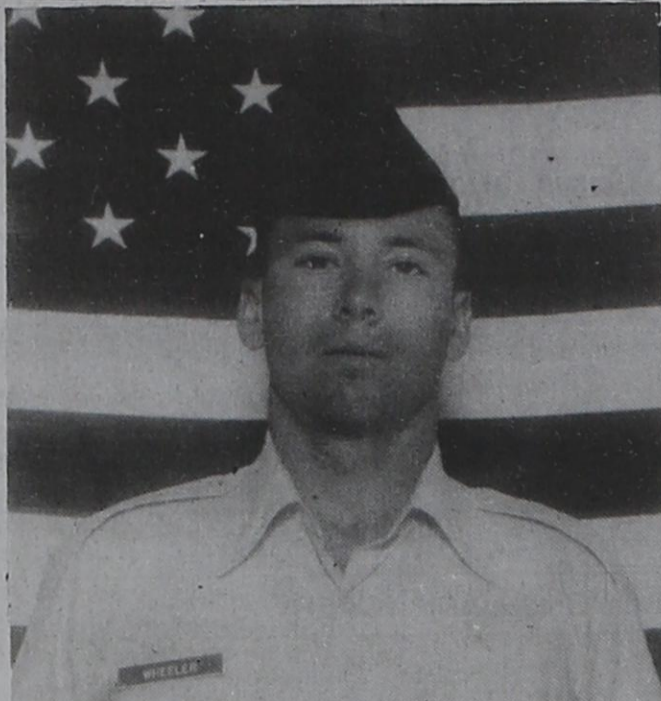
CLYDE - Naomi Davis, 90 died Tuesday in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held in the Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird with Bill Hughes officiating, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Davis was born in Kaseyville, Mo, and graduated from Plainview High School and Draughon's Business College. She moved to Clyde in 1963 from Abilene and worked as a secretary for an insurance agency until retiring. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and was church secretary for eight years. She was the widow of Clifford Walker Davis, whom she married in 1935 in Amarillo.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Hughes of Clyde and Shron Ramsaier of El Paso; and two grandchildren.

# MEN IN SERVICE



**Clyde** - Air Force Airman Danny R. Wheeler II has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wheeler is the son of Danny R. Wheeler of Hawley, and Diane S. Ramos of Clyde. He is a 1995 graduate of Clyde High School.

*Read The Classifieds*

# Christian Poetry

By SUSIE WYLIE



If you have love  
Your heart is right,  
and your journey will  
be bright.

There will be a song  
in your heart, when  
everything you do,  
seems to go wrong.

If you have love, God  
will give you a smile.  
And make everything  
worth while. If you  
have God will be there.

God's word can do so  
much, if you will only  
trust.

Love will make this  
world a better place for  
every color creed or  
race.

It's not your skin,  
that's a sin its your

attitude toward human  
race.

God love them all,  
red, yellow, black and  
white.

They are precious in  
his sight. Lets hold  
hands and walk with  
God, lets have peace  
toward all men.

He will give you love  
that's so rare, there's  
nothing that can  
compare.

Love is forever it  
won't fade away, it won't  
lose its color, it's here to  
stay Love is the  
G r e a t e s t  
Commandment of all.  
So if you have love, you  
have it all.

## Signup for new conservation program

Signup for the new conservation program (EQIP) will be from July 14 thru August 1, 1997 at the Callahan County Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Baird.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is for

farmers and ranchers with serious soil, water, and other natural resource problems said Scott Odom, County Executive Director of Callahan County FSA office.

Producers will be required to sign 5 to 10 years contracts, even if only 1 year of cost-share is needed said Odom. Contracts are for a maximum

## PRAYER CORNER

Good works do not replace prayer in this world of need. God is separate and apart from all things. It is from His well of grace that we draw our strength. Prayer is not a mystical experience where we lose our identity as a child of God. Effective prayer must be an informed response to the living God. He hears and answers because of His faithfulness to the promise of Jesus.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26

Father in heaven. Help us to always know that our salvation is a gift. Nothing we can do will ever afford us such favor. May we seek You in every weak moment and be glorified in your Son Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.

amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost-share.

Odom said producers interested in inquiring about EQIP should call the FSA office at 915/854-1049 or the NRCS office at 915/854-1349 or come to the offices located at 141 W 4th, Baird Texas.

Odom said Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will prioritize all applications after August 1st. NRCS conservationist and the producers will make an inventory of natural resources, identify natural resource problems, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land management and structural practices the producer will install.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by FSA is established by law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, physical or mental handicap.

## Putnam As I See It

By Doran Cline

A big hello and welcome to Forrest Starr and Tracy Smothers who own "Sure Shots", our convenience store formerly Beth's who is now enjoying her retirement.

Hitch N Post closed for vacation. Have fun Carla and John Dyer.

Spurs & Sports-man, our cafe, enjoying fish, fries on Saturday nights. Gay and Bruce Ferguson, owners.

