

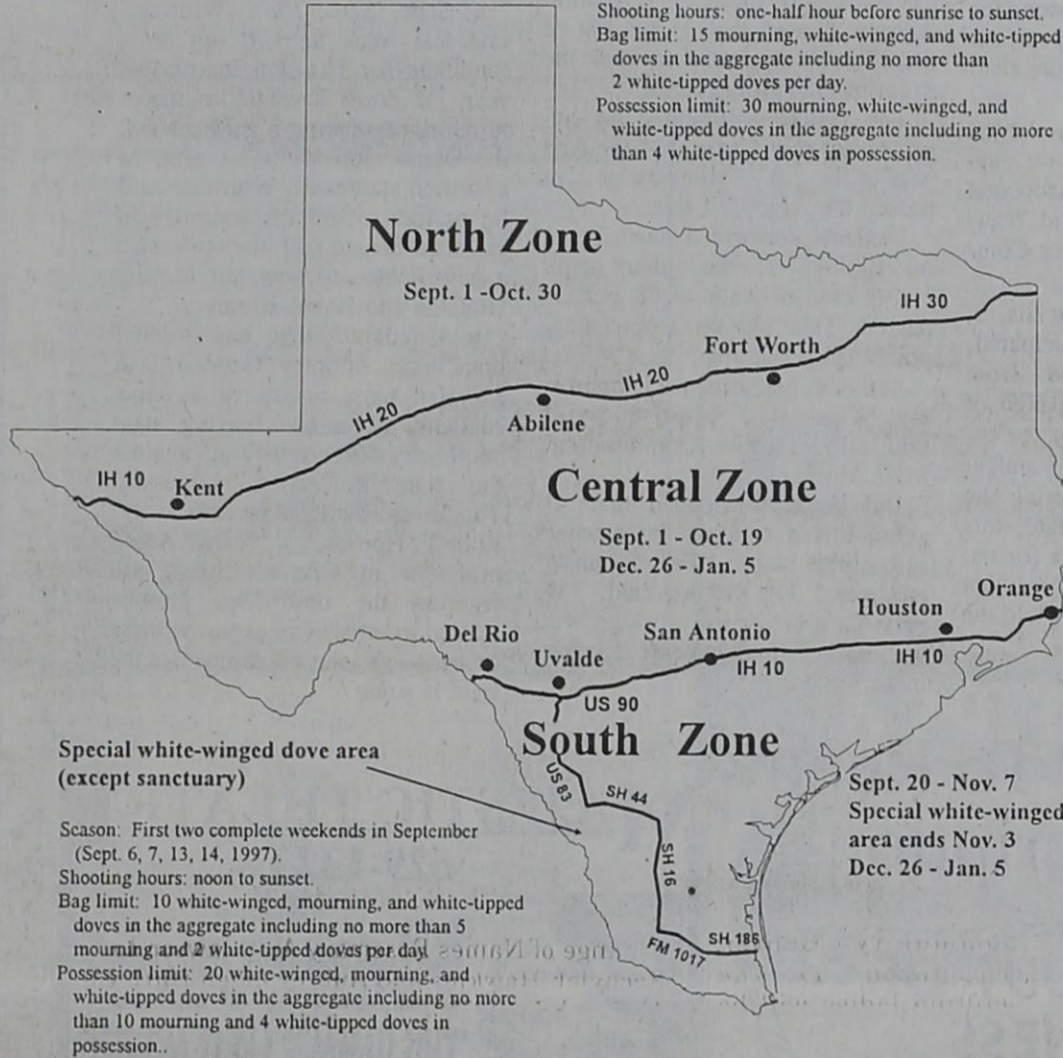


Fall-like weather awaits the Baird Bears on their second day of two-a-day's workouts last Thursday. The first scrimmage game is August 22 when the Bears travel to DeLeon to prepare for the upcoming season.



1997-98 Dove Hunting Seasons

Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
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Results of the Shady Oaks Championship tournament

The following are the final results of Sunday's Shady Oaks Country Club Championship golf tournament.

Championship flight — 1. Brady Nichols 71-67-138 (won 3-hole playoff); 2. Don Lester 71-67-138; 3. Fred Wendick 67-72-139. Handicap winner — Ricky Monsey 71-66-157.
 President's flight — 1. Carlie 74-71-145; 2. Casey 73-73-146; 3. Spencer 73-74-147. Handicap winner — Klump 75-78-153.
 First flight — 1. Draper 78-72-150; 2. Tye Barton 77-74-151; 3. Richardson 77-74-151. Handicap winner — Lapham 76-77-153.
 Second flight — 1. Stuerzenberger 81-71-152; 2. W. Barnett 80-74-154; 3. Hicks 80-74-154. Handicap winner — K. Monsey 81-82-163.
 Third flight — 1. J.E. Newberry 82-73-155; 2. Chiappone 82-77-159; 3. J.D. Black 82-73-155. Handicap winner — D. Chapman 82-80-162.
 Fourth flight — 1. DeZern 89-78-162; 2. Carpenter 86-79-165; 3. G. Johnson 86-81-167. Handicap winner — B. Goodman 87-90-177.
 Fifth flight — 1. Tindell 89-73-162; 2. Jackson 90-76-166; 3. Lane 88-79-166. Handicap winner — Dixon 88-81-169.
 Sixth flight — 1. Brown 95-83-178; 2. Hudson 96-82-178; 3. Wite 94-85-179. Handicap winner — J. Barnett 97-100-197.
 Seventh flight — 1. Morrow 103-90-193; 2. A. Wylie 100-94-194; 3. B. Coos 102-94-196. Handicap winner — Lynch 102-95-197.
 Women's Championship
 Championship flight — 1. G. Menke 75-76-151; 2. Bowden 82-74-156; 3. Gruber 82-77-159. Handicap winner — S. Holt 80-89-169.
 President's flight — 1. Hensley 66-89-175; 2. K. Goodman 89-90-179; 3. B. Bernard 91-91-182. Handicap winner — D. Long 87-96-183.
 First flight — 1. Petty 92-83-175; 2. B. Sparks 93-90-183; 3. S. Turk 93-90-183. Handicap winner — Goldsmith 92-97-189.

