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Tuesday

OPEC pact: Oilmen pumped full of doubt

By DONNA GEHRKE
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. oil producers need higher prices than the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel, analysts said.

Even if oil prices go up a few dollars as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries want, the increase won't be enough to pull U.S. oil production out of a deep depression, the specialists said Monday.

All OPEC members, except Iraq, agreed over the weekend to reduce their oil production by 7 percent during the first half of 1987.

American producers need an average of \$15 a barrel to make a profit while the Middle East producers need only \$3, said Tony Lentini, spokesman

for Mitchell Energy Co., based in The Woodlands. For the U.S. producers to start recovering, prices would have to go up to about \$20 a barrel, he said.

"It's unprecedented how the (U.S.) industry almost overnight has gone to using only 20 to 25 percent of capacity," he said.

In December 1981, 4,500 oil and gas rigs were drilling. That figure dropped to 969 this week, said Ike Kerridge, a spokesman for Hughes Tool Co., which has kept industry statistics since 1940.

A steady price of \$18 a barrel would probably increase the number of rigs to about 1,100, Kerridge said. Otherwise, the number probably will drop to an average of 850 next year, he said.

Analysts also agreed on Monday that a lack of OPEC unity may prevent the organization from

meeting its target of \$18 a barrel.

"The agreement won't last," said Charles Maurice, an economist at the Texas A&M University. "They've been trying for ages. Every time they come up with an agreement, they go home and then start breaking up."

Some of the OPEC nations, such as Nigeria, Gabon and Ecuador are desperate for oil money and will have a tough time living up to the production cuts, said analyst Jack Carney with The Pace Consultants in Houston.

In the past, Saudi Arabia was willing to cut back on production to cover for other OPEC countries cheating on limitation agreements, he said.

"They have had to absorb it all," Carney said. "Now they are saying no more."

"Even Saudi Arabia needs money," Houston-based independent analyst Dale Steffes said. Annual oil income for the OPEC members has dropped from \$300 billion to \$80 billion over the past five years, he said.

Even if OPEC members stick together, there is no guarantee non-OPEC countries wouldn't increase production to take advantage of the higher prices, analysts said.

OPEC also is hindered by a large amount of refined oil already in storage, said Houston analyst Kenneth Miller of Dallas-based Purvin & Gertz.

Nevertheless, the oil industry needed the assurance that OPEC members would try to raise prices, said Daniel Yergin, president of the Cambridge Research Energy Association of Cambridge, Mass.

Offices close for Christmas

Area residents will be heading home early for the holidays Wednesday as Christmas vacation begins.

And most government employees won't return to work until the Monday.

Among the offices that will be closed Christmas Day and Friday will be Pampa city offices, Gray County offices, Roberts County offices, Miami city offices, the Pampa Social Security office, Lefors city offices, Groom city offices, and Carson County offices.

There will be no mail delivery Thursday. A spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service added that there will be no Thursday box service at area post offices.

There will be no Thursday delivery of *The Pampa News*. Newspaper business offices will close at noon Wednesday, the

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Arab denies making money on Iran arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi today denied reports that Canadian investors were involved in financing the U.S. arms sales to Iran.

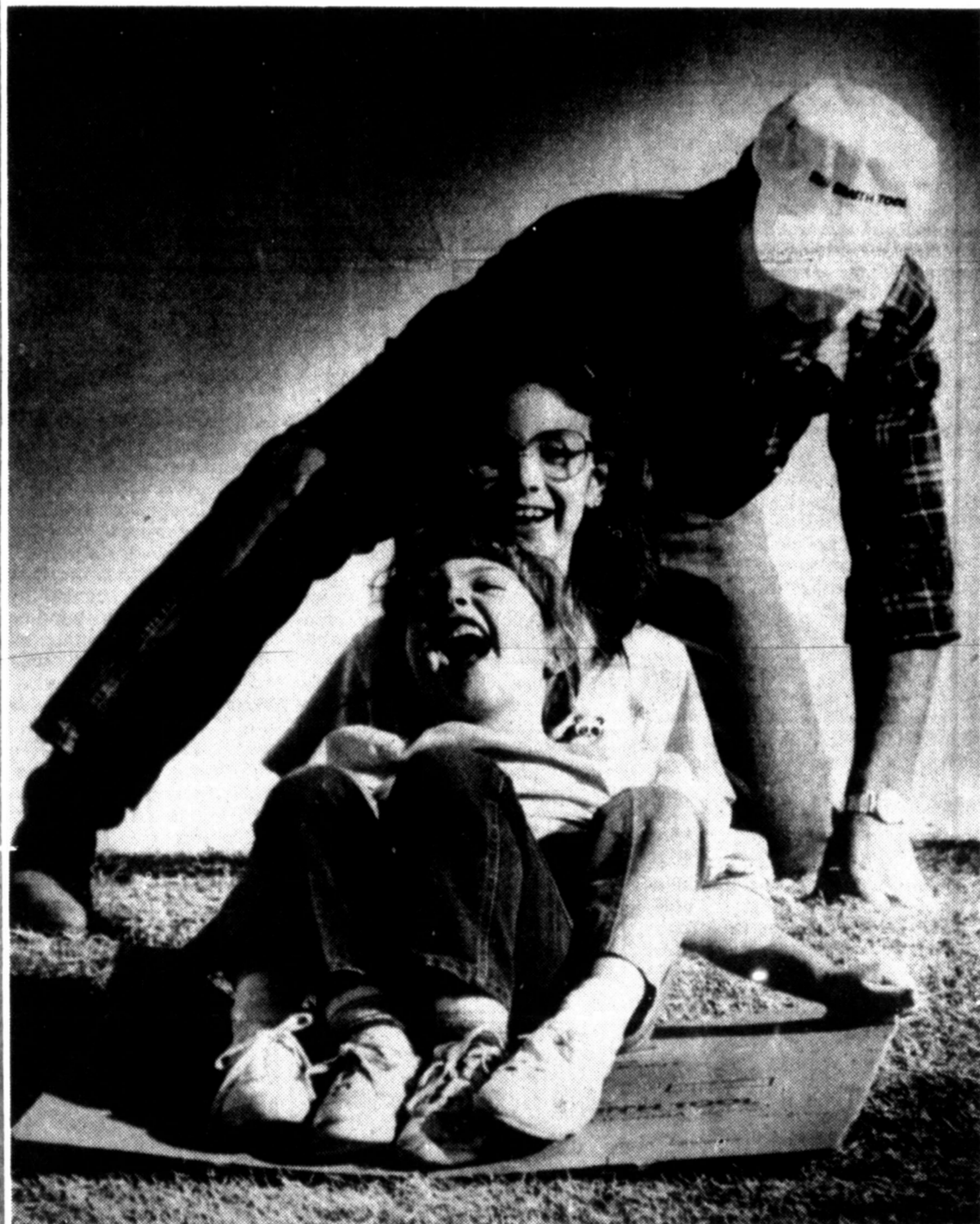
"There's no Canadians involved. I went to a bank in the Cayman Islands," Khashoggi said in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" program. "I have a Canadian employee that's president of my company. So they said Canadian financing..."

Khashoggi, who also repeated his denials that he made any money by brokering the U.S. weapons sales, contradicted the assertions of New York businessman Roy Furmark, a consultant to Khashoggi, who reportedly has said that two Canadian businessmen put up financing for a May 1986 arms shipment.

News accounts have quoted Furmark as saying two Canadian

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Sledding



Laura and Denise Reynolds, 1213 Kiowa, get a push from their dad, Travis Reynolds, as they slide down a hill recently on cardboard boxes in Central Park. The flattened boxes enabled the family to enjoy sledding without a trace of snow.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Pampa killer gets 15 years

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

What the state once called capital murder, with a potential penalty of death, was reduced Monday to a combination involuntary manslaughter-burglary charge that will send a 30-year-old Pampa man to prison for 15 years.

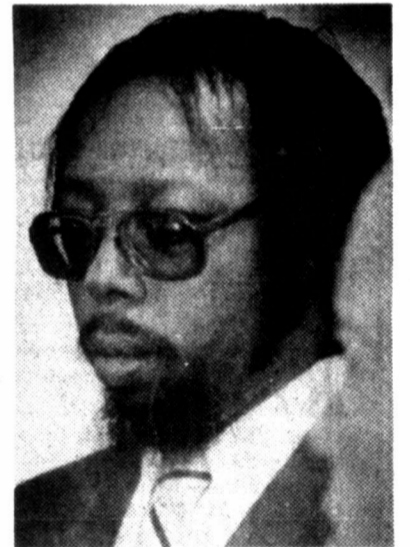
John L. Weaver has been in jail awaiting trial since shooting JoAnn Williams, 40, to death in her home at 1056 Varnon Drive on Dec. 7, 1985.

That wait ended Monday when Weaver pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter and a separate burglary charge. The guilty plea was part of a plea bargain agreement between Weaver's court-appointed attorney, Mark Buzzard, and District Attorney Guy Hardin.

Other charges that had been pending against Weaver were dismissed as part of the bargain. Weaver gave up his right to appeal.

223rd District Judge Don Cain accepted the plea bargain after about an hour of testimony, lasting until after 6 p.m. Monday.

In an ironic twist of justice Cain sentenced Weaver to 15 years for entering Williams' home unlawfully and only 10 for actually shooting the woman. The two



Weaver

sentences will run concurrently, Cain said, and Weaver will receive credit for the year he has already served in county jail.

Hardin said today that Weaver likely will serve seven years in prison.

Weaver testified that he only wanted to see his children, who stayed at the Williams home with Weaver's estranged wife Bridgett. JoAnn Williams was Bridgett Williams' mother.

He said he carried a shotgun into the house because of pre-

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Etheredge may be home by Christmas

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

The former head of the failed Bethany Trust Co. received an early Christmas present today, a gift certificate of sorts from District Attorney Guy Hardin, one that may be redeemed in court.

The gift was not a hacksaw wrapped in a red foil package, but the present will grant Etheredge's release from jail more conveniently and by considerably more legal means.

Hardin said today that he has prepared an order dropping all Texas charges against Etheredge.

Etheredge remained in a Kansas City jail this morning on \$350,000 bond from the charges pending against him in Texas, but Hardin said he expected to have those charges dismissed today.

Hardin said his secretaries were drawing up dismissal papers on all 32 indictments pending against Etheredge in Gray County. Hardin said he expected 223rd District Judge Don Cain to sign the dismissal order this afternoon.

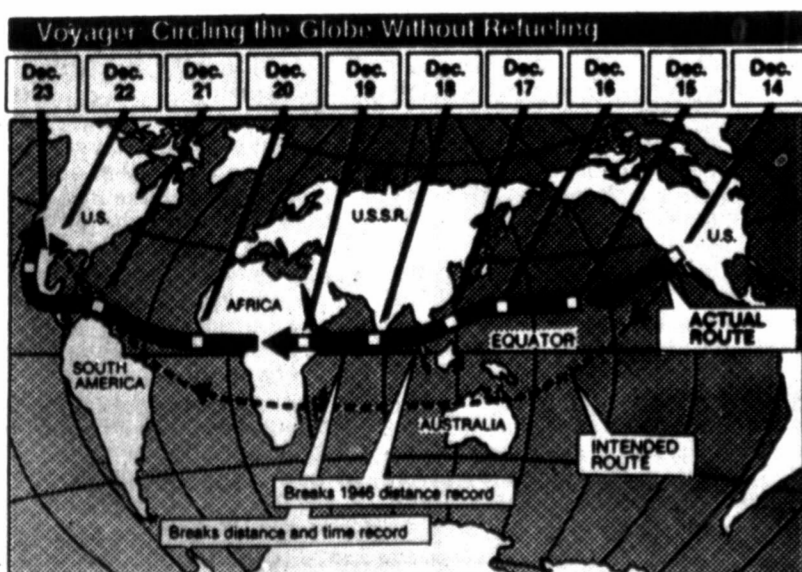
On Monday, a Wyandotte County

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Etheredge

Voyager finishes despite engine trouble



EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Voyager ended its historic unrefueled, non-stop trip around the world with a safe desert landing today, nine days after takeoff and after a flight beset by storms, engine problems and worries over fuel.

The lightweight tri-fuselage plane with front and rear engines covered about 25,000 miles, effectively doubling every non-stop, unrefueled distance record in aviation history.

The Voyager was accompanied by two chase planes as it appeared through clouds over the desert. It slowly descended, doing several victory passes before touching down on a dry lake bed, watched by thousands of cheering spectators.

Storm-battered pilots Dick

Rutan and Jeana Yeager were helped from Voyager immediately after the 8:06 a.m. PST landing at this famed flight test center, and they were headed for the base hospital for medical check-ups. Both had suffered bruises when Voyager was tossed around by turbulence over the Indian and Atlantic oceans and over Africa, and they appeared a little wobbly.

"Nine days, huh?" Rutan said moments before landing. "Nine days without a shower."

"It wasn't the best landing I've made, but we'll walk away from it," Rutan said afterward. As he left the plane, wearing a cowboy hat, he made a thumbs-up sign.

The landing came six days af-

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News*.

Obituaries

RUSSELL F. BROWN

No services will be held for Russell F. Brown, 82, who died Monday. Cremation will be at Memorial Park Crematory in Amarillo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown had been a resident of Pampa since 1967. He married Mary Edna Holley in 1923 at Sapulpa, Okla.; she died in 1975. He had worked for Cabot Corp. for 17 years before retiring.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Gorby, Pampa; two sisters, Ava Vanzant and Oneta Crawford, both of Tulsa, Okla.; a brother, E.L. Brown, Tulsa; and a granddaughter, Cheryl Howell, Grafton, Va.

TOM ADAM TAYLOR

SHAMROCK - Services for Tom Adam Taylor, 76, were to be today at 2 p.m. in Richerson Funeral Chapel at Shamrock with Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor of Shamrock First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be Friday in Augusta Cemetery at Augusta, Ark., with arrangements under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor died Sunday.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; a daughter, two brothers, including Cecil Taylor, Pampa; four sisters and three grandchildren.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 22

A 1980 Ford, driven by James Allen McCune, 811 N. Frost, and a 1967 Mercury, driven by Jimmy Hooker, 705 N. Frost, collided in the 700 block of North Frost. No injuries were reported. McCune was cited for reckless damage, obstructed view through windshield and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa	
Wheat	2.21
Milo	2.70
Corn	3.10
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation	
Damson Oil	1/4
Ky. Cent. Life	52 1/2
Serico	2 3/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa	
Amoco	60
Cabot	30 1/2

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported one fire run in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 22

7:32 p.m. Smoke scare caused by overheated ceiling fan at 422 Yeager.

Hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions		Dismissals	
Ada E. Carrier, Pampa	Marguerite Collins, White Deer	Cleo Beck, Pampa	Louis C. Brinkley, Panhandle
Shannon E. Erwin, Pampa	Nancy E. Farris, Pampa	Preston B. Cross, Pampa	Frank Culberson, Pampa
Marcus Lockhart, Pampa	Sonya Martin, Pampa	Tina Green and infant, Amarillo	Kelly Ann Ferguson, Amarillo
Samuel D. Motley, Pampa	Benjamin Ridgeway, Perryton	Martha Hadley, Pampa	Ruby Morrow, Pampa
Opal D. Taylor, Pampa	Jason Matthew Wilson, Pampa	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	
		None	
		Dismissals	
		None	

Calendar of events

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. The service will feature music by the chancel choir and a short message by Rev. Joe L. Turner.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 22

Rex Ralph Rose, 505 N. Gray, reported theft of a motor vehicle at the address.

R.C. McDonald, 1112 S. Wilcox, reported theft of a space heater from the yard at the residence.

An individual wanted by the Hale County Justice of the Peace office, Plainview, was reported in the 500 block of North Hobart.

Bryan Curtis Stroud, Amarillo, reported an assault at Pampa Recreation, 200 S. Frost.

TUESDAY, Dec. 23

An individual wanted by the Upshur County Sheriff's office, Gilmer, was reported at Hobart Street Park.

A driving while intoxicated suspect was reported in the 600 block of West Brown.

Arrests-City Jail

Thomas Emmett Cooke, 20, 305 E. Cook, was arrested at the Carson County Sheriff's office, Panhandle, on warrants; Cooke was released on a promise to pay.

Arnold James Barton, 42, 808 Beryl, was arrested at the address on a warrant alleging indecency with a child.

Roy Don Parsley, 25, 832 Beryl, was arrested in the 500 block of North Hobart on a warrant issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Lubbock alleging speeding; Parsley was released upon payment of a fine.

TUESDAY, Dec. 23

James Lee Day, 28, 925 Nelson, was arrested at Hobart Street Park on charges of driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain a single lane and improper right turn.

Killer

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vious threats made against his life by JoAnn Williams and "to see my kids — to love and hug my kids — not to harm anyone."

He said that earlier on the morning of the shooting he had overheard JoAnn Williams say if Weaver came by the house, she would shoot him. He said he had complained to both the Police Department and Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan about the threats.

After entering the house and

asking to see his children, Weaver testified, he was pushed by JoAnn Williams. He said he pushed her back, then saw her reach into her blouse.

"I thought maybe she was going for a gun or something, and she was going to shoot me," he testified. He added that he never saw a gun.

Weaver claimed his shotgun went off accidentally and killed Williams after the woman's 13-

year-old son Charles tried to grab him from behind.

Hardin did not challenge any of Weaver's testimony.

The involuntary manslaughter charge is a third-degree felony that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault charge is a first-degree felony that carries a maximum sentence of 99 years or life in prison.

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Christmas

deadline for classified ads for Friday's paper.

Also closing at noon Wednesday will be White Deer city offices, Canadian city offices, Carson County offices and Groom city offices.

Wheeler County offices will be closed Wednesday through Friday this week.

The nation's stock and commodity exchanges, banks, government offices and most businesses also will be closed Christmas Day.

The stock and commodity mar-

kets, banks, government offices and some businesses will reopen on Friday.

Several Pampa businesses, including Wal-Mart and the Pampa Mall will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Pampa school children are already enjoying the holiday vacation, having been let out of school Friday. Pampa ISD classes will resume Jan. 5.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminded motorists to drive carefully as they leave on their holiday vacations.

According to Major V.J. Cawthon, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 15 people died on Texas streets and highways during last year's Christmas holidays. He expects the figure to rise this year because the holiday is near a week-end.

"Historically, speed and the drinking driver have been responsible for holiday fatalities," he said, adding that his troopers will be watching specifically for these and other traffic violations.

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Etheredge

ty, Kan., district judge set Etheredge's bond at \$50,000 on charges there — an amount the financier's family has said it can make.

But Etheredge, 32, remained in the Wyandotte County Jail this morning on the \$350,000 bond from Gray County because of a previous agreement signed by former Gray County Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton that said charges against the financier wouldn't be dropped until Etheredge went to trial in Kansas City.

Etheredge had been charged in Gray County with misleading investors in his failed Bethany Trust Co. and misusing their funds. The charges in Kansas City make virtually the same allegations.

Investors from four states lost about \$1.3 million when Bethany was shut down in April 1985 after Texas banking officials failed to verify more than \$10 million in reported Bethany assets. The Pampa-based firm, which also had offices in Overland Park,

Kan., Dallas and London, promised investors 25 percent returns within 120 days.

Etheredge has maintained that investors would have received their money back had the state not interfered.

The financier had been confined in the Gray County Jail since his arrest in Canada last February. His bonds in Gray County had totaled nearly \$2 million before being reduced to \$350,000 in October.

The suspect was extradited to Kansas on Sunday.

Etheredge appeared before Wyandotte County District Judge John Bukaty on Monday and again this morning.

Wyandotte County Assistant District Attorney Bill Klapper said Etheredge's next appearance is a criminal docket call scheduled for Dec. 30.

pending until Etheredge goes to trial in Kansas City, he planned to ask Hardin this morning about dropping the charges immediately.

In a telephone interview from Kansas City Monday night, Etheredge said he is ready to make the \$50,000 surety bond in Kansas.

"If I could make bond, I could be home with my children for Christmas in three days," he said.

Klapper said a preliminary hearing probably will be scheduled shortly, as soon as Etheredge's attorney has time to review the case. In Kansas, the state must show probable cause during a preliminary hearing that a crime was committed.

The prosecutor said he has offered no plea bargain to Etheredge but did not rule out the possibility of an agreement if Etheredge's attorney approaches him about one. He would not comment on the chances for a plea bargain.

Voyager

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ter the 83rd anniversary of the Wright Brothers historic first powered airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

The flight had been repeatedly delayed amid warnings that if it didn't take off by mid-December, its next opportunity would be in the spring. Yeager had the flu when the plane took off at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 from Edwards, dragging its fuel-heavy wings on the desert runway and shaving at least a foot off each Styrofoam wingtip.

On the second day of the flight, concerns about fuel consumption arose as Voyager went farther than expected to avoid a typhoon near Guam, but the typhoon provided an assist with powerful tailwinds, and it turned out that a faulty fuel gauge had misled the crew into thinking they might run out of gas.

On Monday, aircraft designer Burt Rutan, the pilot's brother,

had said the plane had enough fuel to fly on to New York and beyond if they wished.

The storms, fuel fears and fatigue from several successive days cramped into a phone-booth-sized cabin also led to engine overheating when the pilots forgot to check oil pressure for nearly a day and a half, but they quickly solved that Dec. 20 by hand-pumping 1.7 quarts of oil into the engine.

Early today, the engine stalled, and Voyager lost 3,400 feet of altitude before its other engine could be started.

"Whenever you're over water and you've got no engine, it's serious," spokesman Peter Riva said. Voyager dropped from an altitude of 8,900 feet to 5,500 feet during the 90-second engine failure caused by a vapor lock, he said.

Fuel leaked into the cockpit

during the ordeal, forcing the pilots to put on oxygen masks to prevent being overcome by fumes, Riva said.

Rutan and Yeager cleared a fuel line and restarted the front engine, which had been shut down to conserve fuel, spokesman Mark Greenberg said.

The fuel mixture setting for the rear engine was changed and the engine was restarted, he said.

"There was too little gas coming through the intakes," Greenberg said. "It caused the engine to shut down."

Rutan "was practicing emergency procedures at the time. It could not have happened at a better time," Riva said.

The incident occurred about 2:15 a.m. PST as the plane made its way northward toward the Pacific coast of the United States, said Greenberg.

Commissioners OK moving office

PANHANDLE — Things are getting tight in the office of Carson County Sheriff Connie Reed.

Reed has to share his small four-room office with five full-time deputies, five dispatcher-jailers, not to mention numberless desks, file cabinets, bulletin boards, display cases and radio equipment.

"It's pretty cramped there, particularly on court days," Reed said. "Our office is used by the district attorney when he comes up from Childress and defense attorneys when they have trials. Sometimes, I'll have to sneak into my office to get something out."

Meanwhile, in the office next door, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace A.C. Davis and one part-time deputy enjoy a spacious two-room office, the main room large enough to accommodate several desks.

But Carson County commissioners changed that

Monday when they authorized Reed and Davis to switch offices. Under the new set-up, Reed will keep two rooms of his four-room suite as he moves into the new office. Davis will move into the two offices that the sheriff is getting out of.

Reed said that although there is already one door from his office to the magistrate's office, the county will have to break out a new door near the jail elevator put in a dividing wall and do some minor rewiring work.

Reed said he'll probably move his office in early January.

Davis could not be reached for comment.

In other business, commissioners appointed Maureen Stalls, secretary at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District office in White Deer, as deputy tax collector.

Iran

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investors, Walter E. Miller and Donald Fraser, provided Khashoggi with \$10 million in credit for the weapons deal.

Khashoggi is a Saudi billionaire who has said he helped arrange and finance the U.S.-Iran arms transactions.

Khashoggi's comments came as the House Intelligence Committee tried to question retired Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord, a key figure in the Iran-Contra arms deal.

Secord, according to congressional sources and other witnesses before the House and Senate intelligence committees, played a central role in arranging the sale of arms to Iran and has been linked by documents to the private resupply network for Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Secord refused to talk to the House panel and cited his constitutional protection against self-incrimination, according to com-

mittee sources speaking on condition of anonymity. His brief appearance lasted only a few minutes.

The Justice Department says that Secord, along with fired National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North and Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, are under investigation.

Secord appeared before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Dec. 9. He refused to answer questions, citing his constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

Secord's appearance was the last formal action scheduled by congressional investigators until the 100th Congress convenes Jan. 6 and House and Senate select investigating committees begin their work.

Meanwhile, the White House continued to press former National Security Council officials John M. Poindexter and Oliver L.

North to break their silence to exonerate Reagan, but said there was no indication they planned to talk.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes noted that there is some disagreement within the legal community on whether the two men would waive their constitutional rights if they made just that one statement, but added, "I would guess we would think it is possible under certain court decisions to do so."

City briefs

LOST: LONG haired white cat. Lost in the vicinity of Harvester and Beech Street. Solid white and gold eyes. Call 665-5988 or 665-0034. Adv.

MARGUERITE'S FASHION 305 W. Foster, 669-7975. Last minute gifts! Check our already low prices and receive 30% off storewide thru December 24th. Hurry we'll close Christmas Eve at 1 p.m. Adv.

MICHELLE'S FASHIONS Santa Sale continues. 50-60% off. Adv.

UNIQUE WOODEN items, priced to sell. Cars, trains, tator boxes, boy and girl gumball machines. 665-8158. Adv.

LAST DAY of our 1/2 Price Gift Sale is tomorrow! Our entire gift stock is included. (Paintings and prints are 20% off, too!) Las Pampas Galleries, Coronado Center. Adv.

ROBERTA'S FLOWERS Season ending discount sale. 50% off on all artificial Christmas items. Adv.

FOR SALE: 2 cinnamon male AKC Chow Chow puppies. Free registration 665-3262. Adv.

NEW GROUP of collars. \$10-\$12. The Pair Tree. Adv.

Fund established for Carol Peet

A fund has been established at Lamar Full Gospel Assembly to help pay for Carol Peet's cancer treatments.

Peet, 43, was diagnosed in November with lymphoma, a large, inoperable, but treatable, tumor in the abdomen.

Republican Peet made an unsuccessful bid for the Gray County clerk's office in the November general election.

She is now undergoing chemotherapy treatments at three-week intervals in Amarillo, said Barbara Bruce, a family friend.

Six chemicals are being used at this time, Bruce said. Peet goes to her doctor's office in Amarillo to have the chemicals started, a treatment that takes three to five

hours, she said. Peet then wears a pump that continues to put the chemicals into her bloodstream for the next 48 hours, she said.

The Peets are required to pay for the chemicals each time they go to the doctor's office, Bruce said, adding that the chemicals alone cost \$800 per treatment.

Peet and her husband both are employed by the Pampa Independent School District, which provides insurance, she said. However, the insurance will not pay until after treatment is given, Bruce said.

Donations to the cancer treatment fund for Carol Peet may be mailed to Lamar Full Gospel Assembly, P.O. Box 1880, Pampa, 79065.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday and Christmas Day with the highs in the 40s. Lows tonight in the 20s. Northerly winds at 15 to 20 mph. High Monday, 44; low this morning, 31.

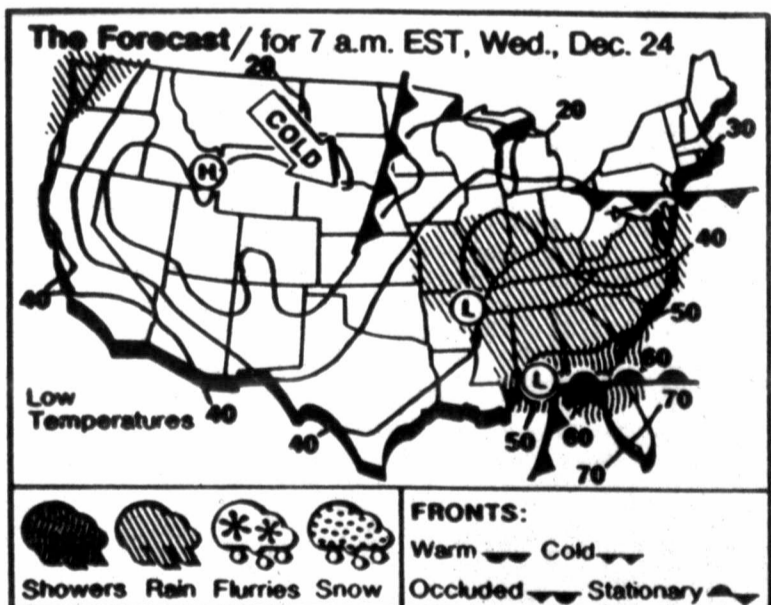
REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Mostly cloudy tonight and then partly cloudy Wednesday. Warmer afternoons except turning colder Panhandle Wednesday. Highs 40s except 50s far west and Big Bend. Lows tonight 22 mountains to 26 Panhandle to 35 Big Bend. Highs Wednesday 43 Panhandle to near 60 Big Bend.

