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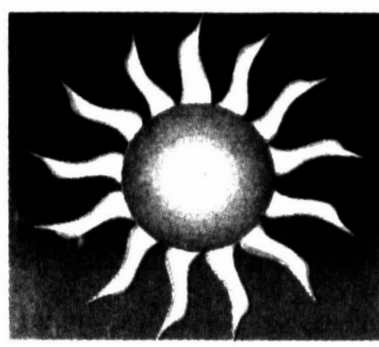
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**AMARILLO** — Labor Day will explode over the Don Harrington Discovery Center this year thanks to Cellular One of Amarillo.

This is the sixth year that the company has sponsored the Labor Day fireworks.

Scheduled for dusk, Monday, Sept. 4, the fireworks will coincide with an outdoor performance of the Amarillo Symphony.

"We have worked hard to be a good corporate citizen through our sponsorship of many civic and charitable events," said Danny McWhorter, vice president of Cellular One of Amarillo.

The Grucci family, who is coordinating the Labor Day fireworks, have produced displays for the American Bicentennial, State of Liberty celebration, Los Angeles Olympics, the Bush and Clinton inaugurations and Desert Storm troop homecoming.

**PAMPA** — Pampa's WHEELS Car Club is having its third annual Swap Meet this weekend. Planned for Recreation Park east of Pampa, the meet will feature classic and antique automobiles and vehicles of special interest.

Victor Laramore, spokesman for the club, said there is no admission charge for the public.

"We do charge vendors rent for space," he said. Proceeds benefit the Pampa Shrine Club's Crippled and Burned Children Travel Fund.

He said the meet will be held on both Saturday and Sunday.

"I guess you could say it's from eight to eight," he said. "We'll have people coming and going. We'll have guards out there at night."

For more information, call 665-5397.

**AUSTIN** (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 15, 32, 35, 38, 45 and 46.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP) — When the foreign visitors return home from the International Congress of Meat and Science Technology, they may be singing the praises of a great tasting Tex-Mex treat found packed into a corn husk.

Three busloads of tourists from Europe, Asia, Africa and the South Pacific were introduced Wednesday to tamales during a tour of the Garcia Foods factory.

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## China expels Harry Wu after spy conviction

BEIJING (AP) — Harry Wu, a Chinese-American who spent two decades in China's prison camps and documented their abuses, was convicted today of spying and expelled from China.

The government-run Xinhua News Agency said in a one-sentence report that Wu left China this evening. It gave no other details.

This morning, a Chinese court sentenced Wu to a 15-year jail term and said he should be expelled, without specifying when that would happen.

His speedy expulsion could pave the way to improving Sino-U.S. relations, which have sunk to their lowest level since ties were established in 1979.

Resolution of the Wu case paves the way for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to attend the U.N.-sponsored World Conference on Women next month in Beijing.

Wu, who spent 19 years in Chinese labor camps before emigrating to the United States in 1985, had made four clandestine trips to China since 1991 to research, document and film abuses in China's extensive "reform-through-labor," or laogai, system.

He was taken into custody on June 19 as he attempted to enter China a fifth time, this time at a remote border crossing with Kazakhstan.

Wu's trial was not open to foreign news reporters and was not announced in advance. U.S. Embassy spokesman Robert Laing said Wu and his attorney decided not to appeal. A consular official attended the trial, he said.

The first word of the trial and sentencing came this morning from Xinhua, which moved increasingly detailed dispatches on Wu's crimes throughout the day. The nationally televised evening news devoted several minutes to Wu's trial, and followed up the newscast with a special 15-minute report on Wu.

Xinhua tonight also filed a long report based on an interview with the court's chief judge that detailed Wu's crimes, including alleged offenses dating back to his college years, and quoted from his letter of confession.

"After thinking carefully and self-examination, I have sincerely drawn the conclusion that the following facts show that I have damaged the interests of the Chinese government and the

Chinese people directly or indirectly and that I have violated Chinese laws," Xinhua quoted the confession as saying.

A confession is required of anyone who runs afoul of Chinese authorities no matter how minor the offense.

Wu lists specific acts dating back to his 1991 trips that violated Chinese law, including filming and photographing in labor camps and posing as a businessman.

His conviction came as U.S. Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff arrived in China to try to improve relations. Tarnoff is the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit China since Beijing clashed with Washington over Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui's June visit to the United States that plunged Sino-U.S. relations on a downward spiral.

Wu, 58, has captured international attention since 1991 with his documentaries documenting widespread use of prison labor to manufacture exports and transplanting of organs from executed prisoners.

He testified frequently at congressional hearings about China's human rights abuses, and his testimony helped U.S. Customs officials identify Chinese exports made by prison labor, a violation of U.S. law.

Posing variously as a businessman, an academic, a policeman and a worker from Shanghai visiting camp guard friends, Wu took photos and videos inside camps. His material documented widespread use of prison labor to manufacture exports and transplanting of organs from executed prisoners.

The abuses he described included forcing prisoners to stand waist-deep in vats of chemicals used to treat animal hides.

Wu's prosecution proceeded more swiftly than usual for China's judicial system. Defendants are often investigated for months after formally being arrested.

A videotape and Xinhua report the government released late last month claimed Wu confessed to fabricating information in two documentaries he helped the British Broadcasting Corp. film in China last year.

In the government video, Wu blamed most of the mistakes on the BBC, but admitted to lying about his identity and using a hidden camera.



(Pampa News photo by Skyja Bryant)

A new sign has been placed above the old at Citizens Bank & Trust Co. in Pampa as the merger with FirstBank Southwest becomes official.

## Citizens Bank & Trust consolidates merger with FirstBank Southwest

The First National Bank of Perryton and its branch in Booker, Citizens Bank and Trust in Pampa, First National Bank of Hereford and FirstBank Southwest of Amarillo will celebrate today and Friday as they merge and consolidate into the newly-formed FirstBank Southwest, National Association.

Merger ceremonies in Pampa are planned for 10 a.m. Friday, with the public invited to attend for a tree planting ceremony, free tree seedlings and refreshments.

"As crucial as our banks have been in the development of the Panhandle, we are now positioned to play an even larger role in its future," said John Cluck, chairman and chief executive officer of FirstBank Southwest, N.A.

Under the consolidation, FirstBank Southwest will be the third largest banking entity in the region and the second largest with local ownership and management. With \$400

million in assets and \$40 million in capital, FirstBank has one of the highest capital ratios of any bank in the the Panhandle, according to bank officials.

"Our banks have always been about the future, and we're making certain that our customers will have even brighter tomorrows than they have had in the past," Cluck said.

First National Bank of Perryton, which acquired Booker's First State Bank and Trust Company in 1966, formed a holding company in the early 1980s known as FirstPerryton Bancorp. FirstPerryton acquired First National Bank of Hereford in 1988, Citizens Bank and Trust of Pampa in 1990 and Texas Commerce Bank Amarillo in 1993. The Amarillo bank was renamed FirstBank Southwest.

"Our company began acquiring banks when the banking industry was at a low point,"

Cluck said. "Unlike most banks at the time, we had excess capital and were able to build an even stronger bank."

Cluck said the consolidation is the next logical step in the company's growth.

"With operations headquartered in Amarillo, we are better able to control costs and serve our customers efficiently and, at the same time, we are able to offer more services than ever before."

Cluck said that despite the name change, each bank will still maintain a degree of autonomy in local decisions.

"Our banks are and will continue to be as individual as the people they serve," Cluck said.

"In addition, now when a customer walks into any of our banks, they can expect the same friendly service they receive in our bank in their hometown. Now, instead of having one bank, our customers have five."

## Gray County Juvenile Probation Board adopts 1995-1996 budget

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

County juvenile probation officials adopted a 1995-1996 budget which provides for an additional employee if funding under consideration in Austin today is approved.

Members of the Gray County Juvenile Probation Board met this morning and passed unanimously a state and county funded budget totaling \$184,307.31, which includes benefits, travel and supplies for a yet-to-be hired juvenile probation officer.

The Texas Juvenile Probation Commission meeting in Austin today is considering salary funding for new juvenile workers, said Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols.

Nichols said he expects to hear Friday about the expected allocation for Gray County

which, if approved, will amount to \$22,179. The money may only pay for salaries of new employees, he said.

Receipt of the money is contingent upon adoption of progressive sanctions intended to divert youths from Texas Youth Commission facilities, Nichols said.

Progressive sanctions, i.e., more stringent probation requirements with additional offenses, are now used in Gray County, Nichols explained.

In executive session, members of the local board, County Judge Richard Peet and District Judges Lee Waters and Kent Sims, reviewed five job applications for the anticipated position.

Twenty-eight applications were received, Nichols said, and three of the five reviewed today will be called in for interviews next week.

The new employee will be

expected to work 1 to 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight to serve youths on intensive supervision probation, Nichols said.

Also in the budget is money for electronic monitoring devices which cost \$4.25 a day, Nichols said.

Electronic monitoring will be used for ISP youths to make sure they are at home when they are supposed to be, Nichols said.

"All of that is in the protection of the public," he said.

The office monitors 15 youths on ISP, 47 on adjudicated probation, 22 on informal probation and one youth supervised on behalf of another county, Nichols told the board.

Sixty-six percent of the total budget comes from the state and 33 percent from Gray County. The county's portion of the \$184,307.31 approved today is \$61,525.31.

## Come watch the video



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Christmas music wafted through the Coronado Inn coffee shop today as Seleta Chance played a videotape showing holiday lighting in Altus, Okla., to Pampans involved in the Celebration of Lights project. Chance, left, confers with Faustina Curry while the video shows an airplane outlined in lights in the southwestern Oklahoma town. The videotape will be shown again at 7 p.m. today at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium for the Celebration of Lights committee meeting, with the public invited to attend.

## Pilot lands on highway after fuel runs out

Ronnie Arnold planned on landing at Perry Lefors Air Field Tuesday night with some fuel left in his tank after a flight from Fort Worth.