Baird Christmas lights ordered

The Christmas Chamber would like to thank the following for their donations: Bill and Mary Denman in memory of Mary's mother, Mrs. T. E. Watson, Hugh and Joan Shrader, The Callahan County Star, Baird Lions Club, Ann Burns in memory of her parents, Tom and Frances Barton, Glenn and Jeanie Bohannon. Donations can be de-

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Give Her A Hand, But Save The Applause

Dear Readers: The phrase, "Let me give you a hand" is a fairly common expression. But when it's used in a literal context, it's rather unique. Allow me to introduce you to Brett Ellison. She's an exceptionally bright, talented 12 year old girl who plays the cello. Nothing uncommon about that. Many 12 year olds play musical instruments, but only a few do so with a prosthetic arm. Brett was born with only a partial left arm—missing the hand and forearm up to the elbow.

If you were to meet Brett, you would quickly note that she doesn't see herself as being different from people who have all their limbs intact. Her body image is fantastic. In fact, Brett chooses to wear her prosthetic arm only when she's playing the cello. For that she needs to have two hands—one to finger the notes on the strings and the other to draw the bow. For playing baseball or soccer she doesn't bother with harnessing on her prosthesis.

So far what I've described is a healthy—both physically and emotionally—12 year old girl. What makes Brett different from other children her age is that all of New York City fell in love with this child. While recently being picked up from a music recital practice by a friend, Brett lost her prosthetic arm. Apparently between the friend's bags, Brett's cello and her arm—all of which were stowed in the taxi cab's trunk—the arm was left behind and not noticed missing until late that evening. Upon hearing of the mishap, Brett's music teacher, Laura Esptein, got the ball rolling by contacting the media. Within hours, Mayor Giuliani stepped up to the plate and a plea was made to 44,000 cab drivers to search their trunks for the missing limb. The limb was never recovered despite the \$5,000 reward money I offered.

I began this column by using the phrase, "Let me give you a hand" and that's exactly what the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation located in Livingston, New Jersey has done for Brett. According to their head prosthesisist, Jack Hodgins, it's quite a limb that Brett is

going to receive. The silicone liner will allow her to do without the harness that was previously needed to keep the prosthesis in place. The hand grip force will equal that of a human hand, and overall, cosmetically it looks good. This new limb looks so natural that Brett may opt to wear it for more than just playing the cello.

Brett Ellison is a special girl, not because she wears a prosthesis and plays the cello, but because she found favor with the media. And because the Kessler Institute so generously donated Brett's new arm, I've earmarked \$15,000 of my money so another child, who isn't as fortunate as Brett, may receive the prosthesis which will allow him or her to achieve whatever dreams pursued. Who knows, maybe it will be the arm for a child whose ambition is to be an orchestra conductor—the very one from whom Brett takes her cue.

Dear Percy Ross: H-E-L-P! This sometimes nasty four letter word is really my own personal acronym. "H" stands for Helen (that's me). "E" stands for Everybody needs a little help at least once in their life. "L" stands for loan, because I'd be willing to take the money I need in the form of a loan, and "P" stands for please, please, please be my guardian angel, if only for the moment. I need \$25,000 to pay off my credit cards, so I can finally get a decent night's sleep.

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Trivia Test

by Aaron E. Tucker

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1. Who portrayed Morticia Addams' mother, Esther, in the 1960s sitcom, "The Addams Family"?
2. What was Morticia Addams' (Carolyn Jones) maiden name on "The Addams Family"?
3. Name the actor who portrayed the blind Mr. Van Ransleer on "Archie Bunker's Place".
4. Name the actress who portrayed Rhoda's mother, Ida Morgenstern, on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Rhoda".
5. Name Oscar Madison's secretary on "The Odd Couple".
6. Where did Fred and Lamont live on "Sanford and Son"?
7. Name the 1971 sitcom that starred Larry Hagman, Donna Mills, David Wayne and Hermione Baddeley.
8. Conrad Bain portrayed Arthur Harmon on "Maude". What did he do for a living?
9. What former "Knots Landing" star portrayed nurse Annie Carlisle on the 1972 sitcom, "Temperatures Rising"?
10. What sitcom did Janet Jackson star in from 1977-79?



Trivia Test Answers

1. Margaret Hamilton; 2. Frump; 3. Bill Quinn; 4. Nancy Walker; 5. Penny Marshall portrayed Myrna Turner; 6. Los Angeles; 7. "The Good Life"; 8. Arthur was a doctor; 9. Joan Van Ark; 10. "Good Times"

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First, here are some 401(k) tax basics. Your 401(k) contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, and the earnings on your account accumulate free of tax. Withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income and, unless you're over age 59 1/2, a 10% penalty usually applies. However, you can access up to half your funds (\$50,000 maximum) tax-free if the plan allows 401(k) loans. To qualify, the loan must be paid back within five years (longer if it is to buy a home), and payments must be in equal installments at least quarterly. Your plan may impose other conditions, especially if you are an officer, owner, or key employee. The interest rate usually compares favorably with alternatives such as car or home equity loans.

