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Spy director: Client revealed deal

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Casey

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director William Casey told a House committee that a New York businessman, not his own intelligence operation, tipped him in October to a diversion of profits from Iranian arms sales, says a published report.

Casey told the House Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday that he received the tip from businessman Roy M. Furmark on Oct. 7. *The Washington Post* reported in today's editions, citing congressional sources. That was about six weeks before Attorney General Edwin Meese III says he turned up the scheme in late November.

Committee members in the closed session were said to be stunned when Casey asserted that his conversation with Furmark was the first hint he had that funds from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran might have been diverted to Central America.

Meese on Nov. 25 said that up to \$30 million in profits from the arms sales was diverted to aid the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Meese said then that two National Security Council officials were the only government aides who had known of the scheme.

The Post said Casey testified that he was called on Oct. 7 by Furmark, his former legal client in New York. Casey said Furmark told him he had learned from an Iranian involved with a group of Canadian

businessmen in the secret arms deal that some of the money had ended up in Central America.

The Canadians were threatening a lawsuit that would have exposed the arms deal because they had put up \$20 million as middlemen in the sales and only received \$10 million in return, the newspaper said.

In the same closed-door session, Casey denied that any of the CIA's money went to aid the Contras, adding that the money to pay for arms shipped to Iran came from four different sources, according to Rep. Gus Yatron, D-Pa., who did not say if Casey identified the sources.

Casey told the committee that after he spoke to Furmark he started an internal CIA inquiry and alerted Vice Adm. John

Poindexter, who was then national security adviser, the newspaper said.

The CIA director said he spoke to Furmark the next day in person in Washington. *The Post* said, and Furmark "described the whole operation."

The Post said Casey's disclosures suggested the following scenario: The CIA took possession of the U.S. arms from the Pentagon and transported them to Israel on privately chartered aircraft. At that point they were sold to middlemen, apparently including the Canadians in at least one case, who resold them to an Iranian middleman representing Ayatollah

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Oops!

Board fails to list name, meeting site

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

WHEELER — A Wheeler County governmental body of some sort announced its intent to meet at 6 p.m. Monday to interview a prospective administrator, discuss official business and have open time for visitors.

But the agenda calling the official meeting left off a few small details — the name of the entity that was to meet and a location for the scheduled gathering.

The small agenda was posted on a bulletin board at the Wheeler County Courthouse this week, but County Clerk T.J. Daughtry took one look at the announcement for the mystery meeting and told his deputies to throw it away.

"There's not enough information on it," Daughtry said. "It's of no use like that."

Those who had the meeting obviously overlooked the clause in the Texas Open Meetings Law that mandates written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of each governmental get-together.

But who posted the deficient announcement? It wasn't Wheeler city officials; they meet next Monday.

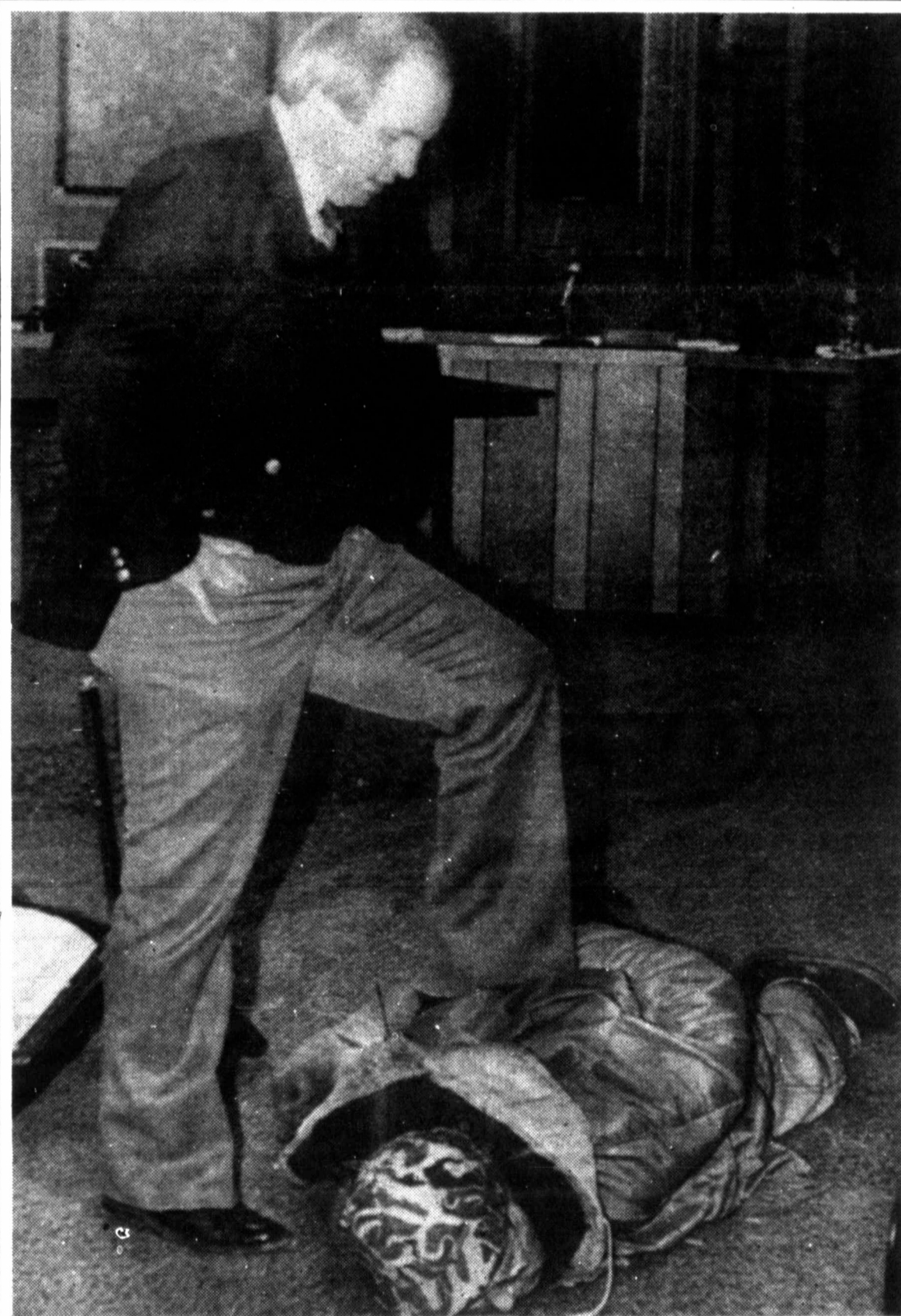
Wheeler School? Nope. That board meets tonight, as does the Mobeetie school board and the Mobeetie City Council.

"We know who it is," Daughtry declared. "It's the North Wheeler County Hospital District. We know it's them because they've done it like that before."

Hospital District board President Louis Grayson of Allison said Thursday that he prepared the flawed agenda that brought board members together Monday evening.

"It should have had that information," Grayson said with understatement. "It was an oversight."

He said the board interviewed candidates to replace departing Parkview Hospital Administrator Charles Hix and approved payment of routine bills.



Mount Pleasant City Attorney Bill Dowell pins Davis to floor.

Sewer dispute prompts shootings; mayor killed

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa (AP) — A 69-year-old man who had complained about a backed-up sewer walked into a City Council meeting and opened fire, killing the mayor and seriously wounding two council members, witnesses and officials said.

Mayor Edward King, 53, who was shot in the head at point-blank range, died Wednesday night at University Hospitals in Iowa City, about 60 miles from this southeastern Iowa city of 7,300 residents, said hospital spokesman Dean Borg.

Councilwoman JoAnn Sankey, 39, was in critical condition today at University Hospitals with a

head wound and two chest wounds, and Councilman Ronald DuPre, 44, was in stable condition, officials said.

Henry County Medical Examiner Dr. Warren Scott said King was shot above the right eye.

Ralph Orin Davis, 69, surrendered in the council chambers after the shootings, said Police Chief Jerry Richenberger. Davis, initially charged with three counts of attempted murder, was being held on \$300,000 bond.

Henry County Attorney Michael Riepe said ear-

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Sawatzky chases Chinese business

By LARRY HOLLIS
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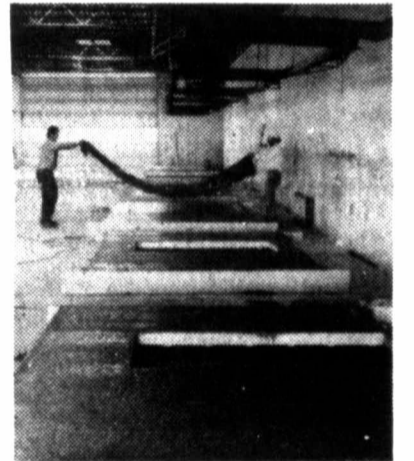
Sawatzky Concrete Building Co. has announced that its company representatives are having discussions with a delegation of Chinese government officials for possible concrete building projects in mainland China.

A.J. Sawatzky, president of the Oklahoma-based firm, said he and other company representatives have begun negotiations to manufacture and build concrete homes and commercial structures in China.

Steve Zahorsky, sales representative for the Pampa division, said the negotiations are still continuing, but if they are successful, the business in China will bring new projects to the Pampa plant. Some Pampa personnel also may go to China to oversee some of the projects, Zahorsky added.

Sawatzky Concrete officials met earlier this month in Oklahoma City with 10 government officials from the Guangzhou Economic and Technology Development District (GETDD) forming the Chinese delegation. The delegation currently is having discussions with American businesses seeking agreements with China.

Sawatzky noted the Chinese communist government has opened its doors to the western nations in recent years and wants to encourage the exchange of



Workers pour concrete.

trade and technology.

In order to promote the exchange, the Chinese government is proposing to build 11 new cities in various provinces throughout the country. Each city would be built from the ground up and have a population of one million.

The cities will be designed and constructed using the latest technical concepts and methods. The Chinese GETDD delegation is seeking help from U.S. companies toward that aim.

The Chinese group was brought to Oklahoma by International Trade Expositions Inc. of Oklahoma City.

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Couple held in arson after traffic accident

GROOM — An alert highway patrolman has helped Missouri authorities find a California couple wanted on charges of arson in central Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks region.

Josephine Harris and Robert Roach, both of Bakersfield, Calif., have waived extradition and will be headed back to Camden, Mo., tonight following their arrest earlier this week on charges that they burned down a lakeside cabin Sunday in Camden County, Mo.

Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Don King said today that the pair were westbound on Interstate 40 about 3 a.m. Monday when they were involved in a traffic accident east of Groom in Gray County.

King said Harris, 59, was taken to Coronado Community Hospital with broken ribs. He said subsequent checking by DPS Trooper Greg Eatmon revealed that Harris and Roach were both wanted in connection with the Missouri cabin fire.

After spending two nights in the hospital, Harris was taken to the Gray County Jail, where she remained this morning. King said

he arrested Harris at the hospital after he and Eatmon contacted Camden County authorities.

King said Roach, 50, the woman's boyfriend, was arrested in Carson County, so was taken to the Carson County Jail in Panhandle.

A hitchhiker from Amarillo also was in the vehicle at the time of the wreck and was treated and released at Coronado Community Hospital, King said.

Bill Bleck, chief deputy at the Camden County Sheriff's Department, said this morning that Harris and Roach waived extradition and will be delivered to Camden County deputies by Gray and Carson County authorities at the Amarillo International Airport tonight.

The couple were scheduled to be arraigned Friday in Camden on charges of second degree arson, Bleck said. He said investigation into the blaze is continuing.

King said Harris formerly owned the gutted cabin but had sold it when the buyers got behind on their payments, she allegedly destroyed it, King said he was told by Missouri authorities.

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A relaxing ride



Young Adam Kent, 2-year-old son of Jeff and Debra Kent of Lefors, takes a ride on the horsecart in front of Alco Discount Store as he persuades his parents to let him relax from the early holiday shopping.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverly)

Clements says no new taxes planned for his state budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Bill Clements, meeting with top state officials, has begun work on a new state budget which he says should preclude additional taxes.

"There are no new taxes involved," Clements said Wednesday after meeting with directors of the 14 biggest state agencies in a session Board of Education Chairman Jon Brumley called "a good businessman's discussion."

Clements and agency officials said the talks revolved around setting priorities for writing the next budget, which projections indicate could face a shortfall of as much as \$5 billion.

House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby also met with Clements on Wednesday, and Lewis, too, said Clements sounded a no-new-taxes theme.