Instead, he ended up on Highway 70 north of Coronado Hospital with an empty tank and a red face.

Arnold said he, his daughter and two friends were over downtown Pampa around 11:30 p.m. when his plane

ran out of fuel. Immediately he went into the emergency gliding procedure, hoping to make it to the airport.

When he saw that wasn't possible, he says he veered right toward the highway, counting on some lights to guide him in.

All he got was one pair of lights about a mile and a half north of his location.

Using those lights as his only guide, he set his plane

down near Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

Arnold says he filed his flight plan in Fort Worth and calculated that he had approximately two and a half hours worth of fuel in the plane, plenty for an hour and a half flight.

His calculations were a little off, however.

"It happens ... but I just wish it didn't happen to me," he said.



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An autopsy will be required to determine the exact cause of the boy's sudden death, officials said.

School officials said the boy went to the school's clinic after lunch to see about his pains. The school nurse contacted the boy's parents, then sent him to get his backpack from his classroom, officials said.

He apparently collapsed on his way back to class.

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## Actor Larry Hagman critical after liver transplant surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Larry Hagman was responding well after a liver transplant, and all indicators point to a full recovery, his doctor said today.

"He's doing extremely well," said Dr. Leonard Makowka, director of the liver transplant program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

"We expect him to return to his normal lifestyle, in fact to be a little more energetic and a little more active than he was in the last few months with his liver disease and tumor," he told ABC's *Good Morning America*.

The 63-year-old actor was in extremely critical but stable condition late Wednesday night, said hospital spokesman Ron Wise. "This is exactly where we want him to be at this point," he said.

The first 48 hours after the surgery, which began Tuesday night and ended about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, are crucial to determining whether Hagman's body rejects the donor organ, Makowka said Wednesday.

He said the hospital's liver recipients have an 88 percent one-year survival rate and a 75 percent five-year survival rate.

Hagman, the loathsome J.R. Ewing from the nighttime soap *Dallas* and the long-suffering astronaut on *I Dream of Jeannie*, was diagnosed three years ago with cirrhosis of the liver, which he blamed on years of heavy drinking. Makowka said Hagman stopped drinking three years ago.

Makowka said the surgical team was surprised to find that Hagman's cirrhosis was much more advanced than believed. "We really did get the liver just in time," he said.

But a cancerous tumor in the liver was "completely dead" after a procedure earlier this month in which one of Hagman's arteries was short-circuited to prevent blood from feeding the tumor, Makowka said.

Unlike the tumor in Mickey Mantle's liver, Hagman's tumor was very small and confined to the old liver, Makowka said today.

Makowka said he also found gallstones that had to be removed before the transplant could be done. He said the actor planned to give the gallstones to New York artist Barton Benes for use in a sculpture.

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Sept. 14, 1994  
▲ Personnel error  
● 433 delays  
■ 1 hour, 15 minutes

May 17, 1995  
▲ Software and memory problems  
● 234 delays  
■ 1 hour, 5 minutes

July 17, 1995  
▲ Memory problems  
● 161 delays  
■ 44 minutes

July 23, 1995  
▲ Hardware and software problems  
● 28 delays  
■ 25 minutes

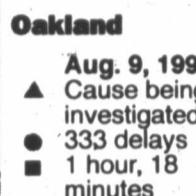
July 24, 1995  
▲ Hardware problems  
● 42 delays  
■ 122 hours, 34 minutes

### New York City

April 6, 1995  
▲ Engine generator failed  
● 189 delays  
■ 36 minutes

May 19, 1995  
▲ Personnel error  
● 83 delays  
■ 2 hours, 30 minutes

May 25, 1995  
▲ Personnel error  
● 485 delays  
■ 5 hours, 49 minutes



Oakland  
Aug. 9, 1995  
▲ Cause being investigated  
● 333 delays  
■ 1 hour, 18 minutes

### Fort Worth

July 19, 1995  
▲ Hardware problem  
● 6 delays  
■ 31 minutes

Washington, D.C.  
June 6, 1995  
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"We extend our sincere sympathy to the family," said Houston Independent School District Superintendent Rod Paige. "This is indeed a very sad day for all of us at HISD."

An autopsy will be required to determine the exact cause of the boy's sudden death, officials said.

School officials said the boy went to the school's clinic after lunch to see about his pains. The school nurse contacted the boy's parents, then sent him to get his backpack from his classroom, officials said.

He apparently collapsed on his way back to class.

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## Actor Larry Hagman critical after liver transplant surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Larry Hagman was responding well after a liver transplant, and all indicators point to a full recovery, his doctor said today.

"He's doing extremely well," said Dr. Leonard Makowka, director of the liver transplant program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

"We expect him to return to his normal lifestyle, in fact to be a little more energetic and a little more active than he was in the last few months with his liver disease and tumor," he told ABC's *Good Morning America*.

The 63-year-old actor was in extremely critical but stable condition late Wednesday night, said hospital spokesman Ron Wise. "This is exactly where we want him to be at this point," he said.

The first 48 hours after the surgery, which began Tuesday night and ended about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, are crucial to determining whether Hagman's body rejects the donor organ, Makowka said Wednesday.

He said the hospital's liver recipients have an 88 percent one-year survival rate and a 75 percent five-year survival rate.

Hagman, the loathsome J.R. Ewing from the nighttime soap *Dallas* and the long-suffering astronaut on *I Dream of Jeannie*, was diagnosed three years ago with cirrhosis of the liver, which he blamed on years of heavy drinking. Makowka said Hagman stopped drinking three years ago.

Makowka said the surgical team was surprised to find that Hagman's cirrhosis was much more advanced than believed. "We really did get the liver just in time," he said.

But a cancerous tumor in the liver was "completely dead" after a procedure earlier this month in which one of Hagman's arteries was short-circuited to prevent blood from feeding the tumor, Makowka said.

Unlike the tumor in Mickey Mantle's liver, Hagman's tumor was very small and confined to the old liver, Makowka said today.

Makowka said he also found gallstones that had to be removed before the transplant could be done. He said the actor planned to give the gallstones to New York artist Barton Benes for use in a sculpture.

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### Opinion

## Jack-booted IRS audits relentless

It's almost as if the Internal Revenue Service is part of a conspiracy designed to get rid of the income tax. People in Congress are getting remarkably positive responses from voters when they say what the conventional wisdom used to decree was unthinkable - that the income tax must go. Meanwhile, the IRS is preparing to impose the "audit from Hell" on 92,923 individual tax returns and 60,349 partnerships selected at random - not because they suspect "wrongdoing," but just because the IRS wants a statistical profile of how accurately taxpayers in general are filling out their 1040s.

Perhaps even more cynical is that an oversight subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee held hearings last month that allowed some critics of the plan to vent, but the members of Congress showed no inclination to scale back or delay these audits.

What the IRS plans to conduct this fall are "compliance audits" - audits so complete and relentless that birth certificates and marriage licenses can be required to substantiate deductions, as well as receipts to document every number on every line of a tax return. The purpose, says the IRS, is to use a randomly selected sample of taxpayers to determine just how accurately taxpayers in general fill out their forms. The IRS last conducted a similar compliance audit - on a much smaller sample of taxpayers - seven years ago.

Verenda Smith of Alexandria, Va., suffered through the process then and called it the "audit from Hell." She was a sportswriter at the time, and an auditor actually suggested they might have to dig up her back yard to see if she'd hidden any money from freelance articles in a coffee can. She survived the audit without having to pay more, but she told the subcommittee that if given a choice she would unhesitatingly take a root canal over another audit.

Fred Goldberg, a former IRS commissioner himself, estimated that individuals and companies would have to spend up to \$1.5 billion on professional fees, record searches, and other direct costs to deal with the proposed compliance audits. He says the new audit program is so badly designed that its data were "likely to have little practical value," and that the IRS is ignoring more effective but less intrusive ways to get the information it says it needs. Other witnesses said that the data from the proposed audit wouldn't be properly analyzed until 1998, by which time the current tax system might be on the scrap heap of history.

All this intrusiveness - defended by IRS officials as absolutely necessary given the present income tax system - provides a good argument for getting rid of the income tax altogether. But taxpayers shouldn't have to go through these audits just to provide one more argument for scrapping a failed system.

Congress has the power to withhold the funds needed for the IRS to conduct compliance audits this year. It should do so. The IRS has produced enough martyrs already.

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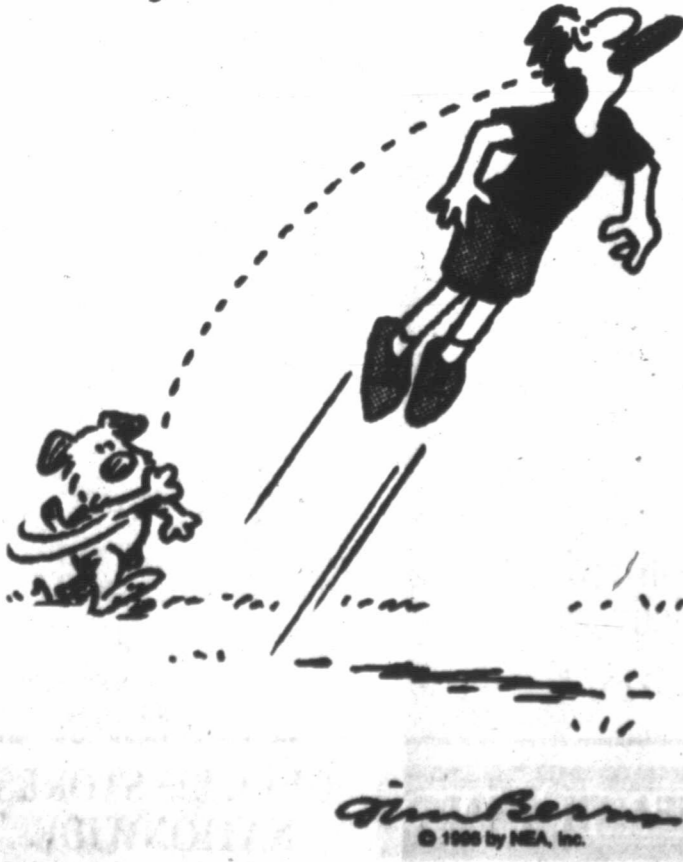
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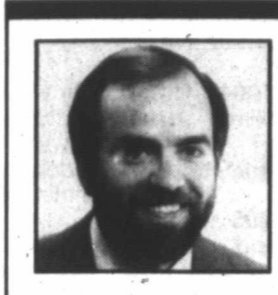
Pat Robertson and the Ayatollah Khomeini have probably driven more people away from religion than to it, and the art world should take note of those cautionary examples. Self-righteous dogmatism has limited appeal, and self-righteous dogmatism is just about all the arts community has brought to the debate on federal cultural subsidies. Artists intent on saving their federal funding may end up discrediting not only the National Endowment for the Arts but art itself.