There are two main tax issues to consider. First, even though the interest you pay goes into your own account, you'll be taxed twice on it. That's because you'll make loan payments with after-tax earnings and then pay taxes again when you eventually withdraw funds at retirement. Interest payments on a 401(k) loan are virtually never deductible. They would only be deductible if the 401(k) loan was secured by a mortgage on a principal residence or second home, which would be too complex to administer for most plans.

A bigger concern is that if you resign or lose your job, most plans require you to repay the loan in full. If you can't come up with the money, your loan will be taxed as a distribution and the additional 10% penalty will apply if you're under retirement age. You should only consider a 401(k) loan if you feel secure in your job or have alternative sources of cash if needed.

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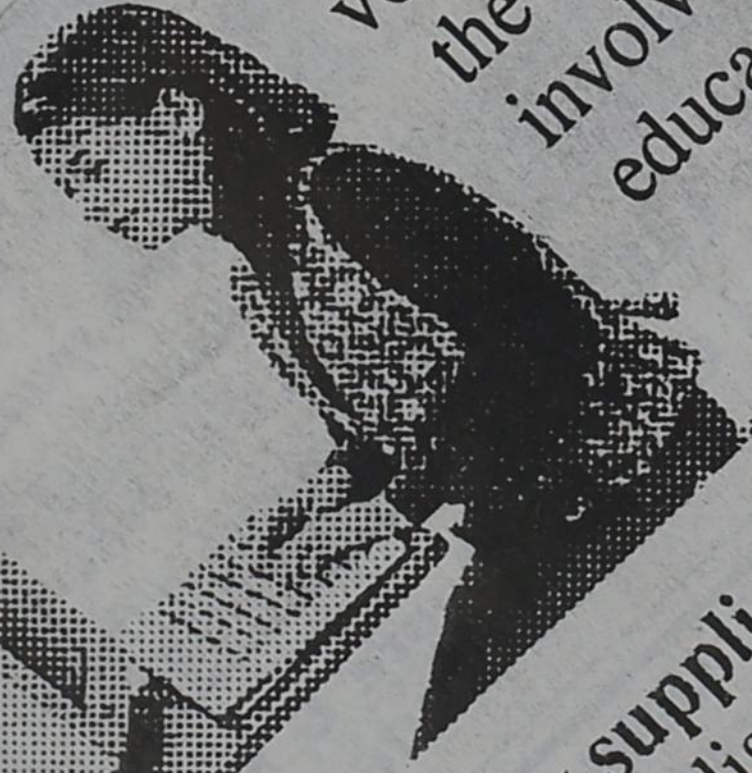
Getting your child ready for school takes a little more than getting them dressed and on the bus. But the reward can last a lifetime.



Getting your children ready for the start of school takes some time and effort, but the payoff can be tremendous.

Start talking to them about school and encouraging their efforts as early as possible. Take an interest in their activities and their friends.

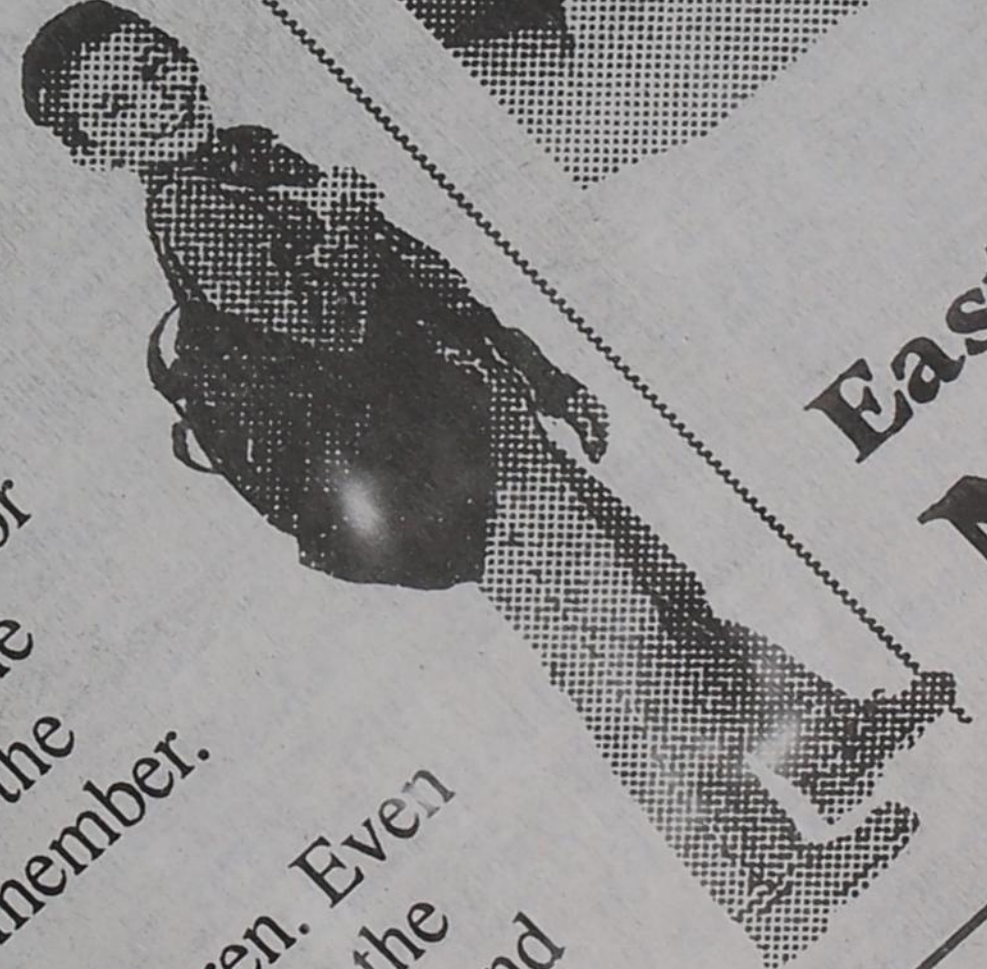
Become an active participant in their school. Join the parent-teacher organization; volunteer in class or in the office; become involved in their education.