Fill N Station stays busy this time of year with vacation crowd as well as locals. Sherry L. Buc-hanan and Darlene Reed, owners.

The Red Barn becomes busy too. Charles Brewster, owner.

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This I observed by walking Mix, my dog. There is a lot more news as I collect following.

Our new street signs are nice now even I know what street I'm on.

Hot and dry is not a good omen if you are trying for two garden full of organic grown veggies. Grasshoppers, blister bugs look out as I have 30 Guineaes coming on that have you on their mind.

A door is not a door when its ajar. Its related kinda to the Missing Link a nutrient formula that assimilates the vitamins you take or vitamins you might get eating a regular diet.

M/M Jim Snelgrove, M/M J.D. Sprawls, Texas Department of Transportation-Area Engineer's Office Employees, Texas Department of Transportation-Baird Office Employees, M/M Randy Walker, Mrs. Weldon Walker, Aleatha Warlick. All Donations to the Admiral Cemetary Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 County Road 474, Baird, Texas 79504.

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## Admiral Cemetary Association

The Admiral Cemetery Association has received gifts and memorials from the following persons during the first six months of 1997. Gayle Dyer Akers, M/M Terry Alexander, Robbie Black, M/M Kenneth Brock, Callahan County Farmer's Cooperative, M/M Clyde Cauthen, Irmadene Cauthen, M/M Jim Chittum, M/M Jim Clark, Maria Dawkins Clark, M/M Glenn Crosby, M/M Ralph Cummings, Kirby Dawkins, M/M Ross Dawkins, M/M J.C. Earp, Jr., Laurie Eubanks and family, M/M Gene Finley, First Baptist-Pastor's Class, M/M Gary Franke, M/M Carrol Gillit, M/M J.M. Harrell and family, Joe & Cubelle Harris, M/M Harold Hass, M/M Billy Henson, Eric Lynn Hill, M/M Tom Hill, Dora & Frances Hounshell, Koleta Iblison, Jo Esther Jones, Goldia Kilpatrick, M/M A. N. Loper, Jerry Loper, M/M A.J. Musick, M/M Wesley Rutherford, M/M C.B. Shelton, M/M Hugh Shrader, Ollie Smith, M/M Wendell Smith,

Tax relief continued ... amendment would be offset by about \$1 billion set aside by the state for this purpose over the next biennium. Beyond that, elected officials are not sure how the losses would be handled.

These lower revenues are "certainly a concern that school districts are going to have to address," she said. Citizens may want to contact their state representative to find out how this is going to be addressed in the future, she suggested.

The proposed amendment also includes a revision of the tax code for senior citizens. Currently, homeowners over 65 years old receive a tax freeze on their home as long as they live in the house and do not make significant improvements. If the person buys and moves to another house, he or she has to requalify for the tax freeze. Approximately 10 percent of the state's population is over 65 years of age.

Under the proposed amendment, the tax freeze is "portable" Stallmann said. If the person moves to another house, the original tax freeze, with some adjustments, applies to the new home.

The adjustment is made on a percentage basis. If the tax bill on the original home is 60 percent of what it would be without the freeze, the tax bill for the new home will be 60 percent of what the tax bill would otherwise be.

Stallman did not foresee this tax freeze change having a big impact on school districts in the immediate future because the number of people over 65 who change homes in a single year is not significant. Over time, however, the numbers could become significant and the impact on tax revenues may be greater as "baby boomers" begin to age and retire.

Voters should determine several things before voting on this amendment, Stallmann suggested. First of all, they should estimate the impact on their current tax bill and on their tax bill when they turn 65. They also need to consider the impact on local tax revenues and schools in the future. Additionally, they should consider whether the constitutional amendment is preferable to exercising the local options that are available.