It is possible to favor an end to government farm programs without being accused of hating food, and it is possible to oppose state support of churches without being thought a friend of Satan. But today, it is impossible to applaud a phase-out of the NEA without being charged with scheming to destroy the arts.

"Shortsighted materialists," "yahoos" and "indignant wannabe reformers who know next to nothing about American culture" were just a few of the epithets flung at budget-cutters by *Time* magazine art critic Robert Hughes in a 5,000-word hissy fit several weeks ago. His tantrum brought to mind the comment of one writer: "What the spiritual was to the 19th century, the 'artistic' or 'creative' is to the 20th: an excuse for otherwise unfounded claims to a superior order of being." The simple way to elevate yourself above the common run of ignorant Philistines is to take the side of the NEA against those who would extinguish art in America.

We are told repeatedly that America gives only a pittance to the arts, in contrast to the noble generosity of our European betters. But that counts only government funding. In this country, art has always gotten generous support from individuals and corporations - unlike in Europe, which has no comparable tradition of mass private giving.

The federal government spends just \$162 mil-



Stephen Chapman

lion a year on the NEA, which is a tiny share of the total money that Americans provide. University of California at San Diego scholar Alice Goldfarb Marquis, author of the book *Art Lessons: Learning From the Rise and Fall of Public Arts Funding*, points out that we spend \$9 billion a year in private support of everything from established art museums to fledgling dance companies. The United States, unlike most other countries, underwrites this patronage by making it tax-deductible.

When postal subsidies and other federal art programs are counted, says Marquis, the arts here get about \$13 per citizen - the same as in Italy and more than in Britain, two countries not notorious for starving high culture. Eliminating the NEA would reduce total arts funding in the United States by just 1.8%, which is something short of cataclysmic.

Art - some of it, anyway - has undeniable benefits to the mind and soul. But it doesn't automatically follow that more art is always better than less, which is the article of faith among those opposed to NEA cuts. Much of the art being subsidized is drack, and less drack would be a welcome change.

The arts community, for all its claims to an elevat-

ed sensibility, has behaved in this debate like the fattest defense contractor or tobacco planter. Hughes makes the argument heard in support of every pork-barrel program by saying that "not-for-profit arts, local and national, support 1.3 million jobs, yield \$37 billion a year in economic activity and return \$3.4 billion a year to the federal treasury." He must think that if Americans got to keep the money they spend on the NEA, they would eat it instead. In fact, they would spend it on things they value more than the NEA - generating jobs, economic activity and tax payments in other sectors.

Another familiar argument for the subsidy is that the NEA provides indispensable guidance for individuals and companies in their patronage - giving, in the words of drama critic Robert Brustein, "a stamp of approval for deserving art." But a stamp of approval is just what supporters say the NEA is not giving when it hands out money to performers who smear their naked bodies with chocolate or artists who submerge crucifixes in urine. In those cases, the NEA rushes to disavow any endorsement.

In any event, giving out stamps of approval to deserving art sounds like a job for an authoritarian government, not a democratic one. The same artists would howl if the federal government published lists of books it found dangerous or unwholesome, recommending readers to stay away. They favor a government "seal of approval" only if there's money attached.

Most of the opposition to the proposals to trim or abolish the NEA has been nasty, parochial, self-serving and reeking of snobbery. People in the arts community argue that exposure to the arts will make us better human beings, but it doesn't seem to have worked for them.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 1995. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

On this date:

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., and proceeded to set fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for shooting to death rock star John Lennon.



## Making the farm-food connection

### Charley Reese

Probably one of the most important bills winding its way through Congress in terms of its impact on Americans is the farm bill.

It's ironic in a way because agriculture, for most Americans, has become invisible. Less than 2% of the population provides the food and fiber for itself and the other 98%. As America has become urbanized (about 70% of the population is in 130 metropolitan areas) fewer and fewer of us have any direct contact with farming.

We tend to take food for granted. Yet it is no exaggeration to say that the foundation of any nation, ours included, is a strong agricultural base. Before we are anything - citizens or partisans, liberals or conservatives - we are animals who require food and water to sustain life.

The state of American agriculture, however, is such that we must no longer take food - and farmers for granted. We had better become informed while we still have time to head off any catastrophic problems.

I won't try to explain in this column the intricacies of the farm bill (or farm bills) that is still before Congress, but there are some points to keep in mind.

The farmer is in a unique position. He has a negative cash flow for the entire year except for the one day on which he sells his crop. In other words, 364 days of the year he is spending money

and only on one day does he receive money. No other business that I know of operates that way.

That's why there are special banks to handle farm loans. If you went to an ordinary bank with a business plan that showed a negative cash flow of 364 days and a positive cash flow - provided everything goes right - on one day of the year, they would laugh you right out of the bank. Like a high roller, a farmer gambles it all on one crop.

But the farmer, as businessman, is unique in another way, too. He has no leverage when he sells his crop.

If you run a shoe store and you don't sell any shoes this week, the shoes won't go bad. They stay on the shelf and you can sell next week. But for the farmer, especially those who grow fresh fruits and vegetables, once the crop is harvested there is a narrow window of time in which to sell it. Otherwise, it rots and he loses everything.

Well, buyers know that, and leverage is all on their side. That helps explain why the farmer gets about 4 cents for grain in a \$4 box of cereal. They can beat the farmer down on the price. That's also why it is a mistake to allow too much foreign food imports, such as

cheap tomatoes from Mexico. Cheap imports give the buyers that much more leverage against the farmer.

The short-term selfish view, common these days, is that no one cares as long as the consumer can buy cheap produce. But only idiots will agree to sacrifice the long-term benefits of a strong agricultural base for the short-term benefits of a few cheap meals.

Finally, urban guy that I am, I can state for you the central problem of American agriculture in one sentence: The price most farmers receive for most of their products does not cover their costs and provide a reasonable profit.

That's why we have agricultural subsidies. That's why the government had to eat \$7 billion in uncollectible farm loans. That's why fewer and fewer Americans are able to remain on a farm. And that's the situation that Congress ought to take what steps it can to correct.

The big profits in food are made by the people and corporations in between the farmer and the consumer. The farmer doesn't make big profits, and the consumers don't get food as cheap as food ought to be.

As the number of farmers has shrunk, so has their political voice been weakened. It's time for consumers to realize that we need to form an alliance between our stomachs and the people who fill them.

## The partisan media avoids Whitewater



L. Brent Bozell

The hoariest of national news cliches is that Rodney King chorus chanting, "Why can't we all get along?" To them, partisanship is an indelible stain on our democracy, a pox on both houses of the two-party system.

Take CBS correspondent Bob Schieffer, who recently lamented the current Whitewater hearings: "I think somehow there's a new mean-spiritedness in our politics, and I think Washington was a lot better place when people were a little more amicable in how they conducted their business." Schieffer piously proceeded to cite the Watergate and Iran-Contra hearings as examples, and I'm not making that up.

Truth is, the national media thrive on partisanship, overheated rhetoric and paper-waving polls in their angriest tones. In fact, they like it so much they participate in it. Take Schieffer's colleague Dan Rather, who makes Republican hearings sound like Pearl Harbor: "From another offensive wave on Whitewater to a sweeping rollback of federal regulations on health, safety and the environment, it's a political carpet bombing attack, wall to wall, House to Senate."

In case some missed that description, he added nine days later: "In Washington, the Republicans' all-out offensive on Whitewater today featured contradictory testimony." Two days later, he returned to form: "In Washington, the Republican offensive against law officers' handling of the Branch Davidian siege." Once the House and Senate both held Whitewater hearings, Rather began describing the investigating polls as "the Whitewater tag team."

But the ironic thing is CBS is doing the best job of covering the Whitewater hearings. In the first three weeks of Senate testimony, CBS - devoted one reporter to the story on seven nights. "MacNeil-Lehrer" went to a reporter six nights, ABC five. But

CNN and NBC are treating the story like a joke. NBC put Brian Williams on the story the first night, July 18, and didn't return for two weeks except for 10-second anchor briefs. On Aug. 2, NBC aired an "In Depth" story on Whitewater as a political problem for the president but did not detail what happened at that day's hearings. CNN apparently couldn't find a correspondent on Whitewater for its *World News*. This from the all-news network.

Get a load of the stories these two networks skipped: 1. A Secret Service officer charges that the first lady's top aide took papers out of Vince Foster's office the night of his death. 2. An intern later confirms that this aide had him take a box of papers to the White House residence. 3. The former deputy attorney general tells how he told the then White House lawyer Bernard Nussbaum he was making a big mistake in clamping down on a search of Foster's office. 4. Nussbaum denies that accusation under oath. But these outlets see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.

Then, there's the "news" magazines, represented by *Newsweek's* Eleanor Clift, who suggested on CNN's *Crossfire* that the hearings shouldn't even be on television: "It's not to anyone's advantage to have

seize on television, and that's exactly what those hearings are." (Earlier in the show, Clift had actually remarked: "I'm a journalist, and I look at things objectively.") But Clift was at her silliest on *The McLaughlin Group*, insisting "There's no evidence that any files are missing." Eleanor might as well have said of Watergate that there was no evidence of wrongdoing in that 18-and-a-half minutes of erased tape.