North Texas — Rain ending in the northeast this evening. Decreasing cloudiness tonight and partly cloudy skies Wednesday. Continued cool tonight. A bit warmer Wednesday. Lows tonight 30 to 38. Highs Wednesday 50 to 56.

South Texas — Occasional rain over Southeast Texas ending tonight. Partly cloudy and a little warmer all sections Wednesday. Lows tonight lower 30s Hill Country to low 40s south. Highs Wednesday upper 50s north to mid 60s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST Thursday through Saturday West Texas — Generally dry with temperatures near or a little below normal. Panhandle and South Plains lows 20s. Highs 40s to 50s. Permian Basin and Concho Valley lows



30s. Highs 50s. Far west and Big Bend lows 20s and 30s. Highs 50s far west and higher elevations of Big Bend to 60s near Big Bend of Rio Grande.

South Texas — Partly cloudy with a slow warming trend in the afternoons. Continued cold nights. Morning lows from the 30s north to the 40s south. Daytime highs from the 50s north to the 60s south on Christmas Day, warming to the 60s north and 70s south by Saturday.

North Texas — No rain expected through Saturday. Lows will be in the 30s with highs in the 50s.

BORDER STATES Oklahoma — Decreasing cloudiness this afternoon and tonight becoming fair and a little warmer on Wednesday. Lows tonight in the mid 20s in the Panhandle to the low 30s in the east. Highs Wednesday in the upper 40s to low 50s.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight, cooler north Wednesday. Lows tonight near 10 to low 20s mountains and north with mostly 20s lower elevations south. Highs Wednesday upper 30s and 40s north with 40s to mid 50s south.

Texas/Regional

Budget board passes on deficit budget plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislative Budget Board, unwilling to recommend a deficit budget, has decided to offer lawmakers two versions of a proposed 1988-89 state spending package.

One version reflects current spending levels combined with serious needs and includes a \$4.6 billion deficit. The other version would simply spend the amount that Comptroller Bob Bullock says will be available.

LBB Chairman Bill Hobby said the board, established in 1949, had never before failed to recommend a specific budget. The board includes five senators and five House members.

"It was apparent that there was an irreconcilable conflict between House and Senate approaches at this point and it would be necessary

to prepare two different bills," Hobby said.

Speaker Gib Lewis said the board did not want to endorse a tax bill by recommending a deficit budget.

"We are identifying the needs of Texas," Lewis said of the deficit budget, adding, however, that it would be "improper" to endorse it.

Asked if Texas will need a tax hike to provide needed services, Lewis said, "Definitely we will."

LBB member Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said avoiding a tax hike is a "worthwhile goal."

"But I just don't see mathematically how we can achieve that," he said.

The LBB instructed its staff to prepare a 1988-89 budget that reflects current levels of state services

plus money for "obvious and demonstrable" needs. That added up to a \$4.6 billion deficit.

On top of that, there was LBB consensus Monday in support of board member Sen. Kent Caperton's call for another \$667 million for higher education.

"It's clear that Texas' commitment to higher education is questioned right now within the nation's academic community," Caperton, D-Bryan, said of this year's cuts in higher education spending.

The LBB staff calculated the deficit would be cut to \$2.6 billion if temporary tax hikes approved this year are made permanent.

The \$27 billion two-year budget prepared by the staff includes about \$319 million in increased

spending to pay for "clearly demonstrable needs," according to Hobby.

About \$305 million is earmarked for the Texas Department of Corrections, which is still struggling to meet court-ordered reforms.

The LBB staff included \$134 million for two new prisons, but the board approved Farabee's motion that would allow that money to be used for other methods of expanding prison capacity, such as contracting with other state agencies that have suitable space.

At the current rate of construction, Texas prisons will be 6,200 beds short next summer, according to the LBB staff. Texas' prison population, now about 38,000, will hit 58,000 by 1991, according to the staff.



(AP Laserphoto)

Travis County grand juror Dr. Moak Rollins discusses the decision not to indict anyone in connection with the death of a University of Texas fraternity pledge.

'Much wrongdoing' but no laws broken, jury reports

AUSTIN (AP) — Grand jurors say there was "much wrongdoing" in a University of Texas fraternity outing that ended in a drinking death, but no state laws were broken.

A Travis County Grand Jury Monday declined to indict anyone in connection with the death of University of Texas freshman fraternity pledge Mark Seeberger, 18, who was found dead in his dormitory room Sept. 19.

Grand jury testimony showed that Seeberger drank as much as 20 ounces of rum during a Phi Kappa Psi "ride" the night before.

"Although the grand jury is aware of much wrongdoing on the part of many parties involved in this 'ride,' it cannot find a justification for criminal charges under the statutes governing involuntary manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide," the grand jury said in a 12-page report.

The state's anti-hazing law also was not violated, but the grand jury said that law should be changed to include a ban on rides such as the one that led to Seeberger's death.

Seeberger drank himself to death while handcuffed in a van. During a ride, fraternity pledges are dropped off in remote areas after being encouraged to drink excessively. He had been brought back to his room by fraternity members who feared he was too drunk to be abandoned.

"I really cannot comment on whether it's all right, wrong or indifferent. It does not happen to be a violation of the law," said grand jury spokesman H. Moak Rollins, referring to the handcuffing.

The grand jury said witnesses said "there was friendly pressure on the pledges to participate, and

to be jovial, agreeable pledges who could drink and have fun."

"There was encouragement to drink, but not coercion," the grand jurors said, adding that another pledge on the ride declined to drink the rum.

Randy Leavitt of Austin, a lawyer for three students involved in the ride, including two who were granted partial immunity in exchange for their testimony, said Monday, "We're delighted there were no indictments, but at the same time it's hard to be joyful about this. I can't help but think about the Seeberger family and what they are going through this Christmas."

The Seebergers could not be reached for comment Monday at their Dallas home. They had been notified Friday of the grand jury's decision, authorities said.

Earlier this month, the student's father, Jeff Seeberger, said he hoped some of the fraternity members involved in his son's death would be sent to jail.

Brenton Monteleone, president of UT's Phi Kappa Psi chapter, said Monday, "The grand jury's decision comes as no surprise to me."

UT officials have recommended punishments including suspensions and expulsions for some students involved in the ride. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is investigating Phi Kappa Psi and could recommend the closing of the fraternity house if drinking violations are found.

The grand jury said Seeberger could have chosen not to go on the ride.

Nine killed in highway collision

EL CAMPO, Texas (AP) — The state's worst traffic accident this year claimed the lives of nine people returning from a funeral in Mexico.

All of the victims were from Illinois. They died after a station wagon ran into a parked tractor-trailer rig on U.S. Highway 59 in Southeast Texas, authorities said.

The accident late Sunday was the worst in the state since 1983, Department of Public Safety officials said.

"Two vehicles of family members had been coming back from a funeral in Mexico. They had been driving all night," said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The driver and five passengers in the vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Stockton Quirey of Louise.

Two more passengers in the station wagon were pronounced dead on arrival at El Campo Memorial Hospital, said a hospital spokeswoman who declined to be identified.

One girl was taken by ambulance to a Houston hospital, where she later died. A boy was hospitalized at El Campo Memorial in stable condition Monday.

The accident occurred near the Farm to Market Highway 441 overpass at Hillje.

Authorities identified the dead as the car's driver, Alvaro Sanchez Gil, 22; Gil's wife, Juanita, 26; and Christina Gil, 3, all of Cicero, Ill. Other victims included Marino Vega, 29; Vega's wife, Laura, 28; Marina Rodriguez, 36; her daughter Gracie Rodriguez, 10; and another daughter, Laura Rodriguez, 2, all of Illinois.

Studies show nearly 70 percent of Texas drivers are buckling up

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Seat belt advocates are heartened by studies that show Texans buckle up at possibly the highest rate of any state.

Nearly 70 percent of Texans use seat belts, according to a survey conducted for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The Texas seat belt law, which went into effect in September 1985, is one of the nation's toughest. The law carries a fine of \$25 to \$50.

Unlike drivers in other states, Texans continued to buckle up even after the newness of the law wore off. In most states, belt use peaks immediately after the law takes effect, then falls off.

Texans' willingness to abide by the law contrasts with people in other states. Massachusetts and

Nebraska last month became the first states to repeal seat belt laws, and similar efforts are under way in at least nine other states.

Safety promoters are heartened by the finding at a time when laws requiring belt use are under increasing attack.

"It blows my mind," said John Cook of the Washington-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, one of the groups that has studied seat belt use in Texas.

Cook, who is from Houston, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he would "have bet my year's salary that Texas wouldn't have been the leading state for seat belt compliance in the country. But it is."

University expected to select Penn State engineering dean

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston regents, meeting to select a new UH System chancellor, favor Pennsylvania State University engineering Dean Wilbur L. Meier Jr. for the job, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The newspaper reported UH regents were expected today to select the 46-year-old Meier, who served as Penn State's engineering dean for five years.

Meier received bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Texas and a teaching stint at Texas A&M University.

Sources told the newspaper regents were expected to go into a closed session this morning to briefly discuss the appointment, then vote to name Meier to the top system post and introduce him to administrators.

Meier, who was in Houston late Monday, could not be reached by telephone by The Associated Press.

An intense four-month search began for a successor to Charles E. Bishop. He led the system for six years but resigned Sept. 1 to take a position at the University of North Carolina.

Meier was one of four finalists for the job interviewed by regents during the last two weeks. Others were Texas Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, and UH law school Dean Robert Knauss.

Pampa News contest winner



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Publisher Louise Fletcher presents \$200 cash today to B.T. Brown, 321 Anne, grand-prize winner of *The Pampa News* "Thank You, Pampa" promotion. Brown's name was drawn from among 29 winners of gift certificates and other prizes in the 2½-month promotion conceived by Advertising Director Rick Clark. Brown said today that he plans to donate the \$200 to the building fund of his church, Fellowship Baptist Church.

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Opinion

Battle lines harden following press ban

The fact that the South African government is imposing even more severe restrictions on journalists is discouraging to those who hope for an end to that country's apartheid system.

The line between defenders and opponents of apartheid seems to be hardening.

The press in South Africa already operates under severe restrictions. Reporters are not allowed to describe security-force actions or publish the names of detainees without government permission. Journalists are also forbidden to publish statements deemed to be subversive and to photograph or film any racial incident. The new restrictions, according to Deputy Information Minister Stoffel Van der Merwe, will regulate reporting on "a long list of things," which will probably include news of strikes, rent boycotts by black people and student strikes.

The South African government has also decided not to renew the work permit of *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Michael Parks, reportedly because it objects to the newspaper's editorial stance. Parks is the fifth foreign correspondent ordered to leave South Africa this year, and the *Johannesburg Star* has said that more foreign correspondents are likely to be kicked out in the near future.

Not so long ago it was true that, whatever you might think of apartheid, South Africa had a free and vigorous press that felt free to oppose government policies. Newspapers in South Africa may still editorialize against government policies, but the basic function of a newspaper is to seek and provide information. Opinions without information can easily degenerate into empty rhetoric. How can one develop an intelligent position — either in favor of or in opposition to government policy — if one isn't permitted to know what the government is doing?

The South African government is not unique in the world in its desire to control the flow of information, to try to let the people know just what the government wants them to know. These latest steps move South Africa that much closer to genuinely totalitarian policy.

The hope of those who seek to prevent the reporting of unpleasant events is that the incidence of unpleasant events will thereby be reduced. They take the sometimes valid insight that reporting of riots, strikes and violence can lead to "copycat" incidents to the vain hope that preventing the reporting of unpleasantness will eliminate unpleasantness.

As a matter of principle, government restraints on press freedom are wrong, no matter what government imposes them. As a matter of practicality, it is probably too late for the South African government to be able to control events by controlling information. Opposition to apartheid within South Africa is longstanding and well-organized. Getting hard-nosed at this point is likely to lead to more violence, not less.

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James J. Kilpatrick

Need big towels and smiles

SCRABBLE, Va. — This is my theory: Hotel rooms these days are designed by designers who never have stayed in hotel rooms. These birds do not read books; they do not make business telephone calls; they do not take hotel showers. They must stay with friends when they go out of town.

That theory derives from 122 days on the road in 1986. Time after time this traveler encountered hotel rooms with weird lighting, oddly placed telephones and curious bathroom arrangements. With only two or three exceptions, all the hotels I hit in the past year had friendly staffs; all of them were immaculately clean. The rooms just couldn't be lived in comfortably.

By the way of example, the Ocala (Fla.) Ramada Inn scored well on most of my check-points, but the telephone was on a shelf far away from anything. There was neither a chair to sit on nor a desk to write on. What is a guest to do if the guest has to take notes?

The Meridian in New Orleans provided an attractive room and a wonderfully helpful staff, not to mention the year's best elevators, but the guest who wants to make telephone calls from the Meridian has to sit on the bed to make them. The only light in the bathroom shed a feeble 67-watt glow, so that one showered in the dark. The hand soap was small enough to set in a ring.

I hit two Holiday Inns during the year. They are as alike as olives in a bottle: clean, antiseptic, no artwork to give offense, no artwork to give pleasure. All the furniture looks as if it just came from the furniture store. Dollar for dollar

the Holidays probably are the best travel buys, but there's not much excitement there.

The Hyatt hotels continue to set a high standard, though the Hyatt Regency in Nashville lost points for poor elevator service. Thinking of Nashville: The Polk Theater across from the Hyatt is as pleasant an auditorium as this traveler has run across anywhere. The Chicago Hyatt, as always, scored in the upper 90s. The Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C., made my notes with a bathroom novelty: The bath towels are arrayed beside the sink, the hand towels beside the tub.