Make sure they have all the necessary supplies. The school district distributes a list of required school supplies for each grade. Several area stores also have prepackaged supplies for each grade. They're a great way to save time and money.

Set aside a time and a place for homework. Consistency is the key. This makes it part of the routine and easier to remember.

Go places with your children. Even if it's just a trip to the park or the grocery store, turn it into a fun and



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School starts Aug. 13

Just a reminder

Room Assignments for all elementary students will be posted on the front window of the cafeteria on Monday afternoon, August 11, by 2:00 p.m. School begins Wednesday, August 13 at 8:00 a.m., if students have lunch money, the same procedure will be used as

last year. Please try to take care of this before the bell rings each morning.

This is a remainder of the policy regarding traffic when taking and picking up your children from school. All children should be let out in front of either the elementary or the high school. **Only authorized vehicles are allowed on the road leading north through the gate. We ask that no parents use this as their designated "drop off" place, since it does create confusion for**

uses, maintenance vehicles and teachers.

Also, there is a new policy at our school regarding parents going directly to the classroom to pick up a child or to conference with a teacher. **All visitors must check in through the office.** If you are required to check your child out for a doctor's visit, etc., you must come to the office and sign the "sign out" sheet, then the office will send for or go get your child for you. You may not go directly to the child's classroom.

