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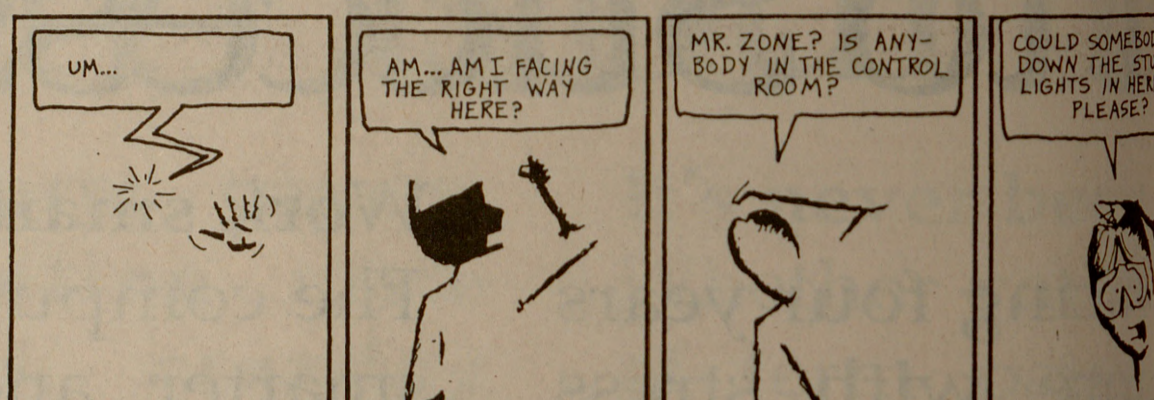
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Grand jury indicts lawyer in theft case

SAN AUGUSTINE (AP) — A Jasper attorney who successfully defended one of three white Sabine County lawmen charged with violating the civil rights of a black jail inmate has been indicted for theft and misapplication of trust property.
 A San Augustine grand jury indicted Floyd W. Addington for misappropriating a \$103,000 check drawn on Home Life Insurance Co. of Texas while he acted as closing attorney in a 1985 real estate transaction.
 Addington was indicted Sept. 7 for allegedly failing to use the check to pay off liens against the property and not returning the money to the owners. Home Life Insurance Co. of Texas was the lender in Feb. 22, 1985 real estate deal.
 A second indictment in connection with the same incident alleges Addington received the check without the effective consent of the owners and with intent to deprive the owners of the property.
 Addington has been indicted for theft and misapplication of fiduciary property in both Jasper and Angelina counties.
 Addington successfully defended Sabine County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Ray Horton in a federal civil rights violation case in July in Hemphill.

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Week to stress farm, ranch safety

By Jodi Drake Reporter
 President Reagan has declared this Sunday through Saturday, Sept. 18-24, National Farm Safety Week, and Gov. Bill Clements has dedicated the same dates as Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week, said Thomas D. Valco, an extension agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
 Because farming and ranching are among the most hazardous major industries in the nation, it is necessary to set aside a safety awareness week, Valco said.
 "Nationally, there have been 1,600 farm-related deaths a year, and that's compared to mining and construction," he said. "Their fatality rate has reduced over the past four to five years; we have maintained ours."
 In Texas, farm-related accidents are responsible for about 100 fatalities and an estimated 10,000 disabling injuries a year, Valco said. Disabling injuries include the loss of a finger, hand or toe, or a broken leg.
 "We are doing better though, no doubt," he said. "In 1966 there were 216 fatalities a year, in 1976, there were 169, and in 1986, about 90 were recorded."
 Fatalities have been reduced by 50 percent in the last 10 years. Valco said he attributes 90 percent of the reduction of fatalities to improved machinery design, added to the modern farmer's use of protective devices and their awareness that safety is important.
 The increase of female workers in the farming industry has also had an effect on improved safety measures, Valco said. Women tend to be more safety-conscious and are more interested in incorporating safety devices into agricultural programs, he said.
 The theme of this year's awareness week, "Ensure Your Future with Farm Safety," is oriented primarily toward children. About 20 children die in farming accidents each year, and nationally, 14 percent of those involved in farming accidents are less than 10 years old.
 Two Texas children — a 10-year-old and a 6-year-old — died in farming accidents in July, Valco said.
 Most accidents occur when children are riding on tractors without parents, he said. "Children need to be familiar with tractors and how to operate them, but they have one seat," Valco said.
 "Overall, the real damages are disabling damages — loss of vision, mobility and back pain that happen every day on the farm," he said. "We need to concentrate efforts on reducing those and if we do, we will also help to reduce fatalities."

