

Home Country

Floating casino planned in Gulf

AUSTIN (AP) — Entrepreneur Phillip Fry, the man who turned a fake mountain into an amusement park, now promises to have Texans gambling at a floating casino by spring. Under the Fry plan, a foreign ship will be anchored in the international waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Ferries leaving from Port Arthur and Galveston will take gamblers to the ship-board casino. "We're very busily expanding our world of entertainment," said Fry, who runs the Prairie Dell Lake Amusement Park built around an artificial mountain near Salado once billed as the Matterhorn. The mountain also plays a part in the casino plans. It serves as a better practice ground. Since Oct. 1, Fry has run a no-money casino, complete with slot machines, 21, poker and a dice game. There is no betting, he said. "A lot of adults wanted more adult type things to do" at the amusement park, he said. "One of the options we explored was having a fun-type casino with people playing for the fun of it." Fry said the success of the no-money casino inspired his plans for the off-shore gambling enterprise. A news release from Fry said the practice casino will allow better to "sharpen their playing skills." State officials say they can't find anything wrong with Fry's plans for a floating casino. "If it's totally outside the state and the state's jurisdiction, I wouldn't imagine there's anything illegal," said Mike Hodge of the Attorney General Department's enforcement division.

"It sounds like one of those law school questions. There's no good answer for it until they do it." Joe Murphy, Department of Public Safety assistant commander for intelligence, said it sounds legal, but he asked to see a copy of a news release prepared by Fry. Murphy recalled that a casino ship ran into legal problems when it docked in Galveston several years ago. "They came into the dock there with all their slots out in the open. The law says they've got to be locked up," said Murphy. Fry said the casino ship in his plan would never come to the Texas shore. The Secretary of State's Office here recently approved the incorporation of Gulf Coast Recreational Cooperative Inc., the legal name of Fry's Legal Gambling Private Club. The club will not own or operate the ship. Fry said he is negotiating with foreign ship owners. Dues collected by the club will go to the shipowners, allowing club members to use the gambling facilities. Club membership also entitles Texans to free ferry service to the casino ship, according to Fry. "The function of the Legal Gambling Private Club is to make legal gambling more accessible to Texans by bringing a Las Vegas casino into international waters," he said. "We're negotiating with various foreign companies that own ships to get the best deal we can. There are more ships available than you might think." "It's not that intricate to arrange for a ship and casino offshore. This already happens off of Florida," he added.



CHEMICAL PLANT RAZED — Firefighters work to contain a fire Monday night at Hi Port Industries plant at Highlands, Texas, where a fire set off a series of explosions of jet fuel, insecticides and anti freeze, forcing the evacuation of some 2,000 area residents to avoid the fire's toxic fumes. (AP Laserphoto)

Suburban growth outstrips post office plans, creates mail delays

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Mark Gebhardt insists he's not fibbing when he says, "The check is in the mail." Postal workers probably would back him up. New business subdivisions and apartment complexes have sprouted so fast in Dallas's northern suburbs that the U.S. Postal Service has had to lease temporary office space, speed up construction plans and delay delivering mail to some streets until 50 percent of the homes are occupied. In addition, 50 percent more mail is being delivered than the same time last year. Carrollton has had a 42 percent increase in deliveries and has been swamped with mail in its temporary offices.

"I get claustrophobic in here," said Lajuana Dollar, a supervisor in the Carrollton branch. "I turn around, and it's all around me." Gebhardt, a vocal critic of mail service in Plano, often wonders where his mail goes. "We've sent letters that never get there or get there too late," said Gebhardt, senior vice president of an insurance firm. "For important papers, we have to send Federal Express. It costs us money, (but) it hurts us in the eyes of our clients when we send something and it doesn't get there." Postal service officials admit Gebhardt is not alone in his complaints. "It has been traumatic," said John Billimek, Postal Service director of customer service for the Dallas area. "Sometimes we can cope better than other times." On the average, suburban post offices are delivering 30 percent more mail than in 1982, Billimek said. Five-year postal service growth plans failed to predict the size of the boom in many suburban areas, leading to a lag in new construction plans. "Particularly with such a large organization, to get funding is a laborious process," Billimek told the Dallas Morning News. "You have to plan well in advance. We have problems reacting to something that has not been anticipated." Symbolic of the growth —

Explosion and fire rip chemical plant; area residents evacuated

HIGHLANDS, Texas (AP) — About 2,000 residents of this community east of Houston fled their homes when a series of explosions ripped through a chemical plant, touching off an inferno that raged out of control for 3 1/2 hours. The five workers in the Hi-Port Industries plant when the explosions began about 7:30 p.m. Monday escaped uninjured, said Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Ed Macaluso. Five firefighters and two police officers suffered minor injuries, Macaluso said. Authorities said the cause of the explosion and fire was unknown. The inferno burned about seven acres of the 34-acre plant, which manufactures jet fuels, insecticide and anti-freeze, Macaluso said. Investigators probably will not be able to inspect the damage for two days because of the intense heat, Macaluso said. Firefighters were still pouring foam on the burning plant early this morning, but the blaze was described as contained. Mike Craighead, who lives in a mobile home park about 200

yards from the plant, said he and his family fled the area as soon as the fire began. "We heard an explosion about every 30 or 40 seconds," Craighead said. "The fire started in a building, it looked like, and started moving toward our house. Then the wind shifted, and it looked like it was moving back toward the storage tanks. At first you could see 75-gallon cans shooting into the air and being blown away. "I'd like to go back and see if my house is still there, but they won't let me," he said. Many other residents who left their homes in the community 20 miles east of Houston parked on streets outside the evacuation area and sat on the car hoods, eating and drinking and watching the flames. Department of Public Safety Sgt. Rick Rose estimated that about 2,000 residents within two miles of the plant took police officers up on their advice to leave the area because of the toxic fumes the blaze was releasing. Firefighters went door to door and used bull horns to warn residents to leave their homes, said DPS spokeswoman Sandy Dominguez. DPS Trooper Jim Garrett said officers did not force residents to evacuate, but said of the inferno, "I don't think I'd have any problems leaving." Rose said authorities did not know how many tanks in the plant were involved in the blaze or what they contained. "We don't know what's burning, how much is burning and won't know until we get that thing out and can get in there," Rose said. Firefighters were dispatched to the blaze from the nearby communities of Channelview, Baytown, Crosby and Sima, Exxon Co. USA and Arco also sent firefighting units. One evacuated resident, Kathryn Wotipka, said authorities shut off water in the community to increase pressure for firefighting. She said her son, Eddie, who works at the plant, went back with some other workers after the fire broke out to start moving some flammable goods. "It doesn't look like there are too many buildings left in the main section," Ms. Wotipka said. Dave Weber, who lives about 100 yards up from the plant, said he was sitting down to eat dinner when he heard the first explosion. "I thought at first it was just a car blowing up. Then the landform came knocking on the door and said the plant was on fire and to get our stuff together because we would have to leave," Weber said. "Supper is still sitting on the table."

Segregation finally ends in small town cemetery

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — A few blocks from an infantryman's statue that stands proudly above a neatly trimmed hedge as it honors the Confederate dead lies the weed-entangled grave of a soldier killed in Korea. He was black. For as long as anyone here can remember, he and other Kaufman blacks have shared a crowded, overgrown corner of the city cemetery, separated by fences from their white neighbors. But cemetery trustees finally have heeded the protests of a white U.S. Army veteran and agreed to end segregation in the local cemetery. "Blacks now will be able to buy a lot anywhere in the cemetery," said George Cerney, a conciliator for the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Community Relations. Representatives of the city's white and black communities sat down last week with federal mediators and negotiated an agreement to remove fences isolating graves of blacks, providing the same maintenance care for the black and white portions and adding two black trustees to the cemetery association's board. The changes are the result of complaints first raised this fall by Alvin Potak, a state highway department employee who grew up in the town about 40 miles southeast of Dallas. "I'm a veteran," said Potak, 41. "In this black cemetery, I see veterans from World War I, World War II and Vietnam. And I see that they can go to World War II or Korea or Vietnam, but they come back and have to be buried in a black cemetery. "That's wrong," said Potak. "As an American, I've got to do something." Potak told the Dallas Times Herald he discovered one area of the cemetery that had not been cared for in years. "I only live about a half a block from there, and when the weather's nice I take walks. I saw some of the gravestones back in there and found out that it used to be the black cemetery. I don't think

90 percent of the people in Kaufman knew it was back there," he said. Potak took his complaints to the cemetery board, which refused to clear the brush and remove the fences that separated black from white. He pressed the matter by circulating a petition and sending letters in late September to state and federal officials. The FBI investigated and found "some credence" to charges of discrimination, federal prosecutors said. But court action was delayed to allow mediation efforts, which last week resulted in the voluntary decision to remove the fences. "Over the years, the fence is the only thing that's been maintained there," said Von Carl Thomas, who runs the funeral home his mother started 50 years ago to serve the black community. "The fence disturbed all of us, but it was the sort of thing you just got used to," Thomas said. "We're not trying to turn this into a big race war." But, Thomas said, the fences were more than a symbol of segregation. They also restricted black graves to an area that had become overcrowded.

Arrests, new DWI bill decreasing traffic deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — Increased DWI arrests and a stern DWI bill effective Jan. 1 have combined to cause a lower traffic death rate in Texas, state officials say. "Texas is on the verge of a second year in a row with a significant decrease in traffic fatalities," Director James Adams of the Department of Public Safety told a news conference Monday, where plans for an alcohol-traffic safety campaign during the coming holidays were announced. "There are almost 400 fewer traffic deaths this year than for the same period last year and last year's total was lower than the year before that," Adams said. Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Amarillo, co-author of the DWI bill passed by the last Legislature, said there were 321 fewer fatalities the first six months of the year and 884 fewer injuries, largely because the DPS has made 26.7 percent more arrests for DWI in 1983. "However, I don't think the drop in deaths and injuries is due to the arrests alone," Sarpalus said. "I think they are partly due to greater awareness about the consequences of drunk driving, since this was an issue in the news for much of that period. The knowledge that a stronger DWI law becomes effective Jan 1 has had an effect." The new DWI law increases fines, potential jail time and length of license suspensions for convictions for drunken driving. The Holidays Ahead campaign is sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Joining in the campaign is the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Rep. Terral Smith, R-Austin, the House sponsor