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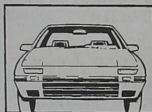
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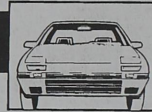
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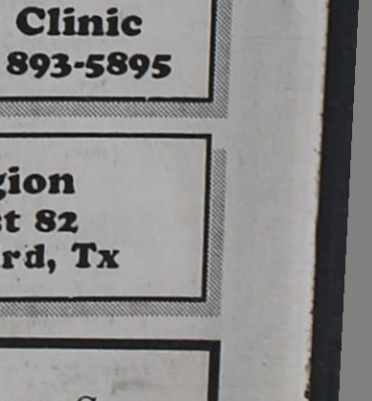
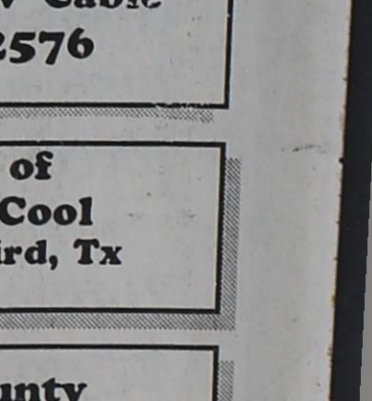
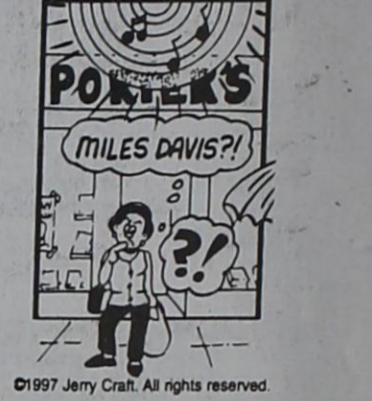
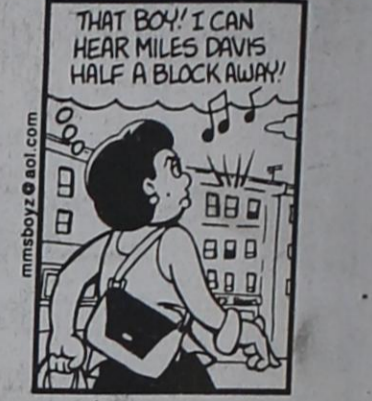
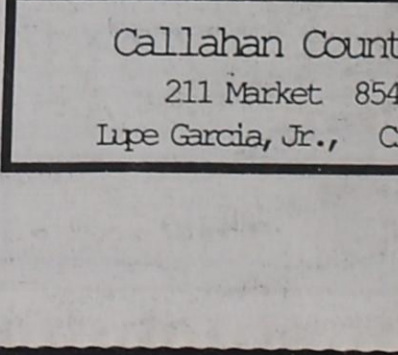
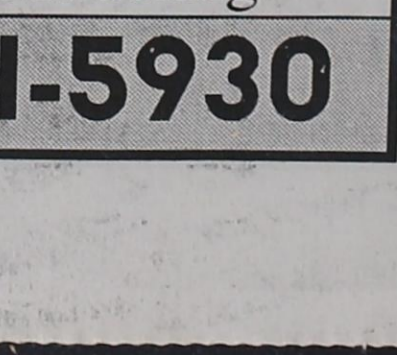
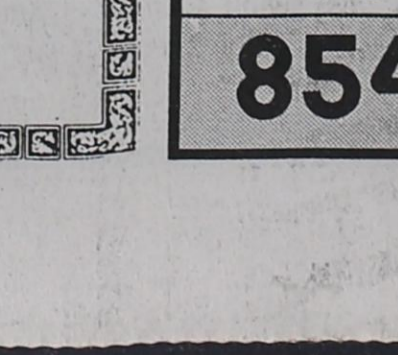
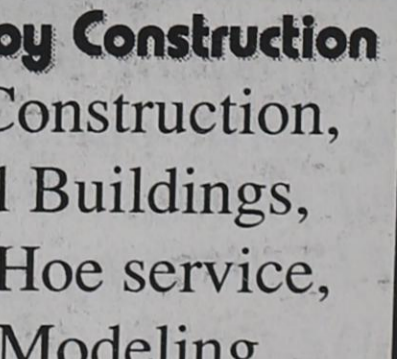
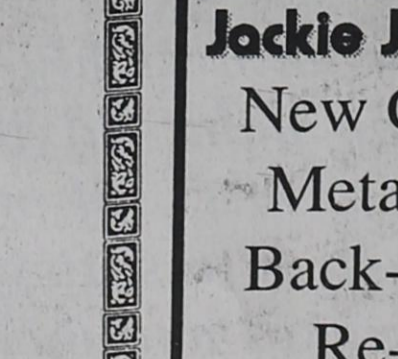
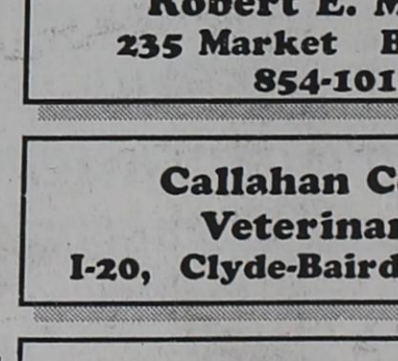
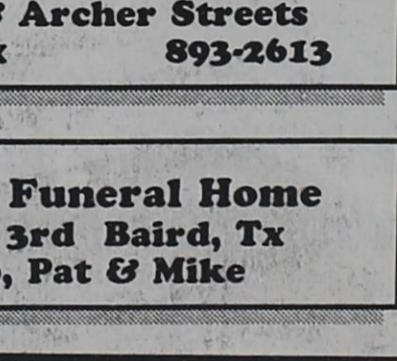