"I asked him about taxes... and he said that he felt we can hold the line where we are, and he's going to be meeting with some of the state agencies and asking them to hold the line," Lewis said.

Clements said he has directed the 14 big agencies — which are responsible for more than half of state spending — to draw up a list of priorities for their agencies based on the amount of tax re-

venue expected for the next fiscal period.

"We're trying to scrub the budget," the incoming governor said.

Clements said he plans regular meetings with the agency officials during his term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20.

But before that, he said, he wants the agencies to submit lists of their priorities for programs.

"They will prioritize every program that they have in their budgets... It will be a very comprehensive list," Clements said.

Rep. Michael Toomey, R-Houston, who heads Clements' special task force on state finances, said the governor-elect's approach to the budget is a new concept for state agencies.

"They're being asked to put their priorities from one to 100. We'll see what their lowest priorities are. And if it whacks off that there's only money for so much, then that's what's whacked off," Toomey said.

"He is asking them to, by program and by dollars, to tell him where they think their priorities are. They haven't been asked that in a long time," Toomey

added. "Before, they only had a priority table that was a hodgepodge... It's totally indecipherable."

Clements said other problems facing the state were discussed with Lewis and Hobby, including the need for additional prison space and education.

"There isn't any question about that. We've got to build more prisons," he said.

Clements said his meetings were general conversations about state issues. "No conclusions, just talk," he said.

"We've got to get the problems out on the table before we can solve them. We've got to talk about them first," Clements said.

Clements also said he was talking with the state officials about the possibility of having the 1987 Legislature write a one-year budget rather than the customary two-year spending plan. Such a plan has been suggested due to the state's precarious economy.

"We will consider as an option... but there's nothing conclusive here... one-year versus two-year budgets," he said. "It's an option that we, under the prevailing circumstances, must consider."

Brzezinski claims arms deal hurts more than flop rescue

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Iran-Contra arms scandal is hurting U.S. credibility more than the failed rescue attempt of American hostages in Iran did, former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski says.

Brzezinski, who served under Jimmy Carter, said Wednesday that a deal to sell weapons to Iran in return for that country's help in gaining the release of American hostages has hurt the United States internationally, especially in the Persian Gulf.

He said President Reagan's credibility in foreign affairs has been shaken because profits from the weapons sale were diverted to U.S.-backed Contra rebels fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Brzezinski said Americans knew right away that the Carter administration's objective of going into Iran was to rescue hostages held after the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was overrun by demonstrators.

"I think this (the arms scandal) is more damaging," Brzezinski said at a press conference before lecturing at Trinity University. "The other one clearly was a risky operation. When you undertake a risky operation the chances are it might fail. You know it and it's inherent in the operation."

"In this particular case, the fallout is damaging to the seriousness of the U.S. government," he added. "It's damaging to central unity. It's damaging to the reputations of individuals. It precipitates national investigations."

He said governments also negotiate with kidnappers, despite the public denials.

"I have no objections of a making deals for hostages, but I do object to arms for hostages with a terrorist state," he said.

"I think the notion of 'one never deals with terrorists' is absurd. There is not a single government in the world who actually lives by

such a principle," he said.

Brzezinski also said the National Security Council is weaker now because Reagan's aides have restricted the past four national security advisers' access to the president.

Although congressmen have called for the resignation of Chief of Staff Donald Regan and CIA Director William Casey because of the arms deals, Brzezinski did not specifically call for Regan's dismissal.

But he did say Regan should spend more time on domestic, not international, issues.

"The president would be better off, generally, if he were to assert his leadership by creating a new team around him. How widespread that ought to be is a matter for the president to make a decision," Brzezinski said.

Brzezinski, a professor of government at Columbia University, said the controversy could hurt Reagan and the Republican Party if it drags for months.

Texas congressman believes U.S. farm bill 'works fine'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring criticism over the rising cost of the U.S. farm bill, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza of Texas said the measure is working well and needs only fine tuning and time.

The government spent a record \$25.6 billion on agriculture programs in 1986 after annual levels of about \$4 billion through the 1970s. Rumbblings are coming from the Office of Management and Budget about a major cut this year.

But de la Garza, a paunchy South Texan who sports tailored suits, horn-rimmed glasses and a disarming folksy manner, said farming is on the rebound, thanks in part to the 1985 farm bill he helped author.

"I think we've bottomed out because inflation is down, interest rates are working down, value of land seems to be stabilizing," said de la Garza, D-Mission. "We're reducing surpluses, stabilizing prices. Beyond that you

just pray and hold your fingers crossed."

The congressman said incoming House Speaker Jim Wright has already set the agenda for the upcoming session, which includes a thorough look at the farm program soon after the 100th Congress convenes Jan. 6.

"Once we address the issue then we have to set the priorities. Whether there is something we can do, I don't know. My plan is to bring everybody in, everybody who has an idea, everybody who has a plan," de la Garza said.

The question Americans must ask themselves is whether U.S. farmers are worthy of a 2 or 3 percent dent in the total budget, which translates to about \$25 billion, he said.

"My prediction is that I feel it in my bones that we're coming around. But you can't let it sit there. You have to fine-tune. You have to listen to the motor, and if it isn't purring just right you have to see if you have to change a

spark plug here or a fan belt there. And that's what we're doing."

Trade legislation is a big part of that, de la Garza said. But the Foreign Affairs or Ways and Means committees have jurisdiction over trade.

"If they make Japan understand that they have to open up for automobiles or radios or televisions then we tag along and say you have to open up for meat and oranges," the congressman said.

Loss of markets from Latin America and the Caribbean following the banking crisis of the early 1980s has hurt U.S. farmers, de la Garza said. Crippling interest payments on loans have left many countries with no money to buy U.S. products.

"To buy from us they have to have dollars. So, we have to buy from them so they can make dollars to buy from us," de la Garza said.

Accused murderer apologizes for retired couple's slaying

By DAVID SEDENO
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tammi Rivera today apologized in court for the slayings of a retired couple, saying her husband plotted to rob and murder them so he could get enough money to travel to Ohio to find work.

Mrs. Rivera, 18, is charged with capital murder in the slayings of Keith Nurdyke, 56, and Jean Nurdyke, 53, on March 27. Federico Rivera, 19, already has been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the slayings that occurred east of Brownsville in a secluded area on Boca Chica Beach.

Mrs. Rivera, in tearful testimony, told the seven-woman, five-man jury that her husband would have hurt her if she had wanted to back out or tell about the slayings.

She said she did not take part in or witness the slayings of the Nurdykes, who were from Raytown, Mo., but who spent the winter months in Harlingen.

"I would like to say to the Nor-

dyke family that how very, very sorry I am this happened," Mrs. Rivera testified. "If I could redo it to the day it was, it would have never happened."

She said that her husband put a rope and small knife in her purse on the morning that they went to meet the Nurdykes at the older couple's home.

Rivera had testified at his trial in Brownsville in October that Nurdyke had wanted the Riveras to make a pornographic movie and that later, Nurdyke wanted to participate in the film.

Mrs. Rivera did not say anything about the videotape in her early testimony but did say that they watched a movie while at the Nurdyke home.

"It was a dirty film," she said.

She said they drove to Brownsville and then Boca Chica Beach, where her husband pulled a knife and asked Nurdyke to stop. Mrs. Rivera said she was trying to tie Nurdyke but he struggled and Rivera tried to stab him.

Mrs. Rivera said she was stabbed in the hand by her husband

while trying to block him from stabbing Nurdyke.

She said he took the couple separately outside the van and later came back and tried to tell her what happened.

"He told me that he stabbed Mrs. Nurdyke in the eyes and had stabbed Mr. Nurdyke 17 times," Mrs. Rivera said. "I felt bad. He started to explain to me and I told him I didn't want to hear nothing about it."

The couples' bodies were found floating in the Rio Grande on April 3. The Riveras were arrested in Ohio on April 5 and returned to South Texas. Her trial was moved from Brownsville on a change of venue.

Prosecutors rested their case in Mrs. Rivera's trial Wednesday.

Dogs, cats going to contest

Pampa's proudest owners will parade their top dogs and cats at Pampa's second Most Wonderful Pet Contest and dog obedience course Saturday at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion east of Pampa.

Pampa Animal Control Officer Sandy Burns said that the dog obedience course begins at 10 a.m. Saturday while the dog and cat contest begins at 1 p.m. after a lunch break.

The canine or feline winner

of the contest and its owner will have a chance to attend the national Most Wonderful Pet Contest in Dallas if it is selected as one of 10 finalists in the national competition.

At the first Most Wonderful Pet Contest in January, the Pampa Animal Shelter netted \$1,000, which will go for a new shelter building. But Burns said that there are fewer entries this time around because of the pre-holiday activities.

Police corral car theft group

HOUSTON (AP) — Area law enforcement officers arrested 16 people within six hours, culminating a lengthy police sting operation that recovered more than \$850,000 in stolen cars.

Another 13 people, all of whom police said were fooled into selling stolen cars to officers posing as fences, were already in jail on unrelated charges, investigators said. They said four others caught in the sting operation Wednesday remained at large.

Six women and 27 men were charged with auto theft in a total of 77 indictments that were unsealed Wednesday. If convicted,

they face two to 10 years in prison.

Investigators said the people indicted were recorded on hidden video cameras when they sold stolen cars to undercover officers at the PDQ Sales in southwest Houston.

The operation resulted in the recovery of 69 cars, most of which had been stolen from outside homes and businesses.

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Opinion

Private owners can help the environment

An Interior Department study indicates that up to 9.2 billion barrels of oil may lie under the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska, making it potentially the richest oil source in North America. By comparison the Prudhoe Bay field on Alaska's North Slope is estimated at about 10 billion barrels.

Environmental groups are vowing to fight any exploratory or drilling activity to the last solar cell. The area has not been designated a "wilderness area," which would preclude mineral exploration, but some groups hope to get such a designation through Congress.

Problem is, the area is public, i.e. government, property. The problem could be resolved either by announcing that a small office in Alaska will be available to those who wish to stake a claim... or by turning it over to the Wilderness Society or a consortium of environmental groups, letting them decide whether to permit the mineral resources to be exploited.

When land is public property, it is subject to what biologist Gerret Hardin identified as the "tragedy of the commons." Every member of the "public" feels that its use should reflect his values entirely. The ensuing tug-of-war either resulting in no use being made of the land or in complete depletion of the land's values.

The solution is private ownership. If, for example, the Wilderness Society becomes the owner of the 1.5 million acres in Alaska, it will face different incentives than it does as a pressure group. As a private owner, with no claim on tax revenues to cover expenses, it will have direct responsibility for the disposition of the property.

It is almost certain that any environmental group would eventually permit some petroleum development, but would require that it be done in such a way as to coexist with — or even enhance — the natural resources on the property.

As private owners, they would have to decide whether to forgo the revenue that leasing might bring. Something similar to the Rainey Preserve in Louisiana, owned by the Audubon Society, could evolve. That preserve is maintained in its natural state for migratory birds, but a limited amount of natural gas drilling is permitted. The revenues pay for maintaining the preserve and then some.

Such compatibility of uses is possible under private ownership, where the owner must take full responsibility and pay all the costs of his decisions. It is unlikely under public ownership, where power is divorced from responsibility and the most common outcome is for one side to "win" and the other to "lose."

By turning the Alaskan wildlife refuge over to the Wilderness Society or an environmental consortium, the Reagan administration would demonstrate a commitment to privatization and environmentalism.

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Drug tests seem reasonable

WASHINGTON — The capital recently was in the midst of one of its sky-is-falling flaps. This had nothing to do with the Israelis, the Iranians and the Contras; in that dismaying affair great chunks of firmament in fact are raining down. This flap had to do with new guidelines for the drug testing of federal employees.

The guidelines make good sense to me, but they have provoked some terrible hollering from union spokesmen and area politicians. Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., termed it "unfair" to single out federal workers when there is no reason to believe they use prohibited drugs to any greater degree than workers in the private sector. Various court challenges are promised.

On examination, the guidelines are not as "frightening" as *The Washington Post* would have us believe. If the rules are sensibly followed, no federal employee will be fired without cause. No one's civil rights will be grossly abused. About all that will happen is that a handful of confirmed addicts will be routed from truly sensitive positions — and what in the world is wrong with that?