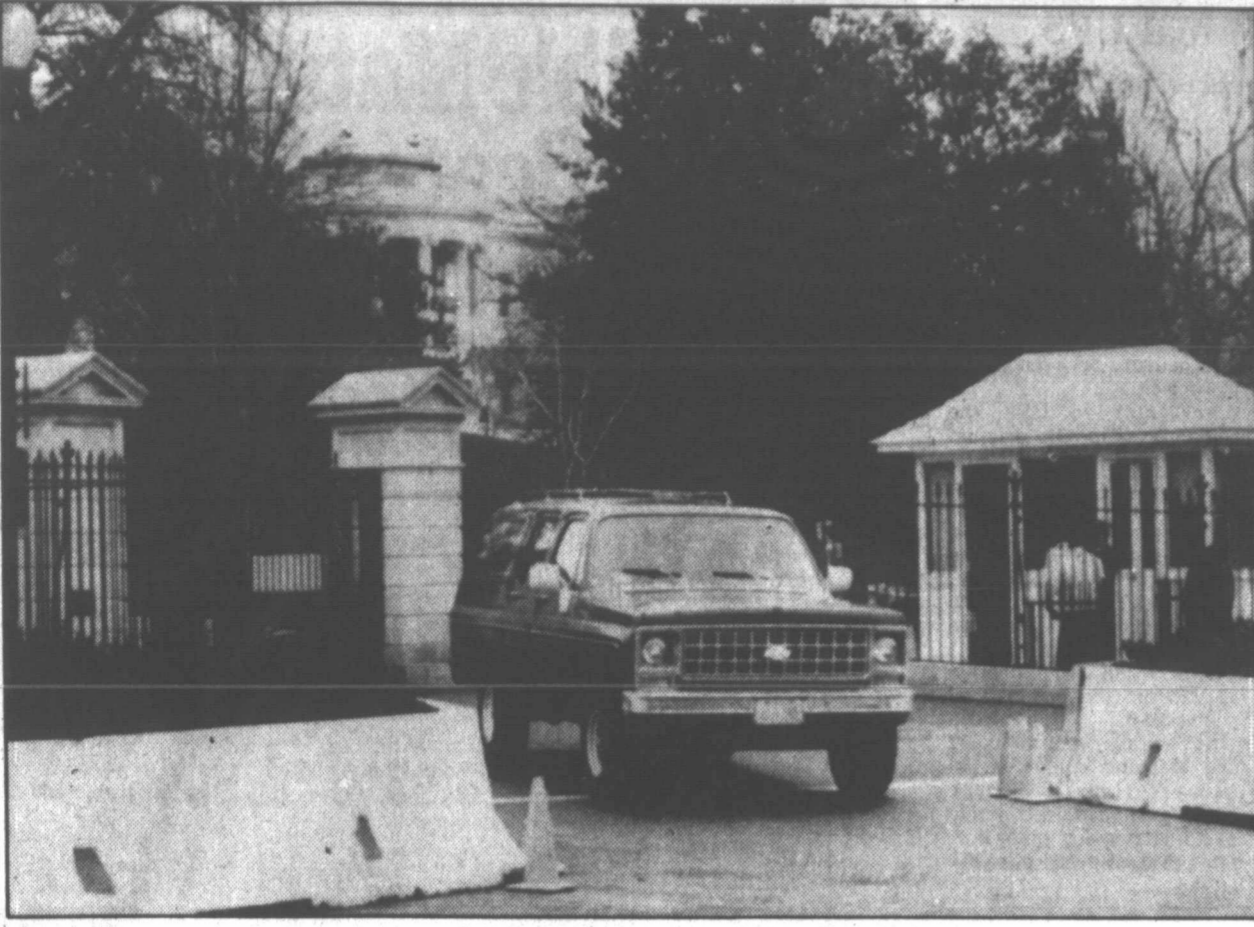
Project hopes to save Houston toad

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Toad is extinct in its namesake city, but in an effort to get the 3-inch-long critter off the endangered species list, scientists from the city zoo have taken to rural back roads with flashlights and federal research money. Aided by funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, scientists are trying to find the estimated 10,000 to 15,000 existing toads, known only to live nowadays in Central Texas, far from the gulf coast city that was once part of their habitat. Researchers also have been experimenting with vitamins and different kinds of artificial light in hopes of keeping the species, the 3-ounce Bufo houstonensis, alive in captivity and trigger mating. "We tried to inspire them in many ways," says Hugh Quinn, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Houston Zoo. "We cooled them down to simulate hibernation." They also simulated thunderstorms, banging on tin plates and flashing strobe lights, on the hypothesis that spring thunderstorms set off the breeding instinct. "We got some response," Quinn says. "But we didn't get any eggs." Finally, scientists injected hormones used to control reproduction in salmon and were able to stimulate egg production. A major goal of the project, however, is to find a place for the toads outside the zoo environment. Only two colonies are known to exist — one in Bastrop County near Austin and another in Burleson County. Scientists have released some of the zoo-raised toads and some captured from the wild in the Atwater's Prairie Chicken Refuge near Eagle Lake. The area lies within the historic range of the toad, which once lived from Bastrop to Liberty and from south Harris County to Huntsville. Quinn hopes to keep track of the tiny animals by clipping the toads' toes in various combinations. "The toads really just disappear as soon as you release them," he says. Six weeks after the first release, only four of 320 toads had been found. "We don't know whether they will move around or not, or which ones will survive best," he says. "There has never been a release program like this done for amphibians."

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Tower says U.S. forces should stay

HOUSTON (AP) — Sen. John Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, says withdrawing U.S. forces from Lebanon would create a "rather serious political vacuum" in that troubled nation.

"If we did withdraw, there would be very great pressure on other members of the multinational force to withdraw as well. That would eliminate any prospect of trying to create the kind of climate in that country that would permit some kind of political solution to be arrived at," Tower said at a news conference Monday.

Tower's comments came in the wake of the killing of eight Marines and the downing of two U.S. planes in the Middle East over the weekend.

Tower, R-Texas, who is retiring next year after four terms in the Senate, said "age-old animosities" will block a quick settlement in Lebanon. "It's not going to be an easy thing to do."

He said he did not believe the American forces had escalated the fighting. "It was escalated by those hostile to our presence there," he said. "I think we're right to shoot back. We have to protect ourselves."

He blamed the Soviet Union for "keeping the pot boiling."

"Tensions have always been there and the Soviets are the mischief-makers there," Tower said, adding that he did not believe the Middle East conflict would affect President Reagan's re-election bid or have an impact on congressional races.

He said he backed Reagan's original decision to send troops to Lebanon although he had "some questions, some reservations."

"But the president should be supported," he said. "On other matters, he said it was too soon to decide what issues would be most important in the 1984 presidential campaign."

Congressional action sets record

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball fans who store away such nuggets of information as the record for most home runs in the first game of a World Series have nothing on Congress-watchers.

How about "most measures reported out of committee in a first session of Congress since 1979?"

For what it's worth, the Democratic Study Group, an organization of liberal House Democrats, says the recently completed first session of the 98th Congress achieved that distinction.

As a matter of fact, the lawmakers also passed more bills and resolutions than they had in any odd numbered year, and records have been eclipsed in the intervening even-numbered years, when Congress holds its second sessions and customarily passes more measures than in the first sessions.

So if history is a guide, the 611 that were passed by the House and the 590 by the Senate in the session that ended Nov. 18 will be nothing to what the lawmakers accomplish, in quantity anyway, after they return Jan. 23.

The Democratic group says the House's record for this year was 178 more than were passed in the first session of the last

Congress, but 55 shy of the 652 passed in the first session of the 96th Congress in 1979.

The Senate's output exceeded its 1981 mark by 103 measures but was 62 fewer than the 652 that the Senate cleared in 1979.

Fewer measures were approved by the committees than by the full House and Senate, because some minor resolutions such as those declaring national doughnut day and the like do not require committee action.

For the record, House committees reported out 497 measures this year, compared with 336 in 1981 and 614 in 1979. Senate committees approved 570 measures this year, 460 in 1981 and 614 in the first session of the 96th Congress.

When Israeli Prime Minister Yitshak Shamir visited the Capitol, the announcement said the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee would meet with him in Room S-116 of the Capitol.

Now, Senate Armed Services has 18 members, Foreign Relations 17, House Armed Services 45 and Foreign Affairs 37. That adds up to 117 people in a room that will seat about a third that many with some squeezing.

The explanation is that, with Congress out of session, most members were away from Washington. About a dozen were on hand to meet Shamir.

Study says crops would survive a nuclear attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government report concludes a major nuclear attack would not destroy the nation's capacity to grow food, but one congressman has criticized the study as "shocking" and "disgraceful."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency says in the study released by Rep. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that livestock and poultry would be more likely to survive a bomb blast and radioactive fallout than human beings. Crop yields would be reduced by as much as 50 percent, depending on the time of year that an attack occurred, the study said.

The report concluded that "the land and the work force would be available even under the greatest calamity — nuclear attack." There would be no "severe" shortage of farm labor because rural residents would survive a nuclear attack better than city dwellers, according to the report, which was presented at a briefing for the White House Cabinet Council last year.

Harkin told The Washington Post in a story in today's editions that he found the report "shocking" and "disgraceful." Harkin began circulating copies of the report last week.

"The misdirected perceptions of those involved in this briefing ought to shock us all," Harkin told the Post. "With information like this, it is no wonder that there are those in our government who believe that we can win a nuclear war."

Jim Holton, a FEMA spokesman, said Monday night that his office has not studied the report fully and that he was unable to comment on it in detail.

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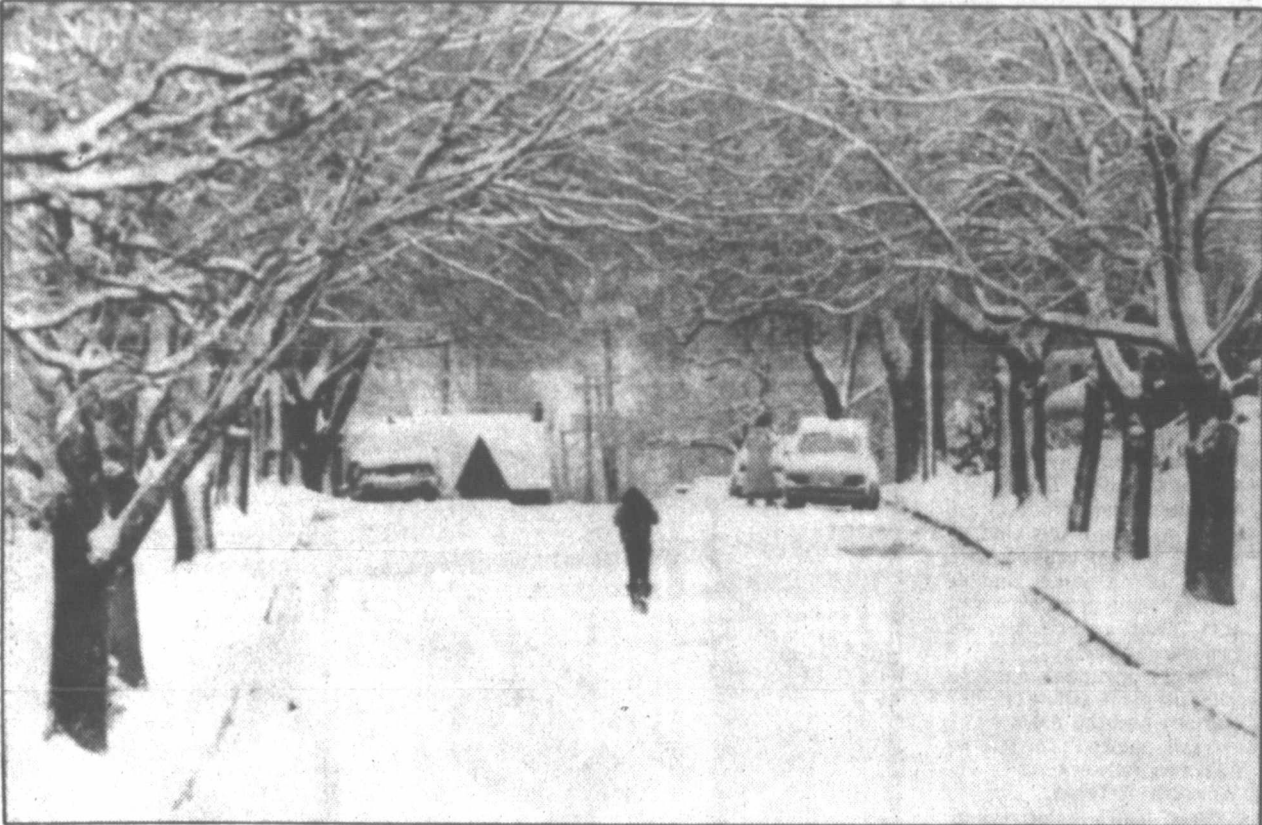


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Final UPS hearings start

AUSTIN (AP) — A Railroad Commission hearing on an application by United Parcel Service to deliver packages between Texas towns was scheduled to resume today.

UPS now delivers packages from Texas out-of-state and from out-of-state to Texas. It also delivers between points in some cities.

According to UPS, the company filed its original application in 1966, and Austin District Judge Charles Mathews ruled in 1976 that the commission had jurisdiction to grant the application. However, Mathews said he had no authority to send the case back to the commission.

UPS refiled its application in 1978 but the commission dismissed it.

UPS again went to court and Mathews ruled for the second time that the commission had jurisdiction and, acting under a new law, remanded the case to the agency.

American families mourn slain servicemen

By The Associated Press
A widow longed to hear her slain husband's voice again and a father praised his son as having "the right stuff. It's just a shame that he's just reached his peak and he's done," as families across the country today mourned nine Americans killed fighting in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the mother of a Navy flyer taken prisoner after his plane was shot down by Syrian gunners on Sunday waited for word Monday about her son's condition and his possible return.

"I am assuming that the wheels are turning to bring him back," said Marilyn Goodman, mother of Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr., 27, of Virginia Beach, Va. "I'd rather he had not been there because of the dangers," but you go there to do a job."

But Syria said Monday that Goodman would be held until the United States leaves Lebanon.

The captive was bombardier-navigator aboard a Navy A-6 Intruder fighter-bomber, one of 28 U.S. planes attacked Syrian anti-aircraft positions in the central Lebanese mountains. The pilot was Navy Lt. Mark Lange, 26, who died when the plane was downed.

In Fraser, Mich., his parents, Walter and Arlene Lange said Monday they had

been prepared to hear the worst.

"We were pretty well ready for it," the elder Lange. "He was typical of the right stuff. He had it. It's just a shame that he's just reached his peak and he's done."

Killed in a mortar explosion near Beirut International Airport on Sunday were eight Marines, among them Lance Cpl. Todd Kraft, 19, of Devils Lake, N.D., who wrote a patriotic letter before being shipped from Grenada to Lebanon last month.

"I just want you all to know that we all respect the decision of the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, for the invasion of the small Caribbean island Grenada," Kraft wrote in a letter published Nov. 15 in the Devils Lake Daily Journal. "And you as American citizens should respect his decision to let us be in Lebanon."

"I just wanted you all to know that freedom is the biggest part of life, and that we as Americans should appreciate our freedom."

Also slain was 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Sam Cherman of New York City, who vividly described the life of a sniper in Beirut in his final letter home.

"Through my sniper rifle's scope I can see the Druse walking around with their

rifles," Cherman wrote Nov. 20. "About every 10 minutes I aim in on one of their heads, waiting for the chance to pull the trigger."

In the letter published in today's Daily News, Cherman said the Druse would telephone neighborhood residents and warn them to leave their homes when they

were planning to attack the Marines. When the lights in a nearby mosque went off, he wrote, that signaled imminent attacks.

The widow of Cpl. Jeffrey Todd Hattaway, 22, of Andalusia, Ala., said she still hoped to hear her slain husband's voice again — via the tapes that the couple

mailed to each other.

Renee Hattaway said she last heard from her husband in a tape made soon after his arrival in mid-November, but "I may be getting one on the way now."

Listed as wounded was Cpl. Jan J. Wheeler, 20, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

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First off, a thorough cleaning is in order.

Those who have a camera with a removable lens should take it off and gently blow out any dust that has accumulated. Tighten any screws on the mount and lens. An inexpensive set of jeweler's screwdrivers from a hardware store is good for this.

While you are at it, take the time to clean your lenses, also. It's amazing how much haze and dirt can build up on the front and back elements of a lens. Be careful, using lens-cleaning solution and wipes designed for the task, to avoid scratching the surfaces. Take a moment to clean the eyepiece of your camera also.

To avoid embarrassment when a big moment comes up, drop in new batteries for your flash and motor drive. Don't forget one for the exposure meter as well.