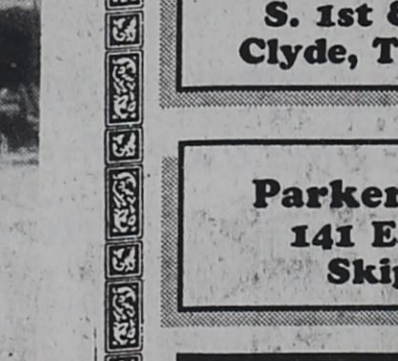
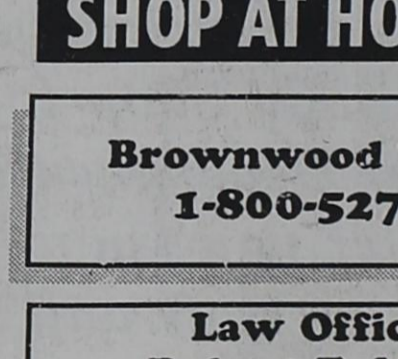
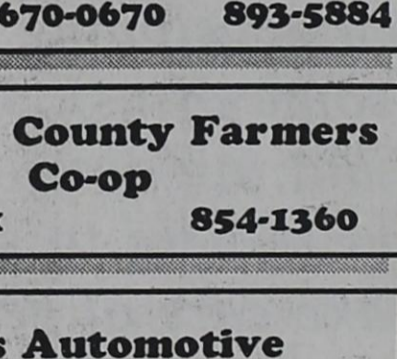
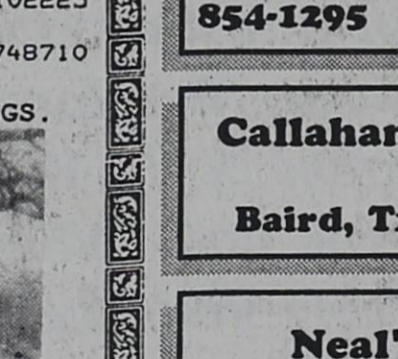
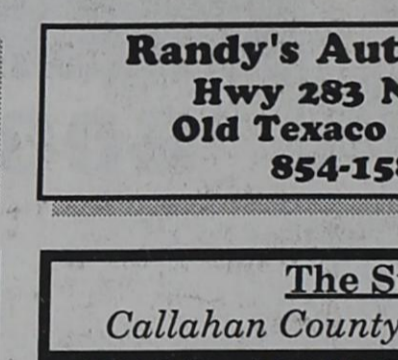
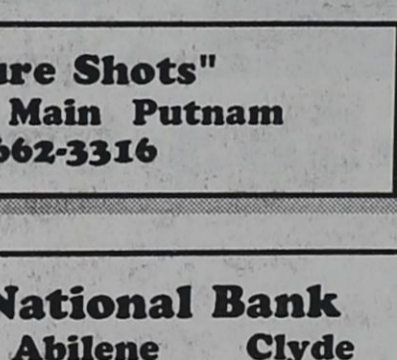
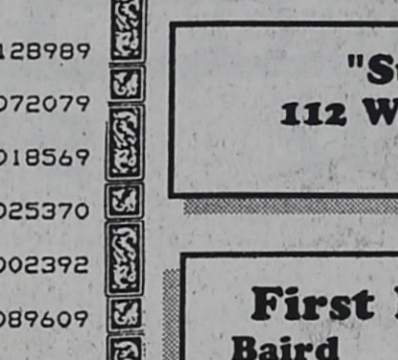
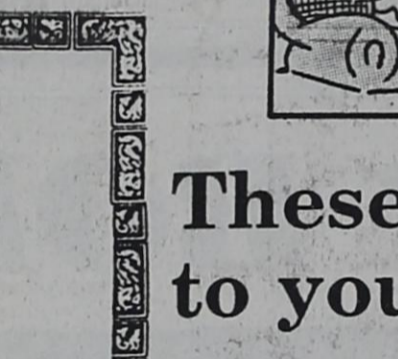
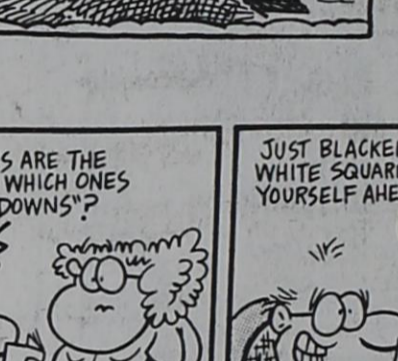
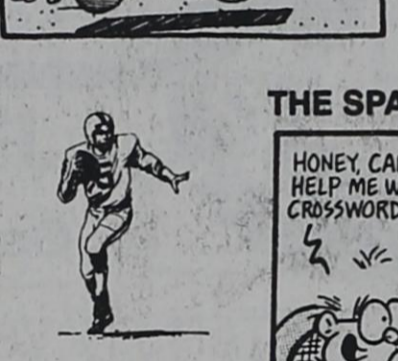
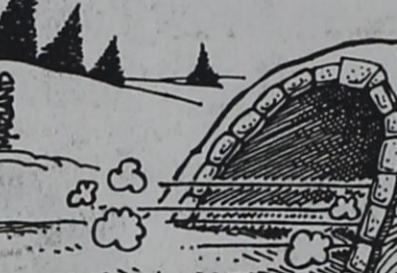
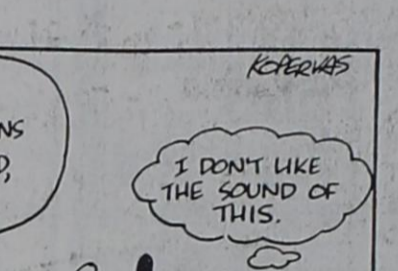
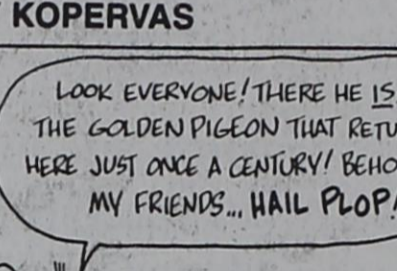
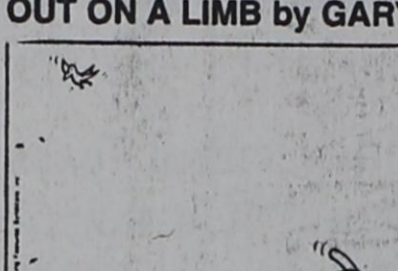
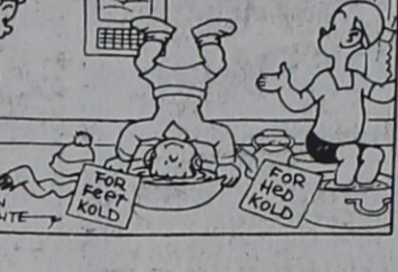
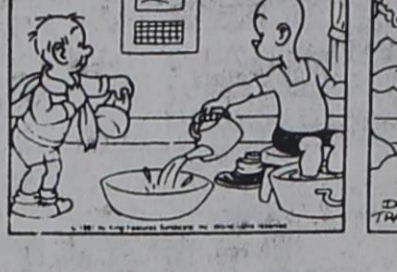