The Hilton hotels continue to score unevenly. The most improved hotel in Washington, D.C., is the Capital Hilton at 16th and K streets. Now that a two-year remodeling program is complete, the Capital Hilton can be recommended without qualification. It's first-rate. The Washington Hilton, a mile or so away on Connecticut Avenue, is a pleasant hostelry, but why that enormous credenza for the TV set? And why does it too arrange the towels in that curious fashion?

Some Hiltons are just too big. The Las Vegas Hilton has nearly 3,200 rooms, all of them as impersonal as poker chips. When I was there in March, a young man at the registration desk had just completed his training course in snootiness. He couldn't have cared less if guests stayed or went somewhere else. The Atlanta Hilton is better, but last week, when I was there for the North American duplicate bridge championships, the best rating was for the elevator service.

This business of theftproof hangers continues to puzzle me. Are so many hangers swiped by guests that innkeepers feel compelled to resort to the theftproof things? The Westin Hotel in Denver charges \$105 a night for the room I stayed in. At that rate, you would think the management could risk the loss of a coat hanger, even two coat hangers, but the Westin folks are taking no chances.

Will you be going to Quebec? Let me offer a word of advice: Avoid the Chateau Grontenac at all costs. It was the year's biggest disappointment. This is a beautiful old building, as picturesque as a castle in a book of fairy tales, but the best room in the house would shame a cheap motel in darkest Oklahoma. After one night in this tiny room, my wife and I shifted to the Quebec Hilton, where a "mini-suite," at a comparable price, made for a delightful vacation.

From Quebec we went to Boston, living it up in high style, and stayed at the Ritz-Carlton. I won't tell you what it cost — the cost was patently outrageous — but this is a grand hotel. Except for a tiny bathroom, measuring maybe 4 by 5 feet, the Ritz would have scored a perfect 100.

I hit only one Sheraton in 1986, this one in St. Louis, where a fold-down Murphy bed, inadequate lamps and the lack of a bedside table did little to supplement a slow check-in.

On the road you win a few, you lose a few. If the room designers would only give us good lights, big towels, firm pillows, portable hangers and sensibly placed telephones, the rest would be up to good managers and pleasant staff.

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Sheliah is 31, and she's in a women's correctional institute. She's serving three years as a part of the sentence she received when she was convicted of a vehicular homicide.

Sheliah, who had previously never even had a parking ticket, was driving home from her office Christmas party. She had been drinking.

She ran a stop sign. She hit another car broadside. The driver of the other car was killed, and Sheliah's life was ruined.

I wrote a column recently about a friend who had received his second DUI and had a choice: either he could spend every weekend for three months in community service (picking up trash) or he could serve a three-day jail term.

I suggested the jail term to him. What's three days in jail compared to spending all your weekends picking up trash? How embarrassing.

Sheliah read that column, and she wrote me a letter. Read this, dammit, and then decide if you

want to take another chance behind the wheel of a car with a bellyful of booze.

The letter:
"You said your friend could take along a few books to jail and catch up on his reading and catch up on his letter-writing and get some rest. That's not the way it works.

"First, all your personal belongings are taken away — your wallet and purse, your money, your comb and hairbrush, your watch and jewelry and your shoes and clothes.

"After you're stripped down and all body cavities are searched — including the squat and cough routine — you shower, still in the presence of a guard, who gives you your anti-lice shampoo.

"Then, you're taken to your cell and dressed out in your jail clothes. There's no reading to catch up with. A library cart is pushed through once a week with some tattered paperbacks on it.

The only reading material visitors can bring you are those with religious themes and schoolbooks. Best-sellers are out.

"And you talk about catching up on some rest. Sure you can if you can stand the constant yelling of the guards and inmates and the bickering and the fighting, crying, screaming, complaining and the loud clanging of the cell doors as they open and close.

"And try to rest when a woman in the bunk next to you is giving birth. That happened to me.

"And write letters? Sure, as long as you can find a nice place on the floor to write, and somebody doesn't steal your stamps. So what, the guards say. They're too busy to worry about somebody stealing your stamps.

"That's what to expect in jail whether you're readers ever have to make a choice between jail and picking up trash, think about this letter.

"The choice you should make is not to drink and drive. My story could be yours."

Republicans learn to bash businessmen

By Ben Wattenberg

Both political parties are chattering about how they are "going to make America competitive again."

The Democrats will propose a trade bill to make us competitive. Republicans maintain that the bill will undoubtedly be protectionist, boosting the price of imports, making goods more expensive for consumers.

But the Republicans also know the bill will be politically sexy because it will be said to "save jobs," and, moreover, it has villains to beat up on. Who? "Unfair foreigners" who take advantage of Uncle Sugar.

So the Republicans have to have a way to "save jobs" too, and they also need a villain. They have found both in a place surprising for Republicans: the corporate suite.

Republican business-bashing was started by Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Richard Darman. He says we're not competitive because our

corporate executives leave the office early to play golf and after 4 p.m. can only be reached on their car phones. (Doesn't Darman know Japanese businessmen play golf?) Anyway, says Darman, America is developing a "corporocracy," much like a government bureaucracy, that is "bloated, risk-averse, inefficient and unimaginative."

Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige also asks, "Why can't we compete?" Because our car manufacturers went for style instead of quality, he says, and our electronics manufacturers let the Japanese beat us with our own inventions: transistors, color TV, VCRs and robotics.

Baldrige says it happened because our corporations grew fat. There are too many "middle managers," and "our best graduates head for the ivory tower of planning, finance or consulting, instead of production."

Fine. Foreigner-fragging and business-bopping keep both groups nervous,

which is a healthy state for them.

But, if it's all right to aggravate them, we ought not necessarily aggravate ourselves. There is a central fact about the competitiveness argument that is too often ignored. The root of our problem is success.

Why are our farmers less competitive than before? Because American agricultural technology — seeds, irrigation, fertilizer — has succeeded. India, which once needed American grain, now exports their own. But it is in our interest that India succeeds. It's the world's largest democracy.

What about cars, color TV, VCRs, robotics? What about unfair foreigners?

There is some truth to both charges, although it is also true that the number of U.S. manufacturing jobs has held constant while the value of our manufactured goods has gone up. Still, foreign competitors beat us to the punch in many instances.

But is this bad? Do we want a world where America dominates every commercial field? Is it so terrible to get VCRs from Japan?

It might be if there were a net loss of American jobs or a declining standard of living in America. But we have increased both the numbers and rates of people at work. Real income in America has gone up.

Some Americans have lost jobs due to exports. That can yield a personal tragedy. But the data tells us that, overall, they find other jobs and, overall, we make more money.

Meanwhile, other countries prosper. They use a free enterprise model to compete with us. Sometimes they win.

That's good, not bad. Our goal has been to create a prosperous, democratic community of trading nations. That makes for a world where American values are secure and spreading. We have succeeded beyond our dreams.

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Samantha statue



Jane Smith, mother of the late Samantha Smith, stands with Maine Gov. Joseph E. Brennan by a life-size statue of the famous Maine schoolgirl, during an unveiling ceremony at the state capitol complex in Augusta Monday. The statue depicts Samantha releasing a dove with a bear cub by her feet. (AP Laserphoto)

Official says the new budget will likely overhaul farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget will likely propose a radical overhaul of federal farm aid, ending the present tie between government payments and crop production, says Budget Director James C. Miller III.

"We want to break that link," Miller said in an interview on Monday. He said that the present subsidy program is proving far too costly to taxpayers and is crippling this nation's ability to compete in world markets by keeping prices high.

Miller said he expected the few remaining decisions on the budget, which will be submitted to Congress on Jan. 5, to be made by the end of today.

Details of phasing out the current farm subsidy program are among those that await a presidential decision, he indicated.

As it now stands, Miller said, the \$1.01 trillion budget proposal will call for a record \$52 billion in program cuts and other savings to meet the Gramm-Rudman deficit target of \$108 billion for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

Of that, \$30 billion will come from proposed program cuts and eliminations, the bulk of them recycled from previous budgets, Miller said.

"This budget will not look a great deal different from the one of last year, because the president hasn't changed his priorities," Miller said.

The remaining \$22 billion in "savings" would come from new revenue, Miller said.

He said this would include about \$3 billion in new

"user fees," \$8 billion in sales of government loans, \$6 billion in additional revenue from better tax-collection enforcement and \$5 billion in federal asset sales, including a proposal to sell the Boston-New York-Washington Amtrak rail line.

On the proposed changes in farm programs, Miller said that a central feature would be "decoupling" subsidies from production and linking them to some other criterion, perhaps farm capacity.

Such a change seems sure to provoke heated debate in Congress.

Miller said the current system has done little to protect the family farm and has cost far more than everyone expected.

"Although I haven't received the final decision from the president on this (farm program proposal), I think it's safe to say the president is going to suggest two major items: decoupling and to better target the subsidy that now goes to the farmer," Miller said.

"The present system is not politically sustainable," Miller said.

"Here's a program which at this time last year was alleged to cost in the neighborhood of \$51 billion over three years. Our latest estimates is that it's going to cost \$76 billion over three years."

He said that phasing out the current system of subsidies would produce only minor savings in fiscal 1988 and that the biggest savings would come in later years.

Disappointing season for retailers

By The Associated Press

Behind the garlands, tinsel and colored lights decking stores across the country this holiday season are some long faces as many retailers experience slow Christmas sales.

"It is not a great Christmas," said Stanley Berkovitz, a spokesman for Zayre Corp., which has 362 stores in 26 states in the East and Midwest.

The retail industry, dependent on the holiday season for more than half its annual profits, generally has had lower than expected sales this year, said Joanne Legomsky, an industry

analyst with Standard & Poor's Corp.

"Consumers are very stretched in terms of debt," and are spending less, Ms. Legomsky said. A general uneasiness about the economy has given the public more restraint.

The federal tax overhaul also is having an impact on pre-Christmas sales, she said. Consumers, facing the loss next year of the sales tax deduction, committed money to big-ticket items such as new cars and were left with less to spend on Christmas gifts, she said.

One bright spot has been sales of apparel, said Walter Loeb, a retail industry analyst with Morgan Stanley. Specialty stores, which concentrate on a particu-

lar kind of merchandise such as toys, also have done well, Loeb said.

He noted that sales of durable goods, which include major household appliances, are down and stores that depend on them have suffered.

"They're in trouble," Monroe H. Greenstein, an industry analyst with Bear Stearns, said of the retailers.

Retailers were hoping sales would pick up in the remaining days before Christmas, when last-minute shoppers descend on the stores. "We may be surprised," said Berkovitz of the Framingham, Mass.-based Zayre.

Abolishing fuel economy rules recommended

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fuel economy standards passed at the height of the 1970s oil crisis are preventing U.S. carmakers from producing heavier, more powerful cars for Americans and should be abolished, according to a task force headed by Vice President George Bush.

At its first meeting on Monday, the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, re-established by President Reagan on Dec. 15 to review federal regulatory programs, took aim at the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards.

The CAFE regulations, which require auto-

makers to meet fuel efficiency standards or face fines, are squeezing domestic makers out of the large car market, which has surged as oil prices have fallen, said the vice president's counsel, C. Boyden Gray.

"Automobile companies cannot produce the kinds of cars that a portion of the public wants — big station wagons, for instance," without facing fines, Gray said after the task force's White House meeting.

"The result of the constraints is that automobile companies are going abroad causing the loss of tens of thousands of jobs," Gray said.

"Because the Japanese are so much more flexible, they are sending cars into the United States that are the same classification as those produced domestically but that are less fuel efficient — have more muscle — which is what some consumers are looking for now," Gray said.

The proposal was the first of many expected from the newly re-established panel, which reviewed existing regulations for two years after Reagan was first elected, said Wendy Gramm, the panel's executive director.

Three are charged in racial attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Three white youths were charged with murder and eight others were questioned Monday in what the mayor called "a racial lynching" — an attack on three blacks, one of whom was killed by a car as he tried to escape.

The three were to be arraigned Tuesday on charges of second-degree murder, second-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault, said police spokesman Sgt. John Venetucci.

If convicted of second-degree murder the teens would face mandatory minimum sentences of 15 years to life in prison, according to Tom McCarthy, a spokesman for the Queens district attorney.

Police said those charged were attending a Friday night party in the white, middle-class neighborhood of Howard Beach, Queens, when they decided to seek out and assault blacks who had been seen in the area.

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Tree sellers travel during Christmas to peddle wares

By DAVE FERMAN
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas tree salesmen Craig Wellman and Mike Stutz are sitting in a drafty trailer in Arlington and grinning gleefully over the TV weatherman's announcement that it was 25 degrees below zero in Wisconsin the night before.

At this moment, as they wait for their first customer of the day, the two are quite content to be more than 1,000 miles away from their frozen home.

"Jeez," says Wellman, 21, shaking his head and looking over at Stutz. "Yeah," says Stutz, 32. "Minus 25." And then they laugh, looking like two young boys just released from school for the holidays.

While most Dallas-area tree sellers are locals, Wellman and Stutz are two of a small number of people who have traveled from Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon and other faraway states to set up shop here. Some are paid a flat salary by tree-farm owners to work their lots; others come here to coordinate shipments of trees from the North.

In most cases, the month or so they spend here means celebrating Thanksgiving in a drafty trailer, being without friends in a strange city, and making a long, long drive back home just before Christmas. But it also means a winter vacation of sorts, valuable experience and, in some cases, badly needed extra money.

"I'm doing this just to make ends meet," Stutz said quietly. A divorced father of three, this is his first holiday season away from his daughters.

"My girlfriend doesn't like it, but she understands. The girls are little tykes, and they really don't understand all that much yet. I call them sometimes."

For Wellman, the job provides a change of scenery. "I like to get away from the North—it's only a month."

Like most Northerners work-

ing in Texas, they are working for a tree farm owner. The two didn't meet until the day they began the 18-hour drive to Texas.

Just after Thanksgiving, the first shipment of 300 or so trees arrived and business has been good ever since.

"We get people knocking on the door at midnight, 1 a.m.," says Stutz in his flat Midwestern accent, looking outside at the rows of trees. Just behind the trailer, dozens more lie stacked like firewood.