The guidelines require agency heads to determine which of their employees are in "sensitive" jobs. Technically speaking, about half of the government's 2.1 million employees have positions that in some way are "special sensitive, critical sensitive, or non-critical sensitive," but only a small fraction of these employees will be included in a pool subject to testing.

Who are these workers? The pool "may include positions where national-security consid-

erations are present, as well as positions where there is a clear impact on public health or safety (e.g., air-traffic controllers, operators of motor vehicles, medical nursing and related health-care personnel) or positions relating to illegal drug control (e.g., law enforcement officers such as customs agents and drug enforcement agents)."

The guidelines provide other examples. Those who work on aircraft maintenance may be tested. Those who work with explosives or toxic gases may be covered. The rules would affect "employees uniquely positioned to exploit highly sensitive computer or financial data for financial gain."

It is baffling to understand the reasoning of those who object to testing such governmental employees. The tests, once they have been decided upon, must be announced 60 days in advance. Before anyone is fired, a positive test must be confirmed — and outright dismissal is a last resort that presumably would be reserved for those who flatly refuse to be tested or those whose addiction cannot be tolerated. In any event, an employee in the civil service has abundant avenues of appeal against termination of other discipline.

Are these procedures unjust? Unreasonable? They stike me as fully within the government's power as an employer. Surely the government has a right to insist that its own employees obey federal laws — and possession of an illicit drug is flat-out against federal law. The offense is not to be equated with a parking ticket or a speeding ticket. We are talking of mind-altering drugs, of

addictive drugs, of heroin, cocaine and crack.

It is complained that drug testing turns the law on its head — that workers are presumed guilty until proven innocent. This is hokum. The program has nothing to do with criminal law. It has everything to do with conditions of federal employment in especially sensitive positions. No one is compelled to work for the government. It's a free country. But federal employment is a privilege, not a right.

I keep coming back to the analogy of air travel. More than 100 million persons board commercial airplanes every year. Every one of them has to go through a security check before passing through a gate. This often involves opening a suitcase or a purse. Security guards have authority to rummage at will in a traveler's most personal belongings. Is this "intrusive"? Of course it is, but it is a reasonable condition of air transportation. If you don't like it, take a train or go by bus. No one is compelled to fly.

The Henny Pennies who are complaining so hysterically about these guidelines start with a paranoid assumption. They assume that federal department heads are modern-day Torquemada, drooling with eagerness to examine everybody's urine. Somewhere in the vast fields of federal employment such fiendish bosses may be in charge. Some abuses of the guidelines may occur. But true abuses of disciplinary power will be few, and the gain to good government will be substantial. I'd try the program for a few years and see if it's the sky that is falling, or only a couple of acorns.



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Lewis Grizzard

Sensible collegiate sports

I wish I could give you names here, but I can't. As one of my sources for this story said, "Print my name, and I could get lynched."

But this isn't about political corruption nor arms shipments to Iran nor even insider stock trading. This is more important. It's about college football.

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"We're exploiting these kids," they say. Well, here's one about an exploited athlete.

He is a star football player at a large university. He is of the all-American variety.

There was talk over the summer he might not be able to make his grades and be eligible to play the fall quarter. Somehow, however, he muddled through during summer school. And what a season he has had so far. He will be

a first round choice in the upcoming National Football League draft.

After that, his agent will negotiate a huge contract for him and he will become an instantly wealthy 21-year-old.

So what's he doing about his education? Nothing.

Zilch. As in, so my sources tell me, "He hasn't set foot in a classroom all fall."

"He's not worried about flunking out?"

"Of course not. By the time his flunking grades are posted, the regular season will be over and he will still be eligible for a bowl game, too, because it will be played before winter quarter begins."

"And he's not worried about being in school winter quarter?"

"Why should he be? His agent will keep him in living expenses until the draft, and after that he'll be making too much money to fool around with school."

"But aren't his coaches worried about his education?"

"What are they going to do, kick him off the team because he isn't going to class? The coaches win games, they get to keep their jobs. They kick their star player off the team, and they're selling mobile homes this time next year while the kid is driving around in a new Porsche."

"I see your point."
"This entire problem could be solved if we'd simply forget all this bull about scholar-athletes and put college players on the payroll like the pros do. If they wanted to use some of their money to go to school in the off season, then great. If not, the school still makes a bundle, the alumni are kept happy, and the kids get paid for busting their butts for the good ol' State U."

"But isn't there a better way to do this than by paying collegiate players salaries? Doesn't this impugn the purity of collegiate sports?"

"There is one other way."

"What's that?"

"Give every player his own convenience store and let him rob it any time he wants to."

Military invades National Security Council

By Robert Walters

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Obscured by the daily disclosures in the arms-to-Iran-for-cash-to-the-contras scandal is one of its root causes — President Reagan's militarization of the National Security Council.

Established by the National Security Act of 1947, the NSC is supposed to provide advice and counsel to the president on national security and foreign policy matters. The director of its small staff traditionally has been a civilian while the second-ranking official has been a military officer.

Reagan adhered to that tradition in the initial years of his first term, designating first Richard V. Allen and then William P. Clark to head the NSC staff and to serve as the president's

national security advisor.

In the autumn of 1983, however, Reagan appointed former Marine Corps Lt. Col. Robert C. McFarlane to succeed Allen. Although McFarlane was a civilian at the time, he had spent virtually all of his adult life — almost a quarter of a century from 1955 to 1979 — in the Marine Corps.

When McFarlane resigned late last year, Reagan named as his successor Navy Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter — a career military officer who remained on active duty throughout his year-long tenure as head of the NSC staff.

The ascendancy of Marine Corps Lt. Col. Oliver L. North within the NSC staff occurred under the leadership of McFarlane and Poindexter. North, also a career military officer who remained on active duty through-

out his White House service, held the NSC title of deputy director for political-military affairs.

He emerged as an important figure in the Reagan administration in late 1983, when he convinced the president and others at the White House that the most effective means of diverting public attention from the terrorist bombing of a military barracks in Beirut that killed 241 Marines was to mount an immediate military invasion of the island of Grenada.

His plan worked. Reagan was widely praised for the Grenada initiative and escaped almost all criticism of his decision to send the Marines to Lebanon.

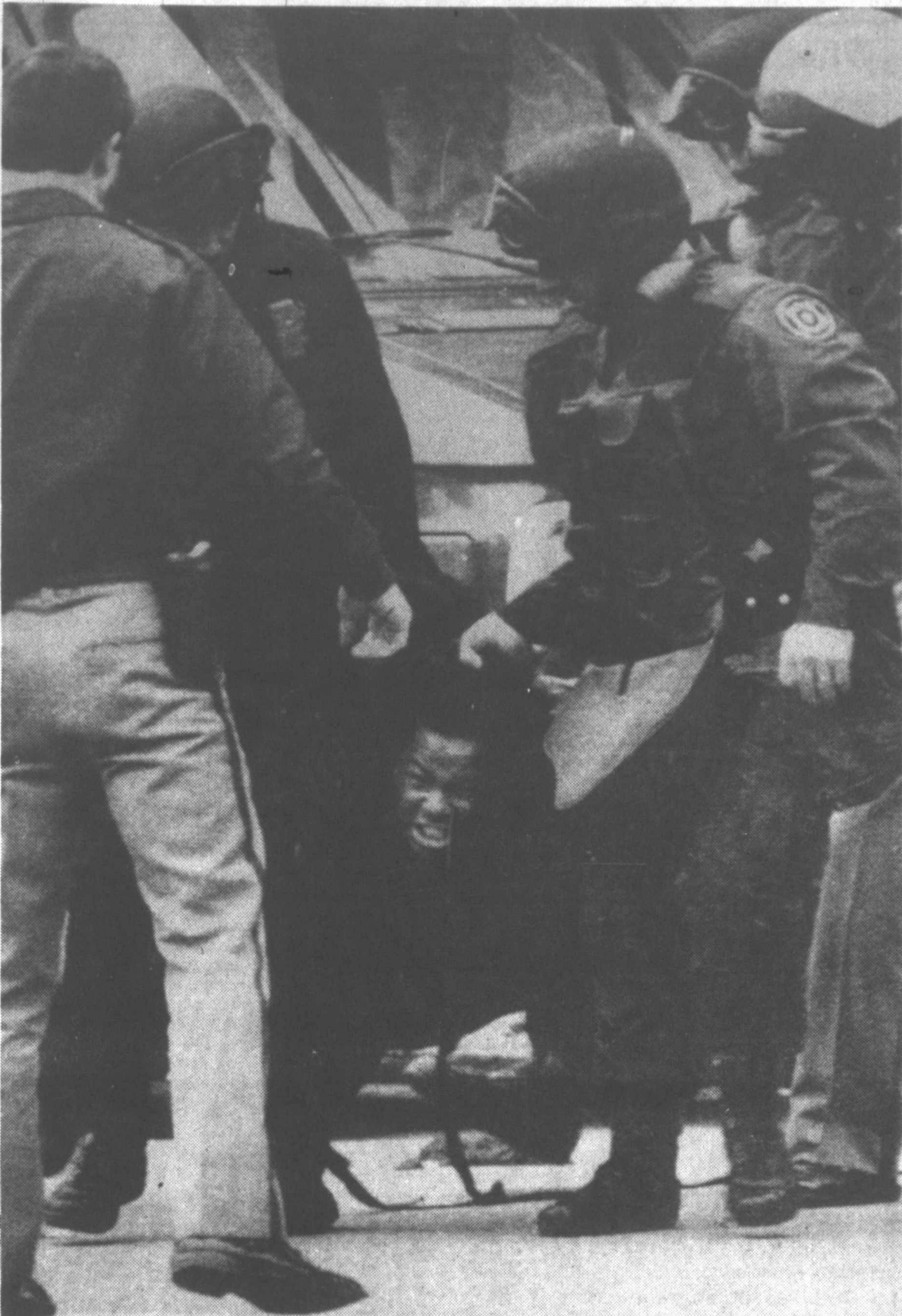
The character of the NSC has changed markedly under military leadership in recent years. No longer exclusively a consultative agency, it

has become an operational organization that runs paramilitary ventures from the White House.

Those operations include coordinating "private" aid to the contras in Nicaragua during the years when public funding was prohibited by Congress, and providing military assistance to the mujahedeen fighting to deny the Soviet Union total control of Afghanistan.

In addition, the NSC staff orchestrated the covert arms shipments to Iran and devised the now-discredited plan to destabilize the Libyan government through the use of disinformation.

If Reagan is to be believed, he has permitted a quasi-military unit to operate inside the White House without restraint or accountability. That is truly terrifying.



(AP Laserphoto)

SWAT team members carry sniper suspect to a police wagon after his capture ended a shooting standoff.

Accused sniper was acting strangely, neighbors claim

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A man accused of wounding two people during an 11-hour standoff at the University of Kentucky began acting strangely a month ago, neighbors say, walking "up and down the halls with guns."

The man took one hostage for about three hours and fired shots out a window after walking into a building wearing a black, "Ninja-like outfit" and armed with a shotgun, rifle, pistol and Samurai sword, authorities said.

The former university maintenance worker, identified as Ulysses S. Davis III, 25, was captured when authorities turned a high-pressure fire hose on him, said Sgt. Greg Howard. The water knocked the sword from his hand and pushed him against a wall, "and that made it easy to take him into custody."

Walter Skiba, director of human resources for the university, said Davis was "upset at those who testified" against him when he appealed his July firing for fighting. He had been employed there for four years.

Two supervisors, including one held hostage for about three

hours, were hospitalized in satisfactory and good condition today.

A couple who work as maintenance managers at Davis' former apartment complex said he had made a sudden change from good tenant to troublemaker, and last month began wearing camouflage clothes and carrying guns.

"He would go up and down the halls with guns — with a shotgun and a pistol," said the woman, who would not give her name.

Davis had lived in the building since March 1985 and usually kept his apartment neat, said Brenda Fletcher, the apartment manager. But before he left, the maintenance managers said, he kicked in the oven door on the range, used a broom handle to break light bulbs in their sockets, broke screens and storm windows, and poured a jar of honey on the floor.

Fletcher said he may have been angry when he didn't get a deposit refund because the notice was too short.

"I couldn't believe the news when I heard his name mentioned," said Beulah Hale, a secretary for Fayette Security Patrol and Guard, where Davis worked several years ago. "We

never had any problems with him."

Wednesday's standoff began about 6 a.m. when the first maintenance crews began arriving for work at the Peterson Services Building.