*Newsweek* Washington Bureau Chief Evan Thomas suggested Whitewater was so minor the Clintons ought to tell all and watch the story vanish: "How bad can it be? Why don't they just say whatever it was and have it done with it?" Thomas should know the answer to that question. Why confess when the news magazines don't care enough to give the story the time of day? *Newsweek* had a short story on Hillary pal Susan Thomases but nothing on the Whitewater hearings, although it did devote seven pages to the ABC-Disney merger. Or perhaps it didn't have room because of that earth-shattering cover story: "At 34, JFK Jr. Is Trying to Make His Mark."

*Time* included this lead sentence in its news summary: "The administration took its biggest lumps yet at the Senate Whitewater hearings." What followed was exactly one paragraph in the news summary, period. Instead, it put an incredibly ugly orange fish on the cover and did seven pages on the ABC merger. The more serious, even crusty, *U.S. News* did better, right? No. It put Mickey Mouse on the cover and did nine pages on the ABC and CBS mergers.

That's too bad because in the right hands, Whitewater is a John Grisham potboiler of lawyerly intrigue and cover-up at the service of a politician's greed. Whitewater may be turning the White House upside down, but the media seem obsessed only with themselves.

# National SAT scores go up; girls and minorities make gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — High school graduates turned in their best scores in years on the 1995 Scholastic Assessment Test, including the highest math average in two decades.

Asian Americans are still at the top with whites close behind, but other minority students have made broad gains in recent years. Boys remained ahead of girls, but girls are moving faster up the scholastic steps, according to scores released for the just-revised entrance exam, the most widely used by colleges.

Education Secretary Richard W. Riley attributed improvements to students taking tougher classes, especially math and science.

"You have to be willing to take the difficult courses, and those kinds of things are paying off," he said.

"We still have a gap between students who have stronger opportunities and those who haven't," he

added. "The gap needs to close faster. We still have an awful lot of work."

The national average on the verbal test increased from 423 in 1994 to 428 in 1995, while math scores rose from 479 to 482.

Boys scored 429 in the verbal portion compared to 426 for girls. Among ethnic groups, whites were the top scorers, with a 448 average.

In math, boys bested girls 503-463. Asian Americans were the top scorers, with a 538 average.

The average SAT score in Texas this year was 474 in math and 419 verbal, a slightly lower performance than the national average.

Forty-seven percent of Texas' high school graduates took the SAT, compared to the national average of 41 percent.

Texas' SAT math and verbal scores have been relatively stable in recent years. In 1994, the Texas

math average was also 474 and was 472 in 1993, up from 459 in 1985.

On the verbal portion, the Texas average was 412 last year, 413 in 1993, 410 in 1992 and 419 in 1985.

In 1994, the name of the examination was changed to the Scholastic Assessment Test from Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Other major changes were made, too: The 1995 test was greatly modified to emphasize reading comprehension and math problem-solving over multiple-choice questions and rote memorization. Students also can use calculators, and they have 15 more minutes to solve problems on each test.

The overall verbal score was the highest since 1988. But the 1995 mark is quite a comedown from the late 1960s and early 1970s when students consistently scored in the 450-460 range, and it's a breathtaking drop from several

decades ago when the average was 500.

In math, one has to go back to 1973, with an average score of 481, to find results on a par with 1995.

Math scores hit bottom in 1980 at 466, and have been mostly rising since, especially in recent years.

"Education seems to be turning around," said Donald M. Stewart, president of The College Board, which administers the SAT. "This is the best prepared class in recent memory."

The strides girls and minorities have made compared to boys and whites become clear when comparing the 1987 results — when SAT testers began collecting more detailed ethnic information — to today's figures.

On verbal tests boys dropped six points from 1987 to 1995, while girls gained one point. Minorities averaged a 9.3 point increase, while whites gained one point.

## World briefs

### India cities now worry about hazardous cows

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's worst train accident, caused by a train slamming into a cow that wandered into its path, has prompted concern about the tens of thousands of cows allowed to roam freely across the country.

At least 348 people were killed and hundreds were injured Sunday when an express train struck the cow near the city of Firozabad, and another train plowed into its rear.

Hindus, who make up 82 percent of India's 900 million people, consider cows to be holy creatures. Strict Hindus don't eat beef and face strict punishment for purposely killing a cow.

As New Delhi's population has grown to 9 million, so has the number of cattle, now estimated at 125,000.

After this year's heavy rains, many dairy farmers released their cows from soaking sheds or muddy yards to seek dry areas and feed on the city's grass or garbage. Often, they wander in herds on ill-lit streets late at night.

The practice has led to a three-fold increase in traffic accidents in New Delhi, police said.

### Montserrat evacuates as volcano eruption looms

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat (AP) — A dog howled lonesomely outside a locked door as the last residents of the island's capital fled Wednesday, fearing that a long-dormant volcano near the edge of town was about to blow.

The Soufriere Hills Volcano, four miles east of Plymouth, has been rumbling and causing worries since July 18. But a series of strong ventings of noxious gases and ash that began Monday prompted authorities to order the evacuation of the southern half of this British Caribbean colony.

At Bramble Airport, dozens of people clutching children and baggage crowded to get on planes bound for the neighboring island nation of Antigua.

Plymouth, home to some 3,000 people, is now a city of empty streets and shuttered windows, in perpetual gloom because of a huge cloud of ash spewed by the volcano.

Green-bereted British Marines manned roadblocks to keep people from returning to the evacuated half of the island.

### 'Medical homes' sought for youths

Texans under the age of 21 in area communities are in need of a "medical home."

Local health care professionals who would like to serve as a medical home for young Texans are being sought to provide a service that would greatly benefit the area. Over a million of these young Texans across the state are eligible for Medicaid and need providers who can serve them.

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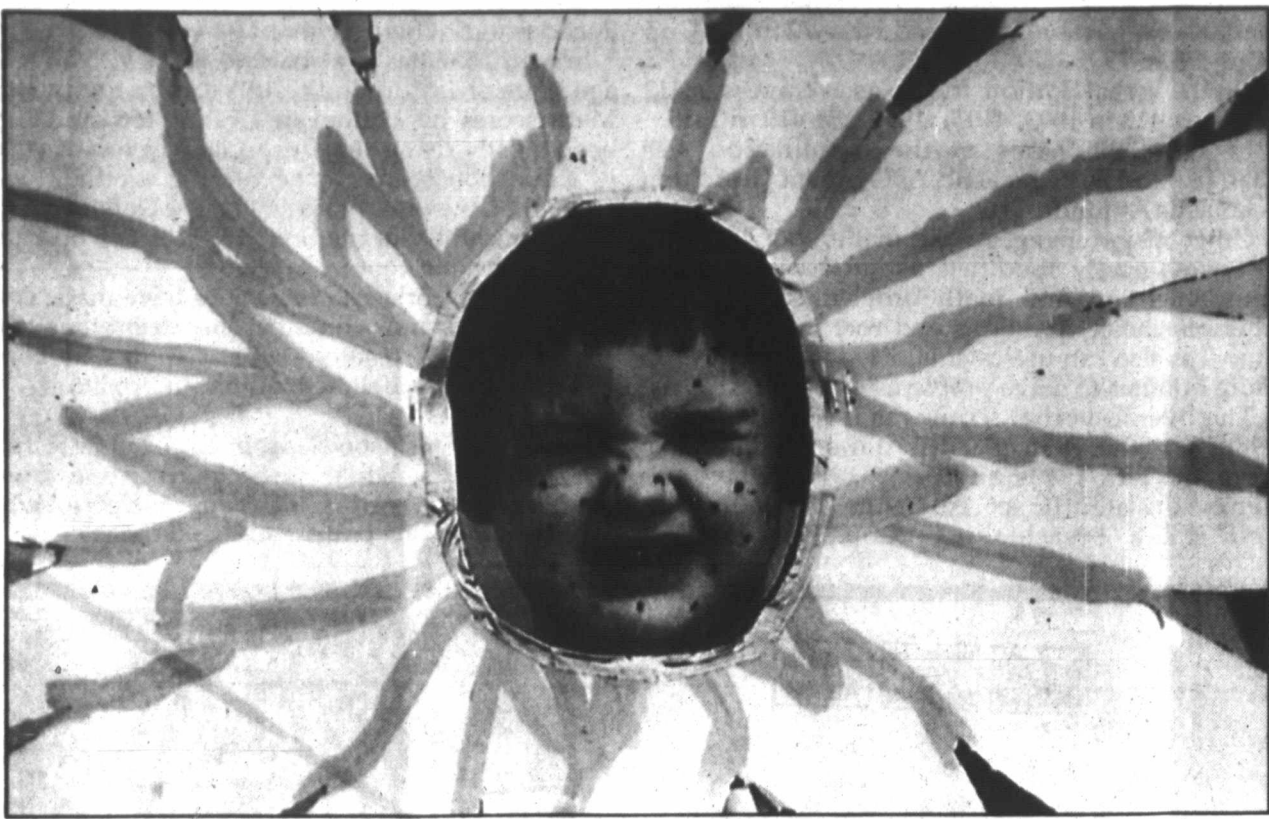
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## Sunflower makes a face



(AP photo)

Gianna Carleo, 2, winces as she prepares to march as a sunflower in the "Kids Day Parade" which occurred last weekend to kick off the Colorado State Fair activities in Pueblo, Colo. The fair continues through Labor Day weekend with assorted entertainment, animal judging and carnival rides.

## Proposal to favor millions of Mexican debtors, relieve soaring interest rates

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans struggling to pay off loans with soaring interest rates may find relief in an accord between the government and bankers to cap the rates.

On Wednesday night, the government and the Mexican Bankers Association signed a debt relief package to lower interest rates for small and medium debtors and stave off widespread default.