Many professionals take the time to note when they put in new batteries by writing the date with a marker on the battery, if it is big enough, or on a piece of tape.

This serves as a quick reminder for replacing the power sources.

For heavy-shooting times, such as Christmas, you should have a few extra batteries on hand for your flash. You always end up shooting more than you planned, and flash batteries can fade quickly. This falls under the category of better-safe-than-sorry.

After the equipment has been made ready, the first thing to do is work on making your photos appear to be candid. Try not to pose pictures, which end up looking very stiff, but make photos as the action of your subjects dictate. Fight the temptation to move people around, moving yourself for the

better angle instead.

On Christmas morning, for instance, stake out a spot that has a clear view of your family's expressions as they open their presents. Wait for the special moment, and make the photo. If you want to make a record photo of your family with their gifts, set them up and make a frame, but be ready to make another quickly as they relax and interact afterwards. The second picture will probably be the best.

If you have to use flash, and your equipment is capable of off-camera operation, try bouncing the light to soften the impact. You can do this by pointing the flash head at the ceiling, holding it slightly tilted toward your subjects.

When the flash goes off, it uses the ceiling as a giant reflector, evenly lighting a large area and getting away from the harsh shadows that straight flash produces.

It is best to practice this some before giving it the test on Christmas morning.

As you become better at it, try holding a small white card, like a 3x5 file card, at the head of the flash so it reflects some of the light forward, while the bulk of the light bounces off of the ceiling. This fills in the eyes of your subjects and creates highlights, giving your photos a more polished, professional look.

If your flash unit has an automatic eye, make sure the eye is reading the exposure at your subject and not off the ceiling.

If you have a manual flash, calculate your exposure by the distance the light has to travel, not the distance from you to your subject. In other words, the flash to subject measure is from the flash to the ceiling to the subject. A good rule-of-thumb is to open up an extra stop from that calculation to allow for falloff.

Remember the basics and you'll have holiday photos to be proud of — candid photos, well lit and photographed with clean and properly adjusted equipment.

Researcher says animal study fascinating

By DON DALE
The Arizona Daily Star

PORTAL, Ariz. (AP) — Dr. Findlay Russell can keep you spellbound on the macabre side of the animal world — such as the venom of the spitting cobra or the habits of the black widow spider.

If you're a doctor hastily seeking treatment for a child just bitten by a diamondback rattlesnake, Russell is also the man to talk to for technical advice.

And if you are a scientist searching for new chemicals that might be distilled from animal venoms and used for medical purposes, you would be talking to the world authority.

Although Russell has earned a doctorate and a medical degree, is the author of seven books and has spearheaded world research in the field of toxicology (the study of organic poisons), he essentially is an ordinary guy with a boyish fascination for creepy crawlies. He likes nothing better than turning up a rock to find a rare brown spider he can take to his lab and milk for venom.

"Venomous animals have always held a fascination for man," Russell said, recalling the roles of serpents in religion and mythology. His interest began when he was a young man in his native California.

He was working on a manta ray tagging project for the California Fish and Game Department while in high school when an argument developed over whether the stinger was venomous. In later years — even after he obtained his medical degree from Loma Linda University — he researched the manta ray and other venomous animals.

"I was actually making a living as a neurosurgeon at the time," he said.

But while he was working on venoms part time in the 1950s at California Institute of Technology, an incident occurred that

sent him deeper into the field. A local man, bitten by an imported tiger snake, was saved with Russell's help.

"All of a sudden I was an authority," he said. After the case gained national attention, calls for assistance and advice on bites began coming in from all over the world.

His subsequent research and medical expertise in the field led to his appointment as director of the Laboratory of Neurological Research and Venom Poisoning Center at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center.

He served in that position from 1955 to 1980. In 1962 Russell was instrumental in founding The International Society of Toxicology, which now boasts 800 members, and a scientific journal, The Toxicon.

Since the University of Arizona attracted him in 1981, Russell has gradually accumulated a venoms lab in the College of Pharmacy, where he is a professor. There he maintains a milking collection of 200 to 300 snakes, in addition to other animals obtained for their venom.

The rattlesnakes he milks are collected at various sites around the state, including the Portal area, where he built a house in 1966. Most of the rattlers are turned loose after a year of regular venom milking (usually once a month).

Venom is used primarily to produce antivenoms for medical use. Russell said constant collecting of venom from local snakes is necessary "because these are the ones people are bitten by." He said he had milked more than 5,000 snakes, "a world's record."

Spiders and scorpions are milked by passing a mild electrical charge through them. Spiders' fangs have to be located with the assistance of a microscope, and only "a couple of drops" of venom are obtained from thousands of milkings.



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Baker continues fight to clear his name

DALLAS (AP) — Even though it has been 20 years since Bobby Baker burst into the public consciousness to become a lasting symbol of political corruption, the former aide to Lyndon Johnson hopes new legal maneuvers will clear his name.

It has been 13 years since Baker, once called by Johnson "my strong right arm," went to prison for theft and tax evasion, following lengthy press accounts of wheeling and dealing and influence peddling.

"It's really getting exciting now," Baker told the Dallas Times Herald in an interview published Sunday.

In October, a federal appeals court infused new life into Baker's case, ordering his longtime nemesis, U.S. District Judge Oliver Gash, to consider scraps of new evidence, unearthed from cartons of old documents at the Justice Department. Baker insists the evidence will prove his conviction was tainted.

Baker served 16 months in prison after a jury found that he had solicited \$99,600 in

cash "campaign contributions" from a group of savings and loan executives and then used the money to bail out a financially foundering seaside motel he owned.

His unsuccessful defense was that he passed the money along to one of his rich and powerful patrons, Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, as the price for Kerr killing a tax amendment opposed by the savings and loans.

Baker claimed that only in hindsight did it occur to him this was a bribe. Baker said Kerr loaned the money back to him, and then forgave the matter shortly before his death in 1962.

The newest evidence in Baker's appeal includes two old FBI memos citing confidential informants who suggested Kerr was not the most scrupulous of senators.

Baker's defense lawyer, Michael Tigar, an attorney from his original defense team, said the government either knew, or should have known, of the evidence during the trial, but suppressed it.

"I think that what we've got is good stuff," Tigar said.

Government attorneys now on the case would not talk, the Times Herald reported, but former federal prosecutor William O. Bittman, who handled Baker's case, belittled the new evidence.

"It's always seemed preposterous to me, in view of Kerr's enormous wealth ... that he is going to go around soliciting bribes, either himself or through Baker," Bittman said.

If the latest flicker of hope dies, Baker, 55, insists he's ready with other moves.

"I got plenty to keep me busy, I'll tell you," Baker said. "Every day I turn around, I got a thousand more papers."

Supported financially by Doris Myers, "a nice young lady who believes in me," Baker divides his time between business deals he prefers not to discuss and settling scores.

"If I lived anywhere else, they'd kill me," Baker said. "This is the only country in the world where you can take on the whole system if you're right."

Baker arrived in Washington as a Senate page

in 1943, the 14-year-old son of a mailman from Pickens, S.C. He eventually became secretary to the Senate Democratic majority.

"He was a Snopes, a driving, ingenious Southerner who knew the needs of limitations of every member, and who wanted not only wealth and power, but a role in liberal achievement," LBJ aide Harry McPherson once wrote.

While still on the Senate payroll, Baker earned a law degree and set up a partnership on the side, offering his services to lobbyists needing help with legislation. In return, he was cut in on many lucrative business deals.

But a lawsuit by a disgruntled business partner leaked Baker's deals into the press and the Senate Rules Committee spent nearly a year investigating. The public heard unsubstantiated reports of white slavery, call girls, and an abortion ring — along with enough credible scandal to trigger a grand jury probe.

Baker contends his legal grief grew out of the

animosity between Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Baker's boss, Lyndon Johnson.

"These two guys loathed, hated, despised each other second to no one in the history of the world," Baker said. "And Bobby Kennedy thought by destroying me, he could destroy Lyndon Johnson."

As Baker describes it in his various court briefs, Kennedy's deputies pursued the case using "Hitlerian tactics," such as wiretaps, bribes, falsified evidence, copious lies and conflicts of interests.

The government admitted using unauthorized phone taps, but a court ruled that was not enough to discredit the case. Prosecutors denied the other allegations.

Bittman called Baker's theory of a political grudge "sheer nonsense." Robert Kennedy, he pointed out, was no longer attorney general when Baker was indicted.

"If the whole thing was a Bobby Kennedy vendetta, there were two attorneys general after Bobby Kennedy that could have stopped it," said Bittman, now a private attorney.

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Candidates flocking to Texas to fill their campaign coffers

AUSTIN (AP) — A simple political equation — money means success and Texas means money — will keep the state in the limelight this presidential campaign season, according to fund-raisers and the upcoming schedules of several contenders.

The results of previous forays into the state are enough to lure the current crop of national office-seekers.

For example, President Reagan took in \$3 million for his 1980 race in one night. Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, collecting money for his aborted re-election effort, netted \$1.7 million at a black-tie gala in Houston, featuring Reagan and other Republican officials.

"All of the candidates like to run in and out of here with a vacuum cleaner all of the time," said Calvin Guest, a former state Democratic chairman who is directing Mondale's fund-raising in Texas.

Texas money is friendlier to conservatives, however, said Sam Barshop, a San Antonio businessman who serves on Reagan's national finance committee.

"Texas is one of the last bastions of free enterprise," Barshop said. "Any conservative candidate can raise money in Texas, whether Democrat or Republican."

Democratic politicians traveling to Texas in the next month to tap potential contributors include former Vice President Walter Mondale, U.S. Sens. John Glenn of Ohio and Gary Hart of Colorado, former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado and Chicago minister Jesse Jackson.

All are seeking to be the 1984 Democratic nominee for president.

"When people in national politics think of raising money, they think of Texas," Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple, co-chairman of Mondale's Texas campaign, told the Dallas Times Herald. "It is critically important to the campaign of any presidential candidate."

Mondale and Glenn, mapping strategies for their upcoming Democratic presidential campaigns, anticipated a costly contest and promptly scheduled December fund-raising trips to Texas.

Mondale begins a three-city tour on Wednesday, while Glenn will fly to Austin for a Dec. 14 fund-raiser.

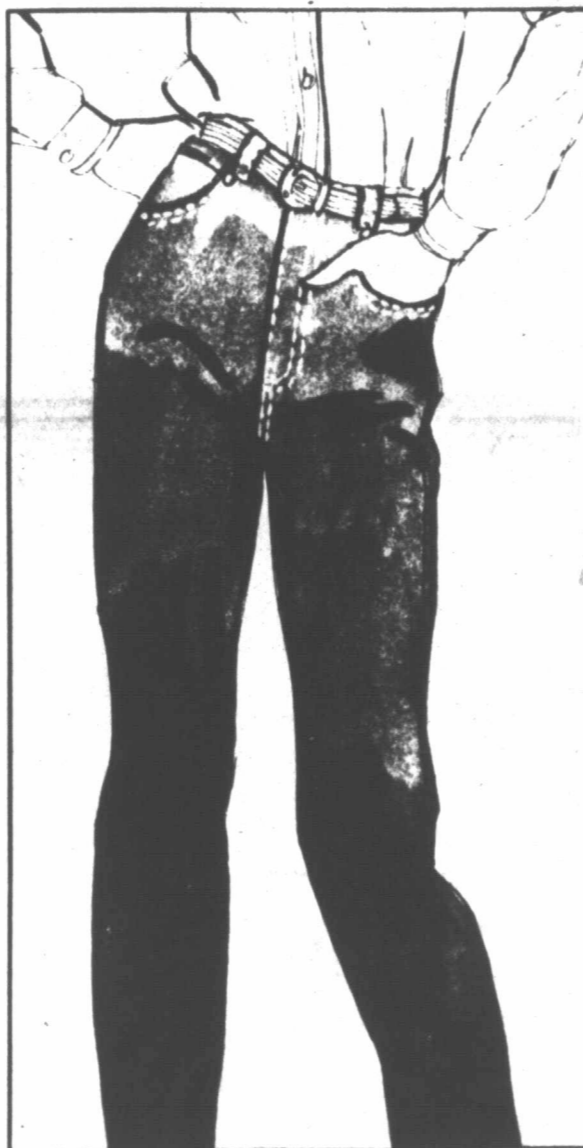
The Democratic National Committee scheduled a visit to Houston Tuesday as part of a five-city, nationwide fund-raising blitz designed to overcome Reagan's financial edge.

Askew, Hart and Jackson will appear at a \$500-per-plate luncheon to help establish a "trust fund" for Democrats to tap during the 1984 general election.