# Attend Church Regularly

## Church Directory

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ning Worship 7:00 p.m.; 7:00  
p.m. Wednesday: Youth Meet-  
ing, 7:30 p.m.  
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S. Access Rd., Off I-20,  
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**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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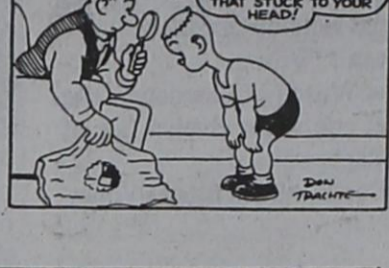
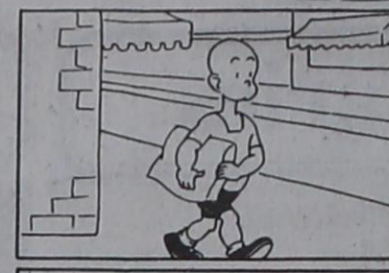
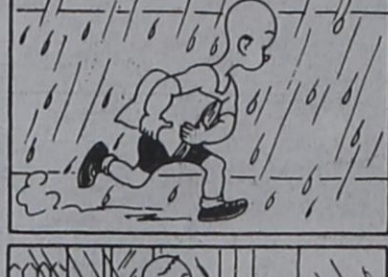
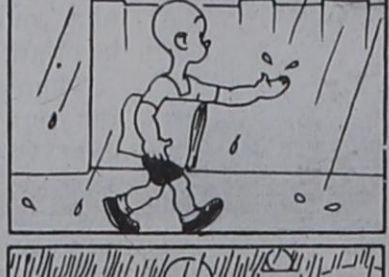
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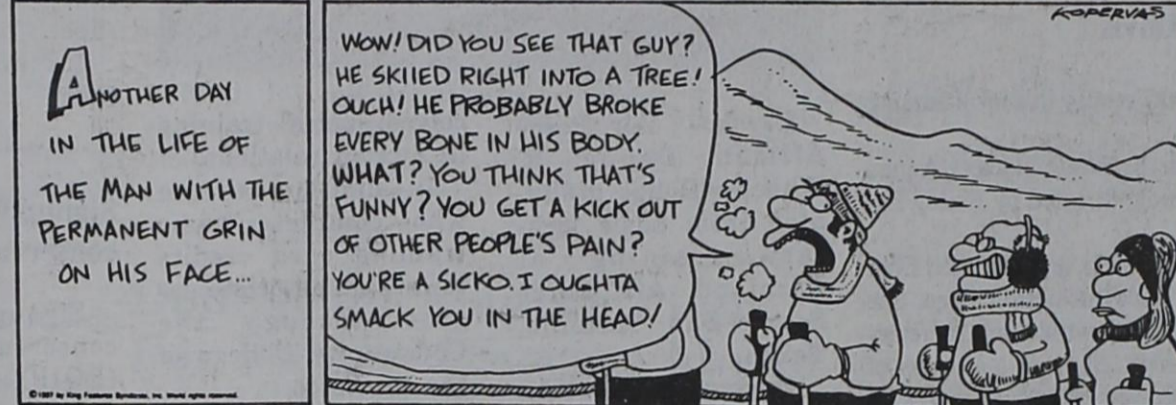
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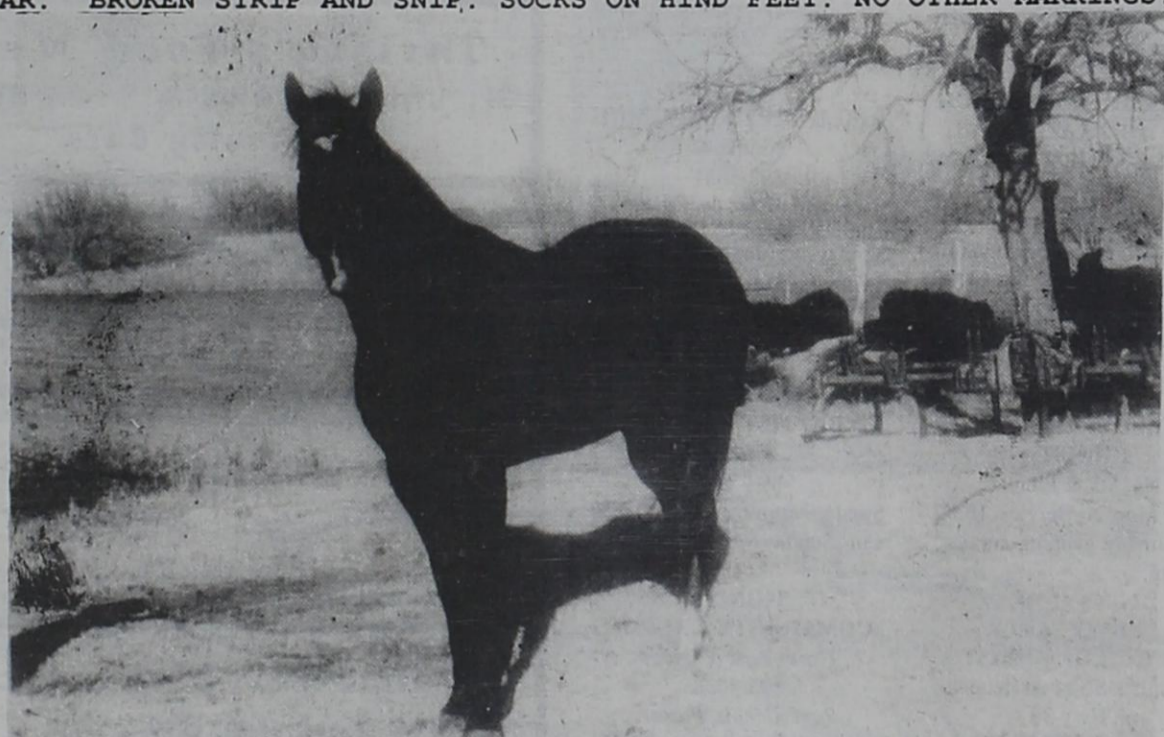
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