"This important relief in the flow of debtors' payments will be promoting a faster recuperation of the Mexican economy," said Treasury Secretary Guillermo Ortiz at a signing ceremony headed by President Ernesto Zedillo.

Interest rates on some loans soared to more than 100 percent after a sharp peso devaluation in December. Many borrowers found they suddenly could not keep up payments.

Mexicans welcomed the relief from high interest rates, but said the debt problem will only be solved once the economy recuperates from a steep recession.

"This will be a help, but not a solution because the economy itself

is in a critical state," said Gabriel Castro, who sells furniture in a large Mexican department store.

Castro says he is paying nearly \$100 a month on a \$2000 debt, but since interest credit cards tops 60 percent, he has not yet reduced his total debt.

His income — based on commission sales — has declined along with the estimated 80 percent decline in his department's sales.

Tens of thousands of angry members of the debtors' group called El Barzon — Spanish for the yoke — have been staging protests in front of banks and government offices, and threatening to retaliate against those buying foreclosed properties.

The plan's estimated \$1.5 billion cost will be divided between the federal government and the banks holding the loans.

The plan, effective through September 1996 for most individuals and businesses, and until February 1997 for farmers, would declare a moratorium on legal proceedings until next February against debtors who sign an

agreement with their banks.

It is intended to ease the liquidity problems of 6 million debtors, or 75 percent of those with debts to banks, and to ensure that banks do not get swamped by defaults from marginal middle-class debtors.

Variable interest rates on cars, mortgages, credit cards, and bank loans soared after the peso devaluation.

For business loans, the plan will fix an interest rate of 25 percent for debt up to 200,000 pesos (\$32,250). Any amount above that would be payable at market rates — currently 50 percent or higher.

Credit card debt would be payable at a fixed rate of 38.5 percent for the first 5,000 pesos (\$806) of debt, with the balance payable at market rates.

Mortgages up to 200,000 pesos (\$32,250) were to be restructured.

Also Wednesday, the peso closed at its weakest level against the dollar in more than four months as Mexican banks were cautiously buying the U.S. currency ahead of Zedillo's Sept. 1 state of the union address.

## AIDS sufferer gets settlement for dismissal

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who lost his job during a leave of absence for an AIDS-related illness has been awarded \$50,000 and extra medical benefits, the maximum damages allowed under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Joe Puga's case was resolved Wednesday by the Equal Employment Opportunities Com-

mission. U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein signed the order penalizing the Mexican owned company Chemtech International Corp. for firing Puga in 1993 while he was on a medical leave.

The agreed order also eliminated a civil suit filed by Puga and his attorney, Donald Skipwith, said EEOC attorney Guy Kidd,

who represented Puga's case.

The suit is one of the nation's first that addresses discrimination in the workplace for AIDS patients.

Puga's saga began when he took an approved 90-day leave of absence from Chemtech in the fall of 1993, then was told he had been fired a little more than a month later, Kidd said.

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## Propeller blade snapped before commuter crash

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — A propeller blade that snapped off a commuter plane a few minutes before it crashed had flunked an inspection a year earlier.

An "anomaly" was found in the propeller blade during an ultrasonic exam, but maintenance records showed it was fixed before the crash, John Hammerschmidt of the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday. The blade was returned to the propeller assembly on Aug. 2, 1994, after a reinspection by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Investigators planned to examine the records from the re-inspection, Hammerschmidt said.

Five of the 29 people on board the Atlantic Southeast Airlines flight were killed when the Embraer 120 turboprop went down Monday on its way from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss. Seven

remained in critical condition today with burns. Four others were in stable condition.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered ultrasonic shear wind tests of Hamilton-Standard blades after they broke off two planes in March 1994. Both aircraft, one in Canada and the other in Brazil, landed safely.

Only a 16-inch piece of the broken blade from Monday's crash has been recovered. Investigators were searching for the missing 31/2-foot-long section, which may have appeared as a minor blip on radar screens tracking the plane's progress after liftoff.

Laboratory reports showed the blade appeared to have snapped as a result of tension, but the reports did not show what led a weak spot to expand and ultimately snap the blade, Hammerschmidt said.

## ACLU settles white officers' HPD complaint

HOUSTON (AP) — All police associations are barred from direct recruiting at the Houston Police Academy under a settlement involving a white officers group, officials say.

The American Civil Liberties Union lodged a federal complaint against the Houston Police Department in April, saying the White Officers Association had been denied permission to recruit at the academy.

Four other groups, including associations of black and Hispanic officers, meanwhile were allowed to set up booths and address cadet classes during 50-minute presentations, the white officers complained. The department said it didn't want to consume additional cadet class time by providing time for yet another group's presentation.

As part of the settlement announced Wednesday, Police Chief Sam Nuchia revised department policy on July 24 to prohibit any group from lobbying academy cadets. Instead, the department will designate bulletin boards for the groups to post literature.

The department also agreed to pay ACLU legal bills totaling about \$4,700, said ACLU regional director Debbie Perkey. In return, the civil liberties group withdrew the lawsuit.

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## Program providing assistance for elderly receives assistance via award of funds

Mike McQueen of Amarillo, director of Area Agency on Aging, and Teresa Henson, president of the Board of Shepherd's Helping Hands, have announced the award of funds for a program for the elderly.

The program, "Home Care Options for Independent Living" provides assistance on a sliding scale for senior citizens to help the elderly remain at home. The program will assist with housekeeping, bathing, meals, dressing, minor home repairs and client case management.

This program is supported by grants from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation of Amarillo, the Public Welfare Foundation of Washington, D.C., and the Meadows Foundation of Dallas, which has a particular interest in innovative ways to solve community problems. The grant funds total \$295,000.



(Special photo) Teresa Henson, at left, and Mike McQueen announce the award of funds towards a program for the elderly.

Shepherd's Helping Hands their information in the Pampa area, call the Helping Hands Office at 665-9750 or requesting service. For fur-

ther information in the Pampa area, call the Helping Hands Office at 665-9750 or 800-542-0423.

## Weather service confirms record number of twisters

AMARILLO (AP) - When it comes to tornadoes in the Texas Panhandle, 1995 is a year for the record books. The National Weather Service announced Wednesday that 64 twisters cropped up in the region from January to July. That already sets a record - with five months still to go this year.

The Panhandle's previous tornado high was 61, set in 1971. The low record: one, set in 1952.

News of the record-breaking year came as no surprise in Friona, where 18 uninsured homes and businesses were destroyed June 2 by a twister with winds topping 200 mph.

Fire marshal Roger Fields said bad weather makes Friona residents skittish now.

"Let a little cloud come up," Fields said, "and they all get scared."

The average annual tornado count is close to 21 in the Panhandle.

Doug Crowley, warning coordination meteorologist for the weather service in Amarillo, said tornadoes this year were more intense, as well as more frequent. The 33-county area covered by the

Amarillo NWS includes the Oklahoma Panhandle and four counties of New Mexico.

"I'm just amazed that we've really dodged the bullet," Crowley said. "It could have been so much worse. Numerous homes were literally destroyed with people in them."

A 38-year-old Amarillo man on May 7 became the first tornado casualty in the region since 1970.

Several injuries were reported in other twisters, primarily ones that struck Friona and Pampa in June. Property damage will exceed \$60 million, the weather service reported.

But the typical tornado tended to avoid populated areas and stay over pastures, Crowley said.

"If we're real lucky," he said, "the most it will do is catch a windmill."

Crowley said new technology has improved the ability to detect twisters. He also credited volunteer spotters who chase the storms.

The most recent tornado confirmed by Amarillo meteorologists was one that touched down July 23 south of Claude, he said.

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Panhandle Desperado features three brothers, Bill, Dan and Steve Mullins, and Scott Bursleson.

## Panhandle Desperado to perform at City Limits

Panhandle Desperado, hailing from Hedley, will be making a return engagement in Pampa Friday and Saturday nights at City Limits, 1300 S. Barnes.

For almost two years, members of Panhandle Desperado have enjoyed performing at City Limits.

"We've enjoyed the crowd and getting to know some of them personally," says band member Dan Mullins.

"We've played a lot of gigs there. The response we get makes us feel really appreciated."

Forming Panhandle Desperado are three brothers, Bill, Dan and Steve Mullins, and Scott Bursleson, whom the other mem-

bers said is like another brother.

The band traveled out to Nashville back in May. Rodney Phelps of the Omni Entertainment group heard some of Panhandle Desperado's original tunes and has expressed interest in promoting a full album for the band.

"After New Year's, we'll be moving out there to begin studio work and get to where the action is," Dan Mullins said.

"From Steve, Scott, Bill and Dan, thanks for all the support," Dan added about the Pampa crowd. "It's folks like you that keeps the fire burning."

For reservations at City Limits, call 665-0438.

## Memo: Impasse wouldn't affect essential government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again federal managers are contemplating the question of who's essential and who isn't.

Border Patrol agents and Veterans Affairs doctors, poultry inspectors and air traffic controllers will stay on the job even if the government shuts down in a budget impasse, according to a Justice Department memo released Wednesday.

And if things follow the pattern of the last government closing, so will prison guards and the Coast Guard, but not pipeline inspectors or court clerks.

The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and Congress and the president remain far apart on many of the spending issues that need to be resolved. Legally, unless Congress appropriates money, it can't be spent.

But also under the law, essential government programs can continue as long as they relate to the safety of human life and the protection of property, noted the memo from Assistant Attorney General Walter Dellinger. Among the functions that would not be interrupted:

- Social Security checks would still go out.
- Air traffic controllers would keep planes flying safely.
- The FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Customs Service would still enforce the law.
- The Border Patrol would continue its efforts to stem illegal immigration.
- Government regulators would continue to supervise the operation of stock, commodities and futures markets.
- Medicare payments would continue.
- Veterans Affairs hospitals would remain in operation.
- The post office would continue to deliver mail.

Lapses in funding, ranging from three hours to several days, have taken place several times since 1980.

