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Thursday, July 17, 1997

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### ON THE BENCH By Melinda Hill

Chris and Yola Orr and their daughter Klaudynka, have come down from Chicago to visit their family here in Baird. They are visiting Daniel and Bonnie Orr and their sons, Kyle, Josh and Robert. Mrs. Yola and her daughter are from originally from Poland. They are concerting moving to Texas.

Girl Scout Troop 232 went on their end of year field trip this last Sunday. They went to the Abilene Zoo and to Mr. Gatti's. They enjoyed seeing the animals at the zoo, but it was 95 degrees outside, so they hurried off to Mr. Gatti's to get out of the hot Texas sun and enjoy a cold drink and lots of trips to the buffet line.

The Girls Scouts who attended this fun trip were, Meagan Betcher, Chelsea Williams,

### West Texas Fair and Rodeo seeks "misses"

Entry forms are available at the Taylor County Expo Center office for young ladies interested in the 1997 Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen pageant to be held in conjunction with the WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO. The pageant dates are September 5-9, 1997. The winners will reign over the 1997 West Texas Fair & Rodeo.

Age limits for entrants in the "Miss" division are 13-18.

Bucky Shouse, Marynoel Turner, Kayla Cardenas, Emily Hill, Wendy Hill and Camron McIntyre.

I would like to say a personnel BIG THANK YOU to Joyce Williams, she has been the leader of Troop 232 for the last two years. She has worked very hard to give these girls the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts here in Baird. I can not forget Tina Betcher she has assisted Joyce and has worked very hard herself. Thank you Joyce Williams and Tina Betcher.

### CUB SCOUT SWIMMING PARTY

All Cub Scouts are invited to the Baird swimming pool July 21, 1997 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Any boys from first grade through fifth grade wishing to join Cub Scouts are invited to join the fun.

Entrants will be judged in three categories; Horsemanship, Western Attire and Personality. We are looking for talented young ladies who will represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo well.

Entrants must live within a one hundred mile radius of Abilene.

Call the Taylor County Expo Center office at (915) 677-4376 for entry forms. The entry deadline is August 9, 1997.



Twyla Foreman, shown singing above, was a special guest during Vacation Bible School this past week at the First Methodist Church in Baird. Foreman is a member of the Eula Methodist Church and has been a professional singer since 1989. She can be heard throughout the airwaves soon as she has recorded a jingle for Mr. G's due to be out in the near future.

Foreman has also performed for the Abilene Prairie Dogs having sung the national anthem on opening day and on the 4th of July.

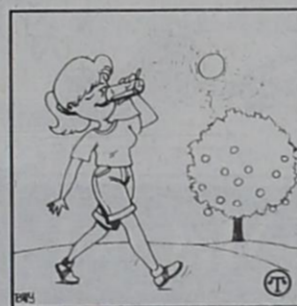
### Truck not stolen as reported by area papers Canterbury Villa resident located unharmed near Ft. Worth

An 87-year-old resident from Canterbury Villa in Baird was located unharmed near Ft. Worth on Sunday afternoon after local authorities were advised that he and a vehicle had been reported missing.

According to a nursing home spokesperson, who wished to remain anonymous, Ervin "Shorty" Bates "borrowed a 1996 GMC truck to make the drive to Ft. Worth." The nursing home spokesperson wants it to be known that Bates "borrowed and did not steal" the truck as reported by

other area newspapers.

Bates has an undiagnosed type of Alzheimer's disease and patients are usually wearing a bracelet that will set off an alarm if they try and walk out the door. But the spokesperson theorizes that Bates must have slipped off the bracelet.



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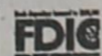
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### Cross Plains C of C to have annual banquet

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.

### ACU and Hardin-Simmons releases honor roll list

Abilene Christian University has named the dean's honor roll for the spring semester. Students from the Big Country who earned at least 3.45 grade point average were Kevin Earl Owens and Joseph Aaron of Baird; Rebecca Ann Barthlow, Christopher Paul Chaney, Teela D'Aun Clark and Rebecca Lyn Wilson of Clyde.

must take 12 or more credits hours and have a 3.5 or better G.P.A.

McMurry University has named Stephen Craig Roberts of Clyde, The Dean's Honor Roll to be selected for this, students must take 6 to 11 credit hours and have a 3.5 or better G.P.A.

#### Baird C of C News

Baird Chamber of Commerce will hold their Director Monthly meeting July 16th at 7 p.m. at the depot.

#### Special meeting called for Area Legionnaires

Attention: Legionnaires - A special meeting is called for Tuesday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Baird.