Davis "was dressed like somebody in the Army ready to go to war" but appeared calm when he bought coffee from a machine before the shooting began, said university employee Shirley Blackburn.

Blackburn and her husband, Dutch Honaker, were trapped in the building for about three hours before being rescued by police.

William Higgins, 40, was shot in the left leg, and was in satisfactory condition at the university hospital. Richard Briscoe, held hostage for three hours, was released when police asked the gunman to do so, said police Sgt. Gary Howard. Briscoe suffered cuts on his eye from flying debris and was admitted to the hospital in good condition.

No injuries were reported outside the building, although drivers were pinned in their cars during the sniping and a bullet shattered the windshield of a police car.

Reagan rallies some support as fans rush to his defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the White House fending off questions and doubts about the handling of Iran arms sales and the funneling of profits to Contra rebels, some of President Reagan's old-line supporters are rushing to his defense.

"Now is the time to rally behind the president," says a call to action issued by Citizens for America, a Washington-based lobbying group set up to press for Reagan's programs. "He needs us."

"The battle lines are clear," according to a letter that went out this week from the organization's chairman, Gerald P. Carmen. "On their side: (Democrats) Pat-

rick Leahy, Jim Wright, Gary Hart, Robert Byrd, Ted Kennedy. On our side: President Reagan." Carmen sent a defense kit to

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local leaders of the group, supplying "talking points" to help them argue that Reagan's policy goals were sound and that "any problems involve methods of implementation."

A sample letter-to-the-editor warns of a communist takeover in Iran and installation of missiles in Central America "if the liberals in Congress and the media who, in their zeal to tarnish the reputation of the most

popular president of our time, continue to turn our foreign policy into a cheap public relations circus."

In Miami, where the Cuban and Nicaraguan exile communities have been as fervent as any group in support of the president, 3,000 people gathered this week to express their loyalty to Reagan in the face of the scandal.

A few White House officials have sought to rally support for Reagan as well, but there has been no overt "spin patrol" of top administration officials swarming over the television talk shows and soliciting newspaper interviews to sway public opinion in the president's favor.

Wine cooler recall widened

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The maker of a wine cooler that burned the mouths of three people in Rhode Island concluded the drink had probably been contaminated at the bottling plant in France and widened the recall to Vermont.

An unknown number of bottles of Quenchette French Raspberry Cooler were tainted with sodium hydroxide, a caustic solution used to remove labels, said Henri Berthe, a partner in Les Grande Chais de France.

The chemical is also used in household drain cleaners.

The contamination has been traced to a shipment of 2,500

cases that arrived in the United States in early July, Berthe said Wednesday. Rhode Island received 1,346 cases and the remainder went to Brattleboro, Vt., he said.

Berthe said he asked the Vermont distributor Wednesday to pull the drink from store shelves. The Rhode Island distributor was asked to do so by the company and the state Health Department on Monday.

The manufacturer believes the contamination was limited to 70 cases, or 1,680 bottles, that were on one pallet, and that all those cases were shipped to Rhode Is-

land, Berthe said.

The FDA believes the company, which is based in Strassbourg, France, used the improperly cleaned bottles only for the raspberry-flavored cooler. The company makes eight other flavors.

Harry Kent, sales manager of the Brattleboro, Vt., distributor DeWitt Beverage Co., said most of his shipment was distributed almost immediately last summer and probably has already been sold and consumed.

Kent said he has not received any complaints about the product.

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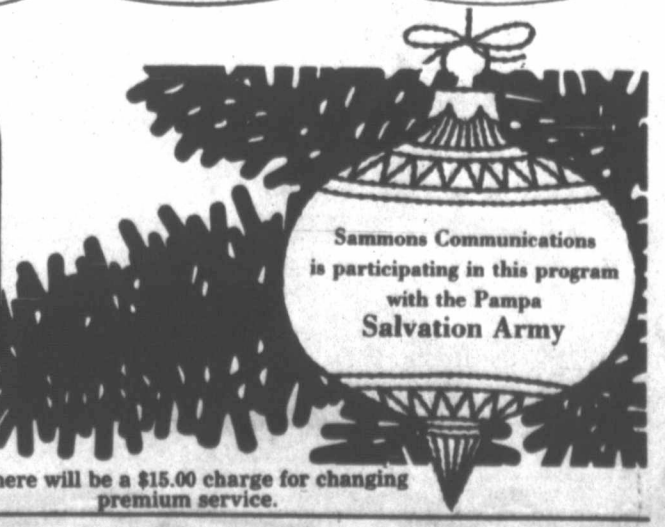


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Soap opera fans angry at hearings

NEW YORK (AP) — The Iran arms sale has provided some high drama but it pales in comparison to soap operas, at least according to fans of television's plot-twisting trips through angst each weekday afternoon.

ABC and NBC were flooded with calls from angry viewers who tuned in to watch their favorite soap operas early this week only to find them pre-empted by live coverage of congressional hearings on the Iran arms sale.

All three networks pre-empted daytime programming on Monday and Tuesday for coverage of the hearings, the first time the commercial networks have broadcast congressional hearings live since the Nixon impeachment hearings of 1974.

ABC News spokesman Tom Goodman said the network received 1,330 calls. "All objected to pre-emption of soap operas," he said.

NBC reported receiving 1,100 complaints. A CBS spokesman said his network received fewer than three dozen calls.

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World Future Society sees communal bathtub in future

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— There's a communal bathtub in your future. At least the World Future Society thinks so.

It also believes that 100 years from now, a single city might have more than 100 million inhabitants and that cars will have a quarter-century lifespan and that prisoners will be guarded by robots.

In short, the World Future Society — true to its name — is far out in its thinking.

As the society issued its annual forecasts, the 10 determined to be the most thought-provoking submitted by its membership, founder Edward Cornish was asked if any of them had ever come true.

He said the society hadn't been doing them long enough for a good reading on that — it's only the third year — but that futurists in general had been mighty wrong in the past as well as mighty right.

"Where they were wrong in recent years is in missing some very important developments," said Cornish, who edits the society's magazine *The Futurist*.

"As far as I know, no futurist anticipated AIDS. In common with the rest of society they didn't anticipate the development of the computer.

"Even when it became clear that the computer was going to be an important instrument of society and a major impact on our lives in the 1960s, futurists failed to anticipate how powerful it would prove, how it was going to be shrunk from the computers in the 1940s to the tiny size and extreme power of today's

microcomputer. And they didn't anticipate how rapidly prices would fall."

But, Cornish said, futurists have been on the mark in other areas. For instance, they have long sounded the alarm concerning the problems of pollution. They accurately predicted landings on the moon and called attention to limitations of resources.

This year's forecasts, for example, may not be so far-out:

"By the end of the next century, a single city may have more than 100 million inhabitants" says forecast No. 1.

Mexico City already leads all others with 18 million people and is growing, Cornish said. By the year 2000 that number is projected at 26 million, and Cornish said new technology will permit cities that will go as deep into the ground as they go high, to accommodate even more people.

The sharp increases in sexually transmissible diseases will result in a new Victorianism "in which both men and women avoid casual sex," the forecast says. Cornish explains that many homosexuals have become celibate because they fear AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and that heterosexuals are slow to realize it can affect them too. "They are going to have to go on adapting and changing lifestyles in a major way," he said.

As for the bathtub: In some places a two-person tub already is the wave of the future and that will give way, the society says, "to a pool in which a whole family can bathe together or a group of children can play."

Panel claims weight control best for managing diabetes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Controlling body weight remains the best way to manage most diabetes, and the right way to do that is with a sensible diet that may include a little sugar, says an expert panel.

The panel convened by the National Institutes of Health to recommend ways to control the type of diabetes that does not require insulin injections said Wednesday reducing obesity remains the primary way to treat the condition.

The lower-fat diets recommended to decrease the risks of heart disease and cancer also are good ones for diabetes, provided they are low enough in calories to reduce weight to normal levels and keep it there, the panel said.

This means reducing calories from fat to 30 percent or less of the total intake, and letting protein make up 20 percent of the diet and carbohydrates 50 percent, it added.

The panel, chaired by Dr. George F. Cahill Jr. of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Bethesda, Md., said there was sufficient evidence that a little sugar would not harm most diabetics, suggesting that up to 5 percent of the carbohydrate calories could come from table sugar.

In the past, people with non-insulin-dependent diabetes have been advised to avoid table sugar, which can increase the blood sugar levels.

Cahill told a news briefing that more data is needed before suggesting that more than a little sugar can be allowed for diabetics. But nine grams a day, about two-and-a-third teaspoons, could be used to make food taste better.

"The panel is saying many diabetics can eat a

little sugar to help make food more palatable, but don't go and eat a great big glazed dessert," Cahill said. "Nine grams of sugar is a lot of sweetness."

About 90 percent of all diabetics, an estimated 10 million Americans, have non-insulin-dependent diabetes. The remainder have a more severe type of the disease that requires daily injections of the hormone insulin to control levels of blood sugar, called glucose.

Insulin helps the body turn sugar into energy. With diabetes, glucose can build up to harmful levels because the body either cannot properly use insulin that is present at normal levels or does not make enough of the hormone.

The panel, charged with making treatment recommendations to doctors in light of suggested new therapies, said non-insulin-dependent diabetes is a major health problem highly correlated with obesity caused by overeating.

The condition traditionally has been treated through diet, oral drugs that reduce blood sugar and, in a minority of cases, insulin therapy when dieting proved ineffective.

"Diet continues as the cornerstone of therapy with oral agents or insulin, if needed, to maintain blood glucose values normal or near normal," the panel said in a draft report.

The panel downplayed recent suggestions, based upon a few studies, that exercise could be a major factor in controlling blood sugar.

"Exercise itself may have a small but transient direct effect in lowering blood glucose and insulin resistance," the panel concluded.

What a face!



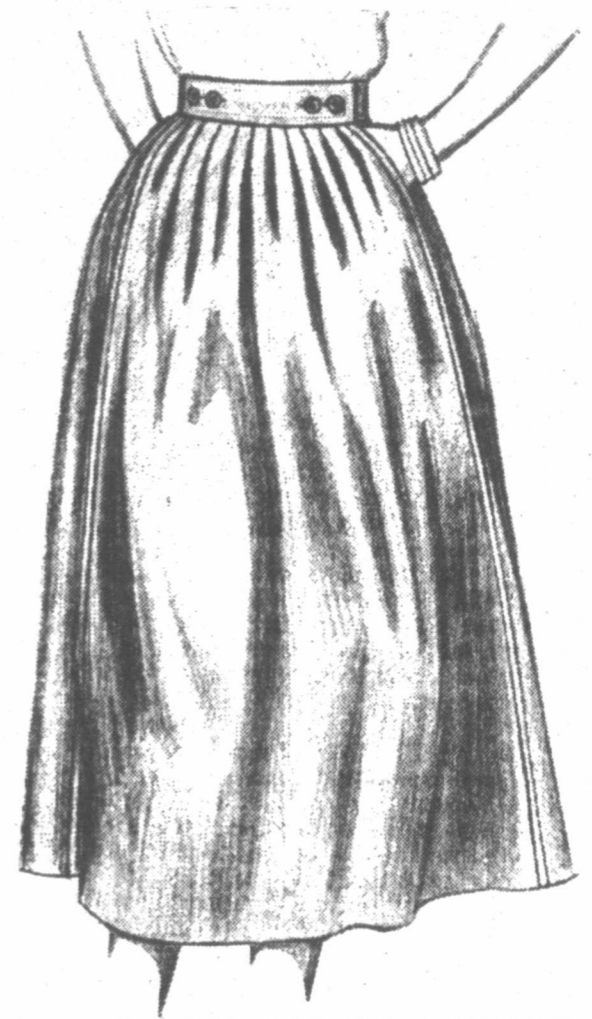
A rare four-horned Hebridean sheep takes a good look at the camera during a stay at the Cotswold Farm Park in England. The animal, common in medieval times, is extinct in the wild and now only seen in zoos.

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Judge rules forest service can cut beetle-infested trees

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service can resume clearing and burning pine beetle-infested areas of the Sam Houston National Forest, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes on Wednesday dismissed Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox's suit asking the project be halted until the forest service did an environmental study of the project.

"It is clear there are different opinions, all apparently scientifically sound," Hughes said of the witnesses testifying in the two-day hearing.

"The forest service considered seriously sound advice," the judge said. "Having considered the advice, they made a choice. It wasn't the only choice, but it was a legal choice."