The most recent was in 1990 when a three-day shutdown took place. However, hundreds of thousands of federal workers were spared finding out who was really essential. The shutdown

took place over the Columbus Day weekend, affecting mostly tourists by forcing the closing of national monuments, parks and museums.

The White House was cut to one chef per shift, but orbiting astronauts continued to work, as did government lawyers preparing to argue before the Supreme Court.

There were estimates that as many as 2 million federal employees would have been furloughed had the shutdown continued into a work day. These included people who collect taxes, monitor the environment, support farmers and other day-to-day operations. But thousands of workers — ranging from meat inspectors to press secretaries to U.S. troops in the Middle East — remained on the job.

Federal prisons continued to operate, and most Department of Transportation employees were kept on the job, including those responsible for health and safety and uniformed members of the Coast Guard. A notable exception was inspectors of hazardous materials and pipelines.

## Photographer dies at age 97

OAK BLUFFS, Mass. (AP) — Photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt, who took the famous VJ Day picture of a sailor kissing a woman in Times Square, is dead at 97, a friend said today.

The New York City resident died late Wednesday at a Martha's Vineyard inn where he was vacationing, said family friend William Marks.

Eisenstaedt was working for Life magazine when he took the famous picture on Aug. 14, 1945, the day Japan surrendered to end World War II.

Expressing the unbounded joy and relief that Americans felt at the end of the war, the sailor holds the nurse in a half dip as one of her feet lifts slightly off the ground.

Other notable pictures Eisenstaedt took during his more than 60-year career were the sultry actress Marlene Dietrich posing in a tuxedo, Mussolini shaking hands with a youthful Hitler in prewar Europe, and author Ernest Hemingway fishing in Cuba.

## State briefs

### Former Texas coroner packing machine gun

SEATTLE (AP) — Dr. Ralph Erdmann has testified that when he packed his arsenal of more than 200 firearms to move here in 1992, he didn't realize one was a fully automatic weapon.

"As far as I'm concerned, there was nothing special about (the rifle). It was just another weapon I owned," a distraught Erdmann told jurors Wednesday, the second day of his trial on a charge of possession of a machine gun.

Defense lawyer Jennifer Holmes opted not to make an opening statement and rested her case after Erdmann took the stand. The case could go to the King County Superior Court jury today.

If convicted, Erdmann faces up to a year in prison.

Erdmann, 69, once a well-known and respected forensic pathologist and coroner for dozens of Texas counties, was previously sentenced in Lubbock, to 10 years probation after pleading no contest to charges he bungled autopsies and tampered with evidence in a number of criminal cases.

He subsequently moved to Redmond, a Seattle suburb.

Weeping occasionally, Erdmann testified that he bought the Colt M-16 A-1 assault rifle from Thomas Christopher Dye of Dumas, for \$500 in 1984.

Only later, he said, did he realize it was fully automatic.

### Officer who hit, kicked people suspended

AUSTIN (AP) — An officer who hit a motorist during a traffic stop and kicked a handcuffed suspect during a drug arrest has been suspended for 45 days and will receive counseling during his time off.

Vincent Hernandez, 25, will

not be paid while he's being punished. His suspension began Saturday and he's not allowed back to work until Oct. 3.

Hernandez agreed to the punishment, which also included another stipulation that forces him to be retrained in the proper use of force, said Assistant Chief Ray Sanders.

Hernandez had been commissioned 13 months before the incidents occurred within four days in February, according to internal affairs investigations.

Both incidents were reported by fellow officers who witnessed the attacks. Hernandez, who was ruled to have used excessive force, failed to report both incidents.

A grand jury decided on Aug. 7 not to charge the officer in the second incident, said Buddy Meyer, assistant district attorney.

### Energy group reports significant natural gas find

HOUSTON (AP) — American Energy Group Ltd., an independent gas company, has made a significant natural gas find in a Harris County field considered depleted long ago by major oil companies.

The well, located 20 miles northwest of Houston near Tomball, is part of a major developmental drilling program the small, Houston-based company is undertaking in the area involving 12 more wells.

American Energy Group says the potential exists to produce significant amounts of gas from relatively shallow depths.

"No one could understand why we were taking such an aggressive approach to this old field," said Brad Simmons, president of the American Energy Group. "It tells us that our hunches were right — this field and the shallow gas sands are quite prolific."

## Discovery Center forms Young Astronauts Club

AMARILLO — The Don Harrington Discovery Center is forming a Young Astronauts Club for children grades 3-5. The group will meet at the Discovery Center twice per month and will participate in a great deal of fun aerospace and astronomy activities, crafts and planetarium shows.

"Astronomy is one of the most popular sciences, and we can use that to encourage an interest in science. We will have experiments, crafts, and activities at every meeting, and we will utilize the Discovery Center's planetarium to conduct them. This will be a great opportunity for all young people who want to have

fun learning about space," said planetarium coordinator Christine Brunello.

The meetings will be held at the Discovery Center from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the following days: Sept. 13 and 27; Oct. 11 and 25; Nov. 8 and 29; Dec. 13 and 20; Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 28; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24; and May 8 and 22.

The annual fee for joining the club is \$20 for Discovery Center members and \$30 for non-members.

For further information regarding Young Astronauts, contact Christine Brunello at (806) 355-9548, Ext. 13.

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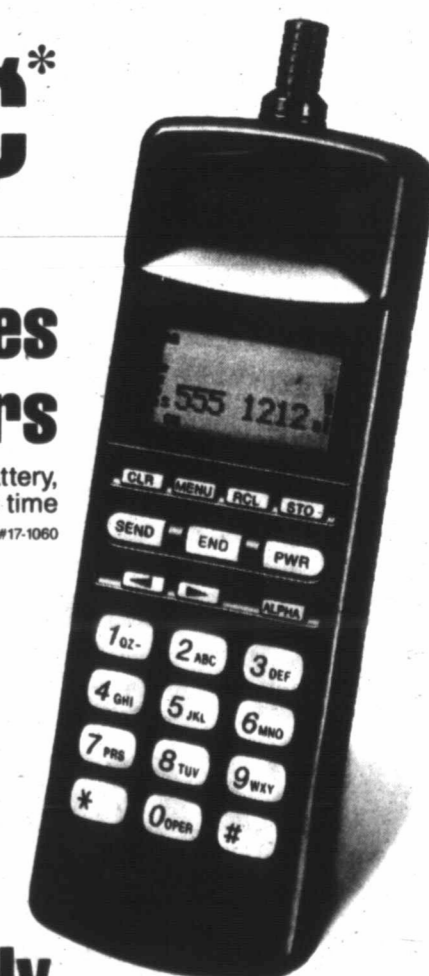
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## Bush to be guest conductor of Amarillo Symphony for Discovery Center activity

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony will take special care when it tunes up for Discover '95 this year. Gov. George W. Bush will guest conduct as the Don Harrington Discovery Center offers an evening concert with a fireworks finale.

Patriots of all stripes should flock to the shores surrounding the Discovery Center this Labor Day as Discover '95 commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Gov. Bush will attend as guest conductor for the Amarillo Symphony as it offers an evening of music finished with a fireworks finale. Former Miss Texas, Ariari Archer, will open the performance singing the Star Spangled Banner.

"This year we're concentrating most of our events on Labor Day," said Discover '95 chairman, Lea Wright. "Family events will run from 2-5:30 p.m., live entertainment beginning on the Discover Stage at 1 p.m. Monday afternoon and the concert and governor's appearance will begin at 8 p.m."

Food and souvenir booths will compliment the day's activities. The Imagination Station will offer fun, science-based activities for children, Wright said.

Entertainment prior to the concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will feature The Fabulous Five at 2:30 p.m., The Blue Johnnies at 4 p.m. and the Amarillo Jazz Orchestra at 5:30 p.m. The Checkpoint Charlie information booth, sponsored by Hastings, will also be in operation this year.

The Sparks and Spikes Coed

Grass Volleyball Tournament will run Sunday through Monday. Mike Todd and Mike Whitmarsh, AVP Miller Lite Tour Volleyball stars, will play a pro beach volleyball exhibition match at 12:15 p.m. on Monday.

Teams wishing to make a late registration for the tournament should contact Chris Otterness, tournament director, at (806) 355-9548, Extension 12.

The governor's attendance will be an added incentive to people wishing to support the Discovery Center by purchasing a table in the reserved patron's area sponsored by Amarillo National Bank. Grand Finale tables will include seating in the front lawn area, served dinners, complimentary drinks, VIP parking and favors. Roman Candle tables will have seating in the rear lawn area, buffet dinners, complimentary drinks, and reserved parking. Anyone wishing to reserve a table should call (806) 355-9548, Extension 11 for more information.

Prior to the concert, "Skydive Amarillo" will soar above the crowds at the Discovery Center, beginning an evening of music presented by High country Chevy Dealers. Fireworks displays will thrill the crowd during the second half of the concert, a synchronized, pyrotechnic extravaganza orchestrated by Grucci of New York and sponsored by Cellular One of Amarillo.

Discover '95 is a free event offered to the people of the Panhandle through the generous donations of area businesses.

## New laws aim to protect battered women

AUSTIN — Protective orders, the most commonly used legal option to prevent family violence from escalating, will be more accessible to battered women thanks to new legislation that becomes law on Sept. 1, according to the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"The protective order isn't perfect, but it's the best tool we have to make sure batterers are prevented from committing further violence," says Debby Tucker, executive director of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"The problems have been inconsistent availability throughout the state, high fees assessed to battered women and unreliable enforcement. This legislation is a giant step forward toward creating a more uniform system for battered women to get protective orders in Texas. We believe these bills will protect battered women from further violence and make them safer."

The major protective order provisions passed by the Texas Legislature this session include: the creation of a magistrate's order for emergency protection; the elimination of fees that can be charged to protective order applicants; and the establishment of a statewide protective order registry.

The magistrate's order for emergency protection can be issued by a judge after any family violence or stalking arrest. This order is good for 31 days and is immediately criminally enforceable. With this new order, battered women will have the time needed to apply for a full protective order, if necessary.