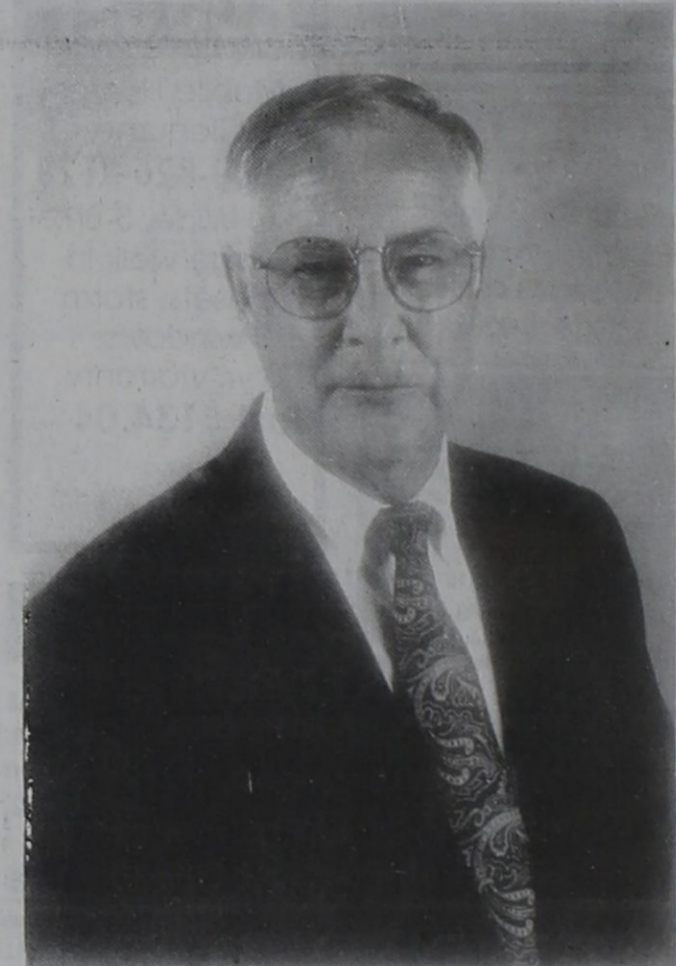
The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 1998.

If you are delinquent, you may pay your dues at this time and be eligible to vote. Please attend. We need your support.  
Ruth Strickland  
Post 82

#### ASK ME ABOUT THE BIBLE

Q: Was Simon the tanner of Acts 10 violating the Old Testament law regarding handling dead bodies? If so, why did Peter lodge with such a man?

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**Star Attraction** ..... Children attending Vacation Bible School at the First Methodist Church in Baird this past week are hunting for a piece of gum in a bowl of Cool Whip. This was one of many fun and exciting games that were played during the week.

# The Star Classifieds

## Courthouse News

Activity for the week of July 7-11

**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson  
presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

- The State of Texas vs. Jon Robert Hanna, speeding
- The State of Texas vs. Charles Clay Garner, DWI
- The State of Texas vs. Bill Mack Hobbs, DWLS

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

- The State of Texas vs. Arlinda B. Haynie, Motion to Revoke Community Supervision

**Marriage Licenses**

- Jimmie Dee Little of Bowie and Carroll Jeanette Webb of Abilene

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
Judge John Weeks  
presiding

**Civil Filings**

- Sherye McCrahey vs. Roberts Construction Co. Inc., Damages Motor Vehicle, wreck
- Sharla Fleming, Ind and Next of Friend of Laura Lynn Johnson and Darrel H. Peevy, Damages of Motor Vehicle
- Serria Lynn Vasquez and Joe Vasquez and in the interest of Micheal Lee Vasquez a child- Divorce
- Shawnalee Jean McCray and Bobby Alan McCray, Affdt. of Inability to pay.

**Civil Minutes**

- Henry Gene Lozano and Katherine Elaine Lozano and in the interest of Kevin Thomas Lozano and Kellie Grace Lozano minor children, Final Decree of Divorce
- Linda Joyce Barron and Jason Ray Barron, Final Decree of Divorce
- Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company vs. Wesley Morris D/B/A Wes Automotive Repair,

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ESTATE SALE: Antiques and household. Everything must go. July 18-19, 8:30 a.m. No early sales. 320 Mesquite St., Ranger. Too many items to list.  
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# Windham's celebrate reunion with family historical facts

(The following article is a continuation from last weeks edition.)