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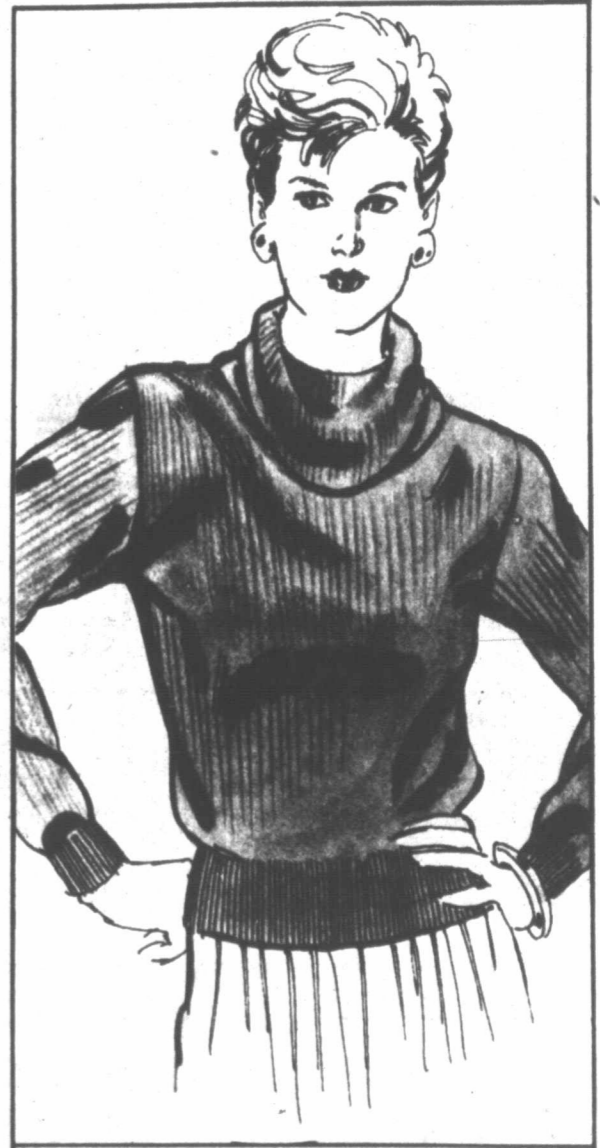


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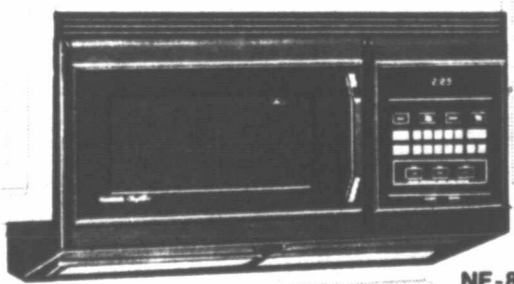
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Polish punk movement mirrors disorientation of the nation's youth

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — As a crowd of young punks brawled on the dance floor, the lead singer for Dezerter — the deserter — screamed out an anthem to what he called Poland's "miscarried generation. No goals, no future, no hope, no joy."

The singer hurled stacks of government and Communist Party newspapers into the crowd of 200, while shrieking the word "propaganda." The title of the song was "News."

The teen-agers shredded the papers, and lunged at each other with fists, feet, legs, and bodies in a desperate frenzy which resembled a fight more than a dance.

The Polish punk rock movement is small — several thousand, according to long-time observers of the Polish musical scene — and typifies the lag in popular culture between Western and Eastern Europe. But it reflects the disorientation of many Polish youth.

"I like punk because it's the only music which lets us get our aggressions out," said one 15-year-old fan, wearing a studded leather jacket and cropped blond hair that he stood on end by dousing in sugar-saturated water.

The punk wardrobe is hard to find in Poland, where clothes of all kinds are scarce, he said, grinning, "but we steal them."

While looking to the West for musical and other cultural values, Polish teen-agers feel themselves firmly in the political grip of the Soviet bloc.

Poland's communist authorities barely tolerate punk but see it as a "safety valve" for the nation's disaffected youth, according to one sociologist.

Recent times have been confusing, for Polish teen-agers, who first lived through the heady upheaval led by the now-outlawed Solidarity labor federation, then endured 19 months of martial law.

Now they face an economic crisis which many say will confine them to frustrating jobs and deny them a house of their own until they reach middle age.

"Why work if you have to wait 20 years for an apartment?" asks 19-year-old Skandal, lead singer for Dezerter and a vocation school drop-out who refuses to give his real name.

Jerzy Kordowicz, a disc-jockey for state-run Polish radio, said in a recent interview that "Polish punk is a social phenomenon rather than a musical one. It is the spontaneous protest of a generation, not only in political matters but in cultural ones as well."

State radio which regularly features Western rock bands, rarely broadcasts Polish punk, Kordowicz says, because "the lyrics of punk songs don't deserve to be played over the radio. The aim of radio is to popularize certain cultural values," he said.

Government censorship blocks most Polish punk from the airwaves, and bans some songs from concert. Last year Dezerter was called SS-20, after the new generation of Soviet nuclear missiles, but dropped the name after authorities refused to print a poster for the group. The group renamed itself Dezerter, a controversial name in martial law Poland.

Another rock band, Perfect, came under government harassment after it began replacing the line "We want to be ourselves" in one song with "We want to beat ZOMO," a reference to Poland's riot police.

Another Perfect lyric, "Don't be afraid of anyone," became, in concerts, "Don't be afraid of Jaruzelski," a jab at Poland's leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski. It also upset authorities.

Punk groups are also banned from giving concerts from time to time — Dezerter was barred from Krakow during the June visit there by Pope John Paul II, but censorship is not the most serious problem the punks face.



PUNKS IN POLAND — A punk rock audience watches one of Poland's leading new wave rock bands "Dezerter" (Deserter) during a recent concert in Warsaw. (AP Laserphoto)

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Lifestyles

Psychology involved in home decorating

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

A silk-covered down sofa or a foam rubber lounge in plaid Herculon? Throw pillows or no pillows? Knick knacks on the table or a bare expanse of polished wood? Wall-to-wall carpet or Oriental rugs? Family portraits or art posters?

You may think your selection of these decorating alternatives is purely a matter of personal taste. But if you do, you're wrong, says Joan Kron whose book, "Home Psych," explains the psychology behind decorating decisions.

According to Ms. Kron, who says she consulted sociologists, psychologists, philosophers and environmentalists to gather material for the book, social class is far more important than self-expression in determining how and with what we feather our nests. In fact, she says taste itself is determined by the class we come from and the one we want to get into.

Though few would own up to it, people constantly compare themselves to others. We are, however, usually able to accurately assess our social worth through a variety of cues, including decorating.

Ms. Kron, a decorator for 15 years before becoming an author and a decorating writer, said she had put in more than three years researching and writing her book to answer questions such as "what is decorating?" "how do you define a home?" and "why do we have accessories?"

As a result, "Home Psych" is a decorating book without pictures or how-to information. It is, instead, a dense, tightly-packed volume that examines the social and psychological implications of decorating.

In an interview, the author said she was surprised at how important social class turned out to be. In her research, she learned that though we could all live with a lot less, the things we choose for our homes do have a function beyond their practical utility. They give us a sense of place, mark out our boundaries, establish our territory and provide us with an identity that helps spell out our relationships.

She adds that it is impossible to opt out of the class-decorating equation. "Everyone who has a home reveals something of his or her aspirations, pretensions, values and background," she said.

It is not as if we fool one another, though. Most of us can accurately interpret what we see based on our cultural knowledge. In fact, a decorating scheme is a kind of road map of values and social aspirations to those who are acute social observers, she said.

Despite appearances, this is not a time of decorating license. "Anything goes, they may tell you, but you soon find out that there are very definite, though unstated, rules about what to use and how to put things together," she said.

Today, one of the classier types of decorating is based on what she calls conspicuous austerities, adding "the latest status symbol is the 17-coat paint job and perfectly plastered walls which cost a fortune." They are ideal status symbols since, though very expensive, they do not add to the ease of living.

According to Ms. Kron, different rooms have different functions in decorating psychology. The living room is a public space. It represents the way we want to be seen.

The master bedroom is a private space which may, however, become a battleground as a couple disputes for

possession. Often, she says, the bedroom reflects the woman's identity and the man of the house is just a visitor.

Today, people are no longer ashamed of wealth. "We have switched from a culture of mercy to a culture of justice. The attitude today is no more handouts. People believe that if I earned it, I deserve it and I don't have to be ashamed to show it."

Our interest in antiques and traditional decor are a reflection of desire to be part of the upper class. Antiques stand for family, the past, and a sense of tradition.

Ms. Kron says those who seek to leave the class they were born into and move up are the ones who have the toughest time making decorating decisions, since it is difficult, if not impossible, to reproduce a home that is above one's own class.

Dear Abby

"Forced heirship" is hardship in Louisiana

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR STUCK: If anyone living in the state of Louisiana wishes to challenge this so-called "archaic and unjust law," I recommend that he/she retain a Louisiana attorney and go to work on it. I have an agreement with the Louisiana Bar Association—its members don't write advice columns and I don't practice law.

DEAR ABBY: Being a single girl, I am at a loss as to how to graciously turn down a date. There are some men whom I choose not to date for one reason or another, but I can't think of a polite way of saying, "Thanks, but no thanks" without hurting their feelings.

If I say, "I'm busy next Saturday night," they ask for Sunday, or Monday, or Tuesday, and I have to lie again. And when I say I'm busy on all those dates, I am asked when my first free evening is, and then I am stuck!

Abby, can you, or any of your readers, suggest a polite way to decline without hurting a man's feelings?

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS

DEAR THANKS: Although it would save him a lot of time and repeated turndowns, it's not easy to tell a man that you don't want to go out with him next Saturday, Sunday, Monday or ever, without hurting his feelings.

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MIXED EMOTIONS

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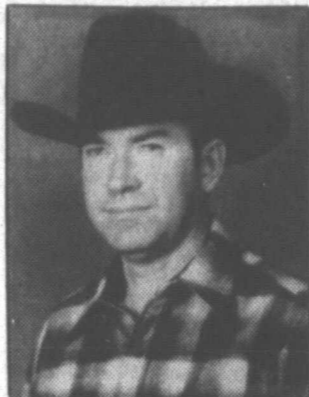
Former Pampa resident, Richard Thompson of Amarillo, won first place in the oil painting division of the 11th Annual Texas Cowboy Artists Association Gold Awards Competition in Wichita Falls. The gold medallion was presented to Thompson for his painting "Aristocrat."

Thompson, best known for his paintings and sculptures of wildlife has shown his work in Pampa several times and has exhibited in

nationally recognized art shows including the National Sculpture Society Show in New York.

Thompson was also elected as the new president of the Texas Cowboy Artists Association for 1984.

The Texas Cowboy Artists Association, in addition to holding the art competition and sale, juried in additional art to illustrate their upcoming art book, "The Texas Cowboy," published by TCU Press.



RICHARD THOMPSON



"The Aristocrat"

She designs spaces people use

NEW YORK (NEA) — Being a landscape architect isn't all put the cherry trees over there. It's how many drains, sewer pipes, water and electric lines does a park need and where to put them; how big to make the hole through which an electrical pump will force water if you want a fountain to drown out noise; how much a roof can hold so the trees you stick on it won't fall through.

Being a landscape architect is a thousand mathematical, scientific and aesthetic decisions, and that's what Signe Nielsen, 33, says she loves about it. "The more problems I have to solve, the easier it is for me to design because I have all that concrete information to work with."

A former ballet dancer who earned a joint degree in

civil engineering and landscape architecture from the City College of New York School of Architecture, Ms. Nielsen is one of perhaps 800 female landscape architects in the country. "There are about 10,000 in all," she says, "as opposed to 100,000 architects."

For five years now, she has been designing parks, private gardens, landscaping for federal housing projects and office buildings. She even gets hired occasionally to pick out a couple of plants for an interior decorator. And what makes any of what she does successful, she says, is "understanding who is going to use the space and why."

There was, for example, the city park she designed across the street from her apartment in lower Manhattan. She knew it would be

used by two public schools, a community college and the community at large. One thing obviously needed was a playground so she designed one with a spray pool surrounded by a paved area kids could run around, and around that, she put a retaining wall — "seat height and width" — which parents could sit on to watch them running.

She also gave the kids play equipment to climb on made of splinterless wood (Douglas fir) rather than steel because, she says, "In our climate, steel can be very hot and cold to the touch." And she gave them steps up to it in various heights because kids' legs come in various heights.