"Remember that big downpour we had a couple of days ago? We sold a tree during that. The guy had to hang on to his umbrella with one hand, but he bought a tree."

Wellman, a three-year veteran at this lot, does all the flocking in a big red and yellow tent when business is slow on weekdays. Stutz, who sold trees in South Dakota last year, watches over the lot. He likes Arlington although he says food is more expensive here and there are more regulations and codes to follow than up North.

Both workers value the little time they can get away from the cluttered trailer and its gas smell.

"I went to Billy Bob's last Sunday—I'd always wanted to go," Wellman says.

Their biggest complaint about the job is having to sleep on the premises. Their trailer is a little warmer than sleeping outdoors, but not much.

"It's like camping out," Stutz says. "We have to light the oven and switch the liquid petroleum tanks, and they always seem to go off at 4 in the morning. It gets pretty cold in here."

Chris Woodman, of Fife Lake, Mich., has no such problems. When she and her family finish selling trees for the day, they go to their daughter's house in Farmers Branch.

And, unlike most of the people doing contract work on Dallas Christmas tree lots, they're here

for an education. By operating lots for M&M Trees, owned by friends in Michigan, they are trying to learn the tree business in anticipation of the day when their own trees back home will be big enough to sell to Texans.

"We have our own small farm back at Fife Lake," Mrs. Woodman said. "So this is something we hope to have for our retirement. We want to wholesale for people with lots all over the country."

Because her husband, Mike, spends part of the year working in the New Guinea oil fields, Christmas is the only time the family can be together. So for the last four years, the Woodmans have enlisted the aid of their three children, all in their 20s, as well as two friends in from Detroit.

"If we weren't here, we'd be home for Christmas," says Mrs. Woodman one afternoon, watching the lot from the open trailer door.

"This gives me work in winter," says her son, David Tinkle, sipping eggnog. "I just wanted a little extra money, and it helps keep me in shape. I unload all the trees and restack them and put them on stakes—it keeps you in shape pretty good."

The day's routine is usually the same. Every morning, Mrs. Woodman drops off the friends and family members at four lots, then drives with David to the Plano location. At night, she picks up everyone and they go to her daughter's house. Sometimes they get off a little early and go shopping.

Despite the long days at the lots, the family is having a good time. "We get to learn about Dallas, and we do our shopping here," Mrs. Woodman says.

And, in about five years, their own Scotch pines should be ready to sell.

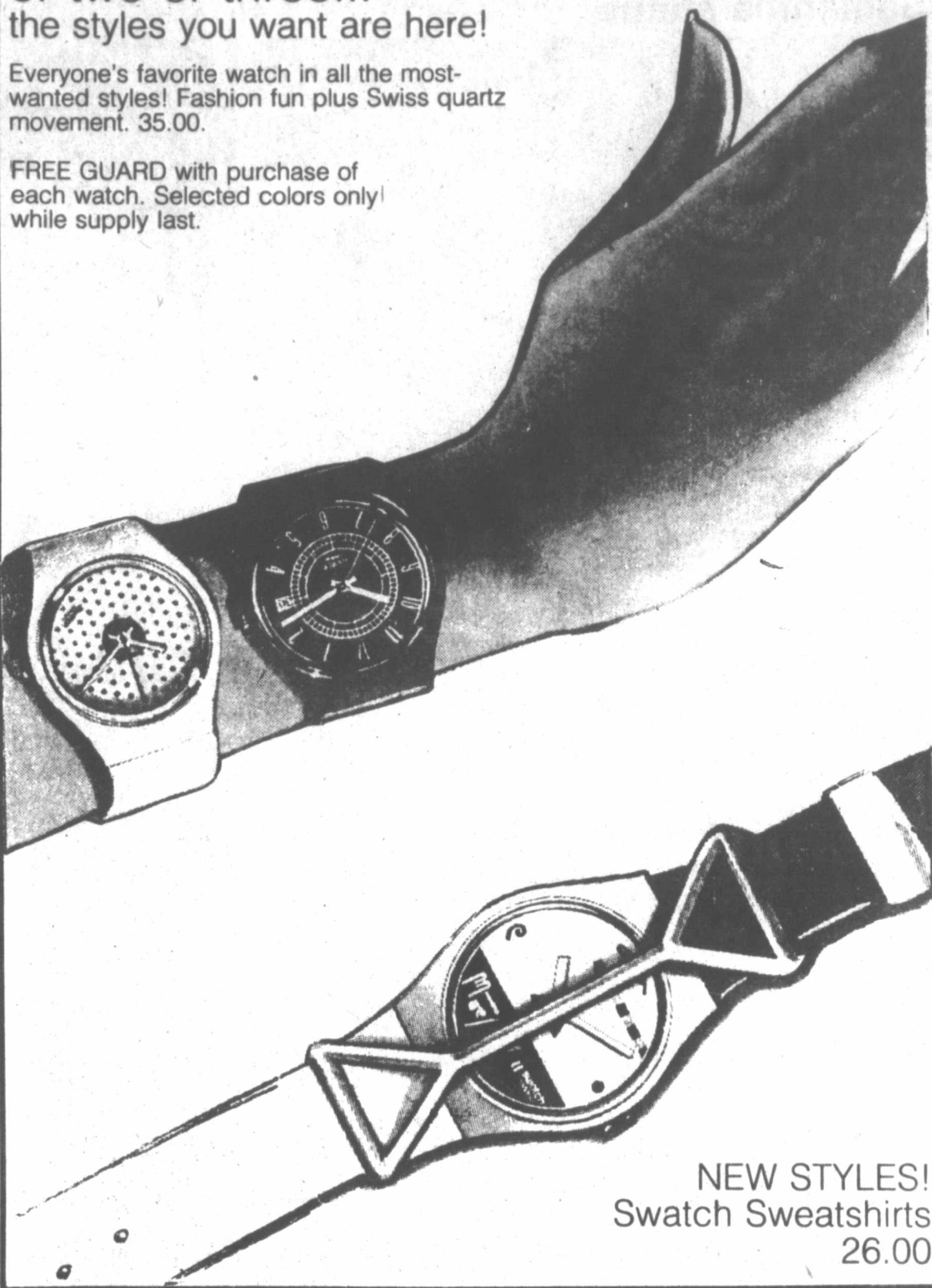
"We have 60,000 trees planted, but they only grow about 18 inches a year," Mrs. Woodman said. "As long as we're able to do this, we'll do it."

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—First came the Garbage Pail Kids. Then The Slime Pit oozed into the world. Now, such sterling characters as Sewer Face and Victor Vomit may wind up under the Christmas tree.

These toys are gross. Parents hate them, but kids love them and toy makers are selling thousands of grosses of ugly, disgusting playthings.

Talking teddy bears notwithstanding, some of the hot-selling items this Christmas season are anything but cute. Madballs are grotesque, Rude Ralph is flutulent, and Victor Vomit, Dogbreath and their fellow Breath Blasters literally stink.

"Ever since Tom Sawyer pulled a frog out of his pocket and dangled it in front of Becky Thatcher, little boys have been looking for something to gross out little girls and their parents with," said Andy Levison, licensing director at Axlon Inc., maker of Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph.

Americans for Democratic Action, a citizens group based in Washington, D.C., has denounced the toys as "disgusting, sickening, bizarre, unpleasant and offensive," labeling 1986 "The Year of the Ugly Toy."

Toy companies don't disagree. They just don't understand what all the fuss is about.

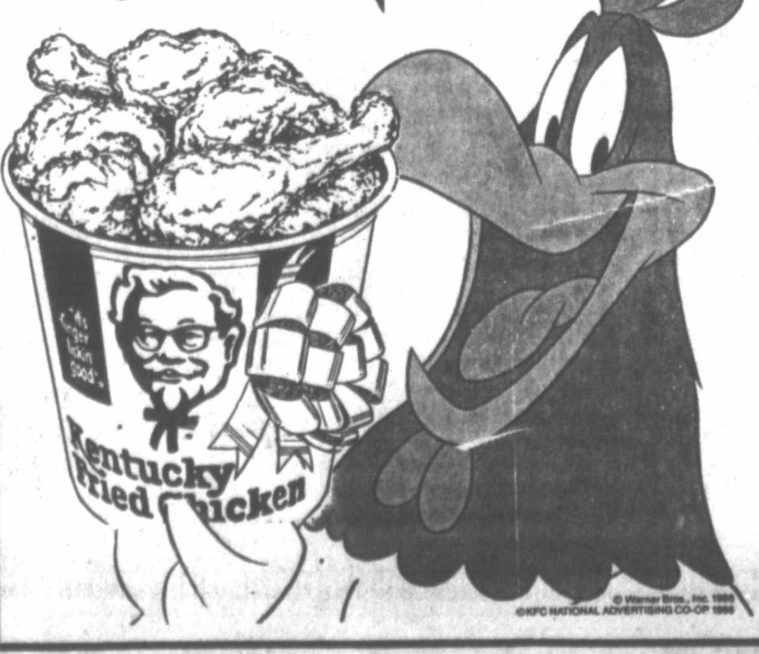
"The idea of grossness and disgustingness in toys is nothing new," said Jodi Levin, a spokeswoman for the Toy Manufacturers of America, in New York.

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World



Sakharov speaks with reporters in Moscow. (AP Laserphoto)

Dissident returns to Moscow, criticizes Afghanistan policies

MOSCOW (AP) — Andrei Sakharov returned to Moscow today from nearly seven years of internal exile and picked up where he left off before his banishment, criticizing Soviet policies in Afghanistan and demanding freedom for dissidents.

The 65-year-old Nobel laureate and physicist, who helped develop the first Soviet hydrogen bomb, said he planned to work on the Soviet Union's space program but did not elaborate.

Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, arrived at Moscow's Yaroslavy train station at about 7 a.m. after an eight-hour trip from Gorky, a city closed to foreigners about 250 miles east of Moscow, where they had been exiled.

The couple was surrounded by more than 100 journalists, including a Soviet television crew, when they stepped off the train.

Sakharov, wearing a fur hat and parka, smiled occasionally while speaking to reporters in Russian for about 20 minutes. Mrs. Bonner, 63, looked thin and pale and sat quietly on the side of the platform.

Asked about the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, Sakharov said: "I consider this the most painful part of our foreign policy and I hope there will be more decisive measures taken in that sphere than are being taken at present."

The Soviet Union deployed about 115,000 troops in Afghanistan in December 1979 to help the communist government there fight a nationwide Moslem insurgency.

Sakharov's criticism of the deployment led to his banishment to Gorky in January 1980. He was never formally charged or tried.

Soviet officials said last week that Sakharov's

request to be allowed to return to Moscow was being granted for humanitarian reasons. They also announced the pardon of Mrs. Bonner who had been sentenced to five years in internal exile after being convicted of anti Soviet slander in 1984.

Sakharov attributed his release to pressure from abroad.

"This has become possible because of the grandiose international defense by my family, the scientists and public leaders and friends," he said.

Asked what he thought about the policies of Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Sakharov said: "I haven't really thought out the political questions, but I'm very interested in everything that is going on in the country now."

Sakharov said that during a telephone conversation with Gorbachev on Dec. 16, he brought up his friend and fellow activist Anatoly Marchenko who died in prison this month after a long hunger strike.

"Now, after the death of Marchenko, my thoughts are ever more of tension and tragedy," Sakharov said he told Gorbachev. "Who is next, who will perish next? It is intolerable for our country, the fact that we have in our country prisoners who are suffering for their convictions."

"I hope for freedom for everyone," Sakharov told reporters. "I will try to exert maximum efforts as far as I can so that this (the jailing of dissidents) will be stopped."

Sakharov said it would take some time to get used to the attention that greeted them upon arrival, but added, "I realize that my freedom is very important."

Mrs. Bonner declined to speak to reporters, saying, "It is not me who has arrived, it is Andrei."

French hostage release promised

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An underground group that claims to hold two Frenchmen hostage on Tuesday pledged to release one of them soon, citing the "occasion of Christmas," and also urged France to stop its military sales to Iraq.

The Revolutionary Justice Organization made the promise in a statement delivered overnight to Beirut's independent newspaper An-Nahar and the leftist As-Safir newspaper.

"On the occasion of Christmas ... we declare we shall soon free one of the French hostages and hope that the French would undertake what would encourage to free the rest and resolve the root of the

conflict," the statement said. "Otherwise the coming days will determine what will happen."

The statement was accompanied by pictures of two French television crewmen kidnapped last March 8: soundman Aurel Cornea, 54, and lighting engineer Jean-Louis Normandin, 34, both of whom worked for France's Antenne-2 television network.

On June 20 the group freed two other kidnapped members of the same television crew, Philippe Rochot and Georges Hansen, citing "a change in France's Middle East policies."

On Nov. 10, it released Frenchmen Marcel Coudari, seized in February, and Camille Sontag.

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Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ minister Gene Glaeser, right, assists congregation members Maria Hacker, left, and Evelyn Mason get some of the food items together for preparation of the church's second annual free Holiday Feast to be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Day in the fellowship hall south of Pampa High

School. The church served more than 300 people last year and expects more this year. The meal is offered free of charge to community residents in need or not having a place to go for the Christmas meal. People unable to get out of their house and still wanting a meal may call 665-0031 during the meal hours to arrange for delivery to their homes.



Letters to Santa

Your friend,
Joe Gauger

Dear Santa,
I am Chris Batman and I'm 3 1/2 years old. I have been a good boy all year long. I want for Christmas a pony, a talking Big Bird, & Superman pajamas. I will have milk and cookies waiting for you.

Your friend,
Chris L. Batman
Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year, I am 6 years old. Would you please bring Christmas trees with lights and stars and some toys to all the little kids that don't have them?

Santa, I make good grades in kindergarten and sometimes get superstars, may I please have a bad guy Rambo, truck or 18-wheeler and G.I. Joe toys, books, tapes and a cookie jar.

Please bring girl toys to my cousin Shyla Danae, and don't forget my uncle Keith in the Navy.

I love you,
Luke Osbin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 3 years old. Please bring me a Rock Lord, some tools, a Bronco car, and a Rambo Cycle. Bring my little sister some toys too. We will leave something to eat for you.

Love,
Joel Ray Quisenberry

Dear Santa,
I have been wanting a train that is called Silverbullet. I am 9 years old and I want a skateboard and a bike.