The Indians were accustomed to make their raids at the light stage of the moon, and the settlers hoped, by guarding the main passways, or points that they generally passed on their raids, to intercept and surprise them before they could reach and pillage any of the outlying ranches. Captain Gholson was the leader of the party, of which Mr. Windham was a member. Several days were spent in watching for the enemy, but they did not appear, and it was generally decided that there would be no raid that "moon." Accordingly it was decided that the members of the party should try their skill at mustang hunting before disbanding, and in this they were successful. A number of mustangs were captured, and the hunters were captured, and the hunters returned to Gholson's ranch where they separated. That night the main party if settlers camped a few miles away from Gholson's ranch, which was visited by the Indians before morning and a number of horses stolen. The savages carried their booty away in safety, for though they were pursued and sighted, the horses of the white men were too fatigued to overtake them.

In addition to Indian troubles, the cattlemen had to contend, in the years from '69 to '73., with white thieves, who would buy up an old brand, establish a ranch, and claim everything they could round up. As cattle often strayed 200 miles from their owners' ranch, cattlemen lost heavily in this way. However, Mr. Windham's herd increased in spite of all drawbacks, and in 1884 his holdings had increased to about 6,000 head. That year H.

Windham established a ranch in Presidio County, on the Rio Grande; but the cattle held at this place were sold in 1888. A pasture was leased near Tulsa, I. T., in 1892, in which some 11,000 cattle were handled, 8,000 of them belonging to other parties. The following year a pasture was secured near Muscogee, and this was retained until 1894. During these later years Mr. Windham has been connected in business with his brother, Tom; and in the Indian Territory, a portion of the time, with D.L. Middleton. The latter had an interest in the cattle held in the Tulsa pasture. In '93, 6,500 head were handled in the Muscogee pasture, only 900 of which belonged to the Windham brothers; and the following year there were pastured 1,100 head for Middleton, 1,300 for Windham, and 8,000 for other parties.

Mr. Windham was married September 28, 1880, to Miss Leonora Connell, daughter of J.G. Connell, who is now a resident of Lincoln County, N. M. They are the parents of eight children, all whom are living, as follows: J.E., Willis, Tom, Forest, S.G., Ada, Ula, and Annie Myrtle. Two of Mr. Windham's sisters are married living in Baird, Texas, the wives of J.W. Jones and W.E. Gilliland, both prominent citizens. Mr. Windham himself, stands high in the community in which he resided and is widely and favorably known throughout Western Texas. He has never been a candidate for political preferment, a quiet life suiting him better than one filled with party strife and jealousy. He is a Royal Arch Mason and member of the Chapter. He first joined the Masonic society at Brownwood. Mr. Windham and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at

Tecumseh, Callahan County, where they have made themselves a pleasant home, and, despite the fact that their location is well out towards the frontier and quite a distance from a railroad or large town, have gathered about them all that aids to beautify a home and render life enjoyable. Mr. Windham has unlimited faith in the future of the cattle business, and his operations in the years to come will, no doubt, be as extensive and prove as profitable as those of the past. His energy and push has been tested and proven, and so long as those traits of character are employed in the furtherance of cattle transactions, Mr. Windham may safely anticipate a continuance of past success.

## DPS Report

### CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings - 61  
Complaints - 67

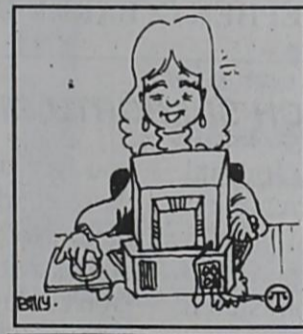
### ACCIDENTS

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

- Jackson, Owen - Abilene
- West, Casandra - Baird
- Lindsey, Nanett - Clyde
- Stubbs, Matthew - Abilene

### PEOPLE ARRESTED ON OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

4 for a total of \$1,267.00 collected.



## Callahan County Veterans News

Quarterly Meeting--- Your County Service Officer attended the quarterly meeting at the Big Spring V A Medical Center on Friday, July 11. Construction is now underway on the Out-Patient Clinic expansion. Persons going to the Medical Center should allow extra time to find a parking space!!

The biggest news from the meeting had to do with the Abilene Out-Patient Clinic. Previously, Veterans have been requested to go to Big Spring First and then be assigned to the Abilene Clinic. A second doctor is being added to the Abilene Clinic staff and we are told that it will no longer be necessary to go to Big Spring to be processed for the Clinic. Many area Veterans have already received a letter advising them to contact the Abilene Clinic to get the waiting list for the new doctor. If you have not received a letter and wish to use the Abilene Clinic, please contact your County Veterans Service Office (854-1520) and you will be helped with paperwork, etc. If you wish to call the Clinic direct, the number is 695-3252 and a nice lady named Marnie will help you.