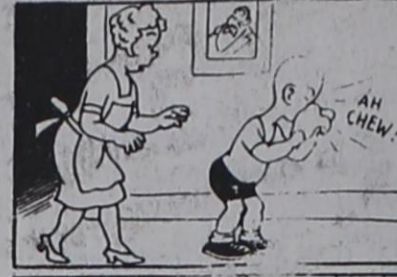
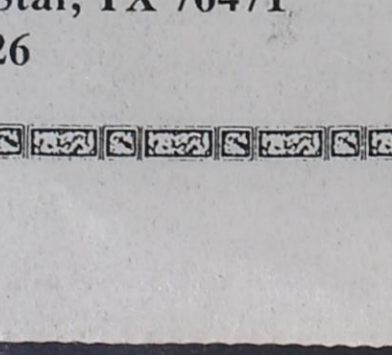
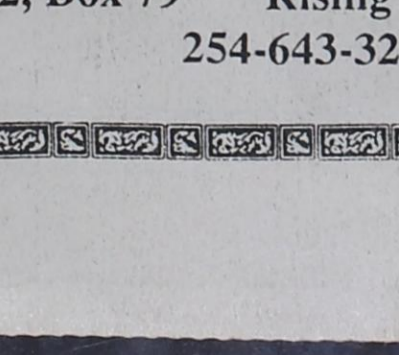
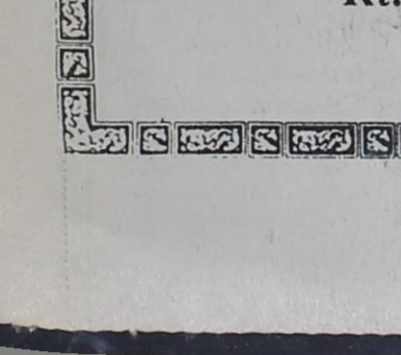
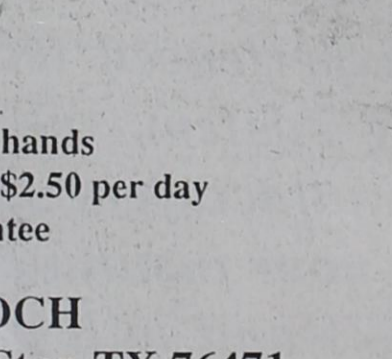
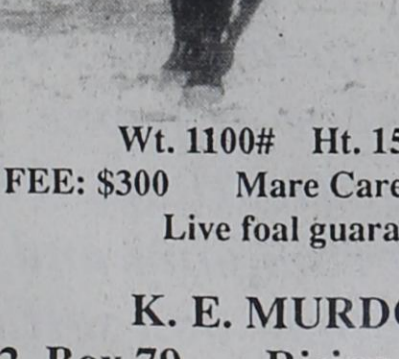
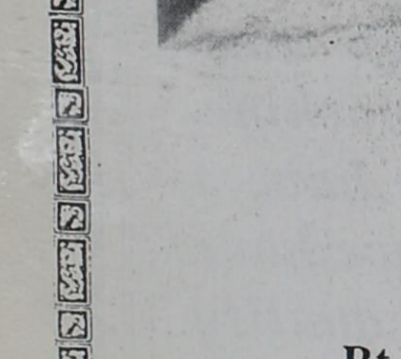
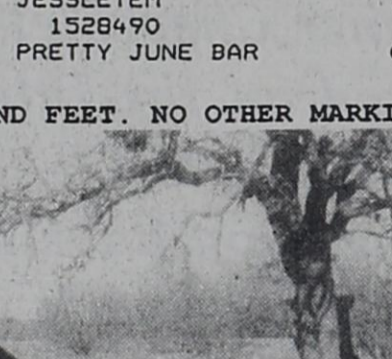
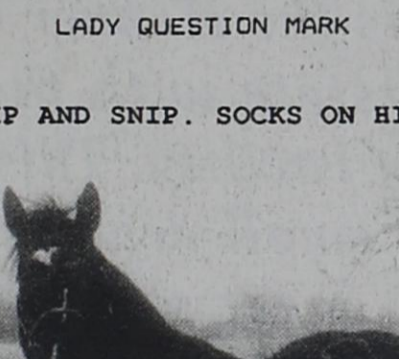
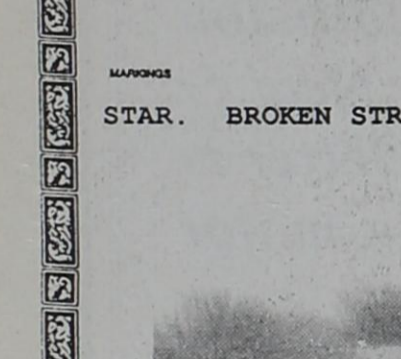
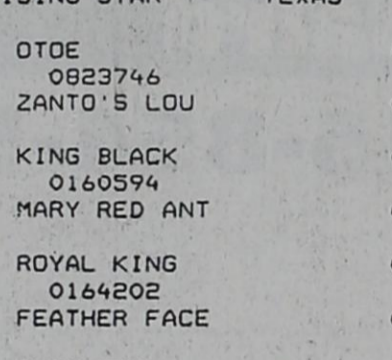
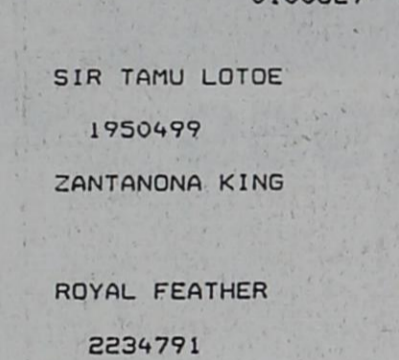
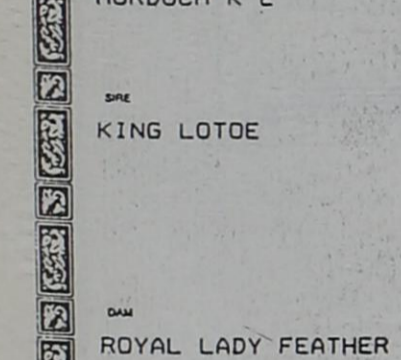
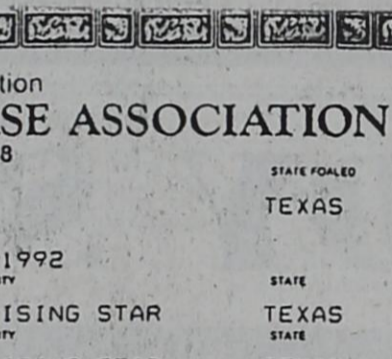
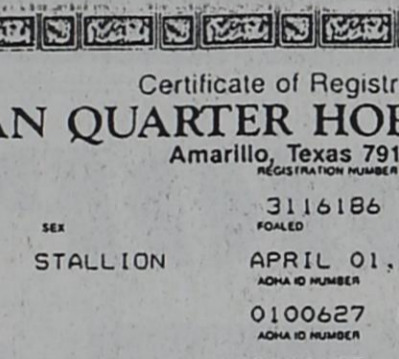
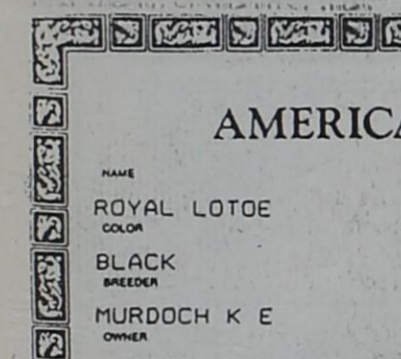
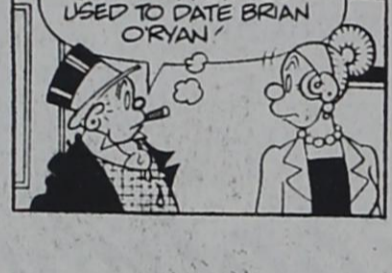