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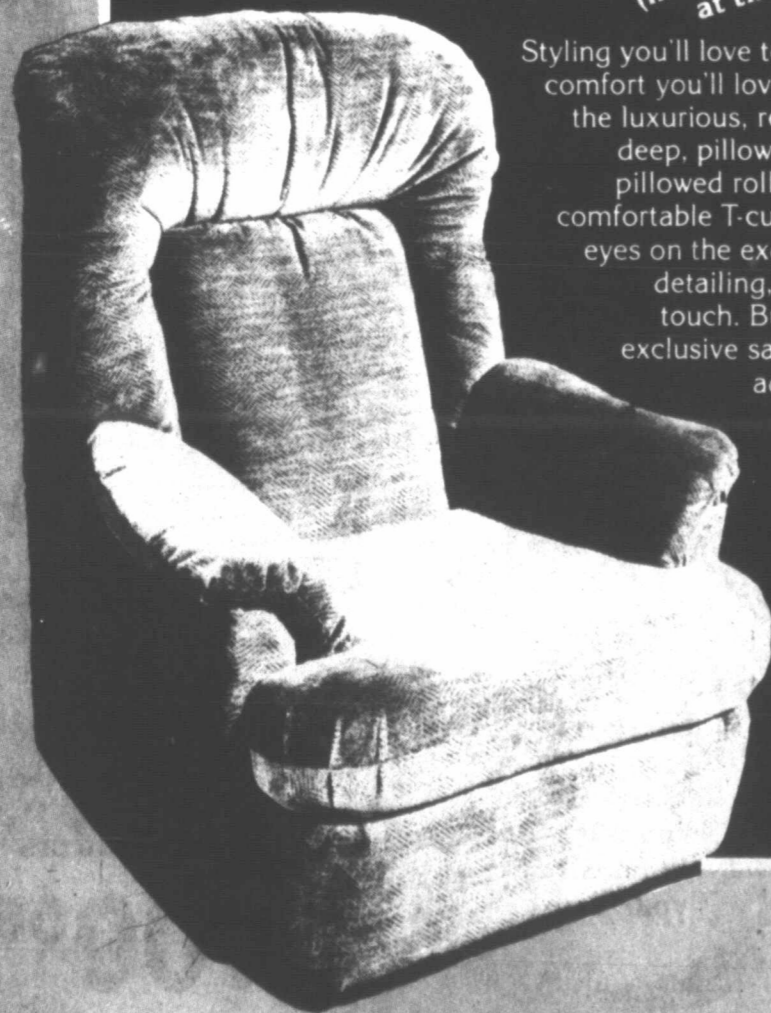
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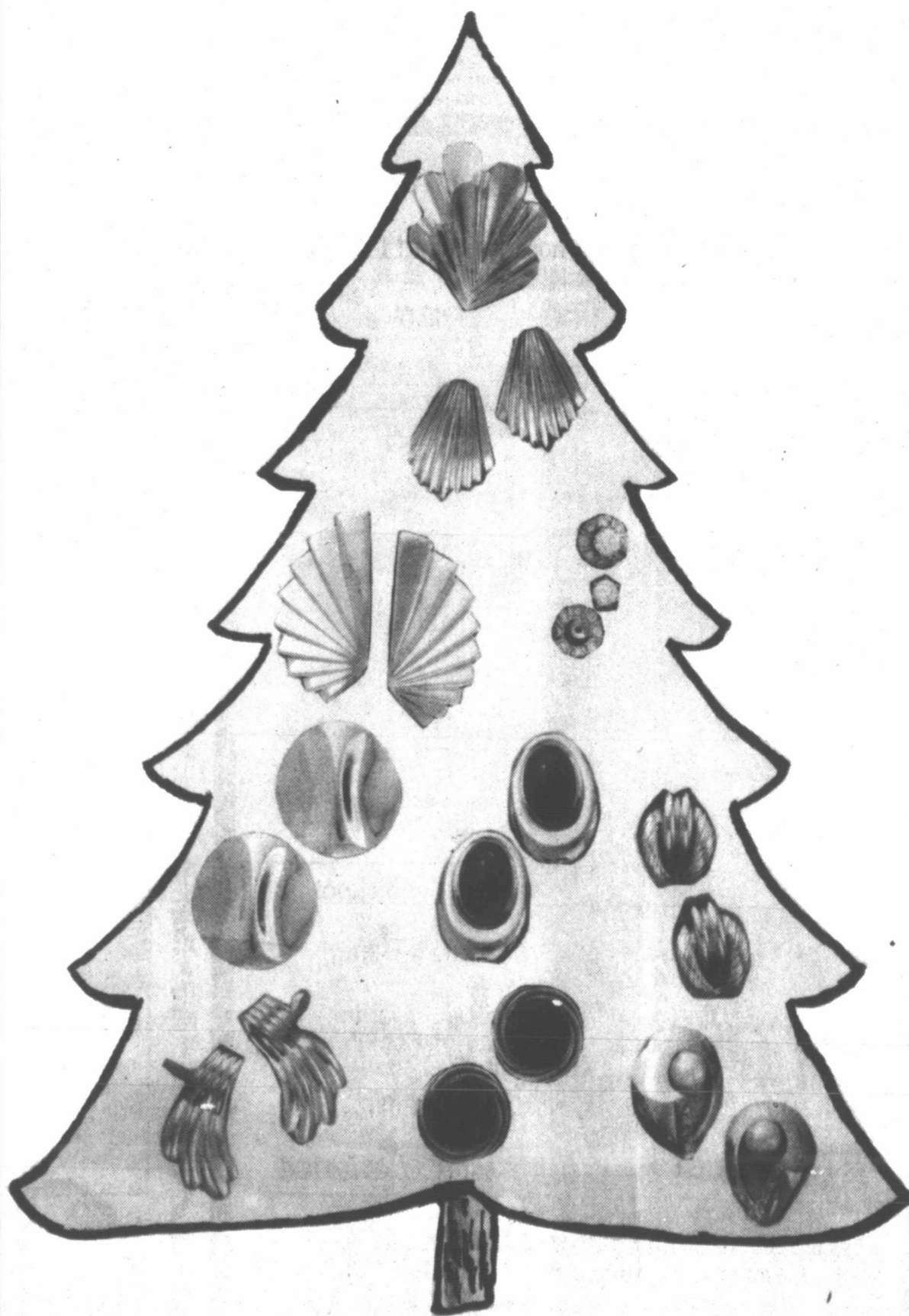
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Banks lose big

Credit card robberies

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit card frauds have cost the nation's banks some \$200 million for the year just ending, according to a banking expert here.

These losses, which have become a bigger threat than armed robbery and embezzlement combined, exceeded \$135 million last year, says Leonard De Baker, of the American Bankers Association.

To help cut down these losses, the ABA has organized a nationwide educational drive that includes the following suggestions:

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- Review credit card charges promptly — even if you plan to pay them later. If there are discrepancies, call the bank immediately.
- Don't be fooled by "Good Samaritan" telephone callers who say they have found your cards and promise to mail them to you right away. This gives thieves more time to run up charges.
- Never lend your credit cards to anyone.



SANDRA CONKLIN, of Pampa — back row, second from right, was included in the 1984 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is an allied health student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. Also pictured are, front row from left: Bill Earp of Baird and Carla Reich of Brownwood. Back row, from left: Diana Killian of Moore, Okla., Conklin and Beverly Cooks of Pawhuska, Okla. (Special photo)

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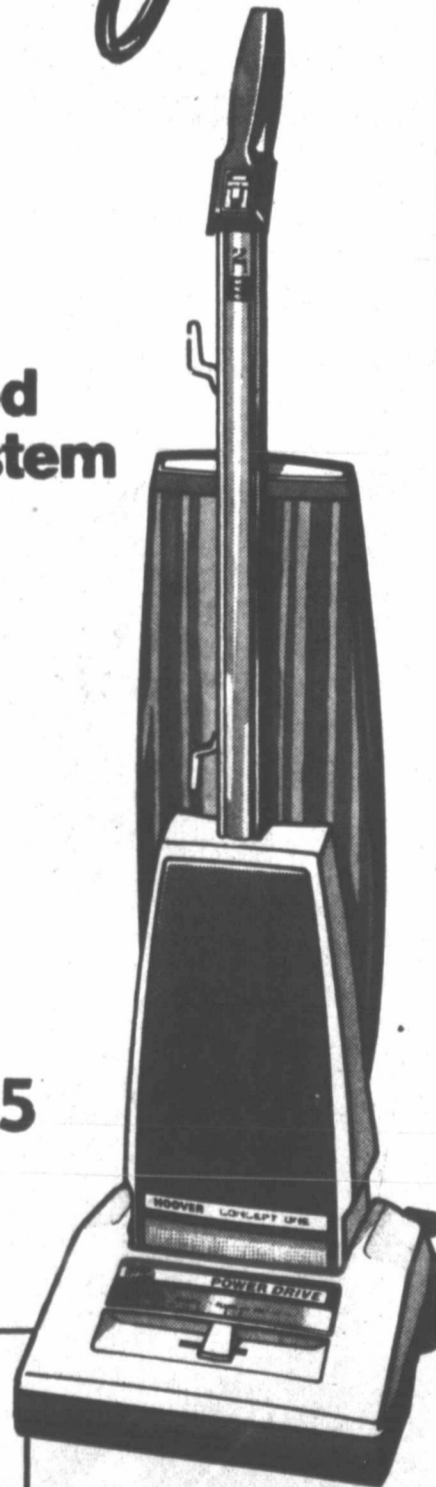
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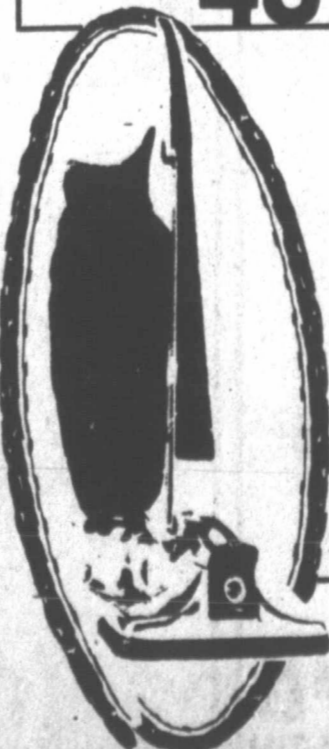
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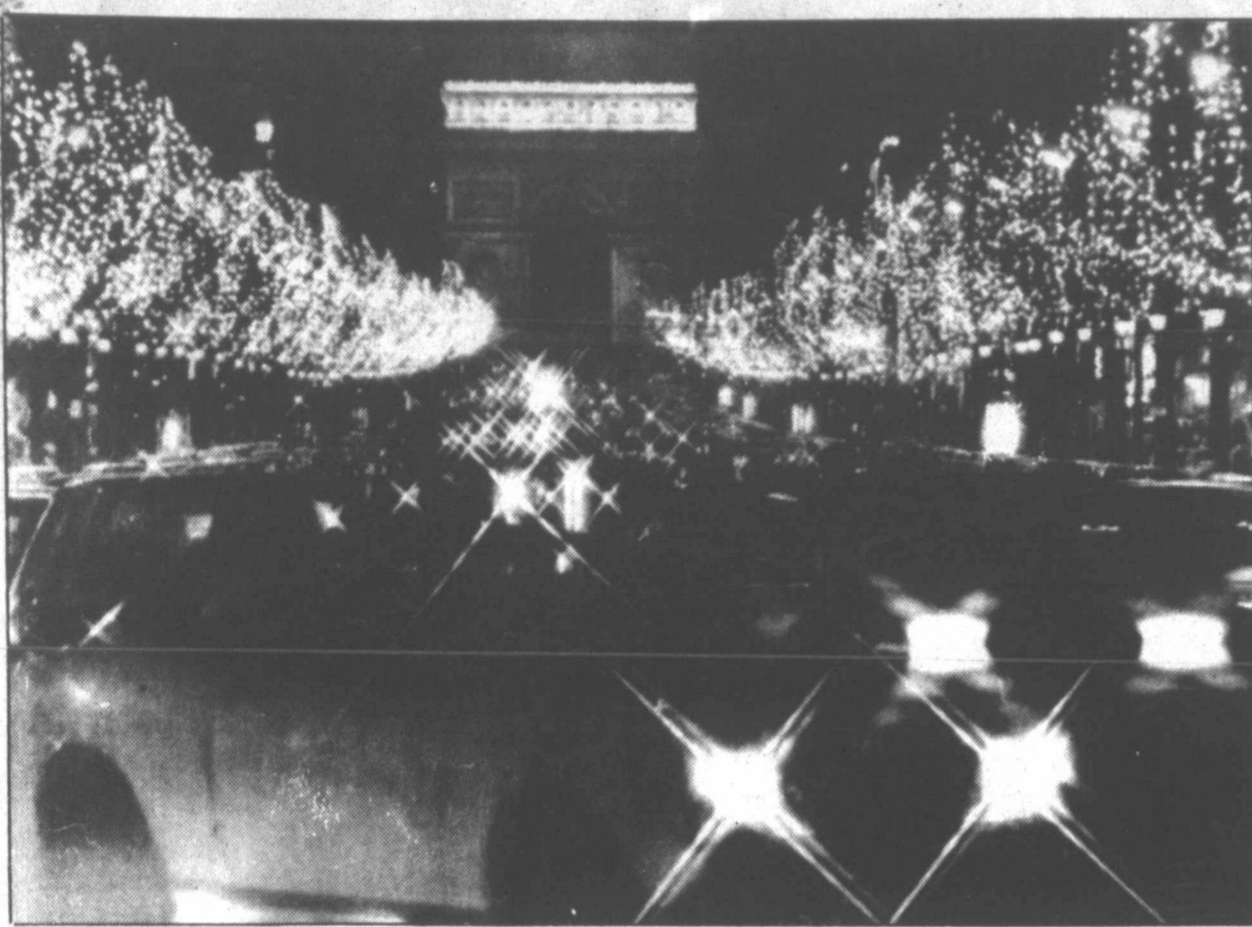
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Retirement meant more business

EDITOR'S NOTE — Retirement means different things to different people. Willard Rockwell Jr. is different people. To him, retirement has meant more big-business dealings and more business success.

By **JIM MCKAY**
Associated Press Writer
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Willard Rockwell Jr. is enjoying his corporate wheeling and dealing four years after his retirement as chairman of Rockwell International, the aerospace giant he built.

"I'm feeling very healthy these days," Rockwell, 69, says in the office of Cyprus Corp., a closed-end investment firm he is working to turn into an operating conglomerate of high-technology companies.

"I'm walking my two miles a day, keeping my weight down," the bespectacled, white-haired Rockwell says. "I've always had a good heart so I hope I should have another 15-20 years of active life."

Rockwell retired in 1979 at age 65 as chief executive of Rockwell International, which as prime contractor for the space shuttle and other defense projects had total sales of \$7.4 billion last year.

Two years later, in 1981, Rockwell and other investors took control of Cyprus, which this summer announced its intention to acquire four varied companies, three of them new ventures.

"We're looking for companies in the high-technology area with good growth prospects. I

think all four companies we bought fit that category," Rockwell says at Chatham Center, where his office is a short walk across a flowered courtyard from the apartment he shares with his wife, Constance.