A new Out-Patient Clinic has just been opened in San Angelo and is already in heavy use by Veterans in that area.

HOUSING----A new program by the Texas Veterans Land Board can be used by low income Veterans and disabled Veterans to acquire home loans at zero (0%) percent interest. It is an involved process but worth your time if you are eligible.

Please call your County Veterans Service Office (854-1520), Monday and Tuesday, 9-5 for more details.

### My Eternal Home

All around are troubled waters,  
But Jesus loves me, praise his name.  
With his help I'll rise above it,  
He changes not, he's still the same.

He has gone to prepare,  
A place in heaven, for me to live.  
A faithful friend he is to me,  
A home in heaven he will give.

He will take me up above,  
Unto His Father's throne,  
Where I will live with Him forever,  
In my eternal home.

Mary Jackson

Read The Classifieds

## Texas Advisory Council on Arson has new hotline

Every year arson fires kill or injure hundreds of people in Texas and cause \$90 million in property loss. In 1995, suspicious fires occurred every 28 minutes in Texas. One in every five fires in Texas is an arson fire.

In an effort to combat the growing problem of arson in Texas, A Texas Advisory Council (ATAC) on Arson, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), established the Arson Hotline and Reward Program.

Callers to (800) 835-6422 are eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 if the information provided leads to the arrest of a suspected arsonist. The purpose of this Hotline is to induce individuals who would not normally report information to forward. The Hotline will also take information from individuals who do not want a reward.

## Read The Classifieds



Ashley Thackeron, age 8, (from left to right), Luren Thackeron, age 7, and Chealsea Williams, age 8, are taking a break to pose for from the Baird Cheeleading Camp held at the high school this past week.

### My God Cigarette

By Ivan Page  
1-27-97  
My God the cigarette is sure divine,  
It sure has ruined this brain of mine,  
Yes I know the cigarette is my God,  
No other way to get it I would steal and rob,  
All the extras they put to make you crave  
Will put you in an early grave,  
I spend a lot of money to keep an extra pack,  
Some think smoking will make you have a heart attack,

To me this is nothing but a joke,  
So as long as I live I am going to smoke,  
But he didn't finish his next pack,  
Because he had a heart attack,  
All the years gone by I sure regret,  
For not trusting God instead of the cigarette,  
So I think Jesus for the live He gave,  
That here on earth we can be saved,  
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## Jim's Jottings

By Jim Bruton

### Should the CPI Be Reduced?

(Editor's note: Second of a two-part series on Social Security.)

Last week we covered one of the commonly discussed recommendations for preserving the long-term health of the Social Security system, raising the

retirement age. Another proposal is to change the way the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is calculated. The CPI reflects changes in the cost of living for Americans -- in other words, the inflation rate. It is used, among other things, to determine cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for Social Security benefit checks each year. As the CPI goes up, so do Social Security benefits. In 1997, benefits

were increased 2.9 percent. COLAs were not a part of the original Social Security plan. They were implemented in 1972 and have had a significant impact on Social Security's long-term health. Social Security recipients have seen their benefits double between 1978 and 1996. Not only are retirees living longer, but they also are now receiving increasing payments -- two factors that the original system was not designed to support.

The argument for changing how the CPI is calculated hinges on the fact that it is always based on a "market basket" containing the same products and brand names. The goods and services in that market basket remain constant over time, however, consumers purchase different brands based on available prices. For example, assume the CPI includes a 2-liter bottle of Coca-Cola and a Compaq personal computer. The prices on these items went up this year, adding to the increase in the CPI. However, many consumers instead may have bought Pepsi or a comparable Gateway computer, whose prices did not go up last year. So the argument is: Why should retirees get an increase in Social Security when their cost of living may not have gone up? Those who oppose reducing the CPI

have a different argument. They say that the above example is true; however, retirees aren't buying soft drinks and computers. They're paying for prescriptions, hospital visits and golf -- all of which are increasing in price much faster than the average market basket of goods.

So, what is the right thing to do? Keep in mind the purpose of these discussions: to find a way to prevent Social Security from going bankrupt in 2030. The probable solution is that everyone will be asked to give a little. Retirees will likely be asked to help by accepting smaller COLAs and paying income taxes on more of their benefits. Workers will likely be asked to pay a little more and work a few more years before retiring.