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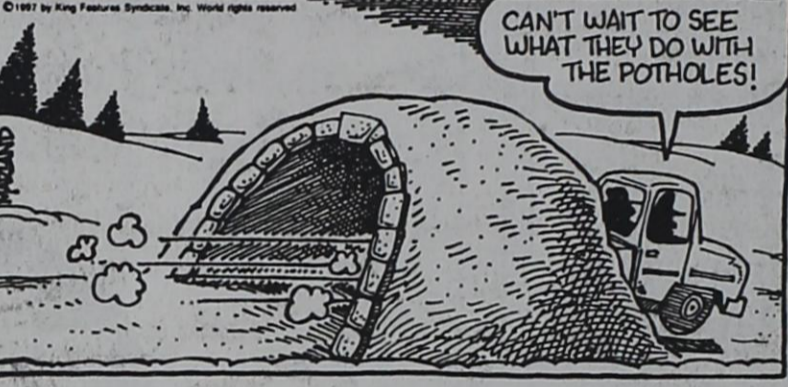
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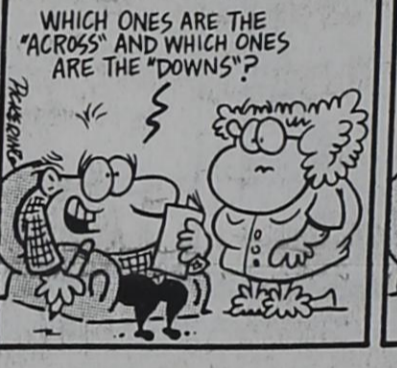
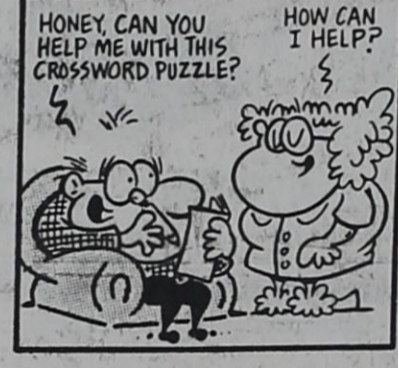
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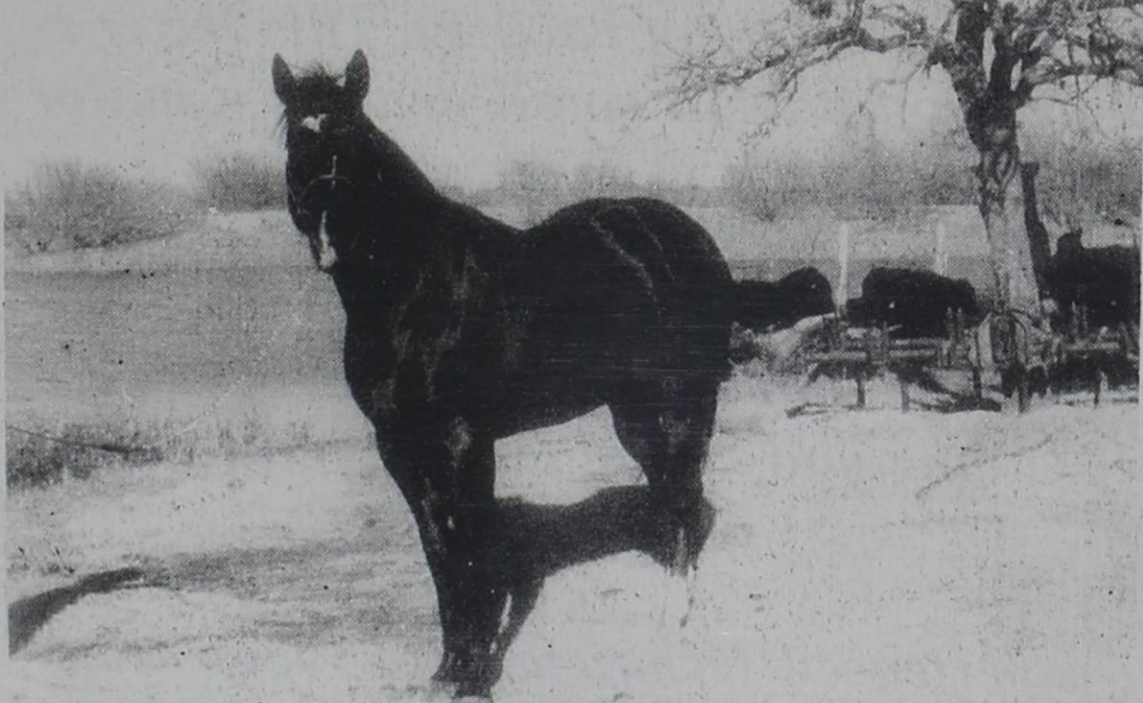
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