The acquisitions include Special Metals Corp., a New Hartford, N.Y.-based maker of "superalloy" metals; Astrotech International Inc., a service station for space satellites near the Kennedy Space Center; Quasitronics Inc., a Houston, Pa., company that designs and manufactures computer hardware; and Ecology One of Hialeah, Fla., which has developed a method to sterilize sewage with microwaves.

"It's fun. We're looking for some more," says Rockwell, who describes himself as a dealmaker and leaves the day-to-day operation of Cyprus to its president, Don Stitt, who worked with him at Rockwell International.

"I'm not a very good operating manager, so I let somebody else do that. Besides, if you're a retiree, you're not supposed to work that hard."

But an easy retirement didn't satisfy Rockwell. He and other investors bought 17 percent of Cyprus' common stock for \$4.3 million at 75 cents a share. The stock, which dropped to 25 cents during a proxy fight with preferred shareholders that cost \$20 million to settle, now trades on the American Stock Exchange for about \$3.50.

"It seems like everybody in Pittsburgh seems to own

some," Rockwell says of Cyprus stock. "The fact that we're getting into these high-technology areas has made it exciting and interesting."

"One of the goals of this company is to increase our earnings 50 percent a year, which is the standard for high-technology growth companies, par for the course, I guess," says Rockwell.

Negotiations are continuing over the purchase of Special Metals, which employs about 750 people, from Allegheny International Corp., also of Pittsburgh.

The metals producer attracted Cyprus with its patented method of producing "superalloy" metals for high-temperature and high-strength applications such as jet engines and space satellites.

Cyprus announced its intent to acquire Special Metals after the U.S. Defense Department objected to a tentative deal between Allegheny International and Nippon Steel, Japan's largest steelmaker.

"They told Allegheny they figured if the process went to Japan it would be in the hands of the Russians within 18 months," says Rockwell. "Over here they have the security to keep it from them a little longer at least."

Astrotech International, purchased for about \$8 million, is constructing the country's first privately owned facility to test and process satellites. Currently, all satellites are readied for space in NASA facilities at

the Kennedy Space Center. Ecology One plans to produce small sewage treatment units that disinfect and clarify waste using microwave technology and can be used in mobile homes and boats.

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Quasitronics manufactures and markets peripheral hardware for computers, a venture Rockwell says will survive despite the severe competition in the mainframe computer business.

Rockwell says he was taught the merits of diversification by his father, Army Reserve Col. Willard F. Rockwell, who began what eventually became an axle company in Oshkosh, Wis., in 1909.

"That's what I've been practicing, and that's what I want to do with Cyprus, get into diversified markets," Rockwell says.

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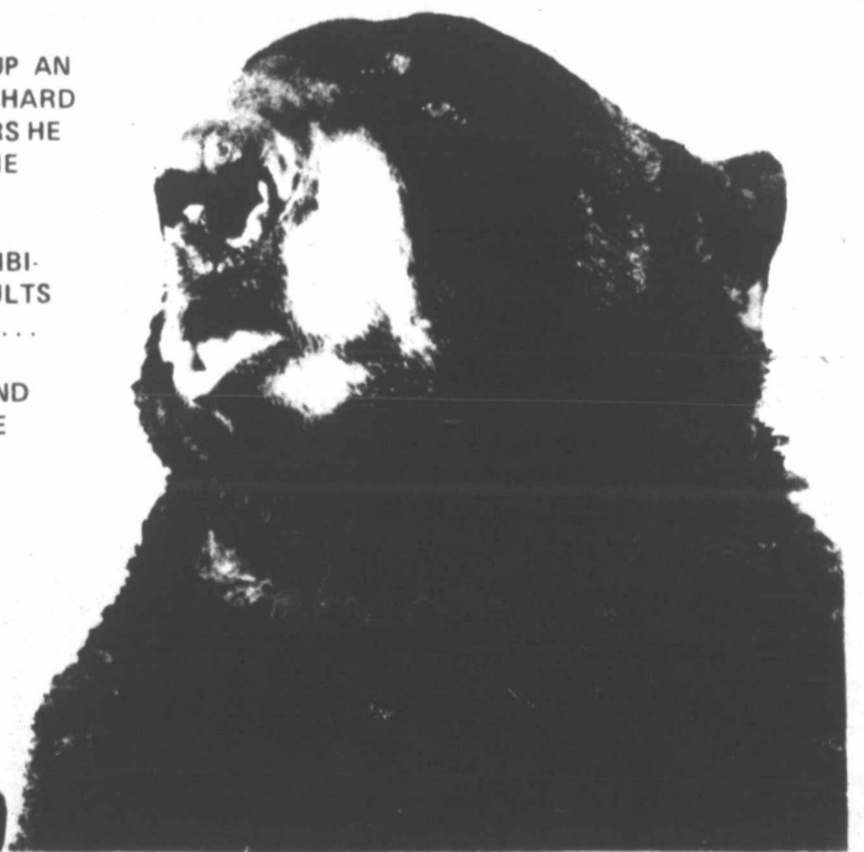
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ZULU CHIEF — Zulu chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who has become a leading black advocate of peaceful change in South Africa, is pictured in tribal outfit during the centenary anniversary of the 1979 tribal war. (AP Laserphoto)

Zula clan war continues in impoverished region

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Msinga District in South Africa is an impoverished area, with double-edged problems of drought and overcrowding. Fighting among the factions of the Zulus in the district has only served to aggravate their desperate situation.

By **ROBERT WELLER**
Associated Press Writer
BIG MASHUNKA MOUNTAIN, South Africa (AP) — The six frail and tottering old men hid from both sides in the Zulu clan war.

They sheltered together "because we are of an age and all worn out." Ironically, they were arrested by police trying to break up the fighting in the notorious Msinga District of Natal Province.

After their release, one of the old men, Swelise, said, "The most painful thing is that the fighting has nothing to do with you. But, old and sick, you all wander round the mountain because somebody, somewhere, is fighting somebody else."

With stolen automatic weapons replacing traditional fighting sticks and spears, more than 1,000 people have died in fights

among Zulu clans in the impoverished Msinga District in the past five years. Much of the fighting is for the available land in the overcrowded district. But that is not always the reason.

Creina Alcock, 41, who runs a church-funded agricultural project in the area, says the fighting that drove the six old men into the mountains started with an argument between the Skalenis and the Koornlivers over who won a dance contest.

The fighting isn't always along faction lines. One infamous group, the Gang of Seven, hides out in the hills and attacks all sides.

The sale of guns to blacks was banned in the region in 1859 but police reported 40 years later that Msinga people had begun building an arsenal. In the last five years, 24,367 guns were reported missing in South Africa. Police recovered 11,433. Many of the remaining 13,134 wound up in Msinga.

Zulu leaders, from top to bottom, have failed to stop the fighting.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, perhaps the most powerful black leader in South Africa, says, "Militarism runs in our

veins ... It's very difficult to tell them when to stop." He says the fighting had been going on for at least five generations.

Police Warrant Officer Jurgen Freese went to nearby Tugela Ferry 21 years ago to command a gun-collection operation. He expected to spend just six months at a riverside tent encampment. Freese is still there.

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Federal agency hands out export tips

By **DON KENDALL**
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A customer in Belgium wants some frozen boneless duck meat another in Japan some bottled or canned beer, and a businessman in the Middle East wants partners to begin a dairy farm in Egypt.

Those are among the latest tips passed out by the Agriculture Department in its weekly "Export Briefs" report. The material is gathered from overseas reports reviewed by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Farm exports, after setting a record value for the 12th straight year of \$43.8 billion in

1980-81, dropped to \$39.1 billion and then to \$34.8 billion in the following two years. For the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, exports are expected to rise to about \$39 billion — still well below the peak.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block and many others have been urging greater efforts to gain larger export markets for American farmers. The more cash sales, the less reliance on government controls and payments, goes the reasoning.

That's why the weekly report includes such a variety of trade possibilities. Virtually nothing is overlooked that might lead to more business for American traders and farmers.

'Scholars dollars' won by good behavior

HIGHLAND PARK, Texas (AP) — Pauline Stepp's third-grade class is learning that "scholar dollars" don't grow on trees.

Hoping to teach her students about the banking and court systems, Ms. Stepp has created a system under which her youngsters receive a \$50 allowance of play money — dubbed "scholar dollars."

When the pupils behave, such as keeping their desks and lockers clean for weekly inspection, they receive bonuses. When they misbehave, they can be hauled before a student court empowered to levy fines for wrongdoers.

The system has grown so elaborate since Ms. Stepp first introduced it in her suburban Dallas classroom that the youngsters have set up a small bank teller's window in class, keep personal ledgers and write checks.

The experiment also has proven to be an effective tool for discipline, Ms. Stepp says, since the pupils don't like to appear in the squabble court.

At times, the court resembles a real one. "I'm amazed that the children have the perception they do and ask the kinds of questions they do," said Dan Guthrie, an attorney who agreed Friday to visit the class, in which his daughter is enrolled, and preside as judge.

The squabbles he heard were hardly first-degree felonies. On the docket were charges of name-calling, stamping on another person's feet while in line, kicking someone under a desk and tickling a classmate at lunch.

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Sexy social game 'antidote to loneliness'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A sidelong glance. A welcoming smile. While it may seem just a social game, flirting in fact is the "antidote to loneliness" that anyone can learn, say two self-certified experts on the sexy subject.

"Flirting is a lost art that can be taught," says Diane Jonasson, and for \$45, she and partner Patty Stine will guide even the most timid through their daylong "Learn to Flirt" seminar.

Ms. Jonasson, 40, draws on memories of nights she spent waiting for suitors who never showed and the self-help courses those waits prompted her to take.

Ms. Stine, 36, contributes her experiences with the "gorgeous body-builder jock type" she once favored exclusively — to the point of marrying one — before learning to look at "everything else that makes a good man."

"Flirting should be a way of life," Ms. Jonasson, a public relations professional, said in a recent interview.

"Babies and toddlers are the most flirtatious people of all. They'll do anything to get your attention. We feel the adult can go back to that little kid in all of us and be a little more friendly, a little more open, a little more excited with life."

Ms. Stine, a Los Angeles County employee, concedes that

flirting "got a very bad connotation because people do it just to feed their own egos, when actually some people can really use it to meet people and to keep yourself from being alone. Teasing is promising something that you have no intention of giving, and flirting is a way of communicating with people."

To begin, they say, don't regard the opposite sex as the enemy.

"Men and women both want the same thing," Ms. Jonasson said. "The new flirter must overcome often sizable fears of taking risks, of failing and of rejection."

"There are no guarantees that you're not going to get rejected," Ms. Stine added. "You have to take responsibility for the fact that your loneliness is self-inflicted. You can convince yourself there's nobody out there for you, then you don't have to go out and put forth the effort."

The two women based the courses they've offered since summer on similar ones developed by Mollie Meyers and Suzanne Gerber of Florida, whom Ms. Stine contacted after seeing their television interview with Phil Donahue.

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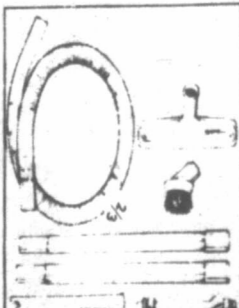
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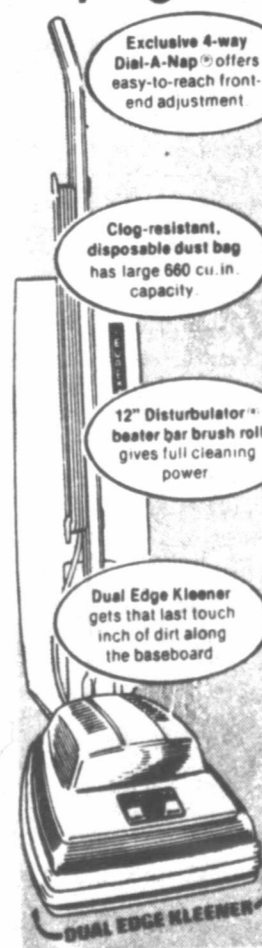
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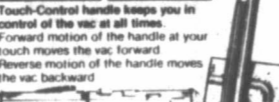
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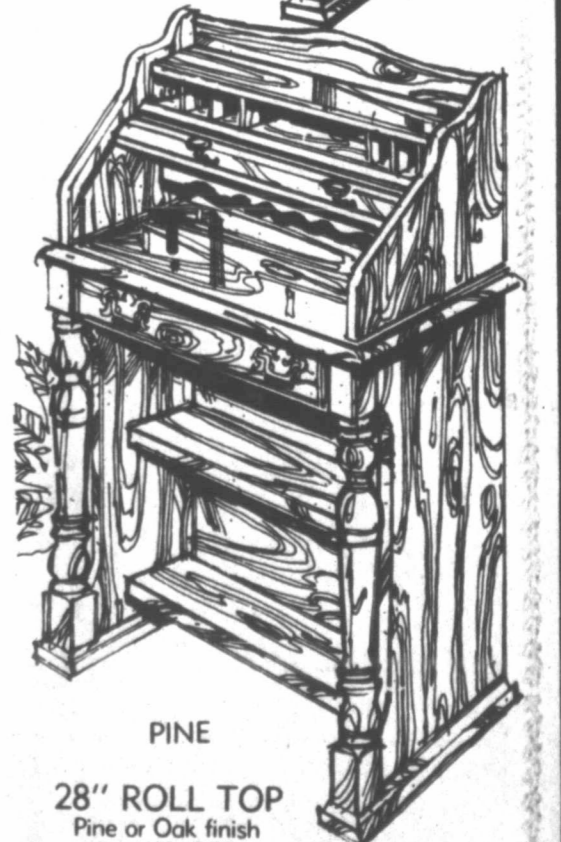