Everyone will probably be asked to pitch in, but when all is said and done, Americans will continue to enjoy the very best lifestyles and have the longest and healthiest retirements of any nation on earth.

## Guest Slot

**OKLAHOMA CITY --** Customer satisfaction: it's one of the most important tools companies have to differentiate themselves from the competition. But what are companies doing to gain higher customer satisfaction? Sonic Drive-Ins developed the Dr. Pepper Sonic Games to help motivate and train employees to provide better customer service. As a result, employees are happier and actually enjoy their jobs.

During the next few months, Sonic employees nationwide will be focused on S.O.N.I.C.: Speed, Order accuracy, Note-worthy service, Incredible food quality and Clean environment. Racing to achieve the best S.O.N.I.C. service will help a select number of Sonic crew members win national recognition and a trip to Orlando to com-

pete in the national finals competition of the Dr. Pepper Sonic Games in October 1997.

On May 15, 1997, the fourth annual Sonic Games, co-sponsored by Dr. Pepper, was launched. The Dr. Pepper Sonic Games is a fun crew development and training program in more than 950 drive-ins nationwide, created to motivate employees and enhance their performance and customer service skills.

Each year the Sonic Games proves to be a challenging and fun competition for the employees and managers. "The best thing about the Dr. Pepper Sonic Games is that our customers have received better service," said David Bryant, manager of the 1996 National Champion Team - "The West Texas Tornadoes" from the Sonic Drive In of San Angelo, Texas. "Our crew members better understand their role inside the drive-in and how they fit into the big picture. The bottom line is we've become a better drive-in as a result of the games."

The Dr. Pepper Sonic Games is an Olympic style competition, which consists of individual employee contests within each drive-in, as well as overall competitions between the participating drive-ins. Individual employee champions will be recognized throughout the Games, with each

Sonic Drive-In competing locally, at the district level and finally for the national championship in Orlando.

The competition at each individual drive-in will consist of crew members competing at six basic stations: Fountain (drink preparation), Carhop (food delivery), Dresser, Grill and Swamp (food preparation) and Switch-board (service delivery). Crew members at each station will compete separately through written quizzes and action trials. For example, each carhop

will be judged by Customer Comment Cards. Customers can rate their Sonic experience from "excellent" to "poor". The carhop with the top overall rating will win national recognition.

"At Sonic, we differentiate ourselves from our competitors with our unique products and our exceptional customer service," said Cliff Hudson, president and chief executive officer, Sonic Corp. "Our goal is to have very satisfied customers. The Sonic Games

is one of the best tools we have to improve our customer service thereby strengthening the gap between ourselves and our competitors."

For example, the dresser is judged on making hamburgers quickly and accurately. Based on speed and criteria such as the correct amount of lettuce put on a burger or whether the customer ordered mayonnaise or mustard, the top dresser in the country will be determined. Last year, the top dresser put together the perfect hamburger in less than 10 seconds. Points are earned at every level of the competition. The crew member at each station who scores the highest total points will be named the Station Champion.

As individual contests are being conducted, the entire drive-in will compete with other Sonic Drive-Ins in the local Sonic Plus Index, or mystery shopping, competition. W.F. Orilio, an organization specializing in anonymously rating, or mystery shopping, the quality of a company's customer service, will visit and score the service at each participating drive-in. Each drive-in will be judged on specific objective criteria based on its importance to the customer. The drive-ins with the highest average Sonic Plus Index scores will advance to district level competition and then on to the regional level. In October at the end of the competition, the top 10 drive-ins across the chain will each take their Station Champions to Orlando where they will compete in the finals. In addition to the trip to Orlando, contest winners also will win various prizes, such as portable compact disc stereos and personal cassette players.

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by Cleo and Brad Conrad

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To keep your spouse's estate as low as possible (an possibly free of estate tax), consider leaving some or all of your property to a bypass trust. This trust would pay income to your spouse for life, and then distribute its assets to your children or other heirs. You can currently leave up to \$600,000 of property to a bypass trust without paying estate taxes. And because property in a bypass trust isn't a part of your spouse's estate, it won't be taxes when your spouse dies. Potential estate tax savings can be very large.

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Dear Ms. T.: Finally, a plaque to satisfy my critics who think I should donate my money and have a hospital wing built. I'd much rather go with a swing set and provide hours of fun for children, who may someday reciprocate the deed in their community. My \$750 is on the way, along with my respect for not raising your prices. Just be sure people know what you're referring to when you speak of "Percy's Plaything"!