Assistant Attorney General Renea Hicks, who handled the case for the state, said he did not know if Mattox's office would appeal the decision.

"We never doubted for a moment that our professional decisions were correct because we

studied our procedures and reviewed our decisions extensively," said Mike Lannan, supervisor for the national forests in Texas.

Lannan said that weather permitting, the forest service will resume clearing the Four Notch area of the forest near Huntsville.

"I'm not surprised with the ruling, but that doesn't keep us from being disappointed," said George Russell of Huntsville, forestry chairman of the state Sierra Club.

The pine beetle, about the size of a grain of rice, swarmed into the area about three years ago, destroying thousands of acres of public and private timberland.

A 52-ton tree crusher is used to mow down trees in the 2,600-acre area. When the clearing is completed, officials plan to burn the area. Pine seedlings are then scheduled to be planted in the cleared area by March.

If the March deadline is not met, the forest service will either lose about \$20,000 worth of seedlings or have to plant them somewhere else, he said.

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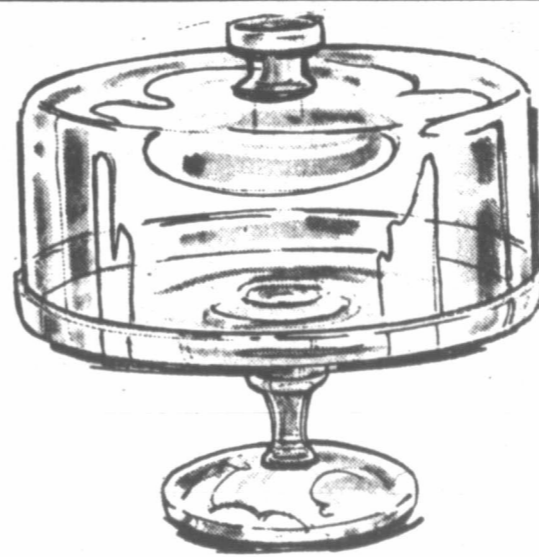
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Honduran soldiers patrol an area along the border with Nicaragua to find Sandinista troops.

Honduras president denies Nicaraguan villages bombed

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — President Jose Azcona Hoyo said his country's military bombed Nicaraguan forces that crossed into Honduras but denied it bombed villages in Nicaragua. President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua meanwhile denied his forces entered Honduras. He called on Azcona Hoyo to help reduce border conflicts by ordering U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels to stop operating from bases in Honduras.

Nicaragua's charge that A-37 fighter planes crossed from Honduras on Sunday and bombed two Nicaraguan towns touched off a battle of words Wednesday between the two presidents. Nicaragua said seven of its soldiers and two civilians were killed in the raids.

In Washington, a Reagan administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said U.S. intelligence agencies had confirmed the cross-border air attack but denied Nicaraguan claims it was carried out at Washington's request.

Azcona Hoyo told a news conference Wednesday that an estimated 1,500 Nicaraguan soldiers

crossed the frontier late last week, overran several small Honduran army posts and penetrated 10 miles inside Honduran territory.

Nicaraguan rebels called Contras who are fighting their country's Marxist Sandinista government maintain bases in the area. Honduras has said the Nicaraguan troops invaded to hunt Contras.

"We bombed positions occupied by the Sandinista Popular Army inside Honduras," said Azcona Hoyo. He said a few Sandinista stragglers remained inside Honduras and that air attacks on them would continue "until they leave."

Nicaragua "deployed very strong forces, including tanks," on its side of the border during the six days of sporadic fighting, he said. "They provided very good targets for our air force," he said, but reiterated that Honduran planes did not attack across the border. U.S. military helicopters, with President Reagan's approval, flew Honduran troop reinforcements to the border area.

In New York, Nicaragua's ambassador to the United Nations, Nora Astorga, said Wednesday she had asked U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to send a fact-finding mission to the border. Honduras rejected the proposal.

South African government expands media restrictions

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The government today drastically expanded its 6-month-old restrictions on the media, banning reports on boycotts and a wide range of peaceful anti-apartheid protests as well as violent demonstrations.

The rules, issued by President P.W. Botha, also make it a crime to leave blank spaces in newspapers as a method of protesting the regulations.

Earlier in the day, anti-apartheid groups, newspapers and journalists condemned the expected regulations.

"(The) government today dumps this country into the totalitarian camp," said Business Day, an independent Johannesburg paper. "Government, in its mad pursuit of a failed ideology which it does not have the courage to change, continues to treat symptoms rather than causes."

The regulations, which apply to both foreign and domestic reporters, were issued six months after Botha imposed a nationwide state of emergency to curb widespread violence linked to protests against apartheid.

Since then, the news media has been barred from reporting

security force actions without permission, releasing the identity of people detained under the state of emergency or reporting any statements deemed to be subversive. Photographing of unrest also has been banned.

These restrictions remain in effect.

The South African Press Association, which was given a copy of the 10-page regulations, provided initial details.

It said the rules forbid inciting people to take part in rent boycotts or protest strikes, and bar any statement that would discredit or undermine the system of compulsory military service.

The definition of a "subversive statement" is revised to include any statement that incites or encourages people to boycott companies, products or schools or to take part in any act of civil disobedience, the news agency said. The new rules ban reporting on treatment of people detained under the state of emergency or their release, it said.

It said news reports and opinion articles on security action, statements made at restricted gatherings or details of any boycott action also are prohi-

bited. Boycotts and other protest tactics covered by the new rules have been central to the programs of the United Democratic Front.

About 4 million people in more than 50 black townships have been taking part in a rent boycott, and hundreds of thousands of workers have taken part in political protest strikes lasting a day or two.

The new rules apparently will stop reporting on the United Democratic Front's plans for a "Christmas Against the Emergency" campaign planned for Dec. 16-26, which is to include a boycott of white-owned stores around the country. They also appear to be aimed at an anti-draft group which contends that soldiers are used to patrol black townships, enforcing apartheid.

The rules empower the minister of home affairs, Stoffel Botha, to seize any offending publication, film or recording. Violators can receive up to 10 years in jail and a \$9,000 fine.

Botha also can bar the publication and importing of periodicals if he deems it in the public interest.

West Germany arrests spy suspect

BONN, West Germany (AP) — A high-ranking official of the West German Defense Ministry has been arrested on suspicion of spying, ministry sources said today.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the official was arrested on Tuesday. They declined to identify the official.

The arrest was reported today in the Passauer Neue Presse

newspaper, which said the official worked in the armaments department of the defense ministry.

No other details were immediately available.

It was the first reported arrest of a suspected spy since an espionage scandal rocked the West German government last year.

Fifteen people suspected of spying for the Soviet bloc either vanished or were arrested between August and December last

year.

Among the suspected spies who eluded authorities was Hans-Joachim Tiedge, the agent in charge of tracking down East German spies. Tiedge defected to East Germany.

The scandal shook Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government and led to the dismissal of the domestic counter-intelligence chief Heribert Hellenbroich, who had been Tiedge's boss.

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Trucking fight brews in new Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas truckers and shippers are jockeying for the underdog's position in the upcoming legislative fight over the way the state regulates the trucking industry.

The Texas Motor Transport Association, which calls itself "the official voice of the Texas truck and bus industry," likes the current system under which the Railroad Commission issues permits.

But TEX-AID, a collection of shippers, believes the system protects trucking firms by making it difficult for competitors to get new permits.

TMTA spokesman Robert Floyd said Tuesday his group is fighting an "uphill battle" against a well-financed lobby group that is pushing for deregulation.

"It's a David and Goliath situation, and we're David," Floyd said.

TEX-AID Executive Director Ed Emmett scoffed at Floyd's assessment of the battle.

"I always chuckle when they do their David-and-Goliath routine," he said, adding that TEX-AID's \$200,000-a-year budget is a fraction of TMTA's budget.

TEX-AID includes firms that have their own trucking fleets,

such as HEB supermarkets and Frito-Lay.

Emmett, a lame-duck Republican state representative from Kingwood, said, "The state of Texas is the most tightly regulated state in the nation when it comes to trucking. Unfortunately, it has all been on the economics of trucking. None of it has been directed at safety."

TEX-AID wants to do away with the Railroad Commission procedure in which applicants for trucking permits must show that trucking firms already in business on a particular route are doing an inadequate job.

"The Railroad Commission grants monopolies to trucking firms," Emmett said.

But TMTA officials say the Railroad Commission regulation method guarantees dependable service to small- and medium-sized Texas communities.

"The consequence of deregulation would be disastrous for the state's economy and stability of service, particularly for the 94 percent of Texas businesses which are small and employ 50 people or less," said Rondy Gray of Waco, chairman of Texans for Fair Rates, a group of 2,645 smaller shippers.

Texas beekeepers have sweet payoff

By JAN TOMAS
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Two white-suited men wearing helmets and thick gloves advanced warily into a grove of trees. One man carried a power pack on his back; the other held a smoking receptacle. Alien inhabitants whirred and hummed as they sensed the men's presence.

Americans visiting another planet? Wrong. Beekeepers Cecil Dickson and his son Andy suited up recently to harvest a "super" of honey from a hive. First, Cecil Dickson allowed the smoke to drift from the tin teapot into the hive to lull the bees.

Andy Dickson removed a golden comb built by the bees in a flat stacked in the hive. The comb was covered with the cranky little insects. Andy Dickson revved up the power pack and aimed a stiff draft of air at the comb.

Buzzing bees formed an unfriendly cloud on the other side of the comb. Gradually the bees dropped to the base of the hive in a black, unnerving swarm. Andy Dickson worked slowly, blowing both sides of the frame until he had cleared all but a few bees. He cleared three more frames before he finished. The frames, heavy with honey, were stacked on a dolly and removed to Dickson's spotlessly clean warehouse where he stores and packages the sweet syrup.

Cecil and Andy Dickson have been processing honey in large amounts for about four years. They began as owners of one hive, intrigued with the habits of bees.

"They're fascinating little creatures. The more you learn the less you know," said Andy Dickson.

Travis Lane, a trooper with the Depart-

ment of Public Safety, watched interestedly as the Dicksons collected the honey. Lane has been keeping bees for 12 years. He is vice president of the Concho Valley Beekeepers Association, a 60-member organization of people who exchange information and advice about beekeeping. Lane speaks to school classes and interested civic groups about how bees organize and function to produce and gather honey. He brings along a 35-minute slide presentation filled with pictures of bees at work on the flowers and inside the hive.

But it is not honey that is the special gift of bees to the world. It is their pollination of agricultural and floral crops, Lane said. Half the agricultural commodities in the United States began with pollination by the honey bee, he said. "We wouldn't eat nearly as well without bees."

Lane began beekeeping when a friend appeared with a beehive one day. "Where do you want them," the friend asked Lane. When Lane shrugged, the hive was placed in Lane's backyard.

"We watched and wondered what in the world you do," Lane recalled. For three years Lane and his wife Maureen, alternately ignored and puzzled over the hive. During that time, their friend died.

Finally the couple visited the library and researched honey-gathering. They talked to other beekeepers in the area.

The first honey harvest netted the Lanes three gallons of honey. They brushed the bees off the comb and squeezed the honey from the combs. "I didn't worry about bee stings. Just getting the honey was exciting," Lane said.

Nowadays the Lanes blow out the bees and place the honey combs in a stainless steel tub

and extract the honey by centrifugal force, Lane said.

The empty combs are returned, unharmed, into the hive where the worker bees will clean the combs and prepare them for storing pollen and nectar. The worker bees also may choose to use the comb for breeding purposes, Lane said.

For millions of years, when hives overcrowded, surplus bees swarmed to build new hives. Swarms collected on a post, tree or bush until scout bees located a good spot, usually a cavity of some sort. Lane said he once removed a bee swarm from a cotton stripper.

In the 1850s, L.L. Langstroth invented removable frames for bees to build combs. He discovered bees need five-sixteenths of an inch of space between combs, so hives built with drawers worked well, Lane said. "You can inspect a colony for any problems." Before Langstroth, beekeepers had to kill the bees to get the honey, Lane said. Beekeeping changed from small family operations to larger efforts.

The organization of bees fascinates their keepers, Lane said.

Since bees only live about six weeks, their numbers must be constantly replenished, Lane said. A brood frame holds eggs, food and newly emerged bees who work inside the hive for a few days before they begin field work.

Worker bees are female and carry out the work of gathering nectar and pollen and tending the brood combs. Drones are male bees, Lane said. They keep harmony and mate with the queen. In the fall, when the nectar flow ceases, worker bees kick the drones out of the hive and they die. More drones will be reared in the springtime, Lane said.