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- Make designs on metal
- Actress West
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- Alternating current (abbr)
- Queer
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DOWN

- Grimace
- Cortex
- Skipped
- More
- overgrown
- One (Sp.)
- Fatality
- Small amount
- Hawaiian instruments
- Guy
- Inflexible
- Playlet
- Fraternal member
- Soap ingredient
- Whirl
- Rowing tools
- Charges
- Utensil
- Give up
- Coal scuttle
- One of 3
- Stooges
- Of cell hair
- Dog group (abbr)
- Tennis equipment
- Eat grass
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- Upright
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- Fishing aids
- Hold out
- Toward the center
- Green-blue color
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Answers to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Conditions look favorable this coming year regarding your material circumstances. Some of the worldly things you've always wanted will be acquired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Two loyal allies are trying to figure out ways to help you better your lot in life. Evidence of their good intentions may surface today. Major changes are in store for Sagittarians in the coming year. Send for your Sagittarius Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 and your zodiac sign to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Send an additional \$2 for the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet. Reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hold fast to your hopes today, even if conditions appear to be working against you. This will pass and all should end well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Difficult objectives can be achieved today because you'll function best when challenged. Do not let the goals you wish to attain intimidate you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) View today's happenings philosophically. This will help you keep everything in proper perspective. A cool head assures success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone with whom you were previously affiliated in a venture is still in a position to help you. He or she is debating the right course of action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In making decisions today that affect another, consider the person's feelings as well as the practical aspects. Let your heart play a role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be rather fortunate today and benefit somehow from a situation which another has begun. At this point you can make a contribution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your romance has been a trifle rocky lately, cheer up! Favorable changes should begin to occur starting today. Each will be more caring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's an excellent day to make those changes you've been contemplating to beautify your surroundings. Your taste is impeccable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should difficult conditions arise, you will handle yourself with grace today. Someone who has not been too impressed by you will now see much to admire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your luck is still holding in material matters. In fact, you might even reap gains from a situation that looked like a loser.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your intense presentation rarely goes unnoticed whenever you speak out on pertinent issues. Fortunately, you'll say all the right things today.

STEVE CANYON



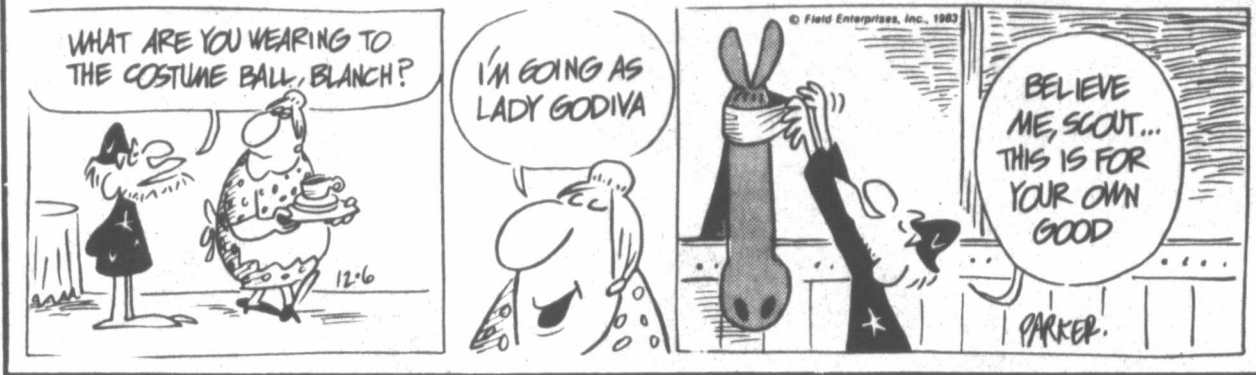
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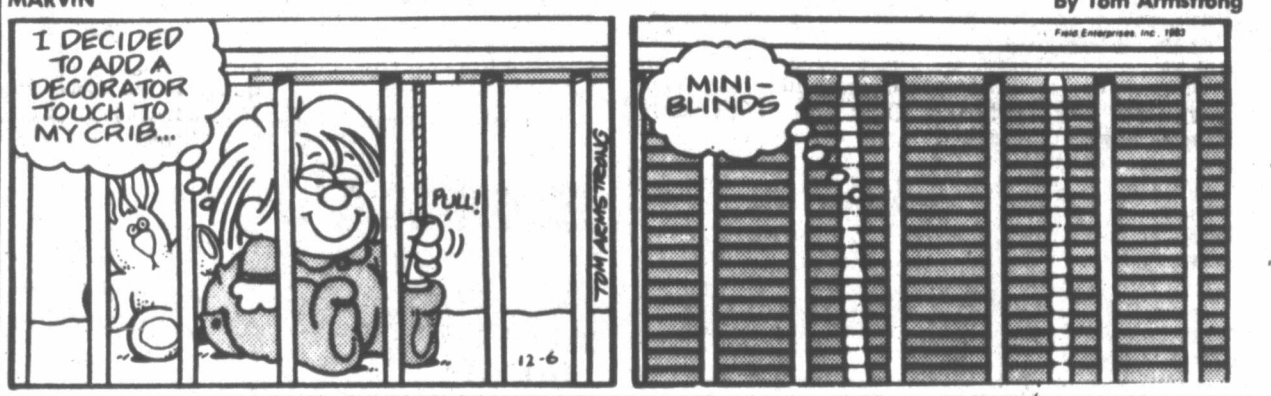
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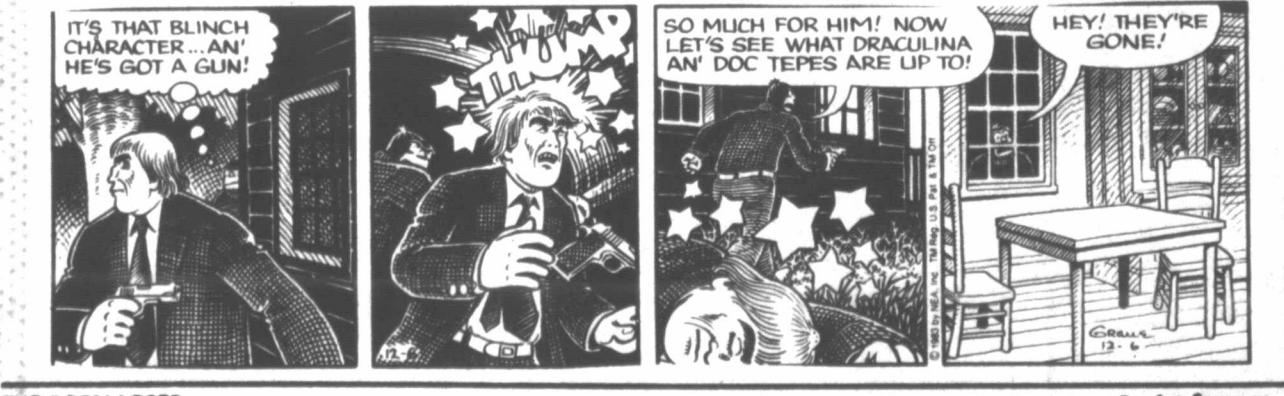
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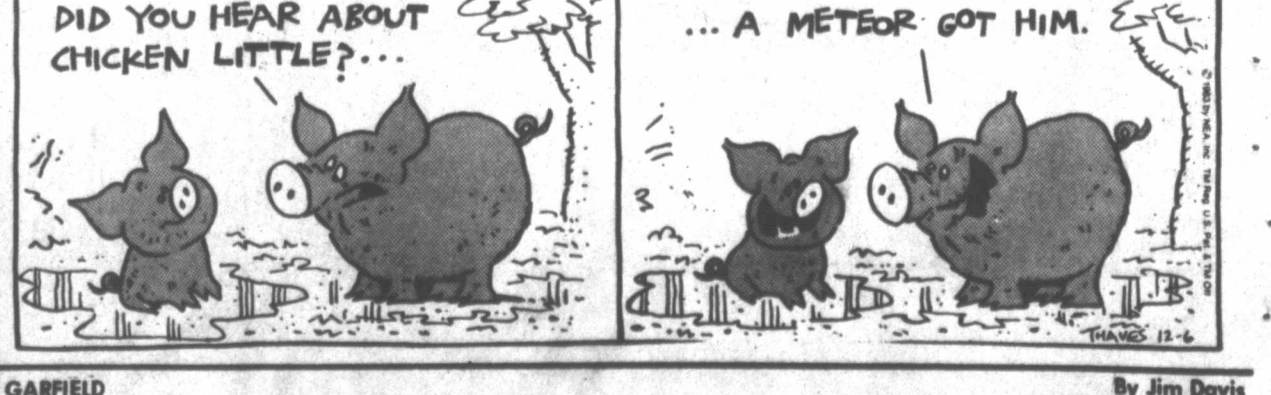
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Rozier, Young head Associated Press All-American football team

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Rozier, Nebraska's Heisman Trophy-winning tailback, and Steve Young, Brigham Young's record-setting quarterback, have been named to the 1983 Associated Press All-American college football team, along with four players from the University of Texas, the most ever in the two-platoon era.

Rozier rushed for 2,148 yards, Marcus Allen's single-season record of 2,342 for Southern Cal in 1981. The Nebraska star led the nation with a per-game average of 179.0, some 27.4 better than the runnerup. Although he played only three seasons, Rozier is the sixth leading rusher in major-college history with 4,780 yards and only Georgia's Herschel Walker had more in a

three-year career.

Young led the nation in total offense (4,346 yards, 395.1 per game) and passing efficiency and finished his career with at least 13 NCAA total offense and passing records. The senior left-hander connected on 306 passes this season — an NCAA record — in 429 attempts for 3,902 yards and 33 touchdowns, with only 10 interceptions. His 71.33 completion percentage also was a national record.

The Texas representatives are offensive guard Doug Dawson and three members of the nation's No. 1-ranked defense — linebacker Jeff Leiding, cornerback Mossy-Cade and free safety Jerry Gray.

Only once before since the AP All-American team began

in 1925 has a school placed as many as four players on the elite squad. That was in 1945 when Army had five players on what was then an 11-man All-American team.

Since the All-American squad has consisted of both offensive and defensive teams — 1950-52 and beginning again in 1964 — only Oklahoma, with three defenders in 1975, and Michigan, with three members on offense in 1981, have placed three players on one unit.

Nebraska and BYU each has two players on the 1983 All-American team. Rozier is

joined by wide receiver Irving Fryar, while BYU tight end Gordon Hudson made it for the second year in a row, one of four repeaters.

The AP All-American team will be featured Monday, Dec. 19, on Bob Hope's Christmas show (NBC-TV, 8-9 p.m., EST).

The 24-man team consists of 19 seniors, four juniors and sophomore running back Bo Jackson of Auburn.

Besides Hudson, others who made the team for the second year in a row are offensive tackle Bill Fralic of Pittsburgh, outside linebacker Wilber Marshall

of Florida and inside linebacker Ricky Hunley of Arizona.

The juniors are Gray, Fralic, placekicker Luis Zendejas of Arizona State and middle guard William Perry of Clemson.

The rest of the offense consists of wide receiver Gerald McNeil of Baylor, tackle Brian Blados of North Carolina, guard Terry Long of East Carolina and center Tom Dixon of Michigan.

Others on defense are outside linebacker Ron Rivera of California, tackles Rick Bryan of Oklahoma and Reggie White of Tennessee.

inside linebacker Carl Banks of Michigan State, deep back Russell Carter of Southern Methodist and punter Jack Weil of Wyoming.

Rozier, Bryan and Carter all moved up from the 1982 second team to this year's first team, while Perry jumped from the third team to the first unit. Penn State wide receiver Kenny Jackson made the second unit this year after being a first-teamer in 1982 and roverback Terry Hoage of Georgia, one of the nation's top defensive players and a first-teamer a year ago, is on the 1983 honorable mention

list. Hoage probably would have made the first team had he played enough but he missed three games and a large portion of several others.

Auburn's Jackson concluded a superb regular season by rushing for 256 yards against Alabama on Saturday, including touchdown runs of 69 and 71 yards. He led the Southeastern Conference with 1,213 yards and was 10th nationally with 110.3 yards per game, but his average of 7.7 per carry was second only to Rozier's 7.8.

Hudson caught 44 passes

for 596 yards and six touchdowns before he suffered a season-ending knee injury against Utah State on Oct. 29. However, his 178 career receptions and 2,484 yards are NCAA records for a tight end.

McNeil, Baylor's 140-pound speedster, caught 62 passes for 1,034 yards and eight touchdowns this wingback. Fryar, Nebraska's wingback, helped make the Cornhuskers the highest scoring team in history by catching 40 passes for 780 yards — a 19.5-yard average — and eight touchdowns and rushing 23 times for 318 yards and two scores.

Aggies, Hogs win non-league tilts

By The Associated Press

Al Pulliam put on a one-man show in the closing 90 seconds to give Texas A&M a 71-66 win over Southwestern in a non-conference basketball game, while Arkansas' Willie Cutts earned a one-way ticket out the door with another kind of exhibition in Fayetteville.

Arkansas, ranked 14th, spurred to a 22-point halftime lead before drubbing East Tennessee State 79-50 Monday night. During that game, Cutts, a sophomore point guard, was dismissed from the squad by Coach Eddie Sutton after he walked away from the game.

Pulliam, a 6-6 transfer from Prairie, Miss., stuffed a field goal and hit three of four free throws in the final minute and a half.