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food without being treated like a criminal. If you could help me out with \$65 to pay the fine, it would sure ease my mind.

Mr. B. C. ... *The Advertiser*, Pine City, MN

Dear Mr. C.: I'm not advocating roadkill as a staple in anyone's diet, but as I see it, the county should have paid you for removal of the deer. I'm sending you \$65, plus an additional \$100. Something tells me you're going to need a few fixings to go with all that fresh venison. Bon appetite!

Dear Mr. Ross: My life long dream is to become a major league baseball player. I was lucky to get recruited and I'm a freshman at Upper Iowa University. This school can't give scholarships—only financial aid. My family is poor and my parents still have my two brothers at home. When I came to school I brought with me the only glove that I've ever owned. We're now two weeks into our practices and the lacing hole on the web has broken. My glove is completely shot. My parents said they can't afford to get me a new one and I don't have two nickels to rub together. The last couple practices I've been borrowing a teammate's, but he's sick of lending me his glove. A new one would cost \$95. I know this is a lot, but if you could just give me half, I would find the rest.

Mr. K. P. ... *The Press*, Sheboygan, WI

Dear Mr. P.: And just where are you going to find the rest of the money? Under the pitcher's mound? Son, \$95 is not a lot to ask for, especially when you're chasing a dream or a pop fly ball that's darn near out of the stadium. Heads up—\$100 is on the way, along with my best wishes for a successful career.

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### Donaway Reunion Held

Descendants of the late Luther and Crete Stephens Donaway held their 31st annual family reunion July 4 and 5. Eighty-two of the family members met at the old family home west of Cisco for two days of fun and fellowship.

Those attending were Robert and Cretia Alexander, James and Laura A. Magers, Steve and Julie A. Sykes, Brook and Alex, all of Houston; Vina Burns and Davin of San Antonio; Kathryn Ivie and Annie Donaway, both of Putnam; John and Pam Ivie, Clint, Larry, Jacob and Misty of Cisco; George and Nettie D. Ramsey, Tim and Debi Ramsey and Zach, Madison and Bailey, all of Fort Worth; L.C. and Charleen Donaway and Ryan of Albany; Lee and Bess Donaway,

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### Cottonwood Musical To Be Held Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their country and western musical on Friday, July 18, at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood. The musical will start at 6:30 p.m.

### Poetry Corner

**HARBOR OF REST**  
As we watch the waves of sin splashing high above the land.

Are we safe in the harbor of love built by the Master's hand.

Or are we like little boats every on a stormy sea.

Always tossing to and fro with no hope of find thee

There is a small voice calling echoing

across the waves take up thy cross and follow me.

And I will guide your days.

When we finally reach that harbor and our work on earth is through.

Will the Lord say welcome home I am very proud of you.

Bob Harbin

### Flood Family Reunion Held

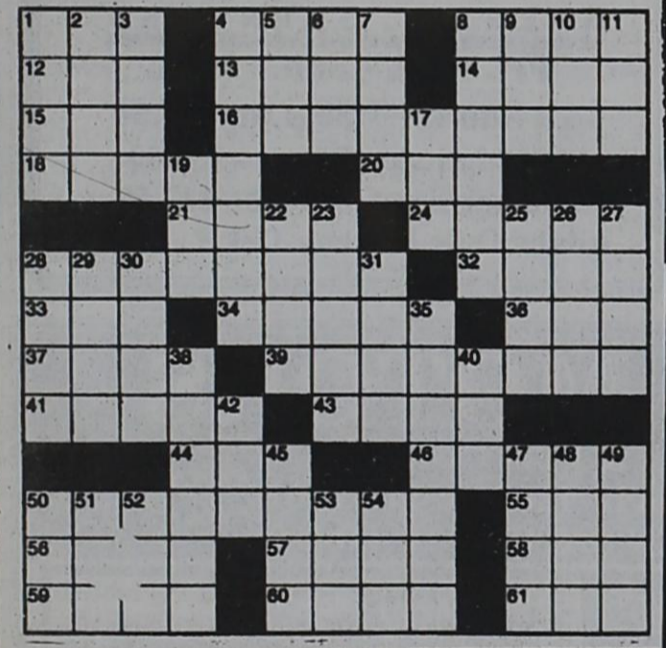
The biennial Flood Reunion was held in Odessa, Texas during the July 11, 12, & 13 weekend. Estimates of 90-95 Floods and relatives were in attendance.

The late Jesse "Dude" Flood and Lillie Tempe Neal raised eleven (11) children. Not in order, they were, Ophia Lee, Roxie, Josey, J. D., Jessie, Dorothy, Connie, Thomas, Johnnie, Foy, and Joy.