Border Patrolman uses skills against aliens for 27 years

PECOS (AP) — Bill Peiser probably knows the area "above the rim" between the Rio Grande and the Davis Mountains as well as any man alive.
 He's driven a truck, ridden a motorcycle, or walked over most of it, his eyes plastered to the ground, looking for some telltale sign of the targets he was tracking.
 Small marks in the sand which most people wouldn't notice, or would pass off as unimportant, Peiser reads like the pages of a book.
 The 54-year-old senior U.S. Border Patrol agent has chased illegal aliens and drug smugglers for 27 years, all but three in the Marfa sector.
 Peiser's tracking skills aren't used as often as they once were, partly because the number of illegal aliens passing through the area has dropped.
 Border agents working the Marfa sector caught about 24,000 illegal aliens in 1986, the last year before Congress revamped the nation's immigration law. With fiscal year 1988 nearly over, agents in the sector have intercepted only 5,000 illegals.
 The Marfa sector covers 92,000 square miles, over 77 counties in Texas and 18 in Oklahoma.
 "It's probably just as good I don't have to track as much as I did," Peiser said, adjusting the glasses he has had to wear the past few years. "My eyes were about as good as anybody's, but I'm convinced cuttin' sign all of the time has got me to where I have to wear glasses. Riding along a track, hanging my head out a window and straining my eyes to spot something that'll give me a clue is bound to be bad for my eyes."
 A proven method for spotting people trying to sneak across the border to jobs further north has long been "cutting for sign" on a "track."
 The "track" is a dirt road scraped parallel to U.S. 90 west of Marfa.
 Peiser explained how the aliens come into Texas, and how the Border Patrol catches them.
 He pointed to the south, to a dark expanse of low mountains. "They cross the river and then lay up on the rim and rest about a day," he said, indicating the peaks.
 The rim is an area along the Rio Grande, where the land rises from the river bed. South, or below the rim, the land is rough and cut by numerous small gullies. North, or above the rim, the land becomes flat and canyons and ravines give way to open cattle country.
 "You can't tell it from here, but that's some bad country there," Peiser said, stretching out an arm made bronze by nearly three decades tracking men under the desert sun.
 He points to a range of mountains to the south. "Some places along there, it's 1,000 feet straight up and down. There's places where you can cross, but we have sensors on most of them, so they've got to where they go somewhere else," he said.
 On the Texas side, the country below the rim has the advantage of providing numerous hiding places for illegal aliens headed north, Peiser said.
 "They're afraid of this flat," he said, indicating the stretch of about 40 miles between the rim and the foothills of the Davis Mountains.
 "There's no cover out here, so they try to cross it in a day using some remarkable hiding places," he said. "They'll wrap around a clump of bear grass and pull up grass and cover themselves, and you can walk right past them."
 "We drag this track every evening and cut sign (look for footprints or other marks in the dirt) every morning," he said.

Oilman keeps drilling; hopes for black gold

VALLEY VIEW (AP) — The hopes and dreams of an oilman have been fulfilled. Others have failed and never gave up.
 Elwyn Miller of Valley View has never given up hope for Anne Miller No. 1.
 Miller's father, W.C. Miller, died at the early age of 32. His grandfather, John Swadlow, urged the widowed Anne Miller to purchase 117 acres of land with dividends from a life insurance policy.
 "Grandfather saw what I thought was oil in the water of little brook, and told mother buy the farm, there was oil underneath," Miller said.
 Years passed. The money was paid, and in 1957 the Continental and Sohio Oil Companies drilled a well nearly 10,000 feet deep, the Anne Miller No. 1.
 The No. 1, at first, gave the impression of a good well with accumulating in the tank but drilling deeper into other formations proved futile, and attempts to make the well again failed. Finally it was declared a dry hole.
 In recent years, two attempts re-entry into Anne Miller No. 1 were made. Again oil was produced for a short time, but the well was finally forced to be abandoned.
 Miller still believes there is oil under the 117 acres and maybe, someday, something will flow from the Anne Miller No. 1.

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