Love,
David Quisenberry

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Barbie Tub, a bike, Jem and Operation.

Love,
Dustie Quisenberry
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I have been good this year.

I want a big bicycle because I am getting too big for my other bicycle.

I want you to bring my brother Bryan a scooter and remote controlled car.

My brother Keil wants a sports car.

I will have some cookies and milk for you when you get to my house so you can take a rest.

Pick appliances with care

By DONNA BRAUCHI
County Extension Agent



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

Portable electric appliances have become a big business in today's society - particularly at Christmas time it seems. Each year several new appliances reach the market just in time for Christmas giving and they may, or may not, be a useful appliance.

The desire for nutritious foods, time saving preparation methods, and low energy costs has triggered this interest. Today's appliance line-up is vast, with an appliance for every lifestyle.

Appliance manufacturers would like to see us fall in love with every product that is marketed. We are continually bombarded by messages to buy the latest, newest, most expensive, most technologically advanced, designer-styled, appliance available. Marketing specialists attempt to convince us that our lives and households cannot be without XYZ model of the widget.

Limited financial and space resources demand that we analyze personal needs and wants and make an inventory of presently owned appliances before making additional equipment purchases. Most households already own small appliances which can be used for more tasks than their present use. Finding new uses for presently owned appliances and/or repairing minor problems could eliminate the need for purchasing new appliances.

Every household in the U.S. owns an estimated 16 portable appliances. How many do you own? Take a mental inventory.

Portable appliances make great gifts. This is the major reason for the popularity of these products. A recent survey shows that half of all portables are purchased as gifts. How many of your appliances were gifts?

Another reason that portable appliances are popular is that they are practical. Their time and energy saving features tend to mesh with today's fast-paced society. Review your inventory. How many appliances did you acquire with efficiency and convenience in mind? Did you base your decision on the extra cook-

ing space? The speed at which the food was processed? As a substitute for a major appliance? To facilitate entertaining and serving guests?

Just because portable appliances are practical and make

great gifts, they are not necessarily suitable for every household.

Some frequent reasons why appliances are seldom used include inconveniently stored, no handy outlet, not enough counter or work space, no one knows how to use it, or it is needed only occasionally but is useful at that time.

Now is a good time to re-evaluate your portable appliance needs. You might want to consider giving some of the unused products to someone who can use them, exchange them for an appliance you would like, or elect to start using the appliance.

For more information on appliance selection, care and use, contact the Gray County Extension office.

Time to reveal old secrets

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago when I was 15, my brother, "John," raped me. From this rape I got pregnant. John was 17 at the time. My parents sent me to the Florence Crittenton Home in Washington, D.C., where I gave birth to a baby boy I'll call Paul. My parents told me to tell the people at the home I didn't know who my baby's father was, but after I had been there a while, I told them the truth. When I brought the baby home, my parents raised him to believe that he was their child and I was his sister. However, my 12-year-old sister, "Mary," knew the whole story.

Ten years ago, Mary called Paul and told him that he was my son and not my brother, but she didn't tell him that our brother, John, was his father.

John had known all along that he was Paul's father, but he never mentioned it to anyone. He's married and has kids of his own now. He has always avoided me. It's like we're strangers. Our parents are long dead. My son, Paul, is a good person, also married with a family.

I recently called John and told him I thought the family should know the truth. He said nobody would believe me and I had no proof. I do have proof because I sent for Paul's birth certificate, and John is listed as the father! What should I do?

KEPT QUIET LONG ENOUGH
DEAR KEPT: Since John got away with raping you, and



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

many rapists are repeat offenders, has it occurred to you that John may also have raped Mary and possibly his own children and others while you were keeping quiet?

It's time to let the "family secret" out of the closet. Tell John that if he doesn't tell the family, you will, and you have Paul's birth certificate as proof. Specialists at rape crisis centers repeatedly advise that the victim will forever feel the pain if it is not aired and dealt with. Even after 45 years, I see no reason to protect the guilty.

DEAR ABBY: Re shutterbugs who ruin every wedding, christening, funeral and family reunion: Suggest to the family that they buy the guy a camera with a zoom lens. That way Mr. Shutterbug can stay at the back of the church or far away in the corner and shoot all he wants in peace and quiet. The family will not know he's been

present until he presents the wonderful pictures.

JOE JOYNT,
WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR JOE: Here's your letter. It's a long shot, but let's hope something develops.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine has asked me to be the godmother of her baby daughter. I would love to do this, and was very honored to be asked.

The problem is that I'm not sure what the responsibilities of a godmother are. Do you have any information covering this subject so that I know exactly what is expected of me?

SUE

DEAR SUE: It is an honor to be asked to be a godparent. Your responsibilities are essentially spiritual; you would be expected to help with the religious training of the child.

Godparents traditionally take a special interest in the god-child as a close relative would, and they remember the child on birthdays and special holidays. Should you cease to be close to the family and the child, you may stop giving gifts.

Before you accept the honor, I suggest that you confer with the child's parents to find out what they expect of you.

Flea market offers religion and goods

BENTON, Ind. (AP)—At Little Shipshes, you can get a car, get a brass chicken or get saved.

John Allison is the operator of Little Shipshes, a roadside flea market in Benton, six miles south of Goshen on U.S. 33. He just runs the place, he says. God is the owner.

Allison is a businessman who grosses more than \$30,000 in the flea-market business during an average year. All of his decisions, prices and deals are made through the spirit of God, he said.

That kind of partnership apparently works for him. His

business has been a success through sales of used cars, antiques, odds and ends, "whatnots, yum yums and zu zus," he said.

Spread out over the three-acre flea market are five log cabins and three fishermen's huts, filled with typical flea-market wares. The landscape is dotted with old machinery, used tires, signs praising God — and junk.

"If we don't have it, we have had it," he said. "We get about anything you can mention. We can sell anything."

Allison, 63, began his business in 1972 shortly after he and his

wife, Fannie, were married. He was a member of the Mennonite Central Committee, and she belonged to the Amish church. The couple and their six children, ages 7 to 15, live in one of the log cabins at Little Shipshes.

"We used to get things in to sell, and we'd want to keep it. But life is too short to hold onto things," he said. "Anything that takes my affections away from the Lord, we let go."

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Sports Scene

Patriots show why they're on top Dolphins drown, 34-27

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The New England Patriots waited until the final seven minutes of the regular season to show why they're going to the playoffs and why the Miami Dolphins aren't.

The Patriots, 11-5, know how to win when they have to. Miami, 8-8, never developed that trait all season.

With 6:55 left on the clock in the last NFL game played in the Orange Bowl, the Patriots had the ball at their own 14-yard line. Twelve plays later, they put it into the Miami end zone for the clinching touchdown in a 34-27 victory that gave New England the AFC East title.

The Patriots scored the game-winner with 44 seconds left on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Steve Grogan to Stanley Morgan. That gave the Dolphins time for a last-gasp effort, but defensive back Rod McSwain intercepted Dan Marino's pass on the first play after the kickoff to end the suspense.

"This is two years in a row down here that have left me speechless," said Patriots Coach Raymond Berry, whose team won the AFC Championship game 31-14 in Miami last January only to lose to the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl.

"I don't have to talk about this team's character. It speaks loud and clear about them how they performed in clutch situations tonight."

The victory sent the New York Jets, 10-6, into the AFC wild-card game against Kansas City, 10-6, and knocked the Cincinnati Bengals, 10-6, out of the playoffs. The Patriots would have been the odd team out if they had lost.

But the Patriots like to play with their backs against the wall, in what defensive back Ernest

Gibson calls "crunch time."

"We like it best then," he said. "We feel like we can do anything at crunch time. Even when they were up, we had no doubt."

Most of the 74,516 roaring fans in the Orange Bowl had their doubts after Marino sparked a 17-point explosion that put the Dolphins on top 27-20 early in the fourth quarter. He passed to Mark Clayton for touchdowns of 32 and 19 yards and directed the Dolphins 74 yards leading up to a 21-yard Fuad Reveziz field goal.

Marino, who earlier had drilled a 1-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Hardy, finished with 23 completions in 39 attempts for 266 yards and three touchdowns. But, as had been the problem in most of the Dolphins' losses this season, he couldn't produce when the team really needed it.

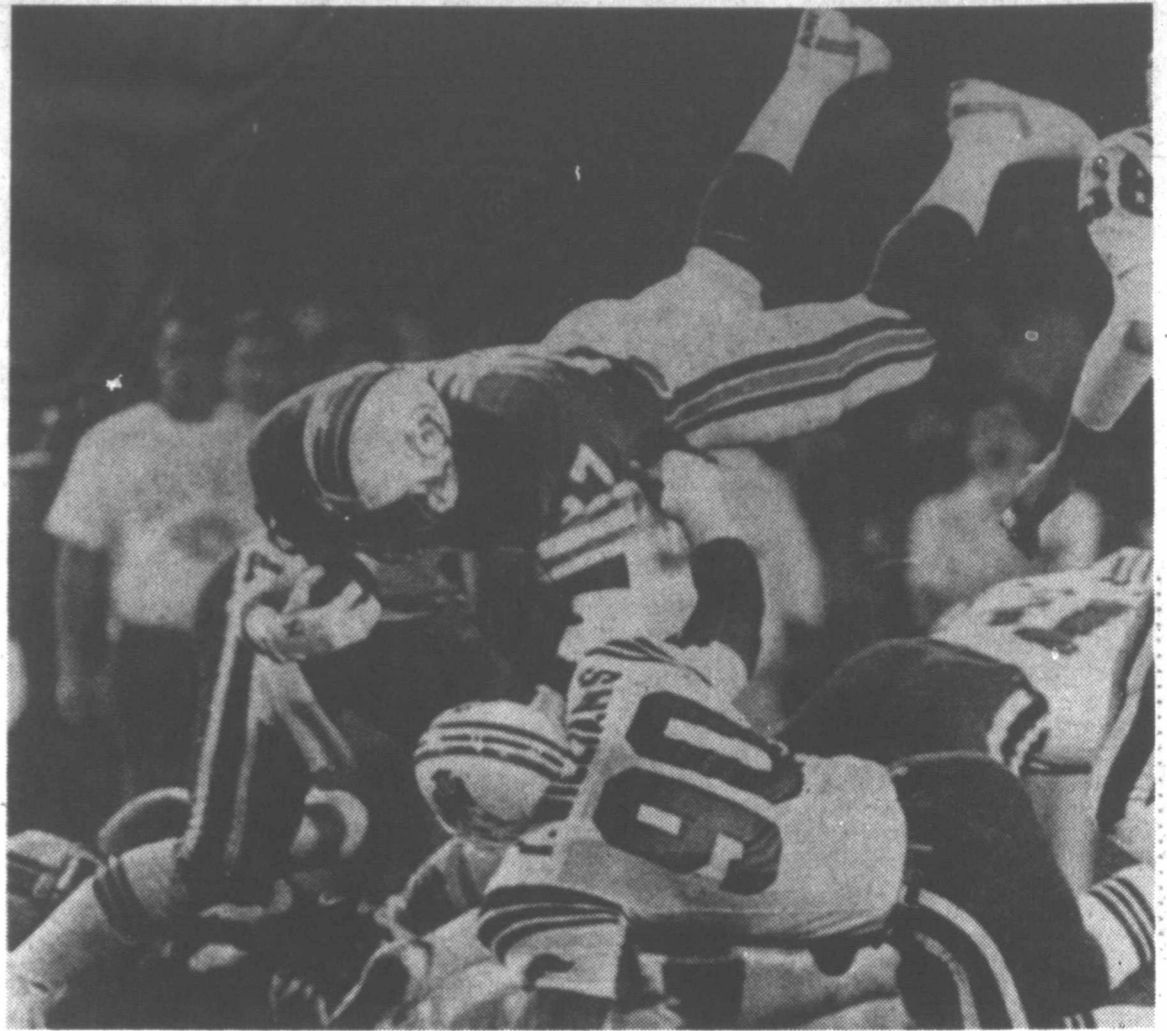
"It was a great effort, but we just couldn't hold the lead," said Coach Don Shula. "We came a long way from a horrendous (2-5) start this season. A win tonight and we would have finished as good as anyone in the league."

After the 19-yarder to Clayton on the third play of the final period, however, the Dolphins didn't get another first down. To be fair, they only got two chances because Grogan and the Patriots were hogging the ball.

First came a 7-play, 74-yard drive culminated by an 12-yard TD pass to Tony Collins. Then, the 12-play masterpiece — 10 rushes for 43 yards and two passes for 43 — that clinched the title.

The wily Grogan, a 12-year veteran, was the surprise hero, taking over for injured starter Tony Eason in the first quarter. Before he was hurt, Eason passed 22 yards to Morgan for the game's first touchdown.

Grogan was a little rusty at first, but quickly warmed to the task, hitting 15 of 24 passes.



Dolphin Lorenzo Hampton sails over the line for short yardage. (AP Laserphoto)



Marc Steffans of East Cleveland, left, and brothers Craig and Ken Kopycinski of Man- field were first in line for tickets to the Cleveland Browns' Jan. 3 playoff game. (AP Laserphoto)

Playoff berths now ready

By The Associated Press

The New England Patriots are in, the Cincinnati Bengals are out — and all the pieces of the NFL playoff puzzle are now in place.

New England, 11-5, entered the playoffs Monday night when it beat Miami 34-27 to step over the slump-ridden New York Jets, claim the AFC East title and earn a first-round bye.

The Jets would have taken the division had Miami won, and Cincinnati, 10-6, would have won a tiebreaker over New England for the final AFC wild-card berth.

Instead, the Jets, 10-6, despite finishing with five straight losses, will host the wild-card game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. The Chiefs, also 10-6, are in the playoffs for the first time in 15 seasons.

Also in the AFC playoffs are Central Division champion Cleveland, 12-4 with the home-field advantage in the conference, and Denver, which won the West with an 11-5 mark.

In the NFC, where four of the

five teams have qualified for at least three straight years, playoff spots were finalized a week earlier. Settled in the final week was the NFC West title, which went to San Francisco when it beat Los Angeles 24-14 on Friday night; and the home-field advantage, which went to the New York Giants when they drilled Green Bay 55-24 Saturday.

In losing, the Rams, 10-6, became a wild-card team bound for Washington and a meeting Sunday with the 12-4 Redskins.