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Platform removal stirs economic concerns

By BRUCE NICHOLS
Dallas Morning News

HOUSTON (AP)—Last summer, dead sea turtles started washing up on the beaches of Texas, and environmentalists pointed an accusing finger at the use of explosives to remove production platforms from depleted oil and gas leases.

At the request of the National Marine Fisheries Laboratories, the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior temporarily stopped approving the use of underwater explosives to sever the legs of old platforms pending a study.

The method of removal is a matter of increasing environmental and economic importance, officials said.

About 4,000 platforms have been erected in the Gulf of Mexico since the offshore oil industry began in the late 1940s, according to Rod Pearcy, New Orleans-based regional director of the Minerals Management Service.

At least 379 platforms have been removed so far, counting only those in federal waters managed by the Minerals Management Service. State waters may have seen 175 more removed, officials estimated. But the number needing to be retired will increase as oil and gas production in the gulf matures and more and more wells play out, Pearcy said.

The federal lease agreements signed by oil companies to develop offshore tracts include a requirement that platforms be removed and that the sea floor be restored at the end of a lease's productive life. State leases in shallower waters close to shore contain similar provisions, Pearcy said.

The method commonly used to remove platforms is straightforward.

Usually, the decking is removed from the top of the platform, and then explosives are used to sever the legs at least 15 feet below the sea floor, another lease requirement, so cranes and barges can pick up the platform legs and haul them away, said Charles Schneider, a spokesman for Tenneco Inc.

Some platforms have been picked up and relocated to other leases for continued use. Others have been towed ashore and scrapped. A few have been sunk in shallow water for use as artificial reefs to foster development of marine life, Pearcy said.

Since mid-summer, removal of platforms has been curtailed in the gulf while the Minerals Management Service and several other agencies study questions about explosives and sea turtles. The evidence is "circumstantial" but requires investigation, officials said.

Shell Oil Co. was allowed to remove two platforms by non-explosive means, using divers and cutting tools, but that method is more expensive and more dangerous to divers than explosives, officials said. In the case of some older platforms, the legs were cemented in place and explosives are the only method of removal, Pearcy said.

The federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, are engaged in a "consultation" under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act to determine the safest way to remove platforms without harming sea life, Pearcy said. Some of the turtles were endangered species.

"We're going to determine what it takes to eliminate the possibility of killing a turtle with explosives, or we're going to find a substitute for explosives," Pearcy said.

A test removal using explosives is expected this month, Pearcy said. Cities Service Co.

has a platform off Galveston the removal of which will likely be used to measure the impact of explosives on the marine environment, he said. He expects a final decision by next summer on rules to make explosives safer or on alternative methods of removal.

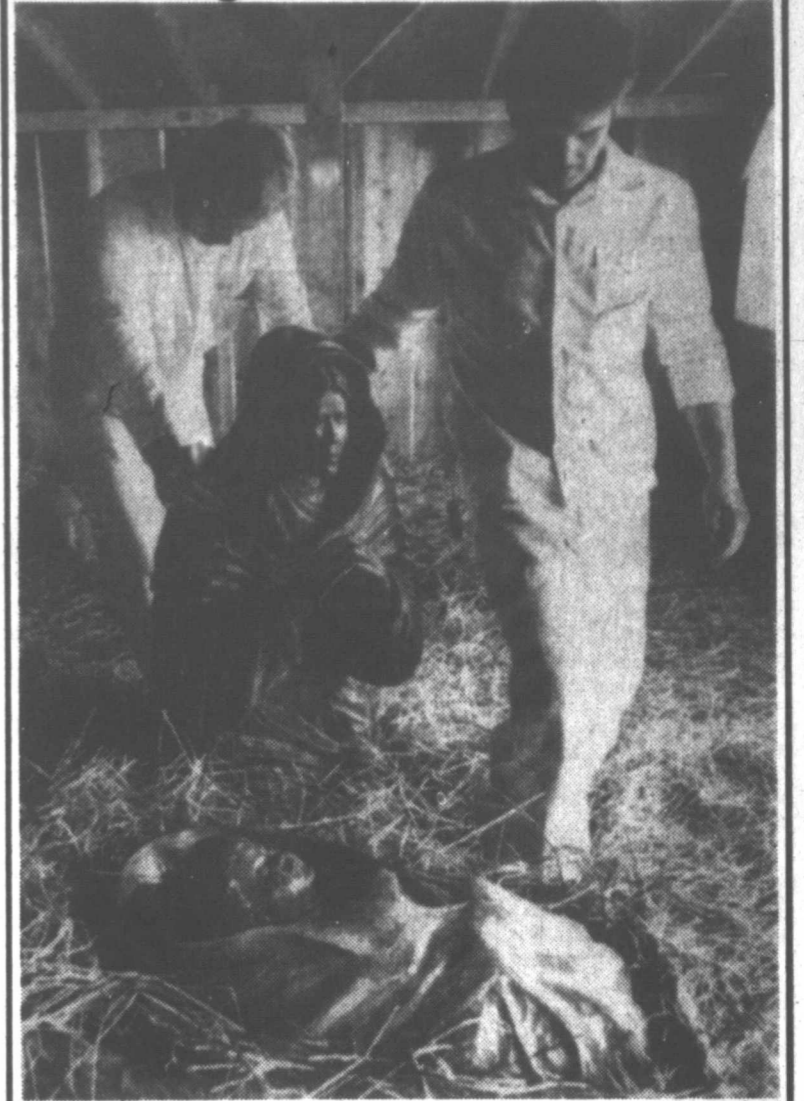
Meanwhile, a backlog of platforms needing removal is building, Pearcy said. But, because oil companies typically do not remove platforms in winter, "it's not going to be that big a problem if we don't delay too much longer," he said. "We hope we're going to have a simple solution," Pearcy said.

The controversy highlights a growing challenge that will face oil and gas producers—the rising cost of removing offshore platforms. According to "Offshore" magazine, the National Research Council estimates more than 5,400 platforms will require removal in the Gulf of Mexico by the year 2020 at an anticipated cost of \$7.5 billion.

The cost of removing individual units can range from a few thousand to a few million dollars, and the cost and the technical challenge "will grow over time as newer rigs come due for removal because they're bigger and they're in deeper water," said Dr. Michael Zagata, environmental and safety director for Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production Co.

It has been suggested that leaving a few platforms might be good, if liability, maintenance and navigation questions could be resolved. Most marine biologists have found producing platforms improve the quantity and variety of marine life by providing an underwater structure on the usually barren Gulf floor, said Dana Larson, a Houston consultant. The same is true of sunken platforms, he said.

Finishing touches



(AP Laserphoto)
William Petty and William Dutton, both inmates at the Wrightsville Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction assigned to the Capitol work detail, place life-size wooden figures of Mary and the infant Jesus in the Nativity Scene on the State Capitol grounds in Little Rock recently.

Record number of whoopers sighted at wildlife refuge

AUSTWELL (AP)—A record 105 endangered whooping cranes have arrived at wintering grounds at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Tom Smylie, public information officer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, N.M., said Tuesday refuge officials still expect a few more birds for the winter, and said the flock could go as high as 110 to 115 birds.

The large white cranes fly south each winter to Texas from their Wood Buffalo National Park breeding grounds in Canada.

Some 18 whooping cranes also have arrived to spend the winter at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge along the central Rio Grande Valley in New

Mexico. Smylie said two to three more of the birds could arrive in New Mexico.

The whooping crane is considered the "flagship" of the movement to save endangered species, Smylie said.

Only a few whooping cranes existed in the wild at the turn of the century, but "people said, 'Hold it, we don't want to lose these beautiful white birds,'" Smylie said.

The effort to save the whooping crane led to the establishment of the Aransas refuge in 1937 to spare the cranes' habitat.

The number of whooping cranes has grown during the program, but the flock "is still experimental and we don't know if it will work or not," Smylie said.

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 - 10 Fools
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 - 19 Capable of being dampened
 - 20 "Catcher in the Rye" author
 - 23 Hammock cord (comp. wd.)
 - 25 Yellow
 - 27 Pork cuts
 - 28 Prayer
 - 33 Metal for plating
 - 34 Amend anew
 - 36 Centers
 - 37 Disastrous
 - 38 Females
 - 40 Blot out
 - 43 Not yet settled
 - 44 Inner (comb. form)
 - 45 Ancient Italian family
 - 48 High railroads
 - 50 Not young

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Astro-Graph

Dec. 12, 1986

The first part of the year ahead may be allotted to building foundations and initiating new ventures. The rewards will come in the latter part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Early in the day, you might have some irritations to contend with. However, toward evening, life will take on a rosier hue. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o of this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are planning a night out on the town with friends, go to places where you know you will be well received. Avoid spots where you are not known.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Early in the day, you may attempt to do things the hard way and have little to show for your efforts. Success comes later, when you start easing up a bit.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful today not to let a forgetful associate do your thinking for you. In actuality, your ideas are better than his or hers, so be your own person.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when something that you've felt has been going against you starts producing benefits in a rather grand way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have several social activities from which to select today, don't go to the affair where there might be people you dislike.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An important objective can be achieved today, but perhaps not in the way you envision. Luck is going to play a role in correcting your errors in judgment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Travel could provide frustrations today, so why not plan a happening at your place and have your friends come to you? They won't feel inconvenienced.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Victory is in the offing for you today, but it might not come as easily as you hope. To be a winner, you'll have to regroup and make a second effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let the more tolerant aspects of your nature influence your decisions today. Sticky situations can be smoothed over if you are willing to compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An extravagant friend may come to your today to have you help sort out his or her affairs. Try to assist in non-material ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Judging situations in advance will detract from your enjoyment today. An event that you don't think will be fun could turn out to be a ball.

Lifestyles

Honor band members



(Staff photo by Duane Laverty)

Twenty-four Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School freshman band members placed on the honor band Dec. 13 during Class CCC All-Region Band tryouts at Sam Houston Middle School in Amarillo. Kneeling, from left, are Amy Turner, Brandie Eads, Mary White, Jenny Shufelberger, Kurt Krause and Gary Brawley. Standing in middle row are, from left, Heather Kludt,

Chantelle Rohrbaker, Chris Johnston, Teena Jacobs, Doug Williams, Becky Whiteley, Brandon Wood, Jessica Hall, Gina Barnett, David Parker and Amy Harrison. Back row, from left, are Leslie Bailey, Whit White, Tommy Winkleblack, Billy Brinsfield, Anthony Gilbreath and Thurston Selby. Not pictured is Amy Forrester.

Sister's helping hand wins her slap in face

DEAR ABBY: I've read you for years, but this is my first letter to you because I need help. My brother lived with a girl for three years. She is 25 and he is 35. She's of a different nationality, which is OK, but she is without question the dumbest girl I've ever known. She stares at the floor when she talks, and never completes a sentence. She's almost totally illiterate and does anything my brother wants her to do. She's like his slave.

My brother finally got sick of her and asked her to move out, but she refused, so he asked me if I could get this dummy to move out. I was glad to help him, so I just told her that my brother didn't love her, that he just felt sorry for her. Two days later she moved out, but she and I had some very bad words.

Well, a month later, guess what? My brother felt sorry for her and let her move back. Last Sunday he wanted to bring her to my house. I said, "No way," so he hung up on me and now he and I are not speaking. We've always been close, but because of this stupid girl, and my trying to be a big sister and help him out of a spot, I've lost my brother. Please help me.

HURT IN DENVER

DEAR HURT: You haven't lost him; you will hear from him again when he needs another favor. Your brother is an expert when it comes to using women, but bear in mind, no one can be used without his (or her) cooperation.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who by no means is hurting financially. She spends a fortune on clothes, and nothing is too expensive for her. Now the problem: She is famous for giving "recycled" gifts. I know that one shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth, but this lady can well afford to buy something new so if the recipient wants to exchange it, she will have that option. (That's what I always do, and it's very much appreciated.)

This woman gives expensive, but obviously shopworn, purses, scarves or some costume jewelry — and always gift-wrapped in a box from a store from which it was not purchased.

Abby, how do you feel about recycled gifts?

HAD A FEW

DEAR HAD: It's the thought that counts. I go along with that old saying about a gift horse.