Connie the youngest could not attend due to an ailing husband.

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### State Capital

### HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, the Texas Education Agency's first major public school curriculum-revising proposal in a decade, has drawn the support of many top educators and barbs from others.

State Board of Education member Donna Ballard and conservative groups including the Texas Eagle Forum, American Family Association and Texas Christian Coalition have criticized the proposal, questioning whether the standards are adequately rigorous.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses, who called a news conference to answer critics, said the standards already have undergone many revisions to address earlier concerns of conservatives.

Ballard, in an opinion column published in several newspapers, called for another set of standards with "intensive systematic phonics; increasingly rigorous grammar instruction; and grounding in classical reading beginning in the second grade." In her published column Ballard also criticized Gov. George W. Bush for endorsing the proposal.

**Bush Questions Man's Hiring**  
Gov. Bush last week questioned Land Commissioner Garry Mauro's decision to put a one-time campaign contributor convicted of bank fraud on the state payroll. Mauro, who is contemplating

a challenge to Bush's re-election, has hired former Austin banker Ruben Johnson at \$61,343 a year to help direct a \$52 million state construction project to build nursing homes for veterans.

"I'm confident this person would not have been appointed in my administration. I would be concerned about putting a person who was indicted and convicted of a construction issue in charge of a construction project," Bush said.

Mauro spokesman Joe Cutbirth defended Mauro's decision, saying, "I hope that doesn't mean that George Bush doesn't believe in giving people a second chance."

**Early Voting Starts July 21**  
Early voting for the Aug. 9 election, in which voters will decide whether to use the state's \$1 billion surplus to cut school property taxes, begins July 21 and extends through Aug. 5.

If the constitutional amendment passes, homestead exemptions will increase from \$5,000 to \$15,000, reducing school property taxes by an average of \$140 per year. Also, senior citizens who sell their homes would be able to transfer their tax freeze to a new property.

The tax measure is the only constitutional amendment on the Aug. 9 ballot. Fourteen other proposed amendments will go before voters on Nov. 4.

Gov. Bush plans to go on the road before the Aug. 9 election to stump for the school-tax rollback, saying he wants to be sure Texans know about the measure and ratify it.

"I'm confident that with a reasonable turnout it will pass. Very few people should be against it," he said.

**Gramm Wants Fire Ant Panel**  
U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has renewed his call for the creation of a national advisory commission to battle Brazilian fire ants.

Speaking in Kerrville, Gramm described the imported fire ants as "the worst insect infestation we are experiencing today in the United States."

Fire ants accounted for \$2 billion in damage nationally last year and \$300 million in Texas alone, said Gramm, R-Texas.

With a budget of \$3 million annually for two years, the advisory commission would select research programs that show the most promise.

The commission then would seek competition among research organizations and decide which two have the most effective plan to carry out the eradication. Those two would then be funded for an additional five years at a total of \$6 million a year.

**Other Capital Highlights**  
■ State Rep. L.P. "Pete" Patterson, D-Brookston, said he will retire from the Texas House after 20 years and announce his candidacy for state agriculture commissioner "in the near future." Incumbent commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican, is running for lieutenant governor.

■ Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, 41, and the former Christine Glenn, 28, of Abilene were married on the Fourth of July weekend at his parents' San Antonio home. Glenn was a TV weather reporter in Abilene. About two dozen relatives attended the family-only wedding. Before the ceremony, the bride, groom, minister and some of the brothers played basketball and swam.

■ Thirty-six persons lost their lives on Texas roads and highways during the long Independence Day holiday weekend, the Department of Public Safety announced. Spokesman Mike Cox said the DPS had predicted 36 deaths for the 78-hour reporting period. Sixteen people were killed during last year's Fourth of July holiday in a 30-hour reporting period.

■ State Comptroller John Sharp, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, announced in Corpus Christi that he had been endorsed by 60 county judges and commissioners from South Texas.