The Giants, 14-2; the 49ers, 10-5-1; the Central Division champion Bears, 14-2, and the Rams have not missed the playoffs for at least three seasons. The Redskins have made it in two of the last three.

The semifinal matchups in both conferences depend — as always — on the outcome of the wild-card games.

The winner of the Kansas City-Jets game will play at Cleveland on Jan. 4. Denver will host New England on Jan. 3.

The NFC matchups are up in

the air because NFL rules prevent title winners from meeting wild-card teams from their own division until the conference championship game. Normally, the top-seeded team — in this case the Giants — would meet the wild-card survivor. But a Washington victory would preclude that.

A wildcard victory by the Rams, who have qualified in all four years John Robinson has coached them, would put Los Angeles in the semifinals against the Giants on Jan. 4. A victory by the Redskins would put Washington in Chicago on Jan. 3 against the defending Super Bowl champion Bears.

It also would send San Francisco, enjoying a four-year run in the playoffs, to New Jersey on Jan. 4 to meet the Giants, who eliminated the 49ers there last season in the wild-card game. The Giants, at 8-0, were the only NFL team to win every home game.

A Giants-Rams matchup Jan. 4 would follow by a day a semifinal between the 49ers and Bears.

Georgia, Boston College to meet in college Hall of Fame tonight

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Georgia and Boston College, a pair of 8-3 teams that overcame slow starts with contrasting styles of play, meet in the first Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa Stadium.

A probable Top 20 ranking in the final Associated Press Poll will be on the line in tonight's contest, which will be broadcast nationally by the Mizlou sports network.

Both teams enter the game on an upswing after struggling early in the season. No. 17 Georgia won five of its last six regular season games, while unranked Boston College has won seven straight after a 1-3 start that included two-point losses to Rutgers and SMU and a 12-point decision to Penn State.

"At that time, a bowl was the last thing on our mind," BC Coach Jack Bicknell said. "We were only thinking about trying

to be decent. We were in a hole trying to dig ourselves out."

Georgia, 3-2 after five games, is making its seventh straight post-season appearance and looking for its best finish since 1983. The Bulldogs finished 7-4-1 and 7-3-2 the last two seasons after setting for ties in the Florida Citrus and Sun Bowls.

"The last two years, we were a mediocre team," Bulldogs offensive guard Kim Stephens said. "The motivation was not there going to a bowl. This year we have a chance to be better than average."

A crowd of about 40,000 is expected for the game, which could offer a contrast of the styles that became trademarks at Georgia and Boston College when Herschel Walker was a record-breaking tailback for the Bulldogs and Doug Flutie literally threw the Eagles into the national

spotlight.

"Georgia likes to run," Bicknell said, "and we pass until our quarterback's arm falls off."

After losing his starting job in a season-opening loss to Rutgers, Boston College quarterback Shawn Halloran reclaimed it for good with a 401-yard passing performance against Maryland. In the Eagles' last seven games, he threw 14 touchdown passes with only one interception.

Georgia was 3-2 before winning five of its last six games, losing only to Florida 31-19.

Junior quarterback James Jackson directs a ground-oriented attack that features leading rusher Lars Tate (954 yards, 16 touchdowns) and fullbacks Keith Henderson and David McCluskey (523 and 407 yards, respectively). Jackson also ran for 410 yards and passed for 1,475 with nine TDs.

Gators snap up poll spot

By The Associated Press

It may not be a big deal at places like Nevada-Las Vegas or Purdue, but making The Associated Press college basketball Top Twenty is something special for the Florida Gators.

Florida slipped into the poll for the first time in history this week. The Gators, 8-1, may be a full 19 spots behind No. 1 UNLV, but they feel on top of the world.

"It's an indication of the program's progress," said Monte Towe, Florida's associate head coach. "We're very happy for the players. They've worked hard for this honor."

Towe was subbing for Head Coach Norm Sloan, who was en route to Atlanta for Christmas. He said the Gators, who have won eight straight after an opening game loss to Florida State, aren't ready to call this season a success yet.

"Being ranked was just one of the goals of this team and we still have goals left to accomplish," Towe said. "But this is a very

satisfying start."

The Gators never have played in the NCAA post-season tournament but reached the semifinals of the National Invitation tournament last spring and finished the season 19-14. Guards Andrew Moten and Vernon Maxwell, the leaders of that team, are back, joined by 7-foot freshman center Dwayne Schintzius.

The Gators beat Louisiana State 96-75 last week and won the Gator Bowl Classic last weekend, beating Virginia Tech 82-60 and Ohio State 82-72. Later this week, they take off for Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 9-0, received 48 first-place votes and 1,220 points Monday from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. The Runnin' Rebels, No. 1 for the third consecutive week, beat Nevada-Reno 115-83 and Ohio University 105-81 before capping their week with a 79-75 victory over Louisiana Tech in the championship game of the Rebel Roundup.

Purdue, Iowa and North Carolina held the second through fourth spots.

Purdue, 7-0, received 11 first-place votes and 1,149 points. Iowa, 9-0, had one first-place vote and 1,095 points, 20 more than North Carolina, 6-1.

Each of the three teams won its only game of the week as Purdue routed Division II Tampa 79-48, Iowa blasted intrastate rival Iowa State 89-64 and North Carolina beat then-No. 5 Illinois 90-77 in a nationally televised game.

All three played Monday night. Purdue beat Toledo 89-67; Iowa ran its record to 10-0 with a 104-71 victory over Rider and North Carolina beat Furman 95-65.

Auburn, 6-0, which received the other two first-place votes and 896 points, moved into the fifth spot, while Oklahoma, 6-1, also advanced one place from last week with 805 points.

Syracuse, 8-0, jumped from ninth to seventh with 769 points, 27 more than Indiana, 6-1, which held the No. 8 position.

Texas gains close victory, 75-74

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas senior forward Dennis Perryman almost single-handedly pulled off a Longhorn victory over Tennessee-Chattanooga, but coach Bob Weltlich made it seem almost routine.

Perryman led his team in scoring with 17 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and hit two free throws with two seconds left in the game

to give Texas a 75-74 come-from-behind victory.

"Dennis makes a living out of offensive rebounds," Weltlich said. "Anyway, seniors are supposed to make free throws. The first one is the tough one. I wasn't really worried about that."

In the other Southwest Conference game Monday night, Winston Garland scored 17 points and

Stan Worthy added 15, including seven of eight from the free throw line, as Southwest Missouri State defeated Arkansas 56-49.

The Longhorns, 7-4, fought back from a 43-25 halftime deficit to win their fourth straight game. It was Perryman who brought Texas back with eight straight points to pull the Longhorns within 64-61 with 6:19 left in the game.

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Landry planning to rebuild 'Boys

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

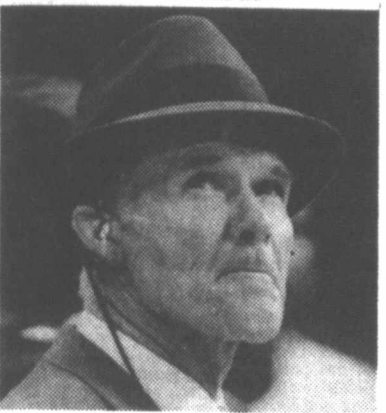
IRVING (AP) — Sometime in the spring Dallas Coach Tom Landry should have a formula for the 1987 revival of his Cowboys, whose second-half collapse is unparalleled in the team's 27-year history.

"It will take a lot of time to decide what is best for the team next year," Landry said. "I'll know probably late in the spring what we'll need to do in summer camp."

Landry won't rule out trades, retirements, position switches or changes in his offensive and defensive philosophies next year.

He's starting from ground zero and building on what's left of the Cowboys' proud winning tradition.

"I'm going to look at every aspect of our game," Landry said. "We are at the bottom as far as our thinking is concerned and



Landry we're going to look at everything we do. If that's the definition of rebuilding, then we are rebuilding."

The Cowboys, defeated 24-10 by the Chicago Bears on Sunday, finished their first losing NFL season in 22 years with a 7-9 record. They missed the playoffs for only the third time in 20 seasons.

"We aren't thinking playoffs are anything for next year," Landry said. "We've just got to put a team on the field that is competitive."

Landry said he is dedicated to getting the Cowboys back on top.

"It's my responsibility," Landry said.

ry said. "The Cowboys have been my life for the last 27 years and I like 'em, but not in this position. "If I can help 'em get out, fine; if I can't, then let somebody else do it."

Landry cited the lack of a pass rush and pass protection as the two biggest flaws in the 1986 team which lost seven of its last eight games.

"It was obvious we weren't getting a good pass rush and weren't protecting the passer even when we were playing well early," Landry said. "We have to put forth every effort toward correcting the problems."

Landry said the secondary allowed "too many big plays. It was a killer for us."

Landry said this was his most frustrating season.

"In the early 1960s everybody knew we were bad," Landry said. "This year everybody thought we were great, then we ended up bad. It was the worst scenario you can have."

Landry said the Cowboys were "on the verge" of collapse the past three years.

"It finally happened," Landry said.

The Cowboys have won only three games in December in the last four years.

"Not finishing strong is a reflection of our weakness," Landry said. "Now, I have to make the decisions that will bring us out of this. It will be a very difficult thing to do."

Landry said he would give his blessings if offensive coordinator Paul Hackett was chosen to take the Southern California job.

Hackett is one of the candidates for the head coaching position and will interview this week.

"He has to do what is best for him, and if it's an opportunity he can't turn down, he ought to go," Landry said.

Landry said a search would begin immediately to fill the post of retired offensive line coach Jim Myers.

"I have a lot of applications on my desk," Landry said. "That's something else we'll get started on."

Injury-plagued offensive tackle Jim Cooper decided to retire on Monday.

SMU faces long wait on fate

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University officials, who asked for a quick resolution of allegations into their football program, may have to wait until after national signing day to learn their fate, officials say.

Dr. Frank Remington is chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions that would hear evidence on the latest allegations of rules violations by SMU.

Remington told the Dallas Morning News that his group will not conduct any hearings at the NCAA's annual convention, beginning Jan. 4 in San Diego.

Any action likely would have to wait until at least Feb. 13, the committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, or two days after

the national signing day for high school football prospects, officials said.

"There's one institution — I don't know the identity of it — that was hoping to be able to reach some agreement with staff on the facts and get it dealt with," said Remington. "But at last report it looked as if that was not going to be feasible."

"Right now, we have no hearings scheduled at all."

The university may request a special meeting of Remington's committee be called before national signing day, said Dudley Parker, SMU's acting athletic director.

He said it is understood within the athletic department that SMU would not hire a replacement for resigned coach Bobby Collins until the NCAA takes action on the latest

allegations. No search committee has been named.

"Nothing has been said, but I think (an NCAA decision) would have to be in evidence before we hire a coach," Parker said Monday.

"I think if there's 1 percent of doubt of whether you're going to even have a football program, I don't think you can justify going out and hiring somebody."

SMU is currently serving a three-year probation for rules violations. Officials said it could become the first school to suffer the NCAA's "death penalty" — a mandatory suspension of football for up to two years.

With probation terms handed down in August 1985, the NCAA limited the university to 15 new football scholarships, or half the normal maximum.

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Purdue keeps winning streak

By The Associated Press

Purdue Coach Gene Keady saw his No. 2-ranked team play two games against Toledo.

In the first half Monday night, the Boilermakers seemed sluggish. In the second half, they opened by making 11 straight shots and went on to an 89-67 victory.

"How they keep beating everyone so bad, I'm not sure," Keady said after Purdue improved to 7-0.

"They were very intent when they needed to be," he said. "At the start of the second half, they came out and were very intense. The first half we lost our intensity at one point."

In other games involving Top Twenty teams, No. 3 Iowa routed Rider 104-71. No. 4 North Carolina trounced Furman 95-65. No. 13 Kansas got past The Citadel 74-71 and No. 17 DePaul beat Northwestern 72-54.

Troy Mitchell, who led Toledo St. Francis High School to a state championship in 1983, scored 20 points for visiting Purdue. Mitchell, a 6-foot-7 junior, scored 12 points during a 30-11 burst that started the second half.

Purdue guard Troy Lewis began the game by making a three-point shot, and he finished with 15. Melvin McCants contributed 34 points and nine rebounds.

"Purdue has a very nice team," Toledo Coach Bob Nichols said. "They play hard. They play extremely good defense, and they score points from their defense."

Jeff Haar scored 13 points for the Rockets, 6-2.

The loss was Toledo's first at Centennial Hall in six games against Big Ten teams during Nichols' 22 years.

No. 3 Iowa 104, Rider 71

Roy Marble scored 19 points and Iowa had little trouble beating visiting Rider.

The Hawkeyes, 10-0, raced to a 19-6 lead in the first 5 1/2 minutes and led 53-31 at halftime.

Brad Lohaus and B.J. Armstrong scored 13 points each, and Al Lorenzen had 12 for Iowa. Lohaus and Kent Hill grabbed eight rebounds apiece as the Hawkeyes enjoyed a 57-33 edge on the boards.

Marshall Grier scored 25 and Ron Simpson 22 for the Broncos, 1-8.

Dave Popson scored 16 points and sparked a late first-half spurt as North Carolina beat Furman at Charlotte, N.C.

The Tar Heels led by six points with 5:44 remaining in the first half, but Popson scored four points and North Carolina increased its margin to 47-33 at halftime.

Kenny Smith and Ranzino Smith added 14 points each for North Carolina, 7-1.

Shawn Reid scored 12 for the Paladins, 5-3.

Danny Manning scored 24 points and threw a key full-court pass in the final seconds that helped Kansas hold off visiting The Citadel.

The Jayhawks led 66-55 with 5:54 remaining before The Citadel pulled within 72-68. Manning then hit Cedric Hunter on a long pass for a slam dunk with 18 seconds left, before Leon Bryant scored for the Bulldogs.

The Citadel got the ball back on a steal, but Craig Bardo missed a three-point shot with four seconds left.

Hunter scored 17 points for Kansas, 6-1. Bryant had 20 for the Bulldogs, 5-3.

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Nicaraguan guards remove congressman's brother at news conference in Managua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Guards yanked American Sam Nesley Hall from his chair and hustled him out of a news conference when he claimed that he sneaked onto two Nicaraguan military bases the night before his capture.