"I was glad to see Al Pulliam come through," said Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf. "He can help us this year."

Doug Lee led A&M with 16 points, while Pulliam had 14, Todd Holloway, 12, and Kenny Brown, 10, for the Aggies.

Andra Higgs scored a game-high 26 points for the Pirates. Russell Moritz had 14, and Bob Deaton scored 12.

Southwestern Coach Paul Peak blamed the loss "on a lack of mental toughness at the end of the game."

"I can't blame anybody but us. I think A&M went to the boards harder than any other team we've played so far. Right now, we're just a struggling team. We keep finding ways to lose," Peak said.

A&M raised its season record to 3-1. Southwestern fell to 5-5.

Junior center Joe Kleine led the Razorbacks' attack with 18 points and 10 rebounds. He hit all but two of his eight shots from the field and drilled six free throws in as many attempts in leading the Razorbacks to their fourth victory in five outings.

Alvin Robertson added 14 points and Leroy Sutton, who was 6-of-6 from the field, added 12 points for Arkansas.

James Tandy led East Tennessee State with 18 points while Marcus Reese, who was averaging 21.5 points per game, was held to 10.

It was an overwhelming victory for the Razorbacks, but the Hogs lost Cutts, who was kicked off the team by Sutton.

Cutts had missed a 20-foot jumper and was taken out of the game by Sutton. When Sutton approached Cutts on the bench, Cutts left the bench area, headed for the dressing room, dressed and left immediately.

"Willie Cutts will never play another game at the University of Arkansas," Sutton said. "I'll be happy to help him transfer to any school he would like to attend. What he did was an embarrassment to himself, his teammates, the coaching staff and our great fans. We've gone a long way with Willie, but there are some things you can't tolerate. You could ask any player on our team and he would agree with the decision."

NFL at a glance

By The Associated Press		American Conference		National Conference	
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	10	4	0	714	224
Buffalo	8	6	0	571	289
New England	7	7	0	500	247
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	500	282
Haltimere	6	6	0	429	225
Central					
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	443	304
Cleveland	4	6	0	571	299
Cincinnati	4	6	0	429	215
Houston	1	13	0	271	244
West					
L.A. Raiders	11	3	0	786	388
Denver	8	6	0	571	264
Seattle	7	7	0	500	362
Kansas City	5	9	0	357	300
San Diego	3	9	0	357	303
National Conference					
East					
Dallas	12	2	0	857	452
Washington	12	2	0	857	479
St. Louis	6	7	1	462	309
Philadelphia	3	9	0	357	209
N.Y. Giants	3	10	1	250	233
Central					
Detroit	8	6	0	571	315
Green Bay	7	7	0	500	296
American Conference					
Minnesota	7	7	0	500	283
Chicago	6	8	0	429	289
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	143	212
National Conference					
L.A. Rams	8	6	0	571	228
San Francisco	8	6	0	571	267
New Orleans	7	7	0	500	275
Atlanta	6	6	0	429	215

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STAGE FULL OF CANDIDATES - Democratic presidential contenders join party leaders on stage during a \$1,000 per plate fundraising dinner Monday evening in Washington. From left are: George McGovern; Charles Manatt, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Walter Mondale; the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Lee Hart, representing her husband, Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado; Pamela Harriman; Sen. John Glenn of Ohio; and Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina. (AP Laserphoto)



SOLDIER'S WIDOW HONORED - Vice President George Bush chats with Mrs. Alice Garcia, widow of Sergeant Major Macario Garcia, for whom the United States Army Reserve Center was named and dedicated Monday in ceremonies at the facility. (AP Laserphoto)

Bush dedicates Army reserve center

HOUSTON (AP) - Vice President George Bush says that nations have no recourse but to protect themselves "against the bullies who threaten them."
 "Our country has a strong military so that other nations will not be tempted to bully and cheat," Bush said Monday in ceremonies dedicating a new Army Reserve center named in honor of Sgt. Maj. Macario Garcia, a World War II Medal of Honor winner.
 At the time of his award in 1945, Garcia was the third Mexican-American ever given the nation's highest military award. Garcia was killed in a traffic accident in 1972 near Houston. His wife attended dedication ceremonies.
 Bush, completing a two-day visit to his hometown, compared Garcia's actions with the courage of American soldiers in Grenada and Lebanon, and reiterated the Reagan administration's contention that the Grenada invasion was to "assure the safety of several hundred American medical students and to save Grenada from anarchy and violence."
 "Our actions... were not ones of conquest,

but of restoring minimal order," Bush said.
 The U.S. is "not a country which capriciously uses force," he said. "Constant military preparedness, however, to protect against those who do not share our love of freedom is necessary in the world as it exists today."
 Bush, flanked by two Army trucks and speaking before an audience of about 700 people seated in a parking lot outside the center, cut a wide red ribbon with a sword to mark the opening of the \$4.6 million facility which is home for 1,200 reservists and 50 fulltime staff. At the center, tests and training exercises for Reserve and National Guard units for the western two-thirds of the country are written and evaluated.
 Among those attending Monday's ceremonies were Texas U.S. Sen. John Tower and Selective Service Director Thomas K. Turnage.
 Tower said the Reserves are a "vital part of our total force concept" and noted that Congress each year recognized their importance by allocating the forces more money than Pentagon requests.



WAITING FOR THE NOBEL - Polish Nobel prize laureate Lech Walesa, along with his wife Danuta, appear at a press conference at the St. Brigida church in Gdansk Monday. Danuta will travel to Oslo, Norway, this week to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of her husband on Saturday. (AP Laserphoto)



WEINBERGER AT TRAINING GROUNDS - U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, center, stands atop a Bradley personnel carrier to watch armored vehicles exercise at the Hohenfels U.S. Army training area in Bavaria, West Germany, Monday. (AP Laserphoto)

Fate of peacekeeping force to be mulled at NATO meeting

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, ready to defend the U.S. role in Lebanon, opens a two-day strategy session with his NATO colleagues today.
 Further Marine casualties and U.S. air strikes have increased doubts about the role of the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, and Italy hinted Monday that it may withdraw its contingent of soldiers.
 But Weinberger said the United States remained determined "to demonstrate that we have the strength and will" to fulfill the peacekeeping mission.
 He added, however, "We need much more activity on the diplomatic and political sides."
 Weinberger is expected to discuss the Middle East with the defense ministers from Italy and with Britain, which also has peacekeeping troops in Lebanon. France, the fourth contributor to the 5,800-man force, is not a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's military wing.
 Italian Premier Bettino Craxi hinted Monday his nation may remove its 2,100 soldiers if the United States tempts Syria into more fighting.
 Denis Healey, foreign affairs spokesman for Britain's opposition Labor Party, called

for Britain to withdraw its 100-man contingent, saying the United States was pursuing a "catastrophic course."
 American warplanes made their first air attack in Lebanon on Sunday, bombing Syrian positions. Two American planes were shot down, with one pilot killed and another captured.
 Eight U.S. Marines were killed Sunday night in shellfire at their base at Beirut airport. In October, a suicide bomb attack on their headquarters killed 239 Marines. A similar attack on French peacekeepers killed 58.
 Much of the NATO discussions will focus on defense problems in Europe, now that the first of a new breed of U.S. nuclear missiles are being deployed there after four years of planning and political controversy.
 The meeting at NATO headquarters on the outskirts of Brussels comes nearly two weeks after the Soviet Union walked out of the medium-range missile talks in Geneva, Switzerland, following the start of the missile deployment.
 It appears unlikely that Weinberger will come away from the meeting with a solid commitment from all allies to boost defense spending by at least 3 percent - a long-standing alliance goal.



VIDEO GAME FIRST - Robert Mullane, left, Bally Manufacturing, and Dr. Jay Bradinger, RCA Disc Operations, look at Bally's new video game, "NFL Football," at its unveiling in Chicago Monday. This is the first arcade game to be officially licensed by the NFL and is the first to use RCA's new Random Access Videodisc player in its operation. (AP Laserphoto)

News brief

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) - The wish of a quadriplegic cerebral palsy victim to die is "a rational and thoughtful choice," her lawyer told a judge who was asked to uphold her demand not to be force-fed or treated by doctors.
 "This is not suicide. It is patient autonomy," said Richard Scott, who represents the wheelchair-bound patient, Elizabeth Bouvia, 26.
 Ms. Bouvia told the hearing Monday that she has made her choice independently and

her wish "at this point is absolute." She denied assertions by Riverside County authorities that on three occasions she tried to kill herself.
 Scott asked Superior Court Judge John H. Hews for an order suspending treatment of his client at Riverside General Hospital, where she has been on a liquid protein diet.
ATLANTA (AP) - A judge was correct in allowing controversial fiber evidence during the 1982 trial in which

Wayne B. Williams was convicted of killing two young blacks, Georgia's Supreme Court ruled.
 The court issued the unanimous ruling Monday, upholding two murder convictions and consecutive life sentences for Williams, 25.
 The high court also upheld trial Judge Clarence Cooper's decision to permit prosecutors to present evidence from 10 of 27 other cases in which young Atlanta-area blacks were killed.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On the 15th day of December, 1983, there will be a hearing for the public's benefit on proposed airport improvements at Perry LeFors Field in Gray County. The hearing will give any interested party an opportunity to voice their opinion about the proposed improvements. The proposed improvements are to be financed by a Grant from the Texas Aeronautics Commission and Gray County. The improvements consist of repair, seal coat and restripe 4500' x 75' area on runway 5-23. The public hearing will be held in the County Courthouse, 2nd floor of the Gray County Courthouse at 10:00 A.M. during the scheduled meeting of the Commissioners Court.
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ANTLERS INTERLOCK — Joe Smith of Malvern, Ark., displays the antlers he took from two buck deer. Smith found the two deer dead with their horns interlocked while hunting in Clark County, near Okolona, about one mile from Interstate 30. (AP Laserphoto)

Weather affects landing time

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The Columbia-Spacelab astronauts, winding down a successful science mission, waited today to find out if they will return to Earth on Wednesday or Thursday — with the pace of a Pacific storm the determining factor. If the storm now approaching the California coast moves through the landing site at Edwards Air Force Base on Wednesday, Columbia will land at 8:01 a.m. Pacific time Thursday as now planned. Cox said.

Honduras bars U.S. churchwomen

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The leftist government says Honduran gunboats staged three attacks on Nicaraguan fishing boats and camouflaged planes strafed a seaside customs post, killing two employees.

In Honduras, which borders Nicaragua to the north, the government Monday refused to admit 92 American churchwomen who planned a protest against U.S. intervention in Central America. Honduran officials said the planned three-day protest was supported by "leftist extremists."

The women arrived in Honduras on a commercial flight from Miami. Only 10 people, none from the religious group, were allowed off the plane, which returned to the United States.

Nicaragua's Foreign Ministry formally blamed Honduras for three attacks Sunday and Monday on fishing boats. One fishing boat captain was killed and five crewmen were wounded.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Manuel Espinoza Rivera said the government was investigating the strafing attack Monday on the customs post at the

Pacific port of Potosi. He said a protest would be lodged if the investigation indicated Honduras was responsible.

"Two camouflaged planes coming in from Honduras fired several machine gun bursts, killing two customs employees in Potosi," said a customs source who asked not to be identified.

It was not clear if the planes attacking Potosi were the same ones which attacked two Nicaraguan boats in the Gulf of Fonseca 30 minutes earlier.

A Foreign Ministry communique said three Honduran planes "fired several rockets" in support of an attack by four Honduran boats.

Other Honduran boats attacked another Nicaraguan boat in the gulf and two off the Atlantic coast Sunday, the communique said.

The Gulf of Fonseca, shared by Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador, has been the site of frequent clashes between Nicaragua and Honduran boats.

Relations between the two countries have

deteriorated recently as Honduran-based Nicaraguan rebels, funded by the CIA, escalated attacks in Nicaragua.

Honduras denied entry to the American churchwomen "because they tried to enter the country using deceit," govern ment spokesman Amilcar Santamaria said.

"They asked for tourist visas and came with the intention of organizing meetings of a political nature, an activity which the constitution prohibits for foreigners," he said.

The women planned to conduct vigils and prayer sessions in Tegucigalpa and at American military camps.

"The women in question came to play the Nicaraguan government's game, which is a threat to the peace and security of Central America," Santamaria said. "Why don't these religious women go pray for peace in Managua, where there is a totalitarian regime that is threatening the rest of the nations of the area?"

Next to last START session

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — U.S. and Soviet negotiators met today for the next-to-last session this year on long-range nuclear forces — talks the Soviets suggest are headed toward the same fate as the suspended medium-range missile negotiations.

The chief Soviet negotiator remained non-committal about the future of the 17-month-old Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, known as START, as the two delegations gathered at the U.S. Disarmament Agency.

"You will hear from us Thursday," Ambassador Victor Karpov told reporters when asked whether he would be back after the Christmas recess, which will start after Thursday's session.

The meeting between Karpov and his U.S. counterpart, Edward L. Rowny, followed

new Soviet charges that the Americans are unwilling to reach an accord on limiting and reducing intercontinental missiles and bombers.

Soviet officials, at a rare news conference Monday in Moscow, made an ominous link between START and the negotiations to limit medium-range nuclear weapons.

The Soviet Union walked out of those talks Nov. 23 after the West German Parliament voted in favor of stationing cruise and Pershing 2 missiles on West German territory. The 572 missiles are scheduled to be deployed in five West European countries, and the first missiles began arriving last month.

Marshal Nikolai V. Ogarkov, chief of the Soviet general staff, accused the United States of not having bargained seriously in the Euromissile sessions.

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