"Immediate intervention in these cases may make a real difference in preventing

further violence — this order stresses safety first. Already a few judges have issued these orders and found them effective," Tucker said.

By eliminating filing fees and service costs charged to applicants, protective orders will be more accessible to all battered women. According to the new law, no fee, cost, charge or expense can be assessed by a clerk or other public official to the applicant in connection with the filing, serving or entering of a protective order. However, courts can still order the respondent to pay all associated costs.

[Note: The process for applying for protective orders is different for married women who are seeking a divorce; therefore, fees charged by private attorneys may apply.]

Establishing a statewide protective order registry will centrally locate all protective orders issued in Texas in a computerized data bank at the Texas Department of Public Safety. This will give officers the ability to identify existing protective orders, allow other states to enforce verifiable protective orders issued in Texas, and enable gun shops to prohibit protective order respondents from buying guns, a requirement of federal Brady Bill.

"This bill is critical so that battered women fleeing for their safety from county to county or state to state can rely on the protection of a court order," Tucker said.

The Legislature also created enhancements for repeat protective order offenders, gave law enforcement officers civil immuni-

ty for providing standby assistance while enforcing a protective order and clarified which agency in every county is assigned to file and prosecute protective orders.

[Note: There are some prosecuting attorneys in Texas who will not file or hear protective order applications.]

With considerable national attention focused on domestic violence this year, the Legislature passed more domestic violence bills this session than ever before.

"The environment was right this year for the needs of battered women to be heard, especially with the leadership of the Senate Interim Committee on Domestic Violence," Tucker said. "We're really starting to work together with judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement, and that's what it will take to end the violence in our homes."

"While laws are important, they are just the beginning. Local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, judges, service providers and other leaders must work together to organize a coordinated community response to eliminate domestic violence. Laws are just tools to protect battered women, but it takes awareness, training, enforcement and follow-up to make them work," Tucker said.

The Texas Council on Family Violence is an Austin-based nonprofit membership organization of shelters, battering intervention and prevention programs, and concerned individuals in Texas working to end violence against women. For additional information, contact Christina Walsh at (512) 794-1133.

## Perryton museum sets celebration for Saturday

PERRYTON — The Museum of the Plains will hold its annual Pioneer Day celebration Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Museum in Perryton. Activities start at 12 noon and go through 5 p.m.

The grill will be fired up at noon for burgers. There will be home-made ice cream, snow cones, nachos, old fashioned pickles and plenty of drinks for everyone.

Entertainment will start at 1 p.m. with radio personality Dalene Herriman emceeing for the afternoon. Area musicians will not only be entertaining but will also be announcing prize winners from the Great Round-up of '95. Announcements will also be made as special activities take place.

Hody Porterfield will be giving live history demonstrations from the perspective of a mountain man. Rick Williams will have his tepee set up and be knapping arrowheads from flint. Recycling

coordinator Margie Fagan will be baking hot dogs on the prairie with a solar oven and teaching the kids about composting.

There will be wagon rides and miniature train rides for the kids. Rope making, knot tying and roping will be demonstrated with everyone being able to participate. A live quilting exhibit will take place in the Brillhart Room by the Friendship Quilt Guild of Perryton. There will be branding with paint and an art activity for all age groups.

The Ochiltree County Art Association has an invitational show on display and there will be artists doing sand painting, pottery and Native American clay work by hand.

Air conditioned seating is available in the Brillhart Room at the museum. Those attending the celebration may also bring lawn chairs to set up under the newly constructed arbor which will provide lots of shade.

## Nation briefs

### New windows program all the rage

NEW YORK (AP) — At the stroke of midnight, computer enthusiasts nationwide started buying Windows 95, signaling a new day in personal computing.

Or maybe it was just the high-tech equivalent of the Super Bowl — overhyped and only interesting in the first quarter.

The scene at two stores in midtown Manhattan demonstrated this question about Microsoft Corp.'s new software for running personal computers, which was accompanied by an international promotional campaign that includes lighting the Empire State Building tonight in Windows 95 colors.

At CompUSA, about 150 people lured by newspaper ads and free pizza lined up to watch the shrink-wrap be ripped from a pile of several hundred copies of the program. A dozen TV crews and at least that many Microsoft employees watched. The crowd jammed

checkout lines for 30 minutes.

### Rules specifying 'fresh' chicken, turkey change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raw chickens and turkeys that have been chilled to near zero for long-distance transport no longer will be allowed to carry a "fresh" label under final Agriculture Department rules. Instead, the rules being announced today will let birds be labeled as fresh only if they have been chilled to a temperature not lower than 26 degrees.

The rule is a victory for California's poultry industry and consumer groups, which complained that poultry was being sold as fresh even though it had been frozen nearly rock solid. The department had allowed birds chilled to as low as zero to be labeled as fresh.

Critics said the old standard benefited poultry producers in Arkansas, Mississippi and other southeastern states, where the industry is concentrated.

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## Parents Will Not Soft-Pedal Their Religious Hard Line

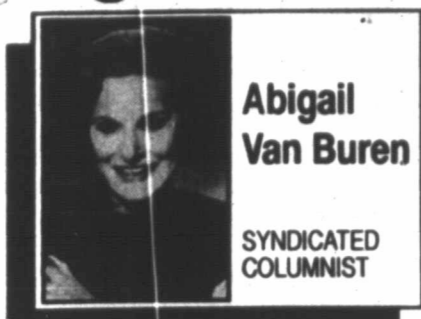
DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of six children raised by very staunch Catholic parents. Recently my parents learned that my brother and his family have chosen to worship in the Unitarian Universalist church, where all religions are recognized for their common denominators: to do good and avoid evil.

To my parents, my brother's choice was not "different"; it was flat-out wrong! They refuse to visit "Paul," his wife of the grandchildren, and say they cannot understand why Paul doesn't contact them as often as he used to. They do not recognize the uneasy and judgmental environment they portray.

My parents told me in no uncertain terms that it's OK for people of other faiths to convert to Catholicism, but the reverse is totally unacceptable. My attempts to explain that all people are free to choose how they celebrate, explore and develop their spirituality have fallen on deaf ears. I am saddened that my folks have chosen to react in this way to my brother and his family.

Abby, this problem will eventually affect me directly because I, too, am planning to be married in the Unitarian Universalist church. My parents have already threatened not to attend my wedding if I do. I told them that if they choose not to attend, I will be very disappointed, but I will accept it as their choice.

How can I make my parents realize that choosing a different



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

religion is not wrong? And how can I get them to stop punishing people for having chosen differently than they have? Please help, so I can start to mend the rift that is separating my family.

SADDENED IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

DEAR SADDENED: Your parents view Paul's (and your) rejection of Catholicism as a rejection of them and their values. Their religion is vital to them. They may hope that by separating themselves from you, they may be able to force you and Paul back into the fold. Your family is not alone; families of every faith have experienced this wrenching problem.

As adults, you and Paul are free to choose your own paths to spiritual fulfillment. Journey where God leads you (for everyone, that journey can be different), and pray that you and your parents can resolve this.

Perhaps you can build bridges by reminding your parents that you and your brother are still religious believers. (Which is better? A practicing Unitarian or a non-practicing Catholic?) Inviting your parents to constructively discuss, in the presence of a friendly priest, their reasons for adhering to Catholicism, and your reasons for departing from it, may narrow the rift. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument between my new husband and me. My 11-year-old son wants a keyless lock on his bedroom door. My husband agrees that he should have one.

I strongly disagree. I question whether there is anything sufficiently personal to warrant that kind of privacy.

I would appreciate your opinion on the above.

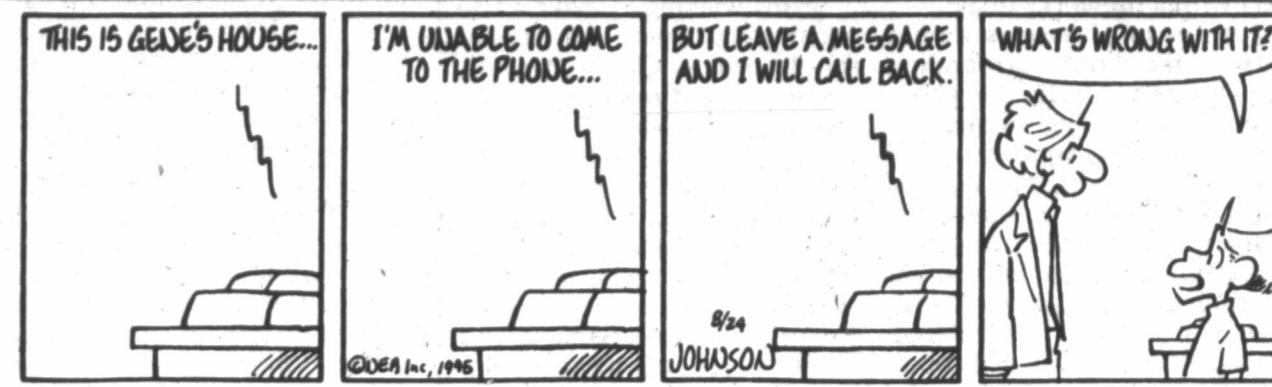
KANSAS CITY MOM

P.S. My son's reason for this request is to keep his 6-year-old sister out of his room.

DEAR MOM: A 6-year-old child can be taught that a do not disturb sign means keep out. Should your 11-year-old have an accident or become violently ill behind a locked door, it could be disastrous.