Security agents arrested Hall, 49, on Dec. 12 in a restricted area near Punta Huete air force base, 13 miles northeast of Managua. President Daniel Ortega has accused him of spotting military targets for possible aerial bombardment by the United States.

Hall said Monday that he was spying in Nicaragua for three men codenamed "Tinker," "Evers" and "Chance" — the name of a famous double-play combination for the Chicago Cubs baseball team in the early 1900s.

Hall claimed "Tinker" was based in Washington; "Evers" was based in England; and "Chance" was based in Miami, but that he did not know their actual identities.

"There was information that needed confirmation, that on one of the large bases here there were Cuban crews assembling Soviet helicopters," Hall said. "I was also to see what new construction was under way, such as fuel storage tanks."

Hall, who is from Dayton, Ohio, spoke at a news conference arranged by the Interior Ministry. He wore gold-rimmed glasses, was dressed in a blue polo shirt, beige slacks and brown loafers and spoke calmly.

But Ortega has suggested Hall, the brother of U.S. Rep. Tony Hall, an Ohio Democrat, is mentally unbalanced.

The New York Times today quoted Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who visited Hall in jail last week, as saying there was "a lot of eye-rolling" among Sandinistas familiar with Hall's case. "It sounds like a guy who read a classified ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine," Dodd was quoted as saying.

Ortega says Hall will be tried before a People's Tribunal, a revolutionary court. The same court convicted and sentenced another American, Eugene Hasenfus, to 30 years in prison for running guns to Nicaraguan rebels. Last week, Ortega pardoned Hasenfus, 45, of Marinette, Wis., and allowed him to return home.

Asked what his trip to Nicaragua had to do with a visit he allegedly made to CIA headquarters at Langley, Va., two years ago, Hall replied, "No-

thing."

Asked why he was gathering information and for whom, Hall replied, "I have no idea." But he denied he was knowingly working for the U.S. government, and said he was willing to take "truth serum" or a lie detector test to prove it.

He claimed he was picked up for the Nicaragua job on Dec. 8 and was paid \$12,500 but refused to elaborate.

About 25 minutes into the news conference, two state security agents abruptly yanked Hall out when he claimed he penetrated two military bases the night before his arrest.

"I understand if I do not say anything about the first night it would be better for me. The first night I penetrated two bases..." Hall started to say before the security men hustled him away.

Questioned by reporters, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Capt. Nelba Blandon refused to say why Hall was silenced, claiming only that Hall said nothing new. She claimed that two bases have been mentioned in an Interior Ministry statement, but the ministry's statements so far have only mentioned Punta Huete, near which Hall was arrested.

Christmas tree place names in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of places across America are basking in seasonal glory, from Christmas Tree Point, Alaska to Tinsel Lake, Mich., and from Garland City, Colo., to Star, N.C.


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In spite of the weather, the ceremony in the central jury room Monday was deemed a success.

County Clerk Robert Green read the actual organizational minutes of the Bexar County Commissioners Court, Dec. 22, 1836.

Among other things, the county fathers ordered four keys made for locks on public houses. They also ordered paper, quills and ink.

The historical meeting was held while Texas was a republic. But the county's organization remained an entity through the days of the Republic, annexation and the Civil War.

County Judge Tom Vickers, moving himself back in time and in the place of his 1836 counterpart, read a

speech his predecessor had written.

Vickers had the advantage of history to make 1836 Chief Justice Joseph Baker's remarks more perceptible. The first county judge carried the title of chief justice.

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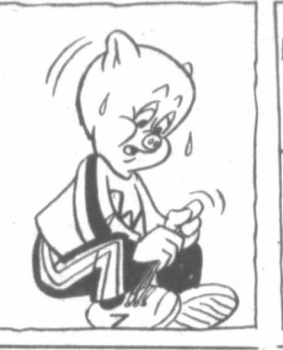
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Role is growing for farm, ranch consultants

By WORTH WREN JR.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—While the farming and ranching consultant is a newcomer to the list of Texas agricultural jobs, the role is being redefined and expanded.

The traditional adviser was part time, usually a college professor or county agricultural extension agent. Unlike corporations and governments, farmers rarely turned to outsiders for paid help in management.

But in these troubled times, the role is being expanded to full-time specialists targeting lenders, large companies and outside investors who control farms, ranches or livestock.

In the 1970s, the private specialists — in eliminating farm, garden and lawn pests, and beautifying landscapes — began to multiply in and around cities.

The competent, full-time, diversified agricultural consultant remained elusive across Texas, said Carl Anderson, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Good marketing advisory services are hard to come by," he said. And they still are, he said, but they're growing in

number.

Two talents necessary for the farming or ranching consultant are on-the-job training and a willingness to take huge risks — even larger than the gambles taken by farmers and ranchers, Anderson said. Those talents have been almost nonexistent in the same people off the farm, he said.

When taking over the management of a large farm or ranch, or just giving important advice, the consultant also takes on huge potential liabilities, Anderson pointed out.

Those liabilities could include the risk of massive financial losses, which could propel consultant and client into court.

Now Anderson has begun to see an influx of consultants into agriculture, and they're assuming those risks.

More lenders are foreclosing on farm and ranch properties and need expert managers for them, he said.

Some college graduates who grew up on farms and ranches have prepared themselves with business degrees to make themselves attractive to lenders. And many farmers who lost their farms have become advisers to farmers who now face the

threat of failure.

Just because a farmer went bankrupt or was foreclosed upon doesn't necessarily mean automatic disqualification from giving advice. The weather and world economic conditions have taken their toll as much as poor management.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has made use of these victims in farm crisis counseling. Companies and corporations with large or many farm units are hiring more outside specialists, Anderson said.

"They're no longer just insect scouts," he said, referring to the part timers who used to scout fields for insect infestations.

The new insect scout also is an entomologist and plant expert, who can map out an entire package of production steps to curb insects and fertilize the plants.

Some local certified public accountants long ago took farmers and rancher's accounts. Now the national accounting firms offer agricultural experts.

Then, there are marketing and finance experts. "I tell my students, 'If you really knew the market perfectly, you wouldn't be out telling other peo-

ple about it,'" Anderson said.

The uncertainties of market prices, weather and demand mean "it's not an exact science," he said.

One College Station-based company leaped five years ago into the marketing and other agricultural consultant categories where few companies have dared to tread.

That firm, AGRIVEST Inc., was founded by Mark McMillan, now vice president of the company.

McMillan said his company offers two basic services for almost any agricultural venture or investment — advice and management. The company doesn't buy or sell investments, agricultural commodities, implements or supplies, he said.

McMillan said he knows of no other firm that takes the same approach. "It means I've either got a gold mine or I'm stupid," he said. "You've got to wear so many hats."

Among them are manager, economist, tax adviser, finance specialist, production technician, marketing executive and career counselor.

"We show him (the farmer or rancher) where he is first," he said, referring to profit, loss, costs and other economic realities of the business.

Heart O' Texas to become vast battlefield

BRADY (AP) — The heart of Texas will soon hear the beat of 7,000 soldiers who will be marching into town for one of the largest U.S. Army training exercises.

This city that claims to be the geographical center of Texas will be the nerve center of Roadrunner '87, which will occupy some 100,000 acres in 16 counties.

The exercise range will stretch from Fort Hood to San Angelo — 200 miles east and west — and from Brownwood on the north to Llano on the south — a distance of about 70 miles.

The largest concentration of troops, vehicles and aircraft will be in Brady, where the Brady National Guard Armory will serve as command headquarters. More than 1,000 troops will be stationed in or near here.

The exercise will involve commanders and headquarters units of four Army divisions, Texas and Oklahoma National Guard units and Army reservists.

The field training also is expected to benefit the local economy.

"The commander has given permission for the soldiers to patronize merchants in the town, so it just be helpful to the local economy," said Lt. Col. H.W. Schmid, Roadrunner coordinator.

"I hope the cafes get a good supply of hamburger meat. Soldiers in the field seem to fancy cafe cooking," said Lt. Col. Michael E. Miller, a public affairs officer for III Corps.

The first troops will begin arriving in the exercise areas to set up communications facilities on Jan. 23. The exercise will con-

tinue until Jan. 30, with the last troops leaving the area by Feb. 1.

Forty-five officers from Germany, Holland and Britain will observe the exercise, Schmid said.

"What we are trying to do is equate real time and real distances," Schmid told the San Angelo Standard-Times. "We

will stretch our communications links, and stress the equipment and the people."

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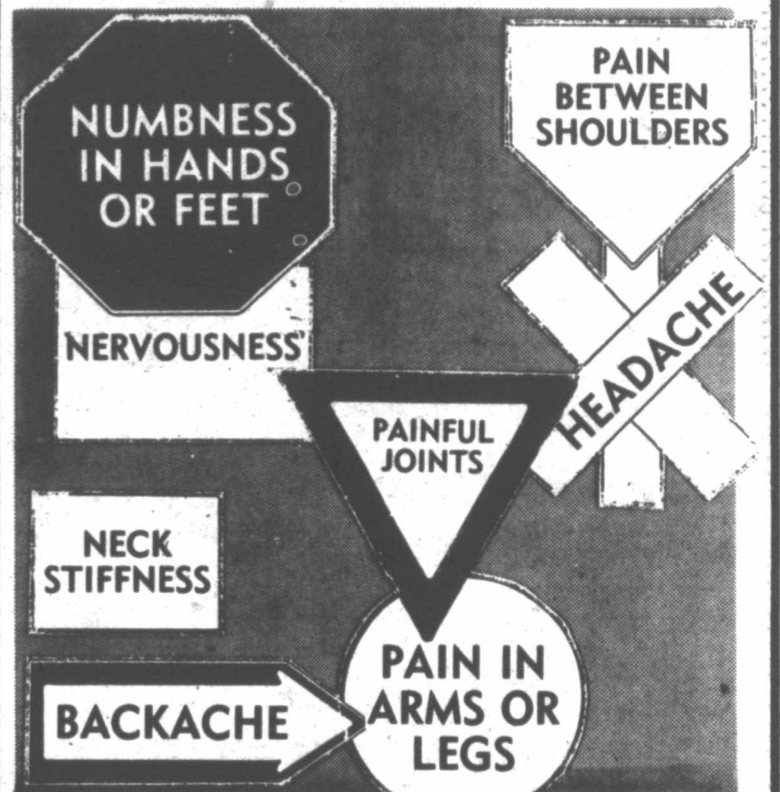


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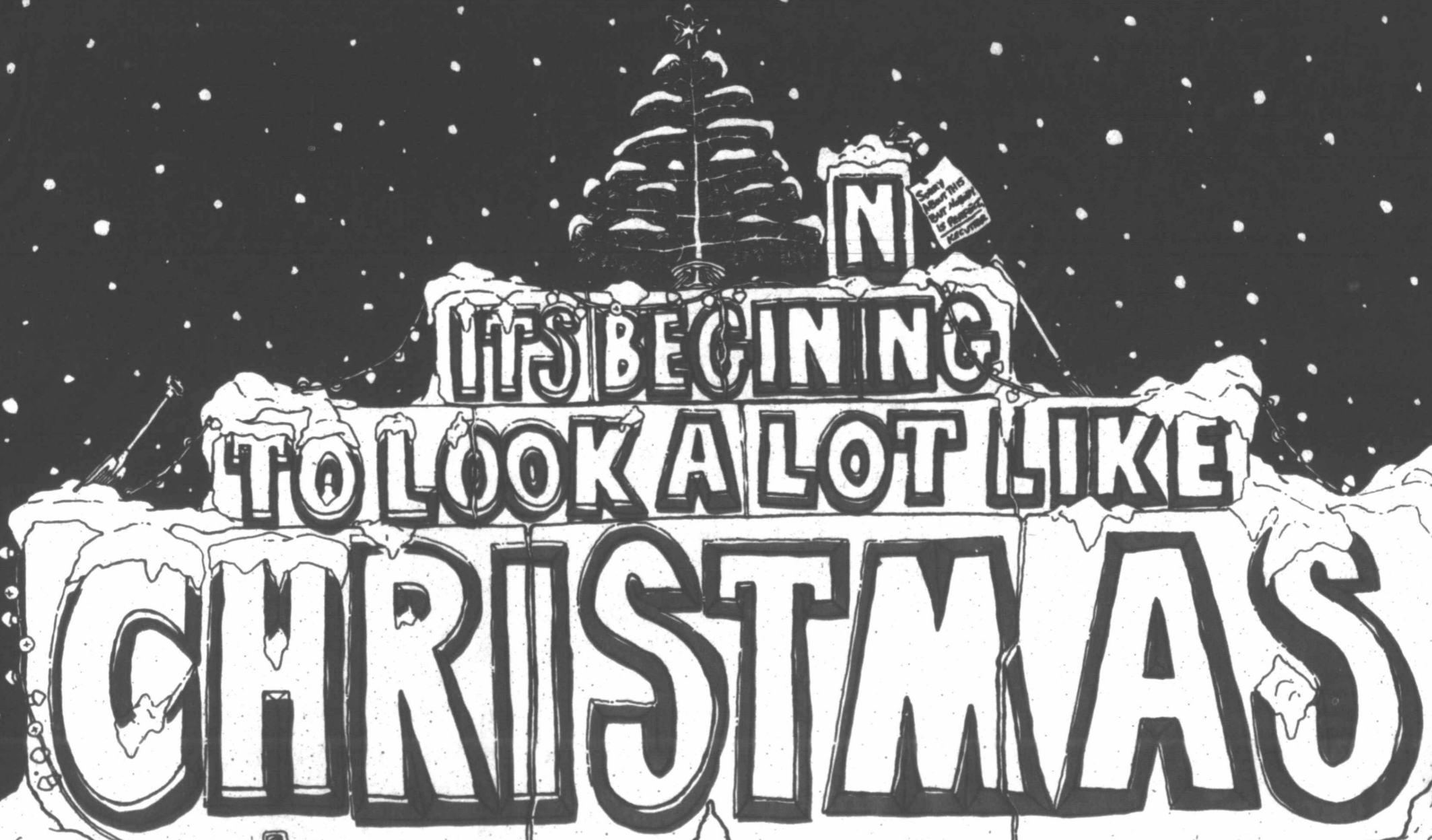
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