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DEAR ABBY: Do you think it's more difficult to be the oldest child in the family, the youngest, or the middle one?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN: I've dealt with this question before. If you ask the eldest, he'll say, "It's hardest to be the eldest, because you're expected to set a good example for the younger ones. And if a fight breaks out, I get blamed because I'm the oldest and should know better."

Ask the middle child, and he'll say, "Being the middle child is the hardest because you get none of the advantages of being the youngest or the oldest."

Ask the youngest child, and he'll tell you that being the youngest is the hardest because "your parents try to keep you a 'baby' as long as possible, and all your clothes are 'hand-me-downs.'"

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DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. I love to write letters, but nobody ever writes me back. Why don't people realize that they have to write letters back in order to receive letters (not including bills)?

How can I get these people to answer my letters?

HEIDI IN PAULDING, OHIO

DEAR HEIDI: Try enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. That's what I do.

Holiday evening clothes

Comfort, elegance keynotes

By Florence De Santis

This year's holiday evening clothes combine glamour with ease, a concept no doubt influenced by sportswear. It means that even many fitted gowns will actually be comfortable.

The trend can be seen in the collections of leading designers like Oscar de la Renta, who likes softly draped dresses with cashmere skirts and bodices with all-over silver embroidery. Cashmere, the luxury fabric of sportswear, also appears at Carolyne Roehm — usually a designer of elaborately elegant gowns. She does a strapless, softly shirred gown with an easy slit skirt. Chain embroidery glitters at the waist and is repeated as edging for the cardigan jacket.

Lenore Smith uses every glamour trick in the book for gowns that fall on the body as softly as a nightie. Soft platinum-gray silk is cut in a tapered silhouette with wide shoulders accented with jewelry. The deep barrel-cuffed dolman sleeves blend into a draped cowl back. A front V-segment is filled in with ivory silk and delicate swags of pearl embroidery. Carolina

Herrera uses soft fabric and glitter trim in her easy red wool crepe with gold belt.

Bias cuts move a little closer to the body in a softly sinuous way. One such dress is Bob Mackie's black wool sheath with a low back framed in wide straps and banding of red beading. George Stavropoulos is famous for his flowing, yet body-conscious chiffons that are worn year-round. For the holidays, he likes asymmetrically draped white chiffon trimmed with silver. Mary McFadden shapes her green silk broadcloth sheath with her signature all-over crystal pleating. She accents its open V-back with borders and diamond shapes of purple and turquoise beading.

When designers turn to fitted evening dresses, they often combine a fitted bodice with a full skirt. One of the prettiest is Jon Haggins' iridescent purple taffeta with a bra-shaped bodice framed by romantically big puffed sleeves. It's a look that combines sophistication with femininity. This silhouette also lends itself to two-piece treatment, as in Oscar de la

Renta's duo of black velvet, white lace and bead-trimmed strapless bodice with a full black taffeta skirt.

All-the-way body fit is still strongly influenced by Emanuel Ungaro, who revived the shirred torso with stunning effect. It can be seen in such styles as Eugene Alexander's softly sexy black jersey bustier. It is accented with his signature flowers in white sequins edged in black, starting at the waist as an applique and ending on the shoulder.

Arnold Scaasi in his boutique collection uses shirring for one shoulder and the midriff of his wide-shouldered pink silk crepe column, which moves out in an easy A-line from the shaped waist. Cynthia Steffe for Spitalnick shirrs the entire torso of her beaded black nylon tunic with a matching pencil skirt and adds a broad-shouldered cardigan. Ron Leak uses black gabardine for a strapless sheath with an ivory flannel blazer.

The jackets that go with these body-conscious styles still owe a lot to sportswear; they are always much looser than the long dresses beneath.

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Sports Scene

Wheeler's semifinal foe a mirror image

By JOHN GERDEL Jr.
Sports Writer

WHEELER — Last week the Wheeler Mustangs proved that their defense could 'steel wall' the razzle-dazzle attack of Sunray.

This week they are going to face the challenge of a fundamental attack similar to the one they have been using.

Friday at 7:30 p.m., the Mustangs face their semifinal test when they meet the Greyhounds of Throckmorton at Childress' Fair Park stadium.

"We've scouted them twice, seen them on film twice, so we know a little bit about them," Preston Smith, Wheeler head football coach, said Tuesday. "They are a lot like our football team, sound. Two good running backs that run hard with the football, they've got pretty good overall team speed and a good quarterback."

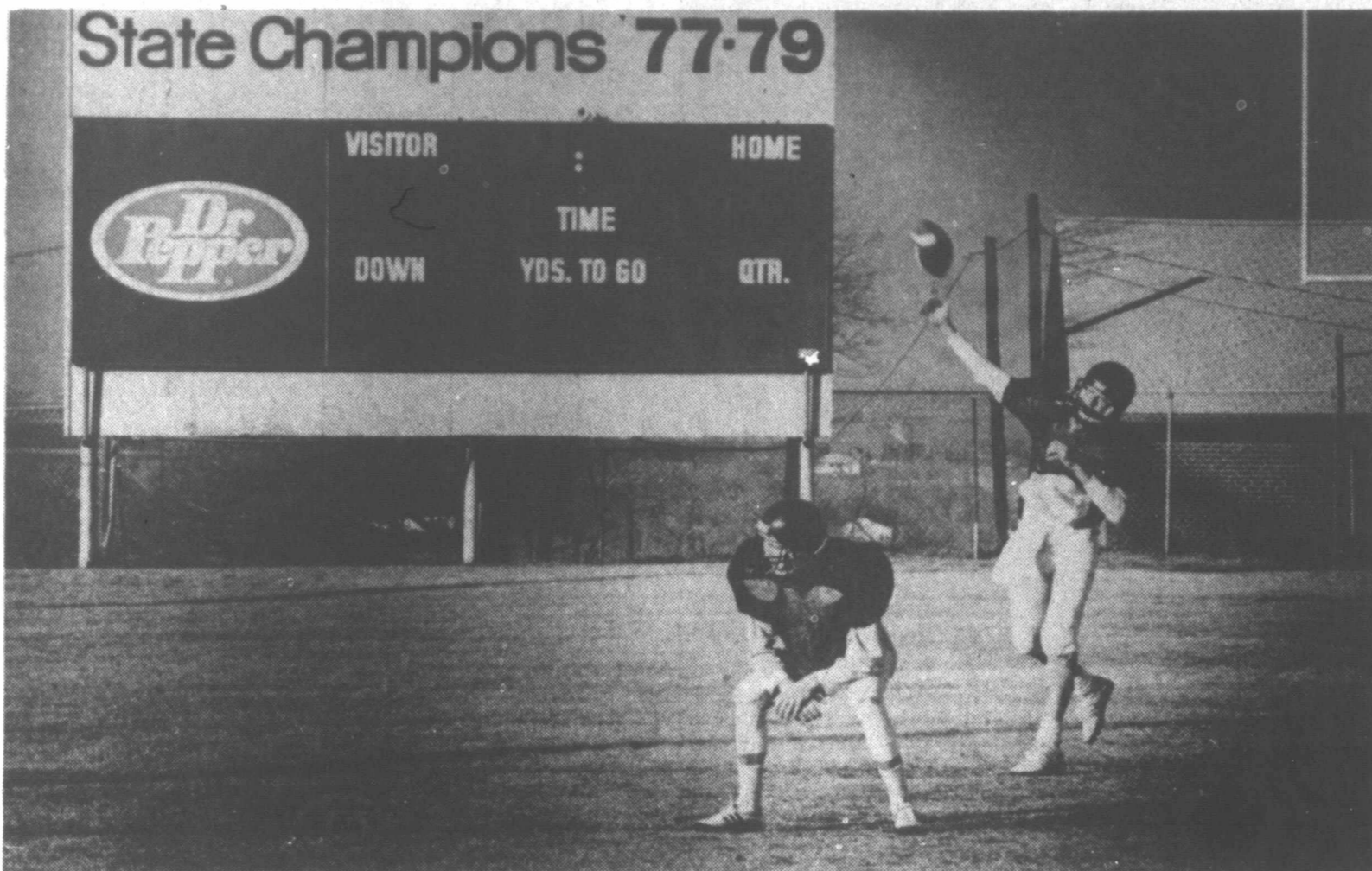
And like the Mustangs, Throckmorton is noted for defense.

"Defense has really been their strong suit," Smith explained. "They have given up 40 points on the year."

The Greyhounds, 11-2 for the season, have yielded only 20 more points in four playoff games, according to Gus Dormier, Throckmorton head coach.

The Mustangs, on the other hand, have given up "too many" points according to Smith. Since beginning the playoffs, Wheeler has given up only 29 points, but their season total is considerably higher than the Greyhounds' 60.

The Greyhounds also present a little mystery for the Mustangs. "We're not as familiar with them as we would be with some-



Quarterback Augie Hennard warms up in front of the scoreboard

(Staff photo by John Gerdel Jr.)

body up this area that we have played, like Sunray or somebody like that," Smith said.

"They have always been a Class A school, like ourselves," Smith continued. "These other schools that are in the playoffs

have dropped back down from a higher classification, so Throckmorton and ourselves are the only schools that were Class A last year."

Throckmorton is also "the home of Bob Lilly, so they have a

little football tradition," Smith noted.

Injuries may also be a factor in the semifinal contest. "We've played four weeks of good, tough, hard opponents and we are a little bit bunged up right now," Smith

said.

"We've got a lot of those nagging type injuries," Smith continued. "We've got Dicky Salyer with a strained knee, it's questionable whether he'll be able to play at all this week.

'Hounds defense rugged

THROCKMORTON — Not only does Gus Dormier, head coach of the Throckmorton Greyhounds, field a fundamental football team, but he has a fundamental approach to winning.

"We've got to shut down their offense and get something going offensively," Dormier said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Shutting down offenses has been the trademark of the Greyhounds this year. In regular season play, they allowed only 40 points and only 20 more since the playoffs got underway.

The Mustangs do have an advantage in one area. This is the first time Throckmorton has been in the playoffs since 1969, according to Dormier, and he admitted some surprise at getting this far.

Dormier described his defensive approach as a Split Six and said his team uses the veer set or I on offense.

The Greyhounds have two running backs that do most of their legwork, Dave Davis, who has gained 1,277 yards this year and Kevin Latham, with 1,303 yards rushing for the season.

Are the Greyhounds, with an 11-1 season record, ready for the fundamental football matchup with Wheeler?

"We hope so," Dormier said. The final exam is Friday night.

Player reaches goals

WHEELER — "I love December football."

As quarterback of the Wheeler Mustangs, Augie Hennard had a couple of goals when the football season opened in September. Playing football in December was his second goal.

"My first goal was to win district, my second goal was to play December football," Hennard said in an interview Tuesday.

Hennard, who has started every game for the Mustangs this season, has confidence in the ability of guys in front of him to stop the Greyhound defense.

"They (the Greyhounds) play an eight-man front and they play the run real tough," Hennard said. "It'll be tough for us, but I think our line can hold them."

Anybody that puts eight men up front to play the run, you are going to end up having to pass against them, some time."

Is Hennard ready to pass with an eight-man line staring down his throat?

"I'd better be," he said.

Mariners, Dodgers make trades as baseball meeting heats up

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Greg Brock and Danny Tartabull are on their way to new towns. Jack Morris and Andre Dawson are vowing to find new teams.

Finally, after two days, the meetings heated up in the 85-degree Florida warmth Wednesday — their final full day — with three trades. The Seattle Mariners and Los Angeles Dodgers made two deals apiece, one with each other.

Another trade reportedly near conclusion would find the World Champion New York Mets acquiring power hitter Kevin McReynolds from the San Diego Padres in a six-player swap.

The Mets would also get pitcher Gene Walter for outfielder-infielder Kevin Mitchell, pitcher Rick Aguilera, highly regarded young outfielder Stanley Jefferson and pitcher Randy Myers.

But the biggest news of the day was agent Dick Moss' declaration of war on baseball's free-agent freezeout. Club owners, citing long-needed fiscal restraints, have vowed not to negotiate with free agents — at least until a self-imposed Jan. 8 deadline has passed.

Moss has a different view. Moss, same agent who steered the successful 1975 contract battle by pitcher Andy Messersmith that created the free agent system, announced that Morris, of the Detroit Tigers, and Dawson, of the Montreal Expos, are immediately seeking new employment.

Morris, he said, wants to pitch for one of four teams: California, Minnesota, the New York Yankees or Philadelphia. After Morris decides which of the four is the top choice, Moss will attempt to negotiate with that club.