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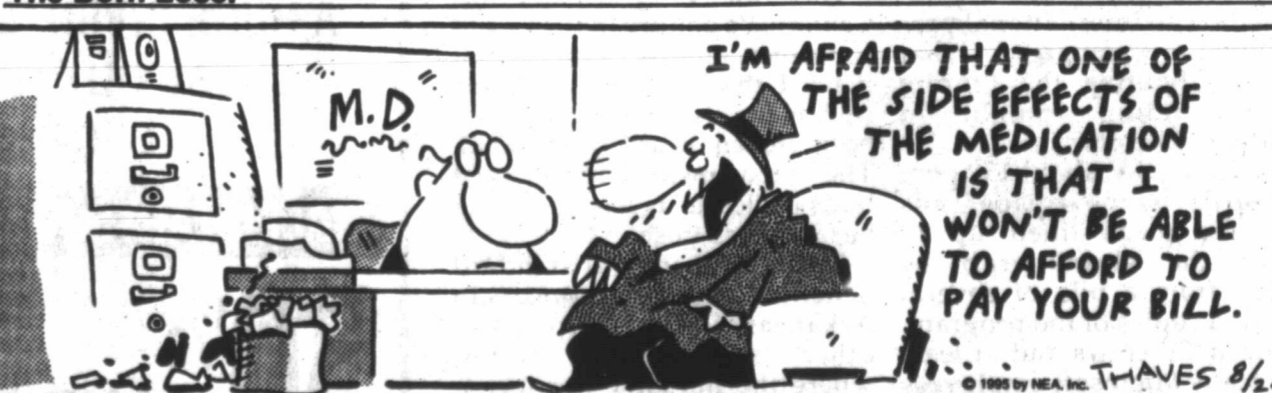
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## Horoscope



Friday, Aug. 25, 1995

In the year ahead, don't ignore or discount opportunities offered to you by close friends. What works for them should work for you as well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conditions will be uneasy today. Things that usually go smoothly might unexpectedly misfire. If you lose your cool, it could make bad developments worse. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Try not to get too involved today with a friend who has a reputation for freeloading. This person might have devious reasons for wanting you in a special place.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Do not take foolish, unnecessary challenges today just to prove a point. Nothing will be gained by pitting yourself against unfair odds.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Repeating things that annoy you today could cause your anger to explode later. Get grievances off your chest more sensibly.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It could prove wise today not to pull friends into an arrangement that you aren't too sure of yourself. You won't want to be blamed if it fizzles.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Try to be as self-sufficient as possible today in career-related situations. You aren't likely to get any substantial support from associates.

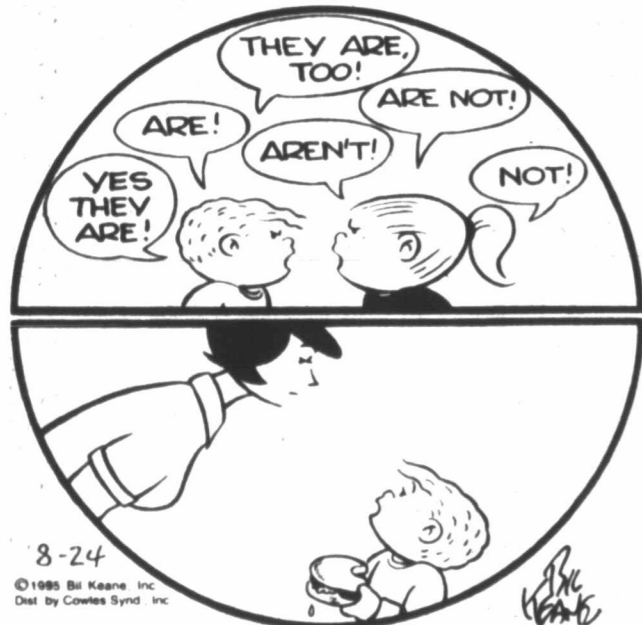
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Analyze any investment proposals offering pie in the sky possibilities with a jaundiced eye today. Proceed cautiously or you may get burned.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Impulsive decisions could cause serious complications today. Do not render judgments in haste regardless of how severe the pressure becomes.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you expect perfection in co-workers today, examine your own behavioral patterns first. They will follow the example you establish.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you have money burning a hole in your pocket today, don't ask a freewheeling pal how to spend it. You might be encouraged to buy something you'll never use.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Fess up to your mistakes today instead of looking for scapegoats. Unfortunately, you might find this tactic especially tempting to use on family members.



"Dolly's tryin' to say hamburgers aren't made out of ham!"



"When you have to push your way in, it's time to clean out that doghouse."

The Family Circus



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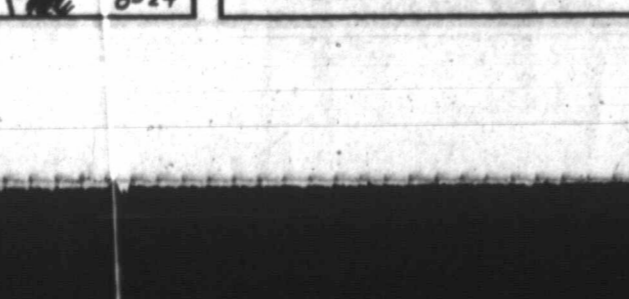
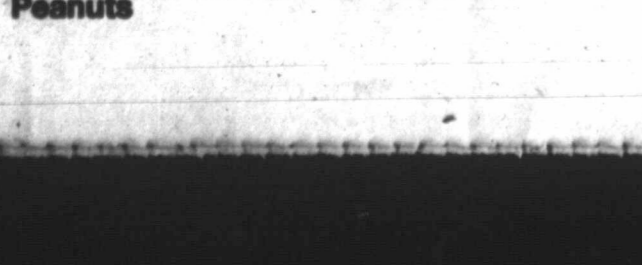
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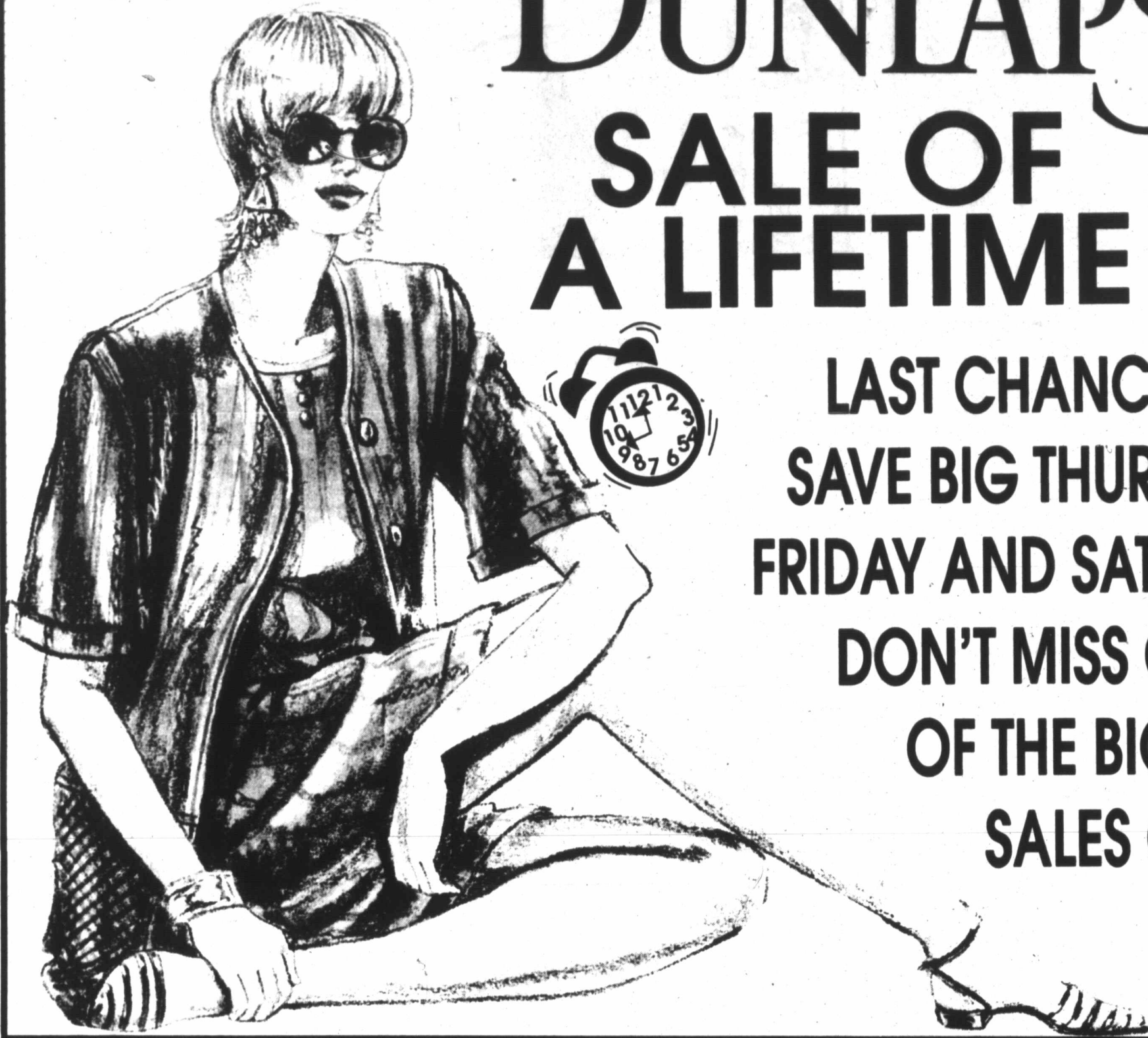








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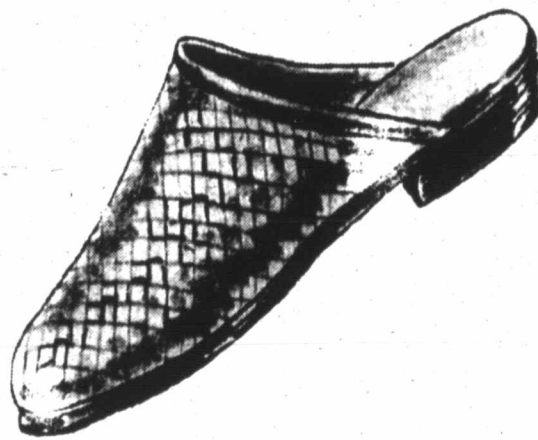
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