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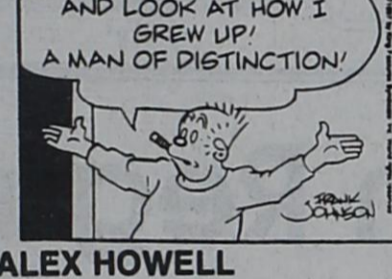
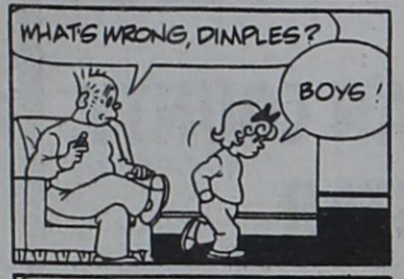
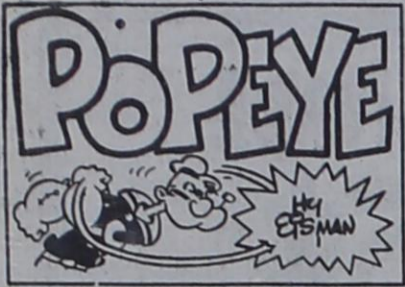
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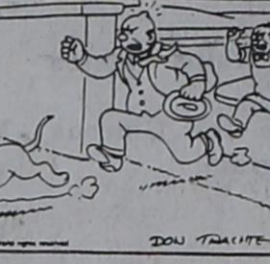
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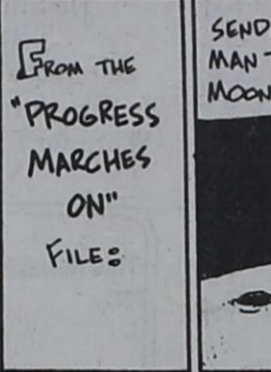




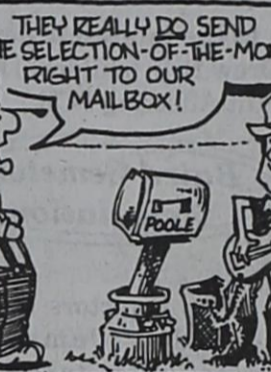
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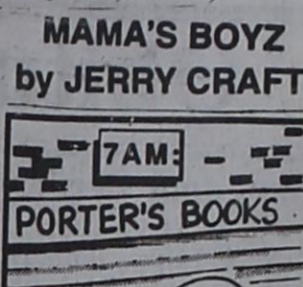
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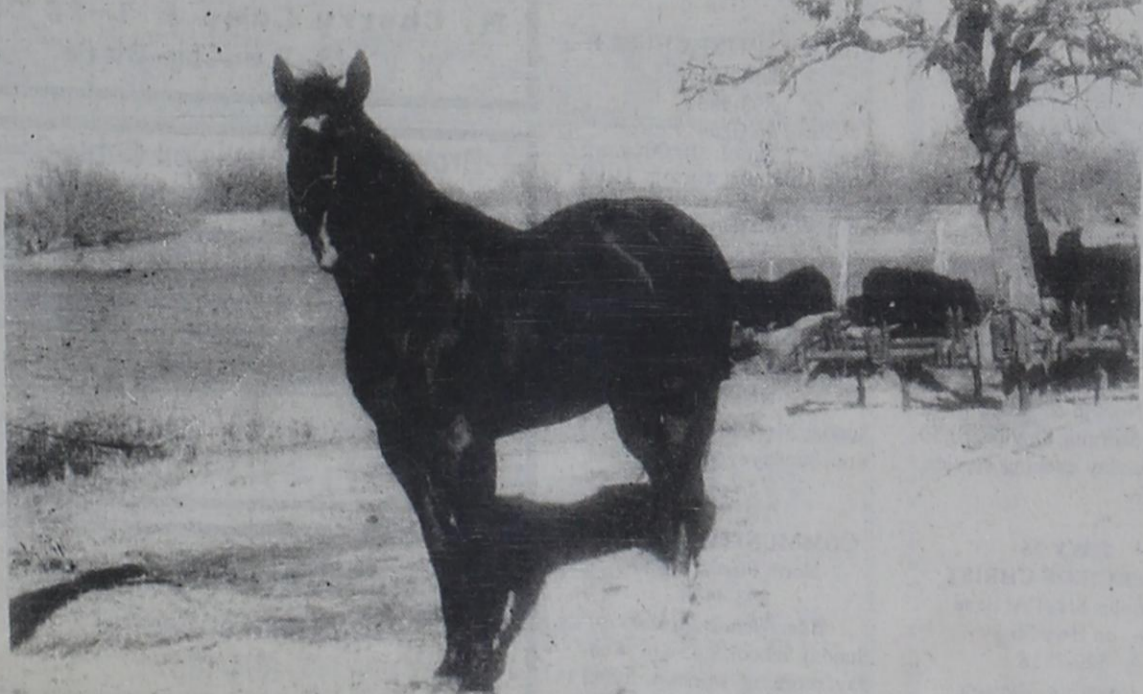
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