Morris, who earned \$950,000 last season, has rejected the Tigers' two-year, \$2.5 million contract offer, and turned down Tigers General Manager Bill Lajoie's request to meet today.

"They've had plenty of time to negotiate," Moss said. "Jack Morris is a free agent and has been free to negotiate with any club for three weeks. There's no Jan. 8 deadline, that's a game the owners play.

"I think the (free agent) system should work the way it is supposed to. They're free agents, so they should be free to negotiate. But it's not that way anymore. The clubs don't seem to be acting independently. They've said the only way they'll negotiate is if you make them an offer. I'm willing to play that game."

Morris, 31, was 21-8 last season with a 3.27 earned run average. He was 20-13 in 1983 and has a 144-94 career record, including 76 victories over the last four seasons — the length of his last Tigers' contract.

Dawson, 32, was once one of baseball's brightest young talents, but has battled knee problems of late and hasn't batted over .300 since 1982. He hit .284 with 20 home runs and 78 RBI in 1986.

Dawson's first choice is the Chicago Cubs and his second is Atlanta, Moss said. Moss was unable to meet Wednesday with Cubs General Manager Dallas Green when Green had to leave the meetings due to the death of his mother-in-law.

Tartabull, one of baseball's top 1986 rookies, and Brock were the biggest names changing teams in the first wintertime flurry of trades.

The Mariners sent their top reliever, left-hander Matt Young, to the Dodgers for pitcher Dennis Powell and infielder Mike Watters. Several hours later, Seattle parted with Tartabull, 24, shipping him and minor-league pitcher Rick Luecken to the Kansas City Royals for pitchers Scott Bankhead and Steve Shields and outfielder Mike Kingery.

Powell, a starter, was 2-7 with the Dodgers. The Dodgers picked up pitchers Tim Leary, 12-12, 4.21 ERA, and minor leaguer Tim Crews from Milwaukee for Brock, 29, who hit a disappointing .234 with 16 homers and 52 RBI in 115 games last season.

Milwaukee now has Brock and veteran Cecil Cooper to play first and DH, but Brewers General Manager Harry Dalton said, "You can never have too many hitters."

Leary, 27, and Young, 28, are former UCLA teammates.

"We got exactly the kind of left-handed reliever we needed in Young," Dodgers General Manager Al Campanis said. "He was 8-6 with 13 saves and didn't even

move in the bullpen fulltime until a third of the way into the season."

The Dodgers, however, also thought they solved their bullpen problems last year when they obtained left-hander Ed Vande Berg from Seattle. He was 1-5 with a 3.41 ERA in 1986.

Mariners General Manager Dick Balderson said he was determined to improve his pitching, and did so by acquiring five pitchers, two via the major-league draft.

But some major-league executives questioned whether Seattle paid too high a price in Tartabull for two pitchers, Bankhead and Shields, who won only eight major-league games last season.

Bankhead, 23, was 8-9 with a 4.61 ERA in 24 games with the Royals. Shields, 28, spent most of the season with Atlanta's Richmond Triple-A farm club and posted a 9-8 record before being traded to the Royals for outfielder Darryl Motley.

Kingery, 25, hit .258 with three home runs and 14 RBI in a brief stint with the Royals.

Tartabull has been criticized by Mariners' officials for an allegedly lackadaisical attitude and his refusal to play winter baseball, but responded by hitting .270 with 25 home runs and 96 RBI last season. He owns a .277 average, 28 homers and 110 RBI in 166 major league games.

"We've been looking for two years for guys that can hit," Royals General Manager John Schuerholz said. "He's going to be our right fielder. Where he bats in the order is up to (Royals Manager) Dick Howser."

The proposed Mets-Padres deal would enable New York to fill the left-field job that was George Foster's until his mid-season release.

McReynolds, 27, hit .288 with 26 homers and 96 RBI last season. Mitchell, 24, can play nearly every infield and outfield position and batted .277 with 12 homers and 43 RBI.

Four trades involving 11 players have been completed to date at the winter meet. Before the inter-league trading deadline was extended to July 31 (it formerly was the final day of the winter meetings), 40 to 50 players routinely swapped teams at the December meetings.

Forum held to discuss SMU sports

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University student-athletes pleaded at a public forum to preserve varsity athletics at the school that is caught in a swirl of dissent over evidence of continued NCAA rules violations.

More than 300 faculty members, students, alumni and athletic boosters packed an auditorium and others listened from the hallway at a "town meeting" held Wednesday to talk about the controversy.

Already, SMU athletic director Bob Hitch and football coach Bobby Collins have resigned, as has university President Donald Shields. Shields cited health reasons. The school's Board of Governors has also voted to eliminate special admissions for athletes.

"Don't pick on the athletes," said swim team member Dan Burkhart. "Whether we should have varsity athletics is a separate issue. You're going to need an athletic program that's something above a Jane Fonda aerobics workout school."

"What about special admissions for the arts school and the Board of Governors (children)?" asked football player Craig Kinnington.

"The whole bottom fell out when Dr. Shields left campus ... and let the faculty go wild. We need to get some kind of leadership on this campus, whether it be a new football coach, a new athletic director or a new permanent president."

Some participants in the open forum lashed out at the university's Faculty Senate, which had called for an end to "quasi-professional athletics." Some suggested eliminating high-stakes varsity athletics and developing an elaborate student fitness program.

And most lamented the attention the school's troubles with the National Collegiate Athletic Association has drawn across the country.

Art historian Eleanor Tufts said already she had heard stories of high school counselors steering students away from SMU "because of our bad name right now."

"I'm talking about the quality of your degree," she said.

Added philosophy professor Serge Kappler: "Being seen as a football school means not being taken seriously as an academic institution."

Last month, television station WFAA in Dallas disclosed that a former SMU player said he received monthly cash payments from a university official while SMU was on probation for previous football recruiting violations. The Southwest Conference school is currently in the second year of that probation.

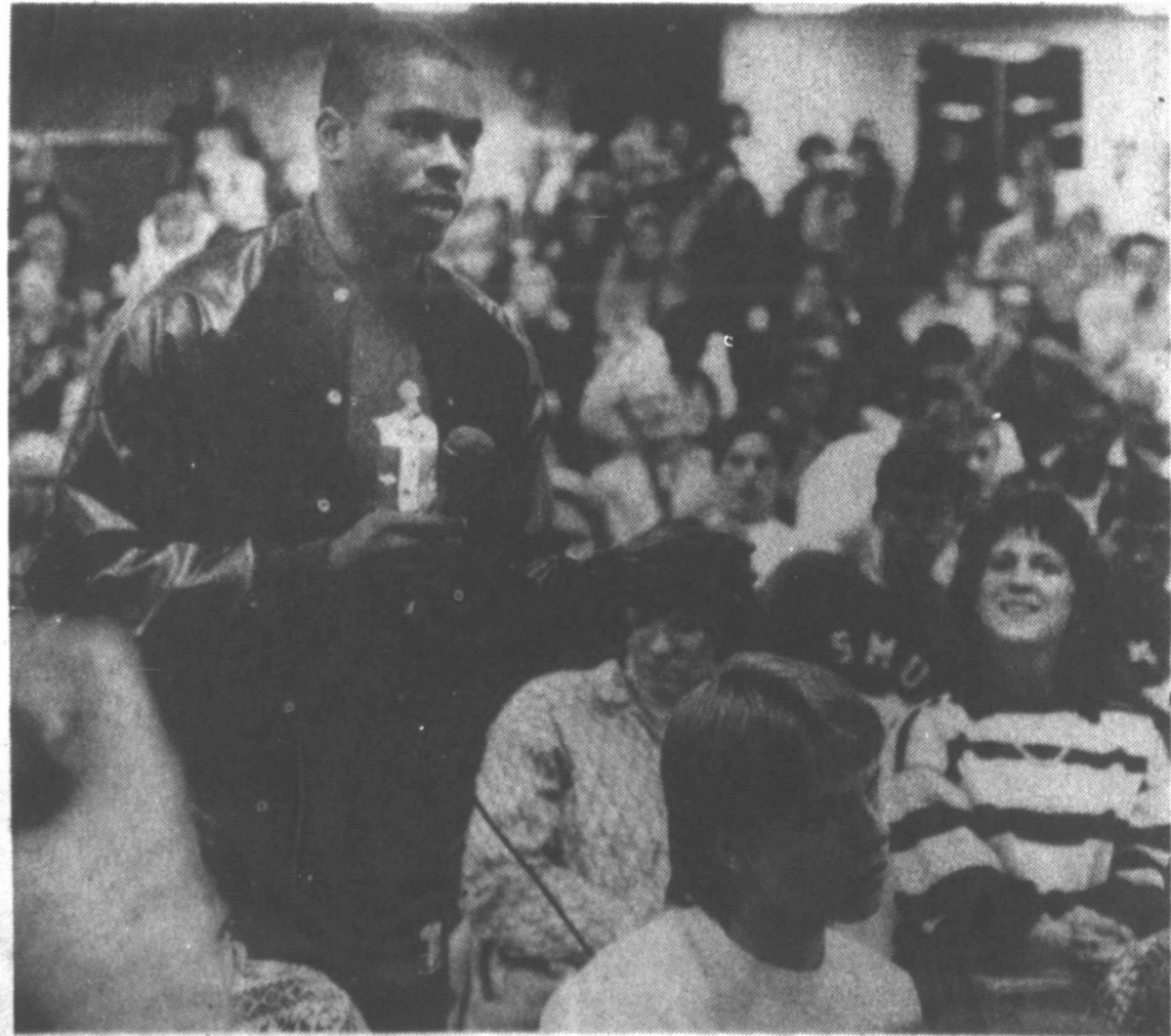
Soon after, the Dallas Morning News reported a player was receiving a rent-free apartment from an SMU booster. The player was suspended for the final two games of the season.

"On the horizon, I see a group that wants to come to town for a hanging," said student body president Trevor Pearlman. "Don't hang the wrong person. There is a problem at this institution that exists with individuals. Don't condemn the entire university and the entire athletic program because individuals have cheated."

A board member of SMU's Mustang Club, its booster organization, attacked the faculty for giving up on a move to continue nationally competitive football.

"We live in a 'can-do' city. We are a part of this city, state and culture where football is an important part of life," said David Lott. "You are not going to change the role of sports in society."

But history professor Jennifer Roberts responded to what she called Lott's "appalling speech" by asking, "How it is that this faculty, in this 'can-do' city, cannot change the role of athletics in our society? We can and we will."



SMU player Jeffrey Jacobs speaks out.

(AP Laserphoto)

Texas retailers hoping holiday help pays off

DALLAS (AP) — Despite the downturn in the Texas economy and generally sluggish sales this year, many of the state's retailers are using traditionally large holiday workforces designed to handle an overflow of Christmas shoppers.

Many Stores around the state appear to have added nearly the same number of temporary workers as in better economic times, even though industry executives are uncertain whether they'll ring up as many sales.

"In a good month like December, extra help will usually make you money," said Tom Hoskins, vice president of the Fort Worth-based Dunlap Co., which again this year boosted the payroll at each of its 34 stores by an average of 25 percent.

A big holiday sales payoff would help many stores recover from a slow year, said Maury Aresty, president of the Retail Merchants Association in Houston.

"If you're going to take a real gamble, you're going to take it in December," Aresty said.

Houston merchants estimate 10,000 extra employees are working through the holiday crunch, which Aresty said is only about 100 fewer than last year.

"Retailers are making sure they have enough help on hand to realize any improvement there might be (in sales)," he said.

A recent survey conducted for the Texas Retailers Association estimated sales in the first 10 months of this year were 3.76 percent below the same period of 1985.

TRA spokeswoman Lynn Huss said the sharpest declines were noted in areas hardest hit by the faltering energy and agricultural sectors — the High Plains and the Gulf Coast area — and along the border with Mexico, which has been hit by the peso devaluation.

Houston-based Foley's, which has department stores in four Texas cities, added about 1,000 temporary workers for the holiday season, a figure that is comparable to past Christmas shopping periods, said spokesman Dan Hagan.

But sales clerks and others are working shorter hours, he said, with most scheduled for the peak evening and weekend times.

Hagan doesn't believe the heavy hiring in an economic downturn is a gamble for Foley's.

"We have to have a lot of people in our store for us to be able to do the very large numbers we're going to do, even if (sales) don't meet all of our expectations for the season," he said.

Economic hard times or not, stores have to be ready when customers are in a buying mood, Hagan said.

'Tis the season...



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